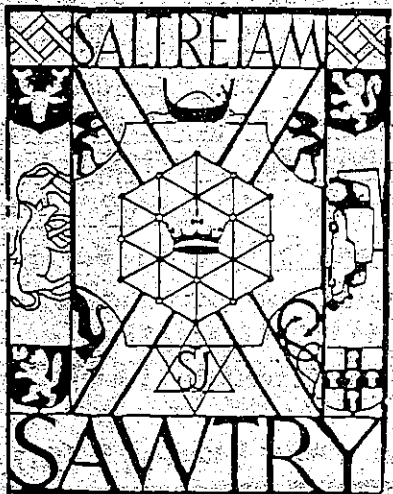


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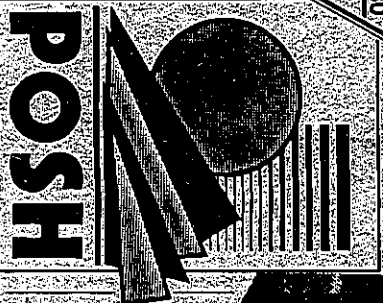
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This supper was held at the Ex-Servicemen's Hut, now known as The Club, with the ladies preparing the tea and gentlemen organising the drinks and providing transport if necessary, the roles are the same today.

Later the Feast Supper moved to the Church Hall. However the Sports Club were no longer involved and fundraising became more difficult for the few ladies who had continued this now important event on the social calendar, many of whom qualified to sit down themselves.

After the Supper of 1968 when over one hundred of our guests had enjoyed another excellent evening of good food, superb entertainment and swopped many a tale of times past, some of which had got more interesting as the years went by, "and do you remember when H. etc." Some of us do but I can't tell that one.

It was for these and many more reasons, a meeting was called of all Sawtry Organisations asking for their help to continue the supper, mainly to raise the money, several came forward, as did many new helpers.

The following year we moved to the College and over twenty years the evening has improved with good entertainment and a meal which would be a credit to any fine restaurant, prepared by college cooks and served by boys and girls of this college along with our regular band of helpers.

Also over the last twenty years those who raise the funds have dwindled to a few and costs have risen. Thus years supper would have cost six hundred pounds and worth every penny.

Despite Winston Churchill's famous words, there is only so much that can be achieved by so few, so last year after appeals for help went unanswered, it was decided that 89 would be the last supper and a winding up meeting would be held in November.

When this news broke it was obvious by reaction from many quarters that the Feast Supper was not going to lay down and die. With photographs on view, in that same room where it began forty years ago, bearing testimony to the enjoyment so many get from it, both guests and helpers alike, there has probably been more talk of its continuance than there was to get it started.

As a wise committee member commented, "talk is cheap". There have been many offers of help for which we are grateful. The Secretary has called a meeting soon and we are confident that these offers will become a reality.

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FROM THE PARISH CLERK'S OFFICE:-

The last few months have been hectic, Parish Meetings, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the end of the Financial Year.

We've had the Annual Feast Parade, (I really enjoyed marching to the Band) and the wonderful Flower Festival in All Saint's Church which formed part of the Feast celebrations. I hope you all joined in and enjoyed it too!! Next year the Band will definitely play on the Green, it was a misunderstanding by the Bandmaster who was away on holiday. He has promised us a really good concert next year to make up for it.

The New Playing Field now belongs to the Parish and a steering committee has been formed to start up a Sports Association. I understand that an 'Extravaganza' on 15th July, is planned to help raise funds for various organizations, Sports Facilities is one of the causes, so please give them your support.

The Old School Hall continues to be well used. We have just had a Craft Fair, a Bingo Session and a Fund Raising Day not to mention several (I understand) very good parties. The Main Hall of the building was also used for the two day Pharmacy Appeal Hearing which was very well attended.

There are still some dates free, so if you are planning a party, meeting or get together or if you need a room to hold a meeting in,

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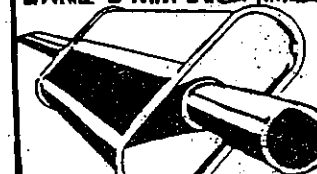
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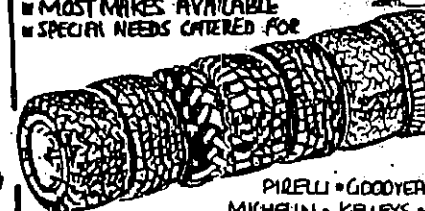


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The Cats Whiskers Cattery are very pleased with the Drawings and Paintings that were done by pupils of Sawtry Junior School to celebrate National Pet Week which was held from April 30th to May 6th.

The Competition was organized by the Broadway Veterinary Clinic in Peterborough and children from all over Peterborough and the surrounding villages were invited to enter. I wish to thank John Garner for his co-operation and enthusiasm in encouraging the children to take part. We had over 15 entries from the school and there were more than 300 entries from the whole area. Sawtry Junior School won several prizes which are listed below. All the children who entered the competition were given a bar of chocolate by the Broadway Veterinary Clinic.

LINDSAY TYRELL was a First Prize Winner for her drawing of her dog, Sheba.

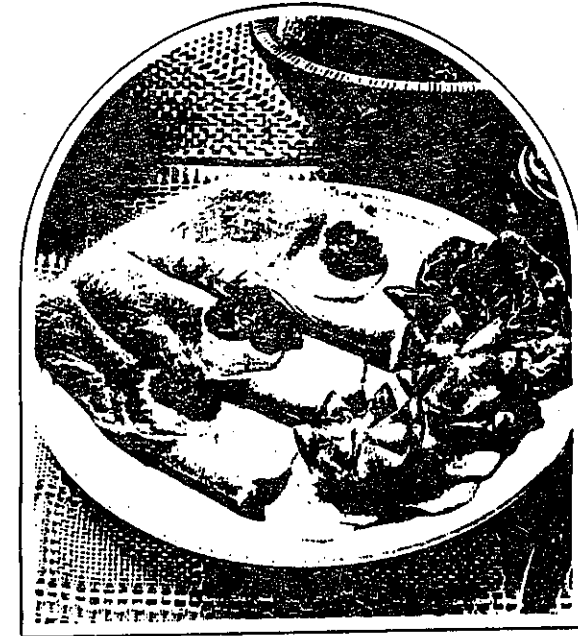
Other prize winners at the School were:

TANIYA BROWN, 18 Bramble End.
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ALICIA BOWDER, 72 Green End Road.
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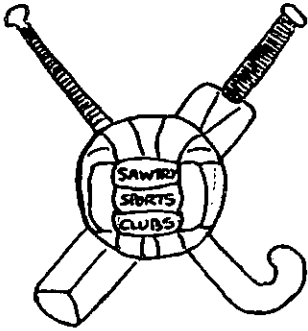


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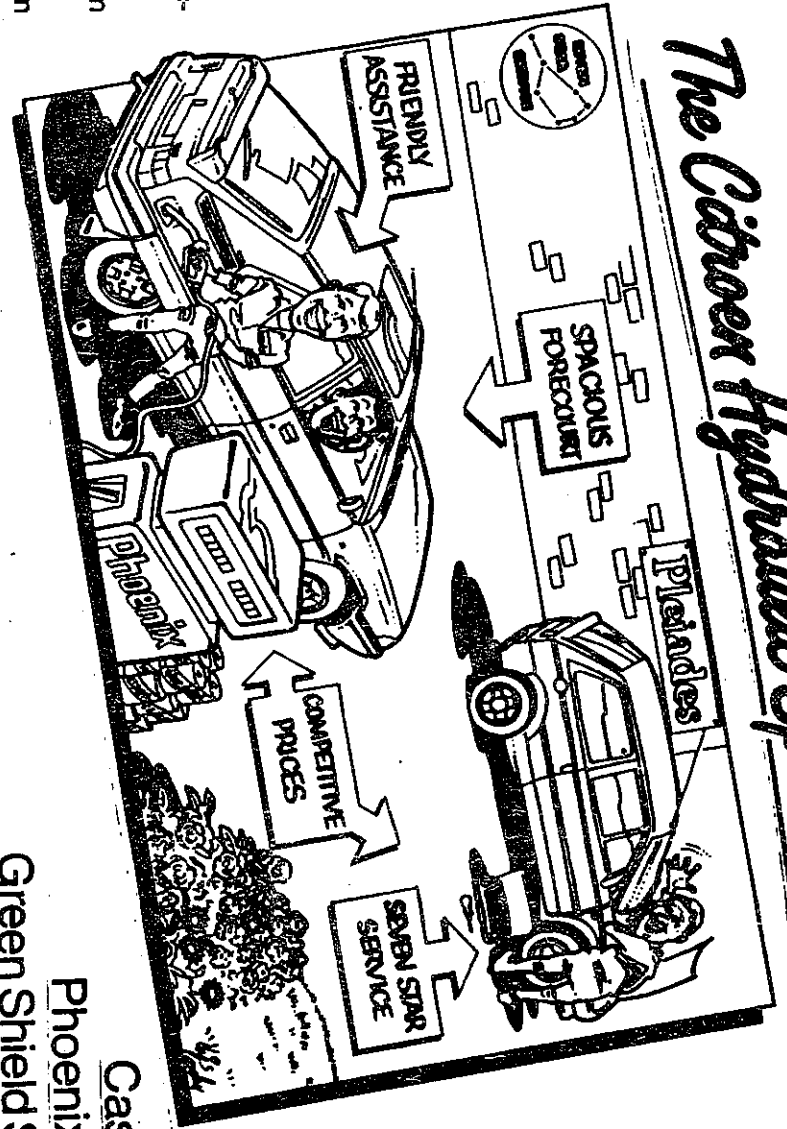
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At long last the first positive steps have been made to provide the sports clubs of Sawtry with their own facilities. Thanks to the efforts of the Parish Council, land has been purchased across the A1 Trunk Road on Sawtry Fen for organised sporting activities.

The Football, Cricket and Ladies Hockey Clubs have long been campaigning for better quality playing surfaces in the village. The present pitches at the Sawtry Village College leave a lot to be desired because they lie waterlogged for many of the winter months. It is true to say that due to the poor drainage there, many Hockey and Football games have to be postponed or played away, thus forfeiting the home advantage, much to the annoyance of footballers and hockey players alike.

The Football Club is lucky enough to be backed up by the pitch on Gidding Road, which is kindly loaned to them by local farmer and Football Club President Dick Hunting. However, without proper facilities to augment the playing surface Sawtry Football Club still does not possess a ground to be proud of. They would dearly love to develop the site up Gidding Road, but alas that doesn't seem possible. The Hockey and Cricket Clubs both have similar stories of woe to tell.

So, the news that Sawtry Parish Council are prepared to spend some money on sports field development is cheerfully welcomed by the three clubs. The site the Council has chosen is, however, going to require a lot of work before it is suitable for sporting activities. As local farmer Dick Hunting recalls "It used to take 8 horses to pull a hay cart through that field when I used to farm there. It's one of the wettest parts of the village!" The sports clubs are prepared to wait a few seasons though, they don't want another set of college fields!

According to Parish Councillor Dick Tuplin the matter of drainage, levelling and seeding is in hand. A survey has already been completed and the council are prepared to spend approximately £55,000 which will provide for two top class playing surfaces, which will be playable even when it rains. This will allow enough area for at least one full sized football pitch, a hockey pitch and a cricket square with further space for two more pitches levelled and seeded. It has to be stressed though that the price tag for this work of £55,000 is an estimated cost and true figures have yet to be received from the tender. A £20,000 grant has been received from the District Council to help towards the cost, but, it is nice to know that the Parish Council are committed to improving Sawtry sporting facilities and have demonstrated this by already spending £40,000 on the purchase of the field and the initial survey which alone cost £750.

As you can imagine the sports clubs are delighted, but there is still much work to be done. The cost to construct a pavilion and changing rooms has yet to be looked into. Who will pay for mains water, sewage, gas and electric supplies to be installed? It certainly will not be cheap. With the Parish Council covering the cost of the field preparation it looks as though the three sports clubs are faced with the mammoth task of fund raising to build the sports pavilion.

So, what are the three clubs prepared to do? Well, they have already joined forces and have set up a "Build Sawtry a Sports Ground" Fund which will be used to improve the three clubs sporting facilities in the village, and to open their fund raising ventures they are organising a Sawtry Extravaganza which will take place on Saturday 15 July at the Sawtry Village College commencing at 10am and finishing at 5pm. The event is centered around a charity football match organised by local

sports star Robbie Cooke. He now plays football for Kettering Town, who have had a tremendous season, but in the past he has had spells with Millwall, Brentford, Cambridge and Peterborough. Robbie is bringing to Sawtry some professionals and ex-professionals to take on a Sawtry team. Also on the day there will be a Sawtry Youth five-a-side football competition, a senior competition involving local clubs, a chariot race challenge and the Greystones Mens Aerobics display team.

Also, there will be stalls, side-shows, attractions, beer tent, jazz band, Fieldsahead B-B-Q and Donuts, a Craft Fair, Teas and Coffees and a Car Boot Sale. In addition there will be childrens races, a bouncy castle, novelty ride, pony rides and much, much more. And, to round off the event, in the evening there will be a 60/70s Night Dance featuring the superb group Goldrush and the excellent John Robb Disco. The Fieldsahead B-B-Q will also be there sizzling throughout the evening adjacent to the college hall. (Tickets will be 1/3 for the Dance).

The three sports clubs will not only be raising money for their own fund, some of the money raised on the day will go to the Liverpool FC Relief Fund. Additionally, all the clubs, societies and organisations running stalls on the day will be raising money for their own funds and local charities.

All in all, it is the recipe for a fun day out for all the family in Sawtry. Lets just hope for good weather!

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