

# THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



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## EDITORIAL

High Summer! well let us hope the weather goes into summer mode soon, it has been a very wet spring! It will be good to be able to go out without an umbrella. Events in the offing and you will find more information in your Meridian but I am sure there are more so if you are organising one for the autumn let us know so we can spread the word.

Deadlines! yes I know they are a pain but we need time to set everything up so please please let us know about your events well in advance the deadline for each issue is always at the bottom of the editorial.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE stick to the deadlines If one person is late we can cope if we know in advance that an item will be late we can cope but if a lot of items are late it makes things difficult! As editor I have to do the chasing but then find contact details are wrong! so can I ask you to update your contact details as soon as they change?

Thank you!

**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS 20TH JUNE!**

Editor

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### Our New Meridian Distribution Manager

The Meridian magazine is now in its 34<sup>th</sup> year of production, markedly exceeding the lifespan of most other local village magazines. This current issue is Number 202. It is placed through letterboxes by 23 residents spread throughout the village.

Neil Jordison is our new Distribution Manager who receives over 1,300 copies from the printers in Cottenham every 2 months and coordinates their delivery. Neil is in Thistle Green and has lived in Swavesey since 1999 but retains his clear Darlington accent (Darlington is famous as the home of the world's first steam-powered passenger railway).

He retired at senior level in late 2022 after spending 37 years working for the Ministry of Defence in the Defence Administration Group, specialising in Logistics, Programme/Project Management and Finance. He managed a Swavesey Spartans team from under 7 to under 16s and is the current club secretary. Neil suffers from Parkinson's Disease, having been diagnosed 11 years ago.

## 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)

Saturday 17 June	St Andrews Church	Plant sale and cream teas - 1.30pm to 4.30pm in St Andrews Church
Sunday 18 June	Swavesey Spartans FC	Spartans Day 2023 Swavesey Village College 18th June 2023 11.00 More info contact Neil Jordison 07713 962531
Friday 28 July	The Pantaloons	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - 7pm Market Street Green - Bring something to sit on

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June		
Friday 2	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 17	St Andrews Church	Plant sale and cream teas - 1.30pm to 4.30pm in St Andrews Church
Sunday 18	Swavesey Spartans FC	Spartans Day 2023 Swavesey Village College 18th June 2023 11.00 More info contact Neil Jordison 07713 962531
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 26	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 29	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
July		
Thursday 6	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 13	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 13	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 20	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 24	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 27	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 28	The Pantaloons	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - 7pm Market Street Green - Bring something to sit on
August		
Thursday 10	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Tuesday 29	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting (Note Tuesday)



### News from Hale Road Allotments

The Hale Road Allotments continue to flourish. We have had some changes in plot holders lately, so now might be a good time to add your name to the waiting list if you are interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables.

Everyone will be welcome to look round the site on the 25<sup>th</sup> June as we will again be having an open afternoon. We are hoping that our clever plot holders will have made scarecrows and there will be voting for the village favourite.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September we will be having another Produce Sale on Market Street Green. This is a very popular event and we hope to be able to sell you some of the freshest fruit and vegetables you can get. We will also have preserves to tempt you with too.

Both of these events are in the future though. Crops are reliant on the plants that we are all nurturing as I write this, and of course on whatever the weather throws at us this year. I for one hope we have a little more rain this summer, as I really don't fancy being at the allotments watering quite as often as I did last year!

If you are interested in an allotment and would like to find out more please do contact me. My details are in the clubs section of the magazine.

Val (Chair of the Hale Road Allotment Association)

### Over & Willingham Cricket Club

We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of August. The club would welcome anyone interested in playing for or supporting the club in some other way to get in touch. Additionally for 2023 the club is once again wishing to attract boys and girls to play cricket by delivering the English Cricket Board backed initiatives on Over Green. The sessions are weekly and last one hour. Allstars (5 to 8 year olds) starts at 1530 on Wednesday's and Dynamos (8 to 11 year olds) starts at 1700 on Sundays. The first sessions started at end of May, so please act quickly.

Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - [reesonhcx46k@aol.com](mailto:reesonhcx46k@aol.com); telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - [overandwillingham.play-cricket.com](http://overandwillingham.play-cricket.com)

## Swavesey Camera Club's 2023 Exhibition

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, it's 06:55 and members of Swavesey Camera Club assemble outside the Memorial Hall. Three hours later, display boards are set up, 175 finely crafted prints are fixed on the boards together with print titles and descriptions. Coffee and home-made cakes are laid out in the kitchen. The audio-visuals are ready and the Spring Exhibition is open once again to visitors.

Over six hours a total of 143 visitors came to see the exhibition. They were able to examine the work of the 29 club members (30 if you count Dr Astro Images, a visitor from a nearby galaxy). Each of these members put up 4 images of their own choice (a total of 118 prints as some people did not enter 4 images). For additional inspiration, there were 60 prints of images that had scored either 19 or 20 in the last six club competitions. The fact that these competition prints have been externally-judged means that these should be special if they are to earn a top score.

The exhibition plays host to two additional competitions. The Open Competition is for non-club members. This year's 12 submitted images were judged by our external competition secretary who noted that overall the images were of a high standard. The top spot was taken by John Dalston with 'Black Dog in a Yellow Field'. John's prize will be a year's free membership of the Camera Club.

The other competition is choosing the visitor's favourite image. This is a key feature of the exhibition and considered by some to be a daunting task, however 138 of the visitors rose to the challenge and voted. Interestingly one insightful young lady commented that having to vote meant that you had to look very carefully at every image before you could decide. While there is no prize for the winner there are considerable bragging rights. This year in first place, new member Paul Saunders had 9 votes for 'Splash Zone', a monochrome of his dog Willow running in the surf. In second place, Simon Shore with 5 votes for 'At the Edge of the Volcano'. Closely following on Simon's heels three images had 4 votes each; David Davies 'Supper's Ready', Maggie O'Moore 'Adult and juvenile Woodpeckers' and Penny Reeves 'Marbled White Butterflies'.

Last year there was a sense of euphoria when we restarted the spring exhibition after the hiatus caused by covid. This year I am pleased to say that the numbers were very similar last year's (140 visitors and 136 votes cast for favourite image). Like last year there was also a tremendous buzz of conversations around the displays and over the cake and coffee as friends, relations and villagers reconnected.

So, to all the visitors who came, looked, voted, bought coffee and cake, bought photocards being sold to support Red Cross Ukraine, and enjoyed the exhibition – thank you for making the exhibition a success. Our thanks also to our exhibition sponsors – Ash Croft Vets and Tait Financial Services Ltd.

If you would like 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 photos then why not come along to our meetings where you can get a regular mix of tips, talks and competitions that will help improve your photography no matter what level you are at. We look forward to seeing you.

Jon Watkins, Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition Secretary.

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## Swavesey WI News

### Programme.

July 10th 2023 What really goes on inside our prisons. Talk by Sophie Ellis.  
August 14th Haddenham 17th Murder Trial. Talk by Gill Shapland.

In April, Swavesey WI held their AGM and Margaret Guest was welcomed as President for the forthcoming year. Margaret was very pleased to accept this post and she looks forward to another busy and fun-packed year ahead.

We welcomed Jude Lechmere from the Godmanchester Food Bank to our April meeting. She gave a most informative and entertaining talk on the work this Food Bank provides, helping and supporting over 3000 persons last year alone. W.I members were able to donate a generous quantity of tinned goods for Jude to distribute, for which she was very grateful.

Swavesey WI hosts Compass Cafe at Bethel Chapel on the 4th Thursday of the month. Great coffee, delicious cakes, come along and meet us!

For more information please ring one of the following contacts:-  
Margaret Guest. 01954 202757  
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## Swavesey Spartans

The club was formed in the late 1980s, an era when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister, Arsenal were league champions, Liverpool won the all Merseyside derby FA Cup final beating Everton 3-2 at Wembley. Bryan Robson's £1.5M move to Manchester United was the highest fee paid for a move between 2 English clubs. Over 30 years later Spartans remains intact unlike the transfer record.

**2022/23 Season Boys** – 5 teams in the Colts league and five teams playing mini league football. The boys Under 17s not only won a match in the cup for the first time ever, but they then beat higher level teams and lost narrowly in the semi-final. The boys Under 16s and 15s both lost players and we have no teams in either age group. Both Under 14 boy's sides prospered with one team likely to finish in a respectable mid-table position and the other favourites to win the league title to add to winning the league cup this season. The Under 13 and Under 12 boys have both tasted some successes, but do not look like being in the mix for promotion or relegation this season. The focus for Under 11 and below teams is development and enjoyment, principles that Spartans actively support. "Winning" is not a dirty word, but something that will result from developing the players that join the club from any of the diverse backgrounds in our local community. Three of the 2021/22 Under 16 squad have graduated to the Swavesey Institute FC open age (adult) teams with Samuel Dawson and Max Jordison having made their full first team debuts in the Senior B division. All three have secured regular starts for the Reserves in division 4B. One of the same Spartans squad signed for Histon Reserves and has been a regular starter in Senior B.

**2022/23 Season Girls/Ladies** – 5 teams in the Cambridge Girls and Women's league. With no pathway to adult football for girls in place, Swavesey Spartans formed their own ladies' team in the 3-division open age Cambridgeshire league. This Ladies team are likely to end 2022/23 with a mid-table finish in Division 2. The Under 18 girls look likely to finish third in their league. A lack of goals is hindering the Under 16 girls attempts to climb the table by turning one goal defeats and draws into wins. The Under 14 girls look set for a top half finish and the Under 12 girls look to have secured a solid mid-table berth this season.

**Summer 2023** – Whilst players and coaches rest their weary limbs and reflect on successes and lessons learnt, the Summer is a very busy time for club officials. Officials are left to demonstrate governance compliance to Cambridgeshire FA and to prepare the club for the 2023/24 season. This summer will see the changing of the guard in the higher profile club roles with

Darren Bucknall, Rob Sprawson and Simon Dawson vacating the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary roles. We thank all three for their dedicated years of service in their current roles and previous roles on the Spartans committee. Replacements are yet to be ratified but candidates have emerged for the Chairperson and Treasurer roles who are both new to the workings of Spartans and Cambridgeshire FA. The replacement for Simon is likely to be Neil Jordison, a face more familiar to Swavesey football folk and the Cambridgeshire FA Headquarters team. Neil is a former Swavesey Institute player, was a level 4 referee on the Eastern Counties League who then managed a Spartans team from Under 7s to Under 16s. Neil will cover the Secretary role in 2023/24, but we need a volunteer to take over the role on a permanent basis after next season.

**Spartans Day 2023** -The club's annual celebration traditionally takes place on Father's Day each year on Swavesey Green. Spartans Day is taking place on Sunday 18 June 2023 at Swavesey Village College (SVC) and open to all. The Spartans Day location will change for one year only to coincide with the official opening of the new all-weather surface at SVC. The opening will be a major event for many organisations who have supported the venture and as the date aligns with the Spartans calendar it is important that the club shows its appreciation as a major beneficiary of the outcome. We are hoping the guest of honour will be someone who the Spartans players can look up to as a role model for their football journey, an opportunity we could not afford to miss. The club committee is committed to using the new deliverable for training and small sided games in the future, but Spartans Day in 2024 will be back on the Green. The Green has more open access than SVC and usually attracts a broad spectrum of villagers as well as the players and their families. The new surface is an infrastructure enhancement that fully aligns with the vision for village colleges that was delivered by, Henry Morris (1889-1961), almost exactly one hundred years ago, when he was the Secretary for Education for Cambridgeshire. In the 1920s Swavesey was not at the front of the queue for a village college, SVC was opened in 1958, but the sports facilities that are used for lessons during the school day in 2023 can be hired by clubs and members of the local community at weekends and on evenings are at the forefront of what is available today. Swavesey Spartans FC has supported the development of SVC's sporting infrastructure and would like to thank everyone who has supported previous fundraising events such as sponsored bike rides, the barn dances and played the ever popular "Dom's Bins" game.

**New players/sponsors.** If you know of children who want to play for or train with Spartans or you are a potential sponsor, please come along on Spartans Day and have a chat or use the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian to contact us. The 2023/24 season will start when the autumn school term opens in September.

## Swavesey & District History Society

March meeting. Mike Muncaster, from Kimbolton area gave a talk on The History of Dental Surgery which, by the end of the evening, left many of the 45 members feeling quite queasy. In particular the paintings and cartoons of teeth being extracted using barbaric instruments in the Mediaeval period made the audience squirm. It is difficult to appreciate today that until the 1850's, if a tooth ached it was always removed with no attempt before then to treat the decayed area to repair the tooth. It was very common in rural areas right up to around 1900 for the local blacksmith to extract teeth since they had appropriate tools but because the tools were cumbersome, sections of gum and underlying bone were often accidentally removed with the tooth. From the early 1800s barber-surgeons also drew teeth, mainly in towns.

Once removed it was possible to replace teeth and occasionally poor people were paid to have their good teeth removed and inserted into the sockets of wealthy customers and if done quickly the tooth would take root. After the Battle of Waterloo healthy teeth were removed from thousands of dead soldiers and stored in boxes and trays to be sorted through later to find a best-fit. Early dentures were made from human teeth set in lead, which proved lethal. Other dentures were carved from walrus ivory and Wedgewood produced porcelain dentures. In the early 1850s vulcanised rubber was used with healthy teeth from dead people riveted into place by metal pins. Anaesthesia using ether or nitrous oxide was developed for use in dentistry before surgery because tooth extraction was very common. The first dental extraction using ether was done in the USA in 1846 and the first surgical operation, also using ether, was done later in the same year at University College Hospital, London.

Restorative dentistry required the decayed area to be drilled out and the tooth filled instead of inevitable extraction. The less said about the detail of 1860/70 dentists' drills, the better. Toothbrushes and toothpaste came later and by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century dental health had improved enormously.

April meeting. In 2010 our speaker, Alison Dickens of Cambridge Archaeological Unit, was called to inspect one of four late 7<sup>th</sup> century graves discovered at Trumpington Meadows on a new residential development site. All archaeologists there were puzzled but agreed it seemed to have the potential to be an important find. While driving back to her office, the answer suddenly dawned on Alison - they had discovered an extremely rare Anglo Saxon bed burial.

In 597 The Pope sent Augustin to England to spread Christianity. It was in the late 7<sup>th</sup> century, when all of England was nominally Christian, that bed burials for wealthy and/or Royal individuals, mostly women or girls, began to appear; but only rarely. There are only 17 known in England and none in

the rest of Europe. Apart from a couple of outliers they appear in two clusters: in Wilts/Dorset and in Cambs/Norfolk/Suffolk. The two key components of bed burials are a) cleats which are iron fastenings to fix two horizontal wooden planks together to form the four sides of the bed and b) metal eyelets on the inside of the planks to suspend and support a "mattress" on which the body lies. Alison suddenly realised the extremely rusty items she had seen on that late Friday afternoon were cleats and eyelets around the edge of the burial. Because of its major importance a team was rapidly assembled for the next day, Saturday and in pouring rain, to set up impenetrable protection around the site.

The occupant of the bed burial was found to be a girl of around 16 years. Subsequent examination discovered a large Christian cross made of gold inlaid with garnet placed on her chest. Garnet, which must have come from the Baltic area, is extremely hard to work and only five such crosses have been discovered from the Anglo Saxon period. Two long gold pins linked by a gold chain and used to fasten her cloak were found adjacent. This discovery at Trumpington is of enormous importance and much more of its exciting detail will be revealed over the years.

Next meeting-

1 June. Victorian and Edwardian Postcards. Vanessa Mann.

### The Selwyns's diabolical puzzle on book titles. Part 8.

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.

Bad start to woeful adaptation (7)

The Idea? Support timeless redesign of Tate Modern (3,9,2,5,4)

Talk about short train reversing (8)

Romans struggled to regulate his tax (7,3,4)

Sexy Remy, perhaps (3,4,2,3,4)

A Scottish apartment: Move in 1st of October, leave end of June (9)

One of Michelangelo's works is a metal sphere (5,11)

Makes killing on the next Pro Series being abandoned (6,2,3,6,7)

Tough job - kneel in preparation (3,6,4)

In a folio - twice - state "Revolution!" (1,4,2,3,6)

**You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 21.**

## MISCELLANY



### The Over Players Proudly present Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice

You are invited to book your tickets to the grandest of assemblies in Pemberley House. Tickets went on sale from Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> April and can be booked via our website at [www.overplayers.uk](http://www.overplayers.uk)

Let The Over Players take you to the world of Mr Darcy and Miss Elizabeth Bennet as they overcome their egos and put aside their animosity for each other in this classic retelling of Pride and Prejudice, based on the beloved novel by Jane Austen and using the dramatised script by Claudia Haas.

Show dates are Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 with tickets being available to purchase from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

- Show Dates Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023
- Venue: Over Community Centre, CB24 5NW

The cast and crew are well into rehearsals and we will be gradually releasing a series of interviews to give you a flavour of the show and to reveal a few secrets of what can be expected in this adaptation of one of the greatest love stories written. Keep an eye on our website and facebook page for more details.

We can't wait to see you in June for this fantastic story – tickets are now on sale, please visit [www.overplayers.uk](http://www.overplayers.uk)

## SWAVESEY LIBRARY

is your local voluntary run community library.



Our children's summer reading challenge commences in July. It's a great way to encourage your children to continue reading throughout the summer holidays. Lots of books to read, fun activities, stickers and progress charts. So, pop in to our library today to join the challenge.

Did you know that in October it is 20 years since Swavesey Volunteer run Community library took over the running of the Swavesey County Council Library? Watch this space for details of a children's party and formal events in October to celebrate this fantastic achievement.

We are open: -

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

Swavesey library can be found in the Old Entrance Hall, Swavesey Village College. Its entrance is at the righthand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs.

For further information; -

see our web site [www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/swavesey-library](http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/swavesey-library),

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## TENNIS!

*give it a shot - all abilities welcome!*

The Swavesey & Over Tennis Club (SOTC) is holding free trial sessions at Swavesey Village College Sport Centre on:

- Friday 2nd June – 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Monday 5th June – 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Monday 12th June – 6.30 to 8.30pm

We are a small friendly club and are after new members – whether you are new to the game or a seasoned player. Our club nights are Mondays, 6.30-8.30pm, plus most Fridays over the summer.

Tennis is great for fitness, very social and the SOTC is good value with low club fees. Annual membership is £35 for Adults, £20 for under 19s and concessions, £60 for Couples and £80 Family (2 adults + 2 kids).

Email [SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com](mailto:SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com), call Steve 07393 825027 or Melanie 07453 523999, or just drop into one of the Trial Sessions or any Monday club night at Swavesey Village College Sports Club, Gibraltar Lane, CB24 4RS.

**See you there!**

<https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc>

**Sunday  
25th June 2023**



**Join us for one of the bike rides and after-rides social with live music, food & drink at the Over Community Centre in support of the Over Day Centre, a charity providing professional care and friendship for older members of the community around South Cambridgeshire.**

There's a choice of five rides, so there's something for everyone: Marked 100 km 'challenge'; marked 50 km 'have a go'; 12 km, 13 km or 23 km for family & casual riders. Start points at Over and Northstowe.

**For details and to register, please view :**



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## Swavesey 100 Years ago (June & July 1923) From the Cambridge Chronicle

### TUG-OF-WAR. 1st June 1923

Mr. Harold Gray, M.P., has intimated that he will present a silver challenge cup for the inter-village tug-of-war contest at the sports, to be held in connection with the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's show on August 9<sup>th</sup> next.

### AN ENQUIRY. 1st June 1923

A correspondent writes: I cannot help noticing that some young men in this district have recently had their bicycles fitted with racing handlebars, in place of those of the ordinary type. Can the alteration have been made in view of the forthcoming Horticultural Society's Sports?

### COMMENDATION. 1st June 1923

On more than one occasion in recent years complaint has been made of the neglected condition of the roads and lanes under the control of the Swavesey Rural District Council. It is pleasing, therefore, to be able to report that Wallman's-lane, which was slowly but surely assuming the appearance of a green drove-way, has been thoroughly cleaned up within the past few days by two of the Council's venerable, but still energetic, roadmen. Grass which had encroached on the road space has been neatly chopped off, and other intrusive vegetation has been removed from the surface of the cart-way.

### ADVERT. 22nd June 1923

To our Pig-Breeding Customers. – Please note we have now got a Pedigree Large Black Boar on the farm. – Prior's Piggeries, Stanton Vue, Swavesey.

### TRUCK DERAILED. 22nd June 1923

Through the derailment of a large fruit van on an "up" goods train, both the "up" and "down" lines at Swavesey Station were blocked for upwards of an hour shortly before noon on Tuesday.

### BULLOCK DROWNED. 29th June 1923

A fat bullock, belonging to Mr. W. J. Hopher, butcher, was found drowned in Navigation Drain on Thursday in last week. It will be remembered that last year there was considerable agitation in the parish respecting the neglected condition of the drain, and it was contended that the mud which had been allowed to accumulate for many years not only minimised the usefulness of the drain for taking away flood water but was a danger to stock in adjoining fields. Parish meetings were held and passed resolutions requesting the District Council to have the drain cleaned out. The Council, however, declined to do this on the score of expense, and instead had a dam constructed closing the exit of the drain to the river.

### BAND OF HOPE. 6th July 1923

The children of Bethel Band of Hope, accompanied by adult friends, spent a very happy day at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The main party journeyed to and fro by motor charabanc, but the youngsters who had attended the meetings most regularly were conveyed by Mr. G. E. Canham. The outing was organised by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norman, whose arrangements were admirable.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION OF LETTERS. 13th July 1923

Commencing on Sunday next, the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., a collection of letters, etc., will be made from the Swavesey Post Office at 4.45 p.m. There will, however, be no clearance of the wall box in Middle Watch.

### HOSPITAL COLLECTION. 27th July 1923

The house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital which has recently been made in the village amounted to £17 11s. 1d. This is the largest contribution from Swavesey under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund. (The total collection for the area amounted to £79 5s. 3d.)

### AN UNUSUAL ROOST. 27th July 1923

In an open shed, into which the back door of the Bell Inn opens, four swallows – the parent birds with two young ones between them – roost on a clothes' line every night. Although the line is only about 5½ft. above the ground, the birds take not the slightest notice of people passing to and fro beneath.

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## Will Wright Memories

Our free school "season" tickets for the train journey to and from Cambridge were in fact very useful, as not only did they get us to & from Cambridge station every day from the first to the last day of term, but they were also valid for every Saturday & Sunday plus half term holiday dates. It is I suppose possible that this was to incorporate some of the school rules, some of which could have been deemed as strict, for instance there was a Saturday morning detention period for extreme incidents just short of expulsion, this was along-side a daily after school detention of 1 hour. We also had to wear our caps & ties properly on the way to and from school as being reported for abuse of the uniform would mean having to report for a "dress code inspection" @ 8:45 am prior to assembly for 5 days, all these were imposed by teachers.

The prefects were permitted to impose an order for "lines" to be completed when minor misbehaviour was observed, this was known as the "Pensum" order, when pupils had to write a specifically imposed number of Pensums which for non-county students was "*The Pensum is a reminder that the orderly life of the school can only be maintained by the observance of certain rules & regulations, any infringement upon which, however insignificant it may appear to the offender, is detrimental to the well-being of the community*" - really don't know how I am able to remember that after 60 years, must have written it a few times !!

I have to say that the realisation of a free ride into & out of Cambridge certainly brought about change to my life routine in our lovely village and it wasn't long before I began to go into the city on a fairly regular basis, especially for football matches at Cambridge City, off Milton Rd. or in the summer down to Fenners to watch some of the top cricket sides of the day.

Another new adventure with some of my school mates was frequently going to the Bowling Alley which was then a new development down Mill Road, the site I believe now houses the Cambridge Mosque. More often than not I was at home on Sundays though as my mum & dad insisted I kept up to date with any designated homework.

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### Answers to The Editor's diabolical book titles puzzle on page 13

Bad start to woeful adaptation (7)	Beowulf
The Idea? Support timeless redesign of Tate Modern (3,9,2,5,4)	The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Talk about short train reversing (8)	Chocolat
Romans struggled to regulate his tax (7,3,4)	Asterix the Gaul
Sexy Rexy, perhaps (3,4,2,3,4)	The Name of the Rose
A Scottish apartment: Move in 1st of October, leave end of June (9)	Atonement
One of Michelangelo's works is a metal sphere (5,11)	David Copperfield
Makes killing on the next Pro Series being abandoned (6,2,3,6,7)	Murder on the Orient Express
Tough job - kneel in preparation (3,6,4)	The Jungle Book
In a folio - twice - state "Revolution!" (1,4,2,3,6)	A Tale of Two Cities



# An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

The common tern, with its sleek white wings, pointed tail feathers and bold black cap, is a true symbol of summer. They are migratory birds and travel thousands of miles each year between their UK breeding grounds and their wintering grounds in Western and Southern Africa. These graceful birds, known for their incredible aerial acrobatics, can be found nesting in large colonies along the coast, but they also frequent inland lakes where they dive and hover over the water in search of small fish.

Common terns, like all ground nesting species, are highly susceptible to disturbance from human activities such as boating, fishing or simply walking along a beach. Tern rafts have therefore become a key tool in the conservation of the species, providing safe and secure nesting sites that can help to boost the birds reproductive success and overall population numbers. On inland sites, like here at Fen Drayton Lakes, tern rafts are particularly important for providing additional nesting habitat for common terns which often face competition from other bird species, such as the larger black-headed gulls that nest on the lake islands here.

The tern rafts themselves are sturdy platforms of recycled plastic anchored out in the lakes and designed to mimic the natural nesting habitat. Terns lay their eggs in shallow depressions on the ground so the raft is topped with a layer of gravel to provide a secure base for the nests.

As you approach Ferry or Moore Lakes from May onwards, one of the first things you may notice is the sound of the common terns calling out to each other, their voices carrying over the water.

Looking up you may see the terns darting and swooping over the lake, islands and tern rafts, often carrying fish for partners or, a bit later in the summer, their young. As the summer months roll on, the common terns begin to flourish, with fledged chicks taking flight and joining their parents as they prepare for their mammoth migration back south.

Watching the common terns nesting and interacting with each other on their rafts is a truly enchanting experience and a window into the natural world that is so often overlooked in our hectic lives. Why not come down and enjoy this all too brief annual spectacle this summer?



Common tern - David Tipling (rspb-images.com)

## 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.

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## Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



On 2 April, Girlguiding units in Swavesey met at Constable's Rood to plant a flowering cherry tree in memory of Queen Elizabeth II, who had been Girlguiding's patron since she acceded to the throne in 1953. She was a Guide and Ranger herself, and a founding member of 1<sup>st</sup> Buckingham Palace Guides. Her first public duty after getting engaged in 1946 was for Girlguiding, attending a celebration for 200 Guides who had completed the Queen's Guide Award. We look forward to watching the tree grow over the coming years.

1<sup>st</sup> Swavesey Brownies have had several visitors recently. They have shown the girls how to line dance, make pancakes, and listened to the girls as they explained all the activities they completed to gain their interest badges. The girls have been completing badges and learning more about baking, painting, collecting, aviation, inventing, languages, mindfulness and jobs. Five Brownies achieved their Bronze awards. The girls were keen to end the term with a games and party night. There was no need for the leaders to sort the music, with several Brownies enthusiastically taking on the role of DJ during the evening. As the Summer term begins, we look forward to making the most of the warmer weather and lighter evenings, with planning for a large-scale Girlguiding outdoor activity day and a joint sleepover with 2<sup>nd</sup> Swavesey Brownies already underway!

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

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The end of the Spring term at Scouts saw William Langridge presented with his Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award a Scout can achieve. It required William to do a whole collection of activities some of which can only be done when camping. Obviously, this was made more difficult by the Covid pandemic. So, William's achievement of this is award amazing.

The Beavers had some fun just before Easter when they visited Cambridge Airport. They visited the flying club and learnt lots about planes and flying without leaving the ground. It was a very fun evening for all of them.

During the summer term the cubs will be doing their Fire Safety badge. The highlight of this badge is a visit to a fire station. The cubs will get a chance to try on the fire fighters kit and learn all about the fire appliances. Back at the hut they will learn about fire prevention and how to be safe around campfires. We will also be teaching them how to light fires safely.

This last point is really important because in July we're all going on our group camp to Boyd Campsite near Biggleswade. This is a chance for the whole group to try new activities and work together. It's also a good chance for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to complete parts of their Chief Scout Awards. We're all hoping that the weather this summer is not quite so hot as last.



Hopefully by the time you're reading this the planters the cubs helped create from old pallets in the Spring term will have their plants growing well. The Beavers will be doing their work on the Garden badge this term as well.

Finally, all 3 sections are looking for leaders to come and join the team. Volunteering for Beavers, Cubs or Scouts is a lot of fun and very

educational. You can bring your own knowledge and experiences to help teach the young people. They will also teach you. Please contact us for more information.

If your child would be interested in joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please don't be afraid to contact us. We offer each a child a chance to try first before committing. We currently have lots of space in cubs for more young people.

Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Cubs meet on Tuesday at 6.15pm and Beavers at 6pm on Thursday.

Beavers (ages 6-8) [elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk)

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<b>Art &amp; Crafts</b>							
The Art Class	<a href="#">02/05/2023</a>	<a href="#">27/06/2023</a>	<a href="#">10.00-12.30</a>	<a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">£105</a>	<a href="#">PVH</a>	Tuesday
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Classes</b>							
Pilates	<a href="#">24/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">17/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">13:30-14:30</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	<a href="#">£70</a>	<a href="#">BHVH</a>	Monday
Fitness Pilates	<a href="#">05/06/2023</a>	<a href="#">17/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">18:00-19:00</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">£47</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Monday
Fitness Pilates	<a href="#">05/06/2023</a>	<a href="#">17/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">19:00-20:00</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">£47</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Monday
Barre & Balance	<a href="#">05/06/2023</a>	<a href="#">17/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">20:00-21:00</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">£47</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Monday
Fitness Pilates	<a href="#">27/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">20/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">18:00-19:00</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">£78</a>	<a href="#">NSC</a>	Thursday
Barre & Balance	<a href="#">27/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">20/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">19:00-20:00</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">£78</a>	<a href="#">NSC</a>	Thursday
Badminton Improvers	<a href="#">18/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">18/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">20:00-21:30</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	<a href="#">£112</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Tuesday
Tai Chi Beginners	<a href="#">26/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">12/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">19:00-20:00</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">£86</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Wednesday
Squash	<a href="#">25/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">23/05/2023</a>	<a href="#">19:00-19:45</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">£30</a>	<a href="#">SSC</a>	Tuesday
<b>Language Courses</b>							
Italian Beginners	<a href="#">19/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">05/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">16:45-18:00</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">£111</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Wednesday
Italian Intermediate	<a href="#">19/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">05/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">18:00-19:30</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">£111</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Wednesday
Italian Advanced Conversation	<a href="#">19/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">05/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">19:30-21:00</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">£111</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Wednesday
Italian Beginners Plus (Online)	<a href="#">27/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">06/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">18:00-19:00</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">£100</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Thursday
Italian Intermediate (Online)	<a href="#">27/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">06/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">19.05-20.05</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">£100</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Thursday
Spanish Improvers	<a href="#">24/04/2023</a>	<a href="#">10/07/2023</a>	<a href="#">18:00-19:30</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">£71</a>	<a href="#">SVC</a>	Monday
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## The George Long Charity For Swavesey Memorial Hall 2022-2023

Finally, the Hall has bounced back from the aftermath of the pandemic and it's great to see it's busier than prior to March 2020. We are exceptionally happy to announce that we have been awarded Hallmark Accreditation Level One 😊

The criteria and work involved ahead of the inspection day in November was certainly a box we were pleased to have ticked. As the saying goes "good things come to those that wait".

This past year we have replaced the TV screen in the Main Hall for a larger one, a welcome replacement especially appreciated by Swavesey WI amongst others.

We have been working towards a Car Park project and finally in the past few weeks this has been achieved. The old white posts at the rear of the Car Park have been replaced with sturdy reflective posts. A much-needed additional disabled bay has been installed near the rear car park ramp and a top up of gravel to fill the holes!

Bookings at the Hall are in abundance with many different groups using the hall on a weekly basis and some are daily visitors 😊 We welcome young and old to use our community hall and it's always a popular option for children's parties and celebrations.

As we move forward in 2023, it is hoped that the kitchen backburner project of 2020 can finally be accomplished. We are still in the process of finalising quotes, however it's the Management Committee's wish to complete this overdue mission in August 2023. Watch this space!

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who uses the Hall and look forward to new people visiting and using the facilities we have to offer.

Will Wright  
Chairperson  
The George Long Charity  
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## From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody

As I write this in April we are looking forward to a nice Summer, the Coronation, and the May elections, so by the time you read this in June we will know the outcomes and be interested in a whole new range of issues. However I suspect that congestion charging, the cost of living and the weather will still be on our minds. I wish all of you a very pleasant, worry free summer.

A key issue for the District Council is to arrive at a final version of the Local Plan. This Plan is important because it sets out the building and development programme for the District until 2031. The Plan has to be submitted to the Government inspectors who determine whether it is feasible and whether it meets the needs of the local and National population. Because Cambridge and Cambridgeshire are a significant growth area and provide a significant contribution to the country's wealth this means there is a lot of scrutiny of the Plan. We all remember the last plan which was not accepted by the Inspectors and as a result developers were allowed to build very large unplanned developments. The current draft plan has been through it's first consultation and work is ongoing to produce the next version. Everybody, especially the young, should be aware of this Plan as it will spell out the local environment that they will have to live in. At the moment there is serious concern about the adequacy of our water supply for the 74000 houses and businesses that are proposed. The current proposals would have to stop if an investigation into the water supply is found to be inadequate. For Swavesey the concern is around the disposal of waste water following treatment at Uttons Drove Sewage works as this poses a threat of flooding to the village.

Congestion Charging at this time is a hot topic which threatens to divide families and friends. We all believe in clean air, we all believe that we should walk, ride a bike or use public transport. But the fact is that we need time to adjust the way we lead our lives. Many of us can't get on a bus either through infirmity, the equipment we need to do our job or because there just aren't any buses going where we want to go at the time we want to get there. I was very interested in a big housing development in Brighton where the council made the developer put in a frequent bus service as soon as the first residents moved in. Each resident was given a free bus pass from day one for 6 months and the culture has been sustainable because residents know they can rely on the buses and they don't need a car.

So enjoy your summer but if you have any issues that I can help you with in relation to the District Council please ring me on 07774 146331 or 01954 202923. To contact me by email [cll.ellington@scams.gov.uk](mailto:cll.ellington@scams.gov.uk)

# SWAVESEY PARISH

## Parish Council News March/April 2023

### County Council Highways

The potholes have now been filled along Buckingway Rd and we are awaiting a date of the follow-up surface dressing.

The collection of speed & traffic count data is ongoing.

Surface dressing of Boxworth End has been scheduled for May 26th & will entail a half day road closure.

The drainage gullies along the road were flushed through and cleaned out in March.

The speed limit reduction & extension on Fen Drayton Rd, as designated in last year's successful LHI bid, has been revised due to the increase in costing and will be installed during May.

This year's LHI bid for safety improvements on the School Lane/Thistle Green junction has been adjusted as a result of increased costs but the application is going ahead in May though it will be some time before we know whether we have been successful.

Civil Parking enforcement - we have received a general notification of the upgrading of the road signage in preparation of the introduction.

### Greater Cambridge Partnership

St. Ives greenway spurs to Fen Drayton & Over. The Parish Council & IDB met with the Greenways team to discuss the proposals for the Over route. The Greenways team's plan is to widen & upgrade to a bridleway the public footpath that runs from New Rd Over, across the Swavesey drain to the busway. Swavesey IDB has raised objection in relation to the future maintenance of the drains alongside part of the route. The Parish Council raised a number of concerns including safety of the crossing point of the busway and potential increase in people, cyclists and horse riders using the bye-ways into Market St. The PC also supported the IDB objection. The increased use of the Swavesey bye-ways/droves would incur future maintenance costs which at present are not a part of the proposed Greenway route. A question was also asked as to whether the existing cycleway along Over Road could be improved/widened.

In mid-March a substantial increase in HGVs through the village was noted. It turned out that the official construction traffic route from the A14 & A1307 to a housing development site in New Rd had been designated through Swavesey. Having contacted both County Highways and the Planning Authority a new "informal arrangement" has been agreed with the developer whereby all construction traffic will be routed via the B1050 and Gravel Bridge Rd to/from Over. This will be monitored by the PC & Gtr Cambridge Planning.

# COUNCIL NEWS

### District Council Business

The garden of a property in Burgess Close on the Matthew Homes estate, was flooded in the heavy rain in March & flood bags were necessary to stop the dwelling itself flooding. It transpires that the site water pump has not yet been installed and surface water drains were blocked. The roads & pathways also have yet to be finished. The planning authority have been advised of the situation and action is being taken to resolve the issues.

It was agreed to extend the Asset of Community Value listing of the White Horse Inn for a further period of 5 years.

### Drainage

The telemetry system on Webb's Hole sluice on the River Gt Ouse has now been signed off by the Environment Agency and is operational, so can finally be added to the villages flood defence system. This system operates to control the balancing ponds of the new housing development sites at times when the river is high and there is risk of flooding.

### Other business

The Annual Parish meeting was held on Wednesday April 12th and was attended by 50 plus parishioners and PC members. The main topic of conversation was traffic volumes and the speed of so many vehicles through the village. There was discussion regarding funding now available via the County Council from money resulting from Northstowe, the first instalment of which can only be allocated to traffic calming measures in the Ramper Rd/Boxworth End area, as this is being affected by the increase in traffic from Northstowe.

The County Council has introduced a new funding scheme for 20mph speed limits in villages however this will only fund up to 8 Parish schemes each year. A questionnaire was published online for residents' views and results show a majority of people are in favour of Swavesey applying for this, although many concerns were raised as to how it would be enforced and the effect it would have. The Parish Council has put an application through to the County Council for a scheme, which would work alongside the traffic calming measures (which are still to be agreed on) coming from the Northstowe funding.

It was noted that national figures currently show that although a 20mph limit is not always enforced it does help to reduce vehicle average speeds in the 20mph area. Given this information it would seem to be a worthwhile application for our village to be included. Many neighbouring villages are also installing or applying for 20mph zones.

At the April meeting the PC heard from the County's Armed Forces Covenant Officer about the support that is available for those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families and how local councils can sign up to the Covenant.

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Memorial Hall Administrator: 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.







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## St Andrew's Church

### Regular Services

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. When there is a fifth Sunday, we take part in a 5Folds benefice service at one of our benefice churches.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, 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.

If at any time, you feel that you would like to talk to a minister, please ring Rev'd Lucy Cleland (Team Vicar): 01954 277758

If you have any queries about church services or about our events, please contact the churchwardens:

Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: [jacqui\\_fuller@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com)

Bridget Lofts: 07732726228 or 01954 231068: [bml20@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bml20@cam.ac.uk)

### St Ives Food Bank

If you would like to donate food to the Food Bank at St Ives which serves our local area, we have a box in church for your food gifts. The box is emptied regularly and the contents taken to the centre at All Saints Parish Church in St Ives. More information, including particular needs and shortages, can be found at: <https://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk/foodbank/>

### Caring for the Environment

The congregation at St Andrew's Church is committed to finding ways in which we may lessen our impact on the environment. Branches, our young people's group has been part of the Ecochurch movement for several years and has led us to achieve our bronze and silver awards. Our Sustainability group is currently exploring the challenges laid down by the Church of England's commitment to net zero carbon by 2030. As part of our ongoing care for our churchyard, we are hoping to host a Churches Count on Nature as part of the Love Your Burial Ground Week which runs from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see: <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/love-your-burial-ground-week/>

Further details will be shared on social media.

## St Andrew's Church



### Easter Fair: April 1st

The Saturday of our Easter Fair dawned grey and windy but thankfully, the rain held off and we were delighted to be able to welcome lots of you to St Andrew's church. The children helped to build the Easter Garden for inside church and then created their own, smaller versions of the garden. The Easter Egg Hunt saw children and adults busily searching through the churchyard for the hidden Easter Egg pictures and returning for their prizes. Inside, in the warm, everyone enjoyed the Easter Egg Tombola and as always, the splendid refreshments proved very popular. Thank you so much for braving the weather and spending the afternoon with us; you are always welcome at St Andrew's.

### Future Events

#### June 17<sup>th</sup> :10am – 4pm: Plant sale and Cream Tea

In addition to a selection of vegetable and flower plants on sale, there will be a range of children's activities. These will include: making a Fathers' Day plant present; sunflower seed planting and an opportunity to make a grass man. Cream Teas will be available in church.

#### July 1<sup>st</sup>:2pm: Teddy Bear Zipwire

Start training your teddies and other intrepid cuddly toys for the ride of their lives from the church tower to the ground! All equipment provided, toy health checks obligatory and certificates awarded to every successful flier.

Please look on social media and for posters displayed in the village for further details of these and other events at St Andrew's Church.

## St Andrew's Plant Sale

### Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

### 10-4pm

Shrubs, flower and vegetable plants for sale

Fathers' Day plant present making

Make a Grass Man!

Surplus fruit for sale

Pre-used tools

Seed planting for children

Cream Teas



Free Entry



### Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

Club Vintage is designed to support older people and extends a special welcome to those with dementia and their carers. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Each week, members enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.



### Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm



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

### LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

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 the little ones! There are optional craft activities and singing as well. We hope you can come along and join us!



### The Hub - Fridays 7-9pm

Our Friday night youth club! Open to all secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. Parents must complete a permission form.

# Sunday + Services



You are warmly invited to join us at Bethel every Sunday morning from 10:45am for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room.

Our services are open to everyone and are all family friendly! We have children's groups for all ages, from toddlers up to Secondary school.

## Café Church

Every first Sunday of the month is our all age, café-style service which include refreshments, conversation and maybe even some crafts!

At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.

We are known for our warm welcomes and offer friendship and hospitality to both each other and the local community.

### CONTACT US

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

Sue Hope (Secretary) - [secretary@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)

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## Make the world a better place

A number of years ago a friend and myself were out for a drive, passing through a small town the traffic slowed and we noticed a pedestrian, obviously in some difficulty, fall to the ground half on the pavement and half in the road. Naturally, we stopped the car and offered some assistance.

Well, there is nothing strange about that I hear you say; you were only doing what most of us would do. But that is just the point; the shocking part of this episode is that other pedestrians ignored the victim's dilemma and the motorists passing by simply drove around him.

More recently I have endured the frustration of dangerous driving practises of those speeding on the motorway, you know the kind of thing, rushing up to the speed cameras and hitting the brakes! Then there was a trip to the cinema, I find myself shocked at the mess that folk leave after the feature. Certainly as one who visits many homes I have not yet been in one with popcorn thrown all over the floor and litter strewn all over the place!

In the past year our news has been full of war and the pursuit of political strength, of the state of pensions and the future of our society, of the plight of the poor and the struggle of displaced people in refugee camps. It seems to me that one of the major causes of the failure of community and the election of questionable political leaders, at local as well as national and international level, is the indifference and selfishness of us all that tells us not to get involved.

Surely it is a mark of civilised humanity not to ignore the unfortunate and difficult situations, to question those in authority and expect them to fulfil the requirements of accountability, which is the privilege of office. But it is also incumbent on us all to be tolerant and encourage everyone we meet to take responsibility for themselves and the community in which we live.

So forget the clichés, forget the excuses; don't try to justify yourself if you are being down right selfish; take some responsibility, that has got to be the start to making our world a better place.

**Pastor Bob Adams.  
Bethel Baptist Church.**

## Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: <a href="mailto:rvollerthun@gmail.com">rvollerthun@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.thesustainabilityhub.biz">www.thesustainabilityhub.biz</a>
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> Website: <a href="http://cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk">cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk</a>
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: <a href="http://care-network.org.uk/">care-network.org.uk/</a>
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- <a href="mailto:responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk">responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk</a> or call 01284 731802
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or <a href="mailto:sue.ellington@virgin.net">sue.ellington@virgin.net</a>
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- <a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library">www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library</a>
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) <a href="mailto:rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk">rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk</a> Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: <a href="mailto:clare.bates@each.org.uk">clare.bates@each.org.uk</a>
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: <a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owl-community-care-scheme/">http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owl-community-care-scheme/</a>

# CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380		
Swavesey Girlguiding	Unit	Evening	Contact
	1st Swavesey Rainbows	Thursdays	<a href="mailto:caroline@overroad.co.uk">caroline@overroad.co.uk</a>
	1st Swavesey Brownies	Mondays	<a href="mailto:swaveseybrownies@outlook.com">swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</a>
	2nd Swavesey Brownies	Wednesdays	<a href="mailto:secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com">secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</a>
	1st Swavesey Guides	Thursdays	<a href="mailto:swaveseyguides@gmail.com">swaveseyguides@gmail.com</a>
1st Swavesey Rangers	Thursdays	<a href="mailto:swaveseyrangers@gmail.com">swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</a>	
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact Chairperson - Mr Darren Bucknall 07872 681167 Secretary - Mr Simon Dawson 07886 215205 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972		
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site		
	Beavers Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Elizabeth Bush - Beaver Leader <a href="mailto:elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a>		
	Cubs Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader <a href="mailto:steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a>		
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Scouts Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader <a href="mailto:Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a> For any other enquiries please email <a href="mailto:info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a>		
	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: <a href="mailto:eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk">eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk</a> or by phone 01954 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.		
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: <a href="http://www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/">www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/</a>		
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 Andrews Church, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes <a href="mailto:julieholmes78@gmail.com">julieholmes78@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk">www.swaveseycommunitychoir.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>
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel 01954 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: <a href="mailto:dyeangela0@gmail.com">dyeangela0@gmail.com</a>
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net">enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net</a> website: <a href="http://www.swaveseybadminton.net">www.swaveseybadminton.net</a>
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email <a href="mailto:graham.waites566@btinternet.com">graham.waites566@btinternet.com</a>
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at <a href="http://www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk">www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk</a> . 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/ <a href="mailto:ali@allokesquash.com">ali@allokesquash.com</a> . <a href="http://www.swaveseysquash.com">www.swaveseysquash.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:socccommittee@gmail.com">socccommittee@gmail.com</a> Facebook: <a href="https://bit.ly/3GJcksz">https://bit.ly/3GJcksz</a> SOCC or Website: <a href="https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc">https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc</a>

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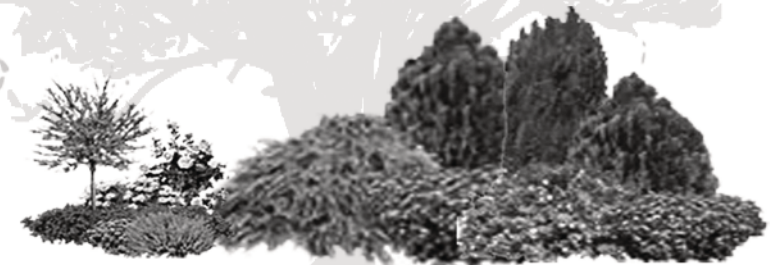


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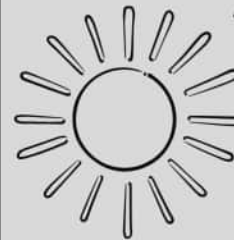
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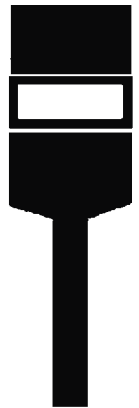
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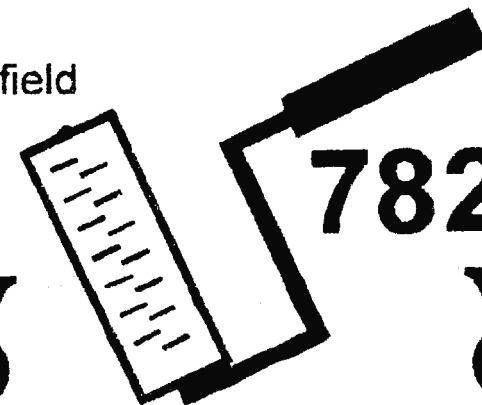
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