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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 1 Aug, 10—12 noon

Coffee morning, Jubilee Hall

Fri 4 August—No Jazz Club in August

Mon 7 August, 7pm, Jubilee Hall
Chakra Dancing

Tues 8 Aug, 10—12 noon

Coffee morning, Jubilee Hall

Tues 8 August, 2-4pm, St James Ch
Swimbridge Post Office

Tues 8 Aug, 6.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
Slimming World

Thursday 10 August, 7 for 7.30 pm
Swimbridge Parish Council mtg
(Susie Hind will be giving a presentation to open meeting), Jubilee Hall

Mon 14 August, 7pm, Jubilee Hall
Creative Meditation

Tues 15 Aug 10—12 noon

Coffee morning, Upper Old School Rm

Tues 15 August, 2-4pm, St James Ch
Swimbridge Post Office

Tues 15 Aug, 6.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
Slimming World

Wed 16 August, 12.30 - 2.30pm
Green Team Meet at Jubilee Hall

Sunday 20 August, 12.30—3pm
The Changing face of Barnstaple
FREE community art project for artists & non artists of all ages. The Shambles Community Space, Bple

Mon 21 August, 7pm, Jubilee Hall
Creative Meditation

Tues 22 Aug, 10—12 noon

Coffee morning, Jubilee Hall

Tues 22 August, 2-4pm, St James Ch
Swimbridge Post Office

Tues 22 Aug, 6.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
Slimming World

Friday 25 Aug, 9.30 am and 11am
Little City for under 5's, Jubilee Hall

Mon 28 August, 7pm, Jubilee Hall
Creative Meditation

Tues 29 Aug, 10—12 noon

Coffee morning, Jubilee Hall

Tues 29 August, 2-4pm, St James Ch
Swimbridge Post Office

Tues 29 Aug, 6.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
Slimming World

Friday 1 Sept, 8-10.30 pm

First Friday Jazz Club, Jubilee Hall

Sat 23 Sept, pm/eve, St James Ch
Swimbridge Ringing Comp+5pm: tea

Sat 25 November, 10am-4pm

Swimbridge Xmas Arts & Craft Fair

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Welcome Rev'd Cathy and Stephen Scofield to Swimbridge On 15th June we welcomed our new vicar at her inauguration by the Bishop of Crediton at a special service at St James Church. Rev'd Cathy is now Priest in Charge of the Four ways Mission Community which includes St James, Swimbridge | The Holy Name, Gunn | St Paul, Landkey | St Peter, West Buckland | St Michael, East Buckland.



PLEASE USE OUR POST OFFICE

It is open on Tuesday afternoons 2pm—4pm in St James Church. **It re-opens on Tues 8 Aug.** There is serious threat that **if we don't use it, we will lose it.**



SOUL TO SOUL
HOLISTIC THERAPIES

The next Chakra Dancing session is on Monday 7th August, 7pm at Swimbridge Jubilee Hall. If you would like to join this class of free movement to help release stagnant energy and uplift you, then please drop Claire a message 07725 173961 or you can book online at www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com. Creative Meditation on other Mondays.

Sadly our lovely postman Martyn Mules has moved to another post round by Royal Mail. He did so much for our community and will be much missed. Our new postman is called Cole—welcome to Swimbridge.

Swimbridge Park News A BIG THANK YOU to Alun Griffiths Contractors for building us a brilliant perimeter pathway and petanque court in the park. We are thrilled. A big thank you also to Darren Knill for putting in the toddler fence. Happy 60th birthday and a big thank you to



Mike Ackland who kindly donated £513.34 to the park.



***NEW* Little City has restarted in the Jubilee Hall (4th Fri of every month). The next one is on Friday 25 August at 9.30 am & 11am.** Little City is an entirely mobile role play City for the under 5's to explore and enjoy. To book online visit: emilys@littlecitcityuk.com / 07896988997 <https://linktr.ee/littlecitcitynorthdevon>

Update on Swimbridge pumping station: The pumping station is having essential works for the village and the safety of the river in heavy rain. SWW are removing the old sealed holding tanks and replacing them with new larger vented tanks with more holding capacity. The PC have been told there will be no odours. The works will take place over 14 weeks and will have minimal impact on the Park. SWW wanted to use part of the Park car park as a safety compound which the PC objected against because the car park is fairly small and they did not want vehicles parking on Liverton Drive. SWW have a right of way through the Jubilee Hall car park but to avoid obstructing activities taking place in the hall, the PC offered SWW an area on the other side of the park's main gate of which they are going to remove the soil and stone. When all of the works have been completed the stone will remain and the bank removed and we will have a bigger car park (free of charge). The PC are also being paid £100 pw for the duration and this money will be used for the park. Vehicle movements will be kept to a minimum, but please approach with safety in mind. You will notice a welfare unit and a container in the car park at present but these will be moved within the compound as soon as it's been prepared.

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall News We have refurbished the Hall wooden floor, which looks fantastic! We are currently putting in grants for solar power and an electric car charger—watch this space for updates. **We are looking for a volunteer to help set up the stage lights using the hall's lighting desk on an adhoc basis for events.** If you are interested please contact me (Julie) on 07890467410 or email julie@theyews.org.uk . Currently I am doing it but I am not a techie, and could do with a helping hand. Thank you.



THANK YOU ROMY ... Swimbridge Bus Shelter was decorated with a mural by Mya Gleny in 2012. It has been appreciated by all those waiting for their bus over the years and faired remarkably but it was a bit grubby and some paint and plaster had peeled off in places. Thanks to Romy It is now back to its original glory—Romy kindly volunteered as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award efforts.

Venn Valley Vineyard and Winery has re-opened. Their new temporary opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am—3pm (closed on Sat and Sun). They will be serving coffees, teas, soft drinks, wine, spirits, cakes, pastries and cream teas etc. Their own wine is now also available. They have temporarily suspended their hot food service.



USEFUL CONTACTS

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

St James Church
The Revd Cathy Scoffield
The Rectory, (off Liverton Drive),
830352 E: revcathyscoffield@gmail.com
Cathy's working normal hours are:
Sun AM, Mon, Tues, Fri AM, Sat PM.

Friends of St James Church
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.souttosoulholistictherapies.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
- 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
- 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
- Little City, 4th Fri in mth, 9.30 am
and 11am, JH
- Jack Russell Inn Burger night
- First Friday (in mth) Jazz Club
8pm, Jubilee Hall 01598 740114

Swimbridge Parish Council: The next meeting takes place on Thurs 10 August at 7 for 7.30pm start. All are welcome to attend. Susie Hind will be give a presentation. 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** (Regular date is 2nd Thurs in month).

Swimbridge Green Team— Come and be part of it ... The next Green Team get together will meet outside the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 16 August from 12.30 - 2.30 pm. We will be working on green projects to make the parish a more enjoyable place to live or visit. For further information please contact Susie Hind on 07970004456. New members are welcome and updates will be on the f Swimbridge Forum.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL STALL HOLDERS — Swimbridge Christmas Arts and Craft Fair 2023 is on Saturday 25 November from 10am-4pm. If you want a stall please contact Julie Whitton on julie@theyews.org.uk and importantly also copy into the same email swimbridgejubilee-hall@outlook.com Stalls in the Hall and Church are £20 (£15 in the Upper Old School Room).


Artisan hub in Swimbridge
Lucho is the owner of Lucho Bakes at Venn Vinery. He has put together a useful introduction on the 9 artisan businesses alongside Venn vineyard and the cafe. Lucho sells frozen or leftover bread on Tuesdays and fresh bread from Wednesdays onwards in his shop—the first unit after the café side entrance. Pre-orders are encouraged. Next to Lucho Bakes is **Yaffle & Bosk** with top quality wood-work. Next **Ruth Elizabeth Bateman** a local artist, then **Green Man Cider** Next **PIQI** who creates the most healthy and tasty water kefir drinks. Next is **Earthly Biochar** an award winning start-up who cares a lot about the environment, creating a special charcoal to improve soil health. Next **Blueberry Hills**—they create timber products, specially planter and deliver nationwide. On the other side, next to Yaffle and Bosk, is **@blendwellcoffee** a coffee distribution business. As you can see, we have a gold mine of artisans on our doorstep!

Yoga and Tai Chi classes/private sessions in Swimbridge. Transform your body, heal the spine, release stress & anxiety, and open to a deeper state of Consciousness. New classes begin in September. For more information: <https://www.transformyogataichi.com> or contact Mick re: Tai Chi on 07790526208 lotus2@talktalk.net, or Audrey re: Yoga on 07791191090 audrey@transformmyback.com.

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



First Friday Jazz Club
Friday 1st Sept, 8-10.30 pm
Jubilee Hall (no Jazz Club in Aug)
Kieron Garrett Quartet
Kieron has long been an established pianist on the London jazz circuit. **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 **Tues at 6.30pm** at Swimbridge Jubilee Hall. Contact Claire 07584 372638. 

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: Coffee, biscuits, crafts and games. Free
3rd Tuesday: Parson Jack Russell Coffee morning
Upper Old Schoolroom (behind Church): Coffee and scrumptious cakes for sale in aid of Church.

Swimbridge Ringing competition is on Sat 23rd Sept in the afternoon and evening at St James Church with ringers from around Devon participating. All are welcome to join the ringers for a proper tea for £6 at 5pm and a draw. All proceeds in aid of St James Church. For info contact Christine Ley on 07890331478

Landkey Brownies needs you!
Sarah and Alison would like some other adults to help them lead some of the sessions. They also need some help with their unit admin. Full training will be provided and DBS checks are needed. For more info email Alison for a chat alisonwyborn@gmail.com

Reporting potholes So far this year DCC have received thousands of reports of potholes from members of the public. Each report is assessed on the ground, by a trained Highway Safety Inspector, in accordance with our [Highway Safety Policy](#). A very high percentage of reports are either duplicates of existing reports or don't meet safety defect criteria, and are therefore closed down. A significant portion of these have been logged around the Swimbridge area, often with dozens of reports on the same road which are visited and closed down, only for them to be re-reported again very quickly and in similar quantities. Before logging a report of a pothole please familiarise yourself with the criteria on the [reporting page](#) and note that deliberately logging defects that do not meet this criteria will not result in a repair and may serve to divert resource away from defects on the network that do represent a risk to our highway users.