

Village defibrillator is located at front shelter of Jack Russell Inn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

USEFUL CONTACTS and WEEKLY REGULAR ACTIVITIES are listed overleaf

Tues 21 Feb, 10am-12 noon
Parson Jack's Coffee Morning
Upper Old School Room

Ash Wed 22 Feb, 7pm, St James Ch
Service at St James with West Buckland School Choir

Jubilee Hall Coffee Mornings
Thurs 23 Feb, 9.30-12.30 noon

Thurs 23 Feb 7.30 pm, Jack Russell
Coronation organising discussion

Jubilee Hall Coffee Mornings
Tues 28 Feb, 9.30 —12.30 noon
Thurs 2 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon

Thurs 2 March, 7.30 pm
Q&A: Philip Dalling: Saving the Splendour, Upper Old Schoolroom

Fri 3 March, 8 - 10.30 pm
First Friday Jazz Club - The North Coast Joymakers, Jubilee Hall

Jubilee Hall Coffee Mornings
Tues 7 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon
Thurs 9 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon

Mon 13 March. 7 for 7.30 pm, J Hall
Swimbridge Parish Council mtg

Jubilee Hall Coffee Morning
Tues 14 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon
Thurs 16 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon

Thurs 16 March, 7.30 pm
Q&A: Matt Blüge and Mike Clift
Upper Old Schoolroom

Fri 17 March, 10am-7pm, Jubilee Hall
Speed watch consultation and dog walker shelter consultation

Sat 18 March, Jack Russell Inn
LIVE MUSIC Josh Beer's Band

Sun 19 March, Jack Russell Inn
Mothering Sunday lunch

Tues 21 March, 10am-12 noon
Parson Jack's Coffee Morning
Upper Old School Room

Jubilee Hall Coffee Morning
Thurs 23 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon
Tues 28 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon
Thurs 30 March, 9.30 —12.30 noon
Thurs 30 March, Jack Russell
Bingo in aid of School

Thursday 30 March, 7.30 pm
Q&A: Ted Picken & Ruth Bateman
Upper Old Schoolroom

Fri 31 March, 6.30 pm
Jurassic Fibre Q&A and information evening, Jubilee Hall

Swimbridge Newsletter

It is with great sadness that I announce Ron Stoneman of Kerscott sadly passed away on Friday 3rd February. Our sincere thoughts are with his family at this time. Ron's funeral is on Thursday 9th March at 11am at North Devon Crematorium.



Swimbridge Coffee Mornings— every Tuesday and Thursday mornings

NEW: FREE COFFEE MORNINGS ... The Hall Committee have received a NDC Community Warm Spaces grant and are offering **FREE tea, coffee and biscuits and activities EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH starting on Thursday 23.2.23 from 9.30 am—12.30 noon.** (Note: there will not be a session in the hall on Tues 21.3.23 as it coincides with the Parson Jack Russell Coffee morning).

Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to bring along your knits, crafts, etc and we will be offering board game activities for all who want to take part. If you can help set up/serve please contact Julie Whitton on 07890467410.

The fabulous **Parson Jack's Coffee Morning** with scrumptious cakes will continue on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (note the new Jubilee Hall coffee mornings will not be held on these days). The next Parson Jack's Coffee morning is on **Tuesday 21 February & Tuesday 21 March from 10 am—12 noon** in the Upper Old Schoolroom (behind the Church) which is organised by the Friends of St James.



On 1 & 2 March the North Devon Link road contractors will be working overnight on patching the existing highway & drainage works at Borners Bridge junction. The A361 will be closed between Bish Mill Roundabout and Aller Cross roundabout. The closure will be from 8pm to 6am.

What's on at the Jack Russell Inn ... Sat 18 March **LIVE MUSIC** WITH Josh Beer's band
Sun 19 March **MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH**—bookings advisable ... Thurs 30 March—**BINGO** raising funds for the school ... 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 830366*



Speed watch consultation and Dog Walk Shelter consultation : Fri 17.3.23, 10am-7pm, Jubilee Hall
If you are a resident of Swimbridge and are concerned about speeding in the village. There is a govt scheme which allows the Parish Council to apply to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. Swimbridge PC are holding a consultation on **Friday 17 March at 10 am—7pm in the Jubilee Hall** to gather opinions on whether to proceed. If you would like to comment but can't do so online and want a hard copy contact Lee Wadsworth 830705 who will get one to you and collect.

In addition, at the speed watch consultation, there will also be an opportunity for residents to look at several designs drawn by David Netherway to improve the old WWII ammunition hut as a shelter for dog walkers in the Old Orchard dog walking area We'd like your vote on the one you would like.

News from Landkey Community Speed Watch Group Landkey are looking to form a Community Speed Watch Group. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to join this group should please contact Martyn Isaac, Landkey Parish Clerk at mssaac@btinternet.com . They are hoping that residents of both Landkey and Swimbridge can work together in this initiative for the benefit of both villages. More information can be found at <https://communityspeedwatch.org>

Local elections are on Thurs 4th May
Note you now need photo ID to vote at a polling station

Come say hello to the local Jurassic Fibre representatives that will be holding a small event at Jubilee hall on Friday 31 March at 6:30 pm. There will be light refreshments, a presentation, and a chance to have your say with a Q&A.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION Swimbridge celebrations SAT 6 MAY —BH MON 8 MAY

Go on, come on board and be part of a team to organise some village events to celebrate the King Charles III coronation on the weekend of Saturday 6 May. We can organise whatever we wish. The official guidelines suggest:
Sun 7th A Big Lunch or Street party
Mon 8th—The Big Help out—a day of community volunteering to create a legacy ... but we could have a community screening of the Coronation, build a beacon, a hill figure (we're good at these), a Royal door knocker competition, the list is endless. Come along with your thoughts and ideas and we will take it from there. For info phone Julie 830311 /Julie@theyews.org.uk



1st organising discussion is in the Jack Russell Inn on Thurs 23 Feb at 7.30 pm
Come and be part of it.

West Buckland School choir will sing at St James Church Ash Wednesday service on 22 Feb at 7pm. Holy Communion by Father David Chance.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Swimbridge Parish Council
www.swimbridgepc.org.uk
Clerk: Lee Wadsworth, 830705
Snow Warden: Mel Bartlett: 831200

St James Church and Friends of Ch
Mark Haworth-Booth, 07813 776349 / markhaworthbooth@gmail.com
Post Office: Tues, 2-4pm, Church
Food Bank Collection Point: Church
Book Swap – Church

Jack Russell Inn: Paul Darch
830366 f thejackrussellswimbridge

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

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

Jubilee Hall 07714256379
www.swimbridgejubileehall.com

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

Swimbridge Parklands: 830705

Green Team : David Netherway, 830587

Feoffees: Mike Clift, 831188

Allotment: Lindsay Cooper, 830347

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

(JH= Jubilee Hall / Ch= Church
COSC = Church Old School Room)

SUNDAY
- St James Church service, 9.30 am
Mark Haworth-Booth, 01271 830267
- Jack Russell Inn Sunday roasts

MONDAY
- Chakra Meditation (weekly) and
Dancing (1st Mon in mth), 7pm,
Jubilee Hall Claire: 07725 173961
www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com
- Bell Ringing Practice, 7.30 pm, Ch
Christine Ley: 07890331478

TUESDAY
- Pre-school. 9-12 and 12-3pm
www.swimbridgepreschool.com/
contact.html / 830357
- Coffee morning , 10-12 noon,
(3d Tues in mth), UOSC
- Post OFFICE, 2-4pm, Church
- Slimming World, 6.30 pm, JH
07584 372638 f Swimbridge
Slimming World with Claire,

WEDNESDAY
- Go North Devon ring and ride
Swimbridge pick up — 328866
- Pre-school. 9-12 noon, COSR
- Baby and Toddler Group
1.30—2.30 pm, COSR
- Healthy Balance Pilates, 6.10pm,
Becky: 07706 042746 / f Healthy
BalancePilates JH
- Jack Russell Inn steak nights

THURSDAY
- Landkey Guide/Rangers, 6.30pm
JH — Phoebe 07795218579 /
Landkeyguides@gmail.com

FRIDAY
- Pre-school. 9-12 and 12-3pm
- Jack Russell Inn Burger night
- First Friday (in mth) Jazz Club
8pm, JH 01598 740114
info@firstfridayjazz.uk

SATURDAY
- Ballet — morning, JH - 374272



Swimbridge Parish Council: The next meeting takes place on Mon13th March 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).

The Friends of St James present – the Swimbridge Q&As Spring 2023

We invite you to hear some much loved and admired locals with very interesting life stories and skills. Each will give a half hour talk with a Q&A – the venue is the historic Old School Room at the top of the churchyard in Swimbridge: all welcome (Entry £5, Friends free).

Thursday 2 March at 7.30pm : Philip Dalling: Saving the Splendour Philip’s talk will explore how the Exmoor Society was founded in 1958 and how it has faced many challenges. Local people played a key role in its formation. Today it continues its efforts to conserve the splendour of the National Park.

Thursday 16 March at 7.30 pm : Matt Blüge on his life as a young man, when he was a member of the Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, then later as a Queen’s outrider and postilion in the Royal Mews. Matt will talk about the glamour of those particular roles and his love of horses. **Mike Cliff on his life as a police officer (after ten years as a farmer) from 1962-90.** Mike rose to Inspector, saw a great deal of change and was the first Panda car driver in Derby. There can have been few more humane (or humorous) police officers than Mike.

Thursday 30 March at 7.30pm : Ted Picken on working as an engineer on wind farms and gaining insights into what helps to ensure that wind energy is a power for good. Come and hear a bit about wind roses, wake effects, power curves and what a career can be like in renewables. **Ruth Bateman on the dramatic changes in her landscape paintings** over the past five years as they have become informed by climate/environmental issues and her use of art as a catalyst for climate awareness and positive, inspired change.

The Friends of St James Church help preserve, maintain and enhance for the public benefit the church of St James, its churchyard and Streamside Garden and the Old School Room.

www.swimbridgeparishchurch.org Info: markhaworthbooth@gmail.com or 07813 776349

SWIMBRIDGE PARK NEWS

PARTY IN THE PARK 2023—After the success of last year another is being organised for mid summer—a date for the first organising team meeting and date of event will be announced shortly.



The see saw will be installed in the park shortly. Thank you to everyone who supported this, particularly Sam and Emily Rogers Whitton who organised the fundraising .

The wildflower patch in the Park was mown in February and will be mown monthly until the first wildflowers appear - probably (with luck) mid-May.

We are delighted that our Jubilee tree planting has been uploaded to **The Queen’s Green Canopy** (QGC) map. We have a QGC virtual plaque. Thank you to our fantastic volunteers for their work.



To register a place for your child/ren at Swimbridge CofE School please contact Clare Holm on 830437 / admin@swimbridge-primary.org

OTHER SEFUL LOCAL CONTACTS

Avon representatives Charlotte Smart, 075 7288 3130
Fremington Contractors plumber Matt, Swimbridge: 07891534817
Salon at the Saloon Hairdresser Melissa Darch, 07970906421
Darren Knill, Rhino Contractors : property maintenance 07928384916
Oliver Morrish Garden 07583641802
Swimbridge Nursing & Res Home : 830599
Riverton Fishery, 830009
A Barrow Full of Flowers (florist) 07765345083
gailrogers205@gmail.com
Chris Pavord, Oil & Gas Engineer 07766334242
Piano & Flute lessons Lindsay Cooper, 830347

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 March, 8-10.30 pm
Jubilee Hall

The North Coast Joymakers

are a quartet, drawing material from their traditional jazz routes. The band comprises of Brian Down (cornet) Dave Vaughan (reeds and vocals) Dorine de Wit (banjo and vocals) and John Derrick (sousaphone). **Music starts 8.30 pm prompt.** Tickets £10 on door / www.FirstFridayJazz.uk 01598 740114 / info@firstfridayjazz.uk



Come and get that Slimming World feeling on **Tuesdays at 6.30pm** at the Swimbridge Jubilee Hall.



No need to book but if you'd like more info just call or text Claire Holm on 07584 372638.

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



Other news ... 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 0NY. Pre-order 07946433257 ... **JACK&ROO’S CAKES & BAKES** for sale along Hannaford Lane. Just leave cash in the jar.