



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 19 Feb 2024 to 26 Oct 2024](#)
[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 25 Sep 2023 to 4 May 2024](#)
[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 7 Jan 2024 to 9 Mar 2024](#)
[OIC - school holidays 2023-2027](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World day of prayer, service in the kirk at 2pm	Fri 1 Mar
Fishmart pizza takeaway	Fri 1 Mar
Hotel quiz night	Sat 2 Mar
Companions Group meet in Fishmart	Wed 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar
Hotel—Mothers Day Sunday Lunch special	Sun 10 Mar
Island Enterprise Roadshow	Tue 12 Mar
Mobile library van visit	Mon 25 Mar
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 28 Mar
Orkney Ferries summer timetable starts	Sun 5 May
Spring Craft Fair	Sat 11 May
OIC Special Collection	Mon 13 May
Mobile library van visit	Mon 20 May
Stronsay SWRI centenary	Sat 7 Sep
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 23 Nov

STRONSAY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Stronsay Heritage Society now has a Facebook presence:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/360918173546885>

COMPANIONS GROUP

Meets every Wednesday in the Fishmart Café at 2pm for a cuppa & cake whilst chatting and catching up with the news. For more information phone Shirley on 438.

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 **31 March 2024**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy on Stronsay Community Council

Any individual aged 16 and over may stand for election for the Community Council representing their home address, providing they are on the Electoral Register

This is a great opportunity to make a difference to the community you live and work in, to help distribute Council funding locally, and to shape the way that Council services are provided

To discuss further, please contact the Democratic Services Team, Orkney Islands Council on 873535 extension 2264 or email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk



A public meeting will be held to fill the vacancy at a date to be confirmed

Island Enterprise

Roadshows

Do you have a business idea or a hobby that you want to turn into a business but don't know where to start? Business Gateway Orkney is holding an event in your area!

STRONSAY

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Carpet Room, Community Hall, 7-9pm

There will be a presentation and opportunity for discussion and 121s

There's still time to sign up, please scan the QR code



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STRONSAY HOTEL
PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

READY TO PLAY?
SAT 2ND MARCH
8PM START

TABLE BOOKING ADVISED (FOOD AVAILABLE)



Mothers Day

SUNDAY LUNCH SPECIAL

10th March 12pm-3pm

Save the Date

More details to follow

Two course Carvery Meal £18
With a special mothers day gift.

TABLES CAN BE BOOKED FROM 12PM-3PM
MESSAGE OR CALL 07398627742
FACEBOOK MESSAGE
EMAIL STRONSAYHOTEL@GMAIL.COM



Fishmart pizza takeaway night



Due to popular demand I am delighted to announce that we are holding another pizza takeaway night at the Fishmart on **Friday 1st March**. **Takeaways start at 4pm until 8pm**, to order & book your pizza collection slot please call the Fishmart on 616401 during opening hours or by messenger to Tara.



Freshly baked & hand stretched stone baked pizza

Meat feast (ham, pepperoni & meatballs)
£10.00

BBQ chicken & sweetcorn
£10.00

Hawaiian (ham & pineapple)
£10.00

Vegetarian (peppers, onions & mushrooms)
£9.00

Margarita (mozzarella cheese, cheddar cheese & sauce)
£8.00

STRONSAY SWRI - CENTENARY!

Stronsay SWRI will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary on Saturday 7th September 2024. We will be having a buffet meal in the community centre for all present and past members! If anyone has any old photos/memorabilia that they'd be happy to share, please contact me as soon as possible, we'd hopefully have a slideshow on the TV of old photos. Also any stories or memories that you have would be appreciated, thank you!

Sheena Cooper

Fishmart Sunday specials



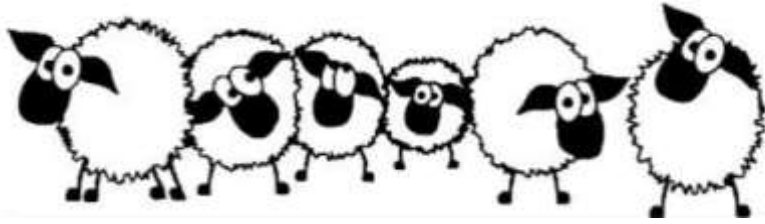
Fishmart specials subject to availability on the day, normal menu also available.

£14.50 for 2 courses

To book a table please call 616401 during opening hours.

Sunday 3rd March	Beef suet pie & seasonal veg	Fruit crumble & custard
Sunday 10th March	FISHMART CLOSED	-
Sunday 17th March	Homemade Lasagne, chips, side salad & colslaw	Pineapple upside-down cake & custard
Sunday 24th March	Mince, tatties & seasonal veg	Chocolate brownie & vanilla ice cream
Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday)	Homemade chicken Kiev, new potatoes & seasonal veg	Fruit crumble & custard
Sunday 7th April	Cottage pie & seasonal veg	Jam sponge & custard
Sunday 14th April	Gammon steak, chips, peas or beans & optional fried egg	Eton mess
Sunday 21st April	Chicken casserole & rice	Raspberry cheesecake
Sunday 28th April	Chicken Enchiladas	Lemon sponge & custard

Stronsay Stitches



Stronsay Stitches - Thursday 28th March

7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person

We are an informal group meeting monthly doing our own stitchy things. You can bring any project you're working on such as crochet, needlework, knitting etc. Everyone welcome.

Stronsay Craft Fairs 2024 - for your calendar

Spring - Saturday 11th May

Christmas - Saturday 23rd November

For more information or to book a table please contact Simone on 616 281 or PM Facebook.

28th February 2024

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Hello again everyone.

It's a leap year! And our Limpet goes out on February 29th! **The times they are a changing, sang Bob Dylan.** *Come gather 'round people, Wherever you roam, And admit that the waters Around you have grown. And accept it that soon, You'll be drenched to the bone If your time to you is worth savin' Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone*

For the times they are a-changin' Come mothers and fathers, Throughout the land, And don't criticize, What you can't understand Your sons and your daughters, Are beyond your command, Your old road is rapidly agin' Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand, For the times they are a-changin'

The book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3 reminds us there is a time for everything, whether its birth, death, planting, harvesting, holding on or letting go. Change is part of life, and we have to face whatever it throws at us, as some on the island know fully just now. Our church here and across Orkney and Scotland is facing changed times: for example one of my previous congregations, in King Edward in Aberdeenshire has just held its last service as the congregation join in with others in nearby Turriff [King Edward is where Alex French and Alan Twatt who come to Stronsay Harvest Home, farmed]. I feel for them yet they remain positive

Our church here is facing not closure, but big changes as the 19 Church of Scotland Congregations across Orkney are due to unite into one larger church under one overall governing body, with local offshoot 'branches', like here in Stronsay. Our congregation here formally will have to vote on the changes proposed in mid-May, and they will not actually happen probably till later summer. For the community, the church and life in the church hopefully will just seem like before, so worry not. But our organisation will involve much change including more sharing with other churches across Orkney and hopefully a bit of reduced administration burden on our leaders here.

Changes come as part of life ; we just have to cope, adapt, move on and not give up, but being prepared for them helps. Its already the period of Lent, when we remember how Jesus journeyed through trials and temptations in the desert and grew stronger to prepare himself for the further trial to come, and grow in knowing that amidst the trials, God was at work in Spirit supporting him. I suppose that is what we must do facing whatever changes and trials we face. Last Sunday we were helped by sharing thoughts of Alexei Navalny who died in Russian prison recently . He said being a Christian helped him clarify the right thing to do and keep doing it, not give up. Its soon to be Easter, when we remember the positive change that can happen, out of apparent disaster, how in the face of death and despair, new hope, spirit, life emerges for those with enough openness to believe like Alex Navalny.

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The famous Serenity Prayer used by Alcoholics Anonymous says something like; ***God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*** Prayer helped Jesus not least when he was facing his biggest time of trial. No matter who we are, prayer can help us even just settle our fears, sift our priorities and gain insight and peace. With our Easter newsletter delivered around the community you will find copies of the booklet 'Trypraying' TryPraying is part of a national movement, which simply encourages people to try what it says on the tin; wherever you are, God can hear your prayers- try it!.

Specific events can also help. For example, our half- hour service as part of the global World Day of Prayer starts on Friday 1st March at 2pm; all are very welcome, as we are led in a service prepared for us by Palestinian Christian women. Its an opportunity to share prayer, concern, faith, hopes with each other and with God, and listen for what more we can do.

May God bless you in the way of the Serenity Prayer as you face changes in your life.

David

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024—FRIDAY 1 MARCH

World day of prayer 2024

Written by the Christian women of Palestine

Friday March 1st at 2.00 p.m.

Please come and join us at Moncur Memorial Church as we celebrate the annual World day of prayer.

This year it has been written by the women of Palestine. The service will have been planned and written well before any of the current problems, but it makes an ideal opportunity to join with people throughout the world, to remember and pray for that region.

The service will only take about half an hour and is open to anybody.

We would love to see you

A FARM IN THE NORTH



I'm Nathan, a self-taught blacksmith honing my craft for the past five years. My work spans various materials – bone, horn, leather, hide, and of course, metal. With a knack for learning quickly and a creative spirit, I consider myself a bit of a jack of all trades, deeply passionate about crafting.

Nestled on a remote island in the Orkney Isles, I share this five-acre haven with my wife and family. Together, we tend to our orkneyboreray sheep, goats, and chickens, cultivating what food we can with grand plans to expand our farm further. I find joy in simple pleasures – peace and quiet, hearty meals, the scent of earth and rain, and the satisfaction of seeing the fruits of my labour.

Fuelled by a fascination for ancient histories and civilizations, I'm a bit like a dragon, hoarding books that sit as treasures of knowledge. After all, you never know when one might come in handy! I also collect Hand tools to broaden my tool range to work with as I'm passionate about hand crafted and love the life and character of old tools.

Music is my constant companion in the stone workshop where I create; I have an eclectic taste, playing tunes loud to keep me company and motivated.

I've also launched my own YouTube channel where I showcase a plethora of my craftworks creations. Additionally, there's a Patreon page for those who wish to support my dreams and craft. In return, you get exclusive behind-the-scenes glimpses of farm and craft life, blacksmithing tips, a farm newsletter, delicious farm recipes, informative posts delving into the world of runes, regular updates, and much much more. Take a peek! {Links below}

Thank you for being here, reading this and supporting me, I couldn't do this without you all, so I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you.

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<https://www.patreon.com/afarminthenorth>

Records of a Bygone Age Stronsay Schools Part 4 – Free education for all

Part 3 of this story painted a picture of an efficient and well run school under Alexander Learmonth's headship, but one with an ongoing problem with the poor attendance record of many pupils. We move on now to 1887:

A school holiday was declared on 17th June 1887 in honour of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, with all the schools on the island also being closed the following Monday where the Jubilee was celebrated by an island picnic at Ward Hill.

More holidays were to follow, with the school closed for the annual United Presbyterian Church picnic on 8th August and then again on the 12th, 13th and 16th, this being deemed as suitable dates for those wishing to experience the joys of the 'Kirkwall Fair'.

This fair was the annual 'Lammass Fair' held in Kirkwall and, at that time, lasted a full week. No doubt a goodly number of islanders would have taken advantage of this opportunity as their annual holiday, with a report of that 1887 Fair recording that:

'The streets have been more or less crowded at all times of the day. It is believed, indeed, that on no previous year have so many persons availed themselves of the holiday. The *Orcadia* brought many hundreds from the North Isles, while the *Lizzie Burroughs* did her best to keep up with the traffic from Rousay, Egilsay, Evie and other place in her circuit.' The report then continued 'On the usual stance at Sunnybank peripatetic showmen, with the attendant tribe of hacksters, conjurors and minstrels, mustered in good force.'

A good inspection report was given that year once again, although the inspector noted that 'A new set of maps, a globe and inkwells for the desks should be procured. The schoolroom, which is large and without a ceiling, is insufficiently heated. The roof is not rainproof above the fireplace and the water runs down the walls. The playground is unenclosed and the offices have no separate access for boys and girls.

It would seem that either the problem of an unenclosed playground may have been raised before or that the School Board moved remarkably quickly as, very soon after this 1887 report, the Board agreed that each of the three island schools should have their playground enclosed by a stone dyke, subject to the agreement of landowner Colonel Balfour. Mr Balfour was quite happy for this to go ahead but wished to make it clear that he still retained ownership of the flagstaff at the Central School.

In June 1888 tenders were sought for enclosing the playground at the Central School and building two 'offices' to be used as toilets. This was fairly specific in its terms, with the area to be enclosed and the specifications of the wall described as:

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‘Bounded on the north by the boundary wall of Hunton, passing south around the east end of the school round the flagstaff and westward to the public road, then northward to join on to the wall of the Hunton farm, as the same will be pointed out by the clerk to the School Board. A stone wall 3 feet 9 inches high on the west side, the walls on the remaining sides to be 3 feet 6 inches high, all the walls to have a scarcement 2 feet 6 inches wide and 3 inches thick. Wall 2 feet at bottom and 1 foot 4 inches at top and finished with a rough hammer dressed cope 12 inches high and the full width on the top set in and jointed over with lime, all to be of good sound durable stones and all to be finished in a proper workmanlike manner. An entrance gate 8 feet wide with a pillar 3 feet square and 6 feet high on each side of the entrance gate, the pillars to be covered with a stone not less than 4 inches in thickness and to overslip the pillar 3 inches and finished with a boulder not less than 1 foot in diameter. The foundations to be laid on a hard level square cleared out across and any irregularity in the ground levelled with the general run of the surface. Lime: not more than half sand to be put in lime and the jointing on the top to be mixed with rough sand or fine gravel properly sifted.’

A separate specification for the erection of the two offices then followed:

‘10 feet inside with a wall between 2 feet thick so that each office will have 6 feet clear space inside measurement and have two seats in each. Height of front wall 6 feet inside, clear space, height of middle wall to be 11 feet, all to be built dry and jointed outside with lime and plastered inside. Couples 2 ½ x 5 inches and 20 inches apart, gables with built skew. Doors 2 feet 9 inches by 5 feet. Jambs 2 ½ by 2 inches. Doors 1 ½ inches thick with 4 back bars and ventilators, hinges and handles. Floored with pavement from wall to wall. Courts in front: 5 feet high and 4 feet wide (one end and front), floored with pavement. A cement gutter 2 inches deep and 6 inches wide in a round curve, stone front and wall cemented 3 feet up. Sarked with ¾ inch wood and welsh slate of good quality 18 inches by 10 inches, shouldered in lime mortar. Foundations to be cleaned out level. Scarcement to be sunk 3 inches and the floor on top of the scarcement. All rubbish to be cleared off the premises. Wall from offices to coal shed to be in height level with the coal shed. The whole to be dry built and jointed. Two gates 3 feet wide hung on oak post with jamb on other side between the offices and the boundary wall of Hunton.’

Tenders for the complete job were received from James Chalmers and Caleb Dickson for £75 and Joseph Bews for £54-7/6 while a tender was received from William Moodie to build the stone wall only at 5/- per fathom. Mr Bews’ tender was accepted, with the work being completed by June 1889.

The 1888 HMI report again gave praise to teachers and scholars, stating that ‘The school continues to be taught with vigour and ability; and if the efforts of the teachers were only backed by the enforcement of regular attendance its condition would soon leave little to be desired.’

In what could well have been a response to this criticism and also serves to illustrate the problems of the times, in April 1889 the Clerk was instructed to make public notice that no children would be allowed to go herding unless they had passed the third standard and were over 10 years of age otherwise the parents would be proceeded against.

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William Moodie, the Compulsory Officer, was still finding it difficult to persuade some parents of the necessity of sending their children to school. In most instances a visit from the officer was enough to ensure compliance but this wasn't always enough.

In a specific case soon after Thomas Fotheringhame, a carter in Whitehall Village, was instructed to appear before the Board for neglecting to educate his children, 12 year old Thomas and 10 year old James. The clerk was also instructed to write to the person employing these children to inform him that if they weren't sent home to their parents he would be prosecuted for employing them illegally. Even this course of action failed to have the desired effect and, after repeated failed attempts to ensure that Mr Fotheringhame sent his two children to school, it was agreed that there was no option but to prosecute Mr Fotheringhame before the Sheriff at an early date. Whether this came to pass or whether Mr Fotheringhame complied by sending his children to school before he went to trial isn't recorded.

Many of the older scholars took a holiday on 28th June 1889 to attend the annual Review of Volunteers. This review was of the Stronsay unit of the Royal Artillery Volunteers which had been formed in 1865 and, with their Drill Hall built a few years previously right next door to the school, would have meant a very short journey for the pupils.

Also in 1889 salaries for the Central School teachers were clarified to show the headmaster receiving £30 for teaching specific subjects and a further £70 for teaching 'standard work' while the assistant teacher and sewing mistress received £12 for standard work and an additional £8 for giving instruction in sewing.

Miss Shearer had resigned from the latter post in August 1889 and, before leaving, was presented with a work box and writing case by her pupils as a mark of their appreciation. The vacant post was quickly advertised, looking for a certificated teacher at a salary of £40, with her role to also include industrial work. With no suitable applicants the post was re-advertised in March 1890, offering an increased salary of £45, and Miss Robina Fraser, fresh from teacher training college in Aberdeen, was appointed to the post. This appointment was quite short lived, with Miss Fraser resigning in December and Miss Barbara Mary Duthie taking up the post in January 1891.

Another landmark in Scottish education, and arguably the greatest ever, was to be reached in 1890 when, with the passage of another Education Act, school fees were abolished. Now, for the first time, all children, regardless of sex or status, were enabled to enjoy free education.

The school report of 1890 was again satisfactory, with the inspector noting that the interior of the school room had been greatly improved by the roof being closed in with a wooden ceiling, adding that if a partition were thrown across the school room to obviate the noise and distraction caused by two teachers in the same room its capabilities would be still further increased.

It seems this recommendation was again acted upon fairly quickly and a division made across the room to separate the two teachers and classes. This was of great benefit to pupils and teachers but also necessitated the installation of a stove in Miss Duthie's room to provide some warmth in that area.

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More changes were to follow when, following a dispute with the School Board, Alexander Learmonth tendered his resignation on a point of principle. This centred around the Board's wish to provide the teaching of at least four additional specialist subjects to older pupils and Mr Learmonth's insistence that, unless additional resources were provided and pupil attendance much improved, then teachers had no hope of teaching these subjects effectively and that their priority had to lie with teaching the basics well.

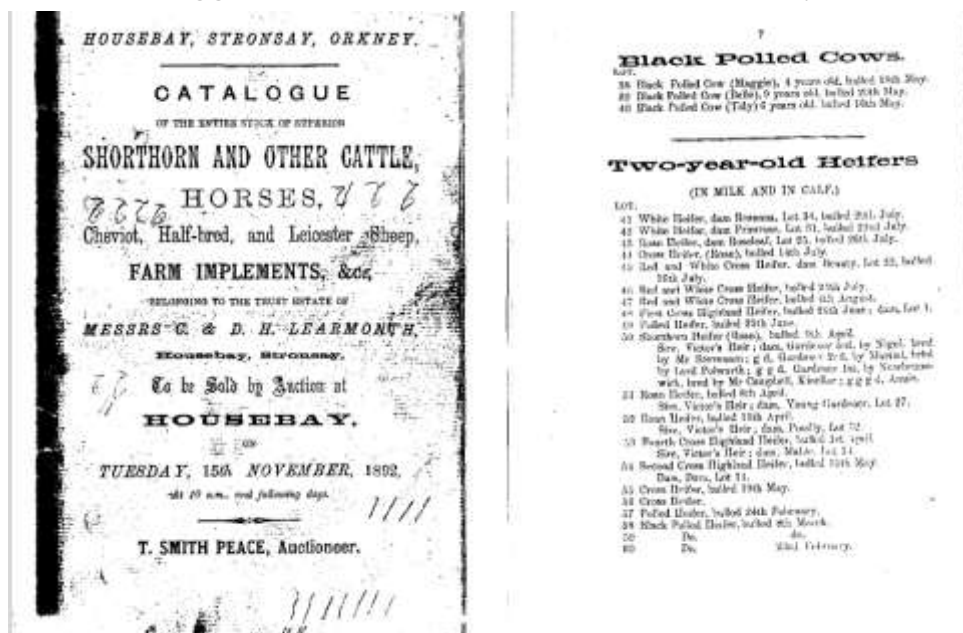
Despite requests from parents to reconsider, Mr Learmonth couldn't be swayed and moved on in September 1891. Before he left, 12 year old James Gorie, on behalf of all the pupils, made a moving speech before presenting Mr Learmonth with what was described as 'a splendid watch', with Mrs Learmonth being given 'a fine gold Albert' before their departure from the island. Members of the School Board were noticeable by their absence at this presentation.

William Ledingham from Buckie was quickly appointed as his replacement, taking up duties in November that year.

Numbers on the roll are given in February 1891 as being 46 at the North, 104 at the Central, 48 at the South and 8 in Papay, a total of 206 plus several 'defaulters' (who weren't attending school but should have been.) In March the following year numbers were given as being 56 at the North, 93 at the Central, 51 at the South and 7 on Papa Stronsay, a total of 207. It's unlikely the total roll would ever have been much higher than this, although numbers were seldom given in records still available.

Another Parliamentary election was held in 1892, meaning that the school was shut on 25th and 26th July to allow voting to take place. Mr Lyell, the Liberal candidate and sitting MP, was again victorious.

The log entry on 18th November 1892 notes that 'Attendance would have been much better had it not been for a sale at Housebay which lasted for 3 days and took many of the children away.' This sale had been brought about by the Learmonth family leaving the farm of Housebay after being tenants there for almost 50 years and was thought at the time to be one of the biggest farm sales ever to be held in Orkney.



Part of the catalogue for the sale at Housebay, possibly the biggest farm sale ever to be held in Orkney
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In January 1893 it seems there must have been some dispute over access rights to water as the Clerk reported to the Board that the well belonging to the Central School had been filled up with stones, stating that it had been reported to him that it had been so treated by Mr Meil's servant. (Mr Meil was tenant of the neighbouring farm of Samson's Lane and the well would in all probability have been on his property.) The Clerk was instructed to get the Officer to examine the well and find who had filled it with stones, with a further instruction to give notice to the perpetrator that the well must be restored to the condition it was in previously within eight days or legal action would be taken to ensure its reinstatement. These actions must have been successful as no more mention is made of it.

A note in the log for May 1893 records that all the boys who had been studying Latin had given up the subject, leaving 4 girls to continue the course. On being asked why they had given up the course we are told that the universal reason given was 'Father says'!

After only 18 months in post Mr Ledingham resigned in April 1893, to be replaced by Duncan Macpherson in July that same year.

In another change of staff Barbara Duthie resigned in July 1893 and, after an advertisement for the post drew no suitable applicants, Agnes Tolmie, who had been teaching in Papa Stronsay, was appointed as interim teacher. Miss Tolmie was the daughter of Margaret Tolmie, headmistress at the North School.

The HMI inspection in 1892 had been less than satisfactory, although the inspector was happy to apportion some of the blame to the poor attendance due to an influenza epidemic. This was to be followed by a scathing report the following year with the school inspector identifying failings in just about every department, a situation which he blamed almost entirely on previous changes of teacher, with the work suffering accordingly. Commenting on Reading Writing and Arithmetic he rather worryingly proposed that, 'if good work in this direction is to be done the instruction should be confined to the more promising pupils.'

By October 1893 Mr Macpherson, the new headmaster, seemed to be breathing new life into the school, where it was noted that a small German class had been formed to add to the Latin and French classes already available and that one boy was currently reading the epic Latin poem, Virgil's Aeneid.

The following month, on 3rd November, the headmaster noted that 'The disturbing elements this week were rough weather and public roups.'

These public roups (or auctions) would have been taking place at that time of year as it was at Martinmas on 11th November that so many tenancies and contracts ended and tenants and workers moved elsewhere, often selling off much of their stock, equipment and household goods before they moved on. Martinmas was one of the four old Scottish Quarter Days or 'term days' and the one where by tradition most terms of tenancy and contracts of employment began and ended. Attendance at such a roup, with all the excitement and camaraderie it entailed, would no doubt have held more attraction than a day's study for many of the older pupils!

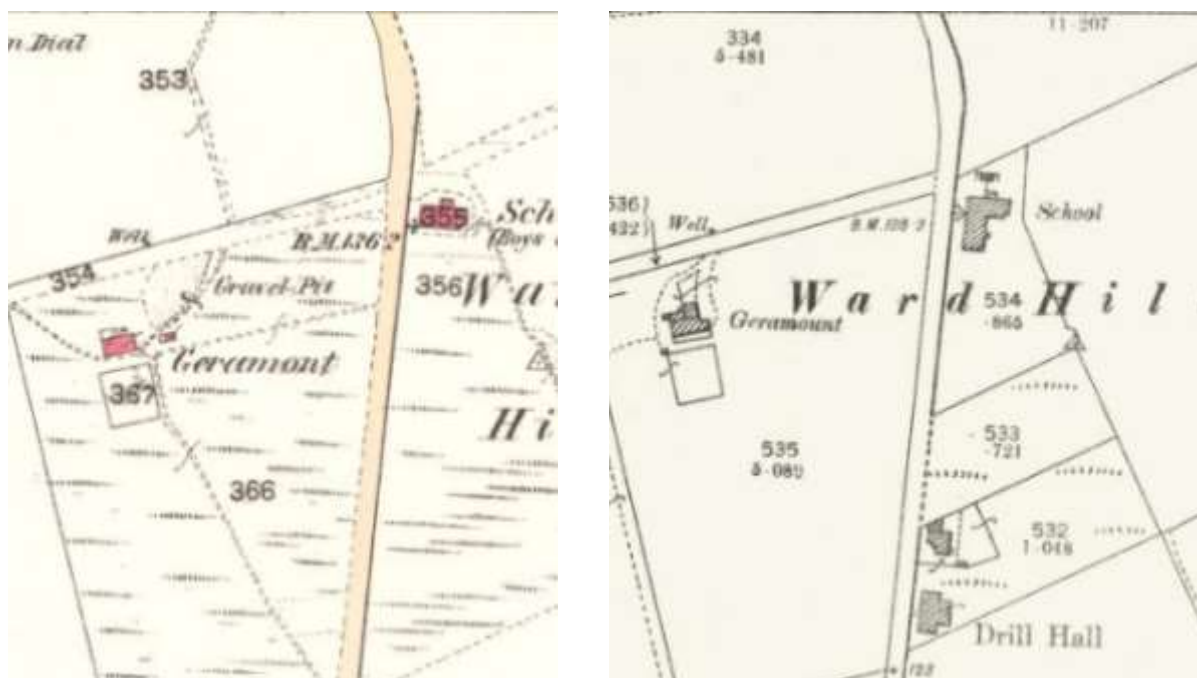
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Agnes Tolmie, who had been acting as interim teacher since the summer of 1893, came to the end of her contract in January 1894 when Irish born Miss Jessie Smith, fresh from teacher training college, took up the post.

Attendance figures, as always, were an ongoing concern in 1894, with pupils engaged in farm duties and kelp work through the spring and early summer, followed by harvest work and tattie lifting later in the year where Mr Macpherson recorded that 'Harvest operations are in full swing; consequently the attendance is but meagre'. The log also noted that 'a boy who played the truant was smartly punished', while another entry told of two of the boys engaged in reading Xenophon's Greek classic Anabasis – surely two ends of the spectrum.

The school was to close early one day in July 1894 to allow the walls to be white-washed and floors scrubbed in preparation for an inspection the following week, an inspection that showed a remarkable improvement from the previous two. The inspector's report stated that 'The school, since it came under the charge of the present teachers, has risen very markedly in efficiency.' before going on to praise the majority of the pupils' work and praising the tact and intelligence with which Miss Smith was working in the Junior department, her work only being hampered, he stated, by the overcrowding caused by lack of adequate space. He went on to commend the School Board's early proposals to erect an additional classroom for the younger children. These proposals quickly turned into concrete plans and, with a tender of £220 for the project being submitted by James Chalmers and accepted by the Board, work was soon to commence.

A year on and the 1895 inspection produced another glowing report but again noting the overcrowding, soon to be rectified with the erection of the new classroom which was nearing completion at that time.



Compare the 1879 map on the left with the map from 1900 on the right. The second map shows the school around twice the size, and with the Drill Hall and Drill Cottage having been built in the interim period. Gerrymount has also been extended considerably.

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The operation of a joint School Board for Eday and Stronsay had, ever since its inception, been causing difficulties for the Board, both through the geographical difficulties of getting members from both islands to meet in one place and with the difficulties in sharing funds and resources in a way that was seen to be reasonable to all parties. For some time past this joint Board had been making representations to the Education Department to split the Board into two separate entities, one for each island, and this was eventually agreed in July 1895, with the first meeting of the new Board specifically for Stronsay being held in October that year.

Among the new Board's first duties was the appointment of Gracie M Brown of Hillhead in Glasgow to the teacher's post at the South School at a salary of £55 with a free house, with her sister Elsie being appointed as second Assistant Teacher at the Central School with a salary of £50, with both being granted travelling expenses of £1/17/- (£1.85p).

In February 1896 a letter of resignation was received from head teacher Mr Macpherson. As he was obviously a very able and respected teacher, members of the School Board decided that this letter should be left on the table and agreed that they should meet with Mr Macpherson to offer him an increase of £10 to his salary. By the following month Mr Macpherson had agreed to remain in his present post but drew the Board's attention to the unsatisfactory state of the schoolhouse. On inspection only minor defects were found and quickly rectified.

The Board's faith in Mr Macpherson seemed to be wholly justified when the report of the 1896 school inspection was submitted to them. This report, the first since the new classroom and additional teacher were in place, lauded praise on the teachers, on the standard of their teaching and of the pupils' learning. The report the following year continued in the same vein, stating 'This is a very fine example of a well-staffed and well taught island school.' before going on to say that 'In Latin, French and Mathematics the training is most valuable, being in point of accuracy and thoroughness distinctly superior to what one finds in the average rural school.'

A whooping cough epidemic again hit the school from October to December 1896, with 63 of the pupils being infected and each one excluded for a full month before being allowed to return to school.

In November 1896 it was noted that Eliza Lennie had been appointed as a monitor, with her salary given as £1. Perhaps the savings from this less than extravagant salary helped offset the purchase of a new piano at a cost 'not to exceed £20.'

There was to be some welcome news for the pupils when all were given a day's holiday on 2nd April 1897 in honour of Rev Joseph Caskey's Golden Jubilee as minister to the Established Church in Stronsay. In a move which may not have found universal favour with pupils the school was then opened on Saturday so that Friday's work could be completed, although the pupils' good fortune returned with another day's holiday granted on 22nd June as part of the celebrations to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Part 5 will be in next month's *Limpet*.

Ian Cooper

February 2024

Stephen Clackson’s Letter from School Place

A monthly report from your councillor, who’s been working to improve road safety for our island children.

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The first 20mph speed-limit signs are appearing in the Isles! It is satisfying to see my Notice of Motion of 7th Dec 2021, and the desire of island communities for many years, at last becoming a physical reality. Thankfully, I was able to counter the attempt last summer to jeopardise the project (which I wouldn’t have been able to do, had the folk of the North Isles not re-elected me in May 2022!). Hopefully, all of Orkney’s island schools will have their 20mph limits in place by this summer, raising the standard of road safety for island schoolchildren to the level long enjoyed by those on the Orkney Mainland, and representing the norm almost everywhere else in the country.

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A hiatus in council meetings conveniently coincided with the fortnight around the celebration of my father-in-law’s 90th birthday in Germany. He was presented with flowers by the Bürgermeisterin (a role I’ve performed myself from time to time in Orkney). I attended the meetings of the Ferry Services Transport Forum and Air Services Transport Forum from Germany by “Teams”, and the Internet link was better than I’ve experienced from Sanday!

Heavy snow stopped some members and officers from attending the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee in person, but I was there. I asked if we could have a full Island Communities Impact Assessment next time early learning and childcare (ELC) is reported, as currently these services are limited on some islands (in terms of suitable accommodation and workforce), and councillors need more details.

At the meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee, the head teacher of Eday School was praised for her hard work implementing the improvements “required to enhance the effectiveness of the framework of governance, risk management and control.” I visited the school last May, where I saw the good work being done by the staff there.

OIC’s new chief executive, Oliver Reid is working his way around Orkney and getting to know the county. Ute and I gave him a brief tour of Sanday between planes. We introduced him to various people, showed him some of the island’s facilities, and discussed community concerns. I believe the next island on his list is Eday.

At the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, my amendment was successful to retain the second-home council tax discount exception of 50% (that I instigated 5 years ago) which applies *where a person’s sole or main residence in Orkney is separated from their place of work by a body of water, the transport provision over which does not permit daily commuting between their sole or main residence and their place of work, and where they occupy a second home in Orkney to enable them to maintain that employment.* This will protect those eligible from a quadrupling of the council tax on that second home, and keep viable their work arrangements that make it possible for them to stay in the Isles and contribute to the sustainability of the communities there. I am grateful to Cllr Kristopher Leask for seconding my amendment and to the other seven councillors who voted for it.

Other meetings I’ve attended at School Place include a budget seminar and a confidential members’ briefing.

This month we have said “Gudbuy T’ James” and “Hello Heather” as Leader of Orkney Islands Council.

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

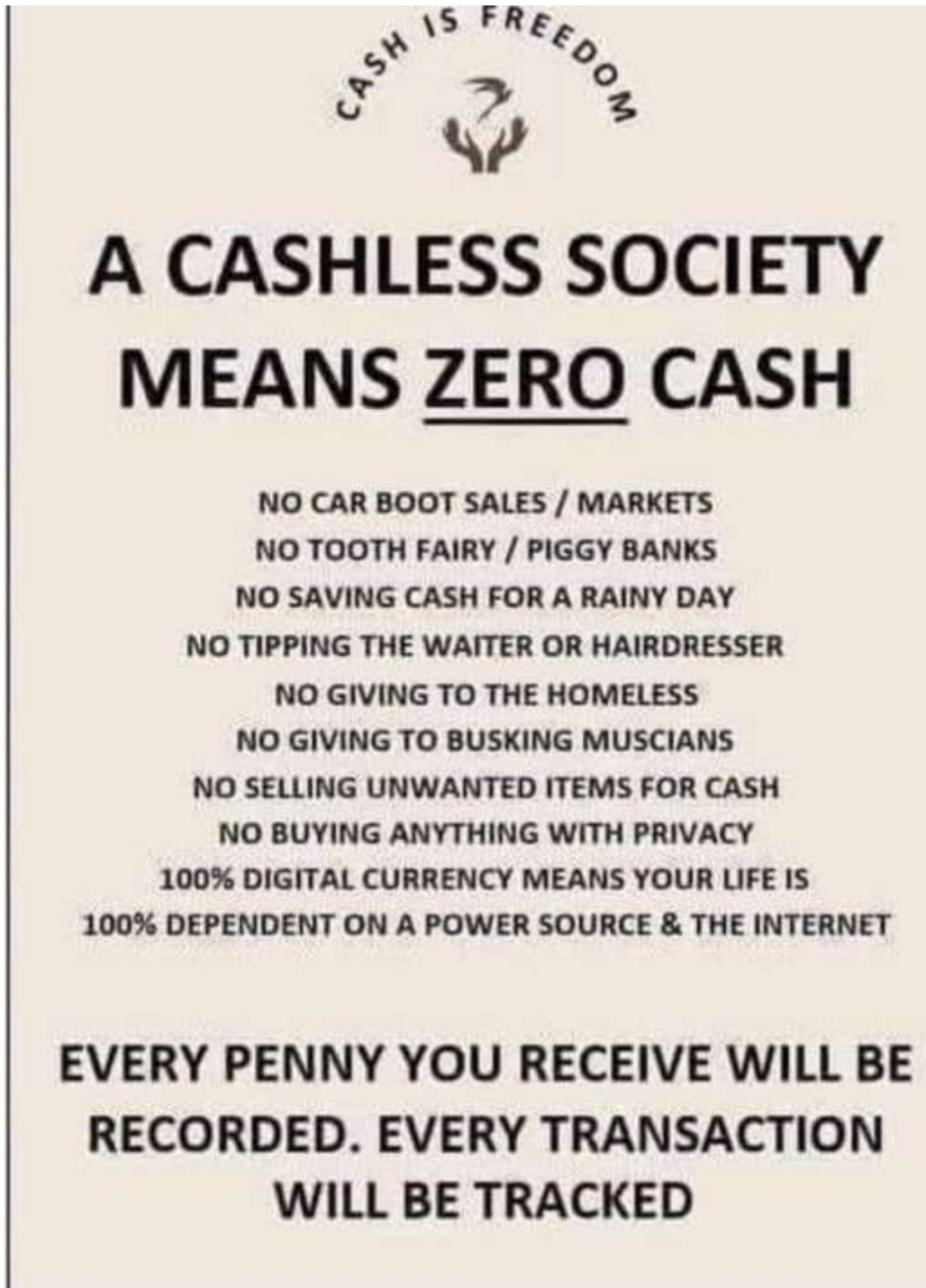
Letter from School Place is also available on-line at clackson.info



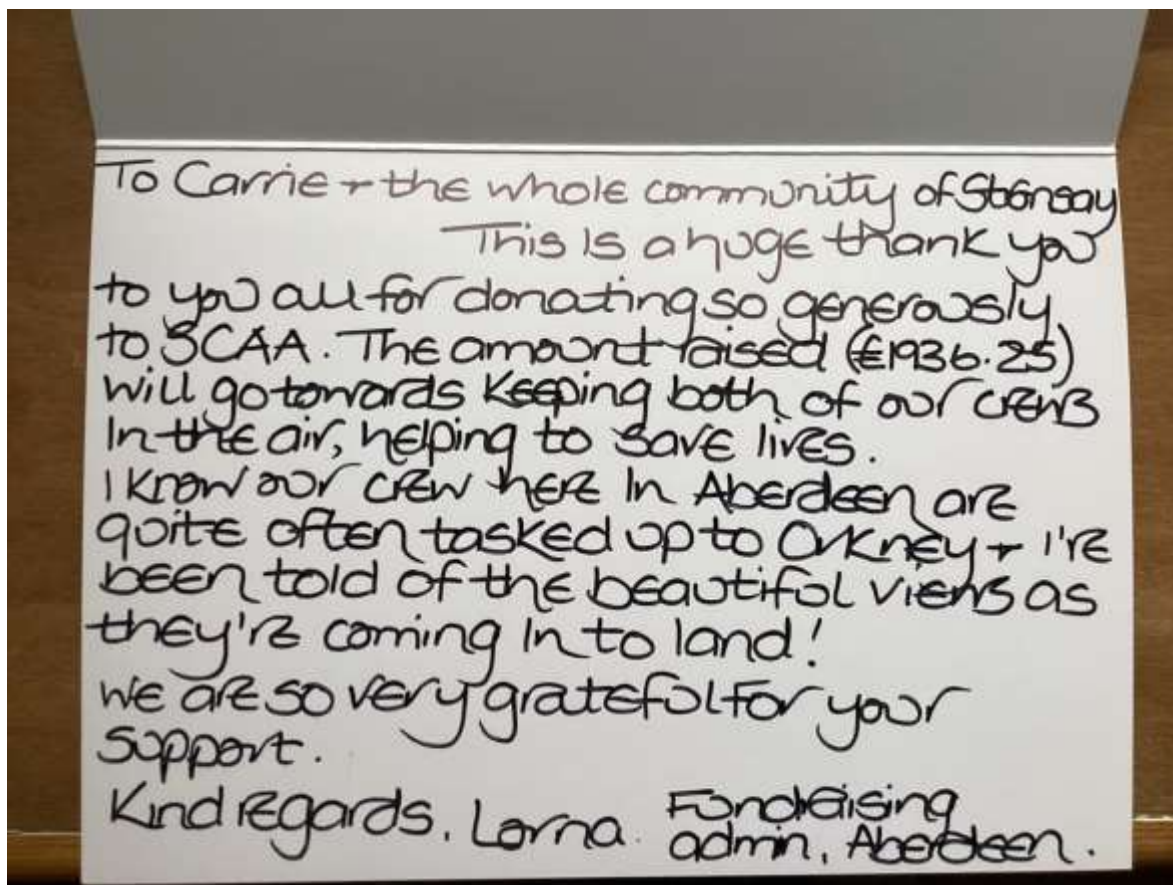
Prescription Collection and Delivery Service



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



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Donna Blyth BA Hons, MEd, PGCE, SQH, CPT3A, CELTA

Email: donnablyth@outlook.com

Tel: 01857 616242 / 07852 805780

Tuition in English Language, English Literature, EAL and Literacy for learners of all abilities from age 5 - adult

£25.00 per hour for 1:1 tuition

£45.00 per hour for groups of 2 or more depending on requirements (max 4)

Tuition in clarinet performance and music theory up to grade 5

£15 per 30min lesson for 1:1 tuition

Assessment for Applications for Examination Access Arrangements

Assessments and reports for EHCP and Coordinated Support Plan applications

Please contact me for details and prices

I am GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

I have valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification

References available if required

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to KCSIE legislation 2023

WANTED—INFORMATION

re. history of SS Athenia life-boat, now at Seafield, Stronsay.

Can anyone help in establishing the identity of a Stronsay resident who actually lived in the SS Athenia converted lifeboat on the foreshore at Seafield, during the years 1960-1980 (very approximate) together with his sheep!?

This information came from Mr Thomas Shearer, who lived at Seafield for many years from about 1983 - 2002, and who now lives in Kirkwall. He cannot remember this other man's name, and whilst it does not effect the wartime history of the lifeboat, it adds an interesting dimension to its post-war history.

Any information would be gratefully appreciated, thank you.

Brian Crowe

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FOR SALE

White Citroen Berlingo diesel van, MOT July 2024, 2007 Reg. £850.
Will deliver to Stronsay. Phone Ken on 01856 841487 or 07939 304 766.

RECYCLED CARDBOARD LOGS

Winter is coming, the nights are getting colder, and the recycling centre has plenty of recycled cardboard logs. They are a bargain at only £7.00 for 30 logs. Available at the recycling centre or call Viv on 207.

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Julie for all taxi work and Sinclair Haulage for freight!

Also, if anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacced. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

This charity service will be hopefully available until there are enough defib machines in position with the people trained to cover us all 24/7. Availability is limited to Saturdays.

Any questions and to book give me a call.

Nicandro J. Porcelli, Ellerslie. Telephone or text to - 07732 276046

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Stronsay at War

The Stronsay Heritage Society is planning to create a display and accompanying booklet for the Stronsay Heritage Centre to document *life in Stronsay* during the First and Second World Wars.

We are hoping that folks both in and outwith Stronsay will send us copies/scans/photographs of the following types of items:

- Written memories or diaries (of life in Stronsay or from Stronsay folk experiencing life elsewhere because of the war)
- Photos (of Stronsay or of Stronsay folk)
- Letters
- Postcards
- Memorabilia or Souvenirs
- Ration Cards
- Recipes or household hints
- Fashion
- Products/Labels/Advertisements from local businesses
- Invoices/Receipts
- Certificates or Awards
- Programmes of Events, Fundraisers or Appeals
- Newspaper clippings about Stronsay



We can also borrow your originals and scan them ourselves if that's easier for you.

Naturally, if you'd like to donate any wartime-related artefacts or original photos to the Heritage Centre, we'd be very glad to receive them.

Please contact Jennifer Graham (07973 716278)
or Ian Cooper (616 322)
or via email: heritagesocietystronsay@gmail.com



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PROPERTY FOR SALE

Dunera, Lower Whitehall Road, Stronsay, KW17 2AS

A detached bungalow (period 1920-60s) with garden and parking space.
Comprising huge sitting room sea facing, kitchen/diner, 4 bedrooms, shower room & hall
(167 sq. metres) plus 4 sq. metre porch.

Habitable but needs upgrading or project development.

Oil fired central heating with multi fuel stove in living room.

Water, phone connected.

SEPA for up to 6 residents.

Council Tax C.

Primary energy indicator 288 kWh.

£5736 over 3 years. Energy Efficiency Band E (44) – Scottish average is Band D - 60

Environmental Band F (37) – Scottish average band D - 59

Interest invited. Not currently with external agent.

Viewing by advanced appointment only. Flexible entry date.

Offers invited above £130k. Finance options from seller.

Leo Martini-Brown

lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

2 Building plots, Whitehall Village, Stronsay, Orkney

£35K each. Planning in principle for 2/3 bed bungalow plus 2 parking spaces. Electricity and water supplies are on site.

The plots are behind the village street making a secluded location but within easy walking distance of the shop, ferry, cafe and hotel.

The tried and tested practice on the Orkney isles for building is to buy a house kit and either have it erected by the supplier or our island contractor Castlehill Construction (who can also do the ground works)

For information about Stronsay, our lifestyle, its good school and other facilities please visit www.visitstronsay.com

For further information about the sites please contact

- Sharon at Orkney Property Centre, Kirkwall on 01856 877 866 or
- Dianne on 07785 111 126 or
- email drileymoore@hotmail.com

Planning ref: 18/038/PIP on Orkney Islands Council planning web site



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Are you missing out on £200?



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Claim your cost of living payment now

Whether working, self-employed,
a stay-at-home parent or claiming
benefits – you could be entitled!

Automatic payments will be made to people in Orkney receiving:

- Housing benefit
- Council Tax reduction (means tested)
- Free school meals/clothing allowance (means tested)
- Exempt from council tax because all occupants are under the age of 18
- Exempt from council tax due to being under 26 and previously in care / looked after

You can apply if you currently receive
Universal Credit or Pension Credit

You can also apply if you have savings under £6000 and your
earnings are below the threshold in the table below.

Number of Children	Single Person Earnings	Couples Earnings
0	£1928 per month	£2361 per month
1	£3300 per month	£3734 per month
2	£4048 per month	£4482 per month
3	£4978 per month	£5412 per month

To apply visit the website below, call 01856 873535

www.orkney.gov.uk/COL

...or scan
me into
your phone
camera



MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2024

25 March, 20 May, 15 July, 9 September, 4 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>, send an email to 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

A KINDLY REMINDER FROM GERAMOUNT SURGERY

We understand that on occasions you cannot attend your booked appointment at the surgery, but if for whatever reason you cannot attend your appointment, could we please ask that you inform the surgery as soon as possible. This then allows the appointment to be given to another patient.

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 Anne-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>



EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Located at Wood's Yard we have a cabin full of great pieces of equipment including E-bikes, kayaks, wetsuits, beach games, sports equipment, accessibility aids and more.

Give us a call on 616410 or email cdostronsay@gmail.com and see what's available.

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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

Monday	Adult lane 6:30-7:10:00	Public session 7:10– 7:50
Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2:00-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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 !

Always looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool, please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331. We politely request that parents/guardians whose children use the pool regularly take a turn at overseeing, in particular.

STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

- [Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 \(poor audio quality\)](#)
- [59° North](#)
- [Links House, Stronsay: Finding the Mesolithic in Orkney](#)
- [Stronsay, Orkney](#)
- [The mystery of the Stronsay Monster](#)
- [Orkney—living and working](#)
- [1930's stone crushing machine in action on Stronsay](#)
- [Stronsay harbour \(taken from inside the harbour\)](#)
- [Five reasons to visit Stronsay](#)

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

OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is 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>

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for isles special collections up to 30 September 2024 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Council's 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 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.**

Please note that payment for collection is required on application and prior to collection. **Only items that are on the request form will be collected by the contractor.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Eday

Week Commencing: 29 April 2024 and 22 July 2024

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 20 May 2024 and 09 September 2024

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 15 April 2024, 1 July 2024, and 2 September 2024

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 10 June 2024 and 19 August 2024

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 3 June 2024 and 12 August 2024

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 6 May 2024 and 5 August 2024

Sanday

Week Commencing: 20 May 2024 and 19 August 2024

Shapinsay

Week commencing: 13 May 2024 and 19 August 2024

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 13 May 2024 and 05 August 2024

Westray

Week Commencing: 06 May 2024, 08 July 2024, and 16 September 2024

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

PLEASE NOTE
REVISED NOTICE WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

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. During 2024 meetings will be held on 25 March, 19 August, 7 October and 25 November.

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 a new version of the 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

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
31 January 2024

If you see something in the Limpet that is inaccurate or no longer valid
please drop a line to "*The Editor, Claremont KW17 2AR*"
or email editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk



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Foot health**

New Business

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I am starting a new business as a fully qualified foot health care practitioner . I offer home visits and competitive rates. Please contact Shirley by email or on 07767714634 for more information or to arrange an appointment.

Happy Feet Foot Health Care

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Community Bus

Book by 7pm the day before travel

Contact Mick

07508884024
01857 616 376

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

Tuesday - Morning ferry drop off, evening pick up

Tuesday - Olivebank round trip 9:30-11:00

Wednesday - Village drop off 11:30, pick up 1:00

Thursday - Morning ferry drop off, evening pick up

Friday - Morning plane drop off, afternoon plane pick up

(max. 4 passengers)

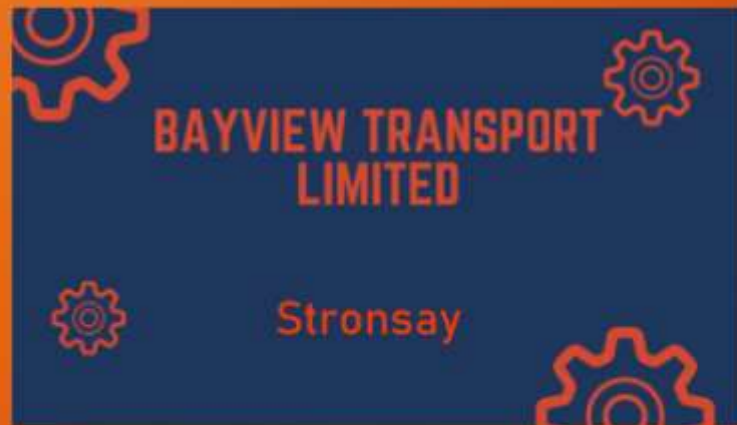
Maximum 8 passengers. £2.50 per return journey. Cash or card accepted.

Booked passengers will be contacted the evening before travel with a collection time.

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School transport

Mechanic repairs and diagnostics

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POMONA PREFECT



ORKNEY NORTH ISLES' COMMERCIAL
AND LEISURE SMALL BOAT CHARTER

CHARTER RATES SUMMER 2024

LOCAL EXPERT GUIDED TOUR RATE: £450 - BOOKED IN ADVANCE

A. Sanday Sound: Linga Holm

C. Eday Sound: Calf of Eday

B. Stronsay: Vat of Kirbister

D. Sanday: Start Point/Lashy



Departure is 0830 hrs: Depending on weather, tide and swell. Trips 3-4 Hours. Whitehall/Kettletoft/Loth/Backland.

Lunch packs from the Stronsay Fishmarket Café are provided on request. Hot and cold drinks are free. We are a licensed fishing boat: Dinner could be a beach barbecued lobster fresh from the creel or line caught mackerel!



BESPOKE CHARTER RATE: CALL TO DISCUSS



Minimum 2 Hours- £180 from Whitehall Stronsay /£200 Eday & Sanday. Then £80 per hour up to 8 hours or as agreed.



Diving: Let us know your Dive Plan for a quote. We have specialist leisure diving and snorkelling insurance cover.

Fishing rods can be hired £15 trip and some tackle, bait and gear available to purchase. Fishing grounds as requested or local advice.

Snorkelling gear can be hired: £15 per mask, weights and flipper sets in adult and child.

- Tours start May 15th.
- PFDs (lifejackets) provided for adults and children.
- Wear sensible shoes, trousers and warm clothes and waterproof gear. Toilet aboard.



- Advise all passenger details on booking form.
- Skipper's discretion applies at all times in carriage for safety.
- Please allow for some flexibility with weather conditions. We'll get you out!



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REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN



Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants.

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

BUILDING WORK

Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

Please note changed telephone number

Phone Paul Williams on 616222 or email williams778@btinternet.com

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Holmsgarth Crafts



*Seasonal Gifts,
Memory bears,
Stronsay book bags, and much more
Many items can be personalised
Made To Order*



Contact Margaret McAnally - [Holmsgarth Crafts | Facebook](#)
[07432614089](tel:07432614089)

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Marion Miller Jewellery

Unique Jewellery inspired by the sea and shore.
Designed and handmade on the island of Stronsay, Orkney

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Orkney Star Island Soap, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG.

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk

Web: <http://www.orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap>

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- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
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Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



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Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for:

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

Contact me on stronsaymarkets@gmail.com and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

See Stronsay Markets on YouTube https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU

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handmade  with love

Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
 - ★ Handmade especially for you ★
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- ★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★



Hazel Shearer, Airy, Stronsay, Orkney, KW172AG • Phone 01857 616231
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Why not let me check out your heating system, I can advise upgrades to make your heating more efficient & cheaper to run

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Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email ebenezer@stronsay.org

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Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours	Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
Post collection times	Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
Bank (RBS)	Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262
OIC Special collection.	Week Commencing: 13 May 2024 and 05 August 2024
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 .	https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib
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 emails to	report@phishing.gov.uk
Stronsay's Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488

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

Airy Fairy	616231	Silver Darlings	616412
Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . .	616262	Sinclair Haulage	600404
Community council	616446	Star Island Soap	616281
Companions Club	616352	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
Craftship Enterprise	0778 511 1126	Stronsay Band	616335
Doctor	616321	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	616407
Ebenezer Stores	616339	Stronsay school	616246
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . .	616207	Stronsay taxi, school . . .	616376 or
	<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	transport, mechanic	07508 884 024
Fish Mart	616401	diagnostics & repairs	
Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210		
	<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Hairdresser	616337	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
Hall bookings	616263	Electricity	
	<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Highland Fuels	01856 873766		<i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i>
Island Link Officer	616475	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Kirk secretary	616238	power cut (24/7). . .	105
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Medical emergency	616321	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
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Nurses	616321	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Olivebank	616255	Com Dental Service	01856 888258
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Post Office	616499	Vets:	
Red House Plants	616377	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Registrar	616239	Northvet	01856 873403
Scottish Fuels	01856 873105		
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