



GP ROSTER

Dr Alison Lievesley

Sat 8 May—Fri 28 May

No further information

Sat 29 May—?

COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

Nurse Shirley Whiteman

Thu 20 May—?

IMPORTANT! **ORKNEY FERRIES SUMMER TIMETABLE CHANGE** **ON TUESDAY 1ST JUNE 2021**

[http://orkneyferries.co.uk/pdfs/timetables/summerextended/
ni_integrated_summerextended.pdf](http://orkneyferries.co.uk/pdfs/timetables/summerextended/ni_integrated_summerextended.pdf)

Sunday excursions will be available to be booked

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ni_excursions_summerextended.pdf](http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/pdfs/timetables/summerextended/ni_excursions_summerextended.pdf)

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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Send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or write to *The Limpet*, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR.

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



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2020

Will be held on

WEDNESDAY 26th MAY 2021

The Board of the Stronsay Development Trust wish to advise residents that this year the AGM will not be held in public due to Covid-19 restrictions and following Government advice and guidelines from our Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Agenda, Reports, voting procedure and all other information and formalities regarding this AGM will be forwarded by post prior to the meeting for members consideration and response.

Mike Erdman
Chair

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ORCADES PRACTICE—STRONSAY BRANCH

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

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Please phone as usual if you require an appointment on 616321
or email 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 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

ORCADES PRACTICE – STRONSAY BRANCH

Please can we ask you to contact the surgery (*phone 616321 or email* ORK.stronsay@nhs.scot) if you have any changes to make to the information we hold.

For example

- **Name**
- **Address**
- **Telephone number (landline)**
- **Mobile number**
- **Email**

It really helps us if we have your up to date information should we need to contact you.

Thank you

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**FACE
COVERINGS**



**AVOID
CROWDS**



**CLEAN
HANDS**



**TWO
METRES**



**SELF-
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FROM THE STRONSAY COMMUNITY **WELLBEING COORDINATOR**

Sarah Powers Richings

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June Health Walks

Mondays- June 7, 14, 21 and 28 - 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- June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 - 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 the [Stronsay Island Wellbeing Facebook Page](#) for updates/cancellations.



Remember, it is important for each member of the household over 16 to complete a survey. If you need additional paper copies you can pick one up at Wood's Yard. If you have completed a paper copy of the Island Wellbeing Survey, don't forget to post it back to us. You can return the survey in the FREEPOST envelope included with each pack. Alternatively, our online survey is still open:

<https://www.islandwellbeing.org/survey>

Outdoor Games for Dementia

Join us for outdoor games this summer at the Village Playpark to support Dementia Friendly Stronsay and Alzheimer Scotland. We will meet Wednesdays starting June 2 from 3.30-4.30 for a variety of outdoor games such as boules, garden Jenga, giant dominoes and corn hole. All ages welcome. This is a free event, but donations will be accepted for Alzheimer Scotland.

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****All relevant Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed. If current guidelines continue, we will be able to have up to 12 people from 12 households (not including under 12's).**

- JUNE DATES: June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
- JULY DATES: July 7, 14, 21 and 28
- AUGUST DATES: August 4, 11, 18 and 25

Office Hours

I will be in the office and available for appointments on Mondays throughout June from approximately 10.30-4.00. If you have any questions about the Island Wellbeing Project, ideas about wellbeing on Stronsay or need help filling out a form, or questions about benefits, etc., please be in touch or stop by the office. I am always available via email at sdtwellbeing@gmail.com and messages can be left at 01857 616410.

Facebook

Follow the [Stronsay Island Wellbeing Facebook Page](#) for all updates and news regarding the Island Wellbeing Project on Stronsay.

VACANCIES AT STRONSAY SCHOOL

Relief Cook, Stronsay

PUBLISHED: 14/5/2021

CLOSES: 1/3/2022

LOCATION: Stronsay Junior High School, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AE

RATE: £9.34 per hour pro rata

CONTRACT TYPE: Casual/Relief

POSITION TYPE: Casual/Relief

Full details available at <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/orkney-islands-council/jobs/relief-cook-stronsay-218791>.

Technician - Stronsay Junior High School

PUBLISHED: 18/5/2021

CLOSES: 6/6/2021

LOCATION: Stronsay Junior High School, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AE

SALARY: £19,417.00 - £21,205.00 per year pro rata

CONTRACT TYPE: Permanent

POSITION TYPE: Part Time

HOURS: 1 hours per week

Full details available at <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/orkney-islands-council/jobs/technician-stronsay-junior-high-school-219127>.

STRONSAY SEA SWIM

(Alison's account—photo from Roger Neville-Smith)

I've always swum. I think I've always just assumed that was why water was invented. I remember when I was about 8, pestering my mum to let me swim in the sea when we spent a weekend at the coast, and not understanding her reluctance; the fact that it was February was irrelevant. (Mum won - though I got the moral victory, as when I entered the extravagantly named Winter Swimming Championships about 12 years ago she couldn't resist and spent longer in the pool than I did!)

I digress... But I get asked a lot "Would outdoor swimming be good for my mood/joints/health," and for the last year or so (and especially since working on an island with "a beach for every wind direction!") I've really wanted to say "Well, would you like to try it and see?" So with lockdown restrictions easing it was a great time to invite people along to try it out - I would love to give more people a chance to experience the joy of doing a crazy thing!

See, the great thing about sea swimming is it's a bit about the cold water buzz, a bit about being outside, a bit about the exercise, a bit about being around other people, and the other 98% is about cake! (sorry people that have joined the swims so far - we've been so solitary this last year that I forgot to introduce one of the most important elements!) The outdoor swimming 'community' is so inclusive: I swim with 9-99 year olds of all shapes and sizes, from dippers to endurance swimmers - everyone is welcome!

So if you'd like to try it and see - I will keep on posting events when I'm on island (and my greatest joy will be to see people carrying the flame when I'm not here). If you'd like to give it a go but don't want to be in a big group, give me a call and we can work something out: this is for you! No experience necessary, no special kit needed; bring plenty of warm clothes, a woolly hat & a hot drink for afterwards

"Will outdoor swimming make me healthier / happier?" I can't guarantee it - but it might (take it from Margaret!) - and I'd love to have fun with you finding out. I've honestly been totally blown away by Margaret's joy and buzz, and I'm so happy to have been part of that!

Alison Lievesley

(See Margaret's account on next page!)



STRONSAY SEA SWIM

(Margaret's account— photographs from Roger & Louise)

As an overweight, slightly out of shape 51-year-old, I did not think sea swimming was for me. Having recently moved to Stronsay I love walking along the beach and occasionally going for a paddle. While paddling I was curious about going for a swim. I recently noticed an event posted on Stronsay Facebook page inviting people to join Alison for a swim one Saturday afternoon. If I am honest, I changed my mind many times on the days and hours running up to the event, but I went. I only have old leggings and t shirt, no proper wetsuit or swimming gear but that does not matter, nobody is judging what you wear, what size you are or how old you are.

I did it, being honest, it was cold, breath takingly cold, but once you are in its great. What a sense of pride and achievement you get, so much so I have number 3 under my belt and planning number 4. I was buzzing and felt exhilarated after the swim. Absolutely no one judges you, they encourage you, just remember your hot drink afterwards. I am now looking at buying a wetsuit so I can go swimming more often.

Alison is super supportive and makes no judgements. She has a lot of open water swimming. I would recommend these swims and they are a great way to keep fit and meet others, If I can do it, anyone can.

Margaret McAnally



Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place (still from West Manse) The One-Hundredth Issue!

Keeping the folk of the North Isles ward informed — with Orkney's only councillor newsletter

On the 17th May, Orkney bypassed Level 2 and moved straight to Level 1. An end is now, hopefully, in sight to this pandemic, at least in the British Isles (although the “Indian variant” may yet stymie this). My wife and I received our second AstraZeneca vaccine on the 21st May, and our younger son and younger daughter had their first Pfizer jab on the 15th. Below you will see a photograph of a *Räuchermännchen* in the form of leading German coronavirus expert, Prof Dr med Christian Drosten, which I received as a birthday present. The smoke is produced by burning incense inside it. However, I don't believe Prof Drosten is an advocate of the miasma theory of contagious disease and would endorse this as an alternative to the vaccination!

See <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-1/> for the latest rules.

Covid-19 and its associated social-distancing and travel restrictions have made an impact on Orkney Ferries' traveller figures. Half the number of passengers travelled in the last financial year compared to the year before, and vehicles were down 30%.

How one interprets the results of the Scottish Parliamentary election depends very much on one's political outlook. It will be interesting to see how good the Greens are at bargaining with the SNP (hopefully better than the Lib Dems were with the Tories at the time of the “Con-Dem” coalition!), and it would be intriguing to be a “fly on the wall” in Moscow's vaults, at Zhongnanhai (中南海), the Cortes Generales, and on Barcelona's streets. However, the question we really need to be asking ourselves is: What do the results mean for Orkney? In 1892, my Great-Great-Grandfather, George Ginger wrote in his “non-political and unsectarian” pamphlet: “friends and foes are so much alike, and so are their promises, before the day of the poll”!

The **deadline** for applying for the EU Settlement Scheme and “**Settled Status**” as an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen resident in the UK, is the **30th June**. If you have not yet applied and require help or need advice, contact the Orkney Senior Registrar on 01856-886333 or e-mail: chief-registrar@orkney.gov.uk. You can also ring the EU Citizens helpline: 0800-916-9847.

My input into the debate about the proposed OIC-owned windfarms is that the profits accrued should be used to reduce council tax (possibly to zero). This represents, to my mind, the most extensive form of “community benefit”. I believe there are precedents for this in some parts of the USA. If there are no precedents, then let Orkney create one!

At our General Meeting, I supported the motion to grant the “Freedom of Orkney” to the Royal Navy's Northern Diving Group. My uncle, Ordinary Seaman Ronald George Clackson, was one of the 835 men and boys who went down with *HMS Royal Oak* on the 14th October 1939, shortly after his 20th birthday. I have been present at many of the moving memorial services held annually at Scapa on the anniversary of that fateful day, at which the Northern Diving Group plays a key part. Each year they inspect the wreck of the ship and replace the White Ensign attached to her stern with a new one.
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I participated in a meeting with Isles' community council chairs and transport reps on the proposed revisions to the inter-island ferry fares (non-commercial) to bring in an RET-equivalent tariff, for which the Scottish Govt has given us funding for this financial year. A comprehensive report was then presented to a special meeting of the Development & Infrastructure Cttee (of which I am not a member). The Committee recommended that the existing adult and vehicle fares be reduced by 38%; that elderly (65+) and disabled passengers be entitled to a further 25% discount, and juniors 50%; that multi books of tickets be discontinued (except for books of 50 tickets, which will offer a discount of 45% and be valid for 365 days); and that, once the revised fares are established, a review of the impact be undertaken. It has become apparent already, however, that reducing the 50-book discount from 50% to 45% is going to have a significant financial impact on commuters resident in the Inner Isles. Note that none of these proposed changes will come into force unless ratified at the Special General Meeting on the 31st May.

Other meetings I have attended ("virtually") this month include those of: the Board of Orkney Ferries Ltd; the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation; a special Policy & Resources Committee meeting; meetings of Stronsay Community Council, Sanday Community Council, and Eday Community Council, and a special meeting of Papay Community Council (to discuss ferry infrastructure options to feed into the *Orkney Inter-Island Transport Study Outline Business Case*).

For the meeting of the Sanday School Parent Council, we were all physically together in the same room. What a change it made from sitting, isolated, in front of my computer screen at home! I am so looking forward to the time when all meetings can be "real" again.

I now have a key to the *Owld Men's Hut* (officially known as the *Kirkwall West Pier Restroom*). Any resident of Orkney (of whatever gender) is entitled to this "perk" once they have completed their 6th decade, promise to behave, and pay OIC £4 for the key. Keep well and carry on,



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson,
West Manse, Sanday
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Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place 100th Issue Supplement

A review of your councillor's first nine years in office

Orkney Islands Council has done a number of notable things since I was elected in May 2012. As our decisions are made collectively, for most of them I can take only a share of the credit, but there are some where I have exerted significant influence. For example, as an active member of OIC's Constitutional Reform Working Group, I was involved in establishing the *Our Islands Our Future* initiative and informing the *Islands (Scotland) Bill*, which was enacted on 6th July 2018. Also, from the start, I pushed for OIC to "actively invest" to earn its own income, and I supported the creation of OIC-owned windfarms (although my constant reminders that not all of them have to be sited here in Orkney, fell on deaf ears!). At the level of individual initiative, one is reliant on the support of one's colleagues—a single vote can stand between success and failure!

I can claim credit for a list of successes in shaping or reshaping Council policy. Here are the main ones in chronological order:

- Introducing Sunday drop-in flights to Sanday and Stronsay;
- Preventing a licence being granted to a bookmaker to open a betting shop in Kirkwall with fixed-odds betting terminals;
- Retaining Isles-based registrars (reported on BBC Radio Scotland);
- Putting North Ronaldsay School "on stand-by" rather than being "mothballed" (it has recently been "re-activated"!);
- Securing Kettletoft Harbour House for purchase by the Sanday Development Trust;
- Stopping a cut being made in OIC's grant to community councils (for which Westray CC kindly sent me a thank-you letter);
- Reversing a cut of £65,000 affecting additional support for learning (reported on TV);
- Resisting charges being levied for pupils to stay at the Papdale Halls of Residence;
- Introducing a council tax discount of 50% on second homes required by islanders in order to work on the Mainland;
- Facilitating adjustment of the early Covid-19 ferry timetable to assist haulier logistics;
- While schools were closed during "Lockdown", getting their facilities made available to assist community initiatives;
- Extending the scope of OIC's Covid-19 business-support payments;
- Pushing for more spending on roads repair and maintenance in our 2021/22 budget.

Some other successes:

- Getting the doorstep at Loth waiting room, which was a trip hazard, replaced with a safe one of my own design;
- Improving the visibility of the island lane-marker signs at Kirkwall Harbour by lengthening the shortened poles (ever ongoing);
- Upgrading the WiFi service available to pupils' rooms at the Papdale Halls (although I understand it has recently got worse!);

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- Distributing surplus wheelie bins to households on islands without a bin lorry service (with freedom to use as you choose);
- Extending validity of discounted multi-journey books of ferry tickets to 500 days and eligibility of car tickets to 2 registrations;
- Obtaining voting rights for student representatives on the Orkney College Management Council;
- Making a new updated comments/complements/complaints card available to the public.

Other areas of direct influence that I have had as a councillor include:

- Enlightening the Local Government Boundary Commission on the impact geography and transport links have on our ward;
- Engaging with the Scottish Ambulance Service and supporting ward constituents at public meetings with them;
- As a member of OIC's Empowering Communities Steering Group, supporting the piloting of Island Link Officers;
- Highlighting to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service the difficulties inherent in recruiting in the Isles (which has led to changes).

It's not all been success, though, and I've had few failures (which I shall nevertheless continue to pursue), such as:

- To get reinstated statutory protection for Orkney's honeybees against the importation of diseased stocks;
- To re-open polling stations in the Isles;
- To change the KGS timetable to enable Isles' pupils to come in on Monday mornings and have a 3-night weekend at home;
- To retain modern language assistants in Orkney's secondary schools;
- To have *education* included as one of our Council Plan's "strategic priority themes" (NB latest *Daily Record* league tables!);
- To install 20mph speed limits around Isles' schools;
- To improve the state of Eday's West Side Road;
- To introduce question & answer sessions at our general meetings (to make our "senior councillors" more accountable).

As OIC's representative on the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy, Dounreay Stakeholder Group, and the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances, I have played an effective ambassadorial role for Orkney, raising our profile where we were at risk of being forgotten.

Confidential casework takes up quite a lot of my time, and helping resolve the problems of ward constituents in their interactions with Orkney Islands Council is probably the most rewarding part of being a councillor.

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- In my 9 years as a councillor, I have striven to be out and about in the North Isles Ward. (Not easy, given its constituents live on 13 separate islands, not well connected to one another by transport links.) Until the pandemic hit us, I attended in person meetings of each of the Ward's eight community councils, meetings of many of its parent councils, and AGMs of some of its development trusts. I've supported and participated in many community events in the Isles, and given speeches at Christmas tree lighting events. Being (before the pandemic) a regular traveller on the ferries has given me further opportunities to engage with ward constituents. I have even held impromptu surgeries over breakfast at my B&B accommodation in Kirkwall. (Sadly, surgeries I held in the Isles were all poorly attended.) Despite the pandemic, I have still been able to keep the folk of the North Isles Ward informed of my doings through my *Letter from School Place*, which has now reached its 100th issue!

Keep safe!



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson, West Manse, Sanday

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RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

At last!

Since we arrived on Stronsay in 1987 we have been waiting for one particular bird species to turn up here. Quite big and very easy to recognise, and in fact the emblem of the RSPB! Yes the Avocet. There have been a few records of the species in Orkney and even Shetland, and the Bu Loch here has always looked 'favourite' as the host. We have scanned the area thousands of times since 1987 without success.

But at last – it has happened - on 12th May – an Avocet! But did we find it ourselves – not on your Nelly! A visiting birder from Mainland Orkney on his first-ever visit to Stronsay came across the bird at the predicted Bu Loch - not long after disembarking from the ferry! It took him about 30 minutes to find a bird of the species here, whilst we had drawn a blank for over 30 years - and he was back on Mainland Orkney that evening! Well done day-tripper Gerry Cannon (who also allowed us to use his photos in this article).

Fortunately Sue and I had an early morning meeting with the Funeral Directors in the Cemetery regarding Joyce Maples' headstone that morning and as we drove back down towards the Matpow Loch, we noticed a man on a bike with binoculars. We had a short chat and told him of some of the most likely places for something interesting, and off he cycled towards the Bu Loch. An hour or so later we left Castle and headed off to see if there were any new birds around, and there was the cyclist – now near the Airy Road. 'I have seen one bird that might be of interest.' he said to us – 'an Avocet at the Bu Loch' - and added 'I managed to get a few photographs'. No need to ask for details – an Avocet is an Avocet, but Gerry did say that the local Oystercatchers drove it off just as he was leaving the area.

We turned round and headed off to the Bu Loch, but the bird was clearly not there – and not there again and again until 3 days later when Donald Omond came across it.

Several Stronsay residents have now seen the bird – which, in spite of its brilliant plumage and distinct shape and posture, can be difficult to locate - and may still be here. It was last seen on 19th May.

In what has been a very poor late Spring as regards the numbers of migrant species, there has been one other 'mega-rarity' – a Ross's Gull - and again on the Rothiesholm peninsula. Just the second island record, the bird was found among a small mixed flock of gulls following a tractor harrowing near the Rothiesholm School. The pink under-parts were very obvious, and the wing pattern, diamond tail-shape and other features were all seen well. The bird was present for a minute or so as the tractor moved away down the field but did not return with the other gulls on the journey back towards the road. We had waited with camera at the ready hoping to photograph this very rare species, but it was not seen again. It had looked 'uncomfortable' and did not really 'join in' with the Common species which were gobbling up all that the tractor could churn up for them! The first record of Ross's Gull on Stronsay was at Holin on 21st June 2000.

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There have been several interesting sightings of migrant species – mainly in mid-late May – including male and female Hawfinches Lower Samsons, Cliffdale, and Helmsley (not necessarily the same birds). Good numbers of Redstarts and Pied Flycatchers also arrived mid-month and the highest number of Blackcaps at this time of year for a long time. One Corncrake has been heard and Sedge Warblers have returned to their nesting grounds in good numbers towards the end of May. Pato Dennison has seen what was almost certainly a Short-eared Owl in the Eastbank area where the species has bred in the distant past. ‘Postie’ Andy has also seen Short-eared Owls in the Bay area.

Other migrants seen include Black Redstart, Spotted Flycatcher, Lesser Whitethroat, Goldcrest, Chiffchaff, Snow Bunting and several Robins.

David at Osen had a very unusual addition to his ‘Garden Birds’ list, when he discovered a Guillemot stranded inside the perimeter wall of his Putting-green-sized lawn. It was quickly returned to the sea.

In the same area the Sand Martin colony appears to be flourishing as do the colonies in Mill Bay, and Swallow numbers have built up rapidly with a (slight!) increase in temperature during the last few days.

Thanks for all the calls. John & Sue Holloway.



‘The Avocet over *the Bu Loch*’ (G Cannon)



‘Avocet and Shelduck *Bu Loch*’ (G Cannon)

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'Cuckoo being 'mobbed' by Meadow Pipits near 'Cliffdale' (G Cannon)



'Hawfinch at the bird table, 'Helmsley' (S Burger)



'Redstart on the heat pump at 'Islesview' (JH)



'Turnstone in full breeding plumage below 'Mt Pleasant' (JH)

MEMORIES OF THE SPOOTS

(The following article was received from Price Sinclair, a former resident of Stronsay who now lives in Bournemouth)

I thoroughly enjoyed Ian Cooper's article "Gaan tae the spoots". It brought back many happy memories of doing just that. Being born and brought up in Schoolbrae, I got quite good at spotting a good spoot ebb.

My first visits to the spoot sands was with my grandfather Price Sinclair, when I was about 5 or 6 years old in the mid '40s, just to see how it was done. Very soon though I was given the job of counting the spoot marks in the sand and telling him which way they were lying. That was important so that you put the knife down the right side of the shell, it was quite common to have 5, 6 or more spoofs at one time, tricky but doable with practice.

My grandfather always filled his bucket with spoofs, wouldn't go home until he had. He then washed the catch and set them head up in the pail and put 2 or 3 inches of salt water in the pail and carried them home. (my job as I got older). Once home he emptied the bucket, washed out any sand, replaced the spoofs head up and put 2 or 3 inches of rain water from the tank (no mains water then), and the spoofs would spray the fresh water out of the bucket, washing any sand out of the spoofs.

My grandmother had a cast iron stove which she kept black lead polished every day. When we came home from the spoofs we used to place a few spoofs on the range to cook in their shells. No prizes for guessing who had to clean the stove after that!

The spoofs from St Catherine's bay, north end were big while the ones on the south end were much smaller and could be quite tough and had brownish "fruits" We called them fantails. On a really good ebb the wreck of the Spanish Schooner *Nostra Senora del Carmen* (I'm showing off now but I know that name thanks to the late Bill Miller) we used to get lovely big mussels from it.

After the big storm of '51 '52 (can't remember my dates) I can hear our old head master, John Drever, "My word boy" - some of you will know the saying! The spoofs sand took a terrible bashing and spoofs were very hard to come by. Thankfully they seem to be back.

As a very old Limpet may I say "Thank you very much for a lovely article and for bringing back such wonderful memories"

Price Sinclair (pricesinclair@uwclub.net).

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MARGARET REFALO (nee CHALMERS)

(Margaret lives in Walkerston, Queensland, Australia and sent this item to the Limpet's editor some time ago)

"My name is Margaret Refalo (Chalmers) born 1930. I am the second daughter of Jim & Ella Chalmers who lived in Seafield - at the boatie shed - until 1950. They left to live in Whitefield, Banffshire - sad day! It was my dad who composed the Stronsay Waltz.

I was born at the lower village, the "Station" and moved to Vauxhall in 1935. I attended the Central School, my first teacher was Miss Gorrie and my last teacher was Mr Drever.

My grandfather had a merchant shop at Minerva with my Aunty Eva and Bella and Uncles Willie and Bob. His family was Eva & Andy Dalziel; Bella & Ralph Fotheringham; Willie & Gladys Chalmers; and Bob & Lizzie Chalmers. My grandmother was Isabella Johnstone from Deerness.

I worked with Aunty Bella at the Hotel for a while and then at the Post Office with Jimmy Fiddler, the post master at that time; I fell in love with a postman, Eddie Cooper from Ward Hill, lovely man, but I was too young & had to flap my wings and go to Aberdeen.

Then in 1951 I came to Australia- but I'm still an 'Orcadian from Stronsay'"

HIGHLAND FUELS—PHONE NUMBER CHANGED

The phone number for Highland Fuels has changed to 01856 873766.

The old 0800 number tends to go direct to Inverness rather than to Kirkwall.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Records of a Bygone Age

A Boating Tragedy at Burgh Head

One fine summer's evening many years ago, on Thursday 15th May 1862, James Brown, a blacksmith from the cottage of Hunday in Stronsay, and farm servant Peter Miller, also from Hunday, decided to go on a fishing trip off the nearby headland of Burgh Head. As was common at the time, they also planned to take a gun with them with the aim of shooting some wildfowl at the craigs around the Head to help supplement their meagre diet.

Accompanied on the trip by Peter's 9 year old son, also called Peter, they launched a small dinghy from below the farm of Odiness and sailed across the bay to Burgh Head, where there was ample opportunity for both fishing and shooting.

On arrival, James went ashore with his gun to shoot some of the seabirds from the cliffs above their roosting sites while Peter and his son kept the boat afloat a short distance from the cliffs to pick up the dead birds. With enough birds shot to augment their diet for a week or more, James returned to the shore a short time after, bringing with him a young boy, 12 year old James Chalmers of West House near Odiness who was keen to join them for the fishing, and they were both taken aboard the dinghy.

Soon after, the wind picked up and, with a heavy swell also now setting in, a dangerous cross sea became apparent so they decided to head for home with all haste. No sooner had this decision been taken than one particularly large sea came over the side of the dinghy, half filling it with water, and seconds later another wave turned their little craft completely over, throwing all four occupants into the sea. None of the four could swim but luckily the two men managed to keep a hold of the hull of the boat as it turned over. Tragically they could do nothing to aid the two young boys who had been swept away from the dinghy and out of their reach and were both lost.



Odiness Bay and Burgh Head

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With great difficulty the two men continued to hold on to the keel of the boat for some time until another heavy wave struck their boat, righting the capsized vessel but at the same time causing the two men to lose their hold on the dinghy. Both men struggled to regain the boat and Peter Miller was fortunate enough to get a hold of the gunwale but James Brown perished in the attempt. Peter eventually managed to haul himself over the side and back into the boat, which was still half full of water, and lay there with no means of propelling the dinghy or getting himself to shore.

For most of the night he drifted with the vagaries of wind and tide right around Burgh Head, on past Lamb Head then carried south past the east side of the island of Aukerry, where the dinghy was picked up by the ebb tide and carried along past the west side of Aukerry heading down the Stronsay Firth, right on past Rothiesholm Head.

Luckily, some of the Rothiesholm lobster fishermen who had made an early start to hauling their creels that day, spotted the dinghy and headed to his rescue, finding him bruised, exhausted, and suffering the effects of exposure, and brought him safely to shore where he was able to make a full recovery and relate the heart-breaking tale of what had befallen them.



The path Peter Miller's dinghy followed before his rescue

This tragic event left three young families to grieve the loss of their loved ones who, namely:

- Twelve-year-old James Chalmers of Westhouse, one of a family of six.
- Nine-year-old Peter Miller who had two siblings and whose father was the sole survivor of the tragedy.
- Blacksmith James Brown, aged twenty-five, who left a widow and three young children to mourn his passing.

As so often happens after a tragedy affecting a small community, a good number of local folk, along with a group of workers making a new road in the area, made contributions to the widow and her family to help them in their time of need.

In a community where so many were dependent on the bounty of the seas, this was yet another sad reminder of the ever-present dangers faced when reaping this harvest.

Ian Cooper, May 2021

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

THANK YOU!

Viv now has more than enough 2 litre plastic milk bottles. No more, please!
Thanks to everyone who provided them.

HELLO TO STRONSAY!

I'm looking for the possibility to either buy a traditional stone built bungalow - with or without outbuildings

OR

To rent somewhere to live until a property becomes available. I'm not too picky a caravan, small house, room (with access to kitchen and bathroom) or may even consider a boot! Hey joke, unfortunately wouldn't fit into a boot! Maybe long or short term, would be grateful if someone on the great island of Stronsay could please possibly help!

Look forward to hearing from anyone, who may have any of the above - (or may know someone who might).

Contact Paul on mobile 07802 426992 or email pauwat1@gmail.com.

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, Scottish Borders)

WANTED

Shorefront piece of land/barn/small house, must be secluded. For Ross-shire crofting couple looking to relocate. We need 2+ acres as we have livestock but would be very happy with just a field that we would look to get planning permission on. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Cash waiting.

Please contact Malcolm and June Purvis on 01445 731681 or email purvis193@gmail.com

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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

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

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



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Marion Miller Jewellery

Unique Jewellery inspired by the sea and shore.
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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

(Indoor portrait photography is allowed in tier 3 - covid precautions to operate)

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Book Nook

Orcadia, Stronsay

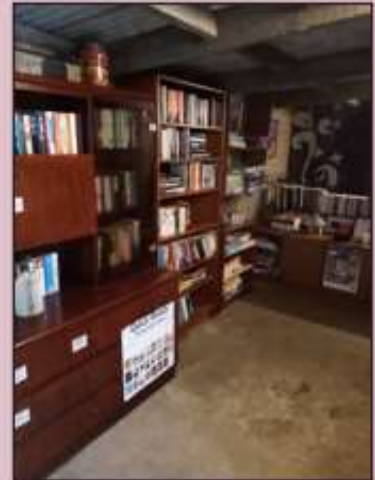
It's a library! Borrow a book!

It's a book exchange! Swap a book!

It's a shop! Buy a book with a donation to the Defib Appeal!



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1000



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Opening Hours

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Wednesday 12 noon to 4pm

Open other times on request

Vicki 07873 982648

[facebook.com/TheBookNookatStronsay](https://www.facebook.com/TheBookNookatStronsay)



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REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN



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

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

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

BUILDING WORK

Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY HOTEL

Phone 01857 616213, email 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 5pm.to 7pm
- Fri, **Bar open** 5pm to 11pm (last orders 10:30pm). Takeaway 5pm to 7pm
- Sat, **Bar open** 5pm to 11pm (last orders 10:30pm). Takeaway 5pm to 7pm
- Sun, Bar closed Takeaway 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

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|---|-------|
| 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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Book Pillows, Table Runners

Napkins, Face Masks,

Scrunchies,

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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.

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



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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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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

'Earth Day' Competition

'Earth Day' was celebrated on April 22nd 2021. Now... a little later!... 'Stronsay Waste Matters' are challenging you all to complete as many of the planet-friendly activities, listed below, as you can before the closing date.

Prize – £10 'Eco Orkney' voucher Closing Date – Friday 18th of June 2021

Please take a photo of you or a member of your household completing the tasks; photos will only be asked for to confirm a winner or in the case of a tie-break. Please ask permission if photographing vehicles/bikes/solar panels/wind turbines from an area other than the public road.

Tick off all the tasks you have completed and post to "Earth Day, Stronsay Waste Matters, Unit 1, Wood's Yard", email to stronsayrecycling@btconnect.com or take a photo of the completed sheet and send to 'Stronsay Waste Matters' on Facebook.

We hope you have good fun completing this challenge!

For 5 points each:

Plant some seeds
Recycle your cardboard/paper
Recycle your tins/cans
Photograph an electric vehicle/bike
Photograph a solar panel
Photograph a wind turbine

For 10 points each:

Plant a tree
Cycle or walk instead of taking the car
Compost your food and/or garden waste
Use a reusable shopping bag
Buy loose produce
Support a local on-island business

For 15 points each:

Make your garden wildlife-friendly
Litter pick (please wear protective clothing!)
Cook or bake using only Orkney-sourced ingredients
Upcycle a piece of furniture
Make a handmade gift
Make your own shampoo/soap/or detergent

**"You Are Never Too
Small to Make a
Difference"**

– Greta Thunberg



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Moncur Memorial Church

We are delighted to announce that, after more than 14 months with no live services at the Church, there will be a service there on

Sunday 30th May at 11.00 a.m.

This service will be conducted by Rev David Locke who has been invited to preach as sole nominee for our Church, and we very much hope he, with his wife and family, will be coming to Stronsay to live and to be our Minister.

Due to COVID restrictions, this service will be a little different as facemasks will need to be worn and there can be no singing. Hygiene measures and social distancing measures will also be in place but we hope this will not spoil your enjoyment too much!

A warm invitation is extended to all to come along to hear David preach and join in worship.

CHURCH PLANT SALE 22/23 MAY—RESULT

Thanks to everyone who supported the church plant sale, over £750 was raised! There are still some flowers, veg and herb plants left if you need some. Well done everyone.

Mike & Viv Erdman

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Community Artist Required

We are seeking enthusiastic community artists to lead projects in Stronsay and Papa Westray inspired by maritime heritage for the Seas of the North Isles project, part of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme. The art project is currently expected to run from April to June and will involve community engagement in the development of a final piece to be installed in the pier waiting room.

Any medium will be considered but the final piece **MUST** be suitable for display on a wall in an unmanned setting and inspired by the theme of maritime heritage.



The closing date for proposals is the **4th June 2021 at 17:00**. For more information and a project brief, please contact Natalia Bain from Wessex Archaeology at nilps.sea@wessexarch.co.uk or call 0330 313 3568



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CROSSROADS ORKNEY

and



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



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Stronsay Dementia Friendly digital drop-in sessions

Starting December 16th 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

Tel: 01857 616410

DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK 31 MAY—6 JUNE 2021

See <https://www.alzscot.org/DAW2021> for details

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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 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 or on 01857 616410**

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Ian Cooper Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

ROAD SURFACE DRESSING PROGRAMME

The 2021 road surface dressing programme is scheduled to commence on 24 June.

The following roads, with estimated dates, will be affected and due to the manner of works and limited road widths a road closure is required to undertake work safely. The road will be closed for vehicular access from 9am to 5pm on treatment days, although the aim is to minimise any closure wherever possible. These works are weather dependant, so the programme may vary. Regular updates will be available on the OIC Updates Facebook page and on the OIC website www.orkney.gov.uk.

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| 1. Kirbuster Road | full length | 24/06/21, 25/06/21 and 28/06/21 |
| 2. Odiness Road | full length | 28/06/21 – 29/06/21 |
| 3. Everbay Road | from Oddiness Road to Hescombe Road | 29/06/21 – 30/06/21 |
| 4. Hescombe Road | full length | 30/06/21 – 01/07/21 |
| 5. Airafea Road | full length | 01/07/21 – 02/07/21 |
| 6. Holland Road | from Dishes to Holland | 02/07/21 and 05/07/21 |
| 7. Furrowend Road | full length | 05/07/21 – 06/07/21 |

For emergency access during the works please call 01856 876338 or speak to the member of staff at the traffic control point.

After initial works are completed speed limits will be on display. It is essential that these speed limits are adhered to for road safety.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
20 May 2021

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STRONSAY DEFIB APPEAL

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that took part in the Defib Appeal Raffle. It was a huge success with 36 prizes donated and over 2,000 tickets sold raising a total of **£495**.

Congratulations to our winners

Jennifer Graham

Shannon

Cassie

Cleat

Mairi Dennison

Agnes Stevenson

Raymond Dennison

Marion Miller

Elsie Dennison

Nathaniel Mactaggart

Bu Farm

Wilma Holland

Ian (Eastbank)

Carwin Miller

Susan Mactaggart

Doris Shearer

Holmsgarth

Jude Erdman

Tara Brown

Shirley Whiteman

Elspeth

Nicandro

Carole Cotteril

Vicki Holland

Viv Erdman

Rendall

Wilma S

With Special thanks to everyone that donated a prize.

We were supported by businesses and individuals with handmade items and wonderful bought gifts, it was truly amazing and appreciated:

Doris Shearer, Raymond Dennison, Brenda Parry, Marion Miller, Arna Cooper, Hazel Shearer, Sheila Williamson, Olivebank, Ebenezer stores, Nathaniel Mactaggart, Louise Mactaggart, Duncan Bliss-Davis, Lee Hall, Michelle Strong, Stronsay Fishmart, Viv Erdman, Mrs Burger, Elspeth, Stronsay Development Trust, and I'm sure more that have been missed that quietly donated directly to the table.

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HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Stronsay Hotel cjdbuk@gmail.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

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

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

Mass times are as follows:-

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

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

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- 4:30pm Recitation of the Rosary.
- 5pm Mass.
- 6pm Further prayers and office of the day.

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KIRK CORNER

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well – over a year into the pandemic which disrupted our lives, including our church life, significantly. I write with news which, I hope, will uplift your spirits.

At a meeting held by conference call on 29th April 2021, the Nominating Committee chose the person who they wish to propose to this congregation of Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay to be our new minister. The name of the person proposed is [Rev David Locke](#).

Arrangements have been made for Rev David Locke, to conduct public worship in our Church on Sunday the 30th day of May 2021 at 11 o'clock.

Immediately after that service we will hold a congregational meeting at which we will have a chance to discuss the implications of the amendment of the Basis of Reviewable Charge and vote on it in person. The only change, compared to the previous one, is that the review will now take place after 2, instead of 5 years. This is in line with the changes for all other vacancies in the Presbytery. *All* vacant charges in Orkney have been made reviewable, with an express provision that the nature of review is not intended to facilitate the *ending* of a ministry at the point of review, but rather to enable the *redeployment* of the minister for purposes of territorial pastoral responsibilities and county-wide roles (the sorts of tasks a minister might do for Presbytery, as a Committee Convener, Interim Moderator, youth worker etc). It would be asking new ministers to come with very open minds about the changing nature of their ministry once in Orkney; but they would have the assurance of security of tenure beyond the point of review, along with assurances about continuity of manse provision and the territorial pastoral responsibilities that naturally flow from that. In Presbytery, we believe it will have a positive effect on recruitment, as ministers everywhere want to be involved in the best possible change for the whole Church – as is proving to be the case in Stronsay.

Then, there will be a vote on whether Rev David Locke should be appointed as the new minister of this congregation of Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register of this congregation of Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay shall be entitled to vote. No-one else shall be entitled to vote.

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I hope this is welcome news and we look forward to seeing you on the 30th of May. A final few thoughts if you are planning on coming on the 30th May:

- Masks must be worn throughout the duration of the service – unless exempt.
- No singing is allowed.
- We can have a total of up to 50 individuals.
- Offering will be collected at the door.
- Please bring your own pen.

This will be a one-off in-person service and we will therefore continue with our e-services which will be accessible in the same way as at present.

Every blessing and kindest regards,

Rev Julia Meason, Interim Moderator

(JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk, 01856 874789)

Mobile Library Timetable 2021

| <u>Stronsay</u> | |
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| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Stops and Times</u> |
| 18 January | <u>Summer/Refit</u> |
| 15 March | Council Houses 9.00—10.00 |
| 11 May | School 10.15—12.00 |
| 6 July | Kirk 12.30—3.00 |
| 31 August | Fish Mart 3.15—5.30 |
| 25 October | <u>Winter</u> |
| 20 December | Council Houses 8.45—9.45 |
| | School 10.00—12.00 |
| | Kirk 12.30—3.00 |
| | Fish Mart 3.15—4.45 |

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Stronsay Hotel 616213
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Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498
Balfour hospital (24/7) . . . 01856 888000
Electricity
 general enquiries 0800 048 3516
 lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
 problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999
 power cut (24/7) . . . 105
Water problems (24/7) . . 0800 0778 778
Highland Fuels 01856 873766
Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Kirkwall Police (24/7) . . 101
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