



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 30 Oct 2022 to 19 Feb 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 26 Sep 2022 to 6 May 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 8 Jan to 8 Mar 2023](#)

ORKNEY FERRIES

Christmas and New Year Arrangements 2022/23

No sailings on Sun/Mon 25/26 Dec 2022 & Sun/Mon 1/2 Jan 2023

Refit timetable starts on Sun 8th Jan 2023.



Prescription Collection and Delivery Service

Please contact the wellbeing coordinator on
01857 616410 or email sdtwellbeing@gmail.com
if you would like a prescription collected and
delivered.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stronsay's Christmas Tractor run & Santa's sleigh	Fri 23 Dec
Midnight carol service in the kirk	Sat 24 Dec
Informal service in the kirk	Sun 25 Dec

REFIT TIMETABLE STARTS SUNDAY 8th JANUARY!

GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

The latest available roster for the Doctor and the Community Nurse can be found on the Stronsay Limpet's website at <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Tue 31 Jan 2023**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Items for inclusion should be sent to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or to "The Editor, Stronsay Limpet, Claremont, KW17 2AR".

OPENING/CLOSING DATES OVER XMAS & HOGMANAY

	Surgery	Hotel	Olivebank	Ebenezer Stores	Fishmart cafe
Thu 22 Dec	Open	5pm-10pm	9am-5pm	7:30am-7:30pm	Open
Fri 23 Dec	Open	6pm-1am	9am-5pm	7:30am-7:30pm	Open
Sat 24 Dec	Closed	6pm-1am	9am-5pm	7:30am-7:30pm	10am-1pm
Sun 25 Dec	Closed	11am-2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 26 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Tue 27 Dec	Closed	6pm-10pm	Closed	Closed	Open
Wed 28 Dec	Open	Closed	9am-5pm	10am-1pm	Open
Thu 29 Dec	Open	6pm-10pm	9am-5pm	10am-1pm	Open
Fri 30 Dec	Open	5pm-1am	9am-5pm	7:30am-7:30pm	Open
Sat 31 Dec	Closed	6pm-1am	9am-5pm	Closed	Open
Sun 1 Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 2 Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Tue 3 Jan	Closed	6pm-10pm	Closed	Closed	Open
Wed 4 Jan	Open	Closed	9am-5pm	7:30am-7:30pm	Open

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS

A very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all readers of the Stronsay Limpet. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to the publication in the past year.

The Editor

Jennifer and Robin Graham wish all in Stronsay a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, peaceful 2023.

To all the kind folk on Stronsay, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the medical staff for their attention and concern at getting me to the Balfour Hospital, and to the friends and neighbours who have enquired and helped Bill while I was away, and for all the kindness shown to me now that I'm back home safe and well. THANK YOU ALL and Best Wishes to everybody for a peaceful and happy Christmas time.

Kind Regards, Brenda Parry (Springwell).

Flora & Butch wish all their friends and neighbours in Stronsay, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year"

Paul and Dianne (Tullimentan) would like to wish everyone on Stronsay, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Jo and John at Fernside would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome they have received since moving to the island in July and would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hazel, Norman, Leah & Molly wish all their friends and family a happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year x

David and Ruth wish all their friends a Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for the welcome home.

Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles would like to thank everyone for their custom throughout 2022 and wish you a joyous season and a good year ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my friends on Stronsay.
Leonora

Pam and Ken would like to wish all our Stronsay friends a wonderful Christmas and a spectacular 2023

Season's greetings and best wishes for 2023 to all in Stronsay from Simone and David.

David, Marie and Isaac wish and pray everyone on or connected with Stronsay, has a Blessed Christmas and a good New Year.

The angel said "Be not afraid!. I bring you good news of great joy for all people."



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To all our friends on Stronsay, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year. We extend our special thanks to all those who have helped us and sent messages of support following our recent accident and to David and Ruth who have kindly loaned us their home.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
Robert & Ruth

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year from Paul W and family

The Stronsay Community Association would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us in 2022; through hiring the hall or coming along to events! This really helps a lot and makes a huge difference in such a small community, thank you for supporting your local community hall.



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](#)



Housebay Hydraulics would like to say thank you to all of our customers and wish you all a

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!



Thank you for supporting local and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

The Stronsay branch R.N.L.I.

presents

The Santa Float



Friday 23rd December

He will travel along the village behind the tractor run
at approx. 6.45pm

Folk are welcome to walk behind Santa
He'll be setting off from the west pier head

Please join us afterwards at the pub for nibbles and a raffle
Donations for the raffle gratefully received

**All bairns must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times
Please wear hi vis**

Everyone welcome!

ATHENIA LIFEBOAT

Here's a photo of the newly renovated Athenia Lifeboat (the Boatie Hoose outside Seafield). Huge thanks to the North Isles Landscape Partnership for the funding for this and congratulations to the WRC lads for such a truly amazing job!



A very brief introduction to the history of the restored lifeboat originally from SS Athenia, and now on the fore-shore at Seafield, Stronsay.

'On 3rd September 1939 war was declared between Great Britain and Germany. When the official announcement was made to the nation, the 13,500 ton passenger ship the SS Athenia (Donaldson Line) was en route from Liverpool to Canada with 1147 passengers and crew on board. The majority of the passengers were women and children, and included many refugees from Europe fleeing the imminent bloodbath of war and oppression in Europe, as well as tourists mostly from the USA and Canada, whose main aim was to return home safely. At 11a.m. the news was broken to the passengers that a state of war now existed between Great Britain and Germany. The route taken by the SS Athenia was westward along the north coast of Ireland and thence to Montreal and Quebec. The declaration of war was not entirely unexpected and the possible existence of German submarines in the area was known to Captain Cook of the SS Athenia. By 1p.m. the ship's 26 lifeboats had been prepared and were ready to be launched should the need arise. The Athenia was now about 300 miles from Liverpool, well out into the Atlantic and bound for a neutral port (Canada did not declare war for five more days).

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She was an unarmed passenger ship which had set sail before the declaration of war, and although alarmed by the turn of events, none of the passengers could imagine anything really happening to them.

At 7.39p.m disaster struck. The SS Athenia was torpedoed by a German U boat - U30, captained by Oberleutnant Fritz-Julius Lemp. Although under strict orders from Hitler to avoid any confrontation with civil shipping it was later stated in Lemp's defence that he thought the SS Athenia was an armed and converted merchant ship as it was sailing without lights in a zig-zag formation. A second torpedo misfired, forcing the U boat to submerge to avoid being struck by its own torpedo, and on resurfacing a third torpedo was fired which also missed. Lemp then, realising his mistake and being aware of the potential international repercussions of his actions, rapidly left the scene, failing to report the incident to his superiors until September 14th.

The SS Athenia took several hours to finally go down. Most if not all the lifeboats were launched, although of the Athenia's passengers and crew, 112 were killed (93 of them passengers) in the initial explosion or died later as a result of the sinking. There are many stories of individual heroism and tragedy told by survivors and recounted in the book 'A Night of Terror' by Max Caulfield published by Frederick Muller Ltd, London, 1958. Three British destroyers Electra, Escort, and Fame, together with two merchant ships City of Flint and Southern Cross, and the Norwegian vessel the Knut Nelson, all attended the scene over the ensuing hours rescuing the more than 1000 survivors from the lifeboats and the sea.

The German High Command initially denied any responsibility or involvement in the incident even going so far as to accuse the British of deliberately sinking the ship which carried many USA citizens on board, in order to encourage the USA to enter the war against Germany. The spectre of the sinking of the passenger ship Lusitania in the 1st World War haunted the German military command, and they feared that the sinking of the Athenia could have grave consequences on world opinion. As it happened this did not materialise although it did effect German naval tactics particularly in the early part of the war. Hitler issued an order that under no circumstances were attacks to be made on passenger ships, even those in convoy, regardless of nation, thus causing confusion to U boat commanders as to the vessels they were permitted to attack- for passenger ships sometimes carried troops, and freighters, passengers.

Of the lifeboats from the stricken SS Athenia, all did the job for which they were designed, ensuring the survival of more than 1000 passengers and crew. Several days after the sinking, the captain of a passing ship the SS Transylvania, noticed in the area 'an empty and abandoned lifeboat' floating on the waves.

Some months later an empty lifeboat found its way to Shapinsay one of the northern isles in Orkney, having apparently drifted on the currents from the north Atlantic to the waters off Deerness where, it is believed, it was seen and towed into Shapinsay by a father and son fishing-boat team both of whom have since died. What is certain is that at some time during the early 1940's this lifeboat was acquired by a Captain Dennison of Shapinsay and used by him for carrying egg-boxes and the like, around and between the islands.

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There are those alive today who have verified that this lifeboat at that time had the name ATHENIA thereon and it was generally accepted and acknowledged then and up to the present day that this lifeboat was in fact from the SS Athenia.

During the late 1940's the boat was regularly used for the collection and transportation of seaweed – a thriving industry after the war when seaweed was used in the manufacture of iodine, soap, and fertiliser. Again there are those around today who can remember this boat – commonly known as 'Desperate Dan' in view of it's substantial weight and clumsiness in handling, for it had no engine and had to be towed.

In 1949, J.M.Davidson of Glasgow shut down his sea-weed processing factory on Stronsay and the boat became redundant. It was then acquired by Mr J Chalmers (Pye) of Seafield, Stronsay, who moved it from the foreshore at Lower Station to the foreshore at Seafield and converted it into a 'houseboat', where it has remained to this day.

In 2004 the Stronsay Development Trust decided with the agreement of the current owner of the lifeboat, Mr Clive Martin, to investigate and confirm beyond reasonable doubt the history and identity of the lifeboat as being from the SS Athenia, with a view to obtaining funding for it's restoration and preservation. This step is thought by many to be long overdue particularly bearing in mind the deterioration in the condition of the lifeboat over the years. The sinking of the SS Athenia was a tiny but nevertheless significant event in the overall maritime annals of the 2nd World War, and as custodians of almost certainly the only surviving lifeboat from this ship, we feel it a duty to preserve this unique vessel to serve both as a memorial and a reminder of those who died and indeed of those who survived.'

It is exciting and very pleasing to see the SS Athenia lifeboat now beautifully restored on the foreshore at Seafield, Stronsay. Huge thanks are due to the Stronsay Development Trust and to Clive and Madeleine Martin for persevering and supporting this project over a period of some 16 years or so, not forgetting the vital help and financial support of the North Isles Landscape Partnership.

For those who would like fuller details, you will find these in the Stronsay Heritage Centre, or if you have an hour or so to spare in Kirkwall, visit the Archives in Kirkwall Library. Thank you.

Brian Crowe

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

I have been asked by a member of the community to consider restarting the diabetic support group that we had had to close during the Covid pandemic due to social distancing rules. We had been seeing very small numbers at the group and for that reason I had almost decided not to restart it, as it maybe wasn't something folk wanted. So I'm really wanting to gauge interest, & would therefore be grateful if folk could contact me and let me know if they would be interested in this. We would likely meet on a weekday (still to be decided) at 3.30pm in the community hall. Partners/spouses are also welcome to attend, and also anyone who has been 'diagnosed' with 'pre-diabetes'. It would be an informal group, with general discussions etc, and light refreshments will be served. To my knowledge we have around 20 diabetics on the island so it would be nice if we could have more than the 4 or 5 folk that used to come. I look forward to hearing from folk who are interested (home phone 438).

Thank you.
Shirley Whiteman.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

ORKNEY FERRIES – DRAFT WINTER TIMETABLES

Orkney Islands Council propose to hold a Ferry Services Consultative Forum later next month, giving the isles Transport Representatives an opportunity to add anything to the discussion.

Attached are the **DRAFT WINTER 2023-24 FERRY TIMETABLES** pertinent to the North Isles.

If you wish to make comment on the drafts, please contact the Stronsay Community Council Transport Representative, Paul Riley, tel: 616416, email: | pauljriley46@hotmail.co.uk **before Friday 13 January 2023.**

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
12 December 2022

North Isles Ro-Ro Service

Effective from 25 September 2023 – 4 May 2024

(Sailings subject to alteration during the Christmas and New Year period)
(This timetable will not operate during the refit periods of 'Earl Thormir', 'Earl Sigurd' and 'Varagen' which will commence on 7 January 2024 until 9 March 2024)

DRAFT

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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A - All vehicle bookings must be booked before 1400hrs on Saturday B - All vehicle bookings must be booked before 1600hrs the day before sailing - Sailings marked with a diamond will only operate until 26th October 2023.
All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure, passengers 10 minutes before departure.

A scheduled feeder service for passengers and light cargo will operate between Pierowall (Westray) and Papa Westray to connect with the above sailings. A private minibuss service is also available on request between Rapness and Pierowall.

1. A weekly service will be carried out to North Ronaldsay, weather permitting. As departure times vary from week to week, see reverse for proposed sailings.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in vessels, company premises and website.
3. No Show Charges - All cancellations must be made at least 24 hours before the intended time of travel or full charges may apply.
4. For information on these services contact Ferry Services, Shore Street, Kirkwall. Telephone: 01856 872044, Fax: 01856 872921, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

**Ro-Ro timetable covering the refit period Outer North Isles service
From Sunday 07 January 2024 until 09 March 2024.**

but it may extend beyond this date, following which sailings will revert to normal published timetable.

**** Sailings could be subject to delays due to cargo operations ****

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Stronsay dep		0930	1020	0930	1020	0930	0955 L
Sanday arr		1005		1005		1005	1030 D
Sanday dep		1015		1015		1015	1040 S
Eday arr		1035		1035		1035	1100 A
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P. Westray dep			1600			1250	
Kirkwall arr		1400	1440		1435	1600	1440
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Westray arr	1745	1745	1745	1745		1745	1745
Westray dep	1800A	1755	1755	1755		1755	1755A
Eday arr	1655	1655		1655	1655	1655	
Eday dep	1710A	1710		1710	1710	1710	
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Stronsay dep			1730				
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Sanday dep	1740A	1740	1815	1740	1755	1740	
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A – Vehicles must be booked before 1400hrs on Saturday

B- Vehicles must be booked before 1600hrs the day before sailing.

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Notes:

- All enquiries must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone 01856 872044.
- Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **20 minutes** before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.
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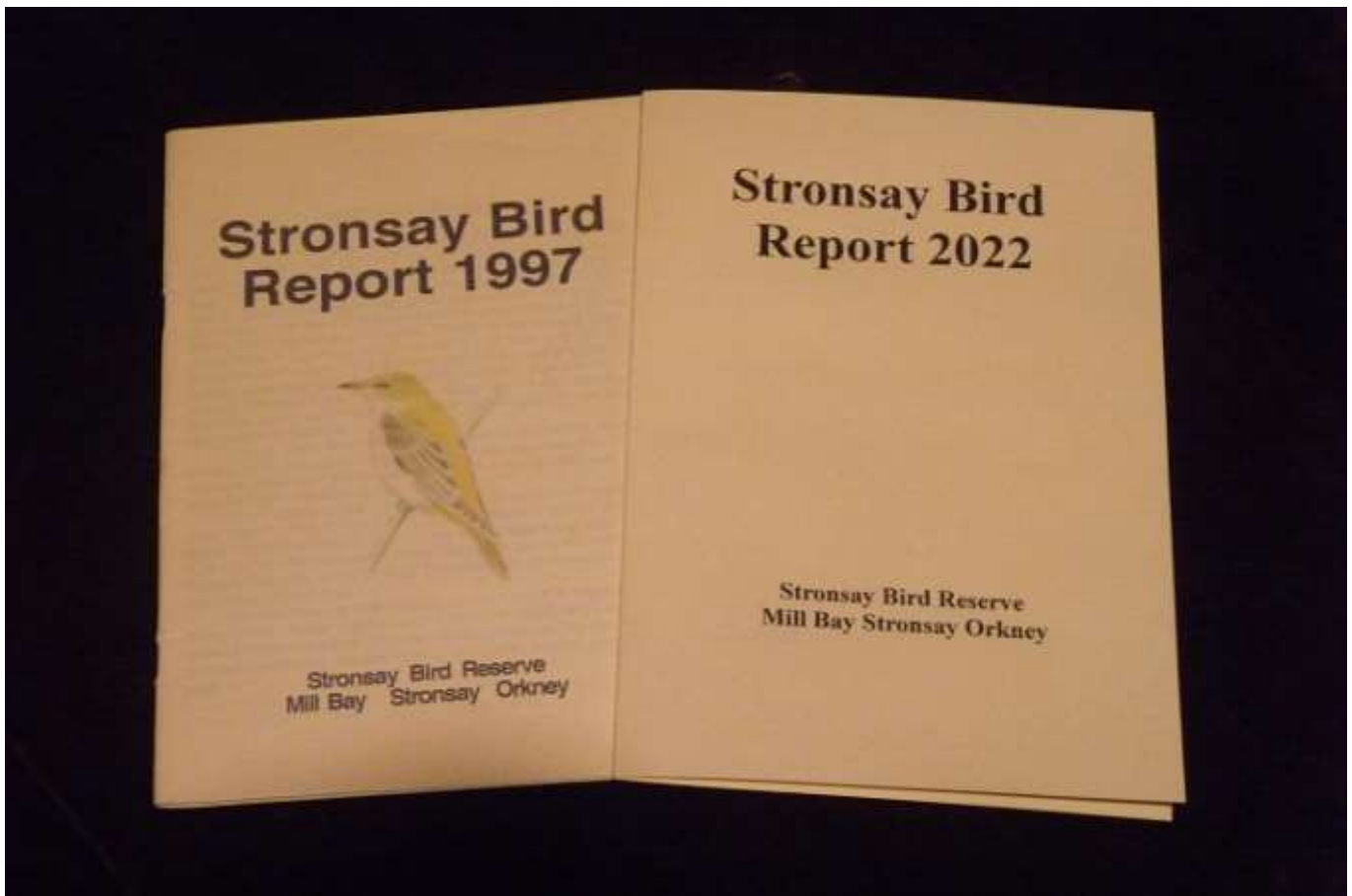
The 25th Anniversary of the Stronsay Bird Report

Meticulous recording of the island's birds since 1987 led to the island's own individual bird report in 1997, similar to those of the islands of North Ronaldsay and Fair Isle.

The first copies of the 2022 Report will be available in early January 2023 – each with an original colour-sketch of a species seen that year. Price £5 including cover illustration.

Thanks to all who have supported our venture, particularly those who have reported unusual sightings to us, and all who have allowed us and our guests access to their land.

John and Sue Holloway, 1st January 2023



Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Regularly reporting on the exploits of your councillor in Kirkwall, the North Isles, and beyond

A combined effort by North Isles' & South Isles' community councillors, North Isles' & South Isles' OIC councillors, and local people with medical training has succeeded in convincing Orkney Health & Care to drop for the time being its plan to exclusively use the NHS24 telephone service for out-of-hours medical cover. I've been involved in a follow-up meeting on this and another meeting of the First Responders (Isles) Group. In Orkney Health & Care's *Annual Performance Report 2021/22*, it is interesting to note that 92% of people in the Isles are recorded as having a positive experience of care at their GP practice (compared to 88% for Orkney as a whole, and a Scottish average of only 67%). Long may it remain this way, or even improve!

There has been no let-up in meetings in the approach to Christmas. I went to Destination Orkney's tourism conference and attended a seminar on tourism in Orkney; took part in a procurement session, a confidential members' briefing, a seminar on the Council's capital programme, a General Meeting, and a Special General Meeting (following a special meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee). The Orkney NFU treated us councillors to a very informative presentation on Orkney agriculture.



In the week before the big snow up there, I spent two days in Shetland with the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board (O&SVJB), attending meetings and a training session. The Orkney members were kindly given a tour by our hosts of *Mareel*, a multi-purpose entertainment venue and arts centre. Being a member of the O&SVJB gives a few, lucky OIC councillors the opportunity to engage with our counterparts in Orkney's parallel universe. The formal Board meeting was held in SIC's new chamber in the former St Ringan's Church in Lerwick. It is dominated by a massive table (see photo above) that would surely make Vladimir Putin envious. Too long to be practical, in my opinion. If it wasn't for the webcasting set-up, people at one end of the table would have to shout or use a megaphone to be heard by those at the other end! In the photo below, you can see the two Stephens who now lead the Valuation Joint Board: me (Depute Convener) and Shetland's Stephen Leask (Convener).

In the Isles I have attended a meeting of Shapinsay Community Council, Westray Community Council, and delivered a speech at the lighting of Sanday's Christmas tree.

Let's see what 2023 will bring.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB
West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

Letter from School Place is also available on-line at clackson.info

(Photo credit: Mike Ross-Crook)



Records of a Bygone Age
Stromsay's First Lifeboat – the John Ryburn
Part 2

In last month's *Limpet* it was reported that the three new lifeboats for Thurso, Stromness and Stromsay had problems on their journey north from where they had been built on the Thames. The story continues:

These problems mostly befell the Stromsay boat, with engine problems on the run to the Tyne necessitating a new bearing to be fitted to the engine. Then, on the Fraserburgh leg of the journey, she lost her mizzen mast which had to be replaced before she could continue and finally, on leaving Thurso on 30th April 1909, the engine again gave problems and the John Ryburn had to return to Thurso to berth.

Below is a report from the *Orcadian* of 8th May 1909, recording the long and arduous journey undertaken by the volunteer crews of the three lifeboats to bring their new vessels to Thurso and Orkney:

THE LIFEBOATS ON THE WAY NORTH.

The Stromsay men courteously supplied us with the following particulars of the run north from London: - Three new lifeboats for the North of Scotland - the motor lifeboats John A. Hay the John Ryburn for Stromness and Stromsay respectively and the new sailing lifeboat for Thurso left London on the morning of fifth April at 8 o'clock. Stromsay men manned both the Orkney boats. The Stromness lifeboat had as a crew George Williamson (coxswain), John Williamson, John Muir, John Eunson, and John Stout. There were also on board Commander F. J. Rowley, R.N., who acted as navigating officer to the flotilla, and Mr Small, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's motor expert. The crew of the Stromsay lifeboat consisted of the following: - G. Eunson (coxswain), John Fiddler (bowman), Peter Williamson, John Leslie, James Logie, and John Miller (engineer.) The Thurso boat had representatives of the boat's crew on board. The first stop after leaving London was at Harwich which was reached about 8 o'clock on the evening of 16th April. Here the crews were exceedingly well treated. On the morning of the 17th, the boats left for Yarmouth, and in fine weather this port was duly reached. The next day's run was a good test for the engines. The departure made from Yarmouth at 6 o'clock, and 14 hours later, Grimsby was reached – a non-stop run of 96 miles. Scarborough was reached on the 20th. On the following day the flotilla on leaving for the Tyne encountered a strong head wind, and the boats put into Hartlepool. Next morning, the weather having moderated a course was set for the Tyne, which was reached about 8 p.m. On this run the after bearing of the shaft of the Stromsay boat had heated, necessitating the engine being taken out, and waiting till the new bearing arrived. On the defect being remedied the boats sailed for Blyth, but, owing to the detention at Shields remedying the engine defect, the call at Berwick, arranged, was not made, and the flotilla proceeded direct to Dundee from Blyth - a distance of 110 miles. The engines during the whole run went without a hitch. After leaving Dundee such a strong head wind was encountered on reaching the mouth of the Tay that Commander Rowley deemed it expedient to put back.

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A start was made for Aberdeen at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, and the boats arrived off Girdleness about eleven hours later. Here they were taken in tow by a tug, and safely berthed in dock. At Aberdeen the Stronsay boat lost her mizzen mast, but this was remedied on reaching Fraserburgh on the 28th inst. The next port of call was Wick, but such a strong head wind was experienced that the passage occupied some 17 hours. The boats were expected to arrive at Thurso last Friday forenoon about 11 o'clock, and a number of persons proceeded to Scrabster Roadstead at that time to welcome the arrival. It was, however, almost 1 o'clock before the boats were sighted off Dunnet Head, and fully an hour later before they arrived at Scrabster Roadstead. Stormy weather had prevailed and the flotilla encountered a rough passage coming through the Pentland Firth, heavy hail showers falling at intervals, accompanied by a strong wind and a heavy sea. When in the Firth owing to the heavy sea running, the tow rope between the John Ryburn, and the Thurso boat (Sarah Austin) slipped off the billet head of the latter, and some time elapsed before they were again connected. The crews were accorded a great reception as the boats drew alongside the pier under the command of Commander Howley. In the course of the afternoon the two Orkney boats sailed for Stromness but when off Dunnet Head, the engine of the Stronsay boat again gave trouble and had to return to Scrabster. Commander Rowley proceeded to Stromness with the boat for that station. Next day, Mr Small, the motor expert, proceeded to Scrabster, and it was then found that the fore bearing of the Stronsay boat was now the cause of the trouble, and that a new part would require to be obtained. It was accordingly arranged that the mail steamer St Ola should tow the lifeboat to Stromness. It was this part of the passage that was perhaps the most trying for the crew. They were simply drenched with spray, and Mr Small's kindness in seeing that the men were supplied with tea on arrival at Scapa was most highly appreciated. The events which followed the arrival at Stromness have already been described. We were specially requested by the Stronsay men to express their sense of gratitude for the great kindness and consideration they received from both Commander Rowley and Mr Small.

The Stromness boat had arrived safely at her home port late in the evening of 30th April while the following day, as reported above, the Stronsay boat suffered the indignity of being towed across the Pentland Firth by the St Ola before she too was berthed safely at Stromness. The crew later described their tow across the Pentland, at full speed and in adverse sea conditions, as being the worst part of the whole journey!

The John Ryburn had to wait in Stromness for new engine parts to arrive and be fitted before she could continue her journey, eventually reaching Stronsay on 15th May, a full month after leaving London. The following day she was officially handed over to the local Lifeboat Committee by the RNLI's Commander Rowley and was accepted on the committee's behalf by Dr Robert Rosie, the local GP.

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The Thames Ironworks, where many of the early RNLI lifeboats were built.

Built at the Thames Ironworks near Greenwich in London, the John Ryburn was a Watson class lifeboat, 43ft (13m) long with a beam of 12½ft (4m), built at a cost of £2770 -9-5d, and was one of two lifeboats funded from a generous bequest from William McCann of Largs. She was fitted with a single Blake 40 bhp engine, which cost £375 and weighed around 15 cwt (750kgs), and achieved a top speed of 7.2 knots during her sea trials. Her cruising speed was reckoned at 6.4 knots, a very sedentary pace by today's standards but a very acceptable speed at that time.

As a little bit of trivia, in the late 1890s the Thames Ironworks had a very successful works football team, Thames Ironworks Football Club, who played in the Southern League. In the 1898/99 season they were 2nd Division champions, achieving promotion to the 1st Division where they played the following season. In 1900 this club resigned from the league and were immediately reformed under the new name of West Ham United Football Club. This club has, of course, achieved much fame and success over the intervening years and still plays in the English Premier League today. West Ham's emblem of crossed hammers represents the large riveting hammers used in the shipbuilding trade and their nickname of "The Hammers" is for this reason. While the media and the general football world commonly refer to the club as The Hammers, the club's own supporters seemingly usually refer to their team as 'The Irons', which again comes from that historic link with the Thames Ironworks. Apparently, more than 120 years after the club was formed, the chant 'Come on you Irons' is still to be heard on match days at West Ham!

The John Ryburn was yet to be officially named, although a naming ceremony had originally been planned in Kirkwall as she headed home to Stronsay. With the delays and breakdowns on the journey, this never happened and the 'Orcadian' of 17th April reported that it was *'decided to postpone the ceremony, as it was considered that the lifeboat after her passage north will hardly be presentable, and will first require to be painted.'*

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The new date for the naming ceremony was fixed for 28th September, again to be held in Kirkwall, and the John Ryburn duly appeared in Kirkwall Basin that day, resplendent in her new coat of paint and bedecked with a colourful display of flags. Her appearance attracted much interest and attention as she lay alongside the Corn Slip in the basin and a steady stream of visitors came to cast their eyes over her until, soon after noon, a large crowd had gathered for the naming ceremony. This ceremony was carried out by Mrs Balfour, wife of Colonel Balfour of Balfour and Trenabie, who named the ship John Ryburn and recited the traditional wish of “*success to her and all who sailed in her*” before breaking the customary bottle of champagne over the bow.

Below is a full report of the ceremony which was carried in the Orkney Herald of 29th September 1909.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION.

(KIRKWALL AND NORTH ISLES BRANCH.)

NAMING CEREMONY OF STRONSAY LIFEBOAT.

A most interesting ceremony took place at Kirkwall Harbour yesterday (Tuesday) morning, viz. the naming ceremony of the Stronsay lifeboat, John Ryburn. The ceremony was performed at the Corn Slip before a large number of spectators. The boat had been moored at the slip since early in the morning, and excited a great deal of attention. A meeting of the local committee was held at 11.45 a.m., after which the committee proceeded to the Corn Slip, where the naming ceremony was proceeded with. Among those present were - Col., Mrs, and Miss Balfour, Sheriff and Mrs Harvey, Dr Craven, Rev. John Rutherford, Col. T. Smith Peace, Ex-Provost Sclater, Provost Slater, Bailie Baikie, Capt. Robertson, Dr Sinclair, Messrs A. Stewart, Wm. MacLennan, S. Reid, jnr., G. C. Pitts, J.W. Cursiter, and W. Cooper, members of the branch; and Dr Rosie, Messrs R. Mitchell, D. Pottinger, and John Shearer, members of the Stronsay Executive. At 11 o'clock the local committee arrived, and the proceedings were opened by Ex-Provost Sclater, Chairman of the Committee, who said the meeting there that day was under the auspices of the Kirkwall and North Isles branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Three years ago, Lieut. Hall visited Kirkwall to endeavour to raise sufficient enthusiasm to have a lifeboat placed at Stronsay. He met with a very hearty response, and Kirkwall agreed to co-operate and form a local committee, and they saw the outcome of this resolution that day. There was a desire to see the whole North Isles on this committee, and have a lifeboat in each isle if possible, or where absolutely necessary. They all knew of the disaster in North Ronaldshay not long since, and how the want of lifeboat was felt then, and if there had been one at Stronsay the crew might have been saved. North Ronaldshay ought at once to be put in telegraphic communication with all the islands in Orkney, and he hoped this would again be brought to the notice of the Government. Lieut. Hall was unfortunately unable to be present owing to other engagements, but his representative, in Lieut. Charles Forbes, R.N., was present, and would make the necessary representations. Addressing the crew of the life-boat, Ex-Provost Sclater said -

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I suppose, gentlemen, you have already taken a pride in your craft. You have been selected and appointed by the committee in your island, who are best able to judge, and they have done their best and chosen a good crew. 'You have given yourselves to a noble calling, and you may have to make many sacrifices, and take many risks in giving yourselves to this noble occupation. You are familiar with that great song, "Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves." I know of no situation in which a better illustration of this song is given than a lifeboat proceeding to sea in a storm with only the flares of the ship in distress to guide it. You may have the satisfaction of conveying the crew back to land, and you may be sure the task of rescuing these loved ones for their families will never be forgotten. There is no need for me to say anything to encourage you. I am sure you will prove faithful to the charge you have taken up. We are here to give the boat a name. I have very great pleasure in now calling on our worthy representative, Lieut. Charles Forbes, R.N. (Applause). Lieut. Charles Forbes, representative of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, said that we had all just listened to a most eloquent speech, and he would not make any long remarks. The boat was one of two constructed from funds left by Wm. McCunn. The one is at Port Logan and the other is the John Ryburn. He also left endowments for these boats, and a further sum for the widows and orphans of men who lost their lives serving on lifeboats. I must acknowledge this bequest on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The idea of providing a lifeboat for the North Isles, and where it was to be placed, had been under consideration for some years, and finally Stronsay was decided on as being the most suitably situated, and the well known courage of the Stronsay men was also taken into consideration in this matter. (Applause.) The Institution considered as to the most suitable type of boat, and found a large and powerful one would be required. This boat is the largest and finest supplied by the Institution, and the first one designed and built to be used as a motor lifeboat. She was designed by that great designer, Mr Watson. Lieut. Forbes then explained that the Institution was altogether supported by voluntary subscriptions, and if it was not for the public they could not carry on their work. The funds collected locally are primarily used there, and anything taken here will be first used for supporting the Stronsay boat, and the balance, if any, sent to the institution. If the funds collected were not sufficient, the institution would pay the balance, and he was sure that a place like Kirkwall would be quite able to support the boat, and he hoped they would figure well with regard to subscriptions in the blue book issued by the Institution. On behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution he had much pleasure in handing over the lifeboat to Colonel Balfour, chairman of the local committee. (Applause.) Col. Balfour said it was with a profound depth of grateful pleasure that, he accepted today, on behalf of the local committee, this magnificent lifeboat. He was sure this boat and bequest would draw forth the deepest gratitude, and he returned his most grateful and sincere thanks. This lifeboat was a specimen of the most modern improvements in lifeboats. It reminded them of that most sacred human obligation of endeavouring to save life, even if they should die in the attempt. Their thoughts naturally travel to those gallant men selected as the crew, and no words can describe how they admired their bravery and gallantry.

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As regiments gather their colours with their numerous victories inscribed thereon, so around this crew will gather a record of bravery and gallantry to be handed down to all humanity. There was also the matter of funds. The method of meeting the expenses, etc., had already been explained, and, therefore, he would not deal with it. Two short prayers were now offered up by the Rev. John Rutherford, and afterwards the hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save," was sung with great feeling by those present. Mr Robert Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Stronsay Executive, said that what they had heard there that day would encourage all to do everything they could for the lifeboat. Some time ago they began to ask themselves how that day's proceedings were to be carried out. One point was at once and most unanimously decided, namely that Mrs Balfour should be asked to name the boat. As a Shapinsay man this choice was particularly pleasing to him, and he knew how widely respected Col. and Mrs Balfour were. He had much pleasure in calling on Mrs Balfour to name the lifeboat. Mrs Balfour said "I name this boat the "John Ryburn," and wish success to her and all who sail in her." (Applause.) She then completed the ceremony by breaking a bottle of champagne over the bow of the boat. Three hearty cheers were then given for the life boat and crew and also for Mrs Balfour. The boat, with a large number of the committee and others on board, proceeded to the bay and manoeuvred off the harbour. A collection was taken up on behalf of the lifeboat and amounted to £17.



On the left is Stronsay's new lifeboat at her naming ceremony in Kirkwall. The rather imposing figure of Mrs Balfour naming the new boat the 'John Ryburn' as she broke a bottle of champagne over her bow is shown on the right.

The third and final part will be in next month's *Limpet*
Ian Cooper

December 2022

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

THANK YOU

Steve, Sheena, Andy and Gaynor would like to thank everyone who supported the School Christmas Post.

A grand total of £333.64 was raised for the clubs and activities for the children at Stronsay Junior High School.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the kind folk who .have given me a lift to/from the ferry, the kirk, a variety of meetings, and Geramount surgery since I stopped driving in 2021; also, to Olivebank & Ebenezer Stores for delivering my weekly orders to my door; and finally, to SDT Wellbeing for collecting my routine prescriptions from Geramount.

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AN INVITATION TO COMMENT ON ORKNEY FERRIES

With an ageing fleet of ferries and no definite news of when these will be replaced, problems have arisen over the reliability of service and the effects this has had on island communities who rely upon this lifeline link.

Stronsay Community Council has recently been invited to join forces with other island communities and together, hopefully with Orkney Ferries and Orkney Islands Council, make a concerted effort to raise the need for action to replace the now outdated ferries.

A dossier of specific user difficulties or problems encountered when using the ferries may help to illustrate the need for modern, user-friendly ferries.

If you have experienced a specific difficulty or problem when using the ferry service then Stronsay Community Council would like to hear from you by **Friday 20 January 2023**. Please contact any of the following members:

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| • David Locke | tel. 07776448301 | e. dlocke@churchofscotland.org.uk |
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Anonymity will be respected, if requested, and thank you for your time and support.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
19 December 2022

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HAULAGE OF AGGREGATES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS INVITED

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. Dwellings adjacent to a road will not qualify.

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 **MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023.**

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 28th February 2023.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer,
The Hill,
Stronsay,
KW17 2AT.

6 December 2022

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NHS24 RESPONSE LETTER

Isles Chairs and Vice Chairs have received the attached response from the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care to their letter raising concerns regarding a proposal to move to NHS24 for the isles.

Members are pleased to be able to share this and hope this will allay any concerns that may have arisen over NHS Orkney's original proposal.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
14 December 2022

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF OFFICER, **ORKNEY HEALTH & CARE**

The document from can be downloaded from
<http://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/NHS24Response.pdf>

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GRASS CUTTING TENDERS 2023

Stronsay Community Council hereby invites tenders for the following contracts. Details and application forms are available from the Island Link Officer and must be returned in a sealed envelope marked "Grass Cutting" by noon on Friday 27th January 2023

- Maintenance of Bay Kirkyard
- Maintenance of Leaquoy Kirkyard
- Grass cutting at St John's Viewpoint
- Grass cutting of Picnic Site at Ayre of the Myers
- Grass cutting of Village Area – Royal Bank to Strynie
- Grass cutting at Stronsay War Memorial
- Grass cutting of area behind numbers 7 & 8 Whitehall
- Grass cutting of grassed area at Wardhill
- Grass triangular area adjoining 2 Whitehall
- Grass rectangular area within numbers 7 to 14 Whitehall

Please note that as there are separate contracts for each of the above listed areas it is possible to tender for them individually.

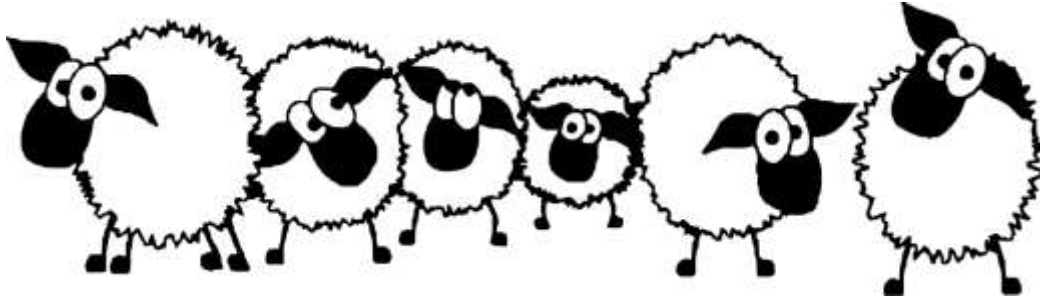
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tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

7 December 2022

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Stronsay Stitchers



December 2022

We will be taking our usual break for the festive season so there will be no Stitchers in December.

We will foregather again in the new year.

KEEPING WARM

These knitting patterns are from the 1940s so they may not be high fashion but they will keep you warm!

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/1940s-knitting-patterns>

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APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Stronsay Community Council invites applications for financial assistance from anyone who is permanently resident on Stronsay.

Grants are available for travel assistance and events and/or projects of benefit to the community.

If the request is for travel assistance, members can award 50% of the requested amount with a capping limit of £200 funding within twelve months.

Full details of the event and/or project will be required and will be submitted to the next Community Council meeting for consideration.

Financial requests must be with the Island Link Officer prior to the event/project taking place and the payment of any grant awarded will require submission of evidence of expenditure from the applicant.

Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted on an Application For Financial Assistance form available from the Island Link Officer.

If more information, or an Application for Financial Assistance form is required, please contact the Island Link Officer, tel: 616446 [email: stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
19 October 2022

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SCRAP CAR SCHEME

The Scrap Car Scheme operated by Stronsay Community Council is still open and is now available for anyone who may have a vehicle for disposal.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until further notice. The vehicle owner will have two months in which to arrange disposal of the vehicle.

At present there is no gate fee for vehicle disposal, but the scrap value will be paid to Stronsay Community Council and **not** the vehicle's registered keeper.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to the scrap yard, Kirkwall, will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car, please: -

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – t: 616446 e: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below.
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with Jim Holland (haulier) for the vehicle's delivery to the scrap yard.
3. Give the completed Verification Form to Jim Holland which must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of a car to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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18 October 2022

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FISHMART CAFE SUMMER OPENING TIMES

(April-September)

Monday	CLOSED	
		(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)
Tuesday	7am - 3pm	
Wednesday	7am - 3pm	
Thursday	7am - 3pm	
Friday	7am - 3pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

FISHMART CAFE WINTER OPENING TIMES

(October-March)

Monday	CLOSED	
		(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	7am - 2pm	
Thursday	7am - 2pm	
Friday	7am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
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MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2023

13 February, 11 April, 5 June, 31 July, 25 September, 20 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,
email library@orkney.gov.uk or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30

RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES

Orkney Islands Council has published a “Household refuse and recycling welcome pack” which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm>.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

On the back page of every edition of the *Limpet* there is a list of useful telephone numbers including the emergency numbers for reporting problems with water or electricity.

THE ORKNEY NEWS

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheOrkneyNews>
<https://theorkneynews.scot>

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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 Ann-Maree Carter email
annemaree.carter@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>

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

If you are planning to hold an event on Stronsay then why not use the free publicity available from the Limpet, the editor's contact details are on the back page of every edition of the [Stronsay Limpet](#). You can advertise in the monthly editions of the Limpet and your event can be publicised via the Stronsay Limpet email list. It's always a good idea to check the [Visit Stronsay calendar](#) when planning an event, could avoid embarrassing clash of dates.

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CROSSROADS ORKNEY

and



We would like to help ease the loneliness and difficulty of lockdown for Dementia sufferers and their carers at home. We have a variety of puzzles, crafts and activities which we can post or deliver. All free of charge. If you know someone who could benefit from this or wish more information please call Crossroads 870500 or Lorna Reid 781329



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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2023 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2725.

Eday

Week Commencing: 3 October 2022, 12 December 2022 and 27 February 2023

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 17 October 2022 and 23 January 2023

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 24 October 2022 and 30 January 2023

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 10 October 2022, 9 January 2023 and 20 March 2023

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 31 October 2022, and 16 January 2023 and 27 March 2023

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 7 November 2022, 9 January 2023 and 13 March 2023

Sanday

Week Commencing: 21 November 2022, 5 December 2022 and 20 February 2023

Shapinsay

Week Commencing: 17 October 2022, 5 December 2022 and 30 January 2023

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 31 October 2022, 5 December 2022 and 13 February 2023

Westray

Week Commencing: 14 November 2022 and 6 February 2023

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

Charges - Adults £3, Children £1.50, Private Hires £15.

Maximum 12 in the pool.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

Monday	Public session 6:30-7:10	Adult lane 7:10– 7:50
Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	*Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:10

***PLEASE NOTE**—There is no public session on the 2nd Thursday of each month

LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

Stronsay swimming pool is looking for enthusiastic, reliable and conscientious people to become part of the pool team.

We will train you using the national standard RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification and in return all we ask is you help us keep our small pool open and sustainable.

The ability to swim and a degree of fitness is required before you start your journey into 'lifeguard life'.

Interested parties should contact Andy Rose: email andyrose85@btinternet.com, phone 01857 616277 or mobile 07769 689 310

OVERSEERS WANTED

Looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool reopening please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331.

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HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores stronsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD **NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES**

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is now open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

- Sunday & holidays: 11am
- Tuesday: 8.00am
- All other days: 11.20am

GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.

<http://www.papastronsay.com/live>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 7pm (the times shown are approximate):

- 4pm Short talk by one of the priests.
- 4:30pm Recitation of the Rosary.
- 5pm Mass.
- 6pm Further prayers and office of the day.

STRONSAY KIRK

Weekly service at 11am.

Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284.

Stronsay kirk's website:

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk>

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday 8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday Closed
Post collection times 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
OIC Special collection. Week Commencing: 13 Feb 2023
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 Weekly service at 11am
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit Mon 13 Feb 2023
[Weekly rubbish collection](#) Tuesday (bags out by **8am** but **not** on the night before!)
Recycling skips nearly full? Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
Forward scam texts to 7726
Forward scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999
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Airy Fairy 616231	Scottish Fuels 01856 873105
Castle Bird Reserve 616363	SDT office 616410
Community council 616446	Silver Darlings 616412
Companions Club 616352	Star Island Soap 616281
Craftship Enterprise 0778 511 1126	Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498
Doctor 616321	Stronsay Band 616335
Ebenezer Stores 616339	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . . 616407
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207	Stronsay school 616246
or 07500 682 867	Stronsay taxi 616335
Fish Mart 616401	
Golgotha monastery. 616210	Balfour hospital (24/7). . . 01856 888000
or contact@the-sons.org	Water problems (24/7) . . 0800 0778 778
Hairdresser 616337	Electricity
Hall bookings 616263	general enquiries 0800 048 3516
or annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)
Highland Fuels 01856 873766	problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999
Island Link Officer 616475	power cut (24/7). . . 105
Kirk secretary 616238	Police (non urgent) (24/7)101
Limpet editor 616297	Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Medical emergency 616321	Dentists:
Neil's on Wheels 07723 304 260	Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547
Manse 616284	Deyanov Dental . . . 01856 877118
Nurses 616321	King Street 01856 888258
Olivebank 616255	Orkney Dental 01856 872030
OIC out of hours 01856 873535	Vets:
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Red House Plants 616377	Northvet 01856 873403
Registrar 616239	

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