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Jack Russell Inn — 830366

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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

Thurs 24 Nov, 7.30pm, Old Schoolroom

Q&A talk: Bateman and Margieson

Sat 26 November, 10am-4pm

Swimbridge Xmas Arts & Craft Fair

Sat 26 Nov, Venn Valley Vineyard

10am-5pm Open Studio Artist Talk

7-8.30pm Artist Talk/Poetry reading

Thurs 1 Dec, 7pm, Quiz night, Jack Russell

Fri 2 December, 9.45 am & 11.15 am

Christmast at Little City, Jubilee Hall

Fri 2 December 8 - 10.30 pm

First Friday Jazz Club — Jubilee Hall

Sun 4 Dec, 9.30—12.00 noon, Jubilee Hall

Coffee morning—park fundraiser

Mon 5 Dec, 7.30 pm, Jubilee Hall

Swimbridge Park AGM

Thurs 8 Dec, Crimbo Bingo & Burgers, JR

Sat 10 December, Christmas Star

Sat 10 Dec, Santas on a Bike, Sth Molton

Sat 10 Dec, 2-4.30 pm Swimbridge

Nursing Home Christmas Fayre

Mon 12 Dec, 7.30 pm, Jubilee Hall

Chakra Dancing

Mon 12 December 7 for 7.30 pm

Parish Council meeting, Jubilee Hall

Sat 17 December, 5pm Jubilee Hall

Multi story theatre—Twelve Wild Ducks

Sun 18 Dec, 10-11.30am, Jubilee Hall

Swimbridge Pilates Weekend

Workshop—Winter Warmer

Sun 18 Dec, 10am, Swimbridge Elf Hunt

Sun 18 Dec, 6pm, Carol Service, St James

Thurs 22 Dec Live Music TBA, Jack Russell

Sat 24 Dec, 4pm, Crib Service, St James

Sat 24 Dec, 11.30 pm, Midnight Mass, St James

Sun 25 Dec, 10am Christmas Day Service at West Buckland Church

Sun 31 Dec, New Years Eve 1980's party Jack Russell

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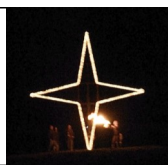
A date for your diary ... one of North Devon's biggest and popular ...

Swimbridge Christmas Arts and Craft Fair
Saturday 26 November at 10am-4pm in the Jubilee Hall, St James Church and Upper Old School room. Now in its 18th year. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, scrumptious food and almost 50 wonderful stalls packed full of festive goodies and gifts to choose from. We look forward to seeing you there.

Also on Sat 26 Nov, Venn Valley Vineyard—Open Studio and Artist Talk—Contemporary Artist Ruth Bateman will open her studio from 10-5pm. She will give a talk and Simon Millward will give a poetry reading from 7-8.30pm in cafe/bar. 07796007264

SWIMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS STAR

LOOK OUT for our wonderful Christmas star which will be put up on Sat 10 December (weather permitting) and will shine from the top of Hooda Hill over Swimbridge and the A361 during the festive season. Our huge thanks go to John and Barbara Ackland for organising it again, and to Paul & Lynda Booth for powering it each year.



St James Church at Christmas 2022



St James wish everyone a Happy Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

Christmas services are as follows:

Sun 18 Dec, 6pm

Carol Service at St James Church, Swimbridge

Sat 24 Dec Christmas Eve, 4pm

Crib Service with Father David Chance

Sat 24 Dec Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm

Midnight Mass at St James Church, Swimbridge

Sun 25 Dec, Christmas Day, 10am

Christmas Day Service at West Buckland with Fr David Chance

The Friends of St James Swimbridge present Swimbridge Q&As Nov 2022

Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm
Old School Room (in Swimbridge churchyard)
All welcome (entry £3, Friends free).
Mark Haworth-Booth: 07813776349
markhaworthbooth@gmail.com

Ruth Bateman on Adventure cycle touring and the John Muir award: the art of the possible!

Ruth will describe the John Muir award scheme and two expeditions — first walking Offa's Dyke then cycling the Hebridean Way And

Nicky Margieson on Freediving Freediving is breath-hold diving – without the aid of any diving equipment. Competitive freediving has different disciplines – all these came with the emergence of competitions involving teams, countries, and individuals. Nicky will be talking about the sport and her journey into this new world of physical endurance.



First Friday Jazz Club

On Fri 2 Dec at 8-10.30 pm, Jubilee Hall we have an evening with Bristol based trumpeter Andy Hague Double Standards and his quartet.

Music starts 8.30pm prompt.

Tickets £10 on door or www.FirstFridayJazz.uk
01598 740114 / info@firstfridayjazz.uk



Christmas Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, Jubilee Hall

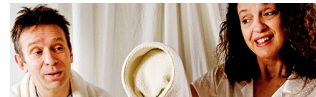
Sun 4 Dec, 9.30 am—12.00 noon

Help Sam & Emily Rogers-Whitton raise funds to purchase a **SEE SAW** for Swimbridge Park. Please come and give your support. If you can make a cake please phone 07857 887149



Twelve Wild Ducks

a Christmas family treat for age 5+
Sat 17th Dec 5pm, Jubilee Hall



Be careful what you wish for - that's what the Queen learns when she longs for a daughter. Because at the very moment that her daughter is born, her twelve sons turn into wild ducks. And so begins an extraordinary adventure... **multi story theatre company** conjure their customary magic with a mix of music, word-weaving and engaging physical story-telling. **Pay-what-you-will.** Mince pies, tea and juice available. To be sure of a place ring 07890 467410 or email julie@theyews.org.uk

Swimbridge Pilates Workshop—Winter Warmer

Sun 18 Dec, 10-11.30 am, Jubilee Hall - £20 includes Pilates class, meditation (with lavender eye pillow), vegan baked treat. To book rebecca@healthybalance.org.uk or 07706042746.



News from Swimbridge School: Applications are now open for starting primary school in September 2023. Any parents and children who would like to come for a look around our lovely school, please contact us on 830437 or email admin@swimbridge-primary.org. **We have a vacancy on our School Governing Board.** We are keen to recruit somebody with an interest in the teaching and learning at the school. If you would be interested in finding out more, please speak to Mrs Holm in the school office. Please contact 830437 or e admin@swimbridge-primary.org.

Jack Russell Inn ...

Contact the Jack Russell facebook page or call 01271 830366

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.

Christmas opening hours are:

- Christmas Eve Bar 12 noon-11pm / Kitchen 12 noon—7.30 pm
- Christmas Day Bar 11am -1 pm / Kitchen closed
- Boxing Day Bar 11am -5 pm / Kitchen closed
- Tues 27th Bar 12 noon—5 pm / Kitchen closed
- Wed 28th Bar 3pm — 10 pm / Kitchen 5pm—8.30 pm 'regular steak night'
- Thurs 29th Bar 3pm—10 pm / Kitchen 5pm—8.30 pm
- Friday 30th Bar 12 noon—11 pm / Kitchen 12 noon—2pm and 5pm—8.30 pm
- New Years Eve Bar 12 noon -late / Kitchen from 6pm '1980's party'
- New Year's Day Bar closed / Kitchen closed



Thurs 1 Dec, 7pm start Quiz includes burger & fries £15 in aid of Filleigh Cricket Club
Thurs 8 Dec Crimbo Bingo & Burgers
Thurs 22 Dec Live Music—TBA
NYE: 1980's party, disco, fancy dress and 80's inspired menu

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
Rev Shaun O'Rourke, 830950

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

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
Daren 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 12 December at 7 for 7.30pm start. All are welcome to attend. At 7pm, tea, coffee and biscuits 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 the month).

Swimbridge Park news ...
The toddler play equipment is being installed by Outdoor Play at the end of November—hooray!




A HUGE, HUGE thank you to Barnstaple ASDA Community Champion Walter Moore and ASDA Foundation Investing in Spaces and Places for awarding Swimbridge Parklands with a phenomenal £13,500 towards the path that will be built around the park. A big thank you also to NDC, DCC and Allun Griffiths Contractors Ltd and our wonderful community who are also helping us to achieve the pathway - we will keep you updated on the start date. A big thank you to everyone who turned up in the rain for the photo although this cheque made it feel that the sun was shining on us!!!

David Netherway and Lady Arran have visited Quince Honey Farm and sorted out around 10 trees to plant in various locations around the village. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put them in the park.



The PARK AGM is on Mon 5 December at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall.
Please come along and give us your ideas and if you wish come on board and help us make it happen.
We'd love to see you there.

Swimbridge Nursing Home Christmas Fayre on Sat 10 Dec, 2—4.30 pm
Craft stall, mince pies and cream, 'Kathy' entertaining us with her 'Christmas Spectacular' and much more. All welcome.



SOUL TO SOUL HOLISTIC THERAPIES
Chakra Dancing
It's Christmas!
Monday 12th December
7pm Swimbridge Jubilee Hall £10
You can book your place here:
www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

The Christmas Fund supports local families in long term need, beyond the short term services provided by the Foodbank. They are aiming to support 300 families and this year more than ever, every penny counts. Swimbridge foodbank collection box is in the porch of St James Church. Or to donate cash please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/northerndevonchristmasfund>. Thank you.



Other news ...
The play Where to Begin on Climate change was performed to a full house in Swimbridge at the end of October. I was aware of the effects of climate change, but this performance clearly showed the stark realities of how it would affect us - it also showed that if we all make a real effort to pull together there is hope. I came away feeling it should be toured nationally in every community, in every school and to the House of Commons. Thank you Multi Story and Theatre Workhouse for developing it and bringing it to Swimbridge. I urge anyone who hasn't seen it, to book a ticket - there are more performances across North Devon - visit <https://beaford.org/events> At the end of the performance the village was given a copy of the **Sunday Times** bestseller "The Future we Choose - The stubborn optimist's guide to the climate crisis" written by **Christina Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac to share with our community.** If you would like to borrow it, please contact me, Julie Whitton on 01271 830311 / julie@theyews.org.uk

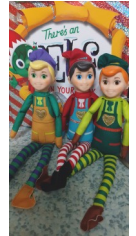
Venn Valley Vineyard's new café is open for a warming cuppa and a bite to eat. Open 10am—3pm, Wed—Sunday (closed Mon and Tues)

Thin Nick's Pizza Artisan—hand stretched—wood fired— Friday 25 Nov and Fri 9 Dec, 5.30—8.30 pm. Hannaford, EX32 0NY. Pre-order 07946433257

JACK&ROO'S CAKES & BAKES For sale along Hannaford Lane. Just leave cash in the jar.

OPENING TIMES SWIMBRIDGE POST OFFICE:
Every Tues 2-4pm, Swimbridge Church
LANDKEY STORES (CASTLE INN):
Fresh bread, papers and general stores
Mon-Sat 8am-10pm / Sun 12 noon—10pm

JOIN THE SWIMBRIDGE ELF HUNT Sunday 18th December
Maps and entry forms will be available from outside the Pre school from 10am on Sunday 18 December. All elves will be visible from pavements or in public spaces. Donations to Pre-school — minimum £2 per family please. There will be a prize drawn out from those finding the correct number.




Santa's on a Bike 2022 is visiting South Molton on Sat 10th December at around 10.40 am for around 30-40 mins on its ride from Taunton to Little Bridge House Children Hospice (CHSW). Allun Griffiths (NDLR contractors) are working with CHSW, SMTC and NDC. For info visit santasonabike.org.uk

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.



Christmas at Little City - Jubilee Hall
Fri 2 Dec at 9.45 and 11.15 am
Little City is an entirely mobile role play City for the under 5's to explore and enjoy. To book online visit:
www.bookwhen.com/littlecitynorthdevon



MID WEEK & SUNDAY ROASTS
at the Venn Valley Vineyard Café
Roasts available Wednesdays and Sundays (booking recommended)
Open 10am-3pm

