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SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Holding a Spring Show –
Just For Fun!

Saturday 21 March

at the Old School Hall - 1.30 - 3.30pm

Free public admission.
Tombola, Refreshments.

Open to everyone

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SAWTRY IN BLOOM 2026



How to join in and be part of our 'Blooming
marvellous' journey this year.

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SAWTRY'S MAKERS AND PRODUCE MARKET

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THE OLD SCHOOL HALL SAWTRY PE28 5UX

FREE ENTRY

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Rain & Bloom SPRING WORKSHOP

With

CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

£35.00 PER PERSON

MON 30TH MARCH 18:30-19:30

WEDS 1ST APRIL 18:30-19:30

Join us to create a stunning spring
basket arrangement featuring
seasonal bulbs and florals.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

01487 832105

office@caresco.org.uk



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

Sawtry CARNIVAL

**Carnival Court Selection
April 2026
Details Coming Soon**

**Sawtry Carnival
Saturday 13th June 2026**

**This Years theme...
Sawtry at Sea!**

#SawtryCarnival26

Sawtrycommittee@gmail.com

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2026 WISH LIST

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR AMAZING DONATIONS
THAT HELP US DELIVER ESSENTIALS & SMILES
BUT AS WE START THIS NEW YEAR
WE NEED YOUR HELP



WE REGULARLY RUN LOW ON
THE FOLLOWING STOCK ITEMS:

- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED MEATS
- CEREALS



PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING DONATIONS
THAT FIT OUR EVERYDAY NEEDS

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FOODBANK@CARESCO.ORG.UK






GREEN END DAY CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

Held at the CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry,
PE28 5UX

6 March

Starting at 7.30pm -
Teams of 4 – 6 people

Tickets £5 per person
(bring your own drinks,
nibbles, glasses)



Contact 07743 216746 or
email: greenend@caresco.org.uk
for more details
or to book your tickets



Contact details:

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Cambs PE28 5UX

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Welcome...

...to our first issue of 2026. Spring is on its way and we're beginning to look forward to

the warmer weather and all that it brings.

While we have details of lots of activities and events happening over the next couple of months, we also have the dates for Sawtry's big community events too, such as the Sawtry Shows and Carnival so now's the time to get them into your diaries.

In this issue you can get a glimpse of the Classes for the Sawtry Shows in March and September. These dark evenings are perfect for starting your entries.

Have a good one

Sawtry Eye Team



CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

CHAIR'S CHATTER

Dear All,

Firstly, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that it is a good one for you and your family and I hope that you all had a good festive break.

Some people were very busy over the festive break giving the Green End Day Club room a makeover to provide a more homely and welcoming feel. I have to say that it looks fantastic and a big thank you to everyone who helped transform the club room, trustees, staff and volunteers a real team effort.

2026 will continue to provide many challenges as we seek to continue the great and invaluable work and services that CARESCO provide in the local community.

I am very pleased and proud to be chairman of CARESCO and now that we have such a diverse, capable and committed group of Trustees, along with such committed staff and volunteers I am confident that we can weather the many challenges that we will no doubt face during 2026.

In 2026 we have a number of plans, including:

- Greater engagement with local organizations and stakeholders to gather support to safeguard the future of CARRSCO
- Provide updates on the progress of the proposed New Build

Finally, I would also like to thank everyone for their continued support and always remember that we are greater together

Barry Trebes, CARESCO Chair

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SCHOOL TERM DATES

Spring Term 2026

Half Term - 16 to 20 February

End of term 27 March

Summer Term 2026

Start of term 13 April

Half Term - 25 to 29 May

End of term 20 July

Autumn Term 2026

Start of term 1 September

Half Term - 26 to 30 October

End of term 18 December



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

Information taken from www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education



HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)

2 & 16 February

2, 16 & 30 March

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

(Week Beginning)

9 & 23 February

9 & 23 March

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



Every Thursday (term time)

9:00 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)

Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

A safe play space to enjoy adventures with
0 - 5 year olds and those who care for them.

Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments,
Singing, Prayer and Bubbles!



For more information contact
littlestssawtry@gmail.com
or visit

www.fenedgechurches.org



SOUNDS GOOD

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

We meet on the
2nd and 4th Fridays of the month,
from 1.30 to 3pm

At the CARESCO Centre

13 & 27 February
13 & 27 March

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Please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105
for information

Donations Welcome
Refreshments Available



NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre

We clean, re-tube and supply batteries for NHS hearing aids

We do not provide hearing aids or hearing tests

Sawtry Village Hall (Old School Hall)

37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

2nd Thursday of every month

10am until Noon

No appointment necessary. Just drop-in

Volunteers and Donations

We need volunteers and donations to ensure this service can
run, please get in touch if you would be interested in helping.

www.cambsdeaf.org

Telephone - 01223 416141

CDA Hearing Help, 8 Romsey Terrace, Cambridge, CB1 3NH
Registered Charity No. 1062578



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The BIGGEST
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SHOW in East Anglia!

DNA | Military & Medals | Old Postcards
Societies & Archives | Tutorials
Genealogy Supplies | Books & Maps
FamilySearch | Family Tree Maker

Burgess Hall
St Ives, PE27 6WU
18 APRIL
10AM-4.30PM
FREE ENTRY

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:

14 February & 14 March - 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



CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET



Congratulations to our winner

Stewart

Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas quiz sheet

All proceeds to support the work of CARESCO



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BREAKFAST CLUBS

SAWTRY

www.afvbc.world

Welcome to the Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club.

We are a group of veterans and serving members of His Majesty's Armed Forces who meet up for breakfast and other events

There are no commitments or subs, just pay for your breakfast. So come to a great place and meet like-minded people for support, chat and banter.

Our Breakfast Club meets

Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 09.45

at The Greystones Public House, Sawtry

Interested then get in touch via Facebook, email or via the web Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/afvbc.sawtry>

sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com

[https://www.afvbc.world](http://www.afvbc.world)



CHATTERBOX

A Friendship Group

Are you feeling isolated due to a family situation? Are you new to the village? Have your family moved away? Don't be alone, come and join us at our drop-in sessions

Chat & relax over a cuppa.

Guest speakers once a month

**Every 2nd & 4th Monday
between 2.15 - 4.15pm**

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

Come and join us

No meeting on Bank Holidays

**9 & 23 February
9 & 23 March**

**Donations Welcome
Refreshments Available**

Dates for the Chatterbox Calendar:

- 26 January - Social Prescriber
- 23 February - East Ambulance Services
- 23 March - Experiences of a Street Pastor in Cambridge
- 27 April - Magpas
- May - TBC
- June - TBC
- July - TBC
- 24 August - Afternoon Tea in Conington
- September - TBC
- October - TBC
- 23 November - Food Nutrition
- December - Date TBC - Christmas outing

For more information email:

office@caresco.org.uk or call 01487 832105



SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Based at the
CARESCO Charity Shop,
7 Greenways, Sawtry
Huntingdon PE28 5UR

We are looking for Volunteers to help at our busy Charity Shop for the following shifts:

Tuesdays – 08.50 – 12.30 – Sorting Room

Saturdays – 13.00 to 16.00 – Shop Floor

Come and be part of our volunteer team

For more information call Sharon on
07544 588201 or email:

sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



www.caresco.org.uk

JULIE'S STEPPERS MODERN AND TRADITIONAL LINE DANCE CLASSES

Mondays: Old School Hall, Sawtry, PE28 5UY
10am - 12pm - **Beginners/Improvers/Intermediates**

Thursdays: Royal British Legion Social Club, Yaxley, PE7 3NR
6.30pm - 8.30pm - **Beginners/Improvers/Intermediates**

Fridays: Old School Hall, Sawtry, PE28 5UY
6pm - 7pm - **'New' Absolute Beginners**
7pm - 8.30pm - **Intermediates**

Adults £6, Children free to dance with a paying adult

Regular socials and events throughout the year.

Now taking bookings for private western themed events, parties, weddings, etc. (Charities, Local village groups free)

Contact Julie on:

07939 070 406

jcgillmore@sky.com

Facebook - Julie's Steppers Line Dance



LINE DANCE CHARITY EVENT

Saturday 4 July 6.45pm - 10.15pm

Money raised will go to CARESCO

This event is for dancers and non-dancers

For enquiries and to buy tickets,
email: **jcgillmore@sky.com**

Men United In Song

40 MEN WANTED!

We want YOU to perform live on stage in a charity event in the spectacular setting of Peterborough Cathedral.

- 9 week project
- Starting from scratch in March 2026
- Your chance to learn to sing
- No previous experience needed
- Professional direction and support
- Great social opportunities

Find out more at one of our sign-up sessions at the John Mansfield Campus PE1 4HX on

- Thursday 5th March 6.30pm - 10pm
- Friday 6th March 6.30pm - 10pm

For more information call NOW on 01733 425194

Email menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk

or scan this QR with your smartphone



**SUPPORTING
PROSTATE
CANCER UK**

Peterborough Singers Registered Charity: 1171960
Prostate Cancer UK Registered Charity: 1009541



**SAWTRY & DISTRICT
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

EASTER PRIZE

BINGO

& RAFFLE



Thursday 9 April

Eyes down at 7.30pm, at the Sawtry Club

**Profits to: Royal British Legion, Sawtry & District
Branch Working fund**

FILM NIGHT

AT SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH,
GREEN END ROAD, SAWTRY

on the last Friday of the month

27 February

27 March

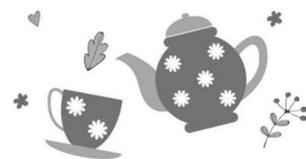
24 April

Starting at 7.30pm



Free entry
Refreshments available

SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Open on the first Saturday of each month

12 - 3pm

*** 7 Feb, 7 Mar & 4 Apr ***

Open to everyone in the community

at the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS

There is no charge for food

Join us for a warm welcome

Free Wi-Fi



Access to support available

Community Meals provided by
volunteers from Sawtry WI and others

Funded by local organisations and
contributions

**Enquiries and donations
07841 647345**



SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

At Sawtry Social Club, Gidding Road, PE28 5TS

EASTER BINGO

Thursday 26 March
Eyes Down 7.30pm

Happy
Easter



All Welcome

For more information
please call: 07736 072376



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Meeting needs in our local community



RACE NIGHT

Ready...set...RACE!

18+
Only

All Bets
£3 each

Raffle

Cash
Only



Saturday 28th February

Doors Open 7.00pm
First Race starts 7.30pm
at CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Entry Tickets
£2 pp
bring your own
drinks, glasses and
nibbles

Join us for an exciting evening of
racing, fun and community spirit!
Enjoy the thrill of the race...



Tickets available from the CARESCO Centre
and Charity Shop
Cash or Card payments accepted

All proceeds to support CARESCO

The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdonshire, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX
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2026 SHOW PACK

**EYES
DOWN**

AN INTERACTIVE COMEDY THRILLER BY DAVID PAYNE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY JUST SOME THEATRE
DIRECTED BY NICK BAGNALL



Saturday 28 March

7pm - tickets are £10 including
light refreshments during the interval.

Mayhem, Murder and REAL games of Bingo! 'Eyes Down' is a gripping comedy mystery show where the audience play actual games of bingo for real prizes 'It's Bingo Night' at The Stairway to Heaven Social Club, and Mr Razzle Dazzle himself, Bertie Bingo, is ready for an evening of dabbers, Droopy Drawers... and death! As numbers roll in and tension mounts, a body is discovered – but whose?

For details contact - 01487 831771

Spring

MAGICAL STORYTELLING

By Suzanne Arnold



"(..)everyone was getting into the story"
"Very interactive (...)"
"Brilliant! Very visual"

Join us February half-term

Wednesday, 18th February
Old School Hall, Sawtry

10.30am & 11.30am - age 4 and over
*children must be accompanied by an adult

Wake up your child's imagination

PAPER TICKETS AVAILABLE
at Sawtry Parish Council office @ £2 per child,
37 Green End Road





BREAKFAST PARTY

➤ Are you part of a community group?

➤ Would you like to get together with friends?

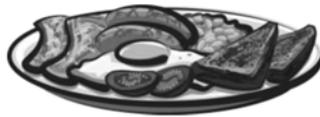
➤ Do you have a birthday or visitors staying?

Then why not enjoy having your cooked breakfast prepared and served to you by our Tuck Shop.

Saturday mornings at the CARESCO Centre.

Bookings and Payment required in advance.

- Breakfast parties of 4 to 20 are welcome
- Cooked Breakfast will be £7.50 inc. Bottomless Tea, Coffee or Squash
- We will provide table service



To book your Breakfast Party or for more information, call: 07544 588201 or email: sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



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What is Coffee Ark?.....

Coffee Ark is a mobile coffee shop in the form of a converted Land Rover Defender and community interest company, with a particular heart for reaching those who find themselves separated or isolated whether through loneliness, location, challenges around mental health or other social circumstances.

Coffee Ark exists to build community, resource positive mental health, offer radical hospitality and serve great coffee. We use income from sales, donations, public and private events, fundraising, sponsorship and grants to help fund our community action and enable us to be where we need to be.

'Transforming lives one cuppa at a time'

Resourcing Mental Health first Aid training

Barista and Well-being workshops in school

Ethical trading and sustainable sourcing

Proactive presence in rural communities

Great Coffee and so much more...



To find our more and to book us for your event...

Website: www.coffeeark.org
Email: coffeearkccic@gmail.com
Social Media: www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkccic



JULIE'S STEPPERS CHARITY EVENT

BARN AND LINEDANCE EVENING
SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026
AT SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO

CARESCO

Contact: jcgillmore@sky.com
07939 070 406



Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

80's Disco

Saturday 16th May
7.00 – 11.00pm
At Sawtry Village Academy
Fen Lane, Sawtry, PE28 5TQ

RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT

with DJ Dave Wisker

Ticket only event
£10 per person
bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles

Tickets on sale from the CARESCO Centre and CARESCO Charity Shop.
Cash or Card payments accepted

All proceeds to support CARESCO



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COFFEE SHOP

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for some Volunteer bakers to help us with our increasingly popular Coffee Shop. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for us once every 4 weeks, sweet and savoury, please get in touch.

The expense of ingredients can be covered if required -
Many Thanks

Sharon Dougherty - 07544 588201
sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



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meeting needs in our local community

CARESCO is a unique charity providing a range of services to meet needs within our local community - visit www.caresco.org.uk for more details.

BUCKDEN REPAIR CAFÉ

Buckden Village Hall, PE19 5UY

Saturday 7 February 2026

13.30 - 16.30

Bring along your stuff that's too good to throw away but needs fixing for a free repair (donations very welcome).

Bookings <https://forms.gle/3NjoicPWCLyMcVQ7>
or more details from
buckdenrepaircafe@gmail.com.

Refreshments, including homemade cakes and scones, available. Nothing to be mended but fancy seeing what is going on, then please join us for a cuppa.



SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Again Holding a Spring Show – Just For Fun!

On Saturday 21 March 2026

at the Old School Hall 1.30 - 3.30pm

Free public admission

Tombola and Refreshments will be on sale

**** The Full Schedule For The September Show Will Be Available ****



Show Classes – up to THREE entries per exhibitor per class

Cut flowers and pot plants (must be grown by the exhibitor)

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. 3 stems daffodils/narcissi | 6. Vase of 3 different flowers, one stem of each |
| 2. 3 stems dwarf daffodils/narcissi | 7. Vase of 6 shrub stems in flower |
| 3. 3 stems multi bloom daffodils/narcissi | 8. Flowering pot plant |
| 4. 3 stems polyanthus (multiple blooms on a single stem) | 9. Foliage pot plant |
| 5. A potted hyacinth | 10. Cactus or succulent |

Flower arranging

(flowers may be bought)

- | | |
|--|--|
| 11. Table arrangement of fresh flowers (No artificial flowers) | Cookery |
| 12. Miniature arrangement of spring flowers | 13. 3 hot cross buns (traditional fruit) |
| | 14. Cake decorated for Easter |
| | Craft |
| | 15. ** Craft work on a spring theme |

Junior Classes (to be judged in four age groups:

Preschool, School Years 1 - 2, School Years 3 - 6, School Years 7+)

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|---|---|
| 16. A Spring picture | 18. A decorated egg |
| 17. Home-made greetings card for Easter | 19. A display of 8 labelled items found on a spring walk. |

Open to everyone. Classes 1 - 15 are open to all ages including children. Jars and vases will be provided for Classes 1 - 7. No pre-show registration and no entry fees required. Entries to be bought to the Schoolroom at the Old School Hall on the morning of the Show between 10 - 11am. The hall will be closed at 11am for judging and reopen at 1.30pm. Names will not be disclosed to the judges. No trophies will be awarded but certificates and small prizes will be awarded in each class. Exhibits must be cleared after 3.30pm. Any not claimed may be sold for Show funds. No items previously shown at a Sawtry Show to be included.

****The committee may sub divide this class if necessary.**

For more info contact us on Facebook 'The Sawtry Show'



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meeting needs in our local community

CAN YOU HELP CARESCO NEW BUILDING - GoFundMe

We have launched our GoFundMe page to start possibly one of the most important fundraising challenges we have to face - the future of CARESCO.

Please take a look and help us to ensure that CARESCO has a building to operate from so that we are still here to help the community in years to come - Thank You.



<https://gofund.me/48dc4dee7>



HOLME VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The weather has caused havoc to our schedule over the past few months and our absence from the road has meant an increase in speeding because when we did manage to get a session in between downpours the speeders had increase back to 15% which was very disappointing as we had managed to get it down to 10%. It's really hard to understand why vehicles heading towards the closed level crossing gates feel the need to exceed the 30-mph limit but it happens frequently as shown by our fixed camera data. Vehicles coming into the village from the A1 direction are frequently logged in excess of 50-mph as they approach the sharp right-hand turn.

The closure of the B660 to Ramsey St Marys over the next couple of months should result in a reduction in through traffic and HGVs but the rat-run traffic heading to Yaxley will still be evident so we will be hoping to fit in some sessions weather permitting.

Holme Community Speedwatch is operated by volunteers supported by Cambridgeshire Police. If you feel you can spare an hour or so a month at your convenience and would like to join our happy team please contact us on csw.holme@btinternet.com and we can arrange training for you and add you to our list - you will be made very welcome.

TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS, YOUNG AND OLD, PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH OUR VILLAGE ESPECIALLY IN BAD WEATHER



SAWTRY IN BLOOM 2026...

How to join in and be part of our 'Blooming marvellous' journey this year.

In 2024 we entered 'Anglia in Bloom' after a break of several years and we were amazed and thrilled to win 'Best Small Town'. The judges were really pleased to see us again and they were blown away with how wonderful our village is.

In 2025 we were beyond delighted when we won our first ever 'Anglia in Bloom Gold Award'. We also won the 'Best Special Feature Celebrating 30 years of Anglia in Bloom' for the Village sign planter on St Andrews Way. All our planters were simply splendid.

For 2026, we have entered Anglia in Bloom and have also been nominated and confirmed as National finalists for 'Britain in Bloom'. This is an amazing honour, and we are proud to be recognised for all the hard work that is done to make Sawtry not only look good, with the invaluable help of the litter pickers and the planter groups, but also for all the Community work that happens here. We are so lucky to have so much diversity and community spirit in many different events and groups.

Judging for Anglia in Bloom will be in July, with the 'Britain in Bloom' judging about 2 weeks later.

For Anglia in Bloom 2026, there are two significant special themes: celebrating 100 years since the publication of the first Winnie the Pooh books (imagination, nature, whimsy) and marking 60 years since England's 1966 World Cup win (national pride, teamwork, community spirit).

We will be focusing on a 'Bee' theme and the importance of biodiversity, to incorporate: our Bee Orchids at St Judith's, bee friendly planting around the village, bee/bug hotels, beehives and a 'Bee Squared Project'.

We are holding an Open Morning on Saturday 14 March in the Old School Hall 10am – midday, please join us to see how you can get involved. Further information will be available on the Parish Council website, Facebook and noticeboards.

Karen Sanderson (In Bloom team)

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER

SAVE THE DATE

This year's Sawtry Feast Supper will take place on **Tuesday 2 June 2026**



We will be having an Easter Prize Bingo on Thursday 26 March at Sawtry Club eyes down for 7:30pm please come along and support the event to raise much-needed funds for the Feast Supper. Raffle prizes will be much appreciated. Everyone welcome, you do not have to be a member please feel free to bring your friends along too.

If you would like to be placed on the waiting list for this year's Feast Supper, please contact Maddy Leader, details are below.

If any businesses would like to sponsor Sawtry Feast Supper Club all donations are gratefully received for the longest running event in the village.



If anyone would like more details these can be obtained by contacting myself. Maddy Leader, Secretary on 07368 210882



Youth SPACE

EVERY SUNDAY IN TERM TIME

(YEAR 7 AND UPWARDS)

6.00PM - 7.30PM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CARESCO TUCK SHOP VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



We are looking to increase the team of Volunteers for our Tuck Shop.

Do you have a few hours to spare occasionally on a Saturday morning preparing and serving a cooked breakfast to our customers?

If you think you can help, please contact me, Sharon Dougherty on 07544 588201 or email sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk

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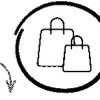
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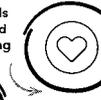
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SAWTRY GAMES CLUB

Sawtry Games Club is a friendly weekly meet-up for board games, card games, tabletop battles, and roleplaying. Open to all ages and experience levels, we meet every Tuesday at Sawtry Social Club (10 Gidding Road, PE28 5TS) from 7:30pm - 10:30pm. From quick party games and modern classics to wargames and RPGs, there's always something new to try.

We're proud of our welcoming, inclusive atmosphere - newcomers never need to bring anything, and someone is always happy to teach a game or recommend a favourite.

Alongside our Tuesday sessions, we run Family Fun Days on the third Sunday of each month (12pm - 5pm). These have been a huge success, offering a relaxed space for families and anyone wanting a friendly afternoon of games and good company.

Recently at the club: Our Sunday events continue to grow, with fantastic turnout and lots of new faces discovering the community. We've also received funding from the local parish council, which we're now investing back into the club - expanding our board-game library, improving storage for equipment, and adding extra items for members to use on Tuesday nights for various different game systems.

So, whether you're a casual player or a dedicated hobbyist, come roll some dice with us - your first session is completely free.

For more information, email: sawtrygames@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you!

SIMON BYWATER

COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE FOR SAWTRY, STILTON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

As we welcome a brand-new year, I would like to wish every resident a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Our community continues to be a place I am deeply proud to represent, and I remain grateful for the support, friendship, and spirit that make Sawtry and our surrounding villages such special places to live.

I am also delighted to announce that it is my intention to stand again in the District Council elections for the Sawtry Ward, alongside my excellent Conservative colleague, Cllr Ross Martin. It has been a privilege to serve you, and I remain committed to working hard on your behalf, supporting local families, protecting our services, and ensuring our villages continue to thrive.

The District Council elections are currently due to take place in May 2026. However, you may be aware that the Government has recently announced that councils could, if they choose, postpone these elections. At the time of writing this article, this matter remains uncertain and is understandably a topic of discussion and concern.

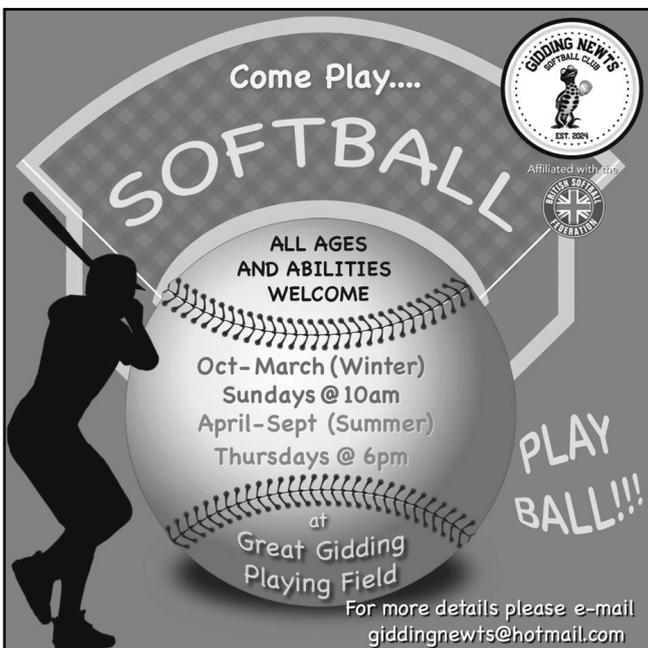
Unless there is a genuine, compelling, and valid reason to delay these elections – and I see none at present, I will be making strong representations to ensure they proceed as planned. The right of residents to have their say through the ballot box is a fundamental democratic principle, and postponing elections without clear justification is something I cannot support.

As always, I will continue to keep residents fully updated. Please do keep an eye on my Facebook page, where I regularly share news, local issues, and updates about council matters that may affect you and your family.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to working hard for you throughout the year ahead

Simon Bywater

County Councillor for Sawtry and Stilton Division - 07984 637553



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Sundays @ 10am

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They will be recycled which is good for the environment and you will also be helping us to raise much needed funds.

CARESCO Charity Shop,
7 Greenways, Sawtry,
PE28 5UR

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

Wellside Surgery,
High Street, Sawtry.
PE28 5SU



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE



Help keep your home and family fire safe – complete our online home safety check

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help.

Visit https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check to find out more and start your online home safety check.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call **01480 444500**.



RightStart 3

Sawtry, CARESCO

Strength and Balance exercise **FREE**

This class focuses on improving strength, balance and suppleness to help you feel stronger and more confident.

- CARESCO Centre, Sawtry, Green End Rd PE28 5UX
- Tuesdays 2:15pm - 3:15pm

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01487 832105

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- Increased muscle strength
- Enhanced balance and coordination



ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

We have a team of fully trained Dementia Advisers who are here to support everyone affected by dementia or worried about memory, their family members and carers.

As well as providing you with information, we can help you to understand dementia better, for example, helping with communication, eating and drinking, washing and dressing, etc. We will work with you to find strategies to cope with the difficulties that you face. Our staff will offer you a listening ear and a safe space to discuss the emotional impact of this. Our service is free and confidential and can be accessed at any point and as often as needed.

We can help you to access benefits and any other services that may support you. We can also help you to plan for the future. We have a range of services including one-to-one support, groups, information sessions and we are available in over 60 GP surgeries around the county.

If there is any way we can help you, please give us a call on **01223 620962** or email at **cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk**

Information Sessions

The Alzheimer's Society in Cambridgeshire offers a range of virtual information and peer support sessions. Each session is two hours long and looks at aspects of dementia and caring.

All About Dementia covers all types of dementia and how it impacts on everyday life. We cover communication, behaviours, memory and relationships. As well as information and support, from our team of Dementia Advisers, the attendees learn from each other and discuss what has worked for them.

Carer's Emotional Health and Wellbeing examines the impact of caring and goes on to explore the importance of carers looking after themselves and how to achieve this.

Respite and Care in the Community looks at all types of respite and how it is paid for.

Residential Care and Paying for Care investigates choosing a care home and who pays for care.

People that have joined these sessions have told us:

"I have learnt so much by attending these sessions from everyone here today. I'm definitely going to be trying some of the things the carers have suggested."

"These sessions have been so good. They have given me so much more confidence. Everything you said made sense. I would tell everyone to come to these sessions."

If you are interested in attending one or more of these sessions, and would like more information, please call us on **01223 620962** or email **cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk**

Moving On

Cambridgeshire Alzheimer's Society is proud to offer carers who are facing the difficult choice of moving a loved one with a diagnosis of dementia into care the opportunity to join our Moving On group. This specialist peer support group meets every two weeks and looks at every aspect of this difficult journey, from choosing a home and who pays for it, building relationships with the care home, coming to terms with no longer being the sole carer, and looks at helping carers to build a future.

If you are facing this difficult journey and would like to join our Moving On group, please contact us on **01223 620962** or email **cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk**



SAWTRY WI

Charity Number 229016

Members of Sawtry WI recently raised £278.50 for Refuge UK and our final figure raised for MAGPAS was £455.50. Thank you to all who assisted with the fundraising.

Members meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS, starting at 7pm. As well as a varied programme of speakers and events, members also enjoy outings, social groups, and afternoon teas.

We are looking forward to our members meeting on 5 February when Athlete Sophie Etheridge will be giving a talk to Sawtry WI members entitled '29 hours and 4 minutes'. Our annual party with entertainment for members is on 19 March and our annual meeting will be held on 5 March. Gemstone Jewellery is the focus of our meeting on 2 April.

You are welcome to visit us and let us know if you would like a copy of our programme.

Sawtry WI members continue to run the Sawtry Community Café together with wonderful volunteers from our community. The Café is open on the first Saturday of each month held at Sawtry WI Hall. Food is served from 12 noon to 2.45pm and there is no cost, it is all free. This is a great community space where residents of all ages come together to share food in friendship. Signposting and Support available. We average about 44 visitors at each Café. The first shift 12-1.30pm is always the busiest so if you prefer a quieter space do come after 1.30pm. The Café is open to everyone in Sawtry and is currently funded by volunteers and visitor donations. Our next Café is on Saturday 7 February and we will be giving out hand-crafted blankets donated by Winter Warmers. Everyone welcome.

Jacqui Svensson, President - 07841 647345 - sawtrywi@gmail.com

Instagram: Sawtry_WI

Sawtry WI | Facebook

<https://sawtrywi.wixsite.com/sawtrywi>



GREEN END DAY CLUB

Happy New Year to you all.

We had a busy December at the Club. Our members thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Party, with entertainment, festive bingo and a delicious lunch with all the trimmings. We would also like to thank the Greystones for hosting our Christmas meal, despite the very rainy weather, we enjoyed a warm welcome and lovely food.

We returned from our Christmas break on a very wintery 5 January to our newly decorated club room, which looks lovely, bright, and clean. It looks fabulous. We would like to thank Dave Dougherty, and his team of CARESCO colleagues and volunteers, who gave up their Christmas holidays to come in and transform our environment. We all love it, and it will also benefit other users of the Centre.

Since reopening we have been busy arranging our entertainment, bus trips and meals out for the coming year. We are planning a meal out for our members on 26 February and our first bus trip on 24 April to the Brotherhood Retail Park, Peterborough.

Our first Quiz Night is scheduled for Friday 6 March and will be a fun evening and help us to raise much needed funds for the club.

We look forward to welcoming new members in 2026 and if you are interested in attending or know someone who might be, please do come and see us or get in touch.

Sarah Hughes, GEDC Supervisor

greenend@caresco.org.uk



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SAWTRY CHORALE

2026 - A YEAR TO CELEBRATE!

Happy New Year and a big thank you to everyone who so brilliantly supported our Christmas events, ensuring two sell-out concerts at Holme and Great Gidding Village Halls.

2026 is a big year for Sawtry Chorale, marking our 40th Anniversary as a community choir. That's quite a milestone and a perfect excuse for us to celebrate in style throughout the year. The main event will be a concert, complete with orchestra and guest soloists, on 14 November at Sawtry Village Academy, a fitting return to the very place the choir first began as an evening class in 1986. The programme will feature a major choral work, complete with orchestra and guest soloists, alongside a selection of our favourite songs through those four decades. We are also greatly looking forward to welcoming back to the audience many of the people who have contributed to Chorale's success over the years, including our Founder, Peter Davies.

We are also planning concerts in late spring and early summer; details still to come but we're hoping to include a joint concert with another local choir.

So, a lot to celebrate and a lot of singing ahead! As always, we welcome new singers to Sawtry Chorale and, with such an exciting programme ahead, there could hardly be a more perfect time to join us. Even if you've only sung in the shower, you will find a warm welcome each Wednesday, from 7.30-9.30pm at the Methodist Hall on Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX.

No auditions and no need to read music. You can just come along or, if you'd like to know more in advance, call Karen on **07802 457030**. She will be happy to answer any questions you may have about how the choir works.



CARESCO CAR SCHEME

Providing transport for local people

Run by volunteers using their own cars, journeys (to medical appointments only) can be booked via the Co-ordinator 9am - 5pm, Mondays to Fridays only (subject to availability)

on **07810 476979**

Please leave a message, your name & phone number and the team will get back to you.

Contact CARESCO on 01487 832105
Email: office@caresco.org.uk

HOLME YOUTH CLUB

Christmas and New Year are behind us, and we are well underway into 2026 with good attendance at our first few sessions.

On 13 February we will be having a 'First Aid Night' with a fully qualified First Aid Instructor coming along to do some basic first aid and instruction in CPR and Defib operation. With a couple of Defibs around the village it is very useful to have a number of people capable of using them to good effect and there is no limit on age. We hope to have a very good turn out on that night even though it's the beginning of half term.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or who attend or have attended Holme (CofE) Primary academy. The lower age limit is anyone who will be 10 years old after 1 September and although we say the upper age limit should be 15, we do find that some members don't want to leave us and volunteer to help on the tuck shop.

It's a friendly lively evening so come along and check us out between 6.30 and 8.30pm on a term time Friday in Holme Village Hall.

For further information please email: holmeyouthclub@outlook.com or contact us through Facebook.





SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is open on the Saturday following our Thursday meeting, in the Community Centre access is via the library, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome, search census records and view old documents relating to our area.

Next meetings: 19 February - Holme from River Port to Railway - Sue Knight
19 March - Ramsey Mere - Martyn Smith + A.G.M.

November meeting **SEARCHING FOR LOTTE, A STORY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVAL** by Roger Leivers, a remarkable story full of both hope & despair that had its roots in the crash of the Godmanchester Sterling. Lotte was the girlfriend of the Sterling bomb aimer that flew from R.A.F. Alconbury, as a result of Roger's investigations her relatives have visited Godmanchester.

'Sawtry Archaeology' is a group within Sawtry History Society that is committed to investigating the archaeological record of Sawtry and neighbouring communities, and presenting interpreted findings in the public domain in order to enrich the communal heritage. Details of projects, publications of interest and useful links can be found on the Sawtry Archaeology website (below). Follow Sawtry Archaeology on Facebook (below) where details of fieldwork, other activity and updates to the website will be posted.

Sawtry Archaeology website: <https://sawtryarchaeology.wixsite.com/my-site/events>

Sawtry Archaeology email: sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk

Follow us on Facebook  SHS SawtryArchaeology

Don't forget our sister website the details being www.sawtryhistory.co.uk. sawtryhistory@gmail.com

The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month
in the Methodist Church, 9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX at 7.30pm

For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441

SAMARITANS

Peterborough & District

Are you able to volunteer for 12 hours a month to support people who are in despair?

If so Peterborough Samaritans would really like to hear from you.

We will provide comprehensive training and support you all the way.

For more details please contact us at volunteer@peterboroughsamaritans.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Stay fire safe in your kitchen

More than half the fires crews attend in the home start in the kitchen. This can be down to a number of things.

Below are some simple safety tips to help you stay fire safe in the kitchen:

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking
- Don't store items on top of hobs
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked off the stove

Disposing of batteries safely

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

How to dispose of batteries

There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

To find your nearest battery collection bin, visit either <https://www.recyclenow.com> or <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk> to check where your closest location is.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call **01480 444500**.



CARESCO GARDEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Volunteers who help to maintain our garden work extremely hard at improving the outside space we have and are proud of what has been achieved so far.

If you can spare any time at all and are interested in joining our Garden Team, please contact Sharon Dougherty on 07544 588201 or email sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk

NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY



Sawtry library is a friendly, welcoming library based in Sawtry Community Centre. We offer a range of services such as children's activities, free pc and internet access and of course fiction, non-fiction books and audio books. We also provide help to get bus passes, and we have a selection of local information leaflets.

Happiness Jars - Saturday 14 February 10.00am - 11.00am

Decorate your own happiness jar and fill it with notes of your happiest moments or things that make you happy.

Suitable for 5 years+

£2.50 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Spaces Virtual Reality -

Tuesday 17 February 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Wednesday 18 February 10.30am - 12noon and 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 21 February 10.00am - 11.30am

Experience the wonder of Virtual Reality and dive into one of seven unique experiences. Listen to David Attenborough's animal facts, fly in a WWII bomber, play along with Wallace & Gromit or choose another fascinating adventure.

Booking a time slot is required. All available options displayed in the library. To book visit Sawtry library or email: huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Mother's Day Craft - Saturday 14 March 10.30am - 11.30am

Make a colourful card for Mother's Day. Choose from two beautiful designs to delight your mum with!

Suitable for 4 years+

£2.00 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Engage - Bees in the Garden - Wednesday 1 April 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Join us for a talk on our native species of bees and pollinators.

Focussing on the honeybee - taste the honey they produce and be amazed by their intriguing life.

FREE talk (donations welcome). Adults only.

Booking required. Ask at Sawtry Library, call 0345 045 5225, or email Huntingdon.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rhymetimes - Wednesdays 10.30am - 11.00am (term time only)

Sing nursery rhymes and play musical instruments at our weekly rhymetime sessions.

Drop in. No booking needed.

For children under 5.



Lego Club - Saturdays 10.00am - 12.00pm

Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning.

Drop in anytime throughout the session.

Suitable for children aged 4+

50p donation appreciated.

Social Media

Please look at our social media pages for information, updates and events. You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on X (Twitter) we are [@cambslib](https://twitter.com/cambslib).

Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

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



WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



A Big Thank You!

On behalf of the whole practice team, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the patients who very kindly dropped in cards and/or gifts over Christmas. Needless to say, these were very greatly appreciated by all of us.

Patient Partner

Please remember that Patient Partner is available for the convenience of patients and allows you to complete certain actions via an automated process as opposed to having to wait to speak to a member of the reception team. To use patient partner, please call 01487 800270.

The service can be used to complete the following tasks:

- Check and/or cancel an appointment
- Book a blood test
- Book a physiotherapy appointment

A Plea for Your Help

At a time when clinical appointments are in high demand, please help us in order for us to help as many patients as we possibly can. If you have booked an appointment but find you are unable to attend for any reason, then please cancel the appointment so that we can offer it to someone else in need. Unfortunately, in the last three months of 2025 (i.e. Oct-Dec) we had a huge 238 clinical appointments that were not attended. If we had known in advance that these appointments were no longer required, then they could easily have been given to other patients.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager
Wellside Surgery, Sawtry,

Tel: 01487 830340



CARESCO FUNDRAISING

We have had some great Fundraising activities over the last few months which have been well supported.

December brought with it all sorts of wonderful Christmas fundraisers, we held a Shopping Event which was very popular, brand-new donations were for sale with an offer of turning purchases into hampers. Refreshments were sold which is always well received and our ever-popular Tombola was a big success. Wooden Hearts with messages at Christmas which were bought from the Charity Shop were hung from the Christmas Tree on the green. Beautiful Wreaths were created at our Wreath Making Workshops, both dates were a sell out and the results were truly amazing! Our Christmas Quiz sheet sold well and had a lot of people testing their general knowledge over the Christmas break.

January brought people together to enjoy our first Quiz of the year. Our very own Quiz Master Keith Parker challenged us on the evening – another great way of supporting our charity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the community groups who also put on events to raise funds for CARESCO over the last few months, your support is always appreciated and goes a long way to help us to continue to offer the many projects we do, to the community. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity.

Please keep a look out for our posters around the village and also posts on our social media pages for future fundraising events.

Many thanks from all the staff at CARESCO.

CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

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

Are you a serving member of the Armed Forces? Are you a Veteran? Are you neither, but would like to help? Then please consider becoming a member of the Royal British Legion.

Interested, then please contact us by email: sawtry.secretary@rbl.community, via our Facebook page: **Sawtry RBL** or you can visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership> to join.

Events -

13 March (Friday) – RBL Community Quiz night. If you are a community group and want to put a team in, then please contact sawtry.secretary@rbl.community.

9 April (Thursday) – Easter Bingo

Poppy Appeal -

The 2024 Poppy Appeal closed on 31 September with a fantastic £10,760 raised.

The 2025 Poppy Appeal started on 1 October leading up to Remembrance. With all your donations we have already raised £9,701 which is fantastic. Thank you for all your support and to all our volunteers.

Billy, (Poppy Appeal Organiser)

AN EYE ON NATURE

Throughout my life I've been held spellbound by inspirational wildlife programmes. The earlier memories were Armand and Michaela Denis in Africa way back in the early sixties. Who could forget the famous voyages of Jacques Cousteau aboard Calipso. We were rivetted to our TV screen during each episode during 1977 to 1982. It was not all global exploration though as Sir Peter Scott brought us memorable wildlife encounters here in the UK with the series look.

Then who could have envisaged the icon Sir David Attenborough bringing us jaw dropping wildlife experiences spanning 70 years and it all began with 'Zoo Quest' in 1954. He has been out at the forefront of our journey of discovery and the wonderful complexity of our natural world.

BBC's the 'Natural World' has been a must watch for me. Can you believe it ran for 37 years and almost 500 episodes ending its run in 2020. As technology has advanced we learn so much more and today as I watch the latest BBC series about African carnivores, 'Kingdom', it is so very different from Armand and Michaela Denis.

As our world meets new frightening challenges, we are kept informed about the impact we are making and most importantly how to mitigate that impact by what we do on a local scale. The current TV programmes, such as 'Springwatch' and even 'Gardeners' World' can really help us.

My wildflower meadow 'evolved' back in 2017 and with the new emphasis of wildlife friendly gardening on 'Gardeners' World' I had help from an unforeseen source in the shape of Monty Don.

But it's not all about 'mega' series on TV, as inspiration can come out of the blue. A few years ago, a botanist, Dr Margaret Bradshaw MBE, was featured on 'Countryfile' and she really struck a cord with me as she enthusiastically showed the presenter the incredible botanical richness of Upper Teesdale, County Durham. Margaret has campaigned to save this unique landscape for 70 years and was a huge part of the campaign against the threat posed by building Cow Green Reservoir. Margaret turned 100 in early January and featured again on TV, this time as one of the five super agers (ITV One 'Super-Agers: Wisdom at 90+', which aired in December 2025). I urge you to watch it on YouTube or ITVX, her passionate plea to save our world will bring you to tears.

I hope the BBC and others continue to bring us a window into the spectacular natural world of ours and as Sir David turns 100 on 8th May his legacy will continue in years to come.

Martin Baker

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

For more information, contact the Wildlife Trust:

Phone 01954 713543, or visit www.wildlifebcn.org



STILTON IN TUNE - 'KEYBOARD SHOWTIME'

We sincerely hope that you can join us for our monthly concerts.

Sunday 8 February *Claire Greig*

Sunday 1 March *Howard Beaumont*

All shows commence at 2.30pm (doors open 1.45pm) at Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, PE3 7RA

Entrance £10 on the door, which includes refreshments.

For further details please visit: www.organfax.co.uk/clubs/stilton/



CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

CARESCO offer many groups and services to the local community that cost £280,000 to run annually across 3 buildings, including delivery of 3,500 copies of the Sawtry Eye. The charity is run by part-time staff and 150 fabulous volunteers and we try to cover our costs via Charity Shop sales and gift aid, grants, user contributions, donations and fundraising. I have applied for 44 grants since the start of April and we have received 12 to date worth £62,000. This is unfortunately less than this time last year but there are some grant decisions due soon, so fingers crossed ☺

Restricted awards paid for various overdue projects and unrestricted awards went towards our disability accessible minibus, wages, leases, food and utilities. Final grants received for financial year 25/26 will be included in full in our Annual Report later in the year at www.caresco.org.uk.

The staff and trustees have been working on the urgent need for a new CARESCO Centre which is going to cost £800K-£1M. We do not yet have a site agreed, but the team continue to work on it and I have been researching large grants that might cover some of this sizeable cost. We would be extremely grateful if you could donate to the GoFundMe page by scanning the QR code for the new building or in person, any small amount would be very much appreciated. We need the communities support in this as without funding for a permanent building, CARESCO will not be able to survive in the longer term.



Thank you as always for volunteering, donating and making use of all our groups and services.

Denise Pike, Grants Manager

grants@caresco.org.uk

Men United in Song 2026, supporting Prostate Cancer UK

If you're looking for something new in 2026 then look no further... *Men United in Song* is it!

We're looking for around 40 ordinary men – just like YOU – to join a fun, nine week singing project launching in March. There's NO audition and you don't need any experience – just your enthusiasm to jump in the deep end, try something new and give it your best shot!

Working towards a fantastic live event at Peterborough Cathedral in May, you'll learn to sing, meet new people, forge new friendships, perform on stage - with plenty of laughs along the way - AND raise lots of money for our charity partner Prostate Cancer UK... plus there are well-documented physical and emotional benefits of group singing... what's not to like?!

The hard work paid off! Thanks for finding something in us that most didn't know we had!

Amazing, I never thought in a million years I would ever sing in front of hundreds of people!

Fantastic experience from the first rehearsal... thanks for getting us all through the journey!

Men United in Song kicks off with sign-up sessions on Thursday 5 (6.30-10pm) and Friday 6 March (6.30-10pm). This is NOT an audition and there's no big red buzzer, just an opportunity to find out more and get involved – get in touch TODAY and start YOUR singing journey!

- For further information contact Jo on **01733 425194** or email: **menunited@peterboroughsings.org.uk**
- Sign-up sessions will be at The John Mansfield Campus PE1 4HX on Thursday 5 March and Friday 6 March (6.30-10pm). **Please call or email first to register.**
- Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings, 7.45-9.45pm, at The John Mansfield Campus PE1 4HX, starting Thursday 12 March.
- The *Men United in Song* event will be at Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 16 May.



CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Please come along for a coffee and chat. See the projects and repairs we are working on at present. Do you have a project you want some help with?

Everybody is welcome, male or female. We are a happy crew and welcome new members.

We replace watch batteries and carry out PAT testing at a fee of £3 each.

Contact us by calling 07851 803482 and leaving a message, emailing us at: thecave@caresco.org.uk or pop in during one of our sessions, you can find us at the rear of Sawtry Community Centre off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX.

RAMBLERS - HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Huntingdonshire Ramblers have gotten 2026 off to a good walking start. Despite some cold and chilly days, we have been out and about with a frosty walk to the pretty village of Woodhurst, where the ducks were standing around on the ice, and a linear walk in Cambridge to admire its many bridges over the River Cam.

We always love to meet new faces on our walks, so if you fancy joining us out walking then do take a look at our website and current walks programme which will give you all the information you need to come along. Long term we would love to recruit some new volunteer walk leaders, to help our small band continue to run a full programme going forwards.



VOLUNTEERS DRIVERS REQUIRED

CARESCO is looking to increase our team of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive with our Car Scheme and help local people

Successful candidates will:

- Be 25 years and over (for insurance)
- Be required to complete a clear DBS check
- Hold a clean driving licence
- Have use of a suitable car with valid MOT and insurance
- Have some weekday availability
- Be reliable and flexible
- Expenses will be reimbursed

If you would like to know more, please contact the Car Scheme Co-ordinator on 07810 476979 or email office@caresco.org.uk





FINALISED SAWTRY SHOW CLASSES - TO GET YOU STARTED!

Saturday 12 September 2026 Sawtry Village Academy

The full schedule with instructions and entry forms will be available from June.

Fruit and Vegetables

1. 5 Runner bean pods
2. Longest runner bean
3. 5 French bean pods
4. 3 beetroots
5. 3 carrots
6. 3 courgettes
7. 3 onions
8. A garlic bulb
9. 3 bell peppers
10. 5 chillies
11. A truss of ripening tomatoes
12. 5 cherry tomatoes
13. 5 salad tomatoes
14. 5 potatoes any variety
15. Pumpkin or squash
16. Misshapen fruit or vegetable
17. 5 eating apples
18. 5 pears
19. 3 stems of rhubarb, with leaf trimmed to 3 inches
20. Tray of your 5-a-day, mix of fruit and / or veg

Home grown flowers and plants.

21. 3 dahlia stems, may be mixed varieties
22. A vase of mixed herbs
23. 1 rose specimen, will be judged on scent
24. 3 rose stems may be mixed varieties.
25. Vase of 10 Flowering Stems, minimum 3 varieties

Pot plants

26. A fuchsia
27. A begonia
28. Cactus or succulent
29. A Pelargonium Geranium
30. Any foliage pot plant

Flower Arranging (Fresh only & flowers may be bought)

31. A cottage garden arrangement in a basket
32. A modern arrangement in footwear
33. An arrangement of berries, fruits and foliage

Cookery

34. Victoria sponge 3 egg mix, jam filled, caster sugar on top
 35. 5 Cheese Scones, your own recipe (Men Only)
 36. Pineapple Fruitcake – (given recipe*)
 37. 5 pieces Shortbread
 38. Vegetable cake iced
 39. Focaccia – any flavour
- *Recipe will be published in full schedule

Preserves

40. Soft fruit jam
41. Stoned fruit jam
42. Orange marmalade
43. Chutney any type
44. A jar of pickles



Home Brews

45. A bottle of red wine, dry
46. A bottle of white wine, sweet
47. A bottle of liqueur
48. A bottle of non-alcoholic cordial

Crafts

49. Christmas tree ornament - any medium
50. A hotel
51. A knitted post box topper for Remembrance Sunday - any shape
52. A crocheted item
53. Up-cycle pieces of material in to quilted patchwork
54. An item from recycled wood or metal
55. A pop up / 3D greeting card
56. A piece of cross stitch
57. Handmade toy - any medium
58. A handmade necklace
59. A bookmark
60. Any other item not included in the above classes

Art

61. A country scene
62. A portrait
63. A Robin - any medium
64. A textile art - any medium
65. A monogram - a combination of two or more initials - any medium
66. A manga art drawing
67. A miniature

Photography (Maximum size A5)

68. A country landscape
69. A sunset
70. Portrait of a pet
71. A local person at work
72. Humour, with a caption
73. A close up of an insect
74. Own choice photograph subject



Juniors

The following age groups will be judged in each of the classes listed below:

Preschool, Infant School, Junior School

Academy students can enter adult categories but will be judged as juniors.

Ages at the 12 September 2026

Preschool Classes

75. A Leaf Print
76. Decorated Paper Plate
77. Decorate 3 Biscuits

Infant School Classes

78. Make and decorate a bookmark
79. A miniature garden in an egg box
80. Make 5 Rice Krispie cakes

Junior School Classes

81. Make and decorate a frame around a favourite picture
82. Tie dye a t-shirt
83. Bake and decorate 3 cup cakes

Competition - table pong - highest score wins
Info on Facebook - schedule

Academy entries - To be decided

Message us through our Facebook page 'The Sawtry Show' or email: thesawtryshow@outlook.com for more info



Wildlife Trust for
Beds, Cambs
& Northants

Huntingdonshire Local Group

Saving Ratty: Should Water Vole Conservation Involve More Than Just Mink control

Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm - Brampton Memorial Hall

We are pleased to welcome back Alistair Grant. Once a familiar sight along Britain's watercourses, the water vole is now listed as endangered after one of the steepest declines of any mammal since 1990. In some areas the population fell 90% between 1989 and 1998 alone! Although eradicating the non-native American mink has been vital, recent data shows that water voles do not always recover following this.

Drawing on extensive practical experience as a specialist riparian ecologist working closely with water voles, Alistair will explore the ecological challenges and conservation strategies needed to secure a future for this much-loved species.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £5.00 (£4.00 for Wildlife Trust members; under 18s free). Payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

For more information please contact Tim - 07941 261346 or timpfryer@googlemail.com

City Wildlife Haven, St Johns College Grounds

Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm - Brampton Memorial Hall

We are pleased to welcome David Austrin. David is the Head Gardener at St. John's College, Cambridge. He will talk about the extensive college grounds which combine mixed formal and wildlife friendly gardening to provide a refuge for many native species of fauna and flora.

David trained at Kew Gardens, then developed his knowledge at Cambridge University Botanic Gardens before moving to St. Johns College. This promises to be an interesting talk, demonstrating what can be achieved in this environment. We are hoping to follow up this talk with a visit to the college grounds in the late spring or early summer.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £5.00 (£4.00 for Wildlife Trust members; under 18s free). Payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

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REMEMBRANCE

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



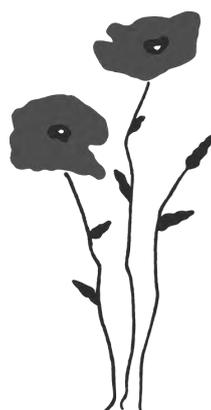
REMEMBRANCE

FEBRUARY

Private Ernest HADMAN	17 February 1917	Glatton/Holme
Private Herbert WRIGHT	14 February 1942	Wood Walton
Driver Edward Harold DACK	9 February 1944	Sawtry

MARCH

Private Victor John FURNELL	7 March 1916	Wood Walton
Private George Edward SAVAGE	15 March 1916	Glatton
Private William ROWELL	17 March 1917	Sawtry
Private William BARRETT	18 March 1918	Sawtry
Private George Frederick DEWBERRY	20 March 1918	Wood Walton
CQMS Henry James NICKERSON	23 March 1918	Sawtry
Private William Percival GLOVER	27 March 1918	Great Gidding
Sergeant Norman George Wood BOYCE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Sergeant Robert Charles DOBIE	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Donald Cole LINDSEY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Flight Sergeant Robert Joseph O'LEARY	26 March 1942	Old Weston
Private John Edward ANDREWS	23 March 1943	Sawtry



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



SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



All Are Welcome!

COFFEE MORNINGS

**Open Saturdays
in the church hall
from 9.30am to 11.00am**

*Drop in for light refreshments,
a chat with friends
all proceeds to the church*

We would love to see you!



CREAM TEAS

**First Monday of the month -
2.00pm - 4.00pm
in the Church Hall**



SUNDAY WORSHIP

*There is a service either in the building, online,
(using Zoom), or both every week*

SPECIAL SERVICES

Holy Communion

Sunday 1 February at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Sunday 1 March at 10.30am

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15 March at 10.30am

There's a Place for Us

Lent Bible study based on the film 'West Side Story'

Mondays 23 February - 23 March at 7.00pm

*For details of other services, how to login
via Zoom, and for other services
please check our website, or call 01487 830345*

Come and join us, all are welcome

BOARD GAMES CLUB

**First and third Fridays of
the month at 7.30pm**

*Come with friends or on
your own -
all are welcome.*

MOVIE NIGHT

**Fourth Friday of the
month at 7.30pm**

*Free entry
Refreshments available.*

For more information, please contact Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857

Email: jjamesbamber@gmail.com, or via www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk

Find us on Facebook - [SawtryMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryMethodistChurch)

LENT

Dear Friends,

I know Christmas is barely behind us, but February already points us towards Lent – a season traditionally associated with reflection and renewal. One of the central themes of Lent is the idea of change: recognising that none of us has life completely sorted and that there is always room to grow, to mend, and to begin again.

You may already know something of the story of the Colman's Mustard Factory in Norwich. In the 19th century, the Colman family, whose Christian faith shaped their values, believed that people mattered deeply. At a time when harsh working conditions were the norm, they introduced practices that were well ahead of their time – decent housing, education, healthcare, and support for workers and their families. Their beliefs weren't just words; they were lived out in practical, everyday ways, and the impact of those choices was felt across the community for generations.

Lent invites us to reflect in a similar way. For Christians, it is rooted in the belief that God offers transformation that goes deeper than self-improvement alone – a change of heart that shapes how we live and how we treat others. Even for those who don't share a Christian belief, Lent can still offer a valuable pause: a chance to think honestly about our habits, our relationships, and the kind of people we want to be.

It is easy to speak about wanting a fresh start or a 'new heart', or to pray the words of the psalmist, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God...' (Psalm 51:10), but much harder to live that out in practice. When we do, however, even small changes can ripple outward, shaping our homes, our village, and the wider world in ways we might not expect.

This Lent, may we each find space to pause, reflect, and discover how God's renewing love might quietly shape our lives and our community.

With blessings,

James

(Methodist Minister in Sawtry)





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



BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For the latest service information and online service links please visit www.fenedgechurches.org

Date	All Saints', Sawtry	St Nicholas, Glatton	St Giles, Holme
Sunday 1 February	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Saturday 7 February	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ Holme Village Hall 4.30pm - BCP Evensong
Sunday 8 February	10.30am - Service of the Word (Cheeky Pandas)	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 15 February	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday Wednesday 18 February	6.00pm - Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of Ashes	--	--
Sunday 22 February	10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 1 March	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Saturday 7 March	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ Holme Village Hall 4.30pm - BCP Evensong
Sunday 8 March	10.30am - Service of the Word (Cheeky Pandas)	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Mothering Sunday Sunday 15 March	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 22 March	10.30am - Morning Prayer <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	9.00am - Holy Communion <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	--
Sunday 29 March	10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	--	--

*BCP A much loved traditional service using the 1662 prayer book



**ENGAGED? THINKING OF
GETTING MARRIED?**



Did you know that you can get married in your local parish church - All Saints', Sawtry, St. Giles, Holme and St. Nicholas, Glatton.

We love ♥ a wedding and would love to discuss how we can play a part in your special day.

Please look at our website www.fenedgechurches.org, be in touch with the Benefice Administrator.

Email: fenedgechurches@gmail.com



WALKING FORWARD TOGETHER – HELPFUL WAYPOINTS

We quickly forget those decorations so carefully arranged, but the birth of the Christ child as the starting point for counting years in our global (Gregorian) calendar is therefore an unforgettable daily waypoint. As we move through the early New Year months, the church year invites us into a season of **RESET**, **REFLECTION** and **RENEWAL**.



In January, we are encouraged to **RESET** our lives and build on something previously you have found life changing – to nourish your soul with daily Scripture and prayer, for example.

In February, our thoughts begin to turn toward Lent. This gentle shift encourages us to pause and notice where we are in our walk with God. Threshold moments matter, because they invite us to **REFLECT** and listen – to consider our busy lives. Ash Wednesday, which falls in February this year, sets the tone for the weeks that follow. Lent is 40 days long as a reminder of Christ's 40 days in the wilderness and His defeat of temptation – an encouragement to draw closer to God and find the strength to overcome an unhelpful compulsion.

During March, as Lent continues, we journey with Jesus through **REFLECTION**, prayer and acts of love. Some may choose to give something up, others to take something on, but the purpose is the same: to make space for God in our daily lives.

As a Benefice, we commend these early, thoughtful months to walk together, supporting one another in faith, friendship, kindness and care for our communities as we reflect God's love in practical ways. May these months be a time of quiet growth, renewed faith and hope as we continue our journey together toward Easter.

KINGFISHER CHURCH (LITTLE PAXTON, ST NEOTS)

A new church for Sawtry — everyone welcome

Kingfisher Church (Little Paxton, St Neots) is excited to be starting a new church in Sawtry. Some of our members already live in Sawtry and nearby villages, and for several years we've been praying about how we might serve the village well alongside the existing churches.

We already have a home group meeting in Sawtry, and we believe the time is right to take the next step: to begin a Christ-centred community in Sawtry where people can explore faith, build friendships, and discover more about Jesus, with the Bible at the heart of what we teach and do.

To begin with, we'll be holding monthly Sunday morning gatherings on the last Sunday of the month (see dates below) at the CARESCO Centre. These meetings are a chance to meet us, find out what we're about, and see whether this new church might be for you. You don't need to know anything about church to come along, if you're curious, you're very welcome.

Initial Sundays (10:30am at CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX)

Sunday 25 January • Sunday 22 February • Sunday 29 March

We're planning an **official launch on Easter Sunday (5 April 2026) at 10:30am**, and then we hope to meet every Sunday morning after that.

Kingfisher Church itself began as a home group in Little Paxton and started holding monthly meetings in 2013. The name "Kingfisher" was chosen with help from the village at its summer festival — reflecting both the local wildlife and Jesus' call for his people to share hope and good news. Kingfisher was planted by another local independent church in St Neots, and we continue to enjoy close links with other local churches as we serve our communities together. You can find out more about Kingfisher Church at www.kingfisherchurch.co.uk and as the Sawtry church begins to take shape, we'll soon be choosing a name for the new church too.

Watch this space, and Facebook for updates.

Most of all: Sawtry, we'd love to meet you

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

As we step into a new year and the colder months ahead, things are a little quieter at the club. Behind the scenes, the new committee is hard at work planning an exciting calendar of events for the year ahead.

One date already confirmed is our ever-popular London Pie & Mash Night - complete with traditional liquor or, for those who prefer, proper gravy! This event was a huge hit last year, with a waiting list due to high demand, so we expect it to fill up quickly again.

Please note that seating is limited, so places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you'd like to join us for this fantastic evening, please contact Karen on **07903 841708** to reserve your spot.

We're also looking forward to Easter Bingo on 28 March, where there are sure to be plenty of chocolate prizes up for grabs! It's always a fun event, so please come along and support these activities.

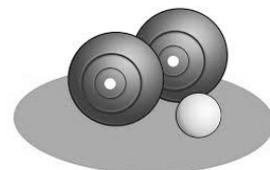
In the meantime, stay warm and winter well.

The Committee

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

Our website:- <https://hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us>

Or google:- Sawtry and District Bowling Club



SAWTRY RUNNING CLUB



If January is the month when reality turns up uninvited, then Sawtry Running Club has met it head-on, trainers laced and sarcasm fully charged. The club members are well and truly running off their Christmas turkey, proving once again that guilt is best dealt with at a brisk pace and preferably in company.

The new year also brought with it the club's annual bout of democracy, otherwise known as the AGM. The club held it's AGM in early January and I managed to hang on to the Vice Chair post by the skin of my teeth, whilst also somehow taking on the role of Social Secretary from the outgoing legend that is Ash Butten. Thanks for your years of hard work and all of the Baby Guinness... Ash leaves behind a legacy of tireless commitment, excellent organisation, and a suspiciously high tolerance for tiny glasses of layered liqueur. Our lovely Club Captain Fiona Chance also said adieu to the role. Her wrangling of our run-leaders (who, quite frankly need a bit of wrangling at times – in the nicest possible way of course) will certainly be sorely missed. With that, we welcome Mark S(immons) as newly elected co-captain to Mark S(heldon). They will henceforth be known as the single entity Mark Squared.

Massive thanks also to the stalwart committee members for putting yourself up for re-election - without your valuable efforts the club wouldn't exist. Running clubs, like swans, look serene on the surface but are paddling furiously underneath. The committee are the paddlers, and we salute you.

December ended on a festive high with the ever-popular Santa Run. Kudos to all the participants in the Santa Run - thanks to all your entries we were in a position make a decent donation to our much-valued village charity CARESCO. It turns out that nothing says "season of goodwill" quite like grown adults (and teeny children) running through the village dressed as Santa, but the cause made every bobble hat worth it.

Looking ahead, planning is already well under way for this year's Sawtry 10 which will be on Sunday 6 September. Save the date as we will need all the volunteer marshals we can muster. Whether you're pointing runners in the right direction or simply clapping enthusiastically at strangers in Lycra, it's a brilliant village event and a highlight of our calendar.

And finally, as always, we are actively encouraging new members to join our number - if you see anyone out running in the light blue of Sawtry RC and fancy coming along, we would love to have you aboard. No matter your pace, experience or relationship with hills, there's a place for you. Just don't be surprised if you're also asked to wear a Santa suit at some point.

Happy running, Sawtry.

Matt Spinks

More info at www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk or our Facebook page: **Sawtry Running Club**



Running - it's much more fun than you might

SAWTRY SPRING SHOW

We Are Again Holding a Spring Show – Just For Fun!

On Saturday 21 March 2026

at the Old School Hall 1.30 - 3.30pm

Free public admission - Tombola and Refreshments will be on sale

Full details on page 9



SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

Happy New Year to you all, the cold winds of January have blown the Christmas cobwebs away and we are back in the chair so to speak with our first event in 2026 being the V/Captains pairs Betterball competition held at Burghley Park Golf Club, the weather has been cold with regular frosts so this saw us playing on temporary greens.

Coming in with a ridiculous score of 55 points were John Hedington and AJ, in 2nd place were the Captains Jason and Doug both on 52 beating Nigel Keaveney and Tony Morely on countback.

The Vice & Captain led from the front and collected a decent sum for the captain's charity, all in all an enjoyable day.

Round 8 saw the Society returning to Barkway Park Golf Club on the 24 January, then Round 9 it's the 3 Club Challenge at Orton Meadows on 21 March returning the first Major of the season followed by Round 10 at Thorpe Wood on 11 April for the Stuart Elliot Memorial.

Tony Morely currently leads Ian Simpson and Jason Bohonis in the league with only 4 left to play a good result at Barkway should see Tony increase his lead so watch this space.

We should by then be seeing the shoots of spring sunshine with warmer weather creeping back in.



Sawtry Golf Society accommodates local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf, if you are interested, please contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary David Gadsby (07834 386632) our membership is £30 for the season which includes insurance.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Doctors / Pharmacy

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340

Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley - 01733 240478

Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072 or
gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org

Girlguiding, Sawtry (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,
Rangers & Y.L.) - torthilldistrict@gmail.com

Sawtry Woodcraft Folk - sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk

Village Groups

Sawtry Chorale - 07796 972580

Sawtry Games Club - sawtrygames@gmail.com

Sawtry History Society - 831667

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

Sport Clubs

Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - 07585 950923

Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 07989 503740

Sawtry Colts - www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk

Sawtry Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Greenfields Fishing Lake - 07426 334079

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 804040

Sawtry Tang Soo Do - 07864 260338

Sawtry Walking Group - 830167

Sawtry Running Club - www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk

Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) - 506217

St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - 830680

St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough -
01733 230464

Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

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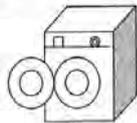


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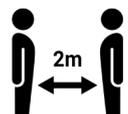
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Ingredients

1 tins fruit e.g. berries, stewed apples, mandarins, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail
40g porridge oats ($\frac{1}{3}$ mug)
80g flour ($\frac{1}{2}$ mug)
50g cold butter or margarine (roughly $3\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp)
4 tbsp sugar
1tsp oil

Optional Ingredients

1tsp cinnamon

Fresh or Frozen fruit can also be used



Method

- Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly oil ovenproof dish
- Place flour in a bowl. Rub butter/margarine into the flour until mixture looks like breadcrumbs
- Mix in the oats, sugar and cinnamon (*if using*)
- Drain the fruit (*keep any fruit juice for use at a later time*)
- Place fruit into the bottom of the oven proof dish and top with the crumble mixture
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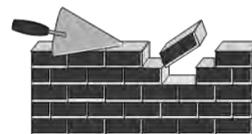


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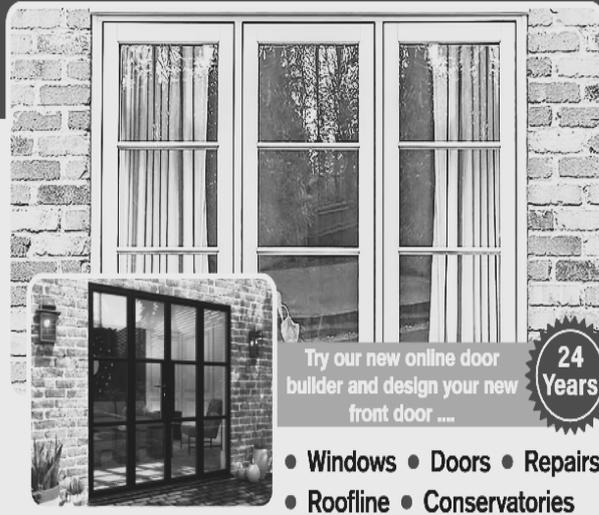
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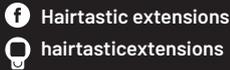


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