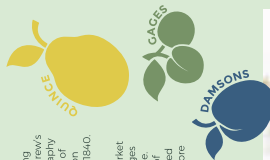


THE MERIDIAN SWAVESEY



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WELCOME TO SWAVESEY COMMUNITY ORCHARD



CHURCH GREEN

Church Green is part of Swavesey including Swan Pond, the Manor House and St Andrew's Church. The area is a mix of open spaces and built-up areas. The extraction of gravel for the construction of Church Bridge and the road to Over in 1940. Further back in time (14/15th Century) it is known Swavesey had 2 docks - one in Market Street and one in Church Green. The docks came into Swavesey from the River Ouse. Swan Pond and Church Green. It is believed the drain was relocated at some time before the current location.

The orchard was established in 2019 by a group of Swavesey residents. The first 40 fruit trees were planted on November 23rd and 500 daffodil bulbs were planted on December 15th. It is hoped the scope of the Orchard will be expanded to include a wildflower meadow, a pond and other environmentally friendly projects.

The aim is to maintain and develop the orchard for the benefit of Swavesey residents, visitors, and wildlife and to encourage community involvement of families, schools and children's groups.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Church Green is owned by the family of Dr Allan Ford. Dr Ford was Swavesey's Doctor from 1946 to 1972; living and holding his surgery at the Manor House, Richard Ford, Swavesey. He was a very supportive of the Swavesey Community Orchard's plans for Church Green.

Swavesey Parish Council has supported and provided funding for the Community Orchard. Orchestras East and The National Heritage Lottery Fund have provided support and funding.

EDITORIAL

This issue may be a little thinner than usual since we have not much to report for clubs and societies! They have not been meeting due to Covid and at time of writing cannot give any indication of future plans - well up to November anyway! However we have lots of items to interest you: more of our popular "Where I grew up"; reports from those organisations that have been able to meet, and a glimpse of the delights of Edinburgh.

Hopefully by the time this issue hits the doormats things will still be improving and we can start to get some normality in our lives again.

Please can I remind you to update information regarding clubs contact details and the deadline for the Dec./Jan issue is 20 October

Editor

Cover Image - Season of Mist. By Edwin Parish
 Inside Front Cover - Swavesey Community Orchard sign
 Inside Back Cover - Del la Zouche Coat Of Arms
 Back Cover - Swavesey Festival AGM

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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

Wednesday 14 October	Swavesey Festival	Annual General Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Sunday 8 November	St Andrew's Church	Remembrance Sunday



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



October		
Thursday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 14	Swavesey Festival	Annual General Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 29	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
November		
Thursday 5	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Sunday 8	St Andrew's Church	Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 12	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 19	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 26	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
December		
Thursday 3	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 17	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey Camera Club

Are you interested in getting more from your photography? Come over to Swavesey Camera Club, meeting on-line most Thursday evenings.

Photography is well suited to on-line meetings and presentations and our members have thoroughly enjoyed seeing each other's work this way, as well as learning from accomplished photographers from other parts of the UK.

This season up to Christmas we will be having presentations from expert photographers from various parts of England and Ireland. We will see demonstrations of architectural photography, texture photography and portraiture, as well as enjoying our own photographs and sharing tips.

If you would like to see for yourself the first evening is free to non-members, and £4 per on-line visit on subsequent evenings. Beginners are welcome, as well as more experienced photographers. Go to the club's website:- <https://swaveseycameraclub.co.uk/> for more information and annual membership rates.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Gill Hurst 01954 200470. Latest winners are;



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WI News

Swavesey WI have been meeting on Market Street Green every Thursday morning, weather permitting, just for an hour or so. We have had guidance from head office on what we can and cannot do, and at the moment, meetings inside are not possible.

Our coffee mornings, which incidentally, everyone in the village is invited to, enable us to keep in touch with each other, which is very important for members. Some of us have been venturing out into the world a bit, with carefully planned holidays in this country, meals out and visits to friends and family. One thing we all agree on is how confusing the rules are about who and where we are allowed to meet. We continue with 'phoning each other and a newsletter from time to time. We do feel we are doing as much as we are can, and enjoy the chance to have a chat and hear each other's news.

So, if you are free on a Thursday morning, and the weather is reasonable, come and find us on Market Street Green from 10.30 a.m. Our plan when these outdoor meetings have to stop, has yet to be decided.

Linda Saunders for Swavesey WI.

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RADSOC News

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With heavy hearts the committee made the unprecedented decision to cancel our 2021 Pantomime. Sadly, the challenges and the uncertainties are too great at this time to be able to do the show safely.

Whilst we love putting on a show, we have decided that is not worth the risk to you; our members and our audiences.

However, we are still planning to go ahead with our production of "Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders" next year.

Please keep an eye on our social media for further updates and keep safe by following the government's COVID guidelines.

We will be back soon; stronger than ever but for now we just have to be patient.

Hale Road Allotments - A Productive Summer

This year the weather and conditions have been kind to us, most plots have yielded good and early crops of fruit and vegetables. Was this because the current situation allowed plot holders more time to weed, water and care for their plants, it most certainly was a factor. Another factor has been the low occurrence of pests and diseases. There was an early attack of allium leaf miner and black fly on the broad beans but there was no reported blight.

On the minus side gooseberries were not brilliant, not sure if that was bird trouble but all the other berries and currants have been cropping well, you may have noticed the hedgerow blackberries were quite early and abundant. On the positive side rhubarb has been giving week after week all summer. I usually find that rhubarb has a lull in the middle of the season and then comes back again for a late crop but this year haven't noticed that lull.

This is being written before the produce sale so I'm hoping that the stall will have been well stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables for all to enjoy but you will appreciate that we are dependant on weather which will affect the time when crops mature.

And so now the next phase of the gardening year is commencing when our plots will be cleared, dug over and manured. Many of us have planted winter crops of Savoy cabbages, brussel sprouts, leeks, kale etc. which will change our diet from summer salads to winter fare, although some summer crops will have been frozen, bottled or stored to be used through the winter.

The seed catalogues will be available to browse but the successful group session we held last year where members discussed their failures and successes obviously cannot go ahead so will depend on plot holders talking among themselves on the allotment at a 2m distance of course. One of the enjoyable features of owning an allotment is the social interaction with fellow gardeners. We have strict rules to combat the spread of the virus and everyone sticks to them but we have found that it's very possible to chat socially distanced.

The committee is making arrangements to hold the AGM which is due in November but the popular music and general knowledge quiz has been postponed until next year. We think it will be possible to socially distance the numbers that usually attend the AGM but not the quiz.

There has been the inevitable turn over in members and there may be more after September when subscriptions are due. We have been pleased with the effort that new members have made in clearing and cultivating what were generally uncared for plots but the waiting list keeps revolving so if you're interested get your name down.

Russell, chairman.



An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

The 2020 breeding season is starting to come to a close with many of our summer migrants either getting ready to depart or already gone to spend the winter months in Southern Europe and Africa. Whilst we were unable to carry out formal surveys this year, regular visits by staff and reports from visitors over the past months indicate that it has been a good year for our breeding birds

At least one bittern was once again present on site and could be heard booming from Holywell in March and April. This species of heron is a reedbed specialists and was almost extinct in the UK in the 1990s. Due to concerted efforts across the country they are now steadily increasing in number with almost 200 territorial males recorded in the UK in 2019.

After just a handful of sporadic sightings last year, turtle dove returned to the reserve with a probable three individuals regularly heard making their signature purring noise from different locations in June and July. As one of the UK's fastest declining bird species this is good news and although no young have been seen, we hope that they successfully bred on site.

Although tern rafts were not deployed, common tern nested in some numbers on two of the Moore Lake islands with around 35 apparently incubating adults seen with the 200-plus black-headed gulls.

Other species of note included at least 35 garden warbler territories across the reserve, lapwing nesting on Ferry Mere, and sand martins once again in Webbs Hole Sluice just off the north-most end of Middle Fen.



Turtle Dove - Simon Freedman

Get involved....

Events

Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

Volunteering

Whatever your interests are, there is likely to be a volunteering role to suit.


For information about volunteering opportunities at Fen Drayton Lakes, please get in touch.

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“World Upside Down” The Next Swavesey Festival

Two years ago, with an abundance of volunteers we started planning the 2020 Festival. Our aim was to keep some traditional parts of the Festival activities and events, along with incorporating some new ideas for the village to try.

Meetings had been held, pitches were booking up, and it was all getting very exciting then with a bang Covid19 took the wind out of our sails. The decision to postpone to 2021 was taken just before lockdown which was a difficult one to make knowing, like many other events, we were just ticking the to do list off.....

As these past few months have shown us all, this has turned our worlds upside down and looks like it will in many ways for the rest of 2020. With our thinking hats on, the blow to the economy and to our daily lives it could take months to recover from. The wise owls have decided that we would much prefer to bring you a festival that can be enjoyed by all and not risk a half- hearted one in 2021.

So hot off the press, we will bounce back in 2022, bigger, better and stronger, to provide the village with a fabulous Festival. One where we can all be free to celebrate, mix with people and participate alongside our fellow residents and people from far and wide

In the meantime, and when it's safe to do so, we hope to bring you some interim events that, fingers crossed, you can support. Once our dates for 2022 have been set then of course you will be the first to know.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 14th October 2020, Swavesey Memorial Hall 7.30pm. Please come along, firstly to help us to set a suitable date for the 2022 Festival and secondly to improve on what we were already planning to include at the June 2020 event. This is your chance to help Swavesey to recover from the coronavirus crisis by celebrating our restored freedom with a Blockbuster Festival Event! It will be great fun for all the community and fingers crossed outshine all since the first in 2008.

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Advanced speakers practise their speeches using manuals of www.AgoraSpeakers.org. For members, this online service is free. There are no club-charges.

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HOLDERS OF THE MANOR OF SWAVESEY (Part 2)

From the notes used by Dorothy Bamber when teaching Medieval history to older pupils at Swavesey Primary School in the 1970s and 80s.

You will recall that after the Norman Conquest the manor was given to (Alain) Alan de la Zouche Viscount Rohan of little Brittan, Alan or Alain the Red because he had a red beard. It was a valuable manor with arable land for 18 ploughs and meadow for 14.

The de la Zouche family lost the Manor from time to time until Roger de la Zouche of Ashby bought it in 1230 from Nicholas de Molis. To do this he sold his land in Brittany. Roger had lived in England for a long time and wanted to buy good land somewhere in England and Swavesey was exactly right. Good land for corn and sheep and fenland where cattle could graze, where reeds, fish and eels could be harvested. Importantly, the village was linked by river to the open sea at The Wash and across to Europe. He recognised the opportunity for trade in many commodities over a wide area.

In 1232 King Henry 3rd gave Roger permission to fell 15 oak trees from the Royal Forests, seven from Wauberg forest (Weybridge) and eight from Sappele forest (S,apley). This was to be used “for making his lodging in Swavesey”.

In 1236 Roger gifted the manor to his son Alan de la Zouche of Ashby. These two men, Roger and Alan had the biggest influence on the development and growth of Swavesey which remained prosperous for the next 500 years.

The Manor from 1244 to the 14th Century

The Lord of the Manor was very powerful. He had the authority to check weights and measures. He also had authority to whip delinquents and hang people.

In 1244 a charter was granted to Alan by Henry 3rd for a market and fair. The market to be held every Tuesday and a clerk of the market was appointed. The annual fair was to last for 3 days at Trinity in May. In 1261 the fair was moved to Michaelmas in October and extended to 8 days.

A court was held every 3 weeks.

The fair was a major activity which brought in wealth on the sale of Swavesey goods but also allowed items such as wine, cheese, garlic and cloth to be imported.

In 1263 Civil War broke out between the King and the Barons led by Simon de Montfort who wanted to limit the power of the King.

Alan de la Zouche and Prior Roger were supporters of the King. The Barons took refuge on the Isle of Ely, fortified it and used it as a base from which to make raids on the surrounding countryside. The Barons broke into the Priory. Its chest was broken into amongst other damage and valuables taken. The chest would have been the local strong safe deposit, secure against all except the most impious.

1267 – When Alan’s corn was burned by the King’s enemies a grant was made to him to buy corn from Prior Roger of Swavesheth at Swavesheth and from Dry Drayton, “no prise shall be made” Roger’s corn had escaped destruction.

Walter de Swavisheye and John de Bokesworth were granted remission on charges of not helping during the recent “disturbances”, so not all Swavesey people supported Henry 3rd during the Civil War.

Henry 3rd was only nine when he came to the throne. As an adult he lacked clear and consistent policies which led to discontent.

The idea was growing that there should be a system of laws and co-operation between king and subjects. Henry’s son Edward defeated de Montfort in August 1265 and ended this movement which led to a peaceful settlement.

The King occupied Ely and William de la Zouche was appointed as garrison commander. The Great Council of England which was formed at this time became known as Parliament.

Around 1270 , Elen la Zouche rented the manor from Roger de la Zouche.

She also paid the King 2 marks per annum, held 7 yards of land and also had the King’s Seal which gave her the authority to check weights and measures, bread and ale and had free warren (rabbits), the gallows and tumbrell plus 2 mills at 40 shillings per annum.

FOOTNOTES

(1) The coat of arms of the de la Zouche family is carved at the edge of the wooden rafters in the Lady Chapel, at St. Andrews church. (See back inside cover page of this magazine)

(2) It is not painted in the red and gold colours which would be correct because, when asked, the College of Arms advised no painting as the wood is so old (12th century when Alan built the Chapel) and has never been painted.

A Glance at the Past in October and November From the Cambridge Chronicle

1814, 28 Oct. Common Rights for Sale. All those Common Rights attached to The White Horse Public House in Swavesey, consisting of a right for 2 cows on Cow Fen, 1 horse & 1 cow on Middle Fen & 7 sheep on the Common Fields. It is presumed that in the event of Inclosure of the Parish the allotment for the above rights would be considerable.

1817, 28 Nov. Robbery, 2 Gns Reward. Anderson Wells Shoemaker premises broken into between 19 and 20 Nov. when 6 pairs of boots, 2 pairs of shoes and an apron were stolen. Part of these were offered for sale at Sutton on Fri 21st by a man nearly six feet high with dark hair & eyes with a cast in the right eye, wearing a blue linen slop, jockey boots, nearly new, corded breeches and white cotton stockings.

1841, 2 Oct. New Schoolrooms Ceremony. On Tuesday 26 September, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large number of ladies and gentlemen of the neighbourhood were present. The Curate, Rev. Grover, commenced with a prayer, after which the Rev. John Graham proceeded to lay the foundation stone.

1846, 28 Nov. Fatal Accident. Elizabeth Ding, a child, whose clothes caught fire as she was putting a kettle on the fire, causing serious burns from which she died on Monday. The inquest held at The Black Horse returned a verdict of accidental death.

1858, 16 Oct. Railway Station Fire. Early last Tuesday the coal shed and a large quantity of coal destroyed by fire. Incendiarism suspected.

1860, 10 Nov. Child drowned. John Sprigg, age two years, fell into a pond and was drowned before assistance arrived. Inquest at White Horse.

1863, 7 Nov. Soaking. Three young men, named respectively Prime, Covell and Phillip Dodson, whilst walking to Holywell, fell into a dyke but managed to extricate themselves.

1870, 19 Nov. New Education Act. On Monday 14th inst., a meeting was held in the National School to consider the Elementary Education Act. The Rev Sharpe took the chair. He outlined the new proposals and the Rev W Leach and J. C Wooster also spoke, advocating the establishment of a School Board.

1876, 18 Nov. Inquest at New Inn. On Mary Ann Barker of Lolworth who collapsed on the road near the inn. Death due to visitation of God

1884, 31 Oct. Scientific Farming. Lecture by Mr Buckmaster on the importance of greater knowledge in dealing with soil, plants and weather.

1885, 30 Oct. Late Mr S. J Spring. The ringers showed their great respect by ringing a dumb peel of bells at the funeral on Tuesday.

1886, 22 Oct. Harvest Festival. This was celebrated yesterday and on the following Sunday. Thursday's sermon was given by the Rev F Braker, late of Cottenham, now Rector of Grassendale. Collection £15 13s 8d, fruit and vegetables to Addenbrooke's.

1888, 23 Nov. Smoking concert. Primrose League meeting, present Dr Ellis, Rev Lushington and most of the principal farmers and tradesmen. There were some good songs by League members of Cambridge town branches, aided by Messrs. Covill and Beaumont of Swavesey.

1897, 8 Oct. Harvest Festival. The church was tastefully decorated with corn, fruit, flowers & vegetables. Lesson read by the Vicar and Rev R. M. Staplyton of Lolworth.

1897, 12 Nov. Mutual Improvement society. Tuesday evening was devoted to entertainment of songs, recitations, reading, impromptu speeches and a violin and pianoforte duet. The Society is open to young men over 15 years of age.

1899, 20 Oct. Cricket Club. The season has been unsatisfactory, Swavesey having lost all but one game and fewer matches played. Appeal to the young, middle aged and older men to take more interest in the club.

1899, 17 Nov. Temperance Society. Fortnightly meeting held on Tuesday in the Bethel Chapel. Mr H. S. Aldred presided. A stirring address given by Mr H Basil of Cambridge. Solos given by Miss Wright and Miss Smith to auto-harp played by Miss Hepher.

Apple Charlotte (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

- 500g (1 lb) cooking apples
- 150 ml (¼ pint) water
- 50 g (2 oz) (approx.) sugar

Topping

- 100 g (4 oz) bread (crusts off preferred but not essential)
- 1 lemon
- 25 g (1 oz) sugar

Method

1. Peel the apples then cut into quarters and remove the core. Slice thinly and put into a pan with the water. Simmer gently until cooked, then stir in approx. 50 g of sugar.
2. Switch on oven to Gas mark 6 or 200C.
3. Grate the bread to make crumbs (or use a blender). Mix the crumbs and sugar together. Wash the lemon, grate the rind finely and add to the crumbs.
4. Put alternate layers of breadcrumbs mixture and apple into the dish, finishing with a layer of crumbs.
5. Bake for about 20 minutes until the pudding is golden brown.

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The war was over, but huge problems remained. With private building works still on hold, we remained at the grandparents' home. My grandmother's health had deteriorated and she was admitted to a mental hospital as a voluntary patient. This made life easier in some ways but necessitated long bus journeys for my mother to visit. My father worked in London and grandfather ran a small building company so childcare was a problem. When a relative offered a house in Jaywick for a 2 week break, my father was keen to go. We had to take all our bedlinen and find local shops who would accept our ration books. The luggage was sent to Clacton station and we followed by train and taxi. The house had been used by the army who had not worried about blocked drains etc. so my father had work to do. Only 3 beaches had been cleared and access to these was through a gap in the barbed wire. The rest of the seashore was a mass of scaffolding and obstacles buried in the sands to repel a seaborne invasion. Notices said 'If you see one of these, notify the police'. Underneath was a picture of an anti-personnel mine partially covered by sand. The beach had been isolated for 6 years and there were thousands of shells, a seagull's nest in the shingle and a lobster strolling across the sand. Buckets and spades were unobtainable, but Dad found an old pre-war bucket and made a spade out of a metal tin and a wooden handle. We children thought this was the normal state of Jaywick beach.

My father put down a deposit on a bungalow in 1939 with the full price £895. In 1946 permission was given for the site to be completed with the price controlled by the Government at £1,100. The builders did all they could to dissuade my father from trying to buy. The controlled price was valid for 2 years, after which they could sell for whatever they could get. My father was not easily put off and offered his savings of around £300 on top of the £1,100 and obtained a contract to buy a bungalow for £1,100. Many thought my father was mad giving away his savings as a bribe. His wage at the time was less than £8 per week, but he judged (rightly) that the 'investment' was a good one.

We moved in May 1947. Timber was rationed, wallpaper unobtainable, no tiling and curtaining restricted to 12 yards which covered 2 front bay windows. 12 sq.yds of lino covered the kitchen floor. All else was bare unstained boards. No cupboards except a larder in the kitchen. The bath had a crack in it and probably came from a bomb site. Electric mains switches and fuse box were left exposed in the hallway and there were only three 5 amp sockets in the place. The kitchen had a butler sink, galvanized wash boiler and coke fired hot water boiler. The few pieces of furniture we had were all second hand, including 2 single iron beds purchased cheaply from the old fire watching room at my father's office. He had spent many nights there during the war. Plumbing was atrocious despite supposedly having been checked by the Metropolitan Water Board. Likewise, gas and electricity connections. Any complaints were met with 'If you don't **** well want it, don't **** well 'ave it'. My father set about putting it all right himself.

The site was part of a Victorian house which had been demolished. The builders had no intention of clearing the bricks, rubble, stone balustrades, ornamental pillars and doorsteps. The piece de resistance was a huge cast iron girder 16ft long. My father set about clearing this, using much as hardcore for paths. An 8ft deep cellar was a useful place to lose rubble. Someone took the girder as a lintel for a garage. Over a year later he was able to start to lay a lawn and think about making a garden. His experience as a Bowles Boy and friendship with the Myddelton House gardener were to prove invaluable.

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Where I grew up

Part 2, Life in Swavesey

Dave Branchflower was born in March 1938 in Chingford, an Essex town on the north east borders of London. He lived there for most of his life, married there in 1963 and remained until 2004 when he moved to Bishop's Stortford. He often goes shopping in Cambridge. In 1940 he moved with his family out of London to escape the Blitz and soon they occupied Stanton House, a large property at number 10 Boxworth End in Swavesey. He still has clear memories of living in Swavesey for nearly six years long, long ago and Part 2 of his story tells something of village life in these austere times.

There had been ducks on the pond at Stanton House, but they must have escaped at some time, but we had free-range chickens to provide eggs and meat. George Burling, the blacksmith directly opposite, would come over to wring a chicken's neck and hand it to my mother telling her to pluck and gut it, whilst still warm. We also had rabbits and at one time three pigs. I now know at that time there were pig clubs. I remember John Parish, the butcher, coming one Saturday afternoon, tying a rope round a trotter and leading them, one by one, to his shop to be slaughtered. I believe the members of the club received the meat from one, the rest going to government sources.

Two large vegetable plots were maintained. These provided us with all the vegetables we needed. Also, there were rhubarb patches, gooseberry bushes, red and black currant bushes. There was a large orchard of apple trees. The apples were picked in late summer and most of the perfect fruit would be put into round wicker baskets and left by the roadside to be collected for market. Blackberries would be picked from the hedgerows. All this led to much bottling, jam making and preserving. Much advice and support was given especially by George Burling and Mrs Day, the farmer's wife at Mill Farm. I was very friendly with Oliver, her son.

In 1941 another sister was born at home and a year later my grandmother died. Her grave is just inside the far gate (from the pavement) of the churchyard of St. Andrew's Church.

My elder sister attended Slepe Hall School in St.Ives and then the Cambridge High School for Girls. Aged five, I went to the village school. I believe this had only just been rebuilt. It consisted of just two classrooms separated by a sliding divide. One classroom must have been for infants and the other for the junior pupils. If one teacher was absent, the classes simply combined. Older pupils were taught in the Memorial Hall.

As far as I was concerned, Swavesey was not really affected by the war. My parents had the worry of bringing up a young family with the problems of rationing. Food was relatively easy, but clothes had to be mended, darned and passed from one sibling to the next.

Italian POWs were an obvious sign of war. At harvest time they would be dropped off in the morning on the corner of Ramper Road to go to work on the farms and in the evening could be seen waiting for their lift back to camp. They loved us young children and would always talk and play with us.

Airmen from Oakington airfield would frequent the village pubs and sometimes the peace was disturbed as they made their way back to camp. One night there was a hammering on our front door, which we never used. It was a young airman, rather the worse for drink, covered in mud, cuts and bruises with a battered bike, and not knowing where he was. His mates had left him. My father walked him back to Oakington and then cycled home. How he got past the guards, we do not know!

We often heard the drones of planes as they flew low over the house as they left Oakington on bombing missions. One night the noise was intense and seemed to go on for ages. This must have been towards the end of the War and they were on a mass bombing mission to occupied Europe or to Germany. I think it may well have been D-Day. Villagers were very concerned as it seemed to them that many fewer planes returned from this mission. Some 456 raids were flown from Oakington. I had a second cousin stationed there for a short time. He was ground staff.

We left Swavesey in June 1946, back to Chingford, my birthplace. It is now 80 years since arriving in Swavesey. Hope to visit again some time.

Dave Branchflower

Kept in the Dark

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go on a camping trip. After a good dinner with a bottle of wine they retire for the night. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend.

He says: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see."

"I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes," replies Watson.

"And what do you deduce from that?" asks Holmes.

Watson ponders for a minute.

"Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo.

Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three.

Meteorologically, I suspect we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe.

What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes is silent for a moment. "Watson, you idiot!" he says. "It tells me someone has stolen our tent!"

Submitted by Viki Letzer

Where I Grew Up

I was born in Kensington, London in the early 1950's. However, my early years from an age where I can remember were spent between Bristol in the West Country and Ibadan in Nigeria.

Bristol: The first school I attended was Amberley House School in Bristol where I was the only black student. I enjoyed my time there and made many friends.

Ibadan: After my father qualified as a doctor in Bristol, we moved to Nigeria. My school there was St Luke's primary school. This was vastly different from Bristol. The toilets (latrines) were holes dug in concrete in the ground. Not many students were as fortunate as me and possessed shoes and so these students had to be careful with their footing.

I recall that students could not start school until they were able to touch an ear with their opposite hand whilst placing the first hand over their heads. You were not allowed to cheat as your head had to remain straight.

The classrooms lacked windows, thereby making it easy for the local goats to join in the lessons. Fresh water was delivered two or three times a week by tankers, and people had to collect water in buckets.

As the lessons were in English, I had a small advantage over my classmates. There were no white faces in this school. The one time we saw a white face was when Princess Margaret visited Ibadan and schoolchildren lined the streets waving Union Jacks.

Bristol: At the age of eight, we moved back to Bristol for my father to study for postgraduate qualifications. My younger brother and I attended St John's Primary School. We were now the only black faces again. We made many friends and had a great time. The one downside was that one bigger student named Robert decided on occasions to take our free bottles of milk off us. He was not satisfied with his allocated bottle.

Every student possessed a pair of shoes, and the toilets were a far cry from those at St Luke's. We played games in the walled playground, and sometimes went to the downs to play games such as cricket and football.

We enjoyed the school trips to the Roman baths at Bath. We bought comics with the money we received for returning empty bottles to shops. This was recycling before it returned recently.

When I was ten years old, I sat the 11 plus exam and started grammar school in Brislington, Bristol. I travelled to and from school on my own apart from the first time when my mother took me. I had to change from the number 1 bus to the number 1A. I managed never to get lost. I was in Blackwell House and again made many friends. There were no other black faces in the school. I don't remember anyone being nasty to me at my schools in Bristol, Robert excluded. My life alternated between Nigeria and England and culminated in my sitting my A levels in Norwich before going to Bristol University for my first degree.

I ended up in Swavesey because I attended Cambridge University for my doctorate and medical degrees. I first came to this area in 1978 (Over) and have more or less never moved. I still attend St Andrew's church in Swavesey where we got married 35 years ago.

Our house in Swavesey was built in 1924 after fire destroyed many of the houses on our street. It is amazing that we are only the second family to have lived here in almost one hundred years since Mr and Mrs Hepher built it.

Larry Amure, Market Street

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It is important that **childrens immunisations, mother and baby checks, cervical screening (smears) and regular monitoring blood tests and injections** are still carried out.

Please continue to contact the surgery to book an appointment with the nurses for these.

We carry out temperature checks on patients before they are allowed to enter the surgery to minimise risk and ask you to wear a face mask and sanitise your hands.

If you are able to provide your own mask then this would be appreciated.

Booking routine appointments - non urgent

Please can we ask that if your request for a call from the doctor is not urgent then you book a few days in advance, this allows the doctors time to speak to patients that have an urgent medical concern on the day.

Telephone appointments call still be booked online with the doctor.

Flu vaccinations

We will be holding flu clinics from the middle of September those under 65 yrs in at risk groups, shielding patients and members of their household, patients 65 yrs and over, carers, pregnant ladies and children 2-3 yrs.

We are currently looking at ways in which to run our clinics safely and will be posting updated information and dates for these clinics on our website, facebook (please join our facebook page) and SMS text messages.

If you have provided us with a mobile telephone number we will contact all patients eligible for a flu vaccination by text message.

We are still waiting for further guidance from NHS England regarding vaccinations for those aged 50 - 64 yrs, please do not call the surgery at this time we will keep you posted when we have further information.



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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.



9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
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Guides and Rangers Awards

The end of the Summer Term brought us to a full two years of the 'new' Girlguiding Programme and therefore girls beginning to earn Awards.

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Bronze: two Theme Awards

Silver: four Theme Awards

Gold: six Theme Awards

For a Theme Award, girls need to earn a Skills Builder badge, an Interest Badge and a certain number of hours of Unit Meeting Activities; 3 hours for Rainbows, 4 hours for Brownies and 5 for Guides and Rangers. The Interest Badges need to be worked on at home and the rest in unit meetings. Lockdown has given some of the girls plenty of time to tackle Interest Badges.

During the last term we have awarded and socially-distanced-presented the following:

Rainbows Bronze: Ava and Agnes

Rainbows Silver: Scarlett

Rainbows Gold: Emily, Annabel, Izzy, Grace and Bronwyn

Guides Bronze: Xica and Ellen

Rangers Bronze: Lara

Congratulations to all!

At the time of writing, we will be continuing to offer Guiding virtually from September and look forward very much to being able to get back to face to face meetings with the girls.

Adult helpers are always welcome, please sign up here if you are interested or would like to know more. www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/

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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: <http://www.swavesey.org.uk/thomas-galon-charity/> If you are already in receipt of this grant you need not re-apply.

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

The Clerk to the Charity: Linda Miller, The Memorial Hall, High Street, Swavesey, CB24 4QU Tel: 202982 or Mobile: 07458 302193

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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 2020

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

I hope you are all staying well, as the end of this strange period is not yet in sight. Clearly the consequences of the pandemic are easing locally thanks to the magnificent attitude and actions of our shop keepers, business owners, pubs, and community. But please don't get too complacent, let us build on our new friendships and ensure we do all we can to get life back to normal.

By the time you read this we should have held our first (virtual) liaison meeting with planners, developers and other interested parties such as the Internal Drainage Board and Highways Authority to try to smooth some of the issues relating to the new developments in the village. The Parish Council are obviously a key player in these discussions and we are all interested in any issues you would like to raise. Clearly the junction with Ramper Road and the telemetry system for surface water drainage are included but traffic calming, building disturbance and worker parking all need sorting before they cause problems. Please contact me or the Parish Council with your concerns.

Many of you will have heard that the Government is seeking to change the way planning decisions are made. The current planning control is based on the 1947 Act so maybe it is time it was reviewed. I understand the draft papers run to 76 pages so I am hoping to receive a summary in the near future. I am sure the consultation period will run into October so if you have an interest please make sure you get your comments into SCDC or the Parish Council. Once again there is concern at South Cambs District Council regarding the 'five year land supply' which is a shorthand way of describing a government requirement for each planning authority to be able to identify sufficient land to build 1000 houses a year for the next 5 years. You will remember that when that happened before, speculative planning applications from developers were agreed even though they fell outside the council's plan. The results of which we are currently seeing in Swavesey.

The Byways continue to cause concern to those who live on them and use them. The Council officers have visited both Boxworth End Byway and Hale Road to see for themselves and are seeking to develop a solution to put to the committee. The Byways Act only provides for the maintenance of the Swavesey Byways by and for farmers - the growth of housing and businesses on the byways continues to raise new issues.

Council work continues virtually. The council has appointed a further 2 lead members, one of which will be to cover Health and Wellbeing. I shall be working with him to ensure the schemes I introduced 2 years ago are supported and new schemes are introduced to help in these strange times.

I am available on Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk or 07774146331 or 01954202923.

Sue Ellington

District Councillor for Swavesey ward.

SWAVESEY PARISH

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Concerns have been raised with the PC with respect to highway maintenance as a result the PC has asked our County Councillor, Mandy Smith to follow up the issues affecting Over Road, Rose and Crown Road, Boxworth End and Ramper Road with the Highways department.

The PC has submitted a Local Highways Improvement bid to the County Highways for two more speed indicator devices.

Discussions are ongoing as to funding improvements to the guided busway car park

The PC considered correspondence from residents in Wallmans Lane as a result of recent flooding. The PC is to press for clearance of road gullies etc. to ensure water is dispersed as quickly as possible.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Swavesey Together Group has fewer calls for help at present but continues to be in operation if needed by residents.

SCDC will be replacing the lamps in street lights in Whitton Close shortly.

A visit from the Area Planning Team from Gtr. Cambridge Planning was very useful in bringing to their attention concerns about recent decisions and future contact with the PC. New Development Liaison Meetings are now being set up to share future development proposals.

The PC is concerned that the short byeway off Boxworth End has been affected by residents extending their gardens. The PC is to pursue this matter.

A request to erect a horse and pedestrian only gate by the Swavesey Fishing Lakes Manager, in Mow Fen drove over the Guided Busway, was not supported by the PC.

Two Government white papers are underway, one to change the way planning matters are managed and a second future paper concerning Local Government reorganisation

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The A14 team are not able to erect a sign to show the location of the Trinity Foot pub, the PC are suggesting the foot bridge over the A14 be named the Trinity Foot Bridge.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Football training and other events have started on the green, all subject to Covid 19 risk assessments.

COUNCIL NEWS

The PC has agreed to the Primary School's request to allow a gate from the playground to the village green to help manage the Covid 19 circulation when entering and exiting the school.

Two new picnic benches have been installed on Market Street Green as many people have used the green during the pandemic for outdoor socialising.

DRAINAGE

Cllr Mr Wilderspin is working with the Middle Level Commissioners and continues to press for action on major drainage works affecting the village.

The PC is working to ensure the telemetry link between the Bloor Homes development and the Swavesey drainage system effectively manages surface water from the development site when river levels are high.

The work to the Mare Fen bank is imminent as these notes go to press.

There is advice as to access to Mare Fen which is a nature reserve owned by the County Council on the village web site.

PLANNING

The PC considered a number of planning applications.

The PC noted that the application for extensions to 11 Home Close is to be determined by the District Council's Planning Committee to reflect guidance on views to the countryside set out in the Village Design Guide.

The PC agreed to consider allowing temporary limited parking by contractor's vehicles, during construction, on the land owned by the PC and designated for recreation by Matthew Homes Ltd, who are building the 30 homes off Boxworth End.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Speed watch volunteers are urgently needed especially as many residents are concerned about speeding vehicles.

A local resident approached fly tippers on the recreation green and persuaded them to remove their rubbish. Well Done!!

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

In line with the decision in this year's budget, the PC approved the application for a PWLB loan of £80,000.00 over ten years to provide a grant to Swavesey Village College, towards the cost of a project to provide and maintain a new 3G Sports Facility for Swavesey community and football clubs within the College Grounds.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HARVEST

On **4th October** we will have a Harvest service at Bethel. We will once again be collecting for the homeless in Cambridge, this year that will be through A Heart for the Homeless. Please check our website and facebook closer to the time for more information.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On **8th November**, as in previous years, we will be joining with St Andrews and Swavesey and District Royal British Legion to remember the fallen of the First, Second and Falklands wars. How this takes shape will depend on current guideline at the time. There will be no service at Bethel.

CONTACT US

In times of uncertainty we want you to know that you can count on God, and by extension us as a church. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

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CHRISTMAS DURING COVID19

Please continue to check our website and Facebook for up to date information, this is especially important this year as we will of course be changing our plans in accordance with government guidelines.

On **13th December** there will be a **Christmas Sanctuary** with a Welcome to Bethlehem theme. This will go ahead either online or live.

As a village 'Carols' in it's many shapes has become an important tradition for a lot of us. At the time of planning, the ongoing restrictions from COVID19 have meant we do not think it's possible to do the Carols history justice this year. **Carols on the Screen** will be projecting a different Carol each evening on the church porch from **14th - 19th December at 3.45pm & 5.30pm**. We hope we can all sing together again in 2021.

Carols by Candlelight will be on **20th December at 8pm**, this will go ahead either online or live.

Christmas Day's morning service **at 10.45am**, will be a chance to join together and celebrate. We invite children to bring any gifts they have received that morning for show and tell. Again this will go ahead either online or live.



St Andrew's News

Services and Events

As I sit and write our news this month, it is wonderful to think that we have already held one service in the church, will be holding a Licensing service for Lucy Cleland, our new Team vicar in a few days' time and are already preparing for our first Holy Communion Service since lockdown on August 23rd. The church continues to be open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm and it has been good to see some of you then. You are all very welcome in our church.

We are also looking forward to some other special services in St Andrew's in the next couple of months. Our Harvest Festival Service will take place on September 27th and Remembrance Sunday on Sunday, November 8th. Please see below for information about that service from Revd Geoff Dodgson. An All Souls Day service for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be held at one of the churches in the benefice on Monday, November 2nd.

Online services will continue to be available online at www.5folds.org.uk/page/simons-sermon-recordings-and-bible-index. Other information about services, contact names and emails and useful links to other church related websites can be found on our Benefice website at www.5folds.org.uk. Useful information can also be found on the Diocese of Ely website at: www.elydiocese.org.

Unfortunately, as I write this in August, I am unable to give you any information about any planned church events like our annual Advent Fayre. It seems very unlikely that we will be allowed to hold these events this year but we will keep you informed through posters, the 5 Folds website and social media.

Graveyard

In June, the tree surgeons came to trim back our beautiful cedar trees in order to protect graves and parishioners alike from falling branches. The fences on the Busway side of the church have been cleared and our grass cutters have kept the graveyard looking very attractive. We have begun to remove any artificial flowers etc from the graveyard in accordance with the diocesan Rules and Regulations.

Remembrance 2020

Swavesey will remember the fallen of the First and Second World Wars and all subsequent wars and conflicts on Sunday, 8th November. However, given the changing regulations and advice on public gatherings, it is too early to say how we will do it.

At present, I aim to work with various bodies and organisations to devise an ecumenical event that is Covid compliant. The aim will be to identify an appropriate form of Remembrance by October and promote this through the newsletters of St Andrew's and Bethel Baptist Churches, as well as other community information channels.

Revd Geoff Dodgson

(Chaplain, Swavesey & District Royal British Legion)

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
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). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
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
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

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 - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380																					
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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 - Gary Peet on 07976 359494 Secretary - Colin Baker on 07976 636771 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 20497																					
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Janet Stones Email: janet.stones@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk																					
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: evandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.																					
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.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: www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
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British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954 201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
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: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
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.
Swavesey Squash Club	Swavesey Squash Club has three international standard squash courts, in our recently refurbished clubhouse, on the Swavesey Village College site. The club has a number of weekly sessions running, suitable for beginners, improvers, and more advanced players. Unlimited use of the facility from £17 a month. A welcoming and active community club with social events and opportunities for competition. Visit our website for more details or contact Ali Loke on 07776 176866/ ali@alilokesquash.com . www.swaveseysquash.com

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, Global Resources Centre, 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 Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2 nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com www.swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
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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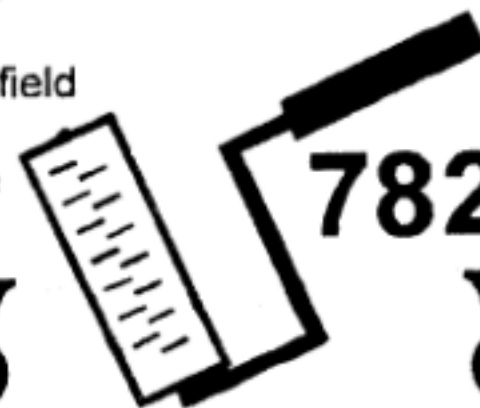
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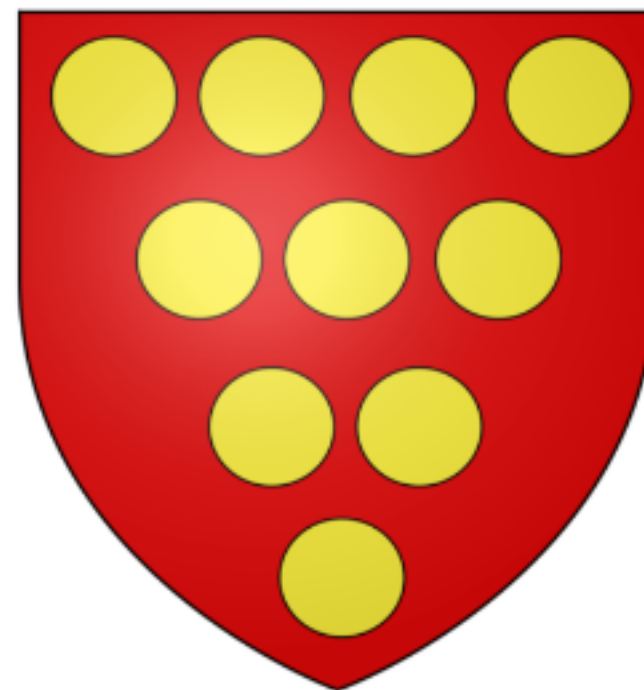
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