



DATE	EVENT
30 January	Stronsay Stitches
1 February	Fish Mart Café re-opens
3 February	Mobile library van visit
8 February	Pantomime!
12 February	Advocacy Orkney
15 February	Stronsay Spinners (provisional date)
19 February	Computer club & computer games club
26 February	Diabetes Support Group meeting
27 February	First of Climate Change seminars
27 February	Stronsay Stitches

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL IS OPEN AGAIN**

It is a great facility that the community worked very hard to raise enough money to get here, please use it or help to run it; volunteer as an overseer (take the money, hand out the bands) or a lifeguard (paid positions).

Mondays - Public 7.00-7.40, Adult 7.40-8.20.

Thursdays - Private Hires.

Saturday private Hire 2.00-2.40, Public 2.40-3.20, Private Hires may be available 3.20-4pm.

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## **LOGANAIR TIMETABLES**

Loganair's website no longer has downloadable timetables, these timetables were kindly supplied by the Kirkwall staff of Loganair.

Loganair timetable winter 2019-20 (27 October 2019 - 1 March 2020)

<http://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/LoganairWinter2019-20Timetable.pdf>.

Loganair timetable summer 2020 (2 March 2020 - 20 October 2020)

<http://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/LoganairSummer2020Timetable.pdf>.

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## **HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET***

Send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) (preferred method); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 10:30am & before 9pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*.

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 27 February**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 23 February**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

*Fish Mart Café*  
*Re-opening*  
*Saturday 1st February*  
*12-5pm*

*Samples of home bakes available to try*  
*Free tea and coffee*

*Light lunches and drinks on the menu*  
*Cakes available to eat in or takeaway*



## **PART-TIME POST OF INTERVIEWER**

### **North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme Oral History of the North Isles**

#### **Post: Interviewer**

Applications are invited for the posts of interviewers as part of the North Isles Oral History Project. You need to be an excellent communicator and able to establish an effective rapport with the informants in the islands. Although training will be given some experience in undertaking self-directed project work would be an advantage. We are looking for people able to work on their own initiative and able to meet deadlines as required by the project team. There are five interviewer posts available.

Travel costs will be reimbursed, and you will be self-employed so need to cover your own National Health Insurance and be responsible for completing any tax returns in respect of earned income.

The interviewer will be paid up to £1000.00 and will be expected to undertake between 15 and 20 interviews. Those recorded interviews will be transcribed by the interviewer.

Applications are welcome by **e-mail or letter** and should include reasons for applying for those posts, what qualities and skills you could bring to the job and some brief details of previous work and education.

**Applications will close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

For further information please contact Dr **Tom Rendall** by e-mail:  
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Orkney College UHI  
East Road  
Kirkwall KW15 1LX**

# **OIC COURSE—CLIMATE CHANGE**

A course to be held on Stronsay commencing on 27 February 2020.

## **Stronsay, Fish Mart Cafe**

### **ST01: Climate Change – What's it all about?**

Climate change: What exactly do we mean when we discuss climate change, what are natural and anthropogenic (man-made) causes, and how does climate change affect us and our environment? What are scientists referring to when they mention greenhouse gases, a reduced Albedo-effect, ocean acidification, Arctic amplification and many other terms and how is this all connected? Where does the data come from and how is it used? In this seminar series we will explore these topics together, explain scientific jargon, investigate examples and case studies from around the world and try to achieve a better understanding of the role a changing climate plays in our own life and how it can affect others.

- Tutor: Susanne Davidson.
- Thursdays from 27 February (8 meetings).
- 20:00 - 21:30.
- Course fee: £68.00.
- Maximum class size: 8 students.

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See web page [https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Community-Learning-and-Development/Guide\\_to\\_Courses.pdf](https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Community-Learning-and-Development/Guide_to_Courses.pdf). (page 12)

**There is flexibility regarding the proposed times, they can be adjusted to suit participants' needs. See next page.**



# Climate Change: What's it all about?



## Seminar series

27<sup>th</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Thursday evenings

Venue: Fish Mart, Stronsay

Open to everyone, whether you want to explore and understand things better, learn something new, consider to study... any questions?  
Contact Susanne at: [16028946@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:16028946@uhi.ac.uk) or [reihls13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:reihls13@yahoo.co.uk)

A little quiz to get you started:  
What could this be and what do the two images have in common?



## Bookings:

[https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Community-Learning-and-Development/Guide to Courses.pdf](https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Community-Learning-and-Development/Guide%20to%20Courses.pdf)

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## GUITAR LESSONS

Would anyone be interested in having group guitar lessons for beginners? I am looking at starting a group in February subject to interest. Cost would be £7 per week and it would be suitable for complete beginners or anyone who has some basic experience of guitar playing.

Please contact me for further information if you are interested: 01857 616420 or email: [antpottsguitar@btinternet.com](mailto:antpottsguitar@btinternet.com)

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### **Beginners Guitar Group Lessons for adults**

**Would you like to learn to play guitar?**

**Can you play the basics but would like to improve your playing?**



**Cost would be £7 per week per person**

**Complete beginners welcome**

**Date and time to be arranged subject to interest**

**If you are interested in having group lessons contact Anthony Potts Tel: 01857 616420 or email [antpottsguitar@btinternet.com](mailto:antpottsguitar@btinternet.com)**





# WHERE I WORK

Clare Fowler-Potts, The Jazz Bear, has just created a whole tartan teddy bear army...so where did she assemble her troops?

**Tell us a little bit about your workspace:** I have a lovely spot in our cottage where I sit and work...I did have one of the byres as a studio but we "acquired" two precocious Polish Bantams who need the space. As for fairy lights, bunting, radios etc...I am allowed a wee corner where I can store tins of beads and a sewing machine as long as Artur and Sophie are not disturbed!

So I sit in the window, lots of natural light and a view so beautiful that sometimes I have to pinch myself to make sure it is real. I look out across the Bay of Holland, Stronsay, Orkney to Mainland Orkney, Rousay and Egilsay...and the sea...lots of sea...sunsets, storms, Merrie Dancers, diving gannets and lonely hen harriers. Here I can keep an eye on "Pig Ville", an area of our garden dedicated to four guinea pigs who appeared a couple of years ago and demanded to be fed, with a daily chambermaid service!

**Shared spaces are tricky...are you a tidy or a messy worker?** My workspace doubles up so it has to be tidy(ish). I paint here and also needle



felt and make bears...sometimes I decamp to the sofa - it is next to the rayburn and at this time of year very cozy!

**Is there a special item that you always like to use?** I seem to needle felt an awful lot at the moment.. the tartan army commission was a lot of fun but I would not be without my finger and thumb guards...ouch those barbed needles can bring tears to your eyes.

**Tell us more about the tartan army.** These little bears were made for a kilt makers in Paisley. They are attired in real tartan fabric, all with a pet...a needle felted heelan coo!

**What five words best describe your workspace?** Mmmmmmm...the bears are preening and posing as I ask them for words that would best describe them: unique, full of character, very handsome, perfectly formed and demanding of admiration. Out of their ear shot I would say whimsical, full of love and humour and definitely smile-inducing.



"I WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT MY FINGER AND THUMB GUARDS"



## MORE OF CLARE'S WORK



## LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

There were a handful of surprises in the first three weeks of the year – the most interesting being TWO Water Rails in the Gesty Dishes garden, and there have been several birds of prey including a Common Buzzard hunting over the Reserve – the intended prey of this bird seemed to be our chickens!

The first Oystercatcher of the year was unfortunately a dead one in the road at the Ayre of the Mires on 14th January, the first party (3 birds) was seen on the beach at Bomasty on the early date of 24th. 7 arrived on the usual gathering area on the Holin Links the same day.

Ducks were in evidence on the lochs with two early Shelduck on the Bu on 21st, and 12 Pintail there on several dates. A Jack Snipe was seen in the Reserve drive after dark on 21st (see photo taken through windscreen). At least 20 Whooper Swans have been on the Meikle Water for much of January and Moorhens seem to have taken up residence once more at the Waterworks Pond after a year's break due to the engineering works there. The question is – 'Where did the birds nest last year?' when none nested at the Ayre of the Mires?

Curlew numbers have held up well in the first few weeks of the year, generally feeding in the fields vacated by the Greylag Geese. Robin numbers have been as usual in winter (does not breed here).

A few Redwings and the odd Fieldfare have over-wintered in the Sunnybank area and a Dunnock in the garden at Helmsley

Much of our time in late December/January is taken up with compiling the annual bird report (see photos) – but printer-ink problems have again stalled our progress! Most of the covers are now done and we should have them done and delivered by early February.

Thanks to all for their help in 2019. John & Sue.



*'Jack Snipe in the Reserve drive'*

*(More photographs on next page)*



*'Kitchen table at Castle in January'*



*'A selection of covers – all individual illustrations!'*



*'The first four reports ready for the off'*



# **STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE**

*Relating the political life and opinions of your local councillor*

A new year has begun, but is it a new decade? (Clue: Despite what the TeeJay maths textbooks would have you believe, there is no AD 0; 1 BC is immediately followed by AD 1.)

For those of you who have not made a New Year's resolution this year, may I suggest a good one would be to try being more appreciative of the Council. Think about all that OIC does. I mean, apart from social care, social housing, environmental health, education, libraries, museums, roads, ferries, harbours, airfields ... what *has* Orkney Islands Council ever done for us?

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## **What has Orkney Islands Council ever done for us?**

And for the young folk, I propose their New Year's resolution could be, rather than blaming previous generations for climate change, to try emulating the much "greener" lifestyles we led in the past. For example, when I was a youngster, we didn't live in a sub-tropically-heated house (in fact, we barely had any heating at all, just wore better insulating clothing); we didn't shower every day (a weekly bath, often using water shared with our siblings, was all we got); we got into big trouble from our parents if we left electric lights switched on; we were forbidden to waste food; and we certainly didn't buy bottled water (water from the tap was perfectly good—and it still is!). For our playtime "piece" my mother gave us an apple or a carrot (no plastic-wrapped chocolate or crisps), and we "hydrated" from the school drinking fountain. As for socialising with our friends after school, we did that by walking or cycling to meet them face-to-face; there was no such thing as social media and the Internet (which, incidentally, is reckoned to contribute as much carbon dioxide to the atmosphere as aviation!). And, speaking of aviation, we didn't fly off on foreign holidays. (The most "foreign" holiday my parents ever took us on was in a caravan to Wales.) We were taught to look after our possessions, and we repaired them when they broke (not throw them away and buy replacements). Me\* and my compatriots had a very modest "carbon footprint" compared to the youth of today.

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At the Special General Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, one of the issues under consideration were proposals for the allocation of Crown Estate funding. “Bag the Bruck” is going to be allocated £35,000, and, given the length of coastline the North Isles ward has in comparison with other OIC wards, I want a commensurate proportion of that money to come our way.

Council work has been getting slowly underway again this month. We were treated to a local government finance seminar by COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities), and it was interesting to see confirmed how Government Scotland underfunds its priorities, leaving local government to make up the difference. Just before Christmas, the Council Leader, Cllr James Stockan wrote to the Scottish Government First Minister, Ms Nicola Sturgeon, requesting resolution to two priority issues for Orkney, namely 1) fair ferry funding and ferry replacement and 2) the road equivalent tariff, reminding her that back in 2014, in their prospectus *Empowering Scotland’s Island Communities*, they stated: “The Scottish Government recognises that the provision of transport services should not place a disproportionate burden on any council ...” ! (You may remember the letters I wrote on the same theme to the then Scottish Minister for Transport and the Islands, Mr Humza Yousaf in November and December 2017—not that it got us very far.)

Other meetings I have attended since the New Year include a Strategic Transport Projects Review workshop (which did not leave me with an overwhelming feeling of optimism that we are making much progress), meetings of the Orkney College Management Council, and a meeting of the Westray School Parent Council. At Rapness, I was pleased to see that the passenger control system has now been installed, making it safer for everyone using the pier.

*\* An example of “me” used as a disjunctive pronoun.*



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You can download “Letter from School Place” from [lfsp.pbworks.com](http://lfsp.pbworks.com)

## RECORDS OF A BYGONE AGE

The late Jim Work of Holland and Daisybank was born at the Lodge in Stronsay in February 1922 and lived there until 1945, when his parents bought the farm of Holland and the Work family moved there to farm. Jim always had fond memories of the Lodge and had many stories to tell of his time there and of the people and events in the surrounding area of Aith and Grobister.

Before this the Twatt family, who were close relations of the Works, had farmed at the Lodge for many years until, in 1919, Jim's parents Bill and Lizzie (nee Learmonth) moved there from Shapinsay, where Lizzie's father was manager at Balfour Mains.

Jim spoke of tales passed down to him regarding two serious fires at the Lodge in the second half of the nineteenth century and I thought it may be of interest to recount them here.

*The first fire I was told about at the Lodge was a long way back – I think maybe in the 1850s - and was all caused by some of the workers needing to get a brew of ale bottled! There was a cask of home brew all ready to bottle and the young servant boy decided to look out the bottles and corks to be ready for the bottling. He was short of some corks for the bottles and thought they might have rolled under the bed so he took the candle and crawled in under the bed to look for them. Of course, the mattresses at that time were just big sacks filled of straw and when he was under the bed, the candle set light to the straw in the mattress. The straw was cracking dry and just went up like a torch as the boy scrambled out from under the bed but instead of shouting for help as you might have expected, he took to his heels and ran off. Of course, he likely thought he was going to be in big trouble but if he had just raised the alarm at the time there could have been a fairly different outcome. I think it was old John Twatt that owned the Lodge at that time and he was pretty much an invalid, in bed most of the time. John's wife and his son were the only other folk in the house at the time and, by the time they discovered the fire they were lucky to get out with the clothes on their backs. They lost everything in the house, and not a thing insured of course. It was thought that they were maybe lucky in the end that it was just the house that was lost as it could so easily have been the steading, the cows, the horse – the lot!*

It is interesting to compare Jim's tale, passed down by word of mouth for 150 years, with the account of the fire as reported in 'The Orcadian' of the time.

*From 'The Orcadian', Monday, January 18th, 1858*

### ***Destructive fire***

*On the evening of Monday 4th January a fire broke out at the farm house of Lodge, occupied by Mr John Twatt, island of Stronsay, and entirely consumed the dwelling house including about 40 pounds sterling in money. The fire originated, we believe, by the head boy going under the bed with a light to look for something about nine o'clock when some straw hanging from the bottom of the bed caught fire and, before the alarm was given, it was impossible to save anything.*

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*Mr Twatt, an old infirm man, his wife and his son were the only parties in the house at the time. The son, immediately on discovering the fire, made every effort in his power to extinguish it but, failing in this, his next effort was to save his aged parent and before this was effected the whole house was in flames. The boy with whom the fire originated, observing the bed to have ignited, instead of giving the alarm cowardly absconded through mistaken fear. The sight of the flames brought up almost the whole inhabitants of the island by whose assistance the fire was prevented from spreading to the office houses, one of which at least was in imminent danger, and but for timely assistance must have also fallen a prey to the devouring element. The house was well furnished, but not an article was saved except what the inmates had on the backs, some of whom were not even in full dress, the fire occurring at the time when they were preparing for bed. The furniture, bed clothes and wearing apparel were all consumed and the works of an eight day clock were melted into a shapeless mass like a blacksmith's cramp.*

One hundred and fifty years of being told and retold down through the generations and Jim's account of events is still faithful to the report written at the time!

The story of the second fire at the Lodge will appear in next month's *Limpet*.

Ian Cooper



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## **STRONSAY IN 2006**

*Bruce & Maureen Fletcher moved to Stronsay in April 2004 after leaving Scarborough in January and renting a cottage in Orphir whilst looking for a new home. Bruce began a blog soon after their arrival and this is the entry for January 2006.*

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On Boxing Day we were being taken by some friends for a lunchtime drink at their cottage in Lower Whitehall when we came across a lovely sight. Margareth, one of the island's nurses, was doing a passable imitation of "Heidi" by taking her goats Lara, Naomi and Frivolous for a walk along the quiet road at the far end of Whitehall village. The goats were very well behaved and obediently moved off the road and waited until we had passed before continuing their perambulation.

'The Orcadian' newspaper reports that Orkney was one of the warmest parts of the UK in December 2005, the highest maximum temperature topped 12.5 degrees C on December 10. The first few days of 2006 were bright and clear but very cold. After a pleasant, quiet Christmas, both Maureen and I succumbed to the winter cold virus. Fortunately, we were well stocked with proprietary cold remedies so we took to our beds at 10 pm on New Year's Eve and waited for the virus to run its course. Unfortunately, the sniffles meant that I was unable to play for the 11 am service on 01 January.

The car was off the road for a week or two over the New Year as a cracked hose was causing a serious leak of transmission oil. One lunchtime I ordered some spare transmission oil from Kirkwall and the package was delivered to our door by Jim Holland, our trusty haulier, at 7 30 pm - just under eight hours from order to receipt, the usual excellent service to which we have become accustomed.

I had booked the car & myself onto the 0730 ferry on Fri 06 Jan, booked Surrey (our cat) into the Kirkwall vet at 0945 to receive her annual vaccination booster and booked the car into the garage in Stromness for 1030 to get the hose replaced. I was up early on Fri 06 Jan, had breakfast, got Surrey into her luxury travelling box and got her settled in the car. When I tried to start the car to drive down to the ferry I discovered that the battery was flat! Panic telephone calls brought immediate assistance from Bob Wilcox and Viv Erdman, the car was soon started and Surrey & I caught the 0730 ferry. As I was still recovering from my cold and therefore even more dopey than usual I was concerned that I might mix up the bookings and leave a bewildered cat at the garage and give a startled vet a Land Rover Discovery for vaccination. However, all went well and Surrey is safe for another year whilst the car is running smoothly again.

In my last Saga I mentioned the visit by Santa on 17 Dec. "Orkney Today" newspaper has produced more information on the visit. The wonderful sleigh and reindeer float were prepared by Yvonne and Steve Weaver and club helpers, and it was driven by Ingram Stout. As Santa paraded down through the village the youth club children accompanied him collecting money for Macmillan Cancer Relief as they went. The club had voted to raise money for charity this year instead of for their own group. £140.75 was raised for Macmillan. After the parade everyone gathered in the Stronsay Hotel where carols were sung accompanied by Andy Brown on keyboard. Lee Caithness representing the Youth Club gave a vote of thanks to everyone who had helped towards the event with special thanks to Santa, who received presents for his hard work and to Alan and Carol Cooke of the Stronsay Hotel for providing hot dogs, crisps, sweets and juice for all the children.

## HATS OFF!

By Ellie Harrison

There's a hat for every occasion,  
For every day of the year.  
Fancy, fluffy, posh or plain  
In a range of colours I hear.  
Whilst the bonnet is cute of course,  
Tied under the chin in bows.  
Black adorned with feathers  
Could be likened to a murder of crows.  
A woollen hat is just the job  
For keeping ears nice and warm.  
A sou-wester being the choice  
In a raging gale or storm.  
The pointed hat boasting a D  
Might be better if ignored.  
Explanations of this headgear  
I'm sure would have you bored.  
The cowboy looks just swell,  
He wears his hat with bravado,  
Popular in America from  
Georgia to Chicago.  
Not forgetting the Ascot creation,  
A masterpiece, a work of art.  
And all to make a statement.  
Well, where would you start?  
Glamorous the soft velvet cloche  
Supporting satin roses around the brim,  
The slinky satin that sits so well  
In its chic decorous trim.  
Pink and fluffy like candyfloss  
With a pompom perched on top.  
Just the very thing  
In bringing traffic to a stop.  
A beret makes a *femme fatale*  
Jauntily worn to one side,  
Made I think by a mademoiselle  
And not for the blushing bride.  
But the cap that fits best of all  
I the night-cap of 70%  
Then along will come the Sandman,  
Pure gold and heaven sent.

It's ©Helene Harrison

# FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

## FOR SALE

### **Waterhall, Lower Whitehall Road, KW17 2AS**

contact the Orkney Property Centre Kirkwall or <https://tinyurl.com/yxqkjpm1> for details

According to Gibson Waterhall was occupied in the 17th century. It appears on ancient maps perhaps because Mrs Trail estranged wife of the Sanday Esquire got a name for herself in Court. She did well out of the Kelp industry. The rear cottage is probably early 19th century and was formerly thatched. The late Mrs Chalmers of Rose Cottage gave me a photo of the front before the late 20th century extension, which now has yellow external insulation. The garage roof came off in the gale last winter, hit the caravan and took a bit of the workshop roof as well on route into Ingram's field. Fortunately no persons or animals were hurt.

All our houses have histories and hopefully one day a local archive will bring together deeds, photos etc. I shall go on clearing/working at Waterhall until it is sold.

Leo Martini-Brown, Dunera. [lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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*I will supply a list each week with availability*

*Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or  
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### **STRONSAY HOTEL**

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Open Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun 5pm to 9pm

### **TAKE AWAY MENU**

Homemade lasagne + chips . . . . .	£5.95
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Breaded haddock + chips. . . . .	£5.50
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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 cheesy chips . . . . .	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips . . . . .	£1.10
Portion of onion rings . . . . .	£1.20
Half cheesy chips = minus 20p	
Cheesy chips = add 80p	
Half chips = minus 60p	
Half rice = minus 60p	

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*About Me*  
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antpottsguitar@btinternet.com  
Gesty Dishes, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AJ

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



The home of traditionally hand-crafted Orkney soaps, solid shampoo bars and balms.  
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Web: [www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk).



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## **BELLIE M DESIGNS**

Tieve Studios, Berryhill Road, St Ola, Orkney KW15 1SF.

Online shop [www.belliemdesigns.com](http://www.belliemdesigns.com)

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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**It's Panto time again**  
**Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!**



*PRESENTS.....*

**Snow White  
and the  
Seven Dwarfs**



**Saturday 8th February at the Community Hall 7pm**

**Adults £8**

**Children (5-16) £3**

**Under 5's Free**

Tickets on sale in the Shops from Monday the 27th January

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **ADULT TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB**

Games club will be held on Wednesday the 19th February at 7.30 pm till approximately 9.30pm. We will be meeting in the conference room in Unit 1 of Wood's Yard.

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### **COMPUTER CLUB**

Computer club will be held on Wednesday the 19th February 1 till 2.45pm in the conference room in Unit 1 of Wood's Yard. There will be internet access and laptops available for use free of charge or feel free to bring along your own technology.

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

Thursday 30th January, 7-9.30pm, Church Hall, £2/person, refreshments  
Thursday 27th February, 7-9.30pm, Church Hall, £2/person, refreshments

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### **STRONSAY SPINNERS**

Provisional date: Saturday 15th February, 11.00am-2.00pm,  
venue to be announced nearer time.

If anyone's interested that's not part of the group please contact Simone  
(281 or PM Facebook) to find out more.

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Ian Cooper    Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

#### **Dr. Roger Neville-Smith's Retirement**

Stronsay Community Council wish to inform residents of the pending retirement of Dr Roger Neville-Smith, effective from 31 March 2020. We would like to thank him for his many years of loyal and dedicated service and wish him a happy retirement.

Dr Rosalind Fisher will continue to work part time and NHS Orkney will be advertising shortly to begin the recruitment process to fill the remainder.

Stronsay Island Link Officer  
3 December 2019

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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### **HAULAGE OF AGGREGATES**

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Stronsay Community Council has a limited fund available to pay for the haulage of aggregates to be purchased by residents and used to improve private roadways leading to occupied dwellings only.

Please apply in writing, advising the Clerk of the roadway to be improved and the quantity of aggregate you will purchase. The Community Council will consider each application and offer financial assistance towards the haulage cost depending on demand and fund availability.

Applications must be received by noon on **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2020**  
Any applications received after this date will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified of the amount awarded and it will then be the responsibility of the applicant to order, pay for the aggregate and arrange for its delivery and forward the haulage invoice to the Clerk before the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

Colin McAlpine  
Clerk to Stronsay Community Council,  
The Hill,  
Stronsay,  
KW17 2AT.

16 December 2019

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## **Volunteer Befriender – Stronsay**

The Adult Befriending Service are looking for a one to one volunteer befriender in Stronsay

Do you have an hour a week to spare to visit an older person?

You could make a real difference in someone's life!

- Sit and chat
- Play a game
- Go out on a trip
- Go to a cafe

**Training will be given.**

If you are interested in becoming a befriender in Stronsay please contact the Adult Befriending Service on 01856872897 and ask to speak to Alison, Kasia or Lynn

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table

For more information & bookings contact Anthony Potts Tel: 616420/07570531618 or Email: [antpottsguitar@btinternet.com](mailto:antpottsguitar@btinternet.com)

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

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

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee>



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### **STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

#### **supervised sessions**

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

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## **KIRK CORNER**

Locum minister—Scott Daily. Manse telephone 616286

Here it is yet another new year, often at this time we think about changes we would like to make, such as eating better and exercising more, two great ideas I should certainly consider. I was thinking about New Year resolutions and how easy it is to start determined and many even excited to do things only to stop after a period. I also started to think about how often we follow certain fads or “visionaries” who come along with good sounding ideas or plans. It occurred to me that many times this is the way people treat God, Christianity, and the Church. Jesus might be seen as a good teacher, a great motivator, someone whose teachings and way of life should be followed. Sadly, it is even becoming fairly common in some churches to see Jesus as merely coming to show us the way to live, much the same way a fitness expert might teach you how to get in shape. I want to be clear in stating that of course Jesus came as an example to be followed, we should absolutely seek to be like Christ! However, this is not the only reason or even the main reason that Jesus Christ came into the world. If it were then Christianity and the Church would have nothing more to offer than any other self-improvement program or religion.

In the Sunday morning services at the kirk we have been looking at the book of Romans. The first few chapters point out the fact that every single person in the world has sinned, all of us. Even if we wanted to, we could not in fact be like Jesus, for all us have fallen short of God’s perfect standards. And because we all have fallen short, we all are guilty before God, this is not me judging you this is just stating the true condition of all of us. Merely trying to change our outward appearance will not alter this, we are already guilty and without God’s help sin still reigns in our lives. Quite often we are like the shopping trolley I always seem to end up with at Tesco, no matter how straight we try to go we seem to go off course. We need a new “trolley”. It is for this reason that Jesus came and died on the cross for us. Romans 3 tells us that indeed all of sinned, all have fallen short, but all can be justified freely by God’s grace through the sacrifice of Jesus. He redeems us, cleans us up, and gives us a new heart. My whole goal here is (as the quote goes) just to be “one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.”

There is nothing wrong with making plans to try and improve yourself at the start of a new year. As I mention I certainly could eat a lot healthier, and I would love if more people attempted to come to church in 2020. But the single greatest thing you can do, not merely for 2020 but for all eternity, is to by faith come to Jesus confess your sins and receive His free offer of salvation. Then follow the Spirit’s leading as He works in you teaching and instructing you in how you should live.

May 2020 be a blessed year for all of you and a great year for the isle of Stronsay.

Scott Daily, your locum minister

*For details of services see the kirk website <https://tinyurl.com/y2ctm7o5>*

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Thursday**

7-7.40 private hire (pre-booked)  
7.40-8.20 private hire

#### **Saturday**

2-2.40 private hire (pre-booked)  
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

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### **POOL CHARGES**

#### **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

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### **PEEDIE LIBRARY IN THE CHURCH HALL**

We have a great many books on a wide range of subjects. We also have a DVD section. Tea, coffee, juice & biscuits available - sometimes even cake!

Even if you're not a reader why not call in for a cuppa & a chat. If you need a lift please ask Viv Erdman (Ebenezer Stores) and we will arrange it. See you there!

The dates on which the Peedie Library will open in 2020 have yet to be decided, watch this space!

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### **KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY**

**Next Mobile Library visit will be on Monday 3 February 2020**

#### **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>

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## **Orcades Practice – Stronsay Branch**

**Geramount**

**Stronsay**

12<sup>th</sup> December '19

Orkney Ferries refit timetable is due to start on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. During that time the weekly Eday visit will change from Thursday to Wednesday. We will therefore have GP clinics here on the Thursday instead of Wednesday until refit is finished.

Thank you

Dr Roger Neville-Smith

Dr Rosalind Fisher

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### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held on Wednesday 26th February at 3pm in the Community Hall (carpet room)

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### **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 [orkney.stronsay@nhs.net](mailto:orkney.stronsay@nhs.net)**

**Website [www.orkadespractice.co.uk](http://www.orkadespractice.co.uk)**

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**

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### **JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES**

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc**

Monday to Saturday . . . . .	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday . . . . .	Closed
Post collection times . . . . .	07:30, Monday to Saturday
<a href="#">Bank day</a> . . . . .	Tuesday 09:00-15:00 (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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5">https://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5</a> )
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Weekday Mass at 11.20am, except Tuesdays 8am. Sundays and Holidays of Obligation, Mass at 10.30am.
<a href="#">Next Special Collections</a> . . . . .	21 February 2020.
<a href="#">Weekly rubbish collection</a> . . . . .	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

Airy Fairy . . . . .	616231	Stronsay Hotel . . . . .	616213
Castle Bird Reserve . . . . .	616363	Taxi . . . . .	616335
Craftship Enterprise . . . . .	616249	Stranded seals, etc . . . . .	616339/206/498
Doctor . . . . .	616321	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Ebenezer stores . . . . .	616339	Electricity	
Fish Mart . . . . .	616401	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Hairdresser . . . . .	616337	<i>lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm</i>	
Hall bookings . . . . .	616397	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
or	07752 043 325	power cut (24/7). . .	105
Island Link Officer . . . . .	616475	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
Medical emergency . . . . .	616321	Highland Fuels . . . . .	0800 224 224
Neil's on Wheels . . . . .	616454	Kirkwall Library . . . . .	01856 873166
Manse . . . . .	616286	Kirkwall Police (24/7). . .	101
Nurses . . . . .	616480	Vets:	
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OIC out of hours . . . . .	01856 873535	Northvet . . . . .	01856 873403
Post Office . . . . .	616499	Dentists:	
Red House Plants . . . . .	616377	Orkney Dental . . . . .	01856 872030
Registrar . . . . .	616239	King Street . . . . .	01856 888258
School . . . . .	616246	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Silver Darlings . . . . .	616412	Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210
Star Island Soap . . . . .	616281	( <i>Email <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a></i> )	
SDT office . . . . .	616410		
Stronsay Band . . . . .	616335		

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