



# SAWTRY EYE

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Invite you to an **Eggcellent Easter Party** Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3-4:30pm

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Friday 2 to Monday 5 April

Join in our free, socially distanced hunt around Sawtry this Easter weekend

**To be part of the fun:**

- 1) Download the free trail sheet from [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)
- 2) Follow the trail
- 3) Find all the letter clues
- 4) Unscramble the words
- 5) Write them on the sheet
- 6) Add your details
- 7) Claim your prize!

*happy Easter*

To claim your prize, bring your sheet to the CARESCO Centre on **Wednesday 7 April** between 2pm & 3pm

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## CHILDREN'S POETRY COMPETITION WINNING ENTRIES

**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community

**Lockdown has been tough**  
I've had a enough  
I miss my Family and Friends so much  
but we thank technology so we can stay in touch  
I stay at home from school  
I find it pretty cool  
but I look forwards to going back  
with my new rucksack  
**keep safe**  
By **ELSIE ROSE**

**Elsie Rose Bamard-Mann**  
Winner:- 7yrs & Under

**A Lockdown Life - By Noah Taylor**  
Lockdown came with uncertainty and fears,  
Without school how would we ever have fun with our peers,  
Death rates rising unable to see family,  
Boris's announcements, can we still go shopping for tea,  
But then we clapped for the NHS we sang happy birthday while washing our hands,  
We looked to the future and started making plans,  
Home school with mum,  
Times tables with nerf guns are more fun,  
Camping in the garden sleeping under the stars,  
Stolen midnight feasts eating chocolate bars,  
Watching captain Tom doing 100 laps,  
Inspiring us to get on are bikes and follow the road maps,  
We found pleasure in the simple things,  
Like cooking on zoom, or when the phone rings,  
It means loved ones are safe and that's all that matters,  
Though we can't see them in person we can still have a natter,  
Lockdown has been a lesson for all of us,  
We can get through all of this without a fuss,  
During lockdown us kids made history,  
and I am proud of all the things that it has taught me.

**Noah Taylor**  
Winner:- 8 - 12 yrs

**THE UNKNOWN**  
2020 hid with a bang!  
All to be heard was Big Ben as he rang...  
Coronavirus waiting in the sidelines  
lockdowns started without a deadline.  
Travel bans came into play -  
It was only a Friday.  
Smothering the world like a huge blanket.  
'Stay inside' Boris chanted.  
That was March.  
It's now December.  
Still chatting on zoom,  
because even now we're not allowed in the same room.  
2021 awaits  
but still no one knows their fate!  
January's been and gone,  
more people have become withdrawn.  
COVID had it's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
but no one went out to celebrate.  
Schools still shut,  
maybe they can open in March?  
It's a waiting game  
will life ever be the same...  
**2021** Stay alert! Control the virus! Save lives!

**Billie Gardiner**  
Winner:- 13 - 16yrs

If you are moving house, please can you leave a recent copy of Sawtry Eye for the new occupiers - Thank you

# CARESCO



## SAWTRY FOODBANK

Since January 2021, the Foodbank has given out a weekly average of 25 food parcels, helping 75 local people a week. We expect the high demand to continue during these difficult times. Thank you for supporting us throughout the pandemic.

Currently we particularly need:

- Cereal
- Tinned ham and corned beef
- Tinned tomatoes
- Teabags and instant coffee
- Squash
- Jam
- Custard

We are also in need of donations of strong plastic 'bags for life' if you have any to spare.

Donations can be dropped off at Gt Gidding Stores, Sawtry Co-op Food store or the CARESCO Centre. Thank you in anticipation.

**To contact the team, please email [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk) or call 07743 593863.**

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## FUNDING OUR FUTURE

We have been supporting our local community since 1982, now more than ever we need your help.



We are asking our friends and supporters to consider making a regular financial donation of £4 per month.

Please contact us for details of how to set up your payment and about Gift Aid by emailing [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk) or calling Jacqui on 07599 987468

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## CHILDREN'S POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all the children that took part in the recent CARESCO Children's Poetry Competition on the theme of 'Lockdown'. All the entries were amazing and you should all be so proud of yourselves. Picking a winner from each category was extremely difficult as they all brought a tear to the eye for sure. It is wonderful to see such talent in the children and how they expressed themselves through poetry was fabulous to see. The youngest entrant was 4 years old and the oldest was 16 years old, so we had quite a range enter.



The winners of the competition were photographed with their bag of prizes. You can see their beautiful entries on our front cover and the text on page 12.

Our Runners Up were:-

*Evan Fielding, Gideon Best, Seren James, Millie Mulcrone, Ava Clarke, Betsy Fox, Isabelle Alexander, Esmae Jarman, Isla Brant, Scarlett Fielding, Ellie Clark, Cora Jarman, Keira Clark, Arabella Bentley, William Ward, Freddie Bamard-Mann, Harvey Alexander, Freya Reed.*

All the runners up received a goodie bag too.



**Jacqui Hedington,  
Fundraising Manager**



**7yrs and under**  
Elsie Rose  
Bamard-Mann



**8 - 12 yrs**  
Noah Taylor



**13 - 16 yrs**  
Billie Gardiner

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contact the CARESCO office

# Welcome...

...Spring is finally here and the longer brighter days are hopefully lifting your spirits. After the twelve months we've all had, it's good to be able to look forward to fewer restrictions as Summer approaches. Hasn't it been good to hear the children out and about again as the schools have reopened?!

Sadly, Covid will make its impact felt for some time to come and we will not be able to enjoy community celebrations for a while yet with the second postponement of both the Sawtry Carnival and Sawtry Sport 4 All. But I'm sure there will be other activities to look forward to as we appreciate the smaller things in life such as being able to meet up with others again.

Last year many of us got into cooking and gardening as a new hobby, I for one am hoping to be able to keep up my garden improvements and build on last year's work. My aim is to fill my compost wheelie bin every fortnight until the cold drives me back indoors.

That way I'll know the pandemic year wasn't all bad.

Be good to each other.

Liz - Co-Editor



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## CARESCO UPDATE

Our two emergency support services, the Sawtry Foodbank and the Sawtry Covid Response Team will both be continuing to support local people as they have done throughout the pandemic, thanks to the ongoing generosity of the community.

We are hopeful that our other activities will be restarting as soon as they are permitted and it is safe to do so. Meanwhile, our teams will keep up their behind the scenes support for our club members.

At time of writing, our Charity Shop is anticipating reopening along with other non-essential outlets in early April. Thank you for your patience as we get back up and running again.

As restrictions lift, we are also hopeful that we can begin to arrange more of our enjoyable fundraising events and activities, please look out for announcements as we are able.

Meanwhile, keep safe. There is light at the end of the tunnel!

Thank you for your understanding



For more information please call 01487 832105

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES



### Summer Term 2021

Start of term 12 April  
Half term 31 May - 4 June  
End of term 22 July

### Autumn Term 2021

Start of term 1 September  
Half term: 25 - 29 October  
End of term 17 December

### Spring Term 2022

Start of term 4 January  
Half term: 14 - 18 February  
End of term 1 April

**NB** Academies are responsible for setting their own holiday dates and may not match those set by Cambridgeshire County Council. Schools have a number of training days available to take in addition at their discretion. Please contact your local school for more details.

Information taken from [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education)



## HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

5 & 19 April  
3, 17 & 31 May

### GARDEN WASTE (GREEN) & RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)

(Week Beginning)

12 & 26 April  
10 & 24 May

To find out your exact dates or for more information visit <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk>



Your Kind of Music presents

## 'Stilton in Tune'

Sadly, a return of our music shows will be delayed until sometime later in the year, meanwhile we can only wish our patrons a safe 2021.

Look out for details in future issues.

For further details please contact  
Tony Oliver on 01480 474282 or 07918 602600  
or email [tony.oliver5@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.oliver5@btinternet.com)



Come and join us for all things musical and the spoken word.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month, from 1.30 to 3pm  
At the CARESCO Centre

**Suspended until further notice.**  
Please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 for information

There is a charge of £2.00 per session, refreshments included

## Dial-a-Prayer



FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated on Thursday afternoon



## S A W T R Y W I

Sawtry WI meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7pm, in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS

Charity Number 229016

**We are currently unable to hold in-person events due to government restrictions.**

**WI groups and meetings are currently being held via Zoom.**

**Our members and the community will be informed when the situation changes.**

\*\*\*\*\*

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Correspondence Secretary  
**Rosemary Jubb** 01487 830243  
[rosemaryjubb@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryjubb@gmail.com)



Have you recently got engaged? Had to postpone your marriage plans due to COVID-19? Or looking to get married in the next few years?

**Your parish church is here for you**

Did you know that if you, or one of your parents, live in the parish of Sawtry, Glatton or Holme with Conington, you are able to be married in the parish church?

**If you would like more information on having a church wedding, please get in touch with Reverend Becky**  
[revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com) or 01487 506217



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND





## SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

### Calendar of Events

In view of the current lockdown restrictions, our meetings are unlikely to resume until the summer.

We will be monitoring the situation and will make the necessary arrangements to allow our meetings to resume according to government guidelines. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

You will be most welcome to come along to any of our meetings and join us when they resume. Sawtry Winemakers meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday each month at the Old School Hall.

Our aim is to promote the making and enjoyment of homemade wines and beers, to share the results of our efforts and encourage new wine and beer makers.

**For more information call Janet 01354 278824**

## APOLOGY

We apologise unreservedly to those readers who may have felt offended by any of the copy in our last issue (no 150), we appreciate these can be received differently by the reader from the simple humour intended.

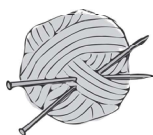
At CARESCO, we all realise that the issues and implications surrounding mental health have become deeper and more prevalent during the pandemic and want to reaffirm that we take mental health very seriously.

Should you feel that you need some additional support to cope with the current situation, please visit the dedicated Covid-19 page on our website, [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or look at page 6, where there are details of mental health charities and other organisations who can offer help.

**Liz Coates, Co-Editor Sawtry Eye**

## CRAFT BUDDIES

Bring along your projects or just come to chat. No charge to attend, drinks available to buy at the bar.



**\*\* Suspended until further notice \*\***

**7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday**

**At Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry**

**Just turn up, or for more info contact**

**Carolyn on 01487 832682**

**or email [carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk)**

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

**At Winwick Church**

**Saturdays once a month**

**10.00 till 11.30am**

**\*\* Cancelled until further notice \*\***



The Church is open for everyone to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake and browse our extensive supply of second-hand books



Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church

**For more information please contact :  
Sue Fowler 01832 293215**

## CHATTERBOX

**Drop-in sessions  
for family carers**

A friendly drop-in  
where you can get help.



Chat & relax  
over a cuppa.  
Guest speakers  
& Carers  
Assessments

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
between 2 - 4 pm**



**Currently  
suspended, but  
we will be back  
as soon as  
permitted!**

**At The CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX**

**For more information**

**Email::**

**[office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
or call the CARESCO Office  
01487 832105**

Are you in a mental  
health crisis?

Then call...

**111**

**option  
2**

**NHS**

First Response Service

## SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN LINEDANCE CLASSES

This style of dancing is suitable for all ages and fitness-levels, bringing with it physical and mental benefits and is a great way of making new friends.

Ask to join our Facebook group: 'Sawtry Steppers' where I have all my class details.

**Contact Julie:  
[jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:jcgillmore@sky.com),  
07939 070406**



**Line Dancing**

## WILDLIFE CRIME



Our wildlife is having a hard time right now and any loss is made doubly difficult to take where a crime is involved. One of our local red kites was shot in January and the body found just off the Bullock Road.

It is of course illegal to shoot a red kite. Other crimes to look out for are: deliberately destroying bird nests at breeding time or badger digging and poaching.

The advice where you suspect foul play is to report it to the local **Police Wildlife Crime Unit** on 101. Please write down as much details as you can and stay safe.

**For more information visit [www.nwcu.police.uk](http://www.nwcu.police.uk)**

## Guess The Item

Hope you managed to guess the vintage item in our last issue. In case you didn't, the item was a:

### Vintage Glove Stretcher

Here is another item for you to guess.

The answer will be in the next issue.

**JUST FOR FUN**



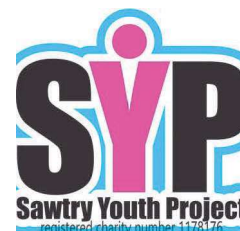
## SAWTRY YOUTH PROJECT

In May 2014, a small group of dedicated people set up what we have now come to recognise as the Sawtry Youth Project (SYP). Fast forward to 2021 and the achievement of this dedicated group, working in partnership with the Parish Council, is real!

Over the years, we have asked you to donate to our various fundraising initiatives, get involved in filling in questionnaires and attending meetings, like and follow us on Facebook and support us at events. Through the collective coming together of all these things, our village have raised an incredible £20,000!

Thank you to everyone who has supported this journey. A journey that has seen us a bit quiet and a bit deflated at times, but with grit, determination and the backing of all of you, we have achieved our goal. The skatepark designs are drawn, all the money is in place and SYP are ready to hand over the baton to the Parish Council, to complete the final leg of the journey - the exciting end of the journey, which will finally, after all this time, see a skatepark for Sawtry.

We are incredibly proud of our collective achievement - thanks to every one of you for all the support over the years. We could not have done this without you.



Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Adult Mental Health

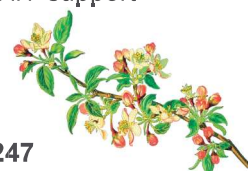
**KeepYourHead**

## HOW'RE YOU COPING? HELPLINE SUPPORT AVAILABLE

If you are looking for some extra support during the pandemic, you can find details of local and national organisations who can help by visiting the **Keep Your Head** - website at [www.keep-your-head.com](http://www.keep-your-head.com) - which is a central hub of high quality information on mental health and mental health services developed by local NHS, voluntary sector and local authority organisations..

The following are just some of the organisations linked on the website:

- **Samaritans:** Call for all mental health and suicidal thoughts, 24hrs a day, 365 days a year - **116 123**
- **Lifeline** - Call everyday, 365 days a year 7pm - 11pm for listening support and information to someone experiencing mental distress or if you are supporting someone in distress - **0808 808 2121**
- **Mind Infoline:** Call or text for help with all mental health challenges, Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm - **0300 123 3393**
- **Rethink Mental Illness:** Call for support and advice on mental health, Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm - **0300 5000 927**
- **SANE:** Call everyday for emotional support, information and guidance for people affected by mental challenges, their families and carers, 4.40 - 10.30pm - **0300 304 7000**
- **CALM:** Call for help and support with mental health challenges, everyday, 365 days a year, 5pm - midnight - **0800 58 58 58**
- **Shout:** Text 'SHOUT' for support with a mental health crisis and other mental health challenges, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - **85258**
- **The Kaleidoscope+ Group:** The Kaleidoscope Plus Group have partnered up with Shout, a charity in Solihull, to provide a 24/7 crisis text messaging service. Text 'TeamKPG' to **85258** for 24/7 support
- **Mencap:** Call for support for people with a learning disability, their families and carers, Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm - **0808 808 1111**
- **Cruse Bereavement Care:** Call Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm - **0844 477 9400**
- **Refuge:** Call for advice on dealing with domestic abuse, 24hrs a day - **0808 2000 247**







## SAWTRY CHORALE

**Currently suspended  
until further notice.**

We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to sing with us please contact 07870 248897 or come along to rehearsal when they resume – Wednesdays 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road in Sawtry. You don't need to read music, just like to sing.

If you would just like to support the Choral in other ways, we would be happy to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon...

## FROST FAYRE

**Saturday 4 December 2021  
At Sawtry Village Academy**

*Meanwhile, support local craft  
businesses by visiting  
"Sawtry Frost Fayre Stallholders"  
on Facebook*



**For details:**

**Call Steph Taylor on 07720 583340**

## "IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY LIGHTLY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF LOVE."

*- Alfred, Lord Tennyson*

Spring is definitely in the air, and tradition has it that thoughts of love stir in the hearts of men and women. Love was not uppermost in the minds of Gerald Mills and Charles Boon back in 1908 when they launched their publishing company with just £1,000. It was an intimate family business turning out books on everything from travel to crafts. They soon signed up established authors such as Hugh Walpole and P.G. Wodehouse.

In 1914 they published their first novel for the female market, and it was a romance, "Arrows from the Dark" by Sophie Cole, who went on to pen another 65 titles for them. Their founding principle of discovering and nurturing new talent has helped them build a thriving, and surviving, business. The decision to no longer use agents, but work directly with the authors paid off. Publications originally sold through two-penny libraries. Providing escapist literature during both World Wars cemented their reputation. In the 1950's they started to flourish abroad and a relationship developed between them and a Canadian firm, Harlequin. Both prospered, and in 1971 the companies merged.

It hasn't all been plain sailing. They've been to the brink of bankruptcy twice. The demise of the two-penny libraries badly affected their distribution. Aggressive and well-targeted marketing, combined with distinctive covers and the creation of a reader-community, who committed to regular monthly orders, kept them afloat. The tone and theme of the novels have reflected cultural changes in society, and are no longer synonymous with the fragile female and the dashing Sheikh! They now have twelve categories of novels. Quickly seeing the potential for ebooks, since 2012 they've been releasing over 100 ebooks per month. Their market share of the romance genre remains strong.

It is a publishing house that seems to evoke a strong response in people – you either love 'em or dislike 'em! I'll leave you with a quote from the Bard. "Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind; and therefore is winged cupid painted blind."

**The Bookworm**



## SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



### RBL 100 - A Century of Service

The Legion was formed in May 1921 by the merger of four veterans' associations of the First World War to provide help to veterans and their families in need, to campaign to authorities for improved conditions and to champion Remembrance to honour the fallen. 100 years later, it still has the same mission – and both its work and the members and volunteers who support it remain as important as ever. To see our history timeline visit: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/100-years-of-the-rbl>

The Sawtry & District branch was formed in December 1928. We have approximately 50 members and are always looking for new active members. If you are interested then please contact [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community), Billy on 07864 296519 or visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership>

### Armed Forces Day & RBL 100<sup>th</sup> Family Day

**\*\* Save the Date – Saturday 26 June**  
From 2 - 5pm at the Greystones.  
More information will be released  
via social media (fingers crossed).



### Poppy Appeal

We finally managed to complete the Poppy Appeal count, which was impacted due to Covid restrictions. Our 2020 Poppy Appeal currently stands at £5869. Congratulations to the Sawtry Junior Academy who managed to raise £510.16. Thank you for all your donations and support.

**For more information, contact [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community),  
or Billy on 07864 296519**



## \* Carnival Update \*



Following lengthy thought and discussion, due to the roadmap dates in place and uncertainty of restrictions being fully lifted, there will not be a carnival in 2021.

All plans already in place have been transferred (once more!) to next year. There is more certainty that the event can then go ahead with hopefully no restrictions - including the parade!

We will also be able to hold our Selection Evening for a new Carnival Court in Spring 2022, with the Carnival planned for **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022** \*dtbc

\*We are looking at the possibility of holding a smaller event later in the year if possible as restrictions are lifted and gatherings are a possibility.....watch this space!

Keep safe everyone, until we can 'carnival again' take care

**For further information, please contact Julia,  
Sawtry Carnival Chairman**

**sawtrycommittee@gmail.com, or call 07799 062276**

## SAWTRY WI

Sawtry WI is currently holding meetings and events via Zoom. We have weekly Knit & Knatter, monthly Patchwork & Quilting, monthly Afternoon Tea and monthly Reading & Discussion groups as well as monthly members' meetings. We are always happy to have guests at any of our groups or members meetings. You will be made very welcome and have the opportunity to forge new friendships.

Our speaker for our April meeting on 1 April will be taking us behind the scenes of a TV Quiz Show and at our 6 May meeting, we will hear and see the history of the Teddy Bear.

We have taken advantage of our WI Hall in Sawtry being closed in order to redecorate, carry out repairs and undertake cleaning. We hope to be holding meetings in our Hall by the late Summer, so until then we will be Zooming, however we are planning a group outing for the summer. Do check out the posters in our WI Hall window.

WI is a national inclusive organisation for all women, run by women. We are currently accepting new members and if you would like to try WI for free or would like further details please let us know.

**Jacqui Svensson 07841 647345**  
**j.svensson@btopenworld.com**  
**Sawtry WI Charity number 229016.**



## HOLME WI

Now we are into March (at time of writing) and hopefully Spring is well on its way, the mornings and evenings are at last getting lighter.

We are obviously still a little quiet on WI news, but members are still busy behind closed doors knitting, sewing, and now a little gardening, and each month an e-card is sent to all our members as a reminder we are still here. The vaccination program is going well and many of our members have received theirs so hopefully we are heading towards a little more freedom in the not, too distant future.

Once again, as before, we now just wait for the Covid situation to improve, so stay safe everyone.

**Anyone wishing to contact us  
please email [Wlholmevillage@gmail.com](mailto:Wlholmevillage@gmail.com)**

**Alison McGuinness, President**



## LOCKDOWN HAIR

What can I do with my Lockdown Hair?  
It causes me such great despair.  
I brush it and comb it but it won't lay down  
And I look like some sort of sad clown.

I wash it and carefully dry,  
Tweak it, pull it and give it a push,  
Despite what I do  
It still resembles an untamed bush.

I cut my fringe, so I could see,  
Unfortunately that failed dismally.  
Try as I may it will not behave  
And I cannot get the grooming  
I crave.

Oh despair, oh despair  
What am I to do  
with my Lockdown Hair?



**Lydia Shine  
Sawtry**

## VIVIAN DAVIES THANK YOU

Elaine and family would like to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown following the recent passing of Viv. It has been a source of real comfort to receive so many messages and cards, all illustrating just how well respected and liked Viv was in the village. It was a real eye opener.

We would also like to thank you for the donations made in his memory and are delighted to have raised over £1000, which will be split between Sawtry All Saints Church and Alzheimer's UK.

Thank you all very much



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Scarecrow Trail

Friday 27 August to Friday 5 September  
Theme "Pop Stars"

## Pumpkin Trail

Sunday 24 October to Sunday 31 October



## SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

***Sadly, all our talks and  
activities are suspended  
until further notice.***

**For info: 07598 431308,  
or email  
[sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com)**

**Find us on Facebook at:  
Sawtry Gardeners**





## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The local history articles on our website have proved popular, as have the articles written by Kevin Redgate on the Cistercians and Sawtry Abbey.

Marilyn has been researching Sawtry family history for someone who came through to the website from the Facebook page. Her next task is to try to find the Grandfather of a young Austrian man on the Sawtry POW camp records, has anyone any knowledge of a list of prisoners? We have his number.

The articles from Maurice Dybeck that are currently appearing in the Sawtry Eye (see below) will be stored as hard copies in our archive folders, but from a digital perspective we will consider putting them on our website too.

Jeff has been very active on Facebook and we currently have 88 members, let's hope you will join us for meetings when we resume. If you have taken more interest in History while you have been at home, please join us when we start meeting again.

Visit our website [www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk) where there is a link to our archaeology and follow us on Facebook.

**The History Society usually meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road Sawtry at 7:30pm. However, we have suspended our meetings until further notice. The archive is also closed for the foreseeable future.**

We are planning a trip to the Churchill War Rooms & the V & A Museum later in the year.

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**



## CLICK IT LOCAL LAUNCH FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

The online retail platform, **Click It Local** has launched for Huntingdonshire Businesses. In collaboration with the District Council this new e-commerce platform is now available for people to shop locally, online.

The platform enables independent businesses to have an online presence to sell goods and is being funded by Huntingdonshire District Council for the first year.

Click It Local has 66 businesses already signed up to sell their products through its online delivery service.

The number of businesses signing up has exceeded initial expectations, and it demonstrates that there is an appetite to try new ways of doing business locally.



**Customers can visit [www.clickitlocal.co.uk](http://www.clickitlocal.co.uk) to find the independent businesses local to them and for businesses wanting to sign up, please email [hello@clickitlocal.co.uk](mailto:hello@clickitlocal.co.uk).**

## QUINTUPLICATION PART TWO- THE VILLAGE PLAN

It is hard to believe today but, in 1963, almost the only post-war building had been council houses, and that included the Park Road 'prefabs'. My own house-hunt was so desperate that, after sleeping on other people's sofas I nearly bought a plot to build my own. There were very few private houses going up. Some in Aversley Road and Green End near what was Lane and Westerman's shop. I was lucky to buy half a 'semi' for well under £3,000. The nearby Women's Land Army Hostel Huts (see photo below) had just been vacated by overflow from Sawtry Council School, as its over-elebens prepared to move into the Village College. My first office, until the College was completed, was in those huts: just a stool and a tea chest.

As for public buildings Sawtry had, in Gidding Road, the Women's Institute Hall, and the British Legion premises, both at that time little more than huts. All Saints Church had a hall (now MARTECH) in Church Street. And in Green End there was the Methodist Church and hall. No Fire Station, but I guess they must have had something more than that old Fire Engine Shed on the Green, now a listed building. (Or did we now rely on a Huntingdon call-out?). We had a Police House, and a Lockup, the latter now also Listed. Three Pubs: the Royal Oak, Chequers (on the Green) and The Bell. On the Great North Road, the new carriageways, passing Sawtry, had been laid out pre-war but remained just an unused concrete strip. No flyovers of course. In fact, I recall no flyovers anywhere in England north of London.

As a community we were not aware of any overall Development Plan. In fact not until 1975, two years after it was promised, was any Village Plan released from Huntingdon. Until then it seems that housing was just a matter of direct dealings between developer and field owner, adjudicated by County or District Planners. The parish might be involved when it came to street lighting or road safety concerns but usually only if alerted in time. No special planning conditions for play spaces or green areas seem to be talked about.

But how big were we due to become? Nobody seemed to know. In 1973 the Sawtry Parish Council tried to find out. They met some buck passing. The County Planning Officer reported that nothing could be done since, from next April, this would be a matter for the District Council. So, we asked: *'The (Sawtry) Council is extremely worried about the piecemeal development...and request that a Village Plan be drawn up.'* Their cautious reply was: *'This village was the only one in the area with (plans for) both major and long-term growth.'* So at last, soon after, the Village Plan was out, to put local people in the picture about what was to come. But not a word in it about becoming 5,000!

**Maurice Dybeck**

**Former Sawtry resident  
and first Warden at Sawtry Community College**

*Photo: This was the Land Army Hostel during WW2,  
later used as a local school.*

*Demolished in the 1960s and now the site of Cotton Close Sawtry.  
See [sawtry.ccan.co.uk](http://sawtry.ccan.co.uk) for more information*





## HARRY'S BOOKS - TALES FROM THE PAST

Former Sawtry resident, Harry Milford, has been in touch to let us know about a couple of books he has both written and illustrated about growing up in and around the Giddings.

The first book is called "*Harry's Story*", it is a tale of a 14 year old boy's introduction to the world of farming as recalled by Harry. There are 52 pages illustrated throughout in full colour with Harry's own drawings.

Harry worked on the farm, walking 1.5 miles to start by 7am milking cows before heading off to school in Gt Gidding for the day where he often arrived late until his mother got him a bike.

The second book "*Harry's Pictures*" continues the story, including his time in the army and later becoming a horse keeper when he looked after five carthorses while living in Steeple Gidding from the mid-1950s.

The following is a review of Harry's second book:

*"As soon as I picked up this book, I was charmed by the lively and colourful pictures which illustrate this delightful insight into past life in this North West corner of Huntingdonshire. Harry Milford lived for many years in this area and beautifully represents it with his drawings and his memories. The history is brought to life and we come to know and love Harry and his family and feel the atmosphere of the times."*

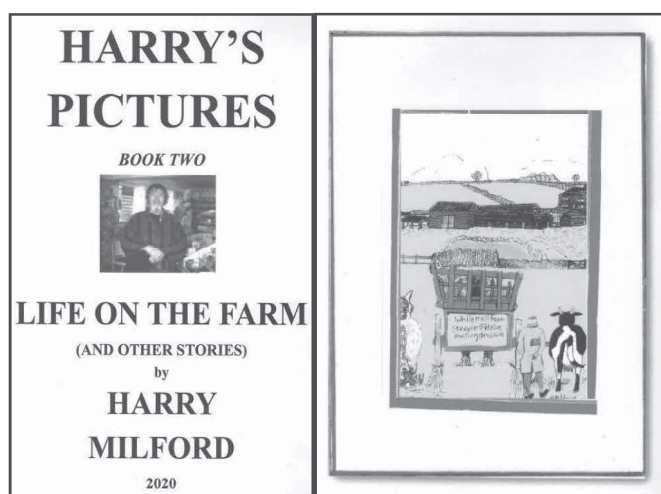
*Recommended reading for all who love the country life and its people."*

Joyce Day

Copies of "*Harry's Pictures*" are available for £10 plus P&P, please contact the CARESCO Centre in the first instance. Image shows the book cover.

Harry and his wife Fliss are now living in Leicestershire and send best wishes to everyone who knew them while they were in Sawtry.

**Liz Coates, Co-Editor**



## CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

**Observation, observation, observation** will, if you do nothing else help improve your standard of driving and reduce the risk of a collision. Good observation skills are the result of concentration when driving/riding and continuous scanning.

Almost half of all collisions are the result of drivers/riders not looking properly. As we gain experience in driving everything starts to become second nature and routine and your mind starts to wander onto what's happening at work, what's for tea etc. Not good when you are responsible for controlling a large lump of metal at speed.

Improve your concentration by being curious and use your imagination about every hazard that you can see, whether it is a bend, junction, roundabout or just other vehicles and consider what might go wrong. Is that car going to pull out in front of me, is that child going to run out between the parked cars, is that wobbly cyclist likely to fall off in front of me.

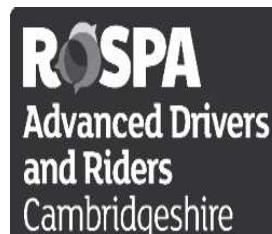
You also need to be constantly scanning the far, middle and near distance as well as to the sides and behind your vehicle. Scanning helps to overcome a design fault with our eyes. The eye has a very limited area in the centre of our vision where everything is in focus with the remainder (peripheral vision) being slightly out of focus. A simple exercise to demonstrate the point is for you to keep reading this article, and at the same time, try to pick out some detail of your surrounding area without taking your eyes off the words. You might pick out colours and shapes but not the detail. Similarly, this applies to movement. Constantly scanning and moving your eyes, and head, will provide you with detailed information as to what is happening around you.

Putting all this information together will help you to decide how you are going to negotiate the hazard and provide you with the time to implement the plan.

The above gives a very limited view as to how our students are taught to improve one of the basic skills required in advanced driving.

**Top Tip:** Concentrate, learn how to look and assume no-one has seen you.

**Visit our website at [www.roadarc.org.uk](http://www.roadarc.org.uk) for information on the car and bike training that is available (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).**

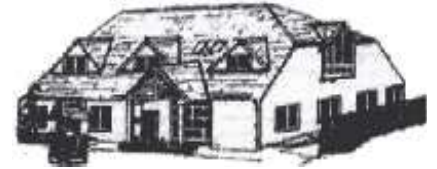




## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Covid Vaccinations

The A1 Primary Care Network (PCN) continue to deliver the vaccination programme as vaccine supplies are made available to us and will be starting the provision of second doses in due course.



At the time of writing this, we have vaccinated over 16000 patients from our two PCN community hubs, which is approximately 43% of our patients over the age of 16. This includes:

97.5% of patients aged 80+

96.5% of patents aged 75 - 79

96% of patients aged 70 - 74 and

89% of patients considered extremely vulnerable (including more recently added patients).

All of our patients who received their first dose at Alconbury Surgery will be called at the appropriate time to return to receive their second dose. We will contact patients to book their appointment once NHSE have confirmed vaccine delivery dates to us.

Particularly as we commence second doses we will be running at limited capacity here at the surgery again whilst staff are redeployed to work in the vaccination clinics at Alconbury. Thank you to all our patients for bearing with us during these busy periods.

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager,**

**Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340**

### SIMON BYWATER

#### COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR SAWTRY & STILTON

The past 12 months have been incredibly challenging for us all but it looks as though we can all begin to see the light at the end of a very long tunnel. The impacts of this dreadful virus have been far reaching but the way residents have responded and pulled together has been remarkable.

Having said this, daily business in our lives has continued unabated. Many of you might have seen the coverage in the local press calling for a full drainage survey in Sawtry, especially as the last one was in 1850!!!. The time to act is long overdue. Many residents have had to endure flooding to their homes, which was more distressing during the Christmas period. As a result I expect all the gullies in Sawtry to have been cleaned and cleared by the end of March. I personally, have also been pushing agencies to tackle similar issues in the surrounding villages of Glatton, Woodwalton and Stilton.

The last year has been hugely challenging, especially in my role as Chairman of the Children and Young Peoples Committee. Education issues e.g. ensuring our children continue to be educated, whilst also being Covid aware and protecting the wider community has been a mammoth task, but I know that the team has done a remarkable job in doing this. It has been a huge learning curve for me, and you should be assured that I have worked to ensure the communities of Sawtry / Stilton and surrounding villages have a voice.

My four years as the elected County Councillor comes to an end in May 2021 and I will be standing for re-election again, it has been a huge privilege and honour to have represented you at the County Council for the past 8 years. I will be out and about leafleting (Covid safe) but if you do see me walking around please don't hesitate to stop and chat about any issues you feel are important to you.

My final thanks go to all the volunteers / workers in the community who have made our lives a little easier in these difficult times. Tom Gosling and all the litter pickers, CARESCO including the Sawtry Covid Response volunteers, Sawtry Man Cave and the Foodbank team, Rob Suter at Sawtry Cars, the teachers and staff at our schools / pre -schools and nursery, the medical staff and volunteers who have delivered Covid vaccines to us, for which we are extremely grateful. I am sure you will also join me in appreciating all our local businesses and staff who have worked tirelessly providing their services to us over the last 12 months.

Anyone who has difficulties please make sure you reach out. We have lots of recognised organisations locally like CARESCO, Huntingdonshire District Council [www.wearehuntingdonshire.org/](http://www.wearehuntingdonshire.org/)

For regular updates please follow my Facebook page

**Simon**

**07984 637553 / <https://www.facebook.com/CllrSimonBywater/>**



## NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

Sawtry Library is currently open for limited purposes including: Select and Collect, returning items, collecting reserved items and pre-booked PC use. However we are hoping to expand our services soon so please keep checking for updates on our website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) or you can call us directly on 0345 045 5225.

### Online Events

Cambridgeshire Libraries have a variety of online events and activities in which you can join in from the comfort of your own home. Why not try one of our upcoming Engage Online or Read a Little Aloud Online events? Or listening to an online Rhymetime or Storytime! For further information please go to our website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-online>

### Books for Bedtime

Looking for your next bedtime story? Look no further we have a variety of junior fiction, picture and board books from The Gruffalo to Winnie and Wilbur, Beast Quest to Rainbow Fairies. Go to our online catalogue or fill out a select and collect request today and begin your next bedtime story adventure!

### World Book Night

This year World Book Night celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday 23 April with a special theme of 'Books to Make You Smile'. This event aims to inspire the love of reading and sharing stories so why not reserve books that make you smile from the library so that you are ready to join the celebrations!

### Social Media

Please take a look at our social media pages for information, updates and events, including the return of Twitterchat! You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on Twitter we are @cambslib.

### Current Opening Times

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	2pm - 6pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10am - 2pm
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

**Paul Smith,**  
**District Library Assistant,**  
**Huntingdon, Yaxley and**  
**Sawtry Libraries**



## LOCKDOWN POEMS

### The Unknown

2020 hit with a bang!  
All to be heard was Big Ben as he rang...  
Coronavirus waiting in the sidelines  
lockdowns started without a deadline.  
Travel bans came into play -  
It was only a Friday.  
Smothering the world like a huge blanket.  
'Stay inside' Boris chanted.  
That was March;  
it's now December...  
Still chatting on Zoom,  
because even now  
we're not allowed in the same room.  
2021 awaits  
but still no one knows their fate!  
January's been and gone,  
more people have become withdrawn.  
Covid had its 1st Birthday,  
but no one went out to celebrate.  
Schools still shut,  
maybe they can open in March?  
It's a waiting game.  
Will life ever be the same...

**Billie Gardiner**

**These are the full texts from our winning Poetry Competition entries. You can find them in their full glory on the front cover of this issue, and details and photos of the winners on page two.**

**The Editors**

## A Lockdown Life

Lockdown came with uncertainty and fears,  
Without school how would we ever have fun with our peers,  
Death rates rising, unable to see family,  
Boris's announcements, can we still go shopping for tea?  
But then we clapped for the NHS,  
We sang happy birthday while washing our hands,  
We looked to the future and started to make plans,  
Home school with mum,  
Times tables with Nerf guns are more fun,  
Camping in the garden sleeping under the stars,  
Stolen midnight feasts eating chocolate bars,  
Watching Captain Tom doing 100 laps,  
Inspiring us to get on our bikes and follow the road maps,  
We found pleasure in the simple things,  
Like cooking on Zoom, or when the phone rings,  
It means loved ones are safe and that's all that matters,  
Though we can't see them in person we can still have a natter,  
Lockdown has been a lesson for all of us,  
We can get through all of this without a fuss,  
During lockdown us kids made history,  
And I am proud of all the things that it has taught me.

**Noah Taylor**

## Lockdown 2020 / 2021

Lockdown has been tough  
I've had enough  
I miss my family and friends so much  
but we thank technology so we can stay in touch  
I stay at home from school  
I find it pretty cool  
but I look forward to going back  
with my new rucksack.

**Elsie Rose Bamard-Mann**





## AN EYE ON NATURE

**Murmuration definition:** “the gathering together of a large flock of (usually) starlings which fly all together and change direction together.”

I will not forget the approaching dusk at the end of January this year. I was on the phone (again) to a bird-watcher friend when the murmuration started. I often look out of the window to see which birds will turn up at my feeding station, be it bluetits, sparrows or my front garden blackbird pair and the murmuration built in size as I talked and was mesmerising (see more details in *Eye on Nature*, Dec19-Jan20 issue).

Things have moved on since then and by mid-February, the Sawtry murmuration had moved down the road to the St Judith's Lane area and was spectacular! The great news is that the starling murmuration has also been on social media locally and therefore attracting lots of interest in the area.

People are enjoying a rare and wonderful sight from their doorstep. The moral of this story is one I have written about before and that is we have so many wonderful wildlife moments right here on our home patch. You just need to be in the right place at the right time, as I was back in January.

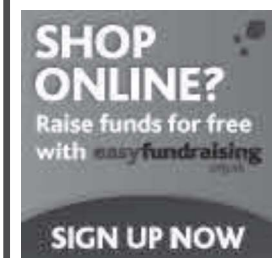
Moving on to 'my' oak tree, which I wrote about in the last issue. The tree has now been dated and I can reveal that it is about 250 years old. Just think, it was a seedling around 1771 during the reign of George III, incredible!

**Martin Baker**

The views expressed in this article are solely those of the author

**For more information on our local wildlife, contact the Wildlife Trust:**

**Phone 01954 713543, or visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)**



### SHOPPING ONLINE?

Please sign up to support CARESCO  
With AmazonSmile and / or the Easyfundraising scheme

Each purchase will give us a donation at no extra cost to you.

See details on our website [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)



### ARE YOU KEEN TO VOLUNTEER?

If you are looking to volunteer but not sure of where to start, you might like to think about joining a worldwide organisation with an emphasis on fulfilling local needs.

During the recent pandemic, your local Lions Club has had to seriously curtail its activities, due to the restrictions and the cancellation of our fundraising events. Over the past 44 years the Lions Club of Huntingdon Grafham Water has supported many local charities and worthy causes, either by direct donations or organised events to support specific causes. Our annual Safari Walk for example has raised in excess of £200,000 and supported many local and some national causes. In addition, we have attended many local fetes and galas with our stalls to raise money to donate to other causes.

We participate in other projects such as spectacle recycling and providing bottles for vulnerable people to store their medical history, in case of an emergency (Message in a Bottle). We recently donated books to 14 schools in the area, to help children learn about the environment and the effect mankind is having on the natural world and also donated the majority of our raised funds to local food banks to help towards the provision of food to those in need of support during the pandemic. In the past we have given physical support to local groups and individuals by assisting with decorating and gardening projects.

Unfortunately, time has taken its toll of our membership and those of us that are left are now feeling its effects, thereby reducing our ability to serve the local community in the ways we would like to. The recent pandemic has shown that there are many people willing to volunteer to help their community and we are now seeking new and younger members to take over the baton and develop the Club along more modern lines, in tune with the times we are now living in.

Lions Clubs in the UK are currently involved in many projects to help people less fortunate than themselves and there may be several that appeal to you. Lions Clubs International has over 1.3 million members worldwide but each group operates within its own community, to meet their local needs. Because we are local, we serve the unique needs of the communities in which we live. As we are global, we can address community challenges wherever they occur.

Would you like to help? Being a Lion is fun and rewarding providing the opportunities for people to meet with others and work together for the common good of the area in which they live. To find out more visit [www.lionsclubs.co](http://www.lionsclubs.co) or contact your local Club for an informal chat on 0345 8337516.

**For further information contact Lion Bernard Dable  
on 01480 810704/ 07969 207227 or  
[bernarddable@gmail.com](mailto:bernarddable@gmail.com)**



## SAWTRY SPORT 4 ALL

We had hoped to put on our free community sports day again this July. However, although we have a roadmap out of lockdown, nothing is certain and so we sadly cannot commit to July 2021.

We are however, considering a mini event towards the end of the summer to potentially coincide with the opening of the gym facilities on the Sawtry Village Academy site.

Sawtry Sport 4 All is a joint community venture with CARESCO, Sawtry Village Academy, Sawtry Walk To Run and Sawtry Youth Project. Our last event drew in over 1000 people who enjoyed free activities hosted by the many and varied sports and activity clubs in our village.

If your club or organisation would like to take part in this year's mini event or next year's full-on community sports day, please contact us at [sawtrysport4all@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrysport4all@gmail.com)



## GRAVEYARD THANK YOU!

The transformation of the graveyard is a testimony to the dedication, time, energy, grit and determination of this brilliant community. An unstoppable team of families and individuals have revitalised and renewed this important community space. This difference is remarkable! There continues to be much work needed and as this goes to print an important Tree Survey will be underway which will help us get the appropriate permissions and prioritise the tree surgery needed and devise a maintenance plan going forward.

Feel free to give All Saints' graveyard a visit, explore the grounds and keep your eyes peeled for an epic Man Cave created Bug Hotel, Fairy houses, children's trails, stunning wildlife and a happy hum of busy workers, and if you would like to join in please get in touch with Tom Gosling or Rev Becky.

**Rev Becky Dyball  
and Tom Gosling**



All Saints' Church, Sawtry

## SAWTRY SHOW



The Sawtry Show (not to be confused with the Carnival!) is a village tradition going back many years and is a celebration of skills in the community. Handicrafts, garden produce, cookery, art and photography are some of the popular categories that are displayed and judged. Trophies, certificates and rosettes are presented to the best entries. The Show is open to all age groups including children, and a schedule of classes is distributed in the Spring, giving plenty of time for the preparation of entries.

The Show is normally held in mid-September, is a light-hearted event and should definitely not be taken too seriously. Although not so well supported in recent years, it remains an important part of village life.

The Show is kindly supported by the Academy and a large section of the event showcases the skills of the students with exceptional art and craft displays.

Sadly, last year's show was cancelled due to COVID and as there are still uncertain times ahead, at the time of writing we have been unable make a decision about this year's event. If things do get back to normal and we decide to go ahead in September (but probably in a different format) it will be well publicised, so watch this space!

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you good and safe times ahead.

**Carolyn Watts, Show Chairman, 01487 832682, or email [watts204@hotmail.com](mailto:watts204@hotmail.com)**



## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST LUKE PETERBOROUGH ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

**Sawtry Sunday Mass normally at the Methodist Church,  
Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX**

**\*\* Currently Suspended \*\***

We are a friendly proactive community working closely with the other Church communities in Sawtry, as well as our Roman Catholic Parish Church of St. Luke in Orton Malborne, Peterborough.

**Contact in Sawtry: Tony – [tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com](mailto:tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com) - 01487 830680**

**Parish Priest: Fr Jeffrey Downie VF**

**Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Belnas**

**Deacon: Rev. Prameel Joseph**

**Administrator: Sr Erika Perini**

Phone: 01733 230464/371129

Email: [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk)

**Masses at St. Luke's, Orton Malborne, Peterborough:**

Mon-Fri 10am; Sat 6pm; Sun 9am, 10.30am, 12noon & 6pm

Social distancing and other measures in place, masks & sanitiser provided





## ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY, ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON & ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON PARISH CHURCHES



What a Year! Wow! I write this reflecting on a year like no other. As I write I am aware the days are gradually getting longer bringing with them signs of brighter times ahead, what a relief! I have loved watching bulbs in the garden grow, seeing glimpses of blossom on the trees, and noting the volume of birdsong increasing. As a Benefice, we are preparing to slowly return to in person worship and have made the decision that Zoom will be a forever feature in our worship, we valued joining people in their homes through this technology on Sundays as we worship and learn together and want this to continue. In the Bible Jesus uses stories to share Good News and help explain his teaching. Jesus uses the image of a seed to help us understand a journey of change and transformation, and it seems rather apt as the bulbs continue to emerge around us and we navigate the roadmap out of lockdown to reflect on that helpful imagery.

**Seeds Need a Healthy Environment** to grow otherwise they sprout, but quickly wither and this applies to the environment in which we grow too. We need comfort and security, challenge and inspiration, learning and service; otherwise our growth is reduced or worse halted. Over this last year that environment has been really challenging and it is my prayer that as a community across Sawtry, Glatton, Holme and Conington we can support each other as we enrich that environment and encourage the growth of one another.

**Seeds Can't Be Rushed.** Seeds require the amount of time to grow that they need. In God's plan, the time things take is the right time. We, however, get impatient. There is pressure on us to rush through everything. We live in an 'instant' age...come on who doesn't love an Amazon Prime delivery!! I certainly do, but Seeds teach us that we need to learn to wait, to develop patience. As we move out of lockdown, we are all going to respond at different paces, with different levels of uncertainty and anxiety. Let kindness and generosity in spirit be our first response, being patient with those around us, enriching the space together for people to grow and regain their strength.

**Seeds Contain the Past and the Future.** Each seed is the result of previous generations and contains within it all the genetic code for the future. Seeds are filled with the information that yields transformation. Each generation builds upon the last and lays the foundation for the next. The experience of the last year will change us as individuals and as a collective, may we not forget what we have learnt in this unusual time and always remember the power of kindness, grace, love and hope.

The church calendar also offers signs of new life, with many baptisms and weddings booked for later this year and next. We are your parish church, if you would like to have a special celebration with us; baptism, baby dedication, marriage service, marriage blessing, renewal of vows etc. Please be in touch. It is always a joy and delight to share these life events and God's blessing with you.



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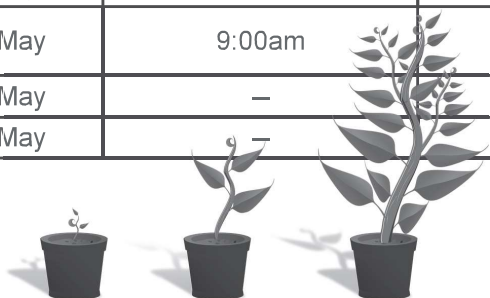
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### BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note all services are subject to change and will comply with the latest government and Church of England guidance. Face coverings, social distancing, no mingling before and after the services and no congregational singing remain in place until further notice.

Please check [www.allsaintssawtry.org](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org) or call Rev. Becky for the latest service details, Zoom links and information.

Date	St. Giles, Holme	St. Nicholas, Glatton	All Saints' Sawtry
4 April	--	9:00am	10:30am <b>Zoom Only</b>
11 April	--	9:00am	10:30am <b>Zoom Only</b>
18 April	9:00am	--	10:30am + Zoom
25 April	--	9:00am	10:30am + Zoom
2 May	9:00am	--	10:30am + Zoom
9 May	--	9:00am followed by APCM*	10:30am + Zoom
16 May	9:00am	--	10:30am + Zoom Followed by APCM *
23 May	--	9:00am	10:30am + Zoom
30 May	--	--	10:30am + Zoom



*\*Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

## RENOVATING SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO BE

In the last edition of the Eye, I referred to our Methodist Church building in the centre of Sawtry as needing renovation. In fact, this is fast becoming a necessity rather than just an option, with immediate repair to the front facing of the building being the priority. Work is expected to start later this year. Further plans include going as far as we can towards environmental sustainability in regard to the heating systems but rebuilding at the back and side of the church is also required.

The pandemic has put on hold any consultation with Sawtry residents about what can most usefully be done. As well as home to a Christian worshipping community, the church building is an important community space, but we feel we can do better in offering a wider range of opportunities, facilities and a hospitable space. In renovating, we want to take on board local residents' views about what is needed and wanted in Sawtry and so create a building that is used throughout the week by a wider range of local people.

Whilst we wait for Covid restrictions to ease and meetings and events to be held to discuss this – do get your thinking caps on and let us know your views.

- What is missing from Sawtry that you feel the Methodist Church building could assist with?
- Whilst Sawtry has a very wide range of groups and activities, are there community needs that are not being met – space for toddler groups for example, opportunities for people to meet and chat....
- Are there people here with special needs that might appreciate networking with others which we could facilitate by providing good meeting spaces?
- What things should the church planning group be thinking about in redesigning the space (bikes and buggies for example.....)

If you would like to be involved in discussions about this issue and to find out about consultation events and activities later in the year, please get in touch with Rev Sue.

In the meantime, our church services continue online each Sunday morning. A new Wednesday group has formed meeting alternating between an afternoon and an evening meeting. It's a lively space and informal which all are welcome to join. Check our website for details [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)

**Rev Sue Baker-Maher**

*For more details see contact details below.*



*Gracious God, this Easter tide,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
made possible through Jesus.*

*We praise you for the light of new life  
that shone on the first witnesses  
of resurrection.*

*We praise you for the light of new life  
that continues to shine  
in our hearts today.*

*We pray that the Easter light  
of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
and that we will be bearers of that light  
into the lives of others.  
Amen*

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 10.30AM

*Until we are able to meet in our church building,  
we are continuing to gather online  
using the Zoom video conferencing app.*

*We would love you to meet with us  
for an hour of worship and fellowship  
(bring your own refreshments!)*

*Details of how to login can be found  
on our website [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)  
Or via our Facebook page*

**Come and join us, all are welcome**

### MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

*There are opportunities during the week  
to meet informally online*

*Please check our website for details*



### HAPPY EASTER

*From everyone at the Methodist Church*

**For more information, please contact Rev Sue Baker-Maher on 07483 153948  
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Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch**





## REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion remember the fallen throughout the year



APRIL		
Private Bertram David HAYNES	19 April 1917	Sawtry
Private James STAPLETON	19 April 1917	Sawtry
Private Reuben GRAY	23 April 1917	Wood Walton
Private James REID	6 April 1918	Great Gidding
Private George Henry COLBERT	12 April 1918	Holme
Private Frank WILLIS	24 April 1918	Holme
Trooper Reginald ELSOM	23 April 1943	Sawtry
MAY		
Private William WRIGHT	3 May 1917	Sawtry
Private Arthur YEOMANS	3 May 1917	Great Gidding
Private Archie ROWELL	13 May 1917	Sawtry
Private Charles William BODGER	5 May 1918	Old Weston
Private Leslie Charles REDHEAD	20 May 1940	Great Gidding
Private George Joseph William GINNS	28 May 1943	Sawtry
Lance Sergeant Robert KETTERINGHAM	29 May 1944`	Sawtry

*When you go home tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.*



## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE - EVEN THOSE WHO THINK THEY CAN'T RUN!

We are pleased that organised outdoor sports are allowed again from 29 March. For us, this means we will begin meeting in groups again from our Tuesday session on 30 March at 7.15pm.

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm in the Greystones car park and every Sunday morning at 8.30am at St Judith's (10.30am for walkers).

Four of our members have been able to qualify as England Athletics' Run Leaders over lockdown which means we now have 11 active Run Leaders and one Coach. As such, we now have four groups at each session:

- Coached for those running 9 min miles and under
- Socials for those who like a chat or who run 9 min - 14 min miles
- Jeffers (walk/run) for those prefer to Jeff 11 min miles to 15 min miles
- Walkers for those who just want to walk or who are coming back from injury

Membership is just £20 a year (discounted to £15 this coming year). You are more than welcome to come along for a few sessions before deciding if you want to join (just turn up 15 mins before the start time so we can buddy you up).

Email Jean for membership enquiries at [jeandrumm\\_1@btinternet.com](mailto:jeandrumm_1@btinternet.com) or call Nona on 07861 740040. Book via our Run Together site or find out more in our Facebook group or our website at [www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk)



*Running - it's much more fun than you might think!*



## SAWTRY COLTS

Hopefully, by the time this goes to print, football will have returned to Greenfield. The FA have agreed to extend the football season and therefore organised football can now take place until the end of June. In this strangest of seasons, Colts football should return in early April with re-arranged leagues for those Sawtry teams who compete in the Hunts Youth League.

Should the COVID situation proceed as we all hope then the Development Centre (age 4 - 6) and the Wildcats (a dedicated centre for girls' football (ages 5 - 11)) should also return on Sunday 4 April at 10am and 11am respectively, on the Sawtry Astroturf.

To keep up with the Colts teams pop along to their dedicated website at [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk) where details of all teams and their managers can be found.

The Sawtry Colts Teams are all managed by a group of dedicated volunteers, but we are always on the lookout for any additional help we can get to ensure the kids of the village are able to partake in football and reap the benefits that team sport can bring.

We have a number of vacancies coming up on our committee and are always in need of assistance to help keep the teams running. If you feel you can assist in any way, pop along to that aforementioned website and under the Contacts drop-down is a rogues gallery of current Colts volunteers - contact any of them to register your interest and they can ensure you're passed to someone on the committee who can help.

Remember we can't provide football to the kids in the village without your help. The Colts have big plans with hopefully a new clubhouse in the near future, but we can't continue without having the necessary volunteers to keep the club running. Being a football expert is not a prerequisite but having energy and enthusiasm is!

**Brian Craig**

[sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk)



## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

WHOOOPIE.....the recent government announcement said we can start outdoor bowling from 29 March. However, that is far too early (and cold) for us, so we will open the green for play on Saturday 24 April as is normal. This is likely to be a low-key affair as we still await to find out what restrictions will be in place at the various stages of the roadmap. Until 17 May we are probably unlikely to be able to play with more than six people in a group, and will need to have separation between the groups of players, and equipment, much like we did for most of last year.

Once we get the finer details of what can be done, we will be working hard to formulate a schedule of events. Local league organisers are working on fixtures on the basis that all leagues will be up and running around 17 May when up to 30 people can mix outdoors. We plan to have an official 'Opening Day' later in the year when (hopefully) restrictions are lifted, and more people may be willing and able to start bowling again.

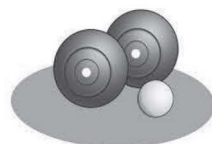
In line with a national initiative, we are also planning to hold 'open sessions' for anyone who might be wanting to give bowls a try, on Saturday 29 May (10.00 till 13.00) and Sunday 30 May (15.00 till 18.00). These will be open for anyone of any age or ability to come and see what our great game is all about, with some tuition from local members. Who knows, the bar may be open at some point as well!!! Nothing is needed other than wearing a pair of non-heeled shoes, such as trainers. All other equipment can be provided for each session. If anyone would like to know more please get in touch.

So, like the rest of the country, we are all keeping our fingers (and everything else) crossed that we will all get back to a reasonable amount of normality during the season, and people can get back out in the fresh air; meet up with friends, and play bowls again – which we know so many sorely missed last year.

**Any Queries contact - Club Secretary Kevin Bowers - Tel No 01487 832854**

**Visit our Facebook Page - search Sawtry and District Bowling Club**

**Our website :- <https://hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us> or search for 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'**



## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Sawtry Golf Society accommodate local golfers from scratch to 54 handicap, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf.

We hope to resume our busy calendar as restrictions lift.

**Membership is only £15 for the year, if you are interested contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary Dave Gadsby on 07834 386632**

