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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our readers, contributors & advertisers

From everyone at the Sawtry Eye

Thank you for your support throughout 2015

All Saints Church Sawtry

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Come and see the Church decorated
with Christmas Trees created by local
Organisations & Groups

Friday 4th December 6.00pm-8.30pm

Saturday 5th December 10.00am-4.00pm

Sunday 6th December 2.00pm-4.00pm

Also open by arrangement during the week
(30th November-4th December) for group visits.

Held to mark the start of Advent and the days
leading up to Christmas, everyone is welcome!
This event is raising money for 'Community Action
Nepal' (CAN) for this year's earthquake victims.
Donations will be gratefully received from those
taking part and from visitors.

Refreshments available at
all sessions.

All proceeds will go in support
of 'CAN'.



Start Christmas properly!

The Magic of Christmas



A concert by the RAF Wyton
Area Voluntary Band Area

Musical appearances this year include St Paul's Cathedral,
Peterborough Cathedral and The Battle of Britain
Imperial War Museum Air Show.

Sawtry Village Academy
Saturday 19th December 2015

Doors open 7pm, concert starts 7.30pm.

IN AID OF CARESCO

Tickets £10 (under 16's £5)
includes a Christmas gift from Father Christmas!
All ages welcome. Get your tickets from
CARESCO office or by phone to CARESCO on
01487 832105 or by email to office@caresco.org.uk



SAWTRY CHRISTMAS

Everyone is welcome to join in the village celebrations:

Village Carol Service

Sawtry Community College, Fen Lane, Sawtry

'Star of Wonder'

Sunday 13th December

Starting at 3.00pm

Followed by refreshments

An offering will be taken for Sawtry food bank and Christian Aid

Carols Under the Christmas Trees

In front of the Old, School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry

Monday 21st December

Starting at 6.30pm

Followed by refreshments



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

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EVENT HERE***



If you would like to have a date considered for inclusion please email the details along with a contact number to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with the subject 'Make a Date'. We cannot include regular meetings/classes as space will not allow, but we would love to know about the special events.

When your organisation fixes dates, please let us know. Don't wait for the next deadline. If you don't have access to email, then put it in writing and drop it into the CARESCO Centre or phone us on 01487 832105 (answer phone outside office hours). We reserve the right to decide which items to include.

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Twinned with
Weimar**

Welcome

What a lovely prolonged autumn we've been having! The trees have been spectacular this year. Now winter is upon us, and apparently it's going to be a hard one. So let's keep an eye out for each other, and show what an amazing community we live in by caring for our neighbours and making sure they are alright if the weather gets bad.

We have lots of details for you in this issue of all the seasonal activities and community events planned, please give your support to the local organisations running them.

Thank you to our loyal team of distributors who deliver your copy of the Sawtry Eye, not much fun in the cold and dark at this time of year. Please tell them how much you appreciate their hard work if you see them out and about, a cheerful smile will help them on their way.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2016!

Have a good one.

Liz



Liz - Co-Editor

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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SAWTRY SCHOOLS

Autumn Term 2015

End of Term - 18 December

Spring Term 2016

Start of Term - 5 January
Half Term, 15 - 19 February
End of Term - 24 March

Summer Term 2016

Start of Term - 11 April
Half term, 30 May to 3 June
End of Term - 21 July

Autumn Term 2016

Start of Term - 1 September
Half term, 24 to 28 October

Schools have a number of training days available to take at their discretion. Please contact your local school for details.

Or check the Cambridgeshire County Council website at

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education>



SAWTRY WI

Sawtry WI meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Gidding Road (Wheelchair Access)

Charity Number 229016

3rd December

Members' Christmas Meeting

Entertainment with Brian & Pat
No Competition for this month

7th January

Wildlife Photography with Mark Williams

Competition - Paper

Visitors and New Members always receive a warm welcome
If you haven't tried the WI before, come along and meet us,
have fun and go home with a smile!!

Regular features include:

Bring & Buy stall, raffle and refreshments

President Ros Rowland **01487 831793**

Secretary Ann Daniels **01487 831450**



Don't forget - during weeks containing a bank holiday, collection days will change from the usual

HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

Sawtry and the surrounding villages have the same calendar for refuse collection, however the week day may vary.

To find out the exact dates for your property visit:

<http://applications.huntsdc.gov.uk/applications/refusecollection/> and enter your house number & postcode or call 01480 388388

GREY (LANDFILL WASTE)

(Week Beginning)

11th & 28th December
11th & 18th January

COMPOST (GARDEN WASTE & DRY RECYCLING)

(Week Beginning)

30th Nov & 14th Dec
4th, 11th & 25th January

For more information visit the Hunts District Council website at <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk> and look for the Refuse & Recycling link on the left hand side of the page.



CARESCO

CHARITY SHOP

Shop Opening Hours:

Mon - Fri 9 - 4.30pm

Saturday 9 - 12.30pm

Sunday Closed

Christmas Hours

Closed from 24th December and will re-open 4th January 2016

Village Carol Service

Sawtry Community College,
Fen Lane, Sawtry

'Star of Wonder'

Sunday 13th December

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For more information call in or
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Monday - Friday

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 **COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING
TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- Commercial advertisements can be submitted by email to sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk (preferred option), on a disk or as a paper copy delivered to the CARESCO Centre
- The final layout can be produced by our in-house graphic designer (possibly at extra cost)
- High contrast line art is better than photos
- Include your name & contact details
- Make your instructions clear
- Payment with advertisement please, call us to discuss options
- We can accept payment by BACS, cash or cheque (made payable to 'CARESCO')
- Sorry, we cannot take card payments
- CARESCO cannot accept any responsibility for business lost due to any error in production
- Our editorial policy is available on request
- Additional information, rates and deadlines along with our editorial policy are all available as downloads from our website by following the links to the Sawtry Eye pages

www.caresco.org.uk

THANK YOU JO

We were sorry to receive the resignation of one of our longest standing distributors since the last issue of the Eye. Jo has been faithfully delivering to the Newton Rd area of Sawtry since before your co-editors began working with the Sawtry Eye back in 2001.

We would like to publically thank Jo and her family for their contribution over the years and wish her well in her retirement.

From time to time we do have vacancies on our distribution team, if you are interested in being part of our team delivering the Eye six times a year, please contact the CARESCO office - details on page 3 to find out more.

Liz & Marina, Co-Editors

**THANK
YOU!**

CARESCO COFFEE SHOP HELP WANTED

We urgently need some extra volunteers to join our team for our Coffee Shop rota on Friday mornings in the CARESCO Centre. Do you have the time to offer your help to serve customers with refreshments from 8.45 – 11.45am on Friday mornings?

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Liz Coates on 01487 832105 or drop into the CARESCO office any weekday morning.



Festive Facts

- ★ Robins on cards were a joke 150 years ago when postmen wore red tunics and were named after them



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS?

Do you know what you're going to be doing on Christmas Day later this year?
Are you going to be on your own?
Would you prefer to be with other people to celebrate the festivities?

Once again CARESCO will be hosting a Christmas Day Party for anyone who would otherwise be alone on the big day and would like to join in the fun (couples included). We will be enjoying a traditional three-course lunch with entertainment, games, singing and of course the Queen and even a visit from Santa.

For more information or to book your place, please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 or email: office@caresco.org.uk

Visit the photo gallery on our website at www.caresco.org.uk to see what we all got up to last year.





Below are details of some of the activities run by CARESCO, a Sawtry-based charity which also edits and publishes this magazine.



For more details about our services, please visit our website or contact the CARESCO Centre - details on page 3



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
10.30AM - 1.30PM

Club members meet for conversation and to share a two-course meal cooked fresh on the day the more active enjoy helping with small tasks.

Couples welcome

Transport can be provided within Sawtry but if you live outside of the village and would like to attend, our car scheme may be able to help.

Cost: £4.20 per session plus transport if required.



Our new befriending scheme offers companionship and a natter over a cuppa by matching up volunteers with those who would like a volunteer visitor in their own home.

If you are interesting in getting involved, either to be or to receive a visitor, please get in touch.

This is a free service, but please note we cannot provide any caring or housework duties.

Vintage Club

because life gets better with age

Wednesdays & Thursdays
9.30am - 2.30pm

We aim to bring together older members of our community for a regular day of friendship, food and fun. The team are able to offer a basic level of care in a safe environment where people can find company, activity and assistance where needed.

Group activities include: gentle chair exercises, crafts, quizzes, bingo, raffles, outside entertainment and luncheon outings.

Cost: £6.50 per session, includes cooked lunch, refreshments and transport (depending on circumstances).

CARESCO PRINTSHOP

Mondays to Fridays
9am - 12 noon

We provide a simple printing service to local community groups for their newsletters & programmes.

The Sawtry Eye is our main regular work, alongside which we also print magazines for other villages as well as annual reports and regular newsletters.

Contact us with your requirements and ask for a quote.

Please note that our machines print in mono on A4 only

CARESCO CHARITY SHOP

7 Greenways, Sawtry 01487 208026

Mondays to Fridays	9am - 4.30pm
Saturdays	9am - 12.30pm
Sundays	Closed

Come and find yourselves a bargain while supporting our services.

Donations of good quality, clean items always welcome, but please stagger large quantities as storage is limited.

New volunteers wanted.

Come and join our fun social group involving all things musical and the spoken word



The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 1.30pm to 3pm
At the CARESCO Centre

Refreshments included

There is a nominal charge of £2.00 to help cover expenses

Forthcoming dates:

11th December;

8th & 22nd January

SAWTRY CAR SCHEME

Volunteer drivers offer door-to-door transport for people in the community who do not have their own car and cannot use public transport.

Journeys cost 45p per mile
Trips can be local, to hospital, or for some social occasion

For more information contact the co-ordinator on 07810 476979 or the CARESCO office



Is open every Friday
(including School Holidays)

9.00 - 11.30am

(9.45 - 11.30am during school holidays)

A Warm Welcome

For Coffee, Cake And A Chat

Farmers' Markets

Truly local food sold by the people who produce it.

HUNTINGDON

Alternate **Fridays** from 8am to 2pm
in Huntingdon Market Square

4th & 18th December

**** Next Saturday Special ** - 19th December ****

Organised by Huntingdonshire District Council with the support of Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership.

For more information call 01480 388388
or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/markets

PETERBOROUGH

2nd & 4th **Thursdays** from 9am to 2pm
in Long Causeway

Organised by Peterborough City Council.
For more information call 01733 452217
or visit www.peterborough.gov.uk

OUNDLE

Every 2nd **Saturday** from 8.30am - 1.30pm
Market Street

For further information please contact
Oundle Town Council

Tel: 01832 272055, email: otc@lineone.net

Farmers' markets are different because the food sold there must be from the local area and sold by the people who grow or produce it.
Bought-in produce is not allowed.

Buy fresh, high quality produce from the people who can tell you how it was grown or made.

SAWTRY LINE DANCE CLUB

Meet Wednesday Evenings

Sawtry Village Academy, Fen Lane,
Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

Beginners Class - 7 - 8 pm ~
but welcome to stay on afterwards

Improvers / Intermediates - 7.30 - 9.30 pm
£3.50 per class

Learn to line dance, no partner required
and all ages welcome

Come along, make new friends, enjoy yourself
and keep fit at the same time

We are a friendly, sociable class, dancing to all types
of music - including country, pop and contemporary

Email Julie:
jcgillmore@sky.com

Call or Text: Julie on
07939070406



Line Dancing

www.sawtrysteppers.co.uk

Christmas Bazaar

in Aid of
Hill View Residential Home
Social Fund



Saturday 5th December
From 2 - 4pm



At 46 St Judith's Lane, Sawtry
PE28 5XE

50p Entry which includes
Tea / Coffee / Mince Pie
Various stalls, Raffle, Tombola.

For more information, contact
01487 831709

We look forward to seeing you



Saturday

Not in December
16th January

4:30 - 6:30pm

All Saints' Church
Church Causeway, Sawtry

Crafts for all ages
Celebrate with bible story
and songs

Share a meal together

For more information see
www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk
or contact Revd. Rosie Ward

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Saturday 12th December
Saturday 9th January

10.00 till 11.30am



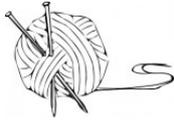
The Church is open for everyone to
come along and enjoy a cup of coffee
and cake and browse our extensive
supply of second hand books

Donations invited in exchange for the above
Proceeds to go to the Church



For more information please
contact :
Sue Fowler 01832 293215

Craft Buddies



Do you love to knit or crochet or sew? Or would you like to learn? We're a small friendly group of people who love to welcome new members.

Meet new friends, learn new skills, and share your experience and knowledge. Bring along your projects or just come to chat.

No charge to attend, drinks including tea and coffee available to buy at the bar

7.30 - 9.30pm every Tuesday
At the Sawtry Club, Gidding Road, Sawtry
 Just turn up or for more info contact
 Carolyn on 01487 832682
 or email carolynwatts56@yahoo.co.uk

PATCHWORK and QUILTING Group

We are a small friendly group meeting on the first Monday of every month

2 - 5pm at Sawtry W.I. Hall, Gidding Rd
 Cost £2 for three hours includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Patchwork can be done on a sewing machine or by hand

Absolute beginners very welcome

For further information call
 Jacqueline 01487 830849 or
 Beryl 01487 831183 or just drop in



SAWTRY WI In Aid of the WI Hall

BINGO

4th December
 8th & 22nd January

Everyone welcome - Eyes down 7.30pm

Contact for events

Secretary **Ann Daniels 01487 831450**

Charity Number 229016

SAWTRY GARDENING CLUB



If you like gardening then join us at the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

Entry is free; just buy any drinks you want from the bar.

We look forward to seeing you there.



If you would like more information Contact either

Caz Vanslyck on 01487 831592
 Email cazvanslyck@hotmail.co.uk

or

Susan Lovelock on 01487 208146
 Email susanlovelock@hotmail.co.uk



SAWTRY WI In the WI Hall, Gidding Road

The Knit and Knatter group invite you to a

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 10th December
 2.30 - 4pm

Come and have a chat over Sandwiches, Mince Pies, cakes, tea and coffee

Tickets £3.50

Raffle, Bring & Buy Book Stall

Maureen Westbrook 01487 832851

All Are Welcome

Charity Number 229016



TINY TOTS

Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry
 Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday term time

9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

£1.20 per family, First visit FREE

Refreshments 10p

Come along and make new friends
 New members welcome

For more information call Charlie 01487 830341



GLATTON WI

We meet on 2nd Thursday of the Month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Glatton

We start the evening with WI business
 Followed by an activity or talk
 Then refreshments

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

10th December

Christmas get together with a 'sing song'
 Competition: Decorated candle in a saucer

14th January

New Year Dinner at the Admiral Wells

You are very welcome to join us as a visitor or as a new member

For more information see:

the Huntingdon & Peterborough WI
 website www.hpfwi.com or

Glatton Village Website: www.glatton.org.uk

Festive Facts

- ★ Nearly 60 million Christmas trees are grown each year in Europe





**WELCOME TO THE
SAWTRY CAMERA CLUB** 

**We meet on the second Thursday
of each month**

7.30pm until 9.30pm

At the Sawtry Club in Gidding Road

**Everyone will receive a warm
welcome young or old, male or female
beginners or experienced we learn
from each other**

**For more information please contact
01487 830186**



Start Christmas properly!

**The Magic
of
Christmas**

**A concert by the RAF Wyton
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*includes a Christmas gift from Father Christmas!
All ages welcome. Get your tickets from
CARESCO office or by phone to CARESCO on
01487 832105 or by email to office@caresco.org.uk*



Festive Facts

★ The chances of a white Christmas are just one in ten for England and Wales and one in six for Scotland and Northern Ireland.




SAWTRY WINEMAKERS

Calendar of Events

**Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Party and Quiz**

You will be most welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

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
Eileen 01487 830020**

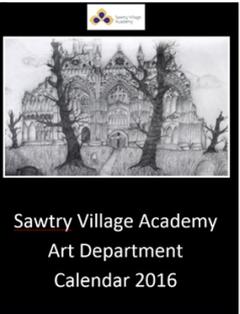
**What's in a Word?
English Speakers**

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane:

- In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?
- Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?
- How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?
- You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.
- English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.
- That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

**Our thanks to Tony for these
examples from our wonderful
language, look out for more in
the next issue. The Editors**

**On Sale now
Sawtry Village
Academy
Art Dept.
Calendar 2016**

Ideal Christmas stocking filler

Only £7.50

Collect yours from the school front reception

Have a sneak inside at

<http://www.sawtryva.org/about-sawtry/our-curriculum/art-home-page/>

Or homepage <http://www.sawtryva.org/>




Festive Facts

★ Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.

CARMA'S CHALLENGE

Quiz Night



Date: Thursday 28th January ~ **Venue:** Greystones pub
Time: 7pm for 7:30 pm start ~ **Teams:** max of 6 per team
Cost: £2 per head

Come along and have fun, test your knowledge & raise funds for village projects

A raffle will be held on the night

(Any contributions for the raffle can be handed into the parish office and will be gratefully received)



For more information and to register your team, please contact Mel Bywater on 01487 831079

THE VINTAGE CLUB



Invite you to join them for their

CHRISTMAS BINGO

On Friday 11th December

From 7.30pm

In the CARESCO Centre

Off Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX

Refreshments will be on sale

There will be a raffle on the night

01487 832105 or
 email: office@caresco.org.uk



All proceeds to CARESCO's Vintage Club



Christmas Fun at CARESCO

CARESCO are hosting a festive, fun activity session on

Saturday 12th December

From 10am -12pm

at the CARESCO Centre,
 (behind the Old School Hall)
 Green End Rd, Sawtry PE28 5UX

First child £2, £1 each for rest of family



This is aimed at children aged up to 8 years

There will be crafting, Christmas stories, games and activities to play

Limited spaces so please contact us to book your



Refreshments will be available
All children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105
 or office@caresco.org.uk
 for more information and to book your place
www.caresco.org.uk



Festive Facts

★ Christmas pudding was originally a soup made with raisins and wine.



Letters ...



During 2015 I have been invited to many local events and enjoyed meeting people who work hard for their chosen interest in the village. Thank you to all those I have met for making me so welcome and sharing in our community together. There have been many fun occasions as well as the more formal and I look forward to meeting many more of you in 2016 – do please get in touch

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Delia Riddle, Chairman, Sawtry Parish Council

VINTAGE CLUB OUTING

CARESCO's Vintage Club visited the Raptor Centre at Woodhurst on 17th September and what a lovely day out! The birds were magnificent, the lunch satisfying.

Thank you to Vicki, Gill and all who helped organise the trip.

Belle & Jean



Festive Facts

- ★ The tradition of putting tangerines in stockings comes from 12th-century French nuns who left socks full of fruit, nuts and tangerines at the houses of the poor.



FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It has been a busy few months at Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as we are all facing some very serious and challenging decisions going forward due to the reduction in Government funding. Next year Cambridgeshire County Council has to save £40 million and the stark reality is that services will be affected. This makes to some very uncomfortable choices for Members as we have statutory obligations and these will have to come before non-statutory services.

I'm very sorry for the depressing opening to my article. Personally I would just like to encourage you all to volunteer, support our local charities and businesses in Sawtry and surrounding villages because the reality is that services won't be as good as they perhaps used to be. We have great people in this village and without you Sawtry wouldn't be the same.

I have been busy working with the Children and Young People Committee at the County Council looking at the services and the Budgets to question decisions. One particular issue that has kept me busy is trying to secure the long term future of the Sawtry Youth and Community Centre. Sawtry Parish Council particularly Cllr Alan Morris, has worked tirelessly as Chair of the working party to work with me on this issue in order that together we could explore every possible opportunity for the Parish to keep the building functioning. At the time of writing the long term future of the building is still uncertain. It's very possible given the financial pressures of maintenance that it could well be sold if elected members agree to do this given the CCC claims it's surplus to requirements.

I attended the Remembrance parade in the village to commemorate our fallen heroes. It was a fantastic turnout and thankfully the rain stayed away for us all. I would like to thank everyone involved especially our local Royal British Legion members.

I will continue to help residents with any Cambridgeshire County Council issues that you might have so please don't hesitate to contact me.

County Councillor Simon Bywater
07984 637553 / 01487 831079

SAWTRY FIREWORK DISPLAY 2015

After earlier rain around 1000 people attended the Sawtry Bonfire and Firework Display organised by Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association on Friday 6th November at Greenfield. Thank you to all the visitors who posted favourable comments on the Sawtry Scene Facebook page.

Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association would particularly like to thank Sawtry Parish Council without whose support the event would not have taken place. Also thanks must go to the staff at Tilly's Coffee Shop, Cooper's Garage, CARESCO shop and the Parish Council office for their help with ticket sales, Matt Lawman and David Latham for the work on the bonfire, Printing Matters for printing tickets and posters, Doug Bailey and Kevin Medlock for music and public address services and Mrs Jayne Markwell and Mrs Jean Hardy for first aid cover. Thanks also to East Anglian Galvanising Ltd for making their car park available for use on the night and for sponsoring tickets and posters, also Agrii Ltd for the pallets for the bonfire. Thank you to special guest Geoff Emerick, vice chairman of Sawtry Parish Council, for lighting the bonfire.

The 50+ volunteers from Sawtry Colts Football Club, Sawtry Cricket Club, Sawtry Football Club, Sawtry Fishing Club, St Ives Cycling Club and the committee and friends of Sawtry Sports and Leisure Association who helped set up during the day and worked during the evening deserve a special thank you.

Mike Patchett



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Or email sawtryeye@caresco.org.uk with subject 'Letter for Sawtry Eye'

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John Leslie Green

John was a long time resident of Sawtry who sadly passed away on 4th November 2015 aged 69 years. Much loved dad of Amanda and Richard and a dearly loved grandad to Archie, Tobey and Aila.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend his funeral and/or the wake at Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough.

He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

May Branch

On behalf of myself and all my family, I would like to thank everyone who sent us cards, flowers and messages of sympathy following the sudden and unexpected death of my mother, May Branch. We really appreciated all your thoughts and comments.

Also, our heartfelt thanks to those of you who were able to attend mum's funeral and/or the gathering at Greystones afterwards.

Although mum's death came as a shock to us all, we take comfort from the fact that she passed quickly and peacefully in her sleep and in her own bed, which I know is as she would have wished. Whilst we mourn her death, we also celebrate her life, which she lived to the full, and we will remember her as a vibrant, lively and loving person who was still very active and still making plans for the future right up until the very end.

Our special thanks go to CARESCO as, since moving into the village just 3 years ago, mum spent many happy hours at both the Friendship Club and the Vintage Club. She really valued the friendships she made there and thoroughly enjoyed her meals (especially the roast lamb and Eton Mess!), as well as her outings with you all. We have therefore asked for any donations in memory of mum to be made to the CARESCO clubs so if there is anyone who would like to add any further donations please donate directly to them in mum's name with our thanks.

Thanks also to Sawtry W.I. for welcoming us in and giving mum yet another interest and even more friends in her final years.

Lastly, our thanks go to the local Co-op Funeral Services for their support at this sad and difficult time and their sensitive and efficient handling of mum's funeral arrangements.

Rest in peace now mum

Chris Flint

SSBP CHRISTMAS FAYRE - THANK YOU'S

The Sawtry Small Business Partnership would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre. Particular thanks to all the stall holders who made the day so special with their lovely displays, to Santa and to all the helpers who gave up their time to set up the tables which were kindly loaned to us by Sawtry Marquees.

In spite of strong freezing winds, the event was well attended and we managed to raise £620 to give to our chosen charities, CARESCO and Sawtry First Responders. We are already looking forward to an even bigger event next year so put the provisional date 19 Nov 2016 in your diaries.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Steph Taylor



Festive Facts

★ In 1647, after the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell banned the celebration of Christmas. The law wasn't lifted until 1660.

CARESCO DONATIONS

A huge thank you to the wonderful customers and also the landlords Mick & Katy Soulsby at the Addison Arms in Glatton for their generous donation of £190 from their firework evening in November. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated, we hope you had a fun evening.

As a charity, CARESCO is dependent on fundraising and donations to support our range of services to the local community and we are grateful for all the support we receive.

Liz Coates, CARESCO General Manager

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SAWTRY SHOW 2016

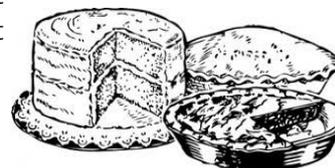
The clocks have changed, the evenings are dark by 4.30 and the forecasters say we are in for a hard winter. So if you haven't already taken lots of photographs of the best Autumn in years, get your cameras ready for frost and snow pictures to enter in the 2016 Sawtry Show.

There has been plenty of fruit on the trees and in the hedgerow so you could be making jam and preserves.

Winter evenings are also the time to paint, knit, crochet or cross stitch. Every year the Show has more amazing exhibits so let's make 2016 even better.

The next meeting of the Show Committee is Thursday 21st January at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall. If you would like to help organise the next show, please come along.

Contact Barry Dupée on 01487 831281



GOING GREEN

We were really pleased when back in October the government finally brought in legislation to encourage us all to stop taking single-use carrier bags at the checkout and to reuse old ones. Apparently before the change, as a nation we were getting through 7.6 BILLION bags per year – the equivalent of **140** per person - now that's a lot of plastic! Despite all the moaning, England is actually the last part of the UK to introduce this charge and our scheme is less comprehensive than in the rest of the UK.

Based on the experience elsewhere, we will hopefully see a drop of around 70% in the use of these thin plastic bags. We're also expected to save £60m in litter clean-up costs as well as generate £730m for good causes over the next decade from all those 5ps which can't be bad.

Remembering that these plastic bags are not biodegradable and can remain in landfill for hundreds of years, it does seem a good idea for us all to stop depending them so much. As a family, we have always tried to take our own bags when going shopping, but like everyone else, we do also get caught out occasionally. I keep a spare cotton bag with me all the time and there's an extra one which lives in the car just in case. On major food shopping trips, I use those big strong jute bags which do the job nicely.

It's not hard to get into the habit. Yet I've heard of some people doing surprising things to avoid paying the 5p charge, even stealing supermarket baskets! Several checkout staff have also told me how rude some customers have been to them, as though it was that person's fault, but hopefully that'll soon be in the past as we all get used to this new way of life.



Eco Apprentice

SAWTRY W.I. SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2015



In September Mary Blackhurst-Hill gave a talk on accessories, as always with Mary this was a very entertaining talk. She arrived wearing a very simple dress and jacket and showed how, using different cardigans, shrugs, jewellery, shoes etc the same dress could take you through the day for every occasion.

The subject for October was 'Portable Antiquities'. The speaker was Helen Fowler, a young lady who is passionate about her subject. She is part of a team attached to Cambridge and Peterborough Councils and is responsible for identifying and cataloguing the various finds from 'digs' and from treasure hunters sweeping the land with their metal detectors hoping for that big 'find'.

November is the month we hold our AGM and after all business had been completed we had a very interesting talk by John Tudor of the Jubilee Sailing Trust. John brought along his slides, which showed two very impressive tall ships in full sail. These ships are used for giving disabled people the chance to experience life at sea, they take full part in all the work involved, usually with the help of a 'buddy'. The age range is from 16 to 80 and it looked as though everyone was having the time of their lives. Money for the ships was raised by the lottery fund, events and donations, a great cause.

Our speakers say how much they enjoy coming to us and that is so gratifying. This is largely due to the response of our members and the lively question and answer sessions at the end of each talk. We look forward to another year of talks, entertainment, and learning.

Maureen Westbrook

For more information, please contact Roz on 831793



AN EYE ON NATURE

Our landscape has changed dramatically since the first humans settled in the British Isles. We have cleared the forests ever since, gradually at first then more intensely over the last thousand years or so. The once total cover has now become a patchwork of woodland.

In our county only 2% is tree covered, the least in England, but what remains is often "high quality" ancient woodland.

As the tree cover shrank into islands surrounded by human activity such as farming, towns or villages, woods developed their own special characteristics. Each area of woodland acquiring a very distinct feel to it. Human activity has continued to shape each wood with sometimes very different management practices. A very good example is the three woods bought by the Wildlife Trust in 1972: Lady's, Raveley and Gamsey Woods.

I look after Lady's and Raveley Woods. They are all little islands surrounded by farmland on Oxford Clay. Each one has unique characteristics. Lady's Wood has the densest bluebell cover, closely followed by Gamsey Wood. The bluebells occurring in Raveley Wood are much more spaced apart forming a much less eye catching spectacle. All these woods have oak, ash, field maple and hawthorn, but there are no hazel bushes in Lady's Wood.

Each wood has its own special plant which I find most fascinating. Wild garlic grows in Lady's Wood, just a few in one patch. Yellow archangel, a relative of nettles, occurs in Gamsey Wood in beautiful orange patches growing together with bluebells. It is absent in Raveley and Lady's Woods but present in Archers Wood. The third speciality is the early purple orchids which only grow in Raveley Wood and has not spread from the small patch in all the years I have studied it. Early purple orchids are quite common near Sawtry occurring in both Archers and Aversley Woods.

In each of the three woods there must be very subtle differences I cannot detect allowing these plants to prosper, even though the soil type and conditions look so similar to me.

Go and explore our local woods next spring and look for the wonderful subtle differences as you enjoy woodland bird song and being bathed in spring sunshine after the winter. Something to look forward to, I hope you agree.

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



NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY



Events in Sawtry Library

- **Sawtry History Society** Come along and view the local Archives within Sawtry Library. Members of the History Society will be on hand every Saturday morning between 10am and midday to answer any questions.
- **Rhymetime** Come along and join in with rhymes and songs on Wednesdays. 10:00 - 10:30am. Term-time only, Rhymetimes are free (donations welcome) and aimed at babies 0 - 18 months and their parents / carers.

Arts Alive in Yaxley. – Opera Dudes

Don't miss this seasonal treat!!!! The Opera Dudes will put a smile on your face this Christmas and are performing at Yaxley Library on Saturday 12th December – Doors open at 7pm, performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets - £7.50 Includes Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Tickets are available from Yaxley Library or ask a member of staff at your local Library. Book early to avoid disappointment!!

Christmas Opening For Sawtry Library. – The library will close at 5pm on Wednesday 23rd December and reopen on Saturday 2nd January at 9.30am.



OPENING HOURS FOR SAWTRY LIBRARY

Monday	CLOSED	
Tuesday	4.00 - 7.00	
Wednesday	9.30 - 12.30;	2.00 - 5.00
Thursday	CLOSED	
Friday	2.00 - 5.00	
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30	

To renew Books: 0345 045 5225

To renew or Request Books www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Pam Goodwin



WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Vaccination Flu

May we remind all patients falling within the following at risk categories that you are entitled and encouraged to have a flu vaccination:

- Aged 65 or above
- Chronic respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic renal disease at stage 3, 4 or 5
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Patients who are immunosuppressed
- Patients who have a splenic dysfunction
- Patients who are at any stage of pregnancy
- Patients living in long-stay residential care homes
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or if you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare would be at risk if you were taken ill.

If you have not yet had your vaccination please contact our Reception team on 01487 830340 to make an appointment.

Booking an Appointment

As we try to meet increasing demand for appointments our reception staff may ask you if you are able to provide some information as to the nature of your problem. This is so we can direct you to the best person or resource to meet your need and make best use of the increasingly limited resources we have available.

2015 Christmas and New Year Opening

Thursday 24 th December	Open as usual	Wednesday 30 th December	Open as usual
Friday 25 th December	Closed	Thursday 31 st December	Open as usual
Saturday 26 th December	Closed	Friday 1 st January	Closed
Sunday 27 th December	Closed	Saturday 2 nd January	Closed
Monday 28 th December	Closed	Sunday 3 rd January	Closed
Tuesday 29 th December	Open as usual	Monday 4 th January	Open as usual

If you require urgent GP care whilst the practice is closed you should call 01487 830340 or 111 to be put through to the out of hours service.

Please remember that requests for repeat prescriptions take 2 working days and make sure you submit your repeat requests during this period in plenty of time to allow for this.

We wish all our patients and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340

NEW CHILDREN'S COURSES STARTING IN JANUARY



Get your kids moving and grooving in the New Year by booking them onto one of these exciting new courses for 2 to 4 year olds at One Leisure Sawtry.

MONKEYNASTIX will develop children's motor skills, general fitness, strength, speed and agility and flexibility through fun exercise. Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 9.15am to 9.45am.

TOE TAPPERS is a fun and energetic tiny tap dance class where children can develop their dance skills with a qualified instructor. Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 9.50am to 10.20am.

These activities are also a great way for parents to socialise whilst giving their children something new and fun to do.

Both courses start on Thursday 7th January and cost £18 for 6 weeks. To book your place please contact One Leisure Sawtry on 01480 387900.

For more information about One Leisure Sawtry please visit www.oneleisure.net



Festive Facts

- ★ The largest Christmas cracker - 45.72m long and 3.04m in diameter - was pulled in Australia in 1991.



SAWTRY CARNIVAL 2016

The next Carnival will be on Saturday 11th June 2016, please get in touch if you are interested in getting involved with the planning. The committee meet regularly throughout the year and new members are always welcome to help organise this successful event in the Sawtry calendar.

Any enquiries about the Carnival please call Jo on 07944 895114

If you wish to book a stall please email Martin

on martin.sales@btinternet.com



Please come and join us at
VINTAGE CLUB

because life gets better with age



Christmas is nearly upon us and so ends another eventful year at the Vintage Club. We have seen many changes this year and have updated our club to give it a younger feel.

We still have a few events left this year and all the senior members of our community are welcome to come along and see what our club has to offer.

- On 2nd December Sheila will be joining us to do a Christmas flower arrangement with our members for them to take home.
- On 9th December Twink will be in to do Christmas cards with our members.
- On 16th December the members of Sounds Good (one of our clubs that meets on a Friday afternoon) will be in to entertain us.
- On 17th December we are going out for our Christmas lunch to The Bridge in Waterbeach.

We also have a Christmas Bingo on the evening of 11th December to raise money for our social fund so please come along. Your support is always much appreciated.

Our quiz night last month raised £500 for both our club and the Friendship club. All proceeds of our fund raising events go in our social fund to pay for the entertainment and outings we give our members.

As this year draws to close it only remains to wish everyone in our community A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gill Robinson, Deputy Manager

You can find us at the CARESCO Centre, off Green End Road, Sawtry PE28 5UX on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 2.30pm, email us at daycentre@caresco.org.uk or call the office on 01487 832105

FOOD BANK NEWS

Feeding local people in crisis



This story, like so many others across the UK, are examples of how easy it is to slip into a crisis where you cannot afford food:

'I hadn't eaten for days to feed my children'

William, 27, gave up his job at the Odeon to start a career in the Army to provide a secure future for his family. Will's income decreased as food prices rose. Whilst he was away on basic training his wife Annie, 25, started going without food to feed their two young daughters. The family had not been provided with army accommodation and were living in a one bedroom flat with their two daughters aged four and 18 months. Determined not to get into debt, Annie was forced to go without food to pay the bills and feed her children. The increasing stress and hunger overwhelmed Annie when dropping off her daughter at nursery one day. She broke down in tears and they referred her to the foodbank. She said 'now that I have food I feel able to face the rest of my difficulties.' The family are now in military accommodation and are back on their feet.

The Food Bank in Sawtry aims to offer help and support to local people in time of need. In order to be able to do this, we need regular donations of suitable dried and tinned foods. Please consider popping something into one of our collection baskets next time you are shopping. They can be found in the Sawtry Co-op, All Saints & the Methodist Churches, the WI Hall, the CARESCO Charity Shop and Centre. Alternatively donations of money will be used to make up any shortfalls in stock.

The food bank sessions are from 3.30 - 6pm Tuesdays & Fridays in the CARESCO Centre.

For more information about the food bank, please visit our page hosted on the CARESCO website, or contact the office on 01487 832105.

For foodbanks in general, please visit the Trussell Trust website.

FREE HEALTH WALK IN SAWTRY

The Huntingdonshire Health Walk scheme offers a free Health Walk on the 1st Tuesday of every month in Sawtry.

The Health Walks are led by trained volunteers on various routes and last no longer than an hour. They are a great way to improve stamina and can benefit a variety of health conditions alongside the benefits of meeting new people.

Tuesday 1st December – Farm Labourer's Walk

Tuesday 5th January – Sawtry Stroll

Tuesday 2nd February – St Judith's Walk

All walks meet at One Leisure Sawtry car park at 10am.

You can view the current brochure at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks by clicking the link on the right.

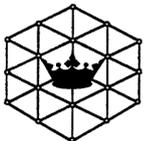
New walkers are asked to turn up 15 minutes before published start times to fill in a short health questionnaire. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information please contact the Sport and Active Lifestyles team on 01480 388469 or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/activelifestyles

Huntingdonshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL



SAWTRY INFANT SCHOOL NEWS



SAWTRY
INFANT SCHOOL

So many exciting things have happened over the first few months back at school. Here are a few of our highlights!

In September lots of lovely new children joined our Reception classes and made our school complete once more. The children in Years 1 and 2 settled back into the routine of school quickly and everyone soon began to enjoy learning and playing together.

In October we were lucky to have visits to both the Methodist and All Saints Churches to celebrate Harvest and we wore our Jeans to school to support the National Jeans for Genes day in aid of research into genetic disorders.

In November we learnt all about Guy Fawkes and enjoyed going to the village firework display. We then joined in the Remembrance Day commemorations - we made and wore poppies and held a 2 minute silence to give our thanks.

Mrs Bateman organised a collection for "Operation Christmas Child" and would like to say a personal thank you to everyone who supported the cause by filling a shoebox with gifts for disadvantaged children.

Our fundraising team, FOSISA have continued to hold some fun after school events for the children and have also organised a few other fundraising initiatives. Mrs Twine would like to thank everyone that supported our Bag2School and Christmas Card fundraising schemes. All the money raised this year is going towards an overhead projector and Smartboard for our school hall.

The Christmas term is always exciting and busy for us in school! We have got lots planned for the coming weeks, including: our much anticipated Christmas Nativity, followed by the annual school Christmas Party and visit from Santa 😊

Our term closes for the Christmas break on Thursday 17th December and we are back at school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from everyone here at Sawtry Infants.

Telephone: 01487 830678

Email: office@sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk

Website: www.sawtry-inf.cambs.sch.uk



ACADEMY NEWS

SVA is excited to launch its' new leisure learning programme. New partnerships with the Sawtry Sports Centre have ensured there is plenty to choose from throughout the week and, along with our newly refurbished facilities on site, there is no better time to come and get involved.



Sawtry Village
Academy

Our enthusiastic and experienced team of tutors invite you to join a variety of classes or activities that form the start of an expanding programme of activities. We are also on the lookout for excellent community tutors to enhance our programme over the coming months and extend the experiences on offer to a wider audience. If you are interested in running a class or activity please contact Neil Wilson at the Academy on 01487 830701.

For a full winter brochure and booking form, please visit www.sawtryva.org and click on Academy information/community and leisure learning.

Facilities for Hire

- **Board Room for up to 10 delegates** – £10 an hour.
- **Conference Room for up to 50 delegates** – £15 an hour
- **Hall (including seating if required) for up to 240 people** – £30 an hour
- **Refectory suitable for various activities including sports** – £20 an hour
- **IT Suite** – £30 an Hour
- **Refreshments** – Refreshments can be ordered at the time of booking
- **IT/wifi/overhead projection** - Please see the SVA website for specific details

All facilities can be booked for evenings and weekends and the Board and Conference Rooms may also be booked during the day.

Finally, we would like to thank everybody for their support this year and wish all our students, staff, parents and the local community a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

Sarah Wilson, Principal

**For more information, please contact the Academy at:
Fen Lane, Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, PE28 5TQ**

**T: 01487 830701 F: 01487 831679 or email enquiries@sawtrycc.org
or visit www.sawtryva.org**



SAWTRY CHORALE

As Sawtry Chorale enters their 30th year, in September 2015, they were delighted to welcome Angus Davidson as Musical Director.

A counter-tenor, Angus began his musical studies at the age of eight, first on the violin and in his local church choir, and later on the piano and oboe. In 1982 he won a choral scholarship to study music at Magdalen College, Oxford and it was there, with the encouragement of organist John Harper, that he realised his remarkable musicianship and distinctive countertenor voice showed great promise for a solo singing career.

After graduating from Oxford, he went on to the Royal College of Music in London for more intensive vocal training and received his ARCM Diploma in 1986. His career has included singing with The Scholars Baroque Ensemble and Westminster Cathedral and he now teaches vocal technique and directs Ramsey Choral Society as well as Sawtry Chorale. Angus also occasionally sings with Peterborough Cathedral Choir, enjoys playing his violin, sailing, and singing British sea songs in baritone voice!

Research out in October 2015 confirmed that singing with a choir is good for your health and Sawtry Chorale's members agree. In a recent survey when asked what they liked about being a member, they said that they loved learning new skills, singing with a group, meeting new friends and generally the great atmosphere...come to **Sawtry Methodist Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm** and check it out for yourself. Everyone is welcome (with or without previous singing experience) and there are no auditions - just a warm and friendly welcome.

For more information go to <http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk> or check out our Facebook page.

May there always be music in your life.

Julie Chobrzyńska-Rawicz
01832 293185

Festive Facts

- ★ The first Christmas celebrated in Britain is thought to have been in York in 521AD

The First
CHRISTMAS



Festive Facts

- ★ The world's biggest ever turkey weighed in at a whopping 86lb. It was sold in 1989 for £4000

Parish Councillor Vacancies Sawtry Parish Council

This is your opportunity to engage with your community in a positive and proactive way. This is an unpaid civic role that can make a real difference to the community that Sawtry Parish Council represents. Putting yourself forward as a Parish Councillor does not mean you are expected to have all the solutions but through experience and expanding your grasp of the role you will be better placed to deal with the range of issues that arise and have the personal satisfaction of knowing you and your Council have made a difference.

For further information please contact the Parish Council Office – 01487 831771,
Clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk

SAWTRY HISTORY THEN & NOW

Our ongoing series from Sawtry History Society on the stories behind old buildings which can still be seen around the village today

Whitehall (Coppingford Hall) Sawtry

As you travel out of Sawtry along the Toll Bar Way you approach a T junction, looking to the right you can see the tall white chimneys of Whitehall. Built in the mid-19th Century the hall was under the ownership of the Cavendish family. In 1862 the Hon. Charles Compton Cavendish was recorded as Lord of the manor for the three Sawtry Parishes (St Judith, All Saints and St Andrew).

In 1910 Colonel William Edwin Cavendish moved in with his wife Elizabeth and daughter, also Elizabeth (known as Bettine). In 1914 he was given permission to turn Whitehall into a Military Convalescent Hospital, it was run by his wife with Bettine becoming Commandant, it was staffed by Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) nurses some of whom came from the surrounding villages. The recovering soldiers wore distinctive Blue coats or arm bands. They held concerts, with the soldiers taking part as singers, impersonators and where possible dancers, locals also joined in. On 6th November 1915 a Grand Sale was held, when livestock, fruit & veg, ploughs, furniture and animal feed were auctioned off, all events to raise money for the hospital. Jumble sales, raffles and guessing games were also good fund raisers.



It is believed that over 650 patients passed through the hospital. Colonel Cavendish left in May 1918 to take up a position elsewhere, his daughter having married and moved on. Ownership of Whitehall was taken over in 1924 by Major Richard Fitton who moved down from Yorkshire where he was a wealthy Cotton Mill owner, he moved in with his wife and three children, Tony who moved to South Africa, Diane who moved to Ireland and Michael.

In the 1930s there were eleven Household staff as well as Gamekeepers and Labourers. One of the Household staff was local girl Audrey Wright who wrote down her duties: her day starting with cleaning of the grates at 7.15am and depending on the day had different activities finishing late in the day. Audrey was born in 1919 and died in 2011.

The Fitzwilliam Hunt met several times a year at Whitehall and the estate also included Archers and Aversley Woods which were opened to the public at Eastertime. Richard Fitton was a member of the Sawtry Home Guard from 1940 – 1945. He died in 1970 and left the property to his two sons Tony and Michael, the woods were sold to the Woodland Trust. Michael ran an Antique business from the farmstead opposite Whitehall until his untimely death in 1981.

The property is now in the hands of the company Supreme Concrete. Many of the original features remain in the house. In the grounds of Whitehall there are stones believed to be from Sawtry Abbey including two stone coffins now used as flower beds.



**Sheila Tibbs & Alan Bottell,
Sawtry History Society**

For more information and pictures, please visit the Sawtry Community Archive website at <http://sawtry.ccan.co.uk/>



Festive Facts

★ Although now mostly vegetarian, in Victorian times, mince pies were made with beef and spices



PRIVATE JAMES JACKSON

I was interested to read the recent article relating to Westfield House, Gidding Road which mentions the family of James Jackson.

James Jackson had several children including a son, also names James, born in 1877 in Westby. Private James Jackson served with the 1st Battalion of the Essex Regiment during the Great War and his name was included on the Sawtry War Memorial located at the Parish Church. In addition, his name was inscribed on the wall of the Methodist Church in Green End Road, the inscription read 'In Memoriam James Jackson, Cambrai 1917'. James died in action on 22nd November 1917 during the Battle of Cambrai (20 November to 7 December) and was buried in St Aubert British Cemetery, Nord, Grave Reference 111.A.38.

The Roll of Honour of Steeple Gidding included names said to have be taken from the church guidebook, which was originally recorded in the 'Victory Bible', which is now missing. The name J. Jackson, a son of Mr and Mrs Jackson from Whitehall Farm, Steeple Gidding, was included on this Roll of Honour.

In 1914/15, Cold Harbour, Grange, Whitehall, Avenue and Lodge Farms from the estate of J.N. Heathcote were sold by auction. Mr James Jackson of Sawtry bought Whitehall and Avenue farms as a working owner but not as a resident. Subsequently, Joseph Jackson and his sister lived at Whitehall Farm for a time. After marriage, Joseph and his wife lived there until 1930 when the executors of James Jackson Senior sold Whitehall and Avenue Farms together with several other buildings and land. Thus the Jackson family had a strong connection with Sawtry and Steeple Gidding and probably explains why the name of Private James Jackson was included on the Roll of Honour for both Steeple Gidding and Sawtry.

M H Barker, Holme

SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Our September the meeting was well attended to hear Don Chiswell give us a talk on Edith Cavell. Edith was born on the 4th December 1865 to the Rev. Frederick and Louisa Cavell in Swardeston Nr. Norwich. Whilst growing up she attended three boarding schools, one being Laurel Court, Peterborough where she became a student teacher and was fluent in French. After working as a governess in Brussels she declared that she was going to train as a nurse. She attended the London Hospital for her training and later became an Assistant Matron in Shoreditch. When WW1 was declared Edith set up a hospital for the wounded soldiers in Brussels. She began helping soldiers of all nationalities to escape, shielding them in the hospital and her home, obtained passports, clothes and money. Unfortunately she was found out, arrested and confessed, at her trial she dressed in civilian clothes so as not to shame her profession. The sentence of death was carried out at 7am on 12th October 1915. She was buried in Tir National Cemetery and after the war ended the body was exhumed and with a military escort sent back to Britain for a service in Westminster Abbey and a burial at Norwich Cathedral. 'Patriotism is not enough' was her famous statement, which she stood by.

The Spitfire on Parade was the subject of our meeting in October, Terry McCarthy told us about the development between 1937 and 1950. It was realised that Britain's Air Defence had advanced little since 1918 and designer R J Mitchell developed a prototype in 1936 which was eventually called the Spitfire. Various 'Marks' were improved upon throughout the years from a 2 prop plane to 5 props and the famous Rolls Royce Merlin engine was born although later models had a Griffin engine. Local villages collected money to buy the Spitfire which was named after the village, donating the money. It was a success throughout the war and they are still displayed around the world, such was its popularity. The last combat duty for the MkXV111 was in January 1951.

There is no meeting in December but on 21st January the talk will be Farming in WW1 and Steam Plough slide show by Peter Longfoot.

Come and visit us at the Archive morning in the Sawtry Library every Saturday morning from 10-12.00 noon – It's free.

Sheila Tibbs

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month in the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry.

Contact 01487 830054 for more information.

FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

As the dark evenings are upon us we would like to urge residents to be mindful when out in the dark, especially if you are using mobility scooters and bicycles, please remember it's safer to be seen so if you have reflective clothing, reflective stickers or lights please ensure they are used.

If using a mobility scooter please be mindful of pedestrians and traffic when completing any manoeuvres on or near footpaths or adjoining junctions.

Thank you, Huntingdonshire Problem Solving Team.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH



An early Merry Christmas from all at Sawtry & District Royal British Legion. As the Welfare Officer for the Branch, I thought it would be useful to again remind you all as to what the RBL can do to help Legion beneficiaries regarding welfare, and how to go about applying. Unfortunately, space available prevents me from listing the full range of services but they include war pensions and compensation claims, inquest advice, benevolent/welfare help, benefits and money advice, independent living, care homes, help with electrically powered vehicles, Poppy Breaks, Family Holiday Breaks and Adventure Breaks.

To qualify for support the beneficiary must have carried out seven days paid service in the Armed Forces (including Reserves). There is also an extensive list of others who have served their country who qualify. Also included are spouses and children, those divorced from a beneficiary and depending on circumstances, Carers who have an ongoing caring responsibility.

Once a request for help is initiated, an appointment will be made for a visit by a Caseworker within a few days. Urgent cases will be responded to very quickly, possibly the same day. The Caseworker's task is to gather information, with a rather extensive form to be completed, including confirmation that the beneficiary has demonstrated proof of service. It is not possible to give estimates of timescales regarding satisfactory completion of a case as each will vary depending on the requirements. All information provided is treated in the strictest confidence.

The RBL also operates a service called Poppy Calls. This is a "Handyman" service, undertaking low level or minor repairs and adaptations to dwellings up to the value of £1,000, carried out by a vetted RBL employed tradesman. The work carried out is wide ranging and includes carpentry, minor plumbing work, Aids and Adaptation work (for example the installation of grab rails and access ramps), minor electrical and general maintenance work.

Poppy Calls is not able to undertake gardening, any boiler or associated gas work repair, repairs to appliances, painting and decorating or outdoor work above 1st floor level.

This service is free of charge to any beneficiary who is eligible and on a Means Tested Benefit, or is aged 75 or over irrespective of financial status. Work will be undertaken for other beneficiaries but will be chargeable (at very reasonable rates), with a quotation provided.

So if you think that you or someone you know is in need of assistance and might be eligible for support, you can call me on **01487 831458** or **07780807182** or the **RBL Helpline on 08088028080**, which is open 8a.m. – 8p.m. seven days a week. Poppy Calls can be contacted on **08000320306**. For further details of support available, much more information can be found at www.britishlegion.org.uk.

Stewart Wylie

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are once again taking part in the Christmas Hamper scheme providing seasonal treats for families in crisis. All contributions are gratefully received, please check out the guidelines below and place your donations in one of our food bank collection baskets located at:

Sawtry Co-op, CARESCO Charity Shop, CARESCO Centre, All Saints, Sawtry Methodist Church and Sawtry WI Hall.

Many thanks for your support.

A few do's and don'ts...

We are keen that all hampers 'look' the same and don't use 'Value' products – we all enjoy a treat at Christmas and would rather give a smaller sized product of quality than something cheaper.

NO alcohol please and keep an eye on use-by dates too...

Christmas Hamper List...

- *Chocolate treats e.g. Smartie tubes, jelly tot tubes...*
- *Cranberry sauce 150/200ml jar*
- *Christmas puddings e.g. Tesco own brand, Cadbury chocolate pudding*
- *Smart boxes/packets of biscuits*
- *Christmas cake or slab*
- *Gravy mix – chicken or turkey flavour*
- *Stuffing mix – Saxo or own Brand*
- *Instant Custard powder sachets or tins*
- *Own brand mince pies*
- *Long life milk*
- *Juice cartons*
- *Bottles of squash*



Working through
CARESCO, Sawtry and St Peters, Yaxley

Items are needed by Sunday 6th December please...

‘A TIME TO WONDER’

However old we are, most of us can remember the magic of believing in Father Christmas – waking up on Christmas morning with presents at the end of our bed. Then, one year, we discover it wasn't true. The wonder and magic, the excitement of thinking about reindeer and sleighs, of making sure we were asleep before Santa arrived – all gone in a flash.

And it seems that for many people, Jesus is a bit like Santa. We like the story about the baby Jesus, shepherds and kings. Seeing our child dressed as a lamb or an angel definitely has the 'wow' factor. But then, just like Santa, we leave him behind.

That's so sad. Because Jesus is not a made-up figure. He was not a mythical figure. He was a real flesh and blood person, born as a baby in a rather unsuitable, dirty stable or cave in a little town called Bethlehem – a small town just outside Jerusalem.

As a child, Jesus became a refugee. The word got round that he was a king – and not surprisingly, King Herod was not impressed. He sent his heavy mob, and had all the children in Bethlehem who were under the age of 2 killed. Fortunately for Jesus, God told his parents to take him to Egypt, so Jesus escaped the slaughter. But he knew, as a tiny baby, what it was to be like on the road, homeless. Later, they went back, and lived in another town, Nazareth.

So when Christians say that Jesus became 'one of us' we mean that he shared our human life, with all its joys and its sadnesses. He experienced hunger and thirst, he experienced homelessness and prejudice, he experienced betrayal and loss. And so he can help *us* in all the ups and downs of life.

One way to look at the Christmas story is to ask 'where am I in the story?' Perhaps you are the innkeeper, doing a roaring trade. If you like travel and finding stuff out, you'd probably get on fine with the three wise men. Maybe there's a bit of a rogue in you, and you find yourself camping out with the shepherds. And many readers will know what it's like to be at the cribside as a new mum or dad.

Why not take a minute and imagine yourself in the scene. What would it have felt like? What would you have done? The invitation to us all this Christmas is to come to the crib and see for ourselves. Because the baby who was born 2000 years ago was not just any baby, special though each baby is, but God himself, come to help us to live in a world which, left to its own devices, is going downhill fast. This baby came to bring light and life and peace to a world which seems to be becoming a very dark place.

The familiar words we sing in Christmas carols are not just words – they are really true. Jesus came to bring us life and love and hope for the future. His peace, his love, his joy in our hearts, might just be a better gift than all those that Santa brings.

Revd Rosie Ward, Rector of Sawtry and Glatton

SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX
Rev David King - Tel 01480 853857
 Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am

SPECIAL SERVICES

All Age Worship
 13th December – 10.30am
 Led by Pauline Zahner

Candlelit Carols
 20th December – 6pm
 Led by members of the congregation
 Followed by seasonal refreshments

All Age Worship
 25th December – 10.30am
 United Service at the Methodist Church
 Come and join us, all are welcome

MONDAY UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Alternate Mondays starting at 2.30pm - Open to all
14th December - Christmas Carols; restart on 25th January
 Contact Joy Kisby for more information on 01733 566588

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

9.30 – 11 am
 In aid of Building Project Phase 2.

REMEMBRANCE

The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion remember the fallen throughout the year. In December and January we particularly remember:

DECEMBER

Private Albert Edwin GINNS	15 December 1916	Sawtry
Private Ernest Sam ALLEN	20 December 1916	Wood Walton
Lance Corporal Alfred PAYNE M.M.	1 December 1917	Sawtry
Private Harry James BUTT	30 December 1917	Glatton
Private Walter HODSON	30 December 1917	Sawtry

JANUARY

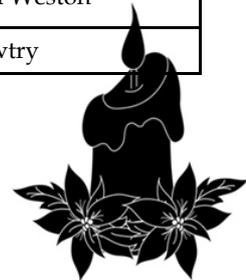
Private Frederick ROSE	7 January 1916	Winwick
Private Charles JARVIS	21 January 1917	Hamerton
Bombardier Thomas Eric DRING	25 January 1942	Sawtry

THOSE FROM WORLD WAR 1 WHOSE DATE OF DEATH IS UNKNOWN

Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

THOSE FROM WORLD WAR 2 WHOSE DATE OF DEATH IS UNKNOWN

Sergeant Edward CHAMBERS	Old Weston
John Thomas COLBERT	Sawtry



They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD, GLATTON

December 2015		
6 th	11.00am	St Nicholas Service
13 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
17 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
20 th	4.00pm	Family Christmas Carol Service
24 th	11.00pm	Midnight Holy Communion
27 th	10.30am	Carols for All (Joint Service with All saints)

January 2016		
3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
17 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
21 st	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
24 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
31 th	9.00am	Morning Worship

St Nicholas Lunch

After our St Nicholas service on 6 December at 11.00am there will be a 'bring and share' lunch hosted in the Village Hall.

Christmas Services

Our Christmas celebration will commence with Carols sung around the village on 18th December (Friday) starting at St George's Glatton Hall at 7.00 pm. The family Christmas Carol Service starting at 4pm is a great way to start to celebrate this special time, followed by Coffee and Mince pies. The midnight Holy Communion will start at 11.00pm and our service after Christmas will be a 'Carols for All' joint service at All Saints, Sawtry.

New Year Lunch

A New Year Lunch will be held on 10th January in the Glatton Village Hall starting at 12.00 am. Tickets can be obtained from the PCC members.

Tea and Cake

Come and join in the Tea Afternoon on 16th December and 20th January in the Village Hall from 3 - 4.30pm. Find out what is happening at St Nicholas, chat with friends and meet new people.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING THE RECTOR

Please phone Rector Rosie on (01487) 830215 with any general enquiries, or to ask for prayer.

See Glatton website for more information: www.glatton.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Church Causeway, Sawtry, PE28 5TD

www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk

SERVICES

December		
6 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Christingle Service
13 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
20 th	10.30am	Family Nativity Service
	6pm	Carols by Candlelight
24 th	11.30pm	United Midnight Communion for Christmas
25 th	10.30am	Christmas Day NO SERVICE at All Saints United Service at Methodist Church
27 th	10.30am	Carols for All

January		
3 rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	All Age Worship for Epiphany
10 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
17 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
24 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
31 st	10.30am	Morning Worship

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at the Rectory on Wednesday 16th December, 10.30 am - 12 noon. Entrance is £2 which includes refreshments. Raffle and Bring and Buy stall.

WINTER QUIZ NIGHT

All Saints is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 30th January at the Old School Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 include food; please bring your own drink and glasses. Raffle.

MESSY CHURCH

There will be no Messy Church in December. Messy Church will resume in January, on Saturday 16th, 4.30-6.30pm. Church – but-not-as-you-know-it for all ages, especially children and parents/carers. Come and enjoy being messy, with activities, celebration and a meal together.



ADVENTURERS AND DISCOVERERS CLUBS

After school Adventurers Club will meet at Sawtry Infant School on Tuesday 3rd December and 12th January, 3.00 - 4.30 pm. For more info contact Revd Imogen Falvey on 07903098982. Discoverers (years 3-6) will meet on Fridays 4th December, 8th and 29th January, 6.30-7.30pm in church. Seekers will meet on Tuesdays 1st December and 12th January, 7.45pm at 48 Newton Road. For more info contact Ali Scott on 07506411507 or 832478.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival will be open over the weekend of 4th - 6th December and also during the week of 30th November-4th December for groups by arrangement. For more info please contact Sue on 831055 or email tortoise46uk@yahoo.co.uk.

SATURDAY OPENING

All Saints is open every Saturday from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, for space to pray, or enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. A warm welcome awaits you.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE RECTOR

Contact the Rector, Rosie Ward, on (01487) 830215 or wardrosie@btinternet.com with any general enquiries or enquiries about baptisms or weddings, if you would like a visit, you have any questions about the Christian faith, or would like to have prayers said for anyone.

The Curate, Imogen Falvey can be contacted on 07903 098982 or falvey12@btinternet.com

Carols Under the Christmas Trees

In front of the Old, School Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry

Monday 21st December ~ Starting at 6.30pm

Followed by refreshments





ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SAWTRY

Served by St Luke's R.C. Church Peterborough

In 1981 St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry was formed. Mass is celebrated at the Women's Institute Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry on Sunday Morning at 9.15am. After Mass you are invited to stay to meet everyone and enjoy refreshments.

There is also a House Mass each month, and a weekly Prayer Group.

Everyone is Welcome

It is a friendly proactive community involved in a number of events in Sawtry and the surrounding villages.

St Benedict's also works closely with the other Church communities in Sawtry.

If you wish to know more

Contact Tony – tony.stefanelli04@gmail.com - 01487 830680

Or Christine – chrisi4328@gmail.com - 07951 488466

For details of all services at St Benedict's and St. Luke's Peterborough check website

<http://www.saintlukesparish.org.uk>

Find us on



OPERATION HUNTER TACKLES BURGLARY

RESIDENTS are being urged to check their home security to help prevent a rise in burglaries over the winter months. Dwindling hours of daylight and the Christmas period often combine to result in more break-ins at homes in the county.

The local police force is prioritising burglary as part of a new campaign called Operation Hunter however and as part of the operation, detectives are urging members of the public to do their bit by taking precautions and making their homes unattractive to burglars.

In the three months from August to October last year, there were 569 dwelling burglaries in the county, compared to 628 during the following three months (November-January), a rise of more than 10 per cent.

Residents are urged to:

- Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when they are inside the house.
- Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.
- Never leave items such as keys, bags, presents and money on show through a window.
- Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.
- Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk.
- Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.
- Consider the use of bolts and padlocks on side gates. Place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate, as just a top bolt might be easy to reach and open.
- A visible intruder alarm box can prove to be one of the biggest deterrents to an opportunist burglar, so consider installing a DIY or supplier installed system.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

MARS® BARS GO FAIRTRADE



In 1911, Frank C. Mars made the first Mars candies in his Tacoma, Washington kitchen and established Mars' first roots as a confectionery company. In the 1920s, Forrest E. Mars, Sr. joined his father in business and together they launched the MILKY WAY® bar. In 1932, Forrest, Sr. moved to the United Kingdom with a dream of building a business based on the objective of creating a "mutuality of benefits for all stakeholders" – this objective serves as the foundation of Mars, Incorporated today.

In 2009, Mars, Inc. was the first global chocolate company to commit to certify its entire cocoa supply as being produced in a sustainable manner by 2020. Sourcing Fairtrade certified cocoa for MARS® Bars is an important next step in that commitment. By 2016, the total Fairtrade premiums paid by Mars globally to cocoa cooperatives in West Africa will reach over US\$2m per year.

October 2015 marked an important milestone in the MARS® Bar's 83 year history as the first bars featuring Fairtrade-certified cocoa hit the shelves. After taking MALTESERS® Fairtrade in 2012, Mars Chocolate UK has extended its commitment to sustainable sourcing, to become the first UK company to commit to Fairtrade's new Cocoa Sourcing Program which aims to deliver more opportunities for cocoa farmers to sell on Fairtrade terms and connect them with businesses that actively support efforts to improve farmer livelihoods.

More information on Mars' Sustainable Cocoa Initiative can be found at www.mars.com/cocoasustainability.

Look for the FAIRTRADE Mark on your shopping. It's your guarantee that disadvantaged farmers and workers in the developing world are getting a better deal.

For more information visit www.fairtrade.org.uk or call the Fairtrade Foundation on 020 7405 5942

CHRISTMAS BINS

Christmas often means we all have more waste to dispose of and we are fortunate to be able to recycle the majority of the waste that is produced during this time, including your wrapping paper, sweet tins, plastic packaging from new toys and any leftovers from your dinner within the compost and recycling bins. Please ensure that only the bin with the recycling logo on the front is used for your dry recycling.

Revised collection dates for the Christmas period are now available (see page 4) or download your collection calendar from www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

Why not display the complete list of materials that can be recycled so all your guests know what goes where. Visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin for more information

Real Christmas trees can be put alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin please chop your tree to the size of your bin.

The **Household Recycling Centre's** are only closed from 1pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Find out more at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/waste

During the first two weeks of December residents will be delivered a waste information pack. The information pack includes everything you need to know about your waste collections.

The pack will contain –

- * Recycling and Refuse Guide
- * Three wheeled bin stickers showing what can be put into each bin
- * Bank holiday collection dates up to the end of August 2016



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls. The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook or call 01480 444500



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**
Working together to improve community safety



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

Wardens' Tales and Quiz

Wednesday 9th December

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust will present a miscellany of two short Wardens' Tales, Kevin Doidge is Warden of Upwood Meadows National Nature Reserve, well known for its fascinating flora. Martin Baker (*Ed – our own Sawtry Eye columnist*) is Warden of Lady's Wood, a little gem of ancient woodland particularly renowned for its bluebells in spring. Following the success of last year's fun wildlife quiz we will be holding another one this year, together with the usual raffle, wine and mince pies.

Fighting Wildlife Crime

Wednesday 13th January

Our speaker will be Bob Elliott who has been with the RSPB as Head of Investigations since the inception of the unit in 1989. His team concentrates on species of conservation concern and work closely with the police and statutory agencies to further the enforcement of the law. Bob will talk about recent cases and explain where the problems still exist today.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Meetings start at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Entrance charge £2.50; accompanied children free. No need to book. Please contact Tim on 07941 261346 for further information.

Registered Charity No: 1000412

How do I look after my Cacti in Winter?

Firstly get to know your cacti if possible. As many require different growing conditions, especially the forest species which hate being too wet & warm or too wet & cold! These succulent cacti require a cool but not too bright a spot: Temp. c 15c/59f indoors but keep well away from cold drafts. Remember do not disturb them once the flowers are setting, These cacti like soft water, so use pre-boiled tepid water, but allow the compost to dry out slightly between watering. Use liquid cactus fertiliser once the flowers start to open.

Desert Cacti

All desert cacti also hate being too cold & wet in winter especially between October & April, so keep them dry during this period. The temperature should not fall below 5c. / 41f. If possible they should be kept in a cool, dry, and sunny or a very bright position at a temperature of c 10c-13c (50f-55f) somewhere indoors or under glass, all cacti must be protected from frost and not watered unless they are kept in a very warm aspect over winter but then only just water to prevent them from drying out completely.

In April start watering again slowly at first then increase this once the cacti start to fill out start feeding with a suitable cactus feed. Put cacti outside only after all danger of frost has passed into a sheltered aspect in full sun, water and feed as you would any other plant through the summer months. I bring my cacti in towards the end of September looking out for pests, and treating immediately. Keep the plants as outlined above. Look out for vine weevil especially in pot grown plants which are very susceptible to these destructive pests.

Good Gardening

The Gardener

LOAN SHARKS

A loan shark is someone who lends money without the permission required by the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000. It may be tempting to borrow from rogue money lenders who won't ask questions about your financial situation. These people may call at your door or you may hear about them from others, and it might seem like an easy and quick way to borrow money. At first they will seem very friendly and trustworthy. They will charge you a huge rate of interest, meaning you have to pay back far more money than you borrowed and that you can afford. They often keep increasing the amount you owe and may ask for security on the debt such as your passport, bank card or driving licence.

Victims of loan sharks are not only charged astronomical rates of interest, but very often face violence, intimidation or blackmail if they fall behind with their payments. The average cost of borrowing from a loan shark is three times the price of the highest cost of legal credit. The highest interest rate the team have come across so far was 131,000% APR.

If you or someone you know is a victim contact Trading Standards Illegal Money Lending Team in strictest confidence, 0300 555 2222, reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk or text 'loan shark + your message' to 60003.

For more information visit www.gov.uk/stoploansharks

You don't have to give your name or sign an official statement if you don't want to.



Cambridgeshire
County Council

Sawtry Eye Dec 15 - Jan 16

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

In the past year as many of one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.



Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given.

When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- ◇ Stay healthy – get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- ◇ Look after others – check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- ◇ Be prepared – get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- ◇ Choose the right service – your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment.

For help with finding local NHS services visit

<http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

All information has been taken from the Citizens Advice Bureau website at <http://www.adviceguide.co.uk>

About workplace pension schemes

A pension is money you'll use to live on when you retire. Most people get a state pension from the government which covers your basic needs. But it's also a good idea to try and save some extra money in a pension fund, to give you a decent standard of living.

Most employers now offer access to a pension at work and joining it can be one of the easiest ways to save for your retirement.

Employers who don't yet offer workplace pensions will have to do so over the next few years. Starting with the largest organisations, employers will have to automatically enrol their eligible employees into a workplace pension. This is called automatic enrolment.

You don't have to join the workplace scheme but it's a good idea to find out about it anyway and see what benefits it offers. This will allow you to compare what's on offer with other pension options.

You should get information about any workplace scheme you are entitled to join within two months of starting work. If you don't, contact your personnel or human resources (HR) department.

There are different types of workplace pension schemes with different benefits. It's important to understand the differences so that you can work out whether or not the scheme is right for you and what other options you may have.

Pension Wise is a free and impartial service to help you understand what your pension options are. You can find out about your options at www.pensionwise.gov.uk

For more information please contact Peterborough Citizens Advice Bureau :
Advice Line on 0344 499 4120 / Calling From A Mobile: 0300 330 0650



SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

The last two months have been a sad time for the club as three of our members have died. Mrs Frances Henderson and Mrs Jean Lawrence were long serving members and Mrs Rose Foster was a more recent member but they will all be missed for their support of the club. Our sympathy goes to their families at this sad time.

Quiz and race nights were quite successful social events. Our Presentation night was held at the Old School Hall on 21st November and the A.G.M. followed at the Club House on 26th November when a new Secretary, Treasurer and Committee were elected as both Mr Rayson and Mr King are retiring.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Sunday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch at Club House	12.30pm for 1.00pm start.
Saturday 19 th December	Christmas Bingo at the Club House	7.30pm

There will be a Burn's Night in January, date yet to be arranged, volunteers to help in the kitchen are needed.

Any Queries contact Ladies Secretary; Mrs Maureen Urwin Tel: No: 01487 830193



DRAGON ACADEMY

Facebook "Sawtry Martial Arts" "Mark Adlington"

Advanced Martial Arts for Longevity, Health, Fun and Fitness

Juniors – Karate & Kickboxing

Adults Only – Advanced Karate, Kickboxing, Pressure Points, Weapons, Chi Kung, Yoga, Feng Shui

Beginners welcome to all classes.

Training Hall – 11 Ashdale Close Sawtry PE28 5SN

Classes Saturdays & Sundays

No Fixed Times classes are set to suit students (Normally 2 hours plus)

All classes £10

Recent Promotions:- Sawtry students all passed their latest belt test – Well done!

Events and local seminars:-

- 6th December Seminar with Grandmaster Bowman 9th Dan
- 13th February Seminar with Grandmaster Bowman 9th Dan
- March Coloured Belt Test
- Later in 2016 we will have a seminar with 10th Dan Joe Carlake

Instructor - Grandmaster Mark Adlington,

8th Dan Ki Do Karate, 7th Dan Tang Soo Do Karate, 5th Dan Kickboxing

Phone 01487 830601 / Mobile 07599 643393

Email markad@btinternet.com



SAWTRY FOOTBALL CLUB

An F.A. Charter Standard Club

Sawtry FC are running two teams, both sponsored by The Greystones PH. They are Sawtry First Team playing in the Premier Division and Sawtry Reserves playing in Division 2 of the Peterborough and District Football League. Both teams play their home games at Greenfield, Sawtry usually on Saturdays with midweek matches early and late in the season. Both usually kick off at 2 pm on Saturday, 6:30 pm on a weekday. Please come down and show your support.

Recent Results

September 19	League Premier Division	Sawtry	1 - 2	Holbeach Utd Res
25	League Premier Division	Riverside FC	2 - 2	Sawtry
	League Division 2	Sawtry Reserves	0 - 8	P'boro Polonia FC
October 3	League Premier Division	Sawtry	2 - 5	P'boro ICA Sports FC
10	League Premier Division	Thorney FC	1 - 2	Sawtry
	League Division 2	Sawtry Reserves	3 - 8	Spalding Town FC
17	League Premier Division	Sawtry	3 - 0	Crowland Town FC
	League Division 2	Crowland Town Res	3 - 2	Sawtry Reserves
24	Scott Gatty Cup	Sawtry	3 - 2	AFC Stanground
	League Division 2	Netherton Utd 'A'	1 - 0	Sawtry Reserves
November 7	League Premier Division	Langtoft Utd	2 - 2	Sawtry
	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	2 - 8	Hampton Sport FC
14	League Premier Division	Whittlesey Athletic	3 - 0	Sawtry
	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	2 - 4	Parkway Eagles FC

Forthcoming Fixtures at Greenfield

November 25	PFA Challenge Cup	Sawtry Reserves	v	P'boro ICA Sports FC Res
December 5	League Premier Division	Sawtry	v	Ketton FC
12	League Premier Division	Sawtry	v	Moulton Harrox FC
19	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	v	Crowland Town Res
January 2	League Division 2	Sawtry Res	v	Glinton & Northboro FC

If you or anyone you know would like to play or volunteer to help on match days please contact the Secretary on 07719641431



SAWTRY COLTS

With the football season now in full swing and only a few matches being postponed due to the inevitable waterlogged pitches at Greenfield, here's a quick snapshot on how some of the Colts teams have fared.

The Under 7s (U7s) in their first season have got their first victory on the board in only their second game and continue to improve match by match. The U8s after drawing their first match of the season have backed that up with 5 consecutive wins in the league and cup, defeating teams from Priory, Papworth, Needingworth, Somersham and Godmanchester. Tougher assignments are ahead but they are becoming difficult to beat.

The U11 Yellow Sox have managed 5 wins in their first 7 games with a convincing win against the Blue Sox amongst those victories. They are also through to the 2nd round of the cup where they face St Ives. The U12s currently sit mid table with 2 wins and a draw in their first 5 matches. They have already avenged an early season defeat to Yaxley and their only other defeat to date was against top of the table Bourne. They have won their last two matches and, with games in hand, will hopefully climb the table over the next few months.

The U13s continued where they left off last season with several large wins but did lose their unbeaten record in a top of the table clash against St Ives. With six games gone they sit 2nd in the league one point behind St Ives and are progressing well in the cup with two excellent wins taking them into the quarter finals.

The U14s after a win in their first match of the season have failed to gain the 3 points in any matches since. Recent performances against Potton and Staploe and Duloe have seen them be more competitive after a few heavy losses against teams from the top of the table.

The U15s girls have picked up a win and a draw in their first 6 matches with their last game being a 10 goal thriller against Estover where both teams shared the spoils. Unfortunately a tough cup draw meant they exited at the first round stage leaving them just the league to concentrate on. The U15 Blues sit mid table with 3 wins and a draw in their first six matches. They have been involved in some close games, the best of which was an excellent away win against top of the table Brampton which proves they can beat anyone on their day. The U15 Yellows after a draw in the first game have followed that up with four losses and currently prop up the table.

The U18s after an early win have lost their next four and currently sit 2nd bottom - a good win against Eynesbury has taken them into the next round of the cup. The U18 Girls have had two heavy losses to Netherton and Wisbech when injuries left them low on numbers. A cup win against Bourne followed so they have a semi-final against Netherton to look forward to now. Hopefully with girls returning from injury they can win a few more matches and climb the league and be competitive in that cup semi.

Brian Craig

www.sawtrycolts.co.uk

SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS

Sawtry Table Tennis Club is expanding!

Club now open for year 7 to year 10

We have four tables and welcome players of all abilities.

If you played when you were younger, why not take it up again? If you have never played why not try it out? Plenty of bats available.

At present we have 2 teams in the Peterborough Table Tennis League. Last season our A team won promotion to Division 2

If you would like to play league or social table tennis, then come and join us on Tuesday evenings. (Match night is on Fridays)

When?	5pm - 7pm Year7 to Year10 7pm - 9.30pm Adults
Where?	Sawtry Junior School
Cost?	No membership fee! £1.00 for Juniors (under 18) £2.00 for Adults



****NEW FOR 2016 – LADIES ONLY TABLE TENNIS EVENING!! ****

Will be held monthly starting Tuesday 19th January 7pm to 9.30pm

For further details, please contact Peter Blundell 831374 or Bernie Shannon 834394

Mobile: 07917601678.

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