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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (CONTACTS & WEEKLY REGULAR ACTIVITIES ARE LISTED OVERLEAF)

Mon 1st Dec **Argentine Tango Class**
beginners 6pm, main class 6.30,
practice 7.30 (weekly) JH

Mon 1st Dec St James Ch 6.30pm—
8pm (weekly) **Bell ringing practice**

Tues 2nd Dec, 9am—12 and 12—
3pm **Pre-School**, 6.30pm, Jubilee Hall

Tues 2nd Dec, 6.30pm **Slimming
World** (weekly) JH

Tues 2nd Dec 10am—12,
Jubilee Hall, **Coffee Morning** (weekly)

Tues 2nd Dec 2—4pm, St James Ch
Swimbridge Post Office (weekly)

Wed 3rd Dec (weekly) COSC
Pre-school, 9-12 noon
Baby and Toddler Group 1.30—2.45
pm

Wed 3rd Dec (weekly) **Re-pointing
Churchyard Wall** St James Ch

Thurs 4th Dec (weekly) JH 1.00pm—
2.30 **Yoga classes**

Thurs 4th Dec (weekly) COSC 7.30pm
-9 **Tai Chi**

Thurs 4th Dec 6.30pm—8.30
(weekly), JH, **Landkey Guides and
Rangers**

Fri 5th Dec (weekly) **Pre-school**.
COSC 9am-12 and 12-3pm

Sat 6th Dec morning (weekly), JH
Lindsay Ballet Studios

Sat 6th Dec — Live Music **Maddie
Jane Warren** Jack Russell Pub

Sun 7th Dec (weekly) **St James
Church service**, 9.30 am

Thurs 11th Dec 7 for 7.30 pm, JH
Swimbridge Parish Council mtg

Sat 13th Dec (Weather Permitting)
Swimbridge Christmas Star Hooda
Hill

Sat 13th Dec —Live Music **St Fian**
Jack Russell Pub

Sun 14th Dec Send the Help **CIC
Launch and Christmas Workshop** JH

Sun 14th Dec **Service of 9 Lessons &
Carols**, 6.30pm St James Church

Tues 16th Dec 10am—12, COSC
Parson Jack's Coffee morning
(monthly)

Sat 20th Dec 1pm JH **Little City**

Sat 20th Dec Live Music— **Adam
Cumbers acoustic** Jack Russell Pub

Sun 21st Dec 9.30am and 11am JH
Little City

Wed 24th Dec 4pm **Crib Service**,
11pm **Midnight Mass** St James
Church

Thurs 25th Dec **Holy Communion** at
Church of the Holy Name, Gunn,
10am

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www.swimbridgepc.org.uk

www.swimbridgejubileehall.com
facebook Swimbridge village forum

Dec 2025—Jan 2026

SWIMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS STAR

LOOK OUT for our wonderful Christmas star which will be put up on **Sat 13th December** (weather permitting) 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, and to Paul & Lynda Booth for powering it each year.



CHRISTMAS cards of Swimbridge under Snow will once again be on sale for 50p each (Contactless or Cash) in St James Church



Swimbridge Coffee Mornings

EVERY Tuesday 10am—12 noon

1st, 2nd, 4th Tuesday : Jubilee Hall, Coffee, biscuits, crafts and games.

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



Swimbridge Allotments

*There are a few vacant full or part plots waiting for
Swimbridge Gardeners to take on. Friendship, help and advice
all included in the modest rent* Contact: David Netherway
01271 830 587



What's on at the Jack Russell Inn ...

Landlord Paul Darch – 01271 830366
Facebook: thejackrussells swimbridge
The Jack's popular steak night is on
Wednesday, and traditional roasts

and pub classics are on Sunday (including Sunday Lunch
Takeaway).

Delicious takeaways includes chipshop classics, burgers,
pizzas, pies and sides are available every Thursday, Friday
and Saturday evenings from 5pm so if you don't fancy
cooking why not collect something on your way home.

The menu is on the facebook page and on
thejackrussell.com

Christmas Opening Hours

		Pub opening times...	Kitchen Service times...
Christmas eve	Wed 24th	12 noon-	12 noon- 15.00
Christmas Day	Thu 25th	11 am- 13.00	Closed
Boxing Day	Fri 26th	12 noon-	12 noon- 15.00
	Sat 27th	12 noon-	12 noon-14.00 & 17.00-20.30
	Sun 28th	12 noon- 17.00	12 noon- 15.00
	Mon 29th	Closed	Closed
	Tue 30th	Closed	Closed
New Years Eve	Wed 31st	12 noon-	17.00-20.30
New Years Day	Thu 1st	Closed	Closed

Back to normal trading times from Friday 2nd January

Upcoming Events—Live music

Sat 6th Dec —Maddie Jane Warren

Sat 13th Dec —St Fian

Sat 20th Dec — Adam Cumbers acoustic



It's the return of the Swimbridge Panto! On no it isn't,
OH YES IT IS!

The 2026 Panto will be **The Wizard of Oz** in March.
Contact Matt Hayden Bloom for details;
matthewhaydenbloom@gmail.com

Save the Date!

First Friday Jazz Club

Fri, Feb. 26th at 8pm in the Swimbridge Village
Hall 01598 740114 info@firstfridayjazz.uk

27th Feb. 2nd March **Green Team** Parish litter pick

FIRST
FRIDAY
JAZZ
CLUB



The Cake Shed

The Cake Shed - Swimbridge
£2.50 per slice 🍰
Cash (no change given) or QR code
pymnt via PayPal 💰
CCTV in operation
Check Facebook or instagram
@streamsidebakery for the latest
bakes available 😊

Located on **Blakes Hill Road**, close to
the village school, opposite the top
entrance to **Swimbridge Parklands**



Pre-order

- *Brownie CHRISTMAS Wreath
- *Brownie Yule Logs
- *Christmas Eve boxes
to avoid disappointment!

St James Church

Food bank donation box—Please remember to
leave any donated items of non perishable food or
toiletries in the church porch.

Free Book Swap - a wide array to chose from

CHRISTMAS Services

December 14th — Service of 9 Lessons & Carols,
6.30pm St James Church

Christmas Eve — 4pm Crib Service, 11pm Midnight Mass St James
Church

Christmas Day — Holy Communion at Church of the Holy Name, Gunn,
10am



USEFUL CONTACTS

Village defibrillator is located at front shelter of Jack Russell Inn

Swimbridge Parish Council
www.swimbridgepc.org.uk
Clerk: Lee Wadsworth, 830705
County Councillor Ed Tyldesley
Ed.Tyldesley@Devon.gov.uk
St James Church
The Revd Cathy Scofield
830352 E: revcathyscofield@gmail.com
Friends of St James Church
Mark Haworth-Booth, 07813 776349 / markhaworthbooth@gmail.com
Post Office: Tues, 2-4pm, Church
Food Bank Collection Point: Church
Free 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 PTA
PTFA@swimbridge-primary.org
Jubilee Hall 07714256379
swimbridgejubileehall@outlook.com
www.swimbridgejubileehall.com
Upper Old School Room: 830587
david.netherway@btinternet.com
Swimbridge Parklands: 830705
Green Team: Susie Hind 07970004456
Allotment: David Netherway 830587
Swimbridge House Nursing Home:
Wellbeing Lead Lauren Webber
01271830599
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

- Argentine Tango Class JH contact Nicholas Young 07951642173 Nicholas.young@gmail.com
Weekly Mondays — Beginners 6pm,
Main class 6.30pm, practice 7.30pm
- Bell Ringing Practice, 6.30—8pm
Christine Ley: 07890331478
TUESDAY
- Pre-school, 9-12 and 12-3pm
www.swimbridgepreschool.com/
contact.html / 07858509695
- Coffee morning, 10-12 noon,
JH & 3rd Tues Old school room
- POST OFFICE, 2-4pm, Church
- Slimming World, 6.30 pm, JH
Claire : 07584 372638

WEDNESDAY

- North Devon ring and ride
Swimbridge pick up — 328866
- Pre-school, 9-12 noon
- Baby and Toddler Group
1.30—2.45 pm, Old school room
- Jack Russell Inn steak nights

THURSDAY

- Pre-school, 9-12 and 12-3pm
- Landkey Guide/Rangers, 6.30pm
JH — Phoebe 07795218579 /
Landkeyguides@gmail.com
- YOGA classes, 1.00—2.30pm, JH
- Audrey : 07791191090
- Tai Chi 7.30pm—9pm, COSC
- Mick: 07790526208

FRIDAY

- Pre-school, 9-12 and 12-3pm
- First Friday Jazz Club
8pm, JH 01598 740114
info@firstfridayjazz.uk

SATURDAY

- Lindsay Ballet Studios— morning, JH -
Marion Lindsay 374272



Swimbridge Parish Council: The next meeting takes place on Thurs 11th Dec at 7 for 7.30pm start. All are welcome to attend. Please send news for the Parish Council website via Swimbridge Parish Council Clerk Lee Wadsworth, 830705 www.swimbridgepc.org.uk (Regular date is 2nd Thurs in month).

Artisan Hub at Venn Valley Vineyard and Winery, Swimbridge

Venn Valley Vineyard and Winery—Vineyard with wine sales and events venue Tel: 07552230377
www.vennvalleyvineyard.co.uk

The Vine - Bistro, Cocktails, Wine Events—open Wed—Sun

Tel: 07535515771 info@thevinelandkey.com

Lucho Bakes – Fresh sourdough bread and other bakery treats on your doorstep! To place your orders and deliveries, go to: artisanbread@luchobakes.com see website www.luchobakes.com They now supply bakery goods to the Ashford Farm Shop.

Green Man Cider - Artisan cider makers making proper cider from 100% juice in North Devon.

Shop open Sat 10am—12

Tel: 07723919048, www.greenmancider.co.uk

Ruth Elizabeth Bateman, local artist, Tel: 0779 6007264
Instagram: [ruthbatemanartist](https://www.instagram.com/ruthbatemanartist)

PIQI - healthy and tasty water kefir drinks open Mon-Thurs 9am—5pm, and Fri 12—5pm www.piqilife.com

Earthly Biochar, creating special charcoal to improve soil health, open Tues—Thurs 10am—4pm
www.earthlybiochar.com

Blendwell Coffee Devon coffee and Tea supplies including machines and maintenance open Mon 9am—4pm, Tues—Fri Tel: 07460806751, blendwell.co.uk 8am—4pm

North Devon Woodcraft Ltd Handcrafted Outdoor living furniture Tel 07967884563 Facebook

@northdevonwoodcraft

Shop Raw North Devon Holistic store for companion animals Food, natural treats, supplements, harnesses, leads and much more Tel 07394088223 shoprawnorthdevon.co.uk

Viva Violins Violin making and Restoration Tel

07811822026

Terra Fyr Rustic Artisan Pottery terra.fyr@gmail.com
Ashford Farm Shop Fresh organic produce, Deli and Cheese counter; open Mon—Sat 9am—4pm, Sun 10am to 3.30pm, tel 01271343130, facebook.com/thegoodstores

Little City North Devon

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall
Christmas Themed Sessions Sat 20th Dec at 1pm and Sun 21st Dec at 9.30am and 11am
Jan date Mon 26th (TBC) at 9.30am and 11am



Emily Santry

Business Owner • Little City - North Devon

mobile: 07896988997
email: emilys@littlecityyuk.com
Play Sessions - School Workshops - Birthday Parties
www.littlecityyuk.com



Child due to start in reception?
Book your visit!

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- Flexible wraparound care 8am-5.30pm
- Spaces available in reception and other year groups
- Small school with a nurturing focus
- Brand new school approved

"By the time pupils leave Swimbridge School, the children know how to be successful learners." Ofsted 2024



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C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Book your personal tour now!
Email: admin@swimbridge-primary.org
Call: 01271 830437



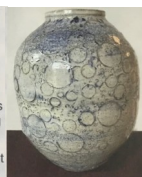
WELCOME TO BILL THE POTTER'S FACE TO FACE GALLERY

If you are interested in visiting please email me at: (bill@billthepotter.co.uk) or phone me. (07925 351530)

We can then arrange a date and time for us to meet FACE TO FACE!

I need to insist on a date and time as this ensures no-one is hanging about waiting for a vague time of arrival!
I cannot send packages by mail or accept card payment. So cash or bank transfer works best for me.

Yes, I know I am old fashioned and very out of date but that is why it is **FACE TO FACE!**



Tannery Lodge
Hammelford Lane
Swimbridge
Devon
EX32 0PL

Avon with Katie, your local Avon Rep For a brochure please call or message 07712128030



OPENING TIMES SWIMBRIDGE POST OFFICE:

USE it or LOSE it ! An invaluable community service

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



The Green Team – volunteers needed

We are working to keep Swimbridge Parish looking great, helping in the Streamside Garden, Parklands, Jubilee Hall grounds, Rural Footpaths, Footways, Signs, Historical Community buildings and the Bus Shelter. Could you volunteer; you can dip in and out whenever you are free - it is only at most 2 hrs once a month—we now have 1700 + adults in the Parish!

Looking ahead to 2026:

There will be a new willow structure built in Parklands in February.

Fri 27th Feb to Mon 2nd March there will be the annual Swimbridge Parish Litter Pick.

Volunteers are essential to make any of the Green Team events possible.

[Info — Green Team Leader Susie Hind 07970 004456.](mailto:Info—GreenTeamLeaderSusieHind07970004456)

Weekly Yoga classes, Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm @ Swimbridge Jubilee Hall. Great for your spine. All levels welcome. 1:1 yoga sessions also available. Excellent for hip & back issues and releasing pain & stress.

Please contact Audrey for more info:

07791191090 / www.transformmyogataichi.com

Weekly Tai Chi classes, Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm @ at the Old School Room, Swimbridge,

Please contact Mick for more info:

07790526208 / www.transformmyogataichi.com

Come along to Swimbridge's brand new style Slimming World group, where sharing and learning is even better than before. Our new approach is based on providing enhanced support to help people lose more weight and sustain their weight loss in the longer term.

Tuesdays, 6.30pm in the Jubilee Hall.

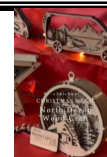
No need to book, just turn up or to find out more :

Contact Claire 07584 372638.



North Devon Woodcraft

LOCALLY HANDMADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS & DECORATIONS—open most days in Dec,
9am to 3pm - please call in advance to check
Unit 1, Venn Valley Winery 07967884563



The Launch

SEND the Help – Official Launch & Christmas Centrepiece Workshop

Join us as we celebrate the launch of SEND the Help CIC with a magical afternoon of festive creativity at Swimbridge Village Hall,

Sunday 14th December 2pm

Enjoy mulled wine, cheeses and nibbles, and craft your own beautiful fresh-foliage Christmas centerpiece to take home.
This isn't a drop-in – it's a relaxed, guided workshop filled with warmth, laughter, and a little sparkle of Christmas magic.

Limited subsidised places – £10 each.
To book, please email sendthehelp@gmail.com.

