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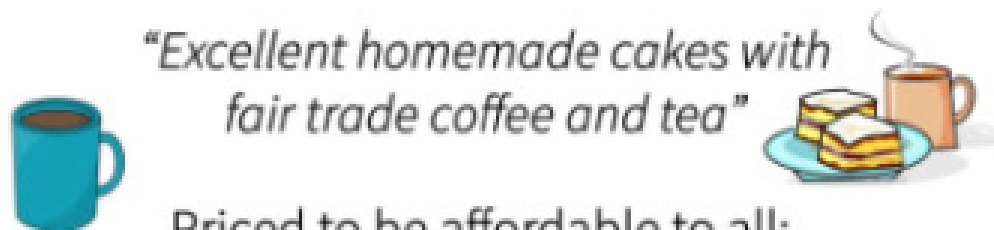


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## EDITORIAL

Autumn is fast approaching and with it the prospect of darker evenings and mornings. Check out the community classes at the village college you could learn a new skill make new friends who knows? Children will be going to and returning from school in poor light and poor weather so make sure they can be seen by others- I have lost count of how many times I have seen a vague shape on the side of a road which as I get closer is a person! cyclists you need to be seen too.

A welcome to our new residents I hope you enjoy reading this magazine if you want to contribute you are welcome but remember we only print every 2 months so date sensitive information needs to be well in advance. If you have any comments please send direct to me the editor then I can share these with the rest of our small team - Facebook is well and good but not everyone uses it!

Deadline for the December/January issue is the **20th October!**

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Back Cover - St Andrews Festival

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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](http://www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk)

Friday 29 October	Hale Rd Allotments	Quiz Night - 7.30pm Memorial Hall - £5 per person
Saturday 27 November	St Andrews	Advent Festival & Craft Fayre - 10am to 4pm

## 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 1

<b>September</b>		
Thursday 30	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
<b>October</b>		
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 21	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 28	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 29	Hale Rd Allotments	Quiz Night - 7.30pm Memorial Hall - £5
<b>November</b>		
Thursday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 11	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 27	St Andrews	Advent Festival & Craft Fayre - 10am to 4pm
<b>December</b>		
Thursday 2	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins

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# CLUB REPORTS

## Hail Road Allotments

### Produce Sale - July

We all looked at our weather apps and found first it was going to rain by 10am then later it would be 12pm but in the end it didn't rain at all and was a pleasant day. Held in conjunction with WI and the Library it was so nice to see so many inhabitants of the village coming to visit and the day became a social occasion as well. The feedback from those who visited the stalls was very positive and hopefully the September sale has gone equally well. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped man the stalls and provide the produce but mainly for all those who came to visit us and spend their money without your support these events would not be possible.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> we are hoping to hold a general knowledge and music quiz in the memorial hall but this will obviously be governed by the Covid rules at the time. We are limiting the number of participants and if we have to cancel, then money will be returned quickly.

This summer has not been the greatest season for growing fruit and vegetables, certain crops have benefited from the damp humid conditions but others have been devastated. Blight rapidly spread across the potato crops in early August forcing plot holders to cut down the haulm to stop it migrating into the tubers. This will possibly rescue the main crop potatoes but they will have stopped growing and give a poorer yield. The fruit trees as I thought after the cold wet May have been struggling, Czar plums were poor but the Victorias have not been too bad and apples seem to be quite small this year. On the other hand sweet corn, squashes and beans, both runners and dwarf, have flourished so it is not all doom and gloom.

The allium leaf miner attacked the spring sown onion sets again but I left the stronger looking plants in and they have recovered nicely to produce good looking onions but only about two thirds of the sets I planted. Where I'd pulled up very weak looking plants I put in some rocket seeds and I've grown the best rocket that I've ever managed.

Every growing season produces a different challenge which is why I find allotment gardening so interesting and I hope I haven't deterred any potential new members from putting their names on the waiting list. We have had about the usual 5-10% turnover again this year so the quicker you get your name down the sooner you can join in the fun. Details in the club section of the magazine.

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## Swavesey WI

Swavesey WI is now looking forward to a new chapter, where we can get back to 'normal', meeting together monthly in the Memorial Hall.

Looking back to the summer, we held our Summer Party in the Memorial Hall. Our members enjoyed getting together, lots of chat, delicious food and a super Celebration Cake made by Deborah Walker, one of our members. Many new members joined us and were given a very warm welcome.

Ladies continue to walk twice a week. This helps us to keep in touch with members and others and provides safe walking for all women who take part.

At the time of writing this report, we are planning our AGM for September 13th.

This will be our first indoor meeting for at least 18 months!! We are organising our next programme of meetings and events and we look forward to many new members joining us.

A Cake Stall is planned for September 4th on Market Street Green.

Swavesey WI will be back on September 9th at Compass Cafe. We so enjoy being involved with the Cafe, we have missed the great community effect the Cafe provides for our village. As many of you know, the WI is well known for its cakes and we look forward to meeting everyone who supports us.

We meet in the Memorial Hall on the second Monday every month at 7.30pm. We have much planned and look forward with enthusiasm to move forward after such a long break!

All women are welcome. If you are new to the village, joining WI is a great way to make new friends.

If you would like to know more about us, please contact Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

## Swavesey Festival 100 Club

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

To be added to the waiting list to take part in this popular competition phone Gill Hurst on 01954 200470.

Latest winners are:-



	£	July 2021	August 2021
<b>First prize</b>	60	Bridget Hendry	Natasha Karelina
<b>Second prize</b>	30	Sam and Phil Dellar	Sophie Raven
<b>Third prize</b>	15	Sophie Raven	Helen Wiesleiuik

## AT LAST !!!

It must be at least eighteen months since we all met face to face; we had kept everything going on Zoom, very successfully as it turned out, but it was an absolute delight to see all our friends again at our Annual barbecue in Simon and Kath's garden on August 14<sup>th</sup>. In no time one could imagine the long separation had never happened, until we were face to face with newer members we knew well but had never met before except on line. Thank you, Simon and Kath, for such a pleasant, well-organised evening, far too much delicious food, and they even arranged a beautiful sunset to round off the evening.

By now we should be back in the College, In October and November we have lots to look forward to. A new feature is Critique Tuesday, which will remain on Zoom. It has proved helpful for members to show each other their proposed entries for helpful advice, and as a result the standard has improved considerably. The next dates are :

5<sup>th</sup> Oct. for the Monochrome Trophy to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct,

28<sup>th</sup> Oct. (NB Thursday) for the first Set Subject Competition, ' Blue ' on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. for the Joe Sipos Colour Print Trophy on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

You don't have to go through this process, you can always trust your own judgement, of course.

In addition to these internal competitions we will be away at St Ives PC for a "friendly" on 9<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday) and the first round of the Melbourne Trophy at Ware on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. (Wednesday).

We have two Members Evenings, 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. but as yet we do not know what they will be about, so keep your eyes on the Website. Whatever the subject they are always very useful and/or entertaining.

At last we can have speakers in person. On October 7<sup>th</sup> we have ' My Passion for Wildlife Photography ' by Kevin Pigney, then on the 14<sup>th</sup> we have 'An Organ Builder and His Camera' by Charles Hall ( that is definitely something new to our Club). On 11<sup>th</sup> November Mark Farrington will give us ' It's a Wild Life in Retirement.'

An advance notice: our first talk in December, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be back to Zoom for Jayne Odell's 'At the End of My Garden', so look it up on line, don't turn up at the College.

Looking forward to seeing you, everyone welcome now we are running meetings as usual, and sticking to the College health regulations, of course. Members free, Visitors £4.

Mo Hadfield

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## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Everyone knows that birds fly south for the winter, heading down to Africa and the warmer Mediterranean climates of Southern Europe to wait out the cold winter months before returning to nest in the spring. What is often overlooked is the fact that many species from Northern Europe, including Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia, also head south for the winter, but for them the islands of the UK are their destination with our warmer climate and milder winter.

Perhaps the most obvious winter arrivals are out on the lakes with several new species of duck appearing to join the residents. Wigeon, the first of these, form large wintering flocks and are as likely to be seen grazing the grasslands around the lakes as on the water itself. These medium sized ducks are often heard before they are seen as they make loud whistling calls to each other. Males are mostly grey with a pink breast, brown head and yellow forehead whilst females are brown. Both sexes have a white patch on their wings that is clearly seen when they are in flight.

Teal are our smallest species of duck and another winter arrival. Males are mostly grey with a yellow-and-black tail and a chestnut head with a bright green eye patch that gives the colour its name. Females are mottled brown. Both sexes show a bright green wing patch in flight.

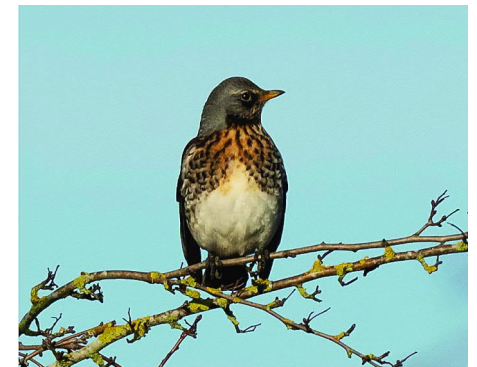
Goldeneye are a species of diving duck that can be seen out on the deeper bodies of water. Males are unmistakable with mostly white bodies and glossy green, triangular shaped heads whilst the females are smaller with brown heads and a greyer body. Both sexes, of course, have bright yellow eyes.

Away from the water, berry-laden hawthorn bushes attract wintering thrushes in the form of redwing and fieldfare. Fieldfare are large and colourful with a slate grey head and rump, black tail, brown back and a pale breast with black spots. Redwing are our smallest thrush and have brown upperparts with a pale eye strip, pale streaked breast and red underwing patches.

It is not only new species arriving. Numbers of our year-round resident species also increase as birds from the continent, particularly Scandinavia, come and join their British counterparts in our milder climate. Numbers of blackbird, wood pigeon, starling, herons and many waterbirds drastically increase across the reserve.

One seasonal highlight is the arrival of several thousand starlings coming in at dusk, usually from November, to roost in the reedbeds of Elney and Holywell lakes. These birds are famed for the large flocks they form, known as murmurations. Watching from the ground, flocks move like a single organism through the sky, stretching out into a long line before folding back into a ball, rising up and diving back down, wheeling around and eventually dropping down to roost in a truly mesmerising display.

On a crisp Autumn morning why not put on a coat and come for a walk to see what's around? You never know what you might see.



*Fieldfare perched on hawthorn - Gill Street*

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# MISCELLANY

## Surrounded by Water – Almost

### Part 6. Sewage: A gentle introduction.

If you fancy a picnic with a difference, park near the large Recreation Green in Over and walk north down Fen End with your hamper. After 500 metres turn right into Furtherford public footpath (having gone past Hitherford), signposted to Willingham, then after another 600 metres you arrive at your destination – a noisy (busy) sewage works. There is plenty of grassy space nearby to spread out a blanket for your leisurely picnic. This is where human sewage from Swavesey's 1,150 houses is treated along with that from Fen Drayton, Over and Longstanton. On your way home, to further your knowledge, do take a detour down Market Street in Swavesey to the far right hand corner then 200 metres down Cow Fen Drove, immediately before Fenwillow Farm, there is a brick building surrounded by barbed wire on your right. This is the pumphouse which accelerates sewage from Fen Drayton and Swavesey direct to the Over sewage works. Mains drainage, including sewage removal, was installed in 1964/65 and much of the surplus soil was used to create today's green space by filling in the shallow pond down Market Street which was the last remnant of Swavesey's impressive and prosperous docks, dug in 1245.

Next, from the southern end of the village, near Boxworth End Farm, walk towards the A14 for 350 metres and turn left into the signposted public bridleway, Tipplers Drove. At the far end, down the slope, you come to Utton's Drove. Note the rush of water in the ditch on your right. In normal weather most of this is treated water coming from Utton's Drove sewage works, a short distance further south near the A14/A1307 and this rush is set to become a roaring torrent in Anglian Water's near-term plans.

In 2012 the Environment Agency (EA) granted Utton's Drove sewage works, which is run by Anglian Water (AW), a consent for the numerical quantity of treated water per second which it is allowed to discharge into Utton's Drove open drainage system. Swavesey's Internal Drainage Board strongly suspects that this limit is regularly exceeded but the EA do not seem to check discharge quantities and since AW are not a public body, the Freedom of Information Act cannot be used to demand the data. This water travels north across Cow Fen to join Swavesey Drain about 250 metres before it passes under the guided busway on its way to Webb's Hole Sluice at the river.

The Utton's Drove treatment works already takes sewage from, among others, 950 houses at Cambourne and 1,500 at Northstowe phase 1 and 7,469 houses at Northstowe phase 2. In 2021 AW have made it clear that they now intend to send sewage to there from 2,400 houses at Cambourne West and 3,500 houses at Bourn Airfield, despite the original planning applications for these 5,900 dwellings identifying Papworth sewage works for treatment. Plans are in the pipeline to also send sewage from 4,000 houses at Northstowe phase 3a and 1,000 houses at

Northstowe phase 3b to Utton's Drove. This is a massive increase in foul water loading even before climate change is factored in. Actually, it is not a problem for the sewage works because there is believed to be plenty of space on site for a major increase in treatment capacity. The serious problems, of which there are four, are downstream towards the river and they all threaten Swavesey. All will be revealed in the next issue.

This story becomes smellier and more complicated as it unfolds. The writer is well aware that Swavesey Parish Council is earnestly and aggressively fighting against bureaucracy on this sewage issue.

### Bike Ride in aid of Alzheimer's



After almost two years of planning, we've done it! While COVID stopped us cycling in the Pyrenees, we managed to ride around 650km from Aberystwyth to the East Suffolk coast in only 6 days. By completing this ride, we managed to raise over £2500 in donations for Alzheimer's Research UK, with around £1000 more in pledges to come in soon!

It's safe to say there were many ups and downs on the rides, literally and metaphorically. From the very hilly Welsh countryside to the open flats of Cambridge, we supported each other through bee stings, injuries and wind. All of the training that was put in over the last year or so paid off and allowed us to push through when things got tough. Some of the views we experienced definitely helped make the long days on the bike that little bit more bearable.

Our inspiration for completing this ride was our grandpa, Colin, who we sadly lost to Alzheimer's disease in 2018. We wanted to raise as much money as possible to help fund important scientific research that looks to understand what causes Alzheimer's and the best way to treat it. We know that Grandpa would've been so proud of what we achieved this summer. We'd also like to thank our two support cars who kept us fuelled and allowed us to ride with as little luggage as possible; without them, this would not have been possible. Thank you to the Meridian for allowing us to share this journey with you!



If you would like to support Alzheimer's Research UK, you can donate at [www.justgiving.com/caluexchf](http://www.justgiving.com/caluexchf).

## It Will Probably Be Cloudy...

### A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during October and November.

The longer autumnal nights provide the perfect opportunity to observe the night sky, but make sure you wrap up as it can get a bit chilly!

In the last issue we took a look at the Milky Way galaxy, visible in the summer night skies. Here we will take a look at the only other galaxy visible unaided from Earth and best seen in autumn, the Andromeda Galaxy.

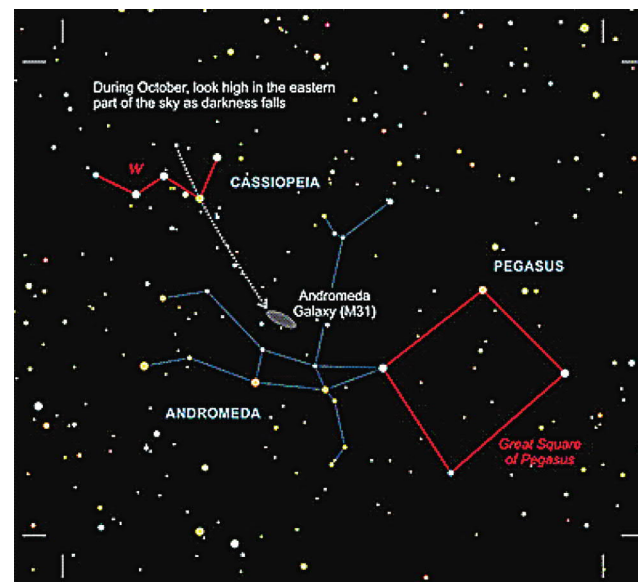


The Andromeda Galaxy is a staggering 23 billion, billion kilometres away. Using more standard large-scale space units, it's around 2.5 million lightyears away, so you are looking at the galaxy as it was 2.5 million years ago. The ancient Persians called it a 'little cloud'.

To find Andromeda, it's easiest to start with the constellation Cassiopeia. Cassiopeia is what's known as a 'circumpolar' constellation, which means that it's always visible above the horizon. Look towards the northeast and you'll recognise Cassiopeia by the distinctive 'W' star pattern (or 'asterism') that its five brightest stars make.

Once you've found Cassiopeia, you can use the right-hand half of the 'W' as an arrow pointing towards Andromeda. The distance between Cassiopeia and Andromeda is about three times the height of the W. With the naked eye, Andromeda will be extremely faint. But if you have a pair of binoculars, look through them and you'll see what looks like a cloud. That's an entire galaxy.

While you're in this part of the sky, you can also use the nearby 'Great Square of Pegasus' asterism to test the light pollution in your area. The Great Square is visible in the UK between August and December, and during October it can be seen all night. It has four



bright stars arranged in an almost perfect square shape, and you'll find it below and to the right of Cassiopeia's 'W'.

Once you find the Great Square, let your eyes adjust and then count the number of stars you can see inside it. If you see no stars, it means the light pollution is poor. The average number of stars is 4, 9 stars is good and 21 is excellent. The most you'll ever see with the naked eye, in the darkest skies, is 35.

The planet Venus returns to the evening sky this autumn. Sometimes the 'morning

star', sometimes the 'evening star', in reality it's not a star at all. When visible, Venus is usually second in brightness only to the Moon in our night sky. Its most visible time is when it is farthest from the Sun in our sky, called its greatest elongation. On 19 October, Venus will be as far east of the Sun as it will get all year, appearing as a bright point of light in the evening sky just after sunset. Don't worry about looking for it though, it will be hard to miss!

Between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November will be the Leonid meteor shower. The Leonids are usually one of the more prolific annual meteor showers, with fast, bright meteors associated with Comet Tempel-Tuttle. The radiant (the point where the meteors seem to stream from) is at the head or 'sickle' of the constellation Leo the Lion, hence the name. The Leonid meteor shower will peak on 17–18 November between midnight and dawn.

The full moon on 20<sup>th</sup> October is the Hunter's Moon, the preferred month to hunt deer and fox unable to hide in bare fields. The hunter's moon is particularly bright in the sky, giving hunters the opportunity to stalk prey at night. Other names include the travel moon and the dying grass moon.

The full moon on 19<sup>th</sup> November is the Beaver Moon. Some say it the name comes from Native Americans setting beaver traps during this month, while others say the name comes from the heavy activity of beavers building their winter dams. Another name is the frost moon.

As ever, please keep an eye out for the International Space Station (ISS) passes, due to return to the evening sky in the UK from September but there are no exact dates at the time of writing.

Chris & Helen Nunn



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## Warren Wright Memories

The very first memory I have of seeing any-where other than parts of Swavesey was at a very early age being placed on the kiddies seat fixed to my mothers bicycle and we set off down what is Rose & Crown road - Mum pedalling of course (me cracking the whip). In those days it was largely orchards on both sides of the road from what is now Rosegate Farm and almost as far as Scotland Drove on the South side of the road. When we reached the T junction at the entrance to Fen Drayton we turned left onto Conington Road until we came upon what was then the A604, with a single lane in each direction and crossed over to the Conington Rd - hard to believe now when we see it as the A1307 with a new A14 just across from it.

I have to say the roadside & fields were absolutely teeming with wild rabbits & hares as it must have been prior to the Mixamatoxis pandemic of the 50s which probably killed millions of them and it was a real joy watching them. However it was THE road in those times and we followed it until it arrives in Conington by the White Swan, whereupon we went to the Old Rectory almost opposite the church which was a temporary residence for mum's London friend Win, husband Jack & their children prior to them moving into one of the new builds further down on School lane (Conington that is). This became a fairly regular journey with our 2 families helping each other as & when needed.

My fathers parents lived in Askew Row - a row of some 8 x 2 roomed cottages off Black Horse Lane so regular visits were also made to our village centre either by cycling or walking as we didn't have a car - along with most of the population in those times I have to say, so you either walked or went as far as your bike would take you, unless of course you used the train!

The world became a different place to me just before my 4th birthday when we went to London to stay with my grandparents for a short holiday. The train journey was novel to say the least - straight to what I later came to know as Liverpool St station and then, without seeing daylight we went down this tunnel to get another type of train - welcome to the London underground, and before long we were changing trains again - a whole new world was opening up to me! Before long we had surfaced & we departed this train at what was Earls Court station and across the road opposite the exit was none other than enormous Earls Court arena.

My grandparents lived in a basement flat just 10 minutes stroll from the station and I was bemused by the sheer amount of makeshift timber walls/fences between the pavement and so many of the buildings. After getting settled in the flat I was shown the toilet facilities and YES there was in fact a flush toilet - luxury to us country dwellers at the time and then my Grandad showed me his back garden shed which was half buried in soil and had a U shaped corrugated iron roof. Nothing less than an original Anderson shelter for all the residents of the building during the Blitz & subsequent bombing raids during the war years.

" 2 and 1/2 to Putney please mate". I can vividly remember going to Putney on a double decker bus the next day, and after running up the stairs and getting a

seat at the front it suddenly struck me as to what the makeshift fencing was doing, effectively a temporary (??) barrier to prevent people crawling over a building that had suffered serious structural damage during the bombing. Such as walls missing, a staircase going nowhere but fixed a couple of storeys off the ground, the odd piece of furniture still visible along with numerous pictures, paintings & photos still hanging in strange positions. I have to admit I was not aware of the war & details at the time but it certainly took years to re-build London.

The next day I was taken to Hyde Park and especially the Round Pond where countless people were playing with their toy boats, both mechanical models & yachts and it was obvious a great time was being had by all. Never did have a toy boat so didn't get to join in, but remained an interested spectator in the goings on.

The next place i was taken to see was Marble Arch and then that BIG HOUSE at the end of the Mall, yep Buckingham Palace and sure enough they were changing the guard. In fact I understand that the ceremony was carried out every day in those times and it certainly drew the crowds.

The London holiday break was over far too quickly and it was back to Swavesey on the train, walking through the village on the way back to our house really hi-lighted the difference between a small rural village and the capital city of our country and had sub-consciously given me inspiration to travel & see what else was out there when I was old enough.



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## Matrons Ball

My nurse training progressed through 1964 working on men's medical, women's surgical and paediatrics. We had two weeks in training school and passed our preliminary exams. As Christmas approached we all got involved in choir practice, and shows, in readiness for a Bart's Christmas.

The tradition was that no patients were allowed visitors on Christmas Day so they would be entertained by the staff with carol singing on Christmas Eve - nurses were allowed to wear their cloaks red side out on that occasion only. All nurses designed a decoration for their caps which fitted in with the Ward theme for the year. The shows included short sketches and song and dance routines and travelled from Ward to Ward entertaining the patients and staff on Christmas Day and Boxing Day

As Christmas approached all nurses received their invitation to Matron's Ball. This was an annual sparkling event which was much anticipated by everybody. I believe the cost was covered by the Hospital legacy funds. It was held in The Grovenor Hotel in Park Lane with a master of ceremonies who announced each couple before they shook hands with Matron at the top of the grand staircase. Each nurse was expected to wear a long dress and be accompanied by a male partner who was expected to wear formal dinner jacket and black tie. My partner was my future husband David but he had never owned or worn a dinner jacket or been to a Ball. So I arranged to hire his outfit from Moss Bros and set about making my first long dress.

Obviously and fortunately there were some nurses who did not have a partner so remained to care for the patients but those who were going to the ball stood out because their caps were perched on the top of a beehive hairdo - a lot more than an inch and a half of hair showing!

David drove up to London in his mini pickup wearing his hired suit and feeling very strange with his bow tie but it was a fantastic evening with a 5 course dinner and dancing to a steel band - there were few speeches and the royal toast but like Cinderella we all had to be home by 12 midnight. David drove home but unfortunately ran out of petrol in Histon so walked home to Cottenham getting in at 3am. Definitely a night to remember.

Year 2 saw us change our grey belts for striped ones and three months

night duty. We had to work 8 nights to earn 4 nights off. It was hard work with 2 trainee nurses caring for 28 patients. We had a roving night sister (we all called Jane - I never found out why - it wasn't her name). As the junior trainee you had to learn the diagnosis and treatment for each patient and report this to Jane as she stood at the end of each bed. It could be very difficult on your first night back from days off. We used to buy a packet of dehydrated curry which we cooked for our midnight meal. The smell was horrendous but we really believed Jane did not know ! The home for night nurses was in one of the squares behind Marble Arch. It was generally quiet and ideal for access to Oxford Street shopping. We were transported by coach in uniform but if you missed the coach you were not allowed to travel in uniform.

I loved my training but I suffered continuously from homesickness. David was great - we wrote to each other every day I was in London - it must have cost us a fortune in stamps but it worked - in the days before mobile phones we used a phone box to ring weekly but you had to have sufficient pennies for a long call - I completed my training which formed the foundation for the rest of my working life.

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## A Glance at the Past in October and November From the Cambridge Chronicle

**1802, 4 Sept. Sale of shop premises.** Auction Sale at The White Horse on 21 Sept between 4 & 6 p.m. Capital well-built brick and tile dwelling house, with a large shop & extensive yard, warehouse etc. at Swavesey within one mile of the River Ouse, and wherein Drapery Grocery and Mercantile Business has been carried on for many years. Details from Robt. Underwood on the premises or the Auctioneer, Jenkinson at Huntingdon.

**1815, 3 Nov. The Swan & The Chequers Sale.** 2 Public Houses in Swavesey Freehold; in the occupation of Samuel Thorpe & - - Clements, respectively. They are entitled to Right of Commons. Enq. Mr Sewell, solicitor, Chatteris.

**1848, 14 Oct. Highway Robbery.** As Richard Stone, senior of Swavesey was on his way home from St Ives Fair on Wednesday last about six o'clock he was met by a man who knocked hm down and robbed him of about £6. A person of the name of WA of Fen Drayton, a labourer, was taken next morning on suspicion, before Captain Daintree, who remanded him for further examination on Saturday next.

**1863, 3 Oct. Inquest at White Horse.** On 6 week old daughter of S.D. Verdict, death due to general wasting.

**1864, 8 Oct. Harvest Festival.** The church was decorated with wheat sheaves and a cross of flowers wreathed with corn upon the altar for a Choral Service on Wednesday evening. The Prayers were read by Rev Seddon, Vicar of Willingham. Collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital £7-1s -6d.

**1884, 10 Oct. Entertainment.** Held at National School for the uniform fund of the band. The first half was a vocal and instrumental concert. Then followed a comic interlude "The Mulligan Guards". The second half was four tableaux "Scenes in a Soldier's Life". Authentic uniforms & equipment from Woolwich were used. Alfred Prime's impersonation of Private Jack Barber of the 151st Fusiliers was very creditable.

**1885, 2 Oct. The Coming Election.** Mr Charles Hall QC, Conservative candidate for the Chesterton Division addressed the meeting, which was held in Mr Geo. Metcalf's barn. The Drum & Fife Band met Mr Hall & party and played marches to and from the meeting. Mr Hall was in favour of extension of the allotment land to let but there was a mixed reception to his remark that the Conservatives were the friends of the labourers.

**1885, 13 Nov. Street Lighting.** Meeting at the National School to consider providing streets with paraffin lamps. Large attendance. £47 promised, the remaining £19 to be canvassed for around the parish. Rev Lushington in the chair.

**1890, 10 Oct. Stock Club.** The annual Feast of the Club took place at The White Horse on Tuesday last, when about 40 members sat down to dinner. The old Committee retired and five fresh members elected. After this the evening was spent in harmony, Miss Miller and Miss Brasher presided at the piano and some capital songs were sung. Some of the junior members amused themselves by letting off fireworks.

**1897, 29 Oct. Mutual Improvement Society.** This Society on unsectarian lines has been formed. Rev. Vidler accepted office as President.

**1899, 17 Nov. Transvaal War fund.** Meeting convened by Rev. Vidler to make house to house collection. Committee: Rev. Vidler, B. G. Knight, H. Short, C. M. Bevan, T. W. Carter, H. Key.

**1899, 17 Nov. Reservist's Embarkation.** Mr Edwards of this village embarked on Saturday last aboard the "Scot" with 34 officers and 1,068 men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Suffolk Regiment.



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- ⊗ **8.5 Mile Route** along cycle-ways and busway, cake & drink stop, for family and casual riders. Minimum donation £10 per family (any size); £5 adult individual; £2 under-18, including medals for all children completing the course. Registration 10.15 to 10.45am. Ride start 10.50am.

We are confident of organising the rides and social after in a COVID-19 safe manner following all Government guidelines at the time, but the organisers reserve the right to postpone the event and your entry will automatically be transferred to 2022 or a refund will be offered (minus any booking fee). If you are unable to take part due to having Covid symptoms or self-isolating, please let us know and we will transfer your place to 2022 or offer a refund (minus any booking fee).

**All proceeds to Over Day Centre, caring for older residents from local villages.**

**Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you can!**

To register, please see [www.overdaycentre.co.uk/bike-ride](http://www.overdaycentre.co.uk/bike-ride) or call 07787 530394 for more info.

All rides to start at ODC. Car parking at ODC, 1 Drings Close, Over, CB24 5NZ or at the finish venue, Over Community Centre, 16 The Doles, Over, CB24 5NW (100 yards from the ODC).

Food, soft drinks and bar facilities will all be available to finishers, their families and friends from 12 pm., along with live music from RPM making a lively social event.

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Registration Fee £15 per family for using Breakfast and/or After School Club

#### Breakfast Club 7.30 am – 8.55 am

3+ year olds to Year 6 children: £6 per child per session

#### After School Club 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm

For Reception to Year 6 children: £10 per child, family rate £9 per child

#### Early Years 9.00 am to 3.00 pm (full day) or morning (9-12/1) or afternoon (12-3)

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Places for funded children up to 30 hours per week

Charged sessions:-

3+ year olds £13 half-day and £26 full-day

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£4.50 for lunch hour (12-1)

For more information and to register:-

<https://www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/page/?title=EY+%26amp%3B+P&pid=59>



9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
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## Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Rather apprehensively, we started back meeting face to face in April of this year. We decided to meet outdoors and were kindly given access to the outdoor classroom and grass area at Swavesey Village College. All of us were anxious at the first meeting and we talked a little about how it all felt so strange and new. And then we threw ourselves into having fun outdoors. Now we are planning to start the autumn term and having meetings indoors once again.

**Rainbows:** We took on the Lord Lieutenant’s Challenge; female members of Swavesey Parish Council came to talk to the girls about all the lovely things they do for us, and a collage was made to show our findings, we found out what life in Swavesey was like in the 1960’s when Jackie was a little girl, we litter picked and planted seed balls in the long grass at SVC, and created posters asking people not to drop litter and to pick up their dog’s poo, look out for some of them around the village! We worked on the Feel Good Skills Builder, finding out about the importance of a balanced diet, sleep and also laughter, explored the muscles we use doing different activities, and how unique and special each of us is. For The World on your Doorstep badge we used lots of Unit Meeting Activities to bring Greece, India, Brazil, Egypt and Africa to our meetings!

**Brownies:** We did our Explore Skills Builder this summer term and learned how to look after our feet when out walking, how to read a grid reference, how to keep our belongings dry when on an outdoor adventure and we all made a compass using a paper clip and learned about the Countryside Code. When we were learning about the points of a compass (naughty elephants squirt water) we made a squirly elephant card each and ran about in the rain, which soaked us more than the naughty elephants. We also explored some items that weren’t allowed to be taken into the US and Australia. The Brownies have excellent memories, as we played a Kim’s Game with the items. We did a challenge called World on Your Doorstep, and had a go at making a dreamcatcher, Arabic mosaic art and weaving with grasses amongst other things. We played some socially distanced throwing games and even had a go at line dancing, to keep us warm on the colder evenings.

**Guides:** On Earth Day, we did a litter pick and looked at how much greenhouse gases our normal everyday activities emit (chocolate is very bad). Guides also completed the World on Your Doorstep Challenge. They tried a Scandinavian version of rounders, had a go at ‘cave painting’ (harder than it looks), made a macrame pot holder and cooked chapatis, popcorn and s’mores on the open fire. We had two promise ceremonies this term, one celebration involved a walk to the chip shop in Fenstanton and the other making chocolate cupcakes in cardboard box ovens. The Guides chose to do their Innovate Skills Builder for which they had to play the roles of architects and urban planners, surgeons and clinical engineers, artist and designer, computer programmers and food scientists. For the last of these, they ended up making chocolate chip cookies in a frying pan on a gas ring.

**Rangers:** We met in person and on zoom to complete a series of challenges towards the Innovate Skills Builder. A highlight of this was creating our very own escape room. We also completed various challenge badges, such as the World on your Doorstep Challenge and the Bee Challenge, allowing us to find out more about girlguiding around the world and the

importance of bees respectively. When meeting in person, we shared space with the guides and so enjoyed making chocolate chip cookies in a frying pan over a fire.

We have recently awarded the following:

Rainbows: Bronze to Daisy & Evie, Silver to Kavita & Hannah, Gold to Agnes, Ava, Kavita & Hannah.

Guides: Bronze to Connie, Silver to Xica & Ellen

Rangers: Silver to Lara, Gold to Lara

Congratulations to all!

Rainbows and Brownies are full with waiting lists, sign your daughters up early for Rainbows, don’t wait until she is 5 and her friends have started! [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

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/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/)

This is a situation that is only going to get worse with 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.

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Who can believe the summer holidays went so fast and seemed so long ago, we have had a good few months back at the Scout Hut and are enjoying the activities we have been doing so far.

Currently we are doing up the Scout Hut as it needs some TLC, we are hoping to update and modernise the inside and outside of the hut over the next few months for the young people of Swavesey and surrounding villages to be able to enjoy all aspects of Scouting.

As a group we have also been working with Helen from the Over & Swavesey Swift project and have built some boxes for the swifts that visit the area every year, due to COVID19 we were unable to get our boxes installed on some of the houses but we are hoping that before the time they come back next year we will have them all up, we have also just been given another 24 boxes to build. If you would like more details about swifts and how you can be involved, then please send us an email and we can put you in touch with Helen.

**Beavers:**

As we are about to be entering the winter months and we do not know what the situation is going to be with regards to COVID19 we have decided not to try and open Beavers again until after Easter 2022, and this will only be if we get some adult volunteers.

**Cubs:**

At the end of the summer term the Cub leaders were very proud to award Gareth Bentley with the Chief Scouts Silver Award. This is the highest award which can be achieved in Cubs by completing all seven Challenge Awards and at least six Activity or Staged badges, well done Gareth. We have had a good start back with lots of fun activities and the couple of days that we had at Grafham Water and Skreens Park were so much for everyone.

**Scouts:**

Scouts have also started the new term with lots of fun activities and lots of fun things planned. They also had a great time at Grafham Water for our water-based activity day. The day at Skreens Park in October was enjoyed by all and we all go to some new activities. We are planning a couple of Scuba Diving sessions over the winter months which has always been fun and exciting for us to do.

If you would like to join either the 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.

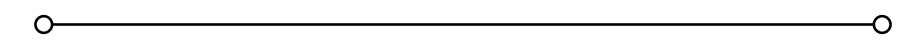
**Christmas Post:**

We are aiming to be able to offer the Christmas Post service this year as it has been so successful over the past few years when we started doing it. As I hope you can appreciate the safety of the members of the Scout group and the people that live in our wonderful village is the most important thing. So, just to confirm this years Christmas Post will only go ahead depending on the local COVID19 figures. We will put an update out on the Swavesey Village Facebook page nearer to Christmas.

**Volunteers:**

We are always after extra help and support, if you would like to help out but are unsure how, please do get in touch. 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.

If you have any questions regarding joining as Beaver, Cub, Scout or as an adult volunteering or anything else relating to the Scout Group, please do get in touch with us by emailing us at [info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk) and we will happily get back to you as soon as possible.



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## Hello Everybody

Autumn has arrived and by the time you read this we will know whether the fight against COVID has been successful in reducing the incidence of the disease but we will certainly be involved in helping to resolve some of the many issues which it has raised. I am a Trustee of Care Network which helps people who are being discharged from hospital, as well as helping people access help for their disabled or sick relative. I am hearing from them about some of the consequences of early discharges, miscommunications, isolation, lack of support and mental health problems and how volunteers are picking up the pieces. Thank you to all who are involved in this work. I am always happy to refer anybody who needs help to Care Network .

Many of you will have read about the proposal to increase the number of Members of Parliament we have in Cambridgeshire. I would just like to clarify that that does not mean that South Cambs District Council Boundaries will change. The issue is that all the new houses in Cambridgeshire - especially South Cambs - means that our MP Anthony Browne has too many constituents so the Boundaries Commission are proposing an extra one. Unfortunately that means that we fall into the new constituency which will spread from St Neots to Girton. But this is still to be confirmed and will not happen before 2025. I am sure we will hear more but at the moment - no change.

South Cambs District Council are "Greening" the Offices. So the car park is being covered with solar panels and the building has been upgraded to be more efficient . It has caused a lot of disruption but the pandemic has helped as staff have worked from home. You may have problems in phoning specific officers but they do pick up voice messages and emails.

The main issue at South Cambs District Council at the moment is the Planning Department who are having serious problems with getting through the number of applications they are receiving. Not only is there an increase in applications possibly due to the pandemic but they have many planning officer vacancies which they are unable to fill. Staff are really working very hard to resolve the problem but that is no consolation for people who are waiting for permission or builders who can not proceed.

In Swavesey I have been involved in trying to ensure the maintenance of the Byeways, which you will know are managed under a unique Act of Parliament which requires land owners and the council to pay for materials to maintain an 'agricultural' standard access and farmers (and volunteers) to lay the materials. This was satisfactory but as time goes by there are more houses and businesses needing access via the Byeway and less farmers and volunteers able to do the work. The A14 legacy fund has provided additional money and we await the arrival of a machine which should help to maintain access for the future but it will continue to be carried out by volunteers.

I am delighted that Compass Cafe reopened twice in August and will return to a weekly slot on Thursdays at 10.30am. The Five main providers are Bethel, St Andrew's, WI, Festival and Guides but there are 4 fifth Thursdays in the year and

we are very happy for other Swavesey Charities to take a slot - so please get in touch with me or Caroline Stevens if you are interested.

Anyway, as always, if I can help with a problem please contact me by email: [cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk), or phone 01954 202924 or 07774146331

Sue Ellington  
District Councillor Swavesey Ward.

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## The Thomas Galon Charity

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

### Energy Grant Scheme

An Energy Grant Scheme is available for elderly residents. Under this scheme, villagers who are aged 70 or over and have lived in the village for 2 years or more can apply to the Galon's Charity for an energy grant, to help with rising energy 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, from the Clerk to the Trustees. Or can be downloaded from the Charity website (linked from [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk))

### Other Donations

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

If you would like any further information on help available from the Thomas Galon Charity then please contact: The Clerk to the Charity: Mrs Linda Miller, The Memorial Hall, High Street, Swavesey, CB24 4QU Tel: 202982 E-mail: [thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk](mailto:thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk) or any of the Trustees as follows:

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Mr B Baker (230344)	Mr J Dodson (230560)
Mr R Holland (230077)	Mr O Hodson
Ms H Parish (203035)	Mr D Morgan (230249)
Mr W Wright (232470)	Ms B Lofts

All enquiries will be considered in strict confidence.

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

August 2021

# SWAVESEY PARISH

## Parish Council News July August 2021

### COUNTY COUNCIL

Highways maintenance by the Highways Dept. is continuing. The Clerk met with a County Highways officer on July 13<sup>th</sup>. to identify all of the outstanding blocked surface water gullies and highway maintenance items and has been following up the resulting list since the visit.

The PC is aware that money from developers paid to the County Council for digital bus display units are now not to be installed. The PC is to press the County Council to use the resulting funds to improve transport and highway issues in the village.

The PC are take up previous discussions with the County Highways Dept. For a safe crossing from the High Street to the recreation ground. The PC decided to make a bid for a highway improvement grant for a road crossing to improve safety and access to the Primary School and the Recreation Ground from the High Street, and School Lane.

### Planning Application for a new building on the Mick George waste disposal site in Middle Fen Drove:

The PC has received a number of representations from residents both through emails and at the August meeting concerning the above. The PC was impressed with the views raised and is to take these into consideration when deciding on its respons. The minutes will be available on the village web site.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

The PC responded to a number of consultations from the District Council concerning the east west rail link, the Taxi and private hire policy, and street trading regulations,

Cllr. Mrs Ellington has responded to the SCDC visitor attraction and tourism website to include details of our footpaths and the RSPB nature reserve.

### DRAINAGE

Cllr Mr Wilderspin is working with the Middle Level Commissioners and continues to press for action on major drainage works affecting the village.

# COUNCIL NEWS

Work is continuing to improve and raise the banks to the drain across Mere Fen.

The Environment Agency has agreed to the new developments in Bourne and Papworth directing foul water to the Uttons Drove sewage works.

The PC has expressed grave concerns that this will increase the risk of flooding in our Parish.

The PC has prepared a '**Flood Emergency Plan**'. This is published on the village web site and sets out the steps the Parish will take in the event of a flood in the village

### PLANNING

A number of planning applications have been considered. The PC response is set out in the minutes of meetings (see the village website)

The Councillors expressed their frustration that in many cases Parish Council comments appear to be disregarded in particular where planning decisions are not enforced.

**37. Market Street.** – Cllrs and the Clerk met with the builders who are about to start work on the cottage and land at the end of the green. The PC agreed to let the builder park light vans on the road across the back of the green and in return he will take up the road surface and prepare for reseeding at no charge to the PC. This will carry out the plan of the PC to extend Market Street Green up to the cottage across where the existing tarmac right of way is now closed to traffic.

### FINANCE

Approval has been received for the loan and grant by the PC towards the 3G sports facility at the Village College.


### VILLAGE MATTERS.

Work to Turnbridge Drain to remove posts and fencing is to be carried out and the area when finished will be seeded with wild flowers, with a strip alongside the footpath kept clear.

The rotten fencing alongside the Moat Way pond is to be replaced.

Whitton Close Wildflowers – The Residents and SCDC are cooperating to consider a proposal for a few areas of grass to be removed and wild flowers planted for next year. This is supported by the PC.

Swavesey Parish Council Website:- <a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk">www.swavesey.org.uk</a>		
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## WELCOME

We are so excited to be meeting in person once again. We are currently still asking people to book in advance by visiting our app or contacting admin. For those isolating or preferring to remain at home our services are live streamed to Youtube every Sunday at 10.45am. We hope to welcome you soon!

## CONTACTS

Stacey Alsop (Admin) – [admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)  
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## CLUB VINTAGE

Bethel Baptist Church is celebrating **Silver Sunday on Sunday 3rd October** and invites you to a Vintage Tea Party. Silver Sunday is a national day when the nation is asked to pause and think about older people and loneliness.

We will be marking Silver Sunday by launching **Club Vintage**. Club Vintage is designed to support older people and extends a special welcome to those with dementia and their carers.

We will meet on **Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm** from Wednesday 6th October.

Registration is open. Contact us or visit the Church during Compass Cafe for more information.



# CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL

*Please continue to check our website, app and Facebook for up to date information. We all hope that this year our plans can and will go ahead but if anything changes we will communicate through these first.*

**Carols** will return to Swavesey Primary School on **Saturday 18th December at 6pm**. We had so much fun last year with our Virtual Nativity we will be bringing you an interactive **First Christmas experience from 4pm**. Followed by traditional singing outdoors, weather permitting. of course by moving to the Primary School we will be able to go ahead inside if the weather doesn't permit!

**Carols by Candlelight** will take place at Bethel on **Sunday 19th December at 7pm**.

Our **Christmas Day** morning service **at 10.45am**, will be a chance to join together and celebrate. We invite children to bring any gifts they have received that morning for show and tell.

**Boxing Day** falls on a Sunday this year. As we will have had our Christmas Day service the day before, we invite you to join us for a traditional walk on Boxing Day. More details closer to the time.





## The Parish Church of St Andrew

How wonderful that things finally seem to be returning to normal! Writing this halfway through August, St Andrew's is open daily from 9am to 4pm; we have weekly Sunday services with singing and bells, marriage banns are being read, weddings and dedication services are taking place and our Harvest Festival service is planned for September 26<sup>th</sup>. with food offerings going to the St Ives Food bank.

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

If at any time, you feel that you would like to talk one of our ministers, please ring either Rev Lucy Cleland (Team Vicar): 01954 277758 or Rev Simon Gill (Team Rector): 01954 230434.

### Advent Festival and Craft Market: November 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm

Looking forward to the rest of the year, we are beginning to plan our Advent Festival and Craft Market and several crafters have already booked their stalls. We still have some places available if you would like to join us.

As usual, we also invite you to take part in our Christmas competition! This year, as we are all thinking about our environment and the problems of climate change, you are invited to create Christmas decorations or Christmas Trees on the theme "A Going Green Christmas". In the past, you have amazed us with trees made from vegetables, six-foot angels flying down the aisle, life size newspaper carol singers, beautiful patchwork pictures and colourful scenes of Bethlehem. This time the challenge is to make your entry using recycled materials. As in other years, your creations will decorate the church until after Christmas.

For further details and an entrance form, please contact the churchwardens: Nicky Carne: [nicky\\_carne@hotmail.com](mailto:nicky_carne@hotmail.com) 01954 230971 or Jacqui Fuller: [jacqui\\_fuller@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com) 01954 230774.

The Children's Society

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St Andrew's Church



A very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to

The Children's Society again this year. The collection boxes have been counted and we are sending £1185.07 to help the society who work to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect.

Our next fundraising for The Children's Society will be the Christingle Service on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm (Covid permitting)

Jacqui Fuller

## Happy New Year



A new academic year began this last month. Many of us, whether in the field of education or not, may sense in some way that we have started afresh this autumn. This is certainly how I felt in September 2020 as I arrived and set to work as Team Vicar in Swavesey and each of the 5folds villages. At the same time, my niece Milly moved to junior school. We had some great conversations about a new school and a new job.

I have been back in Cambridgeshire a year. Although it seems I started all over again at Easter when the last lockdown ended. In my garden and in the villages, I am now doing a few things for the second time. Yet I missed the Snowdrop Festival, Remembrance, the Advent Fair and Christingle amongst other events in Swavesey. I have them to look forward to in the future.

I always remember the firsts in a new place - Sunday worship, a first wedding, baptism or funeral in Swavesey. As I write in August, St Andrew's Church is in the midst of hosting a number of dedications (giving thanks for the gift of a child) and weddings. It is a delight to share with families in these occasions marking significant moments in our journey through life. Do contact Simon (Team Rector) or me if you would like to explore such possibilities.

At the start of this new year of sorts, I wonder what we will recall from the last 12 months? Perhaps your first haircut or holiday away from home? Was 'Freedom Day' a milestone for you? Whatever our memories it will, without doubt, be an historical age to look back at and study in future generations. As we head towards November, I will remember not only the 5th November but also Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Happy new year and autumn to you all.

*Rev'd Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar in the 5folds Group  
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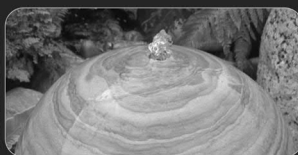


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Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email <a href="mailto:alison@camsight.org.uk">alison@camsight.org.uk</a> . For more info see:- <a href="http://www.camsight.org.uk">www.camsight.org.uk</a>
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 <a href="mailto:enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk">enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk</a> or check the website <a href="http://cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk">cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk</a>
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). <a href="http://care-network.org.uk/">care-network.org.uk/</a>
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- <a href="mailto:responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk">responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk</a> or call 01284 731802
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:- <a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library">www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library</a>
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) <a href="mailto:rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk">rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk</a> Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email <a href="mailto:clare.bates@each.org.uk">clare.bates@each.org.uk</a>
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@swavesey.org.uk">clerk@swavesey.org.uk</a>
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: <a href="mailto:steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a> Scouts Day: Monday. Time: 19:00 to 20:30 Contact: Jim Burling - Group Scout Leader Email: <a href="mailto:jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a> For any other Scouting enquiries Email: <a href="mailto:info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a>																								
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Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: <a href="http://www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/">www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/</a>																								

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 <a href="mailto:jeff@btsdi.co.uk">jeff@btsdi.co.uk</a> or see our website: <a href="http://www.btsdi.com">www.btsdi.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk">enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk</a> . The website is <a href="http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk">www.swaveseytsd.co.uk</a>
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British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: <a href="mailto:dyeangela0@gmail.com">dyeangela0@gmail.com</a>
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net">enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net</a> website: <a href="http://www.swaveseybadminton.net">www.swaveseybadminton.net</a>
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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 - <a href="mailto:lindsayfoster001@gmail.com">lindsayfoster001@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sue.ellington@virgin.net">sue.ellington@virgin.net</a>
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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: <a href="mailto:deborahwalker105@talktalk.net">deborahwalker105@talktalk.net</a>
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:s.taylor996@btinternet.com">s.taylor996@btinternet.com</a> <a href="https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc">https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc</a>
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Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: <a href="http://www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org">www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org</a> 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
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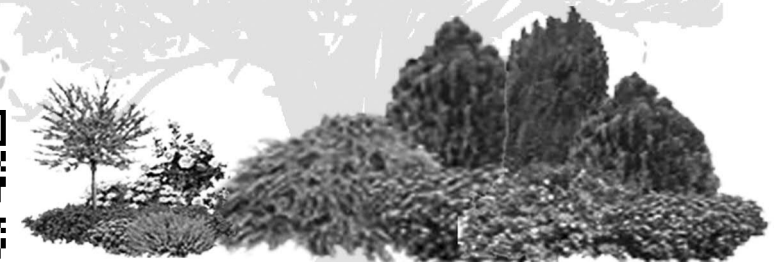
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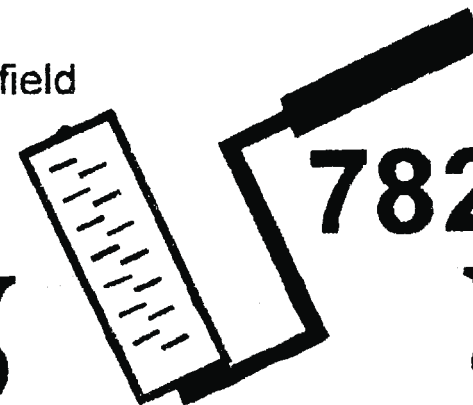
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