

THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



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Swavesey RADSOC Proudly Presents

ALADDIN

Adventures in the East

A Family Pantomime by Susan Holder

January 22-24th

Swavesey Venue

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www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk

or call 07504 552 870



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EDITORIAL

Here we are at the end of another year and the start of a new one. Christmas will soon be here and a time for families to meet – but there will be some who have lost a family member in 2015 - our thoughts are with you.

January brings the annual pantomime from RADSOC, “Aladdin”, go along and see it. What else is there to look forward to in 2016? All together now SWAVESEY FESTIVAL! yes it's back so watch out for information in your Meridian and also on the Meridian website www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk. It takes a lot of hard work to put this on so please support it by getting involved.

Deadline reminder! copy for the February/March issue should be with your editor on or before **20th December!!**

Finally all the Meridian team wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
Editor

Cover Image - Rev. John-David Yule at his retirement party
Inside Front Cover - RADSOC Aladdin poster
Inside Back Cover - St Andrews Xmas Tree festival
Back Cover - Market Street Carols

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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

2015

Saturday, December 5, Christmas Concert - 7.30pm St Andrews Church, where we will be performing traditional carols (with your help), and Christmas Songs. Plus mulled wine and mince pies!!, Jane Gedny, (01954) 231305

Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13, Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church, Andrew Stevens, (01954) 231433

2016

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 22, 23 & 24, Christmas Pantomime: Aladdin - Adventures in the East by Suzan Holder at Swavesey Venue at the Village College, Sarah Pearson, committee@swaveseyradsoc.org

Saturday, February 6, Energise - Dance Showcase - 3.00pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College Venue, April Martin, (01954) 200533

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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December		
Wednesday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 5	Swavesey Community Choir	Christmas Concert - 7.30pm St Andrews Church. Traditional carols, with your help, and Christmas Songs. Mulled wine and mince pies!!
Wednesday 9	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - The usual mixture of food, wine and members memorabilia. A good chance to get to know each other!
Wednesday 9	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 11	Over Day Centre	Christmas Fayre 2.00pm at Over Day Centre. Christmas Items, Jewellery, Wooden Items, Cake Stall, Tombola & Grand Raffle Draw
Saturday 12	St Andrew's Church	Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church
Sunday 13	St Andrew's Church	Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrews Church
Monday 14	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 16	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 19	Swavesey Christmas Carols	Swavesey Christmas Carols - 6.00 - 7.00pm in the Market Street. Bring your own lanterns. Plus a special visit from Father Christmas.
Wednesday 23	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Thursday 31	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Thursday)
January		
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Thursday)
Wednesday 13	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	'Mink Control for Water Vole Conservation' An illustrated talk by Vince Lea from the Countryside Restoration Trust
Wednesday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 20	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Friday 22	RADSOC	Christmas Pantomime: Aladdin - Adventures in the East by Susan Holder. at Swavesey Venue at the Village College
Saturday 23 Sunday 24		
Monday 25	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 27	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
February		
Saturday 6	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet	Energise - 3.00pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College Venue. Dance Showcase.

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey Spartans FC

Overview:- The Spartans 2015/16 season is now in full flow although unless you have been to the Village College you will not have seen any of our 11 boys or 3 girls teams. Weather permitting we are expecting that to all change in January with the newly refurbished Green springing back into action. We believe that the Parish Council have done a fantastic job to secure the Amey Community Challenge 2015 grant and manage the contractor undertaking the improvement. Let us hope our players flourish on the "carpet" that they will be presented with and that villagers get behind us on Saturday mornings between 1000 and 1200 -busy times on the Green again.

Under 6 Squad Starts Training:- Boys and girls from school year one have started training with Spartans with a view to making their Mini League debuts in September 2016. Well done to Rob Sayward who is the coach.... If your child is in year one and wants to join the Spartans family, please catch Rob or use the contact details for Swavesey Spartans in the Club Information section of this Meridian.

Kit Sponsors:- As many of you know all too well children keep growing and kits do not last as long as they did when you were their age. The current Under 10 and Under 14 boys teams are seeking sponsors to provide new kits. If you can help please contact us.
Cambridge and District Schools Representation:- Congratulations to 3 of our players for being selected in the Cambridge and District Schoolboys Under 13 squad for this season. Well done to Owen Mullee, Tommy Mott and Nathan Mott, we hope you play well and enjoy the experience.

Partnership with Cambridge United FC:-In September 2015 football league 2 Cambridge United relaunched their Partner Club Programme recognising the important role the club plays within grassroots football in Cambridgeshire. Swavesey Spartans are one of the Chartered Standard Clubs who have signed up to this new and exciting venture to further develop our links with the club and benefit from this association. Cambridge United are very ambitious and committed to developing their association with as many grassroots football clubs as possible in Cambridgeshire.. As a member of the scheme, amongst other things, Swavesey Spartans will receive monthly coaching resources sent to team managers, an E-Mentor for online coaching queries or advice, opportunities to raise funds for the club through a ticketing initiative and ten annual coaching events. All of this will enable us to provide a better coaching environment for the boys and girls at the club, the chance to raise much needed funds and the potential for some fun activities for the boys and girls who play for Swavesey Spartans. There will also be discounts offered for the Cambridge United holiday and term time Soccer Schools and Soccer Centres, which use Swavesey Village College as one of their locations - If you have a child playing for Swavesey Spartans FC please contact your coach for further details if you are interested in these discounts. The programme has also received the backing of Cambridgeshire FA who recognise this as an opportunity to further broaden opportunities for local grassroots football within the county complimenting the work that is being done at the Cambridgeshire FA.

Swavesey & District History Society

September's talk by Roger Leivers was about the Stirling Bomber and the crash of one of the bombers at Godmanchester. The speaker found that his investigations into the part the bombers and the men who flew in them had played in the Second World War grew and grew as he was contacted by others with an interest and also people enquiring about lost relatives. He shared an incredible number of stories with us.

October's talk by Craig Cessford was about Claphams, a mid-late 18th century Cambridge coffeehouse. Back in 2007 the excavation of an area tucked behind All Saints Passage, owned by St John's College, led to the discovery of a rubble filled cellar lain undisturbed for more than 200 years, that yielded a cache of teapots and a host of ceramic and glass items, many bearing the name of Clapham, the owners William & Jane Clapham. Coffeehouses played a central role in social and economic life.

Forthcoming meetings:

- 8th December** Members family history
- 19th January** From bats to beds to books: a history of the First Eastern General Hospital, 1914-1929 Philomena Guillebaud
- 23rd February** Sex, sin and salvation Susan Woodall

Swavesey Community Choir

Please join us for our Christmas concert, where we will be performing traditional carols (with your help), and Christmas Songs. Plus mulled wine and mince pies!!

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 7.30 PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Look out for the local publicity and remember that there are tickets available on the door at our concerts

Please do come and support your local choir.

We meet every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

Happy Singing ☺

Swavesey WI

Centenary Celebration Week September 2015

What a splendid week of celebrations! On Monday 14th September our Craft Group was open to all, as was our monthly meeting where we had a great time with African drums. We then enjoyed a piece of the superb delicious birthday cake made by our member Deborah Walker, which was beautifully decorated with the WI logo.

On Wednesday 16th [WIDay] we hosted a traditional tea party for almost 30 young children from the village. The children made their own party hats, which they wore with great pride. After hearing a bit about our 'CLUB' from our President Linda, the children ate their tea while parents and grandparents enjoyed a little refreshment. This was followed by pass the parcel and finally a loud and vigorous hokey-cokey. Everyone had a lovely time and judging from the feedback received, the party was greatly appreciated. A very successful community event.

On Thursday 17th our Darts Group hosted a mini tournament in the White Horse Inn with teams from Willingham and Over WI as opposition. Swavesey team won the tournament!!

The week ended with the Cake and Produce stall in Market St. on Saturday 19th joined this year by the Allotment Society. This was a major fund-raising occasion for us and we raised £213, so a very big thank you to everyone who supported and contributed in any way.

Coming Up

December 14th	Grand Arcade Cambridge- Archaeology on a Grand Scale' by Alison Dickens.
January 2016	New Year Party and Meal at Swavesey Windmill

If you would like to know more about any of these meetings
please ring Deirdre 01954 230897.

We meet at the Memorial Hall second Monday in the month at 7.30pm.

Looking Ahead

By now we will be deep into Winter; in Autumn the early arrival of swans, heavy crops of berries and pessimistic weathermen warned us of hard times ahead. Let us hope they all got it wrong. At least we have some entertaining evenings to look forward to; look out for our posters if you would like to join us. The first evening of general interest is "Creatures Great and Small" on 3rd Dec. Liz and Barry Hatton live locally and are old friends of our club; we have seen many of their illustrated talks, from garden birds photographed from a 'hide' set up in their bedroom and world-wide trips to see wildlife. This time they take us to Southern Tanzania and the rainforests of Costa Rica, all delightfully warm to cheer us up. The second is a complete contrast; on 28th Jan. our own Neville Tait will show us 'To the Ends of the Earth and Beyond'. As a teenager he won a school prize, 'The Great White South', and by spending some of his children's inheritance has achieved a lifetime ambition to visit Antarctica, on a Russian research vessel. At least after that January in Swavesey should look positively balmy.

As usual we break for Christmas and New Year. Our last meeting in 2015 is the 'President's Evening' on 17th Dec. arranged by our new President, John Turner, who is setting us a quiz; there will be drinks and mince pies to celebrate the season. In response the first meeting of the new year will be the 'Members' Evening' when we members take the floor to show whatever we choose for slots of 15 minutes each.

Last year we were looking forward to a talk and demonstration on the 'History of Photography' by one of our most experienced members, Ken Lunham. Unfortunately, due to an accident, this had to be cancelled. We are pleased to say he has now recovered and we can enjoy this long-awaited event on 21st Jan.

Before Christmas we have one of our informal competitions on 10th Dec. The subject is 'Reflections'; this will probably produce some exquisite images if our members show their usual skills. The more formal 'Annual Colour Print Competition' will be on 14th Jan. This is always hard fought and you will be able to see the winning photographs in our Exhibition on 16th April next year. It might seem a long time in the future, but this seems a good time to remind you of our Open Competition, which any non-member can enter. This year there are major changes about entry. Nowadays the idea of printing off your photos and sending prints to family and friends seems to be a thing of the past, everyone sends them by mobile phone or e-mail. Now you can send your entries to us this way too. Instructions can be found in this issue. We will ensure that all winning photographs will be displayed. This will be an extremely easy (and cheap) way to enter, so send us your favourites, on any topic, or better still get out and take even more. (NB No Selfies!!!)

Cheer up your dark evenings and come along any time,

Mo Hadfield.
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION



Swavesey Camera Club
One of the leading clubs in East Anglia
Member of the Photography and Nature Club

ANYTHING BUT SELFIES !!!

Swavesey Camera Club are organising a simple to enter Digital Projected Image competition open to non-professionals on any subject (but no selfies!).

Just email your JPEG file (less than 5MB) with the title, your name, school or scouting group (if applicable) and email address to swaveseycomp@ctrltd.co.uk

There will be three categories – junior school; senior school; and adults. Adult prize of 1 year's membership to SCC (worth £63) and cash prizes of £25 to the two junior Winners.

The closing date for entries is March 31st 2016. Winning entries will be displayed at our Annual Exhibition on April 16th 2016 in the Swavesey Memorial Hall.

OWLS Community Car Scheme

For many elderly people the winter brings with it worries about falling on slippery ground when out walking or concerns about driving in hazardous conditions. A walk to the doctors or local shop which was relatively easy in the summer or a drive to attend an outpatient appointment can seem a different prospect entirely in the winter months.

If this applies to you, a family member, friend or neighbour then why not think about using or suggesting OWLS for those journeys.

OWLS is a local Community Service operated by DBS cleared volunteers. It offers a door-to-door return service to those people who are unable to access other means of transport to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys. Customers pay 30p a mile with a minimum charge of £3.

For further details or to book a journey please ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 between 9am and 4pm Monday – Friday. If you reach the ansaphone please leave a clear message including your telephone number and the coordinator will ring you back.

The OWLS coordinators and drivers would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas.

Rainbows Come to Swavesey!



1st Swavesey Rainbows opened its doors to seventeen young girls aged between five and seven years at the beginning of September. After six weeks of fun and games learning about what it is to be a Rainbow and what the Rainbow promise is, sixteen took part in a colourful ceremony in front of proud parents and friends, coming 'through the rainbow' to make their promise and become a member of 1st Swavesey Rainbows.

Caroline Stevens and Kate Wilson the unit leaders said '1st Swavesey Rainbows is open to all girls aged 5 to 7 years and is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun through a programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw with its four areas of Look, Learn, Laugh and Love. We also work towards badges which can be sewn on the girls' uniforms. We have seventeen girls in the unit who all really enjoy the weekly meetings, and already, a growing waiting list.'

Mums say: "Thank you to Caroline and Kate for taking the time to start and provide this wonderful club." and "Thank you for bringing Rainbows to Swavesey, my daughter loves it!"

Girlguiding opens up a world of exciting challenges to girls aged 5 to 25, giving them the space to try new things and make friends for life. Girls take part in a hugely varied weekly programme incorporating everything from world issues and science to adventure sports, social action and international travel.

If you are interested in volunteering or your daughter is interested in joining go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Brothers Reach the Top in Cubs and Scouts.



Matthew Stevens was recently awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award at Cubs, and a couple of weeks later brother Daniel completed another Scout badge meaning he has achieved the Chief Scout's Gold Award. This badge is the highest award available in the Scout Section, and the Silver is the highest award available in the Cub Section.

Matthew's badge was achieved by completing six challenge badges, which included camping and learning new skills such as kayaking, fire lighting and map reading; researching another faith and place of worship; trying new sports (including stand up paddle boarding) and examining his diet, sleep and exercise; researching life and scouting in another country; organising a fundraising event and raising £10 for the RNLI.

For Daniel's award he needed to complete eight challenge badges which included him camping, fire lighting and cooking; preparing and taking part in a sponsored ten mile evening walk which he completed in three hours; trying new crafts such as woggle making, soap carving, photography and pyrography; constructing a model; taking part in an incident hike; researching the work of the Parish Council and taking part in 6 hours community service; planning and carrying out a journey (guided bus and train to Ely); kayaking; researching and raising awareness of Fairtrade; and with other scouts planning their journey and walking to camp!

None of this would be possible without the volunteers who run Cubs and Scouts, and Daniel and Matthew's very proud parents are extremely grateful to the leaders of 1st Swavesey Cubs and 1st Over (St Mary's) Scouts for providing such wonderful opportunities.



Winter is a great time to see birds on the reserve. Granted the short cold days of mid-winter might not always be the most enticing weather to get outside in. However, if you make the effort to wrap up warm the winter wildlife on the reserve is well worth seeing.

During winter we also have significant numbers of ducks on the reserve. These include; mallard, wigeon, gadwall, teal, golden eye, smew and tufted duck. Many of these are winter visitors from northern and eastern Europe, coming here to escape the bitterly cold winters there. Understandably so, as whilst December might be damp, chilly and cold for us outside, average December temperatures in Prague are 0° celsius, in Helsinki its -4° celsius and in Moscow its -7°! So many species of ducks come here where they can find food and shelter in our comparatively mild winters. Ducks are one of many species of birds which do this. As well as the birds on the reserve, even the blackbirds you see in your garden during December could well be winter visitors from northern and eastern Europe.

On the reserve we have been working throughout the winter to diversify and improve the quality of woodland habitat. This includes thinning and coppicing areas of young trees, to allow the stronger specimens to thrive and to improve the habitat by allowing light in and making way for a more varied 'under-storey'. These improvements will really benefit species such as nightingales.

We have also created a new viewing point beside the bus way, over-looking Elney Lake. This work was completed as part of our partnership with the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership scheme, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The new viewpoint allows visitors to see across the islands and a range of wildfowl and wildlife in and over the lake.



Robin - adult

As the days become colder and the nights draw in mid-winter and December will soon be upon us. During these times our thoughts turn to Robins and Christmas! As one of the few birds that sings throughout the year it is possible that we associate Robins with Christmas because of the song they give us during dark winter days. Another theory is that this is because of the bright red tunics that postmen used to wear. The bright red of the tunics led postmen to be nick-named 'robins' and hence the robin became symbolic on Christmas cards because of the postmen 'robin' delivering the cards.

Either way we at RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Farming or Gardening – The Silent Debate

My farming experience dates back to the eighties when I was a young school boy growing up in the west central part of Nigeria. Almost every one of the teachers in my school had a piece of land they used for growing crops somewhere on the school's huge ground. They would sometimes employ the services of us students to do some of the work and we called it farming back then. Most of us never enjoyed it but had to do it to get in the good books. And if unlike me, you were keen on Agricultural science, it was always a bonus. The weather was relatively predictable. It was either Rainy or Dry season and nothing in between. We cultivated and planted Maize at the start of the rainy season and harvested it a few months later. We grew Cassava, Yam, Sweet potatoes and other food crops. I wonder if this counts as having a farming experience. Especially as today, every time I speak of going to the farm, my wife tells me it's not a farm, it's an allotment. I guess if it was a farm, I'll be classed a farmer and she would not agree.

My quest to win the debate led me into researching what the difference is between a farm and an allotment. I found that a farm is an area of land devoted primarily to agriculture for the purpose of crop production, it can be individually owned and can be of any size from a fraction of an hectare to thousands of hectare (courtesy of Wikipedia). The Oxford Learner's Dictionary also agrees with this definition as a noun, but as a verb, farming means to make one's living by growing crops for commercial purposes. An allotment on the other hand is a plot of land usually a subdivision of a larger piece of land, made available to an individual for growing food crops but not for commercial purposes. For completeness, I consulted the Oxford Learner's Dictionary, and again it agrees. An allotment is a piece of land rented for growing fruits, flowers and vegetables. Although it never stated explicitly that it is for food crops, I guess if the tenant is bound by the rules, then food crops is intrinsically implied.

So my wife is right, again! I am not a farmer! However I take consolation when she refers to me as a keen and enthusiastic gardener who enjoys digging up the soil to bring home the Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Sweet corn, but no flowers.



Autumn 2014

If you have read this far, thank you for your patience but sorry, no farming tips because I am not a farmer. So with no farming skills, how did I survive three spring seasons at Hale Road and now looking forward to the fourth? The answer lies in soil preparation, but I must confess I did not enjoy soil preparation in my first two seasons. I was digging up the soil in March/April and was attempting to use a rotovator to turn the soil when I hadn't even dug well enough. Needless to say, I spent more time digging than actually planning what to grow for the season. So I always ended up with the same familiar crops, Potatoes, Carrots, some Peas and of course Sweet corn.

My breakthrough came when I finally, mastered the art of digging. Inspired by the successes and failures of the previous seasons, and armed with the determination not to quit. I decided to pay a bit more attention to Selwyn's emails and dug the ground in autumn 2014. It paid off! I had plenty of time in spring 2015 to focus more on planning the plot than tilling the ground. Now in addition to the familiar crops and much to my wife's delight, I have added Onions, Garlic, Asparagus, Sprouts and Rhubarb to the mix. I guess the lesson is, grow what you like but do not ignore Selwyn's email until you've read it.

Yinka Opaley (Plot 41)

VILLAGE NEWS

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

Registered Charity No. 1128778

Have you got all the dates you need for 2016 like the next dentist appointment or when to pay the next paper bill stuck on the fridge door or in a kitchen drawer or have you got a diary for next year already? It's always a dilemma at this time of year - do I buy one or might I get one under the Christmas tree? Or perhaps you are all organised courtesy of the app on your phone. Whatever the answer I hope that the dates of the Swavesey Festival 2016 feature in large clear letters blocking out the eight days of Sat 18 to Sat 25 June inclusive.

Preparations for the 2016 festival started soon after the previous one finished and the Committee is working hard to make the next even better.

Fundraising never gets any easier but a steady flow of money continues to come in. The Blues Brothers Tribute night at the Windmill in September was a fabulous evening and it was good to see so many there. Compass cafe is another source of income where the Festival organises the cuppa and cakes on the fourth Thursday of each month. This yields about £1,000 a year thanks to the dozen or so people who kindly make the cakes each month. Then there is the 100 Club where three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200.



The general theme this time will be "The Musicals" which could include anything from South Pacific to Cats and from Phantom to Wicked, with lots more in between. So there is plenty to think about when making your Scarecrow and when designing your costume for the Village Parade on Gala Day. Then there is the village show on the second Saturday with a wider range of classes to enter in 2016.

So, got it? Go and put the dates in your diary now (18 to 25 June). Support the fundraising activities for the festival and look forward to another super festival in 2016.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club			
	£	September 2015	October 2015
First prize	60	Ruth Shrimpton	Pat O'Neil
Second prize	30	May Muttitt	Brian Dye
Third prize	15	Shirley Hall	Sue Speechley

Bob Stone

There are some whose residency in a village is peripheral. There are others whose contribution is far reaching and profound. Bob Stone fulfilled the latter and was a much respected member of this community.

Bob and Anne moved to their house in Gibraltar lane in 1964, where they brought up their four girls. Most years the family took a holiday in Britain. The car groaned under the weight of scores of items of ladies underwear. Bob solved the problem by issuing a 'disposable underwear' edict.

Whichever decade one chooses to recall, Bob's contribution is at the forefront of this villages' organized events. For many years he was a member of the Parish Council and it was during this spell that he initiated a wide variety of galas, fêtes, church fêtes, country fairs and tea parties and through his involvement with the British Legion he arranged VE and VJ celebrations.

In the early 1980s Bob and a council colleague Alan Lee began the Christmas Carol Concert in the Market Square. Human reindeer dragged Santa's Sleigh. Alan, the postmaster, was Father Christmas. Those of us recruited to be reindeer displayed many a wax burn from the candles held aloft. Alan surprised each child who walked up to him to receive their chocolate bar, by knowing their name (and had they asked, their address as well).

The Millennium celebrations did not escape Bob's flair for organization and drama. This was a huge success and featured on national TV. Bob always delivered whether it was 'the Spirit of St George' or the Carol concert.

Cambridge was twinned with Heidelberg and Bob and Anne were regular visitors to Germany as well as being hosts for return visits.

If it was not for the indomitable spirit of people like Bob – those with commitment, leadership and passion- our village would be a poorer place. Bob did not flinch nor shirk in his desire to make the Swavesey Experience a more satisfying one.

Geoff Green



Swavesey Library Now Fully Refurbished

Following major building works within the village college, Swavesey library has now relocated to the Old Entrance Hall within the college site and at the same time has been fully refurbished.

We are now able to offer you a village library in a quiet, safe, welcoming environment, dedicated to the library, with easy access to the front of the college site.



Swavesey Library is a volunteer run library born out of the closure of the Cambridgeshire County library some 12 years ago. But did you know that there has been a public library in Swavesey since 1922 and it's been within the village college site since 1958?



By a strange coincidence our new location is only a few feet away from where it started within the college site 57 years ago.

We now have a facility to be proud of, something we want to share with you, something unrecognisable from our old library, so why not pop along and see it for yourselves – you will be amazed how great it looks.

We now offer

- books to loan - in excess of 2500 adult fiction, biographies and large print books , around 1000 infant, junior and young adult books, plus a collection of new and old books relating to Swavesey and the surrounding area.



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- If that doesn't satisfy your needs, then why not use our popular click & collect scheme, whereby you can order books from the comfort of your own computer, By accessing the Cambridgeshire library service book catalogue, picking the book you want and arranging for it to be delivered to Swavesey Library, ready for you to collect – a free service. All you need is a Cambridgeshire Library membership card and a pin number which we can supply.
- Good quality second-hand books for sale – only 50p a book
- Free wifi and internet access
- A children's corner

In addition, we plan to hold a number of book related activities throughout the year. The first is a Christmas themed Children's story time on Tuesday 1st December between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

As a volunteer run library we value your support in providing us with good quality books for loan or sale to cover expenses and if you have a couple of hours to spare each month why not offer to join our band of volunteers - it's a straight forward job, just call Lorraine or have a word with one of the volunteers whilst visiting the library.

Swavesey Library is located in the Old Entrance Hall within Swavesey Village College and can be reached directly by going through the door to the left of the old college entrance. Just follow "Your Library" signs.

We are open

Tuesdays 3.30 to 5.30pm

Wednesdays 6-8pm

Thursdays 6-8pm

And the first Saturday in the month 10 to 12noon

Further information please contact

Richard Hart 01954 202707

Doug & Lorraine Hunt 01954 232478

John Pook 01954 230978

We look forward to meeting you in the library.

John Dyer by Larry Amure

John Dyer, a long term resident of Swavesey, unfortunately passed away on September 15th 2015.

John, to all those who knew him, was a big man with a huge heart. He was prepared to do anything to help anyone, and I speak from a personal perspective here.

John's association with Swavesey goes back over 30 years. I would be surprised if anyone was not aware of him in some way.

John and his family allowed the use of the grounds of their home at Ryder's Farm in Swavesey, to be used for fundraising events for good causes.

John did so many other good things for the village – sitting on the Swavesey Festival committee, being involved in setting up 'fellas' group for retired men and women. 'Fellas' will continue to meet at The White Horse pub in Market Street on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. John was involved in producing the video – Taming the floods - showing how the defence of Swavesey from floods was engineered.

John was also involved in the production of another video – John Shepperson's Swavesey Pub Walk.

John belonged to Swavesey camera club and provided many good ideas to the benefit of the club. He also was on the committee of the Over Day Centre. He was instrumental in applying for lottery funding in both Over and Swavesey.

He will be greatly missed.

John Dyer by the family

We would like to thank our family and friends for the amazing support received over recent months after Dad's cancer diagnosis. It is with immense sadness that Dad passed away on September 15th. Our family have been part of Swavesey life for over 30 years and have been overwhelmed by the level of community support experienced since Dad's illness.

We will continue to treasure our memories of Dad for now and ever more.

With thanks, Carol, Allison, Darryl, Julia, Ade, Philip and Ali

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery

(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Website:-
www.swavesey surgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery

(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton

(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery

(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton

7E High Street, Fenstanton
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www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk
for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

OVER DAY CENTRE PART-TIME CARE ASSISTANT VACANCIES

Over Day Centre is a thriving charity that offers high quality day care for the frail and elderly of Over and surrounding villages.

Due to increasing numbers of clients we are looking for a Care Assistants to help us make a real difference to the lives of our many clients. Normal hours of business are:

Monday-Friday: 9:15am to 4:30pm

Occasional Saturday: 9:30am and 2:30pm

but **part-time** working hours are available by mutual agreement

Care Assistant duties include the general care of the clients as well as organising activities and contributing to the happy and friendly environment that makes Over Day Centre such an important part of many lives.

Experience and NVQ Level II in Health and Social Care (or the willingness to train to this level) are essential.

Application forms are available from Head of Care, Hayley Smith, The Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over, 01954 231807. Please feel free to call in and see us at any time – visitors are always welcome.

Christmas Fayre

Fri 11th December

Get into the Christmas spirit at the Over Day Centre's Christmas Fayre, from 2pm on Friday December 11th at the Over Day Centre

GRAND RAFFLE DRAW!

Stalls include:

Christmas items, Jewellery, Wooden items, Cake Stall, Tombola and Grand Raffle Draw
Come and join us for a cuppa!

The Over Day Centre
1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Registered Charity No: 800829

SCHOOLS INFORMATION



9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+ yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

£3.50 per session!

Now in its 7th Year!

Term starts September 13th. – come along and find out

what it's all about!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
a.caldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
<http://swaveseyms.co.uk/>

Swavesey Village College Saturday workshops

Next term the workshops will be held on
Saturday, January 30, 2016
&
Saturday, March 12, 2016

DANCERS EXAM SUCCESS!

Students from the April Burgess Martin School of Ballet had a very successful examination session in October with 100% of candidates passing and over 75% achieving high marks.

Well done everyone.

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
 In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10-12noon
 At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

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

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
 Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the new term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
 Member BDQT (DBS Checked)

☎ 01954 200533
 ✉ tutusrus@ntlworld.com

ENERGISE

Presented by

&

April Burgess Martin
School of Ballet

at the Swavesey Venue

Stimulating Dance Performance
Across England

Saturday 6th February 2016 at 3pm & 7.30pm

TICKETS £6.00

THE BOX OFFICE, SWAVESY VILLAGE COLLEGE

www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc

Tel: 01954 230 366

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00
at Bethel Baptist Church.

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Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2016

31st March      30th June      29th September      29th December

St Andrew's and Bethel Baptist



**Celebrate Together**

Family Christmas Service  
Christmas Eve 6pm  
St Andrew's Church

## The Reverend John Yule's Last Sunday Service.



John's last service and the following celebration were so very special. As you will see so very many people contributed to the day in various ways it would be impossible to name them all here.

The church looked fantastic thanks to cleaners & flower arrangers. Car parking was expertly marshaled, most important when space is at a premium.

The congregation was a "full house" including visitors from Germany, and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the service; everyone noticed, or rather didn't, the very quiet Sunday School who were working together on a gift project for John at the back of the church. The music was wonderful, the choir excelled once again, the bell ringers rang for the service and completed a special quarter peal at Evensong.

Pete was up all night spit roasting the most delicious hog, supplied by Rosegate Farm, which filled the church with mouth-watering aromas every time the door opened. Paper plates, napkins, buns and sauces were provided by others to compliment the hog roast too. Afterwards a work crew got together to clean the hog roast equipment ready for return to the very helpful company on Buckinghamway Business Park.



At least half a dozen people at any one time were helping to serve the food. A different set of people were serving the drinks and then collecting glasses and side plates to be washed up ready to be returned. The wines ensured the fluid levels remained topped up nicely and those wanting soft drinks were catered for as well. The two cakes were very well received and found to be delicious.

Thanks to the generosity of the village, congregation and bell ringers John was presented with a Swarovski Crystal Glass swan as a memento of Swavesey along with a handsome cheque and the bell ringers presented him with a caricature by the artist Gordon Sage. The Sunday School presented John with a memory book which they illustrated for him with all their favourite memories of him.



## The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of  
your parish church.

Services at St Andrew's will continue during the Vacancy while we  
await the Diocese's decision on our new Vicar.

Please see the website for service details: [www.honeyhill.org](http://www.honeyhill.org)

### Christmas at St Andrew's

- Christingle                      Sunday 6th December at 4.30pm
- Christmas Tree Festival      Saturday 12th December from 10am-5pm  
                                                 Sunday 13th December from 2-5pm
- Carols in Market Street      Saturday 19th December at 6.30pm
- We are joining Bethel for their Christmas Celebration Praise  
on Sunday 20th December
- Celebrate Together            Thursday 24th December at 6.00pm
- Midnight Communion        Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm
- Christmas Communion        Friday 25th December at 11.00am

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact the Churchwarden.

**Churchwarden:**

Andrew Stevens, [andrew@overroad.co.uk](mailto:andrew@overroad.co.uk), 01954 231433

**BATS and Sunday School:**

Caroline Stevens, [caroline@overroad.co.uk](mailto:caroline@overroad.co.uk), 01954 231433

**Website:** [www.honeyhill.org](http://www.honeyhill.org)



St Andrew's Church, Swavesey



## The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children and young people are very welcome at St Andrew's.

### Sunday School

Children from the age of three are welcome to join our Sunday School each week during the 11am service, except 4th Sundays when its Family Communion and the children are in church. For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents, we have 'fidget bags' (bags of books and toys) for use during services.

### Baby And Toddler Services

An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30am. Please come and join us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others. When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

**Bell Ringing** Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7:30 and 9pm.

**Church Choir** Do you enjoy singing? Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome. Contact: John Mullett: [johnajmullett@gmail.com](mailto:johnajmullett@gmail.com) or 077026 79191

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church from 10.30am until 12 noon.



Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



## Celebrate Christmas with us at Bethel



### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PRAISE

**SUNDAY, 20th December @ 7:00pm**

Come and join with us for an evening of traditional carols,  
contemporary praise, Christmas Bible readings and  
Nativity story monologues

### CELEBRATE TOGETHER

**THURSDAY, 24th December @ 6:00pm**

A Family Christmas Celebration at St Andrew's Parish Church



### CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY, 25th December @ 10:45am**

For more information contact us:  
[admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)

## COMPASS YOUTH CAFÉ

Open Access Club for Students Year 7 to Year 11

Fridays 7pm to 9pm

Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey

(Parents are required to sign and return consent form)

Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



## LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

**ALL WELCOME**

Something for ALL the family!

**10:45 am each week with Activities for  
children 0 — 16 years**

**First Sunday in the Month — 9:30 am service,  
followed by Church around the coffee table at 10:45 am!**  
Why not come and try it?

## MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

**Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors  
Fun and Games for Children in Keystages 1, 2 and 3  
every Monday night during term-time.**

Come and Join us at 6:00pm for an hour of fun  
activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories,  
music and discussions. (**Survivors meet at 7:00pm**)

**For more information on weekly events:**

Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at  
[minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk) or 01954230458  
[www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)

# PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

## From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody, Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

South Cambs District Council is in the throes of change with new shared partnerships coming into effect. This means new management structures where staff have to apply for their jobs and officers feel insecure. It will be good when new ways of working are established as well as being more efficient and cost effective for all councils involved.

The new council houses in School Lane are growing very quickly. I have had numerous requests for information about how to get on the waiting list. I refer them to South Cambs who will ask them to complete an application form indicating their connection to Swavesey. The allocation will not be made until after Christmas.

The Boundary Commission will soon be deciding the new wards for each District Councillor. The Council has recommended a reduction of district councillors from 57 to 45 which would have a dramatic effect on the size of each councillor's wards. As a result of this change there will be an all out election in 2018 followed by all out elections every 4 years.

The Local Plan continues to be developed ready to be resubmitted in March 2016. More are being considered in order to meet the identified housing need, but clearly there is need to address the infrastructure for schools, health facilities, and utilities. The development of 'affordable' housing is especially key to ensuring our young people have somewhere to live.

I continue to be a member of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board as well as the County Council health scrutiny committee. As you can imagine the Addenbrookes CQC report has caused additional work. I am very concerned that the wonderful work which is carried out at Addenbrookes can suddenly be classed as inadequate. This overall score is inappropriate in my view and I will be asking them to justify themselves. Any large organisation has poor areas as well as great areas - one should not diminish another.

Well I will go on representing South Cambs District Council at events, presentations and new facility openings as Chairman of the authority. I really enjoyed going to Swavesey Village College last week and would welcome other opportunities to talk to children about local democracy and civic affairs.

If you want to get in touch phone, message or text me. 01954 202923, 07774146331, or [clr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:clr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk)

Sue Ellington  
Swavesey Ward

## Road Closure of Gibraltar Lane

Starting Monday, February 15, 2016

National Grid will be completing a new gas connection on the street that will involve closing Gibraltar Lane starting on 15/02/2016 for an anticipated duration of 4 Days.

A diversion route will be sign posted as per the plan below and they will endeavour to maintain access to property at all times. If this is not possible their team will endeavour to make alternative arrangements

National Grid state; "We aim to keep any disruption to a minimum and we thank you for your patience and co-operation. If you've got any questions please call us on 0800 0965678."



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# SWAVESEY PARISH

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## Parish Council News September - October 2015

### THE POST OFFICE

As this Meridian goes to print we are still awaiting the decision as to the future of the Post Office. The PC will announce the result as soon as it is available.

### SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

The PC welcomed a presentation from Simon Shore on the plans for next year's festival and will consider how to offer support.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

Highways maintenance repairs were discussed particularly at the flyover and junction to the A14.

The marking of parking bays and yellow lines in Market Street is being progressed with the County Council.

The resurfacing of the A14 flyover to Buckingham Road is scheduled for November.

A village walk round with a county representative has highlighted a number of pathway and roadside drainage problems, some of which can cause flooding. These are being taken forward with the County Council as is work to repair pot holes.

The PC decided against a volunteer scheme to grit paths etc. as the legal responsibilities do leave volunteers at risk.

Mandy Smith, our County Councillor, warned of substantial cuts to services arising from the likely Government contribution for 2016

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parish Councillors attended a Planning Forum where planning officers explained a plan to refer objections raised by the PC to planning applications to be decided by officers and no longer to be referred to the planning committee for decision. The PC have objected to this as we feel the decision should be taken by elected representatives and not officers who lack accountability to electors.

Consultation is ongoing with the plans to reduce the number of district councillors and change villages they cover. Our district councillor Sue Ellington will keep the village informed.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS.

We have a new village Neighbourhood Coordinator – Mr A Jennings. He reported on recent meetings and noted that thefts from sheds are on the rise. Please ensure your properties are secure.

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# COUNCIL NEWS

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### VILLAGE MATTERS

The PC is to fund the replacement of Verge Posts along Middlewatch near the Primary School to stop cars parking and obstructing sight lines.

The village green drainage project is complete but requires time to settle in. A full report is included in this Meridian.

Planting is to be carried out in the Moat Way play area open space to complete the project.

Intech Environ have assisted in providing an accurate survey of the Priory Avenue/Carters Way play area. It is hoped that young people from Swavesey Action for Youth will be recording the progress of the project on video. Some ideas are being prepared to share with the residents and the village is to seek views and progress the project.

Thanks to all Parish Councillors and all the volunteers who helped to clear Swan Pond. The PC is arranging to remove the remaining reeds.

The PC is to help the scouts with the cost of paint to redecorate their hut.

### DRAINAGE

The PC continues to meet with the Environment Agency and SCDC concerning Mare Fen, repairing the river bank, and Covells Drain.

Heidi Allen our MP is supporting our efforts with the Environment Agency.

Maintenance work has been carried out on Tumbridge Drain, but the PC is to press for further work to dredge the drain.

### PLANNING

Various planning applications and decisions were discussed.

The affordable housing in Fen Drayton Road is progressing. A Deed of Easement to allow drains across PC land has been agreed and payment received. A Deed of Covenant has been agreed with the developers to carry out work to the surface water drain running from the site along School Lane.



Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk)

**Swavesey Parish Council**  
**Website:- [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk)**

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| Nicole Mullee                           | 07963<br>861791      | <a href="mailto:memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk">memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk</a>                 |

**Latest News**  
**The Post Office will be moving to Costcutters**

There were over 300 submissions and they only received a small number of comments in support of the proposal. At the time of going to press no timescale for the move has been announced.

To get a link direct to the full decision letter go to our website at [www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk](http://www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk) or the Post Office site at [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk)  
*Enter Branch Code 140113*

**Recreation Green – Drainage Project**

You will have seen during September and October that the Recreation Green had been closed off (as much as was possible) whilst major work was carried out. An extensive project to pipe drain and decompact the heavy clay soil took place.

In heavy rainfall, whatever the time of year, the recreation green can become water-logged. In particular during the winter months the football clubs suffer badly from waterlogged pitches and during the 2014/2015 season, football could not be played on the green for around three months. In other winters the situation has been similar. Back in June 2012 after some heavy rainfall this also affected the Festival set up, with lorries becoming stuck in wet ground and having to be towed off.

Following discussions earlier this year between the Parish Council and the Football Clubs, it was decided to investigate grant funding and quotations to install drainage under the green. We knew this would cause some major disruption to the use of the green for some time but in the long-term it should enable the green to be used for longer periods during wet weather. It will not solve the problem completely but will help to drain the ground quicker and will benefit all users of the green.

Initially we did not expect to be able to carry out the work until Spring 2016, however in April a Community Challenge Grant Fund was opened by AmeyCespa (the recycling organisation based at Waterbeach). It was a quick turnaround application process, offering up to a dozen grants of between £20,000 to £40,000. A small project group from the Parish Council and Spartans Football Club worked to obtain quotations and put an application together. The total cost was more than the grant scheme but the Parish Council agreed to put up the difference if a grant was awarded and Spartans Football Club kindly provided funding for the initial ground inspection and the project management costs. The application form required quite a lot of detailed work, together with three competitive quotations and full specification reports. In June we were thrilled to receive a grant offer of £39,996 towards the project.

Work started on 1st September and apart from a week or so of wet weather in early October, the contractors were on site through until 16th October.  
 What has been done?

- Pipe drains have been laid in trenches north-south across the green, between the High St to just behind the far goal area of the main football pitch and also east-west across the eastern end of the green.
- Slits were then made in the ground east-west across the entire central and western end, which were filled with sand, to aid drainage. This was concentrated by additional sand slits in the main football pitch area as well.
- The whole area has been re-seeded and top-dressed.

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Although work has now been completed, football hasn't yet re-started (at time of writing in October), this is to enable the ground to settle and grass seed to germinate. Football matches should be able to start again in early 2016.

I would like to thank David Rudderham, Matthew Mullee and James Tait from the Spartans Football Club for their help in obtaining the quotes and with the writing of the grant application. Also to thank everyone for their patience whilst the work has been taking place, using the diverted footpath route and keeping off the green for the past few months.

Linda Miller, for Swavesey Parish Council

### Safeguarding Adults Newsletter (Autumn 2015)

Cambridgeshire's Adult Safeguarding Board have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter which can be found on the County Council website.

Articles in this issue include:-

***"PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO REPORT SCAMS***

*Most people fail to report scams to official organisations. A high proportion who fail to report scams are not aware of where to report them to (48%)....."*

***"SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AT RISK: COURSE DEVELOPMENT***

*Due to the implementation of the Care Act and changes in Cambridgeshire's policy and procedures for Safe-guarding Adults at Risk, all safeguarding courses are in the process of being reviewed and developed. Adults wellbeing and 'making safeguarding personal' are the key themes throughout the courses. ....The training is aimed at anyone who may be involved with adults who have care and support needs, as defined by The Care Act 2014, and who are required to have an awareness of adults who may be at risk....."*

To download a copy go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca) and follow the link to 'Newsletters, fact sheets and resources'.

### Volunteer Leaders Needed

Volunteer leaders are being recruited in preparation for the launch of a new Volunteer Police Cadet Unit for Cambridgeshire.

The new unit will run from the Blue School in Cambourne from the New Year and will be the fourth Cadet Unit to be launched by Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright since the scheme was established last year.

Cadet units already operate in Peterborough, Soham and Wisbech and dozens of youngsters across the county have gained a practical understanding of policing as well as well as other skills to participate positively in their communities.

The Commissioner is currently looking for enthusiastic people to put themselves forward for Volunteer Police Cadet Leader roles at the Cambourne unit.

Leaders will support the delivery of the Volunteer Police Cadet programme and help to inspire young people to realise their full potential.

Commenting on the new unit, Sir Graham said: "I'm very excited to be launching our fourth Volunteer Police Cadet Unit for the county which will enable more young people to take a greater role in their community and learn valuable skills that will assist them in the future, whatever career they decide.

"This scheme is only as good as the people who lead it and it's vital we attract the right personalities to act as role models for these young people and to nurture their talents so they are inspired to succeed.

"If you think you have these qualities, regardless of whether or not you have worked with young people before, we would love to hear from you."

The Cambourne cadet scheme is open to young people aged between 13 and 18. Sessions will be held on a Tuesday evening from 7-9pm and cadets will also be able to volunteer in their local community, supporting police teams at public events, delivering crime prevention advice and carrying out mystery shopper activities for age-restricted items. Participation in the scheme will provide accreditation towards formal qualifications and is evidence of voluntary activities for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Anyone who is interested in doing something productive in their spare time and is able to spare a couple of hours each week is urged to get in touch. For more details, contact Hannah Watson, Volunteer Co-ordinator, at [hannah.watson@cams.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hannah.watson@cams.pnn.police.uk), telephone: 01954 713911 or download an application form at: <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer-schemes/volunteer-police-cadets-scheme/want-police-cadet-scheme-volunteer/>.



## Swavesey Neighbourhood Watch



My name is Andy Jennings and I have recently taken over as the Village Coordinator from Polly Wilderspin. I hope to capitalise upon the amazing work Polly has performed for the village to date.

In case you don't know what the NHW provides, the national mission statement is:-  
"The aim of the Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch movement is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen."

How do we achieve this? The Swavesey Patch Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been up and running, in one form or another, for over a decade with hundreds of village members in Swavesey, part of the wider local and national Neighbourhood Watch community. We maintain close ties with the local Police, the Village Council and most importantly each other. It is with these relationships that we try to do our bit for the village.

The village is divided into Street Coordinator Schemes – if you do not know whom your street coordinator is, please get in touch using the details below. The NHW is purely a method of spreading information with a security and protection focus. In the future I will be introducing some social media accounts to assist in this. Most of what we communicate is public information although some information types cannot be spread by these means.

NHW has traditionally had a focus on getting to know your neighbours face to face and keeping your eyes and ears open for anything suspicious that might impact those in your neighbourhood. It is vital we maintain these personal relationships and spread this information wherever possible, there are many examples of where Swavesey NHW has detected and prevented crime, and enabled subsequent prosecutions.

Thank you for reading this far – if you have any questions, please feel free to email, call, or visit our page on the village website: [www.swavesey.org.uk](http://www.swavesey.org.uk).

Andy

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## The Paraffin Man

### Part I. 1921 - My father starts his business

A common sight in this part of Cambridgeshire in the 1920s was the hardware dealer moving from house to house with his horse-drawn waggon. The waggon was laden with a wide range of household goods from soaps to lamp wicks, with pots, pans, crockery, brushes and dozens more in between. Fitted in the centre was a tank holding about 100 gallons (450 litres) of paraffin and stored in a compartment at the back were half, one and two-gallon measures, with funnels for filling them. Living in Swavesey at that time and regularly visiting local villages was my father, George Crouch, a typical hardware dealer.

My grandparents, William and Mary Ann Crouch lived in what is now No 1 Boxworth End where my father was born in 1898. He had one brother, my Uncle Will who was twelve years older, and four sisters, two of whom lived to about 16 or 17 years but were cripples from birth and never walked. Grandfather was a horse keeper at No 10 Boxworth End.

In 1913 The New Inn, more recently known as The Trinity Foot on the High Road, as we called the A604 (now the A14), became vacant and my mother-to-be, Mabel moved there with her brother George and parents Edward and Mary Ann Oakman from Dereham in Norfolk. She often mentioned how quiet it was in the first year because motor vehicles were a rare sight and customers would leave their beer on the bar to go outside and watch whenever a vehicle came slowly along. The next year saw the outbreak of the First World War. Grandfather Edward was medically unfit for army service so he was employed by the government to travel the country requisitioning horses for the army. They went to a central clearing point from where they were drafted to the regiments and sent off to France and Belgium.

For a couple of years Grandma, Mabel and her brother ran the pub while Grandfather was away. When the Women's Land Army was formed Mabel and three other local girls joined and looked after a milking herd on Cuckoo Pastures Farm in Boxworth. After the war the number of motor vehicles coming along the High Road quickly increased. Vehicles from, for example, Freeman, Hardy and Willis and Boots of Nottingham began to make regular deliveries to Cambridge shops and since, for many, it was too far to complete the journey in a day they would stay at The New Inn. For many years it was known as a good place to stay and it was a very busy public house.

As a schoolboy my father worked for Mr Aldred, grocer and draper (now Costcutter store), delivering orders to customers and taking their money. On one occasion he arrived back half a crown short which was a lot of money and Mr Aldred stopped all of it from his wages. It taught him at a very early age that you have to be careful when handling cash because there was always someone prepared to say they had given you

half a crown when it was a two shilling piece, in the hope that they would get sixpence extra in change.

During the First World War my father was conscripted into war work in Cambridge but unfortunately he got tuberculosis and had to spend a year in Papworth hospital. When the war ended he found work where he could. At one time he pooled his savings with Uncle Will and they bought a donkey and cart from Mr Bartley who lived at what is now No 20 Boxworth End and they ran a taxi service to and from Swavesey station. Then in 1921 he made a life-changing decision when, after much consideration, he started his own hardware business.



His first purchase was a horse and wagon with its paraffin tank. Compartments were made to hold brushes, mats, soap, soap powders, clothes lines, pegs, baskets, crockery of all sizes, pudding basins, jugs and many other things. Stored on top were brooms, mops, coal scuttles, and dolly tubs for washing clothes plus further items. It was an open wagon so a tarpaulin was carried in case it rained.

After buying sufficient quantity of all these goods plus his first 100 gallons of paraffin he was out of money but ready for the road.

*David Crouch.*

## Community Groups & Charities

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| 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> |
| CAMTAD                                       | CAMTAD 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:admin@camtadcamb.org.uk">admin@camtadcamb.org.uk</a> or check the website <a href="http://www.camtadcamb.org.uk">www.camtadcamb.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 21919).                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Community First Responder Scheme             | The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact: <a href="mailto:responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk">responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk</a> or call 01284 731802                                                                                          |
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| 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 815 134, email <a href="mailto:clare.bates@each.org.uk">clare.bates@each.org.uk</a>                                                                                          |
| Community Resourcing                         | We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@swavesey.org.uk">clerk@swavesey.org.uk</a>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Help the Heroes                              | We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| OWLS Community Car Scheme                    | Run by CRB 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                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Swavesey Village College Community Education | Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: <a href="mailto:community@swaveseyvc.co.uk">community@swaveseyvc.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.swaveseyvc.co.uk">www.swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>                                                                                                                          |

# CLUB INFORMATION

| 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 Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |          |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |
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| Army Cadet Force              | Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |          |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |
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| British Legion                | For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          |          |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |
| Fenland Squash Club           | If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000 )<br>Website: <a href="http://www.fenlandsquash.org.uk">www.fenlandsquash.org.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.<br>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>                                                                                       |          |          |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |
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| Swavesey                      | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mon      | Thu      |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |
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| Over Netball Club             | We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session.<br>Contact is Lindsay Foster - <a href="mailto:lindsayfoster001@gmail.com">lindsayfoster001@gmail.com</a><br>01954 202070 or 07543 460725                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |          |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |
| 1st Swavesey Brownies         | Meet 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Swavesey Memorial Hall every Monday. We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815198 if you are interested in participating. Email:- <a href="mailto:brownowl01@virginmedia.com">brownowl01@virginmedia.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |          |          |        |          |     |     |     |      |          |          |     |

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| Swavesey Badminton Club                 | Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.<br>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.<br>We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.<br>Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997<br>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net">enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net</a><br>website: <a href="http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/">http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/</a> |
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| 1st Swavesey Cub Pack                   | The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm - 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm - 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768<br>Email:- <a href="mailto:s.mayer@ntlworld.com">s.mayer@ntlworld.com</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, Lecture Room, SVC.<br>Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club      | Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200668 or <a href="mailto:s2art50@lvcos.co.uk">s2art50@lvcos.co.uk</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Swavesey Institute Football Club        | New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Linedance                               | Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates.<br>Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email <a href="mailto:deborahwalker105@talktalk.net">deborahwalker105@talktalk.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Swavesey Music School                | Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College<br>Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact:<br>Audrey Caldwell: <a href="mailto:acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk">acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Swavesey Spartans                    | Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17.<br>For information and enquiries please contact:-<br>Chairman - James Tait on 01954 232183<br>Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258<br>Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club            | Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall.<br>We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome.<br>Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512<br>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk">enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk</a> - website: <a href="http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/">http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/</a> |
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| National Rail                                | 08457-484950  | <a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>                                           |
| <b>Veterinary Practices:</b>                 |               |                                                                                                              |
| 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>                                             |



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

# Christmas Tree Festival



**St Andrew's Church, Swavesey**

**Saturday 12th December**

10am until 5pm  
(plus Jewellery stall)

**Sunday 13th December**

2pm until 5pm

**Refreshments and Seasonal Music**

**Adults: £2**

vote for your favourite trees

**Children: £1**

To enter Hunt the Snowman  
competition



# SWAVESEY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

## SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

HOT DRINKS, MINCE PIES & RAFFLE  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LANTERNS & DRESS UP WARM

**VOLUNTEERS & RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

PLEASE CONTACT: JEFF COCKRAM 07863 345681 or 01954 205120

Or email [jeffcockram@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jeffcockram@hotmail.co.uk)

## MARKET STREET 6-7p.m.

***WITH A SPECIAL VISIT FROM  
FATHER CHRISTMAS***

