



# THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY

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# June 21 Swavesey Festival Scalextric track

This 6-lane figure-of-8 track has been created by Will Rogers.

Throughout this year, the track will be visiting various fetes and carnivals as a summer fund/awareness raiser for East Anglian Air Ambulance, with the aim of raising £2,400 in 2014. £2,400 is the cost of one helicopter mission.

The track featured mini "scenarios" mounted on boards in the track centre, to advertise all the local businesses who supported the initiative through sponsorship or other means.



*Claire presents the trophy to Gage, flanked by his nan Carol Levens*



*Close-up of the track showing some of the scenarios*

The sponsors included Crystal Lakes Leisure Centre and Car Boot Sale, Andy's Cars, CV Diesels/Swavesey Garage, Swavesey Newsagents, KC Manual Solutions, Ashcroft Veterinary Surgery, Rosegate Farm Butchery and the MG Owners Club.

The track was inundated with wannabee "Lewis Hamiltons" from midday till 5pm. Their ages ranged from 5 to 64 years.

Highlight was the Grand Prix championship for the best drivers of the day, generously sponsored by Claire and Nigel Drake of Swavesey Newsagents. The winner was Gage Levens-Wager from St Ives.

## EDITORIAL

Wow what a week! so much happened. Once again Swavesey has shown just what can be achieved by the community, events, open gardens, scarecrows, and of course the grand finale on the village green.

We must pay tribute to all the organisers, providers of cakes, the hard working "behind the scenes" people for giving us a week to remember. Well done and thank you to all of you. Now the summer holidays have arrived so let us hope the sun shines, before we know it it will be September and autumn looms on the horizon, but did you know? our October/November will be our 150th and it is also 25 years since our first issue!

Deadline for this will be 20th August, yes I know in the middle of the holiday season so if you are going away please send your item before you go.

Thank you  
Editor

Cover Photo - Jack & Jill the winning scarecrow by Lisa Boyes & Molly Tait  
Back Cover - Spectacular Fireworks at the Festival Gala Day

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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

**Saturday, September 13**, Car Boot Sale at St Andrews Church. Pitches £10 call 203010 to book. Refreshments and Book Sale in the church, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

**Saturday, October 4**, Teddy Bear Parachute Jump 2-4pm from St Andrew's Tower, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

**Saturday, December 13**, Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

**Sunday, December 14**, Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<b>August</b>		
Wednesday 6	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 7	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Planning Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 13	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Monday 18	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 20	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 28	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag (Note Thursday)
<b>September</b>		
Wednesday 3	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 10	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Thursday 11	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Planning Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 13	St Andrew's Church	Car Boot Sale at St Andrews Church. Pitches £10 call 203010 to book. Refreshments and Second hand Book Sale in the church.
Monday 15	Cambridgeshire Police	Local Policing Panel - 7.30pm at Orchard Park Community Primary. Please report any concerns you have regarding policing in Swavesey to the Parish Council before the meeting.
Wednesday 17	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 22	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 24	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
<b>October</b>		
Wednesday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 4	St Andrew's Church	Teddy Bear Parachute Jump 2-4pm from St Andrew's Tower
Wednesday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag

## CLUB REPORTS

### Swavesey Community Choir

I hope everyone enjoyed all that the Swavesey Festival had to offer.

The choir is taking a break now until the beginning of September. We shall be resting our vocal cords so that when we return in September we can throw ourselves into rehearsing for our Christmas Concert.

There will be details of all our upcoming concerts in the next edition, so keep your eyes peeled.

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 ☺

## SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2014

Registered Charity No. 1128778

### 100 Club Monthly Draw

Thanks for your support for the Swavesey Festival – the 100 Club income helps keeps the Festival going. To take part 'phone Marian Morgan on 230249

#### May 2014

First Prize	£60	Peter Fuller
Second Prize	£30	Larry Amure
Third Prize	£15	David Smythe

[www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk](http://www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk)



## Swavesey WI

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
August 11	The work of Headway by Karen Bevan
September 8	Building the Tower at Bury St. Edmunds by Harry Parsons
Saturday, September 13	W.I. Cake Stall in Market Street, Swavesey. LOOK OUT FOR THE POSTERS
October 13	Setting up an Art Gallery by Helen Taylor.

If you are interested in any of the above meetings and would like to join in, call Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897 for more information.

We have 60 plus members now and there is bound to be one of our members living near you in the village. Ring me on the above number and I can put you in touch with one of our members who would only be too pleased to come along with you and introduce you to others.

By the time you read this, the Village Festival will be just a memory. We at the W.I. hope that you enjoyed yourselves at the Festival and we would like to thank everyone who supported us at the various events we were involved with. Our weekly Craft Group is proving very popular each Monday in the Memorial Hall 1.30pm-3.30pm. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a W.I. member to join in. We are a group of ladies who like Crafts, chatting and drinking tea... As the Autumn approaches, our thoughts are turning to new interests for the months ahead, maybe we can interest you in what we are up to.

In 2015, the W.I. Movement will celebrate its Centenary. A special centenary baton will be passed around every W.I. Federation within England and Wales during 2014/15. The last stop on the route will be the Royal Albert Hall where the Centenary AGM will be held. Watch this space for more news on this. Swavesey W.I. have a website now, as follows; [swaveseywi.org.uk](http://swaveseywi.org.uk)

We really do have something for everyone, our W.I. is meeting the varied interests of women today, we are definitely 21st Century. Come and find out for yourself. We look forward to meeting YOU.

Deirdre Burgess.

## Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club

The end of another snooker year was climaxed by the finals of two summer competitions. In the Pepe Coronas doubles, played over the best of three frames, Matt Norton and Colin Oakman overcame a spirited effort by Gary Miller and Roger Miller to win 2 frames to 1. In the other final, the Ray Williams Challenge Plate, a one frame 'pot black' formula, Matt Norton was successful against Trevor Oakman.

Earlier in the season the club Championship resulted in a win for a club newcomer, Andrew Scott, who defeated the reigning champion Clifford Wright in the Bignell Billiards Cup. In the other Club championship competition, the Percy Lee snooker singles trophy, Andrew lost a close fought contest to Matt Norton.

## Swavesey and District History Society

Our speaker for the April meeting was Brian Kell. Brian grew up in County Durham and became interested in folk songs. He moved to St Neots learning to Morris dance in 1970 and then to Whittlesey in 1979. He suggested the Whittlesey Society revive their Straw Bear and was asked to be the organiser! After researching the history of Whittlesea Straw Bear Day, by trial and error a bear was designed (rafts of straw attached to jacket and trousers and a metal framework for the cone shaped head). In 1981 there were a few dancers, a 'band' and Straw Bear. Over the years the festival has expanded to a parade with dancers from all over the country, music, a bear and little bear. The New Road Primary School has a team of dancers every year. Only Whittlesey traders are permitted to sell items. Several towns in Germany have Straw Bears and the English and German bears have attended each other's events. Brian started and finished his enjoyable and informative talk with a folk song.

At the May meeting David Woodman talked about the Anglo Saxon Chronicle. This is the main historical report for the period. Each year there was a report, sometimes one sentence, other times a paragraph or longer entry; until 892 all entries are the same because the reports were retrospective. Seven copies of the Chronicle survived being catalogued as A-G. In AD 940 the A, B and C versions record the death of Athelston and states Edmund succeeded. However version D says the Northumbrians were false to pledges and chose Olaf of Ireland.

The June evening visit was to the Scott Polar Museum in Cambridge. Twenty members and friends had a brief history of the outside of the building before going inside for a talk on the Polar explorers, who included Sir Robert Falcon Scott, Ernest Shackleton and Roald Amundsen. We also visited the library filled with books in many languages on the Polar Regions.

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/>

## Report from Swavesey Spartans June 2014

Back in June Swavesey Spartans held it's annual presentation day and the whole club came together to celebrate another seasons end. It was the biggest Spartans day ever and a great day was had by all and it was the perfect end to a great season for the club. Eleven girls and boys teams took part ranging in age from under 6's to under 16's and 242 awards and trophies were given out to the players and a list of the main trophy winners can be seen below. On the day teams mix up in different age groups to play mini matches against each other and the emphasis is on them to have fun and make their own decisions which is always interesting when it comes to team names and here's some of this years imaginative names- "class on grass" "Wiggle, Wiggle, Wiggle," "Sam's Kebabs" "Fifa Football Fighters" "Hot & Spicy".

It's also traditionally a celebration of the under 16's team moving on/finishing and this year it was a double celebration as this age group will be carrying on into the under 17's league and this will be a first for the club and a great achievement for their management team, Jon Askew and Phil Lewin. Two boys from this team also received long service awards having remained with this team since under 7's-well done to Jay Clarke and Callum Evans! The FA also rewarded this team with the prestigious Respect and Fair play award along with a cheque for £250. This award was also given to our under 11's girls team and again it's another great achievement as not many are given out to Clubs and we've won two in one year. This team were also the clubs first ever girls team to enter into the league and they played with great team spirit over the season against very experienced opposition. They all really enjoyed their season and the way they all improved was very impressive and to also be recognised with an FA award the management team of David Hackshaw & David Collier along with young coaches Laura Mott and Ewan Tester, can be very proud of what's been achieved-well done guys!

### Swavesey Spartans end of Season Player Awards 2013/14

AGE GROUP	MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	MANAGERS PLAYER	PLAYERS PLAYER
Girls-Under 11's	Teagan Papworth	Sophie Nunn	Frankie Suckling
Under 13's	Lily Reid	Frannie Chapman	Roo Kruidenier
Boys Under 8's	Stanley Weir	Ben Ward-hunt	Max Jordison
Under 9's	Matthew Campbell	Lewis Mannion	Harry Keegan
Under 10's	Jake Clayton	Ryan Wilson	Jakob Buckle
Under 11's	Matthew Story	Owen Mullee	Jamie Keegan
Under 12's	Casper Hiscock	Nathan Mott	Tommy Mott
Under 14's	Jordan Heaford	Edward Jones	Christian Cavanagh
Under 16's	Terrell Alegre	Robert Mills	Jack Lewin
Players Long Service Recognition Awards Went to the following under 16's- Callum Evans & Jay Clarke			

## RSPB News

### Summer at Fen Drayton Lakes

Summer is always a busy time at Fen Drayton Lakes and this year we hope it will be the busiest yet. We are going to have a regular presence on the reserve this summer season and will have lots of activities and events for people of all ages to come and see what is happening and enjoy the birds and other wildlife that live here or are seasonal visitors.



Oxeye daisy - Sue Kennedy (rspb-images.com)



Brown Hawker - Danny Green (rspb-images.com)

The reserve is buzzing with dragonflies and damselflies as I sit here writing this and the bugs, bees, butterflies and other insects are also making the most of the fine weather; there may be the chance of sighting some of the rarer butterflies and dragonflies such as the brown argus or brown hawket over the coming weeks.

Wild flowers are in abundance with oxeye daisy, great burnet, common birds-foot-trefoil, field forget-me-not and viper's bugloss all adding to the colourful scene amongst the vivid greens of the grasses and leaves from the willow, oak, ash and alder. The cuckoos will soon be gone on their long flight back to Africa but there is still plenty of bird life to see with kingfishers and owls always putting in a crowd pleasing appearance; the tern chicks are growing fast and will be around until September. There is of course always the chance of sighting one of the elusive otters that live here!

Keep an eye on the website <http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/f/fendraytonlakes/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RSPBCambs?ref=ts> for details of the events and activities taking place this summer.

We would love to know your views on the reserve and what events you would like to see happening here so please email [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk), call on 01954 233260 or simply come along and talk to us on the reserve we look forward to seeing you.

Pete Stroud  
Visitor Officer

*Ed. Peter has recently joined the local RSPB team at Fen Drayton lakes and we hope he enjoys his time here greeting visitors and organising events*

## My allotment spade and the incident at Station X

It was a hot day in August and as she walked down the steep hill towards me in her white blouse, short pleated skirt, neck tie and white socks the young blonde policewoman lifted her knees high to clear each row of swathed hay that crossed her path. It was not until she got to about 5 metres away that I realised she was carrying my spade and soil auger.

After four years at Government Offices, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge I moved to the office at Reading in 1972 where I set eyes on my spade for the first time and I knew I had to have it. It was in a large shed piled high with ladders and wheelbarrows because at that time none of the department's R&D budget could be carried over at year-end, and indeed there was a risk that if it wasn't all spent the next year's allocation might be smaller, so late in the financial year the residue was always spent on wheelbarrows and ladders. It was a strong drainage spade with a thick, 35 cm long, dished and tapering blade and with two thirds of the handle being metal it has proven particularly suitable for digging in hard, dry clay or compacted gravel.

My spade was mainly used in arable fields in the south east in the 1970s then frequently in grassland in the west midlands during the 1980s. I was surprised to discover a grower in the Vale of Evesham in Worcestershire who grew eleven acres of intensive vegetables and did all cultivations by hand. The day I first met him, he and his two burly sons were enthusiastically digging in a moderately heavy soil similar to that at Hale Road allotments and I joined in with my spade for a while.

In 1984 I moved to the company's office at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, the home at the time of The Royal Show then by 1990 I had completed a circle on moving back to the Cambridge area. We have been together now for over 40 years: my spade is still going strong and does a good job down on the allotments.

In about 1992 I was doing an agricultural investigation on land owned by British Rail on sloping ground below Station X at Bletchley Park in Buckinghamshire, the top secret wartime code breaking centre. When I first reported to my customer's office on the main site I had been warned that the tenant farmer took a dim view of possibly losing the use of his land to residential development and sure enough in mid-morning the irate farmer and his supportive agent arrived in a Range Rover. There was some heated discussion involving colourful language and I fought them off bravely but it ended with my spade and soil auger being tossed into the back of the Range Rover and the two of them speeding off. I walked back up to the office to report the theft and was delighted when it was drawn to my attention that, of all customers to work for, British Rail had their own police force and I could leave it to them.

A replacement spade was provided and, for assistance and protection, also a lad of about 19 years who played rugby and was built like a lumberjack. Within the hour the young policewoman daintily stepped down the field to return my equipment. After explaining what the auger was for I suggested she should stay and help us since we now had spare tools and she could even use my own beloved spade if she wished, but she declined. I watched her walk all the way back up the hill – closely accompanied by the lumberjack.

Selwyn Richardson

## Comberton Ramblers are Celebrating 40 Years of Rambling

Comberton Ramblers is a local walking group that was formed in 1974. The first walk was on the 30th June 1974 from Toft to Caldecote. 10 members attended the walk.

In 1974 the annual subscription was £1 per family or £0.50 per person. The annual subscription from the 1 September 2014 will be £8.50 which is excellent value.

Today the membership has grown to 48 members from various local villages. We are a friendly and welcoming group. Walking on alternative Sundays and cover Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Essex. After a walk of around 4 - 6 miles, we are often found socialising in a warm local pub.

We all enjoy walking in this beautiful area which is blessed with a variety of countryside from woodlands, rivers and the fens. Over the years we have never ceased to be amazed at the wild life that exists on our door step. We often spot wildlife such as deer, birds of prey, butterflies and wild flowers.

Happy Rambling and a Very Happy Birthday to Comberton Ramblers.

For further details on how to join our sociable rambling group please see our website [www.combertonramblers.org.uk](http://www.combertonramblers.org.uk) or contact Stella the Secretary at: [stella.ramblers@hotmail.com](mailto:stella.ramblers@hotmail.com)

## Taming the Flood and Childhood Memories:

### Illuminating addition to the archive of Swavesey history

Aerial and time lapse photography, historic images, interviews with local observers and a beautiful original soundtrack give atmosphere, humour and interest to this account of the history of the drainage and flooding that are an inherent feature of Swavesey's history. Clear narrative, illustrated explanations and interviews with experts on archaeology, the local landscape and the technical aspects of water management in the parish help to provide an understanding of how nature and social history have shaped the dynamic environment of the area.

The entertaining reminiscences of Swavesey life in the mid-20th century included in Childhood Memories are a valuable social record to preserve for posterity, and my family found the DVD to be an educational, enjoyable and informative account of local history, which has brought the landscape and history of the village alive for my child. We're delighted to have this resource to enjoy and learn from.

Jenny Langridge

## Welcome All Once Again

Have you all recovered yet? Everyone in Swavesey worked so hard to support the Festival: scarecrows, open gardens, village trails, concerts, cream teas and all the entries in the village show and the parade. It seemed that all of us, young and old, played their part, from the delightful children's paintings and sculptures in the Memorial Hall to the painstakingly constructed patchworks in the college. Who would have thought we had kept all those ancient toys, and the Schooldays exhibit in the church was a great success, especially with those who could find themselves in the pile of old school photographs.

The members of SCC were much in evidence throughout the week, recording it all for posterity; we hope some shots will appear in this issue. Our star, of course, was Julian Johnson (our Photographer of the Year) with his studio all set up for family portraits; he was kept very busy.

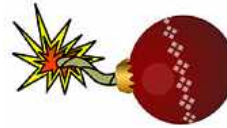
Kath Shore's record of her time in an African hospital, Simon's of Ethiopia, and Mike Swain's of sculptures in Chicago gave us some idea of childhood in the wider world; I hope you didn't miss my small group of children with connections to Swavesey, I did enjoy my time with them.

It shows how important photography is to all our lives, the old nostalgic school photographs, the historic DVDs and the pleasure of the parents knowing they will have something to treasure forever, when these tiny people are metamorphosed into 6ft hunks. With this in mind we would like to invite you all to our Welcome Night on September 4th; there will be photographic displays and our brand new programme for 2014/15 will be revealed. At present I am only permitted to tell you about September. On the 11th Will Cheung, for 30 years the editor of several important magazines, will talk on 'My Passion for Photography'; on the 18th Dave Jordan's 'The Three C's' will tell us how to prepare our images for competition (Composition, Cropping and Cleanup); on the 25th we will discuss our own photos with the help of Pauline Martingale.

That is all I am allowed to reveal at this moment, but having had the privilege of an advanced look at Peter Bush's programme I can promise you we are in for some very exciting evenings, and journeys to exotic lands. Hope to see you there,

Mo Hadfield  
Swavesey Camera Club  
[www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk)

Swavesey RADSOC presents



## "Season's Greetings"

by Alan Ayckbourn

at the Swavesey Venue,  
Swavesey Village College

Thursday 16 October – Saturday 18  
October 2014

*Join Neville and Belinda Bunker for their Christmas houseparty! Friends and relatives gathered for festive celebrations; Christmas tree, presents, roast turkey for Christmas dinner, Uncle Bernard's Boxing Day puppet show – what could possibly go wrong? Well, quite a few things really . . .*

Tickets available shortly – in the meantime, keep up with the director's blog on our website: [www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk](http://www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk)



## VILLAGE NEWS

### Some Memories of the Last 50 Years in Swavesey by Anne Stone

At the end of this year we will have lived in Swavesey for 50 years. We came to the village in 1964 when my husband Bob, was appointed as Head of Mathematics at the Village College. We moved into a newly built house in Gibraltar Lane with our two small daughters on the 29th November, the house had CENTRAL HEATING - fantastic!!

At that time we were surrounded by fields and orchards. Apart from the row of cottages there were no other houses on either side of the road except another house and a bungalow next door to us. There were no sewer or gas connections or paths and we had to share a telephone line with another family in the village. At the end of Gibraltar Lane, in School Lane, there was the old Priory House, with a row of cow sheds between it and the row of cottages. Very often taking the children to school I was covered with cow dung as cars sped by! One wet morning I heard a commotion outside - our back garden was full of cows that had mistakably walked into our garden instead of their field. I screamed and they calmly walked out, leaving a trail of devastation behind them! We were well served by shops - the butcher, baker and grocer all delivered to your doorstep. Also a Van, selling paraffin and other household effects came round, as did the coalman. The Doctors surgery operated from the Manor House, opposite the Church. The train was still running between St Ives and Cambridge and there was a small station, a signal box, level crossing and gate. The Rising Sun Public House was still functioning, opposite the Butchers and large Hardware shop. For many years the Post Office was run from a house opposite Market Street.

We later had two more daughters and all four girls went to the Primary School, which was then a lot smaller of course and still had outside toilets! In those days the Village College, which was much smaller and unrecognisable today, had a beautifully kept bowling green and rose beds in front of the (old) entrance and a Swimming Pool. A Baby Clinic was held there once a month where mothers could see the District Nurse, weigh their babies and buy powered milk, rosehip syrup etc. Many craft related Evening Classes were held and I used to attend two or three a week.

In 1968 we received a Bye-ways Rate demand. Bob discovered that only some residents had to pay this because their property was liable under the 1840 Enclosure Award and also that Swavesey was the only place in the Country still held to this Rate. He immediately set up an Action Group of those concerned and eventually a fairer system was put in hand. As a consequence several of the Action Group, including Bob, became Parish Councillors, and keen to arrange social activities in the village including The Silver Jubilee, Galas, Barrel Rolling and Pancake Races, Royal Celebrations, Father Christmas/Carols in Market Street, the visit of the Heidelberg Male Voice Choir; British Legion Street Party, VE/VJ day Celebrations and Spitfire Flypast; Welcoming in the New Year 2000 with a midnight family gathering in Market Street and our own Big Ben, sharing our activities with The Queen and the crowds in London on Anglia Television; culminating with the Millennium Country Day and Flame, Space Rocket and stalls and entertainment in the Swavesey 'Dome'.

Bob and I are pleased that many of these events, which we were closely involved in, are still taking place today.

### Swavesey Community Warden



Abbie Sutliff  
Swavesey Community Warden

We are delighted to announce a new Community Warden for the Small Villages has started in her role. Abbie Sutliff has taken over from Alice Bradley whilst she is on Maternity Leave.

Abbie is very familiar with the Swavesey area and you are likely to see her out and about promoting the service.

The service which is managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire is part-funded by Swavesey Parish Council, South Cambs District Council, The Thomas Galon Charity and Bethal Church. It aims to support the wellbeing and independence of older people by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) either by personal visit or telephone call to ensure a sense of security.

#### Examples of the help Abbie can give you:

- Provide a listening ear
- Making drinks and light meals
- Watering plants
- Feeding pets
- Small items of shopping
- Collecting prescriptions
- Information and guidance

You can join the service on a short term basis, maybe after hospital discharge or if your family are on holiday and you require extra support, or on a long term basis. You will be entitled to a two week free trial, and after the free trial we do charge a small fee of £5 per week which is payable to the warden.

To find out more about the service please call Abbie on 07436 102736 or Age UK Cambridgeshire on 0300 666 9860.

### Swavesey Gala Festival Saturday 21st June

Thank you to everyone who supported our Great Ormond Street Hospital stall at the Swavesey Festival. We are pleased to tell you that we raised £275-57 in aid of the 'Friends of GOSH Charity'.

Our thanks especially to Shirley and The Swavesey Craft Club for their wonderful knitted and crocheted items to sell, Sue Ellington for donating other craft goods, the East Anglian Vintage Bike Club and to Sally Unwin for promoting our stall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Swavesey Festival Committee members and volunteers for the hard work they put in during the year and over the Festival Week to make this such a successful and enjoyable event for Swavesey and its surrounding villages. Congratulations on a great job.

Cynthia Bidwell & Lynne Barker

## Swavesey Festival Competition Winners

### Floral Arrangement

Class 1: Arrangement on the theme of childhood – Kathryn Shore

Class 2: Red white and blue arrangement – Ruby Hodson

Class 3: Green arrangement – Theresa Ouzman

### Fruit and Vegetables

Class 4: 10 strawberries – Jacqui Fuller

Class 5: 10 Gooseberries – Richard Hart

Class 6: 10 Raspberries – Selwyn Richardson

Class 7: 2 stalks Black, red or white currants – Harvey Sutcliffe

Class 8: 3 Courgettes – Phil Bentley

Class 9: 1 lettuce – Margo Carter

Class 10: 3 New Potatoes – Phil Bentley

Class 11: 3 Beetroot – Vera Doggett

Class 12: 3 Bulb onions – Phil Bentley

Class 13: 5 Pods broad beans – Clifford Wright

Class 14: 5 Radish – Sue Barker

Class 15: 3 different types of vegetable – Phil Bentley

### Cookery

Class 16: A jar of lemon curd – Caroline Stevens

Class 17: A jar of Marmalade – Caroline Stevens

Class 18: A jar of any fruit jam – Rebecca Baker

Class 19: A jar of chutney or pickle – Graham Christie

Class 20: A chocolate sponge – Marian Bentley

Class 22: 6 Fruit scones – Marian Bentley

Class 23: 2 savoury pasties – Marian Bentley

### Craft

Class 25: A photograph on the theme of childhood – Simon Shore

Class 26: An item of handicraft for a child – Jacqui Fuller

### Craft – Children's entries

Class 27: A wild flower or grass collection or arrangement –  
Holly Bidwell

Class 28: A 3D gingerbread model  
(5–11 years) – Ella Armitage and Havyn Fish  
(12–16 years) – Emma Bird

Class 29: A picture on theme of childhood –  
(under 5 years) – Imogen Reddish  
(5–11 years) – Jodie Crouch (12–16 years) – Emma Bird

Class 30: A photograph on the theme of childhood (5–11 years) –  
Katie Baker

Class 31: An edible item made from chocolate  
(5–11 years) – Holly Bidwell  
(12–16 years) – Alanna Hagger

Class 32: A doll made from any medium (5–11 years) –  
Elizabeth Curtis

Class 33: A model of a nursery rhyme character – Imogen Reddish

Class 34: A decorated gingerbread man – Sophie Clark

**Overall winner of the Swavesey Festival Show Cup** – Phil Bentley

**Overall winner of the Swavesey Festival Show Cup (junior section)**  
– Holly Bidwell.

### Scarecrow Competition

1st Lisa Boyes & Molly Tait for Jack & Jill

2nd Elizabeth Newman for Princess & the frog

3rd Emma Ballard for Little Bo Peep.

## Thank You

Exhibition of Childhood Swavesey Festival

We would like to thank all of you who made this wonderful exhibition so special: all the people who lent us their very precious things to display, the groups who created displays, the flower arrangers, the film makers who took hours to interview and be interviewed, the display board and furniture movers, those who helped set it up, the WI who served refreshments and St Andrew's Church for giving the space to stage it, with special thanks to John Yule for all his support.

## The Swavesey Festival 2014.

We have just completed the fourth Swavesey Festival and it has been a busy week. We have had a mixture of traditional and new events and many have been based upon the Festival theme of "childhood".

For the "Open Swavesey" weekend we had the traditional "Open Gardens" with the novel addition of the new "open allotments" on Hale Road. The scarecrow competition, based on nursery rhyme and fairytale characters saw a record number of 40 entries. New events included a series of village trails, including the display of "blue plaques" on historic houses and flags on the old public houses. People wishing for further information about these houses should contact [pookjhn@aol.com](mailto:pookjhn@aol.com). In addition there was a "treasure hunt" style walk around the historic waterways and droves of the village.

St. Andrews laid on a superb celebration of childhood with a vast array of childhood memorabilia and recordings of Swavesey residents' childhood memories. As well as the traditional display from "Art Time" and the Meridian Quilters, there was a new exhibition of art from the Primary School.

The Swavesey Video Group released their latest production "Taming the Flood"; in addition the Compass Youth Café Films released a moving film about the First War. Copies of these remain available; for "Taming the Flood" please contact Simon Shore on 01954 230848 or [simonshore99@gmail.com](mailto:simonshore99@gmail.com). For the Compass Youth Café production please contact David Mann at the Bethel Baptist Chapel.

The week saw several new events including a night of Contemporary Dance, Comedy at the Venue, pond dipping at Fen Drayton Lakes, and a visit from the Cambridge Community Circus to the Primary School. A night of superb music was heard from Kate & Alex Woolf with the Community Choir in St. Andrews Church.

For once the weather was good to us for the final Saturday and the Parade started a day of festivities, dance, music and activities on the green providing a showcase for some of the vast wealth of talent in this village.

The Festival is organized by the Festival Committee but could not possibly run without the small army of volunteers and helpers; you are too numerous to mention by name but you know who you are and, on behalf of the committee and the people of Swavesey who have enjoyed the week I would like to say thank you. I would also like to thank the Festival Patrons and Sponsors, listed in the programme for their generosity and continued support. Finally I would like to thank all of the people in the village who have bought tickets and come along to support the events of the 2014 Swavesey Festival.

The next festival will be in the summer of 2016. Several of the committee will be standing down so we will need new recruits if this excellent week is to continue. If you have enjoyed the Festival week please consider offering some time to help- it is well worth it. For more information please contact Simon Shore on 01954 230848 or [simonshore99@gmail.com](mailto:simonshore99@gmail.com).

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## OVER DAY CENTRE NEWSLETTER



Summer 2014

If you have a question about the Day Centre please contact by letter or email and we will try to include information in forthcoming newsletters.

### Over Day Centre Minibus

Donations are still being received from generous individuals and businesses in the local area.

Many different groups in the village and around are choosing the Day Centre and the Minibus fund to be the focus for their fundraising this year. The Over WI are having a raffle every month and their raffle and cake sale at the Community Centre's Fun Day in June raised £100 towards the new bus.

Willingham WI recently gave us £100 and a hand made quilt to raffle. Tickets available from the Day Centre. Raffle draw will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Did you know that Trinity College once owned much of the land around here and still has an interest in it? A trustee asked them to donate for the fund and received £2,500.

THE OVER NEWS has very generously donated £1,500 and will present the cheque at the ODC AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### 5 Pub Challenge and Meridian Meander Walk

The total in the last Over News was £3,800. This has now risen to £5,000 with a little still to come in. Well done everyone who took part or sponsored this event. Special thanks to Amanda and Dan Monks who so brilliantly organized it all. It is now our biggest annual fundraising event as well as great way to spend a day out with family and friends.

Do you have any surplus fruit or veg? The Day Centre would welcome donations of these for their fresh cooked lunches.



### VOLUNTEERS

Two people recently come forward, after reading the Over News, and are now trained as drivers for Saturdays.

However the Day Centre is short of weekday driver cover, so if anyone is able to spare a couple of hours when necessary, Sarah would love to hear from you.

A volunteer cook is also needed for Thursday lunch and also someone who could cover occasionally when necessary. The clients like plain cooking and training and help will be given to anyone who is willing to give it a go!

Contact Sarah or Danny  
01954 231807

If you have had any connection with the Day Centre over the years we would love to hear your stories and memories. Also if you have any photos you could add to our collection from years gone by or the present they would make a good addition to our own collection. We can copy them if you don't want to part with them! We look forward to hearing from you!



### Our BUSOMETER

continues to rise and the total raised at the moment stands at just over £25,000!



We hope soon to be in a position to place an order for the new bus which will take about 6 months to build to specification. We anticipate needing to fundraise up to delivery so keep up the good work!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP. IT IS NEVER TAKEN FOR GRANTED.**

In our next newsletter - pictures of the clients day trip to the seaside on 17<sup>th</sup> June that will include a fish and chip lunch.

Watch out Hunstanton!



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No: 800829



The government have decided to reduce the amount the surgery is given to provide its services. These cuts will affect different surgeries by differing amounts, but they have a substantial effect on us. After 7 years the change will be fully implemented and our annual income will have reduced by £108,500 a year.

### What Can We Do?

We know we have to do something. If we want to carry on providing a safe effective service which is free at the point of care, we have to look at which services we are providing and how we are providing them.

We would very much welcome your views on the options we are thinking about (below), but please remember we have to do something, and the size of the cuts means we may have to do most of these things.

1. train our nurses to take on more work currently done by GPs, reducing the number of GP appointments available; waiting times for non-urgent GP appointments would be likely to go up
2. introduce a "Doctor First" GP telephone triage service - no face-to-face consultation without first speaking to a doctor on the phone
3. stop providing services not included in our NHS contract. Alternatives would need to be commissioned by the NHS, but we would have no control over where and how those services were provided. For example:-
  - ear syringing
  - blood tests (other than routine testing which would continue)
  - compression bandaging
4. merger with other local practice(s), either consolidating premises onto fewer sites, or retaining existing premises

### What Can You Do?

Be aware that money in the NHS is very short, and that it comes from all of our taxes. Take responsibility for your own health - stop smoking, moderate your drinking, take regular exercise, lose weight. Doing these things will have a substantial positive impact

on your health. The surgery can provide specialist support in all these areas, ask reception for an appointment.

Use the appropriate service at the right time - coughs colds and sore throats tend to get better by themselves without seeing a doctor: don't make an appointment unless it's necessary.

If you are asked to switch medication to a generic (cheaper) brand, try it; one form of a drug might cost £5.00 a month, another £150. The alternate medication will be safe and effective.

Understand that you may not be able to have some treatments on the NHS - eg some cosmetic procedures, harmless skin lesions, hospital referrals which your GP feels are unnecessary.

We have already discussed these issues with our Patient Group who you can contact via the surgery or details are on the website [oversurgery.nhs.uk](http://oversurgery.nhs.uk). If you would like to let local MP Sir James Paice, prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate Lucy Frazer, or NHS England know your views, please head your correspondence "MPIG / PMS cuts".

## Doctors Surgeries

### Swavesey Surgery

(01954) 230202  
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

### 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



**STOP PRESS.  
From the end of July  
The Library will move  
To the front of the  
Village College**

The Village College is having a major rebuilding project which requires the library to move to restricted temporary accommodation for a year during the building works. When the building is complete we expect to be located in the school resource centre in a more accessible location at the front of the Village College. Please lookout for notices and signs. Work to finalize the move is underway as we go to press.

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>
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**We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library!**

**Summer at the Museums 2014**

Hands-on family fun in Cambridge and beyond  
24 July – 3 September 2014

This summer, family fun and adventure are just around the corner as museums in Cambridge and beyond offer a jam-packed programme of creative activities, events and trails. With 20 local venues presenting an exciting mix of drop-in and bookable things to do, the annual Summer at the Museums has heaps of happenings to help you get the most out of the holidays.

From taking part in a night time bat walk at Cambridge University Botanic Garden, building rockets at Cambridge Museum of Technology or meeting a Stone Age man at the Norris Museum, this year's Summer at the Museums Calendar is full of events and activities to keep everyone entertained. Whatever's happening, the amazing collections across our local museums make them the perfect place to visit at any time. For fun tips and activities while you are exploring, pick up a FREE Museum Scrapbook from any participating venue.

Calendars and Scrapbooks are available from all participating museums and collections, or can be downloaded from [www.cam.ac.uk/museums/summer](http://www.cam.ac.uk/museums/summer)

**Cambridge venues:**

Cambridge Museum of Technology  
Cambridge Science Centre  
Cambridge University Botanic Garden  
Fitzwilliam Museum  
Kettle's Yard  
Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology  
Museum of Cambridge  
Museum of Classical Archaeology  
The Scott Polar Museum  
Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences  
Whipple Museum of the History of Science

**Further afield:**

Burwell Museum & Windmill  
Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon  
Ely Museum  
Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, Waterbeach  
Norris Museum, St Ives  
Ramsey Rural Museum  
Saffron Walden Museum  
Stained Glass Museum, Ely  
Wisbech & Fenland Museum

## Parking charges were introduced at all Cambridge Park & Ride sites from July 2014

From July 2014 a £1 parking charge will be introduced for anyone to park at each of the five Cambridge Park & Ride sites

- Babraham Road
- Madingley Road
- Milton
- Newmarket Road
- Trumpington

### How much will it cost?

The £1 charge will allow you to park for between 1 and 18 hours There will be a 1 hour free period to allow drop-offs and pick-ups of bus passengers and also to enable people to pick up purchases from the John Lewis distribution centre based at Trumpington.

### How do I pay?

Daily tickets can be purchased from ticket machines outside the main buildings on the sites. There are no barriers and the ticket does not need to be displayed in the vehicle. The system uses cameras that have automatic number plate recognition on entrances and exits. Failure to purchase a ticket after 1 hour will be treated as a parking violation and enforcement action taken by the issuing of a Penalty Charge Notice.

Does it affect concessionary bus pass and blue badge holders?  
At present concessionary bus pass holders can still use their pass

## Yesteryear Road Run

A delighted committee were proud to present Cancer Research UK a cheque for £9029.31. The money was raised at the Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run, relaunched this year in aid of Cancer Research.

The event had over 370 entries consisting of motorbikes, scooters, vintage and classic cars, tractors, stationary engines and commercials. The procession of vehicles travelled through Cottenham, Rampton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey, Longstanton, Oakington and Histon collecting donations on the way.

Local people made it a very special day, Oakington even had a party to welcome the procession to their village.

Vivien Lampard, secretary, said 'It was more popular than we had imagined, everyone concerned with running the event has been bowled over by the generosity of the local people. We are looking forward to running it again next year, and with all the good wishes we have received from this year we are hopeful for another massive cheque to give to Cancer Research'

If anyone wants to offer their help next year please email [vivien.lampard@ntlworld.com](mailto:vivien.lampard@ntlworld.com)

## SCHOOLS INFORMATION

### Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am

In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10-12noon

At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group - "Swavesey playgroups". A great chance to meet local parents.



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



## Ballet classes at Over Primary School

Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+  
Please contact April Martin for information on  
places for the Autumn term

**Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA,  
Member BDQT (CRB checked).**

**Contact 01954 200533 [tutusrus@ntlworld.com](mailto:tutusrus@ntlworld.com)**

## Adult Classes at SVC and North Cambs Academy

Classes at Swavesey start on Monday 22.9.14

<http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=Community+Education&pid=39>

The Saturday Workshops this term are 15th and 22nd November

### North Cambs Academy

There is an Enrolment evening on Tues 9.9.14 from 6-8pm with free taster sessions:-

Guitar 6-7pm, Uke 7-8pm

Textile Jewellery 6-8pm

The following all from 7-8pm

Adult Street dance, Crochet Taster, Computing for the Terrified intro

Intro to English taster, Mindfulness Taster, Italian .

Evening classes at North Cambs Academy re-start 23.9.14 and the Saturday workshop is on 29.11.14

A family learning festival will run on 18.10.14 with free workshops for the family

<http://www.familylearningfestival.com/>

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

**Swavesey Music School**

# 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)



# 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 "Stories of Jesus"  
Monday 11th Aug 2014 – Jesus at the Temple

We move to a new theme "People who knew Jesus"  
Monday 8th Sep 2014 – Four Fishermen



**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 and events of your parish church.

<b>August and September Diary</b>	
Sunday 3rd August	Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>6.30pm Evensong</b>	
Monday 4th August	
<b>11.30am Holy Communion</b> in the Community Room at Thistle Green	
Sunday 10th August	Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
Monday 11th August	
<b>10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)</b>	
Sunday 17th August	Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary at Bethel Baptist Church</b>	
Sunday 24th August	St Bartholomew, apostle
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</b>	
Sunday 31st August	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	

Monday 1st September	
<b>11.30am Holy Communion</b> in the Community Room at Thistle Green	
Sunday 7th September	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>6.30pm Evensong</b>	
Monday 8th September	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)</b>	
Saturday 13th September	
<b>Car Boot Sale</b> in St Andrew's Car Park 2.00pm-4.00pm	
Sunday 14th September	Holy Cross Day
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
Sunday 21st September	St Matthew, apostle and evangelist
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Parish Communion</b>	
<b>7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary at St Andrew's, Swavesey</b>	
Sunday 28th September	Harvest Festival
<b>8.15am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</b> for Harvest Festival	
Saturday 4th October	
<b>Teddy Bear Parachute Jump</b> from St Andrew's Tower 2.00pm-4.00pm	

To arrange weddings, baptisms, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child, etc., please contact the Vicar, The Revd Dr John-David Yule, on

01954 231903 or [www.honeyhill.org](http://www.honeyhill.org)

Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



## LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

ALL WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!

10.45 am each week

*Activities for children 0-16 years*

First Sunday in the month—Church around the coffee table!

Why not come and try it?

## MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors

Fun and games for children in Keystages 1,2 and 3  
every Monday night in term-time.

Come and join us from 6:00pm for an hour of fun  
activities as we learn about the Christian faith  
through stories, music and discussions.

*(Survivors meet at 7:00pm)*

For more information on weekly events:

Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister, at  
[minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk) or 01954 230458  
[www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)



## BETHEL 175

In 2015 we will be celebrating  
our 175th anniversary.

We are already planning a number of events and  
activities to happen throughout the year to celebrate the  
past and look forward to the future.

Keep an eye out for this logo. It will tell you about  
something that is going to happen as part of the  
celebrations.

We hope that you will be able to join with us in this year  
of celebration. Perhaps you have memories, or even  
photographs, about events connected to the history of  
Bethel that you would be able to share with us!

You can contact us at  
[minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)

Later in the year you will be able to keep in touch with  
what is happening at [www.facebook.com/bethel175](http://www.facebook.com/bethel175)



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

## *Get Your Thinking Caps On!*



This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be on  
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December  
in St Andrew's church, Swavesey.



Your tree can be real or artificial and simply decorated, or think 'outside the box' and make an alternative tree; imagination and lateral thinking are encouraged and will make for a more interesting display.



It costs £5 to enter a tree, or you could choose to have your tree sponsored.  
There is a prize for the public's favourite tree!

Entry forms will be available at [www.honeyhill.org](http://www.honeyhill.org) in due course.  
Any questions? Then contact [caroline@overroad.co.uk](mailto:caroline@overroad.co.uk)

## PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

### From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Firstly, thank you everybody for electing me as your District Councillor for the next 4 years. I really enjoy the job and welcome all your enquiries, comments and even complaints because all of those contribute to making the Council better. Please continue to badger me if you feel the Council is not delivering the service you want but remember South Cambs District Council is doing it with less and less finance from Government.

I am pleased to report that I believe the 20 exception houses to be built in School Lane will be Council Houses with a requirement to give people with Swavesey connections first choice. The added attraction could be that as Council housing the tenants will have the right to buy after 5 years. I have had 3 more Swavesey young people ask me how to get on the list since the last Meridian.

In order to be more financially viable South Cambs is establishing closer links with Huntingdon District Council. There are many similarities between the two councils and there are services such as Building Control, Benefits, Council Tax Collection etc. which could benefit from increased scale. It is not anticipated that residents will see any differences in the service they receive.

I continue to represent the District Council on The Health and Well-being Board for Cambridgeshire, as well as on the County Council Health Committee. Financial issues including the Older Persons Contract are very time consuming but it is vital that local people shape the new service and ensure that whoever gets the contract works with everybody in the public, voluntary and private sectors to provide care.

Have a good summer and holiday period but ring me or email me if I can help  
Sue Ellington  
01954 202923  
07774146331

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# SWAVESEY PARISH

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## Parish Council News May-June 2014

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council meeting on June 3rd re-appointed Martin Johnson as chairman and John Pook as vice chairman, appointed representatives to village organisations and confirmed necessary annual approvals.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

Highway repairs to the Fen Drayton road will be carried out during the school summer holidays. The Cycle Path to Buckingham Business Park is now nearing completion. Gravel Bridge Road (between Ramper Road and Over Industrial Estate) will be closed between 30th June and 5th September for repairs to the Swavesey Drain Bridge, diversions will be signposted through Willingham.

The PC will contact Balfour Beatty, the street lighting contractors to raise concerns about their work in the village in particular the current delays to completion. The PC is discussing the current use of the Guided Bus Kiss and Drop site with the County Council. The PC is continuing to find ways to introduce a weight restriction on goods vehicles through the village.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

A meeting to discuss the future of the White Horse Inn to request that the District Council invoke a directive to restrict permitted rights development and require planning consent for any change of use has been arranged with District Council Planning Officers. The PC received a briefing from an officer from the District Council setting out new (CIL) arrangements for funding from development in the village towards local infrastructure. Direct funding to the PC will reduce. The District Council will retain funds centrally to use in its villages. The PC requested that the list of facilities that could be funded from this source be extended to include flood risk and drainage. The Local Development Framework (local plan) is being considered by the Local Planning Inspector, hearings are not expected to start until mid October.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS

The Council received reports from our NHW coordinator. The PC has received two briefings from our community police team. Sgt. Davidson, our outgoing Sgt. reported on the recent party held on private land in Cow Fen Drove and listened to other concerns about problems in the village and requests for more police presence. The PC welcomed Sgt. Mark Ravel to our June 23rd meeting where he outlined his ideas for taking forward policing in the village.

### FESTIVAL 2014

The Parish Council congratulated the Festival Steering Group and everyone involved in this year's Festival for a wonderful event over the week during June.

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# COUNCIL NEWS

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### DRAINAGE

The Council continues to press for action on a number of drainage concerns with the Environment Agency, and will be pressing our concerns at an upcoming meeting to be held with the Environment Agency.

### VILLAGE MATTERS

The play area has been replenished with new bark. A new litter bin has been installed in Cow Fen Drove. The PC approved a grant towards the cost of replacing the floor covering to the main space in the Village Hall.

### PLANNING

A revised planning application for a truck stop on the site of the Trinity Foot was considered by the PC. The PC reiterated its concerns from the previous application about lorry movements and raised the need for a weight restriction through the village.

Another revised planning application was received for the rear of the Cygnus Business Park site. This time for 12 dwellings including 7 affordable units. The PC reaffirmed its objections to the proposal especially as it is outside the village development boundary. (Full details of the PC's considerations for these applications can be viewed from the minutes on the village website).

The PC considered and commented on a number of other planning applications.

### VILLAGE COLLEGE

Major building works are due to start on the College site this summer. This will see the playground/parking area in front of the Sports Hall taken up with new buildings to replace the old Gym and provide new classrooms. The work is expected to take 12 months. New signs will go up to direct access and parking for Sports facilities during this time, via the coach access off Fen Drayton Rd. The College is working with community groups with regard to access and temporary facilities during the construction.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting was on July 2nd. The meeting received reports from village organisations associated with the PC. This year's meeting considered parking in the village, in particular 'Should Market Street have marked parking spaces!' The Annual report has been published and is available on the village website and from the Clerk.



Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk)

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## Community Equipment Loan Service

NRS Healthcare are the providers of the community equipment loan service for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, operating from a service centre in Huntingdon. We provide products or 'daily living aids' on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council for people who may have had a spell in hospital, have a disability or injury, and require equipment in the home to help them live independently.

With support from Cambridgeshire County Council, we are offering an information and advice service to residents of the county whom are not eligible to have community equipment provided on loan and so may have a requirement to purchase equipment themselves. Many people are unaware that there are products that can help them and increase their independence at home. The service is designed to help residents understand what products or 'daily living aids' they need (for example, through the use of assessments online or over the telephone) and to signpost them to reliable local and national suppliers from where they can buy the products. NRS Healthcare are one of the purchase points, but there are many local shops and other online retailers supplied as options.

NRS are developing a Safe+Well website at the moment, due to go live at the beginning of July. The website is a portal for people to access the information and assessment options they prefer as well as details about where to buy. The service and assessment options are provided free of charge, except for an Occupational Therapist home visit option which is chargeable to the client.

Emma Glover

Marketing Communications Executive

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## Annual Parish Meeting

18 residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting on Weds 2nd July to hear reports from the Parish Council and village charities and organisations. The Parish Council Chairman reported on the various issues and topics discussed by the Council.

In the May elections, 10 of the previous Councillors and 1 new Councillor were elected for the next 4-year term. Representatives from the District Council, Thomas Galon, Frere Cottages, Memorial Hall and Community Pavilion Charities also gave reports, as well as the Festival Group, Neighbourhood Watch and Allotment Association.

The meeting also discussed ideas and looked at a suggestion for improving the parking area in Market Street. With ever increasing demand for local parking, a suggestion is to mark out the central area with parking bays, either full white lines or just T marks. Also to provide a disabled persons parking bay, a loading/unloading area for delivery vehicles and Post Office use plus provide cycle rack areas.

If you have any comments on improvements for Market Street, please send them to the Parish Council at [clerk@swavesey.org.uk](mailto:clerk@swavesey.org.uk), telephoning 01954 202982 or come along to a future Council Meeting where you can speak to Councillors.

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## Grants available for community projects

Have you got an idea for a small community heritage project in your local area? Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are now available to help people look after, learn about, extend the understanding of and to celebrate the unique landscape and hidden heritage of the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP) area. Projects should have clear public benefits, support the (OWLP) scheme's objectives, and provide input into the partnership's main events

The first two application rounds have deadlines of 20 August & 30 November 2014. Application forms and grant guidance can be found on <http://ousewasheslps.wordpress.com/2014/06/09/grants-available-for-community-projects-applications-now-open/>

## Holiday security checklist

If you are going on holiday this summer, please make ensure you take the relevant precautions to make sure your home is safe and secure from burglars. Burglars target houses that look empty, so here is some advice on how to ensure your home is kept safe and secure so you don't come home to a nasty shock:

- Make sure your premises are secured every time you leave, even if only for a short time
- Make sure your alarm, if you have one, is set
- Put lights on a timer switch to make your house look occupied. You can also get timer switches for the radio and/or TV
- Ask a neighbour to push post through your letterbox and take in any deliveries for you
- Cancel milk, newspapers and any other deliveries
- Ask a neighbour to park their car on your drive so that passers-by assume someone is home
- If you have a close friend or relative nearby with a key, ask them to draw your curtains in the evening and back in the morning. Don't leave curtains drawn during the day.
- If you have a lawn, mow it before you go away
- Don't display your home address on the outside of your luggage
- Don't publish your absence on the internet. Status updates, comments and photos on social media can all give away the fact that you are out of your home for an extended period.
- Ensure any outdoor tools such as ladders are securely stored away as these could be used to force entry into your home.
- Don't leave a message on your answer phone saying that you are away

## The Thomas Galon Charity

In the year 1528, Thomas Galon left land for the benefit of the community of Swavesey. A charity was set up enabling Trustees to distribute the income from this land to people in need. Today the Trustees generally meet twice a year, in April and November to consider grants to benefit local residents.

### Energy Grant Scheme

This year, the Trustees have set up a new grant scheme for elderly residents The Energy Grant Scheme. This is replacing the former annual donation. Under this scheme, villagers who are aged 70 or over and have lived in the village for 2 years or more, who find it difficult to pay their energy bills and need assistance, can apply to the Galon's Charity for an energy grant. At the November meeting, Trustees will then consider the amount of grant, depending on funds available, to be paid in the December.

An application form is available if you wish to apply for assistance from this scheme, from the Clerk to the Trustees. Or can be downloaded from the Charity website (linked from [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk))

### Other Donations

In April donations are considered to local organisations that provide services from which villagers benefit. Donations can also be made to individual village residents, when the request falls within the limits of the Trust Scheme.

If you would like any further information on help available from the Thomas Galon Charity then please contact:

The Clerk to the Charity: Mrs Linda Miller, 21 Thistle Green, Swavesey. Tel: 202982

E-mail: [thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk](mailto:thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk)

or any of the Trustees as follows:

Mr J Shepperson (Chairman 230313)

Mr A R Parish (231678)

Mr D Morgan (230249)

Mr A Day (230050)

Mr J Dodson (230560)

Mr B Baker (230344)

Mr W Wright (232470)

Mr R Holland (230077)

Rev Dr J D Yule (231903)

All enquiries will be considered in strict confidence.

Further history on the charity can be found on the charity website, which is linked from the main village website at [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk)

August 2014



## THE SWAVESEY PATCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



### THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN YOUR VILLAGE OR COMMUNITY

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS DO NOT LOOK OR FEEL RIGHT

#### PLEASE RING AS AN INCIDENT IS HAPPENING AND NOT LATER.

#### Persons on Premises E.g. Garden/ Shed/ Passageway

A person in someone's garden who you believe has no right to be there and who are perhaps looking at personal items in the rear of the premises having gone round the back on their own/ who are climbing over a fence etc. ring 999.

Persons close to premises, looking to possibly access the side of a property or looking into windows but not as yet attempting to access, yet whose manner gives cause for concern ring 101 or if very concerned 999. (NHW Coordinators can use their password on 101).

People observed who are seen cruising slowly, perhaps with a van, who are clearly taking undue and unwarranted attention to sheds, gardens or yards, such as getting out to look, without permission seemingly being gained from the owner. 101. (If very concerned NHW Coordinators can use their password)

#### Persons on Business Premises, School or Utility Building

A person on business premises after it has closed and whose behaviour raises real concern and who appear not to "belong there" ring 999

#### Persons Repairing Housing/ Driveway Working/ Roof Working

Persons are observed repairing a roof/ drive or guttering of a vulnerable person and who are possibly not bona-fide and / or who are clearly not working to a normal standard. If possible make contact with neighbour to ascertain all is well. If this is a very vulnerable person and you are actually concerned for their wellbeing but feel unable to call in or remedy the situation, call 101 for advice.

### Possible Drug Dealing Activity.

People who are regularly behaving as though they are drug dealing, perhaps they have used this place more than once? If possible keep a log with as much detail as possible. Send to [PCSO\\_Kerrie.Harding@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:PCSO_Kerrie.Harding@cambs.pnn.police.uk). If persons that you suspect have just arrived and are actually and clearly starting to deal, please ring 101. NHW Coordinators can use their password.

### Vandalism and A.S.B.

Persons observed who are vandalising any item at all or who are victimising a villager or subjecting persons to A.S.B., please act as follows: if this is a low level event or if you are reporting after an event, ring 101; if this ASB is serious, such as comprising victimisation or serious vandalism and is actually taking place, please ring 999. A.S.B. is a crime.

If we work together we can keep Swavesey safe.

Polly Wilderspin (Village NHW Coordinator) [polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com](mailto:polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com)

## Adults at Risk from Harm

Worried about an adult or older person. Some adults are more at risk of being abused than others. Adults who are more vulnerable could include older people, people with a visual or hearing impairment, people with a physical disability, people with learning disabilities or mental health problems and people living with HIV or AIDS.

If you are looking for information on domestic abuse you will find this in our health and keeping well section. What should you do?

The council takes its safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and is committed to dealing with all aspects of abuse. If you are concerned that any vulnerable adult is experiencing abuse or neglect please contact:

Customer Services on 0345 045 5202

[referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

minicom: 01480 376 743 or text 07765 898 732

Newsletters can be downloaded at:-

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20062/adults\\_and\\_older\\_people/523/adults\\_at\\_risk\\_from\\_harm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20062/adults_and_older_people/523/adults_at_risk_from_harm)

## 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 211919).
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="http://rosieinstitches.ukonline.co.uk">rosieinstitches.ukonline.co.uk</a> Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to 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:- Paishah 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:communitv@swaveseyvc.co.uk">communitv@swaveseyvc.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk">www.swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>



## CLUB INFORMATION

Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and 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 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: yes.helen@gmail.com - website: <a href="http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/">http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/</a>
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:steepkeeper@ely.anglican.org">steepkeeper@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 Waite (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 Looper (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.fenlandsquash.org.uk">www.fenlandsquash.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 815198 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
		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:zart50@lycos.co.uk">zart50@lycos.co.uk</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
		Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email <a href="mailto:deborahwalker105@talktalk.net">deborahwalker105@talktalk.net</a>
		Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: <a href="mailto:acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk">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: 01480 498301 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 john.graham@so.tennis.co.uk or website <a href="http://swaveseyandovertenniscub.btck.co.uk/">http://swaveseyandovertenniscub.btck.co.uk/</a>
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 <a href="http://www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk">www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk</a> .
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 Hagger <a href="mailto:chhagger@gmail.com">chhagger@gmail.com</a> .
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: <a href="mailto:scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk">scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk</a>
Swavesey Spartans	For information or player enquires please contact- Chairman - James Tait Tel: 01954 232183 Secretary - David Rudderman Tel: 01954 203258 <a href="mailto:swaveseyspartanssec@gmail.com">swaveseyspartanssec@gmail.com</a> Child Welfare Officer- Teresa Sarkar Tel: 01954 231079 Website- <a href="http://www.swaveseyspartansfc.co.uk">http://www.swaveseyspartansfc.co.uk</a> or find us on Facebook
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: <a href="mailto:enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk">enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk</a> - website: <a href="http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/">http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/</a>
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 <a href="mailto:arowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk">arowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk</a>

## MAGAZINE ADVERTISING RATES

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For a one year inclusion i.e. six issues.

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Half page	£88	£130
Quarter page	£55	£80

The following rates are for one inclusion only and as a premium rate is already charged will be positioned in the magazine section

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For all advertising details please contact:

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

## EXTRA MAGAZINES

Send a Meridian Magazine subscription to your favourite Auntie, or to a friend who has recently left the village.

Six issues (one year) costs only £9.00.

Send a cheque (made out to 'The Meridian Magazine') and the address of the recipient, to: Jan Waller, Meridian Subscriptions, 35 Carters Way, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB4 5RZ

## NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR EVENTS

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 (Longstarton)	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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**2 - 4pm at**

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**Pitches £10**

**call 203010 to book**

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