

THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



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Swavesey Camera Club

Open Competition Winners 2021

Adult; Seal, Horsey by Krystal Lee
 Junior; Swan by Jemma Thompson
 Senior; Science Park by Gabriel James.



EDITORIAL

Summer! well almost - light evenings and warm days and maybe we can look ahead to a holiday somewhere. A full edition of your magazine thanks to your articles, keep it up! A few events too - socially distanced! Cambridge Open Studios is worth a look you will be amazed at the talent we have in the area.

I hope you liked the photographs taken by the winners of the Camera Club competition why not join them? maybe next year you will see your photo on the cover!

Many of you will have noticed our roads are deteriorating - please add your voice to those of others by reporting these to our local authority you can do so on the South Cambridgeshire C C website - we are being encouraged to cycle more but the potholes are deep in places and dangerous if you cannot avoid them.

Having a barbecue in the garden? please check which direction your smoke will be going and think about your neighbours.

Remember the magazine is available on-line too so if you have lost your copy you can find what you were looking for on-line

The deadline for the August/September issue is **20th June**

Editor

Cover Image - A Boat at Earith by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - Camera Club Exhibition Winners
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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.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

No Major Events in this issue owing to Covid 19

1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 1

June		
Friday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (NOTE FRIDAY)
Thursday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 17	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 24	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
July		
Thursday 1	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 24	Hale Rd Allotments	Fruit & Veg Sale. 10am-3pm in Market Street. Selling a wide range of produce
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CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey W.I. News

At last, Summer has arrived and hopefully now we can all look forward to a better and healthier time ahead.

Whilst not being able to have our regular monthly meetings to keep in touch with our members we have had numerous Zoom meetings, sent out newsletters, made telephone calls, Book Group, sent out Federation news.

The Women's Walking Group has recently started up. Every Monday 10 am, walking for one hour. Meet on Market Street Green, near the picnic tables. These walks are proving successful and beneficial. Everyone welcome, you do not have to be a WI member to join in. The more the merrier!!

At Easter we delivered bunches of daffodils to each member. Our members have appreciated these efforts and they are all eager to meet up as soon as possible.

Our WI committee are working on plans for the future months, hoping we can reconvene in September. So watch this space!

At WI we are very aware of all the new housing developments in our village and we very much hope that newcomers to Swavesey may like to visit our WI. We welcome new members. Come along to a meeting for lots of chat and a coffee, interesting speakers and the best of company! You will quickly make new friends.

Like many other groups, we realise that things will not return to the normal we knew before the pandemic, but new ideas and ways will evolve and we look forward to a new start up when we can meet again.

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Hale Road Allotments

Black fly and Broad beans

When this edition of the Meridian is published many plot holders will be anxiously looking at their broad beans awaiting the arrival of black fly. Even though we take several measures to minimise the effect such as planting in the Autumn, pinching the tips out when the first pods set and spraying with a soap/cayenne pepper mixture some of the little pests manage to get through. From remarks I have heard about them broad beans seem to be the marmite of the vegetable world people either love them or hate them. I must admit if I didn't grow them I would never eat them but picked young and fresh on the day of consumption what's not to like. Another big advantage of growing broad beans is their ability to trap nitrogen from the atmosphere and introduce it into the soil for future crops of other vegetables. Also in June we will be looking forward to new potatoes, autumn planted red onions a nice juicy garlic and then in July of course all our hard work starts to come into fruition.

At our committee meeting in April we decided after comments from locals who patronise our produce sale to hold 2 this year. The first will be in July and the second as usual at the beginning of September. The benefits of this are that we will be able to offer different vegetables as last year for instance most of the beans had gone over by September but should be plentiful at the end of July. Details of the first sale should be in this edition of Meridian. We are hoping our friends who run the library can join us with a book sale, I am told they have a large selection.

Also discussed is the possibility of the quiz being reinstated this year, Covid restrictions allowing. We will be working on the details over the coming weeks and release them when available.

At the moment all plots are under cultivation and everyone seems to be putting in a lot of work, will that change when restrictions end, who knows but if you want to add your name to the waiting list details are in the club section.

Russell
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STILL ZOOM-ING AWAY (for now)

Though we couldn't meet you all face to face this time, thanks to Jon's tremendous efforts, you all were able to find this year's exhibition on line, and it appears you all enjoyed it in spite of the lack of coffee, cakes and cards . We hope all our lovely photographs of wildlife, landscapes and street-life gave you a taste of what we have to look forward to once all the restrictions are lifted, but the travel photography was possibly a dream too far for now. Many of the stunning landscapes were from British locations, of course, so might have given you some great ideas for this year's summer stay-at-home breaks.

Our 2020/21 programme is nearly finished; in spite of everything we have had a very successful and enjoyable year, and have been pleased to welcome several new members. If the rules are relaxed we might have the pleasure of meeting them face to face at last. Meanwhile things seem to have progressed to the point when Anita can once again organise a few outings. These will all be under strict guidance in relation to safety such as limited numbers, outside events only, no car sharing etc. which will all be stated clearly on our website.

Meanwhile we thank all of you who entered our Open Competitions for your many entries, even more than usual this year. Perhaps we were able to give you some motivation when so much else has been put on hold. There is no doubt that photography can be an inspirational pastime in lockdown, when there are still so many interesting subjects at every turn, even in ones own garden. We hope you will all keep in touch with us through our website as things begin to ease up a little.

If you look through this issue you will find a montage of our three winning entries. As usual the standard is very high, and we are always delighted to see how talented are our young competitors, submitting images of which anyone of any age would be proud.

Adult ; *Seal. Horsey.* By Krystal Lee.
Junior ; *Swan* By Jemma Thompson
Senior ; *Science Park* By Gabriel James.

Well done !

Watch our website for up to date information. Let us see what the Autumn will bring.

Mo Hadfield.

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Longstanton Bowls Club

March 2021

Spring is here at last with the longer evenings and easing of lockdown restrictions. Last year, in spite of the restrictions, we did still manage friendly bowling in a socially distanced fashion, and even some competitive bowling. This year we expect to be back to playing all our league fixtures as well as holding our regular club nights.

If you want to ease yourself back into playing outdoor sports, then bowling could be ideal. As usual at this time of year Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. It doesn't matter if you haven't played Lawn Bowls before as we have plenty of members always willing to provide help and guidance. Everyone is welcome and our membership ranges from juniors to retirees and novices to experienced players.

We have many members from surrounding villages, including Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Northstowe, Bar Hill and Cottenham. Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this – just wear flat shoes. We pride ourselves in being a friendly club where the enjoyment comes from taking part. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Pavilion and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. We also have a fun league on Thursday afternoons where you even get points just for turning up!

The club plays in a number of inter-club leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other club's greens and facilities in the Cambridge area. Most of our league matches are during the light summer evenings, starting at 6:30pm. There is also an afternoon league with matches starting at 2pm.

There is plenty of bowls to suit everyone so why not come along and give it a try? The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, please come along to our Open day on Saturday, 17th April 2021 (from 2pm) or alternatively, on Monday evenings in season (from 6pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Close your eyes and picture a lake under a clear, blue sky. Ducks, geese and swans are out on the water, many of which have paired up and may even have a brood of ducklings, goslings or cygnets with them. Great-crested grebes are performing courtship dances or disappearing from sight under the surface as they dive for a meal and along the lake-edges a heron stalks through the shallows. Turn your vision now to the north where an expanse of wet grassland habitat, containing ditches and shallow depressions, spans the northern side of the lake with a peninsula extending down towards the central island. The soft lowing of cattle can be heard as they graze this area to maintain the vegetation for breeding waders. Overhead, displaying lapwing can be seen with their wavering, up- and-down flight and characteristic 'peewit' call as they lay claim to the best nesting habitat whilst redshank, the 'sentinels of the marsh' watch on, ever vigilant for danger. In the north-west corner a reed fringe to a smaller water body provides cover. Reed, sedge and Cetti's warblers can be heard singing from within the reed as water rail and coot call from the base. Look closely and you may be lucky enough to see a bittern skulking along as it blends into the background. Dragon and damselflies are in abundance as they dart around on the hunt and perch on the reed and other vegetation.

Back out on the water are the tern rafts. Constructed and deployed to imitate small shingle islands, these provide the perfect conditions for nesting common tern and black-headed gull. Watch as they build nests, incubate eggs and then bring small fish in to their chicks.



Lapwing in flight.
Photo credit: Kevin Sawford (rspb-images.com)

All around are the sights and sounds of nature, offering a chance to forget for a time the stresses of life and to connect with the great outdoors. However, this tranquillity can be quickly shattered as wild creatures are easily disturbed and can be put off from using areas where people and dogs regularly go. This reduces the habitat available for them to use and the amount of wildlife for us all to enjoy. You can help wildlife flourish at Fen Drayton Lakes by not entering areas that are reserved for nature and by keeping dogs on a lead or under close control on the public footpaths.

Please help us help nature thrive. Thank you.

Events

Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

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Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS RETURNS

Each weekend in July (Saturdays and Sundays, 11am to 6pm), Cambridgeshire artists will be opening up their studios for visits after a Covid-break last year. While most studios and exhibitions are in Cambridge, there are many throughout the county including several in our area. Closest to us are studios in Swavesey and Over.

Bex Burston, Ruth Fairhead and Anine Cockwell are jointly exhibiting at Anine's studio in Mustill's Lane, Over. There is the chance to try out some stone carving after you have looked at the unique output of these talented artists. Bex, who lives in Swavesey, fuses different colours of glass and produces cheerful and vibrantly coloured decorative and usable pieces. Ruth, also a Swavesey resident, makes highly artistic ceramics from hand; her use of contrasting shapes, imagery and textures make her work both magnetic and serene. Anine is a sculptor whose inspiration is animals and the natural world. Her highly tactile pieces are carved from single rocks (always of a size she can lift !) and wood. As well as the indoor exhibits there is a sculpture garden in this beautiful space behind West Street in Over that is missed by all those just passing through. They are open for the first three weekends in July.

Jeremy Newsum is a landscape and still life oil painter. His studio next to St Andrew's Church will be opening for the first two weekends. He will have a painting underway on his easel and 50 or so recent works on display, including several local scenes. There is also the chance to walk around the garden of the former vicarage.

Cambridge Open Studios are not producing a printed guide this year but the full, downloadable, guide is available from the website - <https://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/> There is also an App.

Some examples of what you might see on your visits are brightening our back cover this month. Bex, Ruth, Anine and Jeremy look forward to welcoming you, hearing your opinions and engaging in some lively conversation about art, life or merely the weather - so make a note in your diary now!

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Can you help us?

Swavesey library would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to help run the library.

As you may be aware during the pandemic Swavesey library has been running a reduced Saturdays only, at the door service for the past year. As we come out of lockdown and start to move towards providing what we would consider to be our normal service / opening hours. I must ask for your help in achieving this.

Swavesey library is your local community library, run by volunteers, without whom the library cannot run. To manage a safe browsing environment and provide the village with a fantastic library facility we need to increase our band of volunteers.

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If you are able to assist, we would be very keen to hear from you, just pop along to the library and speak to one of our volunteers, or contact Richard Hart on 01954 202707 or email Richard94.hart@virgin.net.

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Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.

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Latest winners are:-

	£	March 2021	April 2021
First prize	60	Paula Land	Lucy Fairweather
Second prize	30	John Pook	Bamidele Amure
Third prize	15	Richard Harrison	Kim Johnson

MISCELLANY

Compass Café

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The Compass Café Committee are planning a phased re-opening. If the roadmap dates of 17th May and 21st June go as planned, we will be open on:

8th and 22nd July and 5th and 19th August

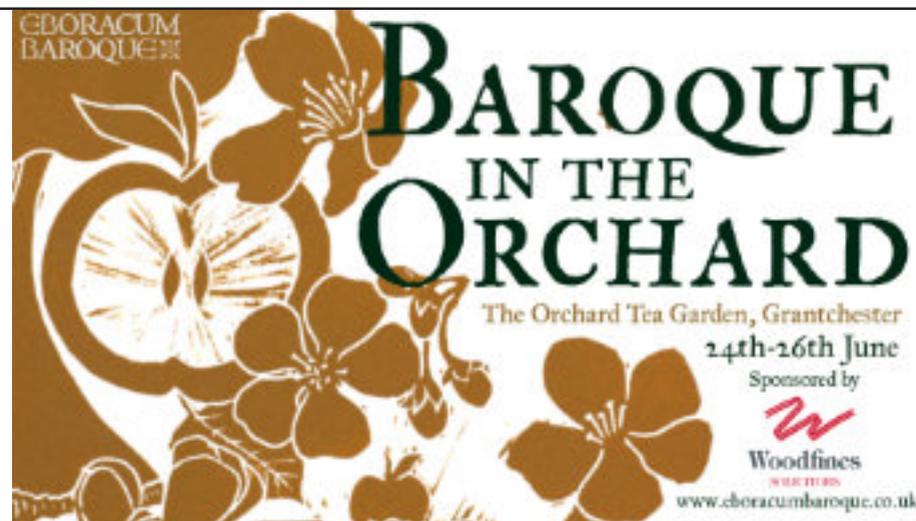
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Compass Café is run as a community event, a place to meet and chat, your hosts are a group from one of: Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey Women's Institute, St Andrew's Church, Swavesey Festival, Girlguiding Units in Swavesey and other one-off groups such as Hale Road Allotments.

So, keep aware for the latest news.



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The organisers of Swavesey Together (Jo Kerr, Sandie Smith, Lisa Cohen-Veit and Paul Thompson) would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who helped to make Swavesey Together an effective support group during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between us we supported our friends and neighbours with shopping, prescription collection and human contact in a very difficult period.

We also supported families both in the October half term and at Christmas – many thanks to everyone who donated food items, whether individuals, groups or businesses, those who gave their time to put donation boxes together and for the team of volunteers who delivered them. I don't want to mention specific names here as I'd be bound to forget someone, suffice it to say this was a huge effort and the village demonstrated how thoughtful and caring everyone is.

Since then some of our volunteers have continued to offer support to those who need it, including for the delivery of hot meals from Over day centre to a handful of residents. I'm not sure if this will still be in place by the time this edition of the Meridian is printed, as I suspect once the centre is fully open they may not have the resources to continue, however it has been a life-line for some of our residents.

As I write this (in April) the June/July edition seems a long way off – I'm hopeful that by then the majority of our residents will have been vaccinated and things will look very different for us all.

All good things come to an end... we formed Swavesey Together to help us get through the pandemic, and due to each and every one of you I think we did that exceedingly well, so the group will now wind up. We would like to celebrate together at some point later in the year, however will only do this once it's safe to do so, so watch this space.

Having done this once, we have the know-how to repeat it if need be, but lets hope we won't need it! Thank you once again, what an amazing village this is!

DO YOU REMEMBER THE TRAIN?

In 1958 my family moved from Hill Farm Lolworth into Market Street and I was able to use the trains from Swavesey to go to School in Cambridge. I was 13 years old and remember the next 5 years was focused on using the train and the many key people in my life who I only met during my travels or who used the train to come to see me.

The railway station included the station masters house and a waiting room in which there was always a lively fire in winter. We often huddled in the waiting room to finish homework and talk about the latest television programme - Do you remember Emergency Ward 10?

There was also a little hut for the porters and in later years the older children often huddled around their fire instead. The train was steam - of course - and frequently broke down and was late. I knew that it had to be over 30 minutes late for me to be late for school so of course that was a special day.

I used to cycle from Market Street and threw my bike into the hedge along with several dozen others. I never thought it necessary to put it in the bike rack on the platform. I never had to lock it and never worried about it being stolen. There was one unfortunate incident when Mr Dodgson's cows walked on it - I needed two new wheels ! I had another bike in the bike store in Cambridge which I used to get to school - again I never owned or used a lock - where did those times go when you could trust people?

I had some really good friends on the train - we could not share homework because we went to different schools but we chatted and laughed. We sometimes met at the weekends but really we were train friends. Every September there would be a new group of children who had passed their 11 plus exam and were wearing the new school uniform of County, Perse, or the Central schools. They often reminded me of Giles Kids. Bonnet held on with elastic under the chin and hair escaping in all directions. Boys with their ties looped round their necks and a cap stuffed in their pocket.

My Grandmother often used the train to come from Godmanchester catching the train at Huntingdon. One day my mother walked Granny to the station and the train was late. Granny was getting anxious because she had to change trains at St Ives. But when the train came she got in and turned round and got off saying "I forgot to kiss you goodbye" giving Mum a big kiss. She got back on and shut the door. Mum turned to leave and did not see Granny drop dead before the train got to the signal box. She had had a massive heart attack. It was a shock to everybody but it was right for a very lively and active lady.

I loved the train - the guided bus is good but it doesn't have the character of a steam train whistling as it approached the signal.

I am sure there are still many people in Swavesey who remember those times - I hope my memories remind you of good times

Sue Ellington

Where I Used To Live *By Will Wright*

I came into this world in the Mill Road "baby factory" just a few weeks after the birth of our National Health Service. My father, Bob, was a third generation Swavesey boy who worked at Barwells as a welding engineer and my mum, known as Bobbie was a Londoner who came down here after the Blitz to join the land army girls based in Fen Drayton. I shall never forget her telling me that on occasions during the war when RAF Oakington had a fly-over by a German reconnaissance plane, they would gather the girls from Fen Drayton & take them to the airfield base to paint the runways green & another strip of green grass grey to confuse any visiting bombers, apparently this was a fairly frequent occurrence in the early days.

Our home was half of what is now 134 Middle Watch, the house that actually faces Ramper road but in those days it comprised 2 semi-detached cottages best described as one & half up & one & a half down and trust me that was a true description, my Dad had added a wooden hut to the back door which served as a kitchen & space for the mangle which was a regular in those days of "hand washing". It was constructed out of orange boxes with a felt roof and served its purpose, the bath tub was brought in on a Friday night & placed in front of the fire-place in the back room. There was no running water but there was a tap on the grass verge by the road-side at the Ramper/Middle Watch junction which was utilised to fill the zinc buckets for carrying indoors. Similarly the toilet was an "elsan" in a wooden garden shed some 20+ yards from the rear of the house with no light or electric supply and I vividly remember praying that the hand held candle wouldn't blow out before being safely ensconced and made sure that there was enough cut daily Mirror squares on the 4 inch nail in the wall. Thank goodness for the weekly visit from the Council's Lavender Cart - really don't have a clue how society today has survived a decade of austerity. Our neighbours in the adjoining semi were Emily & Fred Covill who were also Londoners who had been bombed out during the war & moved to the village. The property was owned I believe by Dr. Ellis who also owned the huge house just 50 yards north which filled the entire space of what is now the cul-de-sac, but was in those days also divided into 2 family residential areas. The building next door at the start of Boxworth End was the old Green Man pub, some people may remember it being known later as the "haunted house" in the 70s or 80s and was occupied by Bob Cherry, certainly a bit of a character. Though it was cultivated in those days, the land to the rear & North, known as the Scambler Trust land and shortly to be developed into 70 plus dwellings by Bushmead estates, was an enormous playing field right outside the back door.

Just the other side of the road was one of the last blacksmith shops in the village run by George Burling and I can remember spending many a happy hour watching him re-shoe horses and metal working with his forge. In those days of the very early 50's there were more horse movements down the village roads than cars and as often as not if one of them "dropped" on the road there would be a race between nearby householders to scoop it all up & place it on the garden - free compost not even on ration as many goods still were.

The other side of Ramper rd was Freestones bakery - later to become Godfreys and is now Mick Harveys tool hire & repair shop. The bakery ovens were at the rear of the shop and I used to be fascinated watching the bread cutting machine in operation though in those days someone had to fold the paper round the loaf as it wasn't completely automated. At a later date whilst at the primary school I had my first ever job from here delivering bread to Boxworth End houses on Saturday mornings

Surrounded by Water – Almost

Part 4. Some Background Geology

For two thousand years there has been a risk of flooding in some residential areas of Swavesey and the risk is increasing faster nowadays because of i) climate change, ii) a massively increased amount of untreated effluent (sewage water) from thousands of houses in Northstowe, Cambourne West and probably from Bourne airfield which will all be directed to Utton's Drove treatment works within the parish and iii) a large increase in surface water entering Swavesey's drainage system from 200 dwellings currently being built in the village and from 1,000 dwellings planned for Northstowe site 3b. This issue is so important that "Surface water, drainage and flood risk" is the headline policy in Swavesey's Neighbourhood Plan which is currently under construction.

All the way from the A14 through Swavesey to where Turnbridge Brook crosses High Street the geology is Amphill clay. This is one of the heaviest and most slowly permeable clay soils in the country and one of the worst to farm which is why you seldom see crops other than winter cereals, winter beans, winter oilseed rape or grass in the local fields. Mind you, the writer has occasionally heard it said that a farmer tends to end up on the soil type that he most deserves. Gardeners in Boxworth End and Middle Watch can confirm that it is dreadful soil to grow anything in. Owners of the 200 new houses currently being built at Fen Drayton Road South and behind 18 Boxworth End and behind 130 Middle Watch will probably be relieved to have small gardens. The Northstowe 3b site has the same geology and because of the clay's very slow permeability to water, rain falling on the built environment mainly travels across the surface and into the drainage system, rather than downwards.

Amphill clay was laid down in the Upper Jurassic period around 150 million years ago in a shallow, cold sea. At the time there were Ichthyosaurus swimming around in the sea with pterodactyls flying above while back on land there were things like Stegosaurus, and Doyouthinkysaurus**. Come forward 149½ million years because over the last 500,000 years four ice sheets have covered Cambridgeshire, with each ice sheet being around 1 km thick (seriously) and each ice age lasting about 100,000 years. However, each intervening warm period lasted only 10 to 11 thousand years and we are now 11 thousand years since the last ice age so the next ice sheet is due to start moving down from the north in about 3 weeks next Thursday.

When the last ice sheet melted 11,000 years ago (which was the day before yesterday in geological terms) the river Great Ouse was a raging torrent of water about two miles wide from Market Street in Swavesey nearly to Bluntisham in the north. This white water deposited enormous amounts of sand and gravel at its edges from Bedfordshire, past St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives, Fen Drayton and on past Earith. In Swavesey the only remnant of this "River terrace"

deposition is in the north at Church End where the river eventually left only about 1.5 metres of gravel with a sandy topsoil deposited above the Amphill clay.

The village of Swavesey originally developed on the remaining two shallow sand/gravel islands which jutted out into the wetlands at the southern edge of extensive fens around The Wash. The north island extends from the busway where it crosses Over Road, south to the community orchard. The traveller making this short journey crosses the Greenwich Meridian line from the eastern to the western hemisphere where today possibly becomes yesterday. The division is marked by an 80 cm tall, white-painted concrete post at the side of the road. The south island extends from Swan Pond to Turnbridge Brook in High Street.

When the majority of the ice had melted the river calmed down and deposited a further 2 to 4 metres of fine-particle alluvial silt and clay onto all the low lying land north of the busway to the other side of today's river but also curving south-east of the busway to as far as Ramper Road. This heavy alluvium is the area now covered by Middle Fen, Mow Fen, Mare Fen and Cow Fen. The Environment Agency clearly intend to retain Swavesey's four fens as a major flood plain which is a matter of serious concern for the village and the subject of robust discussion between Swavesey Parish Council and the EA because once Cow Fen floods, a large part of the residential area is at risk.

*** Editor's note: like an enormous chicken with a great big beak and dreadfully fierce.*

Over Day Centre Bike Rides provisionally Sunday 3rd October 2021



Following the very successful and enjoyable bike rides in 2019, Willingham Wheels and Swavesey & Over Cycle Club are planning to organise another event, this year with a choice of three rides, hopefully on Sunday 3rd October. We trust that by this date, any covid guidance will allow leisure and social activities. As before, the donation rides will aim to raise funds for the Over Day Centre.

A Glance at the Past in June and July From the Cambridge Chronicle

1780, 14 Feb. William Mitham. Tuesday Se'nnight at Swavesey Mr William Mitham died suddenly. He was an ingenious carpenter and joiner and esteemed to be the best Six Bell Ringer in the county.

1801, 20 June. Auction Sale of Mrs Webster's Farm. By Wm Sizer, Auctioneer, at the White Horse at 4 p.m. Valuable farm with substantial built farmhouse with barns, stables, dovehouse & other outbuildings in good repair, including 175 acres of arable, 16 acres of rich, old inclosed pasture, fen and meadow ground. The farm is part freehold, part copyhold, with Rights of Commons over extensive Commons of Swavesey.

1811, 26 July Discharge from Cambridge gaol. W.M. applied for discharge (Debtor) . He was a publican of Swavesey.

1822, 19 July. Inquest on Thos. Few who was accidentally killed when his restive horse overturned the cart in a field where he had gone to fetch some tares.

1844, 13 July, Riot. John Webster of Swavesey was charged by Robinson Mitham, Constable of Swavesey, with refusing to assist him in quelling a riot. Bailed £20.

1852, 31 July, Oddfellows. The second anniversary of the Lord Portland Lodge of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was celebrated at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday evening last. The members and their friends partook of a cold repast tastefully prepared by host Dodson, and afterwards enjoyed themselves with harmony and sentiment, and separated at an early hour. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

1855, 2 June. Lecture. At Swavesey Schoolrooms on the 30th last, illustrated by magic lantern slides. The subject being Pagan Idolatry. Scenes of well-known places were shown and the exhibition concluded with the chromatrope.

1855, 7 July. Accident. Last Tuesday, Mr Papworth, baker of Over was driving a light cart through Swavesey when he collided with a horse

ridden by Mr Longs farmboy. Both were thrown to the ground, and Mr Papworth rendered insensible. He soon recovered and there was no serious injury to either of the persons involved.

1856, 21 June. Inquest. On Sarah Fryer who was nearly 89 years old. Evidence given that she had a dropsical complaint. Verdict, Died by Visitation of God.

1857, 25 July. National Schools. Annual treat given by Rev. J Graham, when 135 children accompanied by teachers & church choir marched to Mr Long's at the Manor House . They were regaled with cake and tea, then played games until 8 o'clock and then reassembled on the lawn where they were addressed by Rev. J Graham.

1858, 19 June. The Storm. A sheep belonging to Mr A Long killed by lightning on Saturday last on his Hill Farm.

1862, 5 July. Confirmation. On Saturday last, seventy three children were Confirmed by Dr Chapman, late Bishop of Calcutta. Rev. F Calvert read the Litany at St Andrew's Church, Swavesey.

1863, 18 July. General Baptist's Treat. On Wed 15th, members and teachers gave the Sunday School children their annual treat of tea and plum cake. Afterwards a public tea was held at 6d per head. After chapel service the children played in Mr Carter's Close.

1866, 30 June. Cattle Plague. John Dodson, a harness maker, who employed one lad, Peter Papworth, stated that he had lost 9 cows and 3 calves by the rindepest.

1867, 29 June. Weather. Splendid hay weather this week , farmers making most of it, heavily laden carts and waggons, crops good.

1871, 15 July. Inquest. At the Swan Inn on the death of Anderson William Wells, the son of James Wells, coal merchant. Evidence showed that he was run over by a horse and cart.

1872, 8 June. Curious Bequest. At the Probate Court Registry, Peterborough, extract of the will of Jeremiah Challenger Wooster, late of this place "To the said Thomas Thwaites Bell, £10 to be applied for the use of the British School at Burwell, and to be presented in the old white hat!"

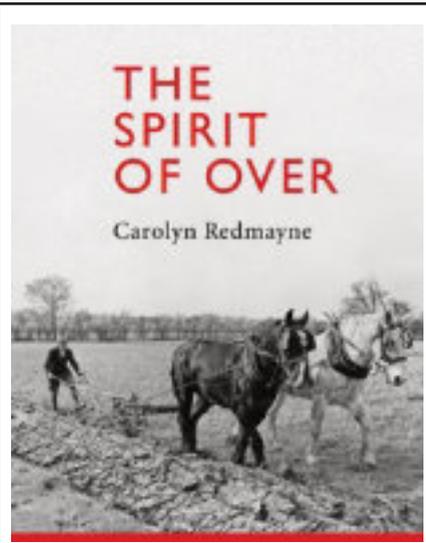
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How Coronavirus has shown the psychological makeup of our society.

When a global event occurs, there are several factors at play with how the situation unfolds. This ranges from an individual level (e.g., adherence to official guidelines), group level (e.g., how different sized groups regulate their behaviour to aid the situation) and the national level (e.g., what guidance is provided and how the country interacts with other countries). Due to these levels, it is ultimately, very difficult to predict the outcome of a global event.

A consistent element across all levels is the psychological element. Knowing the psychological and behavioural elements will play a critical role in response to an event, in the case of COVID-19, it is the spread of the virus and how we respond to it. Such behaviours include keep hands and surfaces at home and at work clean, maintaining distance between others and seeking medical advice.

Social psychology is also very important; social groups can be sources of support, however, the enhanced trust between members can increase chances of sharing objects thus increasing the risk of transmission. Additionally, whether the public trusts the authorities and sees them as a credible source of information can affect whether guidelines will be followed and limit the spread of the virus.

The viral outbreak shows us a lot about the psychological makeup of our society. For example, it shows us how and why people may mistrust scientific evidence, or the authorities trying to contain the spread and protect public health. It also highlights dominant ideological patterns of social inclusion/exclusion; the stigma expressed against people from China, other groups, like refugees, were condemned as carriers of disease, people with disabilities experiencing beratement for their invisible disability.

Ultimately, it is vital to remember that it is not the outbreak that 'created racist/ableist attitudes.' They were always there; the virus simply operated as a platform through which they could be expressed. The virus reflects society and the identity of those that argue in relation to it. So, for a response to the coronavirus as a global event to be considered successful, it will try to tackle wider issues such as racism, stigma and further marginalisation of minority groups that might prevent them from having equal access to services, in addition to behavioural change at the individual level.

Elisabeth Reeve, Thistle Green

Happy 10th birthday OWLS!

OWLS Community Car Scheme has come a long way in 10 years. On 31st March 2011 a meeting between Care Network and some interested volunteers agreed that a Community Car Scheme was needed to serve the villages of Swavesey, Longstanton, Over and Willingham. A Committee was elected and in the following weeks a mobile phone was purchased, CRB checks were completed on the 9 volunteer drivers and three of the four Parish Councils kindly provided grants/loans to help set up the scheme. Debate followed as to what to call the service and it was suggested that we should try and use the initial letters of the villages. SLOW seemed to give the wrong impression! So OWLS officially came into being.

However, we had a problem – no-one had come forward to take on the role of volunteer coordinator. Fortunately, a lady from Somersham, who was running the Community Car service in her area, offered to help out until we found a local volunteer. She was not familiar with the area so had to be provided with maps of the villages and distances to hospitals etc to help her arrange journeys. So on 31st May 2011 our first OWLS journey was completed; a trip from Swavesey to Addenbrookes.

In August 2011 our first OWLS coordinator was recruited and within a few months a second joined her as journey numbers increased. By the end of the first year OWLS had undertaken 167 journeys. In 2012 there were 417 journeys in total and from then on there were successive annual increases until 2019 when there were 1167 completed journeys. As journey numbers increased so did the number of coordinators and drivers.

However, Covid changed everything in 2020. The OWLS Committee decided that for the safety of its customers and drivers the service had to be suspended. In October '20 after taking professional advice, producing a thorough and robust risk assessment and in consultation with our drivers a reduced service with full PPE protocols was resumed. Journey numbers were greatly reduced due to fewer face to face medical appointments taking place. However, with vaccination trips and the relaxation of some restrictions OWLS stats show a monthly increase and we hope that this trend will continue when elderly people feel more confident to go out.

Since 2011 we have had a total of 58 volunteer drivers, 4 of whom are from the original 2011 line-up. We currently have 5 coordinators and 31 drivers and have undertaken over 7000 journeys in total. OWLS has proved to be a much needed Community resource.

The Committee would like to say a big thank you to all OWLS drivers and coordinators, past and present for their amazing support. All are volunteers who have given their time so generously to our village communities and without whom OWLS could not function.

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After School Club 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

Awards for all!

During the Spring Term we awarded and socially-distanced-presented the following Awards:

Rainbows: Bronze to Kavita and Hannah; Silver to Agnes and Ava.

Rangers: Bronze to Rhiannon

Congratulations to all!

It is not only the girls who get awards and badges! Three of the Swavesey Leaders were presented with awards at the virtual County Awards Afternoon recently. Caroline and Kate were awarded 5 years' service, and Claire the County Brooch for "her outstanding contributions to guiding in Swavesey, her commitment to providing inspiring opportunities to girls in her unit and her enthusiasm, sense of fun and the care she shows towards the girls and adults alike." Claire was nominated for this award by some Guide parents, but I am sure the Brownie and Ranger parents would agree she is very deserving of it.

The County Awards Afternoon was held via Zoom and attended by over 70 ladies from around the Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East County. Long service awards were given for 5, 10, 40 and even 60 years' service, all adding up an incredible collective total of 645 years of volunteering with Cambridgeshire East! Claire was one of seven to receive a County Brooch, there were also four Good Service awards, and two Anglia Brooches recognising service and commitment to guiding at a regional level. Due to the ease of Zoom Awards, we were joined by Tracy Foster, Anglia Region Commissioner and even the Chief Guide, Amanda Medler!

At the time of writing, we are all in the depths of preparing for outdoor meetings as we write Risk Assessments and prepare for all the extras needed to keep covid safe, but thoroughly looking forward to seeing all the girls again!

Adult helpers are always welcome, please sign up here if you are interested or would like to know more:- www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/

Rainbows and Brownies are full with waiting lists, sign your daughters up early on www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus for Rainbows, don't wait until she is 5 and her friends have started! This is a situation that is only going to get worse with almost 200 new houses currently being built in Swavesey. Please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know more. Another Rainbow and Brownie Unit are most likely going to be needed, and it is possible they could be run alongside the existing ones with both doing the same activities and leaders joining together for planning. There would be lots of help and support for anyone wanting to get involved.

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/ways-of-volunteering/



Cubs and Scouts returned to face-to-face scouting just after the Easter holidays which was a great success. Even though we returned with still some strict guidelines in place due to the COVID19 pandemic it is so much better to be back together at the Scout Hut.

Beavers:

We are still hoping to start the Beaver Colony again from September 2021. As you can appreciate, we cannot do this without volunteers. We have an amazing team of leaders within the group, but we are always looking for more of you to come join our team, if you would like to come and join us then please do get in touch with us and we can have a discussion to see where you can help.

This term we have planned to hold as many sessions as possible outside of the Scout Hut. As the weather gets better and the evenings stay lighter for longer, we are hoping to be out and about throughout the village.

Cubs:

The Cubs have been doing lots of fun activities this term, from playing games in and around the Scout Hut to cooking and learning about disabilities. They are also hoping to be able to venture a little further out of the village and go for a hike to a chip shop which is always a good session and a nice evening hike.

Scouts:

At Scouts, they have also been holding as many sessions as possible outside. They started the term with a s'mores cooking session, they were given all the equipment needed to get a fire lit and keep it burning while toasting marshmallows. They will also be covering some aspects of the survival and pioneering badges. And like the Cubs will also be hiking to the chip shop, but as the Scouts are a little older than the Cubs, they will be hiking back to Swavesey afterwards.

If you would like to join either the Beavers, Cubs or Scouts then please do get in touch at the email address below. To confirm the ages for each section, Beavers 6-8years, Cubs 8-10½ years and the Scouts are 10½-14 years old.

Volunteers:

If you feel that you would like to participate within the Scout group, then how about taking part in the 4 Week Challenge, come and spend 4 weeks with us and see how much you enjoy it. Not only will you be able to give the young people of the village and surrounding areas new experiences and memories, but you will also get your own experiences and memories that will stay with you.

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Tai Chi	08/06/2021	13/07/2021	19.30-20.30	6	£45	NSC
Tai Chi	09/06/2021	14/07/2021	19.30-20.30	6	£45	SVC
NEW Wildlife Trust Guided Walks						
Summer Stroll	22nd June	14:00-16:00			£8	Godmanchester Nature Reserve
Common Plant Identification	20th July	19:00-21:00			£8	

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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March/April 2021

COVID 19 UPDATES

As this goes to press the Parish Council will be unable to lawfully meet and make decisions at a virtual meeting after May 6th and not in person until after 21st June unless the Government changes the current regulations. A short PC AGM meeting was held on May 5th, to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year and to appoint Cllrs to committees and Trustee roles. Also to confirm some statutory duties. Representations from Town and Parish Councils have been made to Government and a legal challenge has been made. The High Court decision was expected on 28th April. This decision will determine whether Council meetings can continue between 6th May and 21st June or not.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Highways maintenance by the Highways Dept. is underway: There are a number of outstanding Highways issues that are being addressed with the Highways department with the help of our County Councillor and by the Clerk. A full list can be monitored from the PC Minutes for March and April on the village website!

Clearing and jetting the drains in the village has been carried out and further work is planned later in the year.

Councillor Stuart Faben raised serious concerns about the safety of pupils going to and from the College using the verge between the Bloor Development and Gibraltar Lane. This matter will be raised at a meeting due to be held shortly attended by Highways, Bloor and other interested parties.

Work to repair the sinking section of road in Gibraltar Lane and some footpath repairs will take place during the school holidays.

Traffic speed and volume – Ramper Road Boxworth End. The PC is in discussions with the County Council's Traffic Assessment Officer to look at the increase in the amount of traffic experienced in this area as Northstowe develops. Footpath improvements, traffic calming, and a pedestrian crossing are being considered.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The District Council has a 6.5-year supply of housing land allocation within the Local Plan.

COUNCIL NEWS

A grant fund has been launched for post-covid community improvements for grants up to £2000.00. The Zero Carbon Community Fund will be renewed later this year.

The PC continues to press for action from the planners to press the developers of 37 Market Street to start work. The PC is pressing the District Council to ensure the developer carries out mandatory safety checks on the scaffolding.

DRAINAGE

Cllr Mr Wilderspin is working with the Middle Level Commissioners and continues to press for action on major drainage works affecting the village. The PC is seeking to ensure that proper drainage arrangements are in place for the run off from the new 3G sports pitch proposed for the village college.

The PC is sharing experience of the last winter's floods with neighbouring PCs.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Two new picnic benches are to be installed on Market Street Green and two new recycling litter bins are to be provided on Market Street Green and the Recreation Green. Some anti-social behaviour has been reported from people using some of the benches on the recreation green. Parish Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

The PC agreed to work with the District Council and local residents to see if any grass areas in the village could be managed as wildflower areas. Whitton Close is the first area being looked at.

The end of Market Street is now closed to traffic and work to return it to grass is progressing.

Speed watch is restarting from 1st. May. New volunteers always welcome! Please contact us if you would like to join the Speedwatch Group.

FINANCES

The PC has received the first instalment of contributions for Off-Site Sport Contributions and Community Facilities from developers, which are to be put towards the sportsground project.

The PC approved a Covid-19 support grant towards an automatic winding mechanism for the parish clock on St. Andrews's Church Tower.

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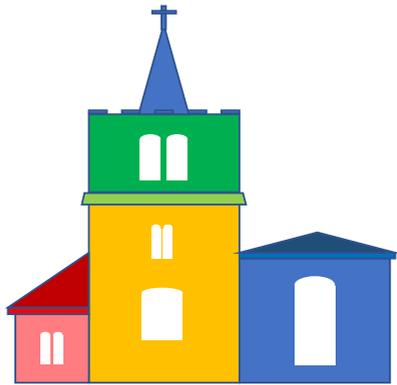
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St Andrew's Church Services

How wonderful to have been able to celebrate Easter in our Parish Church this year after so many difficult days of closure. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will also have been able to resume our regular pattern of church services:

1st Sunday in the month: Holy Communion

2nd Sunday in the month: Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday in the month: Holy Communion

4th Sunday in the month: No Service in church

The church will continue to be open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm and we will let you know when we are able to open it more often.

For up-to-date information about our services and times of opening, please check our page on the benefice website: www.5folds.org.uk/church/st-andrews-swavesey or look at the notice boards in the graveyard.

For details about our regular online and Zoom services, go to: www.5folds.org.uk/page/online-services-and-resources or check on Facebook.

For more information, please contact Nicky Carne: 01954 230971, Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774, Rev Simon Gill: 01954 230434 or Rev Lucy Cleland: 01954 277758.

You are not alone

'You are not alone' characterised how many parish councils, local communities and churches have constructively responded to the Covid-19 pandemic. From meeting the needs of neighbours to 1 to 1 walks, from household bubbles to delivery folk at the door. Virtual gatherings on screen have helped to keep dispersed members of many families in contact, including my own. I was warmly greeted with the message *#YouAreNotAlone* when I moved here last August.

'You are not alone' echoes two other soundbites close to my heart - *'Do not be afraid'* and *'Peace be with you'*. I wonder whether, these words have been a source of encouragement to you, as they have been to me, in the year that has been.

On 1st April 2021, the 5folds Team Ministry came into formal being. (I hasten to add that it was no April Fools' Day joke). If you are wondering what this means in practice, let me explain. This new chapter brought everyone within the Anglican churches in Swavesey, Over, Longstanton, Northstowe and Willingham into one family grouping. The legal development reflects how we have been operating informally in recent years. It has also reminded us of our unity and togetherness. *'You are not alone'* also resonates with this story. We can say to one another *'You are not alone'*.

*Rev'd Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar in the 5folds Group
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Firstly we would like to say "Thank you!" to everyone who got involved this Easter at Bethel. We had a lovely time putting together the various activities and visuals outside the Church and are so pleased you enjoyed them. If you have any feedback please contact admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk we would love to hear from you!

At the time of going to print we are planning on opening the Church building to external bookings from the 17th May. If you've been looking for a place to hire to host your Lockdown idea, or are looking for a new venue as the world reopens please get in touch to see how we can help.

Again, at the time of going to print, we are looking carefully at how we can get back to live services. It has always been our aim to return at a point when everyone feels comfortable and worship and socialising are allowed. Keep checking our website, Facebook page or our new app for up to date information.

CONTACT US

In times of uncertainty we want you to know that you can count on God, and by extension us as a church. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
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
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH 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 enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.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 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
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@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
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
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS 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

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380																								
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Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact Chairperson - Mr Darren Bucknall 07872 681167 Secretary - Mr Simon Dawson 07886 215205 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972																								
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site. Cubs Day: Tuesday. Time: 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader Email: steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts Day: Monday. Time: 19:00 to 20:30 Contact: Jim Burling - Group Scout Leader Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting enquiries Email: info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk																								
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.																								
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/																								

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
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. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk . The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
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Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
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Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
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: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.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
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
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].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2 nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com www.swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk
Swavesey RADsOc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
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
Women's Walking	Women's Walking on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00AM. Meet on Market Street green. Walk for approximately one hour on pathways in and around Swavesey. A chance to exercise and chat. Reasonably robust footwear recommended. All welcome. Clare Fox 01954 202882

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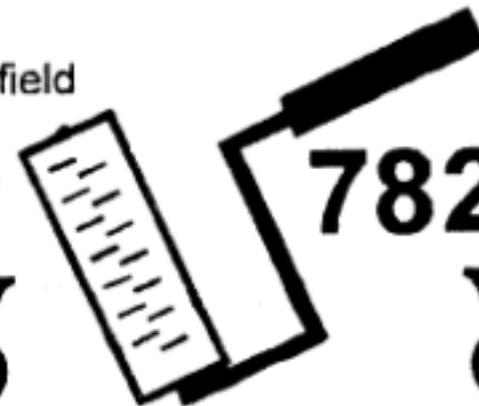
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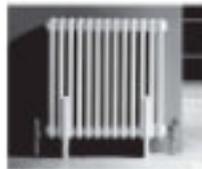
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