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## EDITORIAL

Is it spring yet? February is knocking on the door and it is getting lighter in the morning and the evenings. Let us hope that February does not live up to its country name "February Fill Dyke! we have had more than enough rain this winter!

Our last issue raised the subject of parking! by the time you read this we should have the enforcement officers in place - they will have their work cut out as they have a large area to cover and there are a lot of problems caused by inconsiderate /thoughtless parking.

The lanes that lead off the main street through Swavesey are narrower than the main road and when vehicles are parked along them it makes it difficult for other residents delivery drivers and emergency services to get through

The community transport scheme for those who are unable to get to doctors etc needs your help, more drivers are needed so if you can help out see more information in this issue.

Check out the pages in your Meridian to see what is happening as spring approaches - many village magazines are now only online we hope to continue to print The Meridian and also have it online

Editor

Deadline for the April/May issue is **20th February**.

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## Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at [www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk](http://www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk)

Saturday 3 February	Energise - Dance Performances	1pm & 7pm at Swavesey Venue
Sunday 10 March	St Andrews Church	Mothering Sunday Tea Party
Saturday 23 March	Camera Club	Photo Exhibition - 10am - 4pm in The Memorial Hall
Saturday 23 March	St Andrews Church	Easter Fair
Saturday 18 May	Memorial Committee	100 Years Celebration - 10am - 3pm in The Memorial hall
Saturday 18 May	St Andrews Church	Plant Sale

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<b>February</b>		
Friday 2	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Saturday 3	Energise - Dance Performances	1pm & 7pm at Swavesey Venue SVC
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 9	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 16	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 23	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 26	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
<b>March</b>		
Friday 1	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Friday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 10	St Andrews Church	Mothering Sunday Tea Party
Thursday 14	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 15	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 22	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Saturday 23	Camera Club	Photo Exhibition - 10am - 4pm in The Memorial Hall
Saturday 23	St Andrews Church	Easter Fair
Monday 25	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note: Monday 4 days early)
Monday 25	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting



## Swavesey WI News

At our November meeting, members were treated to a cookery demonstration by one of our members, Coral Rogers. Coral created a magnificent Mincemeat and Marzipan Christmas Tree which when cooked was enjoyed by our members....delicious ! Well done Coral!

Later in November members enjoyed an early Festive meal at the Cambridge Regional College.

Party time in December, when our committee hosted a festive supper for everyone which proved very successful and well attended. Entertainment was provided by the Harmonia Singers, carols and seasonal songs got us all in the Christmas mood!

Several members are looking forward to attending the Pantomime at Over Community Centre.

### Meetings Coming Up

February 12th 2024 "One of Our Own", a World War II story by David Duker.

March 11th 2024 AGM/ followed by a talk by Carole Pook titled "A Woman of No Importance".

Swavesey would like to wish everyone a very Happy 2024 and to say Thank you for all the support from the village over the last year.

If you would like further information on meetings or would like to join us please contact the following:-

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## SOMETHING FOR YOUR DIARY

Our magazine's regular early deadline means your news is being submitted before our Christmas break, many events still not finalised, so our best advice is to keep your eye on our website, regularly updated. This year this is even more important as our ANNUAL EXHIBITION has been moved to an earlier date than usual, March 23rd. We try to remind you about this close to the deadline for your entries to our very popular Open Competitions, but there will not be another magazine before then. We hope our many friends will record the date, too, we would be very disappointed if you didn't come along.

Meanwhile we will continue with our very busy programme, starting off on Feb 1st with a Members night, then a further one on 21st March. On the same theme we have a Workshop on 7th March. These are evenings when one realises the benefits of being in a Club, one can learn so much from other members, their trials and errors, their choice of equipment and software, and everyone is so happy to share.

In February and March there will be two competitions, and the earlier Advisory Nights for each when one can join a group to discuss your proposed entries, another way we can learn from each other. ( 13th Feb. for 'Print Panel' on 29th. 12th March for 'A Portrait' on 28th March).

For entertainment we have three talks planned. Naomi Saul is visiting us again on 8th Feb. with 'Africa- Dust under my feet'. Nick Mansfield brings us 'An Evening of Aviation' on 15th Feb. , and on 14th March we have James Kerwin's 'Abandoned Architecture'. These all promise something really special.

Don't forget the exhibition, which is free to all. Remember, you can come along on any club evening throughout the year for a small fee.

Mo Hadfield

Swavesey Camera Club.

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## Photographic Exhibition Saturday 23rd March 2024

**From 10 am to 4 pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall**

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## Selwyn's Easy "Pop Groups Over the Decades" Quiz. Part 3

Solve the mainly cryptic clues below , e.g., Liverpoolian insects 3, 7 The Beatles - we said it was easy! Note, where a group is called "The Something", sometimes "The" is dropped.

An idyllic state	7
e.g. elephants, lions, tigers	3,7
Aka rubbish	7
Could this hotness be tinned?	6, 4
Fair haired girl	7
Just a primary colour	6,3
Apparatus found at a casino	9
Red Baron with another chap	7,4
Bisexual	2/2
Awful attitudes	3,7

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page **15**.

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## Swavesey Spartans FC

The 2023/24 Season has had a mixed first half especially in the older age groups. The teams of primary school age have really enjoyed their first steps on their football. Children are gradually available to link up with the club during school year one as they reach their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our youngest teams start by playing in one of the Under 7 divisions of the Cambridgeshire mini league. Our Under 7s in 2023/24 started playing 5 a side games of 40 minutes (4 periods of 10 minutes duration) in January following taster training sessions before Christmas. The squad has coaches in place but still has a couple of vacancies for players. Looking further ahead to Sep/Oct we hope to build an under 7 squad for 2024/25 from current year 1s. if you have children who are of the correct age and who want to train with and/or play for Spartans, please contact the club using the details in the Club Information Section of this Meridian. A chat is not a commitment, and we welcome any adult volunteers too?

Our challenges this season have occurred as the female game continues to become more high profile and regulated. The ladies and Under 17 girls' teams have lost talented players to town based bigger clubs and the tolerances used to underpin the "get the game on" in grassroots football seem to have disappeared. The male grassroots game has lost players to the semi-professional clubs who run the EJA teams. EJA football demands a commitment level that means that players are more reluctant to play for Spartans on a Saturday knowing they have an EJA game on a Sunday. The club has lost sides at current under 15s, 16s and 17s since EJA started; the current 14s have struggled this season as well.

Cambridge United are the closest professional club to us and often provide opportunities for footballers such as holiday camps at Swavesey Village College. United are currently playing in Sky Bet League One, the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier of male professional football in England. Start to the 2023/24 season, they hit a sticky patch and at Christmas were just below mid-table with the chance of promotion to the Sky Bet Championship looking unlikely. But "football is a funny old game" and will the change of Head Coach in early December from Mark Bonner to Neil Harris be a catalyst for a promotion charge. The League One play off final takes place on 18 May at Wembley.

2024 Diary dates for football fans include the Carabao League Cup final on 25 Feb, the Premier League concludes on 19 May. Wembley hosts the finals of the FA Cup final on 25 May and the Champions League on 1 Jun. Germany hosts the European Championships from 14 Jun, the final is in Berlin on 14 Jul (2000ko). England start in Group C with fixtures on 16 Jun vs Serbia (2000ko), 20 Jun vs Denmark (1700ko) and 25 Jun vs Slovenia (2000ko).

## **Bastardy, Bigamy, Brawling and Brothels**

Yes, this is the title of the 13 February talk by Gill Shapland to Swavesey & District History Society – do come along to The Carole Shaw room in Swavesey Village College at 7.30pm.

November meeting. 45 attended a talk on The History of Marshall of Cambridge by Group Captain Terry Holloway from Fakenham. The Marshall group was established in 1909 by David Marshall. Its original base was in Brunswick Gardens where he started a simple chauffeur service to the wealthy. It quickly grew and employed mechanics for vehicle repair, enabling the business to relocate to larger premises in Kings Street in 1910 and again to Jesus Lane in 1912 where it expanded into selling motor vehicles. In 1912 a British Army airship made an emergency landing in Jesus Green and the Marshall mechanics repaired its engine. During WWI Marshall's premises were engaged in the servicing and repair of vehicles required for the British war effort.

David's son Arthur joined his dad in 1926 and became the driving force. Arthur was a brilliant athlete and a member of the Paris 1924 (Chariots of Fire) Olympic team. He wanted to fly for fun and learned to fly in 1927. The engineering and chauffeur businesses continued to do well so Arthur bought himself an aircraft in 1928. In 1929 Sir Alan Cobham, pioneer of long distance flight and aircraft technology, persuaded Arthur to turn the field behind his house in Fen Ditton into an airfield and the first Cambridge airfield opened on 9 June 1929. This was replaced in 1938 on 800 acres (324 ha) of newly purchased agricultural land at nearby Teversham by the bigger Cambridge airfield of today, owned and run by Marshall Aerospace. The opening day was the first public showing of a Spitfire from nearby Duxford. A major flying training school was quickly set up by Marshall and by the end of WWII over 20,000 aircrew including pilots, navigators and instructors had been trained. The company also carried out aircraft maintenance and repaired over 5,000 aircraft of many types during WWII.

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In November 2022, Marshall Aerospace announced that it expects to have left Cambridge Airport "by 2027", relocating to Cranfield airport near Milton Keynes. The Group plans to redevelop the airport site for around 12,000 houses and 5 million sq. ft (0.46 million m<sup>2</sup>) of business premises. The Chauffeur-drive business continues today.

December meeting. On a cold and wet evening 23 members turned out for the AGM. After the formal AGM proceedings three Swavesey residents, gave short presentations.

Penny King of Boxworth End spoke of her second cousin, Myrtle Bond, who lived for most of her life in the Poole area of Dorset. Born in 1912, she worked as a talented paintress at Poole Pottery from 1927 to 1942, only leaving because the market for Art Deco pottery dwindled in WWII. The beautiful decorations were individually hand-painted and each paintress was encouraged to slightly vary the agreed patterns to make every piece unique. Paintresses had their own mark, Myrtle's being a double headed arrow, and her pieces still turn up very occasionally today. After the war she joined the police service in Bournemouth. Penny attended her funeral in 2009 where one speaker reported that Myrtle was a British spy during the war. It is not known if this is true but from the 1960s Myrtle would introduce herself as "The name's Bond. Myrtle Bond".

Carole Pook of Market Street reported shocking aspects of a case where her husband John's relatives on both sides, the Burgesses and the Westcotts, appeared as witnesses in a case in 1929 near Barnstaple in Devon. It all started when a witness heard an agricultural worker questioning a colleague about the fact that the union of agricultural workers would pay a sum of money if a member's wife died. A few days later the man went into Catherine Burgess's shop asking for arsenic or mercury. Catherine had none but suggested Mr Wescott might help. In court Wescott said he had supplied arsenic, wrapped in paper, to the prisoner. The man also bought clotted cream which his wife consumed. She died and her stomach was found to contain arsenic. Mysteriously, three hens and a pig in the adjacent yard also died. It seemed unclear as to whether or not the man was found guilty but he definitely asked for funds from the union to help to pay for the funeral.

Penny's husband, Pete Halasovski, spoke about the development of rural communities in the Ukraine. This was a broad description of the changes that swept through the Russian empire since the freeing of the serfs in the 1860s to the early C20th when Pete's grandparents emigrated from Ukraine to America. Due to the size of the subject, it was a whistlestop tour. He touched on the size of the leap that was made (from wooden ploughs to steam engines in a couple of generations) and outlined how people in rural communities coped with the progress. He ended by talking about how his own grandfather left on an assisted passage scheme organised by his local church, with the intention of returning with enough money to start a dairy herd. The Russian revolution prevented this, separating the family. Contact has recently been re-established and the talk finished with pictures of Pete and Penny visiting his family in Ukraine.

After presentations from the three speakers a light buffet of food and drink was kindly provided by the Committee Members.

Next meetings:-

13 February. Bastardy, bigamy, brawling and brothels. Gill Shapland.

19 March. The great stink. Don Chiswell.

## MISCELLANY

### Christmas sustainability event and anyone for Sheddit?

Last November over 200 people came to the Memorial Hall for the second 'Christmas doesn't have to cost the earth' event. Organised by the Swavesey sustainability hub, and supported by the Parish council, the event featured many activities to raise awareness of sustainability and biodiversity. People of all ages enjoyed making bug hotels, supervised by Sheddit volunteers, mini gardens and mapping a Hedgehog Highway. As ever, the repair café was well-used and saved many items going to landfill.

Sheddit, Swavesey's Community Shed, is taking on more activities and looking for more volunteers to help. They now have a base and, as well as building bug hotels and Christmas items from unwanted pallets, they are busy working on the mobile Library of Things. If you like making and repairing things and spending time with pleasant company, please do get in touch with Phil on [drphilcoffee@gmail.com](mailto:drphilcoffee@gmail.com), who can tell you more. In their words - 'MEET UP... MAKE IT... SHED IT!'.



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## Swavesey 100 Years ago (Feb & March 1924)

### From the Cambridge Chronicle

AN UNEXPECTED DISCOVERY. 8th Feb. 1924

While engaged in threshing operations last March at Moulton Baugate, Lincolnshire, Mr. George Seekings, of Swavesey, lost his watch in the straw stack. Recently a Waggoner was getting some straw for his horses, when he put his fork through the ring of the watch and pulled it out intact. On being wound up, the watch was found to be in good working order.

PIG FEEDING. 15th Feb. 1924

A good-sized and thoroughly appreciative audience attended the lecture on pig feeding, which was given in the National School on Thursday week by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser. Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis presided. At the close of the lecture numerous questions were asked, and there was some discussion.

A SAFETY RAZOR. 14th March 1924

A correspondent writes: That shaving is not always an easy or a pleasant operation as is, I believe, generally admitted by those who have to wield a razor on themselves, and complaints of razors that decline to cut, or that cut too freely, are common. The recent experience of a Swavesey ex-Serviceman is, however, somewhat unusual. Having well-lathered his face, he scraped and scraped, but his safety razor failed to reap the hirsute stubble, although it effectively removed the soapy lather. When almost in despair, a friend came on the scene, and, examining the razor, pointed out that the shaver had omitted to insert the blade.

THE INSTITUTE. 14th March 1924

Forty-one new members were elected by the Committee of the Institute on Saturday evening, bringing the total membership up to 165. That the institute is appreciated is shown by the large number of villagers who attend every evening and enjoy the multifarious games provided, read newspapers and other literature, or engage in a social chat. The Committee on Saturday decided to allow dancing on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m., and they hope to arrange lectures, etc., on various subjects. For all these advantages the annual subscription is 6s. for adults and 4s. for juveniles, payable yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly, that is less than three halfpence a week for adults, and about a penny a week for juveniles. The subscriptions to the cricket, football and other clubs and societies in the village are, it is believed, at relatively higher rates.

ADVERTS. 21st March 1924

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LECTURE. 21st March 1924

A fair-sized audience greatly appreciated the lecture on the winter feeding of dairy cows, which was given in the Memorial Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser.

THE RECENT FIRE. 21st March 1924

Inquiries are being made in the village as to when the men, who were employed in connection with the fire in Market Street on January 29<sup>th</sup>, will be paid for their services.

PERSONAL. 28th March 1924

Mr. William Henry Key was 79 on Monday, and, although "in his eighty," he is still wonderfully active, and his interest in his garden and his orchards is as keen as ever. He well remembers his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, which fell on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1895, for on that day a tremendous storm the worse he recollects during the 54 years he has lived in Swavesey, played havoc with the houses, buildings, trees, etc., in the village, as it did in other parts of the country, and even carried the then sexton of the Parish Church "off his legs," when that functionary was struggling to get home after the morning service.

**Chris Richardson**

#### Answers to Selwyn's "Pop Groups Over the Decades" on page 8

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e.g. elephants, lions, tigers	3,7	The Animals
Aka rubbish	7	Garbage
Could this hotness be tinned?	6, 4	Canned Heat
Fair haired girl	7	Blondie
Just a primary colour	6,3	Simply Red
Apparatus found at a casino	9	Roulettes
Red Baron with another chap	7,4	Manfred Mann
Bisexual	2/2	AC/DC
Awful attitudes	3,7	Bad Manners

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## Memories by Will Wright

There was a great little Pub, think it was called the Red Lion, situated just across the road from the Corn Exchange in Guild Hall Place, which utilised its first floor space for music evenings mainly blues bands early in the week. It was a vibrant venue for a period in the mid sixties when a local promoter managed to get many London based artists to come here for a gig on Monday or Tuesday evenings. I can remember seeing Alexis Korner, who's backing band later became the Free & then Bad Company, also Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac as well as Chicken Shack featuring guitarist Stan Webb. All these artists could command a much higher fee but the local promoter got them at a much reduced rate at the beginning of the week as he was able to promise them a high ranking at a College May Ball as part of the deal. We managed to get a booking to play a May ball in '66 I believe & had the pleasure of opening the show before the headline act which was Deep Purple - a great live band. One thing that really surprised many of the performers that evening was that when the dining time was coming to an end & the evening started to get rocking, there was still quite a lot of the food on the tables in the dining area and we were expecting it to be taken off & donated to a good cause or something but NO, it was all wrapped in the table cloths and then dumped in the river Cam. I suppose some could say well at least they were feeding the fish but others might say it said a lot about the college's management of these events.

The music business in the 60's was going through vibrant change, probably to a large degree reflecting life in general at that time, as the post war "Baby Boomer" generation was becoming "of an age" shall we say and I think that Cambridge reflected this more than many other parts of the UK especially given the number of regular music venues in the city. The Regal, now Wetherspoons, hosted regular shows with 6 or 7 artists including the likes of the Beatles, Cliff & the Shadows and many top UK & American acts of the day, the Guildhall & the Victoria ballroom, both located on market square and many other smaller venues including the club converted from the Old Lion Yard stables. The old Dorothy ballroom had people queuing down the road every Saturday evening as a single entry fee allowed entry into the Oak room, which had a headline & support act and upstairs what was known as the sweat box had another 2 bands, the name of the room came from the heat therein as it was long before the days of air conditioning, one large bar with a jazz band & 2 smaller bars each with a pianist/singer. All were accessible with a single entry ticket. The one & only Jimmy Hendrix performed there along with many other top acts of the day.

I believe that in 1967 Cambridge had no less than 7 professional bands/groups based in the city and that didn't include the Pink Floyd, who are now one of the largest album selling bands of all time. Back in the days when Sid Barret was playing guitar, prior to Dave Gilmour joining, there was a Swavesey lad working for the band, Ian Carter, probably better known as Pip to most people of the day.

There were quite a few promoters and agents in the city as well as smaller venues, such as pubs & social clubs and of course there was an ever increasing number of Colleges who were holding musical events as well as their annual May Balls at the end of the College year. In those days almost every single College had its own May Ball whereas these days most of them amalgamate into groups in the Ball season to hold viable events and of course a lot of the social clubs have closed and let's not mention the number of pubs that sadly are no more.

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## An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

During the winter months, one of the UK's best wildlife spectacles starts to take place at sunset around the country. Starlings are probably one of our most beautiful birds with their white-flecked, iridescent black feathers showing lustrous greens and purples as they move in the light, but they often seem to be overlooked as they hang around in towns and cities throughout the spring and summer making a lot of noise and feeding their plain brown fledglings. Come the autumn, birds from mainland Europe head over to the UK in their thousands (varying from year to year depending on weather conditions) to spend the winter here in our milder climates. As the afternoon wanes and the sun sinks in the sky, small family groups start to gather at roost sites to form larger and larger flocks, sometimes reaching hundreds-of-thousands of individuals, forming an aerial display known as a murmuration.



Starlings over Elney Lake – Gill Parrish

eventually spiralling down to land in the heart of the reedbed roost site in a truly mesmerising display.

Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we are lucky to get Starlings coming to roost in our reedbeds on Holywell and Elney Lakes.

Some years we only get sporadic groups of a few hundred, this winter has been the best for quite some time with estimates of around twenty thousand, maybe more. With this many Starlings flying around, Sparrowhawks, top aerial predators specialising in hunting other birds, are drawn in too and can be seen flying in to fracture the murmuration, making it easier to snag a meal.

### Wednesday Wander

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Email: [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)

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Whilst other bird species form huge flocks (such as Knot which gather in tens-of-thousands around the coast in places such as The Wash), none of them are quite as impressive as the Starling murmuration. As sunset approaches, groups of all different sizes, from tens to hundreds, start to fly towards the roosting site from miles around. With the light dimming, more and more groups join the flock as it drifts around overhead. The exact mechanisms of Starling behaviour in the murmuration are not fully understood, but it seems that each bird in the flock follows the general heading of its nearest neighbours, steering towards its neighbour's position and avoids getting too close to crowd it and hinder flight. With these behaviours the flock moves like a single organism through the sky, stretching out into a long line before folding back into a ball, rising-up and diving back down, wheeling around and

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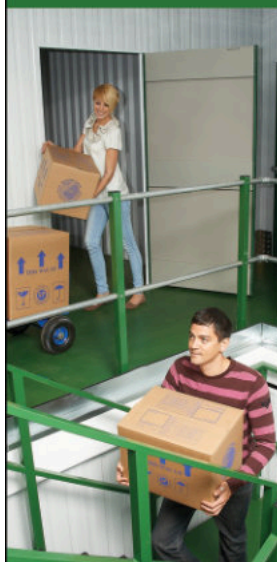
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## It Will Probably Be Cloudy...

### A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during February and March.

February and March will see two super new moons on 9<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March. This is when the New Moon occurs at its closest point to Earth.

The full moon on 24<sup>th</sup> February was known by early Native American tribes as the Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since hunting is difficult, this moon has also been known by some tribes as the Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult.

The March equinox occurs on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night. This is also the first day of spring (vernal equinox).

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks is 30 days from reaching perihelion, its closest approach to the Sun. The comet might become visible with the naked eye, particularly during April.

24<sup>th</sup> March sees Mercury at Greatest Elongation East. Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun, and the smallest planet in the solar system. It has a large iron core that accounts for about three-quarters of its mass. By contrast, Earth's iron core accounts for only one-third of its mass.

Because Mercury is small and lies close to the Sun, it is a challenge to observe. It can be seen with the naked eye shortly before sunrise or soon after sunset.

The best time to catch Mercury is within a week or so of its greatest elongation: this is when Mercury appears to be at its farthest distance from Sun as seen from Earth. These periods occur twice every 116 days or so (roughly every four months).

Greatest elongation west is when Mercury is farthest from the Sun in the morning sky. Greatest elongation east is when the two bodies are farthest apart in the evening sky. In between these times, Mercury's swift orbit carries it either directly behind the Sun as seen from Earth (superior conjunction), or in front of it (inferior conjunction).

The full moon on 25<sup>th</sup> March was known by early Native American tribes as the Worm Moon because this was the time of year when the ground would begin to soften and the earthworms would reappear. This moon has also been known as the Crow Moon, the Crust Moon, the Sap Moon, and the Lenten Moon.

One of the most easily recognisable star clusters in the night sky is the Pleiades, also known as the 'Seven Sisters' or M45. The Pleiades are a young open star cluster located in the constellation of Taurus the Bull, approximately 440 light years away from Earth.

While the name 'Seven Sisters' may suggest there are only seven stars, there are actually over 1,000 stars in the cluster, with only six usually visible to most people with the naked eye. Sharper-eyed observers, however, may be able to spot more

members of the family. Recently, astronomers have suggested that the seventh-brightest Pleiades star varies in brightness, which explains why it's not always visible.

One of the distinguishing features of the Pleiades stars is their striking blue colour. This is due to the stars' properties, primarily their high temperatures. The Pleiades

are winter stars and are visible from the Northern Hemisphere between October and April.



In Greek myth the Pleiades were said to be daughters of the titan Atlas and the sea nymph Pleione. Each of the seven prominent stars has its own name: Alcyone, Asterope, Celaeno, Electra, Maia, Merope, and Taygete. Two further bright stars in the cluster are named after Atlas and Pleione. The myth says that

after Atlas was cursed by Zeus to hold up the heavens forever, the sisters began to be pursued by Orion the Hunter. In order to protect them from Orion, Zeus turned them into doves, and then stars.

In Māori culture the Pleiades are called Matariki. The constellation is visible for most of the year in New Zealand, except for a period of about a month in winter. For many Māori the cluster's first appearance in the sky in late June or early July marks the start of Māori new year (also named Matariki) in the lunar calendar.

In Japan the stars are named Subaru, meaning 'gathered together'. You may recognise the name from the Japanese car company Subaru, which was named after the cluster. The company's logo features six stars, which represents the joining of multiple companies.

In South Africa the Pleiades were called IsiLimela, and were the 'digging stars', whose appearance in southern Africa warned of the need to begin hoeing the ground. All over Africa, these stars were used as a marker of the growing season. According to the Namaquas, IsiLimela were the daughters of the sky god. When their husband (Aldebaran) shot his arrow (Orion's sword) at three zebras (Orion's belt), it fell short. He dared not return home because he had killed no game, and he dared not retrieve his arrow because of the fierce lion (Betelgeuse) which sat watching the zebras. As a result, he still sits there to this day.

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When there is a 5th Thursday in the month other groups are invited to run the café to fundraise.

Please get in touch with Sue Ellington  
if you would like to know more.

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We have a great team of volunteer drivers but have recently lost a couple due to personal circumstances, so we need to recruit more as demand for the service continues to grow. Are you retired or about to start retirement or perhaps working part-time? Drivers do not have to commit to regular days/times but being able to do one journey a week is really helpful.

Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile in total. A DBS (free) check is required and additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

The OWLS mobile is manned by a rota of volunteer coordinators who have the phone for a fortnight at a time. We would like to have an additional coordinator to help with this.

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## SCHOOLS INFORMATION



## Swavesey Village College Adult Education Courses Spring 2024

Course	Start Date	End Date	Time	Day	Weeks	Cost	Place
<b>Art &amp; Crafts</b>							
The Art Class	16/01/2024	12/03/2024	10.00-12.30	Tuesday	8	£105	PVH
Beginners Crochet	17/01/2024	07/02/2024	19:00-21:00	Wednesday	4	£35	SVC
Crochet Next Steps	18/01/2024	08/02/2024	19:00-21:00	Thursday	4	£35	SVC
Amigurumi Animals	06/03/2024	27/03/2024	19:00-21:00	Wednesday	4	£35	SVC
Knitting Top down Jumper	07/03/2024	28/03/2024	19:00-21:00	Thursday	4	£35	SVC
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Classes</b>							
Pilates - Bar Hill	08/01/2024	11/03/2024	13:30-14:30	Monday	9	£70	BHVH
Fitness Pilates	08/01/2024	12/02/2024	18:00-19:00	Monday	6	£47	SVC
Fitness Pilates	08/01/2024	12/02/2024	19:00-20:00	Monday	6	£47	SVC
Fitness Pilates	26/02/2024	25/03/2024	18:00-19:00	Monday	5	£39	SVC
Fitness Pilates	26/02/2024	25/03/2024	19:00-20:00	Monday	5	£39	SVC
Badminton Improvers	09/01/2024	13/02/2024	20:00-21:30	Tuesday	6	£48	SVC
Badminton Improvers	20/02/2024	26/03/2024	20:00-21:30	Tuesday	6	£48	SVC
Tai Chi Beginners	10/01/2024	20/03/2024	19:00-20:00	Wednesday	10	£78	SVC
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
Curry in a Hurry	28/02/2024	27/03/2024	19:00-21:00	Wednesdays	5	£56	SVC
Photography Part 1	23/01/2024	12/02/2024	19:00-21:00	Mondays	4	£45	SVC
Photography Part 2	05/03/2024	25/03/2024	19:00-21:00	Mondays	4	£45	SVC
<b>Language Courses</b>							
Italian Beginners	15/01/2024	25/03/2024	17:00-18:30	Monday	10	£101	SVC
Italian Intermediate	15/01/2024	25/03/2024	18:30-20:00	Monday	10	£101	SVC
Italian Intermediate	17/01/2024	27/03/2024	16:45-18:15	Wednesday	10	£101	SVC
Italian Upper Intermediate	17/01/2024	27/03/2024	18:15-19:45	Wednesday	10	£101	SVC
Italian Advanced/Conversation	17/01/2024	27/03/2024	19:45-21:15	Wednesday	10	£101	SVC
Spanish Beginners	10/01/2024	20/03/2024	18:00-19:30	Wednesday	10	£101	SVC
Spanish Improvers	10/01/2024	20/03/2024	19:30-21:00	Wednesday	10	£101	SVC

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At the end of the Autumn term we were very pleased to present Moses Smith with the Chef Scout Silver Challenge Award badge. This is the highest badge a cub can

get. It involves doing a huge amount of work including team leading, many different adventurous activities, fire based cooking to learning new skills. Well done to Moses who has now moved to scouts. Hopefully during his time in scouts he will be able to get his Gold Challenge Award.

Moses' achievement, and the achievement of those before him, demonstrate the very varied programme all 3 sections in Swavesey follow. Our scouting aim is to produce young people with skills and belief that they can achieve and try any activity.

At the time that this is being distributed the cubs will be looking forward to the District Unihoc tournament. This is a competitive tournament for all cubs in our district of Crafts Hill. This area includes Histon, Bar Hill, Over and Hardwick. The cubs compete in Unihoc. This is best described as ice hockey without the ice. Although none of the cubs have ever played it before it's usually picked up quite quickly and our cubs have always been very good at it. There is also 6-a-side football and finally tug of war. We're hopeful that this year we will be very competitive at all sports but even if we aren't its good fun.



Meanwhile the scouts are busy preparing for Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club's Incident Hike. This is a team event for Cambridgeshire scouts who have to work out the route between various points and may or may not be confronted with challenges at these points. These challenges in previous years have included dealing with a first aid incident.

If you would like your young person to try Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please email the relevant leader below. Each section allows your child the opportunity to try for a few weeks before committing. We understand scouting is for everyone.

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) [john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk)

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Scouts (ages 10½ -14) [marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk)



## Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

### AWARDS



We had a visit from Claire, one half of our County Commissioner Team at the end of the Autumn term. Firstly, she visited Rainbows where she awarded Lucy with Girlguiding's Hero Award. Lucy had been very badly bitten by a dog in the summer, but has gradually got over her fear and can now approach, and even pet dogs again. Claire says "Both Kate and I were so impressed with the bravery shown by Lucy and it was a real honour to give her the Hero certificate & a special badge. Congratulations Lucy!"

Then Claire popped next door to visit the Rangers where she presented Alanna and Rhiannon with their Young Leader Qualifications. Alanna achieved hers helping at 1st Swavesey Guides and Rhiannon helps at 1st Swavesey Rainbows, they both developed skills in leadership, communication and team working. This award is a great achievement and will be a wonderful addition to their CVs and personal statements.



It counts as part of the leadership qualification they can work towards when they are 18. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team. Here we are celebrating the end of term at our Christmas Meal in the Tipi at The Porterhouse.



**Adult volunteers are always welcome, please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know more.**

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/)

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## PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

### From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Happy and Healthy New Year everybody. It promises to be interesting with elections, and the many serious issues in the world at the moment. I pray those who have influence manage to find a way through.

Anyway, I thought you had all had enough about the four day week issue at South Cambs District Council so I am going to write about exciting developments across the Health and Social care sector that I am involved in.

I am a Trustee of Care Network Cambridgeshire, a charity which has provided help and support through Home from Hospital, community care schemes, and the Navigator programme to direct people to the right services and help to meet their needs. In 2023.

Care Network formed an alliance with Age Concern Cambridgeshire and The Carers Trust to create The Voluntary Service Alliance. This enables a strong organisation which doesn't have to spend its time bidding against each other but can provide a whole service to cover a wider range of abilities and skills.

The reason I am so excited about this development is that they have developed a Portal which all hospital staff have on their online tablets. One of the problems care network staff have found in hospital is that staff changes, agency staff and lack of continuity on the wards means that they are frequently not told about a patient's discharge need in a timely way. This Portal ensures that when a patient is told they can go home, their discharge needs are recorded immediately and, where necessary, voluntary services based in all aspects of the county can be alerted to make arrangements to welcome them home and support them during their first few days. Why didn't somebody think of this before? In the first week the team had 14 referrals and they were able to speed up discharge, reduce fear of going home to a cold house with no food and hopefully stop patients having to go back into hospital.

The second happy event was to find that the new commissioning board at The County Council are trying to encourage more people to be cared for at home rather than having to move to a nursing home. They are doing this by supporting individuals who would like to become self-employed carers. They offer training, support with setting up financial arrangements for tax, insurance etc. as well as contacts for referrals and networking with other carers. Further information from [cmdevelopment@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cmdevelopment@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

So the future looks a little brighter and we will see how it works out in 2024. Please feel free to contact me if I can help with any district council issues. [cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk) 01954 202923, or 07774146331

Sue Ellington - District Councillor Swavesey Ward.



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# SWAVESEY PARISH

## Parish Council News November/December 2024

### County Council Business:

The Highways department has cut back some of the overhanging hedges alongside the Over Rd footpath/cycle way and are now being chased to complete the job.

They have similarly been informed of the need for overhanging tree branches on Fen Drayton Rd alongside Home Close to be cut back as soon as possible..

The Highways gully cleaning has been completed with the exception of one or two which could not be accessed at the time.

The yellow line re-painting has to a large degree been completed, with the exception of Black Horse Lane junction and particularly the zig zags in front of the Primary School. We have been given no dates as to when the white lining is to be re-painted.

Our Clerk took a Highways Officer down the Fen Drayton Rd past the Folly Rd development as far as the Nature Reserve Rd, essentially to highlight the atrocious state of decay it is in at present, numerous pot holes on both sides as well as the central area disintegrating. The indication is that there is not the funding for the "re-build". Furthermore it would seem that this section of the road is no longer on the gritting route, which quite frankly, is little short of an atrocious decision especially when about 750 pupils are bussed in & out of the school along this route on a daily basis !

The PC has been notified of a future roll-out of LED lights for the streetlights starting during 2024, across the County to help assist running costs.

### District Council Business:

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) will come into force in the new year. This will mean that CPE Wardens can issue fines for parking infringements where there are restrictions in place, eg yellow lines, school zig zag lines etc.

### Finance:

The PC agreed a grant request to the Memorial Hall charity trust to help with increasing running costs for the remainder of this year

### Planning:

The PC has received a notification that Anglian Water is proposing to discharge the surface water from a re-development site in Middle Watch directly into the foul sewer, in total contradiction to a similar proposal which was reversed on a previous Middle Watch application. The PC has strongly objected and has requested the decision go to the Planning Committee.

# COUNCIL NEWS

### Drainage:

The foul & surface water drainage issues at Burgess Close are still being discussed between Anglian Water and Matthew Homes Ltd.

### Village Projects & Maintenance:

An access gate between Moat Way and the Turnbridge Drain will be provided to enable easier maintenance of land over the Turnbridge Drain

We have just received the replacement parts for the damaged sections on the multiplay unit in Moat Way play area and these will be installed as soon as possible.

Many thanks to Stuart Faben and Hannah Parish who assisted councillors in putting up the Christmas lights in Market Street.

Also many sincere thanks to Tim Dawson-Church for all his time & effort in analysing the traffic count data from the monitors around the village

Thanks also to the Sustainability Hub Team who put on a hugely successful event at the Memorial Hall on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November, with over 200 people attending. These events are proving very popular and more will be held in the coming year.

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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.		

## The Thomas Galon Charity


### Would you be interested in becoming a Trustee?

This is a village charity which owns tenanted agricultural land. The income it generates is used for the benefit of the inhabitants of Swavesey. The land was originally left to the village in the Will of Thomas Galon who died in 1528. Under a revised Charity Scheme from 1972, the nine Trustees can consider a request from any organisation that provides a service to Swavesey residents 'in need' and can also themselves offer help in a variety of ways to individual residents, primarily towards health and wellbeing.

Today the Charity provides an annual Energy Grant to elderly residents, is a main funder of the Community Warden Scheme, subsidises Lifeline Pendants for those who need them and supports charitable organisations including the Over Day Centre, Arthur Rank Hospice and Magpas.

Occasionally Trustee vacancies occur and if you would be interested in finding out more about the work of the Charity with a view to becoming a Trustee, please contact us on [thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk](mailto:thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk)

More information can be found on our website at: <https://www.swavesey.org.uk/community/the-thomas-galon-charity/>



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## St Andrew's Church

### 5folds Benefice News

In August 2023, following Rev'd Lucy Cleland's move to Bristol, Rev'd Jenny Hill was licensed as the 5Folds Interim Team Leader for five months. As our Team Rector, Rev'd Simon Gill is still unwell, Bishop Dagmar of Huntingdon has asked Jenny to extend her license until July 2024. Canon Jan Payne will continue to support her.

This means that we are unable to predict exactly what our pattern of services will be from week to week but you can always find information about our weekly services on Facebook and online at A Church near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/>

### Services at St Andrew's

You are always welcome to join us at 11am on Sunday mornings. We usually hold communion services on the first three Sundays in the month and a more relaxed service of Morning Praise on the fourth Sunday. We have a band that plays at this service and would welcome any new musicians if you would like to join us in our worship. Please check locally or online for details of Sunday services.

If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, you might not find us at St Andrew's as we take this opportunity to praise God with the other churches in our 5Folds benefice.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine and other countries affected by war. This is followed by Compline (a short-sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

Easter Services: There will be a range of services in our 5Folds churches during Lent and Easter.

Ash Wednesday: February 14th: Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday: March 10<sup>th</sup>: Holy Communion

Good Friday: March 29<sup>th</sup>: 3pm: Poetry and meditations on the Stations of the Cross:

Easter Sunday: March 31<sup>st</sup>: Holy Communion

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

### Ministry Team:

Rev'd Jenny Hill (Priest and interim Team Leader): [jenny@5folds.org.uk](mailto:jenny@5folds.org.uk)

Canon Jan Payne (Licensed Lay Minister): [jan.payne@northstowe.church](mailto:jan.payne@northstowe.church)

Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459 [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk)  
(Colin works Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to noon)

## St Andrew's Church



### Christingle Service December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Although the weather was very bad, we were delighted to welcome so many of you to St Andrew's for our annual Christingle Service. The collection at the service raised £201.08 for The Children's Society, a charity founded in 1881 by Edward Rudolph when he saw the effects of poverty on the lives of the children of South London where he lived and worked. The ways in which the charity supports children and their families have changed over the last one hundred and forty years but it still aims to *"transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. It supports them through their most serious life challenges and campaigns tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most."* A big thank you to all of you who supported the charity through your donations at our Christingle service.

### Events at St Andrew's

Snowdrop Walk: Date to be confirmed

Jeremy and Gillian Newsum of Priory House (the house next door to the church), have once again very kindly offered to open their gardens on behalf of the church for a Snowdrop Walk. The date of this event is impossible to predict so look out for information on our noticeboards, Facebook and online on A Church Near You. Refreshments will be served in church.

Here are a few more dates to put in your diaries.

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Mothering Sunday Tea Party

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Easter Fair

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Plant Sale

St Ives Food Bank

If at any time, you would like to make a donation to the St Ives Food Bank, 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 Saint Parish Church in St Ives. More information, including particular needs and shortages, can be found at: <https://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk/foodbank/>

If you, or anyone you know, need help, and do not know who to contact, use the same link and you will find further information about how to apply. The Food Bank serves everyone in crisis regardless of faith or belief.

### Information

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: [bml20@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bml20@cam.ac.uk)



### Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

Designed to support older people and those with dementia and their carers. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.



### 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

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



### The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm



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

### Sunday Services - 10:45am

You are warmly invited to join us for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to everyone and are all family friendly with children's groups for all ages! 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.



### *Palm Sunday Service*

Sunday 24th March from 10:45am @ Bethel

### *Messy Easter*

Easter Crafts and meal for all the family - Date TBC @ Bethel

### *Good Friday Reflections*

Friday 29th March from 3pm @ Bethel

### *Easter Sunrise Service*

Sunday 31st March from 6:30am @ Fen Drayton Lakes

### *Easter Sunday Family Service*

Sunday 31st March from 10.45am @ Bethel

### CONTACT US

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

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Young Philip, was born with a medical condition, but like others of his age he attended School and was totally immersed in all the activities. After the Easter holidays, the teacher brought some containers that were the shape of a large egg. Each receiving one, the children were told to go outside on that lovely spring day, find some symbol for new life, and put it in the egg like container. Back in the classroom, they would share their new life symbols, opening the containers one by one in surprise fashion. Well, after running about the school property in wild confusion, the students returned to the classroom and placed their containers on the table. Surrounded by the children, the teacher began to open them one by one. After each one, whether it be a flower, butterfly, or leaf, the class would ooh and ahh. Then one was opened, revealing nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid. That's not fair. Somebody didn't do their project right." Philip spoke up, "That's mine." "But there's nothing there!" Said another student, "It's empty" said Philip "because Jesus' tomb was empty!"

Sadly, not long after that day Philip died from an infection that most children would have shrugged off. At his funeral his class of eight-year-olds marched up to the front of the church with their teacher, and each laid down not flowers, but an empty egg container.

This lovely story speaks of life and death, death and life. Philip understood that Jesus died to face death for each one of us, but in coming to life again he defeated death and brings us hope that there is life after death. This is the brilliant message of Easter.

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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>
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/community/swavesey-your-library/">www.swavesey.org.uk/community/swavesey-your-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/owls-community-care-scheme/">http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owls-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. <a href="http://www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/">www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/</a>		
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234).		
Swavesey Girlguiding	Unit	Evening	Contact
	1st Swavesey Rainbows	Thursdays	<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 ( <a href="http://swaveseyspartans.co.uk">swaveseyspartans.co.uk</a> ) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Lewis Walsh ( <a href="mailto:swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com">swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com</a> ) or Neil Jordison ( <a href="mailto:swavesey.secretary@gmail.com">swavesey.secretary@gmail.com</a> or 01954 204390).		
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site		
	<b>Beavers</b> 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>		
	<b>Cubs</b> 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	<b>Scouts</b> 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:evandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk">evandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk</a> or by phone 01954 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.		
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in Fen Drayton Village Hall, Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton from 7.45pm - 9.30pm. 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>		

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@alilokesquash.com">ali@alilokesquash.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>

Over Netball Club	Local friendly club, everyone welcome, from back-to-netballers to seasoned players. We have teams playing in CDNL and Fenland Netball league. Training is on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm at Northstowe Secondary School. First month is free, £15 per month thereafter. Contact overnetballclub@gmail.com for more information.
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's). Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - <a href="mailto:reesonhcx46k@aol.com">reesonhcx46k@aol.com</a> ; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - <a href="http://overandwillingham.play-cricket.com">overandwillingham.play-cricket.com</a>
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 District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambridgeshire County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: <a href="mailto:deborahwalker105@talktalk.net">deborahwalker105@talktalk.net</a>
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch, Swavesey CB24 4RP. Commencing at 7.30pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
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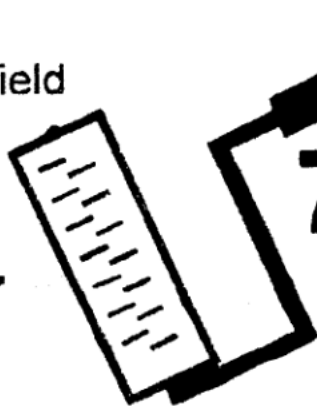
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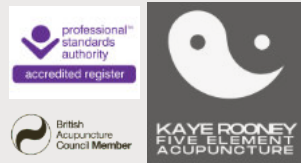


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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at [www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk](http://www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk)

It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date.

We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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Doctor's Surgery (Over)	01954 231550	
<b>Police:</b>		<a href="http://www.cambs.police.uk">www.cambs.police.uk</a>
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Parish Council	01954 202982	<a href="http://www.swavesey.org.uk">www.swavesey.org.uk</a>
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312 Ext 2	<a href="mailto:eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk">eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk</a>
Swavesey Primary School	01954 273312	<a href="http://www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/">www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/</a>
Swavesey Village College:	01954 230366	<a href="http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk">www.swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>
Community Office	01954 234488	<a href="http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/community-education/">www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/community-education/</a>
Swavesey Post Office	01954 232311	
<b>Cambridgeshire County Council:</b>		<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	<a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries</a>
South Cambs District Council	01954 713000	<a href="http://www.scambs.gov.uk">www.scambs.gov.uk</a>
<b>Electricity (UK Power Networks):</b>		
Emergency & Power Cut Report Line	0800 783 8838	<a href="http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk">www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk</a>
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800 111999	<a href="https://www.nationalgrid.com/gas-transmission/safety-and-emergencies/emergencies-and-safety-advice">https://www.nationalgrid.com/gas-transmission/safety-and-emergencies/emergencies-and-safety-advice</a>
Water (Cambridge Water Company) Leak:	0800 316 7676	<a href="http://www.cambridge-water.co.uk">www.cambridge-water.co.uk</a>
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	03457 145 145	<a href="http://www.anglianwater.co.uk">www.anglianwater.co.uk</a>
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0800 807060	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Samaritans	116 123	<a href="http://www.samaritans.org">www.samaritans.org</a>
Addenbrooke's Hospital:	01223 245151	<a href="http://www.addenbrookes.org.uk">www.addenbrookes.org.uk</a>
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	01480 416416	<a href="http://www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk">www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk</a>
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Gatwick	0844 892 0322	<a href="http://www.gatwickairport.com">www.gatwickairport.com</a>
Heathrow	0844 335 1801	<a href="http://www.heathrow.com">www.heathrow.com</a>
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Stagecoach	01223 433250 0345 241 8000	<a href="http://www.stagecoachbus.com">www.stagecoachbus.com</a>
National Express Coaches	03717 81 81 81	<a href="http://www.nationalexpress.com">www.nationalexpress.com</a>
Whippet Coaches	01954 230011	<a href="http://www.go-whippet.co.uk">www.go-whippet.co.uk</a>
National Rail	03457 48 49 50	<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>
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Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954 780027	<a href="http://www.villagevet.co.uk">www.villagevet.co.uk</a>
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954 210250	<a href="http://www.ashcroftvet.co.uk">www.ashcroftvet.co.uk</a>

**ENERGISE**  
YOUTH DANCE

Presented By  
April Martin & Jack Stinton  
Swavesey Village College

# Saturday 3rd February 2024

Young dancers from across the county  
in a community dance event.

At Swavesey Venue  
Matinee - 1pm  
Evening - 7pm

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc)  
01954 230 366

# Swavesey Camera Club



## Photographic Exhibition Saturday 23rd March 2024

**From 10 am to 4 pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall**

Our Annual Photographic Exhibition is an opportunity for us to show you our best images. Visit us and vote for your favourite image. As well as stunning prints, there will be an audio-visual presentation of images and some images for sale. Coffee, excellent cake and other refreshments will be available all day.

See [swaveseycameraclub.co.uk](http://swaveseycameraclub.co.uk) for further details. An online version of the exhibition will be available between 23 March and 6 April 2024.

Our exhibition is kindly sponsored by Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery and Tait Financial Services Ltd