



# SAWTRY EYE

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## SAWTRY SPORT 4 ALL COMMUNITY SPORTS DAY - SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Your **FREE** community sports day held across the sites of CARESCO, Sawtry Village Academy and Sawtry Village Academy Leisure.

If your club wants to be part of it or you want to find out more or provide sponsorship, please email [sawtrysport4all@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrysport4all@gmail.com) or message us through our Facebook page.

[www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/ss4a/](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/ss4a/)

## SAWTRY SCARECROW TRAIL



Friday 27 August to Friday 5 September

Theme "**Pop Stars**"

Would you like to make a scarecrow  
& join our trail?



Application forms are available from  
the CARESCO Charity Shop  
7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR  
or download from our website

Please complete and return your form in  
a sealed envelope marked 'Scarecrow Trail'  
along with your £2 entrance fee  
to the Charity Shop or the CARESCO Centre by  
Friday 20 August to be included on the route.

Contact Jacqui on 07599 987168  
or email  
[fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk)



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**FREE** Entry

**Sun 29th  
and  
Mon 30th  
August**

Under 16's Section  
Displays of:  
Paintings Pottery  
Craft Items Food  
(with some for sale!)  
Light Refreshments

**Winwick Village Hall 10 am - 4 pm**

The small print: Subject to prevailing Covid restrictions.



**An invitation ....**  
**Conington Church**  
invites you to join them on  
**Sunday 12 September**  
**at 3pm for Evensong**

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

# CARESCO



## SAWTRY FOODBANK

We are extremely grateful for all the donations of food we have been receiving during these difficult times.

During the school summer holidays, we are running a special food parcel scheme for local children in need of additional food support.

The following is a list of items we need during this busy time.

- Long life milk
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Tinned Hot Dogs

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**  
**or call 07743 593863.**



## INTRODUCING CARESCO'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT



As our daily lives move to a time beyond the pandemic, CARESCO will be adapting its COVID Response Team. With effect from September 2021, the service will be restyled under the new name, **CARESCO Community Support**.

The team will be providing an ongoing, but reduced service for local residents, in particular this will be for:

- Prescription deliveries
- Local shopping

Should you be in need of their support, the team can be contacted via the phone number below between 9 & 11 am weekdays, please leave a message if there is no answer.

A huge thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who have been working hard since March 2020 to help others in the community.

**Contact the team**  
**on 07873 187843**  
**or email**  
**communitysupport@caresco.org.uk**

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## ADULT'S POETRY COMPETITION



Thank you very much to everyone who entered the Adult's Poetry Competition, the standard was really high. We had ten people enter and the different styles of poetry really shone through. Some were quirky, some sombre, some light hearted, some reflective but all were written from the heart.

It was quite difficult to choose just three poems but we had to have some winners. Each winner had a goody bag delivered to them and they were all very appreciative and quite shocked to have been placed in the top three. The winning poems are here for you all to read and I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. Over the next few weeks I will be posting the other poems on our CARESCO Facebook page as I think they also deserve to be read.

Well done to our winners!!

**Jacqui Hedington**

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**First Place**  
 David Whitney  
 (poem on  
 page 12)



**Second Place**  
 Ray Winmill  
 (poem on  
 page 13)



**Third Place**  
 Joyce Day  
 (poem on  
 page 13)

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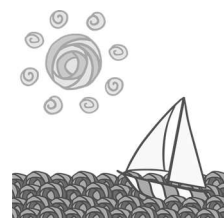
As we go to print, none of us really knows what the next few months will bring as we try to move beyond the Covid restrictions. Many of our local groups and activities are tentatively restarting and beginning to plan events later in the year - and even into 2022!

It is lovely to be able to welcome some new organisations to the family, including Holme Youth Club (page 8) and Sawtry Table Tennis Club (page 20) and we look forward to working with them over the coming months. If you know of any other active groups within the local area who are not already contributing to the Eye, please encourage them to do so, we would love to help them to spread the word to a wider audience.

For this issue, we have the winning entries from the recent Adult's Poetry Competition (page 2) for you to enjoy along with a new series from Hunts Recycles (page 10) to help us deal correctly with our waste.

*Be good to each other.*

**Liz - Co-Editor**



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## CARESCO UPDATE

Following the easing of restrictions in May, we were pleased to reopen our **Chatterbox** group for carers along with our **Sounds Good** group who could only enjoy the spoken word for a time and not sing!

Our **Green End Day Club** has welcomed some new members, but still have space for more, see page 6 if you are interested for details.

The **Sawtry Foodbank** team are preparing for the Summer challenge of supporting local families managing without free school lunches through the holiday break.

Thank you to everyone who has offered financial support during these difficult months to help us keep our vital services going. As restrictions lift further, we are hoping to arrange more of our enjoyable fundraising events, please look out for announcements as we are able.

Meanwhile, keep safe.

*Thank you for your understanding and support.*

**For more information please call 01487 832105**

**Email office@caresco.org.uk or visit www.caresco.org.uk**



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## SCHOOL TERM DATES



### 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

### Summer Term 2022

Start of term 19 April

Half term: 30 May - 3 June

End of term 22 July

**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)

9 & 23 August

6 & 20 September

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

(Week Beginning)

2, 16 & 30 August

13 & 27 September

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



Your Kind of Music presents

## 'Stilton in Tune'

Sunday 5 September at 2.30pm

Locally based top player Matthew Bason will be our special artiste.

All Covid safety measures will be taken but the wearing of face masks will be optional.

More details will be provided on Facebook pages for the area.

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



## SOUNDS GOOD

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

We're back!  
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



## SAWTRY WI

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

WI Meetings, social groups and events  
will be held at our WI Hall from September

\*\*\*\*\*

President Jacqui Svensson 07841 647345  
[j.svensson@btopenworld.com](mailto:j.svensson@btopenworld.com)

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

Find us on Facebook - Sawtry WI



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



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OF ENGLAND





## SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

### Calendar of Events

We are hoping our meetings will resume in the near future, depending on government advice. The well-being of our members is of the utmost importance.

Watch this space in the next edition of the Sawtry Eye.

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



### LOOK BACK IN TIME 40S & 50S QUIZ SHEET

Thank you to everyone who entered, your answers are being marked and we will contact the winner in due course.

All proceeds to CARESCO

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## 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

We're back!

9 & 23 August  
13 & 27 September

At the  
CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX



For more information email:  
office@caresco.org.uk  
or call the CARESCO Office  
01487 832105

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

Charity Number 229016

### Cleaner and Caretaker

Required  
Sawtry WI Hall  
Variable hours per week

For further details please contact  
Linda 07720 821266

### 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

### SAWTRY STEPPERS MODERN & TRADITIONAL 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. I organise Linedance Socials and Linedance weekends away for my dancers and we like to take part in demonstrations.

**Mondays** 10am - 11.30am

Improvers/ Intermediates, Sawtry Club

**Mondays** 11.30am - 12.30pm

Beginners, Sawtry Club

**Wednesdays** 6.45pm - 9.15pm

Improvers/Intermediates, Glatton Village Hall

**Fridays** 7pm - 8.30pm

Beginners/Improvers. Sawtry Club

I am a dance Instructor and Choreographer with 24 years experience and am a member of the Best Western Dance Academy

Ask to join our Facebook  
group: 'Sawtry Steppers'  
or Contact Julie:

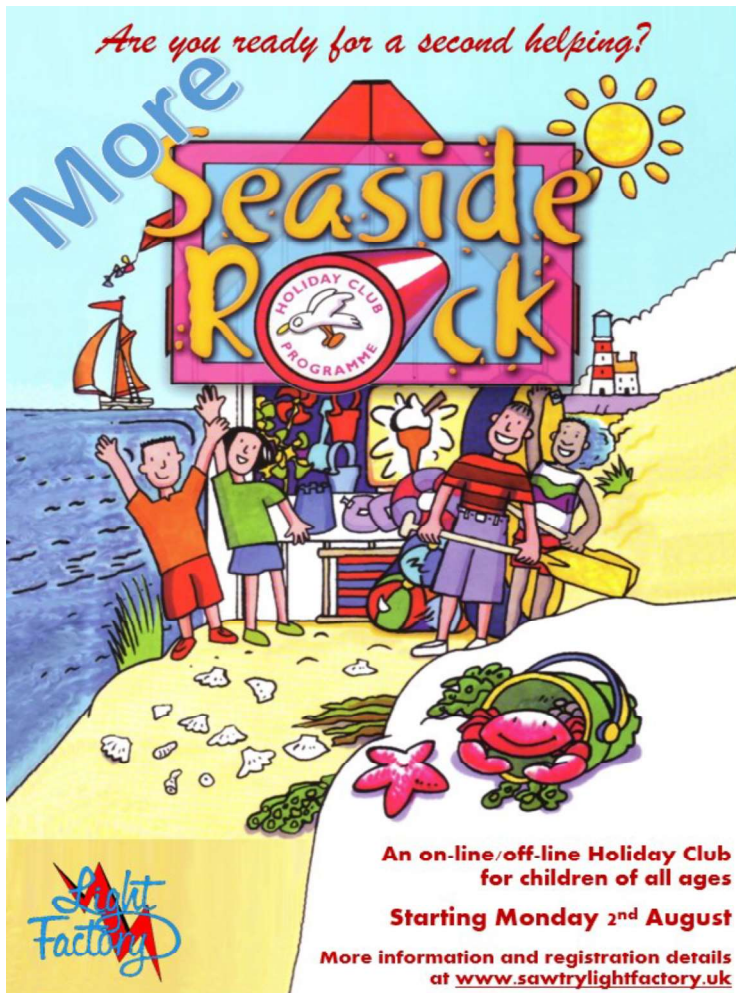
jcgillmore@sky.com

07939 070406



Line Dancing

*Are you ready for a second helping?*



**More Seaside Rock**  
HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME

An on-line/off-line Holiday Club for children of all ages  
Starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
More information and registration details at [www.sawtrylightfactory.uk](http://www.sawtrylightfactory.uk)

*Light Factory*



## GREEN END DAY CLUB

For a day of friendship, food and fun

*... is looking for new members*

Transport Available

Homemade hot meal inc pudding

Everyone Welcome

Fun & Games

First visit free

Open Mondays to Thursdays  
10am to 2pm

At the CARESCO Centre,  
Off Green End Road,  
Sawtry, Cambs PE28 5UX

Cost - £8.50 per session

Contact the team on 07743 216746  
Email: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)

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## 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 Chorale in other ways, we would be happy to hear from you.

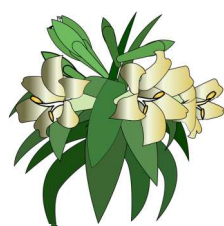
We look forward to seeing you all again soon...

**TERENCE GEORGE DAVIS**

7 MARCH 1948 - 1 MAY 2021

Gill and family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and kind wishes they received following the death of Terry.

He is now at peace and will never be forgotten.



**Julie Gillmore's**  
*Charity Linedance Evening*  
**Saturday 26 March 2022**

**At Sawtry Village Academy**  
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5QT

£12.00 per person  
All proceeds to CARESCO

**For more info**  
Phone 07939 070406  
Or email [jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:jcgillmore@sky.com)



## FROST FAYRE

**Saturday 4 December**  
**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



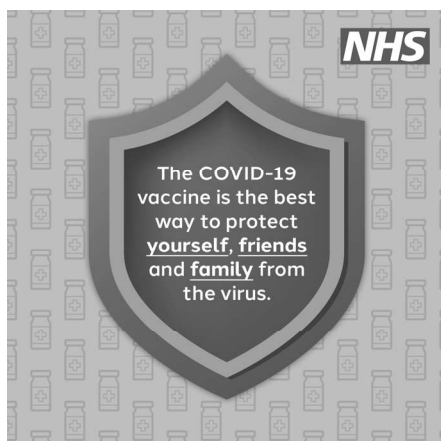
## SAWTRY SKATEPARK

ST JUDITH'S FIELD, PE28 5GR

There is to be an official opening of the new skatepark with demonstrations and competitions on:

**SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER  
12 NOON (TBC)**

Look out for details on flyers and social media for this Maverick Skate Jam event.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

### HOLME WI

We have held a meeting, in fact we have now held two. Our first was in mid-June and held in the garden of one of our members, socially distanced but some alcoholic and non-alcoholic fizz was consumed along with cake. It was a lovely evening to sit out and socialise and despite the darker clouds it remained dry all evening for us.

At the start of July we held our second meeting, sitting outside in the car park at Holme Village Hall. Once again, the weather was lovely, a beautiful sunny evening, we were so lucky. Our speaker was Sylvia, and we heard about her journey as she called it. Sylvia, along with her parents and sister, was a resident of Jersey at the start of the Second World War. When Germany occupied the Island, any English residents, which included Sylvia's father, were sent to a camp in Germany. This included the whole family, so after packing everything they could manage to carry and wearing as many clothes as they could, they were sent by train into southern Germany. There they would spend almost 3 years in a camp, Sylvia's family were in Room 56. A room shared between 10 women and 15 children, the men were separated. This was Sylvia's life as a child for these 3 years, with very little food and bitterly cold winters. They were liberated by American troops and eventually returned to Jersey. Luckily their house was still intact and they managed to resume living in it, many residents had lost everything. Sylvia is a lovely lady and a good guest speaker, a great start to resuming our meetings.

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

**Alison McGuinness, President**



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Pumpkin Trail

Sunday 24 October to Sunday 31 October

**Details to follow**



[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)



Contact Jacqui on 07599 987168

or email

[fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk)

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## Guess The Item

**JUST  
FOR FUN**

Hope you managed to guess the vintage item in our last issue.

In case you didn't, the item was an:

**Electricity-Free Iron**

## GIDDING INTERNET ISSUES - HELP!

We live in Great Gidding and are having issues with our internet jamming which is affecting my wildlife cameras between the hours of 12pm and around 7am.

Is anyone else having the same issues, if so any clues how to remedy?

**Ian Williamson**  
[williamsonian943@gmail.com](mailto:williamsonian943@gmail.com)



## SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB

Our Autumn programme involves getting back together and out in the garden:

**Monday 6 September**

Early evening visit to **Elton Garden Centre** for an out-of-hours talk on **Alpines** and a chance to shop, plus refreshments

**Saturday 25 September**

Minibus day trip to **Barnsdale Gardens** (minibus now full but others can car share)

**Monday 11 October**

Talk and demo on **shrub pruning** by **Geoff Hodge** at Sawtry Club

**Janet Spencer**

We also do plant swaps and share advice on our WhatsApp group

**For info: 07598 431308,**

or email

[sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrygardeningclub@gmail.com)

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







## SAWTRY SPORT 4 ALL SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

After the success of our 2019 event and the disappointment of not being able to host a 2020 event or a July 2021 event, we are so pleased we now have the all-clear to put on our FREE community sports day on Saturday 4 September. The event will take place across the sites of Sawtry & District Bowls Club, CARESCO, Sawtry Village Academy

and Sawtry Village Academy Leisure (that is the soon to be opened gym!).

We only have a short time to get everything in place, but we already have lots of local sports clubs signed up to provide activities and have hired in some brilliant inflatables and other fun challenges. This is a fabulous opportunity for all ages to come out and enjoy some outdoor activity and for our local children to have some family fun in the sun (we hope!).

There will be no food stands or any charges for any of the activities and so bring a picnic or just enjoy having some outdoor fun with no pressure to buy anything at all. There will be a sensory room in the CARESCO Centre for any children who become a bit overwhelmed and lots of different activities for lots of different abilities.

We all deserve some fun and some community spirit after the last 18 months so please put it in your diary. Contact Emma at CARESCO ([emma.flanz@caresco.org.uk](mailto:emma.flanz@caresco.org.uk)) to offer a free activity or otherwise, just turn up on the day and enjoy!

[www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/SS4A/](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/SS4A/) or on our Facebook page

### HOLME YOUTH CLUB

Holme Youth Club is hoping to restart on 10 September at 6.30pm in Holme Village Hall. This of course all depends on what the government guidelines say at that time and how many volunteer helpers come forward.

Membership is open to members of school years 5 - 10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme School. Admission is £2 per session and you will be required to complete a membership form, which your parents/guardians will need to sign, so that we have contact details in case of emergency.

We meet on term time Fridays from 6.30 - 8.30pm and offer a variety of activities and a subsidised tuck shop and it is a great opportunity for you to just hang out with your friends in a safe environment. All being well, we will eventually be again offering subsidised outings to regular attendees.

Safeguarding regulations require us to have one adult per eight children and as we only have three adults on the committee, who do not really want to be doing every week, we require support from parents in the form of help with supervision. We try to make it one duty per half term, but it depends on the number of volunteers we get. We would, of course, also welcome anyone who is not a parent but would like to help out, anyone over 18 can volunteer to assist. If you are interested in getting involved please email [reneemitcham@btinternet.com](mailto:reneemitcham@btinternet.com) to register your name, as soon as possible, so that we can plan ahead and notify you of when your duty will be. If we do not get the volunteers we cannot restart, which would be a shame as over the past 15 years many children from the village and school have enjoyed and benefitted from their experience of membership.

We will be holding an AGM to elect a new committee at the beginning of October and our current officers have agreed to stay on until then. The committee also consists of volunteers from the membership and those currently in post will hopefully continue until the AGM. Please keep an eye on the local magazines which are distributed around the village and our Facebook page for updates.

**Renee Mitcham**

**Facebook: @HolmeYouth**



### SAWTRY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion supports our Armed Forces community, including serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

Whether you'd like to talk to us in person, pick up the phone, or even chat online, our aim is make sure everyone can access the support they need.

If you're looking to get in touch with our press team, please visit our media centre:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/get-in-touch>

The Sawtry & District branch is small and is always looking for new members to join. If you are interested then please contact us, details below.

**Events** – We meet in the first Monday of the month at the Sawtry Club at 7:30pm – we aim to restart physical meetings from September.

**Poppy Appeal** – Our 2020 Poppy Appeal currently stands at £6108. 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**

**or visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership>**



## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Whilst the Delta variant is rising, we are reviewing our situation. The Sawtry History Society Archive is still closed as Sawtry Library, where our Archive is situated, is currently closed on Saturdays. So it is unclear when we will be able to reopen the Archive. We will post updates on the website, on our Facebook page and in this publication.

Plans are afoot for a reopening event in the autumn, this may not be a normal monthly meeting as the availability of speakers could still be limited. We hope it will take the form of a meet and greet either in the village or at Abbey Farm, followed by a tour of the Abbey Site. A couple of groups completed this last year when numbers were limited and no handouts or maps could be used, so this year it should be bigger and better.

Please use our new website [www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk) where you can read our local history articles. On our Publications page are the very first editions of Sawtry Eye published in Autumn 1988, Spring 1989 and Summer 1989.

There is also a link to our archaeology page, and you can follow us on Facebook.

We have had a request to gather data on the Swiffen family, if anyone has any information it could be useful. John Swiffen is remembered in the Methodist Church, and buried in the old St Andrews Church Yard.

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. Our AGM will probably not go ahead until 2022.

For info call

Chris Merton 01487 831441

[www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.co.uk)



## VOLUNTEER

## CARESCO COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### Co-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

CARESCO is looking to appoint  
a volunteer to oversee  
our new service:  
**Community Support**

*Successful candidates will:*

- Enjoy being part of a team
- Be confident on the telephone
- Work efficiently and keep accurate records
- Have weekday availability between 9 & 11am
- Be reliable and flexible
- Be willing to undergo relevant training

If you would like to know more, please contact  
the CARESCO Office on 01487 832105  
or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
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## QUINTUPLICATION PART FOUR - SAGA OF THE DUMP

Historically Sawtry Parish Council owned few properties. One was the reservoir behind the 'Legion Hut' (now Sawtry Club). This was opened in 1905 and was where people came to draw their water. But, when mains water was installed, mostly in years after the Second War, this reservoir became redundant and the site became the Legion's car park. Another Parish property, up Gidding Road, was known as The Dump, or Claypits. In the days before rubbish collections this was where people brought many of their larger and less degradable items. Again, as public services became established, this became less used, although there were always those who regarded it as their right to drop in their junk.

My wife, who was now Vice Chairman, recalled debates on what to do with the dump. If people were to be banned from using it, what should they do with their junk? (Or large items of rubbish, to put it politely). Being ten miles from any other 'dump', since Recycling Centres had not yet been invented, it was unreasonable to expect people, mostly sans cars, to cart stuff a long distance. So, in steps the Parish Council, with its 'Large Rubbish Collection' policy. They decreed that on a prescribed day, if you left your large rubbish by the road, they would collect it. In fact, 'they' would be a local contractor (Rag and Bone man or the like) who would take the lot. And in many cases, they would do it for nothing. This was parish initiative at its best. The only other place that I have seen a similar initiative is in Sydney, Australia. There, they go even one better: items stay out for two days and anybody can come along and help themselves. The ultimate recycle turn-around.

And what happened to The Dump? It lay waste for some years. At some stage a local youth took it on and, I think, hoped to do some 'mining' in it for goodies. (I think the original frame roof of the swimming pool ended up there). But that stalled. Then along came a gentleman from London (who, coincidentally, I knew) and who made the Council a reasonable offer for it. With a little landscaping I guess he reckoned he could use it as a smallholding (and perhaps build on it later?). And, from the money that the Parish now gained, and without jacking up the local rates, they bought what became, off Aversley Road, the first Parish Recreation Field! So, winners all round.

\* QUINTUPLICATION? In case new readers are puzzled by the title, it was the name of a local campaign in 1988 to protest that Sawtry growth, while welcomed, was getting out of hand. The 1963 population of under a thousand was going to be QUINTUPLICATED to 5,000 by 1993! And where are you now?

**Maurice Dybeck**

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



## PETERBOROUGH SINGS

It's been a tough year, but - finally - there's light at the end of the tunnel, and we're slowly getting our lives back! It's time to get stuck into everything we've missed out on, challenge ourselves and make the 'new normal' a better one... so jump in, try something new. Why not take part in a nine-week pop-up singing project, working towards a fantastic live charity event at The Cresset in November. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to step outside your comfort zone, get stuck in and give it a go... everyone's in the same boat, and it's all about the journey!

You'll learn to sing, meet new people, challenge yourself, perform live on stage AND raise money for a much-loved local charity – what's not to like?

### **Men United In Song 2021: Supporting Prostate Cancer UK**

Launching in September 2021, Men United in Song will sign up around forty local men. You can meet the team and some of the other men who'll be taking part at one of our introduction sessions on Wednesday 8 September (7 - 10pm), Thursday 9 September (7 - 10pm) or Saturday 11 September (2 - 5pm).

### **Sing for Life 2021: Supporting Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice**

Also launching in September 2021, Sing for Life will sign up around forty local women. You can meet the team and some of the other women who'll be taking part at one of our introduction sessions on Wednesday 1 September (7 - 10pm), Thursday 2 September (7 - 10pm) and Saturday 4 September (2 - 5pm).

Don't worry, these are NOT auditions and there's no big red buzzer, just an opportunity to find out more and get involved.

Contact us TODAY to book your time slot... it's time to press play on life after lockdown!

**Website:** [peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://peterboroughsings.org.uk)

**Email:** [menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk](mailto:menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk)

**Phone:** 01733 425194



## HUNTINGDONSHIRE RECYCLES

### **SIMPLE POINTERS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

Huntingdonshire residents can recycle a wide range of materials via the kerbside collections including the most common items; glass, paper/cardboard, cans/tins and plastic bottles. But did you know we can also recycle:

- ♻ Aerosols
- ♻ Plastic pots, tubs and trays, including black trays
- ♻ Clean foil
- ♻ Drink cartons
- ♻ Stretchy, flexible plastics, like bread bags

The tougher flexible plastics, which tear rather than stretch cannot be recycled at the kerbside and should be disposed of in your refuse bin.

A common misconception is around black sacks, they cannot be used for your recycling. This is because the crews cannot then see that they contain just recyclables. If you want to use a bag, please keep it clear or transparent for this reason, although recycling can be placed loosely in your recycling bin. Rather than putting the bag into the bin, you could empty the contents and reuse it again and again.

Textiles cannot be accepted at the kerbside as they can get ruined when mixed with the other materials on the collection, especially glass. To recycle your textiles, they can be donated to charity shops, dropped at any of the clothing banks across the district (<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/recycling-centres/#RecyclingBanks>) or taken to the household recycling centres.

We are also often asked about polystyrene. Unfortunately, we cannot take polystyrene in your recycling collections. The quality of the plastic is too low to be able to have an end market for this. Polystyrene should be disposed of in your grey refuse bins.

And lastly, do not forget, recycling needs to be clean so as not to contaminate other materials when being collected. This can be done at the end of the washing up; it does not need to be sparkling.

If you are still in doubt, please get in touch. 📞

Facebook – [Huntingdonshire Recycles](#)

Twitter – [HDC Recycles](#)

Instagram – [Recycle For Huntingdonshire](#)  
[wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)





## CHANGING ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION

Do you consider yourself to be a good driver or motorcycle rider? Advanced driver and rider training is for the young or old, inexperienced or been driving or riding for years.

What is advanced driving and riding? Advanced driving and riding is about HAZARD management.

Virtually all road traffic collisions and incidents are caused by driver (or rider) error with the driver (or rider) not being able to deal correctly with the HAZARD encountered.

In our region the five most common causes of fatalities on the roads are using a mobile phone whilst driving, excessive and inappropriate speed, drunk / drug driving, not wearing a seat belt and distraction at the wheel. In the last year four people have been jailed in our region for causing a road fatality whilst using a mobile phone.

What is a HAZARD? There are fundamentally three types of HAZARD:

1. **Physical Features** such as roundabouts, junctions, bends, crests and the condition of the road surface, etc.
2. **Other Road Users** such as vehicle drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders, animals, etc.
3. **Weather Conditions** such as rain, sun, ice, fog, snow, micro-climates on bridges or under trees or shaded areas etc.

RoADARC is a club where members are trained to recognise and manage HAZARDS using the System of Car Control as taught to police drivers.

For an annual membership fee of £10.00 you can be coached in advanced driving (or riding) and will be encouraged to take the RoSPA Advanced Driving Test. If you just want to be coached but not take the test, then that is fine also.

RoADARC's mission is to promote safer driving.

Contact us by email at [info@roadarc.org.uk](mailto:info@roadarc.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.roadarc.org.uk](http://www.roadarc.org.uk) for further details.

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This issues top tips:

- Never drive so fast that you cannot stop safely within the distance you can see to be clear on your own side of the road (Highway Code Rule 126).
- Be seen: Be safe – in poor light conditions use dipped headlights as they are better than sidelights or daylight running lights.
- Always drive with a two second gap between you and the vehicle in front (allow considerably more in adverse road or weather conditions) (Highway Code article 126). Not sure how long two seconds is then recite “*Only a fool ignores the two second rule*”. If you cannot recite that from when the vehicle in front passes a fixed point and you passing that same fixed point, then you are driving too close.



**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).**

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021

All Saints' Church is holding a Tree Festival to mark the start of Advent, the period leading up to Christmas.

The chosen Charity, this year, is “Above and Beyond”, the North West Anglia NHS Trust Charity which covers Stamford, Peterborough, Ely and Hinchbrook.

The Festival will be run over two weekends; 4 / 5 December & 11 / 12 December. At the weekend it will be open 1.30pm - 5.30pm and on Friday 10 December 6.00 - 9.00pm. It will also be possible for Groups/Clubs/Organisations to visit during the intervening week. Please contact Roger or the Rev Becky to arrange a time.

To give organisations more room to set up their trees, setting-up will take place on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 December when the Church will be open from 2.00 - 6.00pm, or you can arrange to set-up during either day by appointment.

Trees can be up to 4ft high (122cms) and you can use a conventional tree, or make one using any materials you like - the more creative the better! Don't forget to think of a title for your tree. You can use the space just around your tree, so some organisations might like to have some promotional leaflets or whatever fits in with your tree's theme. **Please use battery powered lights.**

There is no charge to take part, and entry to the Festival will be free of charge. Refreshments will be available when the Church is open.

We do hope you will want to help mark the start of Advent by entering a tree in the Festival! In 2019, we had over 30 trees with very enjoyable weekends as well as the Friday evening.

**If you would like to take part, please email [rogerjubb@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerjubb@btinternet.com) for an application form, or phone 01487 830243 and a form will be sent to you.**



## SAWTRY WI

Sawtry WI has welcomed two more members making a total of nine new members this year. We have been enjoying staying connected via Zoom and socially distanced meeting in gardens. A social evening at our lovely WI Hall on Gidding Road is planned for September. The hall refurbishments will be completed by then and we will have a lovely new wood floor. Our picnic on 5 August is also a chance for us all to catch up in person.

Afternoon Tea & Chat, Knit & Knatter, Patchwork & Quilting and Reading & Discussion social group members are looking forward to meeting in person at our hall. We have a new Gardening Group and the craft groups are still busy making blankets and patchwork quilts for refugees. We are always grateful for donations of cotton fabrics and knitting yarns.

If you would like to attend as a guest at one of our WI meetings, join one of our social groups or would like further information about any of the above, please contact:

**Jacqui Svensson 07841 647345**  
**j.svensson@btopenworld.com**  
**Sawtry WI | Facebook**

## ADULT POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS



### LOCK DOWN OR LOCKED UP

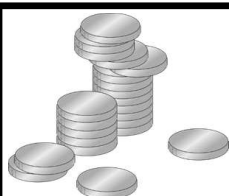
I'd never been held under house arrest  
Who knows, perhaps it's for the best  
I take my daily exercise  
My highly valued little prize  
I walked the silent streets alone  
Then once again banged up at home  
Four walls surround my prison cell  
I wonder, does it keep me well.

The TV news does not inspire  
Boris again, the prospect's dire  
Follow the science – the daily words  
Sprinkled with Sage and other herbs  
The message still does not smell good  
Perhaps I have misunderstood  
Thousands more are dead or dying  
It's pretty bad, there's no denying  
But wait, no reason to complain  
In safe incarceration I remain

Turn off the telly, now what to do?  
Lost again without a clue  
Sudoku, scrabble, read a book  
Go to the kitchen, learnt to cook  
The day feels like there is no end  
Perhaps I should just phone a friend  
But boredom's just a selfish motive  
We'd only talk about the covid  
I really could go round the bend  
long before my sentence end  
I know, I'll just sit at my ease  
and meditate on my release.

I'm let out on parole at last  
freedom day approaches fast  
But now we find parole amended  
Restrictions have all been extended  
The delta bug has caused delay  
to much awaited freedom day  
Oh well, just like the sun and rain  
Blow me, here we go again.

**David Whitney, First place**



## ANY OLD COINS?

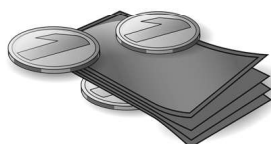
Do you have any foreign or old coins lying around?

Did you know you can donate them to CARESCO?

They can be taken to the CARESCO Centre or our  
Charity Shop and we will raise funds from them

All proceeds will be used to support the  
work of CARESCO

The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road,  
Sawtry, Huntingdon, PE28 5UX  
[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)



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**STAY ALERT**  
**TO STAY SAFE**

Go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES**

## Dial-a-Sermon

To listen to this weeks sermon  
simply call this number

**01487 800141**

(standard network rates apply)

You can also listen to sermons online at  
[www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

*The Benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Conington*

- Helping you stay connected while we are apart -



## ADULT POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS



### OUT OF THE BLUE

Let me paint a picture of the world  
how it used to be, before the pandemic  
and what effect it had on you and me.  
Presumptuous I guess because  
you are you and I am me.

Originally I was abhorred  
at people's greed to buy from shops  
more than they could ever need.  
The elderly and infirm who could not get out  
found food deliveries stopped  
and were left with nowt.

Kind hearted people formed volunteer groups  
and once they had their eager troops,  
went out to pick up prescriptions and food  
to feed those less fortunate,  
or in desperate need.

We have all reached out in different ways  
Without technology, I wonder how  
we would have made our way through the day.  
Days became months, months became years,  
Covid dragged on, to our worst of fears.

The thing is, it's not really  
about you and me in the now,  
but the future we can see.  
Let's learn the lessons we have found  
and build the future on solid ground.  
Those acts of kindness should continue  
into the years we hope to see.  
So, eternal thanks to those volunteers,  
I'm sure you would agree.

**Ray Winmill, Second place**



## CHARITY SHOP

Fundraising by recycling

**7 Greenways, Sawtry PE28 5UR**

### NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

***Following the Government's  
announcement to remove all restrictions,  
we will no longer have a cap  
on the number of customers  
in the shop at any one time.***

***Due to the size of the shop, we would  
encourage you to continue to wear  
a face covering for the time being  
(unless you are exempt).***

***Your safety has always been our priority  
so we would like to thank you  
for your support with this.***

***Thank you for helping to keep us all safe***

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## DONATION BOOKINGS

***Please telephone the shop between  
10.00am & 4.00pm - Monday to Saturday***

***on 01487 208026  
to book your donation in.***

We are sorry, but we are unable to  
accept any donations that do not have  
a booking number.

***Thank you  
for your understanding***

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## ADULT POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS



### REFLECTIONS ON A STRANGE TIME

When COVID struck and spread through the world  
I was happy and my head still whirled  
From the wonderful party my sons gave me  
To celebrate with friends my age of ninety.  
It was a lunch of good food, friendship and love,  
Enjoyed by us all, sent from Heaven above.

A few weeks later COVID Lockdown had come,  
We couldn't meet friends, go shopping, have fun.  
Many stayed at home and learnt to use Zoom,  
Others now learnt to make flowers bloom;  
Mothers became teachers, fathers furloughed  
Children missed friends and spirits were low.

Now we have more freedom, we can meet friends,  
As long as we're cautious, keep rules without bends.  
COVID is still with us but we now have a friend.

A vaccination has come to our aid.

When all are jabbed it should bring it to end  
The time when we're shut in and rather afraid.

Now we can thank all those wonderful folk,  
Volunteers in their thousands, both old and young  
And the NHS workers, whose praises we've sung.  
They've worked through the weather as the skies broke.

They've worked in the heat of the midday sun.  
The pandemic prompted so many to come.

Life for us is much better, but do not forget  
Other countries are suffering, need our help yet.

***Joyce Day, Third place***



## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Retirement of Dr Charlotte Archer

After more than 25 years at the surgery, Dr Archer will be retiring from the practice mid-August. I am sure that you will join us all here at the surgery in wishing Dr Archer all the very best for her retirement. It has been an incredibly challenging eighteen months and Dr Archer extends her thanks to all our patients for their patience and understanding during this time as we have adapted our working practices in order to keep patients and staff as safe as we possibly can. Dr Archer will leave you all in the safe hands of the remaining partners and hands over the reins of Senior Partner to Dr Richard Smith.



### Additional changes to the GP Team

Dr Panicker has worked with us over the last few years as a salaried GP and will take on the role of partner as of 1<sup>st</sup> August. Dr Pearson will be joining the practice early September as a salaried GP 3 days per week. We are looking forward to welcoming Dr Pearson to the practice team.

### GP Working Days

As of 1<sup>st</sup> August there will be some changes to GP working patterns as follows:

**Dr Richard Smith** – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**Dr Basia Uszycka** – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

**Dr Lino Pasco** – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Dr Lekshmi Panicker** – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Dr Krys Jarosz** – Monday and Thursday

**Dr Vanessa Pearson** – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (from September 2021)

In addition to our team of practice GPs we also have GP trainees working with us most days.

### Visiting our practice? Please continue to wear a face covering and social distance

All of our COVID-19 secure measures remain in place and this has not changed when Government guidance changed in July. Patients are asked to continue to wear a face covering, unless they are exempt, and to follow social distancing when visiting our GP Practice. This follows the national Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Guidance for all healthcare settings and will help to ensure the safety of our staff and patients at all times. Thank you for your continued support.



**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager,**  
**Wellside Surgery, Sawtry,**  
**Tel: 01487 830340**

### ALCONBURY THURSDAY CLUB END OF AN ERA

After 37 years serving the local community in and around the Alconburys, CARESCO's Thursday Club finally closed on 24 June.

Started in March 1984 in the then new Sports Pavilion on the edge of Alconbury, the group offered a day out with a hot meal and entertainment for older people. The club was one of the first activities developed by the new charity, which had been created in the early 1980s to take on the pre-existing lunch club and day centre in Sawtry.

The Thursday Club has always been managed on a week-by-week basis by an Alconbury-based team of volunteers while overseen and supported by CARESCO. We are delighted that today's team have felt able to run the club independently and are in the process of launching their new club, the **Alconbury cum Weston Thursday Club** now Covid restrictions are lifting.

We offer the team our best wishes for the future.

For more  
information,  
visit our website at  
[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DEMENTIA CARERS' SUPPORT SERVICE

Nearly all of us know someone with dementia.

Some of us find ourselves caring for a parent or partner who has dementia.

Would you like to use your skills and experience to support a carer?

Starting from as little as a couple of hours a month, or as much time as you can give, you really can make a difference in many ways.

No lived experience required.

Training and regular supervision will be provided.

Due to COVID-19 adaptations, the current focus is on telephone -based support to carers (mobile phones provided).

If you would like to help make a difference to dementia carers' lives, please contact us. We would love to hear from you!

#### Contact us

##### Co-ordinators:

Maria Corpion Alberdi; Louise Woolacoot-Crow

##### Support worker:

Sue Quesne

T: 01480 420331

E: [DCSS@cpft.nhs.uk](mailto:DCSS@cpft.nhs.uk)



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# NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY

## Opening Times

Our opening hours may have changed from what is advertised below. Please look at the latest opening hours on our website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library> or call us on 0345 045 5225.

## Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

The Summer Reading Challenge is under way but there is still time to register if you have not already done so. Children aged 4 - 11 years old can take in the main challenge and children aged 3 can take part in the Mini Challenge. All they need to do is read six books over the summer holidays and collect a sticker from the library after each book read. If they complete the challenge they will be rewarded with a certificate and a medal!

The theme for this year's challenge is **Wild World Heroes** and focuses on nature and the environment. For more information go to the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or ask in the library.

We are going to be running the following two events in August alongside the Challenge:

### Stick Family and Stories – Summer Reading Challenge event - Wednesday 4 August - from 3.00 - 4.00pm

Make your own Stick Family using natural materials. Staff will also be reading some stories in the garden area and children can act out the stories using their stick people. For children aged 4 - 11 years old.

**Book via Eventbrite** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stick-family-and-stories-at-sawtry-library-summer-reading-challenge-event-tickets-162803895835?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

### Make a Bird Feeder – Summer Reading Challenge event - Friday 20 August – from 10.30 - 11.30am

Make your own Bird Feeder using recycled materials. Please bring along any plastic drink bottles, milk cartons, yogurt pots, etc., that you want to use to make the feeder. Staff will provide the bird seed and show you how to make a feeder that you can put in your own garden. For children aged 4 - 11 years old.

**Book via Eventbrite** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/make-a-bird-feeder-at-sawtry-library-a-summer-reading-challenge-event-tickets-162804489611?aff=ebdssbeac>

## Summer Surprise Picks

If you have run out of books to read and don't know what to read next, fear not! We will be running our Surprise Picks for adults again this summer so you can pick up a wrapped mystery book to take home. You may be in for a nice surprise!

## 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**



## SAWTRY LIGHT FACTORY CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

**2 - 8 AUGUST**

### MORE SEASIDE ROCK!

Following on from last year's theme, we're returning to the seaside again this year for another week of fun, games, stories and songs, with a mixture of some on-line and some off-line activities, starting at **10:00am on Monday 2 August** and finishing off with our finale at 10:30am on Sunday 8 August.

Right now, we don't know exactly what the mix of on-line and in-person sessions will be, as this depends in part on the numbers expected, the availability of our team members and the restrictions that are in place at the time - as well as the weather! If you can, please register as early as possible, as this will really help us with our planning, as well as ensuring you don't miss out on the fun.

See you there!

**You can find us on Facebook, 'Sawtry Light Factory',  
via any of the churches in Sawtry**

**Or call Matt on 01487 830345**



## AN EYE ON NATURE

There is a saying that "*it is the little things that matter in life*". Well, how true this is when it comes to giving our wildlife a helping hand.

It will not surprise you to learn that the UK's favourite animal, the hedgehog, is in catastrophic decline. Between us, my neighbours and I have created a four-garden access for the 'urchins' to forage in and perhaps set up a breeding nursery. We did this by simply linking our gardens with duck-unders or archways cut into the bottom of fences or gates. I am delighted to tell you that it was a success. Hedgehogs are back in my garden. A simple act of digging a tunnel under the fence, or cutting an archway has made all the difference.

I noticed a pair of bluetits in my garden last Winter. They were very timid coming to the peanut feeders, but still did so. A nest box was a must as it was an opportunity not to be missed. The bluetits started investigating it very soon after it was put up and hopefully raised a brood successfully this Spring. I can't tell for sure as it is now covered by the hedge and I don't want to disturb it until the Autumn.

With rainfall so unpredictable these days, our wildlife can suffer. So a simple act of supplying water in the garden can be a lifesaver. A shallow dish on the ground and a birdbath will cover everyone's needs, including hedgehogs and birds.

Before giving the hedge or shrub a Summer trim, check for nests by observing off and on for a day or so. It will save the poor birds deserting and we need all the breeding success we can get with the latest figures for UK birds being that there are 38 million less than there were 50 years ago. Yes that's right, 38 million!! If you thought you saw fewer birds in the garden, you are right, you do.

I have shared a few simple tips this issue, but as I said at the beginning, "*it's the little things that matter*" and we can all make a big difference in helping our wonderful wildlife.

**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)**



## SAWTRY SOCIAL CLUB

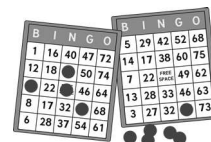
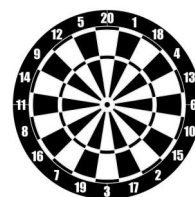
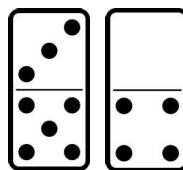
The land the 'Club' sits on in Gidding Road was gifted to the village many years ago to be used to build a facility which could be used by the whole Community. The building has undergone many changes through the years, and we are now able to announce that it will now be known as 'Sawtry Social Club'.

Our new logo represents our aim to provide a popular social hub for all members of the community.

We welcome all age groups so as well as putting on regular discos we also host live bands and popular Sunday afternoon sing-a-longs. All events will be advertised.

We offer:

- Very reasonable membership fees, currently discounted to the end of 2021
- Snooker and pool
- Beer garden with marquee
- Function room (with stage and large dance floor) hire for any event – parties, wakes, wedding receptions etc
- Weekly bingo (Weds)
- Weekly Poker nights (Thurs)
- Dominoes
- Darts
- Brilliant bar staff
- Large screen TVs
- Live Sports (BT Sport)
- Wi-Fi
- Club price drinks
- Large free car park
- Families with children welcome
- We support community groups and local charities and offer free meeting spaces



We are a non-profit committee-run establishment and consider the Club to be an important part of Sawtry's heritage. We are working hard to maintain it as a popular venue for the whole community to use. We can only achieve this through your continued support and feedback. Please come in and see what we have to offer.

**We can be contacted by email [sawtryexservicemensclub@gmail.com](mailto:sawtryexservicemensclub@gmail.com), Facebook as 'Sawtry Club', or phone (01487 830462) or call in during opening hours. Our website is currently being updated.**





## REMEMBRANCE

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



AUGUST		
Private Charles Percy CHAPMAN	21 August 1915	Sawtry
Private Walter Henry BAXTER	3 August 1916	Conington
Private William James HIBBERT	18 August 1916	Holme
Private George William COOK	10 August 1917	Holme
Private Thomas BODDINGTON	14 August 1917	Old Weston
Rifleman Frank ABBOTT	18 August 1917	Old Weston
Private George William CULLIP	23 August 1918	Holme
Corporal Lawrence Pearson CLAMP	24 August 1918	Great Gidding
Private Wilfred Cyril BOSWORTH	13 August 1944	Wood Walton
Stoker 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Desmond Roy ROWELL	25 August 1944	Sawtry
SEPTEMBER		
Gunner Horace GLOVER	14 September 1914	Great Gidding
Private James RICHARDSON	14 September 1914	Sawtry
Private Herbert Edward ROWELL	17 September 1914	Sawtry/Conington
Able Seaman William Bramich REID	22 September 1914	Sawtry
Private Edward HODSON	25 September 1915	Sawtry
Private John Robert ROBINSON	27 September 1915	Holme
Corporal John Francis EVANS	3 September 1916	Great Gidding
Private Charles SMITH	7 September 1916	Sawtry
Lance Corporal William Kisby ROWELL	11 September 1916	Sawtry
Bombardier Ernest RICHARDSON	21 September 1917	Holme
Private James Henry CROW	2 September 1918	Holme
Rifleman Edward PARKER	2 September 1918	Sawtry
Private J. STRINGER	20 September 1918	Winwick
Private Thomas PEACOCK	24 September 1918	Sawtry

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



### 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 \*\***

Like many smaller Mass centres and church communities, St. Benedict's remains closed due to the pandemic. Discussions are taking place around the practicalities and possibilities of reopening. Mass and other Sacraments are available at St. Luke's Orton, Sacred Heart Ramsey, & St. Michael's Huntingdon.

**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**

Phone: 01733 230464

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

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

Monday - Friday 10am; Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

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



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



I am so pleased to be able to write with details of services and activities happening across the benefice. It remains our priority when using our buildings to ensure people are confident in our spaces of worship and although we move to a new phase of easing of restrictions, going forward we retain a number of Covid Secure protocols to achieve that. When in St. Giles (Holme), St. Nicholas (Glatton) or All Saints (Sawtry or Conington) please continue to follow the instructions given. Please also know that we continue hybrid services on most services at 10:30am running both live in church and on Zoom. All details can be found at [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk)

We have the delight of lots of weddings and baptisms in the church calendar and it is always a real joy and blessing to share these special occasions. If you would like information about weddings or baptisms, please be in touch.

During the month of August, I am encouraging rest and a space for people to reconnect and pause as desired. As a result, during August we are having a single Sunday service each week and going 'on tour' around the benefice and you will find details in the usual places. You are always welcome and if it's hot, we probably have the best air conditioned buildings around!!!

There are two services in September I would love to draw your attention to:

### **Connect SATURDAY on 11 September at 4pm - St. Giles**

This is an all age, come as you are, informal gathering we would love to see you there. This new venture is starting fresh and we would love you to come along and have your say as to what this space and time will look like each month. Refreshments, Music, Prayer and a Space for you.

### **Traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong – 12 September at 3pm – Conington Church.** (see page 6)

St. Giles. St. Nicholas and All Saints' and the wider church family are delighted to welcome Reverend Diane Kutar to our church community. Diane will be joining us as a Curate\* for the next 3 ish years. *\*Curate is role for new vicars learning how to do parish ministry.*

At the beginning of July Diane was ordained Deacon at Ely Cathedral and will be joining us full time under Rev. Becky's leadership in September.

Here is a little introduction from Diane:

*I am very excited to be coming to Sawtry, Glatton, Holme and Conington to be your curate.*

*I am married to Philip and have an 11-year-old son called Christian. I came to faith almost 40 years ago. I have worked for a major bank ultimately as a commercial lending manager, leaving to become a teacher, and then to work in my local church running their buildings and latterly as the parish administrator. In my spare time I am an avid Formula 1 fan (hoping one day they will move the races to a Saturday instead of a Sunday!), love to knit and cross stitch and I play the cello (badly!). We love family film nights, and cooking and baking together. Christian and I are particularly passionate about Lego.*



**Rev Becky Dyball**

**Email:** [revdyball@gmail.com](mailto:revdyball@gmail.com); **Mobile:** 07444 574039; **Office:** 01487 506217

**Address:** The Rectory, Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

## BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Date	St Giles, Holme	St Nicholas, Glatton	All Saints' Sawtry
1 August	--	--	10:30am - Holy Communion & Baptism
8 August	--	9:00am - Holy Communion	--
15 August	9:00am - Holy Communion	--	--
22 August	--	--	10:30am - Holy Communion & Baptism
29 August	--	9:00am - Holy Communion	--
5 September	9:00am - Holy Communion	9:00am - Morning Prayer	10:30am - Holy Communion
12 September	11 September Saturday Church	9:00am - Holy Communion	10:30am - Service of the World
19 September	9:00am - Holy Communion	--	10:30am - Holy Communion
26 September	--	9:00am - Holy Communion / Morning Prayer	8:00am BCP Holy Communion 10:30am Morning Prayer

## YOU CAN'T WAIT TILL LIFE ISN'T HARD ANYMORE

You, the reader, will know more than about how the relaxing of restrictions is going – it changes day by day. As I write many around me are waiting to shout FREEDOM!! Time to put the flags out, to celebrate at last.

Hmm.... I am not so sure.

Fact is - the infection rates are going up. Fact is - we are not sure what this means for those who become infected. Hospital admissions, whilst low, are not the only thing to worry about. Even those doubled jabbed could get Covid and many who do, risk long Covid. We are all having to learn to live, long term, with known and real risks.

One of the things I did in lockdown was watch a fair bit of YouTube – compilations of all sorts of things including 'Britain (or some other country's) Got Talent'. Yes, there really are auditions that make Simon Cowell cry. The one that got to me was 30-year-old Jane Marczewski (aka NightBirde). Not only a beautiful song and fantastic voice but something she said ....'You can't wait till life isn't hard anymore before you decide to be happy' touched a nerve with everyone. He cried. As did most of the audience. It's certainly a good challenge to those of us facing many anxieties and difficult situations but it might not be such a comfort to all who facing life changing situations. Some will indeed draw inspiration from Jane who faces, probably terminal, cancer. Others, for whom feeling happy is not a choice that's theirs to make, may see it very differently.

Christ said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', but Jesus never promised life would be easy. Being a Christian, is not about deciding to be happy despite the issues and problems we all face. It's about deciding to follow Jesus in leading a life based on God's values not human ones; making a clear choice to accept God's promise of salvation through Christ regardless of who and how we are, God's promise to journey with us through all the ups and downs, twists and turns. And to live freely in light of this.

Professor Sarah Gilbert and Catherine Green, the two women responsible for creating and rolling out the Oxford vaccine which has resulted in our new freedom, spoke recently on Radio 4. Their view is that pandemics like this one will happen again and sooner rather than later. They say there is a real need for people to make decisions and preparations that reflect the reality of increasing uncertainty within our world.

This is not just true in respect of our physical and economic well-being. Perhaps Covid has made many of us very conscious of our vulnerability and our mortality – that these things are rarely within our own control. For those for whom matters of faith touch a nerve, may be its time to make some clear choices and take seriously the promises that God makes to each and every one of us. And start to live in the light of these promises rather than worldly values which are just not matching up to how things really are.

*If anything here touches a nerve with you and you want to get in touch, please see contact details below.*

**Rev Sue Baker-Maher**



### SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



*Generous God,  
fill my heart with thanksgiving  
for all the blessings I receive in life.*

*Expand my heart,  
and help me love, support and cherish  
those who serve me.*

*And today help me to live  
as a sister or brother  
to all whom I meet.*

*Thy Kingdom Come Prayer*

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Following the easing of restrictions, our pattern of services will continue to vary over the coming weeks, with some services both in the building and online, while others will be online only using the Zoom video conferencing app:*

**1 August** at 10.30am online only

**8 August** at 10.30am in presence and online

**15 August** at 10.30am in presence and online

**22 August** at 6pm in presence and online

**29 August** no service

*Details of upcoming services and how to login  
can be found on our website  
via our Facebook page,  
or by calling 01487 830345*

**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*

**For more information, please contact Rev Sue Baker-Maher on 07483 153948  
Email [sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sue.bakermaher@methodist.org.uk) or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)  
Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch**



## SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Like most sports clubs, during the early part of the Coronavirus pandemic, Sawtry TTC had to close. During the first Lockdown, the club gratefully received a grant from Living Sport, enabling the club to reopen when restrictions allowed. Quite a few members came back with a few new players, it was great to see some new faces playing table tennis.

The club has been awarded a grant, this time from Cambridge Community Foundation - Clubs in Crisis. It is to encourage young people to take up our great sport of table tennis.

The club is going to host a variety of different table tennis sessions. These are:

- ★ TT Kidz – 8-week programme for 7 - 11 years.
- ★ TT Squadz – 8-week programme for 12 – 17 years.
- ★ Taster Session – for 18 – 25 years.
- ★ Female Only Taster Session – for 18 – 25 years.

So, if you know someone who wants to take part in either of the 8-week programmes, or you are someone who wants to give Table Tennis ago at one of our Taster Sessions, then contact The Club on: - [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk) for more details or to book a place on one of the 8-week programmes. All sessions will be held in Sawtry.

There are a limited number of places available on the TT Kidz and TT Squadz 8-week programmes. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. So, make sure you email as soon as you can.

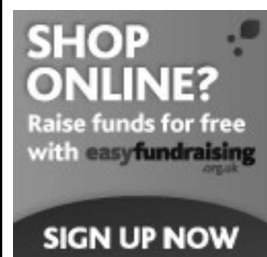
In mid-July to August, the club closes for its annual Summer break and will reopen on Monday 13 September at 6.30pm to 9.30pm (TBC).

The club will be holding its AGM on Monday 6 September.

**To keep up to date with what the club is doing check out our website or Facebook:**

**W:- [www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)**

**F:- [@SawtryTableTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryTableTennisClub)**



## 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)



## SAWTRY WALK TO RUN FOR EVERYONE - (& NOW SAWTRY BIKE TO CAKE)

As an affiliated England Athletics Club, we have been lucky enough to have been running in groups again since March. In this time, we have started our handicap series which comprises of seven races - 4 x 5Ks, 2 x 10ks and a 10mile, we have started runs over at Holly Lodge Farm meaning we all enjoy some lovely cake after the run, we have set up a spin-off cycle group called Sawtry Bike To Cake which is obviously a very social bunch of cyclists and enjoyed getting out to run some actual races (included having two teams in the 50 mile Green Wheel Relay) and volunteering at events such as the Peterborough Marathon.

Our own 10-mile race was due to be held in September but had to be postponed due to the lack of certainty around the rules. This will now go ahead on Sunday 4 September 2022. Currently our Santa Run is happening on Sunday 5 December in aid of CARESCO. This is a 5k fun run and for your £10 entry you get a Santa suit, a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. More details will be on our website shortly.

Before we can start thinking too much about Santa, we have Sawtry Sport 4 All on Saturday 4 September. This is a free community sports day for all ages and all abilities and will be spread across Sawtry Bowls Club, the newly refurbished gym, the Sawtry Village Academy fields and the CARESCO Centre. Just come along from 12 to 4pm and enjoy some free activities and inflatables.

**As a reminder we meet three times every week. Sundays at 8.30am and Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 7.15pm. Usually at St Judith's. We have a walk group, a run/walk (jeffing group), a social run group and a coached group. Membership is just £15 for the 21/22 year. More details from Jean Drummond at [jeandrumm\\_1@btinternet.com](mailto:jeandrumm_1@btinternet.com) or Nona on 07861 740040.**

[www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk)



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





## SAWTRY COLTS

It's been a different season this year for reasons we are all too familiar with. The various lockdowns meant the season was extended but I'm pleased to report that, at the end of it, there was some success for the Sawtry Colts teams on the football field.

The Under 12s (U12s) take pride of place winning their league with 15 wins out of 16 matches. It was a tremendous performance from the team in a league they thoroughly dominated and they move to 11-a-side football next season with renewed confidence.

The U13s also ended the year winning their league, although it was an abbreviated league they came back to in April. They ended the season beating Priory 3-1 before defeating Brampton 4-2 in a winner takes all league decider. The boys deserve a great deal of credit as they improved markedly as the season progressed and also move on to 11-a-side football next season.

Unlike last season, the Colts were able to hold a socially distanced presentation day. The weather stayed fine and the deserving award winners are detailed below:

Team	Clubman/ Parents' Player	Most Improved	Players' Player	Managers' Player
U7 Blue	Elliott Huntingdon	Connor McLaughlin	Riley Flanz	Leo Williams
U7 Yellow	Charlie McDonald	Oscar Cawdron	Henry Casbon Charlie McDonald	Joseph Lomax
U9	Jamie Boon	Frankie Pincham	Joseph Hunt	Lucas Marshall
U10	Elijah Cross Charlie Gadsby	N/A	Oliver Donnelly	Felix Inglis
U11	Ben Leschallas	Tao Thomson	Jonty Anderson	Kieran Boon
U12	Max Fry	Aiden Clarke	Thomas Joyce	Caiden James
U13	Owen Lloyd	Ben Atkins	Robert Kennedy	Matthew Walters
U14	Thomas Whittaker	Jack Fisher	Jayden Flaherty	Thomas Whittaker
U15	James Naegeli	N/A	Thomas Williams	Ben Lawless
U16 Blue	Lewis Panks	Harry White	Lewis Rainger	Max Bonnett
U16 Yellow	Jamie Keen	Kai Morgan	Jay May	Max Cave
U17	Jordi May	N/A	Morgan Bartle	Ben Edwards

It was also pleasing to note that there were 14 players from the U16 and U17 teams who had represented Sawtry Colts for 10 years and received a separate award to commemorate that landmark.

Don't forget, 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 for anyone who wants to get involved both on and off the pitch. With a new season beckoning there will always be teams looking for new players (and coaches!), I'm aware that next year's U11s are on the lookout for one or two new players.

**Brian Craig**

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



## SAWTRY SPORT 4 ALL COMMUNITY SPORTS DAY

**Saturday 4 September**

[www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/ss4a/](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/ss4a/)

## SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Whilst Bowling continues in the current climate it is with mixed outcomes. Our league teams continue to struggle for players, despite dropping the number of teams we have entered in some of the leagues. A big thanks must go to the tireless work being undertaken by our team Captains in trying to put out full strength sides, and the extra work trying to contact and coerce people to play. Hopefully things will improve as more people come back to playing bowls. That said, our 'Big Weekend' taster sessions for new bowlers in late May also attracted a number of new members, most of whom are now fully integrated into teams and helping to not only make up the numbers, but also adding to the strength of the teams. New members of any ability/age are always welcome.

County competitions are coming to their final stages, and congratulations go to Maddy Leader, Matt Nickerson, Sam Nickerson, Toby Furzeland, Karen Leader, Emma Gardiner, Karen Martin, James Bowers and Kevin Bowers for reaching the Finals of the Huntingdonshire Bowling Federation competitions to be played on 18 July. The winners will represent the County at the National Finals in Skegness in August. Commiserations go to all those that missed out in the semi-finals – but a great effort for getting that far.

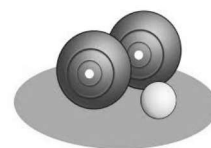
Congratulations also to Toby for qualifying for the National Bowls England U25 singles finals at Leamington Spa in August as well. The club had a number of players in the U25s event, with Brad Herbert also reaching the semi-final. Toby and Emma Gardiner missed out in the semis of the 4 bowl singles. Hopefully Toby will be joined by those in the latter stages of other competitions that are still in progress. Apologies to anyone that I have missed.

Hopefully with the probable lifting of restrictions bowls and social events will return to some normality and we are currently working on holding our President's day on Sunday 8 August for all members.

**Any Queries contact - Club Secretary Kevin Bowers - Tel No 07989 503740**

**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 SCARECROW TRAIL

**Friday 27 August to Friday 5 September**

**Theme "Pop Stars"**

**Contact Jacqui on 07599 987168  
or email [fundraising@caresco.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caresco.org.uk)**

**CARESCO**  
meeting needs in our local community



## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

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

Following from our last report we have continued to play twice a month to catch up on this year's calendar.

First up was the rescheduled game at The Nottinghamshire on The Championship Course, this course is more challenging than most we play, but that didn't stop Neil Farrington posting a very respectable winning score of 37 points, an excellent score off a handicap of 9, beating Jay Bohonis on count-back, with Ian Simpson third on 35 points.

A week later it was Captain's day at The Cambridge Meridian, another challenging course and once again one of the society's lowest handicap golfers Ian Simpson came good with a great score for this course of 39 points, 4 ahead of Jay Bohonis with Andy Longland in third.

Two weeks later we played Elton Furze, course member Conner Wilkinson using his local knowledge to win with 38 points, beating Nick Bussey on count-back, with Martin Holgate in third.

Next up we played at Mowsbury, this is traditionally a high scoring course and this year was no exception with three players all posting 44 points, Greystones Landlord Doug White winning on count-back from Conner Wilkinson and Martin Holgate.

So with one game left to play, the top of the championship leader board has changed once again. Doug White now leads the way on 221 points, 3 ahead of Martin Holgate and 4 ahead of Ian Simpson, the final result will be decided at Rutland Water, look out for our next report to see who wins.

**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**

