

THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY

A photograph of a forest floor covered in moss and fallen leaves. A large tree trunk is visible in the background. In the foreground, a dense cluster of small, white mushrooms with orange-brown caps is growing. The mushrooms are arranged in a circular pattern, resembling a ring or a fairy ring. The scene is lit with natural light, and the colors are vibrant.

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ENERGISE

Presented by



**April Burgess Martin School of Ballet &
Jack Stinton Dance Company**

**SATURDAY 4TH
FEBRUARY 2017**

Guest artist base dance

At Swavesey Venue

Matinee - 2pm

Evening - 7pm

£7

(Family ticket 4 people £24)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc

Telephone: 01954 230 366

EDITORIAL

Here we are at the end of another year and the start of another! No-one can predict what is in store for us and I am not going to even try! One thing I can say is that your Meridian will continue to try to keep you both amused and informed but we do need you to help us. We get sent a lot of “public information” about all sorts of things but this can make for dull reading so we need your input. Write about your holiday experiences, a good restaurant you have visited, a new hobby you have started that others might enjoy, just send it to us but please be aware of the deadlines!

A note about deadlines – these apply to both articles and to adverts please please keep to them. We can give you extra time if you ask, but in advance so we know how much space you will need. We who produce your Meridian all have jobs and families and do this in our spare time and at times we do not have a lot of spare time to use!

A reminder to clubs and societies if your contact details have changed please let the editor know!

Finally all of us at The Meridian wish all of you a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. - Editor

Cover Image - Fungi by Edwin Parish
 Inside Front Cover - Energise
 Inside Back Cover - RADSOC Treasure Island
 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

2016

Saturday, December 17, Market Street Carols - 6.00 - 7.00pm., Jeff Cockram, 07863 345681 or 01954 205120

2017

Friday, January 20, Treasure Island 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
 Book on line at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or 07540 552870

Saturday, January 21, Treasure Island 2.30pm and 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
 Book on line at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or 07540 552870

Sunday, January 22, Treasure Island 2.30pm at Swavesey Village College
 Book on line at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or 07540 552870

Saturday, February 4, Energise - Dance Showcase 2.00pm and 7.00pm at Swavesey Venue. Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or Telephone: 01954 230 366, April Martin, (01954) 200533

December		
Wednesday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 14	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	7.30pm in Over Town Hall - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL The usual mixture of food & wine. Please bring a contribution of food or drink.
Saturday 17	Swavesey Christmas Carols	Market Street Carols - 6.00 - 7.00pm.
Monday 19	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Tuesday 20	Health and Wellbeing Club - Care Network	A group for older adults - meet 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. (includes Christmas Social)
January		
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	7.30pm in Over Town Hall - 'The Birds of Cambridgeshire' - Vince Lea - Chair of the Cambridgeshire Bird Club
Friday 20	RADSOC	Treasure Island 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Book on line at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or 07540 552870
Saturday 21	RADSOC	Treasure Island 2.30pm and 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Book on line at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or 07540 552870
Sunday 22	RADSOC	Treasure Island 2.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Book on line at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or 07540 552870
February		
Saturday 4	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet with Start Arts + Jack Stinton Dance Co.	Energise -Dance Showcase 2.00pm and 7.00pm at Swavesey Venue. Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or Telephone: 01954 230 366
Wednesday 8	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	7.30pm in Over Town Hall - 'The History of Botanic Illustration' - Philippa Croft - Enthusiastic Artist and Garden Designer

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for the diary

- December 12th** Resolutions and Social Evening
January 9th Talk and Slides of the Antarctic by Neville Tait.
February 13th Something Sweet by Deborah Walker

Swavesey W.I. would like to thank everyone who supported their Cake and Produce Stall in September. This year we raised £112.70. Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like any further information on the above meetings, please ring Deirdre on 01954 230897.

Happy Christmas and best wishes to you for 2017 from all the members of Swavesey W.I.

www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk
www.facebook.com/swavesey-womens-institute

Jam in February: Swavesey & District History Society

Year after year our programme contains a wide variety of expert speakers and really interesting local subjects. Last autumn's topics included Mike Steinhardt, who is a one-man acting company, and he told us lots of things we never knew about Hereward of the Fens. Taking us into summer 2017, the next six subjects will be –

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| 17 January | Stonea Camp, the Iceni and the Romans | Quentin Carroll |
| 21 February | The history of Chivers Jam factory at Histon | Dr David Oates |
| 21 March | The Ouse Washes | Mike Petty |
| 18 April | In a fen country churchyard | David Edwards |
| 16 May | 100 years of maps and surveys | Liz Carter |
| 20 June | Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare | Dr Jennifer Ward |

The History Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Carol Shaw Room at Swavesey Village College. Our meetings, which start at 7.30 p.m. are very friendly, always well attended and open to everyone who has any interest in local history. No need to book so in mid-January just walk in and you will be made most welcome.

There is an annual subscription, but single meetings can be attended for a small cost. If you want further information about the Society contact our Secretary, Carolyn Redmayne, on 01954 230037

You can fill me in on Events this time

One thing most members of Swavesey Camera Club have in common is a love of travel; many go to exotic places to find fantastic scenery, photogenic people and interesting local customs. Others indulge their love of wildlife by spending their annual holidays (retirement? lifesavings?) on world-famous Game Reserves. You will have seen the results in our Annual Exhibition, also on our Open nights. This time I have been off on my own travels, a highly recommended tour of the Italian Lakes, so I have missed many compelling Club events in recent weeks. I hope many of you were able to come along as invited and maybe this time you can tell me all about it.

For the immediate future we have fewer events than usual to offer you as we will soon break for the Christmas/New Year festivities. We do have something very special of wider interest on :- 1st December which is a talk on wildlife photography by our own star, Sarah Kelman. Her subtitle is 'The Easy Way or the Hard Way' so it might be helpful for those among you who are trying out their new skills on Fen Drayton Lakes or Wicken Fen, before taking the plunge and going on full-blown safari. It would also prove helpful for those whose idea of Wildlife is what one finds in a back garden. You will know Sarah's work as you voted her 'Leopard on Impala Kill' your Best in Show at our last exhibition. Sarah is an Airline pilot so her images are taken world wide; it promises to be an evening of stunning photographs.

For the rest of December we have our Set Subject Competition, 'Joy', on the 8th, which should start us off in the right frame of mind for Christmas, closely followed by our President's Evening on:- December 15th fun and games with a photographic theme, and a break for wine and mince pies.

We close then until January 5th when we have our own response on Members' Night; on this evening volunteers can take the stage to show us what they can do. We can look forward to some stunning photographs from our friends; we shall see more of these on January 12th in our Annual Colour Print Competition, always strongly contested. All these expert photographers will be able to benefit from the advice of Vic Hainsworth on January 19th, who will explain how to work towards, and apply for PAGB awards and distinctions (prestigious letters after one's name). Our last meeting in January has a visit from Andy Hanson, a founder Member of the highly successful Bottisham Photographic Club, with them for 42 years. He will share his long experience with us by showing many of his photographs.

Everyone is welcome on any evening for a one-off £4 fee. Don't suffer the long dreary winter nights, come along for a friendly, entertaining evening.

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

The changing face of the allotment harvest

August, September and October are probably those months which the plot holders on the Hale Road allotment site most look forward to as the fruits of their labours are harvested. This year we had a cold wet June which resulted in a slow start for the tender young plants that had just been transferred from warmer conditions indoors. Despite this a drier and warmer July and August heralded a recovery and a decent harvest was achieved especially with squashes, sweetcorn and beans. Soft fruit such as raspberries were also plentiful and I'm sure most of our freezers and sheds are quite full with produce for the winter months. The wet June also caused an attack of blight and mildew which affected some crops but while my second early crop of potatoes was affected the main crop was completely blight free. Also some plot holders tomatoes were affected and others escaped.

One of the pleasures of having an allotment is walking around to see what other plot holders have grown and comparing them with your own efforts. Doing this I was thinking how the produce content has changed over the years. I started helping my father on his allotment in the mid 1950s and have had a garden/allotment ever since. The 1950s was a very different era, this was pre freezers and large supermarkets flying in fruit and veg from all corners of the world so vegetables were very much grown to eat in season and I remember looking forward to the time when the first runner beans, fresh peas or purple sprouting broccoli were harvested. When they were finished there was a 12 month wait before we could sample the delights of those particular vegetables again. We once tried salting runner beans for Christmas dinner but they were so salty, even after much rinsing, that I couldn't eat them. At this time there was no sign of garlic, courgettes (although marrows were grown), sweetcorn and peppers (both sweet and chilli) and these started to make an appearance in the late 60s/early 70s as the popularity of package holidays grew and the population sampled the delights of Mediterranean cuisine. Also at that time the supermarkets were expanding and introducing a wider variety than that which was available at the corner greengrocer.

Lettuces were restricted to butterhead and crisphead types with no sign of lollo rossa, loose leaf, rocket or other varieties which have gradually appeared over the years and are very popular with growers.

As we come into the 21st century the appearance of squashes has been notable. Yes of course marrows and pumpkins are squashes and have been grown throughout, although pumpkins were usually grown in the 50s for exhibition to see who could grow the largest at the annual show and were completely inedible. At that time I was not aware of any use as Jack o' Lanterns for Halloween and I suspect that the tradition was re-invented by the supermarkets importing the commercialism from the USA as another opportunity to make money. The tradition in the UK was to use turnips or swedes and was largely confined to the Gaelic countries but pumpkins are larger and easier to carve.

The first squash to appear in the supermarkets was the butternut which was, and still is, one of the very few on sale and is popular because it makes excellent soup. However, looking

around our allotments in Hale Road I was pleasantly surprised to see a dozen or so different varieties of varying size and colour from the large steel grey Crown Prince to the bright red Japanese Uchiki Kuri. I have become quite a fan of winter squashes for their versatility and long storage: one of the plot holders reported using an autumn harvested Crown Prince the following May although mine seem to get eaten long before the winter is up.

Another interesting vegetable to appear lately is an Italian kale, Nero di Toscana, which is starting to be found on more plots this year. Yes we grew kale in the 50s and the vegetable has always been a good winter stand-by but it was invariably the green curly type which to my mind does not have the subtle flavour of the Italian variety.

When I started this 60 year love affair with growing vegetables I little thought that the diversity would expand as it has done. I still grow most of the vegetables I grew in the 50s (although perhaps not as many) and even stick to the same varieties, if the seed is still available, but over the years I have become increasingly ready to try new things. This year for instance I tried cucamelon; this climbing plant gives a good crop of unusual little fruits that look like tiny watermelons but taste like a combination of cucumber and lime. They fruited all summer and were a hit with my granddaughter who ate them like sweets and are far better for her health as well.

So now that winter is here it's time to get those plant and seed catalogues out and discover what new and interesting vegetables we can grow next year. Who knows, if global warming increases we may yet see banana and citrus fruit on the Hale Road allotments though I suspect not in the next 60 years.

Russell, plot 25

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are:

	£	September 2016	October 2016
First prize	60	Pamela Stevens	Helen/Chris Nunn
Second prize	30	Natalie Wilson	Helena Rees
Third prize	15	Hilary Syddell	Bridget Hendry



Fen Drayton Lakes News

By Emily Neville

A winter wonderland...

It's the most wonderful time of year at Fen Drayton Lakes. The lakes are covered in wintering waterfowl and the early evenings are giving us some spectacular sunsets. Although not everyone enjoys the cold weather and short days, it is a great time to get out and explore.

Wildlife can be easier to spot in these colder months. Bitterns can be spotted stalking through the reeds in search of fish. Earlier in the autumn a bittern was regularly spotted flying into the Elney reedbed – the Elney viewpoint closest to the car park is a good place to start! It is also easier to spot mammals such as foxes, mustelids (stoats, weasels, mink and otters) which may cross frozen lakes. They also stand out more against frost and snow. If you aren't lucky enough to spot the animals themselves, there's a good chance you'll be able to find the tracks they've left behind in the mud and ice.

Love is also in the air for our great crested grebes and goldeneyes. The grebes perform beautiful aquatic ballet dances and the males present females with gifts of greenery. Believe it or not, many courtship moves have official names – goldeneyes perform one move known as the Head-Throw-Kick!



Displaying Goldeneye by Ben Hall

The winter months are also important for habitat management. The wardening team are busy felling trees into the water. This will create fish refuges and microhabitats for aquatic invertebrates, as well as providing nesting areas for birds like grebes.

The earthworks which took place earlier in the year mean that the islands on Moore Lake are clear of vegetation, meaning there are good views across the lake and it is easier to spot both wintering and passing birds.

Making a resolution this New Year? We are looking for volunteers to help us on the reserve. Tasks could include checking the trails and topping up our bird feeders so if you want to get outside and active more next year, give us a call on 01954 233260 or email fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

We can't wait to see you on the reserve!

Swavesey Spartans FC

Website:- The club site has been updated but very much focuses on the current generation. The club was formed in the late 1980s if there are photos out there that can be shared from the "early years" please scan and email them in to us. It is important that we recognise the journey from humble beginnings to the current 18 teams we put out every weekend. www.swavesey Spartans.co.uk is the web address

2016/17:- The Spartans 2016/17 season is now in full flow although sadly Swavesey Green continues to frustrate us with only the rear pitch playable. it is now 2 years since our teams were performing their Ronaldo Chops or Cruyff Turns regularly on the Green. Frustration for our players and their families, but a financial headache for Swavesey Pavilion as our cash is used to rent pitches in Swavesey, Fen Drayton and Elsworth.

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 2017. The competition for the coaches job.....is up and running if you are interested please contact us. Initial sessions have been undertaken by current coaches but this is not sustainable. Some knowledge of football would help, but you will learn a lot more with club sponsoring you on a FA Level One coaching course. We also fund your first aid and child protection training and encourage membership of the FA Licensed Coaches Club although this membership is not essential. If your child is in year one and wants to join the Spartans family, please use the contact details for Swavesey Spartans in the Club Information section of this Meridian.

Facts we are asked:-we have boys and girls teams with leagues starting in school year 2 and our oldest players in the lower 6th form. We have players who only want to train. Fees start at £55 for the season and the most expensive fees are currently £100. The fees cover astro turf fees, club insurance and mandatory costs that the club needs to comply with including ensuring we remain FA Chartered. Our players are eligible for any offers that come our way from Cambridge United - free tickets or discounted soccer schools are the norm. We train on grass up until 30 Sep and after Easter. During the period in between it is one hour midweek on SVC Astro. We normally train until end May. We have our annual club celebration on Fathers Day in June where we have an intra club day on Swavesey Green. Each player receives a momento every year and league teams have a most improved player as well as players and manager annual awards. All of our teams play in blue and players mainly come from Swavesey and Fen Drayton. Each team plays around 20 league games and from under 9 they have an annual cup to play for.

VILLAGE NEWS



Swavesey Community Warden Scheme

The Community Warden Service assists older people by providing support to help them live independently in their own homes.

The warden makes contact with older people using the service by telephone or in person to establish their well being. This can help to avert a crisis occurring.

Light duties can be carried out for a short period, particularly if an individual suddenly becomes unwell. The service can be arranged on an ongoing basis or for temporary periods (e.g. following hospital discharge).

The Warden Service is funded by and closely supported by the Parish Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Thomas Galon Charity, Bethel Church and a generous donation from Swavesey Women's Institute. It is managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire and is open to local people aged 60 or over for a small charge each week payable to the warden.

The warden will contact older people using the service daily (Mon-Fri), either by a personal visit or telephone. From this, it can be established what assistance is needed.

The Warden can assist with, for example:

- Watering plants/ feeding pets.
- Small amounts of shopping/posting letters.
- Collecting prescriptions/ help with paperwork.
- Above all, to be a regular source of reassurance and information to support independent living.

If you are interested in finding out more about the service for yourself or someone you know, please contact the Community Warden on **07436 102 736** or Age UK Cambridgeshire's Helpline on **0300 666 9860**.



Join us this winter at the Library. We are in the Village College straight up the drive. Follow the Signs.

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. Come and join us. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters

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	230650
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!!!

Volunteering Alzheimer's Society

“Here at Alzheimer’s Society, we want to connect to as many people as possible who are affected by dementia. In rural areas, this can often be hard to get our message out there which is, “we are here for you”.

As a result of the difficulties faced from rural areas, we are currently looking for volunteers to help raise awareness of Dementia and Alzheimer’s Society in their local areas. This can be achieved by ensuring local GP’s, health centres, community centres and even local shops have up to date information from us. The role would involve supplying these places with the information through the forms of posters etc. that would be supplied to you by our Information Worker. The Information Worker will be managing you to ensure you have the resources available to raise awareness of Dementia and Alzheimer’s Society.

The volunteering opportunity has no fixed hours, and can be done in your own spare time where available.

Along with this opportunity, we also have volunteering opportunities with South Cambs Dementia Action Alliance. This is a group that consists of local business, health departments etc. that ensure South Cambs is a dementia friendly area. The opportunity would involve increasing the size of the group by contacting local businesses/community groups to see if they would like to know more about becoming dementia friendly and assisting them on their way with support from the Cambridge Dementia Action Alliance Coordinator.

Again this is another volunteering opportunity that has no fixed hours and can be done in your own spare time. Meetings of the South Cambs Dementia Action Alliance often take place bi-monthly.

If either of these opportunities are of interest to yourself and you would like to speak about them in more detail, then please do feel free to email Joshua.Pearce@alzheimers.org.uk”

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery

(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-

www.swaveseyurgery.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
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

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

Over Surgery Extract from their Newsletter

Reminders.....

Don't forget to book your annual medication review, ask at the pharmacy counter!

Smoking Cessation

If you would like to give up smoking please make an appointment with Carole, practice nurse, who will be happy to offer you smoking cessation and support.

The surgery is also taking part in the IQuit Study, which offers text messaging support to patients who would like to give up smoking. You will be asked if you would like to take part in this study when you book an appointment to see Carole, but this is not obligatory.

Flu Season!

If you have asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart disease or pregnant then you are more at risk of severe respiratory infection so it is important that you receive a flu vaccination. The pharmacy can provide flu vaccinations to those who are not eligible to receive an NHS vaccine at a cost of £9.00, please ask at the counter. Please make an appointment as soon as possible with reception.

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

tutusrus@ntlworld.com





Start the New Year with a New Skill - join a leisure or adult learning class at Swavesey Village College

Join in with our Swing & Lindy Hop or Contemporary Dance classes to get you moving after the Christmas break.

Relax and improve your wellbeing with Tai Chi for Beginners and mixed ability Pilates.

Try a more technical course with CAD CAM & Electronics or improve your holiday phrases, ready for the summer, with Italian and Spanish for Beginners.

Why not add some sparkle to your nails during the dull winter months with our new Nail Art course

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

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website

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
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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.



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

St Andrews News

Life at St Andrews continues at a pace. Since the last edition of the Meridian, we now have a new Team name – the 5 Folds Team Ministry and will have a new logo in the New Year. We have also been joined by a new Team Vicar, Lynda Davies. Lynda was licenced by the Bishop of Huntingdon on 29 October at a service in the church attended by over 300 members of the five villages and Lynda's previous church St Peter's Oundle. This was a wonderful occasion which concluded with a celebration buffet.

The five churches have also appointed a new administrator, Gillian Beal. Gillian joined us at the beginning of November and will support the five churches and will keep us all on our administrative toes. Gillian is based in the Church Hall in Over.

After two very successful years of hosting the Christmas Tree Festival, this year we felt a change was necessary and so the church is filled with angels instead of trees all of which have been provided by organisations or individuals in the village. If you have not already seen the angels, including the flying ones, do pop into the church to see the fantastic creations. They will be there until after Christmas.

Can we also thank you for your support over the last year. We are very grateful for the support of the village, businesses, voluntary organisations and of course individuals. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

If you have any questions about the church or need a visit from one of the clergy please contact Gillian in the office in the first instance or speak to one of the churchwardens. (See page 28 for contact details)



*St Andrew's Church
Services and Events
Dec and Jan 16*

November

26th - 27th - Angel Festival and Advent Fair.

December

3rd 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Gift Day in Market Street.

*4th 11:00 AM Holy Communion.
3:00 PM Christingle.*

*11th 8:00 AM Holy Communion (BCP).
11:00 AM Holy Communion.*

*18th 11:00 AM All Age Nativity Service.
7:00 PM Celebration Praise at Bethel Baptist Church.*

*24th 4:00 PM Crib Service.
11:30 PM Midnight Mass Holy Communion.*

25th 11:00 AM Family Service with Holy Communion.

January

28th Burns Night Ceilidh.



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

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

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 2017: 30th March, 29th June, 31st August & 30th November



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www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00



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

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator, Gillian Beal or the Priest in Charge:

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 230459
(Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00)

Rev. 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.

Sunday School

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.

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 10.30 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.

Bell Ringing

Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7.30 and 9 PM.

Church Choir

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

Compass Café

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

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

ALL WELCOME



Something for ALL the family!
10:45 am each week
with activities for children of all ages

First Sunday in the Month
Church around the coffee table
Why not come and try it?



Open Access Club for Students Year 6 & 7

Fridays 7pm to 9pm

Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS



Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors
Fun and Games for Children in
Keystage 1, 2 and 3



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)

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH



Celebrate Christmas
with us at Bethel



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY, 4th December @ 3:00pm

We will be joining with St Andrew's for this traditional Christmas
Family service

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PRAISE

SUNDAY, 18th December @ 7:00pm

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

CRIB SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, 24th December @ 4:00pm

A Family Christmas Celebration at St Andrew's Parish Church

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, 25th December @ 10:45am

For more information on all of our events and activities:

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

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

Whippet Bus to Tescos Bar Hill no longer running

Below is a copy of a letter sent to John Ardley regarding the cessation of this service.

Dear John

Thank you so much for sending over the leaflet from Tesco. We now have (belated) communication from Tesco to also let us know that they are withdrawing the buses. Our Commercial Manager is speaking to Tesco regarding the shoddy lack of communication but there is no prospect, I am afraid, of Tesco changing their minds. They have apparently cut the free bus service for 28 of their stores.

We will not be able to introduce a service to replace what has been lost effective 25th November as it would not be commercially viable for us. In all honesty, John, the payment we received to run the free buses represented a minimal profit for us but we could and did cope with this and would have continued to do so.

Tesco will undoubtedly lose customers due to this decision as not everyone will be able to source an alternative option to get them to/from the Bar Hill store. You were right to question their suggested public transport options in their leaflet. They are full of inaccuracies and, I regret that we do not operate a service running Swavesey to/from Bar Hill (Stagecoach may do). We do offer a minimal service to/from Swavesey and St Ives (Service 15) and I can send you the timetable if this is of interest.

Thank you, once again John.

Kind Regards

Pauline Robson
Administrator

Whippet Coaches Ltd

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

What a great summer ! The village community events have been well attended and I feel we have a real community spirit in the village.

The Referendum results knocked most of us off our feet but now we have had time to think, the British spirit seems to have kicked in and there is a positive attitude to the future. At present the District Council day to day activities are not really affected by the vote but no doubt there will be implications in the future.

The Devolution vote to go to consultation, which was taken last June, led to many interesting, but positive in the main, responses. I think there was a general feeling that a Mayor was unnecessary, but the move to devolve money and power to a Cambridge/Peterborough Local Governing body was generally accepted. This initial money will be used to increase housing and infrastructure. There will be a special council meeting in November to make the final agreement. But the most interesting part for me is that it is anticipated that further devolved powers will be agreed in the Spring . These powers could well include greater local control of our health and Social Care budget. Some think this is a poisoned chalice but I believe that Central Government has given no consideration to our rising population. GPs, Hospitals and Social Care have had to manage to provide the same service with the same pot of money to the enormous growth in our local population over the last 5 years. The elastic will not stretch any further! Devolution may provide the way to redress this balance.

The lack of housing for both private and public ownership continues to be the key issue for the District Council. We have over 700 families and individuals on the housing list and many of these are facing homelessness. the Council has a responsibility to find accommodation for anybody who is homeless but this becomes more difficult. Money has been made available via the devolution process to build affordable housing first on many of the big new development which we see in South Cambs. New ways of delivering houses include 100 which will be Self Build for individuals, as well as equity share arrangements. If you need advice or just want to understand what is available either contact me or ring South Cambs and make an appointment to talk to a housing officer.

Anyway - have a Happy Christmas - join in the local Community events and look forward to a good New Year. Please feel free to ring me, email me, or stop me whenever you see me.

Sue Ellington - South Cambs District Council
Cllr ellington@scambs.gov.uk
01954 202923
07774146331



Help Plan Your Community's Future

The project is moving forward and an application has now been submitted to South Cambs District Council to designate the Plan Area, which will be the entire Parish.

A Parish Plan is a document which is to be drawn up by the Community (not the Parish Council), however the Parish Council leads the project.

Therefore we NEED people from the community to be a part of the working group which will draft the Plan and work with the appointed Planning Consultant to produce the final document. The working group will be involved with:

- Organising workshops for local residents and businesses to consult and gain their comments on proposals
- Drafting the questionnaire which will go out to all residents and help to formulate which policies will be included in the final plan
- Reviewing the questionnaire responses and data
- With the Planning Consultant, drafting the policies for the plan



Although a major project, it is being completed by many other Parishes nationally and more and more within Cambridgeshire are now deciding it is something they should be providing for their communities, so here are many points of reference and advice to help in the process.

This will be your Plan and we need your help to generate a document that ensures Swavesey will develop according to the wishes of its residents.

The next Working Group Meeting will be in mid-late January, 7pm in the Memorial Hall

The website page will confirm meeting details and project updates

<http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

If you would like to be involved with the working group please contact us

Swavesey Parish Council • Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk • Tel: 01954 202982
www.swavesey.org.uk

Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December

Get into the Christmas spirit at the Over Day Centre's **Christmas Fayre**, from 2pm on Friday December 9th at the Over Day Centre

GRAND RAFFLE DRAW!

Stalls include:

Christmas items, Jewellery, Craft 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

CALLING ALL QUIZZERS

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

On **24 February 2017** take part in Macmillan's nationwide quiz and help raise vital funds for people affected by cancer.

Macmillan are looking for individuals, groups and businesses to host their nationwide quiz. Everything is provided for you including questions, answer sheets, invitations and posters



For more information macmillan.org.uk/mammoth or email fundraising@macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). MAC16371_Event_2

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News September October 2016

COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Highways Department are to publish statutory notices on October 31st. to enable work on yellow lines and the marking of parking bays in Market Street and better parking restrictions outside the Primary School to proceed.

The PC is continuing to follow up repairs to the highways. The surface water drainage works for Gibraltar Lane and Black Horse Lane are being progressed.

The PC does not own the land over the drainage ditch behind Whitegate Close but is in discussions with CCC Flood Management Dept and the owners concerning ways to maintain the land.

Ramper Road and Fen Drayton Road have been omitted from the winter gritting schedule. The PC is raising very strong objections in view of the effect of A14 traffic during its construction and other concerns.

The PC agreed to bid for a project to be funded from the Local Highways Initiative Scheme to form a traffic restriction at the point of entry to the village on Ramper Road to stop speeding.

The electoral ward boundaries for both the County Council and District Council have been finalised. Details are available on the relevant web sites.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

BT has consulted on the future of the two telephone boxes in the village. The PC is seeking to acquire them for other uses for the village once the phones are removed.

Cllr. Mrs Ellington reported on Devolution for Cambridgeshire and The City Deal.

SCDC are seeking nominations for their Community Awards for 2016-2017. The Parish was well represented last year, your thoughts as to suitable individuals or organisations meriting an award to the clerk please.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS

The PC received updates on the Police liaison meeting.

COUNCIL NEWS

VILLAGE MATTERS

The PC expects the use of the village green for football will be in full swing when this Meridian is published.

A project to improve the public open area between Priory Avenue and Carters Way with planting, new ground surfaces, seating and play features has been circulated to residents for comment and information. The PC hopes to progress the project for completion in the New Year.

The clerk has contacted the contractors asking to reinstate the grass area at the Moat Way-Fen Drayton junction.

The PC will be contacting residents to cut back vegetation that overgrows and obstructs footpaths. Please make sure your boundaries are cut back where necessary.

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. Maintenance to Covell's Drain is being pursued with the District Council.

PLANNING

The site off Boxworth End, which was granted permission for 30 new homes earlier this year at appeal, is now up for sale for housebuilders to carry out the project.

Planning permission for 70 houses on the Scambler site, at 130 Middlewatch, was REFUSED by SCDC on Weds 2nd November.

The Bloor Homes application for 99 homes, behind Gibraltar Lane, is due to go to the SCDC planning committee in December. The Chairman and District Cllr will attend the committee to make clear the opposition of the PC to this development. The PC has met with planners and developers in discussions to highlight ongoing queries all of these large applications in relation to highways and access, surface water drainage, education provision and S106 contributions to the village.

A further development of 55 homes was the subject of a pre-application consultation with the village. It is located off Fen Drayton Road behind Home Close. Full details are not available as we go to press.



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

Swavesey Parish Council

Website: - www.swavesey.org.uk

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Memorial Hall Administrator		
Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

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



The Over Day Centre is a thriving charity that offers high quality care for the frail and older people of Over and the surrounding villages. We presently have the following vacancies:

CARE ASSISTANT - BANK STAFF

Care Assistants duties include the general care of our clients as well as organising activities and contributing to the happy and friendly environment that makes the Day Centre such an important part of many lives. Experience and NVQ Level II in Health and Social Care (or willingness to train to this level) are essential.

VOLUNTEERS

Minibus Driver: We are looking for a volunteer to drive our minibus on Tuesday afternoons 3.15 pm – 5.00 pm. The Driver is accompanied by the Bus Escort whilst taking clients home. Full training will be given and a DBS check will be required.

Kitchen Assistant: Assisting with general kitchen duties and preparing tea and cake for our clients in the afternoon 1-3pm. Days for volunteering can be flexible or on a regular basis.

For further information, please contact the Centre Manager, Sarah Carr, at The Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over, Cambridge, CB24 5NZ.
01954 231807 email: office@overdaycentre.co.uk

What to do about securing your home:-

Burglaries are happening regularly across villages in South Cambs, usually happening in the day when properties appear to be empty, with cash and jewellery being the common things stolen. Have you considered how secure your property is? If not you may be interested to know that there is an online quiz designed to confirm how safe your property is. Chief Inspector James Sutherland from South Cambs Policing team created the quiz around a year ago and it is still running. Once the quiz is completed it tells you how safe your home is. The “bad-wolf test” takes just 2 minutes to complete and tells you how safe your home is from burglars. You get a score of bricks, twigs or straw.

Anyone who gets the STRAW rating is given an email contact address and encouraged to get in contact with Cambs Police so that they are given the opportunity to have an officer from South Cambs Police, come out and do a free full home security survey.

Try the quiz yourself to see how safe your home is:- <http://tinyurl.com/bad-wolf-test>

Another option to consider is, The Bobby Scheme. The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme is a local charity which provides a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime. The Bobby Scheme works with a number of partner agencies, including the Police, Fire Service, Local Authorities, Age UK and other charities.

The trained staff come out and fit a range of security devices to help people feel safe in their own homes. Devices such as window locks, door chains, personal attack alarms, window and door alarms etc. They also provide other security advice and reassurance. On average it costs the Bobby Scheme £130 to work at each home, so they do ask people to consider making a donation so that they can continue to provide such a great service. This is how the scheme works:-

- If you have been a victim of crime and you are over 60, you can receive a free visit.
- If you are 65 and over or disabled and would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme to reduce your chance of becoming a victim, they ask for a contribution of £30.00 towards their costs.
- Key safes supplied and fitted from £50.00 and £80.00
- Other specialist products are available to be purchased.

The number to call if you would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme is 01480 413311 or 07866 602100. They also have a website which is www.thebobbyscheme.org

Any queries, regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me

PCSO 7239 Leanne Fisher – Business Watch and Engagement Officer for South Cambs – based at Sawston Police Station, 4 Cambridge Road, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3DG
leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk - Telephone – 01223 497610.

Christmas Customs and New Year Traditions

There are many customs and traditions associated with midwinter, a lot of our Christmas traditions actually owe their origin to Victorian times, others are much older. We have Christmas cards and decorated Christmas trees from the reign of Queen Victoria, but did you know that the tradition of bringing greenery into the house in midwinter pre-dates this?

Mince pies were not originally round but made in the shape of a crib to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and yes they did contain small pieces of meat - the spices and fruit were to help preserve the meat and also to hide any rancid flavours! The meat of choice for Christmas for those who could afford it was often beef or maybe goose and the animals were walked to market. Geese would have their feet dipped in tar to protect them and were herded to market and then fattened up again before sale.

The winter solstice and Christmas have become mingled together over time so some practices that were part of (and still are) the midwinter feast are now thought of as Christmas traditions. For example the lighting of candles, the Yule Log (wood not the chocolate variety!) Mistletoe, and families getting together for a meal. “First footing” at the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Day is a tradition where wealth and prosperity are wished on the household who are “First footed” as the first footer will present the head of the house with salt and bread. The bread to wish they will not go hungry and the salt (a valuable commodity once) to ensure they will not be without money.

There is also an old tradition that a housewife should not clean the house on New Year’s Day as if she does she sweep all the luck for the coming year out of the house- (good excuse not to do any housework!!)

In Cambridgeshire on St Thomas Day (21st December) older residents in fenland villages would go and visit the better off households and farms asking for alms in the form of money or small gifts and the day was known as Gooding Day. Gathering day/ Mumming Day depending on the village. During the twelve days of Christmas the Mummers would parade and sing and again would ask for money but the old tradition of mummer’s plays has long gone. The plays would be on the theme of good defeats evil. Cambridge had the Town Waits who would parade the streets for the 6 weeks running up to Christmas singing and making music they were first recorded as having performed in 1511!

Farm workers who could not work in the middle of the winter would parade through villages on Plough Monday asking for money and the threat of having your front garden/doorstep ploughed up was enough to persuade most people to pay up even it was only a penny (old money!) Plough Monday also saw entertainment in the form of Molly Dancers with blackened faces (presumably this was a disguise). Whittlesey had a tradition of a “Straw Bear” Tuesday held the day after Plough Monday where a man dressed entirely in straw would be paraded through the streets by the Molly Dancers.

Most if not all of the many traditions associated with Christmas have disappeared but some still survive, one thing is certain Christmas has always been a time for feasts, family time and enjoyment.

(Sources - Clarissa Dickson Wright : Enid Porters Book Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore.)

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

Amy 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 7pm 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@onthe meridian.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 0771 1 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 Tumer (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 01954231382 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@totennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btcc.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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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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