

THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



No. 197 August/September 2022

Saturday 3rd September
10am - 1pm

SWAVESEY MINI MARKET

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EDITORIAL

Summer! at last - warm days light evenings that we can all enjoy. Planning a holiday? tell us all about it when you come back.

We also need you to tell us about your club/society and the plans for September onwards. The next issue will cover October and November a time when many clubs re-elect their committee or change their contact details so please tell us so we can spread the word. At least if it is in print then internet outages do not matter when it is on paper!

A shame that Swavesey Festival could not go ahead this year but a lack of interest meant it could not happen. A problem faced by other villages in the area. If you want it to happen then get involved!

Thanks for the response to my request for more deliverers for the Meridian we also need someone to distribute the copies to the delivery team, you will need an estate car and a knowledge of the village in case Satnavs have not yet caught up with the new builds! contact me if you can help. Everything will have been sorted and have labels on each bundle all you need to do is drop off.

Deadline for the October/November issue is 20 August please try to get your copy in on time.

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

Saturday 3 September	Swavesey Mini Market	Swavesey Mini Market - 10am to 1pm on the Market Street Green - Hale Rd Allotments Produce - WI Cake Stall - Library Book Sale
Saturday 24 September	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet	"The Nutcracker " 2pm & 5pm Swavesey Village College - Tickets £10 book on tutusrus@ntlworld.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



August

Thursday 4	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 11	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 18	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 22	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 25	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins

September

Friday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Saturday 3	Swavesey Mini Market	Swavesey Mini Market - 10am to 1pm on the Market Street Green - Hale Rd Allotments Produce - WI Cake Stall - Library Book Sale
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 24	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet	"The Nutcracker " 2pm & 5pm Swavesey Village College - Tickets £10 book on tutusrus@ntlworld.com
Monday 26	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 29	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

Three Volunteers Needed Please

Swavesey's Meridian magazine, which is an important village asset, is distributed six times per year and is now in its 33rd year of production. David (Gibraltar Lane) has been on the management committee since 1995 and Selwyn (Middle Watch) has been on the committee since 2012. Between them they cover the three posts of Treasurer, Distribution Manager and Adverts Manager. Both would like to stand down and hand over to three replacement resident volunteers by the end of July 2023.

Thus, we have up to a year to find willing replacements to join The Meridian. None of these tasks is difficult or time consuming, each requiring only a modest amount of work every two months. David and Selwyn will give on-the-job instruction. If you are interested in taking on one of these jobs please contact the Editor, April Martin at editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk.

CLUB REPORTS

Jottings from the Hale Road Allotments

As I write this the allotments are at their most productive. Some of us are beginning to look like a strawberry! Courgettes are about to start and by the time you read this we will all be wondering why we put in more than one plant, as we struggle to find ways of using them up!

One of our more unusual "crops" this spring was a family of mallard ducks. Mrs Duck, known to her friends as Doris, nested in a compost heap and there she sat for about a month until eight gorgeous chicks hatched. She was last seen waddling on site with her brood following behind her. We hope they are now happily swimming in the river.

If you would like to try some of our tasty produce, and find out why we do this, then come and see us at our Autumn Produce Sale. It's taking place on Market Street Green on Saturday 3rd September from 10.00 till 1pm, or until stocks run out! Early September is a really good time for a variety of fruit and vegetables, so there should be plenty to choose from. Joining us will be the WI and the Swavesey Library book sale, so there will be quite the market feel.

If the thought of growing your own appeals to you, then please have a chat with one of us at the produce sale and perhaps put your name on the waiting list for a plot.

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Swavesey WI News

Meetings Coming Up

August 8th	Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea for WI members.
September 12th	Scarf Tying by Mary Blackhurst
October 10th	Swavesey Crime Writer, Peter Medhurst will give a talk on his life as a writer.

Our members enjoyed an excellent talk in May given by fellow member Carole Pook on "Women of the French Resistance".

In June to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, we enjoyed our Jubilee Party. Pimms, a delicious buffet, strawberries, music, bunting and a good attendance made for a delightful evening.

Our programme is varied and we also have an Eating Out Group, a Book Group and 2 Walking Groups. Plus 50+ members! Our 2 Walking Groups are very popular, so ladies if you enjoy a walk with like-minded ladies, come and join us. For more information on our Walking Groups please contact Clare Fox 01954 202882.

On the second Thursday of the month we serve coffee and homemade cakes at Compass Cafe in the Bethel Chapel. This is very popular, a lovely setting to meet up with friends and to make new friends.

Our monthly meeting is every month on the second Monday in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like 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:-

	£	May 22	June 22
First prize	60	Bob Wick	Lucy Fairweather
Second prize	30	Sue Rogers	Claire Mott
Third prize	15	Derek Shaw	Suzanne Robbins



Swavesey Spartans FC



As you read this, our preparations for the 2022/23 season will be well underway. It was great to host Spartans Day again this year and thank you to everyone who came along to support us on the day and raise valuable funds for the club.

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 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 to register your interest

Committee Members

As a football club we require 4 committee positions to be filled. These are, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Child Welfare Officer. At the end of the 2022/23 season, three of these positions will be vacant and will need to be filled. The following positions are:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Without these positions filled the club cannot continue, so we really need volunteers to come forward for the roles and help keep the committee and the club going

Please Contact swavesey.secretary@gmail.com to register your interest

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.

Good luck to all coaches and players for the 2022/23 season

Swavesey Spartans   

Art Exhibition

Alongside the Produce Show

Saturday 6th August 2022 9.30-4.00pm

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Swavesey & District History Society

May meeting. Mike Petty from Pymoor near Ely entitled his talk "A Fenland History Saver Shares All". Some thirty of us were privileged to be informed and entertained by the much-loved local historian, regular broadcaster and local history columnist for the Cambridge Evening News. Mike took us on a fascinating journey through his 75 years' dedicated commitment to local history, first as a young lad growing up in Stretham, Cambs, and then through his long career with the Cambridge Public Library, part of which included his instrumental role in the establishment and development of



the Cambridgeshire Collection, an invaluable resource for all wishing to find what has been written and recorded about their local communities.

Liberally sprinkled with witty asides and anecdotes, throughout his talk Mike displayed his driving passion for sharing and making available to the widest possible audience, everything new about Cambridge and Cambridgeshire he uncovers through his ongoing and tireless research. In recent years this has involved making as much of his work as possible digitised and placed on online platforms such as <https://archive.org> and the Fenland History on Facebook group, which anyone with an interest in Fenland history is welcome to join.

In the short discussion that followed, we touched on how such passion that Mike exudes, might be channelled to better engage younger minds, if necessary, subverting modern pressures for education to prioritise 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. Fermenting an ongoing interest in local history can do so much to build and sustain strong communities in the new housing developments, villages and towns of Cambridgeshire.

June meeting. For our final meeting of the season, Vanessa Mann from Foxton presented a charming tour of Victorian and Edwardian Postcards. The practice of sending postcards started in the late 1890s, reaching its peak between 1902 and 1910 during which around 6 billion cards were sent – a staggering number. Many people were writing messages, which were kept brief by limited space, on hundreds of postcards in a year and essentially, it was the social media of the time. The Post Office was delighted with the business generated and supported it with as many as six deliveries per day in some cities. Several examples were either shown on screen or handed round the audience which had been written in the morning saying such as "Meet me behind the tennis court at 8 this evening". Messages were often written in simple code such as writing the word back to front or, in more complex fashion, such as repeatedly using the third then fifth letter further along in the alphabet.

The cards were produced by 4 or 5 large companies and because they were so numerous, they can readily be collected today for around £1 each from postcard stands, market stalls, junk shops, E-bay or, locally, at the bi-monthly Cambridge Stamp Fair in Arbury. Another good information point is The University of

Lancaster Edwardian Postcard Project which is a free website. Cards sent by, or to, many Swavesey families in the early 1900s can easily be discovered.

Our speaker often takes the activity further since the names, addresses, dates and postmarks, along with personal details on the cards, provide a helpful starting point for searching ten-yearly census data and family history sites. Thus, whether or not a young lady subsequently married and had children can lead to finding her descendants today and these relatives, when contacted, are usually delighted to learn of their ancestors. Similarly, where a young man served during WWI and if he survived or his Commonwealth War Graves memorial can often be discovered.

Swavesey & District History Society returns

On 20 September with

The 1947 Floods in Swavesey and Over

Year after year our programme contains a wide variety of expert speakers and interesting local subjects. Earlier in 2022 the topics included –

- House of Spies
- The Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co
- The Inns and Outs of Pub Names

The History Society meets at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in The Global Environment Centre at Swavesey Village College – through the main entrance then 30 metres along the corridor to the right. No need to book so you are welcome to just walk in. If you want further information, contact our Secretary, Carolyn Redmayne, on 01954 230037.

The new season starts on Tuesday 20 September with a blockbuster presentation by Selwyn on the 1947 floods in Swavesey and Over. Further topics will include All that glisters: Discoveries at Trumpington meadows, A handsome little town: A virtual tour of Bury St Edmunds and Did he do it?.

If you have always enjoyed singing

Then Swavesey Community Choir would love you to join them!

We meet every Wednesday evening (during term time)

Term starts on 14th September at 7.30pm.

Feel free to "come and try us out" anytime!

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ANOTHER YEAR GONE ALREADY ?

Well, that didn't last long, but looking back on another successful year, we have managed to squeeze in an enormous amount, including the return of our very popular exhibition in the Memorial Hall, and some excellent lectures, most face to face back in the College and some on Zoom. All our meetings can still be accessed by Zoom, sent from the College on the night, and now they are recorded too so one can have a second viewing if particularly interested in that evenings subject, very useful when it is on technical matters. These recordings stay available for a full week. In these weird times this zoom alternative has meant that those of us who have fallen foul of the dreaded COVID haven't missed out.

Our most successful members in competitions this year were Gareth Wilkinson for the Improvers section, and Simon Shore for the Advanced, but it was Nev Tait's beautiful 'Antarctic Moonrise' which was voted Image of the Year. This will now be on our membership cards and heading our website.

We don't meet again in the College until September 8th, 7pm, for our customary Welcome Evening. (Please note the date in your diary, we would love to see you). Our annual barbecue will bring us old members and families together before then on August 20th, and meanwhile we have plenty of time, and we hope, reasonable weather to fill up our portfolios for the coming year. We already have our set subjects, voted for them from a shortlist at the AGM, rather more challenging than usual, as we chose Shadows, Opposites and Abstracts.

After our Welcome Evening we are happy to have an old friend, Will Cheung, on September 15th, followed by a talk on Wildlife from David Henson on the 22nd. Our first competition of the year will be the Annual Projected Digital Image on the 29th. As we are all aware we aren't completely out of the woods yet, so please keep your eye on the Club website in case things have to be changed at the last minute.

You will know that we always welcome new members right through the year, but don't miss our Welcome Evening if you can make it, it is very entertaining. Guests are able to come to any club meeting for a small fee, please come along if you see anything that interests you.

Mo Hadfield

Swavesey Camera Club.

www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk



Find your inspiration at Fen Drayton Lakes

As one of the RSPB's 224 nature reserves being supported by more than a million members, Fen Drayton Lakes was acquired in 2007 with a unique role within the organisation – to inspire more people to give nature a home. Or, at least, to support the RSPB in so doing. Unfortunately, due to a number of economic and political factors, the aspirations of those involved at the time were thwarted.

But, thanks to the subscriptions, donations, purchases, and time given by all of its Supporters, the RSPB has continued to provide the resources needed for the upkeep and improvement of the reserve and its habitats. Islands, reedbeds, and grasslands, which without management would by now be willow woods or scrub are, at the last count, home to over eight hundred pairs of breeding terns, gulls and wading birds, the highest number of breeding turtle doves of any RSPB reserve, three booming bitterns, and countless other waterfowl, songbirds and other non-avian wildlife.

This year will see a re-doubling of our efforts in introducing more people to the wonders of our natural world and inspiring them to give nature a home, or at least to support us in so doing. In a world where our children spend less and less time discovering the outside world for themselves, those of us involved with protecting the natural world now see a large part of our job as being to find new



ways of ensuring that younger and future generations are exposed to those experiences that just might give them the moment of enlightenment that compels them to join the cause in reversing the decline of this world's biodiversity. So keep an eye out for new and exciting ways to immerse your family in the nature and habitats of Fen Drayton Lakes:

Lakeside camping - From this June, private groups of up to 30 can pre-book our Discovery Zone for camping and onsite activities. Bookings being taken now - please get in touch.

Canoe safaris - Slink through the reeds on our new water-based trail to discover the lakes from a new perspective. Dates from August to September TBA.

Upcoming events

Willow weaving workshop – 3 Sept 2022

Canoe safaris – Dates TBC

Wednesday wander – 2nd Wed of month

To see details and book, please visit:
www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes
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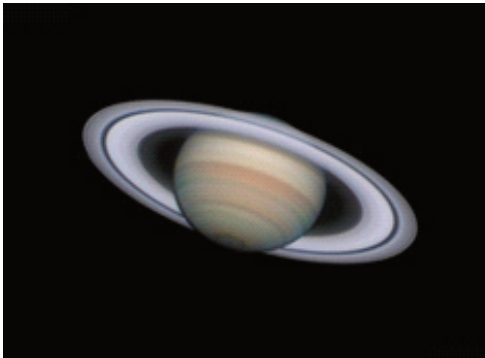
It Will Probably Be Cloudy...

A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during August and September.

Hopefully by now we will all have been amazed by the first images taken by the James Webb Space Telescope that were due to be released by NASA on July 12th.

Mid-August will see the reappearance of the Perseid meteor shower, caused by the debris stream from the comet Swift-Tuttle. The shower will radiate between the constellations Perseus and Camelopardalis, and you may see activity from mid-July. Best seen in the pre-dawn hours, it takes a bit of dedication, but it's worth it! The peak of the Perseids is Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August this year.

Unfortunately, the peak of the Perseids also coincides with full moon on 12th August so may impact on viewing the meteor shower. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon. This is also the last of three supermoons for 2022. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

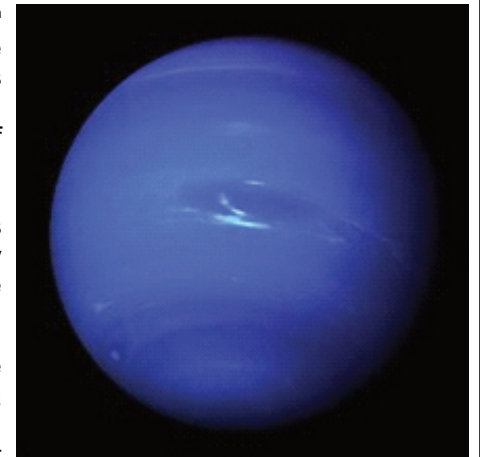


Saturn moves into opposition on 14th August. The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Saturn and its moons. A medium-sized or larger telescope will allow you to see Saturn's rings and a few of its brightest moons.

Mercury is visible to the naked eye, but it is a bit of a challenge. It's so close to the Sun that the separation between the two isn't particularly large as seen from Earth. During the moment of greatest Eastern Elongation on 27th August, we'll have our best chance to spot it, low towards the west as the Sun is setting.

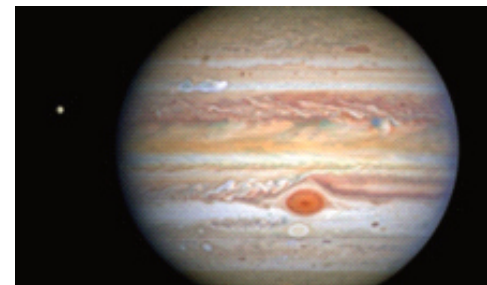
The September full moon is on 10th September. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Corn Moon because the corn is harvested around this time of year. This moon is also known as the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the September equinox each year.

Neptune moves in to opposition on 16th September. The blue giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Neptune. Due to its extreme distance from Earth, it will only appear as a tiny blue dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.



20th September will hopefully see the launch of the Rosalind Franklin rover, a delayed part of ESA's Exomars mission (an orbiter is already in place). It won't actually land until the following year but is this the mission that can answer whether there was (or is) life on Mars?

The Autumnal equinox occurs on 23rd September marking the end of summer and the start of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. The Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night.



Jupiter moves in to opposition on 26th September. The giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Jupiter and its moons. A medium-sized telescope should be able to show you some of the details in

Jupiter's cloud bands. A good pair of binoculars should allow you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

Chris & Helen Nunn

Reimagining the Future: Sustainability Festival June 25-26 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated in this fantastic weekend! We were so lucky with the weather: maybe you made it to the Rosegate Farm treasure hunt, showcasing the many areas of the farm where sustainable methods of grazing, of growing and of rainwater harvesting have replaced reliance on artificially medicating and fertilising and on mains water. And PYO strawberries for a prize to boot! Or perhaps you got as far as Hemsall Farm Vegan Glamping, to meet their gorgeous rescued animals and sample various vegan milks?

In the memorial hall we held Swavesey's first repair café, which was a resounding success. I was astonished that almost everything was fixable – electronics, bikes, clothing. And our tool sharpener had her grinding wheel going non-stop: axe, knives, shears and scissors all went away with a new lease of life. There was also a lot of excitement for the clothing swap too, people bringing in their unwanted items and leaving delightedly with a brand-new wardrobe.

Of course in Swavesey's community orchard we had the great Swavesey soil pit, complete with our very own soil experts to explain what we were seeing. The clay they dug up proved to hold endless fascination for the children there: our play leader just enjoyed watching them build and experiment with barely any input needed. After that it was a brief stroll down to St Andrew's, where there was a relaxed atmosphere, fuelled by cakes, tea and sunshine, and plenty of imaginative material for bug hotel creation. On the Sunday the main action was down Hale Road, with the tenth anniversary allotment celebrations underway, giving people a tour and a chance to try some planting, vote on the scarecrow competition, and also attend a fascinating talk in the secluded beehive clearing, nestled in a little wooded part of the site. At Constable's Rood we learned about the history of the fen enclosures, how it shaped our landscape and what it meant for the people living in Swavesey at the time. And at the memorial hall children were engrossed in building their own imagined worlds from recycled materials. There was lots of information on offer and a chance to chat to the experts, from home energy saving to Freya Refills.

We will continue with future events and actions and join with others to help Swavesey and our neighbouring areas adapt to meet the growing needs and demands we face collectively from the biodiversity and climate crisis. Look out for wildlife window stickers in local homes in coming weeks, as the primary school biodiversity challenge gets underway (www.rewildingchallenge.com)

If you'd like to join us or find out more about what we are doing, please contact Rachel on 07312102526, or vollerthun@gmail.com

Swavesey Festival Update

We wanted to give you a heads up on the position of Swavesey Festival.

Due to the prevailing uncertain situation, not enough people have put themselves forward so we are unable to fill all the roles on the management committee.

The festival will be on hold for now, however it is hoped that it will return in the future if a Committee can be formed.

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**Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm -5.30pm,
Wednesday evenings 5pm – 7pm and
Saturday mornings 10 – 12 noon.**

It's not too late to join the children's summer reading Scheme.

Join the Gadgeteers for a summer reading challenge, to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around us. Brilliant books, competitions, games, challenges and certificates on completion.

Log on at Summerreadingchallenge.org.uk or enroll at Swavesey Library.

Swavesey library can be found in the Old Entrance Hall, Swavesey Village College. It's entrance is at the right-hand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in the library.

For further information see our web site:-

www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/swavesey-library,

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Richard at Richard94.hart@virgin.net / 01954 202707 or

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Surrounded by Water – Almost

Part 11. The Overspill Dam and the Aqueduct.

Starting from the kissing gate at the southern end of the Community Orchard (Market Street end), move to your right to stand on the bank of Church Brook (known as Turnbridge Brook back where it crosses High Street, near Wallman's Lane). Walk north along the bank for about 40 metres to the elbow in the brook, where, on the opposite bank you should, probably with some difficulty, be able to see a brick and concrete wall at the inconspicuous entrance to a shady backwater. Not easily discernible, as confirmed in the photograph, but this is the overspill dam into Cow Fen and it is a key part of Swavesey's flood protection scheme.



In the 1980s 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.

The Great Ouse, flowing from west to east, brings a large volume of water towards our village. Swavesey Drain, on the eastern parish boundary, meets the river at Webb's Hole sluice and when the river water depth reaches 3.4m AOD the vertical sluice gate shuts down automatically to prevent river water flowing back inland and flooding the village.

While the sluice gate remains closed, the increasing volume of water in Swavesey Drain heading to the river can eventually change direction and travel back inland against the flow of water coming from Turnbridge Brook. Water from within the village, travelling down Turnbridge Brook, builds up on the village side of Church Bridge until the overspill dam in the community orchard overtops. This allows excess water to escape to the south-east into the rigorously-maintained, low-level network of ditches in Cow Fen from where, to minimise the risk of houses being flooded through much of Swavesey, it is pumped up into Swavesey Drain at the point where the Drain crosses Over Road. This adds to the water flowing over the Swavesey Drain bank up near the sluice gate into Middle, Mow and Mare Fens. These three fens, along with the watercourses in Cow Fen, are the primary water storage sites until Webb's Hole sluice eventually reopens when the river level falls.

We know the Romans were skilful builders of aqueducts: well, Swavesey has its own aqueduct, albeit a tad less atmospheric than most Roman examples. Go to the far end of Market Street then continue for another 1,200 metres ($\frac{3}{4}$ mile) down Cow Fen Drove, noting the deep, low level ditch on your left, until, abruptly, you come to a substantial ridge in the track, which is the bridge crossing the aqueduct. Here the Utton's Drove Drain, on its way to Swavesey



Drain and the Great Ouse, flows from right to left (south to north) and crosses above the low level waterway system which drains Cow Fen. Stand up on the bridge and look over the northern brick wall to note the adjacent low level, deep ditch passing beneath in a large diameter pipe. Further illustrating the complexity of Swavesey's drainage system, the deep Cow Fen ditches are managed by Swavesey Internal Drainage Board while Utton's Drove Drain is managed by the Environment Agency at

this point, having been the responsibility of South Cambs District Council further south near Utton's Drove sewage works. Water continues to flow through the aqueduct at all times of the year because, as well as draining agricultural land from a large area around Boxworth and Lolworth, Utton's Drove Drain conducts treated water to the river from the sewage works beside the A14. The flow is set to become a torrent of water because foul water from 23,700 houses granted planning permission in recent years from major new developments as far apart as Cambourne in the west and Northstowe in the east, will be sent to Utton's Drove sewage works, thus increasing the flood pressure on Swavesey. We have heard about all that earlier in this series of articles

Selwyn's diabolical puzzle on book titles. Part 3

Some readers found the bottom line Q "The inverse of 5376618 and of 266 (7,2,3)" on p 12 of the June/July issue difficult to solve even when supplied with the answer. Simply type 5376618 into a calculator and turn it upside down to reveal "Biggles" and add "of 266".

Each clue below 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.

The male ferret sunk his teeth in (3, 6)

Pep cared I'd injured substitute badly (5, 3, 9)

When it's over, can we parade ostentatiously? (3, 3, 5)

In which foul fog slithered north? (3, 4, 2, 3, 5)

Woman leaves terrycloth crumpled (4, 11, 5)

Me, wild drunk? Oo – you are awful! (5, 4, 4)

A dinghy? Yes, it capsized after circumnavigation (6, 3, 5, 2, 6, 4)

Vulgar verse still shocking (9, 7)

Skipper claims one roll'd in after storm (7, 8, 8)

Not so much grasping as down in the dumps (3, 10)

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 26.

A Glance at the Past in August and September From the Cambridge Chronicle

1843, 9 Sept. Malicious Damage. Last Sunday some persons broke & damaged the fences of Hall (Hale) Field belonging to John Dodson. A reward of £4 offered for the apprehension of guilty persons.

1846, 5 Sept. Cricket. A match was played in this village in a field belonging to Joseph Carter, between Swavesey & Huntingdon Albion; Swavesey won by seven wickets. There will be a return match next week at Huntingdon.

1853, 27 Aug. Packing a Butcher. On Tuesday last, one of the knights of the cleaver was comfortably packed up in a haycart, at one of the Public Houses in Cambridge, after partaking freely of John Barleycorn, but fortunately his horse being so accustomed to the road, arrived safely with the carcass to the great delight of his wife and children.

1854, 9 Sept. The Harvest. The sickle and scythe have cleared hundreds of acres and the produce is safely stacked. Last season due to the floods farmers were obliged to lay it in their yards for manure. The crop is abundant and where the wheat appears thin it is compensated by the size and weight of the ears. The barley will be admirable malting quality. Oats, beans & peas are prolific, whilst root crops, swedes & turnips never looked better.

1863, 1 Aug. School Treat. The annual treat of tea and cakes for Sunday School and Day School scholars was given. Afterwards games and racing took place in the field adjoining Mr. Long's.

1866, 11 Aug. Great Fire. This began on F. Carter's farm just after one o'clock midday. Sparks from the fire ignited the thatch roof of the Malting House of the Brewery opposite. Then the thatched roof of the Bluebell (public house, Mr. Cain) caught fire and the house was completely burnt out, including small grocery shop run by Jesse Hephner. The fire then crossed the road again and finally burnt out in Benjamin Carter's farm. The fire extended for about a quarter of a mile along the road but did not penetrate deeply on each side. It was a very windy day and the property destroyed amounts to several thousands of pounds. The Fire Engines from Swavesey and Over fought the blaze.

1867, 28 Sept. The Late Storm. George Dodson, who lost all his harvest in the storm, was presented with about £4 collected by Mr. C. Richman.

1879, 6 Sept. Railway Station Robbery. W. T. a porter at the station charged with stealing a pair of men's boots, value 14/-, some gooseberries, value 7/9, about 8 lbs suet worth 5/-, the property of G.E.R. Committed for trial.

1897, 6 Aug. Swine Fever. Exemplary fine at the Barton & Trent Police Court on John Taylor, Farmer, of Heminglow, Staffs, who was fined £12-10-0d, for removing from Cambridgeshire 52 swine without obtaining a certificate licence from the Local Authority of Stafford. The swine were sent by M. F. of Fen Drayton from Swavesey Station, and shortly afterwards some of them fell ill with Swine Fever. To prevent the spread of the disease all those that could be traced were killed.

1899, 8 Sept. Farm Fire at Manor Farm, occupied by Mr. Norman. The fire started in a stack and was caused by a spark from a passing threshing machine engine. A large barn, farm implements, cowsheds, stabling, a stack of barley and pea straw destroyed. Attempt made to use the ancient fire engine, which was built in 1827, but it was out of order and no use whatever. There was a good supply of water from a pond and pump nearby. During the fire, some spectators narrowly missed injury when a wall collapsed. Damage about £100. Insured with Imperial Fire Office.

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Warren Wright Memories

Moving to 12 High Street certainly made the walk to school at the Primary a lot shorter and better in the winter months, needless to say the school itself looked a lot different in the early mid 50's. Cold & frosty mornings were always fun at play-time as a massive slide was usually created on the tarmac surface open play area at the front of the school, the Swavesey winter Olympics sliding team were seriously rehearsing there-upon for as long as the low temperatures allowed. In those times it was usual to battle through the weather to get to school, not like today, when just the hint of the odd snowflake would seem to be enough for the Blob to cancel all lessons for the day or maybe longer!

Similarly in finer times it was commonplace to use the same area for huge games of "British Bulldog" which I believe has not been allowed for some time thanks to "Elf and safe T".

For the last couple of years prior to the Village College opening in 1958, the Primary was getting rather crowded as it was taking all ages of pupils from 5 to 15/16 year olds, including a few from neighbouring villages which would later be in the college catchment area. In order to accommodate the numbers after the morning assembly, two of the older classes would be located in the old National school just across the road opposite the Green at the School Lane junction. Similarly two additional classes would move to the Memorial Hall for their lessons, all four classes returning back to the primary for the school dinners prepared by Mrs Culpin and her team. After school it was quite usual for games on the Green prior to going home for tea.

Those were the days when every pupil was allocated a small bottle of milk, a 1/3rd of a pint, for free on a daily basis. This was cancelled by Maggie Thatcher some 20 years later. During the cold winter months it was not unusual for the milk to arrive frozen - more fun & games with the thawing process!

In those times almost every working farm in the village had a raised table platform by the entry/exit point to/from the main road, where the farmers would place the filled milk churns for collection by the local dairy in Fenstanton where it would be tested & treated prior to being returned & delivered in bottles, not only to the school but almost every house in the village back in the day.

Despite moving to the centre of the village I maintained my Saturday morning job at Freestone's bakery by delivering bread to their clients in Boxworth End, utilising their trade bike with the large basket frame over the front wheel. I usually managed to get most of the deliveries completed down to Middle Watch prior to the first vacant van returning to the bakery, whereupon I left the bike and joined the van for delivery to the rest of the village. Some clients were used to paying for the delivery which was not a problem, but I have to say I was a little bit taken aback when I was handed one of the old white fivers by a gentleman in Boxworth End.

Being so close to the Memorial Hall made it much easier to go & see any social events therein. There was a time when a gentleman brought a large film projector & screen there, usually on a Friday night, turning it into a temporary cinema for the evening. There would quite often be a kids movie first followed by one for the grown ups and no, I doubt if they would have been X rated, just black and white films of the era. The favourites for the youngsters were definitely the cowboy westerns, when they were showing a shoot-out some of the lads would have taken their cap guns with them and joined in, wouldn't they Tex??. Great time whilst it lasted, entry cost a tanner which is 2 & a half pence in today's money to get in for the movie & I always took an extra threepenny bit for a half-time bag of chips from Ray Oakman's chippie just by the White Horse.

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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:
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There will also be catering and children's entertainment at this event.

The Army have offered to be our volunteers as well on the day, looking after everyone who comes to this event.

We are encouraging everyone to try to Bike Run or Walk with or without their 4-legged friends to this event.

BRoW4 CIC is a non-charity fundraising group, made up entirely of volunteers. We attend local community events to raise funds that then enable us to host a big family fun fest that raises money for air ambulance charities across the UK. The services the air ambulances provide are so important, and yet they receive no Government or Lottery funding, so every penny we can raise to help them makes such a difference!



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Answers to Selwyn's diabolical book titles puzzle on page 19

The male ferret sunk his teeth in (3, 6)	The Hobbit
Pep cared I'd injured substitute badly (5, 3, 9)	Pride and Prejudice
When it's over, can we parade ostentatiously? (3, 3, 5)	War and Peace
In which foul fog slithered north? (3, 4, 2, 3, 5)	The Lord of the Rings
Woman leaves terrycloth crumpled (4, 11, 5)	Lady Chatterley's Lover
Me, wild drunk? Oo – you are awful! (5, 4, 4)	Under Milk Wood
A dinghy? Yes, it capsized after circumnavigation (6, 3, 5, 2, 6, 4)	Around the World in Eighty Days
Vulgar verse still shocking (9, 7)	Gulliver's Travels
Skipper claims one roll'd in after storm (7, 8, 8)	Captain Corelli's Mandolin
Not so much grasping as down in the dumps (3, 10)	Les Misérables



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SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Primary School Early Years and Playwork Centre

Wraparound Care and Early Years Provision – Mon to Fri – term-time

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)

For 2 ½ year olds to 4 year olds

Places for funded children up to 30 hours per week

Charged sessions:-

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

2 year olds £15 half-day and £30 full-day

£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>

Over Surgery Extension

Work commenced on 27 June 2022

Planning permission for an extension of our existing building and associated works was granted by the District Council in June 2021. The extension will create three new consultant / examination rooms to deliver the primary care service for patients already living within the catchment area of the surgery, as well as provide spaces for new residents arriving in future. It will also provide a greater range of services with more integration for both community and social care services. This will enable us to expand and develop in line with the growth of the village population.

Extract from the surgery website at:- <https://oversurgery.nhs.uk/june-newsletter/>

Nearly £90,000, secured from developers as part of the planning permissions issued for five housing developments within Over Surgery's practice boundary has been passed to the NHS to help fund the expansion. A further £40,000 is to follow in future.

There will be a new entrance to the site via Giffords Way off Drings Close and, according to the planning application, increased parking



Swavesey Playtimers

9:45 - 11:15 every Friday (including the holidays).
In the Memorial Hall

We will begin with free play followed by a snack and then finish with Sharon from Parafunalia clap and sing who will lead some singing and movement.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group - "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.



9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
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NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
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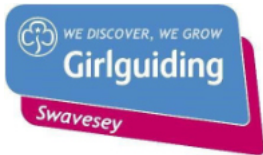
Jane Rich, CEO of Cambridge Community Arts, said: *“We bring people together in small groups in the community, to learn and practice all forms of art. They gain in confidence, improve their mental health, make friends and in some cases get back to work”.*

Come along to their Open Day on Tuesday 12 July 1-4pm at Arbury Community Centre, Campkin Road, Cambridge CB4 2LD, when people will have the chance to talk to course tutors, staff and past learners to find out more.

Full details and application form can be found on:-

www.camcommarts.org.uk or phone 07763 280029.

Courses are open to adults 19+ who live in the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority area. There is a reduced rate for those on a low income or means-tested benefits. If courses become oversubscribed, CCA prioritise those with health conditions, disabilities and/or unpaid caring responsibilities.



Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

Rainbows Go Wild

On a lovely, sunny Saturday in June, 1st Swavesey Rainbows joined in with an event organised by Girlguiding Cambs East County and were part of a group of 90 Rainbows who 'went wild' at Shepreth Wildlife Park. 100 more Rainbows did the same the following day.

The organising team arranged coaches to pick us up from our villages and some units travelled by train. We joined a coach that was already half full with Rainbows from Chatteris and we were soon at Shepreth. A quick safety talk (don't climb fences, wash hands etc) and we set off to find our base for the day (the Education centre) and pick up our timetables.

At the start of the day many of the animals were still in their houses, but gradually they woke up and came out to show off in front of us! A couple of girls told me they had adopted animals there, so we headed off to find them first, otters and rabbits. Then we had our half hour Discovery Session in the Education Centre. Half of this was using an amazing sand tray with images projected on to it and the pictures changed with the depth of sand, the adults had a go too! A game and then some education. Dips filled with water, higher sand was land, could they keep the lions away from the zebras, but not let any drown? The second half of this session was exploring carnivores and herbivores and looking at the differences in their skulls, and then playing a stuck in the mud type game in which carnivores were chasing omnivores, who were set free by bugs. Then the bugs were taken away, meaning all of the omnivores rapidly got stuck and the carnivores ran out of food, demonstrating the importance of insects in the food chain.

Another half hour to look at the animals, this time the otters were awake and we saw lemurs and meercats and we had 10 minutes on the play area before heading off to join all the other Rainbows on the recreation ground next to the wildlife park to eat our packed lunches.

Back to the Education Centre for some craft activities, passing through the Tropical House and then some more time to look at the animals including going inside the bat house, red pandas (another adopted animal), capybaras, alpacas and more. We went to the tiger keeper talk as we were doing a Tiger Challenge Badge that term, but in spite of lots of Rainbows and some Beavers and families with children, it sadly wasn't very child friendly (a very long section on palm oil), so we apologised and left, collected our bags and walked back out of the park past some different animals, seeing dinosaurs (!) and donkeys.

The day ended on the recreation ground with all 90 Rainbows in a big circle. We sang a couple of songs, our Rainbow Goodbye song and the girls were all given a red cotton goody bag which included a badge!



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!

Website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Adult volunteers are always welcome, please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know more.
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What a great finish to the summer term, the group went away on their first camp since the pandemic, and we all had so much fun. The Cubs and Scouts camped out for the whole weekend and the Beavers joined us for the day on Saturday.

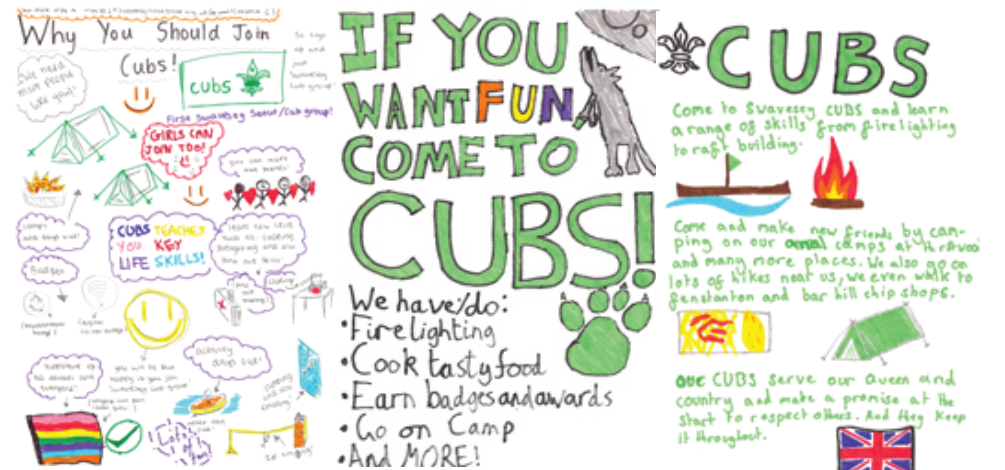
We all got to try lots of new activities which many of the young people had never done before, and the highlight was all of the water-based activities like kayaking, raft building and we even tried stand up paddle boarding.

Beavers:

So, the Beavers have now been open a whole term and are going very well. The numbers are at a good level, and we are hoping to have lots more fun activities planned for our return in September.

Cubs:

Numbers in the Cub pack are currently quite low and we have spaces for any young people aged between 8-10½ years of age who would like to come along and have a go at something new.



These are some of the reasons you should come along – thanks to the Scouts for these posters.

Scouts:

At the end of July, we were very pleased that we were able to award 4 of our Scouts their Chief Scout Gold Award badge, these are awarded to Scouts that have completed a certain amount of badge work, I would like to congratulate Will, Daniel, Jamie and Maisie for achieving this. We hope that this will inspire the other Scouts to work towards theirs.

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 and we will happily get back to you as soon as possible.



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- Improve your English

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[Email community@swaveseyvc.co.uk](mailto:community@swaveseyvc.co.uk)



First time marathon runner raising funds for development interventions in marginalised communities

In October, over 40,000 people will ascend on the streets of London donning fancy dress and raising money as they complete the 26.2 mile London Marathon. This year, they will be joined by Serena from East Anglia who will be running her first marathon, raising money for Feed the Minds.

“Feed the Minds works to bring practical education to people who missed out on education due to poverty, conflict, and discrimination. This cause is close to Serena’s heart, and we are very proud that Serena is running this marathon,” says Sandra Golding, CEO of Feed the Minds.

Serena works as the Programme Funding Officer at Feed the Minds and her role involves securing grants from institutions and foundations to support Feed the Minds’ practical education projects.

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GENERAL

Three new Parish Councillors: Alex Widger, Rachel Vollerthun and County Cllr Mandy Smith, were welcomed to the PC along with seven of the previous serving Cllrs. Chairman Will Wright stated that having served as Chairman for a number of years now he thought it was time to stand down from the role.

Cllr Martin Johnston was nominated and elected unanimously for the forthcoming year. As he had sent apologies, the Clerk asked for nominations for a chairperson for the meeting & outgoing chairman Mr Wright was subsequently elected. Councillor Doug Hunt was nominated and unanimously elected for the position of vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. The acceptance of office forms had been signed by all Councillors and returned to the Clerk. It was resolved to fill the one vacancy remaining on the PC by co-option and the vacancy was later advertised for any local applicants.

The sole applicant for co-option was Sue Rogers, who was subsequently unanimously voted in to join the PC at the meeting on June 27th.

All the necessary annual policy and procedure reviews were subsequently agreed and passed, along with the review and adoption of statutory documents, appointments and policies which are available to be viewed on the Parish Website.

HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The condition of the footpath on the southern side of Market St. down past the Grange to Cow Fen Drove is in desperate need of maintenance as it is a very well used route. It is in places very narrow, due to encroaching grass and moss and the road itself is often under water. This has been reported to the County Council previously but apparently "it does not meet their current criteria so no action would be taken". So it's OK to build 2 new houses just across the road but leave the footpath in an extremely dangerous state!

At the end of May County Cllr Mandy Smith and the Clerk met with the Assistant Director of Highways Maintenance to discuss the list of outstanding issues around the village and as to why it was taking so long to resolve them & some of them were not being addressed at all. This resulted in 15 or so issues being listed, a few of which have been resolved with others now ordered for maintenance work.

We have received confirmation that our LHI bid this year has been accepted for funding for speed reduction measures on Fen Drayton Road. Unfortunately we don't believe the 30 mph limit can be extended but there will be a 40 mph limit extending just past the rear entrance to the Village College together with additional road markings and a village entry sign. Watch this space!

A state of the art traffic counter has now been installed on a street light column in Boxworth End, just south of the Rose & Crown junction, this has been financed by the Northstowe development project and all the data collected there-on will be supplied to us for assessment & future discussions with the County Transport officers.

Cycle racks and bollards have been installed at the top of Market Street by the village sign.

County & now Parish Councillor Mandy Smith arranged a meeting with both the new County Council Highways Development Manager and the Traffic Manager responsible for assessing the effect of the Northstowe build out on the surrounding villages. Mandy and the officers met with 3 PC members & the Clerk, to discuss the ever increasing speed & unprecedented

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volume of traffic along Boxworth End, Ramper Road and throughout the village. It was confirmed by the CCC Traffic & Transport Dept. at the planning meetings for Northstowe phases 3a & 3b, that section 106 money would be made available for traffic mitigation measures for villages surrounding the Northstowe development. Discussions are ongoing and as the major financial S106 monies will not be available for 4/5 years we are working on drawing up a serious "wish list" of traffic improvement schemes for the entire village including a 20mph speed limit. We are investigating the possibility of a Ramper Road weight limit given the fact that there are no less than 5 brick built culverts, all "of an age" so as to speak and the increase in HGV movements make these extremely susceptible to collapse. The PC are drawing up a "wish list" of measures for necessary improvements but it is a major work in progress!

PLANNING

Work on the renovation of the cottage - 37 Market Street - seems to have commenced at long last, it is after all one of the oldest listed buildings in the village!

DRAINAGE

District Councillor Sue Ellington and IDB chairman Keith Wilderspin met with our MP for a drainage walkabout to highlight the unique position our village is in regarding flooding risks, Anthony Browne brought up the issue in Parliament, in connection with the Northstowe development.

Fews Lane Consortium, based in Longstanton, has obtained a Judicial Review concerning the District Council's planning decision to pass the recent outline planning applications for both Northstowe phases 3A & 3B, without giving due consideration or discussion to the potential future water shortages in Longstanton and in particular the future flooding possibility to Swavesey Parish. This action will be heard in the High Court later this year.

The water supply line connection to the imminent Bushmead development has been completed. Anglian Water have finally listened to our & other objections to their decision to allow some of the site's surface water to be fed into the main raw sewage line at the site entrance, instead of being pumped up to the site's balancing pond. This follows recent incidents of flooding around the Ramper/Boxworth End junction including raw sewage coming from the manhole covers.

FINANCE

The PC approved the application from the Pavilion Trust for S106 funding of £2,480 for new flooring for the inside of the Recreation Green pavilion. A similar application was approved for additional paving to improve the walkway access to the Pavilion & new storage area with a provisional grant costing of £1,445, with any additional costs to be confirmed.

OTHER ITEMS

The 1953 Coronation bench located at the Boxworth End/Rose & Crown Lane junction has been "refurbished" and is now located on the grass verge at the western side of Swan Pond. Our thanks to Paul Hendry and Richard Goddard for their time in refurbishing the bench.

We have had reports of residents using e-scooters particularly on our footpaths which in places are barely wide enough for a baby's pushchair. Please note this is illegal and dangerous!

There have been several reports of unsociable graffiti cropping up around the village & busway requiring clean-up, not quite "Banksy" standard.

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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.






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From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear Residents

Council life is starting to return to pre-pandemic arrangements and more committee meetings are being held in the council offices at Cambourne. But the administration have recently agreed a 'Hybrid working' policy which allows staff to negotiate flexible working arrangements for their working week. This allows working from home on a regular basis and attending meetings virtually. Although I agree that there are advantages for all in more flexible working, I have asked that when councillors have asked for a problem to be addressed - they should get regular progress reports so that they can keep their residents up-to-date.

The Housing Department has recently been through the procurement process to select a company to carry out all the repairs to council housing. This is a lengthy process required by law to ensure the best cost effect service. Mears have won it for the next four years.

I was pleased to see that Over Surgery has been given some S106 money to enlarge their building and services. S106 money is collected from developers of more than 10 houses to provide community facilities and as many Swavesey residents use the Over surgery it will relieve some of the pressure in Swavesey.

The problem with bin collections since May is primarily due to the lack of bin lorry drivers but I am also told that the bank holidays enabled many residents to sort their gardens out and the lorries had to take extra journeys to empty. The message is "if your Road isn't emptied - leave them out and the refuse service will collect them as soon as possible"

Meetings involving Anglia Water, Cambs County Council and South Cambs flood team and highways regarding flooding in the Ramper Road area continue. I also chair liaison meetings every three months with housing developers and the Parish Council. I hope to be able to bring you news about improvements to the drainage system as well as proposals for creating the Road junction in that area. The wheels of decision making turn very slowly but I am on the case! I heard last week that there was money being made available by the County Council to repair roads affected by flooding so I am sure the Parish Council has made a bid.

Have a good summer. Please contact me if I can help sort out a problem.
Best wishes

Sue Ellington. South Cambs District Councillor for Swavesey Ward.
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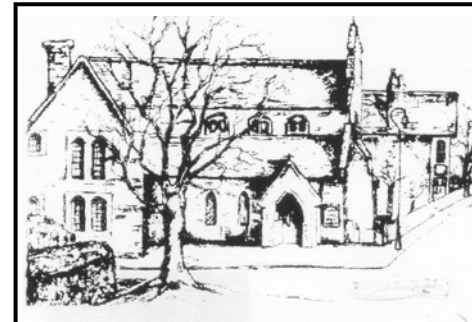
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The Parish Church of St Andrew

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Bob and his wife and hope that they will enjoy their time in Swavesey.

Walking and Talking

I like to walk, especially beside water. So living near Fen Drayton lakes is a delight. I enjoy my Monday morning strolls with the Women's Walking Group in Swavesey. It's a great way to start the week by walking and talking: combining conversation with cardiovascular exercise; getting some fresh air and getting to know people at the same time.

Perhaps, like me, you took a daily walk during those Covid-19 lockdown periods? I am aware that many people have sought to continue this healthy habit. Without doubt, these summer months provide extra encouragement to spend time in the beautiful outdoors.

Often I walk alone, talking and praying to God as I go. This practice helps me craft many a sermon or untangle knotty issues. There are days when I cycle or run instead. When I wrote this piece mid-June, I was walking daily with Monty the dog, my house guest that month.

I would gladly walk and talk with anyone who would appreciate the opportunity to meet up in this way. It could be a cuppa if you prefer. Please do be in touch if you are interested. I am sure that many of you could tell me a story or two about village life in Swavesey, past or present. Whether or not our paths overlap, may you savour your time outdoors in the August sunshine.

Your walking, talking parish priest, Lucy

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

T: (01954) 277758 E: lucy@5folds.org.uk



Sunday Services at St Andrew's

We hold a service at St Andrew's every Sunday at 11am. For the first three Sundays of the month, this is a celebration of Holy Communion but on the fourth Sunday, we have a Morning Praise service which is less formal. On the first Thursday of each month at 8pm, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine followed by Compline (a short sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

We would love to welcome you to any of our services.



Jubilee Sing 12th June

On the 12th June Swavesey Community Choir celebrated 70 years of the Queen's service with a Jubilee Sing. Following an open invitation, 20 singers or so joined the Swavesey Community Choir to rehearse some of the music which had been sung at the Queen's Coronation. The ubiquitous tea break, was opened up to Ukrainian families and their hosts. Nataliya, a resident of Swavesey, invited the families to come for Cake and Conversation (in Ukrainian, Russian or English). Participants came from a distance away, including St Ives, Fen Drayton, Northstowe, Longstanton, Over, Papworth, and Willingham.

The event raised over £620 for Ukraine support. These donations are being channelled through a Swavesey village initiative "Direct Support for Ukraine": funds are being sent by bank transfer to individuals who are supporting those who cannot flee the war. In this instance to Yuliya, who cares for sixty children and young people with cerebral palsy in Kyiv. For more details, please see www.directsupportforukriane.com.

The network and connections made during the Cake and Conversation have led to ongoing interest in English conversation classes for those displaced by the war. Further details are available on the website.

Churchyard

We are very grateful to all the people who work so hard to keep our churchyard looking so attractive and hope that some of you enjoyed making bug hotels and insect homes around the church back in June. If you are among the many people who appreciate a quiet moment sitting in the churchyard, you will be happy to hear that we are going to be providing some more seats for you to enjoy.

If you have 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.



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
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LITTLE LIGHTS

An exciting new toddler group in the village. We meet every Friday 10am-12pm at Bethel. All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. There is no pressure, drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, which includes cake and coffee for grown ups and drinks and a snack for little ones. From September we will be offering optional craft activities and singing as well. We hope you can come along and join us!



MESSY CHURCH

We've had so much fun at the previous Messy Church and Messy Easter we are planning on holding a few more. Save the dates for:

Messy Church - Harvest - 1st October

Messy Church - Christmas - 3rd December

Crafts and activities are aimed at Primary School age but other ages and siblings are welcome, just let us know you're coming so we can be sure to provide alternatives!

THE HUB

The news every teenager has been waiting for...**THE HUB IS BACK!** Every Friday night during term time 7-9pm. We have games, electronics and the tuck shop. Come along to find out more!



Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk . For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

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 st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Cubs Day: Tuesday: 18.00 to 19.15 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader Email: steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts Day: Monday. Time: 19.00 to 20.30 Contact: Jim Burling - Group Scout Leader Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries Email: info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk																								
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.																								
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/																								

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk . The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
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British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk . We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore 01954 230848
Swavesey Squash Club	Swavesey Squash Club has three international standard squash courts, in our recently refurbished clubhouse, on the Swavesey Village College site. The club has a number of weekly sessions running, suitable for beginners, improvers, and more advanced players. Unlimited use of the facility from £17 a month. A welcoming and active community club with social events and opportunities for competition. Visit our website for more details or contact Ali Loke on 07776 176866/ ali@alilokesquash.com . www.swaveseysquash.com
Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJcksZ SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

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 Lucy Parsons lucyparsons801@gmail.com . We train at Northstowe Secondary Academy on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact: Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch, Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2 nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc
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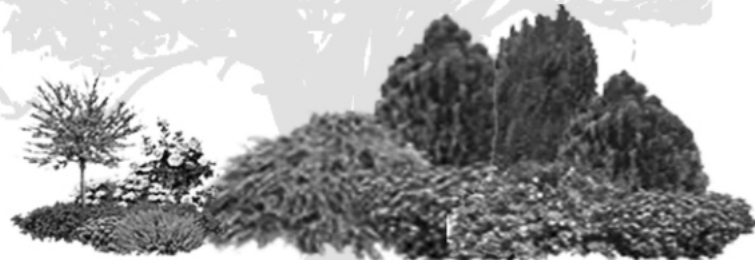
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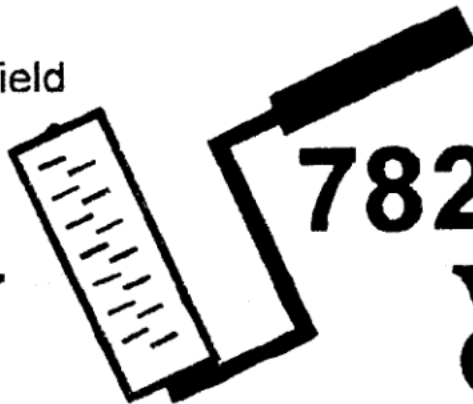
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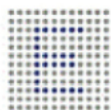
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Police:		www.cambs.police.uk
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Parish Council	01954 202982	www.swavesey.org.uk
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312	preschool@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk
Swavesey Primary School	01954 273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
Swavesey Village College:	01954 230366	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk
Community Office	01954 234488	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/community-education/
Swavesey Post Office	01954 232311	
Cambridgeshire County Council:		www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries
South Cambs District Council	01954 713000	www.scambs.gov.uk
Electricity (UK Power Networks):		
Power Cut Report Line	0800 3163105	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800 111999	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas
Water (Cambridge Water Company):	01223 706050 (opt 4)	www.cambridge-water.co.uk
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	08457 145145	www.anglianwater.co.uk
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0845 988 1188	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Incident Reporting Line (pollution etc)	0800 807060	
Samaritans	116 123	www.samaritans.org
Addenbrooke's Hospital:	01223 245151	www.addenbrookes.org.uk
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	01480 416416	www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Airports + Road & Rail:		
Local Taxi: Alpha Cars	01954 232300	www.alphacarsonline.co.uk
Gatwick	0844 3351802	www.gatwickairport.com
Heathrow	0844 335 1801	www.heathrow.com
Luton	01582 405100	www.london-luton.co.uk
Stansted	0844 3351803	www.stanstedairport.com
Traveline (Bus Coach & Rail)	0871 200 22 33	www.traveline.info
Local Timetables:		
Cambridgeshire Bus Information		www.cambridgeshirebus.info
Stagecoach	01223 433250	www.stagecoachbus.com
National Express Coaches	0871 781 8181	www.nationalexpress.com
Whippet Coaches	01954 230011	www.go-whippet.co.uk
National Rail	03457 48 49 50	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Veterinary Practices:		
Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954 780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954 210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk



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