



## **GP ROSTER**

Dr Oliver Cooper	Mon 15 Feb—Sun 28 Feb
Dr David Cookson	Mon 1 Mar—Sun 7 Mar
Dr Rosalind Neville-Smith	Mon 8 Mar—28 Mar

## **COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER**

Nurse Shirley Whiteman	Now—Wed 3 Mar
Nurse Helen Britton	Thu 4 Mar—Wed 24 Mar
Nurse Shirley Whiteman	Thu 25 Mar—

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## **STRONSAY SURGERY—USE OF 616321**

This is a reminder that the surgery telephone number is only accessed between the hours of 9-12 and 1.30-4.30pm. Out with these hours the calls are automatically transferred through to Balfour Hospital switchboard. We have been advised that the switchboard are receiving an increasing number of calls between 12-1.30pm (Katrina's lunch break) which is adding to their workload. Please can we request that routine surgery calls are only made when our reception staff are here to respond to them. Please only phone out of these hours if your call is urgent and you are needing to page the Doctor or Nurse.

Thank you.

Stronsay Surgery.

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## **MESSAGE FROM STRONSAY SURGERY STAFF.**

All clinical staff will continue to wear PPE when seeing patients, both in the surgery and on home visits. This will include plastic aprons, gloves and masks. It would be appreciated if patients attending the surgery would wear face masks wherever possible.

Thank you,

Stronsay Surgery.

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

Send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR.*

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 25 March**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 21 March**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

## **FOOD BANK REFERRALS**

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

If you are facing financial difficulty and struggling to afford food, please get in touch with us so that we can make a food bank referral for you. These are extraordinary times which nobody was prepared for so please don't feel embarrassed at asking for help, there are so many others in the same situation. To request a referral you can email the following address:

[bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk](mailto:bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk)

Our service is free and confidential.

If you are a Food Bank referrer you may wish to read the latest Referral Agency Handbook which is available on the Limpet's website:

<http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk/ReferralAgencyHandbookJan2021draft3.pdf>

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## **SCOTTISH BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME (SBVS).**

The SBVS will ensure that every address in Scotland has the ability to access a superfast broadband connection by the end of 2021, regardless of whether or not it will ultimately receive a superfast connection through the other two strands of activity.

This webpage has details of the scheme:

<https://scotlandsuperfast.com/how-can-i-get-it/voucher-scheme>

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## **ORKNEY BEACHCOMBING - UNWRITTEN RULES**

By the Orkney Beachcombing group on Facebook

There's a strong and deep rooted historical tradition in Orkney beachcombing to place items of interest found ashore well above the high tide mark. It's most usually done with things that are a bit too big or heavy to carry. The placing above the high tide mark implies two things:

1. It's been found and claimed,
2. The finder will return to remove it.

Sometimes the finder might secure their finds a bit, perhaps tying with a rope or weighting down with a stone. However, regardless of any extras, the placing above high tide had always been understood as a demonstration of ownership, with the object being found and claimed. It's a lovely bit of unspoken knowledge that has always been understood and respected by those who work the shore.

There are fewer and fewer people beachcombing nowadays, as society has moved on from those days when beachcast bounty was needed, valued and worked hard for. But this tradition from those times remains as testimony to an important part of our social past.

## **ORCADES PRACTICE—STRONSAY BRANCH**

In an emergency phone 01856 888000  
(*NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS* [ork.stronsay@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.stronsay@nhs.scot))

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Please phone as usual if you require an appointment on 616321  
or email [ork.stronsay@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.stronsay@nhs.scot) (*NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS*)

All appointment requests are being triaged by Admin through the GP who will then contact you and give you an appointment if you need a face to face consultation. These arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

### **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS** **CORONAVIRUS RISK REDUCTION**

Until further notice:

- No more paper requests to be handed in.
- Please phone 616321 or email [ork.stronsay@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.stronsay@nhs.scot) to order. (*NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS*)
- Check one week later to see if they have arrived.
- Time slots will be given for collection.

Thank you

Dr Rosalind Fisher, Dr Mandy Fry and Dr Alison Lievesley

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### **GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON FACE COVERINGS**

WHEN TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ayxdc6>

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM WEARING FACE COVERINGS

<https://tinyurl.com/y4e7gpgu>

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### **NHS SCOTLAND—CORONAVIRUS**

NHS Scotland website for information on coronavirus is

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

If in doubt phone the surgery on 616321

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### **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK**

Five level plan to vary rules for rapid but proportionate response to COVID-19

For full details go to <https://tinyurl.com/y5ec6nln>

# Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms



Symptoms	<b>Covid-19</b> Symptoms range from mild to severe	<b>Flu</b> Rapid onset of symptoms	<b>Cold</b> Gradual onset of symptoms
 <b>Fever (37.8C or above)</b>	Common	Common	Rare
 <b>Fatigue</b>	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 <b>Cough</b>	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
 <b>Sneezing</b>	No	No	Common
 <b>Aches and pains</b>	Sometimes	Common	Common
 <b>Runny or stuffy nose</b>	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 <b>Sore throat</b>	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 <b>Diarrhea</b>	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No
 <b>Headaches</b>	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 <b>Shortness of breath</b>	Sometimes	No	No
 <b>Loss of taste or smell</b>	Common	No	Sometimes

# TEST & PROTECT: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Following these steps is vital to tackle coronavirus in Scotland

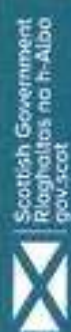
<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>RECOGNISE SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p>A new persistent cough, fever, or loss or change in sense of taste or smell means you should immediately begin household isolation.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p><b>REQUEST A TEST RIGHT AWAY</b></p> <p>It is important to get a test as soon as possible. Visit <a href="https://nhs.uk/inform-scot/test-and-protect">NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect</a> or call 0800 028 2816 if you cannot get online.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p><b>ISOLATE</b></p> <p>Isolate for 10 days from symptom start date, longer if fever continues and 48 hours after fever ends. Others you live with should isolate for 14 days.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>GET TESTED</b></p> <p>When isolating, you should only leave home to get tested. There are various ways of having this done.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>  <p><b>GET RESULTS</b></p> <p>They should be with you within 48 hours and no more than 72 hours.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>  <p><b>PROVIDE DETAILS</b></p> <p>If you have coronavirus, NHS contact tracers will contact you to ask who you have had close contact with recently.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>  <p><b>NHS INFORMS CONTACTS</b></p> <p>The NHS will then contact the people you have had close contact with. Your name will not be shared unless you give permission. All data will be held safely and securely.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>  <p><b>CLOSE CONTACTS ISOLATE</b></p> <p>They will be asked to isolate for 14 days from the last time they had contact with you.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>  <p><b>HOUSEHOLD OF CLOSE CONTACT</b></p> <p>If the close contact has no symptoms, others in their household don't need to isolate. If the close contact develops symptoms, they should begin household isolation and request a test straight away.</p>

If you do not have community or family support and need essential help, call the National Assistance Helpline on **0800 111 4000** (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or via textphone on **0800 111 4114**. The helpline is for those who cannot leave their home or get the help they need elsewhere.

For current health advice and more information about the Test & Protect service visit [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://nhs.uk/inform-scot/test-and-protect)



## Extra protection level advice for people at highest risk from coronavirus (COVID-19)



This is advice, consider which level of protection is right for you.

**All levels:** we will not ask you to distance from people within your own homes or to stop taking outdoor exercise.

	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<b>Contact with others</b>	Follow the level advice to the general population	Follow the level advice to the general population	Reduce the number of people or households you have face to face contact with Avoid one metre zones	Limit meeting people outside your own household, avoid indoor public spaces	Minimise contact with people outside your own household if you can You should not take public transport
<b>Shopping</b>	Strictly follow the guidelines when shopping	Strictly follow the guidelines when shopping	Strictly follow the guidelines when shopping	Strictly follow the guidelines when shopping and limit the number of times you go to a shop	Strictly follow the guidelines when shopping and limit the number of times you go to a shop
<b>If you cannot work from home</b>	Following a workplace risk assessment, your employer should make the necessary adjustments to your workplace to protect you The majority of workplaces can be made safe	Following a workplace risk assessment, your employer should make the necessary adjustments to your workplace to protect you The majority of workplaces can be made safe	Following a workplace risk assessment, your employer should make the necessary adjustments to your workplace to protect you The majority of workplaces can be made safe. Where you have a concern you should discuss this with your employer	Speak to your employer to ensure all appropriate protections are in place The majority of workplaces can be made safe. Where you have a concern you should discuss this with your employer	The majority of workplaces can be made safe. If you have any concerns you should discuss these with your employer However, at this level the Chief Medical Officer will issue a letter which is similar to a fit note and which will last for as long as your area is under Level 4 restrictions. This letter can be used in the few cases where it is not possible to make your workplace safe Please note that this does not automatically mean you should not attend work. You should discuss this further with your employer, and if this results in adequate protection, you can continue to work
<b>School/formal Childcare</b>	Follow the level advice to the general population	Follow the level advice to the general population	Follow the level advice to the general population	Parents or guardians should discuss with their GP or clinician whether children should still attend	Children on the shielding list should not attend in person

Everyone in Scotland should follow the guidance for their area, but there are some extra steps you might want to take at each level. Think about what you'll do differently if your Protection Level changes.  
In all Protection Levels, you can be in close contact with people living in your household. You can also take outdoor exercise.

Find your Local Protection level at [www.gov.scot/coronaviruslevels](http://www.gov.scot/coronaviruslevels)  
or call the **National Assistance Helpline** on 0800 111 4000.  
(Monday-Friday, office hours).

# **Stronsay Dementia Friendly Project Steering Group**



## **What is a steering group?**

**The role of this group is to steer work being undertaken by others. Members of steering groups use their experiences, skills and knowledge of specific topics and sectors to help make strategic decisions.**

**Everyone and anyone is welcome!!**

**Your contribution and ideas would be greatly appreciated.**

**Meetings will be held quarterly.**

**For further questions and information contact Teri at [dementiafriendlystronsay@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlystronsay@gmail.com) or on 01857 616410**

## **Stronsay Dementia Friendly digital drop-in sessions**

Starting December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm



These drop-in sessions will be held every third Wednesday of each month from 11am-2pm

Please do not hesitate to call or email about anything regarding the project.

**Email:** [dementiafriendlystronsay@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlystronsay@gmail.com)

**Tel:** 01857 616410

# CROSSROADS ORKNEY

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

## **RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS**

There have been very few unusual sightings during the last month – two or three brief views of both Woodcock (daytime) and Long-eared Owl (after dark), the former perhaps the most expected as they often appear here during snow where the ground may not be frozen – unlike the bigger land-masses nearby where there may be heavy frosts – not ideal for probing their long bills into the soil. The party of Goldfinches seen by Brian and Christine towards the end of last year were seen again at Cliffdale on 26th January.

There have been encouraging numbers of waders and duck reported in February, including a sizeable flock of Pintail on the Meikle Water (Donald Omond). Whooper Swan numbers have been small and sightings few and far between.

During the short spell of snow, dozens of Snipe were recorded – particularly along the roadside ditches.

Ravens have been seen in well-above-average numbers and Shelduck have been building up at the Bu Loch since late January – the figure had risen to 15 by 21st Feb. Oystercatchers too have been arriving, with a sharp jump in numbers at the end of January/early Feb. Donald Omond saw 2 (Greenland) White-fronted Geese on 1st Feb and an Iceland Gull flying past Bomasty Bay the same day.

The over-wintering Water Rail has been present and seen regularly by Ant and Clare in the garden at Gesty Dishes.(See photo). Also seen during the icy spell were small parties of Reed Buntings (total 10-12 birds) and a flock of 14 drake Shoveller resting close to the shore in Lower Whitehall on 12th Feb.

Birds of prey have been seen as irregularly as ever - Hen Harrier the most common, followed by Merlin, Sparrowhawk and Peregrine.



*Shelduck on the Bu Loch. February 2021.*

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## **SOME OF THE MOST STRIKING BIRDS FOUND BY STRONSAY RESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.**

**Keep a look-out for more this year!**



*Black Redstart found – on the window-sill - by Clive Martin at Seafield.*



*Hoopoe - found by Paul Williams outside the kitchen window at Fernside.*

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*Bee-eater - seen by Chris and Debbie in the Hotel garden and Tam Chalmers from his kitchen window in Whitehall.*



*(Carolina) Wood Duck - discovered by Kath and Norman at Dale as they headed for the shop!*

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*Rosy Starling - found by Raymond Dennison from the sitting-room window at Holin.*



*Cattle Egret - first seen by Pato Dennison whilst checking cattle at Holin.*

**STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE**  
**(CURRENTLY WEST MANSE)**

*Reporting on what your councillor is doing on your behalf as the weather adds to our existing woes*

**Useful sources of information and contact details during this Covid-19 crisis**

Orkney Islands Council website: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/> Orkney Islands

Council central telephone number: 01856-873535

Orkney Ferries: <http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/> or ring 01856-872044

Loganair inter-island flights: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/T/internal-air-services.htm> or ring 01856-872494 / 873457

Business support: telephone 01856-886666 or e-mail [business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk)

NHS Orkney Covid-19 information: <https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information>

Covid-19 testing: telephone 01856-888211 British Red Cross Coronavirus Support Line: 0808-196-3651

Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance: <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OIC's Homelessness Service: ring 01856-873535 or 07921-582962 (out of hours)

"If Candlemas Day be bright and fair, half the winter's to come or mair ..." Well, this Candlemas (2nd Feb) was bright with some snow lying, so I'm not too sure where that leaves us. Certainly some of the subsequent weather suggests more winter!

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At long last the Scottish Government is indicating it plans to deliver on its pledge for fair ferry funding for Orkney's lifeline inter-island ferries. Its 2021/22 draft budget includes £19.2 million for local authorities to run ferry services—nearly £8 million of which should be coming Orkney's way. Assuming this budget is passed, this increase will result in the operation of Orkney Ferries being fully funded for the **forthcoming financial year**, and enable Sunday runs to be included on the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre winter timetable for the first time. You'll have to watch this space for whether RET fares become a reality or not. There is still a long way to go before our ferry service reaches the standard enjoyed elsewhere in Scotland, for there is still no commitment from the Scottish Government to assist with the expensive replacement of our aged ferry fleet (even with catamarans!). We remain the poor relation compared to other island groups, and **nothing has been said about next year!** Nevertheless, I wish to acknowledge the hard work of Council Leader, James Stockan in getting us to this point.

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The Inter Islands Ferry Services Consultative Forum agreed that for summer 2021, as long as the current level of Covid-19 restrictions remain in place, we reuse the same timetable as September to November 2020—effectively a “winter plus” timetable. This decision awaits the approval of the Development & Infrastructure Committee and ratification by Full Council.

I attended (“virtually”) the final “Bird Table” meeting and received a nice letter from the Animal & Plant Health Agency’s Head of Field Delivery Scotland thanking me “for the time, support and professional expertise you brought in response to the recent notifiable disease outbreak on Sanday”. I hope it won’t be too long before the nationwide “Avian Influenza Prevention Zone” ceases to be necessary and is lifted. It’s the confined domestic geese that I feel sorry for, as soon they’ll be wanting to nest.

We had a briefing on R100, the Scottish Government’s superfast broadband commitment (not the inter-war airship). Publicly available information about this can be found on and via the webpage: <https://www.gov.scot/news/delivering-r100/>

Other meetings I have “virtually” attended this month include: a seminar on the situation with our ferries; a budget seminar (in which I pushed for more spending on roads repair and maintenance); an Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting (at which I brought up speed limits around Isles’ schools in relation to OIC’s “School Walking Routes Policy”); a Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting; an Orkney Health & Care Committee meeting; a members’ session with the Chief Executive; a North Isles Ward catch-up; an Inter Islands Air Services Consultative Forum meeting; and a Policy & Resources Committee meeting. I was also in attendance at a meeting of the Shapinsay Community Council.

*If Candlemas Day be bright and fair,  
Half the winter’s to come or mair;  
If Candlemas Day be wet and dull,  
Half the winter has gone at Yule.*

Keep well (and warm) and carry on,



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

You can download *Letter from School Place* from [lfsp.pbworks.com](https://lfsp.pbworks.com)



# THE “ORKNEY VIEW” AND “LIVING ORKNEY” MAGAZINES



This is likely a bit of a long shot but would anyone have some copies of “The Orkney View” or “Living Orkney” magazines they would part with? I’ve been trying to put together a collection of both magazines to go into the Heritage Centre and am missing a number of copies of both magazines.

What I’m looking for are:

- Issues 2 – 20 of the Orkney View;
- Also issues 134,137, 139, 144, 149, 151, 154, 156,159, 161, 163 and 165-169 of Living Orkney.

If you could find any of these issues and would be willing to part with them I would be fair chuffed! Please give me a phone on 616322 or message me on Facebook if you can help

Ian Cooper

## **RECORDS OF A BYGONE AGE**

### **THE LOSS OF THE BARQUE AGIL IN 1877**

There is quite an intriguing story behind the stranding and loss of the 215 ton Canadian three-masted barque Agil almost 150 years ago and the events which followed.

The Agil was built in Norway in 1808 and, after being driven ashore in Charlottetown Harbour in Prince Edward Island in October 1876, she was condemned and sold. In May of the following year, she was repaired and restored to the registry, nearly seventy years after she was built, she would have been quite an old lady in ship terms.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1877, the Agil left Copenhagen under ballast with a crew of eight bound for Charlottetown, the home of her owners. She proceeded uneventfully on her voyage until the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, when she encountered a gale from the NNW which caused her to labour and to make some water. By first reports, she put into Kirkwall Bay but, instead of remaining there in comparative safety, she left immediately, and stood off to the eastward. Shortly after that a pilot offered assistance but was rejected and the vessel was kept sailing about amongst the islands some time until she ran ashore on the Little Green Holm.

She lay there in comparative safety and the crew were able to sleep aboard her but the next day a gale blew up from the west and the Agil broke her moorings, drifting across the Stronsay Firth to Rothiesholm Head on Stronsay where she quickly became a total wreck. Before she had become a complete loss however, the ship had been inspected by representatives of the Board of Trade who had discovered that a number of holes had recently been bored beneath the waterline of the vessel and they expressed their concerns that this had contributed to her loss.



The Agil would have been something along the lines of this ship, only manned by a crew of eight.

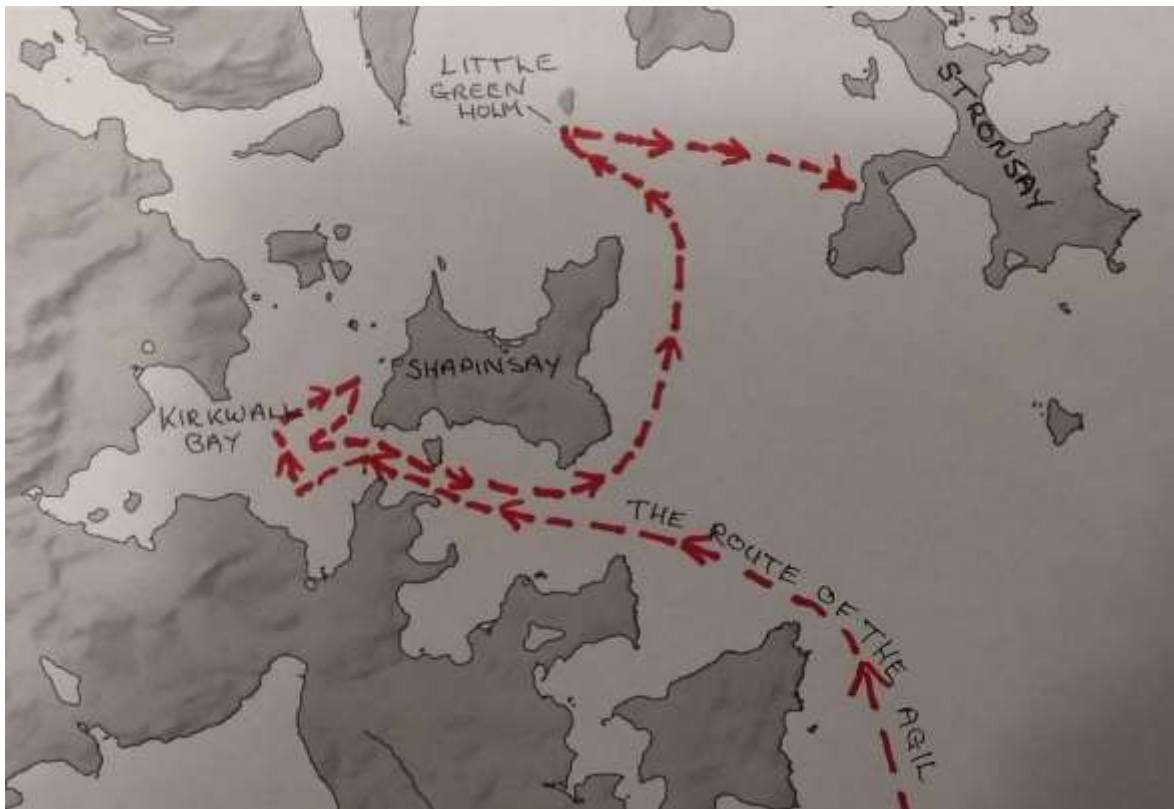
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These concerns were to lead to a Board of Trade Inquiry in Aberdeen into her loss the following month where her Canadian Captain, 60 year old Henry Bennet, was called to account and charged “that he is responsible for the loss of the ship Agil, which occurred by his wrongful act or default in refraining from taking any measures whatever for the safety of said vessel after he found that she was in a dangerous condition.”.

The evidence of the Captain was heard, describing firstly how he had mistaken the Stronsay Firth for the Pentland Firth and that, being unsure of his location, could find no safe harbour in the vicinity, nor anywhere that his ship could safely be beached. He then went on to say that, with five feet of water in the hold and the pumps choked, he was forced to run the ship ashore for the safety of the vessel and crew. When questioned regarding the holes found in the hull of the ship, he explained how he had bored these holes below the waterline from the outside of the hull as the ship lay ashore on her beam ends, with the intention that the water in the ship could drain out. He denied that he had been offered the services of a pilot or any offer of assistance when ashore on the Green Holm. Members of the ship’s crew were also called as witnesses and there was apparently some contradictions and confusion among them as to how events had unfolded. Strong doubt was soon to be cast on whether the ship was, in fact, in an unsafe condition and in grave danger of foundering as described by the Captain!

Evidence obtained from a number of other witnesses seemed to contradict much of what the captain and crew had related. The captain of the large passenger steamer St Nicholas related that they had passed within two ship’s lengths of the Agil as she went through the Stronsay Firth and was adamant that she was sailing well, with no evidence of her being waterlogged. The captain of another ship, the sloop Catherine, gave evidence that his ship had passed close by the Agil and was hailed by her for details of their location. The Agil subsequently followed her down the String into Kirkwall Bay where she tacked a couple of times before heading off east and back into the Stronsay Firth. He and the captain of another ship in the bay at the time stated that there was no reason why the Agil couldn’t have anchored safely in the bay or requested the services of a pilot to guide her to Kirkwall Harbour. A local fisherman then reported that they had seen the Agil ashore on the Green Holm that evening and had offered assistance which was declined. He had returned the next day with the local Lloyd’s agent where they found the crew and all their possessions ashore on the Holm, where they had erected a tent to stay the night and they appeared to be amusing themselves on the island. They also observed some chafing on the port side of the ship and a hole on the starboard quarter but once again, when assistance was declined.

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*The route of the Agil as she made her way to being stranded on the Little Green Holm, later drifting across to Stronsay.*

A number of those witnesses also passed comment that, if the ship had been in imminent danger, there were numerous bays and inlets where the ship could safely have been beached for repair. A shipwright and a shipbuilder from Stromness then gave evidence, recounting how they had been asked by the Receiver of Wrecks to accompany him to Stronsay to examine a vessel, the Agil, which was previously stranded on the little Green Holm but had drifted across the Stronsay Firth to take shore again on Rothiesholm Head in Stronsay. This they did on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October and stated that they had found eight holes of various diameters and depths in the hull of the ship below water level, one of which was bored right through the hull. They both agreed that these holes had been made at a recent date from inside the ship's hull and it would not have been possible to bore any of these from the outside of the hull as described by Captain Bennet. They had also examined the ship's two pumps and found them both to be working satisfactorily. They also reported that, after being battered by a gale the day before as she lay on the Stronsay shore, the ship was by then in poor condition and had become a complete wreck soon after their examination.

The inquiry went on for several days and concern was expressed by the Sheriff at the unsatisfactory way the captain and most of the crew gave their evidence. He also noted that the Ship's Log "was disgracefully kept, in many particulars defective, and even bore the trace of having been tampered with before being laid on the table of the Court." Any tampering with a ship's log would, in itself, have been a serious crime.

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In giving his judgment, the Sheriff then went on to state that, if the evidence given by Captain Bennet was to be believed, then he “knew that his pumps were choked, and that water was gaining upon him; that in these circumstances, especially as he was unacquainted with the islands and had no detailed chart, neglected to use every endeavour to discover how he could most expeditiously place his ship in a place of safety, where she could be examined, and, if possible, repaired; that it had been shown in evidence that he had neglected or failed to avail himself of any such means, notwithstanding that had been offered assistance by fishing boats, and had opportunities of procuring assistance or information from at least two vessels; that he had not anchored in Kirkwall Bay when he ought to have done, or beached his vessel on any of the numerous smooth, safe, and sandy beaches amongst the islands, which he might and could easily have done if he had wished to save the vessel; and that after tacking and beating for several hours, and rejecting offers of assistance and neglecting opportunities of beaching the ship safely, he deliberately ran the vessel ashore on a rocky uninhabited island, from which she subsequently drifted to another island, and became wreck.

The decision of the inquiry was that Captain Bennet should be stripped of his Master’s licence and, due to the serious nature of the case, criminal proceedings should be instigated against him.

Soon after the conclusion of the inquiry, on 29<sup>th</sup> November of that year, Bennet was apprehended by the police and subsequently brought before the Sheriff where he was formally charged with “having wilfully, wickedly, and feloniously destroyed a ship or vessel, the property of another”, an extremely serious charge which was still a capital crime at that time, and he was committed to prison pending further investigation.

On 28<sup>th</sup> January the following year (1878) Bennet was released on bail of £60 until a trial date could be set. Although there is little doubt that the ship was deliberately run ashore in as inappropriate a spot as it was possible to find, it appears that it would be extremely difficult to prove without doubt that this was a deliberate act of sabotage by the captain. Consequently, in February of that year, the Crown Authorities, after reviewing the evidence, instructed the Procurator Fiscal not to proceed with the case thus bringing to an end a tale of which the full story will never be known.

Ian Cooper

February 2021

## **FAIR SHARES**

Last night I did dine on rich food and strong wine:  
There wasn't much left on the table;  
So I thought it was best to retire to my rest  
And get up the stairs while still able.

I got to my room, it wasn't too soon  
For in truth I was feeling quite groggy,  
And there if you please, and much at his ease,  
On my bed was my great furry moggy

He half opened one eye and me he did spy  
Then covered his nose with a paw,  
Then curled up on the bed and sleepily said  
"Come in but first please close the door."

I said to that cat "You can sleep on the mat,  
That's my bed and you jolly well know it."  
Said the cat "Well I'm cursed if I wasn't here first  
And as for your mat you can stow it!"

I looked at the tom, he was heavy and strong,  
I thought he'd do well in a fight,  
So I said to him "Cat, let's parley at that  
Or we'll argue the rest of the night."

Said pussy to me "I entirely agree,  
The bed we will carefully share:  
Half goes to you and a half for me too."  
I agreed for I thought that was fair.

Well, I was mistaken for I had been taken  
(By that feline of mine) for a ride,  
For his fifty percenter was right in the centre  
And I had to cling to the side.

*Mike B.*

## FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

### WANTED

I am looking to come to Stronsay in Feb/March 2021 to stay for a year. I hope to rent a one or two bedroom place and wondered if anywhere was available.

Feel free to contact me directly for further information.

[mike.hannam@rediffmail.com](mailto:mike.hannam@rediffmail.com)

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### WANTED

Hi there, I just wondered if rental property with land is available on the island at all? Looking for a place on the islands for myself my five year old daughter and our animals. We are looking at properties to buy too but should we be able to rent that would speed up our progress. I work from home so can live anywhere but a rural place with plenty of space and some land around it is what we are looking for. I am registered with agents but there seems very little available.

Many thanks.

Anna Holland ([annacholland@icloud.com](mailto:annacholland@icloud.com), Scottish Borders)

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### WOULD THERE BE VALUE IN HAVING A HELIPAD AT THE BALFOUR HOSPITAL?

This year, in my last year (S6) at KGS, I am doing the Scottish Science Baccalaureate, for which I must complete an interdisciplinary project. My project is called "The value of having a helipad at the Balfour Hospital in Kirkwall, Orkney" where I am exploring the reasons why it may or may not be beneficial to have a helipad at The Balfour.

On early plans for a new Balfour Hospital, a helipad was included for the use of the air ambulance helicopter. However, when the new hospital was built, no helipad was included. Consequently, the air ambulance helicopter has to land at Kirkwall Airport, and the patient is transferred from there to the Balfour Hospital using a land ambulance.

From your experience as a patient, or from hearing about the experiences of others, do you think a helipad should have been included at the new hospital?

What would be the advantages/disadvantages?

Do you have any other comments?

Please get in touch with me via my email ([frideswidec@gmail.com](mailto:frideswidec@gmail.com)) or by post at West Manse, Sanday, Orkney, KW17 2BN

All contributions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Thank you in advance for your help,

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## FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

### **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](http://www.visitstronsay.com)

For further information about the sites please contact

- Sharon at Orkney Property Centre, Kirkwall on 01856 877866 or
- Dianne & Paul on 07785111126 or
- email [drileymoore@hotmail.com](mailto:drileymoore@hotmail.com)

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



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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### ***Holmsgarth Crafts***



***Book Pillows, Table Runners***

***Napkins, Face Masks,***

***Scrunchies,***

***Tote Bags,***

***Pencil Cases and More***

***Made To Order***



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

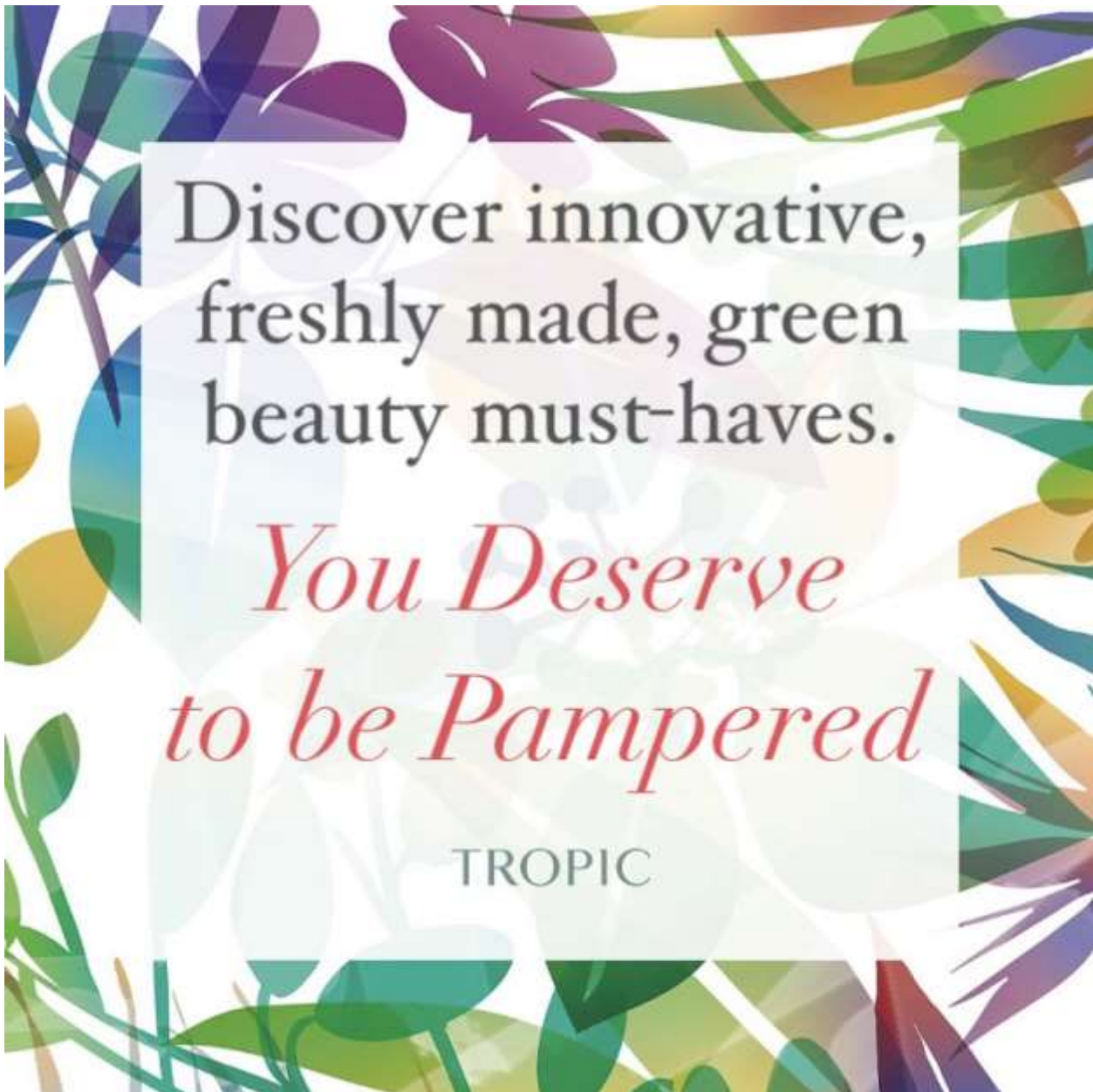
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An award-winning skincare company with a purpose; to help create a healthier, greener more empowered world.

FREE Catalogue available for pick-up or drop off.

Please be in touch with Sarah Powers Richings at 01857 616495 or follow me on Instagram: @sarahmarie.tropic or on Facebook: Tropic with Sarah Marie

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**We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.**

**We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.  
Reasonable prices.**

**Contact Craig or Christine for more information.**

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## **BELLIE M DESIGNS**

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

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

Orders also taken via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or phone 07736838489 with email invoices that can be easily paid by card or PayPal.

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **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

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RANGER**

**GUIDED TOURS  
AND NATURE  
WALKS**

**CONTACT 07922711525**

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INSTAGRAM  
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RANGER

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- ★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★



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[hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com](mailto:hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com) • [www.airyfairyonline.co.uk](http://www.airyfairyonline.co.uk)

# The Wyrð Weaver

Handcrafted Textiles and Primitive Folk Art









Come and visit Eunice's studio at...  
 Newbigging, Stronsay, Orkney KW17 2AN

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 Phone - 01857 616230

Find and buy on Facebook @orkneywyrðweaver  
 Email - thewyrðweaver@btinternet.com



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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### 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

*(Orkney remains in Tier 3 so inside studio portraits not possible. I am able to do outdoor ID photos, ideally when it's not crazy weather. Just need to be a little creative)*

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### 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](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **STRONSAY HOTEL**

Phone 01857 616213, email [cjdbuk@gmail.com](mailto:cjdbuk@gmail.com)

### **STRONSAY HOTEL AND THE VIRUS**

In these challenging times we have changed the hours that we are open. We will still provide a Takeaway service and we can deliver if required. Ordering can be done via phone or email.

- Mon, Bar closed
- Tues, Bar closed
- Wed, Bar closed
- Thurs, Bar closed Takeaway available from 5pm.to 7pm
- Fri, Bar closed, Takeaway available from 5pm to 7pm
- Sat, Bar closed Takeaway available 5pm to 7pm
- Sun, Bar closed Takeaway available 5pm to 7pm

We know this is very drastic but it is a drastic time, hopefully it will not last too long.

### **TAKE AWAY MENU**

Homemade lasagne + chips . . . . .	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips . .	£5.95
Homemade chicken & bacon pie + chips . .	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips. . . . .	£5.50
Battered haddock +chips . . . . .	£6.50
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips . . . . .	£6.50
2 sausages + chips . . . . .	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips . . . . .	£2.80
“Stronsay beast burger” + fries . . . . .	£4.50
“Stronsay cheese beast burger + fries . . . .	£5.00
Portion of chips . . . . .	£1.30
Half portion of chips . . . . .	£0.80
Portion of cheesey chips . . . . .	£2.10
Half portion of cheesey chips . . . . .	£1.10
Portion of onion rings . . . . .	£1.20
Half cheesey chips = minus 20p	
Cheesey chips = add 80p	
Half chips = minus 60p	
Half rice = minus 60p	

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### “NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



- All mechanical work undertaken.
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HOME: 01857 616454

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Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: [patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com)



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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**



Traditionally hand-crafted soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioners and balms.  
Hand-spun yarns, woven throws, rugs, wall-hangings and more.

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

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281      Email: [info@orkneystarsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarsoap.co.uk)

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

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



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



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

### **From the Stronsay Community Wellbeing Coordinator**

**Sarah Powers Richings**

[sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com) or 616495

#### **March Health Walks**

I want to thank everyone who has been coming to the Health Walk! I love seeing so many people get out and enjoy the fresh air. If you haven't made it yet, feel free to join us on one of our upcoming walks. It is a great way to get out and have a chat with a few of your neighbors. All ages welcome!

**Mondays-March 1, 8, 15 and 22-** We are doing a shorter walk in the village. No longer than 30 minutes. This walk is for all abilities, and we will keep to a pace and length that will enable everyone who wants to walk to join in.

**Wednesdays-March 3, 10, 17 and 24-** This is a longer walk, but no longer than one hour in duration. Hills may be involved.

Walks start @ Wood's Yard at 10am. Watch Facebook for updates/cancellations.

#### **Community Groups**

If you are involved in a local community group and would like to start planning the return to activities but are unsure of how to manage while following COVID-19 guidelines, I can help. While we may have new rules come into place, or a change in the tier specifics, I am happy to have a look at the guidance documents to help you and your group come up with a plan. If you have any questions, please be in touch.

#### **Mindfulness March for Young People**

The Community Learning and Development team are delighted to have received funding to organise a range of online sessions for young people aged 16-25 across Orkney. Thanks to funding allocated from the Scottish Government and administered via Youthlink Scotland, local artists and musicians are among those hosting a series of free online wellbeing sessions to help tackle the feelings of isolation and loneliness being felt by some young people in Orkney.

The 4 week- long sessions on offer include "Drawing for Beginners" with designer Kirsteen Stewart, "Make your own Music" with musician Brian Cromarty and "Book Illustration" with illustrator Britt Harcus. There are also three one-hour selfcare and wellness sessions "Fun Skincare and Wellness" on offer.

Classes start first week in March. Please be in touch for more information or course specifics.

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# BOOK BINGO

Rules: Free to join. First person to claim BINGO with a list of the books they have read will win a small prize. BINGO will be 5 across, down or diagonal.

Any questions or to claim BINGO contact Sarah Powers Richings,  
[sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com) or 616495

Takes place somewhere you have lived	Under 280 pages	Recommended by a friend	Takes place in the future	Red cover
A true story	Published in 2020 or 2021	A borrowed book	Boat on the cover	Animal protagonist
Female Author	Set during WWII	Title begins with L	Written before 1900	Poetry
Winter in the title	Mythology	Made into a movie	A borrowed book	Takes place somewhere warm
Flowers on the cover	New-to- you genre	Three-word title	Mystery	Audio Book

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Chairman: Mike Erdman Vice Chairman: Kevin Kent



## **Tenders Invited**

### **1. Mission hall renovations**

The Heritage Committee Invites tenders for the works needed to renovate The Mission Hall building in preparation for the Stronsay Heritage Centre.

Work will include but will not be limited to;

The replacement of all windows and doors, removal of internal cladding, addition of Internal wall Insulation, Construction of internal dividing walls, Installation of Disabled toilet facilities, floor repairs, fitting/installing a septic tank. Preparation and installation of parking facilities.

Can be taken on as a whole or divided into various tasks.

### **2. Installation of Outdoor Equipment**

The development Trust has been successful in an application for a number of Picnic tables, benches, cycle rails, bike shed, as well as Public lockers, outdoor handwashing facilities and various other items.

The Trust invites tenders for the installation of these items across the Island.

## **How to apply**

If you are interested and would like full details of either of these tenders please contact the Stronsay Development Trust office on 01856 616410 or email [sdtoperations@btconnect.com](mailto:sdtoperations@btconnect.com)

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### **STRONSAY DEFIB APPEAL**

The STRONSAY DEFIB APPEAL is working with the Community Heartbeat Trust to raise funds for public access defibrillators (AED) to be sited in three locations across the Island including Whitehall village and Rothiesholm. This would increase the number of community available defibrillators across the island which includes the Stronsay School and airport and give full coverage, decreasing the amount of time to get to a device, thus increasing the chance for survival.

After a cardiac event for every minute that the heart is stopped the chance of survival decreases by 10%. By having an AED in key locations across the island it shortens the time it takes to get the lifesaving device to the individual and increases the chance for survival.

First Aid training is not necessary to use an AED but helps create confidence, especially when the training is with a particular AED that is available in the community. The more community members trained on island, the more who can help in the critical moments before medical personnel arrive.

Our fundraising goal is £6800, to cover purchase, maintenance and installation costs as well as providing AED/defibrillator first aid courses for interested residents. Fundraising will be ongoing and will include but not limited to, funds raised through the Ebenezer front porch, the Heart Art Exhibits and through a donation website: [The Community Heartbeat Trust: The Stronsay Defib Appeal \(enthuse.com\)](http://TheCommunityHeartbeatTrust:TheStronsayDefibAppeal(enthuse.com)).



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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY LED WELLBEING**



#### **The March theme for the Heart Art Exhibit is MOTHER'S DAY\***

We would ask that all submissions be A4 size or smaller. If you would like to participate please drop off your submission to the SDT office at Wood's Yard or email to: [sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com) by 3pm on March 4th.

The theme for April will be EASTER or SPRING EQUINOX. Please submit all art/crafts to Wood's Yard by March 18th.

*\*It is free to participate in the Heart Art Exhibit. All funds raised will be used for the Stronsay Defib Appeal. By submitting artwork or a craft you agree that it may be used in marketing and further fundraising for the Stronsay Defib Appeal.*

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### **MACMILLAN WHODUNNIT**

Get ready to solve Whodunnit, a mind-boggling murder mystery game and raise money for Macmillan at the same time!

**WHAT:** Whodunnit is a virtual murder mystery game. Each participant is assigned a character while your team gathers evidence and unmasks clues to guess who the murderer is. Your scripts will guide you through the event and over-acting is encouraged!



**WHEN:** March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

**WHO:** Anyone age 12 and up, under 18s will need a parent to register on their behalf.

**HOW:** Choose a willing team of six to eight people, pick a team name, and let me know who is on your team. On the day we will use Zoom to virtually gather and split into teams in breakout rooms. You will need access to the internet or a phone to call into a free phone number.

**TO RAISE MONEY:** It is free to participate but we do ask that you make a donation to Macmillan via this link, <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/stronsayformacmillan>. We also welcome to donations from community members who would like to support Macmillan, even if they do not want to solve the mystery.

For any questions or to sign up, please contact Sarah Powers Richings, Stronsay Community Wellbeing Coordinator, at [sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com) or 616495.

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### **STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The school recently received this receipt for the money raised on Christmas Jumper Day 2020, better late than never! And what a splendid result - £111.00.



### **STRONSAY “BRAINTEASER” COMPETITION WINNER**

Very pleased to announce the winner of the recent Stronsay ‘Brainteaser’ competition, Mairi Dennison, who scored a total of 67.5 marks out of a possible 100. This was a truly great effort as the logic questions varied from ‘tricky’ to ‘completely mystifying’, having mostly been taken from a book of logic questions written some sixty years ago by a well-known logician and mathematician, Hubert Phillips (aka “Caliban”). Well done Mairi, and thank you for your support. Your winner’s Gift Token will be with you soon.

Congratulations are also due to the runner-up, Jenny Graves, who scored a commendable 42.5 marks. Well done Jenny, and thank you. Thanks to all who participated in any way, and if you found the questions daunting, take heart, for I confess that I too, would have felt the same!

Here’s to next time. If you want any tips, ask Mairi!

Brian Crowe.

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## **THE BOOK NOOK**



I've turned my garage into a library/book exchange! I haven't counted but there must be about 1000+ books. Of course, we are still in Level 3 so all covid rules must be followed but if you need something to read, especially seeing we are in lockdown, I've got you covered! It's mainly fiction (what I prefer) but there is a couple of shelves of non-fiction and biographies.

You can borrow a book, you can swap a book for another or there's a tin for money if you want to buy a book. (All monies go towards buying more books!) If you know anyone who is shielding, feel free to get some books for them. If you want specific authors/genres etc either send me a message, call in or phone 07873 982648 and I'll see what I have got for you.

Thanks go to Restart Orkney for taking all the books and furniture to JBT and Jim, Neil and Murdo for delivering it. Orkney library for the posters and Donna Blyth for the curtains! [TheBookNookatStronsay](#) is the official Facebook page.

At the moment the garage door is shut with the weather being what it is but there's a sign in the window if I can come out and open it for you. I'm normally at home! Every day on the Facebook page I'll let everyone know if it's open (99 of 100 it will be!) and a featured book to whet people's appetites

Happy reading!

Vicki, Orcadia

*(more photographs on next page)*

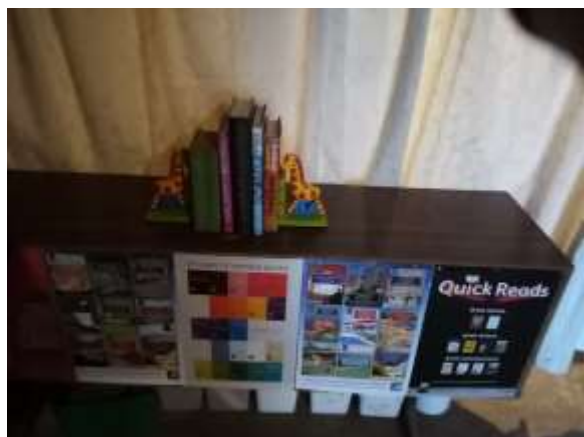
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### **HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

Ebenezer Stores [stronsaystores@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaystores@gmail.com)

Olivebank [m.williamson1@btconnect.com](mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com)

Stronsay Hotel [cjdbuk@gmail.com](mailto:cjdbuk@gmail.com)

Fishmart café [fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com](mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com)

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

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

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

Mass times are as follows:-

- Sunday: 10.30am
- Tuesday: 8.00am
- All other days: 11.20am

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### **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.

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Ian Cooper    Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

### **BLACK BIN BAGS AND RUBBISH COLLECTION**

In order to deter incidents of vermin damage to black bin bags containing household domestic rubbish, residents are asked not to put these out until just before 9am on a Tuesday.

Open and damaged bags make it difficult for waste to be collected efficiently and create additional work for our refuse collector.

Your co-operation will help keep our environment a pleasant place to enjoy and live. Thank you,

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer/Clerk  
6 December 2020

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### **DO YOU WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE LIMPET'S EMAIL LIST?**

The emails sent to this list will be used to disseminate occasional time-sensitive information which is really only relevant to the current residents of Stronsay but may give potential visitors an idea of the island's community life.

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### **KIRK CORNER**

We are now in the period of Lent – a time of preparation for Easter when we repent of our mistakes, promise to recommit to the covenant with God, and return to the path He has called us to. Everyone has a different way of marking this special time in the life of the Church – some give up chocolate, coffee, Amazon or Facebook, others take something up – a new devotional activity, Bible study, 40 acts of generosity and kindness (<https://40acts.org.uk/>). What are you doing this Lent?

We are going to mark the Holy Week leading up to Easter with special ecumenical services with the Kirkwall Council of Churches. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the Holy Week (29th-31st March) we will have a daily reflection/service led by a leader of a different denomination. On Maundy Thursday Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay, Kirkwall East and Shapinsay will hold a Zoom Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm. Then Good Friday will see the customary Walk of Witness organised by the Kirkwall Council of Churches – but online. This will be a series of short reflections from the 8 Kirkwall churches. All the above will be available via the Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay Facebook group as well as the Kirkwall Council of Churches Facebook page. For details of how to connect with the Zoom communion service on Maundy Thursday (either online or by phone), please contact me.

I wish you a blessed and fruitful time of preparation for the most foundational festival in the life of the Church.

Rev Julia Meason, 01856 874789, [JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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*BookyMcBookFace* will be visiting Stronsay on the following dates & times in 2021:

Monday	15 March
Tuesday	11 May
Tuesday	6 July
Tuesday	31 August
Monday	25 October
Monday	20 December

### **STOPS AND TIMES**

#### **WINTER**

Council Houses	8.45—9.45
School	10—12
Kirk	12.30—3
Fish Mart	3.15—4.45

#### **SUMMER/REFIT**

Council Houses	9—10
School	10.15—12
Kirk	12.30—3
Fish Mart	3.15—5.30

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     general enquiries      0800 048 3516  
         *lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm*  
     problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999  
     power cut (24/7) . . . 105  
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