

**Village defibrillator is located at front shelter of Jack Russell Inn**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**USEFUL CONTACTS and WEEKLY REGULAR ACTIVITIES are listed overleaf**

Mon 17 & Tues 18 April, 8pm—6am  
**North Devon Link Road closure**

Wed 19 April, 8pm—6am  
**ND Link Road closure — Landkey roundabout to Birch Road**

Tues 18 April, 10-12 noon  
**Parson Jack's Coffee Morning**  
Upper Old School Room

Thurs 20 April, 11.30 am, St James  
**Funeral Service of John Bartlett**

Tues 25 April, 10—12 noon  
**Coffee morning**, Jubilee Hall

Tues 2 May, 10—12 noon  
**Coffee morning**, Jubilee Hall

Thurs 4 May  
**Local Elections**, Jubilee Hall

Fri 5 May, 8—10.30 pm, Jubilee Hall  
**The Moon Jazz House Band**

Sat 6 May  
10.30 am **Live screening of the coronation**, Jack Russell Inn

9pm : **LIVE MUSIC—Jacob Terry**  
Jack Russell Inn

Sunday 7 May  
10—2pm: **Breakfast @ Jack Russell**

3pm: **Coronation tea party and exhibition**, St James Church

Tues 9 May, 10—12 noon  
**Coffee morning**, Jubilee Hall

Tues 9 May, 11.30 am, Crematorium  
**Memorial Service of John Bartlett**

**\*NEW\*** Tues 16 May, 11 am / 6pm  
**Sarah Stratton-Hine Yoga**  
Jubilee Hall

Mon 15 May, 7 for 7.30 pm  
**Parish Council meeting**, Jubilee Hall

Tues 16 May, 10—12 noon  
**Parson Jack's Coffee Morning**  
Upper Old School Room

Friday 19 May, 7.30 pm for 8pm  
**Beaford event —COMIC Ed Gaughan**  
Jubilee Hall

Tues 23 May, 10—12 noon  
**Coffee morning**, Jubilee Hall

Tues 30 May, 10—12 noon  
**Coffee morning**, Jubilee Hall

Thurs 15 June  
**NEW VICAR Rev'd Cathy Scoffield**  
- Service at St James Church

Sun 25 June, 11—3.30 pm  
**Artist workshop "The Practice of the Wild" with Ruth Bateman**

Sat 8 July, 7—10.30 pm  
**Barn Dance**, Jubilee Hall

# Swimbridge Newsletter

It is with great sadness that I announce that John Bartlett of Sandyke Farm in Swimbridge passed away on Saturday 8th April. John farmed in this community all his life and has always been an inspiration to me and so many others.

He was chairman of Swimbridge Parish Council for many years and it was because of John that we founded the group SNAP (Swimbridge Needs A Park) which pushed the needs of the park forward until eventually it was secured. He was also our Park Treasurer. Last year we asked John to formally open the children's play area and park at the grand open day because of his overwhelming commitment to it. John also supported Swimbridge Jubilee Hall improvement scheme, and we asked him to officially open the hall with Prince Edward in 2015. John was a Rotarian and so much more. I know that I and many others will miss John, who did so much for Swimbridge. Our thoughts go to his wife Margaret and his family. The funeral is **THIS Thursday 20 April at 11.30 am** in St James, Church, Swimbridge. Everyone welcome. There will also be a memorial service at the crematorium on **Tuesday 9th May at 11.30 am**. Donations can be given to Exeter Renal Unit via WS Gayton and Son Ltd Funeral Directors.



## SWIMBRIDGE KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

### SATURDAY 6th MAY — DAY of the Coronation

10.30 am : **LIVE screening of the Coronation in the Jack Russell Inn**  
Open for coffee and drinks and lunches from 12 midday.

9 pm **LIVE music - Jacob Terry at the Jack Russell Inn**

### SUNDAY 7th MAY

10 am—2 pm **Big breakfast at the Jack Russell Inn** To book a table for breakfast  
phone 830366 or facebook Jack Russell Note: no Sunday lunches

3 pm **Coronation tea party outside St James Church** (inside if it rains) and **Exhibition at St James Church** We would love to receive drawings, pictures, paintings and handcrafted memorabilia of the Coronation to be exhibited in the church. If you can offer food donations or help, or want to exhibit please contact Vera Knight on 830668.



**NOT TO BE MISSED! Unbelievably on our doorstep! beaford event**

## COMIC Ed Gaughan is in Swimbridge!

Friday 19 May. Doors open 7.30 for 8 pm, Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

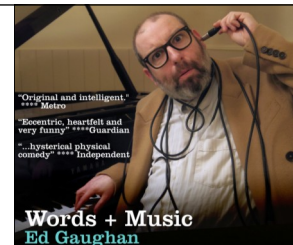
**Come and discover UK comedy's best kept secret!**

Over many years Ed has written, directed and performed work for and with many of the UK's most loved acts - including Milton Jones, Josie Long, Barry Cryer, Pappy's and Spymonkey. He's also the voice of Baron Greenback in Dangermouse, Gideon in Sky TV's Brassic and the Co-creator and star of the BAFTA nominated movie 'Skeletons' which won the Michael Powell award for Cinema. This is his first solo show in 18 years! There will be music, stories, clowning around and plenty of work in progress.

**"Original and intelligent, if Ed Gaughan doesn't already have a cult fan base they should really set one up" \*\*\*\* Metro**      **"Eccentric, heartfelt and very funny" \*\*\*\*Guardian**

**"A surreal disorientating hybrid of theatre, stand up comedy and jazz concert incorporating a talent for accents and impressions with hysterical physical comedy" \*\*\*\* Independent**

**TICKETS SELLING FAST ... BOOK EARLY** : Tickets £8 or £10 on the door. Book online at <https://beaford.org/events/edswimbridge> or phone Julie Whitton 07890467410 / julie@theyews.org.uk



**STOP PRESS ... On Thurs 15 June our new vicar, Rev Cathy Scoffield, will be licensed by the Bishop of Crediton in a special service at St James Church.** We hope that West Buckland School Choir will be joining us—details to follow in the next newsletter. **The Local elections are on Thurs 4 May. Remember:** You now need photo ID to vote at a polling station. **Please use the village post office in the Church** on Tuesday's 2-4pm—use it or lose it. **Our Food Bank** is in the porch—there is a real and increasing need but unfortunately donations are dropping. **Go North Devon Ring and Ride** picks up from Swimbridge for visits to Barnstaple town centre and supermarkets for door to door shopping trips and social trips for those who mobility problems. For timetables and detail phone 328866. **The allotment stall is back** and with your help will be offering surplus veg, fruit, flowers and plants from the allotmenters and anyone with spare produce—the charity chosen this year is Swimbridge Pre-school. **There are spare allotments available** if you want one please contact Mike Cliff on 831188. Well done and a big thank you to **Roger Watts** who has been awarded **South Molton Rotary's Citizen of the Year**. **A big thank you to Romy Cooper** who has started refurbishing the village bus shelter mural as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. **AND thank you** to everyone who helped carry the **Cross up Hooda Hill on Good Friday**—we had record numbers this year.

**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

**Foefees:** 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,  
Jub Hall & 3rd Tues Old school room  
- Yoga, 11am / 6pm, Jubilee Hall  
Sarah Stratton-Hine 07842 863543  
- POST OFFICE, 2-4pm, Church  
- Slimming World, 6.30 pm, Jub Hall  
07584 372638

**WEDNESDAY**

- Go North Devon ring and ride  
Swimbridge pick up — 328866  
- Pre-school, 9-12 noon  
- Baby and Toddler Group  
1.30—2.30 pm, Old school room  
- Healthy Balance Pilates, 6.10pm,  
Becca: 07706 042746 / f Healthy  
BalancePilates Jubilee Hall  
- 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, Jubilee Hall 01598 740114  
info@firstfridayjazz.uk

**SATURDAY**

- Ballet — morning, JH - 374272



**Swimbridge Parish Council: The next meeting takes place on Mon 15 May** 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](http://www.swimbridgepc.org.uk) (New regular date is 2nd Mon in month).

**Yoga for Peaceful Minds & Happy Bodies**

Yoga Alliance Experienced Teacher & Reiki Energy Healing Master Practitioner



**\*NEW\* Community Gentle Yoga class starting Tuesday 16th May at 11am or 6pm, Jubilee Hall** £10. Suitable for everyone and all ages

Please let me know whether you would prefer a morning or early evening Yoga class: Times available would be Tuesday morning, 11am for an hour or Tuesday early evening, 6pm for an hour.

**Contact: www.sarahstrattonhine.com 07842 863543**

**Expect :** Slow flowing movement (asana) that build strength, core strength, balance and flexibility ... **Breath practice (pranayama)** that calms the mind and soothes the body ... **Relaxation (savasana)** that encourages rest and rebalances your nervous system **Encounter :** An opportunity to release held tension ... Gentle stretching helps keep the muscles flexible, strong and healthy ...Some space to focus only on you ...Time to relax your mind and body.

**SOUTH MOLTON SWIMMING POOL IS NOW REOPEN** with new owners SMART Swim Centre. Details can be found by calling 01769 572340 or at [www.smartswimcentre.co.uk](http://www.smartswimcentre.co.uk)

**LOCAL TALENTED ARTIST**

**Ruth Bateman** has an artist sale during April with 15% off all prints, paintings and drawings. Examples of current works visit [www.Ruthbateman.com](http://www.Ruthbateman.com)

**Also Ruth is hosting an art workshop**

**“The Practice of the Wild” on Sunday 25 June, 11am—3.30 pm.** £30 pp. You will be walking from Baggy Point and may go back to her studio at Venn Valley Winery in Swimbridge to work afterwards. To find out more contact Ruth on 07796007264 / ruthyb23@hotmail.com / instagram: ruthbatemanartist

**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.



**What's on at the 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. The menu is on the facebook page. Contact : Jack Russell facebook / 01271 830366

**LINK ROAD CLOSURES: 17th & 18th April 2023 from 8pm to 6am.** There will be a night closure of the A361 North Devon Link Road between Landkey Roundabout and Aller Cross Roundabout to install pre-cast concrete units to the underpasses that pass beneath the A361 at Duckslake and Mays Leary.

**OPENING TIMES SWIMBRIDGE POST OFFICE:**

Every Tues 2-4pm, Swimbridge Church. FREE book swap at the back of the Church.  
**LANDKEY STORES (CASTLE INN):**  
Fresh bread, papers and general stores  
Mon-Sat 8am-10pm / Sun 12 noon—10pm

**Swimbridge Coffee Mornings EVERY Tuesday, 10am—12 noon**

**1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Tuesday :** Jubilee Hall : Free and includes games and craft sessions.

**3rd Tuesday: Parson Jack Russell Coffee morning** in the Upper Old Schoolroom (behind Church) : Coffee and scrumptious cakes for sale. In aid of the Church.

**First Friday Jazz Club**

Friday 5 May, 8-10.30 pm  
Jubilee Hall

**The Moon Jazz House Band**

The Moon Jazz Club was formed in Crediton in the early 2010's by trumpeter Andrew Vaccari. With a leaning towards hard bop, Latin & soul jazz, the club has established itself as a popular session, with audience members making their way from all over Devon. **Music starts 8.30 pm prompt.** Tickets £10 on door / [www.FirstFridayJazz.uk](http://www.FirstFridayJazz.uk) 01598 740114 / info@firstfridayjazz.uk



**EVERY MONDAY**

7pm in the Jubilee Hall.  
**Relaxation and meditation** (and Chakra dance and creative meditation on first Monday in the month)  
**To book call Claire on 07725 173961.** £10 pp  
[www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com](http://www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com)



**Other venues ... Venn Valley Vineyard's café** is open for a warming cuppa and a bite to eat. Breakfasts and Roasts. Open 10am—3pm, Wed—Sunday (closed Mon and Tues): 07552 230377 ... **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.