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## EDITORIAL

The excitement of Christmas is now a distant memory and we can look ahead to 2014, as always there is plenty to come.

February sees the annual pantomime by RADSOC, the 1st March sees a dance showcase-Energise- involving schools and dance groups from across the county. At the end of March we have the Camera Club annual exhibition -always worth seeing.

PLUS June brings us the Swavesey Festival always an exciting week with events, concerts, and other activities for all ages, don't miss it, and if you need to book tickets do it early so you are not disappointed.

Don't forget the deadline for the April/May issue is **20th February!**

Ed.

Cover Photo - 'Fifteen shades of GREEN!' by Peter Martin

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## Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details. A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the magazine and also on our website at [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk)

### 2014

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday, February, 14, 15 & 16,** Puss in Boots - A family pantomime  
Tickets: - 07504 552870 or [www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk](http://www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk),  
Sarah Pearson, [committee@swaveseyradsoc.org](mailto:committee@swaveseyradsoc.org)

**Saturday, March 29, June 28 & September 13,** Car boot sale 2-4pm in St Andrews Car Park. Pitches £10 call 203010 to book, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

**Saturday, March 29,** Swavesey Camera Club Annual Exhibition - With our Annual Spring Exhibition now an established event in the Swavesey year, this is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to hundreds of visitors. , Peter Looper, (01954) 202461

**Sunday, April 27,** Yesteryear Road Run - Vintage vehicles passing through Swavesey. A return to the original route starting in Cottenham

**Saturday, June 14 to June 21,** Swavesey Festival 2014 - This is the bi-annual week long festival, Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

**Saturday July 5,** St Andrews Summer Fete, 2.30pm, Revd John-David Yule, 231903

**Saturday October 4,** St Andrews Teddy Bear Parachute Jump, 2 - 4pm

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<b>February</b>		
Wednesday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 6	Swavesey Camera Club	Back to Basics - For our second Workshop of the season we revisit basic operations in the camera and on the PC
Wednesday 12	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Ruth Hawksley from the Wildlife Trust - Presentation with illustrations
Wednesday 12	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Thursday 13	Swavesey Camera Club	Bamber Trophy Competition - Judge: Jim Hartje: Each entrant may submit up to two sets of five digital projected images
Fri, Sat, Sun 14, 15 & 16	RADSOC	Puss in Boots - A family pantomime. Tickets:- 07504 552870 or <a href="http://www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk">www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk</a>
Wednesday 19	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 23	Swavesey Camera Club	Motocross - We head out to the WildTracks Offroad, Activity Park, near Newmarket today, to capture Motocross action.
Wednesday 26	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Thursday 27	Swavesey Camera Club	The Fantastic Falklands - We are joined tonight by Richard Revels FRPS. Richard has four trips to the Falklands under his belt, and describes the islands as wild, windy and wonderful.
<b>March</b>		
Wednesday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 6	Swavesey Camera Club	Barbie's Indian Takeaway - We welcome back Barbie Lindsay MPAGB EFIAP/s FBPE to present her personal take on the great sub continent.
Wednesday 12	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	"Fascinating Fungi" presented by Peter Walker
Wednesday 12	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Thursday 13	Swavesey Camera Club	Themed Print Panel Competition - Judge: Dave Hodgson: Entrants may submit up to two sets of five mounted prints on a common theme of the entrant's choice.

Wednesday 19	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 20	Swavesey Camera Club	Earth and Skies - Barry Freeman ARPS DPAGB presents this print lecture featuring monochrome landscapes, mainly in East Anglia.
Wednesday 26	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Thursday 27	Swavesey Camera Club	Annual Colour Print Competition - Judge: Dave Steward
Saturday 29	St Andrew's Church	Car boot sale 2-4pm in St Andrews Car Park. Pitches £10 call 203010 to book
Saturday 29	Swavesey Camera Club	Annual Exhibition - With our Annual Spring Exhibition now an established event in the Swavesey year, this is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to hundreds of visitors.
<b>April</b>		
Wednesday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 3	Swavesey Camera Club	Photography in a Flat Landscape - Tom Mackie is recognised as one of the world's finest landscape photographers.

## 14th-21st June 2014

### 100 Club *Monthly Draw*

The Swavesey Festival still requires money. And, we must help ourselves! So please support the Festival 100 Club.

It costs just £3 per month and you can pay either yearly or quarterly. Win monthly prizes of £60, £30 or £15.

To join get a standing order from

Nora Smythe at 2 Market Street or

Marian Morgan at Trinity Farm, 1 Middlewatch.

### Open Gardens

Thank you to the villagers who are going to open their gardens either on 14th June, 15th June or on a midweek evening.

We still require more gardens to help add to the success of the festival. To take part please contact Simon Shore on 01954 230848 or via email at [simonshore99@gmail.com](mailto:simonshore99@gmail.com).

### Stalls on the Green

Stalls are still available for the Village Show on Saturday 21st June.

To book a stall, please contact Sally Unwin on 230200 or download a form from the Festival website.

### Village Show

The following are the 2014 Village Show categories for Saturday 21st June. This year the Show is being organised by the Swavesey WI.

Everyone is invited to submit entries. The cost per entry is £1.00: after five entries the cost stays at £5.00 for any number of entries. For children the cost is 50p per entry: after five entries, £2.50 for any number.

The overall theme for show is 'Childhood'.

## Village Show Entry Classes

### Adult entries (17 year old and over)

#### *Floral entry categories*

- An arrangement on childhood theme
- A red white and blue arrangement
- A green arrangement: Could be leaves grasses or any other green foliage

#### *Fruit and Vegetables*

- 10 strawberries
- 10 gooseberries
- 10 raspberries
- 2 stalks black white or red currants
- 3 courgettes
- 1 lettuce
- 3 new potatoes
- 3 beet root
- 3 bulb onions
- 5 pods broad beans
- 5 radish
- 3 different types of vegetable (1 of each)

#### *Cookery*

- A jar of lemon curd
- A jar of marmalade
- A jar of any fruit jam
- A jar of chutney or pickle
- Chocolate sponge
- 6 fancy cakes - to be judged on decoration
- Fruit scones - to made to recipe supplied
- Savoury pasties

#### *Craft*

- A picture in any medium on the theme of childhood
- A photograph on the theme of childhood
- An item of handicraft for a child

#### *Children's entries*

*There are 3 classes: under 5 years, 5 to 11 year olds and 12 to 16 year olds.*

- A wild flower and grass collection/arrangement
- A 3D gingerbread model (*edible, childhood theme and judged on construction*)
- A picture in any medium on the theme of childhood
- A photograph on the theme of childhood
- An edible food item made using chocolate
- A doll made of any medium e.g., knitted, sewn, corn dolly, rag doll etc.

*For the under 5s there are two additional categories:*

- A nursery rhyme character using e.g., Lego, Meccano, or any other construction toy
- A decorated gingerbread man (judged purely on the decoration)

Entry Forms for all categories are available from



## CLUB REPORTS

### Swavesey WI

Swavesey W.I. would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year. We look forward to another busy year ahead and we hope if you like the look of our events advertised, you will come along and join us.

In December, our members organised an Afternoon Tea for the residents of Thistle Green Sheltered Housing. A good time was had by all. We also took part in the Christmas Tree Festival held at St. Andrew's Church, Swavesey, where our tree won third place!!

At our December meeting, Penny, florist from St. Ives gave us an excellent talk and demonstration of Christmas Flower arrangements. Three lucky members each won an arrangement in our raffle.

Dates for the Diary.

Feb.10th 2014.....The Last Woman Hung in England by Carol Pook.

March 10th 2014...A.G.M. followed by Members Evening.

Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. If you are interested in coming along, please call Deirdre Burgess on 230897.

### Swavesey Community Choir

Happy New Year from Swavesey Community Choir to all readers.

What a magnificent Christmas concert. I hope that everyone who came enjoyed it.

We will be starting 2014 on Wednesday 22nd January and will be rehearsing for two concerts as part of the Swavesey Festival 2014. We will be performing in a concert at St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday 18th June. The choir will perform in one half and this will be Rutter's Magnificat, Kate and Alex Woolf performing in the other. Then there will be some contemporary pieces on the green on 21st June. So we are really looking forward to those.

Please take a look at our website for details of the choir, past performances and future plans [www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk](http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk).

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the choir but we are always looking for new members so why not come along and give it a try. We are a very friendly bunch meeting every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College. Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

Happy Singing ☺

### It stinks – and we took 37 tonnes of it

The topsoil on the allotment site in Hale Road is quite a bit heavier than on the Baptist Chapel Cemetery allotments adjacent to Constable's Rood, so more care is needed to judge the right time to cultivate in spring. Achieving a good seedbed is the basis of successful crop establishment which will be needed to support the vigorous and impressive summer growth that will be on display to visitors during the Open Gardens period of Swavesey Festival in June.

Fortunately we have two references which provide helpful guidance. In his 16th century Book of Husbandry John Fitzherbert advised "Go upon the land that is plowed and if it syngre or crye or make any noyse under thy fete then it is to wet to sowe. And if it make no noyse and wyll beare thy horses then sowe in the name of God". Additionally, in a 19th century report from Mendlesham and Stowupland Farmers it was noted that "To make sure that the land was in good enough state to sow barley they took down their trousers and sat bare on the seedbed".

When growing crops on moderately heavy land the best type of material to use is some form of bulky organic manure and during 2013 a large amount of horse manure and cattle manure was spread on site. Both are particularly good at increasing the nutrient status of the soil, notably the slow release nitrogen content but also the phosphorus, potassium and trace elements. Furthermore, all forms of organic manure encourage earthworms, bacteria, fungi and all the other little wiggly things that live in the soil and which are essential to soil health. However, composted green waste and food waste, often called "soil improver", is better for improving the soil's physical structure. Composting is the aerobic decomposition of organic material by micro-organisms, under controlled conditions, into a soil-like substance.

Last autumn our Chairman used his considerable charm to obtain two lorry loads of compost, supplied and delivered entirely for free. On the grounds that too much of a good thing is wonderful 37 tonnes of it were delivered to the allotments car park on 3 December. The soil improver has a bit of a pong to it similar to that of a stairwell in a multi-storey car park. This disgusting odour, which is at its worst when the compost is disturbed, clings to clothes and hair. Nevertheless, plot holders appreciate it for the enormous benefit which it supplies to their soil and crops and each weekend since it arrived there has been an enthusiastic convoy of wheelbarrows rushing to and fro. By now in early February there is not much of it left.

Finally you will be well aware that the Hale Road Allotments entry won the second St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival but our modesty discourages us from crowing about it here.

## Swavesey and District History Society

In October Rudyard Kipling (Geoff Hales) came and spoke to the West African Society Swavesey branch (SDHS) about Mary Kingsley, a Victorian lady traveller. She was an unconventional child with no formal education; she taught herself by reading her father's books. Mary lived in Mortimer Road, Cambridge for 7 – 8 years and following her parents' deaths she decided to visit West Africa. She learned how to survive from the local people, travelled extensively, climbed Mount Cameroon and collected specimens for the British Museum. Mary wrote two books Travels in West Africa, an immediate best seller, and West African Studies. Mary died of typhoid fever caught while nursing Boer prisoners of war and was buried at sea.

The November speakers, cousins Reg and Tom Brown, were informative as well as entertaining when they talked about 'Agriculture as they knew it: 1940s – 1960s'. We heard about the horses, equipment – ploughs, harrows, rollers, drills, cutters, binders and carts, ploughing matches and harvesting. The farm was about one and a half miles from Ely Station. When the harvested sugar beet was transported to the station by nineteen horses and carts, the horses all followed one another at regular intervals as they knew the way back!

At the December meeting we had our Annual General Meeting; after giving reports the various officers were then elected to serve another year. The annual subscription for 2014 is £15 and visitors will pay £3. Our speaker was Alison Dickens who talked about the history of Rampton Church. All Saints is the only thatched church in Cambridgeshire which is in regular use. Alison then spoke about the four antiquaries who visited and recorded details of the church between 1744 and the late 19th century.

### Programme 2014

25 February	The rise and fall of Stourbridge Fair	Honor Ridout
18 March	A job for life: the history of apprenticeship and guilds	Sarah Doig
22 April	The Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival	Brian Kell
20 May	The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle	Dr. David Woodman

Our meetings are extremely friendly and open to everyone who has an interest in local history. All meetings are held in the Global Resources Room in Swavesey Village College at 7.30pm. For more information about the Society contact Carolyn Redmayne (01954 230037) or look at our website:-

<http://www.swavesey.org.uk/history/>

## Welcome Back

After our short festive break we will be well into our January programme by this time. The first meeting in February, (Thursday 6th), will be our second workshop. We are going back to basics: the technicalities of your camera and computer, apertures, shutter speeds, autofocus, and then on to the more advanced operations. Few of us will admit it, but modern cameras have such huge menus that some functions are not used on a regular basis, if at all. This is your chance to get to grips with areas you might have been hesitant to tackle before.

Our outdoors event for February will be a visit to Wild Tracks Activity Park near Newmarket, on the 23rd, (weather permitting), to attempt to capture Motor Cross action. For the less energetic members we will have plenty of excitement visiting the 'Wild, windy and wonderful Falklands' on February 27th, with Richard Revels. Richard has visited 4 times, photographing spectacular birds, sea lions and elephant seals. On March 6th there should be even more excitement with Barbie Lindsey's 'Indian Takeaway'. Barbie's fans will know that the combination of her unique style and the magic of the Indian subcontinent promises us a fabulous evening, not to be missed. On March 30th, a more gentle event, when Barry Freeman will bring us closer to home with 'Earth and Skies', monochrome prints of East Anglia, from film and darkroom to digital and infra-red.

We have three competitions lined up. The Bamber Trophy is on February 13th, when we submit sets of 5 digitally projected images, each showing as wide a range of topic and technique as possible. On March 13th in contrast we have the Themed Print Panel competition where sets of 5 prints are submitted, all on a common theme. A further competition on March 27th will be for a single print, this time in colour. With these three events we can appreciate the skills of our present members.

Just 2 days later you can all join in, as on Saturday, March 29th we will be holding our Annual Exhibition in Swavesey Memorial Hall, with prints, AV shows, projected images, also cakes, coffee and tea for sale in the kitchen, and our well-supported stall of cards for Charity. This has become a very popular village event, even in last year's blizzard we had plenty of visitors, so don't miss it. This is your chance to show your own skills in our Open Competition; to remind you the subjects this year are:

Weather  
Unusual objects  
Animals

Looking forward to seeing you and your entries, so please come along and bring your friends.

Mo Hadfield  
Swavesey Camera Club  
[www.swaveseycc.org.uk](http://www.swaveseycc.org.uk)

# Photography Competition 2014

## Open competition for the Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition to be held on the 29 March

### 2 classes:

1. JUNIOR CLASS (16 and under)
2. ADULT CLASS (17 and over)

(excludes present members of Swavesey camera club, or professional photographers).

Competition is for prints only. All prints should be a maximum size of A4 and may be Monochrome or colour. On the reverse they should have the photographer's name, Address and phone number, age (over 17s may state "Adult"! ). A title is preferred but not compulsory. All entries and winners will be shown at the Camera Club Exhibition on

**Sat 29 March in Swavesey Memorial Hall.**

Maximum of 2 prints per entrant, per category.

**There are 3 categories in each class;**

1. Animals
2. Weather
3. Unusual Objects

**Closing date for entries is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members. Certificates will be given for the winner and runner up in each category; from these an overall winner and runner up will be selected from each class for whom there will be a cash prize and free membership for 1 year for Swavesey Camera Club.

Entries for the competition can be sent or delivered to  
Peter Looper, 23 Moat Way, Swavesey CB24 4TR  
To be received no later than Friday 21 March 2014

Prints can be collected from the exhibition on the afternoon of the show. Prints can only be returned by post if a S.A.E is enclosed.

## Comberton : Ramblers Club

The Comberton Rambling Group walk on alternative Sundays. Walks are from 4 - 7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

We are a friendly / informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area. New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member. Annual membership fee is £7.50, and free if under 18 years old.

Our next 3 walks are :

**2nd February 2014:** Barley. 5.5 miles. Meet at The Chequers Pub, London Road, Barley. SG8 8JQ

**16th February 2014:** Papworth St Agnes. 4 miles. Meet at The Old Bake House, Papworth St Agnes. CB23 3QU

**2nd March 2014:** Wilbraham. 4.5 miles. Meet at The Hole in the Wall pub, 2 High Street, Little Wilbraham. CB21 5JY

Please see our full Walks Programme : [www.combertonramblers.org.uk](http://www.combertonramblers.org.uk)  
or contact the Secretary - Stella - email [stella.ramblers@hotmail.com](mailto:stella.ramblers@hotmail.com)



Bedfordshire  
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Huntingdonshire  
Local Group

## The Flora and the Lizards of the Canary Islands, the Galapagos of the Atlantic

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to present an illustrated talk on the flora and lizards of the Canary Islands on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Our speaker, Peter Payne, formerly worked at the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge and, since retirement, has been studying the flora of East Anglia and the Canary Islands.

There are seven main islands in the Canary Island archipelago, each distinctly different. They have a unique and beautiful flora and include 600 species only found on these islands, with many of these restricted to just one island. With birds their only predators, there are many lizards on the islands, including several exotic species with very restricted distributions.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Suggested donation: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please contact Phil on 01487 822835. for further information.

## VILLAGE NEWS

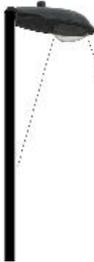


### Calling Swavesey Beekeepers!

We plan to bring the Cambridge Beekeepers Association stand to the Festival next June – Saturday June 21. It would be great if we could man the stand with fellow local beekeepers. Please get in touch if you are interested in coming on the stand for an hour or two to provide information / answer questions - there is a huge level of interest in our hobby!

Glyn & Sue Jones | [gj@2gsc.net](mailto:gj@2gsc.net) | 07977 907622

### The Street Lights in Swavesey are scheduled to be replaced during March 2014



In most residential streets, new street lights will be positioned within 3m of the current positions. For traffic routes and in areas that require a more uniform light the new columns may be in different positions. This is because the current lighting standards require a minimum light level and a consistency of lighting, which may not be achievable without changing the position and spacing of the lighting columns.

The Balfour Beatty website at:- [www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/newlighting.aspx](http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/newlighting.aspx) has more information and street maps showing the status of the existing lights in your street.

### 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'

The Philippines fundraising concert at the Village College, plus a collection at the Primary School, plus a gift day at Bethel Baptist Church equals an amazing community response to the devastating Typhoon Haiyan. In financial terms, this sum is £3391.09 + £267 + £1500 = **£5158.09** and that is quite apart from people personally giving online and to other appeals.

## Doctors Surgeries

### Swavesey Surgery

(01954) 230202

Out of hours 01223 446995

### Over Surgery

(01954) 231550

Out of hours 0330 123 9131

### Longstanton

(01954) 207600

Out of hours 111

### Bar Hill Surgery

(01954) 780442

Out of hours (01954) 780442 -  
*call will automatically be diverted*

### Fenstanton

7E High Street, Fenstanton  
01480 461873

Out of hours 01480 461873  
*call will automatically be diverted*

See our website at [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk) for the full surgery news letters. Ed

### Longstanton/Willingham surgery news

**Chemist application in Longstanton** You may have heard that the appeal application by a pharmacy chain to open a chemist shop in Longstanton has been rejected by the independent NHS Litigation Authority. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the practice. This comes as a great relief as it means that we will not have to close our dispensary at Longstanton Branch Surgery. The decision will ensure the continued viability of Longstanton Surgery into the future.

**Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation** This is your chance to have a say on local pharmacies and dispensaries in Cambridgeshire. The local Clinical Commissioning Group and Cambridgeshire County Council are running a consultation period until Friday 21st February 2014. Pick up a questionnaire and prepaid envelope from our dispensary or pharmacy or go to [www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/PNA](http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/PNA) The key findings from the initial consultation with Gps, community pharmacies and patients were that services provided locally were excellent and adequate for the area and no need was identified for new service providers. We encourage you to read a copy of the consultation document and give your views.

The new 111 service is now up and running in Cambridgeshire. There may be a few "teething troubles" until staff and patients are familiar with the new arrangements. Please do give us feedback on your experiences so we can help make sure that everything runs smoothly. If you ring the old Urgent Care Cambridge telephone number your call will be diverted to 111 who will triage and then transfer you to the appropriate out of hours service for you. This could well be Urgent Care Cambridge. Last year poor use of A & E cost the local CCG £1.3 million. Please use the right out of hours service this winter.

Public Health England have launched a new campaign to help you quit, with a range of support ideas alongside the face to face support offered by our nurses and pharmacy staff.

## SWAVESEY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We hope that you were able to attend the Christmas Carols event in the Market St this year. The weather was poor again although we still managed to have a lovely evening with the local band, carol singing and a special visit from Father Christmas, which make this a truly magical and festive event.

We held the creative Christmas picture competition again, where the winning entry is on the Carol booklets and village signs. Mandy Smith and Linda Miller kindly agreed to judge the entries again and chose the following winners; 1<sup>st</sup> place was Emma Howard, who created this lovely Christmas picture, well done Emma. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place Fin Muino with the nice carol singing picture and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Molly Tait with her singing Father Christmas picture, there was a lot of effort in the pictures, well done to all the entries and winners.



We wanted to say a special thank you to:

Target Print for printing the fabulous Christmas Carol booklets with Emma's picture on the front cover.



Swavesey Garage for donating an MOT, Cottenham Car & Van Repairs who donated the remote control car & child's bike, Shop on the Pond, La Mac hairdressers, Ralph Design Ltd, Swavesey Lawnmower Services, Swavesey Newsagents and many more Swavesey residents for their kind raffle prize donations, we had some excellent prizes this year and we really do appreciate your support.

Swavesey Women's Institute for donating mince pies.

We'd like to say a big thank you to David Collier of Sun Fun Coaches, who created a huge wind break with his buses and saved our gazebo's from blowing away!

Thank you to all our helpers on the night including:

The Scouts and cubs for selling the Christmas Carol booklets and doing the hot chocolate.

Gloria & Mike Milne, Julie Taylor, Lynda Mayer, Jane Christian, Tracey Tait, Jessica Cockram, Ben Soanes, Josh Fretwell, Aga Florek, Jon Adsed, Benj Hudson, Phil Crosby & Jess Britain for their fantastic help on the refreshments & raffle stalls, they did an absolutely sterling job, as did Mr & Mrs Pook who did us proud, yet again, by supplying the hot mulled wine, apologies for the

hot drinks running out this year, we will amend the quantities for next year! Thank you to Andy Smart of Manart Ltd and CoIn Dench for their special support.

Rev John Yule and the Swavesey band members for playing the carols.

David Mann for supplying the microphone, amp and sound equipment.

Our wonderful reindeers, Reece Cockram, Mick Barber, Derek Shaw, Karl Newton, Glen Coe & Jeff Cockram for helping Father Christmas deliver some Christmas spirit to our lovely Swavesey children.

Thank you to the people who stayed and helped clear away at the end of the event.

We hope we haven't missed anyone off our thank you list, apologies if we have, we really do appreciate all your support.

Please remember that this event is financed solely by money collected on the night and donations. This year, we covered our costs and were able to make donations to St Andrew's Church, the Scouts and Swavesey Action for Youth, so thank you very much for your kind support. We also rely heavily on the support of volunteers to help make this event a success, therefore if you'd like to volunteer in any way to help us for next year's event then please let us know.

We do hope that you all enjoyed this year's event, if you were unable to make it, then we hope you will be able to join us in December 2014.

Claire & Jeff Cockram  
01954 205120 [clairecockram@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairecockram@hotmail.co.uk)

## Adult Class at Swavesey Village College & North Cambridge Academy

Swavesey VC are running Adult education classes at North Cambridge Academy NCA now. We have Saturday workshops on 1.3.14

SVC and NCA classes mostly re-start week commencing 20.1.14 although some start the week before. The Saturday workshops at Swavesey are on 8th and 15th March 2014.

See [www.swaveseyvc.co.uk](http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk) for details or to be exact  
<http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/page/?title=Community+Education&pid=39>

## OWLS celebrates it's 1000th journey!



OWLS (Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey) Community Car Scheme recently delivered it's 1000th journey. It was fitting that the recipient was Rhoda Yates, a regular 'customer' who has used the scheme since it started two years ago. She says 'OWLS has been really useful to me. I've been taken to appointments at the doctors, dentist and hospital and done some social things too at a very reasonable cost.'

OWLS is run by local volunteers who support the community by giving their time as coordinators or drivers.

Are you elderly or disabled, unable to access public transport and have no-one who can take you to appointments or to places where you can meet others? Perhaps you have an elderly relative or neighbour in this situation? OWLS Community Car Scheme offers eligible residents a door-to-door return service for a minimal charge (£3 plus 30p a mile for each mile over 10 miles).

For more information please ring the Scheme's mobile 07505 254363 between 9a.m - 4p.m, Monday to Friday. If you would like to book a journey please give at least 48 hours' notice. If your call is not answered please leave a message and one of our volunteer co-ordinators will get back to you within 24 hours. Please spread the word so that those in need can be helped to stay independent and benefit from this local community service.



## A memory of our tenth birthday parties

At our 10th Annual General Meeting we made plans for the future – look out for our involvement in the Swavesey Festival and our bookstall at the Over Carnival. We shared our cakes and celebration with the Compass Café and Thistle Green Community Centre.

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

### Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

### Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

<b>Richard Hart</b>	<b>202707</b>	<b>Sarah Hellon</b>	<b>230960</b>
<b>Jacqui Fuller</b>	<b>230774</b>	<b>John Pook</b>	<b>230978</b>
<b>Sue Jones</b>	<b>230650</b>	<b>Doug and Lorraine Hunt</b>	<b>232478</b>

**We always need and welcome volunteers to help man the Library!**

## RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes nature reserve

Some of us find February a tough time of year - days still dark, Christmas long past but spring seemingly distant. Being aware of our local wildlife, which is much quicker to throw off the winter lethargy, can be both an inspiration and a pleasure that draws us outdoors again.

This month our local birds will already be looking for places to nest, gathering material, establishing territories and attracting mates. Their song starts to bring the hedgerows alive again and soon ponds will fill with frog and toad's spawn. On the reserve, take a stroll along the river and look for snowdrops, or later watch out for the first courtship dances of the great crested grebes on the lakes. In March early butterflies like red admirals, brimstones, commas, peacocks and small tortoiseshells may be on the wing.

With spring on the way it's the ideal time of year to give birds a helping hand by putting up a nestbox nearby. There are a few species that could particularly use your help due to declines in recent years; one of them is the starling.

Some of you may have seen the starlings flocking on the reserve in previous years. The dramatic spectacle of these huge, swirling winter roost flocks, known as murmurations, has been increasingly popular recently thanks to coverage on programmes like Autumnwatch. They can be enormous: in 1949, Big Ben lost 4.5 minutes when a large group of starlings landed on one of the hands.



Starling nestbox by Eleanor Bentall (rspb-images.com)

I particularly like starlings for their legendary imitation skills. You can hear them mimicking the calls of curlews, golden orioles, quails, cats, dogs, frogs, wolf-whistling construction workers, mobile phone ringtones and car alarms, to name a few.

Although we still think of them as widespread birds, as happy in urban areas as on farmland, starlings are red-listed because of a recent severe decline - their numbers have dropped by 66% since the 1970s. Probable reasons include the loss of pasture from arable areas and the intensification of pastoral (livestock grazing) systems. We hope that our research will identify suitable

remedial management, which can then be deployed on a sufficient scale through agri-environment schemes.

In our gardens, though, we can help right now by putting up nestboxes. Starlings will readily adopt these. You find a design for a nestbox tailored to starlings at [rspb.org.uk/homes](http://rspb.org.uk/homes), as well the option to buy one for those who aren't so handy with a

hammer and nails. Other declining birds which would particularly benefit from nestboxes are sparrows, swifts and house martins - you can find specific advice for all these species too, and lots more ideas for giving nature a home in our local area. Alison Nimmo, Visitor and Publicity Officer Fancy a chat? Get in touch on 01954 233 260, at [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk), or visit [rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

## Launch of Swavesey Community Warden Scheme



some of those who attended the event

Around thirty people attended the launch of the Swavesey Community Warden Scheme on Tuesday 3rd December. The launch of the scheme, which is funded by Swavesey Parish Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Barker, The Thomas Galon Charity and the Bethel Church, was held at the Thistle Green Community Room.

Managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire and an initiative of the Parish Council, the service supports older people to remain independent within their own homes whilst aiming to prevent isolation and enabling older people to continue to be part of the community. Alice Bradley, Community Warden for Swavesey, makes daily contact with the clients either by phone call or visit depending on the client's wishes. Items of shopping, collecting prescriptions, guidance on access to other services can all be provided but most importantly, the service provides a listening ear, giving both the clients and their families the reassurance that support is there for them.

Melanie Murdoch, Home Services Manager for Age UK Cambridgeshire says 'The event was very well attended and it is clear from feedback that already the service is becoming an integral part of community support for older people within the village. Local charities and organisations have shown their commitment to the future of the service and the aim is now to provide reassurance and practical support to more and more older people in Swavesey.'

For more information about the Swavesey Community Warden please call Alice on 07436 102 736

## THE YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN RETURNS FOR 2014



The Annual Yesteryear Road Run is alive and well.

We have booked **Sunday April 27, 2014** for the relaunch of the major charity event that trundles through the villages in our local district.

Cancer Research UK are backing our efforts in 2014 with the understanding that any monies raised will be used locally.

In its heyday the Road Run attracted over 300 entries, from live steam to classic sports cars, motorbikes, tractors to stationary engines, so there is something for everyone. We hope to get the same response from enthusiasts in 2014.

As usual the procession will assemble on the Cottenham Village Green, and then will head off through Rampton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey (where we will be stopping for Hog Roast lunch, cost £6) Longstanton, Oakington and Histon, returning to Cottenham Green in the afternoon. There is no direct charge for joining in the Road Run, but a donation of £10 would be greatly appreciated.

We are hoping that each of the villages along the route will support the Run by creating its own carnival atmosphere as they did in the past. Maybe BBQs or refreshment stalls can help boost not only the collection buckets but the participants too! We, the few, are asking for volunteer bucket shakers in each village, and of course entrants to the parade.

So look out for flyers and posters and if you receive an invitation to join in with the parade, don't throw it in the bin! If you don't want to take part, give it to someone who does. Check out the website too [www.yesteryearoadrun.co.uk](http://www.yesteryearoadrun.co.uk) which is under construction as of December 2013.

Also check out the Cancer research website [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org) for downloading an entrance form if you haven't got one directly from us. Or send a SAE to Yesteryear Road Run, 319 High Street, Cottenham, CB24 8TX .

Cancer affects everyone in some way or another. Lets put our efforts into stopping Cancer getting the better of anyone we know and love.

“ Together we can beat it “

For further information contact either Alan Lampard 01954 200811 or David Norman 01954 250917 or email [vivien.lampard@ntworld.com](mailto:vivien.lampard@ntworld.com)

All help will be very much appreciated no matter how small, please give us a ring or email and let us know if you can help in any way. We can't do it without your help.

## SCHOOLS INFORMATION

### COMPASS YOUTH CAFÉ NEWS AND VIEWS FROM YOUTH CAFÉ

Compass Youth Café has been running for a couple of years now and we thought that it was about time we told people a little bit about what we do!

We gather, on a Friday night, in the rooms at Bethel Baptist Church and enjoy all sorts of activities. There are adult volunteers who get everything set up for us and who give us some ideas for things to do. They also run the Tuck Shop and make sure that nobody does anything too foolish!

There are over 100 of us registered with the Youth Café now, and around 30 to 40 turn up each week.

This Autumn two of our older members became Youth Leaders, and they help out with things like the Tuck Shop.

We asked some of the young people why they liked coming to Youth Café and what they liked to do. We also asked them what they would like to see happen in the future. Here are some of their comments:

- *'I like socialising with other people that I only see at school'*
- *'I see my friends that don't go to my school and are in different years'*
- *'It's good for seeing friends and to finish the week'*
- *'I like to go on the karaoke'*
- *'I would like them to make Youth Café longer'*
- *'We play game on the Wii and Xbox, but mostly we talk and have a good laugh'*

In 2014 we will be making a film for the Swavesey Festival, and also organising a Talent Competition for Young People.

NEXT EDITION: What we like about living in Swavesey and what we would like to see happen in the future.....

## Swavesey Youth Theatre triumphs in Bram Stoker's Dracula

Audiences were treated to two stunning performances of John



Godber and Jane Thornton's adaptation of this well known tale at the Swavesey Venue last week. Sam Fretwell, in the title role, gave Dracula a sinister, yet emotional response, assisted by outstanding performances from the two female leads, Lucy Drysdale as Lucy Westenera and Ciara Sumner as Mina Harker.

The strongly Narrative style of the piece presented a challenge for newcomer, Sam Coulson, who gave the role of Jonathan Harker a presence and maturity beyond the young actors' 14 years.

Alex Crosby as Van Helsing treated the audience to an array of lotions, potions, medical terminology and weaponry in his relentless quest to rid the earth of Vampires and the young cast worked imaginatively and with great skill as a team in response to the challenging dialogue and technical resources. Young Directors Holly Walker and Connor Day should be very proud of their achievement.

The Venue was once again transformed by the Drama Department into an atmospheric and creative hub, assisted by Ellen Nowak, recently appointed Arts Development Manager, along with students and staff from the Art and Food Technology departments.

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The Junior section of the Youth Theatre is now in rehearsal for their performance of a piece devised by the group, to be shown on 25th and 26th February 2014. The group meets on Mondays from 3.15-4.15pm in the Drama Studio, and new members are always welcome (year 6 Primary plus KS3).



**APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET**  
(PRINCIPAL: APRIL MARTIN ASSOC ARBTA)



### Ballet classes at Over Primary School

Thursday afternoons for ages 3 and a half to 16

Places available for January term, contact April for more details

Autumn term commences Thursday 12th September

### BALLET IN SWAVESEY

Classes for 3+ to 9+ in Swavesey

Fridays in Swavesey Memorial Hall

New term commences 17th January

Class 1 Age 3+ - 5 4.15-4.45pm

Class 2 Age 5+ - 7 4.50pm - 5.20pm

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA,

Member BDQT (CRB checked).

Contact 01954 200533 tuturusus@ntlworld.com

### DRAMATICA

Half term drama/dance workshop with Jack Stinton  
at Swavesey Village College

Tues 18th & Weds 19th February 9.30am - 3.30pm £40

For age 7 to 12.

Book on 01954 200533/dramatica@ntlworld.com

**Are you a ...Guitarist? Bass player?  
Drummer? Singer? Keyboard player?**



# Rock School Needs You!

From 11am-12noon on Saturday mornings at Swavesey Village College, come and be part of the SMS ROCK SCHOOL

Form bands with other musicians, learn to play your favourite songs, write songs yourselves and perform at regular rock concerts.

Whether you are just starting to play or are already a rock legend, you'll fit right in at Rock School.

To find out more visit us at [www.swaveseyms.co.uk](http://www.swaveseyms.co.uk)



Looking for a lively and creative approach to music for pre-school children?

Swavesey Music School offers a class with a comprehensive range of musical activities: singing, rhythm games, percussion, listening, performing, moving to music; led by an early-years' specialist.

'Kate's Kindy' is on Saturdays at 9 – 9.40am at Swavesey Village College

Want to know more?

Contact Kate Woolf (01954 200975) or visit the website [www.swaveseyms.co.uk](http://www.swaveseyms.co.uk)



## Christingle 2013

The Christingle service was very well attended again this year. A warm welcome was given to Mr Andy Pearson from the The Children's Society who spoke to the congregation, and to the children in particular.

Many thanks to all those who helped: the Christingle preparation team, the readers, the music maker and Helen at the Paper shop who donated the oranges. Many thanks to all the people who contributed to the collection; a cheque for £349.21 has been sent to the Children's Society.

## Christmas Tree Festival

How many different Christmas trees can you fit into a church? Well, at least 32 if St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival is anything to go by. The ingenuity and creativity of Swavesey residents – young and old – and local organisations was once more on display and ranged



from the traditional to the thought-provoking. A tree built from food donated to the homeless and a dead fallen tree sprawled across newspaper headlines of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines reminded visitors that not everyone could look forward to a happy Christmas. Humour was evident in 'the public's favourite tree' with the Allotment Association's effort built in a wheelbarrow. Mary Berry would have approved of one entry consisting entirely of cupcakes. Our generous cake-maker donated this as a raffle prize, raising £82.

15 of the entries were from individual children or children's groups and it was decided they merited a separate prize. The winner was the Playtimers tree where adults could indulge their inner child by moving the felt decorations around. Young musicians entertained visitors during the weekend and a snowman hunt was won by Anna Desborough. A jewellery boutique and the usual delicious refreshments all contributed to a total of £1087.60 towards the upkeep of the church. Participants have already been overheard discussing what they might do for next year.



# BATS



**B**aby **A**nd **T**oddler **S**ervices are informal services held on the second Monday of each month at 10:30am on the carpet at the back of St Andrew's church on Station Road, Swavesey.

All ages are welcome, but especially pre-school children and their parents and carers. Please join in with us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

If you would like to know more, then contact Caroline Stevens, by phone: 01954 231433 or email her at: [caroline@overroad.co.uk](mailto:caroline@overroad.co.uk)

### Forthcoming BATS

We continue the theme "Let's find out about Jesus"

Monday 10th February 2014 – Jesus the Storyteller

Monday 10th March 2014 – Jesus reads God's book



**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**  
**19 Needingworth Road, St Ives**

**Parish Priest: Father Edward Tredota**  
**Assistant Priest: Father Marek Pabis**

Tel: 01480 462192  
[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)  
email: [office@sacredheart-stives.org](mailto:office@sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times  
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)  
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

We also have a large hall available for hire.  
Please contact the parish office for details.

# The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services of your parish church.

<b>February and March Diary</b>	
Sunday 2nd February	Candlemas
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>6.30pm Evensong</b>	
Monday 3rd February	
<b>11.30am Holy Communion</b> in the Thistle Green Community Room	
Sunday 9th February	Fourth Sunday before Lent
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
Monday 10th February	
<b>10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)</b>	
Sunday 16th February	Third Sunday before Lent
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary at Bethel Baptist Church</b>	
Sunday 23rd February	Second Sunday before Lent
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</b>	
Sunday 2nd March	Sunday next before Lent
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>6.30pm Evensong</b>	
Monday 3rd March	
<b>11.30am Holy Communion</b> in the Thistle Green Community Room	

Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday
<b>7.30pm Service for the Beginning of Lent with Ashing</b> <i>(optional)</i>	
Sunday 9th March	First Sunday of Lent
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
Monday 10th March	
<b>10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)</b>	
<i>Wednesday 13th March and weekly until 9th April</i>	
<b>Lent Group</b> : see <a href="http://www.honeyhill.org">www.honeyhill.org</a> for details	
Sunday 16th March	Second Sunday of Lent
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary at St Andrew's, Swavesey</b>	
<i>Wednesday 19th March</i>	
<b>Lent Group</b> : see <a href="http://www.honeyhill.org">www.honeyhill.org</a> for details	
Sunday 23rd March	Third Sunday of Lent
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<i>Wednesday 26th March</i>	
<b>Lent Group</b> : see <a href="http://www.honeyhill.org">www.honeyhill.org</a> for details	
<i>Saturday 29th March 2.00pm to 4.00pm</i>	
<b>Car Boot Sale in St Andrew's Car Park</b>	
Sunday 30th March	Mothering Sunday
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion and Distribution of Posies</b>	

To arrange weddings, baptisms, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child, etc., please contact 01954 231903 or [www.honeyhill.org](http://www.honeyhill.org)

Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



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## LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

ALL WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!

10.45 am each week

Activities for children 0-16



On the **first** Sunday of each month

Come and join us for Café Church

A fun family service. Find out more about God over a cup of coffee and cake.

Activities and discussions for all ages

## COMPASS CAFE

EVERY THURSDAY ALL YEAR

Open 10:30-12noon.

Come along and enjoy a hot drink and cake for only £1:50 at the community cafe. There are children's toys available.



For more information on weekly events:

Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at  
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

or 01954 230458

## COMPASS YOUTH CAFÉ

A REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Compass Youth Café is a weekly youth drop-in club held at Bethel Baptist Church on a Friday evening between 6:30pm and 9:00pm.

Compass Youth Café operates as an 'Open Access' club which means that the youngsters who attend are free to come and go as they like. Whilst the young people are at the club, and they are in the building and outside grounds, the volunteer leaders will take all sensible and reasonable care for them, but they do not assume parental responsibility for them.

A register is maintained each night and the youngsters are required to provide a contact telephone number for a parent/guardian in case the volunteer leaders need to contact somebody.

If you would like to know more about the club, or to join the volunteer leaders team, please contact David Mann at:  
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

## ~~Compass Youth Café~~

Every Friday @ 6:30pm-9pm

Year 6 to Year 11 and beyond

Open Access—Come and go as you like!

Music, X-box games on the big screen,  
FREE internet access, laptops, drinks & snacks

## PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS



From 1st January 2014 Cambridge CAMTAD (Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness) is changing its name to Cambridgeshire Hearing Help. There will be no change to our services.

We now run hearing help sessions in 42 venues in Cambridgeshire. At these drop-in sessions volunteers offer advice on any aspects of hearing loss and maintain NHS hearing aids by distributing batteries, cleaning and "retubing" aids. There is also a service to housebound people and those living in residential care. It is not generally recognised that hearing aids need maintenance every 3 - 6 months when the small plastic tube that links the mould with the mechanical part needs to be replaced to maintain the quality of sound. By keeping hearing aids in good condition with routine maintenance available locally, hearing loss becomes a minor inconvenience not a major barrier to communication. This helps to keep people sociable and makes a significant contribution to their quality of life. We also offer a telephone advice service, talks, training and information on hearing help assistive technology.

From 1st January 2014 our website will be [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk) and we can be contacted by e-mail on [enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)

Our telephone number will remain the same 01223 416141  
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help Charity Registration No 1154071

### Bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

HAPPY New Year! And why not make a New Year's resolution to help keep you and your family fire safe this year.

Firefighters at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are encouraging people to make three New Year's Resolutions in 2014 - and stick to them!

- Make sure you have a correctly fitted working smoke alarm on every floor of your house and test it weekly.
- Check older relatives and friends have a working smoke alarm and test theirs regularly.
- Make a fire plan so you and your family know what to do in case a fire breaks out in the home.

Like our fan page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cambsfrs](http://www.facebook.com/cambsfrs), follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

### Cambridgeshire County Council Cycle Legacy Small Grant Fund

Next July, the third stage of the Tour de France will start in Cambridge on Monday 7 July. Competitors will leave Parkers Piece to cycle through the City streets before travelling to London via the beautiful countryside of South Cambridgeshire.

This will be an exciting time for the County with many groups and organisations hosting cycling linked events throughout the summer.

To celebrate one of the biggest annual sports events in the world coming to the county in 2014, Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed to provide small grants to assist local groups and organisations create linked activities or events.

Your celebration event must be inspired by cycling or the race. Application deadlines are January 17, March 7 and April 11.

For more information and the application form see:-  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/cycling/cycle\\_legacy.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/cycling/cycle_legacy.htm)

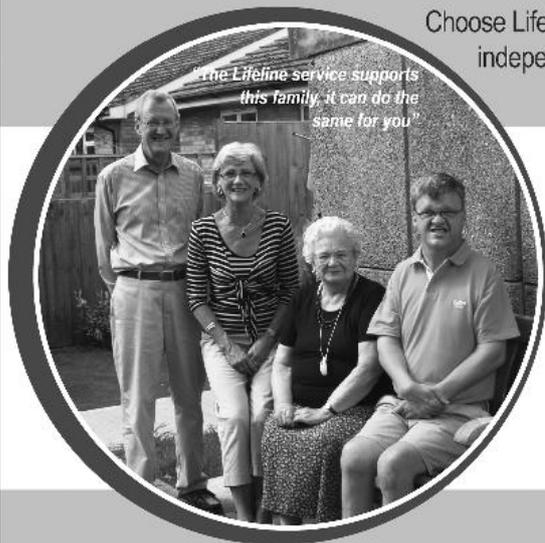
# Community Lifeline Service



South  
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District Council

Choose Lifeline for your  
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*The Lifeline service supports  
this family, it can do the  
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Help when it is needed most at the touch of a button

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[www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

Costs April 2013 to March 2014 - Installation charge £20 by local experienced staff  
Rental of unit £4.26 per week

## Plagued by nuisance calls? Trading Standards offers advice

Recent figures released by the Communications Regulator, OFCOM, show that around 10,000 unsolicited marketing calls and 3,000 silent calls are received by UK consumers every month. The majority of these calls are made between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

As well as interrupting whatever you are doing at the time, many such callers use pressure selling to persuade you to agree to something without giving you the chance to consider it properly.

### What can you do to reduce the number of nuisance calls you receive?

Firstly, register with the Telephone Preference Service. The service is free and can reduce the number of unsolicited marketing calls you receive from UK companies. You can register by calling 08450 700707 or by visiting [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk).

Secondly, speak to your telephone service provider to ask what call blocking technology they would recommend. Three Scottish Trading Standards authorities have recently tested some of the latest call blocking devices and found them to be very effective in reducing such nuisance calls. Some telephone providers also offer their own call blocking facilities. There may be a charge involved for such a device.

Thirdly, if you need to give your phone number to a business, make sure you opt out of receiving promotional information from them and third parties by ticking the relevant box on their website or clearly stating this if you are dealing with them on the telephone.

Fourthly, become ex-directory as some businesses use phone directories to compile marketing call lists.

Finally, many nuisance calls originate from overseas so ask your telephone provider to block international calls to your number (although be aware there may be a charge for this service).

Never divulge personal details such as your bank details to a cold caller, regardless of who they claim to be (Police, your bank etc) and never agree to any loans or credit over the phone.

### Dealing with cold callers

When it comes to dealing with pressure selling on the telephone, remember that it is likely they are using this technique because their prices are uncompetitive - they don't want you to have time to compare their prices with other companies. False claims that this is a 'one day only' offer or that the price is hugely discounted are common tactics.

Tell the caller you are not interested and ask them not to contact you again. If they ignore your request, report them to the Information Commissioner (ICO) online at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or by phone 0303 1231113. You can also report automated pre-recorded calls to ICO. If possible make a note of the business name, the number they called from, the date and time they called and what they were trying to 'sell' eg. PPI, accident claim, credit. You should also make the ICO aware of any distress, damage or loss you suffered as a result of these calls.

If you need advice on anything you have bought or agreed to as a result of such a cold call, contact our advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

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# SWAVESEY PARISH

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Parish Council News November/December 2013

## County Council

Highway repairs are ongoing. The PC is taking forward plans to erect signs at the entrance to Gibraltar Lane to avoid heavy vehicles entering from Middlewatch. White lines are to be repainted at the junctions at Blackhorse Lane/Taylor's Lane and Blackhorse Lane/Chantry Lane junctions with other work in March. The problems caused by heavy vehicles using the North side of Market Street are being considered.

The County Council is taking forward the Buckingway Footpath/Cycleway following the distribution of leaflets explaining the scheme in the village. There was concern that not all residents had received them, including owners of land adjacent to the path. The PC urged our County Councillor to ensure that adjacent landowners were kept fully informed in order to avoid delays to this important project and the safety of cyclists and pedestrian users.

The County Council is introducing a parking charge of £1 in addition to the bus fare at the Park and Ride sites from January. They are also proposing to remove concessionary fares from Park and Ride buses from 2015. Do let the PC know your views.

The village streetlights will start to be replaced in March 2014. More information is available on the Balfour Beatty website at:-  
[www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/newlighting.aspx](http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/newlighting.aspx)

## District Council

Mr Swain the Principle Enforcement Officer at SCDC attended to report on his role and bring the PC up to date on issues in the village. (see PC minutes on the website for details). Councillor Mrs Ellington reported that your Councils are working together to apply to Central Government for highways and infrastructure funding to improve Cambridge and the surrounding area due to business growth. A grant of £500m looks likely.

The PC agreed to put the OWLS community car scheme forward for consideration for the SCDC community awards scheme.

## The White Horse Inn

Mr John McCann attended the November meeting of the PC to explain how the community were intending to investigate ways to ensure the future of the White Horse Inn. The PC has already registered the building on SCDC's list as an asset of community value and asked to be kept informed of progress with the project so that the PC can consider future support and possible funding for the project.

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# COUNCIL NEWS

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## Neighbourhood Watch and Police Business

The Council received reports from our NHW coordinator. The PC discussed ways to support residents in Moat Way following NHW Coordinator's report of antisocial behaviour in the area. She also was concerned about liaison with the police about NHW concerns and the poor service experienced with the 101 telephone service and is contacting the Crime Commissioner on these matters.

## Drainage

The Council is following up drainage concerns and was troubled to hear that there are proposals for a further 2000 houses at Cambourne to be served by our drainage system.

## Village Matters

The drainage pipe from Swan Pond taking overflow water to the main drainage system is blocked. The PC is considering ways to fund the work to clear the drain.

## Planning

A planning application for 20 affordable homes adjacent to Moat Way has been passed to the PC for consideration. The PC held an open evening to view the plans and for residents to comment in advance of the PC decision meeting on January 9th. All views received and other written returns will be considered as part of the PC's consideration of the application. The Council considered a number of other planning applications and passed their views to the planners.

## Great Ouse Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

A group based from Houghton PC are applying for AONB status for the Great Ouse from the Paxtons through to Earith and also to include the Gt Ouse Washes from Earith up to Denver, and have asked for support from Swavesey. Representatives from the group attended a special meeting of the PC to explain the project and seek our support. Councillors were excited by the prospect of the village being on the edge, if not inside, an AONB. They wished to support the project with the proviso that Swavesey's concerns about drainage through the village into the area were properly considered and protected in the future.

## Budget 2014/2015

The Council is considering a draft budget to be finalised in January. More news in the next Meridian.

## Parish Councillor Elections May 2014

All eleven Parish Council seats are up for election in May 2014. The Parish Council is a Quality Council this means we need to fill all eleven seats. If you wish to contribute to village life and wish to find out more about becoming a Councillor please contact Linda Miller, Clerk to the Council.

<b>Swavesey Parish Council</b>		
<b>Parish Councillors</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>E-mail address</b>
	<b>(01954)</b>	
Martin Johnston (Chairman)	200605	martin.johnston1@ntlworld.com
John Pook (Vice-Chairman)	230978	pookjhn@aol.com
Lisa Boyes	232603	windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk
Steve Boylan	231188	
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Stuart Faben	07887 906982	stuart@fabenjoinery.com
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Warren Wright	232470	
<b>Clerk</b>		
Linda Miller	202982	clerk@swavesey.org.uk
<b>District Councillor</b>		
Sue Ellington	202923	sue.ellington@virgin.net
<b>County Councillor</b>		
Mandy Smith Papworth & Swavesey Ward	230248	mandysmith1235@btinternet.com
<b>Memorial Hall Administrator</b>		
Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

## Buying a secondhand car? Advice from Trading Standards



At Trading Standards, the most frequent type of consumer complaint we receive relates to the purchase of secondhand cars. They are one of the most expensive purchases we make and many of us are dependent on them for going about our daily lives. As a result it can be a daunting process to buy a secondhand car. Below we provide some advice to help you. *Continued*

### Check before you buy

- Check the validity of the MOT on VOSA's website ([www.gov.uk/check-mot-status](http://www.gov.uk/check-mot-status)) and check the car's details are correct on the MOT certificate. If it states there were advisory points, make sure you see the details so that you know what work is likely to be needed before the next MOT.
- Check the VOSA website to check the vehicle has not been recalled.
- Check its service history. How often has it been serviced, and has it been serviced in line with the manufacturer's recommendations?
- Carry out an HPI ([www.hpi.co.uk](http://www.hpi.co.uk)) check to make sure there is no outstanding finance on the car that could lead to it being repossessed by the finance company. An HPI check will also tell you if the car has been written off or if it is stolen.
- In terms of physically checking the car, carry out a walk around check and test drive the car. If you are not mechanically minded we would also strongly recommend you have the car checked by an engineer.

More advice can be found on the Citizens Advice website:-  
[www.adviceguide.org.uk/consumer](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/consumer)

### Your rights against the seller

If you buy from a private seller, your rights are limited if you find a fault with the car after buying it. The seller must have the right to sell the car and the car must be 'as described', but other than that you have no recourse if things go wrong with it.

By comparison, if you purchase the car from a trader, again they must have title to the car and it must be 'as described' but in addition it must be of satisfactory quality, taking into account its age, mileage, condition etc. For instance, it would be reasonable to expect a brand new car to be free from wear and tear issues when you buy it. However if you were to buy a ten year old car with a mileage of over 100,000 then naturally there will be wear and tear on the vehicle. If faults arise due to wear and tear, it is unlikely you will have any recourse against the trader. Where a fault occurs which is not due to wear and tear, you may be able to seek a repair by the trader in the first instance.

The rights explained above are in addition to any rights you may have under a warranty.

You can find more information about your rights when you buy a secondhand car on the Citizens Advice website (above).

If you need advice on any of the above, or any other consumer issue, please contact Trading Standard's advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

## Frere Cottages

by Jill Holland

The next important meeting was held on the 1st October 1914. The first item discussed was the appointment of a Clerk. Miss Frere proposed that a paid clerk be appointed and that Mr Capper (a trustee) remain Secretary pending further arrangements. A ballot by the Trustees was then held to select tenants. Mrs Elizabeth Howlett, Mr James Taylor, Mr William Ding and Mr Marriot were chosen. It was agreed that the rent of the cottages be paid half-yearly and that, provided the tenants paid on time, they should be refunded one week's rent. The rent was to be 1/6d per week and the tenancy to start on the 19th October. It was also agreed that the Cottages be insured for £500 with the Law Fire Insurance Company. After the meeting the Trustees 'went out to view the cottages just reaching completion'.

At the next meeting held on the 13th October, a form of tenancy was approved to be signed by the tenants. Mr Marriot had declined the offer of a cottage so it was offered to Mrs Eason. Mr Parish's plan for the earth closets and Mr Mitham's estimate of £19-5-0 for their erection were approved.

By 16th April 1915 the cottages were completed and the balance sheet showed a surplus of £4-15-3. Mr Mitham was called into the meeting and, in addition to £9 owing to him, a further £13-11-9 was due to him for extras. An account had been opened with Capital & Counties Bank, St.Ives, and the charity was now 'in the red'. It was agreed that the surplus brick rubble on site be sold for 2/6d per load. The meeting was held in Mrs Howlett's cottage and, at a later meeting, it was agreed that she should be paid 1/- each meeting. It was also agreed that the March/April meeting each year should be the A.G.M. of the Charity.

At the next meeting held on 14th January 1916, the Chairman was pleased to report that a donation of £10 had been received from a Miss Donville to clear the outstanding amount due. It was agreed to fix a board, with the name 'Frere Cottages', to a tree in front of the cottages. Catherine Frere had



From a postcard from around the mid 1920s showing the new Frere Cottages

previously approved the name. Mr Taylor had been interviewed regarding the cleanliness of his cottage, the Trustees decided to get it cleaned. Mr Taylor gave an undertaking to keep it clean.

By the A.G.M. held on 3rd May 1916, it was reported that the Chairman was absent as he was 'acting as chaplain at the front'. The vice-chairman, Mr Parish took the chair. Two Trustees, Mr Francis, who was on active service, and Mr Watts who lived at a distance, had not attended any meetings, so their trusteeship had lapsed. The reason for non-attendance was accepted and they were reappointed. Some of the land at the rear of the cottages was let for 15/- per year to the neighbour, Mr George Green. On the 9th February 1917 the Trustees were informed that Mr Green was giving notice to quit the land in October. An estimate of £4 had been received from Mr Challice to erect a fence to divide the Trustee's land from Mr Green's land. Because there had been some delay in accepting, it was agreed to pay Mr Challis an extra 5/- due to the increase in the price of wood. A cash surplus was now beginning to build up so it was decided to invest £10 in War Loan. All deeds and documents to be held by the Bank.

On 3rd October 1917, another 12 months had passed and Mr Francis and Rev Watts had still not attended a meeting. On the proposition of Miss Frere it was agreed that the non-attendance clause be suspended until after the War. The Charity Commissioners said that this could not apply to the two gentlemen, as under the present scheme they were no longer Trustees. The Commissioners would amend the scheme so that it did not apply to the remaining Trustees. This was agreed provided Mr Francis was re-appointed.

The land vacated by Mr Green was then discussed. It was decided not to let the land to outside tenants, but to divide it up between the cottage tenants at a penny per week rent. Mr Key, Mr Twist, and the Chairman to measure out the land. Mr Twist agreed to report on the leak in the roof of one of the cottages. It was also agreed that a thorn hedge be planted in front of the cottages.

In May 1919, it was recorded that Mrs Eason had died. There were three remaining pensioners who were made homeless by the fire. It was agreed that if they did not wish to become tenants then a notice advertising the vacant cottage should be placed on the doors of the Church and Chapel inviting applications from Old Age Pensioners. The three declined the offer, so Mrs Gilby became the successful applicant for the cottage.

The meeting of the 9th September 1919 saw the resignation of two Trustees, Mr Francis who had not attended a single meeting, and Mr Capper who had acted as secretary from the formation of the Charity was leaving the Village. Rev Sharp agreed to act as secretary in his place. At the next meeting held on 28th May 1920, a letter of resignation was received from Miss Frere, owing to failing health. It was recorded that, 'it was felt that Miss Frere's very real and keen interest in the cottages would be much missed'.

Mr Twist told the Trustees that the stoves in two of the cottages were broken. Mr Twist agreed to see if Mr Culpin, blacksmith could repair them.

On 8th June 1921, Rev Sharp reported to the Trustees that he had received a letter saying that Miss Frere had died, and that he had sent a letter to her sister conveying to her the sincere sympathy of the Trustees.'

The cottages bearing her name have, over the years, been modernised and maintained in good order. Although no longer required for victims of the 1913 fire, they continue to be offered to Swavesey residents in need of reasonably priced accommodation as licencees under the terms of the Almshouses Association guidance.



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PEOPLE**

**Driving**

Plan routes, keep maps and torches in cars and try to keep to main roads when possible, even when using satnav, so you don't have to ask directions. For long journeys, make sure your vehicle is in good condition and properly equipped with enough fuel, oil and screen wash as well as anything extra you may need for particular weather conditions. It's also a good idea to make sure you have a charged mobile phone with you and, if possible, an in-car charger (you can buy phone chargers that fit into the cigarette lighter socket).

If someone tries to flag you down for help, don't stop immediately. Keep driving until you get to the next public place then call the police to help them. If you think you're being followed, don't go home. Go to a public place that you know will be open, such as a petrol station or 24-hour supermarket.

If you break down, put your hazard warning lights on. Telephone for help and let police and breakdown staff know if you're alone. Sit in the front passenger seat with the doors locked. On motorways, it is safer to sit away from the car on the embankment, leaving the passenger door open so that you can get back in quickly if you feel threatened.

**Taxis**

Always use a reputable mini-cab or private hire car firm and book at their office or by phone. Remember that only licensed Hackney Carriages are allowed to pick people up in the street without making a booking first. Private hire firms must be pre-booked.

Leave your mobile phone switched on. Check your taxi is the one you booked. Give your name at the time of booking and ask the driver to repeat it before you get in. Look for identification on the driver or vehicle. If you are not sure about the driver, do not get in.

Inform someone that you are travelling. If you feel uneasy once you are in the taxi, ask the driver to let you out at a busy, well-lit place.

**Community Groups & Charities**

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email <a href="mailto:alison@camsight.org.uk">alison@camsight.org.uk</a> . For more info see - <a href="http://www.camsight.org.uk">www.camsight.org.uk</a>
CAMTAD	CAMTAD is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office. on 01223 416141, e-mail <a href="mailto:admin@camtadcambs.org.uk">admin@camtadcambs.org.uk</a> or check the website <a href="http://www.camtadcambs.org.uk">www.camtadcambs.org.uk</a> .
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 21919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact: <a href="mailto:responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk">responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk</a> or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact: Jenny Parker Branch Organiser and Speaker 01223 833562 (evenings only), <a href="mailto:jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com">jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com</a>
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) <a href="mailto:rosieinstches@ukonline.co.uk">rosieinstches@ukonline.co.uk</a> Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to it good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email <a href="mailto:clare.bates@each.org.uk">clare.bates@each.org.uk</a>
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@swavesey.org.uk">clerk@swavesey.org.uk</a>
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: <a href="mailto:community@swaveseyvc.co.uk">community@swaveseyvc.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://w-w.swaveseyvc.co.uk">w-w.swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>

# CLUB INFORMATION

Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain, Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: <a href="mailto:steplekeeper@ely.anglican.org">steplekeeper@ely.anglican.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ely.anglican.org/bells/ely/swavesey.htm">http://www.ely.anglican.org/bells/ely/swavesey.htm</a>	Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Gordon Hilton-Jackson (01954) 230606) or Secretary - Angela Dye (01954) 230484	Swavesey Camera Club	Meet every Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome (£4.00 charge). For further details ring Peter Loooper (01954) 202461
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000 ) Website: <a href="http://www.fenlandssquash.org.uk">www.fenlandssquash.org.uk</a>	Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: <a href="http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk">www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk</a>
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our clubs welcome mixed abilities of all ages. After school clubs are held for Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Tuesdays at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey; and Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Thursdays at Fen Drayton Village Hall. Evening classes for all ages are held on Monday 6.30-8pm at Cambridge Regional College Sports Hall, Wednesday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Village Hall, and Friday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Primary School. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or <a href="mailto:jeff@btsdi.co.uk">jeff@btsdi.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.btsdi.com">www.btsdi.com</a>	1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday during term time from 6.30pm - 7.30pm Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768
Over District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	Over Rainbows: Monday & Tuesday, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Over Primary School - Over Brownies: Wednesday, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Thursday 5.30-7.00pm, Over Church Hall - Over Guides: Tuesday, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Over Church Hall - District Commissioner Jeanette Fenn 01954 232283 <a href="mailto:jeanette.fenn@hotmail.co.uk">jeanette.fenn@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
1st Swavesey Brownies	Meet 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Swavesey Memorial Hall every Monday. We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815 198 if you are interested in participating.	Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.	Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200068 or <a href="mailto:s2art50@lycos.co.uk">s2art50@lycos.co.uk</a>
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams, as well as vets (over 40s) and when possible junior teams. - Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: <a href="mailto:yes.helen@gmail.com">yes.helen@gmail.com</a> - website: <a href="http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/">http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/</a>	Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
		Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
		Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £2.50 per hour. For further details contact: <a href="mailto:AudreyCaldwell.acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk">Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>
		Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday in the month at Over Town Hall at 7.30pm starting Wednesday September 14th 2011. Contact- Frances Parish: (01954) 270303 or Pat Miles: (01954) 780485
		Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham <a href="mailto:john.graham@sotennis.co.uk">john.graham@sotennis.co.uk</a> or website <a href="http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/">http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/</a>

- Swavesey Playtimers Wednesdays 10am-11.45am in the Memorial Hall for anyone aged between 0-5. There is time for playing, refreshments and a group singing session. Cost £3 per family. Contact Becky on (01954) 205230
- Swavesey RADSOc Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at [www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk](http://www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk).
- Swavesey Ramblers Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 for more information
- 1st Swavesey Guides We meet from 6:30pm to 8pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall every Thursday during term time. For more details please contact Claire Hager [chhager@gmail.com](mailto:chhager@gmail.com).
- 1st Swavesey Sea Scouts The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: [scouts@ontheimeridian.org.uk](mailto:scouts@ontheimeridian.org.uk)

Chairman	James Tait	01954 232183	<b>Swavesey Spartans Contact Details</b>	
Secretary	Dave Rudderham	01954 203258		
Treasurer	Cathy Goat	01954 231080		
Child Welfare Officer	Theresa Sarkar	01954 231079		
Development Officer	Jerry Ladell	01954 201018		
School Liaison Officer	Dannie Parmenter	01954 232775		
<b>Managers</b>				
Team	Manager	Contact No.	Assistant	Contact No.
Under 8	Neil Jordison	01954 204390	Sabuj Sarkar	01954 231079
Under 9	Matt Whieldon	01954 232997	Mike Stokes	01954 230783
Under 10	Mike Stokes	01954 230783	Jez Daniel	01954 232861
Under 11	Matt Mullee	01954 201061	Andy Parmenter	01954 232775
Under 12	James Tait	01954 232183	Dom Meacham	01954 202506
Under 14	Dave Rudderham	01954 203258	TBA	
Under 16	Jon Askew	01480 831559	Phil Lewin	01954 201455
Girls U9 (Yrs 3 & 4)	Darren Bucknall	08450 702226	TBA	
Girls U11 (Yrs 5 & 6)	Dave Hackshaw	01954 205237	TBA	
Girls U13 (Yrs 7 & 8)	Dave Hackshaw	01954 205237	TBA	

- Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07763 103286  
Email: [enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk) - website: <http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/>
- Swavesey W.I. We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Springer (01954) 232442.
- Great Ouse Trefoil Guild The Great Ouse Trefoil Guild is a Year Old on March 8th. We are part of the Guide movement but you do not have had to be involved to join. We have lots of good events lined up for the rest of year. Including a picnic and punting evening, a ghost walk and BBQ. Plus lots other talks and craft evening.  
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. For further details either phone 01954 781381 or email [arrowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:arrowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk)

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Rob Wills Tel: 01954 232947 or Email: [adverts@swavesey.org.uk](mailto:adverts@swavesey.org.uk)

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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at [www.swaveseymeridian.co.uk](http://www.swaveseymeridian.co.uk). It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

## **BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

### **SHORT MESSAGE:**

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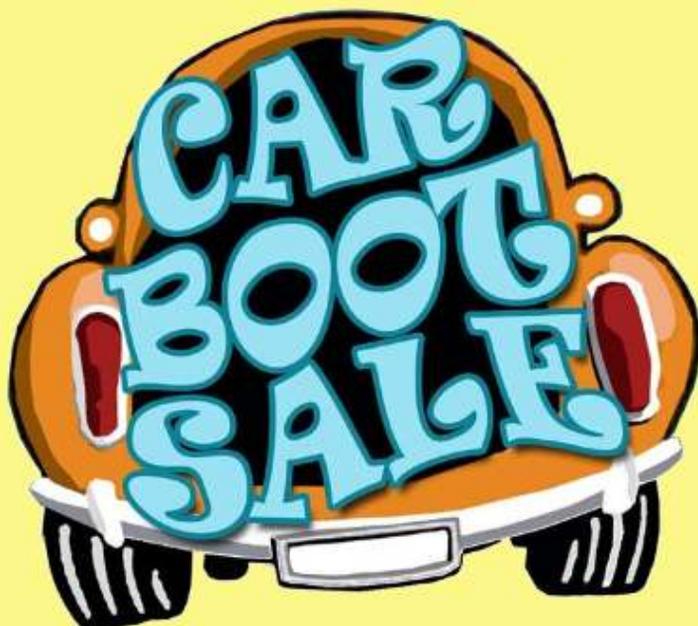


## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & WEB SITES**

Doctor's Surgery (Swavesey)	01954-230202	
Doctor's Surgery (Over)	01954-231550	
<b>Police:</b>		<a href="http://www.cambs.police.uk">www.cambs.police.uk</a>
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Neighbourhood Watch	01954 230083	<a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk/nhw">www.swavesey.org.uk/nhw</a>
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312	<a href="mailto:preschool@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk">preschool@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk</a>
Swavesey Primary School	01954-273312	<a href="http://www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/">www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/</a>
Swavesey Village College:	01954-230366	<a href="http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk">www.swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>
Community Office	01954-230373	
Swavesey Post Office	01954-230201	
Cambridgeshire County Council:		<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries</a>
South Cambs District Council	0345 045 0500	<a href="http://www.scambs.gov.uk">www.scambs.gov.uk</a>
Electricity (UK Power Networks): Emergencies	0800-7838838	<a href="http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk">www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk</a>
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800-111999	<a href="http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas">www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas</a>
Water (Cambridge Water Company):	01223-706050	<a href="http://www.cambridge-water.co.uk">www.cambridge-water.co.uk</a>
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	08457 145145	<a href="http://www.anglianwater.co.uk">www.anglianwater.co.uk</a>
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0845 988 1188	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Incident Reporting Line (pollution etc)	0800 807060	
Samaritans	08457-909090	<a href="http://www.samaritans.org.uk">www.samaritans.org.uk</a>
<b>Addenbrooke's Hospital:</b>		<a href="http://www.addenbrookes.org.uk">www.addenbrookes.org.uk</a>
Accident & Emergency	01223-217118	
General	01223-245151	
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	01480-416416	<a href="http://www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk">www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk</a>
NHS Direct	0845 4647	<a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Airports + Road &amp; Rail:</b>		
Gatwick	0844 3351802	<a href="http://www.gatwickairport.com">www.gatwickairport.com</a>
Heathrow	0844 3351801	<a href="http://www.heathrowairport.com">www.heathrowairport.com</a>
Luton	01582-405100	<a href="http://www.london-luton.co.uk">www.london-luton.co.uk</a>
Stansted	0844 3351803	<a href="http://www.stanstedairport.com">www.stanstedairport.com</a>
Traveline (Bus Coach & Rail)	08706-082608	<a href="http://www.traveline.org.uk">www.traveline.org.uk</a>
Transport Direct (Coach, Rail, Flight)		<a href="http://www.transportdirect.info">www.transportdirect.info</a>
<b>Local Timetables:</b>		
Cambridgeshire CC Bus Information		<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport</a>
Stagecoach	01223-423578	<a href="http://www.stagecoachbus.com">www.stagecoachbus.com</a>
National Express Coaches	0871 7818178	<a href="http://www.nationalexpress.com">www.nationalexpress.com</a>
Whippet Coaches	01954-230011	<a href="http://www.go-whippet.co.uk">www.go-whippet.co.uk</a>
National Rail	08457-484950	<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>
<b>Veterinary Practices:</b>		
Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954-780027	<a href="http://www.villagevet.co.uk">www.villagevet.co.uk</a>
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954-210250	<a href="http://www.ashcroftvet.co.uk">www.ashcroftvet.co.uk</a>



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