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Swimbridge Parish Clerk
Lee Wadsworth: 830705
www.swimbridgepc.org.uk
f Swimbridge Village Forum
f Landkey Village Forum

Village defibrillator is located at front shelter of Jack Russell Inn

Jack Russell Inn
Paul Darch— 01271 830366
f thejackrussellswimbridge

St James Church
Services every Sunday 9.30am
Online services at
<https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

Lyncroft Stores, Landkey : 830278

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

Fri 3 Dec, 8 for 8.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
Jazz Club — Peter Miller and the Magnolia Band

Sat 4 Dec, 7.30 pm, Jubilee Hall
LIVE MUSIC Jack the Lads and DISCO

Mon 6 Dec, 5.30-7.30pm, Jungaloo
Swimbridge Pre-school Fundraiser

Wed 8 Dec, 4-10 pm, Tawstock Court
Ruth Bateman's art exhibition

Sat 11 Dec, **Swimbridge Star lighting**

Sun 19 December, 10am

Swimbridge Elf Hunt, Pre-school

Fri 24 Dec—**Jack Russell Xmas Raffle**
11.30 pm Midnight Mass, St James

Sun 26 Dec, 10 am, **St James Christmas Communion and Carols**

Thurs 31 December

Meal and live music—Jack Russell Inn
12 midn: **Auld Lang Syne: The Square**

Wed 12 Jan, 7 for 7.30 pm
Parish Council meeting, J Hall

Weekly regulars
(see overleaf for contact details)

Monday
- Little City, 9.30 and 11.15 am, JH
- Chakra Dancing , 7pm, JH

Tuesday
- Phonics with Robot Reg ND, 9.45 am, 10.45 am, 11.45, JH
- Slimming World, 6.30 pm, JH

Wednesday
- Tiddly Om Poms Toddlers, 10 & 11am, JH
- Healthy Balance Pilates, 6.10 & 7.10pm, JH

- Jack Russell steak nights

Thursday
- Baby Bloom Classes—9.30, 10.45 and 11.50 am, JH
- Landkey Guides & Rangers, 6.30 pm, JH

Friday
- Jack Russell—Burger night
- First Friday (in mth) Jazz Club, 8pm, JH

Saturday
- Ballet with Marion—morning

Sunday
- St James Church service, 9.30 am
- Jack Russell—Sunday roasts

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SWIMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS STAR

LOOK OUT for our wonderful Christmas star which will be put up on Sat 11 December 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. A big thank also to Paul & Lynda Booth for powering it each year.



St James Church at Christmas

St James wish everyone a Happy Christmas and the very best for the New Year. Christmas services are as follows:

Thurs 16 Dec, 7 pm:	United Carol Service at St Paul's, Landkey
Sun 19 Dec, 9 30 am:	Holy Communion at St James, Swimbridge
Fri 24 Dec Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm:	Midnight Mass at St James, Swimbridge
Sun 26 Dec Boxing Day, 10 am:	United Christmas Communion & Carols, St James, Swimbridge

St James is disappointed not to offer the Christingle Service this year. The reason is because it will be difficult to limit numbers and keep social distancing at this very popular service. Hopefully Covid-19 will ease so that we can hold the Service next year.



Swimbridge Parish Council is delighted to announce the appointment of 3 new councillors: Marie Ackland, Melissa Darch and Bret Dennis.

Congratulations to Roisin and Andy on the birth of their lovely baby boy Fearghas James Marshall on 18 October.



Friday 3 Dec
8—10.30 pm
Jubilee Hall



FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ CLUB

First Friday Jazz Club

PETE MILLER AND THE MAGNOLIA BAND

Doors open 8 pm, music starts 8.30 pm prompt. Everyone attending will be asked to provide proof of COVID vaccinations or a negative test within the past 48 hours.

01598 740114 info@firstfridayjazz.uk

Tickets £10 on the door or for details to purchase beforehand visit

<http://www.FirstFridayJazz.uk>

Christmas crafts

Cake Stall

Write a letter to Santa

Decorate a gingerbread man

Raffle

Tattoos

Swimbridge Pre-school

Come and join us for our fun, family Christmas Fundraiser

Monday 6th December
5.30pm-7.30pm
JunglaRoo Soft Play

Tickets cost £4 PER CHILD
Adults free
Other stalls vary in price from 20p - £1

The counter will be open for hot/cold drinks & snacks

For tickets, please see a member of staff or call Sarah on 07980 917550

Free-play in the structure.

Pre-School Charity No: 1025899

Playing Here!!



JACK THE LADS

welcome you to Swimbridge Jubilee Hall
on Saturday 4 December
for a night of LIVE MUSIC / DISCO
Bar. Raffle. Tickets just £7
100% of the profits will go to towards toddler equipment for Swimbridge park.
For tickets PM Darren Knill / **07928 384916**



JACK RUSSELL INN
Christmas openings and events overleaf ...

Landkey shop openings

Shop: Mon—Sat 8am—6pm and Sun 9am—noon
Post office: Mon— Sat 9am-4.30 pm and Sun 9am-noon
Bank holidays—close at noon
Christmas, Boxing and New Year days we are closed.

Fantastic news—we have a great Christmas gift for the village! David Netherway has got £500 from a Tesco grant to purchase an outdoor table tennis table for our park. Thank you for choosing us and submitting tokens in our local Tesco store.

JOIN THE SWIMBRIDGE ELF HUNT

Sunday 19th December
Maps and entry forms will be available from outside pre school from 10am on Sun 19th 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.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Swimbridge Parish Council

Clerk: Lee Wadsworth, 830705
(NEW REG DATE 2nd Wed in month)

Post Office in the Church:

Tuesdays, 2-4pm

St James Church Services

Sunday morning service: 9.30 am
Mission Prayer Programme

www.swimbridgeparishchurch.org

Rev Shaun O'Rourke

Contact Christopher James 831075

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>

Lyncroft Stores: 830278

Shop opening times: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm / Sun 9am-noon Post office:
Mon-Sat 9am-4.30pm/Sun 9-noon.

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Swimbridge CE School PTFA

swimbridgeprimaryPTFA@gmail.com

Swimbridge Pre-school, 830357

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall 07714256379

www.swimbridgejubileehall.com

Chair: Colin Wadsworth, 830705

Regular activities in Jubilee Hall

Monday

Little City North Devon

Nicola@littlecityuk.com

Chakra Dancing & Creative

Meditation Claire 07725 173961

www.soultosoulholistictherapies.com

Tuesday

Slimming World : 07584 372638 f

Swimbridge Slimming World with Claire

Wednesday

Tiddly Om Poms Cathy Rowe 07766

931170 tiddlymusic@gmail.com

Healthy Balance Pilates Classes

07706 042746 / f HealthyBalancePilates

Thursday

Bloom Baby Classes Andrea

07926 034130

www.bloombabyclasses.com

Landkey Guides & Rangers

Phoebe 07795218579 or

Landkeyguides@gmail.com

Friday

First Friday Jazz Club

01598 740114 info@firstfridayjazz.uk

Saturday

Health Balance Pilates (see Wed) Lind-

say Ballet Studios www.facebook.com/Lindsay-Ballet-Studios 01271 374272

Sunday

Badminton Club—Matthew Smith

f: Swimbridge Badminton Club

07739 344343.

Upper Old School Room: 830587

david.netherway@btinternet.com

Swimbridge Parklands

Chair: Colin Wadsworth 830705

To donate: <http://bit.ly/swimbridgepark>

Swimbridge Green Team

David Netherway, 830587

Swimbridge Feoffees

Mike Clift, 831188.

Swimbridge Book Swap – FREE

St James Church on back pew

D&C Neighbourhood Police: PCSO

Marcus Jarvis & Lucy Robinson

non emergency: 101

Snow Warden: Mel Bartlett: 831200

Allotments (The Square) and Piano &

Flute lessons Lindsay Cooper, 830347

Avon representatives

Charlotte Smart, 075 7288 3130

Fremington Contractors plumber Matt,

Swimbridge: 07891534817

Salon at the Saloon Hairdresser

Melissa Darch, 079 7090 6421

Clean-Me Chimneys

Keith Clarke 01271 830602

Darren 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, Gas Engineer 07766334242



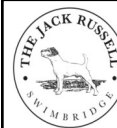
Swimbridge Parish Council: There is no meeting in December. The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 12 January at 7 for 7.30pm start. All are welcome to attend. At 7pm, tea, coffee and biscuits are available as well as the opportunity for an informal chat with the Councillors. Please send news and articles for the Parish Council website via

Swimbridge Parish Council Clerk Lee Wadsworth to the **website: www.swimbridgepc.org.uk** Thank you. The new regular date is 2nd Wed in the month.

Swimbridge remembered its dead of two world wars on Sunday November 14 with a well-attended service in the parish church of St James and an act of remembrance at the war memorial in the churchyard. The church service, taken by Father David Chance was attended by some 50 people, including Swimbridge Parish Council chairman Darren Knill. The congregation later processed to the war memorial, where Councillor Knill laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. After other wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial, the names of those men from the village who died in the 1914-18 and 1939-45 conflicts were read out by Matt Bluge. William Crosbie-Dawson from Gunn spoke the words of the Kohima message - 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrows, we gave our today'. The photograph shows the laying of the Parish Council wreath by Cllr Darren Knill.



Photograph by Philip Dalling



Jack Russell Inn ...

Our takeaways are available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening so if you don't fancy cooking why not collect something on your way home. The menu is on the facebook page. Message us or call 830366.

Christmas opening hours are:

- Christmas Eve 12 noon-11pm (food 12-2 & 5-8.30pm)
- Christmas Day 11am-1pm (drinks only)
- Sunday 26th 11am-5pm (food 11am-1.30pm)
- Monday 27th and Tues 28th closed
- Wednesday 29th, 4-10pm (steak night)
- Thursday 30th, 4-10pm
- New Years Eve 12 noon-late (food 12-2pm & evening set menu)
- New Year's Day and Sunday 2nd closed.

- **Tickets for the Christmas raffle are now for sale in the pub for the Jack Russell Inn Christmas Eve draw.**

- **New Year's Eve we have a set menu with live music accompaniment whilst you eat - to book contact the Jack Russell Facebook page or call 830366.**

Care for Kids Xmas raffle on sale in Landkey Shop

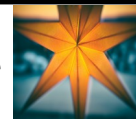
Have you got your tickets yet? Don't delay, 1st prize is a lovely hamper from John Lewis & Partners, 2nd prize a fantastic photo studio session & prints from Unique + United Photographic Experiences and 3rd prize champagne & chocolates! Tickets cost just £1 and are available online here: <https://bit.ly/XmasRaffleTickets> or in person at Landkey Shop or Tea by the Taw in Barnstaple.



Ruth Elizabeth Bateman, Contemporary Artist
Interwoven Connections Art exhibition
Wed 8th December, 4—10 pm,
Tawstock Court, Tawstock, Barnstaple, EX31 3HY
Bar ... hot/cold drinks ... cakes
www.ruthbateman.com

Do you wish to remember a loved one this Christmas?

You can with a card (supplied) and a donation for the upkeep of the churchyard. Your card will be hung on the tree in St James and Special Prayers said at Christmas Services. Please contact **Vera Knight on 830668** or add your name to the list in church.



How kind is this almost 4 years ago in January 2018 we had a freak flood in Swimbridge and the emergency services came in to help us including Weston Super Mare Coastguard. A few weeks ago one of those amazing coastguards, Jeff Gunton, was passing through our village and dropped off a thank you card to the residents of Swimbridge as he wanted to say how grateful he and his team were for our hospitality to them while they were here on that very wet day. I told him it really should be us thanking them!



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. To donate please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/northerndevonchristmasfund>. Thank you.



EXTRA'S ..

Swimbridge Christmas Arts and Craft Fair was a great success and raised approx £1,000 in aid of the Jubilee Hall and St James Church funds. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make the event possible. Amazing!

Are you considering adoption but not sure where to start? Families for Children is holding an info session to talk to our friendly team. All sessions are currently held via Zoom. To book contact Families for Children on 01364 645480 or email devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk or book online www.familiesforchildren.org.uk The next meetings are scheduled for: **Wed 8 Dec 6-8pm**

For up to date information, visit www.swimbridgejubileehall.com