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Apr 2026—May 2026

Wed 1st Apr COSC Pre-school, (daily Mon—Fri, term time only) 9-12 noon on Wed, 9-3 Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri

Wed 1st Apr Swimbridge and Landkey Ukes 6.30pm—8.30 JH

Thurs 2nd Apr (weekly) JH 1.00pm-2.30 Yoga classes

Thurs 2nd Apr (weekly) COSC 7.30pm -9pm Tai Chi

Thurs 2nd April Lords Supper Holy Communion 7.30pm St James Ch

Fri 3rd Apr Good Friday Walk of Witness, St James Church and Hooda Hill 7.30am

Fri 3rd Apr Hour Before the Cross Service St James Ch

Sat 4th Apr morning (weekly), JH Lindsay Ballet Studios

Sat 4th Apr Easter Vigil 7.30pm St James Ch

Sun 5th Apr (weekly) Easter Holy Communion 9.30 am

Mon 6th Apr Argentine Tango Class beginners 6pm, main class 6.30, practice 7.30 (weekly) JH

Mon 6th Apr St James Ch 6.30pm—8pm (weekly) Bell ringing practice

Tues 7th Apr, 6.30pm Slimming World (weekly) JH

Tues 7th Apr 10am—12, Jubilee Hall, Coffee Morning (weekly)

Tues 7th Apr 2—4pm, St James Ch Swimbridge Post Office (weekly)

Thurs 9th Apr 7 for 7.30 pm, JH Swimbridge Parish Council mtg

Wed 15th Apr Green Team Streamside Garden 12.15pm—2.15

Thurs 16th Apr Friends of St James Q&A Roger Bartlett on the Freedom centre 7.30pm COSC

Sat 18th Apr Green Team Tidy & weed centre of village 10am—12

Tues 21st Apr 10am—12, COSC Parson Jack's Coffee morning (monthly)

Thurs 23rd Apr St George's Day Bingo raising funds for Swimbridge C of E Primary School, Jack Russell

Tues 28th Apr Community fundraising meeting in JH 7.30pm

Thurs 30th Apr Friends of St James Q&A Mark Haworth-Booth on his career in the Arts 7.30pm COSC

Sat 16th May Green Team Parklands 10am—12

Sat 16th May Barnstaple Male Voice Choir 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm) JH



Saturday 16th May
at 7:00pm (Doors open 6:30)

Tickets: £8.00 (under 10's - free)
available from: Julie on 07890467410 /
juliewhitton1@icloud.com or on the door

Swimbridge Coffee Mornings

EVERY Tuesday 10am—12
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.



Exmoor Mobile Vet Nurse

providing professional, friendly pet care at home lauradobby9@gmail.com
tel: 07977613664 facebook Exmoor Mobile Vet Nurse



Landlord Paul Darch — 01271 830366
Facebook: thejackrussellswimbridge
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

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April
7.30pm LORD'S SUPPER Holy Communion service at St James, Swimbridge



GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April
7.30am WALK OF WITNESS
St James Church & Hooda Hill

A moving opportunity to help carry and to walk up Hooda Hill to place the Cross.
Gather outside St James Church, Swimbridge. Everyone welcome. Dogs to remain on leads.
Return to church for refreshments including Hot Cross Buns. Stay for Family Easter activities with your children.

Children's Easter activities in St James church from 9-10.30am. Crafts and chocolate eggs !

GOOD FRIDAY
2-3pm HOUR BEFORE THE CROSS service at St James, Swimbridge

HOLY SATURDAY 4th April
7.30pm EASTER VIGIL St James Swimbridge
beginning with the lighting of the Easter Fire outside the church door.

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April

He is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

9.30am Easter Holy Communion
St James Swimbridge
11am Easter Holy Communion
Church of the Holy Name, Gunn



And just like that, the curtain's closed and we've come to the end of the Yellow Brick Road...

A huge thank you to everyone who followed it all the way to our panto and supported us this year—you made it feel like we really were off to see the Wizard!

We had an absolute blast on stage (even if a few of us were missing a brain, a heart, or a bit of courage at times), and it's been brilliant to hear all your lovely feedback.

We'll be popping back behind the curtain soon to share how the profits will be spent—no magic required (well... maybe a little).

Until then... there's no place like panto.



The Jubilee Hall needs your help. Our much loved hall is regularly used by our community for events such as our village panto, activities, coffee morning parties and so much more which is fabulous but as it is now 11 years since the major refurbishment took place it needs redecorating inside and out, and we would like to ask for your support to help us pay for it. If you can organise a fundraising event or give a donation please let us know. We are also holding a **community fundraising meeting** in the hall on **Tuesday 28 April at 7.30 pm** to get things moving and we would love to see you there. Your support will enable us to help you to continue enjoying a well maintained beautiful hall. To find out more : phone Julie on 07890467410 or email julie@theyews.org.uk . Thank you, together we can make it happen. **Oh, yes we can.**



The Cake Shed

The Cake Shed - Swimbridge
£2.50 per slice 🍰
Cash (no change given) or QR code payment 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

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

A new Servery for St James Church Swimbridge

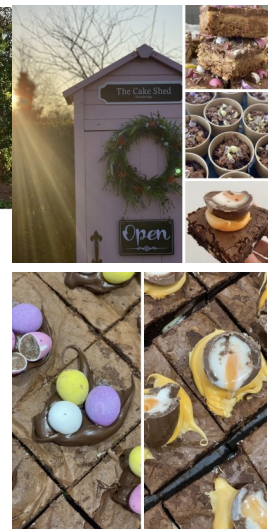
Images and architects drawings of a servery proposal to replace the existing arrangement went on display in the church on 4th March. Please pop in to view. A comments book is available for community feedback.

Friends of St James Church Spring Q & As

Two talks with Q&As on service of different kinds — science, social, arts. All in St James Church at 7.30 pm. £5 entry, Friends of St James free. All very welcome!

16 April: Roger Bartlett on the Freedom Centre

30 April: Mark Haworth-Booth on his career in the arts



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 PTF
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
Swimbridge pre-school 07858509695
swimbridgepreschool@gmail.com

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

- **Pre-school** (term time only), 9-12 and 12-3pm
www.swimbridgepreschool.com/
contact.html / 07858509695
- **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
- **Swimbridge and Landkey Ukles**
6.30pm-8.30 JH contact Tori 07966455919
- **Jack Russell Inn steak nights**

THURSDAY

- **Pre-school**, 9-12 and 12-3pm
- **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

SATURDAY

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



Swimbridge Parish Council: The next meeting takes place on Thurs 9th April 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 & gifts 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

Carrie's Canine Design Dog grooming salon
Carriescaninedesign@outlook.com 07769992657



Swimbridge Preschool

Nurturing children and their families for over 40 years, preparing them for a bright future.

Open Term times

Monday 9am - 3pm
Tuesday 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 9am - 12am
Thursday 9am - 3pm
Friday 9am - 3pm

Features

- Ages 2 years - 4 years
- Nurturing and family centered
- Small group size with a maximum of 14
- Well resourced room with experienced staff
- Funding for 2 - 4 year olds



Contact: 07858509695
swimbridgepreschool@gmail.com
The Old School Rooms, Swimbridge. EX32 0PR
Find us on Facebook



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!



15th April Streamside Garden weed, prune and plant

12.15pm-2.15

18th April Park and weed centre of village 10am-12

16th May Parklands walkways to the river and willow structure hoe/weed/chippings 10am-12

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

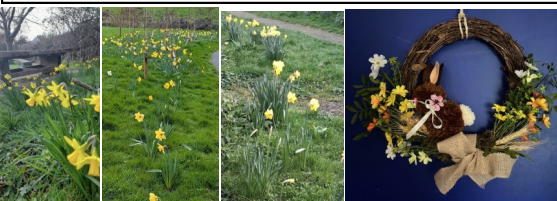
Come along to Swimbridge's brand new style Slimming World group, where sharing and learning is even better than before. Our new approach is based on providing enhanced support to help people lose more weight and sustain their weight loss in the longer term.



Tuesdays, 6.30pm in the Jubilee Hall.

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

Contact Claire 07584 372638.



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m. 07928384916

Darren Knill

t. 01271 831297

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



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!



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