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November 2015 at
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College

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EDITORIAL

It seems odd to be writing this editorial when the sun is shining and lots of the UK are on holiday but since I as editor set the deadlines for items for each issue then I have to follow them too!

This issue covers October and November-autumn- when the leaves change colour and the clocks change and we look towards winter. However as always in Swavesey we have a large number of groups/clubs/societies/evening classes to interest you. Why not try something new?

We have the Art Exhibition at the village college once more after the success of last year, find time to go and look, you will not be disappointed. Plus November brings those Christmas Fairs and then December the Xmas trees in St Andrews Church.

And of course my usual reminder about the deadline for the December/January issue which is **20th October**. please try to get your items in on time, we really appreciate it.

Editor

Cover Image - Cambridge Open Art Exhibition
Inside Front Cover - Unveiling the new Notice Board at the Guided Bus Stop
Inside Back Cover - Rock Night at Swavesey Village College Venue
Back Cover - Table Top Sale at St Andrews Church

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Major Events List

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

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

2015

Saturday, October 17, Rock Night at Swavesey Village College Venue, Kate Sealy, (01954) 230366

Saturday, November 14, Table Top TOY SALE in St Andrews Church from 2pm till 4pm, Andrew Stevens, (01954) 231433

Saturday & Sunday, November 28 & 29, Cambridge Open Art Exhibition at Swavesey Village College, Ellen Nowak, (01954) 234476

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

2016

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

October		
Wednesday 7	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 14	Swavesey Parish Council	Electrical Waste Kerbside Collection on behalf of Swavesey Parish Council. PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS 'KERBSIDE' FROM 08:00 AND BY 10:00 – on the collection day
Wednesday 14	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	'Wildlife in Cambridgeshire's Traditional Orchards' A Presentation by Dr Val Perrin
Wednesday 14	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 17	Swavesey Village College	Rock Night at Swavesey Village College Venue
Wednesday 21	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 26	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 28	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
November		
Wednesday 4	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 11	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	My Life With The Honeybees' Presented by Vanessa Langford.
Saturday 14	St Andrew's Church	Table Top TOY SALE in St Andrews Church from 2pm till 4pm
Wednesday 18	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 23	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 25	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 28	SVC Arts Development	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition at Swavesey Village College
Sunday 29	SVC Arts Development	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition at Swavesey Village College
December		
Wednesday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CLUBS

Due to the need to release more space in the clubs information section of The Meridian we have to restrict the amount of space that each club can use in the magazine. This will allow us to feature any new clubs that are set up.

Please can we ask that you look at your entry and condense the essential information into 240 characters, (this includes spaces between words and punctuation) if you can do it in less then please do!

Please send your amended entry to alan.morris2@ntlworld.com.

Thank you

Editor

MAJOR EVENTS LISTING.

This is intended to help prevent two events happening on the same day and also to let everyone know what is coming up in the months ahead, but we will in future be running two listings. One will be for village events run by village organisations and charity fundraising events run by village organisations. It will continue to be free.

The second list will be for any commercial event which; even if it is run by a village organisation if the proceeds are for commercial gain it will be charged for on a cost per characters basis. In other words it will be an advertisement.

I hope this is clear

Editor

We have a NEW website www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk



Previously we shared the website address www.swavesey.org.uk with the Parish Council who will remain at that address and are in the process of getting it redesigned and updated.

I have transferred most of The Meridian content to our new site which also has an updated appearance.

Please note that our Email contact address have also changed so in future please use:-

Editor: editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Advertising: adverts@swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Website: webmaster@swaveseymeridian.org.uk

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey Spartans FC

Overview. As you read this article the nights are drawing in and the 2015/16 football season is in full flow. This season Spartans have 3 Under 7 (school year 2) teams and an Under 8 (school year 3) squad taking their first steps in the Cambridgeshire FA Mini League. An exciting time for the players, their families and the coaches as they play in organised 5 a side matches of 40 minutes duration. The club now runs 14 sides, including 3 in the girls league, with the oldest players (11 a side - 90 minutes duration) being in their final year at Swavesey Village College. Due to the need to accommodate 240 registered players home games are played on Swavesey Green and at the College as well as on pitches in Fen Drayton and Elsworth. Spartans are an FA Chartered Standard Club with all the coaches being trained to at least FA Level One standard as well as having the necessary governance checks in place. We are of course looking forward to the next intake of players and need to be thinking about those children in school year one, if your child is in that school year and wants to join the Spartans family please get in touch using the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian (if you are interested in coaching there is an opportunity for the parents too.... We have Spurs, Arsenal, Ipswich and Stoke fans involved proving football knowledge is not essential).

Club Values. Spartans are conscious that we are more likely to be successful in the development of young adults than we are in developing Premier League footballers, although achieving both would be great. We therefore have a values TREE (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Excellence) which all of our players, coaches and parents buy into and are at the heart of the club.

Referees. We are keen to develop aspiring referees and need to supply referees for our mini league home games. You need to be at least 14 years old and will get supported through training and ongoing mentoring from club resources. Please get in touch if you are interested in taking up the whistle even if you have no other association with the club.

Swavesey Green. After last season's frustration of postponements galore this season's lack of football on the Green is as a result of positive news. The village football clubs working with the Parish Council (special thanks to Linda Miller who has been a star) have secured a grant of just under £40,000 from the Amey Community Challenge 2015 fund to install a drainage system and improve the Green. Work began in early September and we are told that we should not play matches on the Green until November. We appreciate the Green is a village facility and not exclusively for football, that said if everybody could tread carefully until the repair work settles down it would be appreciated.

Cambridge United. We have entered our second season as a partner club of our local Football League 2 side. All of our players were offered discounted places at their summer

training camps. Additionally players were offered free tickets for their home game with Crawley on 22 August with parents able to purchase adult entry at a discounted cost, many club members took up the offer. Indications are that a similar offer will be available for the Accrington Stanley game on 21 November.

2014/15 Club Awards. The last issue listed all of last season's award winners as supplied by the Club Secretary. Unfortunately he omitted the Chairman's Award which was presented to Dave Rudderham - the Club Secretary. Well done Rudders.....

Swavesey WI

Swavesey W.I. would like to thank everyone who supported their Centenary Celebrations in September. A report of all the events will be in the Dec/Jan issue of the Meridian.

Dates for your Diary

12 October	Operation Christmas Child by David Collins
9 November	A Spy Who Loved by Clare Mulley
14 December	Grand Arcade Cambridge--Archaeology on a Grand Scale by Alison Dickens.

For further information on any of the above meetings, please call Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

Our website is; www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

Swavesey W.I. welcomes visitors, we try hard to provide a varied programme and many Interest Groups that meet each month. Do come along and see for yourself! Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Swavesey on the second Monday in the month at 7.30 pm.

Swavesey & District History Society

Diary Dates

20 October	To Clapham's I go!	Craig Cessford
17 November	A woman's place: the role of the lady in the great household	Chris Carr
6 December	Members' family history	

Swavesey Guide, Emma gains highest award a Guide can achieve

Emma, formerly a Swavesey Guide and now a Young Leader at Swavesey Rainbows completed the syllabus of the Baden-Powell Challenge Award over an 18 month period. She was presented with her award at the end of a trail laying activity at Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve by her Unit Leader, Claire Hagger, in the presence of unit members and her family.



Of the ten clauses Emma had to complete, she organised and ran a unit meeting celebrating Diwali; organised a massage and relaxation session for the unit; took up a new hobby (crochet) and earned several badges (Communicator, Hobbies, World Guiding). Emma was very self motivated and self reliant. She was very willing to discuss the challenge with other Guides and has encouraged a further seven Swavesey Guides to start working towards this award.

When Emma had completed all ten clauses, she attended a Baden-Powell Adventure, at which she learnt about opportunities as a senior section member and organising unit activities as well as meeting guides from other units, with whom she then worked in teams, completing mini challenges (one of which you had to complete in order to have breakfast!)

The third and final challenge for Emma was to 'chat' to the Division Commissioner about what she had done to gain this prestigious Guide award.

Walking with Comberton Ramblers

Walking is an excellent form of exercise as well as making new friends. We are very fortunate in that Cambridgeshire is an ideal area for walking - it has relatively few hills. We walk alternative Sunday mornings - between 5 - 6.5 miles.

New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member.

Our Autumn 2015 walk programme starts on the 6th September 2015. For further details please contact Stella the Secretary. stella.ramblers@hotmail.com
Website: <http://www.pghardy.net/ramblers/>

Swavesey Community Choir

We are now in full flow rehearsing for our Christmas Concert which will be a variety of Christmas songs and carols:-

ON
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 7.30 PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Please do come and support your local choir.

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

Happy Singing ☺



RADSOC

Swavesey RADSOC will be performing this year as their popular Christmas Pantomime:

Aladdin - Adventures in the East
by Suzan Holder

With performances on:-

Friday 22, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 January 2016
at Swavesey Venue at the Village College.

Please contact Alan Winfield the Director on 01954 232661 if you would like to enquire about any roles still available or to be involved in any other way.

Autumn is here! The days are becoming shorter, the nights colder, and the trees displaying a beautiful array of colours in their leaves. It's also a time of great change for the wildlife around us, and is well worth venturing out into the countryside to see.

Migration is one of the many benefits to watching the seasons change. Many birds travel incredible distances, and even those that migrate within Britain or Europe still face great difficulties on route. Their arduous journeys and the need to find food and shelter in different parts of the world, make's the challenge of conserving migrating birds particularly difficult.

So we are pleased that we are able to offer a good home and place to nest for many of our summer visitors this year. After waiting patiently for the larger Black headed gulls to use the tern rafts, the Common terns were at last, able to hatch and successfully fledge their chicks on these. It's inspiring to think that, whilst only a few months ago these little bundles of grey and white fluff were floating on RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, they are now fully grown slender white Common terns flying over African skies.



Common tern - adult in flight

Likewise a range warblers; including relatively rare species such as Cetti's warblers and Grasshopper warblers, as well as Nightingales with their beautiful song, and purring Turtle doves also bred successfully on the reserve this summer before heading south for winter.

As autumn is truly here, and these summer visitors are now just a memory, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes is graced with the arrival of many winter visitors, flying in from Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Russia and Iceland, or even further north in the Britain. Ducks on the lakes increase in numbers, and in October we can look forward to seeing species such as common goldeneye and goosander start to arrive.

With the increased difficulty of finding food throughout the winter months, starlings roost in the reed beds in increasing numbers to feast on the insects found there. As the starling roost at Holywell Lake starts to build, it can produce some impressive displays, especially when pursued by hunting sparrowhawks. These natural spectacles are well worth coming out to see throughout the colder winter months.

Throughout the autumn and during the October half term we have a range of activities for families, including a 'Halloween Bat Walk!' please see our website: www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/scenature/reserves/guide/f/fendraytonlakes/index.aspx for details.

LOOK OUT FOR THE POSTERS

In your last magazine we reminded you that many of our evenings would be of interest to non-photographers, and that everyone is welcome and can join us any evening for a fee of £4. As I write this for the deadline I have no idea if anyone will take us up on our invitation to hear about George McCarthy's USA Road Trip, but we have plenty more to come and a few posters will be put up in the village for these events with a wider interest and here are two you might enjoy. We know many in the village follow the important work of the British Antarctic Survey; now you have an opportunity to have an inside view of life in the Polar regions when their photographer and cameraman, Peter Bucktrout, will tell us of his 20 years in Antarctica. Many of you took advantage of Julian Johnson's family photo package in last year's Swavesey festival; on 22nd October you can see his own family photos on an exciting trip to China. They visited ancient sites and modern cities, Dad trying for the perfect shot, all the while being nagged to 'get a move on' by the rest. We've all been there haven't we.

Now when the College is closed we have to meet elsewhere. On 1st October we will be visiting Volvo Construction Equipment Ltd in Duxford where we will be allowed to light paint some of their very large machinery. A short while ago you might have seen our image of a light painted Swavesey Church; this should be an interesting contrast. At half term we plan a return visit to Whipsnade Zoo (Sunday 1st November), a very popular outing for our club members and their families too. Last time it produced many prize-winning photographs.

As usual we have plenty of hands-on evenings. On 5th November we have a workshop on getting to know your camera and how to use it. This is aimed at all levels, and help will be available on all aspects of camera operation from the most basic to more advanced usage. On 26th November we continue with an evening on Post-processing, taking all the images you have captured to the final photograph using Elements, Lightroom and Photoshop, in both colour and monochrome.

We hope to see the results of all this hard work in 3 competitions. On 8th October we have the hard-fought Annual Projected Image Competition when we expect some splendid entries. The equally impressive Monochrome Trophy is on 12th November. Then on 19th November we welcome St Neots Camera Club for a return Battle. Last year we lost to them by a very small margin; can we exact our revenge this time?

We do hope you will join us for our advertised talks. Remember that though there is a charge of £4 for non-members, if you enjoy our evenings so much that you decide to become a club member these entrance fees will be credited against your annual subscription.

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



THE GAMES TABLE

A Board Gaming Group in Swavesey

DO YOU ENJOY BOARD GAMES?

The Games Table board gaming group has been meeting every Wednesday evening for the two years. We meet in The Compass Café at Bethel Baptist Church from 7:30pm. There are currently 12 members of the group and every week we manage to get enough people around the table to play at least one game, and if there are enough people we can have more games playing.

We have over 100 games available for people to play; something to suit every taste. Whatever you experience we have a game that you will enjoy, and somebody to help you to play.

There is no cost to come and play. Tea and coffee is available during the evening, and people normally bring their own snacks and refreshments along to share.

We occasionally run Family Games Days on a Saturday.

If you want to find out more about The Games Table you can visit our website: www.thegamestable.org or email us on info@thegamestable.org, or just come along and play.

WEDNESDAY @ 7:30PM
THE COMPASS CAFÉ – BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

KEEP CALM AND PLAY TENNIS AT SWAVESEY AND OVER TENNIS CLUB

Complete beginners and experienced players welcome.
 Annual membership from less than £1/week.

Please contact Gill: 07548 653549 (gwlloislane@googlemail.com) or
 Andy: 01954 231669 (ajs40@cam.ac.uk) for further details.

VILLAGE NEWS

Bob Stone has died at the age of 81



Bob was a former chairman of Swavesey Parish Council, president of the Royal British Legion and a member of St Andrew's Church for 45 years years.

He spent the majority of his life in Cambridge, having been a chorister at Trinity College and head choir boy at Clare College before studying education at the College of St Mark and St John in Chelsea.

Bob's first teaching job was at Coleridge Boys' School and he then taught at the Manor School before taking up the post of head of mathematics at Swavesey Village College in 1964.

He became an advisory teacher for maths, opening teachers' centres and travelled the county advising on decimalisation, before taking on the role of warden at Stapleford Maths Centre. It was during this time he created the Multilink Cube, turning it into a major tool for teaching maths. He then spent many years as a mathematics inspector and general inspector before retiring in 1991.

Extracted from an article supplied by kind permission of Cambridge Evening News

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. Recent winners include;

	£	Jul-15	Aug-15
First prize	60	Margaret Guest	Katie Fordham
Second prize	30	Vera Doggett	Glyn Jones
Third prize	15	David Gedny	John Dyer

White Horse News

OAP lunches on Wednesday and Thursday, £6.95 for 2 courses.

Our First Anniversary Halloween Party, Saturday October 31

East Anglia's Children's Hospices Can you challenge yourself for Charity? Sunday, October 18

Would you like to see Cambridge from a unique perspective? Do you know anyone brave enough to scale the 80 foot drop off the historic Cambridge Guildhall? Registration is open to be part of the East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Cambridge Abseil on Sunday 18th October. Sign up, take part and help raise valuable funds for EACH, who care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions across Cambridge-shire.

Spaces are limited so please do book quickly to avoid disappointment. People who take part always feel a great sense of achievement – so even if you don't have a head for heights why not push yourself to take part and raise money for a great cause at the same time! Entry fees are £15 per person, with a minimum sponsorship figure of £85 per person for anyone aged 17 and over or sponsorship figure of £30 per person for anyone aged 16 and under. Minimum age for participants is 12 years.

Abseilers will be in the safe hands of professional company, Creation Climbing Centre, who will be running the event on the day.

To sign-up for the abseil visit: www.each.org.uk/cambridgeabseil or call: 01223 204916.

Addenbrooke's Breast Cancer Appeal Get together for a cuppa and cake to support local patients with breast cancer Friday 23 October 2015



Can you host an afternoon tea party to help raise money for the Addenbrooke's Breast Cancer Appeal? Invite friends, family and colleagues on Friday 23 October (or a date convenient to you) for tea and fun 'boobie' bakes. How about bakewell tarts, chelsea buns or macaroons? It's as easy as A, B, C!

Your support will help fund clinical research into personalising treatment for patients with breast cancer. To find out more please call Emily at Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) on 01223 349297 email communityfundraising@addenbrookes.nhs.uk or go to www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/ABCappeal



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OVER DAY CENTRE NEWSLETTER



If you have a question about the Day Centre or any of our services, please contact us by telephone, email, or just pop in and see us. We are here to help!

Client at Raptor Foundation



Client Summer Outing

In July we had our summer outing at the Raptor Foundation, Woodhurst. It was a wonderful day, in a lovely setting. The clients really enjoyed their lunch and then watched a flying display during the afternoon.

Volunteer Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Trustee to join our Management Committee. Meetings are held bi-monthly. If you would like to join the management team, please contact Shona Johnstone, Chairman shonafj@googlemail.com

The Day Centre is looking to recruit relief minibus escorts to help cover holidays for our regular escorts. This would involve an occasional shift, by mutual agreement. The escort accompanies the minibus driver when collecting and taking home our clients. Full training would be given and a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check would be required.

Envelopes

Thank you to everyone who donated in the recent charity envelope collection. We were very pleased and surprised to raise just over of £3000! Also thank you to the Over News team who distributed and collected the envelopes on our behalf.

Open Lunches

We offer a two course lunch on the second Saturday monthly at the Day Centre and the cost is £5. Come along and join us for lunch and a chat. This invitation is open to everyone as this is part of our "community" enterprises. It is not part of our care work.

Just give us a call to book your place.

VACANCIES

At present we have client vacancies at the Day Centre. If you are interested in joining us, Hayley would like to hear from you.

Hayley Smith, Head of Care
01954 231807

Hire of Day Centre

If you are a member of a local club or organisation and looking for a venue for meetings, we may be able to offer the use of our day room, for a donation. However the room is not suitable for celebration parties. All enquires should be directed to Sarah Peck, Centre Manager.





*As the new building
Work is completed.
We look forward to
Improved facilities.
KEEP COMING!!*

We welcome families especially on our Tuesday opening and have a good range of books for young readers. We welcome adult readers at all times. There is Wi-Fi and computer access.

So keep coming!

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	John Pook	230978
Sue Jones	230650	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478

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

Royal National Institute of Blind People

**There's nothing quite like a good cup of tea ...
Especially if it raises money for a really good cause!**

That's why we're inviting you to host a Tea for RNIB party this summer. Join hundreds of people across the UK raising money to support blind and partially sighted people. Call 0845 345 0054 and we'll send you everything you need to get your Tea for RNIB party started. You just need to invite your friends to your house, garden, street or anywhere else you fancy.

There's a serious side to the party. Did you know that in the next 15 minutes, someone in the UK will be told: "You are losing your sight"? But right now, we can only reach one in three of the people who need our help the most. Your support can help more blind and partially sighted people to face the future with confidence.

You could support us by:

- Asking guests to donate for a slice of cake and a cup of tea
- Selling raffle tickets for donated prizes
- Asking for donations to guess the number of sweets in a jar
- Selling home crafts or yummy delights

Remember, it's easy and fun to run a Tea for RNIB party. There's loads more ideas in our free party pack, just call 0845 345 0054 or visit www.mib.org.uk/tea-mib to order yours today. We'll also then be able to put you in touch with Hayley, your local fundraiser who will be able to answer all your questions and help in any way she can.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

On behalf of the people of Nepal I would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and bought lucky tickets for my draw. We raised £422 which I split between two charities; World Vision and Nepali Children's Trust for children with special needs.



All money has been spent and receipts received, thanks to Cynthia Bidwell and Malcolm Crisp for arranging to do this.

To learn more about The Nepali Children's Trust you can go to their website at:-
www.nepalichildrenstrust.com/

Information about World Vision can be found at:-
www.worldvision.org.uk/

Sally Unwin

SCHOOLS INFORMATION



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

£3.50 per session!

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

Now in its 7th Year!

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

what it's all about!

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

The Cambridge Open Art Exhibition At Swavesey Village College

The Cambridge Open Art Exhibition is again being held at Swavesey Village College. The dates are 27/28/29 November so do put them in the diary! This pre-Christmas show is a must for buying interesting and unusual gifts with a wide range of artwork, prints and cards from artists across Cambridgeshire for sale. Entry to the exhibition is free at the weekend but if you would like to attend the Preview and Awards Ceremony on the Friday early evening tickets are available at the door for £5 and include wine and canapés. Refreshments are available all weekend with plenty of free parking.

On the Saturday afternoon there is a Tea-time Reception for young people from primary and secondary schools to see which young artists have won the Cambridgeshire Area Young Artist Award. Do you know anyone who has entered?

And of course any budding local artists should enter for the main exhibition which is non-selective but places are rapidly taken up! See the website: <http://atheatrrium.org.uk>

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am

In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10-12noon

At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

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

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





Rainbows are coming to Swavesey!

Caroline Stevens and Kate Wilson will be opening a new Rainbows unit on Thursday evenings from 6 - 7.15pm.

Rainbows are girls aged five to seven who follow a programme called The Rainbow Jigsaw, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

Do you have a daughter in, or approaching this age group who would be interested in joining Rainbows?

Please register at: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested
Or email: 1stSwaveseyRainbows@gmail.com



Swavesey students win science equipment for school

A team of pupils from Swavesey Village College has won £1000 of new key stage 3 science equipment for their school in Michell Instruments' second science and technology competition for year 7 and 8 students in Cambridgeshire.

The competition was organised by Ely-based sensing and instrumentation manufacturer, Michell Instruments. They set the entrants the task to design an experiment, conduct it and report on the results. Swavesey's winning team chose to demonstrate the conservation of mass during reactions using marble chips and hydrochloric acid to create carbon dioxide.

Five schools entered the competition, with a total of 15 teams. The runners up were teams from Ely College, both with experiments to demonstrate diffusion.

The competition was judged by Dr Stephanie Bell from the National Physical Laboratory; Dr Peter Wothers from Cambridge University; Dr Chris Smith from the Naked Scientists; John Elworthy, Editor of the Ely Standard and Mike Bannister, CEO of Michell Instruments.

Michell's Science competition is part of their on-going programme of schools outreach activities which also include offering work experience placements and participation in careers events in local schools.

Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey



BETHEL 175



As part of our 175th Anniversary celebrations, Bethel Art Group are holding an Art Exhibition in the church from **Thurs 29th Oct to Sun 1st Nov 2015**.

There will be an African theme as part of the exhibition and proceeds from sales, refreshments etc will be going to two charities operating in Africa.

Thurs 29th Oct, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm (Preview and Opening evening)

Friday 30th Oct, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday 31st Oct, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, 1st Nov, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We hope you can join us on any or all of those dates.

COMPASS YOUTH CAFÉ

Open Access Club for Students **Year 7 to Year 11**

Wireless Internet Access — Music — XBOX — Wii — Tuck Shop
Table Tennis, Board Games and Many more Activities

Fridays 7pm to 9pm

Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey

(Parents are required to sign and return consent form)

For more information contact:
admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

Bethel Baptist Church

Swavesey



LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

ALL WELCOME

Something for **ALL** the family!

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

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

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors

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

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

For more information on weekly events:

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



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

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

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

Service Pattern during the Vacancy

1st Sunday of the month	11am 6:30pm	Parish Communion Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday of the month	8am 11am	Holy Communion Service of The Word
3rd Sunday of the month	11am 7pm	Parish Communion Sunday Sanctuary (<i>alternate with Bethel</i>)
4th Sunday of the month	11am	Family Communion
5th Sunday of the month	<i>tbc</i>	Benefice Service <i>Check the website for venue and time.</i>

NB: this service pattern is subject to change and availability of clergy.



www.honeyhill.org



St Andrew's Church, Swavesey



Hearing Loop Installed



The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

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

Sunday School

Children from the age of three are welcome to join our Sunday School each week during the 11am service, except 4th Sundays when its Family Communion and the children are in church.

For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents, we have 'fidget bags' (bags of books and toys) for use during services.

Baby And Toddler Services

An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30am.

Please come and join us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

Bell Ringing

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

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

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PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

At last, the houses in School Lane are rising from the ground. We dug the first sod last week and progress is being made very quickly. I have received numerous requests from local people about how to get one of these properties and I fear the competition will be significant but at least 20 local families will remain in the village. The allocation is likely to start around Christmas.

Holiday time means the council is quieter but there are several key decisions to be made in the autumn. The Boundary Commission has decided they need to review the number of councillors and how many constituents each have. There are two fundamental questions, firstly "should there be elections every four years in which case there can be 1,2 or 3 member wards or should there be only three member wards in which case there would be one of the councillors standing for election every year for three years with one year without elections?" and secondly "how many residents per councillor?" At the moment there are 57 councillors and we have 1,2, and 3 member wards. There is much discussion at present – big villages want 3 councillors, and smaller villages like Swavesey like to have their own councillor. We have to put a proposal to the commission by mid-September but it looks likely to propose a drop of councillors to around 45-49 and to go for all out elections every four years so we can keep our range of ward sizes.

The other issue which needs resolution in the autumn is whether Cambridgeshire will get devolved powers from Government. There are various proposals being discussed in order to increase local involvement in decisions and improve funding for infrastructure. The City Deal has started this process and proved that that key factions can work together but it remains to be seen whether the anticipated outcome will be justified.

On a lighter vein, my charity "Dogs for the Disabled" has asked us to choose a name for the puppy we are buying. Anybody who wants to propose a name can do so by donating £1. There will be a prize for the winning name chosen. By the way – I said the dog would help a dyslexic child – I mean an Autistic child – a mental block moment! The charity is going to be renamed in October to "Dogs for Good" as it has found a wider remit for its services and disabled is probably an old fashion term.

Get in touch if I can help

Sue Ellington

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Swavesey Surgery

(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery

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

Longstanton

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

Bar Hill Surgery

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

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

South Cambs District Council Affordable Homes Fen Drayton Road

A development of 20 SCDC Social Housing homes for rent to people with a direct connection to Swavesey is now under construction. There will be 4 x 1-bed houses, 10 x 2-bed houses, 5 x 3-bed houses and 1 x 4-bed house.

Information on how you can bid for one of these properties is detailed below:

The properties at Fen Drayton Road, Swavesey are due to be completed May/June 2016.

Applicants should look out for these properties being advertised on Home Link in March/April 2016. For Home Link website see:- <http://www.home-link.org.uk>

Anyone who wishes to be considered and bid for one of the properties using the Council's Choice Based Lettings (CBL) Scheme, must be registered on the Council's housing register. An application form can be completed online at www.home-link.org.uk. This is the preferred method of registering and the application will be approved quicker using this method. If necessary an applicant can phone 03450 450051 to ask for a paper application however this method can take longer to approve.

Once applicants have a live application, they will receive a User Guide, explaining how the CBL scheme works. If their circumstances change they can update their application on the website. On login, select "my details" then "click here to complete a change of circumstances" a request will be made to provide any relevant proofs regarding this.

Examples of changes of circumstances are: Change of address, Adding/Removing Partner, New Child etc.

Proofs confirming Local Connection to a village will also need to be provided.

Once applicants have registered on Home Link, they should ensure that any change of circumstances is reported and they should check regularly for the advertised properties.

The properties will only be advertised in one bidding cycle, so it is important that they check each bidding cycle.

Swavesey Parish Council



Are you paying too much for your energy bills?

Cambridge & District



26-30 October 2015

From 26 to 30 October, Citizens Advice is running a Big Energy Saving Week campaign to help you save on energy bills. We can also help identify ways to increase your energy efficiency.

For information on reducing energy bills, switching providers, insulating your home and getting the financial support you are entitled to:

Visit our stand in **Cambridge Central Library** between 26-30 October

Visit our Bureau between 9:15am and 12:45pm at **66 Devonshire Road**, Cambridge

Barclays customers can also visit the **St Andrew's Branch** where we will have a stall and people on hand to help on Tuesday 27 October between 10am and 3pm

You can also pick up one of our leaflets at various locations around Cambridgeshire

www.bigenergysavingweek.org.uk

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Heidi Allen your MP

The first few months of any Parliament are always busy for MPs, but for South Cambridgeshire's new MP Heidi Allen, they have been particularly busy and eventful!

On June 4th, Heidi was successful in a Private Members ballot, which has given her the opportunity to put forward new legislation. Her chosen bill, requesting transparency of University fees, is particularly apt for Cambridgeshire as one of the leading academic centres of the world. In the autumn, Heidi's "Higher Education Information" Bill, will have its second reading and will be debated by MPs – watch this space.



In addition Heidi was recently elected to serve on the House of Commons' Work and Pensions Select Committee which will enable her to scrutinise and influence areas such as welfare, employment and pensions. As one of six new Conservative MPs elected on to the committee Heidi said: "I'm delighted to have been chosen to serve on the Work and Pensions Committee which plays a very important role in influencing policy. I want to use my position to ensure our social safety net is there to support the people who need it and that government policy does not inadvertently allow the vulnerable to fall through the cracks. I'm acutely aware that there are real people, not statistics behind every policy decision."

Ahead of the Chancellor's Summer Budget, Heidi was contacted by many constituents with queries as to what it might contain. Key features included a continued freeze on fuel duty which is especially important to so many living in a rural constituency. There was also the introduction of a new National Living Wage and increases in the Personal Tax Allowance thresholds; good news for hundreds of thousands of families. Heidi said, "As a new back bencher, I was as in the dark as many of my constituents as to what would be in the budget. So I was absolutely delighted by these unexpected features, which in my opinion will continue helping people on low incomes."

If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue, book a surgery appointment or find out what else she has been up to, visit her website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk, email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 01954 212707.

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News July-August 2015

THE POST OFFICE

A decision from the Post Office is still awaited at time of writing on 25th August. We may well have the decision by the time you read this article. The Parish Council put its strong concerns to the PO over a number of issues re moving the branch to Middlewatch and supported the many comments sent through by local residents.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The owner of the CostCutter store in Middlewatch submitted plans to the PC for comment for a layby in front of the shop and an option for parking behind the shop. The PC raised concerns including the narrow footpath that would remain between the shop doorway and layby, also visibility at Gibraltar Lane junction, other parking concerns and safety of pedestrians. The PC now waits to see if a formal application is submitted.

The PC will be applying to the County Council for a new section of footpath to link Pine Grove Park to the bus stop at Boxworth End. We will hear if successful early next year.

Highway maintenance issues were discussed including requests to clear blocked drain gullies, areas of surface water flooding and general pothole repairs.

CCC has written to confirm that streetlights within the village will not be dimmed or switched off at peak times (which will be happening in other areas around Cambs).

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The deed of easement in relation to the affordable housing development on Fen Drayton Rd has been agreed and the contractor will also be clearing out the surface water drainage ditches along part of Fen Drayton Road and into School Lane up to Priory Ave junction.

Discussions continue between the PC, Internal Drainage Board and SCDC with regard to the improvement works to the drain through Mare Fen, as part of the planning permission for Northstowe and Cambourne developments. Progress is being made and work should start soon to raise the bank level and widen the top to enable future maintenance.

The PC continues to pursue its request with SCDC and the Environment Agency, that the Riverbank through the parish is maintained and raised. Discussions also continue with regard to maintenance work for the Covell's Drain bank through the parish.

SCDC are currently reviewing the number of Councillors it has and Ward boundaries as part of the Boundary Commission review. Swavesey PC is taking part in the detailed discussions. As with the recent CCC Boundary Review, SCDC is likely to see a reduction in the number of Councillors.

COUNCIL NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS.

Discussion took place during the August meeting re the work of the Police & Crime Commissioner's office. The Clerk will be raising questions regarding this at a meeting with an officer from the P&CC during September.

The Chairman attended a local Police meeting to discuss parking issues within villages. The Police have proposed that Parishes could individually or as groups, pay for additional PCSO hours within their parishes to police parking issues. At present your PC is not in favour, as residents' Council Tax already covers policing costs therefore Parish Precept money would be used on what is already being paid for. The PC will discuss this further with other local PCs.

VILLAGE MATTERS

During September a major pipe drainage scheme was installed under the recreation green. This has been part funded by a large grant from the Amey Cespa Community Foundation, plus Parish Council funds. Long-term this will improve the drainage in particular for the football pitches and ease the waterlogging making the green available sooner after heavy rainfall. Short-term football will still be disrupted during this season as grass will need to re-grow and patience will be required to allow the ground to settle.

The policy for no BBQs on the recreation green was discussed. BBQs are only permitted for large village organised events relating to the Festival and Spartans Day.

A request to consider a car park on the front of the recreation green was discussed. Due to the green being a Registered Village Green, provision of a car park would remove a significant amount of the recreational space and be in breach of Acts protecting it. Also replacement recreation land would need to be provided. The PC will not be pursuing this discussion.

Annual pond maintenance will take place in October.

PLANNING

Following a further large theft of lead from the roof of St Andrew's Church, Heritage England approved a planning application for change of roof material from lead to a plastic coated steel, which the PC approved.

The next door-stop collection of waste electrical items will take place on 14th October – see additional information elsewhere in this magazine.

We would also like to remind drivers please, to not park on the grass highway verges. Constant parking on these damages the grass, makes them look unsightly and could restrict access to the footpath. Wooden posts have been placed in many places to protect the verges but some vehicles are still parked on them.



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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Green bin collection changes this winter



Don't forget, green bin collections change to monthly during winter when far less garden waste is put out for collection.

Monthly collections will start at the end of November and will return to fortnightly in March for the rest of the year

Collection dates can be found on page 24 of the autumn South Cambs Magazine or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

For more information visit

www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-green-bin-collections-over-winter



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Energy Switch

Save money this autumn on energy bills with the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch!

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme has launched for the fifth time and registration is now open!

Previously, the scheme has enabled over 700 households within the county to make average savings of more than £200 per year. Registration is completely free with no obligations.

The scheme is backed by Cambridgeshire County as well as the County's five district and city councils.

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme uses the collective bargaining power of residents to bid for better gas and electricity prices. The scheme is open to all residents, including those on either credit or pre-payment meters.

Register before midnight on Monday 12 October 2015 to find out whether you could save money on your energy bills.

To register online, or find out more, visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch

Alternatively, contact us for further information or assistance.

E: Energy.Switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

T: 01223 703874

Electrical Waste Kerbside Collection on behalf of Swavesey Parish Council Wednesday 14th October 2015



Do you have electrical items that you no longer use or want? WISER Recycling can help You, and You can help your Parish Council...

WISER Recycling are a local recycling company based in St Ives and will be conducting another collection of Household Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) on **Wednesday 14th October 2015.**

Electrical items will be collected in the morning by WISER vehicles. We will collect any electrical item (including non-working) from hairdryers, videos, microwaves, to televisions and fridge/freezers - basically, anything with a plug on. WISER Recycling will collect from right outside your house! All items will be taken to our fully licensed treatment facility in St Ives for Reuse, Refurbishment or Recycling.

The Parish Council will receive a revenue for the WEEE Waste collected, to be spent on Community Projects. So far, Swavesey Parishioners have recycled over 15 tonnes of WEEE Waste (from 4 collections), raising much needed funds for the village.

Funds from donations received to-date have been used for: Sheltered housing residents - plants & shrubs for community garden; Swavesey Social Circle - materials for crafts; SDBA - towards repair work on Mow Fen Dove at horse stile; Royal British Legion Swavesey Branch - towards Poppy Dance costs.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS 'KERBSIDE' FROM 08:00 AND BY 10:00 – IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE AVOID PLACING OUTSIDE THE EVENING BEFORE.

Wiser Recycling vehicles are clearly identifiable - If you see unauthorised vehicles stealing the material, please call 999 and report 'theft in progress' and supply the vehicle registration details.

WISER has partnerships with many local and regional charities including Emmaus, Lighthouse, and Eco-Computer Systems through which it sells working items back to social groups and low income families. We are full permitted and authorised by the Environment Agency and operate to international standards; ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental) and OHSAS 18001 (Health & Safety), ensuring a professional recycling and recovery service, second to none.

In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about WISER's services, please visit our website: www.wisergroup.co.uk

In association with Swavesey Parish Council.

Three Christmas Dinners

My big, heavy bren gun carrier was spinning round and round on its tracks, out of control in the narrow streets of Ashford in Kent. The steering wheel had locked when I pulled it hard right at a sharp corner and I couldn't get it back. Suddenly, with an almighty tug after about 6 or 7 spins it freed itself and we shot forward, luckily down the road instead of through nearby houses and shops. I caught up to the other five before we got back to camp at Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone. All six bren carriers had just been stripped down and reconditioned at the ordnance depot in Ashford and we worked out that paint had got into the control linkage and jammed it.

On 10 August 1950 I left Swavesey railway station to Cambridge then Liverpool Street to start my two years of National Service. A full train load of us left Paddington to our first camp at Oswestry, close to the Welsh border in Shropshire. After about 10 weeks of initial training, including a lot of pounding the parade ground, we had our passing out parade and I was posted to Norton Barracks just outside Worcester. I had passed my driving test in 1948 and drove my father's Morris van to deliver paraffin, groceries and hardware to Cambridge and many local villages. Because of this experience I was picked to be the driver of a four wheel drive Morris Beetle Quad which pulled a 25 pounder field gun along with the gun crew, their equipment and ammunition. With its short wheel base and four wheel drive wheels as big as on any tractor it was a dreadful vehicle to handle. While stationed at Worcester I briefly returned home in November to marry Ena. So it is our 65th wedding anniversary any day now.

Soon we had a chance to put into practice our convoy discipline because we moved the considerable distance from Worcester to Canterbury. Not long after we got there we were pleased to learn that the Morris Quads would be replaced by Albion six wheeler 15 ton Quads. In extreme circumstances all six wheels could be locked together for maximum pull and there was also a heavy winch on board. A lorry load of us went up to Glasgow and we drove the new vehicles from Glasgow to Canterbury over two days. We had two trips to fetch them and on the second trip the weather was very poor with much snow and ice around. We came across many



25 Pounder Fieldgun

-commercial lorries which had slid off the road and several were in ditches. The Albions made easy work of towing them out and we made ourselves quite a bit of pocket money.

Next we moved the short distance from Canterbury to Folkestone. One day when we were bored, some time after the spinning bren gun carrier incident, four or five of us went out in my Albion Quad to the training area. One of my mates asked how fast the Albion



Me and the Albion 15 Ton Quad

would travel over rough ground so we tried it. Fifteen tonnes of military vehicle travelling at fifty miles per hour down a sandy track takes a lot of stopping and suddenly in front of us was a tank trap which is a great big hole across the track. There was no point in applying the brakes because we would have nose-dived in so I instantly jammed on the accelerator and we shot over the top, landing with a loud bang on the other side. Luckily the leading edge of the first bank was slightly raised which gave us a bit of lift. We had a careful inspection but couldn't find any damage and indeed, my Albion seemed to run better afterwards.

After that we moved to the Watton/Thetford area of Norfolk where there is a large gun firing range and the RAF also used it for bombing practice. Then we went to the massive training area of Salisbury Plain for about three weeks. While there we got orders to return to Folkestone because the regiment was to prepare to move to Cyprus.

We had a special troop train non-stop from Folkestone to Portsmouth and when we got off a military band led the way as we marched smartly through the town towards the docks. I remember proudly thinking I had seen this happening several times on newsreels in the cinema but I never thought it would happen for me. What an impressive boat! It was the 28,000 tonne aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious, carrying 52 aircraft and a crew of

1,300 and with miles of catwalks around the decks. We sailed into Gibraltar and sailed close to Malta, then on to Cyprus.

Our camp was at Famagusta on the eastern side where the pan handle joins the mainland. I was based there for just over nine months. We used to start at 4.00 a.m. and finish at mid-day because of the heat. There were orange groves on one side of the camp with lovely sandy beaches and the sea on the other side. We went swimming most days and it was wonderful to see the pretty colours of the fish in the coral reef.

Two Warrant Officers regularly gave us very serious warnings about the dangerous tides and currents on some of the beaches at certain times of year. They couldn't emphasise too strongly how important it was to take notice of their stern advice on this matter. During my time there they both drowned in separate swimming accidents and on both occasions I drove the Quad which pulled the gun carriage with the coffin clamped to a special board along the gun barrel. It took all my concentration to keep the cap of the lead escort soldier in line with my driver's mirror on the very slow journey to a little cemetery just outside Famagusta, on the road to Nicosia

I was in Cyprus over Christmas 1951 and as always the officers served the ordinary soldiers with Christmas dinner and removed the dirty plates. By chance I was sitting right next to the kitchen and was served first. I tucked in and quickly finished and my plate was removed before others further down were served. The officers were all drunk and didn't know what they were doing and another officer came by and saw the empty space and put another dinner in front of me. I polished that off quickly, my plate was removed and another drunken officer put down a third helping of turkey with all the trimmings. By now I had got the hang of this trick and I soon managed to get two helpings of Christmas pudding. After that lot I felt so ill I had to go to bed.

On the following day, which was Boxing Day, there was a massive thunderstorm with hailstones bigger than walnuts and you couldn't hear anyone shouting at the top of their voice inside our tin hut. It lasted an hour and afterwards they took us out to see the orange groves where all the leaves and fruit had been stripped, leaving only bare branches. The poor farmers had lost their livelihoods that year.

During our time there the army would only allow us out of camp in groups of four because the locals were not to be trusted. We noticed that the men mostly seemed to hang around on street corners playing board games all day while the women went out into the fields and did all the hard labour. While I was there we mainly spent our time on endurance marches and proficiency marches and endless manoeuvres which wasn't very exciting. In late summer 1952 I was shipped out to Egypt then flown back to Brize Norton. I was demobbed at Woolwich Barracks and given a train ticket back to dear old Swavesey.

David Crouch

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
CAMTAD	CAMTAD is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail admin@camtadcams.org.uk or check the website www.camtadcams.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 fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact: responderadmin@eastnbs.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) rosieinstches@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

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.												
Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708												
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												
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												
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												
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Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725												
1st Swavesey Brownies	Meet 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Swavesey Memorial Hall every Monday. We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815 198 if you are interested in participating. Email:- brownowl01@virginmedia.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: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	Meet every Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome (£4.00 charge). For further details ring Peter Looper (01954) 202461
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
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
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 Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200068 or s2art50@lvcos.co.uk
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].
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) 0780381 2221
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 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
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: 01490 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADsoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk .
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
1st Swavesey Guides	We meet from 6.30pm to 8.15pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall every Thursday during term time. For more details please contact Claire Hagger chlagger@gmail.com .
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	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. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
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 - James Tait on 01954 232183 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
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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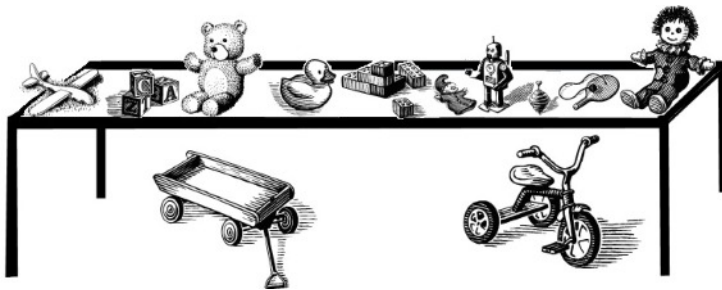


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