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Cinderella



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By Susan Holder

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EDITORIAL

It has been an interesting year! We have new street lights, at time of writing not all of them are working but we live in hope! Swavesey festival was a resounding success thanks to the hard work of those involved. We have new faces at The White Horse which by the time this issue hits your letterboxes will have re-opened after a bit of work, go along and pay a visit and buy a pint or two - if you are on foot no need to worry about being breathalysed!

I am sure you all wish Warren (Will) and Pat a restful retirement they have earned it!

Your Meridian is celebrating its 25 years/150 issues by buying and installing a new bench at Swan Pond, which is now hopefully there and in use. We would like to thank Aspinalls for donating the materials needed for the base, Edwin Parish and Selwyn Richardson for putting it down, and Stuart Faben for supplying and installing it. We hope you enjoy using it.

It only remains for me and The Meridian team to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Deadline for the Feb/March issue is 20th December!

Editor

Did you know that any photos of your event that you send us that are in colour will be shown on the magazine website, www.swavesey.org.uk/meridian, in colour? so keep those pictures coming. Ed

Cover Photo - Frosty Morning by Paul Hutchinson

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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

2014

Saturday, December 13, Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church 10am - 5pm (plus jewellery stall), Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

Sunday, December 14, Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church 2pm - 5pm, Revd John-David Yule, (01954) 231903

Saturday, December 20, Christmas Carols in the Market Square 6.00 - 7.00pm
Jeff Cockram, 07863 345681 or 01954 205120

2015

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 23, 24 & 25 Cinderella - A family Pantomime at Swavesey Venue. Book tickets online at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or call 07504 552 870
Sarah Pearson, committee@swaveseyradsoc.org

December		
Wednesday 3	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin + Blue Textile Bag
Saturday 6	Swavesey Social Circle	Table-Top Sale 11.00am to 1.30pm at Thistle Green Community Centre
Wednesday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 10	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Christmas Social. A good chance to get to know each other! Please bring a contribution of food or drink
Saturday 13	St Andrew's Church	Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church 10am - 5pm (plus jewellery stall)
Sunday 14	St Andrew's Church	Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church 2pm - 5pm
Monday 15	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 17	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Saturday 20	Swavesey Christmas Carols	Christmas Carols in the Market Square 6.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 24	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
January		
Wednesday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins + Blue Textile Bag
Wednesday 14	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	'Overlooked Wildlife' - A presentation by Brian Eversham from the Cambridgeshire & Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust
Wednesday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 21	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin + Blue Textile Bag
Friday 23 Saturday 24 Sunday 25	RADSOC	Cinderella - A family Pantomime at Swavesey Venue. Book tickets online at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or call 07504 552 870

A WARM WELCOME

Having had a relatively mild winter last year it is depressing that this time the prediction is for early snow, and already the air has chilled and we have had torrential rain, the village streets are full of huge puddles; thankfully these changing conditions inspire and challenge our members far more than the hot sunny days of summer.

In spite of that there are sure to be many horrible, depressing, wet and windy evenings to come so, if you feel a need for tropical sunshine, on Dec. 4th John Pulpitt will take us on 'The Road from Bedford to Mandalay'. He hasn't promised us any flying fishes, but he has interests in sport, travel and wildlife so you never know. Our Set Subject competition on Dec. 11th is 'Smoke and Fire' so we will have at least the illusion of warmth.

As usual we will break for Christmas and New Year, but before that on Dec. 18th we have our President's evening: a guest speaker, many surprises devised by our President, Peter himself, and, of course, the long-awaited mince pies and drinks. On our first meeting of the new year it will be the Members' turn to entertain us, with work we haven't seen before, your guess is as good as mine, but I'm sure it will be something out of the ordinary, we shall have to wait and see. Later in the month, Jan. 15th, we have our important, hotly contested Colour Print Competition, when our most talented members enter their finest prints, an evening when the Club shows what a high standard our members are achieving.

On Jan. 22nd David Steel will show us his 'People Pictures'; his exhibition and competition prints are of a very high quality, which we are encouraged to examine closely in the break. Our last meeting in January is a real in-house treat. Jane Greatorex is a very popular long-term member and we all know (and tease her) about her love of penguins, and her fondness for the Falkland Islands. Her talk on Jan. 29th about her third visit will doubtless have some penguins, but is entitled 'Mollymauks and more'. We learn that a mollymauk is an albatross, but we are sure that she will show us many photos of the stunning varied wildlife of these islands and some magnificent vast landscapes. Jane has many friends in the wider community, this would be a great opportunity for them to come along to see her recent work.

Meanwhile:

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All
from Mo Hadfield and all of us at Swavesey Camera Club.
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Swavesey WI

Dates For The Diary

December 2014	Food For Christmas
January 2015	To Be Decided
February 2015	Rosegate Farm Butchery By David Baker.

If you would like more information on any of the above meetings or to find out more about our W.I. please call Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897. We meet on the 2nd Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall 7.30 pm.

Swavesey W.I. would like to thank all those people who supported their recent Cake Stall. Our table was laden with a variety of home made cakes, fruit, vegetables and home-made preserves. We raised an amazing £183.50p. Our grateful thanks to all. We will be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrews Church, Swavesey 13th/14th Dec. Look forward to seeing you there!

Happy Christmas and all good wishes to you all for 2015 from Swavesey W.I.
DEIRDRE BURGESS www.swaveseywi.org.uk

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00
at Bethel Baptist Church

Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 4/5 people, 6/7 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information:
sue.ellington@virgin.net or phone 01954 202023

5th Thursdays in 2015

20th January 30th April 30th July 20th October 31st December

Swavesey and District History Society

The Victorian Ghost Hunter, Andrew Selwyn Crome, dressed in a black dress coat and wearing a top hat, came to Swavesey for our September meeting. Andrew was an informative and entertaining speaker. The Victorians were very interested in ghosts and invented it as a science. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini were interested in the spirit world and Charles Dickens was one of the founder members of the Ghost Club (1862).

Victorians used photos to show ghosts existed; it was later proved that they were made up! Andrew also described the essential contents of a ghost hunter's kit.

Abbey House, Abbey Road, Cambridge was said to be haunted by a nun and in 1950 she haunted the family living in the house.

Programme 2014 - 15

09 December	Members' family history	
	Several members will tell us about research they have undertaken into their ancestors	
20 January	John Clare – The Northamptonshire Poet	David Dykes
17 February	Wood, Wheels and Wagons	Reg Brown
	Reg has previously spoken to us about fenland funerals and the history of ploughing	
17 March	Victorian Cambridgeshire; aspects of rural life	Mike Petty
	Mike is a well known local historian and speaker	
21 April	Guthlac, Pega and Crowland's sacred isle	Dr. Avril Lumley
	Avril has the most amazing knowledge of the Fens	
19-May	Fenland in the Roman period	Kasia Gdaniec

Kasia is Senior Archaeologist with responsibility for Development Control in the Historic Environment Team of Cambridgeshire County Council. She is a specialist in wetland archaeology and prehistoric pottery.

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. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the December meeting.

For more information about the Society contact Carolyn Redmayne (01954 230037) or look at our website <http://www.swavesey.org.uk/history/>

Swavesey Spartans

Under 7s

We are now up and running, we are currently training on a Tuesday evening from 5.30 till 6.30pm at Swavesey village college astro turf.

For more information contact Cheryl Arthurs on 07841433651
or Email: cherylarthurs@tiscali.co.uk

U9

The under 9s have adapted well to 7 a side games on a bigger pitch. 2 victories and 19 goals scored in 3 games is a remarkable turnaround from the same players who only managed one draw from 22 games in 2013/14. The only consistent theme is the level of enjoyment shown by all the players.

Our biggest disappointment is the number of dogs leaving their mark on the pitches. Whilst most owners clean up after their dogs there are some that do not. We would be grateful if all owners would follow the lead of the majority. Thank you in anticipation.

U11's

The U11's have had a good solid start to the season with good attendance for training and games, although we are still on the lookout for a permanent goal-keeper.

Under 12's

The under 12's are now playing in the colts league and have started in a new format of playing a round of 4 games before being allocated a further league of teams. Our ethos is all about the player's development and we seek to play an attractive passing game of 9 a side. We have a small squad of 13 players and are looking for other year 7 players to join. Do get in touch with Matt Mullee, 07808 329556 / matt.mullee@ntlworld.com

Chairman's Report

With 8 boys teams, 3 girls teams and 3 training squads aiming to enter leagues next season we are pleased as to how the club has been developing and expanding over the past couple of years.

I am extremely proud of the amount of young people in the area who have got involved by helping with the coaching of some of the teams, supervised by the team Manager's. If you are looking to get involved in helping to run the club, training as a referee or getting involved in coaching then please ring myself, James Tait, on 07768 305151.



**SWAVESEY SOCIAL CIRCLE
TABLE-TOP SALE
AT
THISTLE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE,
SWAVESEY
ON
SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 2014**

11.00am to 1.30pm

**Christmas Raffle
Refreshments
Silver and Semi-Precious Stone Jewellery
Cushions, Crystals, Tumblestones, Books,
Bric-a-brac, and much more!!**

Look forward to seeing you there

Hale Road Allotment

Everybody wants to stay

The sixty plot holders at Hale Road allotments in Swavesey consist of individuals, couples, families both with young and older children, retired, working and young persons. National Allotment Society guidance indicates that a newly set up site should anticipate that around 30% of plot holders will throw in the towel by the end of year two, partly because the novelty has worn off but more commonly because growing crops successfully takes far more time and effort than expected. The Hale Road site was set up in autumn 2012 and surprisingly, despite two seasons of hard work, our lot are all far too happy to want to give up.

Some of the reasons for an ongoing feeling of wellbeing are:-

- With the assistance of Trinity Farm the entire site was securely fenced all round to keep out pesky things such as rabbits and deer, making it unnecessary to fence off individual plots, a major benefit.
- Thanks to Freisland Farm we have eight large water tanks on site with no plot more than 30 metres away. Two plot holders can easily dip watering cans at the same time and could even take a bath together if they felt so inclined.
- During 2014 we have spread a significant quantity of bulky organic manure on our plots. This included around 10 tonnes of well-rotted cattle manure from Highfield Farm down Ramper Road plus around 15 tonnes of horse poo from Fenwillow Farm, down Market Street and a documented 76 tonnes of compost (soil improver) delivered from AmeyCespa at Waterbeach. We do things on an agricultural scale on our site.

The only slightly disappointing issue is that we continue to have around twelve local residents on our waiting list who are keen to join in the fun with a plot of their own. Our Chairman has much sympathy for these unlucky people and would like to do something to help them. Indeed, as a step to that end he has suggested that in 2015 the plot rent should be doubled to £80 in order to test what the market will stand but the management committee won't let him get away with it.

As skill increased, crops grew better in 2014 and most plot holders quite sensibly grew somewhat fewer courgettes and runner beans. However, soft fruit crops have established so strongly that some were beginning to feel slightly queasy at the sight of yet more strawberries and raspberries in summer. All that organic manure will help to produce even stronger crop growth in 2015.

A noticeable defect of our site is that quite an area is affected by surface ponding in winter. To help to overcome this we were lucky enough to be awarded a very generous grant by the Big Lottery Fund to pay for trench digging plus supply of plastic drainage pipe and crushed brick rubble. In early August plot holders worked as a team in harmony carting brick rubble in their wheelbarrows to the drainage lines.

On the evening of Tuesday 14 October we held a social gathering in the Compass Room and the Meridian Hall at the Bethel Baptist church. There we paid our rent for 2015 then collected a copy of the Kings Seeds catalogue which allows us to purchase identical vegetable and flower seeds at half the price, or less, than from other seed houses. Following that, an up-market quiz night, being a sophisticated combination of general knowledge and music, was organised jointly by our Treasurer and our Vice-Chairman in Swavesey Memorial Hall on Saturday 15 November. The rowdy crowd of plot holders and their friends had a really super time.

Finally, our second AGM was held in the Bethel Baptist Church on Tuesday 18 November, with a much higher proportion of plot holders attending than for an average AGM. The administration structure was put in place to continue our success into year three. Meanwhile, back on the allotment site broad beans, spring cabbages, onions, garlic and shallots have established uniformly on many plots and are waiting for spring. Furthermore, the next delivery of compost is already scheduled for Thursday 9 April 2015.



For information, contact

Brian Chapman 01954 230784

John Morley 01954 780803

Glynis Fenwick 01954 230634

OR info@fenlandsquash.org.uk

NEWS UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2014

The two men's teams and one ladies team are now playing their Cambs. Interclub matches. All teams always welcome new players and if you would like to be involved please contact those above.

The junior teams have been successful in their interclub matches. The Under 11s are unbeaten up to now. I still have places for any juniors who would like to try a new sport. Six junior sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

The ladies introductory course has been a great success, with some very promising new players.

The handicap tournament in September was well supported and won by Sam Peacock with Marcus Wade runner-up. A similar tournament is planned for February.

Visit our website to learn more about the club – www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Glynis Fenwick (glynisfenwick@googlemail.com)

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2014

Registered Charity No. 1128778

100 Club Monthly Draw

Thanks for your support for the Swavesey Festival - the 100 Club income helps keep the Festival going. To take part phone Sally Unwin on (01954) 230200.

September

Audrey Caldwell £60, Gill Bassett £30, Helena Rees £15

October

Vikki Russell £60, John Pook £30, Jodder Hodson £15

www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk



Swavesey Community Choir

We started our new term on 10th September and rehearsals are well under way for our Christmas Concert.

This will be on Saturday 6th December at St. Andrew's Church and in addition to a variety of Christmas Carols we will be performing Christmas Cantata (Geoffrey Bush).

Please make a note in your diary as we would like to have as many people there as possible. There will be mince pies, mulled wine and fantastic singing!!!

We are planning a concert at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 21st March 2015 and will be performing Faure Requiem.

Then we are planning a more light hearted performance in the Summer.

Please take a look at our website for details of the choir, past performances and future plans www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk.

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the choir but we are always looking for new members, particularly younger 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 from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

Happy Singing ☺

VILLAGE NEWS

And more community work.....

Daffodil Planting

On Saturday afternoon 11th October you may well have noticed lots of yellow jacketed volunteers along the newly opened cycle/footpath along Buckingway Road. Having had to dig up the grass verge in order to provide the cycle/footpath, the daffodil bulbs along there were lost. The County Council agreed to replace them and duly delivered 2,250 mixed daffodil bulbs to the Parish Council.



Again the 1st Swavesey Sea Scouts kindly volunteered to help out and together with Parish Council and WI helpers, spent an hour and a half digging holes, planting daffodils and collecting litter.

Hopefully we will continue to see the wonderful yellow corridor of spring daffodils along the road.

Pond Clearing

On a pleasantly warm Saturday morning on 18th October, the annual reed clearing of Swan Pond in Station Road took place. Residents from houses overlooking the pond, Village College Students helping as part of their College Pledges and yet more Scouts from the 1st Swavesey Sea Scouts all donned their wellies and waders and helped to cut back and pull out the overgrown reeds.



A few daffodils left from the previous weekend's project were also planted.

Swan pond is one of the most attractive ponds in the village and the annual clearing work helps keep it healthy for the moorhens, fish, newts and insects all living there.

Our thanks to Helen and Jon, local Ecology Officers, and Hannah from the Parish Council, who spent most of the time in the pond pulling out the reeds.

Swavesey Parish Council



Swavesey Grow Zone

Grow your own food and have fun at the same time!

Do you want to grow your own fruit and vegetables, but not sure how to start?

'Grow Zones' is a fun and practical way to help households grow food in their garden. It involves coming together to form work parties that go around each person's garden in turn, spending a few hours doing a project that would take much longer to do alone. You can learn more at www.growzones.com. It aims to bring help and inspiration to your garden, wonderful food to your table, and fun and friendship to your life. A group of anything between 8 and 20 people club together to share skills and tools and help each other to transform their gardens, with the aim of growing more fruit and veg, decreasing food miles and having great fun in the process.

We are keen to start a Grow Zone group in Swavesey. Groups have already been set up successfully in Cambridge through Transition Cambridge who are happy to support us (www.transitioncambridge.org) and Hale Road Allotments have also offered their help.

Someone who has been involved said *"I don't know what it was; the sunshine, the friendship, the labour, the food, the fresh air, but my spirits were uplifted and I spent the rest of the day on a high. This morning I came downstairs and felt compelled to go out into the garden. It looked lovely."*

If you would like to get involved please email us, John & Jane Turner, on jit1959@hotmail.co.uk or call us on 01954 202076. If there is enough interest (and we only need a handful of like-minded households) then we can meet early in the New Year to decide exactly how we want to grow!



Christmas Fayre

Friday 12th December

Get into the Christmas spirit at the Over Day Centre's Christmas Fayre, from 2pm on Friday December 12th at the Over Day Centre

GRAND RAFFLE DRAW!

Stalls include:

Christmas items, Jewellery, Wooden items, Cake Stall, Tombola and Grand Raffle Draw

Come and join us for a cuppa!



The Over Day Centre
Drings Close,
Over, Cambs
CB24 5NZ

We have done it!

Target: £65000



Thank you
for
supporting
our new
minibus
appeal



The new bus is due to be delivered on 1st March 2015



Back in August I had an idea. I thought that one thing Swavesey was missing was a café. Two weeks later I entered into an agreement with the Pavilion Committee and quit my full-time job. On October 17th my idea became a reality when Pinks Café on the Green opened its doors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Pavilion Committee for their support and enthusiasm for this project, because without it the café would still be an idea.

Why Pinks? Because that was the name of my Nan, given to her by her father when she was born because she was a very pink baby; and it stuck. I never heard anyone refer to her by anything other than Pink, Nanny Pink, Auntie Pink, or occasionally Mrs Smart. Naming the café was one of the easier decisions I had to make. Having never done anything like this before I had no idea how many different types of coffee machines I would have to choose from, or the numerous types of coffee there are available. Should I go for ready-ground or beans? Traditional Espresso or Bean-to-Cup? What food shall I put on the menu? How much shall I charge?

After extensive research and a lot of help and advice from the Environmental Health Department the menu was finalised, the business was registered, and following our recent assessment we have been awarded a 5 Star hygiene certificate.

We are currently open from 9am - 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, offering a basic menu including bacon rolls, pastries, sandwiches, panini's, hot and cold drinks and, of course, home-made cakes. Suggestions for additions to the menu are always welcome. If you haven't got time to stop, everything on the menu is available to take away.

We have a facebook page: www.facebook.com/pinkscafe, where I put details of any changes in opening times, the types of cakes we are offering, daily/weekly specials, and anything else I think our customers may be interested in.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who has used the café so far for their support, and for bearing with us while we have been finding our feet, especially as we were sharing the space with the SWAG Bar initially while the pub was closed for refurbishment.

You no longer need to use your car for lunch out with the family or a catch-up with friends over a cup of coffee (and cake!). Just walk or get on your bike and visit Pinks Café, where you will be sure of a warm welcome.

We hope to see you soon.

Victoria Santos



Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age with a Tea Party

A very enjoyable Tea Party was held in Swavesey on the afternoon of Friday 17th October. Organised by AgeUK Cambridgeshire as part of the Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age month, along with representatives from Swavesey Parish Council and Bethel Church, local residents were invited to an afternoon of music entertainment and home-made cakes.

Melanie Murdoch, Home Services Manager for Age UK Cambridgeshire gave a short talk thanking all those who'd helped to make the event a success and to also inform those present of the Swavesey Community Warden Scheme which continues to go from strength to strength.



A number of local people came along to enjoy easy listening music and sample some of the wonderful cakes kindly baked by Linda, Ruth and Sue.

Those attending commented on how much they'd enjoyed the afternoon. It is hoped that the event can be repeated next year.

If you would like to know more about the Community Warden Scheme, please call the Warden, Alice on 07436 102736.

Swavesey Parish Council

Courses at Swavesey Village College

New evening classes for January

Course	Day	Start Date	End Date
Intro to Print Making - First Class FREE	Wednesday	14/01/2015	11/02/2015

Ballroom Dancing – no other details at the moment

Course	Day	Start Date	End Date	Time
Judo for Beginners (first class free)	Monday	12/01/2015	23/03/2015	19.00-20.30

Introduction to Book Keeping - no other details at the moment

Saturday 7th Feb 2015 at SVC

Course	Day	Start Date	Time
Anger Management (2 days)	Sat	07/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Blues Workshop	Sat	07/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Make a Patchwork Cushion+	Sat	07/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Pen and Watercolour Sketching+ (Botanical)	Sat	07/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Computing for Terrified	Sat	07/02/2015	09.30-13.00
Ipads, Tablets and Smartphones	Sat	07/02/2015	13.30-16.00
Watercolour Flower Painting - Mixed Ability+	Sat	07/02/2015	10.00-16.00

Time	Weeks	Cost	Tutor
19.00-21.00	5	Full Fee: £27.00 (Concessionary Fee: £20.00)	Nina Sage

Weeks	Cost	Tutor
10	Full Fee: £60.00 (Concessionary Fee: £45.00)	John Snaith

Saturday 28th Feb 2015 at SVC

Course	Day	Start Date	Time
Anger Management (2 days)	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Experimenting with Watercolour Techniques	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-15.00
Pencil Illustration Day (Wildlife)+	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Chair Caning and Upholstery	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
All things Spice and Indian' - Balti Cooking	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Introduction to Fabric Surface Decoration+	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Intro to Ballet for Adults	Sat	28/02/2015	14.00-16.00
Willow Sculptural Textiles	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Website in a day	Sat	28/02/2015	10.00-16.00
Whizz bang science workshop	Sat	28/02/2015	tba

Cost - Full/Concess	Tutor
	Mike Meredith
£25/£19	Denise Schoenberg
£30/£23	Ann Biggs
£30/£23	Helen Simmonds
£30/£23	Rama Ram
£30/£23	Claire Cousins
£10/£7	Helene Jones
£30/£23	Jane Frost
£30/£23	Denis Pemberton
	D Wilson

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 for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES CHRISTMAS 2014 OPENING HOURS

Our surgeries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day
Thurs 25th Dec, Fri 26th Dec and Thurs 1st Jan

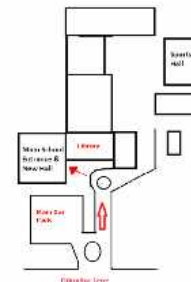
When the surgery is closed please ring 111

We believe that all the local surgeries will have the same Christmas closures. Don't forget to order your repeat prescriptions well before these closing dates. Ed

Over Surgery

Doctor Retirements; We are sad to have to report that both Doctor Fiona Waters and Dr Larry Amure are retiring from General Practice at the end of this year after a combined total of 50 years service here to the people of Over and surrounding villages.

Dr Waters was one of the two founding partners here at Over Surgery, and worked at Swavesey for some years prior to that, with Dr Amure joining us in 1991. They will both be sorely missed by staff and patients alike. We're sure you will all join with us in wishing them all the very best for a long and happy retirement.



YOU CAN FIND THE LIBRARY IN ITS NEW LOCATION AT THE VILLAGE COLLEGE (see above)

Please continue to support us while the College undertakes the major building works. We expect to expand our space and activities when the work is complete.

So keep coming!

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
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SCHOOLS INFORMATION

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DANCE/DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR AGE 7 - 12
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IN FEBRUARY HALF TERM
AT SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLEGE
9.30-3.30PM

DETAILS CONTACT
TUTOR JACK STINTON BA (FULL CRB)
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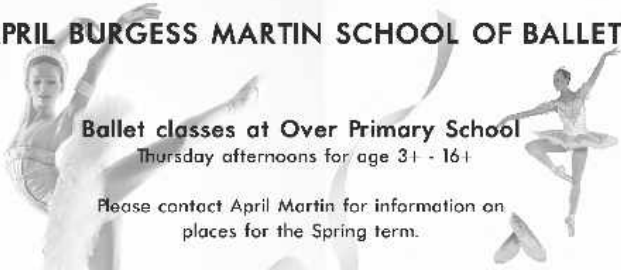
Swavesey Playtimers

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.

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Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the Spring term.

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

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'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



SVC Christmas Concerts

Get that festive feeling with the Swavesey Village College Christmas Concerts on 16th and 17th December. Our talented students will perform a variety of seasonal pieces.

Tickets available from the school website – it's bound to be a sell out so get in there quick!

Young people have their say on policing

An all-party parliamentary group for children recently published the findings of an 18-month inquiry, which said that children and young people's first contact with the police was vital in shaping their attitudes towards them.

Once a negative encounter has occurred, it takes time and hard work to change ingrained attitudes, which are often passed on from one generation to the next. Understanding the views of young people and helping them have a more positive attitude towards the police is one of the aims of work being undertaken by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire.

Sir Graham Bright, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "I strongly believe that young people need as much support as possible to help set them on the right path and keep them away from a life of crime. This can be helped by engaging with them in the right setting, providing things for them to do and giving them a better understanding of the police and their role. It also helps us understand how young people feel about the criminal justice system and policing. This is why I am funding a number of projects that engage with young people."

Some of the initiatives under way include:

School forums – the Commissioner's Outreach Worker is running a series of forums in schools across Peterborough and Fenland which give students an opportunity to have their say on policing and crime. Sessions are held across Years 7, 10 and 11 discussing topics such as policing priorities from their point of view, reporting crime, anti-social behaviour, hate crime and relationships with the police.

Police cadets – Cambridgeshire's first Police Cadets scheme starts in Peterborough on 05 November. The scheme will promote a practical understanding of policing among young people and encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship through volunteering in the community.

Youth fund – The aim of the Youth Fund is to engage young people in positive activities in their community in line with the Commissioner's pledge to 'support work with young people to divert them away from a life of crime'. Charities and community groups can bid for grants of up to £2,000 through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. www.cambscf.org.uk/pcc.html



BATS

Nativity Service

Monday 22nd December

at 10.30am

at St Andrew's Church

Simple costumes are handed out for the children to wear as we introduce each character and tell the nativity story. Includes the usual songs (with instruments), prayer and craft followed by drink and biscuits.

All ages are welcome.



Teddy Bear Jump Report

Cast your minds back to the first week in October; cold crisp mornings and warm sunny afternoons all week. Until Saturday, when it rained and rained and rained! This was the day planned for the Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from St Andrew's church tower. The weather forecast said it would clear up around 3pm, so we moved as much as possible inside church, crossed our fingers and hoped for the best. Well, Teddy Bears of Swavesey, you were fantastic!



Fifty-one bears, many wearing homemade rain coats, passed a health check by our nurses, were successful winched by basket up to the top of the tower and then parachuted in the wet 21 metres (70 foot) down to the ground. The wind changed direction half way through the afternoon, so the descent routes were quite varied this time! However, all bears were returned safely to their owners and many came inside church to warm up and dry off with a cuppa and some of St Andrew's delicious homemade cakes.

And was the weather forecast correct? Well, the rain stopped and the sun came out at 4pm, just as we were finishing!

Back to the zip wire next year, or would you prefer more parachuting?

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

December and January Diary	
Monday 1st December	
11.30am Holy Communion in Thistle Green Community Room	
Saturday 6th December	
Swavesey Community Choir Concert	
Sunday 7th December	Second Sunday of Advent
11.00am Parish Communion	
4.30pm Christingle Service no Evensong at 6.30pm	
Monday 8th December	
10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)	
Saturday 13th December – 10.00am-5.00pm Sunday 14th December – 2.00pm-5.00pm	
Christmas Tree Festival	
Sunday 14th December	Third Sunday of Advent
8.15am Holy Communion	
11.00am Parish Communion	
Saturday 20th December 6.00pm – 7.00pm Carols in Market Street	
Sunday 21st December	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8.15am Holy Communion	
11.00am Family Communion with Nativity Presentation	
Monday 22nd December	
10.30am Baby And Toddler Nativity Service (BATS)	

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 see

www.honeyhill.org

Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Night
11.30pm Midnight Mass	
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day
11.00am Christmas Communion	
Sunday 28th December	Sunday of Christmas
8.15am Holy Communion	
11.00am Parish Communion	
6.30pm Festival of Carols & Readings	
Wednesday 31st December 2014	
11.45pm Prayers at the Turn of the Year	
Sunday 4th January 2015	Epiphany (transferred)
11.00am Parish Communion	
6.30pm Evensong	
Monday 5th January	
11.30am Holy Communion in Thistle Green Community Room	
Sunday 11th January	Baptism of Christ
8.15am Holy Communion	
11.00am Parish Communion	
Monday 12th January	
10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)	
Sunday 18th January	Second Sunday of Epiphany
8.15am Holy Communion	
Parish Communion	
11.00am Preacher: Pastor Frank-Michael Wessel (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)	
7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary at Bethel Baptist Church	
Sunday 25th January	Conversion of St Paul
8.15am Holy Communion	
11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	

Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



Celebrate Christmas with us at Bethel



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, 21st December @ 7:00pm

Celebrate Christmas with nine lessons and Carols.

Christmas Refreshment will be served afterwards.



GET IN THE PICTURE

MON, 22nd Dec — WED, 24th Dec

10:00am to 4:00pm Daily

Bring your family, dress up as a member of the Christmas story and have your photo taken in a fully interactive stable setting.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

WED, 24th December @ 4:00pm

Christmas family Tea and some Christmas fun.

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

THURS, 25th December @ 10:45am

For more information contact us:
admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk



Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

ALL WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!

10:45 am each week with Activities for

children 0-16 years

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

Why not come and try it?



BETHEL 175

**In 2015 we will be celebrating our
175th anniversary**

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

Contact us:

admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

COMPASS YOUTH CAFE

**A drop-in session on Friday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:00pm for anyone
between 11-16 years old. Come and go as you like!**

Music, X-box games on the big screen, laptops, drinks & snacks.

FREE internet access!



BATS



Baby **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

Forthcoming BATS

We continue the theme "People who knew Jesus"

Monday 13th Dec 2014 – Two sisters

Monday 10th Jan 2015 – A man who was waiting



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19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

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

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email: 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.

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello and Happy Christmas to you all.

There is so much going on at South Cambs District Council it is difficult to know what to include in this edition.

The waste and recycling services of South Cambs and City have agreed to merge over the next twelve months. Hopefully you will not see any difference in the service you receive except that your Council will save over £200K in the first year with potential for greater savings in the future. The new South Cambs depot facilities at Waterbeach will also provide depot facilities for The City refuse service when they move from Mill Road, Cambridge. The initial saving have been achieved by changes in working practices, as well as round rationalisation affecting the boundary areas between the two authorities. This is the first of a range of shared services which South Cambs is planning to implement over the next five years. The legal service and building control will link with Huntingdon District Council and IT services will also link with Huntingdon and the City.

The introduction of The City Deal (you will remember the government agreed to provide £500m for infrastructure) will have an increasing influence on the way local authorities are managed. The City, South Cambs and the County Council are forming a management assembly which will include a representative from the University, and the Local Enterprise Council. They will be looking at roads, affordable housing, and job creation and I will keep you abreast of developments.

The NHS Older persons contract for the next five years has finally been placed by the CCG with The United Care Partnership. This partnership includes Addenbrookes NHS Trust and the Cambridgeshire Mental Health Services as well as other partners. This Partnership will form a separate company and subcontract services to various providers including Addenbrookes and voluntary services. The contract will start April 2015 and I shall be monitoring progress.

As usual, any issues you want me to follow up, either phone me on 01954 202923 or send me an email sue.ellington@virgin.net

Sue Ellington
South Cambridgeshire District Councillor

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News September/October 2014

Good News

Pond clearing and daffodil planting – The daffodils have been replanted alongside the Buckingham Cycle Way and major pond clearing has been carried out. Our thanks to the Scouts for their help with both projects, SVC students for help with the pond work and to all other helpers from the village.

Electrical Collections. From the three waste electrical item collections we have arranged in the village over the past year, the Parish Council has received a total of £436 in community donations. Grants from this have so far been given to a residents craft group and used to buy plants for the sheltered housing gardens. Community groups are invited to contact the Parish Council for future grants.

Moat Way Play Area – Funding all in. The Parish Council is pleased to report that all of the grant funding applied for has now been confirmed and we have a total of £36,000 for new play equipment for the Moat Way play area. Funding will come from WREN and AmeyCespa. Contracts will now be completed and we hope to have new equipment installed early in the New Year.

County Council

The Cycle Path to Buckingham Business Park was opened on Tuesday 2nd September. The PC has made a bid for local highway improvement monies to set a 40mph speed limit from the village to Buckingham to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the new path.

Flooding following the recent very heavy rain was discussed. Further representations to both SCDC and the County Council are being made. The PC is to reconsider drawing up an emergency plan for such an event. This depends on support from the village.

Mrs Anna Norden the new head of the Primary School came to explain the plans for the extension of the Primary School to replace the mobile classrooms, extend the hall and provide a permanent and more suitable space for the Pre-School and Kids Club. These are all included in a planning application. The PC raised a number of questions and was particularly concerned about parking and traffic issues. These are being pursued with the County Council.

Balfour Beatty are back in the village to complete the street lighting work.

Concern about overcrowding on the guided bus way buses at peak periods was raised.

Parking at the Village College and traffic congestion in Gibraltar Lane was of concern to local residents. The PC is to continue dialogue with the Principal to work to ameliorate the problems.

Hedges overhanging roads and cycleways were discussed. If the hedges abut private land then it is the responsibility of the owner to cut them back under riparian rights laws.

District Council

The exception site housing in Fen Drayton Road is now to be built by SCDC for rent. The PC is concerned that the council housing is subject to a right to buy by tenants and will not be

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available for local people needing housing in the long term. Cllr Mark Howell, Portfolio Holder for housing at SCDC attended to explain ways the council was considering to help with the legal constraints they face with right to buy legislation. He agreed to keep the PC informed of progress in this area and to take on board the PC's concerns. He confirmed that when let by SCDC they would be let only to people with strong Swavesey connections.

A number of larger Parish Councils are starting to prepare Neighbourhood Plans. These are village plans that will affect and control development in the parish. They will have a legal status within the Planning Framework. They require a substantial commitment of time and money. The PC decided to await developments and consider linking with other adjacent smaller parishes in the future.

Neighbourhood Watch and Police Business.

The Council received reports from our NHW coordinator.

The PC was made aware of recent events and issues of anti-social behaviour.

Drainage

The Council continues to press for action on a number of drainage concerns with the Environment Agency and SCDC. The PC agreed to go ahead with a press and publicity campaign to raise awareness of the outstanding concerns they have with both the above authorities.

The Internal Drainage Board reported on funding for improvement and maintenance to local waterways and drains.

Village Matters

Various work to trees on community land were agreed to maintain safety.

Planning

A presentation was given to the PC on the latest planning application for Phase 2 of Northstowe. The PC is to object to the Phase 2 application on the grounds that the Conditions for the phase 1 permission, specifically the land drainage improvement scheme works have not been completed according to the specifications approved.

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

The Fair

Mr Dean the showman who brought the fair to Swavesey in past years has asked if he can return in 2015. He has suggested it be sited on the recreation green at a time to suit the village. There were a number of concerns related to previous visits. Please contact the clerk with your views to enable the PC to reflect them when considering this request.



Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Street Lights

Balfour Beatty are now completing all outstanding streetlight installations. The power issues in Boxworth End and Middlewatch are being completed mid November. Gibraltar Lane and Over Road are also scheduled with UK Power Networks for completion of the connection issues.

Balfour Beatty apologise for the inconvenience caused to residents for the time it has taken to complete the works in Swavesey.

Before topping up the oil tank to see through the winter months it might be the right time to consider joining an oil buying scheme.



Cambridgeshire ACRE's community oil buying scheme is designed to help purchasers of central heating oil to make savings by buying in bulk. The scheme is open to anyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Community buildings such as churches and village halls as well as businesses which are reliant upon heating oil can join too. The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

Through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, the leading agricultural purchasing co-operative in the United Kingdom, the scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power.

The average saving is usually 2pence per litre against online prices. In July and August this year members who ordered oil in these months got it at less than 50 pence per litre (exclusive of VAT at 5%). The environment benefits too as every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel – a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village, instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

To find out more about the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme go to our website www.cambsacre.org.uk or contact Julie Weekes on 01353 860850 email oil@cambsacre.org.uk

Care Network Cambridgeshire

We are helping people at risk of isolation and loneliness to feel supported in their local community and stay healthy, happy and independent for longer. Could you volunteer to support someone by finding information, or helping with small jobs around the home? We'd love to hear from you if you need support or would like to volunteer! Tel: 01954 211919 Email: admin@care-network.org.uk Website: www.care-network.org.uk

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Cambridge Citizens Advice

Do you or others in your area need advice on how to make savings on energy bills or to understand what financial assistance you're entitled to?

Cambridge Citizens Advice is running workshops to local groups in Cambridgeshire who would like to find out how to make savings on energy bills and what financial assistance they may be entitled to. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Lorraine at Cambridge CAB. Email: LorraineP@cambridgecab.org.uk.

The workshops form part of the Big Energy Saving Week campaign to make sure that this winter people have access to advice and information around checking bills, switching providers/tariffs and insulating homes in order to reduce energy bills. If you are an individual who would like advice on energy costs please visit Cambridge CAB at 66 Devonshire Road, Cambridge, CB1 2BL.

Cambridge & District CAB, 66 Devonshire Road, Cambridge CB1 2BL
www.cambridgecab.org

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

The second edition of the Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter has recently been published. It includes useful information and updates for people who use services, their families and carers, the general public and professionals who work with vulnerable adults. The newsletter can be downloaded from the County Council's website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social.

Any comments about the newsletter or suggestions for information to include in future issues can be sent to James.Codling@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. The review will draw new electoral division boundaries across Cambridgeshire and closes on **19 January 2015**.

The Commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that 63 county councillors should be elected to the council in future: six fewer than the current arrangement.

Now we are asking for evidence about your local area to help us decide a new pattern of electoral divisions for Cambridgeshire County Council. Your views will make a difference, local people know their area best. That's why we are asking you for evidence on a range of issues:

- Do you have suggestions about where your division boundaries should be?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities such as shops and leisure activities?

For more details and interactive maps, visit:
www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk or www.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say by sending your views to:
The Review Officer (Cambridgeshire)

Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG

Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

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Important bin collection changes

Green bin collections

Green bin collections will be moving to a monthly collection during the winter months when far less garden waste is put out by residents. The change is being made for December, January and February collections only, with fortnightly collections remaining in place for the rest of the year.

Christmas collections

We're asking residents to make an early note of Christmas bin collections as changes this year will affect all residents, with some collections moving forward as well as back. Collections will be made up until 27 December, break until 4 January and return to normal on 5 January.

- Please ensure bins are put out by 6am on the day of collection
- You can recycle all your Christmas cards and wrapping paper in the blue bin
- You can compost all leftover food (cooked and raw) and real Christmas trees (cut up) in the green bin
- Excess blue bin material will routinely be collected when placed alongside the blue bin in a returnable container or cardboard box
- Excess black bin waste will be collected & placed alongside the bin on the first scheduled black bin collection after the New Year only.



Want to know more?

For more information and to see the collection calendar:

- Visit www.sccambs.gov.uk/bin-changes
- See the latest edition of the South Cambs Magazine
- Call 03450 450 363



Can you spare a little bit of time to
make a huge difference to a family
who need support?



We are currently seeking volunteers to offer support
to families in the Cambridge City and South Cambs area.

- Do you have parenting experience and 2 - 3 hours a week available?
- Full training will be given and you will gain valuable experience, support, friendship and skills in a rewarding volunteer role.
- Next course starting on 20th January 2015 and will be within school hours.
- We support families in a variety of circumstances eg mental health issues, disability, isolation, new to region, multiple births, poverty, relationship breakdown, helping them gain confidence and move forward.

To talk about volunteering contact our friendly team: 01223 210202
Email: office@homestartcambridge.co.uk Website: <http://homestartcambridge.co.uk/>

Introducing Police Sergeant Mark Rabel

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Police Sergeant Mark Rabel based at Histon Station and have responsibility for the Histon Panel area – which embraces your village. I've been in post now for about 3 months. For your information I live in this area and have three kids – the two youngest attend local schools. What happens in this area – also affects me – I have a vested interest in your village!

South Cambridgeshire continues to enjoy a status of being a safe place to live and work. Our biggest crime problem continues to be burglaries with an average of one a day being committed throughout the area. Sounds a lot? Our geographic patch is approximately 350 square miles – it's a massive area to patrol. A typical MO is that a window is smashed with an untidy search of the house before people make off with small valuables. It's an awful experience for the victim of such a crime with a feeling of violation and the cost of replacing stolen items, repairing windows and changing locks. Awful. In the last several weeks we have apprehended and charged 8 individuals with burglary – interestingly all but one of these thieves lived outside South Cambridgeshire – suggesting that our area is targeted by criminals. Preventing burglary and catching offenders remains our top local priority.

You can help by keeping vigilant for suspicious activity in your area and calling 999 if you feel something is amiss. Statistically there are very few successful burglaries where there is
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December Bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

It is the time of year when we're enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs.



THE
SWAVESEY PATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The coming Festive Season may be for some a time that is especially hard, as they may have been recently subject to crime. There is new help available should you know someone who is a victim.

“THE VICTIMS HUB”

“The Victims' Hub” has been established to offer help and support to anyone impacted by crime. This service is available even if the crime has not been reported to the police. The Hub support workers are fully trained to assist victims of all ages and to support relatives of victims. This service has been provided in Cambridgeshire and in six other forces in order to give local people, local support. This has been funded by the Ministry of Justice who are seeking to ensure that the victims' needs are at the heart of any crime or ASB situation.

So what will happen if you ask for help or if others suggest that you might be in need of help? There will firstly be a number of simple questions such as enquiring as into your current circumstance so that the right help can be found for you. You will then be referred to someone who can best meet your needs.

Any assistance offered to you will be personalised for you as everyone reacts differently in any given situation. Responses to situations can also often be dependent on what support friends and family can give to any individual. The aim of this process will be recovery that is both emotional and practical.

Access to this new “Hub” can be by personal enquiry; through attending police officers or other agencies recognising a need. They are being trained to watch out for such needs in any crime situation, even if not directly expressed by the victim or their family. The service is free and available to anyone who has been affected by a crime.

You can contact the Victims' Hub by calling 0800 7816818 (Monday - Friday, 8am - 8pm and Saturday 9am - 5pm) or emailing victimshub@cambs.police.uk. Polly (Village NHW Coordinator) polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com

a working alarm system fitted. If you want advice in relation to the security of your property call your local Officer who will be only too happy to help and provide a free security survey. The summers months are almost gone and we have had relatively little disorder in comparison to the same time last year. We were actively engaged in conducting summertime patrols in the green spaces in your area. Pretty well all events / carnivals have been without major incident.

Our next Panel meeting, where your local priorities are set, takes place on the 25th February (venue to be decided, see:- <http://www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Histon/Dates> nearer the date) and doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The meeting usually finishes by 9.00pm and is your chance to meet your local Officers, get a more specific update in relation to Police activities in your area and ask questions or just observe. You are invited and very welcome to attend. For those that already know me I am also happy to talk about cricket!

Some Give When They Take Away

Swavesey Parish Council has received to date, £436 from Wiser Electrical Recycling, an ethical electrical collection company. This will be used for our own village's Community Projects. Giving to Wiser Electrical Recycling means that we not only know that they keep to the highest ethical and environmental guidelines but that they give back to the village a proportion of the profit that they make. They will come back in April or May next year, please, if you can, save your unwanted electrical items for them.

Swavesey village has benefited for years from our local Swavesey scrapyard. The owners and their family have served our village by way of public service for a very long time. They have assisted village organisations; the Swavesey Carol Service and at other events. They keep to all the E.U. regulations and dispose of items according to the law. They are registered scrap dealers. They add value to our village by being here. Olby Smith can be contacted on 01954 230306

Others Just Take

Unregulated and unregistered itinerant dealers visit the village regularly. Just prior to writing this, villagers' items "went missing" during such a visit. A person was threatened. Someone whose skip was empty had their driveway spat upon. Such persons adhere to no ethical or moral codes. Unwanted items are dumped into the countryside. No regulations are adhered to and with no paperwork to be checked, quite possibly tax would be hard to collect. To give to them when they come just brings them back again.

The police have requested that we do not give to them. They have reminded us that to give scrap and waste to unlicensed dealers, who then dispose of it unlawfully, is an offence. The fine is large.

As a community organisation we request that you do not give to them but rather support those who give when they receive, to the benefit of all.
Polly Wilderspin Village NHW Coordinator (polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com)

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 alison@camsight.org.uk . For more info see- www.camsight.org.uk
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 admin@camtadcambs.org.uk or check the website www.camtadcambs.org.uk .
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 7JQ (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:- responderadmin@eastnbs.nhs.uk 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), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
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) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk 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 clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
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: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

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. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
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: steeplekeeper@ely.anglican.org Website: https://sites.google.com/site/elydistrictbells/towers/swavesey-details	Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman Gordon Hilton-Jackson (01954) 230606 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484	Swavesey Camera Club	Meet every Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome (£4.00 charge). For further details ring Peter 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: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk	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 Chris Richards on 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
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 jeff@btsdi.co.uk Website: www.btsdi.com	1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15 – 7:30 & Friday 5:30 – 6:45. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email- smayer@ntlworld.com
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 jeanette.fenn@hotmail.co.uk	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. Email:- browowl@virginmedia.com	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 s2art50@jvcos.co.uk
		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 deborahwalker105@talktalk.net

Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday in the month at Over Town Hall at 7.30pm starting Wednesday September 10 2014. 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@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADsOc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk .
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glyn & Sue Jones for more information
1st Swavesey Guides	We meet from 6.30pm to 8.15pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall every Thursday during term time. For more details please contact Claire Hagger chhagger@gmail.com .
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Spartans	For information or player enquires please contact- Chairman - James Tait Tel: 01954 232183 Secretary - David Rudderham Tel: 01954 203258 swaveseyspartanssec@gmail.com Child Welfare Officer- Teresa Sarkar Tel: 01954 231079 Website- http://www.swaveseyspartansfc.co.uk 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: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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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.

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