

STRONSAY LIMPET

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SANTA RETURNS—SAT 22 DEC

See poster inside for details

A VISIT FROM SANTA—SAT 22 DEC

See poster inside for details

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE—MON 24 DEC

11:30pm in the kirk

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE—TUE 25 DEC

Short service at 11am in the kirk

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — WED 30 JAN

3pm at the Fishmart

RUBBISH COLLECTION

The rubbish collection will be on Thursday 27th December rather than Tuesday 25th and again on Thursday 3rd January not Tuesday the 1st.

BANK (RBS) DATES

Tuesday 18 December, Friday 28 December & Tuesday 8 January.

ORKNEY FERRIES—CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY

There will be no sailings on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December 2018 or on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 January 2019. DON'T FORGET—the refit timetable begins on Sunday 6 January 2019!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who sent kind words of comfort and sympathy cards following Bob's sudden death on 11th November.

Pat Wilcox and family.

HOW TO CONTACT THE LIMPET

Send an email to <u>editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk</u> (<u>preferred method</u>); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (<u>after</u> 10am & <u>before</u> 8pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*.

The next edition of the <u>Limpet</u> will be published on <u>Thu 31 Jan</u>. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on <u>Sun 27 Jan</u>. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <u>http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk</u>

OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY STRONSAY BUSINESSES

Date	ite	Olivebank	Ebenezer	Post Office	Hotel	Surgery	Fish Mart	Craftship Enterprise
Fri 21	Fri 21 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	Normal	Normal	11am-3pm	Closed
Sat 22 Dec	2 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	Normal	Closed	11am-3pm	Closed
Sun 23 Dec	3 Dec	Closed	10am-1pm	Closed	Normal	Closed	11am-3pm	Closed
	Mon 24 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-midnight	Normal	Closed	Closed
¹ Tue 25 Dec	5 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Noon-2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 26 Dec	6 Dec	Closed	10am-12noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thu 2	Thu 27 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	10am-1pm	10am-1pm	Closed	Normal	Closed	Closed
	Fri 28 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-6:30pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-1am	Normal	Closed	Closed
	Sat 29 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-6:30pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-1am	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun 30 Dec	0 Dec	Closed	10am-1pm	Closed	5pm-10pm	Closed	11am-3pm	Closed
	Mon 31 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	8pm-1am	Normal	Closed	Closed
Tue 1 Jan	Jan	Closed	10am-12noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
[∞] Wed 2 Jan	2 Jan	Closed	10am-1pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thu 3 Jan	3 Jan	10am-1pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	Normal	Normal	Closed	Closed

Please note that even when the Surgery is closed the doctor is still available for emergencies, just dial 01856 888000 for Balfour Hospital switchboard who can then page the doctor.

STRONSAY BABUSHKA

The children from Stronsay Kirk have been working VERY hard on a play called Babushka. Also the people that don't attend Kirk from Stronsay Junior High School helped as musicians, narrators, the chorus and dancing villagers.

We performed the play at the tree lighting and again on Sunday the 16th of December, with the smaller kirk cast.

The story is about a woman called Babushka who never stops cleaning, and one day when she is asleep, she hears an angel singing about a baby being born in a scruffy old stable. So she decides to pack a basket with presents and heads off to see the baby, but on her way she gives away all the gifts away to people she met on her journey. Babushka starts to walk back home, but Mary calls her back and explains that all the gifts she gave with love she gave to Mary's son, Jesus. In the end Babushka realises that her life should be more exciting than just cleaning the whole time. In the end Babushka's heart is full and she is filled with joy and love. The main characters are:

We hope you enjoyed the play. (If you came.)

By Millie Dennison and Dorothy Bremner



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MICRO BIT PROGRAMMING AND BOOKBUG

On 5th December, Sally Walker, who is the children's librarian from the Kirkwall Library, came to teach Upper Primary about Micro Bits. A Micro Bit is a small device that is quite simple to program. We had a go at programming one ourselves by sending e.g. smiley faces and messages from a computer. Sally had also brought in some preprogrammed ones which could count your footsteps and play rock, paper, scissors. She also did a Bookbug session with the Lower Primary and Nursery. Altogether it was a really fun lesson.

By Melvin and Lewis

STRONSAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The SOS group had a stall to raise money for the school. On the stall there were advent and homemade candles, an Orkney clock, Christmas cards, snowman biscuits, wooden boxes, decorated bottles, sea glass jars, reindeer hot chocolate, Wizard of Oz pictures, Stronsay 2019 calendars and tealight holders. We raised £359.40 on just our stall – thank you for your support! Thank you also to everyone who made and donated items, including SOS and Peedie Otters members, Shirley, Andy, Sheena (Mrs D's mum) and Flo. By Sam







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EDUCATION, LEISURE AND HOUSING Stronsay Swimming Pool

Relief Leisure Attendant (Ref: ORK02980)

Hours are offered on an as and when required basis £9.60 per hour (including Distant Islands Allowance) A shift allowance will be paid for unsocial hours worked where appropriate

The successful applicant must be prepared to acquire a full knowledge of all matters relating to the cleaning, operation and servicing of the swimming pool. This will include assembling and dismantling equipment, checking and maintaining chemical levels and cleaning filters.

There may be other cleaning duties outwith the pool area which will be delegated by Head Teacher and Pool Booking Clerk.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to discuss the post by contacting Graham Hill, Swimming Pools Team Leader, telephone 01856 850552 or email graham.hill@orkey.gov.uk

Further information is available from, and online applications can be made through <u>www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/orkney</u>

Closing Date: Sunday 23 December 2018

Orkney Islands Council ensures that the pay for all posts meets the Scottish Local Government Living Wage.

Please note that interview expenses are not payable for this post.

RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

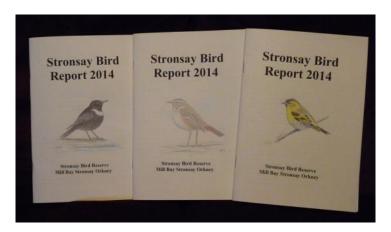
There were a few unusual sightings in early Winter – all unexpected and well spread out across the island - a Black Redstart (unfortunately found dead) by Mark at Houseby on 10th November; a Slavonian Grebe between the piers in Whitehall for a short time on 17th; a Woodcock dashing off from the Airy garden on 19th, and the most spectacular and unexpected – a Red Kite at Mt Pleasant on 1st December seen simultaneously by Brian and Christine at Cliffdale, and then Andy from the Post Office van – just the fourth island record of this spectacular species. Unfortunately – but typically with large birds of prey – it could not be re-found in spite of much searching over the next 2-3 days.

After a spell of SE winds which brought nothing new to the island in early December, a calm spell followed by a NW wind brought two 'migrants' to the Reserve area on 10th – a Song Thrush caught in the headlights of the car at 8am, and a Greenfinch feeding frantically among the local House Sparrows later that morning. Neither Song Thrush or Greenfinch have nested on the island in the last 30 years at least.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of over-wintering Curlew, Golden Plover, and Redshank in the last few months of the year - all due to the decrease in Greylag Geese numbers, and it is no coincidence that the majority of these waders are to be found feeding close to the edges of the fields and often close to the road where the Greylags no longer venture! A slight increase in the numbers of breeding Curlew was also noted in 2018, and once again the vast majority of sightings of - mainly single - birds (probably the 'attendant' males) were to be found feeding around the perimeter of the pastureland.

One interesting late sighting is the pair of Oystercatchers feeding regularly in the field opposite 'Grind' (seen again today, 16th December). A species rarely seen here in mid-Winter.

The 2018 Stronsay Bird Report is now almost ready for printing – please let me know if there is anything we have missed – there are always a few last-minute amendments! We run off a few extra copies other than those ordered each year so please let me know as soon as possible if any new readers of The Limpet would like a copy (complete with original coloured-pencil cover-sketch). In the meantime many thanks for all the phone calls and help throughout the year. John & Sue Holloway. Tel 616363.



The 2018 Stronsay Bird Report will be available in the New Year. (£5 each)

STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

Reporting on the work of your councillor in Orkney and beyond

The consultation on Council charges is now live. The deadline for completion of the survey is Friday 18 January 2019. Details of the survey can be found online at http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Council/C/consultation-on-council-charges.htm. Paper copies are available at the Council Offices, but I have requested that they also be made available on the ferries, at Kirkwall Airport and distributed to community council clerks and link officers in the North Isles, and I hope this will be done.

The proposed charge for the Papdale Halls of Residence will now be forming a separate consultation. From the charges I originally identified as potentially having a detrimental impact on the North Isles, these three remain in the survey:

- Increases to landing fees at Council airfields;
- Increased charges for special (bulky) household waste collection and disposal;
- Introduction of charges for overnight parking of campervans.

I urge as many North Isles' residents and organisations (e.g. development trusts and tourism groups) as possible to engage in this survey, so that our views are not drowned out by the wishes of folk on the Mainland. (Remember, among the "top 5 issues" for the Kirkwall community is a "review of Junior High School provision on the isles" !!! — see my October *Letter*.)

As we who live here know, job opportunities on many of our islands are very limited, and so some island residents obtain employment on the Mainland. But, unlike for somebody already living on the Mainland, a daily commute to/from work for an islander with a job over there is often impossible. In these circumstances, the islander has no choice but to rent (or buy) a second home on the Mainland. The costs involved in maintaining a second home in order to be able to work represent a considerable financial barrier to employment for Isles' residents, and I believe OIC could help lower this barrier by applying a second-home council-tax discount to those in this situation. I first brought this proposal up at the Policy & Resources Committee meeting under the item "Council Tax-Charging on Empty Properties & Second Homes". Councillors with such properties declared an interest and a total of 8 had to leave the chamber. Of the remaining councillors, 2 others supported me and 9 opposed. However, given that in our Council Plan we state we have "the long-term aim of achieving sustainable working populations on every one of our islands", at the subsequent General Meeting I tabled an amendment, which has succeeded in getting the matter referred back to the next Policy & Resources Committee meeting for reconsideration. As I said at that General Meeting: "We expect the Scottish Parliament to 'island-proof' its policies with regard to Orkney-similarly, we have the duty to 'island-proof' our polices with regard to our outer isles".

I was lucky to be in town on the day of the Kirkwall Grammar School Art Exhibition, at which the work of those taking National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher art & design was on display. It demonstrated an impressive array of talent.

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A display of excellent artwork by a Kirkwall Grammar School student from the Isles

Other meetings I have attended this month include: a "Lower speed communities" workshop, an Orkney Tourism Week networking event, the AGM of the Sanday Development Trust, a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board in Lerwick, and a board meeting of Orkney Ferries Ltd. Rather than going to the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival at Kirkwall Cathedral, this year I stayed in my ward and enjoyed the Christmas tree lighting event at Sanday School.

2019 promises to be an interesting year. In March, the United Kingdom is set to leave the European Union, followed in May by Orkney Islands Council's mid-term reshuffle. The Chinese have the proverb " 寧為太平犬, 莫做亂離人", the sense of which is often expressed in English as "May you live in interesting times".

Happy New Year!

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson West Manse, Sanday stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk



You can download "Letter from School Place" from Ifsp.pbworks.com

SO YOU THOUGHT OLD FERRIES AND UNFAIR FUNDING WERE NEW PROBLEMS!

While browsing through an Orcadian dated 13th July 1961 I happened to stumble upon this article. This was the report of a speech made by Jo Grimond, our M.P. at the time, in the House of Commons on 29th June 1961 in which he was making a plea for new ferries (although the funding for new ferries had been pledged by this time) and fairer funding for the North Isles of Orkney. On reading it, it struck me that we could fast forward 57 years and practically the same speech and plea would be relevant. Change 'Orkney Steam Navigation Company' to 'Orkney Ferries' and you're pretty much there. Even the reference to thirty year old boats named 'Thorfinn' and 'Sigurd' is still accurate! As Jo's speech and the reply from the Under Secretary of State for Scotland would be 'way too long for the 'Limpet', only the first part is shown here. For those interested, the full version is available at hansard.parliament.uk for 29th June 1961. Ian Cooper

'Shipping Services must be improved' M.P. tells Commons

The new shipping service for the North Isles must be put on a sound footing which will last for some time, Mr J. Grimond, MP for Orkney and Shetland, stated in the House of Commons on Thursday, June 29th, when he welcomed the Government's announcement of a new shipping company for Orkney. "At this late hour it will be a waste of public money to do too little."

"I welcome the assurance that this Government will give assistance under the Highlands and Island Shipping Services Act, not only to maintain but to improve - and, I stress, improve - these services. I am glad, too, that the Government have agreed to provide new vessels. I shall, however, have some questions to ask, about the schedules, the type of vessels and the conditions of this aid." he said.

The M.P. went on:-

"The Government are wise in saying that they will include in the new company strong representation from the North Isles. I have always emphasised that the main purpose of these services must be to benefit the people of the Isles regardless of how we do it or through what company, and, by benefiting them, to stop depopulation. I have stressed, therefore, that people living in the islands should be strongly represented, as I am sure they will be now, on the board of the company.

But in spite of this statement on Tuesday and the progress which is being made, we still have a long way to go before we see this company actually in being with new vessels on the sea. This delay is having a bad effect on the Isles. I do not think anyone would accuse my constituents of being impatient.

It is many years since the Orkney Steam Navigation Company itself drew the attention of the then Government to the difficulty it was bound to face, owing to rising costs, in replacing its vessels, and it is fully eight years since I myself asked for inquiry into these services. This request, after being refused, was eventually accepted, and, of course, we had the report made by Mr. McGillivray as long ago as 1957."

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30 year old ships

"The first lesson we are bound to draw from the history of the matter is that the solution of this sort of problem does not get any easier by delay. I am sure the Government will now agree about that. I have pointed it out many times. I hope that the period of delay is now closing. Once again I put it to the Under-Secretary that the "Thorfinn" and the "Sigurd" are now over thirty years old, and I believe they are the last coal-burning vessels of their type in this country. They are getting more and more expensive to run, and last autumn we had this crisis when the "Thorfinn" was due for survey. The Government eventually agreed to assist over this, but in the end the survey cost about £12,000 on a ship which is worth about £3,000. The taxpayers have had to meet an expensive bill, which could have been avoided if we had dealt with this matter quickly.

Once a decision has been made to help, as it has in this case, the great thing to do is to get the help to the places which need it as quickly as possible. If it were the policy of the Government never to help industry or transport we should have no special complaint, but they are continuously subsidising transport with much less justification than in the North Isles of Orkney. Indeed, the Shipping Bill which the Government introduced, and which was passed into law over a year ago, was no new departure. The Government were already subsidising MacBraynes to the tune of over £300,000 a year, and transport all over the country is helped. The railways are allowed to run up a deficit, and many urban transport undertakings are assisted in one way or another.

I make no complaint about that. I am in favours of some subsidies. We all agree that certain types of transport must be helped. The type which has an overpowering case for assistance is that which is essential for a vital service to a community. If ever there was an area in which this sort of transport is needed, and in which the case for help can be made out on both economic and social grounds, it is the islands in Orkney and Shetland. Further, the North Islands of Orkney produce a substantial amount of food, and are inhabited by people who still run viable communities and do a great deal to help themselves. They contribute to the national wealth, as the Under-Secretary will agree. They are highly reasonable people. But it does not seem that much of this has told in their favour. Further, a word of appreciation is due to the Orkney Steam Navigation. If it had taken a selfish course it could have closed its service and sold its assets years ago. It is worth recording that the directors' total remuneration each year is £100. There is some discrepancy between the attitude of the Government - and here I am not blaming the Scottish Office - to this essential transport service in comparatively poor islands and their attitude towards the Cunard Company and MacBraynes. The Cunard Company is to get help to the tune of £18 million for a luxury liner. I am all in favour of helping shipping and shipbuilding, but, like many hon. Members, I do not think that the case for this particular assistance to the Cunard is nearly so strong as it is for some assistance to an essential service which no one pretends the people can do without, and which no one has pretended for some time can be left entirely to the resources of the present company.

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Delay has undoubtedly taken place before we are in sight of getting anything to put this essential service on a proper footing, and to replace the vessels in question. In extenuation of this delay the Government will say that they had to carry out very complicated negotiations, and that the blame does not lie entirely on them. I accept that the Government have taken a great deal of trouble in this matter, and I do not want the Under-Secretary to think that I am ungrateful to him for the patience he has shown.

But he must agree that there has been no desire to obstruct or delay in Orkney. The Orkney Steam Navigation Company has made it quite clear that it waited for the proposals of the Government. Those proposals took some time in coming. Indeed, there did seem a moment when there was a certain paralysis of the Government's will, combined with the inability to apply commercial sense, or even common sense to the problem. Again, I do not necessarily blame the Scottish Office. I dare say that there have been difficulties for the Government over finance, but I hope that has been rectified and that now we are embarking on a definite course of action the right decisions can be more quickly arrived at.

Further, it will be a tragedy if, having agreed on the present scheme, we do not ensure that it is adequate. I want to stress this very strongly, and have done so to the Under-Secretary before. After experience of these negotiations, and noting the Government's apparent reluctance to start air or other types of unconventional service, I doubt whether they have the determination to look sufficiently far ahead to put this service on a sound footing which will last for some time. At this late hour, it will be a waste of public money to do too little."

TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE VISIBLE FROM STRONSAY

Begins:	Mon, 21 Jan 2019, 02:36
Maximum:	Mon, 21 Jan 2019, 05:12 1.20 Magnitude
Ends:	Mon, 21 Jan 2019, 07:48
Duration:	5 hours, 12 minutes

See <u>https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/@7670897</u> for full details. (*Thanks to Dennis Proudman for a tip-off about this event*)

<u>A CHRISTMAS GIFT</u>

A mother was watching, one Christmas night, Nursing her babe by the candle-light. And she lifted her eyes in the gathering gloom For the Christ-child stood in the lowly room. "What shall I give to thy child?", He said, Softly caressing the sleeper's head. "Nay", said the mother, "O Angel-guest Give her whatever Thou deemest best."

"But what shall I give her?", He spoke again, "Ask and thou shalt not ask in vain. Shall I touch her brow that her eyes may shine With beauty that men will call divine? Shall I touch her lips that they may flow With songs of the best that the world may know?" "Nay", said the mother, "these will not stay, Songs are forgotten, and hair turns grey".

"Then what shall I give her,O mother mild? Ask what thou wilt for thy little child". And the mother lifted her eyes above, "Give her purity, truth and love". And the Christ-Child turned to her, soft and mild, "Thou has chosen the best for thy little child. Be not afraid, though life be sore, I will be with her for evermore".

Anon - from 'Parlour Poetry'

SAINTS ALIVE!

By Ellie from Newfield

What a love man! He never lets you down No matter what the weather He's sure to be in town. Always he's in our lives From the earliest memories ever. Nothing will delay him Not even the worst of weather, With a little bit of magic For he's such a jolly chap. I can remember many times When I perched upon his lap. "Be good" is what he'd tell me And I surely, surely would For it was at that time of year When we children all were good. I was certain to hear sleigh bells In the silence of Christmas night And I;m even sure I saw him once When the moon gave forth good light, Peeping from under the covers Ouiet as a mouse So certain I could hear him As he landed on my house. St Nicholas, Father Christmas, Santa Claus or a saint Bringing such joy to everyone. We children had no complaint, May he continue for ever As I am certain that he will. For even as old as I am Santa visits me still.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Limpet's editor and his cat send greetings to all readers of the Limpet wherever they may be and wish them a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Very best wishes for a good festive season and may love, happiness and consideration for our planet, island and each other accompany us in the coming new year. Simone.

A special thank you from Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles to all the wonderful local customers, stockists and haulage company for your support and custom throughout the past year. Simone

David & Ruth wish all their friends on Stronsay a really happy Christmas and New Year. (donation to charity this year instead of cards)

Pam and Ken would like to wish all our friends in Stronsay best wishes and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2019

Flora and Butch wish all their friends and neighbours in Stronsay a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

To all friends on Stronsay Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year, from Pat Wilcox

Chris & Debbie would like to thank all their friends and customers for their continued custom and support through out the year. Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2019

The management & staff at Olivebank wish all their customers a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas, from Leslie and Louise x

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Paul and Charlie Williams

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all of my friends and relatives in 2019. Lots of love from Stewart and Donna, Nina"

A big thank you to all my lovely Airy Fairy customers and studio visitors throughout the year. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019! Hazel x

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Stronsay Community Association would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who has supported us in 2018; through hiring the hall or coming along to events!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are always looking to improve and appreciate any feedback where possible or any suggestions for what you would like to see in the hall in the future:



Find us on Facebook: Stronsay Community Association

If you're planning an event in 2019 why not put it in the Visit Stronsay diary?

See <u>http://visitstronsay.com/events</u>.

Just send the details (where, when, what, why) to the Limpet's editor. And you can use the diary to make sure you don't double book an event.

Local sales, wants, etc are free! The cutoff date for adverts to be included in the next edition of the *Limpet* is on the front page Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

LOOKING FOR A ONE BED SELF-CONTAINED PROPERTY TO RENT ON STRONSAY

I am Scottish and a retired teacher currently living abroad. I plan this projected move to Stronsay to be permanent and would be interested in a long-term lease. From around the end of this year Feel free to contact me by email with any questions: <u>adouglas@post.com</u> Many thanks Andrew Douglas

HOUSE FOR SALE £135,000 (OR EXCHANGE?)

BAYVIEW, WHITEHALL

4 bedrooms plus 2 attic rooms, 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, utility room plus numerous outbuildings.

We're not looking to leave the Stronsay, it's just time to find something smaller. Please contact Dave or Jill on 616308

BAYVIEW UPDATE (1 June 2018)

Having decided to put our home on the market we are obliged to have a Home Report, which was completed this week. I am pleased to say it was all very favourable and thanks to the hard work of Saul over the past two years the improvements were well noted and the survey valued the house at £135,000. So it is now with the Orkney Property Centre at that price.

WANTED

3 or 4 bed property for long term rent on Stronsay.

We are a family of 5 (parents and 3 boys) with one well behaved dog. We are looking to relocate to Stronsay anytime from August 2018. We have experience in various sectors, but the majority of our experience is in event management and marketing and we have a lot of ideas that, we feel, could help to bring in more tourists, therefore helping to boost the local economy. We are currently living in the Scottish Borders, having moved from England in 2016. We are looking to make this move a permanent one and would be happy to take on a long lease. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions via email to kellyhooper14@yahoo.com or call 01890 249032 Bond and references available. Many thanks Kelly and Craig Hooper

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STRONSAY FISH MART

Phone 616401

Closes at 3pm on Sunday 30 December, reopens at 11am on Sunday 13 January.

Sunday 13th January 2019

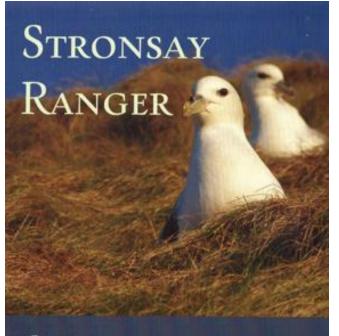
- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Steak pie, potatoes and vegetables
- Chicken curry, rice and Naan bread
- Semolina and peaches (cream / ice-cream)
- Pear sponge and chocolate custard

Sunday 20th January 2019

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Gammon and pineapple, potatoes and vegetables
- Lasagne, chips and garlic bread
- Fruit crumble and custard
- Pavlova and fruit (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 27th January 2019

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Hunters chicken, chips and vegetables
- Macaroni cheese, chips and garlic bread
- Cheesecake (cream / ice-cream)
- Rice pudding and fruit (cream / ice-cream)



GUIDED TOURS AND NATURE WALKS

Take a guided nature walk on the beautiful Island of Stronsay. See the rich wildlife or learn about Stronsay's fishing history with the guided herring walk.

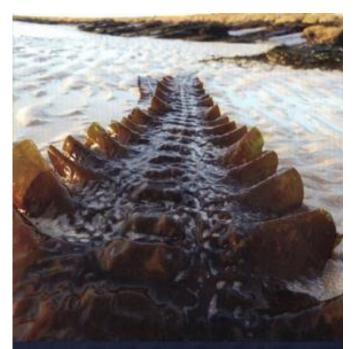
Tours run daily, with both full day and evening options available.

Tour prices available on the Stronsay Ranger Facebook page or by contacting the ranger on the number below.

Packed lunches made locally on request.

Contact 07922711525

or e-mail stronsayranger@gmail.com. Look for the Stronsay Ranger on Facebook and Instagram.



WALKS AND TOURS

Evening wolks

Full day tours

Herring history walk

Walks to suit the individual

Packed lunches on request

Weather suitable clothing and sturdy walking shoes recommended

Contact 07922711525

stronsayranger@gmail.com Facebook: search for Stronsay Ranger

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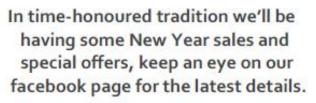
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1857 616251 Msg at Facebook.com/OrkneyBuffalo

We're sold out of fresh supplies for Christmas and New Year, but give us a shout for frozen supplies and Orkney Buffalo vouchers for any last minute gifts. Free-range eggs available throughout the holidays, and we have a limited supply of cracking, massive or peedie pies ready to bake if you want to take the hard work out of a New Years' feast!! Always happy to deliver, just shout!! ③ Fresh pies also available from Ebeneezer Stores.



Get in touch for any information or details.

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Thank you for your custom throughout the year... ...wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Russell, Naomi, Dorothy, Wilbur and Martha

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MAURICE A. WILLIAMSON

YOUR LOCAL ONE STOP SHOP

Grocer/Butcher/Fuel/Hardware Supplies

Olivebank, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AF Tel:01857 616255 Email: m.williamson1@btconnect.com Find us on Facebook at Maurice A. Williamson

PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1967

Serving all your butcher needs;

All cuts of beef; Silverside, topside, mince, rump, minute steak, stewing steak, fillet etc.

Pork/pork products; Loin, gammon, home-cured bacon, luxury medallions

Chicken; Whole, portions, breasts, kievs, cooked chicken strips

Our very own premium quality sausages; including a wide variety of flavours – Pork /beef /pork, cheese & chive/pork & red onion/pork & black pudding/ beef, onion & mustard etc.

Home-made; White puddings, black puddings, our very own Olivebank grill, sandwich fillings, ready-made meal options



....AND SO MUCH MORE!

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for their continued support and patience over the last year.

We will be on holiday from 21st December until 7th January 2019 but in the case of an <u>EMERGENCY</u> please don't hesitate to call.

On a final note we'd like to wish everyone, a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!!



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New business, a mini market garden, set up in late 2015 at Sunnybank, Stronsay

Currently supplying mixed salad leaves, some winter vegetables and bedding plants. There will be more as the season progresses. 9 will supply a list each week with availability

Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or send me an email "<u>stronsaymarkets@gmail.com</u> and ? will put you on my mailing list



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HAIRDRESSER ON STRONSAY

Ladies, Gents & Kids Haircuts available. Tel Siobhan 616337. For additional services such as colouring / perming please let me know in advance for a consultation & allow time for product delivery



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JOHN DUNNE GARDEN SERVICES

* General Garden Maintenance* Window Cleaning and Guttering Services

* Reasonable rates* Quick and professional

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Tel: 616276

The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast Logie Easter, Kildary IV18 0NZ



Dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and six miles from Invergordon, the Old Ensuite Double and twin rooms Telephone : 01862 842357 Website : www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk

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STRONSAY HOTEL

Phone 01857 616213 Open Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun 5pm to 9pm

TAKE AWAY MENU

Homemade lasagne + chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken & bacon pie + chips	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips	£5.50
Battered haddock +chips	£6.50
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips	£6.50
2 sausages + chips	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips	£2.80
"Stronsay beast burger" + fries	£4.50
"Stronsay cheese beast burger + fries	£5.00
Portion of chips	£1.30
Half portion of chips	£0.80
Portion of cheesey chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesey chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20
Half cheesey chips $=$ minus 20p	

Half cheesey chips = minus 20p Cheesey chips = add 80p Half chips = minus 60p Half rice = minus 60p



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- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
 - Towing service MOBILE: 07723 304 260 HOME: 01857 616454



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Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles

Traditional hand crafted soaps, balms, bath fizzies and hand spun yarns, woven throws, wall-hangings



Craft Trail: Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney Tel: +44 01857 616 281 Email: <u>info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk</u> Web: <u>https://www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk</u> Face Book: <u>https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap/</u>



BELLIE M DESIGNS

Tieve Studios, Berryhill Road, St Ola, Orkney KW15 1SF. Online shop <u>www/belliemdesigns.com</u> Orders also taken via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or phone 07736838489 with email invoices that can be easily paid by card or PayPal.

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<u>STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE</u> <u>supervised sessions</u>

All Supervised Sessions will run from 4.30 pm to 6.30.pm

MONDAY	4:30—6:30
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	4:30-6:30
THURSDAY	4:30-6:30
FRIDAY	4:30-6:30
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Buddy system by request

The gym can be accessed throughout the day if you have a 'buddy' to go with.

A code is required, please speak to one of the team if you have any questions Inductions by appointment only Andy - 616277 or Julie - 616335 Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Special event coming up? Why not hire the disco equipment with rotating glitter globe and pulsating coloured lights for only $\pounds 5$ plus room and hydro charge? A DJ from the Hall list <u>must</u> be used.

Also available for hire: badminton, table tennis and pool all at $\pounds 3$ per hour plus hydro. All equipment provided.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.



URKNEY Islands Council

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SPECIAL COLLECTION OF BULKY ITEMS FROM DOMESTIC PROPERTIES ON STRONSAY 2018/19

The special collection dates for Stronsay up to 31 March 2019 are as follows:-

Friday -

5 October 2018 7 December 2018 22 February 2019

The current charges are:-

Up to 5 items	£19.00
6 items and above up to a full pick-up/equivalent load	£79.80
Lorry load	£160.80

If you wish to have <u>domestic</u> bulky items uplifted please contact Customer Services on 01856 873535 <u>two days prior</u> to the collection dates. Please note that payment for collection is required before the uplift is carried out. **Only items that are on the request form will be collected**.

A verbal request to the local Refuse Collector is not sufficient.

For information on disposal of <u>commercial waste</u>, please contact Development and Infrastructure on 01856 873535 extension 2320 or email <u>developmentandinfrastructure@orkney.gov.uk</u>

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

Monday 7-7.40 public session 7.40-8.20 adult lane (16+)

Thursday 7-7.40 private hire (prebooked) 7.40-8.20 private hire

Saturday

2-2.40 private hire (prebooked) 2.40-3.20 public session 3.20-4pm private hire

Swim club lessons weekly To enquire about private hires, phone Elsie 616238 To enquire about swim club, phone Sarah 616406 or Andy 616277

POOL CHARGES

It is well over 6 years since there has been an increase in public hire charges. <u>From 1st November 2018 charges will become £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. All</u> <u>other charges remain the same</u>

> Public Sessions Adults £3 Children £1.50

Private Hires

40 minute session - £15 60 minute session - £20

Swim Club

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable) 40 minute sessions - £16 block booking; £2 per session 60 minute sessions - £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

Adults (16 and over)

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable) £24 block booking £3 per session

KIRK CORNER

Locum minister—Scott Daily Manse telephone 616286

I want to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas time. As we approach Christmas and the coming new year, we often have certain expectations. Children may expect specific gifts, relatives or friends might expect to get together, we might expect to eat certain foods. And as the new year begins, we might have certain expectations, hopes, or plans for the year ahead. Or perhaps we don't. Maybe we don't hold out a lot of hope, maybe we don't expect much to happen in the coming year. Perhaps the world seems to weigh heavy upon us, or we have just grown apathetic and indifferent. It happens. We go through our days not really expecting much, certainly not expecting God to work or move in our lives. It is common to dismiss "religion" as just another crutch or something that is okay for some. But is this how it should be? Or can we hope for better things, in our lives, in our church, in our world?

Jesus has come into the world so that we can have hope, both in this world and the next. We can be assured that God works all things for the good of those who love him. All things for our good. Not everything will be good, but everything will work for our good. In Isaiah 40 it speaks about how those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary.

If I were to set myself a goal for the coming year (as I should), it would be to follow the motto of the famous missionary William Carey, "expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." Sadly, I often fail to do either one. I hope and pray that all of us come to know God deeper in the coming year, expecting him to do great things in us and through us.

As always if there is any way I can be of help to you, please call on me. I also hope you can attend some of the events and services at the kirk. We would certainly love to see you there. May you have a blessed Christmas, and a joyful new year.

Scott Daily

Sunday Club every Sunday. Sunday services start at 11am unless otherwise stated. For details of services see the kirk's website: <u>http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/index.asp?pageid=595575</u>

KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY

Date of mobile library van's next visit to Stronsay in 2019

Monday 18 February

Winter

- Council Houses 8.45 9.45
- School 10 12
- Kirk 12.30 3
- Fish mart 3.15 4.45

Summer/Refit

- Council Houses 9 10
- School 10.15 12
- Kirk 12.30 3
- Fish mart 3.15 5.30

For full details visit the library's website http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk

STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the diabetes support group will be on Wednesday 30th January, at 3pm at the Fishmart. Look forward to seeing you all there. Shirley.

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only. Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

STRONSAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

Surgeries by appointment only

Phone 616321 to book an appointment Monday 9:30—10:30, 15:30—16:30 Tuesday 9:30—10:30, 14:30—15:30 Wednesday 9:30—10:30, from 14:00 Thursday—no surgery Friday 9:30—10:30, 15:30—16:30

Ordering repeat prescriptions

Phone 616321 Please note the changed email address <u>orkney.stronsay@nhs.net</u> Website <u>www.orcadespractice.co.uk</u>

Please will patients order prescriptions at least 8-10 days before they are needed. This will reduce frustration when items have not been delivered from the mainland.

Collecting prescriptions

Please will patients collect their ordered prescription 10:30-11:30am or 2-4pm Monday, Wednesday or Friday. This avoids the busiest time when the prescription boxes are being unpacked.

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

REMINDER MESSAGE FROM STRONSAY SURGERY.

There have been a gradually increasing number of missed appointments at the surgery over the last couple of months. We would respectfully request that if you are no longer needing to attend for your appointment that you phone the surgery (616321) to cancel so that this appointment can be offered to someone else. If your appointment is before 9am on that day, there is an answer phone facility on the nurses office phone number where a message can be left (616480).

Thank you, Stronsay surgery staff.

USEFUL INFORMATION POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
<u>Bank day</u>	Tuesday 09:15-14:45 (closed 12-1 for lunch)
Island Link Officer	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475
SDT Office	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk	11 am (see <u>https://tinyurl.com/ybbqoq23</u>)
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Weekday Mass at 11.20am, except Tuesdays 8am.
	Sundays and Holidays of Obligation, Mass at 10.30am.
Next Special Collections	22 February 2019
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999

Airy Fairy 616231
Castle Bird Reserve 616363
Craftship Enterprise 616249
Doctor 616321
Ebenezer stores 616339
Fish Mart 616401
Hairdresser 616337
Hall bookings 616446
Island Link Officer 616475
Medical emergency 616321
Neil's on Wheels 616454
Manse 616286
Nurses 616480
Olivebank 616255
OIC out of hours 01856 873535
Post Office 616499
Registrar 616239
School 616246
Star Island Soap 616281
SDT Office 616410

Stronsay Hotel 616213
Taxi 616335
Stranded seals, etc 616339/616206
Balfour hospital 01856 888000
Electricity
problems 0800 300 999
emergency 105
Water problems 0800 0778 778
Highland Fuels 0800 224 224
Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Kirkwall Police 101
Vets:
Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859
Northvet 01856 873403
Dentists:
Orkney Dental 01856 872030
King Street 01856 875348
Deyanov Dental 01856 877118
Golgotha monastery 616210
(Email contact@the-sons.org)

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