

Swimbridge Newsletter

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Swimbridge Parish Clerk

Lee Wadsworth: 830705

www.swimbridgepc.org.uk

f Swimbridge Village Forum

f Landkey Village Forum

Village defibrillator is located at front shelter of Jack Russell Inn

Jack Russell Inn — 830366
f thejackrussellswimbridge

St James Church Services

every Sunday 9.30am

Castle Inn Stores, Landkey

Mon-Sat 8am-10pm/Sun 12noon-10pm

Swimbridge Post Office in Church

every Tues 2-4pm

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

07714 256379

www.swimbridgejubileehall.com

Swimbridge C of E School: 830437

Swimbridge Pre-school : 830357

Food Bank: Church porch

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9 January. 7 for 7.30 pm

Swimbridge Parish Council mtg
Jubilee Hall

Tues 17 January, 10am-12 noon

Coffee Morning
Upper Old School Room

Mon 23 January, 7.30 pm

Pre-school open evening
Lower Old School Room

Thurs 26 January, 7pm,

Quiz night in aid of Swimbridge Sch
Jack Russell Inn

Fri 3 February 8 - 10.30 pm **First**

Friday Jazz Club - Neil Burns Trio
with Terry Quinny on Sax
Jubilee Hall

Mon 13 February. 7 for 7.30 pm

Swimbridge Parish Council mtg
Jubilee Hall

WEEKLY REGULARS

(contact details overleaf)

Monday

- Chakra Meditation or Dancing ,
7pm, Jubilee Hall

- Bell Ringing, St James Church

Tuesday

- Slimming World, 6.30 pm,
Jubilee Hall

Wednesday

- Baby and Toddler Group
1.30—2.30 pm, Old School Rm

- Healthy Balance Pilates, 6.10pm
Jubilee Hall

- Jack Russell steak nights

Thursday

- Landkey Guide/Rangers,
6.30pm, Jubilee Hall

Friday

- Jack Russell—Burger night

- First Friday (in mth) Jazz Club,
8pm, Jubilee Hall

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11 Jan 2023

It is with great sadness that I announce that three of our parishioners have sadly passed away.

Martin Darch passed away on Monday 19th December. Our thoughts are with Gill, Paul, Aaron and their families. The funeral is on Thursday 12 January at 10 am at the North Devon Crematorium, Donations can be given in memory of Martin for the Over and Above Seamoor Unit at North Devon District Hospital and the British Heart Foundation at the service or c/o WS Gayton & Son.

Ian Gilmour formerly of Archipark passed away on Tuesday 20th December. Our thoughts are with Gavin, Christopher and their families.

Michael Bishop, known as Monty of The Orchards passed away on Sat 24th December. Our thoughts are with his family.



We would like to wish Peggy Cole a
**HAPPY 100TH
BIRTHDAY**

on Monday 9th January
Have a wonderful day

Congratulations to
Jon Jackman &
Laura on the birth
of their baby
daughter, Nova on
Friday 2 December
at 8lb 11oz.



The retirement of Rev Shaun O'Rourke as Rector has just been announced. We wish Rev Shaun and his family all the very best in the future. For the time being Mark Haworth-Booth will be the contact with church details on the website swimbridgeparishchurch.org or 01271 830267.

News from Swimbridge School:

At the end of the Christmas term, Swimbridge Primary School said goodbye to a very special person. Lee Wadsworth retired after over 30 years working at the school. She started as the school cook but spent most of her career running the school office. Lee is part of the fabric of our school and will be sorely missed but we wish her every happiness in her retirement ... as long as she promises to visit regularly! The photo is of Colin and Lee at her leaving event. Swimbridge Primary School got an early Christmas present when it was announced on 16 January that Swimbridge will be getting a brand new school as part of the government's school rebuilding programme. We don't have any more details on designs or timing yet but we're very excited that this news will secure the school's long term future. We'll keep you updated!



The next **Parson Jack's Coffee Morning** with scrumptious cakes is on **Tuesday 17 January, 10 am—12 noon** in the Upper Old Schoolroom (behind the Church) held by the Friends of St James on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All welcome.



Go North Devon services, Ring and Ride picks up in the Swimbridge area on Wednesdays.

Also Shopmobility and The Cancer Care Car service is there to help those who struggle with getting out and about or to Cancer hospital treatment appointments. Contact 01271 328866 for more information.

Swimbridge Pre-school are holding an open evening on Monday 23rd January from 7.30pm at pre-school, in the lower old school room.



This is for present parents and parents looking for a child care provider. Come along and meet our team and find out about our lovely pre-school.

A warm welcome awaits new and returning members to the **Swimbridge Slimming World group** this January.

Get a free week and a free recipe book when you sign up for 6 weeks! Find out more on Facebook: Swimbridge Slimming World with Claire or contact Claire on 07584 372638 or just come along on Tues, 6.30pm at Swimbridge Jubilee Hall.



QUIZ NIGHT on Thursday 26 January, 7pm start at the Jack Russell Inn raising funds for Swimbridge Primary School.

Tables of 4 max. Book early to get a table! £15 pp to include food. To book message the Jack Russell Inn or call on 830366.



Jack Russell Inn ... Our popular **steak night** is on Wednesday, **burger night** on Friday and **roasts** on Sunday. Our delicious **takeaways** are available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening from 5pm so if you don't fancy cooking why not collect something on your way home.

The menu is on the facebook page. Contact : Jack Russell facebook page or call 01271 830366



USEFUL CONTACTS

Swimbridge Parish Council
www.swimbridgepc.org.uk
Clerk: Lee Wadsworth, 830705
(NEW REG DATE 2nd Mon in month)
Snow Warden: Mel Bartlett: 831200

Post Office in the Church:
Tuesdays, 2-4pm

St James Church Services
Sunday morning service: 9.30 am
Mark Haworth-Booth, 01271 830267

Friends of St James Church:
Mark Haworth-Booth, 07813 776349 /
markhaworthbooth@gmail.com

Food Bank Collection Point:
St James Church porch

Jack Russell Inn: Paul Darch, 830366
https://www.facebook.com/
thejackrussellswimbridge

Castle Inn Stores: 830438
Mon-Sat 8am-10pm /
Sun 12 noon-10pm

Swimbridge C of E School, 830437
Swimbridge CE School PTFA
swimbridgeprimaryPTFA@gmail.com

Swimbridge Pre-school, 830357
Tues 9-12 & 12-3, Wed 9-12, Fri 9-12 &
12-3. www.swimbridgepreschool.com/
contact.html

Baby & Toddler Group, 1.30 — 2.30 pm,
Lower Old School Room

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall 07714256379
www.swimbridgejubileehall.com
Chair: Colin Wadsworth, 830705

Swimbridge Parklands 830705
Chair: Colin Wadsworth

Upper Old School Room: 830587
david.netherway@btinternet.com

Swimbridge Green Team
David Netherway, 830587

Swimbridge Feoffees
Mike Cliff, 831188.

Swimbridge Book Swap – FREE
St James Church on back pew

**Allotments (The Square) and Piano &
Flute lessons** Lindsay Cooper, 830347

D&C Neighbourhood Police: PCSO
Marcus Jarvis & Lucy Robinson
non emergency: 101

**Go North Devon Ring & Ride Swim-
bridge area pick up: Weds: 328866**

Regular activities in Hall

Monday
Chakra Dancing & Relaxing Meditation
(relaxation meditation every Monday,
7pm & once a month Chakra dancing)
Claire 07725 173961
www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com
Bell Ringing Practice, 7.30pm St James
Church (Christine Ley, 07890331478

Tuesday
Coffee morning ,10-12 noon. (3d Tues in
mth), Upper Old School Room (not hall),
Slimming World 6.30 pm 07584 372638 f
Swimbridge Slimming World with Claire

Wednesday
Healthy Balance Pilates Classes, 6.10pm
07706 042746 / f HealthyBalancePilates

Thursday
Landkey Guides & Rangers, 6.30pm
Phoebe 07795218579 or
Landkeyguides@gmail.com

Friday
First Friday Jazz Club, 8.30 pm start
01598 740114 info@firstfridayjazz.uk

Saturday
Lindsay Ballet Studios
www.facebook.com/Lindsay-Ballet-
Studios 01271 374272

Avon representatives
Charlotte Smart, 075 7288 3130
Fremington Contractors plumber Matt,
Swimbridge: 07891534817

Salon at the Saloon Hairdresser
Melissa Darch, 079 7090 6421
Darren Knill, Rhino Contractors
property maintenance 07928384916

Oliver Morrish Garden 07583641802
Swimbridge Nursing & Res Home
Person in Charge, 830599
Riverton Fishery, 830009

A Barrow Full of Flowers (florist)
07765345083/gailrogers205@gmail.com
Chris Pavord, Oil & Gas Engineer
07766334242



Swimbridge Parish Council: The next meeting takes place on Mon 9 January and Feb meeting is on 13th at 7 for 7.30pm start. All are welcome to attend. At 7pm, beverages are available as well as the opportunity for an informal chat with the Councillors. Please send news and articles for the Parish Council website via Swimbridge Parish Council Clerk Lee Wadsworth **website: www.swimbridgepc.org.uk** (New regular date is 2nd Mon in month).

A big THANK YOU to John and Barbara Ackland for organising the Christmas star on Hooda Hill, to Paul & Lynda Booth for powering it and to all those who helped put it up/down. This year a few people have asked how the star started. It goes back to 2001 when the late Dave Bryant, an international leading environmental lighting designer put up a star at Indiwell Farm in Swimbridge, where he lived. In 2002, the star formed part of Lightquest—a community fundraising event led by Dave, that attracted almost 5,000 people to the village on a magical trail of thousands of lights and 150 entertainers over a 5 mile walk around Swimbridge parish to celebrate the Queen’s Golden Jubilee and the end of the Foot and Mouth outbreak that devastated North Devon at that time. When the original star broke John Ackland made a new one and it has shone over Swimbridge at Christmas since 2002. Lightquest went onto produce Dreamwalk in Filleigh in 2003 and Lightwalk at Indiwell in 2004. Swimbridge Star and the mosaic of a “man in light” in the village bus shelter is from those times.



Swimbridge Park news ...



Hoorah!
Swimbridge Parklands toddler play area is NOW OPEN. We were thrilled that Pre-school Supervisor

Sarah Smith and her grand-daughter May with Swimbridge Pre-school were the first people to have a go! We would like to say a big heartfelt thank you to Sarah and her family for donating the money raised from Roy's funeral towards some of the play equipment. Roy was much loved by us all and seeing a double rainbow shine on the day of its installation was perfect. A big thank you to Outdoor Play UK for installing it and to all our other funders including the National Lottery Community Fund who gave us £10,000. **Next ... we will be installing a wooden fence**

around the toddler area
Sam & Emily Rogers-Whitton have raised the funds for a see saw with your help. Their coffee morning raised a phenomenal £2,197.35. This will pay for the see saw and help fund the toddler fence. £606.80 was raised at the coffee morning and the rest donated after the event. Huge thanks to Cllr Glyn Lane for a NDC grant of £500, South Molton Rotary for £200, Swimbridge Nursing Home for £200, £100.55 from Swimbridge Allotmenters, £100 from John & Barbara Ackland and everyone else who kindly gave a donation. Photo: Sam with Allotmenters.



Swimbridge Pre-school is a small and friendly pre-school for 3 to 5 year olds in the old school rooms next to the Church.



Places available. We run Tuesday 9-12 and 12-3, on Wed 9-12 and on Fri 9-12 and 12-3. To book a space <http://www.swimbridgepreschool.com/contact.html>

Swimbridge Preschool Toddler group runs at the Lower Old School Room (near Church) every Wed term time only, 1.30 -2.30pm. Please pop along for a friendly chat and have fun with your little one.

OPENING TIMES SWIMBRIDGE POST OFFICE:

Every Tues 2-4pm, Swimbridge Church. FREE book swap also available at the back of the Church.

LANDKEY STORES (CASTLE INN):

Fresh bread, papers and general stores
Mon-Sat 8am-10pm / Sun 12 noon—10pm

First Friday Jazz Club

On Fri 3 Feb at 8-10.30 pm, Jubilee Hall - **Neil Burns Trio with Terry Quinny on Sax** Neil Burns on guitar, Martin Jenkins on organ and with guest tenor saxophonist Terry Quinny this groove-heavy, hard-swinging quartet play a selection of Blue Note gems and originals. Drummer to be announced. **Music starts 8.30 pm prompt.** Tickets £10 on door or www.FirstFridayJazz.uk 01598 740114 / info@firstfridayjazz.uk



Swimbridge Jubilee Hall Committee is offering



TRIAL RATE sessions at HALF the normal rate for the 1st month to enable activity organisers to “test the water”. Go on, why not put on an activity such as keep fit, dance, youth club, craft workshops, flower arranging, history group, etc. To find out more phone **077 1425 6379** e swimbridgejubileehall@outlook.com www.swimbridgejubileehall.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE from the Jubilee Hall Committee — PLEASE READ

South West Water has a right of way through the village hall car park to access the village sewerage pumping station via the hall car park entrance next to the bus shelter. Over the past few months they have reverted back to using this right of way. The Hall Committee receives no advance warning of their visits as it is usually for emergencies, and access needs to be available 365 days pa 24/7. **Therefore please DO NOT park your car in the village hall car park unless you are visiting the Jubilee Hall as it is essential that SWW can inform vehicle owners to move their cars immediately.** If the access is breached SWW will be unable to fix the breakdowns at the sewerage pumping station, which will affect us all. Thank you for your consideration.

Other news ... Spring is on its way...look out for snowdrops in the Streamside Garden and the churchyard and also those in the Park by the stream along with wild daffodils all planted by volunteers. ...

Venn Valley Vineyard's new café is open for a warming cuppa and a bite to eat. Breakfasts and Roasts. Open 10am–3pm, Wed–Sunday (closed Mon and Tues) ... **Thin Nick's Pizza** Artisan—hand stretched—wood fired— See f Swimbridge Forum page for dates and times. Hannaford, EX32 ONY. Pre-order 07946433257 ... **JACK&ROO'S CAKES & BAKES** for sale along Hannaford Lane. Just leave cash in the jar.