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VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th June 2025

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time, energy and skills in anyway to make our community a better kinder place.

****Celebrating the UK's Volunteers**

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering in their communities

#VolunteersWeek

WINWICK VILLAGE FÊTE

At The Village Hall

SUNDAY 6th JULY FROM 12 o'clock

BBQ • BAR • RAFFLE

TRADITIONAL GAMES • TOMBOLA • CAKE STALL

Free Entrance

Proceeds split between Winwick Village Hall Charity no. 302666 & All Saints Church, Winwick



CREAM TEA TAKEAWAY

Friday 27th June

Cream Tea for 1 - £3.00

Cream Tea for 2 - £5.00

(Scone, Cream, Jam, and Tea Bag per person)



Orders can be placed via the CARESCO Centre, the Charity Shop or our Social Media page.

Deadline for orders is Monday 23rd June

Orders to be collected from the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX between 9am - 11.30am on 27th June

***Card and Cash accepted**



All orders will be allocated a number and entered into a draw. The winning number will win a small cream tea hamper with a few tasty treats.

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50+ STALLS!
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FOOD COURT AND LICENSED BAR

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HALL & SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY FIELD

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE
12PM - 5PM

THIS YEARS THEME...
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Sawtry CARNIVAL

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

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CAN YOU HELP TO SECURE CARESCO'S FUTURE?

Would you like to help support CARESCO in our new fundraising initiative?
We are looking for friends and supporters to kindly donate £4 per month by standing order to help fund our future.

To contact us for our account details and for information about how you can Gift Aid this regular donation please email: office@caresco.org.uk or call 01487 832105

DONATE

£4

A MONTH

TO

FUND

OUR

FUTURE

GREEN END DAY CLUB

QUIZ SUPPER



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



Future Dates

6 June

5 September

28 November



Tickets £10 per person
(to include a hot supper)

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

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contact the CARESCO office

Welcome...

The Sawtry Carnival will be here before we know it! We can all look forward to a wonderful day with the Sawtry On Safari theme and hope for nice weather.

There is so much going on in our local community, you'll find details of various clubs, organisations and events within these pages.

The first week in June is traditionally national Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. So, thank you to everyone who freely gives their time to get involved, you are what makes our community wonderful!

Have a good one

Sawtry Eye Team



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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

What beautiful weather we've been enjoying! I can't remember a May being so nice for so long. I hope this is a sign of good things to come.

Taking advantage of the weather, we managed to finish the painting of the external timber at the centre and along with the cream paint above, it has given our ageing building a refreshed appearance.

The 2nd June is the beginning of National Volunteer week, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our Volunteers who are so generous with their time and energy to help CARESCO continue to be the Charity it is today.

We have a busy period coming up with numerous fundraising events where our volunteers will be supporting CARESCO.

We are all looking forward to the Carnival, a very well attended and much-loved community day. We will be having 3 stalls, plus our very own CARESCO Café - Safari style - we will also be taking part in the parade showcasing our Charity alongside our volunteers and community minibus which may have a few unusual passengers! Please do come along, look at what's on offer and say "Jambo".

Remember to indulge in a Cream Tea on Friday 27th June, National Cream Tea Day, and if your number is drawn you will receive a luxury cream tea for 2!

Our volunteers will be busy in July with the Tuck Shop supporting local community groups and enhancing their fun days. We are all looking forward to a busy but enjoyable Spring/Summer. There are no updates regarding the new build.

Dave Dougherty - Chairman

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Summer Term 2025

End of term 23 July

Autumn Term 2025

Start of term 1 September

Half Term - 27 to 31 October

End of term 19 December

Spring Term 2026

Start of term 5 January

Half Term - 16 to 20 February

End of term 27 March



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)

9 & 23 June

7 & 21 July

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

(Week Beginning)

2, 16 & 30 June

14 & 28 July

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 all those who care for them.

Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments, Singing,
Prayer and lots of fun!

If you care for a little one as a parent, grandparent,
carer or childminder, come along and join the fun.

For more information please contact Alex Dyball:
littlestaintssawtry@gmail.com or call 01487 506217



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 June
11 & 25 July

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Please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105
for information

A suggested donation of £2.00 per session,
refreshments included

JULIE'S SAWTRY/YAXLEY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLASSES

Old School Hall, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

Mondays

10am - 11am - Beginners/Easy-Going

11am - 12pm - Improvers/Intermediates

(can start at 10am, no extra cost)

Fridays

7pm - 9pm - High Improvers/Intermediate

Royal British Legion Social Club, 210 Broadway,
Yaxley, PE7 3NR

Thursdays

6.30pm - 7.30pm - Beginners

7.30pm - 9pm - Improvers/Intermediates

(can start at 6.30pm or 7pm - no extra cost)



For more information contact:
Julie Gillmore

jcgillmore@sky.com

Line Dancing or 07939 070 406 or ask to join
Julie's Steppers' Facebook group

CARESCO TUCK SHOP

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

Do you have a few hours to spare occasion-
ally on a Saturday morning?

Do you like the smell of Bacon frying?

Would you like to feed spectators and players of the
Sawtry Colts?

We promise you won't be standing out in the
cold and rain!

If you think you can help, please contact me,
Sharon Dougherty on 01487 208026 or email
sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



CARESCO GARDEN

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 01487 208026 or email
sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



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THANK YOU

Thank you to Jacqui and John Hedington for their very kind donation following from an amazing Quiz Night they held in April.



From all at CARESCO

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

Weekly Locations



Tuesdays in Glatton

9:30am-1pm
Addison Arms

Wednesdays in Sawtry

8am-12noon
Parish Council Garden
Old School Hall Car Park



For up to date locations visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkciic>



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 - 01487 208026
sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk

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.



CHATTERBOX

Drop-in sessions for family carers and people who maybe feeling isolated



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 June
14 & 28 July**

A suggested donation of £2.00 per session,
refreshments included

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

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CHURCHES TOGETHER OPEN AIR SERVICE AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 27 July
11.00am - 3pm

at The Greystones, Sawtry

Join us for a joyful outdoor service, followed by an afternoon filled with fun activities for all ages, food, and great company. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and connect with our church community.



Everyone Welcome

BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:

14 June & 12 July -
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

There will be a sale of second hand books in

**Winwick Church
on Sunday 6 July
from 12noon till 4pm**

To coincide with our fete. All books 50p.
Any donations of unwanted books
will be gratefully received.



For more information
please contact :
Sue Fowler 01832 293215



Come Play....



SOFTBALL

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

**Thursdays
6.00 - 7.30pm**

PLAY BALL!!!

at Great Gidding Park

For more details please e-mail - s.kearey@live.co.uk





SAWTRY SHOW
Saturday 13 September
At Sawtry Village Academy

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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>



SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Open on the first Saturday of each month
12 - 3pm

*** 7 June, 5 July & 2 Aug ***

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



VOLUNTEERING

Helping CARESCO to support our local community



TRUSTEES REQUIRED

CARESCO is looking to increase our team of trustees who oversee and manage our Charity.

As well as having a passion for supporting local people, successful candidates will:

- Be willing to go through the relevant training
- Be willing to work as part of a team with staff & volunteers
- Have time, availability and willingness to get involved
- Bring their own unique set of skills, knowledge & experience



If you would like to know more, please contact the CARESCO Office on 01487 832105 or email office@caresco.org.uk

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DISCO INFERNO

70s, 80s & 90s

Saturday 8th November
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 Charity Shop or call 07743 216746

All proceeds to CARESCO

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

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PLAYERS WANTED

SAWTRY U12 GIRLS

⚽ GIRLS FOOTBALL – NEW TEAM ALERT! ⚽

We Are Looking for Additional Players
Girls currently in Year 6
Does your daughter love football?
We're building a brand new girls' team, and we'd love her to be part of it!

- 👥 Be part of an amazing group of girls
- 🧠 Learn new skills
- 🎉 Have fun in a supportive, inclusive environment
- ✅ Fully qualified & DBS-checked coaches

Let's build something special together!

Contact Us! ✉ SawtryFalconsAHJ@hotmail.com



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: coffeearkcic@gmail.com
Social Media: www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic

Spiritual but not religious?
Into God but not into Church?
Seeking community?
Looking for a place to *BE*?



After a hard day, you deserve some **rest...**

RELAX • EAT • SHARE • THINK

Relax in an informal space where you can **eat** a tasty meal, **share** in worship with friends and find time to **think**

7:30pm, Thursday 5th June & Thursday 3rd July at Sawtry Social Club

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you **rest**." ~ Jesus (Matthew 11:28)

www.r-e-s-t.org.uk **r.e.s.t**

Join us
for
Afternoon Praise

St. Nicholas, Glatton
4-5pm

1st Sunday of the month
6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July

A service for all ages, blending tradition hymns, new worship, Bible stories and prayer.

Fen Edge Churches

CONCERT
PERFORMED BY
Kvennakór Hafnarfjarðar & Sawtry Chorale

Join the **Kvennakór Hafnarfjarðar**, an all-female choir from Iceland & local choir, **Sawtry Chorale**, for this special joint concert. Performing beautiful a capella Icelandic music & choral classics.

Choir Directors: Sara Grims & Ollie Hamilton-Box

SATURDAY 31
MAY 2025
19:30-21:30

St Mary's Church
Chadley Ln,
Godmanchester,
PE29 2AW




FREE entry

Scan for more information



More information <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ESAD>.
Concert organiser Sound Escapes Performance Tours Ltd.

YEAR 6 PUPILS WELCOME DURING THE
SUMMER TERM- JOIN US FROM APRIL 27TH

Youth SPACE

EVERY SUNDAY IN
TERM TIME
(YEAR 7 AND UPWARDS)

6.00PM - 7.30PM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
SAWTRY

Save the date!

Light Factory

Week commencing
Monday 4th August 2025
at the Methodist Church, Green End Road.

For children in School Years 1 and above

Watch out for more details coming soon at
www.sawtrylightfactory.uk,
or on Facebook [@sawtrylightfactory](https://www.facebook.com/sawtrylightfactory)

hccn
Hunts Community
Cancer Network
Living your best life despite cancer

**SAWTRY MONTHLY
DROP-IN MORNING**

Who We Are
At Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN), we believe that a cancer diagnosis is just one chapter of your story. Our mission is to help individuals 18+ and their families in the Huntingdonshire area navigate life with and beyond cancer. Whether you're recovering, living with the ongoing impact, or supporting a loved one, we offer a community of care designed around you.

We provide a variety of **free, personalised activities**, resources, and support groups to help build strength, resilience, and connection. Here, you're more than your diagnosis—you're part of a compassionate network where your well-being is at the heart of everything we do.

What To Expect

- A Warm Welcome**
Join us for a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.
- Bring Your Arts & Crafts**
Feel free to bring your projects and enjoy some creative time.
- Find Support & Connection**
Discover how HCCN can support you and how you can support HCCN in return.

Whether you're seeking advice, company, or just a relaxing break, we're here for you. There's no need to book - just turn up and enjoy a warm welcome. It'll be great to see you!

Date & Time
10am - 1pm, 1st Monday of each month

The Study, Old School Hall,
37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

Upcoming Dates 2025:
3rd March 2nd June
7th April 7th July
5th May 4th August

**Can't Make it?
We're Still Here for You!**

If you can't attend, HCCN offers a range of support services, from online groups to one-to-one befriending service by phone. Email us at info@hccnthecharity.org to explore support tailored to you.

Alternatively—view our website to learn more:
www.hccnthecharity.org

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www.hccnthecharity.org
CHARITY NUMBER: 1163051

SAWTRY FOODBANK



Did you know...

- Our Foodbank emergency parcels contain about 3 days' worth of food in them
- Where available we include basic toiletries and even pet food
- We offer a warm, welcoming, non-judgmental service to anyone in the community who is struggling to feed themselves or their families

There's no shame in asking for help. If you know someone who may need us, please encourage them to call **07743 593683** or email: foodbank@caresco.org.uk

We're so very grateful for all your generous donations. Currently, we have an abundance of baked beans and pasta! However, we're always looking for more:

- ★ Family Cereals
- ★ Long-Life Milk
- ★ Tinned Fruit
- ★ Tinned Vegetables
- ★ Custard
- ★ Biscuits
- ★ Basic Toiletries.

Please remember to check the dates and that we can't take fresh, frozen, chilled or homemade foods.

Donation baskets can be found at: CARESCO Centre, CARESCO Charity Shop, Sawtry Co-op, Local Schools and Churches.

IMPORTANT: We can only accept larger donations by prior arrangement. If your donation is more than a couple of shopping bags, then please contact us on 07743 593683 or email: foodbank@caresco.org.uk to make an appointment.

HOLME YOUTH CLUB

30 Youth club members, friends, siblings and supervising adults were treated to a trip to Planet Ice in Bretton, Peterborough, on 14 March.

We try and take the members on a trip once or twice a year, and this time they decided they'd like to go ice skating.

It was a good evening, with the members attending the Friday night disco session. It meant it was easier for them to fall over unnoticed!

It is the comments from the members which make it all worthwhile, which included 'best day ever', 'it was fantastic to go somewhere outside the village and be with all my friends' and 'I've never been skating before and I loved it, can we go next week?!'. Quite a few of the members had not skated before but every one of them got on the ice and by the end were doing laps, albeit with the help of a penguin or polar bear to steady themselves!

June is when we extend an invitation to the current Year 4s to join us for our July session for a 'Taster'. This gives us an idea of how many will be attending in September so we can arrange to have enough supervisors to cover the numbers. So, if you currently in Year 4 and live in Holme, even if you don't attend Holme School or if you attend Holme School and don't live in Holme you are invited to pop along on 11 and/or 18 July from 6.30 to 8.30pm to give it a try.

Youth Club runs every Friday evening during term time for children in years 5 - 10, who either attend or have attended the village school or live in the village. It costs £2 and there is a tuck shop too for members to purchase items such as crisps, sweets and drinks.

If you would like to know more contact us on Facebook, our website: HolmeYouthClub.co.uk or email: holmeyouthclub@outlook.com



SAWTRY WOODCRAFT FOLK

Every Thursday (*term time*)

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

Elfins: age 6 to 9 - 5.45 - 7.00pm*

Pioneers +: age 10 plus - 7.15 - 8.30pm

**Note if you have a 5-year-old you are welcome to bring them, but you will need to stay.*

#spanning the world with fun and friendship
#Everybody welcome

£35 a term for first child in family

£25 for subsequent children

No child should miss out from attending due to costs, please contact us for a confidential discussion on how we can help.

Woodcraft Folk will be 100 this year. We will be working with East of England and Cambridge groups and joining them in camps throughout the year.

Woodcraft Folk: a place to grow in confidence, learn about and value our world!

Woodcraft Folk: we support children to take the lead through weekly group activities, trips and camping trips.

We are working with lots of other Sawtry community groups and businesses. We have a fruit and vegetable patch to grow and take care of items and once a month we plan to have an outside session with night walks, activities and gardening.

**You can enrol on the woodcraft website,
search for Sawtry:**

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/find-a-group/>

Follow us on Facebook and join our launch group:
<https://www.facebook.com/SawtryWoodcraftFolk>

Email: sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk

HOLME VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

In a recent session of speedwatch a cyclist went past us (not speeding!) enjoying the nice weather, however, very shortly afterwards a van came past at 54 miles per hour showing no intention of slowing down until he went round the corner and found himself behind a cyclist and a car coming towards him so he had to brake frantically to avoid hitting the cyclist or the oncoming car. We try very hard to educate drivers to stay within the speed limit but unfortunately it is not 100% successful and we do see some very near misses. Because of some of the very high speeds we are recording we have been advised we will be having some "live sessions" at various times where points can be earned on driving licences – so please try and keep your speed down.

With this in mind I would ask those young people who like to ride their bikes etc up the middle of Station Road and around Short Drove, without lights, to consider the fact that an uncaring and thoughtless driver might be coming along the road behind them or towards them at excessive speed and will not see them until it is too late.

The aim of speedwatch is to try and make our village safer but sometimes we have to take into consideration thoughtless people who abuse our road and think about what we are doing.

If you would like to join our speedwatch volunteers drop an email to csw.holme@btinternet.com and we will send you the Guidance Notes so you can see what it's all about – then if you are still interested we can arrange your training and get you out there on the road. You would normally do one session of one and a half hours each month at a time convenient to you.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN
THROUGH OUR VILLAGES**



VOLUNTEER 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 & 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

CARESCO

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



All Saints' Church is holding their Christmas Tree Festival to mark the start of Advent, the period leading up to Christmas. It is an opportunity for Groups, Clubs and Youth movements from Sawtry to promote their organisation.

The chosen Charity, this year, is the CARESCO Foodbank. Donations therefore can be either made in cash or in groceries.

If you would like to take part, please email rogerjubb@btinternet.com or phone **07961 130298** for an application form.

The Festival will run over two weekends: 29/30 November & 6/7 December. Opening times are Saturdays 1.30-5.00pm and Sundays 1.30-5.00pm. There is also an evening viewing on Friday 5 December, 6.00-8.30pm.

To give organisations more room to set up their trees setting up will take place on Thursday 27 November and Friday 28 November when the Church will be open from 2.00-6.00pm, or you can arrange to set-up during either day by appointment.

It will also be possible for Groups/Clubs/Organisations to visit during the intervening week. Please contact Roger or Rev Becky to arrange a time.

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

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

We do hope you will want to help mark the start of Advent by entering a tree in the Festival! In 2023, we had just under 30 trees of various shapes, sizes, and themes.



CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community

Please drop your old or unused ink jets off at our Charity Shop or the CARESCO Centre.

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

Recycle  Charity
**Your Ink Cartridges
Could Help Us
Raise Funds!**



Recycle Yours Here!

Charity Shop, 7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR
CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Volunteer Chaperones

CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community

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

We are looking for Chaperones to accompany and assist our minibus drivers whilst they collect our day club members from their homes to bring them into our Centre in the mornings and to take them home again

Mondays to Thursdays

08.45 to 10.00 and/or 13.30 to 15.00

Come and be part of our volunteer team

For more information call Vicki on **07743 216746**
or email **greenend@caresco.org.uk**

www.caresco.org.uk

SIMON BYWATER - COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Thank You – Re-Election Success

I am truly humbled and grateful to have been re-elected to represent the Sawtry and Stilton Division on Cambridgeshire County Council.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported me, whether through kind words, your vote, displaying a poster, or delivering leaflets. Your encouragement and belief in what I've been working to achieve means the world to me. I never take your trust for granted, and I'm honoured to continue serving all our community.

A special thank you must go to my wife Mel, whose unwavering support and patience over the past few months has kept me grounded and focused. I couldn't have done it without her.

As I return to the council chamber, I do so with a renewed commitment to speak up for residents, challenge when needed, and get things done. Whether it's tackling highways issues, supporting families and young people, protecting our rural character from overdevelopment, or making sure our villages aren't overlooked, I will keep fighting for you.

The County Council will now be run by a Liberal Democrat administration, who hold a narrow majority of just 31 seats. (31 seats of the 61 to run the council) This means effective opposition is more important than ever. I will continue to hold them to account and make sure the voices of our community are heard loud and clear.

By the time this reaches print we will have recognised Mental Health Awareness Week, a timely reminder that behind every door there can be struggles we don't see. My own journey, as many know, was shared in my first book "Forced Out", which opened up about the challenges I faced after serving in the Royal Marines and Police. There is light at the end of the tunnel. Please, don't suffer in silence, reach out, talk, and remember that help is always available.

Thank you once again for your trust and support. I will keep working for you, with energy, integrity, and a strong sense of duty.

See you soon

Councillor Simon Bywater

County Councillor for Sawtry and Stilton Division - 07984 637553



GREEN END DAY CLUB

As the weather warms up it is lovely to have all the doors open at the club and for our members to enjoy the lovely garden, which is looking beautiful.

We have been entertained by James Lebec, a fantastic singer who really gets everyone joining in and singing along. We are also delighted that, Amanda; The Singing Gardener came in to sing for us. She has a lovely voice and always entertains with all the old favourites.

We have our next meal out booked for 5 June at Mulberry Tree Farm. It is a place the members enjoying going to with tasty food.

Our next Quiz Supper is on Friday 6 June. Tickets are on sale now and we already have a list of reserved tickets. Please pop into the centre if you would like to put a team together and join us.

If you would like a natter and a tasty home cooked meal, please get in touch or come down to the centre Monday – Thursday and see us You will be most welcome.

Vicki Currington

07743 216746 or email: greenend@caresco.org.uk

CARESCO
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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**

JOHN GARNER'S MEMORIES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1939 - 1945

I was 7 years old when war was declared. I had just started at my Junior school and I remember the announcement being made on a Sunday in September 1939. Soon men were being called up to join the Army, Navy and Air Force. A friend, Roy Tinkler of Eastrea, who used to let me ride on his tractor when I visited my grandparents, joined up early in the war and within months he had been killed in action in Europe. He was only eighteen. I have never forgotten him and particularly remember him on Remembrance Sundays. My mother's cousin Jesse Dolby also joined up and was evacuated from Dunkirk. Some time during the war, he suffered injuries from an enemy shell exploding. He recovered and is still alive, but I remember crying all night when news came through that he was seriously injured.

No street lights were switched on so that the German pilots were unable to get their bearings or see where towns especially were, and all windows had to be blacked out to stop any light getting out. No evening church services were held in winter unless the church windows were blacked out so those services were transferred to the afternoons. I sang in the Cathedral voluntary choir for two years early in the war and even there the evening services were changed to the afternoon for the winter. The headlights of vehicles were masked so that only a small strip of light shone down on the ground and not up. I remember every night the searchlights would sweep the sky sometimes looking for German planes, sometimes for practice. Two bombs were dropped on Peterborough one on a house in Burghley Road and the other, I think, in Oundle Road. I used to see British and American fighters and bombers flying during the day time and could recognise their sounds at night. To warn us that enemy planes were approaching, sirens would make a loud sound which went up and down whilst the "All Clear" was a single note.

Brick shelters for use during air raids were built in the streets, half on the path and half on the road. The first shelters were replaced by redesigned shelters with reinforced concrete roofs. An American airman was found murdered in a shelter in front of my home - something to do with his involvement with a married British woman who lived nearby. We had shelters at school and had regular air raid drills very much like the fire drills you have in school now. At home, we had a Morrison shelter in our living room. This was a steel frame table with a bed underneath. We used it as a table in the day time and my sister (eighteen months younger than me) and I slept under it at night. Some people had Anderson shelters which were dug out in their gardens.

We were all issued with gas masks and had to carry these with us at all times in cardboard boxes with a strap going diagonally over our shoulder. We only had the gas masks for the early part of the war. I think we must have handed them in whilst I was still in the Junior School (Fulbridge).

During the London Blitz - that was when Hitler sent over hundreds of fighters and bombers to bomb us into submission, but we did not give in my father, as a member of the A.F.S (Auxiliary Fire Service) had to do a week's duty in London. He said the nuns were marvellous in caring for the casualties, the homeless and the rescuers. When on duty in Peterborough, he used to sleep at the fire station. During the war, he worked at a factory called BTH, now called Hotpoint, making parts for aircraft, mainly nacelles which are the covers for the planes' engines. He used to work a fortnight on days and a fortnight on nights. We had to be very quiet when he slept in the daytime otherwise, he would get very cross. He did not like working through the night.

There was a lot of rationing, because all efforts and supplies had to go into the war effort to supply and support the armed forces in their fight against Germany, Italy and Japan and also since German U boats (submarines) were attacking ships, food from abroad like bananas, pineapples, oranges, lemons and melons were not available. Everyone had a ration book with coupons in for food and clothing. I remember receiving sweet coupons from my Grandparents which they had saved for me and went without sweets themselves. We used to have powdered milk and powdered eggs and eggs preserved in Isinglass, which is a clear liquid which helped preserve eggs when they were kept in it.

We had a mains radio with valves. We used to listen to the news bulletins about the progress of the war. I can remember Winston Churchill making his broadcasts encouraging the people to stand firm. One person who tried to discourage us was nick named Lord Haw-Haw. He was a British person who had gone over to the Germans and used to broadcast to this country saying how well the Germans were doing and how badly we were doing and that we had no hope. His programme started with, "Germany calling. Germany calling," It sounded as though he was talking through his nose. After the war, he was captured, tried and hanged for treason.

We were pleased when the War ended in Europe, but I think it was later when the War in Asia was won that we celebrated with street parties. There was plenty of food even though rationing continued for some time after the War. I can remember we, like many streets, had a bonfire which did not do the tarmac much good. Everybody was so happy that the War had finished, but many were sad because they had lost loved ones, they would never see alive again.

John Garner



SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is now 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 & view old documents relating to our area.

Our March meeting saw the annual A.G.M. all officers were returned to their roles, there were no other members added to the committee the presentation following was The Third World War 1983 by Richard Gibbons from March Specialist on The Cold War & WWII. A fascinating insight into the relationship between East & West when WWII was avoided by a double agent Oleg Gordievsky who only died in March this year.

The April presentation was Royals and Regals by Mark Egerton, Author of The Haunted History Of Huntingdonshire. A trip around historic sites of Hunts allegedly haunted by the aforementioned Royal & Regals. Mark is a sceptic, but his interest was sparked when he saw a Monk in a friend's fathers barn in his youth.

'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>

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

 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



SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

A lot of progress made this year.

Firstly, the complete extension and refurbishment of the facilities at Greenfield:- A long time in the planning, the results mean we now have a complex of which the village can be proud. The use of this village asset shows what can be achieved. Thanks are due to the Clerk, Steve Browning, for acting as unpaid Clerk of Works for us.

The drainage of St. Andrew's Cemetery is now almost finished. We are getting an additional drain put in beside the cremated remains area, as we have experienced unforeseen problems there, but the rest of the cemetery is in the best possible condition. It certainly looks good.

We have had real problems trying to repair the roof of the old Lock-up on the Green, which is a listed building. This work should be completed in the near future, but dealing with the District Council Planning Officers has been challenging.

Play equipment in the Parish Council Playpark on Green End Road has been repaired and new items added. This facility is very well used. We have also installed some new benches around the village.

The Old School Hall, Study and Classroom are well used, both during the day and in the evenings. Electronic doors have been fitted to assist disabled access, paid for with a Lottery grant. A new dado rail has been put around the hall to prevent the chairs from marking the wall. An additional venture this year has seen a variety of different entertainments, sponsored by Eastern Arts, put on in the Old School Hall, which have proved very popular. Each time the audiences have been growing – look out for the next one!

Last year we entered the Britain in Bloom competition again for the first time in nearly ten years. Our population puts us into the Small Town Category, and thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who plant and maintain the floral displays, we won the Best Small Town award. Credit, too, to the team of litter pickers who continue to keep the village neat and tidy.

The Firework Display, organised by the Parish Council in November was spectacular, and well supported by the village. The Christmas tree on the Green proved popular, and there was an excellent turn out for Carols on the Green in the front of Greystones. Make a note in your diary for the 2025 event.

I must also mention the Moto Services new development beside the Motorway. They employ 60 local people on the complex, with jobs which fit in well with their local employees' times. I'm sure their presence will put Sawtry on the map.

Our staff work hard to maintain all the Parish Council's demands, led by our Parish Clerk, Steve Browning. He motivates them and encourages them in all they do. He also gives valuable help and advice to new Councillors who are 'learning the ropes'.

Finally, I must thank my fellow Councillors who give their time to ensure that village affairs are dealt with correctly and that Sawtry is a place the residents can be proud of. At last we have full complement of 15 Councillors, many of whom belong to various village organisations, and give advice to help their smooth running. I must especially recognise the work and support of John Potter, Vice Chairman, whose expertise and experience have proved invaluable.



SAWTRY CHORALE

Goodbye.....and Hello!

This term brought a sad farewell as our wonderful accompanist, Emily, left us to start a new career in Edinburgh.

Sad though we were to lose Emily, we are delighted – and very lucky - that Lucy Murphy has joined Chorale as our new and very talented accompanist. Lucy has already bonded beautifully (and patiently!) with Chorale. We are looking forward to working with her for a long time to come

and to further enhancing our growing reputation as a warm, welcoming musically talented choir, under the direction of musical director, Ollie.

A rare treat came our way in May when guest conductor Tansy Castledine, Director of Music at Peterborough Cathedral, took over from Ollie for one week only, treating us to a whirlwind, full-on, terrific rehearsal, delivered in her unique style. A real privilege for our village choir.

There's an exciting summer ahead. On 31 May, we will be giving a joint concert with an Icelandic Ladies Choir at St Mary's Church, Godmanchester. Then on 5 July, we sing at Stilton Parish Church – both events will offer a lovely mixed programme of old favourites, popular and classical pieces. More details on these events are available online via our website www.sawtrychorale.co.uk. The concert in Godmanchester is free and tickets for Stilton are £10.

For more information, or to get tickets for either concert, call 07796 972580, find us on Facebook or email: sawtrychorale@gmail.com or visit www.sawtrychorale.co.uk



VOLUNTEER WEEK

The 2 - 8 June is Volunteer Week. What would CARESCO be without it's Volunteers? Simple, CARESCO would NOT BE without it's Volunteers – fact!

CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

Our Charity was founded on the good will of people to give their time, to share their experiences and to pass on their knowledge, free of charge. In return CARESCO has always given its unreserved gratitude of which we have in abundance.

Here are some national statistics - 14.2 million people in the UK have formally volunteered at least once a month and a staggering 25 million people have volunteered informally at least once in the last year.

Now for some CARESCO statistics:

- There are 42 volunteers who make the **Charity Shop**, the best little shop in the village!
- 18 volunteers ensure our **Foodbank** parcels are delivered to those who have been referred to us.
- The **Green End Day** club have 13 volunteers who help to make everyone welcome and enjoy the 4 days a week they spend with us.
- Our **Coffee Shop** has 15 volunteer bakers and 5 volunteers who welcome its customers every Friday morning.
- **Sounds Good** is run by 2 Volunteer Co-Ordinators and 2 Volunteer Bakers.
- Our **Chatterbox** project is run by a Volunteer Co-Ordinator and 2 Volunteer Bakers.
- We have 16 members of **Staff** who are also volunteers, this is an unspoken given.
- We currently have 5 **Trustees** who are volunteers, we would like to increase this number..... could it be you?
- Our Finance Team have 3 volunteers working behind the scenes on **Gift Aid, Fundraising and Grants**.
- The **Tuck Shop** has a team of 6 volunteers.
- Our **Centre Gardens** are kept in tip top condition by 8 volunteers.
- **Christmas Day** last year saw 9 volunteers giving up their time on such a special day.
- The **Community Support** team have 3 volunteers ensuring prescriptions are delivered safely.
- Our **Car Scheme** transports members of the community to their medical appointments by 4 volunteers.
- The **Sawtry Eye**, the magazine you are reading now, was produced by 1 volunteer.

We have over 100 volunteer positions within CARESCO – like I said, without them CARESCO would not be, it is as simple as that.

So, during Volunteer week, if you volunteer know that you are treasured all year round, if you don't volunteer, why not give it a go? As little as an hour a week will help a great deal. **Everyone has something to give.**

To become a volunteer with CARESCO either pop into the shop or office to have a chat and pick up a form or email me sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk.

You really won't regret it!

Sharon Dougherty – Customer Service Manager

www.caresco.org.uk

#VolunteersWeek

SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB Tuesday 3 June 2025



It's been great to see some new and old faces register their interest to the Feast Supper 2025. For the first time since the pandemic, we have reached our capacity number which is amazing to see.

As we have done in previous years, we will now operate on a waiting list basis. For those that have their names currently on the list for 2025 you will automatically have your places guaranteed for next year 2026 (even if you're unable to attend for whatever reason). However, for those who have not contacted Maddy regarding the Feast Supper in 2025, this is who the waiting list is applicable for.

We will take name and contact details should you wish to attend in 2026 and add you to the waiting list. Should for any reason a space open up, you will receive an invite for next year's Feast around April 2026. Sadly we have to have a maximum to capacity to ensure the safe running of the event.



If you currently receive an invite but know you would no longer like to attend again, please let Maddy know as soon as possible please.

We hope those that attend the Feast Supper have an enjoyable evening.

Please contact Maddy on 07368 210882 after 5pm should you have any queries.



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 as soon as they can

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



CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am 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.

**Due to the Cave receiving a long overdue spring clean we are unable to take in any donations or commissions until further notice.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



SAWTRY WI

Charity Number 229016

The talk by the Suffolk and Cambridge Blood Runners on 3 April was of much interest to our members. We heard about their work collecting and delivering emergency supplies such as plasma and baby milk for premature babies to health sites. 'Up The Garden Bath' talk in May entertained us with tales of recycling baths and sinks as community space planters and we are looking forward to the 'Tally Ho' Project talk on 5 June. July meeting speaker will be giving us a talk 'It's Hell on Wheels' which promises to be interesting and in August we have a talk on Artificial Intelligence.

Sawtry WI members will have our usual stall at the Carnival this year. You will find us in the Old School Room. We hope to sell produce, plants, books and bric-a-brac in order to raise funds for our WI. You may just find an activity or two and be sure to have a look at our 'White Elephant' stall.

WI is an educational charity based upon the idea for bringing women together, providing them with educational opportunities and the chance to make a difference in their communities. Sawtry WI is 106 years old in July and we have owned our own WI Hall since the 1950s.

Visitors are always welcome and if you would like to come and see if you would like to join us, there will be no charge for the first two visits. Members meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS, starting at 7pm with a speaker or activity followed by refreshments, business, raffle and competition. As well as our varied programme for members meetings we also enjoy outings, social groups and an annual Spring Party. Our programme for the period April 2025 to March 2026 has a variety of speakers and activities on topics such as gardening, driving, health, AI, history, craft and charity work abroad. Let us know if you would like a copy.

Sawtry Community Café is run by Sawtry WI members 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 in friendship. We average about forty 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 the Sawtry community.

Jacqui Svensson, President - 07841 647345

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

sawtrywi@gmail.com

Instagram: [Sawtry_WI](#)

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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



Now that Spring has well and truly sprung Hunts Ramblers are pleased to announce our summer programme of short evening, and longer weekend walks.

We always like to welcome new walkers so do take a look at our programme to see if anything catches your eye.

We do have a comprehensive website which is continuously updated with information and walks, so you can find everything you need to know at <https://www.huntsramblers.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.



Father's Day Coasters - Saturday 7 June 10.30am - 11.30am

Surprise your dad by making a personalised Father's Day Coaster for him.

This craft event is suitable for children aged 5+ years.

£2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SRC Crazy Cress - Saturday 26 July 10.30am - 11.30am

Plant, decorate and grow your own Crazy Cress head.

Suitable for children aged 6+ years.

£2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SRC Keepsake Boxes - Wednesday 30 July 10.30am - 12.00pm

Decorate your own special keepsake book box to keep your treasures in!

Suitable for children aged 6+ years.

£3 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SRC 'Wicked' Theatre Workshop - Thursday 31 July 9.30am - 12.30pm

Join our 'Wicked' drama workshop and perform a piece to parents at the end of the session.

Suitable for children aged 6+ years.

Free Event. Booking is advised as places are limited.

Reading Group

If you love reading and talking about books, then why not join a Reading Group? It is a great opportunity to meet new people and read a variety of books to discuss with others. If you are interested in joining, please ask at Sawtry library or email us at: huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rhymetime - Wednesdays 10.30am - 11.00am

Sing nursery rhymes and play musical instruments at our weekly rhyme time 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 Twitter we are @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



AN EYE ON NATURE

I was taught a big lesson last winter, never give up on the natural world. A passing comment made to a friend during a wildlife ramble resulted in a chain reaction. Karen (part of the wonderful Team who cares about Sawtry) met my friend and me in St. Judith's Field on 25 February. My friend and I showed Karen where a group of wild orchids grew. Year in year out they were mown over in Spring. No one is to blame except me. I make no advances to Sawtry Parish Council to see what could be done to enable the orchids to flourish. Why? I just thought, wrongly, very wrongly, that nothing could be done. How wrong I was. Back to the 25th, we were met by the Parish Council staff, Graham and Steve. A plan was to fence off the patch, to allow the orchids to bloom this year. Within the morning a temporary cordon was made followed later by a fence and signposts explaining about the orchids.

Now fast forward to my visit on 13 May. Some of the orchids are showing flower spikes which look promising. Watch out for flowering to occur in June. As I arrived in St. Judith's Field it did not escape my attention there were now two additional areas left unmown, full of wild flowers. What transpired was a stroke of luck. Karen was inspecting the orchid plot minutes before Jamie mowed the field. She asked him to leave an area up the slope and also the "Swampy bit" down the bottom. Karen contacted the Council who gave Jamie a "green light" to leave the areas to nature. Fast forward back again to yesterday (13 May) afternoon. By chance the slope area also included an additional couple of orchids, looking very promising, healthy and with big flower spikes. During my visit I was delighted to see other plants coming up, including a cowslip and adders tongue ferns. This little fern is not going to blow you away with its grandeur. Growing two to three inches tall and with only one fleshy leaf. It gets its name from the spring spike which grows out of the leaf base and looks a little like a tongue.

What is interesting about this little plant is it prefers old meadows and grassland. It obviously likes St. Judith's because there are the lots of plants in the new slope plot and orchid area. I must also point out the strip along the stream path which has been turned over and seeded with a wild flower mix. Unfortunately, at the time of writing no useful rain has fallen since 21 April and everywhere in the village is dry and like concrete.

So, please do take a walk up to the orchid plot this June and, fingers crossed, there may be lovely bee orchids to enjoy.

May I say a great big thank you to the people who have made this happen, my friend, Karen and the Parish Council.

The moral of this story is to never give up on trying to save our wildlife.

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**



**Sawtry
CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY 14 JUNE
12 NOON - 5PM**

**SAWTRY ON
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CARESCO
meeting needs in our local community

CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

CARESCO runs on a combination of Charity Shop income, grants, fundraising and subsidised attendee contributions. Our costs have risen significantly in recent years particularly for food, fuel, utilities, building maintenance, minibus costs and staff costs (due to wage/N.I changes) while financial donations have reduced.

We want to continue to offer all our groups and services to you including the Sawtry Eye publication which is unfortunately running at a loss, and we need your help to do so. There are numerous ways to help if you can such as via the Funding our Future initiative (£4 per month via BACS), advertising your business in the Sawtry Eye, making a one-off donation or purchasing from the shop for example. We are very grateful for any contribution to sustain our work in the community.

We will be out and about at the Sawtry Carnival so give us a wave if you see us 😊

On the grants side of things, we have been awarded an unrestricted National Lottery grant which was very welcome and will go towards our significant running costs. We received a small grant from the Cole Trust to replace our old fluorescent lights with LED's which will hopefully save us some money on bills and provide better quality lighting in the Centre. We also attended the Redrow development at Alconbury Weald to be presented with a cheque which we were very grateful to receive.

As ever, thank you to everyone who continues to support us both financially and practically. You can follow CARESCO on Facebook for updates or see our website at www.caresco.org.uk

Denise Pike
Grants Officer, CARESCO
grants@caresco.org.uk



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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 11am*

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



We would love to see you!

SAWTRY MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

*Every Monday 2.00 - 3.15pm
in the Church Hall*

*This is an informal fellowship group, sharing
experiences, memories and plenty of laughter!
Quantities of coffee, tea and cake available
(of course!). All are welcome*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

REST at Sawtry Social Club

Thursday 5 June at 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 15 June at 10.30am

REST at Sawtry Social Club

Thursday 3 July at 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 20 July at 10.30am

United Open-Air Worship -

Sunday 27 July at 11.00am

At The Greystones

*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.

Cream Teas

*Every Monday - 2.00 - 4.00pm
in the Church Hall*



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)

PENTECOST

Hello,

In a world that can often feel uncertain and divided, Pentecost comes as a breath of fresh wind and a burst of bright flame. It reminds us that God is still at work, still drawing people together, and still breathing new life into weary hearts.

But you may be wondering what is Pentecost? Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the moment when the Holy Spirit descended in a new way on the disciples, filling them with courage, wisdom, and joy. They were transformed from being timid and unsure to boldly speaking out, sharing God's love across barriers of language and culture.

Maybe the following story will help. In a forest, a group of fireflies gathered one evening. Each had a small light, but none felt it was very bright. 'What difference can I make?' one sighed. 'My glow is barely seen,' said another. Then, one night, they decided to rise together into the sky. One by one, they lit up. Soon, the whole forest sparkled with dancing lights. A passing traveller looked up, smiled, and whispered, 'Hope still shines.'

Pentecost reminds us that God's Spirit works in much the same way. On our own, we might feel too small to make a difference. But when the Spirit moves among us, we begin to see that our small acts of kindness, encouragement, and love are part of something far greater.

Whether you're someone of deep faith or still wondering what you believe, Pentecost is an invitation. It's a reminder that the Holy Spirit is not reserved for a few but is poured out on *all* people – 'And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' *Acts 2:21*

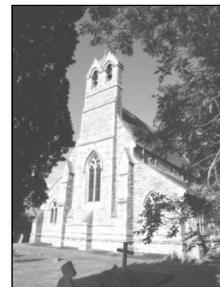
As we turn towards summer, may we all find fresh courage, deeper unity, and renewed hope. And may the flame of Pentecost light our way - one spark, one story, one heart at a time.

Blessings,

James (Minister, Sawtry Methodist church)



**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 June	10.30am - Holy Communion	4.00pm - Afternoon Praise	9.00am - BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 8 June	10.30am - Holy Communion with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 15 June	10.30am - Holy Communion with Baptism	<i>Service in Holme</i>	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 22 June	10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	<i>Service in Glatton</i>
Sunday 29 June	10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion at All Saints', Sawtry		
Sunday 6 July	10.30am - Holy Communion	4.00pm - Afternoon Praise	9.00am - Holy Communion
Saturday 12 July	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i> 4.30pm - BCP Evening Prayer in church
Sunday 13 July	10:30am Service of the Word	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 20 July	10.30am - Holy Communion	<i>Service In Holme</i>	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 27 July	11.00am - Churches Together Open-Air Service at The Greystones		

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





COFFEE ARK

☕☕ Coffee Ark is serving up delicious refreshments regularly in our local villages.

Check out www.coffeemark.org or [www.facebook.comCoffeeArkCic](https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic) for our latest hatch opening times.

Regular spots now include; Old School Hall, Sawtry, Sawtry Village Academy, Glatton Village Hall and new locations added all the time.

See you there. ☕☕

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 Reverend Canon Becky Dyball.

Email: fenedgechurches@gmail.com

Phone: 07444 574039 / 01487 506217



Hello Everyone,

Summer is a season of warmth and light, with gardens in full bloom and long, sunny days inviting us outdoors. **In the Church, it is a time of continued celebration and the promise of God's love in every season.** No matter where you are on your faith journey - whether you're full of questions or simply looking for a place to belong - the church welcomes you with open arms.

We continue with our newest service: **Afternoon Praise at St. Nicholas, Glatton**, running from **4-5pm on the first Sunday of every month**. This service is designed for all ages, blending timeless hymns with newer worship, alongside engaging Bible stories and prayer. **Whether you come by yourself or with family**, you'll find a welcoming and joyful space to worship and explore faith together. Whether you've been part of church life for years or are just curious, you're warmly invited to come and experience it.

For our young people, we're thrilled to continue offering **Youth Space at All Saints', Sawtry**, every **Sunday from 6-7:30pm during term time**. This **FREE**, relaxed space is open to those in **Year 6 and secondary school age**, providing a place to **hang out, play games, enjoy snacks, and share in fun and friendship**. It's a wonderful opportunity for young people to build connections and make lasting memories.

We're also excited to invite you to our **Open Air Service and Family Fun Day at The Greystones on Sunday 27 July**, from **11am-3pm**. Join us for a joyful outdoor service, followed by an afternoon filled with **fun activities for all ages, food, and great company**. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and connect with our church community.

As we soak in the joy of summer, let's hold onto the truth that God's love is constant and welcoming, shining brightly even on cloudy days. **Church isn't just for those who have it all figured out** - it's a space for **everyone**, where we can **explore faith, share our stories, and find hope together**.

If you haven't been to church for a while (or ever!), why not take a step through the door this summer? You might just find a place where you truly belong.

With every blessing,

Becky
Rector, Fen Edge Churches



 <p>Save the Date</p>	<p>Week commencing Monday 4 August 2025 At the Methodist Church, Green End Road, Sawtry</p> <p>Watch out for more details coming soon at www.sawtrylightfactory.uk or on Facebook @sawtrylightfactory</p>	
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REMEMBRANCE

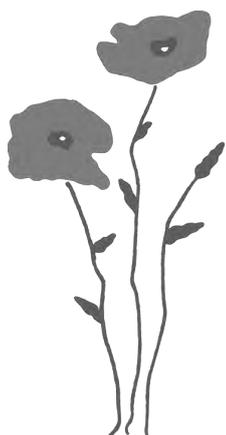
REMEMBRANCE

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



REMEMBRANCE

JUNE		
Private Arthur J. CLARKE	7 June 1917	Sawtry
Private Arnold INGLESBY	7 June 1917	Glatton
Sapper Joseph Edwin GINNS	17 June 1940	Sawtry
Private Frederick ROWELL	19 June 1943	Wood Walton
Corporal Sidney WOOLLARD	7 June 1944	Sawtry



JULY		
Lieutenant Millin John SELBY	7 July 1916	Holme
2 nd Lieutenant Arthur William Spring COWIE	8 July 1916	Hamerton
Private Robert George BAKER	22 July 1916	Holme
Private Edward SPRING	10 July 1917	Winwick
Gnr John Thomas PARROTT	27 July 1917	Sawtry
Private John F. PADDISON	31 July 1917	Sawtry
Private Charles Stanley NIGHTINGALE	27 July 1943	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.*

SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

At last, Spring has arrived, glorious sunshine bathed our game the 3 club at Orton Meadows... Always a good turnout and always a challenge. Question is do you go with 2 clubs and a putter? Or risk it and go for glory with 3 clubs and no putter? No one has ever won this without a putter, and I am pleased to say that record still stands !!!

The winner came in with a fabulous score of 39 points Doug White, closely followed in the runner up spot with 37 points Dale Howes, in 3rd with a respectable 35 points Richard Harland.

Marching on to April's match, which was the Grand National Day 5 April, a major event in SGS calendar with the Stuart Elliot Memorial held at Thorpe Wood GC an illustrious event to win. Luke Reed won this with a great score of 40 points with Steve Reader in 2nd with 34 points and Alasdair Redmond making 3rd spot with 33 points.

Afterwards it was back to the Sawtry Social Club to watch the Grand National followed by a buffet and then live music in the evening.

The league is hotting up now with only 2 games left to decide the Champion golfer of the year. Heading the list is our Handicap Guru Neil Farrington, will he hold on and win the league?

May's fixture, was on the 17 May at Elton Furze GC for Captain's Day, a nod to our Captain Tony Littlefair then it's the finale at Mowsbury Park GC on 7 June where our Champion Golfer will be revealed.

Our annual AGM will be held on Friday 20 June at 7.30pm, at Sawtry Social Club (free drink for each member), please try and come to this as it is your chance to have your say on what we do in the society.



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.

SAWTRY COLTS

As I write this in mid-May most of the teams have finished their season with only a few teams with matches remaining. FA Rules prohibit the promulgation of the younger teams results with, quite rightly, no league tables being published until Under 12 (U12) as, below that age, football should be about much more than trying to win a game of football. Competitive football and league tables begin from then onwards so here's a look at how some of the older teams have fared this season.

The oldest team, the U17s, competed in the Cambs league for the first time this year traversing the towns of southern Cambridgeshire, as well as playing in Suffolk and Essex. A slow start to the season picked up towards the end where, in a very competitive league, bar the league leaders, any one team could lay claim to having the beating of another. Ultimately they look like they will finish 7th in the 10 team league after a strong finish to the season that included draws against the 2nd and 4th placed sides and 3 victories.

The U16s, another team who competed in the Cambs league, have had a long old season with no less than 24 league matches. They will finish 12th out of the 13 teams but have struggled for numbers at matches on occasions and this may well be their last season as a team for that reason.

The U15s had an unenviable task in the top league this season. They found it hard going but have improved as the season went on and gained their 1st victory by beating Eynesbury 5-1. Nevertheless, they propped up the table at league end in what proved a highly competitive league.

The star Sawtry team this season were definitely the U14s who managed to top their league winning 13 of their 14 matches with only one draw to their name so can rightfully claim the title of Unbeatables!. To top it all off they managed the double by winning a cup as well defeating Eynesbury 6-0.

The U13 Yellows, after being top of the league earlier in the season, faded to a likely 3rd place finish. A crucial 5-4 loss to eventual 2nd place Buckden and a home draw to league winners March scuppered their league title challenge this season. A win in that match, as well as the others, would give them a great chance of winning the league. They were knocked out of the cup, in the cruellest fashion, losing 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out.

The U13 Blues with one match remaining could finish anywhere between 4th and 6th in their 9 team league, they currently have a record of 6 wins, 3 draws and 6 defeats so very mid-table-ish.

The U13 girls team (the Sawtry Falcons) with 2 matches remaining will finish 2nd in their league with an excellent record of 10 wins, one draw and 3 losses in a highly creditable season for them.

The U12 Blues who are competing in the top division, finished 6th in their league finishing their season with two matches against eventual 3rd place Huntingdon with an excellent 6-1 home win followed by a 1-1 away draw showing what they are capable of. The U12 Yellows who play in the competitive Peterborough league, also ended their season 6th in the league with 5 wins in their 18 matches.

With girls football becoming more popular every year Sawtry are looking to start a new girls side for the new season at U12 age level, so girls currently in Year 6 are the target audience. If you have a daughter who is interested in getting involved contact: sawtryfalconsahj@hotmail.com to be part of what will be a great group of girls.

That's it for the league season then - one final reminder that the annual Sawtry Colts tournament takes place over the weekend of 28/29 June at Greenfield - get yourself over there if you want to see some good football and lots of kids having great fun playing the beautiful game.

As usual, a reminder of the Sawtry Colts website, available at sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk, where details of all the teams can be found as well as managers' contact details should any aspiring players wish to find a team.

Brian Craig



SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

As the new outdoor season begins, we firstly congratulate Maddy Leader on her indoor achievements. Maddy won the Huntingdonshire Federation County Mixed Pairs; Ladies Pairs; Ladies Triples and was runner-up in the Ladies Singles. As County winner, Maddy and her playing partners represented Huntingdonshire in the English Bowling Federation National Finals in Lincoln. Maddy returned home after a long week as **National Ladies Pairs and Ladies Triples Champion**, which assisted in Hunts also winning the most successful County of the Championships. Well done Maddy.

Congratulations to Karen Leader who has won the Hunts Bowls last year's Champion of Champions which was deferred due to player injury. Well done Karen.

Our new season begun by playing for the Kelvin Cooper Trophy, with Phil Keaney winning – a new name on the trophy. Well done Phil.

We have started our Junior Coaching sessions from 17.15 – 18.15 on Wednesday evenings, with 15 children at the 1st session, with ages ranging from 3 years old and upwards. If any juniors wish to participate, please pop along. It's £1 to play for the first 10 weeks, plus £5 to hire a club shirt.

As our Secretary, Kevin Bowers, is County President of Huntingdonshire Bowling Federation this year, we have already hosted a light tea after their Church Service at All Saints, as well as Kevin's County President's Day. Both of which were well attended by Sawtry members. We will also be hosting the following County Adam's Matches:

Saturday 24 May v North Cambs

Saturday 7 June v Norfolk

Saturday 14 June v Lincs

All matches start at 2pm and the bar will be open so why not pop along and support the County.

Equally if anyone is available to assist with the ordering and serving of food, please get in touch with Karen Leader (07903 841708). There is no sit down meals, just sandwiches served straight from the kitchen before, during and maybe even after the game, but we need front of house people to assist those in the kitchen.

We are also hoping to hold our popular Brunch 'n' Bowl from 10am – 1pm on Sunday 8 June. Watch out for details if you are interested in coming along.

Members don't forget your Competition entries need to be returned by Saturday 7 June.

The competitions draw will take place on Friday 13 June from 8.30pm.

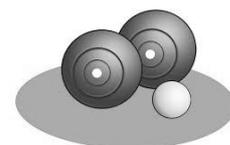
Finally, I would like to wish all our members an enjoyable and successful season.

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

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

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

Or google 'Sawtry and District Bowling Club'



SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

The 2025 cricket season has started and with new players, new teams and new competitions, it's going to be an exciting season.

This year we have entered three weekend adult teams: two playing on Saturday in Divisions 2 and 4 of the Hunts League plus our Sunday team in Rutland league Division 4.

The Hunts Division 4 team on Saturdays gives the club the opportunity to introduce our older juniors to adult league cricket and we're hoping to have at least five juniors playing in each of the games in this league. We're already seeing good performances and results with the players really enjoying their cricket.

We also have the mid-week 20/20 Peterborough Bash League, plus four teams at U9, U11, U13 and U15 age-groups in the Hunts Junior League.

If you're interested in playing cricket, please get in touch with us at sawtrycc@yahoo.com, or our Facebook page 'Sawtry Cricket Club'. We're a friendly, social and welcoming club, catering for all abilities.

We would also like to start a women's team this season as women's cricket is really starting to take off in the area.

It's been a great start to the year in glorious dry sunny weather, so please come and join us at the Alconbury Weald Pavilion for all our home matches and training.

A few dates for you all :

Junior training - every Friday, 5:30 - 6:30pm for U9 and U11 followed by 6:30 - 7:30pm for U13 and U15.

Wednesday Home matches, 6pm:	4th and 25th of June	2nd and 23rd of July
Saturday Home matches, 12pm:	7th, 14th and 28th of June	5th, 19th and 26th of July
Sunday Home matches, 12pm	8th, 15th and 29th of June	6th, 13th and 27th of July
Junior matches, 6pm	5th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 19th and 26th of June	7th and 27th of July

John Dudley
Chairperson

SAWTRY WALK TO RUN



Well, what a spring it's been. The sun has occasionally remembered it exists; the nettles are back to stinging with gusto, and down at Sawtry Walk To Run we've been putting one foot in front of the other with our usual blend of enthusiasm and mild disbelief.

First, a *hearty congratulations* to Lina and Liam, who both completed the London Marathon this April. That's 26.2 miles of tarmac, crowds, and emotional rollercoaster – not to mention the hundreds of jelly babies consumed en-route. It's an incredible achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of them both. If you see them around Sawtry, feel free to point and shout "Legend!" (Preferably in a friendly way).

Also deserving of a big shout-out is our very own Ash, who is marking his 50th year with something far more sensible than cake: he's running five 10K races in 2025. That's right – Fit at 50 is his motto, and he's smashing it. Whether it's a blustery morning or a sunny slog, Ash is out there proving that age really is just a number (though one that makes your knees creak a bit more than they used to).

Meanwhile, we've rolled out the welcome mat for **seven brand-new recruits** to our "None to Run" programme – a 10-week journey that turns even the most determined sofa-dweller into a fully-fledged 5K Park runner. These brave souls have already tackled Week 1 with enthusiasm and only a mild sense of "what have I done?" We'll be cheering them on all the way to their final goal – running 5K at the end of the programme, probably while grinning like maniacs.

Now, you may be wondering: why join a running club at all? Isn't it just jogging about in the rain? Well, yes. But also no. Joining a running club gives you community, encouragement, laughs, and motivation on the days when even your running shoes seem to be hiding from you. It's cheaper than therapy, friendlier than a gym, and has far fewer mirrors. Oh, and not to mention the relatively frequent socials held at our amazing village watering holes. Did someone say Baby Guinness?

Finally, a quick update on our very own **Sawtry 10** race, happening on *7 September 2025*. Over **60 runners** have already signed up, which is either very exciting or deeply worrying depending on your perspective. Either way, it promises to be a fantastic event, and we'd love to see you there – running, volunteering, or just ringing a cowbell like you mean it.

To get involved with any of the above – or to find out more about the wonderful weirdness that is Sawtry Walk To Run – hop over to sawtrywalktorun.co.uk. Trainers optional, humour essential.

Matt Spinks, Club Vice-Chairman

More info at www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk or our Facebook page: Sawtry Walk to Run



Running - it's much more fun than you might

SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Club News

At present Sawtry Table Tennis Club is open on Monday evenings (term times only), from 6:30pm, however, this is only for adult players to play either some leisurely table tennis or some competitive table tennis.

Whereas, our Junior Development Sessions, which is for junior players under the age of 18 is closed at present until September.

Our Club Nights run from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm. The club will be only running its 'Open Play Adult Session', this session is for adult players of all abilities. Each club night there are 3 to 4 tables setup for members to play either singles or doubles. There is no need to book, you can just turn up to play.

Our club prides itself on having a fun and leisurely atmosphere, being friendly and open to anyone interested in participating in this great intergenerational sport, regardless of your ability.

So, if this has inspired you to come back or to give this great sport ago, then why not pop along on a Monday evening, to check out the club for yourself.

To keep up to date with what is happening at the club, you can check out our Facebook page or website (see below for details).

League News

Now the Winter League season has concluded, we can report that our 1st team finished 2nd in their division. But unfortunately, our 2nd team got knocked out of the Semi-Finals Handicap Cup Competition, better luck for next season.

General information on the club

There are **No Membership Fees**, only Club Night fees: Adults - £3, Junior (under 18's) - £2 per session, per night. Fees are payable on the night and can be paid by cash or card.

All Under 16's will need to be always accompanied by a responsible adult while at the club.

The club's venue: - Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH.

Times of Session: - Open Play Adult Session - 6:30pm.

To keep up to date with club news, or to get more information about the club:

E: - welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

W: - www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

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

T: - 01487 804040



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 History Society - 831441

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

Sport Clubs

Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - 07585 950923

Merton Kenpo Academy I MKA - 07753 228439

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 Walk To Run - 07703 174937

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

Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School -
833010 / 07483 942826

Sawtry Infant School - 830678

Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204

Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline &
Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838

Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies -
0800 111 999

Police (Non-Emergency) - 101

Samaritans (24 Hours) - 116 123

Other Services

Alcoholic Anonymous - 01603 621128

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311

Cambs Libraries Contact Centre -
0345 045 5225

Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon -
0344 245 1292

HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114

Huntingdon Delivery Office - 03457 740 740

Sawtry Social Club - 830462

Sawtry Old School Hall / Parish Council - 831771

Sawtry Post Office - 208460

Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association - 831797

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542

www.safelocaltrades.com - 0800 014 1832

CARESCO

Car Scheme - 07810 476979

CARESCO Centre - 832105

Charity Shop - 208026

Community Support - 07873 187843

Green End Day Club - 07743 216746

Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863

The Cave - 07851 803482

If you would like to add a new number
to the list or you have spotted a
wrong number then let the
CARESCO team know on 832105

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