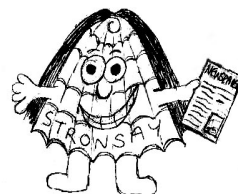


# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Saturday 7th October      Darts, Pool, Euchre.
- Saturday 4th November      Bonfire Night followed by a Quiz
- Saturday 25th November      Craft Fair.
- Saturday 9th December      Tree Lighting.

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## **NEW STRONSAY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Forms are now in both shops for residents to update their details. Please note that it is only necessary to do this on one of the forms. The information will be collated at the end of October so that new lists can be made.

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## **STRONSAY POST OFFICE**

The Post Office is now open from 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Saturday. We hope that the longer opening hours will make it easier for all island residents to use the Post Office.

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

Stronsay Swimming Pool needs Lifeguards and Overseers. If you are willing to train as a lifeguard please contact Sarah on 616406. How about supporting the pool by becoming a volunteer overseer? If this is something you would consider please give Mairi a phone on 616331.

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## **28 OCTOBER—SPONSORED HEAD SHAVE**

Jean Whitcher has signed up for a sponsored head shave in aid of Macmillan Nurses and in memory of all her friends (Judith, June, Dawn, Tricia and Diana) that she has lost in the past two years and for those friends who are still fighting cancer

It will take place at 7pm in the Stronsay Hotel on Saturday 28 October.

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The next edition of the [Limpet](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk) will be published on **Thu 26 October**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 22 October**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>



## New Post

The Board of Stronsay Development Trust would like to extend a warm welcome to Suzanne Clements who will be taking up her post as the Trust's Company Secretary and Operations Manager at the beginning of October. Suzanne will be responsible for managing the day-to-day business of Stronsay Development Trust and will be the first port of call for all enquiries.

## EZ/ Lobster Ponds Update

Despite all the problems along the way this valuable project has at last been completed. The end of grant report was submitted to David Knight, the Trust's funding officer at Big Lottery, and the Chair received following reply, to quote:

" Thank you for your end of grant report and photographs of the completed building. Your report completes the monitoring requirements of the grant which will now be closed. I would take this opportunity to acknowledge all the time, effort and dedication you and the Board have given to bring all the projects to this stage and to congratulate you all on your significant achievement. It has been a pleasure to manage this grant and I am pleased that I was able to visit Stronsay to see your beautiful island at first hand"

The Trust is intending that the office and meeting room will soon be available to the community and visitors as a "hot office" facility, with wi-fi and Skype connection. Of the two business units, one is providing a sorting office for Stronsay Post Office and it is hoped that the other will become a recycling centre for the island should the Trust's pending application to the Climate Challenge Fund be successful. Two units have been set aside for a Heritage Centre for Stronsay, with funding for their completion and fitting out for display purposes being included in OIC's North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme application to the Heritage Lottery.

Carole Cotterill, Chair

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## COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE

The following grants were awarded during August and September:

Stronsay Development Trust - for the Trust's annual contribution to the THAW "Wellbeing" project	£3,971.00
Stronsay Development Trust - for urgent repairs to the Community Greenhouse	£6,744.00
Stronsay Development Trust - for Capacity Funding for 6 months (running costs and salaries)	£16,700.00
Ten educational bursaries	£9,613.00
Three skills bursaries	£1,589.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£31,873.00</b>

The Board of Stronsay Development Trust

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## OLD STYLE ONE POUND COIN

The old-style, round £1 coins will lose their legal tender status at midnight on 15 October 2017 but you will still be able to deposit them into a customer's account at most High Street Banks in the UK.



# A RARE ORCHID FOUND ON STRONSAY

By Marion Miller

In June a group of Stronsay residents including myself joined the Orkney Field club on a walk from Kirbuster to Housebay. During the walk an unusual Orchid was spotted and photographed. John Crossley who is plant recorder in Orkney got in touch with an Orchids specialist at Kew Gardens. This is what John said after receiving the reply.

“It was a hybrid between Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata* and Northern Marsh Orchid *D. purpurella*. There is only one previous record of this hybrid from Orkney (also from Stronsay). It is said to occur where the two species grow together but there are only about 100 previous records in British Isles. However, here's the even better bit: the Northern Marsh Orchid parent was a variety with spotted leaves (see photo), called *var. cambrensis*, which has been recorded only about 50 times in BI (although actually I think it may be quite frequent in Orkney), and this may be the first time that this particular version of the hybrid has been identified (hard to tell - it does not have a name).”



## **RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS.**

September began with an enormous ornithological ‘bang’ when a Great Shearwater was seen flying past Bomasty Bay – close enough for all the features to be noted of a species which breeds in the Southern Hemisphere. The bird gave me just ten seconds-worth of perfect side-on views as it flapped and glided past, until it went out of sight behind the Osen. It was interesting to note later, that one had been seen off North Ronaldsay the same day. Another new species for the island – and as usual, totally unexpected!

A party of Black-tailed Godwit built up on the Bu Loch during the month, from just a few to over 50 by mid-month, but all had departed by the 20th. A mixture of small migrants were seen in the first week including a few (early) Robins and Willow Warblers, a Garden Warbler, and a few House Martins. There was a big influx of Wigeon around 15th -20th with over 600 on the Bu Loch and others elsewhere – a welcome return to the numbers seen pre the Grey-lag Geese invasion. There has been a similar welcome return of Curlew and Golden Plover, both of which have shown a big increase again this year after last years small increase. 4 Whooper Swans were among the Wigeon at the Bu for three days mid-month and are now hopefully residing on the Lea Shun loch where 120 birds formerly over-wintered annually.

The second half of the month saw an increase in Pied Wagtail and Wheatear numbers, the latter heading south from the breeding-grounds in Greenland (and perhaps Iceland). In what has been a very quiet spell for small migrants two new species for the Autumn were discovered in the garden at Dale – a Goldcrest on 20th and a Lesser Redpoll on 21st. A male Blackcap at Holin Cottage appeared to be the only new small migrant to arrive on the island on 22nd. Merlin, Kestrel and at least 3 different Hen Harriers have been seen in the last few days.

There has been an inexplicable increase in Rock Pipits this year and the birds can be observed striding about the tarmac at close range in the Village Street – mainly between the Hotel and the Village Shop. They are quite dark in colouration and run about rather like wagtails.

Thanks again for all the calls. John Holloway.

PS As per usual there was another exciting find after typing the above – albeit rather brief – an Arctic Warbler in the garden at Slap!

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*‘A few Ruff were seen in mid-Autumn. These two males were feeding among Cattle by the roadside in late August’*



*‘Three of the four Whooper Swans which arrived on 18th September, busily preening after what had probably been a single flight from Iceland’*



*‘High tide at Bomasty Bay on 22nd September – a Sanderling to the left, and Ringed Plover to the right’*

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### **This Month's Featured Area - the Kirk and The Manse.**

The walled area around The Kirk and The Manse may be small, but the mixed habitat – from the gravelled Car Park and areas of neatly mown grass surrounding the former, to the garden with its trees and hedges – has attracted some amazing birds to the area.

And we have been very lucky! All the resident Ministers in The Manse during our time here have been interested in wild-life and alerted us to many of the best birds discovered there – a Red-footed Falcon on the washing-line post, a Rosy Starling on the window-sill, and a Long-eared Owl roosting on a high wall near the back door. A Rosefinch was discovered by a visitor attending a wedding some years ago and many birdwatchers have been startled by Woodcock clattering out of the undergrowth in late Autumn.

Many species of warbler have been seen in the garden including Icterine, Barred, and the extremely rare Dusky Warbler, and a Red-breasted Flycatcher spent a couple of days in the garden in autumn 2013. Pride of place must however go to the 3 Bee-eaters which spent several days on the island in early Summer 2015 delighting passers-by and visitors to the Community Greenhouse from where the best views could be had. The birds regularly hawked for insects around the Kirk building.

But it is not just the garden which attracts birds – the gravelled car-parking area in front of the Kirk has also attracted a number of species including Ortolan Bunting in 1993 and several Arctic Redpolls during the big invasion in 1995. Ringed Plover occasionally visit the car park – perfect habitat for the species – and a pair Oystercatchers prospected the area for some time in Spring several years ago.



*'The Red-footed Falcon of June 2003 – here on the hydro wires at adjacent Northbank'*

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*‘One of the many Barred Warblers seen in the Manse Garden in Autumn’*



*‘The Red-breasted Flycatcher of Autumn 2013 on the Manse washing-line’*



*‘The Bee-eaters of May 2015 often rested on the small ash tree in The Manse garden – giving excellent views to observers at the community Greenhouse!’*



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

This month has seen the start, through a series of seminars, of our having to confront the tough decisions we are going to have to make in order to set this year's council budget. At this stage, we are still exploring and debating options. Nothing has been decided yet, but, inevitably, given the significant reduction in funding for local authorities from Government Scotland, we are going to be forced to make significant cuts.

We held our first meeting of the Orkney College Management Council since the election, and I have been away to a meeting of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board (as the OIC representative) where I was able to resume the work started during my initial appointment in the last council.

I also attended my first meeting (again, as the OIC representative) of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG). The DSG is an independent body tasked with providing public oversight and scrutiny of the Dounreay site, where the nuclear reactors there have been undergoing decommissioning for a number of years. Immediately adjacent to the Dounreay site is the Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment, which is also being decommissioned. It, too, falls within the remit of the DSG. The Group has a website at: <http://www.dounreaystakeholdergroup.org/> . Representation on the DSG is important to Orkney because the facility lies just across the Pentland Firth from us.

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### **The Dounreay Nuclear Power Research Establishment as it was in 2006**

Other meetings I have been involved in this month include: a members' briefing session with Alistair Carmichael MP; Zurich Insurance training on health & safety; a meeting of the Orkney Health & Care Committee; a seminar on the expansion of early learning and childcare (as required by Government Scotland)—our plan for which being then discussed at the subsequent Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting; a political session for members; a strategic projects briefing; a meeting of the Orkney Ferries Board; a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, and a workshop on the *Islands (Scotland) Bill*.

Out in the Isles, I went along to a meeting of the Stronsay School Parent Council.

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Owing to a lack of interest by folk in standing for our community councils (in some areas not enough candidates standing to even meet the minimum required to form a community council let alone trigger an election!), the deadline was extended to the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Ballot papers for those areas where an election is being contested **must be returned by 5pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Even if you did not feel able to stand, do make sure you vote. If you are 16 or 17, this will be the first time you'll have been able to vote in any election, so exercise your right to do so. Community Councils play an important role in local democracy by representing local views which can influence OIC decisions in planning and the provision of local services, and they provide an effective, strong voice within each community area offering sound, local advice on a range of community issues.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson  
West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk)



“Letter from School Place” is available for downloading at [lfsp.pbworks.com](http://lfsp.pbworks.com)

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## **ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS & DOG WALKERS!**

All dog owners & dog walkers are reminded that failure to clean up after their dog is not only anti-social, it is also illegal. Most dog owners behave responsibly and don't leave their dog's excrement lying around on the island's roadside verges or beaches. Sadly, the reputation of the majority is blemished by the selfish (and illegal) behaviour of a minority of dog owners who fail to clean up after their dog.

And please don't put your dog's excrement in a bag and then leave the bag lying around on the beach or the roadside - take it home and dispose of it there!

## STRONSAY AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR

Saturday afternoon saw the Hall teeming with people at the Autumn craft fair. What a lovely atmosphere there was with folk buying, ordering Christmas gifts from our makers and meeting up for a blether over a cuppa and a gorgeous handmade cake. On behalf of the crafting community we would like to thank the Stronsay Community Association once again for all their hard work and support in making it all such a great event. We must also thank all the folks who came along to support and appreciate our local artisans. Finally, a big thanks to all you dedicated and talented crafty people, you are amazing!

Simone

*Photos by Iain Johnston, Simone Kirk*

*Thanks Iain for the photos and for your generosity in sharing them.*



*(more photographs on next page)*







# **GOODBYE TO SUMMER**

By Ellie from Newfield

It's hard to say good-bye  
To the warmth that summer can bring  
With the sun riding high in the sky.  
The magnificent swallows on the wing.  
Long days filled with sunshine,  
So seldom a cloud to be seen.  
Such to-ing and fro-ing of the bees  
Under orders from their queen.  
That splash of colour that surrounds you  
Almost appearing overnight.  
Summer brings that feeling of "al is right".  
It's hard to say good-bye to  
To the flowers that filled the border  
But the seasons are ruled by nature,  
They come and go by natural order  
Just as apples will fall to the ground.  
The leaves giving a colourful show,  
Autumn comes in from the wings]  
And the sun sinks quite low.  
Crisp and earthy autumn,  
Putting the summer to bed,  
Bringing a different kind of beauty.  
More golden, brown and red.  
And now waiting in the wings  
Will be the purest, whitest snow.  
Winter, pushed along by spring-time  
And Mother Nature with summer in tow.  
She's a woman with many moods,  
Unpredictable in all her ways.  
But, whichever season she's presenting  
She'll add beauty to the days.

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## ***SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS***

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### **AVON SALES**

Contact Yvonne Weaver on 616375 for an Avon catalogue

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General building work undertaken, decorating and gardening  
from grass cutting to full landscaping.  
Call Steve on 616222.

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### **ODD JOBS**

Odd jobs, gardening, window cleaning  
No job too small  
Call Tony Piper on 616357

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### **WORK WANTED**

Anything considered! Please contact James Hannant (age 21) on 616454

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### **ADVERTISING USING THE LIMPET**

If you are organising an event on Stronsay then why not advertise it in the Limpet?  
Your advert will appear in the monthly newsletter and in

- the Limpet email list,
- the Limpet website,
- the Limpet Facebook page,
- and the Stronsay Facebook page.

The Limpet's editor can help if you're not sure what to include in your advert or how to phrase it. And all this is **FREE** but please don't leave it until the last minute!

Contact details for the editor of the Limpet are found on the back page of every Limpet. Please do not use Facebook or other social media.

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



### **STRONSAY FISH MART**

**Phone 616401**

**Open 7 days a week from 11am to 3pm**

#### **Sunday 1st October 2017**

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Roast beef, yorkshire pudding, vegetables and potatoes
- Macaroni cheese, garlic bread and chips
- Lemon roulade (cream / ice-cream)
- Chocolate brownie (cream / ice-cream)

#### **Sunday 8th October 2017**

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Chicken and ham pie, vegetables and potatoes
- Spicy cheese beef burger and chips
- Banoffee pie (cream / ice-cream)
- Mandarin gateau (cream / ice-cream)

#### **Sunday 15th October 2017**

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Sweet and sour pork and rice
- Chicken goujons and dip with chips and salad
- Chocolate cheesecake (cream / ice-cream)
- Semolina and peaches (cream / ice-cream)

#### **Sunday 22nd October 2017**

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Mince and tatties and haggis
- Nandos chicken with spicy chips
- Fruit crumble and custard (cream / ice-cream)
- Pear sponge custard (cream / ice-cream)

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**Sunday 29th October 2017**

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Steak pie, vegetables and potatoes
- Chicken curry, rice and Naan bread
- Apple pie and custard (cream / ice-cream)
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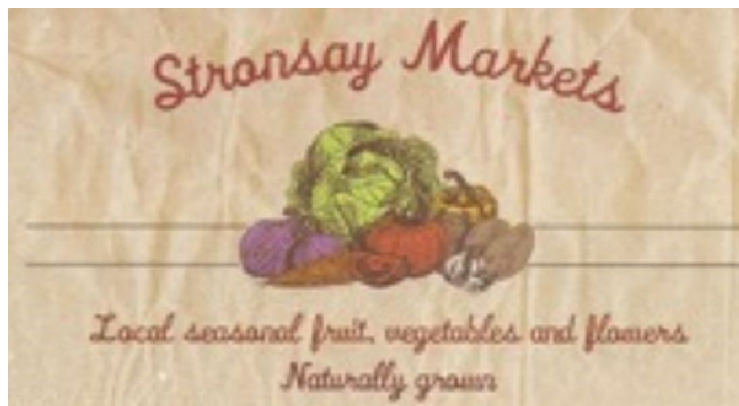
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## **STRONSAY MARKETS**



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Check out the Facebook page for weekly information on produce or sign up for the same information by email at [stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com)"

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### **STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU**

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tuesday- Sunday) 5pm to 9pm

**NOTE—closed Monday**

Homemade lasagne + chips	£5.95
Homemade sausagemeat pie + chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken masala curry + rice or chips	£6.50
Homemade chicken & veg pie + chips	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips	£5.50
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips	£6.50
2 sausages + chips	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips	£2.80
“Stronsay Beast Burger” + fries	£4.50
“Stronsay Cheese Beast Burger” + fries	£5.00
Portion of chips	£1.30
Half portion of chips	£0.80
Portion of cheesy chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20



### **CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS**

The Craftship Enterprise shop will be open Saturday to Wednesday 12.00 to 16.00 and crafting workshops will take place, through to mid December. The cafe will be closed from 10th September but we will still provide lunches and refreshments for special occasions and crafting workshops.

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

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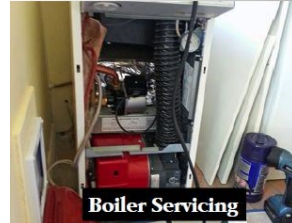
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Soaps available all year round in Stronsay at: Ebenezer Stores, Post Office, Olive Bank, Craftship Enterprise. A visit to the soap kitchen during your visit to Stronsay may be possible but please phone before you set out.

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



*A photograph of the defibrillator attached to the outside of Stronsay School. Stronsay Development Trust through an application made by the Stronsay Parent Council kindly paid for the external box to hold the defibrillator.*

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Ian Cooper      Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

### **SCREEN MACHINE VISIT**

Stronsay Community Council welcomes the Screen Machine to Stronsay.

The Screen Machine will arrive on Stronsay on Wednesday 15 November and depart early on Friday 17 November 2017, giving time for the following screenings:-

- 15th November - 8.30pm
- 16th November - 5.30pm and 8.30pm

Details of the films to be shown will be announced within the next few weeks. Watch this space for more details.

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer  
21 September 2017

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### **WEEKEND AIRPLANE SERVICE** **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Community views are sought on a suggestion that has been made regarding a change to the Saturday and Sunday inter-isles airplane service.

It has been suggested the Saturday 1030 flight from North Ronaldsay be combined with the 0930 Sanday and Stronsay flight rather than Sunday afternoon.

The major advantage would be on Sundays. Sanday and Stronsay would have a dedicated flight which could be run in the morning, enabling a day return using the evening ferry and allowing onward connectivity, which neither the ferry or the current air schedule allow.

If the Saturday morning North Ronaldsay/Sanday/Stronsay flight did happen to be over-booked, Stronsay travellers would have the option of a Saturday morning ferry service.

Stronsay Community Council is of the view the suggested change is a good move. Stronsay would keep the Sunday flight, which took so long to achieve, and have it at what could be considered a much more beneficial time.

Your thoughts and comments on the suggested change are very welcome. These are needed before **SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017** and can be made to either:-

Ian Cooper, Chair - Stronsay Community Council, tel: 616322; or

Cameron Fraser - Transport Representative, Stronsay Community Council, tel: 616328

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer  
22 September 2017

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Chair: Ian Cooper      Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

### **SUNDAY EXCURSION TRIPS – 2018**

Communities are being asked to consider the Orkney Ferries ‘Sunday Excursion’ trips in preparation for the 2018 ferry timetable.

If you are planning a special event or wedding to be held on Stronsay during summer 2018 that would benefit from a Sunday Excursion date, please provide details by **Friday 13 October 2017.**

This information will be forwarded for further consideration and following feedback from communities, a draft timetable will be circulated for final consideration.

Should you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer  
14 September 2017

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

### **New Singing Group in Stronsay**

#### **SINGING TOGETHER FOR FUN AND RELAXATION**

Develop relaxed, natural, breathing and find your true voice

Starting on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September on a fortnightly basis until Christmas.

Time: 7.30- 9.30 (including a break for refreshments and chat.)

Cost: £5 (This could be slightly less depending on numbers)

No previous experience needed. Anyone is welcome!

The group is organised by Marion Miller and led by Kate Howe

.We are hoping to hold a Christmas concert for the community at the end of the term.

To find out more and to book please contact Marion Miller before September the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Phone 616354 or by email [macleod.marion@gmail.com](mailto:macleod.marion@gmail.com)

Kate Howe is a singing teacher based in Kirkwall she has a BSc degree in Psychology and an ALCM (Associate of the London College of Music) diploma in music performance and part way through an MA in Music.

**This project was funded by “Your Island Your Choice”**

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### **KIRK NEWS**

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated.

Sunday Club begins again on 3 September, all children are very welcome to join us.

Services in the kirk each Sunday at 11am (unless otherwise stated)

- Oct 1st - David Bowen
- Oct 8th - Songs of Praise
- Oct 15th - Mike or Viv
- Oct 22nd - David Bowen
- Oct 29th - Mike or Viv (Harvest Thanksgiving)
- Nov 5th - Songs of Praise
- Nov 12th - David Bowen
- Nov 19th - Mike or Viv
- Nov 26th - David Bowen

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## Stronsay: A Learning Community

Why not join in one of the courses offered at Stronsay School?

### Courses for Qualifications:

The following courses, which work toward qualifications, will be accepting new adult learners for the term starting in September:

- Art and Design, Tuesdays 1.30-3.15
- Biology, Tuesdays 1.30-3.15
- Geography, Wednesdays 1.30-3.15



### Courses Just for Fun:



- The computing course, designed for beginners who would like to become more familiar with their computers, will take place on Wednesdays 11.25-12.10.
- The patchwork and quilting course will continue on Tuesday evenings, 7-9, starting 5 September. New members are welcome to join.
- We are also hoping to have a beginning “dressmaking” skills course (zips, buttonholes, working with patterns, etc.) sometime through the year if there is enough interest (please let the school know if you are interested).



If you would like more information or would like to express your interest in any of the courses, please contact the school office

([admin.stronsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:admin.stronsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)) or phone: 616 246

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## **COFFEE AT CLEAT '17**

**SAT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2-4pm AND 6-8pm**

Raffle

Sales table

Baking

Tea and juice also available

(Donations for raffle and sales tables gratefully received)

Everyone welcome

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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### **HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is once again offering free Home Fire Safety Advice visits, the logic being that it is much better to prevent a fire in the first place than to have to come to put one out! Members of Stronsay Fire and Rescue Service hope by these visits to help raise your awareness of fire safety and to help make your home a safer place in which to live. During the visit we would attempt to identify any potential fire hazards, check that you have enough smoke detectors and that they are correctly sited, and give advice on fire safety and what to do in the event of having a fire. We will also check that your smoke detectors are working correctly and supply and fit new ones free of charge if you need them. If you've had a visit from us before but feel you would benefit from a return visit to check over your home, see what can be done to make your home a safer place and refresh your memory on what to do in the event of a fire then we would also be happy to come along. This visit would be carried out by two members of the local Fire and Rescue Service at your convenience. Please be assured that the visit will be completely confidential and that we would only check areas of your home where you are happy for us to go!

If you would like your local Firefighters to carry out a visit or would like more details please contact Ian on 616322 or any of the other local firefighters as soon as possible and we will gladly give you more information or arrange a suitable time to come along to see you.

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### **STRONSAY SWRI**

Please note change of dates and competitions.

#### **Wednesday 1 November**

Open meeting.. Talk by Richard Shearer. Competition—farm photo. Hostess—committee

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### **FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED!**

**We have had a good response to our campaign to recruit more firefighters on Stronsay but there are still vacancies to be filled! Are there still lads or lasses out there who would like a challenge and want to do something worthwhile in the community?**

**Do you want to have a challenging role doing something different? Do you want to learn new skills that can be used in a variety of jobs?**

Our Retained Duty Firefighters come from diverse backgrounds and bring a variety of experiences to the role. A range of skills are required including being a team player, excellent communication skills and attention to detail.

You must be aged 18 years or over, have a good level of physical fitness, have the required standard of vision and colour perception. You will be required to be readily available to attend incidents and be committed to attending weekly training on Stronsay as well as courses in Kirkwall or further afield as required.

RDS Firefighters are called upon to attend the same wide range of emergency service as wholetime Firefighters, including fires, floods, road traffic accidents, chemical spills and more. They can also be called upon to work with wholetime firefighters to promote fire safety messages, giving fire safety advice to schools and other organisations as well as carrying out free home fire risk assessments within their communities.

In return our RDS Firefighters are paid an annual retainer fee plus additional payments for every incident attended and time spent on all activity including training nights, community engagement and courses.

This role is advertised on My Job Scotland (search for 'firefighter' and scroll down to 'RDS firefighter, Orkney') where you will find more details or contact the Orkney District Office on 01856 875428. For informal enquiries, please speak to Ian on 616322 or any of our local firefighters.

**Please note this round of recruitment closes on 15<sup>th</sup> September!**

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

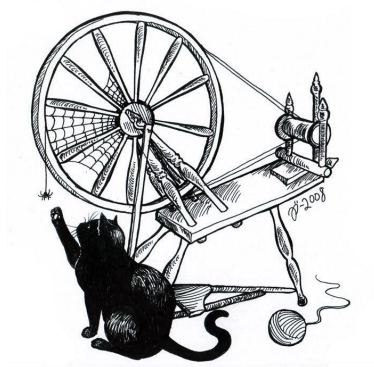


**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Church Hall from 7.00pm to 9.30pm**  
£2/person, refreshments available

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Hall from 7.00pm to 9.30pm**

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### **STRONSAY SPINNERS**



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Hall from 11am to 3pm**  
Lunch: please bring your own. £2.00/person, refreshments available

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### **STRONSAY CRAFT FAIR DATE FOR 2017**

**Saturday 25th November**

If you would like to take part please contact Simone 616 281 to book your place

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### **STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE** **supervised sessions**

**Changes to supervised session times.**

**From Monday 11th April 2016**

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

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

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

A code is required, please speak to one of the team if you have any questions

Inductions by appointment only

Andy - 616277 or Julie - 616335

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

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### **FIBROMYALGIA**

Do you suffer from fibromyalgia? There is a local Facebook group just for you.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463333273823206>.

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

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

The mobile library van will visit Stronsay on Monday October 30th

Council Houses 8:45 - 9:45

School 10 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 4:45

#### ***Note the new website for Kirkwall library***

Library website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/index.htm>

Library van timetable

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile.htm>

Orkney Digital Library

<https://orkney.overdrive.com>

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.

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### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

#### **Monday**

Public session 6.30-7.10

Adult lane 7.10-7.50

#### **Thursday**

7-7.40 Private Hire (pre-booked)

7.40-8.20 Private Hire (available for booking)

#### **Saturday**

Private hire 2-2.40

Public session 2.40-3.20

#### **Swim club**

Wednesday Beginners and developers 3.30-4.10

Thursday A and B squad 3.30-4.30

To enquire about Private Hires, phone Elsie on 616238.

To enquire about Swim Club, phone Sarah on 616406 or Andy 616277

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### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

Stronsay Swimming Pool needs Lifeguards and Overseers. If you are willing to train as a lifeguard please contact Sarah on 616406. How about supporting the pool by becoming a volunteer overseer? If this is something you would consider please give Mairi a phone on 616331.

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### **POOL CHARGES**

#### **Public Sessions**

Adults (16 and over) £2.40

Children £1.20

#### **Private Hires**

40 minute session - £15

60 minute session - £20

#### **Swim Club**

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable)

40 minute sessions - £16 block booking; £2 per session

60 minute sessions - £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

#### **Men only and Women only Sessions (16 and over)**

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable)

£24 block booking

£3 per session

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc

Monday to Saturday . . . . .	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday . . . . .	Closed
Post collection times . . . . .	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Bank day . . . . .	Tuesday
Replacement bin bags.. . . .	Contact Island Link Officer in the Fishmart
Sunday service at the Kirk ..	11 am (see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5">http://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5</a> )
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Mass 11.20am (weekdays), 10.30am (Sundays & Holy Days)
Next Special Collection . . . .	2 October 2017, 8 December 2017 and 26 February 2018
Rubbish collection . . . . .	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

Doctor . . . . .	616321	Balfour hospital . . . . .	01856 888000
Nurses . . . . .	616480	Electricity	
Medical emergency . . . .	01856 888000	problems . . . . .	0800 300 999
Stronsay registrar . . . . .	616239	emergency . . . . .	105
Hall bookings . . . . .	616446	Water problems . . . . .	0845 601 8855
Post Office . . . . .	616278	Highland Fuels . . . . .	0800 224 224
Companions . . . . .	616261	Kirkwall Library . . . . .	01856 873166
Stronsay Hotel . . . . .	616213	Kirkwall Police . . . . .	101
Olivebank . . . . .	616255	Vets:	
Ebenezer stores . . . . .	616339	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Neil's on Wheels . . . . .	616454	Northvet . . . . .	01856 873403
Taxi . . . . .	616335	Dentists:	
Airy Fairy . . . . .	616231	Orkney Dental . . . .	01856 872030
Castle Bird Reserve . . . .	616363	King Street . . . . .	01856 875348
Craftship Enterprise . . . .	616249	Earls Palace . . . . .	01856 872958
Star Island Soap . . . . .	616281	Golgotha monastery. . .	616210

(Email [contact@the-sons.org](mailto:contact@the-sons.org))

### JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

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

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