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www.swimbridgejubileehall.com/

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f Swimbridge Village Forum
f Landkey Village Forum

Jack Russell Inn
Paul Darch— 01271 830366
f thejackrussellswimbridge

St James Church
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f Mission Prayer Programme

Lyncroft Stores, Landkey
01271 830278

Swimbridge Post Office in
Church every Tues 2-4pm

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall
07714 256379
www.swimbridgejubileehall.com

Village defibrillator is
located at front shelter
of Jack Russell Inn

Dates for your diary:

Mon 17-28 Aug: PARK CLOSED
Sun 16 Aug: Jack Russell Inn
Acoustic session—Della & James
Mon 17 Aug: Jub Hall reopens
Tues 18 Aug: Slimming World
Sun 23 Aug: Jack Russell Inn
Acoustic session: ?Della & James
Sun 30 Aug: Jack Russell Inn
Acoustic session—Sam Dowden
Tues 8 Sept: PC meeting—TBA
Sat 12 Sept: Devon Historic
Churches Day— cycle ride
Sept, 10am— Date TBA, Green
Team meet in Square

IMPORTANT : If you
DO NOT have internet
access and want community
updates contact **07395
319378** with your name,
address and tel no and we
will do our best to keep
you updated.

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Wed 12 August 2020



It is with sadness that I announce **Donald Hutchings**, formerly of The Square in Swimbridge and **Ray Sims** of Station Hill who both sadly passed away in July. Our thoughts are with their families.

Congratulations to **Scott Stiff and Steph Wilcox** on the birth of their baby girl Isla Elizabeth Wilcox-Stiff on Thursday 9th July. A beautiful grand-daughter to John and Janette Stiff of Landkey's Lyncroft Stores .



Hooray !!!! Swimbridge Parkland play equipment is being installed from Monday 17th—Friday 28th August by Touchwood Play

It has been a long time coming and we can't wait.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARK WILL BE CLOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

We will announce in the next newsletter when it will be ready for play.

Playing safely It is important that we ensure the park is as safe as we can make it and we have been given advice by NDC and Devon Communities Together. This includes maintaining social distancing, washing your child/ren's hands thoroughly before and after their visit, take your own hand sanitiser wherever possible, not to eat and drink whilst using the play equipment, dispose of litter in the bins provided or take home, and be considerate of other park users. If any play areas appear busy, please come back at a later time to enjoy.

Glebe Field Maintenance contract applications now open

Swimbridge Parish Council is now accepting tender applications for grass cutting, peripheral trimming, and community facilities maintenance in the Glebe Field and adjacent Old Orchard for a 5 year term. To receive an application contact Lee Wadsworth (Clerk to the Parish Council) on 01271 830705 / leew_520@hotmail.co.uk. All sealed tenders must be clearly marked as to the contents and submitted to: Lee Wadsworth, Clerk to the Parish Council by post (Mill House, Mill Court, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, EX32 0PR), or by email: Leew_520@hotmail.com. **Tenders to be received no later than Fri 18 Sept 2020.**

Old Orchard Dog Walking Area. The ragwort is being removed by David, Julie and Darren. Darren Knill needs a help to improve the old village ammunition hut area in the Old Orchard — it will take a 1.5 days over a weekend in October. If you can give any time to this (social distancing) please contact Darren on 831297 / 07928384616 / Darren.Knill@yahoo .com.

Sponsor a tree — We are also planting 10 trees in the old orchard – these can be sponsored for £50 to include a plaque. So far we have 8 sponsors. To find out more contact David—830687.

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall reopens to bookings as from Mon 17 August. Due to Government guidelines there are restrictions in place due to Covid-19 to keep everyone safe. Currently the hall can be able to admit around 21 people in the main hall and 6 in the meeting room. To find out more please contact the booking clerk, Sue Wearne on 07714 256379 or email swimbridgejubileehall@outlook.com **PLEASE NOTE THIS YEAR'S SWIMBRIDGE ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR ON SAT 28 NOVEMBER, HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.**

Jack Russell Inn - We are still operating slightly limited opening hours at the moment. We are closed on Mondays then open for drinks only on Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30-7pm. On Wednesday the bar is open 4.30-10.30 pm serving food from 5.30-9pm. Friday and Saturday the bar is open 12-11pm serving food - lunch and evening and Sunday's we are open 12-7.30pm serving food 12-3pm. We still have our Wednesday steak night and Friday burger offers and still offer takeaways on Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes. Throughout August we have our Acoustic Sunday Sessions, with socially distanced outdoor music under the marquees. On Sun 16 Aug we have "Della & James" and hopefully on 23rd. "Sam Dowden" will be performing on Sun 30 August.



SWIMBRIDGE
CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP
A Community Working Together

Contact Swimbridge Coronavirus
Support Group if you require support
such as: Picking up essential supplies,

medical supplies, mail/newspapers or a friendly phone call.. We're here to help.

Gradually Swimbridge activities are re-opening under the Government's guidance.

Coronavirus is contagious.

Remember to social distance and wash your hands regularly.

Contact : 07395 319378

See top left hand side of newsletter for
other contact details.

Swimbridge Village Forum

facebook page is also a great free source to find out more.

Swimbridge news

- ◆ **Swimbridge Parish Council** - There is no Parish Council meeting in August. If further information is required, please contact the Parish Clerk, Lee Wadsworth, on 830705.
- ◆ **The Green Team will meet in September—date to be agreed.**
- ◆ **Swimbridge School**—Swimbridge CofE school have said farewell to Headteacher Mrs Sandra Tibble who has left to start a new position as Head of a school in Oxford. In September the School is starting a management partnership with Bluecoat Primary School in Great Torrington to allow time to recruit a new Head for the school as, due to Covid-19, the Governing Body have been unable to do this.
- ◆ Swimbridge Pre-school has a few places available for 2-3 year olds. To find out more phone 830357.
- ◆ **Slimming world is reopening on Tuesday 18 August in Swimbridge Jubilee Hall** - To find out more contact consultant Claire Holm on 07584 37263 to book your place. Booking essential due to Covid-19 restrictions.



A warm Invitation to Sunday Morning Prayer at St James Church as from 2nd August at 9.30am

We finally have the good news that we have completed all the requirements to hold church services again! A huge "thank you" to all who have been part of the cleaning, roping off and preparation for this moment: we are now Covid-safe and are ready for services to continue. We have followed all the Church of England and Government guidelines and even gone a little further to ensure you will feel comfortable as you return. Sadly, we are still not allowed to sing, but we will provide downloaded hymns that we can listen to together. We still can't share a cup of tea and, at first, church will look and feel a little different, but we are coming to worship with joy and we can be together even if we have to sit further apart than we normally would. We will be asking you to wear a face covering for the service in accordance with current guidelines. We will continue to broadcast every day on our Mission Prayer Facebook page at 10am for those who are unable to come to church, just as we have throughout the lockdown. The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayer.programme> We warmly invite you to come and share the services together. With every blessing, Rev Shaun O'Rourke



USEFUL CONTACTS WHEN THINGS GET BACK TO NORMAL

Swimbridge Parish Council
Clerk: Lee Wadsworth, 830705
St James Church
www.swimbridgeparishchurch.org
Rev Shaun O'Rourke
Contacts: Christopher James 831075 & Matt Bluge 830764 (Churchwarden)
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Mark Haworth-Booth, 07813 776349 / markhaworthbooth@gmail.com
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Back of St James Church
Upper Old School Room: 830587
david.netherway@btinternet.com
Jack Russell Inn:
Paul Darch, 830366
Swimbridge C of E School
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David Netherway, 830587
Swimbridge Feoffees
Mike Cliff, 831188.
D&C Neighbourhood Police: PCSO
Marcus Jarvis & Lucy Robinson
non emergency: 101
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk
Station Hill allotments and Piano & Flute lessons Lindsay Cooper, 830347
Avon representatives
Charlotte Smart, 075 7288 3130
Salon at the Saloon Hairdresser
Melissa Darch, 079 7090 6421
Clean-Me Chimneys
Keith Clarke 01271 830602
Darren Knill, Rhino Contractors
(property maintenance and extns)
01271 831297 / 07928384916
Oliver Morrish Land & Garden Services 07583641802
Swimbridge Book Swap – FREE
St James Church on back pew
Swimbridge Nursing & Res Home
Person in Charge, 830599
Riverton Fishery, 830009
Snow Warden: Mel Bartlett: 831200
Fremington Contractors plumber
Matt, Swimbridge: 07891534817
Chris Pavord, Gas Engineer 07766 334242
A Barrow Full of Flowers (florist)
07765345083/gailrogers205@gmail.com

5 MINUTES OF FAME ...

Antiques Road Show filmed in Swimbridge on 16 July

Swimbridge will be on the map next spring. The TV crew and celebrity antiques expert Issy Balmer (who arrived in an Alfa Romeo) for popular show The Antiques Road Trip were filming in July in the village. The subject of course Parson Jack Russell and his terriers. Several members of the The Parson Russell Terrier Club came along with their terriers...some from quite far away—Cobbaton, Oxford, Derbyshire ... Thanks to all who took part or helped, including the church, The Jack Russell Inn, the Parson Russell Terrier Club members and their terriers and Peter and Janine Stern for the use of their garden for filming the terriers.



OTHER NEWS

David Netherway and Martin Fry installed a stepping stone path in the Streamside Garden. With the words of the hymn One more step along the world I go. This was the final part of the memorial work for Anne Hayes. The pre school children enjoyed trying it out in July. The turfing iron borrowed from David de Russet was just the tool we needed, via a post on Swimbridge Forum a few weeks ago—thank you David. Also, Mark Haworth-Booth used his scything skills to do the summer haymaking. The yellow rattle has at last begun to establish which will restrict the grass and favour the flowers next year.



The Pulpit at St James.

The fine medieval stone pulpit in St James Church developed a large crack over recent years and then was vandalised late last year. Detailed studies have been carried out by expert conservationists and their reports form the basis of the plan to repair and restore this important feature of the church interior. It is hoped the work can be done in the next 12 months if the funds can be raised. The cost is about £12k + vat (which can be recovered) of which some £7k has been secured or expected from various conservation trusts and charities so far. However, there is some way to go. The safety fencing can then be removed and the fine original paintwork (covered by six subsequent layers of paint) seen again. The project is being managed and funded by the Friends of St James Church. It is really helpful to have their help in dealing with the ever present responsibilities of an ancient building.

Devon Historic Churches Day—Saturday 12 September

All being well, we hope to do our bit from St James to support Devon Historic Churches Day. We have done this for many years, sponsorship and other donations is shared equally between the charity that supports the repair and conservation of Devon's church buildings and our church. We are planning a bike ride this year...very on trend ...from St James via quiet roads and lanes to visit as many churches as we can. Route or routes to be decided, electric bikes welcome. If you would enjoy a challenge...not too advanced, please join us, we will leave at 9.30am. Details from David Netherway, telephone 830587 or please donate or sponsor a participant.

Swimbridge Florist, "A BARROW FULL OF FLOWERS" makes beautiful flower arrangements for all occasions—weddings, funerals. Gail can deliver fresh flower bouquets if ordered in advance Tues to Sun all day delivery. To find out more contact gailrogers205@gmail.com / 07765345083 or 07775465133. F : A Barrow Full of Flowers



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