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## EDITORIAL

It has been a wet year! - but we had the chance to see some interesting birds at the reserve and also had a glimpse of what the fens were like before they were drained. Now we have Christmas hovering on the horizon a time to meet with family and friends and also to remember those who are no longer with us., I am sure any of you, who knew or had contact with John Shepperson will know how he supported many projects in Swavesey he will be missed.

So, will we have a dry and mild Christmas? or will It freeze over and the fen be used for skating as it was in many winters past?

Whatever you do over the festive period - enjoy it.

Editor

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## Major Events List

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

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at:-

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

Saturday 7 December	Sustainability	Christmas Event 10 to 2pm in The Memorial Hall - Repair Shop (book at <a href="mailto:rvollathun@gmail.com">rvollathun@gmail.com</a> + crafts
Saturday 21 December	Community Choir	Swavesey Community Choir Christmas Come and Sing: 6.30pm in St Andrews Church
Friday 17 January	RADSOC	Wind in the Willows - Swavesey Village College - For info & tickets contact:- <a href="http://swaveseyradsoc.org.uk">swaveseyradsoc.org.uk</a>
Saturday 18 January	RADSOC	Wind in the Willows - Swavesey Village College - For info & tickets contact:- <a href="http://swaveseyradsoc.org.uk">swaveseyradsoc.org.uk</a>
Sunday 19 January	RADSOC	Wind in the Willows - Swavesey Village College - For info & tickets contact:- <a href="http://swaveseyradsoc.org.uk">swaveseyradsoc.org.uk</a>
Saturday 17 May	St Andrews	Plant Sale

December		
Friday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 7	Sustainability	Christmas Event 10 to 2pm in The Memorial Hall - Repair Shop (book at rvollathun@gmail.com + crafts
Friday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 15	St Andrews	St Andrew's Carol Service - 4.30pm In the Church
Monday 16	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 20	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 21	Community Choir	Swavesey Community Choir Christmas Come and Sing: 6.30pm in St Andrews Church
Saturday 28	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection ( Note Saturday)
January		
Thursday 9	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 17	RADSOC	Wind in the Willows - Swavesey Village College - For info & tickets contact:- swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Saturday 18	RADSOC	Wind in the Willows - Swavesey Village College - For info & tickets contact:- swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Sunday 19	RADSOC	Wind in the Willows - Swavesey Village College - For info & tickets contact:- swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Friday 24	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 27	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting



## Swavesey WI News

Meetings coming up in 2025	
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	WI Resolutions/Pre-loved Auction.
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	"My Creative Journey" by Amanda Sutherland.
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	AGM followed by Talk "Art and the Suffragettes" by Caroline Shenton.

Swavesey WI held a Cake Stall on 31 August in Market Street which proved very successful and raised £450. A further £128 was raised for the Alzheimers Charity. Swavesey WI would like to thank everyone for their support, it is much appreciated.

Our Speaker in September was Fran Saltmarsh, a well-known speaker in WI circles who spoke on the "History of Costume-the Roaring Twenties". Fran gave us a fascinating insight into this period of fashion and the influences that brought about change in the way woman dressed. She also brought along a suitcase of various costumes, which all had their own story and how she came about acquiring each one. An excellent evening.

At our October monthly meeting we said 'goodbye' to our member Mary Crump, who with her husband Terry is moving to Yorkshire. Mary was presented with a gift from us and wished all the very best for her move 'up north'.

Our speaker in October was Malcolm Busby who entertained us with various Ghost Stories, none of which were scary but had us all in suspense! Malcolm was an excellent story teller.....you could have heard a pin drop!,

Congratulations go to our Quiz Team who came 1st in the recent County Federation Quiz Evening held at Cottenham. Well done girls!

Swavesey WI would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2025.

We also look forward to seeing you at Compass Cafe on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Bethel Church.

For further information about any of our meetings please contact:  
Glesny Sheppard 01954 201731/Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

## Swavesey & District History Society

September meeting. The season opened to hear Swavesey resident, Selwyn, give a talk on Fenland Farming in the 1950s. Down in the fens 2½ miles northwest of Downham Market in Norfolk was a large farm built in 1847 which was compulsorily purchased from the lord of the manor by Norfolk County Council in 1919. Selwyn's father was one of six smallholders sharing the extensive farm buildings and the highly productive peat/silt fenland. The surrounding land is between -1 and -2m below mean sea level and because of the serious risk of inundation by the sea, this high quality agricultural land is kept very efficiently drained to a low level by the Crabb's Abbey Pumping Station at Magdalen and the Common Lode Drain Pumping Station at Stow Bridge, both with enormously powerful pumping capacity into the river Great Ouse.

The main crops grown were potatoes and sugar beet, with a small area of strawberries on almost every smallholding throughout the parish and often a few acres of onions or peas. Cereals were grown almost reluctantly to preserve the crop rotation. Almost all farms kept chickens because the weekly income from eggs was paid for in cash the following week by the buyer, convenient to use quickly for the weeks' groceries in the village shop, thus bypassing the taxman. Most kept pigs, with the occasional house cow to provide milk, butter and cream.

In 1953 his three older brothers were 15, 17 and 18 years old so, along with father, there was a physically strong labour force available in a decade when farming was physically demanding - Selwyn and his youngest brother were born in the late 1940s. Potato picking was a very labour intensive job at that time since it was all done by hand. Most of the picking was done by women because the farmer paid a woman a lower wage than a man for doing the same job. However, strawberry picking was done by piecework which meant that the picker was paid per pound weight picked, not time working. Many of the women were faster pickers than the men and easily earned enough to pay for a new twin-tub washing machine or their first refrigerator or a family holiday in a caravan at Hunstanton.

Sugar beet growing also involved much hard labour since soon after emergence the crop had to be chopped out by hoe and the beet singled by hand then later the weeds within the rows were removed by more hoeing because there were few herbicides available. At harvest, after the beet were mechanically squeezed out of the ground from underneath, they were pulled up by hand and knocked together to remove soil then topped by hand and loaded into carts. Heaps of beet were usually made along the roadside ready to be loaded by hand into a lorry for transport to the factory at Wissington.

October meeting. Gill Shapland from Bar Hill entertained over 40 members and visitors with a lively talk on Bastardy, Bigamy, Brawling and Brothels. This is the result of her research into stories from the Isle of Ely Quarterly Sessions over the period 1726 to 1775. She read, organised into a system and catalogued 2,800 individual sheets of paper held in the university library and which incidentally provide a rich, alternative source of names for family history research. 16% of cases involved assault, 13% felony, 12% civil cases, 3% bastardy and 3%

vagrancy, along with removal orders, inquests, debtors, prostitution etc. Brothels were rife because they provided the female with some protection. In 1750 a girl working for a wealthy farmer was made pregnant by the son of the family. The farmer's wife didn't want the baby and persuaded the girl to accuse the local tailor. The girl ended in court for saying it was the tailor's fault but the farmer's wife and son were prosecuted. Esther of Whittlesey was supposed to live in the workhouse but she was often absent and had four illegitimate children. However, each year in winter she went back to the workhouse. Stourbridge Fair produced much trouble, mainly drunkenness. Three men went into town the night before market day in Wisbech. After being thrown out of two pubs they tried to drag a lady from her husband but the constable threw them into jail. Soldiers returning to England from military service abroad had to make their own way home but they were provided with a pass allowing them to sleep in a police cell each night provided they reported to the local constable each day. Wives often accompanied husbands to port before they left to go abroad but only a few wives were allowed to travel with them. Then she would have to do housework for a group of soldiers. If her husband was killed the soldiers drew lots to marry her. On return to England, she had to make her own way back to her home parish. A young girl in Wisbech got a job in a kitchen pub but she ran away when her employers encouraged her to be a prostitute using their upstairs rooms. The landlady found her and dragged her back by her hair but instead of complying she went to the magistrates and the landlady was arrested. Three lads in Whittlesey got drunk and were imprisoned for breaking tombstones. Edward Gray, a brickmaker in Ely, was arrested for openly exposing himself in the town.

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## Swavesey Spartans FC

Swavesey Spartans FC.

The 2024/25 football season kicked off for Swavesey Spartans as soon as the school autumn started in early September. Pre-season training began for some teams in early July mainly taking place on Swavesey Recreation Ground which once again is in very good condition and the envy of many other nearby grassroots football clubs. The Recreation Ground has pitches that can host 5v5, 7v7 and 11v11 games and it is recognised as one of the local pitches that recovers quickly after bad weather. Tremendous credit for the facilities we enjoy needs to go to Swavesey Parish Council for their support and unlocking of available funding opportunities which has been used to invest and deliver the improvement from where we were 10 years ago. Thanks go out to dog walkers who clean up after their dogs, thank you and please keep it up. The charity that runs the Pavilion are currently actively looking at sustainable ways to keep the facility in step with the move to greener ways of living.

The shortening daylight hours saw training move under the floodlights of Swavesey Village College (SVC) Artificial Grass Pitches towards the end of September. The players and coaches use these facilities for 60 minutes training each week until the clocks change at the end of March. This is not the cheapest solution but training in Swavesey mitigates safeguarding risk with players able to walk and cycle to train at the same place as they go to school. It is also more convenient for parents to transport players safely to training.

The under 9 and below players are getting to grips with no deliberate heading rules. The same players are also learning to play with pass ins and dribble ins instead of throw ins; this all seems to be working smoothly. Tracking who has played, who has scored and who has been subject to disciplinary action has become invisible on the FA websites now with all names no longer visible to comply with safeguarding updates.

In the last issue we highlighted Andy Campbell who plays for the Swavesey Walking Football team affiliated to Cambridgeshire FA through Spartans. Andy is the England Over 70s captain and led England in 2024 world cup finals held in Cardiff during August. The England side stayed unbeaten in their 6 group games, and got through to the semi final where the injury stretched squad were knocked out of the tournament. A tremendous achievement by Andy and his colleagues. The Veterans World Cup is an annual event with the 2025 finals due to be hosted in Japan.

If you are wanting a fun activity to visit with friends or family which is out in the fresh air and will help fitness levels, the solution could be to play either 9 or 18 holes of Foot Golf. Milton hosts such a facility and the former Spartans manager and Institute defender Mike Stokes is part of the management team. More details are available on their website or by calling 01223 632003.

🎄🎄🎄 **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE** 🎄🎄🎄

Where did the time go? Just a handful of events and we close for the Festive break. Our first isn't even in Swavesey, it is happening in St Neots Photographic Club, a 4-way friendly competition on December 3rd. Our second event is another internal competition, on December 5th, back home in SVC for the Colour Print Trophy, named in honour of Joe Sipos, a regular winner in his lifetime. This will be judged by David Steel. Only one talk, 'Working with Textures' by E.J.Lazenby, on December 12th, but even this isn't at SVC, please note it is on Zoom.

Then we shall return home to SVC in grand style for our President's Evening on December 19th, our party with mince pies and wine, and our traditional Christmas Photographic Quiz, set by Simon himself. One is advised not to over indulge oneself in the liquid refreshments, some questions need all your little grey cells working at full capacity.

In the New Year it seems Weather will be the main topic discussed by everyone in the club. No, we haven't been tipped off by the Meteorological Office of nasty days to come, almost every event is weather related. Our first talk on January 9th, from Anne Miles, is 'Weather to Photograph and What'. This should be extremely useful for those intending to enter our next Set Subject competition on 30th January, topic 'Weather'. There will be an Advisory meeting prior to this on 14th, to help choose your most suitable image, please note on Zoom at 7:30pm.

We have another Friendly Competition on January 16th, this time with St Ives; we are the hosts, so no need to travel far. There is a Members Night on January 23rd, no idea yet as to whose work you will see, or if it will be a sharing of helpful ways to improve your images, no one knows until much closer to the date.

Please come along if you would like to meet us, especially on an evening when there is planned something of interest to you. There is a small charge for non members.

Mo Hadfield  
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**Be Safe Be Seen.**

December and January are the 2 darkest months of the year it gets dark early and light later. Make sure you have lights on your bike, reflective clothing (And don't forget the dog!) electric bikes and scooters also need lights.

Yes you can see where you are going but can other people see you?

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December 7th,  
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**Selwyn's Easy "Pop Groups Over the Decades" Quiz. Part 5**

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.

Coloured Cleric	6,4
Revolutionary Londoner?	7,5
Relating to sound reproduction	13
Girl and barrel maker	5,6
Describing lads becoming adults	4,2,3
Broken	6
Possible enticements	11
Wild outdoor space	6,6
2 materials denote wedding anniversaries	5,4
Mr Laker with fantasies	7,3,3,8

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 17

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and Swavesey Women's Institute.

**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. sue.ellington@virgin.net or phone 01954 202923**

**Future 5th Thursday dates:  
2025: 30th Jan, 29th May (half term), 31st Jul, 30th Oct**

## Swavesey Memorial Hall – 100 years old (Part 3)

Swavesey Memorial Hall was officially opened on the 15th of May 1924, although it had been used for events for a short while before that.

The Cambridge newspaper reported that: "In the presence of a large attendance, the Swavesey War Memorial Hall was formally opened by the Lord Lieutenant of the County (Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, C.B). The ceremony was the culmination of years of labour on the part of various willing workers, who are to be congratulated upon the splendid result achieved. It is a day that will long be remembered by Swavesey people, for not only does the new hall provide a lasting reminder of those who gave their lives for the country but will do a lot to make those who came back much happier. Swavesey was sadly in need of a place where social and educational functions could be held with the maximum of comfort, and here in the new hall this pressing need is splendidly fulfilled."

The ceremony commenced just a little before three in the afternoon. He had been met by the Chairman of the Committee (Major Robert Ellis). He unlocked the doors of the hall with the words, "I hereby declare the Swavesey War Memorial Hall open."

The Chairman gave an address in which he spoke of remembering the stress of the war days. He talked of the most eagerly awaited days for men at the front being the leave days, mail day and the time when war would be over and they would be able to return to their homes. "The pleasure of witnessing that last day was denied those men, whose loss they were mourning that day, but they could bring them back in spirit by letting their thoughts go out in grateful remembrance."

The Lord Lieutenant, Mr. Adeane spoke of how the hall would make things happier for the village, especially in the winter. Votes of thanks were then given and seconded and the proceedings concluded with the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory" and the National Anthem.

The report of the opening ceremony in May 1924 described the building and its situation in the village:

"The hall itself is indeed a building of which any village could be proud. Situated in the centre of the village, it is built of red brick and stands back from the road. A large ground floor is capable of seating about 400 people, whilst there is an extensive balcony, which is fitted up as a billiard-room. At one end of the building is a platform, whilst an array of windows ensured good ventilation. In the entrance hall is the roll of honour, containing the names of the fallen, and of those who served."

The hard work that the villagers of Swavesey had put in to raise the money was praised at the opening ceremony. However, it was acknowledged that it hadn't been enough. At the ceremony the Chairman of the Hall Committee said:

"He would be glad if he could have told them that the hall was free from debt, but it was not. The committee during the five years had worked very hard and had raised £1,060. With the exception of £210 donations, the whole of this was raised by public efforts, such as whist drives and fetes, which was a fine achievement.

The Parish Council proposed to pay the balance of the cost of building and furnishing the Swavesey Memorial Hall by raising a loan of £550 (Subject to the consent and approval of the Swavesey Parish Meeting, the Charity Commissioners, the Ministry of Health and Cambs. County Council). Also, the Memorial Committee would undertake in addition to insurance and repairs to the hall to pay a rent sufficient to pay the instalments of principal and interest on the sum proposed to be borrowed. The resolution carried meant that the cost would not be borne by the Parish Council and therefore involve a higher rate for the village.

The village carried on with their fund-raising activities, using the size of the Hall to increase the attendance at dances etc. Up to 120 dancers are reported to have attended on one occasion.

The instalments were paid half-yearly to the Parish Council who then paid the Public Works Loan Board until July 1934 when loan was at last paid off. The newspaper of the time records that: "The Clerk made the welcome announcement that the last instalment of the loan on the Memorial Hall had been paid to the Public Works Loan Board". The cost of the Hall had not been a burden on the rates.

The Hall was now in use, but what was its future? *To be continued.*

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## Swavesey 100 Years ago (Dec 1924 & Jan 1925)

From the Cambridge Chronicle

### FOOLHARDY BOYS. 5th Dec. 1924

As a traction engine drawing trucks was passing through the village at a good pace on Monday, two schoolboys amused themselves by running between the engine and the first truck, dodging underneath the draw bar. They repeated the foolish trick two or three times.

### BULLOCK IN HOUSE. 5th Dec. 1924

Finding the front door open a bullock that was being driven to a butcher's establishment near by, entered Mr. F. Spring's house in High-street, and made its way to the yard at the back. By judicious handling of the situation, Mr. Spring, who had requested the drover to remain outside, induced the animal to return through the house, which it did without doing any damage.

### CAROLS. 19th Dec. 1924

The Swavesey Choral Society will sing carols in the village streets on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday next week, commencing at 8 o'clock. On Tuesday the singers will perambulate from Boxworth End to the school, and on Wednesday (Christmas Eve) from the school to the church. A collection will be made in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital.

### CULTIVATION OF POTATOES. 19th Dec. 1924

The lecture on the cultivation of potatoes, given at the Institute on Friday last by Mr. A. T. Paskett, County Horticultural Adviser, was well attended. Sixteen varieties of potatoes, many of them being new to the district, were shown by the lecturer, who gave full details of them, and also explained the cause of many of the failures of the potato crop, and various diseases to which potatoes are subject, emphasising the great importance of obtaining new seed from a reliable source. A lecture will be given this (Friday) evening, by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Adviser, at 7.30 p.m. on the feeding of cows.

### CLUB SUPPER. 26th Dec. 1924

The members of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-Out Club held their annual supper at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, and after doing full justice to the repast, excellent in every respect, provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, they showed, by encoring every item, their appreciation of a capital entertainment, contributed by Harrison's Dance Orchestra from Cambridge, Mr. Sidney Maltby's Concert Party and Messrs. S. Clark, Heasman and G. Holmes of Swavesey. Mr. James Culpin was in the chair.

### HOCKEY. 2nd Jan. 1925

Entertaining the Cam Hockey Club on Boxing Day, the Swavesey mixed team were badly beaten by five goals to nil.

### BILLIARDS. 2nd Jan. 1925

The final of the billiard tournament, which has been in progress at the Institute, was played on New Year's Eve, between Henry Holmes, jun. and Mr. A. Kester. The former won by ten points. The third prize was won by Mr. H. Unwin, who beat Mr. J. Thoday (Over) by 70.

### FOR THE BLIND. 9th Jan. 1925

The children attending the National School have contributed 11s 6d. for the funds of the National Institute for the Blind.

### THE SCHOOL. 9th Jan. 1925

The public clock on the National School, which had been out of commission for a long time, was set going once again on Tuesday. The clock, which was provided by public subscription many years ago, has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired by Mr. Williams, of St. Ives, and the figures on the face and the hands have been regilded, the cost being borne by Mr. Ben Thorp, Dr. J. W. Ellis, and other public-spirited villagers.

### PAYNE'S CHARITY. 30th Jan. 1925

The churchwardens have this week distributed Payne's Charity, a number of widows and widowers receiving 3s. each in lieu of tea, sugar, etc., which used to be given away. The distribution is made every year on or about the 29th January, the anniversary of the late Mr. Thomas Payne's birthday.

### RED CROSS SOCIETY. 30th Jan. 1925

The first of a course of six lectures in First Aid, under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society, was given on Friday, in the National School, by Dr. Connan, of St. Ives. Fourteen persons were present, but more ladies will be welcome at future lectures, as it is desired to re-establish the Voluntary Aid Detachment, which did such good work during the war. The remaining lectures will be given this (Friday) evening, and on the four following Fridays.

*Chris Richardson*

### Answers to Selwyn's "Pop Groups Over the Decades" on page 11

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## John Shepperson

John who has died at the age of 93, was very widely known and much respected for his work on behalf of the community in Swavesey over several decades.

He was born on 22 July 1931 at Boxworth End Farm, Swavesey (148 Boxworth End, formerly The Red Lion public house). The youngest of four children, with the three others being girls and his youngest sister almost seven years older than him, his parents were delighted to have a boy at last.

He had a remarkable memory for people's names and for fine details. Thus, he could remember that he paid £244 for his first tractor, a Fordson Major, in 1946 when he was aged fifteen. It was on metal wheels with spade lugs because there was a very long waiting list for tractors with rubber tyres. He forever remembered the cost of his first International cereal combine harvester in 1956, his first crawler tractor and many more items of machinery. In autumn 1946 he attended his first land sale with his father at The Golden Lion in St Ives. They were interested in two good-sized fields adjacent to Boxworth End Farm and John was allowed to do their bidding using his catalogue to signify a bid. He successfully won this 24 acres of land for £600, a favourable price.

In February 1960 Ann Woodward who had lived in Swavesey, where her father was Stationmaster, from 1948 to 1958 returned from Lincoln to Swavesey to marry John.

Many Swavesey residents knew John through his slide shows and information-packed village walkabouts. He conducted walks which dwelt on the history of the village or he would do a popular Swavesey Pubs Walk, visiting the sites of the former 24 pubs. Or he would do a slide show on the great fire of Swavesey on 4 March 1913 when at least 28 houses were destroyed in Church End. Or the devastating flood of 16 March 1947 when 10,000 acres were flooded locally.

John spent just about his whole working life as an active member of many community groups. He joined Swavesey Parish Council in 1969 and retired in 2006, being Chairman for many of these 37 years. He was a South Cambs District Councillor for 28 years from 1978 to 2006.

He was a Governor for both the Primary School and the Village College in Swavesey. For six years he was a Trustee of the George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall, and prior to that a Parish Council Hall Committee member for many years.

He always had a very keen interest in the history of Swavesey and the surrounding area and in autumn 1975 he formed Swavesey & District History Society which continues to meet regularly in Swavesey Village College today. He remained President of the Society until his death. In 1991 he wrote the enormously important reference booklet "Swavesey Before & After Inclosure, 1838" which describes in detail the change in appearance of the village from one of open fields and commons to a structured layout of fenced fields with hedges, ditches and water supply.

In 1993 (final revision in 2012) he wrote his autobiography which, after giving it intense thought, he simply called "Swavesey, Born and Bred".

In 1528 Thomas Galon of Wilburton left Swavesey agricultural land in his will for the benefit of the local Swavesey community. In April 1957 a young John Shepperson

agreed to become a Trustee. He served without a break for 60 years until November 2017, for 41 years of which he was Chairman of the Trustees. In February 2018 the Trustees of the charity met to acknowledge John's unswerving achievement and a plaque hangs in the Memorial Hall in recognition of his very long service. In his later years while Chairman, he worked with a group of residents to set up the 60-plot allotment site on Galon land in Hale Road.

In June 2012 when the British Empire Medal was re-introduced in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, John was awarded the BEM "for services to Swavesey". He was very proud of it and kept a photograph of it prominently displayed outside his room in his St Ives care home.

John was a Trustee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Cottages Charity (Frere Cottages, opposite Swan Pond) for over 30 years. The four originals were built in 1914. Two more cottages were added in the rear garden in 2021/22 and at the entrance gate to the right is a plaque saying, "These cottages were made possible by the generosity of John Shepperson BEM, 2022."

John and Ann regularly attended St. Andrew's Church. John was a bell ringer for over 60 years and a long-standing member of the Parochial Church Council. In 2004 he provided the funds to pay for the heavy Mitham Bell.

He began to have mobility issues by 2015 and moved to a care home at the end of March 2022. He died peacefully in the afternoon of Friday 27 September. He was an outstanding person and a Swavesey legend in his own lifetime.

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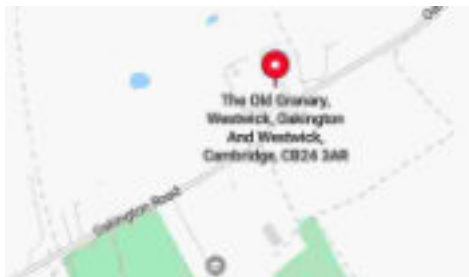
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## It Will Probably Be Cloudy...

### A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during December and January.

Did you get to see the "comet of the century" in October on one of the 2 or 3 nights it wasn't totally obscured by cloud?

On 7th December, the planet Jupiter will be at Opposition. The giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. A good pair of binoculars should allow you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

The Geminids, with a possible hourly rate of 150 meteors per hour, are one of the best meteor shower displays you can see all year, reaching a peak on 14th – 15th December. Geminid meteors are often slower than those from most other meteor showers, and so they often appear to last longer. As with most showers your best chance to see meteors is in the early hours of the morning around the peak, though a good number should be seen any time from a few hours after sunset. Fill your view with the sky and wait for the lights to appear. And, given this is a midwinter wonder, don't forget to wrap up warm!

This full moon on 15th December was known by early Native American tribes as the Cold Moon because this is the time of year when the cold winter air settles in and the nights become long and dark. This moon has also been known as the Long Nights Moon and the Moon Before Yule.

The winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, occurs on 21st December.

The Ursids meteor shower is active annually between 17th December and 25th December and peaks on the night of 21st December with around 10 meteors per hour.

The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 22 degrees from the Sun on 25th December. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

The first major meteor shower of 2024, the Quadrantids are usually active between the end of December and the second week of January, and peak around 3rd and 4th January. The crescent moon will set early in the evening, leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent show.

On 10th January, the planet Venus reaches greatest eastern elongation of 47.2 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the bright planet in the western sky after sunset.

The first Full Moon of the year on 13th January is known as the Wolf Moon in many northern cultures, named after the howling of hungry wolves lamenting the scarcity of food in midwinter. Other names for this month's full moon include old moon, ice moon and the Moon After Yule.

On 16th January Mars is at Opposition. The red planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Mars. A medium-sized telescope will allow you to see some of the dark details on the planet's orange surface.

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To facilitate redevelopment of the kitchen and food preparation area within the college, Swavesey library is now moving to a new location – the old stage area within the old hall, just next to our old location.

Firstly, we must continue to apologise to our readers for our poor service throughout the summer and autumn whilst we sat in temporary accommodation waiting for our new library to be painted, shelves and computer installed.

Secondly, we really hope that by the time you read this article our new brighter, bigger, better library will be fully operational and just waiting for you to come and enjoy.

There's no change to our entrance, it's still on the right hand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs into the college and along the corridor to our new location - **The old Stage area within the old hall**

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## Will Wright Memories

So there we were, spring was on the way and we barely had a booking in the diary so we went round to see the promoters & agents we knew in Cambridge and hit the phone - no mobiles in those days!, but a week or so later the picture was looking much better. Stu Dingley, who was probably the main man in town, had given us 2 Saturday evenings at the Dorothy ballroom, where we we played in what was known as the "sweat box" which was at the top of the building and the temperature there-in was always extremely high, given that there were no windows let alone air conditioning and furthermore the room was on the 3rd floor, I believe either adjoining or just above an industrial bake-house. The venue was always packed on a Saturday usually with a queue at the door as the cost for entry was about 7 & 6 pence and once inside you could just move around the numerous music rooms at will. There was the "Sweat box" with 2 bands playing alternate sets, the Oak room also with 2 bands, one of which would be a recording act who played radio shows and a room with a full Jazz band performing plus another band & bar. In addition there were 2 additional bar rooms, one of which normally held a Jazz trio and the other with a pianist performing.

We also played a club in the Lion Hotel which had converted one of its old stable buildings into a small music venue, which hosted shows 2 or 3 nights a week, it was located to the rear of the hotel where the multi-story park is now located. The Guildhall on the Market Square also had a few music shows and we had the privilege of being granted the opening slot on the packed night when the headline act was " Yes ", featuring Keith Emerson just prior to him forming Emerson, Lake & Palmer, That was just a couple of weeks after we returned from Germany and experienced a great welcome back to the home-land and a couple of months later we were booked for the opening slot to support the one & only Joe Cocker, a truly incredible performer and a fantastic vocalist - not bad for a plumber !! Sadly Joe was historically ruined by shocking management deals to the extent that a couple of years later, when he was turning over tens of thousands of dollars in the USA, it came to light that he had been conned into signing away 125% of his earnings, basically by not having a trustworthy management team and lacking responsible legal advice.

We also had frequent slots at the Kit Kat ballroom which was located on the sea front at "Sunny Hunny" - Hunstanton, the Sunday slots there were very handy as they could usually be linked to another week-end gig on one or two of the numerous airforce bases on the east coast in Suffolk &/or Norfolk.

We managed to get a gig at what was then the Kings Lynn sports and social club, the location was adjoining a speedway racing track which was also used for Stock car meetings in those days. We turned up relatively early on the first occasion we performed there in order to set up the equipment & sound system, we weren't aware that there was a stock car meeting arranged for the afternoon of the gig and as we pulled into the club enclosure to park the van, we were directed by at least 3 of the organisers and before we realised it we were actually in the vehicle line-up which turned into the pre-meeting parade of all the stock cars.. Not quite sure what many of the punters thought when they saw our old green ex civil defence ambulance in the entourage of stock cars but it certainly caused some amusement for all of the crew therein and I have to say many of the punters.

Our mileage was expanding quite surprisingly as we had been making several new agency contacts out-side of the local counties and we had connected with agents in the South West of the country and an enquiry came in from an agent based in Bodmin, Cornwall which was obviously a bit too far to go for just one or 2 shows. We were given the opportunity of a 6 day trip down the the South West which included 4 days in Cornwall, we obviously went for as we eventually turned it into an 8 days worth of gigs, 6 of which were in completely new venues to us..



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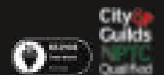
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# Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

## World Centre at Sangam

In August, one leader and two rangers from Swavesey were part of a group of four leaders and fifteen girls from Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East who went to India on an international trip.

We landed in Mumbai and had a whistle-stop tour of the city before being driven to Sangam in Pune. Sangam is a Girlguiding World Centre (there are five in total across the world - in the UK, Switzerland, Ghana, Mexico, and India) and we spent a week participating in a leadership development course. This included spending two days at one of the Community Partners, working with children at a local school, for example. There was still time to have chai every afternoon, as well as visiting markets and swimming in the Sangam pool. Once we said goodbye to Sangam, we flew to Delhi. After a morning of sightseeing, we travelled by coach to Agra to visit the Red Fort and saw the Taj Mahal at sunset. We were up early the next morning to see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, then travelling onto Jaipur. We spent two nights here, visiting the Amber Fort and Palace, as well as doing some shopping. Finally, we made our way back to Delhi and flew home, exhausted but filled with amazing memories (and plenty of garlic naan!).

Personally, I've wanted to go to Sangam since I was about 7 years old, so this was truly a dream come true - plus Sangam was just as beautiful as I thought it would be! It was such a privilege to go to India, and to watch the girls gain confidence and skills over the trip. The food was also definitely a highlight!" - Lara

"I enjoyed the community work with the children, we had fun making paper aeroplanes and having a "fly off". We did action songs as well as some games and they really enjoyed the leg game where they got to practise counting to five. During this time, I learnt to count to 10 in Hindi.

It was interesting meeting the different groups at the centre and having the opportunity to do badge swaps. We were measured for sari's in a colour of our choice and once they had been made, which was only a day or so, we then practised putting them on and once dressed we even danced in them on the Indian



Olive, the Rangers bear, wears her international necker in front of the Sangam World Centre sign

themed evening. The week of sightseeing was a lot of travelling but worth it to see the Taj Mahal."- Evie

"Going to India was definitely one of the best experiences of my life! Seeing their way of life and interacting with people and indulging in so many new experiences was so incredible. Seeing India for the first time through the plane window is something I will never forget.

Staying in Sangam for the 1st week let us make some amazing friendships and meet incredible people such as the local Girlguides, school children and even people who invited us into their lives and homes. I was so sad when we had to leave.


The 2nd week was so packed, like waking up at 5am to see the Taj Mahal, as well as riding TukTuk's to airports and around beautiful and bustling markets. I am honestly so thankful for everyone's hard work and support to get us all to India and we had some incredible leaders guiding us through everything. I am so grateful to have been able to experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and experience, and these memories and people will remain with me forever." - Maja

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In December, the scouts are visiting the St Ives foodbank. They will be helping to pack food parcels for the foodbank and learning more about the services they provide.

Meanwhile the cubs have finally been finishing off the Naturalist badge. This involved seeing the changes that happen in the same areas over the seasons. So between April and October we walked around an area of the Lakes

in order to observe the changes to the trees, bushes and wildlife. We were rewarded on our last walk in October in seeing 2 different types of bats. The cubs finished off the badge by doing leaf rubbing and creating collages from natural materials.

The cubs have also been doing the Scientist badge. It helps that 2 of the leaders work in STEM. So for the chemistry part of the badge the cubs were creating crystals. For the biology, the cubs looked through microscopes at cells and used playdough to visualise cell shapes.

The other exciting the cubs have done this autumn is have a sleep over at Clip n Climb in Cambridge. They went on the Friday evening and got an hour's climbing in before having dinner. Then they settled down to watch a movie before sleeping beneath the climbing walls. Then in the morning they got some more time to do some climbing before going home.

Finally, the Beavers have had 2 of their young people achieve their Chief Scout Bronze award. These are Ronnie Rust and Jamie McGuire. They managed it just before they joined cubs. Well done to them both.

If you would like your children to be involved in scouting the best advice we can is to email as early as possible. This is particularly true of Beavers. Priority is given to those who have been longest on the waiting list amongst other factors.

Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Cubs meet on Tuesday at 6.15pm. Beavers at 6pm on Thursday. Squirrels meet at 4.15pm on Monday

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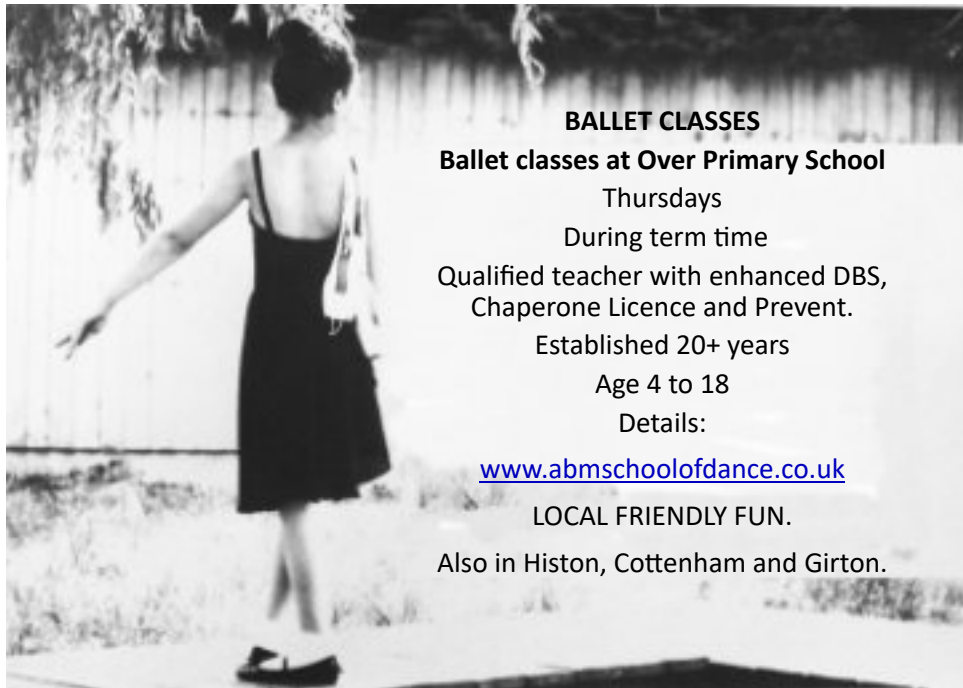
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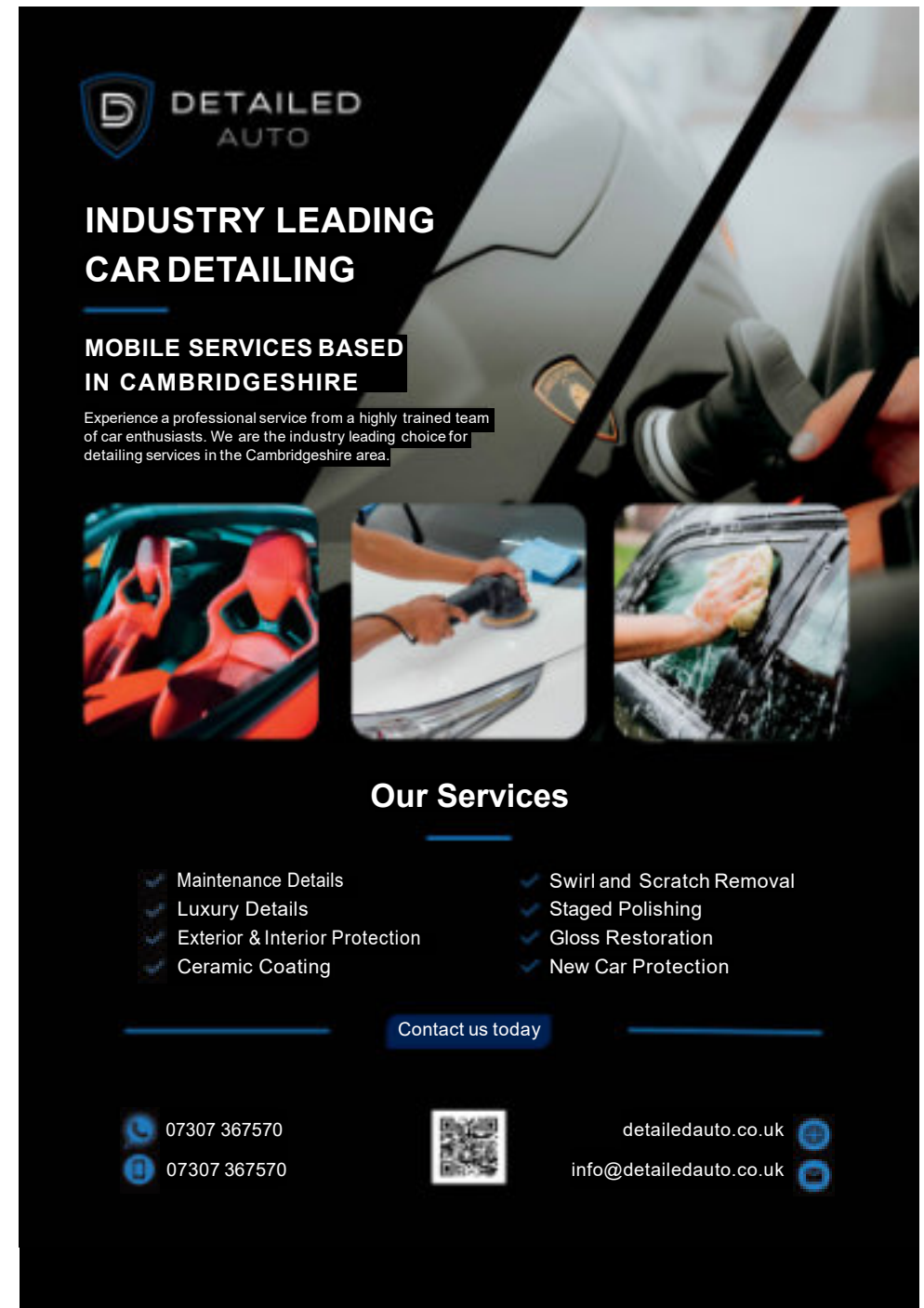
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# PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

## Dog fouling on the Recreation Green

Not the most wonderful of subjects but unfortunately a growing concern.

We would just like to politely remind those dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs have fouled on the Recreation Green, that the Green is used by many people for recreation. Children play there, walk to and from school on there and at the weekend it is crowded with children and adults playing and watching football matches.



Thank you to the many dog owners who are clearing up after their own and other people's dogs. The Dog Lovers of Swavesey Group are doing a wonderful job of reminding dog owners to clear up after their dogs and are often out there clearing the Green of dog poo. They have also provided free bags in the red kiosk at the front of the Green, for anyone who has forgotten or run out of dog poo bags.

We have a large number of dog waste bins around the village, all of which are emptied weekly by South Cambs District Council. Bagged dog waste can also be put safely into general waste bins, so if a dog waste bin is full, please put the bag into another general waste bin. The general bins are emptied twice a week around the village.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

Please be considerate to everyone and if your dog fouls on the Green, or anywhere else around the village, please ensure that you pick it up and dispose of it safely in a bin.

Thank you  
Swavesey Parish Council

## From Your DC - Sue Ellington

### Hello Residents of Swavesey

Autumn is here and Christmas is very close. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing many of you at community events.

The Community Warden scheme was the subject of a research report which identified all the many tasks and activities the wardens do for residents who receive their services. These range from the basic of contacting them on a daily basis to doing their shopping, getting their medications, taking them to village social events and helping them to apply for carers allowances to which they are entitled. All for £10 per week. I am delighted that this report has led to South Cambs making a further ten year plan to support the service and enable them to work towards sustainability. If anybody wants to know more about this service they can contact me at any time on the number below.

I am a member of the scrutiny committee at South Cambs District Council. Last week we invited officers from all agencies connected to flood control including the Environment agency, Anglia Water, the County Council, and District Council. I asked a question about the failing capacity of the Uttons Drove Sewage Works. Anglia Water are required by law to provide sewage services to all housing but this facility has to provide for Northstowe which is growing daily and Cambourne which has permission to build Cambourne West, as well as Bourn airfield. We were reassured that although the facility is already exceeding its permits from the Environment Agency, there are plans to expand for the anticipated housing growth. The Swavesey Internal Drainage Board will continue to monitor the situation.

I also asked about the floods which affected Fen Drayton last month. The residents of Daintrees in Fen Drayton had up to three foot of water in their road. Fortunately Fen Drayton was built with flooding in mind and no houses were flooded which is the criteria for determining government/environmental action. But Mandy Smith, County Councillor, was able to get them to visit on the day of the worst effects and at scrutiny they admitted they surprised and were reviewing their approach. So I live in hope of an improvement in the situation.

The Council has reduced the number of staff working in the building as a result of hybrid working which allows officers to work from home two days a week and the 4 day week trial. As a result the ground floor of the building has been turned into a facility to allow start up businesses and self employed people to hot desk. They are offering the desk space free of charge until Christmas, providing heating, wifi, and drop out rooms. This is an interesting venture which could be of real benefit to all parties.

Anyway, contact me if I can help on 07774146331 or email me on:-  
[Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk)

Happy Christmas  
Sue Ellington  
District Councillor for Swavesey Ward

# SWAVESEY PARISH

## Parish Council News September/October 2024

### County Council Business

The PC continues to discuss ongoing highway maintenance and investigating how larger projects, such as Fen Drayton Rd, can be funded.

#### Traffic Calming projects

- In early October the CCC Transport Committee awarded 8 more villages 20mph zones, with Swavesey being one of these. We now await further details and consultation from CCC as to the extent and timescale for this project.
- The PC is chasing updated options for speed reduction measures along Boxworth End-Ramper Rd, which we had hoped to receive in September. Hopefully these will come through very soon now for further consultation.
- The Local Highways Improvement Scheme (LHI) funding for the 2025/26 financial year is now open for applications and the PC is considering what it could apply for funding for. At the October meeting the main option considered was solar powered speed units which could be located at more sites around the village, particularly the entrances to the village, and to replace the older signs. These new units provide data which the PC collects to help with other traffic calming discussions.
- Speedwatch – the PC has made contact with the new Police Speedwatch Co-ordinator to set up a new Speedwatch group here. If you would like to be a part of this group, we will be asking for volunteers very soon. The scheme cannot happen without a strong group of volunteers and more there are the less time each person will have to commit.

### District Council Business

Councillors and the Clerk have attended various community support events organised by SCDC including their second Climate Action Conference in November.

In September the SCDC Cabinet agreed to provide new funding towards Community Warden Schemes which has given much needed future

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stability. The Parish Council and Thomas Galon Charity of Swavesey provide the majority funding for the Swavesey Warden Scheme but the SCDC funding is vital to enable it to continue.

### Combined Authority (CPCA)

The Parish Council has attended a meeting and made comments on the CPCA's current project to review and improve bus services around the County. The local No.5 service is currently being reviewed to provide an improved route and timetable.

### Drainage

The PC met with our new MP Ian Sollom in September to highlight the serious issue of prolonged flooding around this area and the lack of maintenance of the two sets of staunch gates at St Ives and Brownhill (Over), which impact on the level of river water and flooding of the nature reserve and Swavesey flood fens. Mr Sollom was also meeting with other neighbouring Parish Councils and Flood Committees and would take all the concerns to Central Government and the DEFRA Minister. We are awaiting responses.

### Finance

The PC is now working on its budget and the level of the Parish Precept for 2025/26. Draft figures will be discussed over the November and December meetings with the Precept having to be set by end of January. The main areas of Parish expenditure cover village grounds maintenance, provision of litter bins, administration costs, community grant funding/support, funding towards LHI projects and play area maintenance. Plus other one-off and ongoing village projects.

The PC awarded a community grant to the Community Pavilion Trust to purchase an external cabinet for the defibrillator which is currently kept inside the Pavilion on the Recreation Green. This will provide the village with another 24/7 defib unit and one located in the centre of the village. Our thanks to the Pavilion Trustees for being able to install this on the outside of their building.

Further details on everything that is discussed at Parish Council meetings can be found in the Minutes or on the pages of the Council's website at: [www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk](http://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk)

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<b>County Councillor:</b> Mandy Smith Papworth & Swavesey Ward	07909 798968	mandy.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
<b>Memorial Hall Administrator:</b> Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

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






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### Services at St Andrew's

Please join us for worship at 11am on any Sunday morning. We usually have a communion service on the first three Sundays in the month and a service of Morning Praise on the fourth at which our band plays. There is a special activity for children at all of our morning services. We are part of the 5Folds benefice which includes the churches of Longstanton, Over and Willingham and will be found worshipping together when there is a fifth Sunday in the month.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of every 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.

You can find information about all our services and events on Facebook and online at A Church near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/>

### Christingle Service: Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>: 4:30pm

Please come and mark the beginning of the Advent season with us at our annual Christingle Service which is organised in support of The Children's Society, "a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect."

### Christmas Services

There will be a range of services at St Andrew's over the Christmas Season:

- St Andrew's Carol Service: Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm
- Swavesey Community Choir Christmas Come and Sing: Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: 6.30pm
- Children's Crib Service: Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm:
- Midnight Communion: Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 11:30pm

There will not be a service in St Andrew's on Christmas Day but you will be very welcome to celebrate at any of the other 5Folds churches on Christmas morning.

### 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)  
Churchwardens Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 or Bridget Lofts: [bml20@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bml20@cam.ac.uk)

### Christenings

Would you like to have your child christened? Did you miss the opportunity because of covid or family circumstances? Are you interested in being christened yourself as an adult? Maybe you were christened as a baby or child but now feel that you want to find out more about it all. Whatever the reason, do get in touch with us.



### St Ives Food Bank

Thank you for all your kind food gifts at our Harvest Service in September. If at any time you would like to make a donation to the St Ives Food Bank, which serves our local area, please speak to one of the churchwardens or a member of the PCC. We still have a box for donations that is available during services but unfortunately, we cannot leave it at the back of church any longer as the contents disappear. We still take donations 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. It is underpinned by the belief that everyone has the right to food, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

### Future Events at St Andrew's

Here are a few dates to put in your new diaries.  
January/February: Snowdrop Walk in the garden of Priory House (date to be confirmed, look out for information on social media)  
Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: Mothering Sunday Tea Party  
Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Plant Sale



### Information

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

Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: [jacqui\\_fuller@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com)  
Bridget Lofts: [bml20@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bml20@cam.ac.uk)



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**As she dressed, scowling at her tight jeans, she found a £20 note in her pocket. Then her sister called with a funny story. When she hurried out to the car angry that she had forgotten to get fuel last night, she discovered that her husband had already filled the tank for her. And this was a woman who thought she would never be happy!**

Feeling happy is vitally important in life and, of course, it has many fringe benefits. When you are happy, you tend to attract happy people to you. Happy people tend to be emotionally and physically healthier, more compassionate, creative, and energetic.

Generally, if you are happy, people tend to want to spend more time with you because, when you are surrounded by positive, happy, creative, and energetic people you will see that the quality of your life improves. Your happiness is not just good for you; it helps the people who are closest to you. Being positive can help others around you feel better about themselves, your family, friends, and colleagues will be happier when they spend with you.

If we look at the broader picture, what impact can happy people have on the world at large?

Instead of starting your day with a negative, why not start it with a very positive thought and ask the questions, what really makes me happy? What gives my life meaning? What is my purpose? Why not pop into Bethel we could have a chat...

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### Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

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### 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 - Sundays 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 all and are family friendly with children's Sunday School groups for all ages! We have a special Communion service once a month on the 3rd Sunday.

## Café Church

Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, 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 welcome and offer friendship and hospitality to both each other and the local community.



Christmas is almost here and we have lots going on at Bethel and in the community! Here are some of the activities running this Christmas. For more details please visit our facebook page or send an email to our administrator.

### Swavesey Village Carols

Saturday 14th from 4pm @ Market Street

### Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd at 7pm @ Bethel

### Christmas Day Family Service

Monday 25th from 10:45am @ Bethel

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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>
Dog Lovers of Swavesey	Dog Lovers of Swavesey is a friendly group where anyone with a love for dogs is welcome with or without dog. Meetings are on the Recreation Green organised through the Facebook group at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogloversofswavesey">https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogloversofswavesey</a> where we also exchange tips, ask for advice or have a laugh. Resources are gathered at <a href="https://dogloversofswavesey.co.uk/">https://dogloversofswavesey.co.uk/</a> . Contact: Matt at <a href="mailto:matthewyoung1@btinternet.com">matthewyoung1@btinternet.com</a> or Anita at <a href="mailto:anita.faul@outlook.com">anita.faul@outlook.com</a> " Tel 01954 232791
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/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. <a href="http://www.army cadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/">www.army cadets.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>
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	2nd Swavesey Brownies	Wednesdays	<a href="mailto:secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com">secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</a>
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	1st Swavesey Rangers	Thursdays	<a href="mailto:swaveseyrangers@gmail.com">swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</a>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans ( <a href="http://swavesey Spartans.co.uk">swavesey Spartans.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 Mrs Paula Land ( <a href="mailto:swavesey.secretary@gmail.com">swavesey.secretary@gmail.com</a> ) or (01954) 204390).		
1st Swavesey Scout Group	<p>All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site</p> <p><b>Beavers</b> Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader <a href="mailto:john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk">john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</a></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>		
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 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>		

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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 Cambs 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 07737 391445
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Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/ coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757
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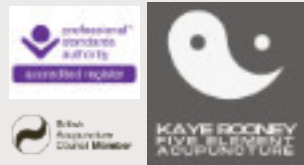


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Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

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We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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