

THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



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*Right: Great Ouse Girlguiding celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday
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*Left: The new Defibrillator
Matthew Mullee and Simon Dawson from Swavesey Spartans Football Club.
Will Rogers and Dave Milton from the local Community First Responder Group.
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*Below: Swavesey Spartans long service awards
Top Row: Daniel Rudderham, Elliott Errington, Austin Ivantsiv, Dan Invantsiv.
Bottom Row: George Clark, Christian Cavanagh, Edward Jones, Eddie Keegan.
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EDITORIAL

Well done to everyone involved in Swavesey festival! so many events, crammed into just a week. I hope you managed to get involved with some of them. Our thanks must go to the organisers, it takes a lot of work to put on this event, and I am sure they would appreciate some new faces coming forwards to help with the next one!

A lot of us will be taking summer holidays in the next few weeks, if you take any photos whilst you are away let us see them you may find yours on a front cover of the magazine. please note in portrait shape please!

Now you will find in this issue some information about the post office in Costcutters, please look at it and take note. Customer numbers have dropped since the post office was moved and there is very real concern that if we do not use the service we will lose it altogether. This is not scaremongering but the plain truth. Yes it is not in the ideal place and yes the village did not want it there but it is Post Office policy. Basically the message is: **USE IT OR YOU WILL LOSE IT!**
Editor

Deadline for the next issue is **20th August** for the October/November magazine, let us know about those autumn events.

Cover Image - Festival 2016 Parade
 Inside Front Cover - Girl Guides, Spartans lads and Defibrillator
 Inside Back Cover - Festival 2016 images
 Back Cover - Festival 2016 winning Quilt

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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

2016

Saturday, September 17, W.I. CAKE STALL 8.30 a.m. until all cakes sold!! in the Market Street, Deirdre Burgess, (01954) 230897

Wednesday, October 26, W.I. AUTUMN COMMUNITY EVENT will take place in the Memorial Hall. Free activities. Lunch available., Deirdre Burgess, (01954) 230897

1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 1

August		
Wednesday 3	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 17	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 22	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 24	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Tuesday 30	Health and Wellbeing Club - Care Network	A group for older adults - meet at the Community Centre, Thistle Green from 10.00 to 11.30am.
September		
Thursday 1	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Thursday)
Wednesday 7	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 14	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 17	Swavesey Women's Institute	W.I. Cake Stall, Market Street, Swavesey. 8.30 a.m. until all cakes sold!! This event always proves very popular, so it is a good idea to come early. We look forward to seeing you there!!
Wednesday 21	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 26	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 27	Health and Wellbeing Club - Care Network	A group for older adults - meet at the Community Centre, Thistle Green from 10.00 to 11.30am.
Wednesday 28	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
October		
Wednesday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

CLUB REPORTS

The Days Go Short When You Reach September

Yes, most of our lovely long summer evenings are already behind us; we might have a beautiful Indian summer to look forward to, but chances are you will be looking for something interesting to do in the long winter nights ahead. You are way ahead of me; we are hoping we might have just what you are looking for in Swavesey Camera Club.

We are a very friendly club; we do have a high number of brilliant photographers, but many of us are pretty average, enjoy taking pictures, coming to the interesting talks and meeting friends on a weekly basis. Members are from virtual beginners to professional standard, luckily some of this expertise soon rubs off. One is able to pick up much helpful advice, take part in workshops and days out, and in competitions hear judges' comments on how each image might be even better with small adjustments. This all helps to improve the photos we treasure of the family, holidays, special events, so there is something for everyone.

We pride ourselves on the high standard of speakers; as we know, many of you like to come along to our lectures on topics of wider interest, such as last year on Shackleton and various Travel talks. This year as usual we will be putting up posters around the village when we think we are planning an evening you non-members will enjoy. There is a modest charge of £4.

We have a new Programme Secretary this year, Hugh Richards. At this time the Programme for 2006/17 is still a work in progress; it will be revealed on our Welcome Evening in September. Luckily I have been told of a few evenings ahead of time. Our first speaker is Derek Buckett, new to the circuit, so we shall wait and see what he has for us. Another meeting will be with Keith Leedham whom we met when he judged an Audio-visual competition; he showed us one of his own AV shows which inspired the club to invite him back for a whole evening. Sue Wilson is also a judge but is returning with her co-presenter, Peter Jones, to show us the wildlife of Japan, including the Snow Monkeys. We have managed to re-schedule a talk from Martin Lewis missed last Spring. He makes telescopes, sketches the skies and takes images of the planets, and later we have another new speaker, Terry Ward, whose work appears in many magazines.

Our last speaker of the term is one of our own stars, Sara Kelman, a most popular, talented member of our club who will be known to you from her image, 'Leopard on Impala Kill', which was voted your favourite in our Annual Exhibition earlier this year. Sara is very talented in many areas and this is your opportunity to meet her and hear of her experiences photographing wildlife.

Once dates are confirmed we will put up the notices as promised. Please come along on the Welcome Evening and meet us all; our club grows every year, but we still hope for even more members of any level; all others please feel welcome to come along to any event for the small entrance fee.

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

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Club nights

Mon and Wed 7 – 9pm

Dedicated to beginners

Mon 7 – 8pm

Members

Can book courts for free at other times.

Annual fees

Adults £49
Couples £79
Family £89 (2 adults and up to 2 kids)
Juniors including coaching £35 (U16 or U19 and in full time education on 01/04/16).

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary

Aug 8th	Summer Garden Party At The Windmill', Swavesey
Sept. 12th	Colour and Style "What colour and style should I wear?"
Oct. 10th	Harvest Supper.
Nov. 14th	Christmas Wreath Demonstration by Lisa Boyes.

STOP PRESS!!!!!!

September 17th W.I. Cake Stall, Market Street, Swavesey.
8.30 a.m. until all cakes sold!!

This event always proves very popular, so it is a good idea to come early.
We look forward to seeing you there.!!

October 26th (Half-Term)

W.I. COMMUNITY EVENT will take place in the Memorial Hall.
Free activities. Lunch available.

LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS!

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall 7.30 pm. If you would like more information on any of our meetings/events or interested in joining W.I. please ring Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

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Improved facilities at Hale Road allotments

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, nearly all allotment plots were managed by men. Nowadays far more ladies and families get involved. On the Hale Road allotment site many plots have ladies as sole-operators and, in truth, at least three quarters of the work on site is done by ladies. There are also 34 children under the age of 12 years associated with our site. The 60-plot site was set up in autumn 2012 with a wide entrance gate, strong rabbit and deer-proof fencing all round, eight large water tanks and a solid car park big enough to also hold heaps of local authority compost and horse poo.

The only facility we have been short of until now is a toilet and given our wide variety of plot holder groups we clearly needed one on site so we set about obtaining the large amount of money required. At an early stage we made the wise move of contacting, and meeting with, Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service. Firstly they are able to discuss the proposed project and suggest possible funders – not all funding bodies are happy to support an allotment site would you believe. Secondly they are able to guide and advise on how to concisely develop the best case for the project so that the funder reading the application can clearly see that their money would bring significant benefits to as many people as possible.



Community Foundation
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LOTTERY FUNDED

Our main application was submitted to the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All scheme at the end of January and within 5 weeks we received a conditional offer of £10,000, the maximum amount of BLF grant available. For the residual amount of £707 needed to fully fund the project we applied to Saffron Community Foundation at Long Stratton, south of Norwich, and following a presentation to their trustees, they also quickly said yes. We are very grateful to both of these organisations for their generosity and, in both cases, for making the application process so straightforward and smooth.

The most obvious difference that our new toilet will make is to allow plot holders to comfortably work on site for longer. Additionally, since we welcome sheds on our site, tools, watering cans, compost etc. can be stored there so more plot holders are expected to leave their car at home and walk or cycle to the site. Thus, one way or another plot holders will be more physically fit and healthy. Plot holders will be able to grow a wider range, and larger quantities of home-grown vegetables and fruit. In turn this will help to promote seasonal eating of fresher food with potentially better nutritional value.

Currently the vast majority of plot holders live in the north of Swavesey but with the new toilet now installed residents at the south of our long Fenland village may note the opportunity to take a packed lunch and spend some hours on site. Thus we hope that the improved facilities will attract a wider range of tenants of all ages from throughout the community. It would be hard to find a better-appointed site in the country.

On a 60-plot site there is inevitable turnover of ownership. Although all plots have been fully occupied since set up in October 2012 there are bound to be some who have to give up their plot for a variety of reasons this autumn. If you would like to get on our (short) waiting list phone Selwyn on 07731 585450.

Swavesey Community Choir

By the time you read this we will have performed at the Fringe in the Fen, Last night of the Proms. Always a spectacular event and we are very grateful to all concerned for organising the festival.

ONE DIRECTION? NO..... NEW DIRECTION

So, it's all change at Swavesey Community Choir with the resignation of our music Director. So, I hope that by the time you read this article we will have found a replacement. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested in becoming our new director please do contact me, just in case we still have the vacancy.

With the change of director, we plan to perform a more varied programme and hope that our "followers" will still follow and that we will attract new followers.

We also want to attract new members, so please contact me if you have any questions.

Please do come and support your local choir. We start back on **Wednesday 7th September** so please come along, give us a go and have fun whilst singing.

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 ☺

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Fen Drayton Lakes News

By Emily Neville



Photo credit Emily Neville

The start of summer has been very changeable and not very summery – in the time it took to write an email (albeit a long one!) the weather went from clouds to rain to sun and back to clouds again. Hopefully by the time you read this, things have taken a turn for the better and things are feeling a lot more summery!

At the reserve, all the hard work that birds put into breeding has paid off. Fledglings of many species can be seen; young terns are chasing around making their distinctive screeching calls and young lapwings and oystercatchers can be seen from Coucher Hide.

Some of our summer migrants will be starting to leave soon. One bird which will soon be on its way is the cuckoo. Cuckoos are brood parasites, which means they lay eggs in the nests of other species of birds, commonly dunnock, meadow pipit and reed warbler. When the host female leaves the nest, the cuckoo flies down, pushes one egg out, lays a replacement egg and flies away – this whole process takes just 10 seconds and a female can visit up to 50 nests during a breeding season! The adults depart in July or August with the young birds leaving a month or so later.

The warmer weather gives us the chance to spot grass snakes basking in the sun – Elney Loop is a good place to look. The sun also brings out an abundance of dragonflies, damselflies and butterflies. If you would like to learn more about these wonderful animals, there is a guided walk on Sunday 31 August – visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes or call 01954 233260 for more information!

We have lots more events during the summer holidays. We will be lake dipping every Tuesday, as well as running regular nature explorer and bug hunting events. Don't miss our exciting mammal event on Sunday 7 August! The Mammal Society will be at the reserve with a selection of hands on activities!

Swavesey Spartans

Goodbye 2015/16 and Hello 2016/17

As you read this article the Spartans players will be looking forward to a new season of football. The 2016/17 season will be underway as soon as the schools open for their autumn terms in September. The summer has seen the club celebrating the 2015/16 season at our annual gathering on Father's Day on Swavesey Green, satisfying the governance inputs necessary from a children's football club and our annual new season registration evening. Many of us were also distracted for 4 weeks by the European Championships from France with matches very effectively timed to disrupt those beloved soap opera schedules...perhaps we could see if football can target talent shows next?

2016/17 will bring new challenges especially for those young people playing organized games for the first time whilst living the Spartans club values "TREE" (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Excellence). After an absence of 18 months we expect a full football programmed to return to Swavesey Green, although we will continue to need to use Swavesey Village College and the recreation grounds of Fen Drayton and Elsworth due to the number of teams now nearing 20 from under 6s to under 17s and covering the needs of boys and girls. The 2 pleas to villagers are to come along and support our teams and visit the tea hut in the pavilion and we ask that litter and any mess made by dogs be cleared away - the safety of our players is of paramount importance to us. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support on these matters.

The girls section continues to prosper but we would really appreciate a volunteer to help the Under 9s - is that you? Contact details for the club if you want to get involved, school year one parents your team will start to train in 2016/17, details are at the back of this edition as usual, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you want anything clarifying.

Law Changes for 2016/17

Those armchair referees amongst you will be pleased to note that there are nearly 100 changes to the laws for the new season. Don't worry most are typographical but we thought it useful to highlight 3 which will be most noticeable:-

- Kick offs can now be played in any direction - none of this forcing you to pass forward for one full circumference of the ball any longer - caseys are also no longer part of the game!
- Denying an Obvious Goalscoring Opportunity. If the foul happens outside the penalty area a free kick is awarded and the offender receives a red card and is sent off, no change from last season. If the foul happens in the penalty area a penalty is awarded and a caution (yellow card) is issued to the offender unless the foul was deemed a red card offence (serious foul play, violent conduct, etc) is committed. This should have little impact on our players but the TV football pundits and professional managers are sure to be debating where the last man should challenge - inside or outside of the box. Where would you "take one for the team now?"
- Offside is basically the same except you now take the resulting indirect free kick from. Where the player becomes active not from where the player was stood when the ball was played to him is the key. There is now a chance that a free kick for offside could be taken in their defensive half

Spartans at Swavesey Festival

Sunday 19 June brought the 2015/16 season to an end with our intra-club tournaments, recognition of every player's contribution and congratulations for our players of the year and most improved players who featured in the Cambridgeshire FA leagues during the season that has just ended. A dry day, pitches, trophies, refreshments and most importantly our players, coaches and parents all arrived as

expected. From 1100 until 1600 the boys and girls all enjoyed organized games of tournament football against each other. Parents mingled with each other and the coaches proved that their refereeing skills were not as good on the pitch as they are on the touchline..... Trophies were presented with this year's award winners highlighted below. Most importantly the children had a fun day although some clearly had no intention of providing their Dad with a Father's Day meal at any other place than Sam's Kebabs or was that down to parents again?

24 June witnessed the bi-annual Spartans Bam Dance and proved once again dancing competence was not essential if you want to become a Spartans official..... Our thanks to Nicole Mullee and Claire Mott for organizing their final Dance after many years of hard work.

25 June saw another appearance for Dom's Bins proving just as popular for those aspiring to complete 90 minutes on the pitch as it was with those who talk a great 90 minutes in The White Horse these days.

U7 MIXED WINNERS	ROYAL	NAVY	WHITE
Managers most improved player of the year-	Archie Harper-Clarke	Charlie Wilson	Jack Morrison
Managers player of the year-	Rhys Thomas	Motiejus Preidzius	William Norton
Players player of the year	Alfie Neal	Dylan Dawson	Jack Santos

MIXED WINNERS	U8	U9	U10
Managers most improved player of the year-	Thomas Portieri	Dylan Lee	Marco Codispoti
Managers player of the year-	Alfie Till	Elliot Mills	George Neep
Players player of the year	Sam Coxall	Ian Overend	Samuel Land

MIXED WINNERS	U11	U12	U13
Managers most improved player of the year	Ethan Lee	Sam Wilkinson	Billy Calderbank
Managers player of the year	Ben Suckling	Kyle Hampton & Charlie Nicholson	Ollie Sargent
Players player of the year	Fraser Jones	Matteo Codispoti	Henry Bray

MIXED WINNERS	U14	WINNERS	U16
Managers most improved player of the year	Toby Newman		George Clark
Managers player of the year	Liz Christian		Olly Begley
Players player of the year	Dan Cundy		Rob Johnstone

U16 LONG SERVICE AWARDS					
1	Austin Ivantsiv	4	Daniel Rudderham	7	Elliott Errington
2	Christian Cavanagh	5	Edward Jones	8	George Clark
3	Daniel Ivantsiv	6	Edward Keegan	9	MANAGER - David Rudderham

U11 GIRLS WINNERS	U11	U13	U15
Managers most improved player of the year	Violetta Bianchi	Millie Wookey	Holly Buck
Managers player of the year	Jennifer Fairweather	Ellie Barnes	Ellie Allen
Players player of the year	Kira D'arcy	Ellie Hackshaw	Liz Christian

EIGHT SWAVESEY GREATS

All the boys received their Swavesey Spartans long service awards on June 19th in recognition of playing for the club from under 7's through to under 16's.

Well done boys! from a very proud coach!!
David Rudderham

(See inside front cover for photograph)

QED Concert at Swavesey Windmill on 30th April

Carol Dyer and family would like to thank everybody that came to support us at the QED charity concert at the Windmill in John Dyer's memory where all profits went to the Arthur Rank Hospice.

We raised a fantastic amount of £2,000 on this evening.

We would also like to thank all those that sponsored Adrian Schaal who ran the London Marathon for the Arthur Rank Hospice again in John's memory. A total of £2,500 was raised.

VILLAGE NEWS

A Community Defibrillator for Swavesey

A Public Access Defibrillator has been provided for Swavesey through community donations via our local First Responder Group, Swavesey Spartans Barn Dance and Swavesey Parish Council.

Located on the wall of the Memorial Hall in the High Street, by the front door, the unit is highly visible and in an easy to access location. The unit is an NHS approved IPAD defibrillator in a locked cabinet. In the event of an emergency requiring its use, when 999 is called the operator will be able to tell you where the defibrillator is located and the code to remove the unit from the cabinet.

They are simple and safe to use. The machine gives clear spoken instructions and you don't need training to use one. Once in position, the defibrillator detects the heart's rhythm and it won't deliver a shock unless one is needed.

Our local First Responders will ensure the unit is maintained and will register it with the NHS. They have also offered to arrange CPR awareness seminars in the village for instruction in the use of the IPAD, using a training unit and "Annies" for hands on experience to anyone who would like to find out how to use the equipment.

CPR Awareness

Swavesey Memorial Hall, High Street

Wednesday 14th September at 7.00pm

If you would like to attend please let us know, so we have an idea of how many people will be there. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the funding for this vital community asset, through your donations to the First Responder Unit and Swavesey Spartans Barn Dance at the Festival.

Swavesey Parish Council

Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk Tel: 01954 202982

(See inside front cover for photograph)

IT'S YOUR POST OFFICE.

In my 40 years of retail experience I have worked in many different towns and villages and there aren't many out there like Swavesey. I have found the people here to be friendly, loyal, and polite and welcoming, we are proud to be part of your community

As you all know Costcutters have now taken on the Post Office which has had to be re-located from Market Street. The reasons behind this are many but I list a few here. With benefits now paid directly into claimant's accounts and most bill payments available online the Post Office has seen a steep decline in its traditional revenues alongside increased pressure from competitors in the form of home courier companies. To make matters worse Royal Mail and Post Office went their separate ways and the Government decided to withdraw their subsidy of the Post Office, a move which left the company needing to create a new business model to carry them safely into the future.

The main focus is a shift from paying Sub Post-Masters a salary to a system where they are paid exclusively on commission. The inevitable outcome of this change is that Post Office counters can only stay open if they are housed within an existing profitable business; as a standalone business they simply cannot generate enough income to pay for the staff to operate them. This is happening all over the country, not just here in Swavesey. Ultimately businesses have to make decisions based on economics in order to survive in a highly competitive market and that is what Post Office has chosen to do.

The staff absolutely understand people's frustration with the move and can sympathise with many of the points raised. The staff tried very hard to remedy the parking concerns in particular once they were raised but all planning proposals were rejected by Cambridgeshire County Council. Please understand that there was no other choice available in this unfortunate situation. The previous Sub Post-Mistress had no choice but to sell as the subsidy she received would have been taken away leaving her unable to afford the staff to run the business.

Costcutter they we had to say yes to keep this valuable community asset but, as it stands the Post Office counter at Costcutter is not making enough money to pay the wages of the staff manning it, so I can say with absolute certainty that the previous Post Office would not have stayed afloat under these new measures and would inevitably have closed.

Some people seem to be choosing to visit Post Offices in other villages in protest at the move and I wanted to point out that it makes no difference to Post Office where you post your items or do your banking as they still get your money wherever you choose to spend it. It does however make a big difference to Swavesey as again, the business can only continue to operate if it generates enough revenue.

I hope that this letter helps to put events in perspective a little more clearly and to alleviate any confusion that some of you may have had regarding the reasons for change. Costcutters never wanted to alienate or upset anybody by accepting the Post Office's offer and wanted people to understand that we have done our best to act with the best interests of the village in mind.

With the help of our lovely new Post Office staff, Costcutters are concentrating on making this summer the start of an exciting new beginning for Costcutter. The Post Office counter is only the beginning, with a shop wide facelift, a new website: (www.swaveseycostcutter.co.uk) and much more to come. There will be a launch day later this year to celebrate all of this so keep an eye out for a flyer through your door soon!

Until then the staff look forward to welcoming you to Costcutter.

Did you know that your local Post Office provides all these services right here in the village?

POSTING

- Post items locally, nationally and internationally
- Collect your Royal Mail parcels and registered post
- Drop off online shopping returns with prepaid Royal Mail labels
- Purchase Stamps and Stamp books
- Customers who regularly post lots of parcels can benefit from our free "Drop and Go" service.

FINANCE

- Withdraw cash from most high street banks with a debit card
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- Postal orders

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**We hope you all
Joined us at the
Festival Book Stall
And when the Tiger
Came to tea**

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Remember you are always welcome and will find the Library at the Village College. Follow the signs to our entrance at the end of the vehicle drive past the small roundabout.

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Sarah Hellon	230960
Jacqui Fuller	230774	Sue Jones	232650
John Pook	230978	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

OWLS Celebrate 3000 Journeys

OWLS Community Car Scheme held a tea party on 14th June to celebrate a milestone 3000 journeys undertaken since the scheme started five years ago. Volunteer drivers and coordinators provided cakes, sandwiches and free transport for 20 of its' most regular customers and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. OWLS coordinators and customers enjoyed meeting face to face as they had previously only ever spoken to each other on the phone.

OWLS provides a much needed door-to-door return transport service to those residents of Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey who do not have use of a car and cannot access public transport. Most journeys are for medical appointments at the doctor's surgery, dentist, or hospital but some social journeys are undertaken to enable customers to attend clubs, activities, visit friends or relatives in hospital, home or care homes or do some local shopping.

All journeys are arranged through the scheme's coordinator. Customers pay the driver 30p a mile (minimum charge £3) on the day of travel. Drivers are fully insured and have been DBS checked. To find out more about becoming an OWLS customer or driver please ring the coordinator on 07505 254363, without obligation.

Many thanks to OWLS

We, like many others in Swavesey and surrounding villages, are very grateful for the voluntary car service provided by OWLS. They are a life-line for those of us who do not have our own transport, especially since the bus service to St Ives has been cut. It is a long walk for many of us to the Guided Bus stop, especially with a wheelchair.

We were treated to a delicious tea of home-made sandwiches, scones and cakes provided by many who work for OWLS, to celebrate its three-thousandth customer. It was great to meet the coordinators, the helpful voices behind the telephone, the drivers and the representative from the County Council which helps to subsidise the cost of this excellent scheme. We do hope that this vital provision will continue to be supported, and give our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who give their valuable time to provide it.

Margaret and John Ardley

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

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With Europe very much on peoples' minds, we started in a distinctly continental way with a German Oompah Night at the Windmill- a riotous evening that heralded 10 days of celebrations and events that was the fifth Swavesey Festival.

The first weekend is traditionally "Open Swavesey" and the village had much to show for itself. A superb show of flowers at St. Andrew's Church was accompanied by an exhibition about "Food Glorious Food" with a variety of displays about food made by people and groups in

the village. This linked to one of the village trails – some 35 houses involved in food in some way displayed blue plaques and 20 former public houses hung flags. If you wish for further information about these houses please contact pookjhn@aol.com. There were some magnificent scarecrows throughout the village; some were obviously too realistic. I know of at least one dog who ran for the safety of home after a close encounter with the Lion King in Market Street. Other trails in the village included decorated houses, open gardens and a treasure hunt. Apologies for the unsolvable clue about the house at 13 Blackhorse Lane- the front door was changed after the Treasure Hunt was printed! The "Best Scarecrow" award went to the Bidwell Family for "The Pumpkin King" and the best front of house decoration to the Ruddenham Family for the Wizard of Oz.

There was a feast of Art during this weekend. The Meridian Quilters held their exhibition at the village college and were joined by a host of local artists, sculptors and photographers many exhibiting at the festival for the first time. The favourite quilt voted for by the public was by Pauline Husbands of the Quantum Quilters.

The Memorial Hall held a unique and rather special event this year- a celebration of the life and work of local artist Peter Nuttall. The Nuttall family had come together to show their private collection of Peter's work- most of it seen by the public for the first time.

The week saw a variety of activities, shows, talks, concerts and dances - 12 organized events in all so a big thank you to the many people who organized and ran these. The "Compass Café" had a special Swavesey Festival Cake thanks to Deborah Walker.

The final Saturday saw the Gala Day start with the traditional village parade with an eclectic mix of Musicals characters. The prize for the best team effort went to the Play Timers and individual awards went to Tin Man (Ciaran Burling) and Yellow Brick Road (Jack Gaskil) both Swavesey Scouts.

The green was host to about 50 stalls with a number of giant inflatable rides available at Swavesey for the first time. The Village Craft and Produce Show took place in the marquee with some excellent entries despite the recent bad weather attempting to sabotage the entries. The overall winner of the show entries was Richard Hart and the junior winner was Elizabeth Dear. A special trophy in memory of Graham Christie for chutney was won by Varinder Sagoo.

The main stage and performance was host to a variety of music and dance groups from the village. Special mention must be given to the Line Dancers who battled through a torrential downpour refusing to finish until they had completed their set. If there was ever an example of keep calm and carry on.....

For the evening concert the rain abated and we were treated to a rich variety of young talent from Rock School- a part of the Swavesey Music School. This was followed by the very talented Grape Marmalade and finally a rousing 2 hour set from Glamtastic playing all the favourites from the Glam Rock era and looking the part as well. They reached a climactic final with a rendering of "Delilah" as the fireworks lit the sky.

The Festival Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped to run the events and to our various sponsors and patrons for their generous support. Without all this help the festival would not run.

The next festival will be in the summer of 2018. We are always in need of new ideas and new recruits if this excellent week is to continue. If you have enjoyed the Festival week and have some ideas of what you would like to see in the future, please consider offering some time to help- it is well worth it.

A date for your diary- Wednesday 5th October 8pm in the Memorial Hall. This is the festival AGM and all are very welcome. Come and tell us what you liked, what you didn't like and give us your ideas for the future. Even better- come and join the committee and be a part of the next Swavesey Festival.

Simon Shore
Swavesey Festival Committee.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

	£	May-16	Jun-16
First prize	60	Fiona Ross	Carol Dyer
Second prize	30	Wendy Norton	Marion Morgan
Third prize	15	Lisa Boyes	Hilary Sydell

Festival: Winners of Village Show classes 2016

Adults

Flower arranging- musicals theme

- 1 Sunny Afternoon - a table centre containing flowers and foliage - Deborah Walker
- 2 Wicked - foliage to dominate (not a pedestal arrangement) - Theresa Ouzman

Flowers

- 3 A vase of 5 different garden flowers - Sue Barker
- 4 6 sweet Peas - up to 3 different varieties - Simon Shore
- 5 A single Rose - Margaret Guest

Vegetables and Fruit

6. 10 strawberries including stalks - Richard Hart
7. 10 Gooseberries including stalks - Richard Hart
8. 10 Raspberries including stalks - Richard Hart
9. 2 stalks currants (black red or white) minimum 7 fruit per stalk - Richard Hart
11. 1 lettuce - minimum of outside leaves removed - Linda Miller
12. 3 new potatoes - medium sized tubers washed - Richard Hart
13. 3 beetroot tops - trimmed to 5cm - Vera Doggett
14. 5 carrots - tops trimmed to 8cm full root retained -2nd prize - Vera Doggett
15. 3 bulb onions - foliage trimmed and tied – Linda Saunders
16. 5 pods broad beans - straight of even length - Richard Hart
17. 5 radish - with tops - 2nd Prize - Tait and Mullee
18. 3 different types of vegetable (1 of each) - Sue Barker

Preserves

All exhibits must be presented in well sealed, clean and colourless jars. Contents must be clearly described upon clean labels. Chutneys should be at least 2 months old.

19. A jar of citrus marmalade - Lorraine Hunt
20. A jar of fruit jam - Claire Daniel
21. A jar of herb or fruit jelly - Jacqui Fuller
22. A jar of chutney - Varinder Sagoo
23. A jar of lemon curd - Claire Daniel

Home Baking

24. A cake made using vegetables - Claire Drake
25. A raspberry jam filled Swiss roll - jam may be bought - Sarah and Chloe Drake
26. 4 cheese scones - Claire Drake
27. A boiled fruit cake (recipe supplied) - Fiona Ross
28. A cake for the Queens 90th Birthday - a decorated sponge cake judged 50% on taste and 50% on appearance - Deborah Walker

Other Produce

29. A bottle of elderflower cordial - Deborah Walker
30. A bottle of sloe gin - Rachel James
31. 3 poultry eggs - brown. Displayed on straw/grit/ wood chip - Marian Bentley

Handicraft

Items should have been made within the last 2 years

32. A tea cosy any medium - to be displayed on a tea pot - Helen Frampton
33. A knitted item - Sue Speechley
34. An item made for a child - Claire Daniel
35. A homemade cloth or runner for a table or a picnic - Phyllis Cornwall

Children

Cookery

36. Under 5 yrs - decorate a purchased cake for the queens 90th birthday - judged on decoration only - Evie Conn
37. 5- 7yrs - make a birthday cake for the queen - judged on taste and decoration - Gareth Bentley
38. 8-11 yrs make a birthday cake for the queen - judged on taste and decoration - Katie Raven
39. 12-16 years make a birthday cake for the queen - judged on taste and decoration - Elizabeth Curtis

Craft

Maximum size for card front A4

- 40 Under 5. - A birthday card for the queen - Evie Conn
- 41 5-7 yrs - A birthday card for the queen - Katie Baker
- 42 8-11 years - A birthday card for the queen - Elizabeth Dear
- 43 12-16 years -A birthday card for the queen - Elizabeth Curtis
44. Under 5- A grass head - Izzy Moore
46. 8-11 yrs - A grass head - Anna -Louise Clark

48. 5-7yrs - a piece of jewellery involving beads - Aimmee Hayes
- 49 8-11 years a piece of jewellery involving beads - Jasmine Timmins
- 50 12-16 years - a piece of jewellery involving beads - Lara Hagger

Maximum base board size for all Lego models 32 X 32cm

51. 5-7years - an original Lego model (not made from a kit) - William Langridge
- 52 8-11 years - an original Lego model (not made from a kit) - Elizabeth Dear

Verna Moyse 1st Feb 1920 - 4th May 2016



Alice Verna Moyse came into this world on the 1st February 1920...the first born daughter of John (Jack) and Betty Ann Smith. Her father was a market gardener who lived at 'The Poplars', next to Godfrey's Bakery where he farmed several acres of blackcurrants and other soft fruits. Her mother Betty Ann came from a large family who lived at Trinity Farm in Swavesey. Verna - as she came to be known, was joined two years later by her sister Jean. She had a happy childhood, and attended the village school, depicted in the book "Swavesey: A Pictorial History", where she is seen dragging her unwilling cousin Mary back home from school.

Her first job was during World War II, working at the Chivers Jam Factory. Cycling to work each day and sometimes travelling on a blacked out train from Histon Station back to

Swavesey. She delighted in telling stories about the blackout and doodlebugs. During this time Verna met a dashing young RAF Radio Operator, whose family came from Birmingham. Very soon Verna was introduced to Gordon's wonderful family who welcomed her with open arms. Gordon and Verna were married in April 1944.

After the war Gordon's parents retired to Bournemouth and Verna and Gordon lived with Verna's parents in Swavesey until Janine was born in 1950. Gordon's work as a Hoover salesman took them to Holland-on-Sea, where they lived in a bungalow. By the time Janine was seven years of age Gordon had been promoted to District Sales Manager with Hoover. Verna was enjoying being a mum and they lived a happy life.

Suddenly things were to change when they had to move back to Swavesey, where Verna's mother was nursing her Dad who was dying of lung cancer, thought to have been caused by threshing mouldy wheat. After her father died in 1957, Verna found herself back at 'The Poplars' - the family home. She continued to live there until her mother decided to move in with her daughter Jean and 'The Poplars' was sold.

Verna, Gordon and Janine moved to the Manse, which was next door and unoccupied at the time. They had lived there for two years when tragically Gordon was killed in a road accident in November 1967 when he was only 46 years old. As a result Verna and Janine found themselves moving again. This time it was to 40 Whitton Close, which had just been built. Shortly afterwards Janine married a local boy, Michael Leggett and provided Verna with a much-loved grand-daughter, Louise.

At this time Verna was working at The Barwell Rubber Company in Swavesey where she worked happily in a clerical job for several years. On leaving Barwells she re-joined Chivers where she worked hard to provide a living for herself, as she was now living on her own with Janine and family living nearby. Sadly, Janine's marriage failed and she and Louise spent time with her Auntie Jean in Essex, before returning to Swavesey to live and work at the Hotel de la Poste in Market Street. Verna played an important role in helping to look after Louise whilst Janine was working.

When Verna retired from Chivers, she got a part-time job at MG Owners Club, fitting well into their clerical team and staying there until she was almost 81 years old. She would often be seen cycling through the village on her way to work.

In 1983, Janine remarried and had a son Harry, much loved by Verna who adored both her grand-children. In 1992 Louise married Simon Taylor and in 2002 Verna's great-grandchildren the twins Ross and Melissa were born. On becoming a Great-Grandmother, Verna became affectionately known by family members as G-G.

Verna continued to live in Whitton Close until her health started to fail and she became incapacitated by arthritis in her hips. In her late eighties she moved to a bungalow in the Thistle Green Sheltered Housing Scheme, where she enjoyed the company of her friends. Verna lived in Thistle Green for six years until her health began to deteriorate further which required her to move to Richard Newcombe Court in Cambridge where she could receive twenty four hour supervised care and where she stayed for the last two years of her life.

Verna was always a very stylish lady with make-up freshly applied, and clothes and jewellery beautifully put together. She was a jolly person with a big smile, who enjoyed life to the full...travelling to several countries in her later years. She appreciated the natural beauty of the countryside, birds and nature generally, and loved her cats.

In her leisure time Verna applied herself to the post of Secretary in the Women's British Legion, and did the job with her usual zest for life. She became the life and soul of any party or Christmas "do" held by MG Owners Club, and when she was younger she used to enjoy dancing, hockey and ice-skating on the fens - especially with her skating partner Dennis Spolton.....about which we were told many stories.

We all salute her for being in our lives, and for reaching the amazing age of 96 years. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends, and by the lovely people she worked with.

We would like to thank those who have kindly sent their condolences.

Janine, Tony and Harry Parkinson

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery

(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.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/

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01480 461873
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www.northcotehousesurgery

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

Over Surgery News

Dr Susan Gillard

As some of you may already know Dr Gillard has recently undergone hip surgery and will be returning in August. We are sure you would like to join us in wishing her best wishes for a speedy recovery.

During her absence we have made every effort to cover her appointments with locum GP's to minimise any impact on the patients and surgery.

Donations

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone that has kindly given donations to the surgery and also for the donations through the book fund. We are delighted to announce that these donations have totalled £1,125 to date and we are now able to use this towards the refurbishment of the reception area, which is long overdue.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION



£3.50 per session!

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

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

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

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

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Try Something Different!

There's an Adult Education class for everyone this autumn at Swavesey Village College. Start September with a little Salsa, Swing & Lindyhop or Contemporary dance class. Get crafty with An Introduction to Pottery, Needle Felting, Art Journaling or Willow Weaving. Revive your Table Tennis skills, keep fit with Walking Football or relax with Gentle Yoga.

Why not give Christmas the personal touch this year with our Create Your Own Christmas Cake Toppers and Watercolour Christmas Card Workshop.

We have many more classes available and hope you can join us.

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk,

Community Education tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

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.

Great Ouse Girlguiding Celebrates the Queen's 90th Birthday!

After months of planning and preparation, our Division event was nearly upon us and despite the wet weather over the school half term leading up to the event, on a very sunny Sunday afternoon, 5th June, some 120 girls and 25 leaders from Great Ouse Division (Swavesey, Over and Bar Hill) joined forces to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

The event was finished off with a picnic, special birthday cupcake and of course, singing the National Anthem and the traditional Happy Birthday song to the Queen.

The afternoon started with girls 'travelling' through each decade since the Queen's birth, enjoying either traditional games or crafts from each decade. It started with skipping ropes and cup & ball game for the 1920's, make do & mend! for 1940's where the girls got to make horse head pencil toppers from odd pieces of material, making moon sand for 1960's, space hopper racing & stuck in the mud for 1970's, badge making for 1980's to ribbons & bead bracelets for recent decades.

Great Ouse members were honoured to be joined by Joan Tanton, an ex-guide & Trefoil member who is well known in the local area for her work within guiding, whom at the grand age of 91 enjoyed being our queen for the afternoon, walking around the event to talk to the girls/leaders about each decades activity. In fact, many of the Rainbows believed she was the Queen and how special we must all be for the Queen to attend our event. Some reporting back to parents 'I meet the Queen today!'

(See inside front cover for photograph)

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

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

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



All Change at St Andrew's

Many of you will remember that after twenty-eight years the Revd. John Yule retired last September. This meant that St Andrew's along with the Parishes of Fen Drayton, Conington and Lolworth were left without a vicar. A reorganisation of the Parishes in this area has resulted in St Andrew's and All Saints Lolworth joining with the Parishes of Over, Willingham and Longstanton forming a new grouping. The



great news is that just before Easter a new Priest in Charge was appointed, the Revd Julie Anderson. Julie was already the vicar at St Mary's Over and All Saints Longstanton. The new Group will also be recruiting a new Team Vicar to support Julie.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners two new churchwardens were elected; Iain Campbell and Martin Herrington. Our thanks go to Andrew Stevens who has served as Churchwarden for many years. Did you know that if you live in the village you were entitled to vote at this meeting?

Julie has had a varied career and was called to serve God as an ordained minister when she was 49 years old and so she comes with a wealth of experience of life as well as the church as she was previously a churchwarden and a licensed lay minister. Before moving to Over, Julie served 3 years in a deprived inner city area of Liverpool. She has been in Over and Longstanton since September 2014.

Iain is retired now having had a full career working for Unilever as a chemist. Iain's

speciality is in ice-cream so be careful if you offer him one as he is a connoisseur! Iain is a keen golfer and can often be found at the allotments.

Martin served for 37 years in the Army, moving into the village with his family in 1999 whilst serving with the Engineer Regiment at Waterbeach. He works at Wyton as an MOD civil servant continuing to support our Armed Forces.

As the new grouping of parishes begins it feels very much like forming a new family as we get to know each other. As it is with any new organisation we are looking to see how we can work more efficiently by working together.

You will have noticed that tragically we have had lead stolen from the church roof three times. We are currently obtaining permission to replace the stolen lead with terne coated stainless steel. English Heritage and South Cambs District Council have given approval for this to happen on the North Aisle roof and we currently awaiting final approval by the Church Authorities. However, since these permissions were granted we have had the lead on the

Chancel Roof stolen and we are seeking permission for that lead to be replaced with terne coated stainless steel as well. Hopefully the stainless steel will be less of an attraction to the thieves. Of course if you see activity on the roof please call the police. Their details are on the noticeboard by the entrance gate.

On a more pleasant note at our main 11.00 am Service each Sunday we are studying the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. This list is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians. Improvement in these personal characteristics, the fruits, will make us better followers of Christ. Even if you are not yet a follower of Jesus, following these basic principles of life will help you to be a better person. If you would like to know more then please join us on Sunday mornings.

The church is always open during the day for you to visit and see what a magnificent

building the village has or to sit quietly and just pray. It can be a place of all emotions, lively and joyful during services, especially on Sundays, weddings and baptisms, a place of mourning during funerals but also a place for quiet reflection. If you need to some time and space to think a problem over or somewhere just to escape from the pressure and pace of life, then please come in, sit in pew and have some thinking time, enjoy the peace of the building and quietly reflect on what is troubling you. Of course if you would like to speak to somebody then we are here to help. Our contact details are on the Church's Service pages or on the Church Notice Board.

The period without a vicar was one of apprehension but with the forming of the new Grouping and the appointment of Julie, we have exciting times ahead and we hope that you will join with us. Hopefully it will be another twenty-eight years before I make the next retirement speech!



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

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

Service Pattern		
1 st Sunday of the month	11AM	Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday of the month	8 AM 11 AM	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday of the month	11 AM 7 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4 th Sunday of the month	11 AM	Family Service with Communion / Baptism
5 th Sunday of the month	11 AM	Holy Communion
NB: This service pattern is subject to change. Please check the church notice board or www.honeyhill.org for up to date information.		
To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge: Revd. Julie Anderson. Telephone: 231496 or Email: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk .		
To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens: Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 230019 or Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 230894 or Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk		
For Sunday School and the Baby and Toddler Services please contact: Mrs Caroline Stevens Telephone: 231433 or Email: caroline@overroad.co.uk		
	St Andrew's Church Swavesey	Website: www.honeyhill.org



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey


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

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School</p> <p>Children from the age of five are welcome to join our Sunday school each week during the 11 AM service except, the 4th Sunday of the month when it is a Family Service 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 the services.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baby and Toddler Services</p> <p>An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30 AM. 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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bell Ringing</p> <p>Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7.30 and 9 PM.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Church Choir</p> <p>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. Telephone: 077026 79191 or Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Compass Café</p> <p>We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat</p>




MID-WEEK CLUBS AT BETHEL

Bethel has relaunched its mid-week activities and we are inviting you to come along and find out more

	ADVENTURERS & EXPLORERS (Reception to year 5) 6:00pm to 7:00pm
	SURVIVORS (Year 6 to Year 9) 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Monday night clubs run during term time only

	FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Year 6 and 7)
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At 'the Hub' the young people can enjoy a wide range of facilities and activities; Tuck Shop, Table Tennis, Wii, Xbox, Music, Board Games, TV, Films, Music, Karaoke and more...

Monday Night Club and the Hub are staffed by DBS checked volunteers. Registration is required to attend the clubs. There is a small subscription charge for the Monday Night Clubs of £1 per person each week, with a maximum cost of £2 for a family regardless of the number of children attending.
The Hub is free!



LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

ALL WELCOME

Something for **ALL** the family!

10.45 am each week with activities for children 0-16 years

First Sunday of the Month @ 10:45am

Church around the coffee table
 Why not come and try it?

Third Sunday of the month @ 7:00pm

Join us for a time of reflection and prayers at Bethel, jointly hosted with St. Andrew's

We also hold a 'themed' prayer meeting every month. This is usually on a Tuesday evening at **7:00pm**. Contact admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk for details.

For more information :

Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

The Thomas Galon Charity

In the year 1528, Thomas Galon left land for the benefit of the community of Swavesey. A charity was set up enabling Trustees to distribute the income from this land to residents in need. Today the Trustees generally meet twice a year, in April and November to consider grants to benefit local residents.

Energy Grant Scheme

An Energy Grant Scheme is available for elderly residents. Under this scheme, villagers who are aged 70 or over and have lived in the village for 2 years or more, who find it difficult to pay their energy bills and need assistance, can apply to the Galon's Charity for an energy grant. At the November meeting, Trustees will then consider the amount of grant, depending on funds available, to be paid in the December.

An application form is available if you wish to apply for assistance from this scheme, from the Clerk to the Trustees. Or can be downloaded from the Charity website (linked from www.swavesey.org.uk)

Other Donations

In April donations are considered to local organisations that provide services from which villagers benefit. Donations can also be made to individual village residents, when the request falls within the limits of the Trust Scheme.

If you would like any further information on help available from the Thomas Galon Charity then please contact:

The Clerk to the Charity: Mrs Linda Miller, 21 Thistle Green, Swavesey. Tel: 202982
E-mail: thomasgaloncharity@swavesey.org.uk
or any of the Trustees as follows:

Mr A Day, Chairman (230050)	
Mr B Baker (230344)	Mr J Dodson (230560)
Mr R Holland (230077)	Mr D Morgan (230249)
Mr J Shepperson (230313)	Mr W Wright (232470)

All enquiries will be considered in strict confidence.

Further history on the charity can be found on the charity website, which is linked from the main village website at www.swavesey.org.uk

August 2016

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

Well, what a wonderful first weekend of the festival we had, it really brings the community together and I was really impressed at the art, guys, quilts, church and everything. Unfortunately I was so busy doing things I did not get to the allotments and gardens.

You may gather that I am writing this on June 20th and feeling rather apprehensive about the referendum vote later in the week and the devolution vote on the 28th June. You will not have heard so much about the devolution vote which the District and County Councils has to take before the end of June. Although I agree in principle that we should encourage decision making at the most local level and want government to devolve responsibilities to the Regions, I am really concerned that I am being asked to vote on your behalf and you have not been consulted. I would definitely not have agreed to a Mayor for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, but this vote will be just for a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor. It will also cover a big sum of money for housing from the Government and allow local councils to set business rates. All 23 councils have to agree to the deal - so we shall see - but fair to say I am rather sceptical at present and need to listen very carefully to the arguments. By the time you read this, the decision will have been made.

Many of you will have read that Ray Manning has stepped down as leader of South Cambs District Council and Peter Topping has become the new leader. He is councillor for Whittlesford and is also a County Councillor. This happened in May so we are only just getting used to a new style of management and look forward to the future.

The Greater Cambridge City Deal has also been working hard to develop a plan to reduce congestion in Cambridge, improve public transport and NOT introduce congestion charging. The plan is currently out for consultation and I envisage some of it will be in place when schools return in September. I am sure we will find it difficult at first but after 12 months of trial it will be presented for consultation to the public and if accepted implemented in full. I will be interested in your responses.

The housing development proposals for 99 houses next to the Village College on Fen Drayton road are currently going through the planning application process. There are concerns about the school and health facilities and many other aspects which will affect the village. You have missed your opportunity to comment by the time this Meridian comes out but there was a good turnout to the open session and all the comments made then will be taken into account.

Anyway, keep me informed of all your thoughts and concerns about anything I can help with. Ring me, email me or plain stop me in the street

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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News May June 2016

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL May 23rd 2016

Warren Wright was elected as chairman for the coming year. Subsequently the Council recorded a warm vote of thanks to acknowledge the commitment Martin Johnson has given to the village in his time as chairman since 2003. The PC reviewed and made decisions relating to Statutory Documents, Appointments and Policies.

COUNTY COUNCIL

THE County Highways Department are to publish statutory notices in July to enable work on yellow lines and the marking of parking bays in Market Street to proceed. Mr Wright reported on meeting with Highways officers to press for surface water drainage problems and road repairs to be followed up and completed. The Boundary Commission continues its review of decisions on the County Council Ward boundaries following disagreement to some areas by the County. The PC has resubmitted its comments on the proposals. Councillor Mandy Smith has declared a conflict of interest in a housing development proposed for the village and as a result County Cllr Lynda Hartford from an adjoining ward has agreed to take up our concerns about the pressure of the proposed new developments on both our schools (see also planning below). The PC is pressing the Highways Department to withdraw its proposal to cease winter gritting of Ramper Road to save money.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tenants have now moved into the new affordable housing at Home Close off Fen Drayton Road.

Electoral Review – The PC is to make no observations on the proposed new ward which will include Fen Drayton and Lolworth with Swavesey. Electronic communications for planning notifications and other changes were shared with the PC.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS.

The PC received updates from our coordinator who will attend the next police liaison meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS

The PC reviewed ideas for improvements to the open space between Carters Way and Priory Avenue and agreed to allocate money from the section 106 funds for recreational open space, received as a result of recent housing developments, to develop the project. Local residents will be involved as the project progresses. The PC also discussed the possibility of facilities for young people on the green such as a play wall, table tennis tables or a basketball net.

DRAINAGE

The PC continues to press the Environment Agency to complete the planned work to the drain in Mare Fen and start repair work to the riverbank. Further meetings have taken place but progress continues to be slow.

COUNCIL NEWS

PLANNING

The planning application for 30 new dwellings at 18 Boxworth End has been granted on appeal. The PC and both schools are extremely concerned at the impact of additional numbers of children given that both schools are at capacity. As a result of this decision and all the other pending planning applications County Councillor Lynda Hartford is taking the matter up with the County Council Education Officers and other members. Our MP Heidi Allen is also involved.

The PC held a special meeting to consider the planning application for up to 99 homes behind Gibraltar Lane off Fen Drayton Road. The meeting followed a consultation with Swavesey residents. The PC objected to the proposal on many detailed grounds including – Surface Water Management, Foul Water Management, Highways involving traffic, transport and footways, Education provision, Health provision, The housing mix, Emerging Local Plan and Open Space Provision.

A planning application for a further 70 houses has been submitted for the Scambler Trust land sited off Boxworth End/Middlewatch. Your PC will be commenting in a similar way once the details are received.

Applications for a number of smaller developments have been considered and objections made on grounds of education and other pressures on our village facilities.

Full details of the PC's comments can be found in the minutes of meetings on the village website.

The PC is pressing for action on 37 Market Street, the derelict listed building at the end of Market Street Green. The outcome of recent meetings between the Planning Officers and owners of the site are awaited.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The need for a plan for Swavesey has been promoted by the PC at both the Primary School Fayre and the Swavesey Festival Gala Day. A number of residents have expressed an interest in helping to develop the plan. The PC will continue to promote the project and encourage a team of residents to prepare a plan. More news on the village website.

www.swavesey.org.uk



Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council
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New Parish Council Website
www.swavesey.org.uk

Same website address but now with an improved and updated look

Take a look to find out...

- the latest news and information about the village
- agendas, minutes and Parish Council news
- links to village clubs and organisations
- links to District and County Council consultations

Horse Manure

Horse manure is fantastic for roses, allotments and firebrick-making (as featured in a previous Meridian). It's not so good for accidentally decorating sensitive public areas. Most of our local riders and members do pick up any manure left in sensitive places but it's not always possible to do it immediately - a skittish or young horse in training, a young child in accompaniment on a leadrein or a lot of traffic around or a blind bend, mean that sometimes riders will return later, without the horse, to remove it.

If you find a horse manure left in a sensitive place, please do phone me on 0777 224 7673 and I will come out and remove it for my roses, vegetable garden and firebrick-making - that's of course provided another resident doesn't beat me to it for the same purposes!

Sue Rogers, Swavesey Bridleways, 0777 224 7673

The Paraffin Man. Part V. 1986 - The end of the road

My father used a horse-drawn waggon to sell paraffin oil and hardwares around the Swavesey area from 1921 to 1948 and I started working regularly on the rounds with him straight from leaving school, before the end of World War Two. Father was really sorry to see the last of the faithful horse and horse-drawn waggon team because that stately method of doing business had worked so well for so long, but times were changing and to keep competitive we had to update – there was no choice.

In 1948 when I was eighteen I passed my driving test so father bought a second hand Morris 25 cwt flat truck. This was fitted out to his requirements as a hardware van at premises in Over. It had originally belonged to Mr Cecil Symonds who used it to carry cinema equipment to the villages he toured round each week. This was satisfactory while we were still working the same old horse rounds locally, including the time when I went on National Service for two years in 1950. Then on my return late in 1952 we started the Cambridge rounds and father purchased a new, bigger, fully enclosed van. The extended business area began with my two older brothers getting married and going to live in Cambridge. We used to visit them at weekends and take five gallons (23 litres) of paraffin each in the boot of the car. Very quickly we were being asked to supply many of their neighbours as well since they had a long way to fetch it from the shops then people in nearby roads also got to hear of us. The Cambridge round finished up being two full days per week, one on Tuesday and the other on Thursday and it lasted for more than thirty years.



After my father died in 1962 at the age of 64 mother had less to do each day, but having been kept busy all her life she could not content herself with sitting at home. The business had grown enormously over the ten years since 1952. We had built up regular rounds in eleven villages plus Cambridge. During her sixties and seventies mother came out with me on most days of the week because she loved travelling the rounds and talking to customers. Paraffin sales peaked in the late 1960s when we were selling many thousands of gallons each year. Throughout winter the demand was so great we were often still selling paraffin in Cambridge as late as 8 o'clock in the evening. After getting home we had to tot up our day's takings and do the paperwork then reload the van with paraffin and other goods ready for the next day. It made a very long day and we were all tired out so the hot meal my wife Ena had cooked for us was always wonderful.

With so many rounds to cover the van was on the road six days per week. We could not even spare time off to send it to a garage for service so it was my job to maintain it. Our customers knew which day to expect us so it was important to keep to the right day. I think there was only twice we didn't turn up on the right day because of breakdown. The photo is of the last van we used on the Cambridge round.

Some of our older customers couldn't get out to the van so we took their orders to them. On the rounds we met some great characters. One particular old lady would write down her order and most weeks the list contained OXOs. She used to make us smile because she always insisted on spelling it XOX. Another lady regularly ordered biscuits but one week they were not on her list. When asked if she wanted any biscuits she replied "No, not this week, he will only eat them".

Mother continued helping on the rounds until 1978 when her health deteriorated. She always said she enjoyed every minute of her time on the rounds. She was 84 years old when she died.

By 1980 sales of paraffin were dropping and Shell had stopped making "Pink Paraffin". Robert C Brown of Cambridge, a major hardware dealer with several vans in the area, had sold their business to another firm and they had eventually taken the vans off the road. Bottled gas was taking over from paraffin for portable appliances such as cooking stoves, room heaters and for lighting. We were the last local firm operating a weekly door to door round in this area. In 1986 I was taken ill and decided it was time for me to close down.

The Paraffin Man's business had lasted for 65 years from 1921 during which time it had seen a lot of change. It had also had an eventful time and had been an important part of so many people's lives. It was a sad day when the gates finally closed but looking back we had some good times and over the years we got to know some wonderful people.

David Crouch.

Motown Night

Friday 16th Sept

Join us at Over Community Centre for a night of Soul, Motown and R&B from a fantastic five-piece band!

£10 Ticket

7.30pm
Fancy dress optional

Telephone
01954 231807
for tickets



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

Registered Charity No: 800829

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk . For more info see: www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
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 fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
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: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
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: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708																					
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Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Simon Dawson on 01954 202233 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972																					
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7 pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk																					
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 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com																					
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	<u>The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm.</u> Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk																					
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221																					
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk																					
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.																					

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	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. 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. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
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.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk . We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist 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. Contact Deborah Walker 0195423 1382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk .
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
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 Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk. It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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