

# THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



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## EDITORIAL

Here we are halfway through the year and things may at last be getting back to normal. We have events happening in the village again!

Check out your latest Meridian to see more. The Pantaloons make a welcome return at the end of July if you are not on holiday then go and see them.

What do you think about the pristine pavements? look lovely don't they but when will they fix the potholes? Not only in Swavesey but in all the neighbouring villages!

On the subject of pavements and road edges in general please do not park on pavements, grass verges etc they are there for a reason and in lanes in the village without any pavements that convenient patch of grass may actually be part of somebodies front garden! Pavements are for pedestrians and need to be kept clear they are a safe space for children to walk, for those using wheelchairs/mobility scooters or who may be partially sighted or hard of hearing.

Enjoy summer!

NB Deadline for the August /September issue is **20 June**

Editor

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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)

Thursday 9 June Friday 10 June Saturday 11 June	The Over Players	'Me and My Girl' at Over Community Centre
Sunday 12 June	Swavesey Community Choir	Jubilee Sing 4.30pm in St Andrews Church Free Entry
Sunday 12 June	Over Day Centre	A choice of 5 bike rides - Something for everyone
Saturday 25 June	Sustainability	Reimagining The Future- Sustainability Fair in Swavesey Memorial Hall
Sunday 26 June	Sustainability	Reimagining The Future- Sustainability Fair in Swavesey Memorial Hall
Saturday 9 July	Thistle Green Community	Summer Fete 11-4pm in Thistle Green Community Room
Friday 29 July	The Pantaloons	The Wind in the Willows 7pm on Market St Green Tickets £6-£14 from <a href="http://www.thepantaloons.co.uk">www.thepantaloons.co.uk</a>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### June

Saturday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Saturday)
Thursday 9 Friday 10 Saturday 11	The Over Players	Me and My Girl at Over Community Centre
Thursday 9	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Sunday 12	Swavesey Community Choir	Jubilee Sing 4.30pm in St Andrews Church Free Entry
Sunday 12	Over Day Centre	A choice of 5 bike rides - Something for everyone
Thursday 16	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 23	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 25 & Sunday 26	Sustainability	Reimagining The Future- Sustainability Fair in Swavesey Memorial Hall
Monday 27	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 30	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins

### July

Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 9	Thistle Green Community	Summer Fete 11-4pm in Thistle Green Community Room
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 14	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 21	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 25	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 29	The Pantaloons	The Wind in the Willows 7pm on Market St Green Tickets £6-£14 from <a href="http://www.thepantaloons.co.uk">www.thepantaloons.co.uk</a>

## Volunteers Needed Please

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Contact :- [editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk](mailto:editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk)

## CLUB REPORTS

### Swavesey & District History Society

March meeting. Mike Muncaster, from Kimbolton area gave a talk "Gone for a Burton" which referred to the annual migration of East Anglian farm workers to the maltings at Burton on Trent, mostly between 1870 and 1930. An agricultural depression lasted from the 1870s up to the start of WW2 because of competition of grain imports from Canada, beef from Argentina and lamb from Australia, assisted by cheap steamship transport to the UK. After cereal harvest farmers would try to keep on married men with families to support but, because of low commodity prices, young, unmarried men were often laid off and faced poverty since local prospects were bleak. The Midlands breweries became aware of this workforce and placed newspaper adverts for powerful, able-bodied, single men to attend some public house where an agent would assess them for suitability to work in the Burton on Trent area between September and the end of May. For decades 450 to 500 young men, mostly from Suffolk plus some from Norfolk, were chosen and given a single railway ticket north-westwards from their nearest railway station. Men who resembled lumberjacks were preferred because the work involved long hours of hard, physical labour indoors, often in stifling heat. In compensation, whereas weekly pay for farm work back home might bring in 12 shillings per week, the breweries would pay around 38 shillings. Out of this, landladies would take ten shillings to provide bed, breakfast and evening meal. Barley was carried around the maltings floor in sacks containing 16 stones (101.6 kg) of grain. Steeping, roasting and screening the grain involved frequent shovelling and raking across the large floor space while working in almost unbearable heat or dust. Each man had an allowance of 8 pints of beer per day. If they completed their full term of contracted employment to the end of May they received a significant pay bonus. To flaunt their wealth, it was common practice for the men to purchase a new suit to go home in and it became almost compulsory to purchase a gaudy "Burton teapot" in nearby Swadlincote to take home to their mothers. Despite the high pay, few were able to tolerate more than 4 or 5 years of exhausting work in Burton.

Next meeting- 21 June. Victorian and Edwardian Postcards. Vanessa Mann.

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## Swavesey WI News

June 13th.....Platinum Jubilee Party for Members.

July. 11th.....Well Being by Jo Kerr.

Swavesey WI held their AGM in April and Margaret Guest was duly elected as President. Margaret is looking forward to her WI year ahead, with a new programme about to start, members too have much to look forward to and take part in.

Our March meeting welcomed local florist Madeleine Bradley who gave us a very interesting talk on her varied career and went on to give us an excellent flower demonstration, when she created six beautiful flower arrangements. These were raffled and six lucky members went home with them. Madeleine certainly made flower arranging look easy. She was a delightful speaker, full of advice and tips, which we all found very useful. An inspiring evening!

On the second Thursday of the month, you will find WI ladies serving coffee and delicious homemade cakes at Compass Cafe.

Our two Walking groups are always well attended, so ladies if you enjoy a walk with like-minded ladies, join us.

For more information on our walking groups please contact:-  
Clare Fox 01954 202882.

We meet every month on the second Monday in the Memorial Hall at 7 30pm.

For further information on any of our activities please contact:-  
Margaret Guest 01954 202757/Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

## Swavesey Festival 100 Club

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

Latest winners are:-



	£	March 2022	April 2022
<b>First prize</b>	60	Lisa Boyes	Linda Miller
<b>Second prize</b>	30	Kate Jordinson	Pat O'Neill
<b>Third prize</b>	15	Iain Campbell	Suzanne Robbins



# Swavesey Spartans FC



As you read this, our 2021/22 season will have finished and we look forward to hosting our Spartans Day where all children who have played for Swavesey get to enjoy football on the green. Once the football is finished we hand out the trophies and team awards for all teams. Fingers crossed for good weather!

### Spartans day

This year, Spartans Day will be held on Sunday, 19 June 2022 at the Swavesey Recreation Green

### Coaches

Swavesey Spartans are looking for willing volunteers to help with new and existing teams. All our coaches obtain the FA Level 1 in Coaching Football qualification which is funded by the club.

Please Contact [swavesey.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:swavesey.secretary@gmail.com) to register your interest

### Fixture Secretary

With +16 teams, Swavesey Spartans utilise football facilities in other villages as well as Swavesey. We have grown to the size that we now require a fixture secretary who will manage the weekend games and training sessions for all teams and locations. As with all Spartans committee members and coaching positions, this is a voluntary role

Please Contact [swavesey.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:swavesey.secretary@gmail.com) to register your interest

### Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members and coaches who give up their time to allow over 350 children to enjoy playing football and get fresh air and away from their devices. Without these wonderful volunteers we would not have a club, so a **HUGE** thank you to you all for the hard work and commitment you put in each season.

### 2022/23 Season

As we look to the new season and new facilities with the 3G pitch, we need more help. If you have children wanting to play then please get in touch. If you would like to help with the running of the club and/or taking up a coaching role then please come forward as more teams requires more coaches.

Thank you to all the parents and players for an amazing 2021/22 season

Swavesey Spartans   



## Where have those 10 years gone?

It's hard to believe that ten years ago the Hale Road Allotment site was a field growing wheat. However at that time plans were afoot to create allotments. The land in question was on Hale Road and owned by the Thomas Galon charity. I understand that this same piece of land had previously been allotments, but the plots had fallen into disuse, and it had reverted to an arable field many years before.

The site was laid out with help and grants from various organisations, including the National Lottery and the Parish Council. In October of 2012 plots were allocated to those who had expressed an interest. We were presented with a ploughed stubble field marked into plots. The task ahead seemed quite daunting! In the months that followed sheds began to appear and the very heavy ground was dug. At the time it was difficult to imagine how this land could become manageable!

Ten years on we have an allotment site to be proud of, with land that has been improved with vast quantities of soil improver and "muck" of various types! We grow many and varied crops, and enjoy the company of other likeminded plot holders.

On a sunny day it's an idyllic place to spend time. Of course on a cold windy November day, when there is digging to be done, it's perhaps less idyllic and more like a serious work out!

If anyone is interested in adding their name to our waiting list then please do get in contact. My details are in the club section of the magazine.

Val (Chair of the Allotment Association)







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## Swavesey Camera Club's 2022 Exhibition

The dust has now settled on our 2022 Exhibition which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 2 April 2022. It was our first face-to-face Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition since April 2019. Our 2020 Exhibition was a casualty of the first Covid lockdown and our 2021 Exhibition was held only online. So, it was with a sense of great expectation and some degree of trepidation that we moved towards that first Saturday in April when carefully-crafted photographic images would be on display in the Memorial Hall once again. The success of the exhibition might be conveyed by some simple numbers.

- We had 23 club members displaying 91 images as well as the impressive display of prints that had top scores in club competitions over the last year (60 images).
- We had 12 entrants for the Open Competition where non-club members can enter up to 4 images. The winning images are shown on the front cover of the magazine.
- We had over 140 visitors come through the doors in the 6 hours the exhibition was open.
- There were 136 votes cast for favourite image.

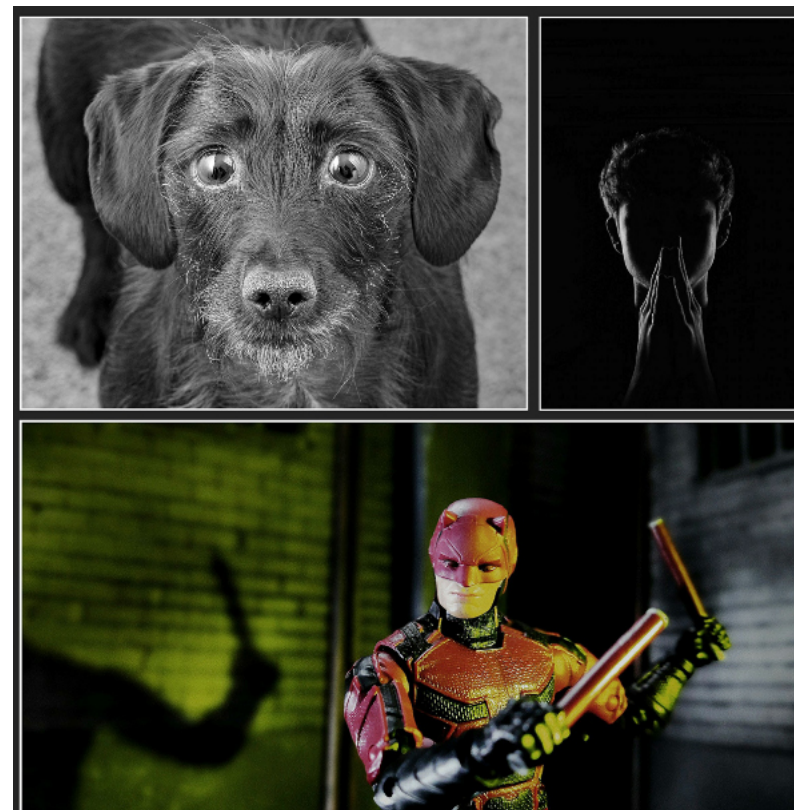
For me, however, the most positive sign was walking through the exhibition at lunch time; the whole hall was full and buzzing with conversations, people were crowded in front of display boards trying to choose their favourite image, while the seating areas in the café and cinema were full and cake and coffee were helping the discussions along. It truly felt like the grey winter clouds were lifting and the long absent sun was shining once again.

So, to all the visitors who came, looked, voted, bought coffee and cake, bought the photocards being sold to support Red Cross Ukraine, and enjoyed the exhibition – thank you for making the exhibition a success. Our thanks also go to our exhibition sponsors – Ash Croft Vets and Tait Financial Services Ltd. Together we all made a strong statement that Swavesey Camera Club is alive and vibrant.

**Favourite image in show.** With 136 votes in total the favourite images are:

1. Ouse in Full Flood (Simon Shore) 11 votes. Simon's comments – 'When the Ouse bursts its banks you can walk from Swavesey to Over on the flood bank through an eerie watery world. Morning mist adds to the atmosphere. The mist rendered this image virtually colourless apart from the bright orange on the swans' bills.
2. The Last Recital (Nick Murrall) 7 votes. Nick's comments – 'The story is quite poignant - a dilapidated building, dusty keyboard and two empty chairs, an old family portrait and some red roses - who did last reside in this room?'
3. Wolf Moon over River Deben (Penny Reeves) 6 votes.
4. Reflections, Fayum, Egypt (Ian Taylor) 6 votes.
5. If you want to see some of the images again then many of the top images can be found on our website ([www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk)). If the exhibition inspired you to get out and take photographs then why not come along to our regular meetings where you can get a regular mix of tips, inspiring talks and competitions that will help you improve your photography no matter what level you are at. We look forward to seeing you.

Jon Watkins, Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition Secretary



Some of the Exhibition entries



Swavesey and Over Cycling Club SOCC



Founded in 2021, Swavesey and Over Cycling Club (SOCC) meets regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. We are a Cycling UK affiliated club and our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way.

In the winter many of us ride virtually together on Zwift. The club aims to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Please get in touch via our Facebook page - [https://bit.ly/3GJCKsZ\\_SOCC](https://bit.ly/3GJCKsZ_SOCC) or <https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc> to find out more.

John Craven [socccommittee@gmail.com](mailto:socccommittee@gmail.com)

## The Over Players

We are delighted to present to you **Me and My Girl**

Thursday 9th June - Saturday 11th June 2022

at the Over Community Centre

**Box office opens 29th April 2022**

It's been a while since we've been on the stage but now the time has come and we couldn't be more excited. The production has some fabulous songs and a great love story to accompany it. Recently updated by Stephen Fry, it's also very funny. Tickets go on sale soon so reserve your seats and we will see you in June.

The Over Players' amateur production of Me and My Girl is presented by kind permission of Concord Theatricals.

Book and Lyrics by L. Arthur Rose and Douglas Furber, music by Noel Gay  
Book revised by Stephen Fry  
Contributions to revisions by Mike Ockrent

## Selwyn's diabolical puzzle on book titles. Part 2.

Each clue leads to the title of a well-known book. All the books come under the category of fiction, so do not look for Roget's Thesaurus or A Brief History of Time etc. General knowledge, a mildly cryptic approach and Google™ should provide most of the answers.

Battered fish, with top dressing (5,5)

Fancy beer? Not even cocoa? (7)

Where the lakes are cool and blue (9,4)

Fry leek in brunch salad (11,4)

Twitter? (8)

Flow back into auditorium (4,4)

Warder's go (3,4,2,3,5)

Keep to myself? (1, 7, 3, 6)

Eight emptied into these make a gallon (4,8)

The inverse of 5376618 and of 266 (7,2,3)

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 25.



## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

By May, spring has reached its peak and the warmer weather tempts more of our colourful butterflies on to the wing. Between them, they cover every colour of the rainbow and add eye-catching interest to any walk in good weather.

The source of the name 'butterfly' likely comes from the Brimstone butterfly which is a bright yellow colour. This species flies for much of the spring and summer so keep an eye out along the trails as they float past.

Fen Drayton Lakes is a great place to see butterflies of many forms. To date, half of all the known species in the UK have been recorded on the reserve – 27 species. This includes some wonderfully gaudy types such as the Peacock with its false eyes on each wing and Red Admiral with an orange-red stripe down each wing.

Several less commonly seen species have occurred from time to time, which include the beautifully marked Marbled White and the more subtle Grizzled Skipper. The latter is a specialist of open ground with wildflowers such as members of the rose family for the caterpillars to feed on.

By managing the trails and keeping them open for visitors, our work directly benefits butterflies. The trails act as glades, or passages through thicker habitat, which they like to move along to find flowers.

Every week during the flight season volunteers go around the reserve counting and documenting the butterflies which occur. They collect important information which feeds into a nationwide monitoring scheme that has been running since the 1970s.

The survey has shown that following several decades of steep decline, many species have stabilised their populations.



*Brimstone – the likely inspiration for the name 'butterfly' with its yellow wings. Photo credit: RSPB*

This is encouraging but in the longer term it would be thrilling to reverse the trend and see more of them in our landscapes.

Butterflies can thrive in gardens with the right plants for them to feed on. The classic buddleia is a magnet for these winged-insects, earning the plant the name of 'butterfly-bush' amongst many gardeners. Other plants which are popular with the butterflies include Cuckoo-flower, Garlic Mustard, Mint, Wild Marjoram, Scabious, Lavender, Rock Rose, and Red Valerian.

### Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday. To see details and book, please visit: [events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](https://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

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# MISCELLANY

## It Will Probably Be Cloudy...

A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during June and July.

June and July are a fairly quiet time astronomically, but we do get two supermoons during this period.

There will be two Super Full Moons in 2022, one on 14<sup>th</sup> June and another on 13<sup>th</sup> July. If you are unfamiliar with the term, a supermoon, or perigee Moon, refers to a full Moon that occurs around the closest point in its orbit to Earth. The 13<sup>th</sup> July Super Full Moon marks the closest approach in the year when the Moon will be 357,264 km away from the Earth.



The full moon in June is known as the Strawberry Moon, named after the wild strawberries that start to ripen during this month. According to some sources, a European name for this early summer month was Rose Moon, and another was Hot Moon, for the beginning of the summer heat. Other sources quote Mead Moon as the Anglo-Saxon name

because this was the time for mowing the meads, or meadows.

The Full Moon in July is the Buck Moon, named after the new antlers that emerge from a male deer's forehead around this time of the year. Another name for the July Full Moon is Thunder Moon because of the frequent thunderstorms in the summer. The Anglo-Saxon name is either Hay Moon, after the hay harvest that takes place in July, or Wort Moon, indicating that July is the time to gather herbs (worts) to dry and use as spices and remedies.

The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 23.2 degrees from the Sun on 16<sup>th</sup> June. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

The summer solstice will occur on Tuesday 21 June at 10.13am BST in the Northern Hemisphere and marks midsummer: the 'longest day' and 'shortest night' of the year. On this day, the number of hours of daylight

are at their maximum with 16.5 hours of daylight, while the number of hours of night are at their minimum. However, while most people consider the summer solstice to be a day, it is in reality an exact moment in time that falls upon that day. This moment comes when the Northern Hemisphere is most tilted towards the Sun.

We haven't really covered space missions in this article previously, but on 23<sup>rd</sup> June BepiColombo will attempt the second of six planned Mercury flybys. BepiColombo is a joint mission between the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) to the closest planet to the Sun, Mercury. It was launched in 2018 and since then it has successfully performed an Earth flyby, two Venus flybys and one Mercury flyby in 2021. BepiColombo's mission is to investigate Mercury's magnetic field and magnetosphere and study its interior structure and surface.

On 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July is the peak of the Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower. The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.



As covered in last year's August/September article, the summer months provide the opportunity to view noctilucent clouds. You won't need any equipment to see this ethereal silvery blue phenomenon. Noctilucent clouds will only appear on a clear summer's night; they are cirrus-like clouds of ice that are in the

mesosphere. Due to their height, they are illuminated by the Sun after it has sunk below the local horizon. Look to the northern horizon in twilight to spot these beautiful clouds.

And finally, the International Space Station (ISS) will be reappearing in the UK skies in June. Dates and time are not known at the moment but keep an eye on the Swavesey Village Life Facebook page for regular updates.

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## **Warren Wright Memories**

At some time in the mid fifties - nineteen fifties that is, my parents took me up to the centre of the village and we had a look inside one of the houses, known as the Red House before street numbering came into being, now no. 12 High Street facing down the Market Street. It was at the time occupied by Mr. Don Lanham & his family but was owned by the Barwell family as were several other properties in the village as I was to later find out. Mr. Lanham was having a new bungalow built opposite Ryders Farm in Middle Watch and it seemed that Mum & Dad had been offered the tenancy of the house as they both worked for the Barwell family business and had done for many years. Life was about to change big time.

It couldn't have been much more different from the 1 & 1/2 up 1 & 1/2 down semi-detached cottage I had got used to in the first few years of life, especially as it had a water supply in the kitchen AND a bathroom with bath & flush toilet. All taken for granted these days but I was used to having to go down to the roadside tap on the grass verge next to the Ramper Rd. junction sign and bring all the water into the cottage with old buckets to fill the large kitchen bowl or the old zinc bath placed temporarily in front of the fireplace and having to walk some 20 yards out of the back to an outdoor Elsan toilet box shed!, no wonder "Guzzunders" were invented in the olden times! Between the house & Black Horse Lane was farmer Will Hephher's barns plus a slaughter house later converted into a garage and is still in place, one of the large barns had a rear door opening onto our rear garden path and we could keep our bikes dry under cover.

Being in the centre of the village made it so much easier to meet & socialise with many more of the friends I was making in the school and pop down to the Green for football & cricket games. Also being much closer to Hale Rd made it easier to access my Dad's allotment plots and I began to spend weekend time down there with him as he was growing flowers & berries in his spare time which would go to markets via Austin Coe, the distributors in Taylors Lane.

Allen Lee who ran the Post Office at no 8 High Street also set up both Wolf Cub & Boy Scout clubs in the village in the fifties. Both packs used to meet regularly in an outhouse barn down Taylors Lane close to Amen corner but the camping expeditions out of the village were always good fun & therefore very popular. We used to go down to Overcote a couple of times a year & then further away for a summer trip and I can remember going somewhere outside Evesham in Worcestershire once for a camping break, which gave us chance to meet lads from different parts of the country.

I know many people remember the good old days when we used to get a Fun Fair visit the village & set up in Market Street about Whitsun time for a couple of days. Now, being able to oversee the site I found it fascinating to watch them arriving on a Sunday morning & setting up of the dodgems & the swinging boats etc. and back in those days I was captivated when they were finishing the dodgems & checking out the sound system attached by playing music of the times - the likes of Buddy Holly & the Crickets, Gerry Lee Lewis the big O - Roy Orbison and of course the King - Elvis Presley. Over the years both Graham Dawson & myself must have spent hours either in my new home or out in Market Street just listening to the music of the times.

## Surrounded by Water – Almost

### Part 10. Swavesey's Internal Drainage Board (IDB).

Internal Drainage Boards are public bodies which manage water levels in areas where there is a special need for intensive drainage. Swavesey is a special case because it is the last village downstream on the river Great Ouse to be drained entirely by gravity. This puts our village at high flood risk. Swavesey's IDB undertakes works to reduce flood risk to people and property in the village and manages water levels for agricultural and environmental needs throughout the parish.

The English Channel was formed just over 8,000 years ago and ever since then the fens around The Wash have frequently flooded, usually abundantly, often catastrophically. It is understood that the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons built banks at vulnerable locations to keep out the sea and there are several redundant sea banks between Wisbech and The Wash, built in the Medieval period, which were abandoned in turn as land reclamation progressed north over the centuries.

The first "Commissions of Sewers" were set up in England during the reign of Henry III, 1207 to 1272. These dealt with the drainage of low-lying land and its protection against floods, whether of fresh or salt water. "Sewer" here has its original meaning of a watercourse, or channel for fresh water and has nothing to do with the disposal of urban sewage. These commissions were made permanent in 1531 as their number increased. The Old Bedford River was dug across the Southern Fens from Earith to Denver in the early 1630s and the New Bedford River, parallel to it, was completed in 1652. The administration of English rivers and their drainage problems gradually became more complicated as a large number of authorities with widely different constitutions and powers were set up by Acts of Parliament in various areas – around 200 of them!

To achieve more uniformity, a Land Drainage Act of 1861 permitted local Drainage Boards to be set up, with powers similar to those of the old Commissions of Sewers and board members elected by the ratepayers whose land would benefit from the drainage works to be undertaken. By 1900 there were about 360 drainage authorities in England and Wales. Since then, several Acts of Parliament have brought further drainage improvements including the Land Drainage Act of 1930 and, more recently, the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. Land drainage is a complicated and never-ending task.

The Middle Level is the central and largest section of the Great Level of the Fens. The Middle Level Commissioners, based in March, together with the local internal drainage boards, operate a highly complex flood protection and water level management system. In 1985 Swavesey IDB was the last IDB to be set up in the country and is the most southerly IDB within the Middle Level area. It currently has nine members, all local farmers or individuals with agricultural experience and knowledge, two of whom are also District Councillors. Keith Wilderspin at Fenwillow Farm in Cow Fen Drove is the Chairman. With guidance from the new IDB, the banks of Swavesey Drain and Covell's Drain were raised in the 1980s. Most notably however, Cow Fen was very efficiently drained at low level with pumps installed at High Causeway Bridge, at the bottom of the hill on Over Road. This provided an extensive sink for flood water to accumulate in Cow Fen, right

beside the village. Then from the rigorously-maintained network of ditches it can be pumped up into Swavesey Drain, thus minimising the risk of houses being flooded through much of Swavesey. Furthermore, with this improved standard of in-field drainage the land in Cow Fen can be used for arable crop production. Conversely, because of the need to keep them available for flood-water storage at all times, Middle Fen, Mow Fen and Mare Fen are maintained in permanent pasture with grazing by livestock when ground conditions permit during summer months.

The two major issues likely to cause most concern to Swavesey IDB over the next 5 to 10 years are i) the threat of a potentially enormous increase in surface water entering Swavesey's fenland surface drains from the expansion of several large, local sites including Northstowe Phase 3b and a possible 18.6 ha commercial site adjacent to the A14 Cambridge Services along with ii) much greater treated water volume from Utton's Drove sewage works after treatment of foul water from Cambourne West, Bourne Airfield, Northstowe Phase 3a and Northstowe Phase 3b. To say nothing of the potential effect of climate change - - - - - .

### **BRoW4 Family funfest**

#### **Fundraising for East Anglian Air Ambulance and Magas Air Ambulance**

#### **Saturday June 18th 2022 at Ferry Meadows Peterborough**

East Anglian Air Ambulance and Magpas Air Ambulance volunteers will be attending this event, to show case what their charities do.

This year we have Melissa Hales bringing her Licensed MHD Bar to this event.

On catering, we have Carole Hudson from Cassy's Cabin and Amir Shahzad from Soft Ice cream who have been supporting BRoW4 since 2015 will be bringing the burgers and ice cream. We have cakes, donuts, pizza, fudge, and Indian food coming to this event, but we are always looking for more variety of something to Eat, Drink Lick or Slurp.

The children's Section is being looked after by Emma Turvill and her family with everything from the funfair, Hayley Mears is providing Face-Painting, Henna, and Glitter tattoos.

We have two workshops attending from Penny Barron and also Mandy and Tim Hearn plus the amazing John Elson doing caricature drawings. There will also be 8 bands playing on our stage/lorry from 11.00hrs till after 18.00hrs, and lots of floor entertainment including Spiderman.

#### **Get fit help the air ambulance**

Did you, know you can also do a sponsored bike, run or walk with your dog(s) around a 2.5 ,4 or 6km track round Peterborough Ferry Meadows? See their website at <https://brow4.com/>

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Compass Café is run as a community event, a place to meet and chat. Your hosts are a group from one of: Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey Women's Institute, St Andrew's Church and Girlguiding Units in Swavesey.

On alternate 4th Thursdays and when there is a 5th Thursday in the month other groups are invited to run the café to fundraise.

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## A Day in The Life of Tracey Booth Swavesey Community Warden

My working morning starts at 9am, I check my emails and texts for any updates from Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Some Service Users email or text me with their **shopping lists or errands** they need doing. I also receive updates from Carer's and families regarding a service user.

Next, it's on to the **phone calls**..

Some of my service users have daily phone calls, some have a mixture of phone calls and visits.

Finish my cuppa now off to do my **visits**..



*Cynthia and me, enjoying a walk round the garden, the spring flowers are just beginning to grow, lovely sunshine today*

Today, I have had one person not answering their phone, this can happen and could be for a number of reasons, I have changed my route to **check the welfare** of this lady first.. All ok, she was on the other phone. This lady loves her garden so when the weather is dry we have a **walk round**. She has been teaching me the names of the flowers, her garden is beautiful.

My 2nd visit is to a lady who is quite independent, her family like the **reassurance of my visits** and welcome any **support I offer**. Today this lady also has her gardener at her property, so I only stop a few minutes to say hello. I recently **helped her with an issue** she had, the child lock was on her washing machine and therefore the door wouldn't open. All ok today, I have no concerns.

Back in the car and round the corner to my 3rd visit..

This ladies neighbour recently died, they supported each other for sometime. She feels quite **lonely** now and is concerned about the house next door being empty. We discussed possible downsizing, however she loves looking at her garden, we chatted about smaller properties having small gardens. We agreed to chat about it another day. Discussed additional **medication** that will need **collecting** later in the week and her **bus pass form needs completing** before the expiry date in June.

**Popped my head in the community centre coffee morning, just to say hello and a quick promotion of the service.**

Always on the lookout for a coffee morning to attend and talk about the job I love and how I, and all the other Community Wardens can help.

Now down the road to my next visit..

This gentleman requires **social interaction, we have a chat** about life, the past. I also **pick milk up for him from the local shop** a couple of times a week and **collect his medication** when its ready.

Now, onto my oldest service user, nearly 100!!!!!!

I make this wonderful lady a **cup of tea**, she can no longer hear me on the phone so we replaced phone calls with visits now. She has support from carers and family, I am **just another pair of eyes and ears to help her remain independent, safe and in her own home**. In good weather I **push her in the wheelchair** round to the cul-de-sac so she can wave at her friends.

Just two more visits to go..

This lady has support from a good care team and family. We **work closely together** to ensure we are all doing what is best and to maintain a routine for this lady.

Last visit of the morning..

I support this lady with many tasks, she requires **prompting with post** and knows to save letters to show me if she doesn't understand, I often **book Owls transport** for her and work with the **Crisis Team to support** when needed.

Now home for another cuppa



Tracey Booth

Swavesey Community Warden

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### Answers to The Selwyn's diabolical book titles puzzle on page 12

Battered fish, with top dressing (5,5)	Bleak House
Fancy beer? Not even cocoa? (7)	Rebecca
Where the lakes are cool and blue (9,4)	Watership Down
Fry leek in brunch salad (11,4)	Huckleberry Finn
Twitter? (8)	Birdsong
Flow back into auditorium (4,4)	Wolf Hall
Warder's go (3,4,2,3,5)	The Turn of the Screw
Keep to myself? (1, 7, 3, 6)	I Capture the Castle
Eight emptied into these make a gallon (4,8)	Four Quartets
The inverse of 5376618 and of 266 (7,2,3)	Biggles of 266

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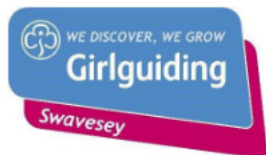
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## Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

It's not all about the young members, Girlguiding gives fun opportunities to the volunteers too. Recently three of the leaders from the Swavesey units took part in a weekend away. The blurb said *"The weekend will be an opportunity to visit Girlguiding Anglia training centre, take part in some training, try some of the Hautbois activities, make new friends and renew old friendships."* And it was all that and more!

The venue was Hautbois (pronounced Hobbis) Activity Centre in Coltishall, Norfolk, a 19th Century country house, set amidst 28 acres of beautiful countryside belonging to Girlguiding Anglia Region. We could arrive from 5pm, dinner would be served at 7pm, however an accident on the A11 near Norwich delayed most of us, but we were all there in time for dinner thankfully. We were shown to our rooms and found a gift bag for each of us stuffed full with craft activities, but quickly down to dinner where we met the other leaders who we were to spend the weekend with. There were familiar faces and new ones too, we were all given name badges which saved the repeated sharing of names and we could get on and chat and laugh – and there was lots of that. After dinner we got into teams of four for a quiz which also generated lots of laughter!

Saturday morning saw the first training session, this was all about our wellbeing and looking after ourselves and getting our mojos back after covid. It involved saying two reasons why we are important, sharing what we are good at, making pictures with playdough and being given our mojos back. (furry balls with googly eyes!)

The afternoon was freetime to choose what we wanted: abseiling and archery were available as well the crafts in our bags and extra crafts, we could go for a walk into Coltishall, read a book, sit and chat...

Dinner in the evening was accompanied by wine and we ate in candlelight for earth hour. There were more activities (and more wine!) after dinner; we made small Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers using a magical, pliable, air-drying clay from a company called Jumping Clay. They became very popular amongst Girlguiding groups during the lockdowns as an activity on zoom, either by someone joining the zoom session to give instructions or by using videos on YouTube, we used the latter. The second activity of the evening was some balloon modelling, made all the more fun for some with more wine!

Sunday morning gave us a guest speaker from Girlguiding Norfolk's Archive Research Centre, a very enthusiastic lady who told us all about the years of discussion about what to do with all the archives they had been given and how to keep them resulting in a purpose-built archive store and meeting room, and about how they bring history alive including Guides taking part in a 1940s style camp at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum as part of their annual Village at War event. We were then taken across the road to visit the ARC and see some of their collection. This was all so much fun we were a tad late for lunch!

And then as always, 'All good things must come to an end', and it was time to go home.



As we are getting closer to the end of the term it means it is almost time to go camping, it has been two years since we last had a group camp due to the pandemic and we are all looking forward to it. We are taking approximately 50 young people away for the weekend to Essex for a weekend full of fun activities.

### Beavers:

We opened after Easter with 16 young people and two new leaders to the group which is wonderful. This term has been fun for all of the team in the Beaver section, and we are looking forward to the section growing year on year.

### Cubs & Scouts:

Both the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop are both running well and have good numbers. We have had a good term with lots of new experiences had by all. The Scouts are now able to get back in the pool and they will be having a go at Scuba Diving at the end of June.

### Volunteers:

We are always after extra help and support, if you would like to help 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 to do new and exciting things that you may not normally get the chance to do.

If you have any questions regarding joining as a 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.

## World Scout Jamboree

Hi, my name is Bill, I live in the village and go to St Ives Sea Scouts Explorers group. I have been lucky enough to receive a place at the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in August 2023 and was selected as one of just forty from the entire county. I aim to raise just under £4,000 to go towards not just setting up the event and getting me there, but also to allow those from less fortunate countries to attend and receive a once in a lifetime opportunity. I have raised just under £600 in the last three months but have a lot more to do in just over a year.



The WSJ theme is 'draw your dream'. The event is bringing together more than 40,000 scouts globally and focusing on life skills, sustainability, diversity and inclusion and technology, we hope to be able to dream up ideas for a better future globally.

Please look out for any fundraising events in the village and support me if you are able. I am very open to opportunities to help others whilst fundraising (dog walking, delivering leaflets etc). I am also going into the primary school and to Swavesey Cubs to talk about the WSJ before and after the event to make sure that others can learn from the event too!

Thanks for reading – Bill Crowther

For more information see:-

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My Go Fund me address is: <https://gofund.me/b5b9ad4b>

Course	Start Date	End Date	Time	Weeks	Cost	Place	Day
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#### Art & Crafts

Watercolour Challenges	03/05/2022	28/06/2022	10.00-12.30	8	£185	PVH	Tuesday
Mosaics for Improvers	26/04/2022	24/05/2022	19:00-21:00	5	£85	NSC	Tuesday
Crochet Amigurimi - How to make cute soft toys	19/04/2022	03/05/2022	19:30-21:00	3	£35	NSC	Tuesday
Fair Isle Knitting Course	10/05/2022	07/06/2022	19.30-21.00	4	£45	NSC	Tuesday

#### Health & Wellbeing Classes

Pilates	25/04/2022	04/07/2022	18:00-19:00	9	£90	SVC	Monday
Pilates	25/04/2022	04/07/2022	19:00-20:00	9	£90	SVC	Monday
Vinyasa Flow Yoga	25/04/2022	04/07/2022	20:00-21:00	9	£90	SVC	Monday
Fitness Pilates For Everyone	25/04/2022	23/05/2022	18:00-19:00	4	£45	NSC	Monday
Body Dynamics	25/04/2022	23/05/2022	19:00-20:00	4	£45	NSC	Monday
Fitness Pilates For Everyone	06/06/2022	27/06/2022	18:00-19:00	4	£45	NSC	Monday
Body Dynamics	06/06/2022	27/06/2022	19:00-20:00	4	£45	NSC	Monday
Nordic Walker Beginners	26/04/2022	17/05/2022	09:30-10:30	4	£32	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walker Improvers	26/04/2022	24/05/2022	10:30-11:30	5	£40	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walker Beginners	14/06/2022	05/07/2022	09:30-10:30	4	£32	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walker Improvers	14/06/2022	19/07/2022	10:30-11:30	6	£48	SVC	Tuesday
Tai Chi Beginners	26/04/2022	19/07/2022	19:00-20:00	12	£108	NSC	Tuesday
Badminton Improvers	19/04/2022	19/07/2022	20:00-21:30	14	£89	SVC	Tuesday
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#### General

Photography Beginners	09/05/2022	20/06/2022	19:00-21:00	6	£68	SVC	Monday
Indian Cookery - Made Simple	10/05/2022	24/05/2022	19:00-21:00	3	£35	SVC	Tuesday

#### Language Courses

Italian Beginners	20/04/2022	06/07/2022	16:30-18:00	10	£101	SVC	Wednesday
Italian Beginners Plus (Online)	21/04/2022	30/06/2022	18:30-20:00	10	£90	SVC	Thursday
Italian Intermediate	20/04/2022	06/07/2022	18:00-19:30	10	£101	SVC	Wednesday
Italian Advanced Conversation	20/04/2022	06/07/2022	19:30-21:00	10	£101	SVC	Wednesday
Spanish Beginners	25/04/2022	18/07/2022	18:00-19:30	11	£112	SVC	Monday
Spanish Beginners	27/04/2022	20/07/2022	18:00-19:30	12	£112	NSC	Wednesday

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# SWAVESEY PARISH

## Parish Council News March, April 2022

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Reports were received on the work of the PC during the year and also from a number of village organisations related to the work of the PC. Minutes of the meeting are available on the village website and some reports of the groups are available elsewhere in the Meridian.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

The PC. Continues to follow up issues affecting road repairs in through out the village and in particular repairs to Gibraltar Lane, Fen Drayton Road and Over Road.

The Boxworth End and Middlewatch footpaths have been resurfaced.

Ongoing road repairs including potholes and the crumbling edge to the road at the Rose and Crown Road at the Boxworth end junction are being followed up with the Highways Authority by our County Councillor, Mandy Smith.

The Chairman reported high volumes of traffic have been recorded down Ramper Road, The PC will use these to seek further improvements in this area.

The PC is pursuing problem of flooding around the Ramper Road Area. A meeting with Anglian Water is expected in mid May to seek funding for improvements.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

District and Parish Council Elections will be held on 5th. May 2022.

The PC agreed to nominate Mrs J Kerr to be considered to represent us at **The Cambridgeshire County Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. June 2022**

### PLANNING

A number of planning applications have been considered.

#### **Planning Application from Mick George for the Waste site off Middle Fen Drove**

The PC raised a number of conditions they wished applied to the approval, and were represented at the meeting. These were circulated to all the committee members, and to our Councillor Mandy Smith. The application was approved with conditions. Mick George agreed to reduce traffic movements to 60 a day. Concrete crushing is limited to one Instance of 4 weeks, subject to further applications.

The planning application for Northstowe 3B has received outline planning permission

# COUNCIL NEWS

The Clerk has written to our MP to raise our ongoing concerns relating to drainage from Northstowe its impact on Swavesey

The PC is pressing for action to alleviate traffic problems at the Ramper Road/Boxworth End Junction in future planning applications for Northstowe

### VILLAGE MATTERS

Cycle stands and bollards are to be installed at the village sign in Market Street.

The PC received an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and approved an application for grant funding from 'Locality', to assist in employing professional help in developing the plan

The PC considered ways to replant the Moat Way Open Space area.

New Benches and Litter Bins have been installed.

#### **Primary School access from the Recreation Green.**

The Headteacher, Ms Anna Norden attended the February meeting to request that the entrance to the school from the green be maintained after the COVID need for separate access and a one way system was no longer required. She explained that the increasing school role and the pressure on the front entrance was increasing safety concerns. The Clerk to the PC explained the legal restraints governing the use of registered village greens. Councillors were concerned at the effect of many users and the resulting muddy access impacting on recreation users and school visitors. It was aged to investigate ways to resolve the problems in conjunction with the pavilion and football clubs. Funding will be required.

### FINANCE

The PC approved the budget for the coming year at its January meeting, and resolved to approve a precept for the 2022/2023 financial year of £85,480.00 resulting in an increase of £1.00 to the Band D Rate equivalent payment of £81.89 per year.

**Grant Applications:** The PC approved two grant applications.

1. £35,000.00 towards the Scout Hut refurbishment from section 106 monies set aside from housing developments
2. £90.00 from the Swavesey Sustainability Hub to cover the cost of the hire of the Memorial Hall for the first 'Sustainability Weekend' of events to be held on 25-26 June 2022.

*We would like to thank the retiring members of the Parish Council for their hard work on our behalf over the years and welcome our new councillors. ED.*

<b>Swavesey Parish Council Website <a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk">www.swavesey.org.uk</a></b>		
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<b>County Councillor:</b> Mandy Smith Papworth & Swavesey Ward	230248	mandy.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
<b>Memorial Hall Administrator:</b> Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

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

SUMMIT



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## From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear Residents

Thank you for electing me as your District Councillor for the next 4 years . It has been a real pleasure to serve you for the last 16 years and I am looking forward to the future. I think it is appropriate to set out what I hope to achieve. My whole focus is LOCAL COMMUNITY. I believe a community which supports each other improves the mental and physical health of individuals. So my first aims are:

- to encourage more people to get involved with village activities.
- to encourage and enable new village residents to feel they are welcome
- to enable everybody to join or establish new interest groups

The pandemic has meant the closure of many of our social events and activities - we have found things to do at home - I feel the time is ripe for villagers to establish new groups and interests as well as supporting established ones. Unfortunately the festival will not be going forward in the foreseeable future due to lack of support but the sustainability weekend looks really exciting. I can give advice about council grants, licenses, and planning issues as well as knowing where to find somebody who has the answers to your queries.

My second aims are to represent you at South Cambs District Council which includes:

- Council housing
- Planning
- Refuse and recycling
- Licensing of taxis, hire cars, food premises and events
- Environmental issues including flooding.
- Grants
- Council tax

But possibly more importantly - I have been around long enough to know who to ask if you have any other query.

So Thank you again for giving me the responsibility to represent you. Have a lovely summer.

Best wishes

Sue Ellington - South Cambs district councillor for Swavesey Ward  
07774146331 or 01954 202923. Or email [Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk)

## FRERE COTTAGES

### SWAVESEY FIRE RELIEF CIO (Charity no. 1190054)

A report for the Annual Parish Meeting, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 2022



#### A Short History

Frere Cottages were built in 1914 following the Great Fire of Swavesey which started on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. in Taylor's Lane and spread along both sides of Station Road around Swan Pond. All the thatched cottages were lost and many were made homeless. One of the more substantial thatched cottages had recently been purchased as a retirement home by Miss Frere but was burnt down before she could move in. The

forerunner of the current Charity was set up 'The Swavesey Fire Relief Fund'. Miss Frere donated the site for the four new cottages and with additional funds an adjacent site was purchased. There is evidence that the cottages were designed by Clough William Ellis and tenders were invited from local builders. They initially provided homes for those made homeless by the fire and have continued to house those desperately in need of homes ever since.

The Charity was reformed in 2020 with the same original aims:

*'To relieve such deserving poor persons, resident in the parish of Swavesey who are in receipt of an old age pension or other properly secured income, as the Charity may select for the purpose of providing homes, at such rent whether nominal or otherwise as the Charity shall from time to time think fit, in cottages maintained by the Charity for the purpose of such provision provided that if at any time any cottage belonging to the Charity is not required for occupation as aforesaid, the charity may let the same for the best rent that can reasonably be obtained.'*

The new Charity has the same constitution and is managed by seven Trustees – four nominated by the Parish Council, one by the Parochial Church Council, and two co-opted by the Trustees.

What is happening now?

In late 2019 the Trustees, who were aware of the need for more affordable housing in Swavesey, looked at the site and garden area of the existing cottages and decided to try to build two new one-bedroom accessible cottages which would add more flexible accommodation than that provided in the existing cottages. With the help of the skills of the Trustees we were able to prepare and submit a planning application in February 2020. This was finally approved in November.

The Trustees have very limited funds to manage the existing cottages limited to the income from the residents' weekly maintenance charges



John Shepperson BEM

The Trustees received a very generous donation from John Shepperson to cover the cost of building the new cottages while allowing us to continue to manage the existing cottages from within our existing budgets. As most villagers will know John has been active in the Swavesey Community all his life and until recent years was a Trustee of Frere Cottages from 1971.

The Trustees worked with Nick Phillips Architects, and others to develop the planning application design and invited tender applications. They accepted a successful tender from Dean and Dean, a Swavesey based building contractor and building work started in January. The Cottages are due to be completed by October this year when they will be advertised in Swavesey for new residents.

The Trustees are: John Pook, Chair.

Martin Herrington, Treasurer.

Bridget Lofts, Secretary.

Clive Barnes. Jonathan Benson.

James Dodson. Stuart Faben.



Construction underway on April 1, 2022

## What might be possible?

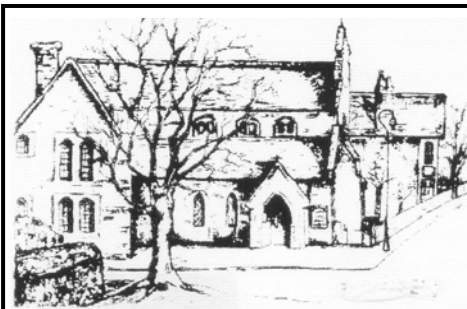
I've been reading about Moses these last few days. What struck me from the reading was how when he was asked to be God's spokesperson to Pharaoh, he complained that he was someone of faltering speech and couldn't possibly do that. Yet earlier in the Bible we are told we was an adopted son of an earlier Pharaoh and educated at the palace - in other words he had the best education possible in the known world. Sounds very implausible that his speech wasn't good! But I find it is common that responses like that of Moses' are used when someone is being asked to do something that is a bit of a challenge - "Oh I couldn't possibly do that" can too often be our response.

Just before writing this piece I've been on a Zoom call with an ex head teacher called Joe who identified wellbeing and mental health as an enormous challenge for school age pupils. Unlike Moses, he stepped up and through an organisation called Kick now helps tens of thousands of pupils in the south east through sports activities.

How much is possible if our response is that we will give something a try, rather than find excuses of why we can't. Please think of Joe, the next time you're about to use words like Moses to respond to an opportunity. What a difference that might make to Swavesey and beyond.

Best wishes,

Simon Gill, Team Rector.



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## The Parish Church of St Andrew

### Ukraine

We were grateful to be asked to be a collection hub for donations for Ukraine at the start of the war in February and will continue to help in any way that we can. There will be an opportunity for silent prayer followed by a Compline service once a month. Further information can be found on our St

Andrew's Facebook page or by contacting either of the churchwardens (see below).

### Prayer Requests

There is a Prayer Table in the Lady Chapel if you ever wish to ask for prayers to be said for you, your family or friends; just put your request on one of the cards and pop it in the box. All requests are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

### Repairs, restoration and preservation

Every five years, St Andrew's has a Quinquennial inspection during which a church architect carries out a close inspection of our building and prepares a report highlighting any areas that need repairing or restoring. Following our inspection in 2021, our two most pressing areas were the pointing on the bell tower and the condition of the north wall behind the church.

Any work on our Grade One listed building needs approval from the Diocese of Ely but we also needed to gain special permission from Historic England before we could begin work on the north wall because it borders an ancient scheduled monument – the priory earthworks. After a lot of paperwork, we managed to obtain the required permissions and also some funding from our patron Jesus College, Cambridge. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the work on the wall will either be finished or at least be on its way to completion. Initially, we thought that we would need an abseiling builder to repaint the tower but when he came in March, the specialist builder managed to repair the stone work without the need of any climbing gear.

Obviously, there is always work that needs to be done to preserve a beautiful building like St Andrew's but we are delighted to have been able to complete these tasks.

The church is open every day from at least 9am to 4pm and may be open longer during the summer months and we invite you all to enjoy the peace and beauty of the building and its graveyard.

For any queries about the church, please contact the churchwardens:

Nicky Carne: 01954 230971: nicky\_carne@hotmail.com

Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: jacqui\_fuller@hotmail.com

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



## WELCOMING PASTOR BOB

The fellowship of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey is delighted that Rev Bob Adams, known as Pastor Bob, has accepted our invitation to be our new pastor and minister. He will join us on 1st May 2022 with his wife Mary. We will be holding a service of Induction on Saturday 18th June at 2pm at Bethel Baptist Church to which you are warmly invited.

Bob Adams has been married to Mary for 41 years; they have four grown up children and nine grandchildren. As a couple they have studied and served together as missionaries and as Pastor and wife since 1986. As well as being a Pastor in a number of Baptist churches Bob has served as an Army Reserve Chaplain in a full and part time capacity, he retired from the Army in 2021.

While off duty, Bob is passionate about all things motorcycle and enjoys repairing and restoring old bikes. Mary enjoys touring on the motorbike, but prefers the gentler, creative activity of cross stitch. They both enjoy long walks with their Border Collie.

"We are looking forward to being a part of the church family of Bethel Baptist and to enjoying the richness of the community of Swavesey.

Understanding that God has a purpose in all things the bible verse that has held much meaning to us during our service is Hebrews 10:23

*'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.'*

The possibilities are endless and so we are excited as to what God has in store for us all."



## CLUB VINTAGE

Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Club Vintage extends a warm welcome to anyone in the village or local area who may be experiencing loneliness in their later years. We are also dementia friendly, with most of the volunteers having undergone training. We meet every Wednesday 2pm-4pm with rotating activities such as chair based exercise, singing, bible based crafts, quizzes and more. This is followed by tea, coffee and cake, and on the fourth Wednesday of the month a Vintage Tea. First week is free so you have nothing to lose. £3 per week after.



## SUNDAY SERVICE

We meet every Sunday at 10.45am. The first Sunday of every month is our all age service seated around tables with coffee and biscuits. Other weeks there is Sunday School provided but children are also welcome to stay in the service until they feel comfortable. We look forward to welcoming you.

## CONTACTS

Pastor Bob Adams (Minister) - [pastorbob@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastorbob@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)

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## Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See <a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/">http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/</a> or Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@swavesey.org.uk">clerk@swavesey.org.uk</a> for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email <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>
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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
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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																								
1 <sup>st</sup> Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site <b>Cubs</b> Day: Tuesday: 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>																								
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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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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 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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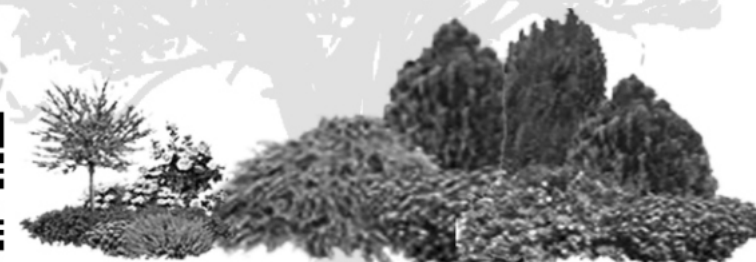
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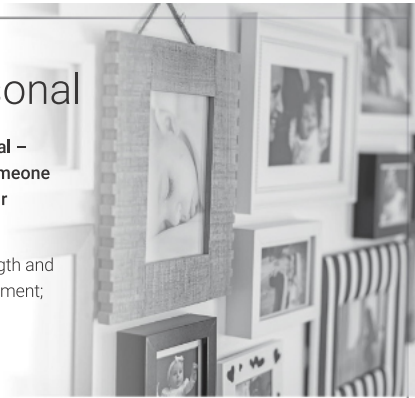
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