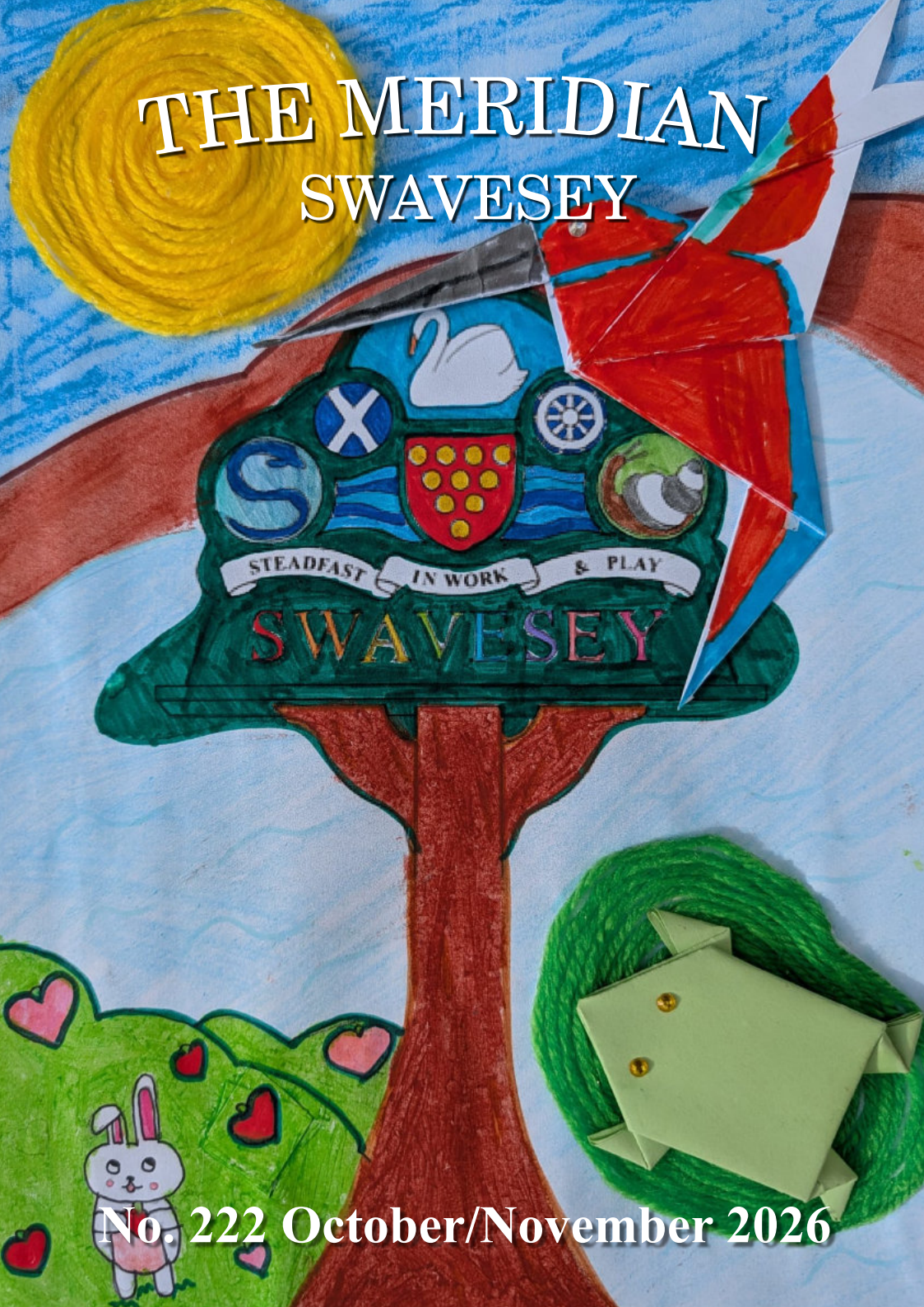


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No. 222 October/November 2026

We Have a Winner!

Thank you for all your wonderful entries

**Congratulations to
Elisabet, 8 years old.**

We loved the mixed media
and creativity. It really
stood out.

A huge thank you to all
the other entrants too!
Excellent work.



New Competition for Photographers

Capture Swavesey in winter, frosty mornings,
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Get snapping!

Sam & Siobhan x

EDITORIAL

We hope you all had a great summer holiday, although it feels so far away now! The nights are drawing in, autumn is well and truly here, and Halloween is just around the corner.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our delivery volunteers. With a few people retiring from their rounds, we're always looking for more help. Deliveries usually take place during the final week of the month before each new issue, with rounds ranging from around 30 to 100 magazines.

It would also be helpful to have a few extra names and contact details on hand for months when our regular volunteers aren't available. If you think you could help, either regularly or occasionally, please get in touch.

We'd love to hear any ideas you have for the magazine too. For example, we're looking at starting a raffle or prize competition in the new year.

Finally, if you know of any local businesses that could benefit from the amazingly affordable advertising rates we offer, please send them our way! Our advertisers are what keep the magazine going, while also giving us the opportunity to support and promote local businesses.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sam & Siobhan

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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.

Please send notification of your event to:-
editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk.

We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at:- www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 10 October	St Andrews	Harvest Crafternoon: Saturday, October 10th, 2 – 4pm
Saturday 21 November	Alison Martin 07719 624201	Christmas Craft Market - 10am - 4pm in the Memorial Hall - Proceeds of the Tombola and Refreshments to Over Day Centre.
Saturday 12 December	St Andrews	Christmas Tree Festival (more details will follow soon)
Saturday 19 December	Bethel Baptist	Market Street Carols (NOTE: Date Change from 15/12/26)
Friday 16 July 2027	The Pantaloons Outdoor Theatre	The (almost) Complete Myths and Legends of Great Britain

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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October		
Friday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 9	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 10	St Andrews	Harvest Crafternoon: Saturday, October 10th, 2 – 4pm
Saturday 10	St Andrews Church	2pm - 4pm: Harvest Crafternoon
Sunday 11	St Andrews Church	11am: Harvest Festival with collection of food for the St Ives Foodbank
Friday 16	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 23	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 26	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 30	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
November		
Friday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Sunday 8	St Andrews Church	10:45am (in the carpark): Remembrance Sunday
Friday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 20	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 21	Alison Martin 07719 624201	Christmas Craft Market - 10am - 4pm in the Memorial Hall -Proceeds of the Tombola and Refreshments to Over Day Centre.
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
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Selwyn's Cambridgeshire Villages Quiz. Part 3. (last part of 3)

e.g. Question: "This thread lost a "T". Answer: "Coton"

Divine watering hole	Not under
Roman name? Consent given	Opposite to sea, this one's not by the shore
What an eager little village	Clergymen didn't walk
Hants? Not this holy place	Apples went to his head
Peter's girlfriend. Well, I never!	Ducky's fortress
<u>You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 20</u>	

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey and District History Society

John Clare – The Peasant Poet (1793 – 1864)
(20 October; Swavesey & District History Society)

Year after year our programme contains a wide variety of expert speakers and interesting local subjects. Earlier in 2026 the topics included –

- An Elizabethan Grammar School
- The Old Vicarage, Grantchester
- The History of Pye's, Cambridge

The History Society meets at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in The Carol Shaw Room at Swavesey Village College – through the main entrance then 20 metres along the corridor to the right. No need to book so you are welcome to just walk in. If you want further information, contact our Secretary, Carolyn Redmayne, on 01954 230037.

The new season started in September with Horsepower, Ploughs and Frogs by Mike Muncaster. The 20 October event in the heading is by Gary Anderson then we end the season on 15 June 2027 when Selwyn tells us about the widespread 1947 Floods from Fen Drayton to Haddenham.

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Ok. Ok. So we didn't end 60 years of hurt, but a third-place finish in the World Cup is not to be sniffed at. Most people would have taken that before the tournament.

At the time of writing we've seen the various professional leagues kick off the new season and we are (im) patiently waiting for our turn to commence our league fixtures.

We're delighted our newly formed U8 and U11 teams have taken up their places in their respective mini leagues for the very first time. Exciting times await!

(That's what we keep telling the new coaches. We don't tend to let on about the special feeling a 15-0 drubbing on a cold, wet December morning brings).

Sadly, we're sorry to say goodbye to our U16 boys team. Coaches Joe Warrington and Stuart Ogilvy did everything they could to keep the team going this season, but it just wasn't to be. We thank Joe and Stu for their long-time commitment to our club.

Although we have experienced some much needed rain, anyone passing the village green could not fail to notice how dry the area is looking. Sadly, the pitches have not held up well over the scorching summer despite the valiant maintenance efforts. The 11 a side pitch is unlikely to be playable for the foreseeable future.

Our club is supporting a joint funding bid with Swavesey Institute FC (Adults) and the Parish Council to the Football Foundation. If successful, the grant would be substantial and would see significant work undertaken on the green.

As it stands, all parties are concerned about the long-term suitability of the green. We remain committed to providing a 5 and 7 a side pitch this season, but even those areas are badly cracked.

Thankfully, we will continue our great relationship with Elsworth and Fen Drayton to use their facilities for several of our teams.

We must also formally thank our colleagues at Swavesey Village College for their ongoing support by providing additional access to the

3g facility when availability allows. We would really struggle without this support.

With the folding of the U16 boys team fresh in our mind, we remind parents and carers to contact us via our website or Facebook page if your child has an interest in playing football. As always, whilst our numbers are improving, we are particularly keen to encourage women and girls to join our club.

As previously mentioned, our walking football team would also benefit from an influx of new players too. Again, contact us for details.

Before long, winter (Yes. Really) will be upon us and we remind people we have branded hats and scarves available for £5 the pair. Contact us for details. We also have a dedicated club shop where new match or training wear is available if you are looking for Christmas (Yes. Christmas!) gifts. Visit mitsa.co.uk to see what is available.

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Swavesey WI News

Meetings Coming Up

October 12	"Oh God, what next" Talk by Pastor Bob Adams.
November 9	"Christmas Goodies" by Rosie Hurcombe.

In June, due to wet weather, we had to cancel our Garden Party and instead enjoyed an evening of flower arranging. Members proved very creative. Our member Rosie Hurcombe baked a huge batch of scones which we tucked into with jam, cream and Pimms!

On this occasion we launched our fund-raising for this year which is to be for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

In July, we welcomed local author Sarah Harrison who delivered a very amusing talk titled "Laughing at ourselves", which was about finding humour in everyday stories and experiences.

In August we had a musical evening brought to us by Kirsty Body of 'Harmonia Music' who taught us how to play Ocarinas.....always something new and different going on in our WI. We had a fun evening and sounded quite good for beginners!

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Guest visitor - £4 per meeting

The Club meets in the "Carol Shaw" room at Swavesey Village College every Thursday during College term time 7pm - 9pm.

For further info and to see some of our members photos check out our website

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The new season's programme is available on the website to view -

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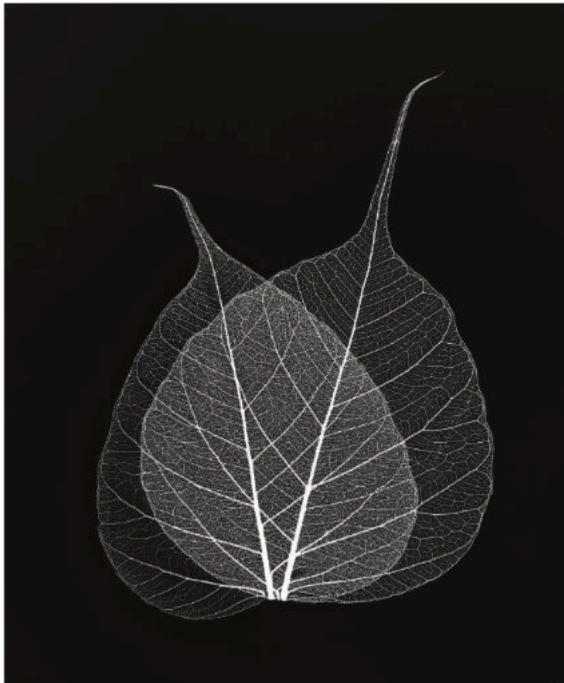
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Come along and try us out!

Maggie O'Moore

Committee member

Swavesey Camera Club



Bodhi Tree Skeleton Leaves

MISCELLANY

Summer Outdoor Theatre; The Pantaloons.



One again we had a fine (if a little hot) evening for our regular summer visit from the travelling theatre group "The Pantaloons" with their own unique version of Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles".

Our midsummer visit from "The Pantaloons" has become a regular summer event in the Swavesey Calendar with their unique blend of classical theatre, a generous dose of humour, music, improvisation and audience participation.

Many thanks to all who came to support the show- I rather lost count of the number who came (nearly 200 I think). The profits raised were £417 which will be donated to the Over Day Care Centre.

The Pantaloons return to Swavesey next summer on 16th July 2027 with their own production; "The (almost) Complete Myths and Legends of Great Britain". In the meantime you can find other performances throughout the year on social media or at <https://thepantaloons.co.uk>.

Simon Shore.



My allotment spade and the incident at Station X

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

After four years at Government Offices, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge I moved to the office at Coley Park in Reading in 1972 where I set eyes on my spade for the first time and I knew I had to have it. At the same time, I was handed a brand-new pair of wellies, both boldly stamped "1952" just inside the rim. It was in a large equipment store piled high with ladders and wheelbarrows because at that time none of the department's R&D budget could be carried over at year-end, and indeed there was a risk that if it wasn't all spent the next year's allocation might be smaller, so late in the financial year the residue was always spent on wheelbarrows and ladders. It was a strong and well-used drainage spade believed to be from the Warag period with a thick, 35 cm long, dished and tapering blade and with two thirds of the handle being metal it has proven particularly suitable for digging in hard, dry clay or compacted gravel.

My spade was mainly used in arable fields in the south east in the 1970s then frequently in grassland in the west midlands during the 1980s. It was also used in fruit orchards in Herefordshire and occasionally inside glasshouses in Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers were mostly grown but a half-acre glasshouse of tall, multicoloured carnations is a lovely sight. I was surprised to discover a grower in the Vale of Evesham who grew eleven acres of very intensive vegetables and did all cultivations by hand. The day I first met him he and his two burly sons were enthusiastically digging in a moderately heavy soil similar to that at Hale Road allotments in Swavesey and I joined in with my spade for a while.

In 1984 I moved to the ADAS unit at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, the home at the time of The Royal Show. When my spade developed a significant crack at the cutting tip the on-site blacksmith readily removed the lower 2 inches and replaced the handle at the same time. By 1990 I had completed a circle on moving back to the Cambridge area. We have been together now for over 50 years: my spade is still going strong and, until recently, did a good job down on the allotments.

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

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

Selwyn

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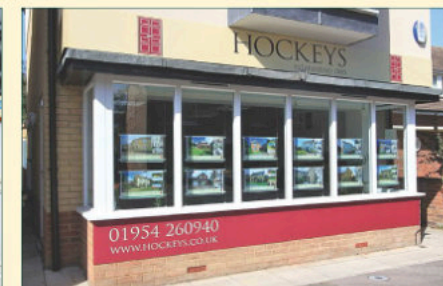
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Peter's girlfriend. Well, I never!	Wendy
Not under	Over
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Swavesey 100 years ago (October & November 1926)

From the Cambridge Chronicle

EVENING CLASSES. 1st Oct. 1926

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END OF SUMMER TIME. 8th Oct. 1926

Although no serious happenings of an untoward nature have to be recorded in connection with the putting back of the clocks in Swavesey on Saturday night, there were a few incidents of minor importance. One villager is reported to have sat up until 3 a.m. (Summer time) on Sunday in order to make the alteration at the appointed moment, and two or three others advanced their timekeepers by an hour, while our local correspondent, who had duly set back his watch before retiring to rest on Saturday, discovered on Sunday morning that it had stopped, as he had omitted to wind it up.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES. 15th Oct. 1926

During last week Mr. Dennis Williams of Market-street, gathered two or three lbs. of ripe strawberries. A few have also been gathered by Mr. T. C. Heasman. They were grown on his smallholding.

ENTERPRISE. 15th Oct. 1926

Mr. James Moyne, the licensee of the White Horse inn, on Wednesday evening placed a good-sized oil lamp on the Market-street corner of his premises, and it is understood that it is his intention that it shall be lighted every night during the winter months. Perhaps some other enterprising and public-spirited villagers will follow Mr. Moyne's highly commendable example. The street lamps have not been lighted since they were extinguished during the war.

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ANOTHER LAMP. 22nd Oct. 1926

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LIBRARY. 5th Nov. 1926

The Swavesey branch of the County Library will be open this (Friday) evening, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., at the National School. An excellent selection of fresh books has just been received.

ACCIDENT. 12th Nov. 1926

When starting Mr. C. E. Page's motor delivery van at Warboys on Friday, Mr. Stanley Brooks, son of Mr. G. Brooks, Black Horse-lane, Swavesey, had his wrist somewhat seriously injured through the "kicking back" of the handle. He was taken into a house near by, where he was attended by a doctor, and later he was conveyed to Swavesey in a motor car for which Mr. Page sent.

WHY THEY DID NOT GET TO MARKET. 19th Nov. 1926

When Mr. C. W. H. Cole and Mr. C. J. Shepperson were driving along the Huntingdon-road on their way to St. Ives Market on Monday morning, the horse fell near Scotland Drove, breaking one of the shafts of the trap. They had in consequence to return home.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE. 26th Nov. 1926

Mr. Robert Hepher, of High-street, when riding a bicycle, and at the same time leading a horse, met with an accident in Cow Fen-road on Saturday morning. The horse, frightened, it is said, by fowls, appears to have knocked Mr. Hepher off his machine, and he was found by Mr. Unwin, of Over, lying on the ground in a dazed and semi-conscious state. On being taken home in Mr. W. Kester's hand cart, it was found that in addition to bruised and shock caused by the fall, Mr. Hepher, who is over 70, had sustained injury to his head and leg. It is understood he is progressing satisfactorily.

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1st Swavesey Scout Group

It has been another busy and enjoyable term across all sections of 1st Swavesey Scout Group.

Our Beaver Scouts have been making the most of the outdoors, with activities including cooking on fires, a navigator walk, den building, pond dipping and learning about tents and sleeping bags in preparation for camping. They also enjoyed visits from the fire service and worked towards several challenge badges.

The Cub Scouts have been developing their practical Scouting skills. Over the term they have learnt knots, practiced pitching tents, lit fires safely and used them to cook bananas and chocolate. They also took part in aeronautical activities, a Taskmaster evening and a hike to the Three Tuns.

Meanwhile, the Scout Troop has focused on leadership, teamwork and adventure. Activities included a Patrol Leaders Council, fundraising for new archery equipment, photo orienteering around Swavesey with Scouts from Bar Hill and gaining our farming badge after learning about local agriculture.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly our Group Camp during the first weekend of June, when Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all camped together at Skreen's Park in Essex. Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy canoeing and kayaking in the sunshine. The Scouts also took part in climbing and cooked all their meals over an open fire. The Cubs challenged themselves on low ropes, activities and spent a night sleeping in a self-built shelter. The Beavers enjoyed pedal cars and the ever-popular cave bus, as well as it being the first night away for many.

We would like to thank all of our volunteer leaders, helpers and supporters who make Scouting possible. We are currently very short on leaders in the Group: if you think you would like to get involved with bringing these experiences to young people locally please get in touch.

1st Swavesey Scout Group



1st Swavesey Scout Group summer camp, July 2026.



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The Thomas Galon Charity

Are you aware of this village charity which has been supporting the community, primarily elderly residents, for many hundreds of years?

In 1528 Thomas Galon left agricultural land in his Will for the benefit of the community of Swavesey. A charity was set up enabling the land to be rented out and the income used to help those in need.

Since then the charity has provided winter fuel grants to elderly residents, grants to various local charities and hospices whose services benefit residents of Swavesey and individual grants to residents for various support services (within the charity scheme).

Energy Grant

An **Energy Grant Scheme** is available for elderly residents. Under this scheme, residents who are aged 70 or over and have lived in the village for 2 years or more can apply to the Thomas Galon Charity for an energy grant, to help with rising heating costs. At the November meeting, Trustees will then consider the amount of grant, depending on funds available, to be paid in the December.

An application form is available if you wish to apply for assistance from this scheme. Please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Linda Miller at thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk or call 01954 202982.

Grants

The charity trustees meet twice a year in April and November. Grants can be provided to residents for assistance with medical and wellbeing services or items, in particular for elderly residents. Applications can be made in confidence to the charity to be considered at either of these meetings. Please do call the Clerk or talk to any of the trustees if you would like to find out more.

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Further history on the charity can be found on the charity website
www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/the-thomas-galon-charity/

June 2026

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News August/September 2026

We are pleased to welcome a new Parish Councillor, filling the vacancy following the May elections. Mr Chris Butler joined the Parish Council in August.

County Council Business

Highways maintenance continues. Whilst some repair work has now been completed on Fen Drayton Rd the PC continues to request further work. All highways defects can be reported by anyone via the County Council's online [Report It](#) form linked from Cambridgeshire County Council's [website](#).

As well as pothole reporting, this online form can also be used to report overgrown vegetation, blocking access along pavements. This time of year this can often cause issues along pavements in residential areas. If you have shrubs and trees on your garden boundary, please do check that they are not overhanging the pavement and cut them back.

Please keep a watch on the Facebook pages and [PC website](#) for road closure notices for utility work in the highway. A number of closures have taken place recently and there are still more to come.

The PC continues to liaise with our County Councillor to discuss all the outstanding issues. A [monthly report](#) from Cllr Chris Poulton is also published on our website.

Guided Busway fencing project – following requests for people to fill in forms to lobby to keep Moore Brooke crossing of the busway open, we have been supporting the next project to submit forms to keep the Covell's Drain crossing open. More information on our [website](#).

District Council

Local Government Reorganisation proposals – we are still awaiting a decision from Government on how they will split up the County into new Unitary Authorities. We were expecting a decision in July, however it has been delayed until October.

A [monthly report](#) from District Cllr Vivien Biggs is published on our website.

Planning

Details of any planning applications which the PC comments on, can be found in the Minutes of the meetings, published on the Parish Council's website.

The first of the Logistics sites planning applications was submitted for consultation during August, the Cambridge 25 site, between the Longstanton and Oakington roads,

COUNCIL NEWS

just east of J25 at Bar Hill. Swavesey PC submitted objections and comments both as a Parish Council and as a joint member of the Parishes Forum.

Drainage

The Parish Council continues to work alongside the Swavesey IDB around the many drainage concerns for the parish.

Recreation Green

Due to the very dry weather, the Recreation Green has suffered badly and has cracked open and large holes and gullies have appeared. This is becoming a frequent occurrence due to the dry summers and the clay soil. Tonnes of soil have been put into the cracks to make it as reasonably safe for general use as possible, but it's an impossible task! The football on the Green will be delayed, if at all possible, it all depends on how much rain we get and when, as we go through into winter. Please be very careful when walking around the Green.

Work has been completed to re-set the vehicle gate barrier, which had moved due to the conditions and become unsafe.

Work has also been completed to repair the large cracks in the footpath alongside the play area. Again due to extremely dry ground conditions.

Ponds

We continue to cut down the reeds in the village ponds, which continue to grow at an alarming rate. As the ponds dried out this summer, work is now being carried out where the machinery has not been able to reach in the past.

Constable's Rood

New entrance balustrades are being made and installed, as the original ones have rotted. This wildlife garden was created during 2006/2007 by a group of volunteers. A new information board is also being made and will be installed to help celebrate 20 years of the project.

Community Orchard

In the last issue we were advertising the Bioblitz event for 27th June. Unfortunately due to the extremely hot weather at the time we had to cancel the event last minute. As the dry weather continued it was not possible to re-arrange for this year. Instead we will look to hold the event in early spring 2027. Posters and information will appear early next year, so keep a watch out for the date.

Further details on everything that is discussed at the Parish Council meetings can be found in the Minutes and on the Council's website at www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council, with occasional 2nd Thursday of each month meetings for Planning items. All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of each meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to Council discussions.		

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- ½ red pepper, chopped
- 1 × 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 × 400ml tin coconut milk
- 150ml vegetable stock
- 800g diced chicken breast
- Salt & pepper



Method

- 1 Soften onion, garlic & ginger in oil for 2 mins.
- 2 Stir in curry powder & garam masala; cook 1 min.
- 3 Add carrot, courgette, cauliflower & pepper.
- 4 Pour in tomatoes, coconut milk & stock. Simmer 20 mins.
- 5 Blend until completely smooth.
- 6 Add chicken and simmer 15–18 mins, until cooked through.
- 7 Season with salt & pepper. Serve with boiled rice.

Recipe sourced from My Fussy Eater
<https://www.myfussyeater.com/hidden-veg-chicken-curry/#tasty-recipes-20130>

Update from Vivien Biggs, District Councillor

The Big Conversation on Care

The Big Conversation on Care has now launched, and you are invited to share your views on adult social care. Whether you use care services, care for someone else, work in the sector, or have opinions on how care should work in the future, you can have your say and help shape the future of care. Find out more here: <http://caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation/>

Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership

This project is putting rail travel on the map by inviting visitors to explore South Cambridgeshire's villages and attractions by train, foot and bike.

A new Cam Valley [website](#) brings together inspiration for days out, information about the line, and insight into supporting local stations, communities and sustainable travel.

The website is designed to make it easier and more enjoyable to discover the area by hopping onto the train and straight into an adventure.

Whether it's planning a visit or looking for a greener way to get around, the website is designed to help people discover new places to enjoy and make the most of the railway that connects them.

- Based around Foxton, Meldreth, Shepreth, Whittlesford Parkway, Shelford and the newly opened Cambridge South stations, the website is designed to be easy to navigate and help transform the experience at the six rail stations.
- Funding came from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) which is overseen by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and delivered by South Cambridgeshire District Council. Link to the new website: [Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership](#)

Council hits milestone in reducing greenhouse gas emissions

South Cambridgeshire District Council has reduced net greenhouse gas emissions from the services and facilities it runs by 45.3% - hitting its emission reduction target. A major upgrade to the energy performance of the Council's main building, South Cambs Hall, as well as switching to more low-carbon vehicles, helped the Council move towards its long-term climate goals.

The Council's carbon emissions equalled 1,183 tonnes in 2025/26, compared with 1,929 in 2018/19 – a 39% gross reduction. Once renewable electricity purchased by the Council and electricity exported are factored into the equation, emissions fall to 1,049 tonnes - representing a 45.3% net reduction compared with 2018/19.

In 2018, the District Council had no electric or low carbon vehicles in its fleet. In 2026 it has four electric bin lorries with five more expected to be delivered by autumn. There are three electric vans, one electric road sweeper and 38 vehicles within the fleet (which services both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire) running on HVO fuel - a renewable diesel-alternative, often made from waste vegetable and cooking oils offering up to 90% lower net CO2 emissions compared to conventional diesel.

Putting environmental sustainability at the heart of everything we do is a key part of our ambition of being 'Green to our Core.' These achievements show our commitment is delivering tangible results. The next milestone is a 75% net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Numerous community groups, partner councils, parishes, businesses and individuals are all doing their part. Whether it is large investment or smaller changes such as changing recycling habits to ensure less goes to waste, it all makes a difference.

The two original strategies - Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature – which aimed to enhance biodiversity and natural habitats in the district – have since been succeeded by the [Climate and Nature Strategy 2026-2030](#). The Climate and Nature Strategy sets out the next phase of work for reducing emissions, increasing resilience to climate impacts, and protecting and recovering nature. This builds on the strong foundation of work under the previous strategies.

Progress against the actions under the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature strategies, alongside the Council's latest greenhouse gas emissions data are laid out on the Council's [tackling climate change webpage](#).

Planning

The government has introduced a new suite of national planning powers which will affect all of us. Their aim is to make development policies more consistent nationwide – replacing "local" planning requirements with national policies. This will reduce the ability of local councils to tailor planning policies to their own area.

The biggest change is that there will be a 'Stronger Presumption in Favour of (sustainable) Development' which will make it much harder to reject planning applications for any reasons other than the most compelling. The announcement says - development within settlements (towns and villages) "should be approved, unless the benefits of doing so would be substantially outweighed by any adverse effects. Outside of settlements, a more limited range of development forms still applies but there is now

more active support for agricultural and farm diversification, sport and recreation.

The Government has also expanded its 'default yes' approach for appropriate forms of development within reasonable walking distance of "well-connected" railway and tram stations, including where that development lies in the green belt. Greater Cambridge and all of the railway stations in Greater Cambridge fall into this definition.

There will be greater support for intensification in urban areas and more scope for development within gardens.

There is also greater support focused on increasing the floorspace for existing homes – including by extending upwards

National policies protecting community facilities have been strengthened to avoid unnecessary loss of facilities such as public houses.

One good thing is that local authorities will be able to set lower local water consumption requirements - we were prevented from doing so on our current local plan by the government back in 2018. Disappointingly, we are now prevented from setting requirements above the national standard of 10% Biodiversity Gain unless it is justified on a specific site. This is a very retrograde step.

Importantly, substantial weight will be given to the benefits of improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings (solar panels, heat pumps etc) where not already permitted development and I hope this includes listed buildings and those in conservation areas.

New Powers for Mayors

It is a great concern that government has granted powers to Mayors that allows them to overturn planning permissions or indeed to approve large applications (over 150 homes) which councils are minded to reject. On average councils approve well over 90% of planning applications and those they reject they reject for very good reasons. It could be that they are on flood plains, would do huge environmental damage or are just poor quality housing which we don't think would be healthy for people to live in. Mayors are not planners and planning is highly complex. There is a serious risk that this will result in poor development or will even slow the rate of housing delivery down.

New National Forest

The Government has approved the creation of a new national forest as part of the Oxford Cambridge Growth corridor. This is being coordinated by the Forest of Marston Vale Group who have been very successful in recent years in creating new woodland in Bedfordshire.

More on Planning

It is very exciting that 2 schemes which the Greater Cambridge Planning Service has been supporting have been nominated for the internationally renowned RIBA Stirling Prize – the winner will be announced in mid-October.

Northstowe

The new town of Northstowe is to get its first shop thanks to Morrisons. The Council purchased a 190 square-metre retail unit from Keepmoat Homes as part of a wider development that also includes Council apartments for affordable rent on phase two of Northstowe.

The store will be located on the ground floor with six affordable flats for Council rent above. Those six flats are the final of 60 new Council homes which the District Council is providing at Northstowe in partnership with Keepmoat Homes.

Free To Feed Scheme

South Cambridgeshire District Council, working alongside NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Infant Feeding Team and local partners, is celebrating the ongoing success of the **#FreeToFeed** campaign, which helps create welcoming spaces for families across the district.

Since launching in 2022, the campaign has encouraged 174 businesses, community venues and public organisations to sign the [FreeToFeed](#) pledge demonstrating their support for families who breastfeed and / or express milk while out and about.

The initiative aims to help families feel confident feeding their babies whenever and wherever they need to, while increasing understanding among businesses, staff and the wider public.

Every venue signed up to the campaign agrees to adopt a breastfeeding welcome policy and ensure staff understand how to support families in a positive and inclusive way.

Local businesses that have signed the pledge often report positive experiences, helping them demonstrate their commitment to being family-friendly while welcoming a broader customer base.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is encouraging any businesses, cafés, community venues, leisure facilities or organisations that have not yet joined the campaign to sign the pledge and become officially FreeToFeed friendly. For more information and how to get involved, visit the District Council [website](#) or email Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk

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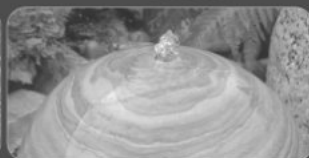


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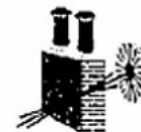


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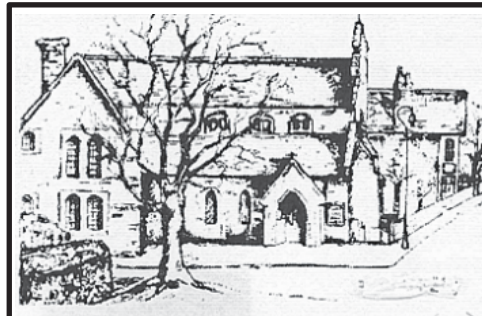


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Hello Swavesey!



I've now been your Rector, at St Andrew's, for over a year. It's been a real joy to meet lots of people from the village and an honour to take special services for some of you. Part of my job as your local parish priest is to help you celebrate things, to support you during more challenging times and to find ways for us to come together as a community. Do be in touch if you would like to arrange a wedding, baptism or funeral or come along to one of our Sunday services and have a chat to me then!

Over the coming months there are lots of exciting things happening at St Andrew's that I'd love to invite you to. On **Saturday 10th October, 2pm - 4pm**, we're having a '**Harvest Crafternoon**' for all ages to help decorate the church ready for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th October at 11am. We'll be collecting items for the St Ives Foodbank and after the service there will be a Bring & Share lunch. All are very welcome!

I'd also like to invite you to join us on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, for an Act of Remembrance at 10.45am outside church, followed by a service and refreshments in church.

It won't be long before Advent is upon us, and at 4.30pm on Sunday 29th November it will be time for our Christingle! Last year was lots of fun, and I'm already planning this year's, come along to enjoy this much loved tradition! If you've never been to a Christingle before, perhaps this is your year to try it! I also invite you to save the date for our St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 12th December. If you're a community organisation/group or local business and you'd like to enter a tree, do get in touch! More information about other special Advent and Christmas services in the next edition!

Rev'd Stephen
(Team Rector)

St Andrew's Church



Services at St Andrew's

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Junior Church

This is our Sunday School for children under 11. We sing songs, draw and make things and, most of all, learn about Jesus. We meet every Sunday at the back of church. Do join us.



Emmaus House Group



We are a small group of people who meet every other Wednesday morning on Zoom to learn more about God through studying the Bible. We choose our own subjects and ask lots of questions but don't always find the answers! More details from Nicky Carne: nicky_carne@hotmail.com

Craft Group

Our group meets every other Wednesday to work together on group activities; have you seen our decorations on the car park cross? You can bring your own craft activity to work on or just come to enjoy the company over a hot drink and cake. Details from Jacqui Fuller: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com



Compass Café



Meet us at the Compass Café - Swavesey's community café every third Thursday of the month, 10:30am - 12 noon. Enjoy our wonderful cakes and coffee.

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Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

A warm welcome awaits older people and the club is dementia-friendly. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.



Compass Café - Thursdays 10:30am-12pm



You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run cafe. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

Baby & toddler group. All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. Drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, including drinks & snacks for all! We hope you can come along and join us!



The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm

Open to all year 6 and secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. £1 entry fee. Parents must complete a permission form.

Sunday Services - Sundays 10:45am

You are warmly invited to join us for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to all and are family friendly with children's Sunday School groups for all ages! Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, conversation and maybe even some crafts! We have a special Communion service once a month on the 3rd Sunday. At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.



Upcoming events for your diaries:



Swavesey Village Carols

Saturday 19th December @ Market Street

The Village Carols will be back again this year! Live brass band, Christmas stalls and the usual special guest! Full details will be published in the next issue of the Meridian! We hope to see you there!

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20th December, 7pm @ Bethel - Join us for our annual carol service by candlelight. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

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The risk and the joy of thinking

Once upon a time, there was a painter named Jack. He had a habit of forgetting things, especially his paintbrushes. One day, Jack got a big opportunity to paint a beautiful landscape for a rich client. But guess what? He forgot his brushes they were at home! In a panic, Jack looked around and spotted a broom nearby. Determined to finish the painting, he decided to use the broom as his brush. With sweeping movements, he started painting the canvas.

To his surprise, the painting turned out to be amazing! It had a unique charm and captured the beauty of the landscape in a special way. When Jack showed it to his clients, they were blown away. They asked, "How did you create such a masterpiece with a broom?"

"Well, sometimes in life, you have to think outside the box, or, in this case, outside the brush!" and Jack laughed.

It is a fact that in order to maintain our sanity we need to keep thinking outside the box, and not to be afraid to take risks and try new things. The possibilities are endless, and the sky's the limit! The trouble is that life is a risk.

Accepting change is not just about adapting to new circumstances; it's about finding creative solutions to navigate through uncertainties. It is important for us to cultivate a mindset geared for growth. If we do this, we will see potential and adopt those challenges and turn them into opportunities helping us find a good direction. This is such a positive thing to do because as we practise our focus, we learn to think and reflect. The value we gain is that we learn to tap potential, develop creativity, and advance solutions to problems.

Once we start exercising these thought processes and act upon them, life will inevitably change for us. We will become open minded and open handed, we will share our insights with others and because we are open to change, new ideas, new opportunities and new friends will enter our life.

Have you got any idea, creativity, solutions you would like to share?

The kettle is on come and have a chat.

Pastor Bob

Bethel Baptist Church.

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Sheddit!	Sheddit! is the community shed for Swavesey and surrounding areas. The group works on a range of projects and welcome new members who enjoy making things from wood and metal. Contact: Phil Cohen 07957 422292 Website: https://shareborrowconnect.org/
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 Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
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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
Dog Lovers of Swavesey	Dog Lovers of Swavesey is a friendly group where anyone with a love for dogs is welcome with or without dog. Meetings are on the Recreation Green organised through the Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogloversofswavesey where we also exchange tips, ask for advice or have a laugh. Resources are gathered at https://dogloversofswavesey.co.uk/ . Contact: Matt at matthewyoung1@btinternet.com or Anita at anita.faul@outlook.com Tel 01954 232791
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:- https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/
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 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.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 Website: https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/owls-community-car-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	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. www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/		
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234).		
Swavesey Girlguiding	Unit	Evening	Contact
	1st Swavesey Rainbows	Thursdays	caroline@overroad.co.uk
	1st Swavesey Brownies	Mondays	swaveseybrownies@outlook.com
	2nd Swavesey Brownies	Wednesdays	secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com
	1st Swavesey Guides	Thursdays	swaveseyguides@gmail.com
	1st Swavesey Rangers	Thursdays	swaveseyrangers@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Paul Clarke (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Mrs Paula Land (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com)		
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Cubs Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Ally Parker - Scouts ally.parker@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please 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 from 2 years and 6 Months) 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 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.		
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday evening in term time at Fenstanton Church Centre, School Lane, Fenstanton 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 Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com 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. 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, Tuesday and Wednesday. Classes are in the primary school main hall at 6pm. The contact details are Master Louise Morton on 07919 050261 or email enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk . The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
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 Val Sage Tel (01954) 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. (01954) 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
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: www.swaveseybadminton.net
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Fireflies Netball Club	Friendly local club, everyone welcome, from back-to-netballers to seasoned players. We have teams playing in CDNL and Fenland Netball leagues. Training is on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm at Northstowe Secondary School. First month is free. £15 per month thereafter. Contact firefliesnetballclub@gmail.com for more information.
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's). Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - reesonhcx46k@aol.com ; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.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, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambs County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737 391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker (01954) 231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	At the moment we organise interesting walks If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - (01954) 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Swavesey & Over Tennis Club: Club nights are Mondays and Fridays, 6.30-8.30pm. We welcome new members - further information our website https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc , or you can email us on SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com , or call Steve 07393 825027 or Melanie 07453 523999.
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 W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757
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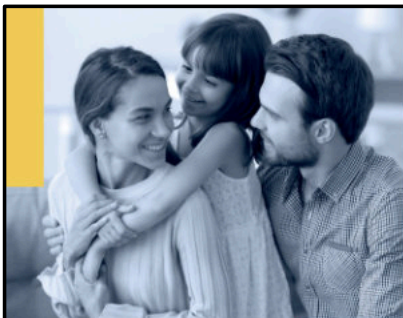
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Cambridgeshire County Council:		www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries
South Cambs District Council	01954 713000	www.scambs.gov.uk
Electricity (UK Power Networks):		
Emergency & Power Cut Report Line	0800 783 8838	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800 111999	www.nationalgas.com/emergency-contacts
Water (Cambridge Water Company) Leak:	0800 316 7676	www.cambridge-water.co.uk
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	03457 145 145	www.anglianwater.co.uk
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0800 807060	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Samaritans	116 123	www.samaritans.org
Addenbrooke's Hospital:	01223 245151	www.addenbrookes.org.uk
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	01480 416416	www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Airports + Road & Rail:		
Local Taxi: Alpha Cars	01954 232300	www.alphacarsonline.co.uk
Gatwick	0844 892 0322	www.gatwickairport.com
Heathrow	0844 335 1801	www.heathrow.com
Luton	01582 405100	www.london-luton.co.uk
Stansted	0808 169 7031	www.stanstedairport.com
Traveline (Bus Coach & Rail)	0871 200 22 33	www.traveline.info
Local Timetables:		
Cambridgeshire Bus Information		www.cambridgeshirebus.info
Stagecoach	01223 433250 0345 241 8000	www.stagecoachbus.com
National Express Coaches	03717 81 81 81	www.nationalexpress.com
Whippet Coaches	01954 230011	www.go-whippet.co.uk
National Rail	03457 48 49 50	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Veterinary Practices:		
Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954 780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954 210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk
Vets For Pets (Bar Hill)	01223 243535	www.vets4pets.com/practices/vets-in-cambridge/vets4pets-cambridge-bar-hill/

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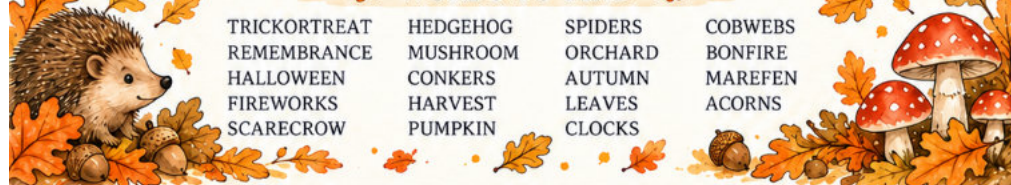


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WORDS TO FIND

TRICKORTREAT	HEDGEHOG	SPIDERS	COBWEBS
REMEMBRANCE	MUSHROOM	ORCHARD	BONFIRE
HALLOWEEN	CONKERS	AUTUMN	MAREFEN
FIREWORKS	HARVEST	LEAVES	ACORNS
SCARECROW	PUMPKIN	CLOCKS	





THREE TUNS

Autumn at The Three Tuns: Your Season of Good Times

October and November are packed with great reasons to pop down to The Three Tuns. Our **Sunday Pub Quizzes** return from **11th October**, followed by **Acoustic Sundays** from **25th October at 6pm** — check our website for the full schedule and monthly line-ups.



Friday & Saturday 23rd & 24th Oct

We're kicking off the season with our much-loved **Pie & Pudding Weekend** on **Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October**, serving hearty favourites and proper comfort food.



BEAUJOLAIS *Nouveau*

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st Nov

Then in **November**, join us for our **annual Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration** on **Friday 20th & Saturday 21st**, marking the first harvest with a special French menu and a cosy village atmosphere.

**There's plenty happening, mark the dates and come enjoy
Autumn with us.**

