



TIMETABLES

[Loganair 20 Feb 2022 to 29 Oct 2022](#)

[Orkney Ferries 8 May 2022 to 31 July 2022](#)

[Orkney Ferries Sunday excursions 2022](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 28 Jul
Orkney Ferries timetable change	Mon 1 Aug
County show	Sat 13 Aug
Library van visit	Mon 15 Aug, 10 Oct, 28 Nov
Stronsay's Massive Weekend!	Sat/Sun 20/21 Aug
Craft Fair	Sun 21 Aug
August Limpet deadline	Sun 21 Aug
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 25 Aug
Loganair timetable change	Sun 30 Oct
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 3 Dec

HOT DRINK MAKING FACILITIES

Hot drink making facilities can be found at the Heritage Centre at Wood's Yard
Mon-Sun 9am-6pm (later during the summer)

A KINDLY REMINDER FROM GERAMOUNT SURGERY

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GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

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

The next edition of the [Limpet](#) will be published on **Thu 25 August 2022**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 21 August 2022**, contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

ACCOMMODATION-

STRONSAY HOTEL

Tel: 01857 616410

stronsayhotel@gmail.com

STOREHOUSE B&B

Tel: 01857 616263

STRONSAY FISHMART & HOSTEL

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Stronsay's Massive Weekend has been brought to you by the
Stronsay Community Association
in co-operation with
The Stronsay Sprites

Thank you!

For any further information or queries;

Email: massiveweekend@outlook.com
Facebook: Stronsay Community Association

STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND!

19th, 20th, 21st AUGUST 2022



FRIDAY 19th AUGUST;

STRONSAY HOTEL; 7PM-1AM

-JAMMING SESSION-

Come along and start your weekend with a cracking night at the Hotel!

Bring your instruments if you have one!
Raffle tickets available

OBSTACLE COURSE; 3:30PM

Put your team to the final test!

MYSTERY course with a timed race to crown the BEST of the BEST!



SUNDAY 21st AUGUST;

COMMUNITY HALL; 1:30PM

-FLOATS-

Floats will be travelling past the hall at 1:30pm (North to South) following the pipe band. Make sure you're there to see it!

- ORKNEY VINTAGE CLUB-
- KIRKWALL CITY PIPE BAND-

-BBQ-

-CRAFT SALE-

-BOUNCY CASTLE-

-BAR-

-CARNIVAL STYLE GAMES-



Boat departing Stronsay-Westray: 4:20pm
Boat departing Stronsay-Sanday: 5:50pm
Boat departing Stronsay-Eday: 5:40pm

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST;

COMMUNITY HALL; 11AM START

Get your 5-a-side teams ready!
Teams preferably in by 5pm Thursday 18th to:
massiveweekend@hotmail.com

-FUN NETBALL-

-FUN FOOTBALL-

-BOUNCY CASTLE-

-CARNIVAL STYLE GAMES-



Stronsay Community Hall will be open and available for
Hot food, teas and coffees

-Raffle tickets available-

COMMUNITY HALL; 9PM

-DANCE TO THE GABLOS!-

Adults: £5 Under 16's: £1

-BAR-

-SUPPER-

-RAFFLE TICKETS -

Everyone welcome!

RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

Great news again! We were not only blessed with good weather during the ‘harvesting hay’ period in late June and July but the birds following the ‘cutters and clearers’ were back in their former numbers after more than twenty years or more of: ‘just a few’. Hundreds of birds were to be seen following the machinery this year, mainly Common gulls, Black-headed Gulls, Oystercatchers, and Curlew. And many of these will have been local breeding birds, all skirmishing for worms etc.

Another big plus is to be seen at the Bu Loch which has now ‘recovered’ from the drought conditions of two years ago. The most astounding sight there throughout summer has been the number of Shelduck. Counts of 70 or more have been recorded – and on a few occasions 70 or so juveniles were to be seen. The young birds often form ‘creches’ (see photo).

There are now a typical mixture of species present as in former years - Redshank and Dunlin being the most numerous. We eagerly await the unusual species which are attracted to this wonderful ‘bird-friendly’ habitat – particularly during bird migration. A party of Black-tailed Godwit (all in brilliant summer plumage) have been present for a week or so and are still present as I write. (See photo). The lay-by opposite the loch is ideal for observation from the car.

Having sung the praises of the Bu Loch, the one rare wader seen so far during summer was a Red-necked Phalarope on the Lea Shun Loch by David Askew.

A first-summer male Marsh Harrier has been seen on a few occasions – but always ‘fly-pasts’ with no time to enjoy. A big ‘Greensand-type’ Wheatear was seen around 20th – a sure sign that Autumn migration is not far away.

Thanks for all the calls. John & Sue.



‘A ‘creche’ of Shelduck at the Bu Loch in evening light – July’



‘Adult Black-tailed Godwit – also at the Bu Loch – July’

All photographed from the car.

THE BOOK NOOK—OPEN EVERY DAY 9am TO 4pm

Just a wee reminder The Book Nook is still open every day, 9am to 4pm. If the Nook door is open, please go in and help yourself. Ring the bell or knock on the front door if you need help; same goes if the Nook door is shut due to wind. I'm normally home.

I bought a couple of boxes of books from Restart yesterday plus with some donations from Roger Neville-Smith and Leah Shearer there's plenty of choice! I have fiction and biographies.

It's a library, borrow a book!

It's an exchange, swap a book for one of your own!

It's a shop, buy a book for a small donation to buy more books!

There's plenty of jigsaws too!



Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

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

I have now succumbed to Covid-19, having avoided becoming infected since the beginning of The Pandemic. It was on a trip to accompany my younger son, Dunstan to the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Celebration at Holyrood Palace. I must have picked it up from all the public transport I was travelling on. Given the number of cases around, it's getting harder to avoid.

Also at the DofE Award Celebration was Meri Robinson (née Beale), another alum of the Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Open Award Group, which has been steering Sanday's young people through the DofE Award Scheme for nearly three decades (see my Letter issue 110). The Scheme not only has a positive impact on the lives of its participants, but it also engages the wider community and, through its volunteering section, helps support community facilities. I would heartily encourage communities on other islands to follow Sanday's example and to set up their own DofE open award groups.



Dunstan stays in Glasgow. So while I was there with him, we took the opportunity to visit Sighthill Cemetery and seek out the name of a possible rebel relative of ours, one William Clackson, on the 1820 Martyrs' Monument. William was sentenced to death for his part in the "Radical War" (which sought to force the government to enact Luddite protective restrictions) but this was subsequently commuted to transportation to New South Wales, and 15 years later he was granted an absolute pardon.

At the first meeting of the new Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, I was honoured to be appointed (unopposed) its Vice-Convener. This recognises my long experience as a member of the Board and my principled approach. I look forward to working together with the new Convener, SIC Councillor Stephen Leask, to move the Board on from the dark place it was in.

Close to the start of our summer recess, other meetings I have attended (some by "Teams" on account of my having Covid) are: a confidential members' session; a follow-up discussion on Isles' primary medical care cover (involving, among others, Liam McArthur MSP, the Chief Executive of NHS Orkney, and representatives from the Scottish Ambulance Service); and the final General Meeting of all councillors before the start of the next "council year". Unfortunately, my Covid infection prevented me from attending the reception with the elected members who retired in May. During the recess, I attended the inaugural meeting of the newly-formed First Responder (Isles) Group, which brings together OIC, NHS, SAS, Police, and Fire & Rescue.

Few of us are satisfied with the level of our ferry services. As a result of a public petition, The Scottish Parliament is now undertaking a major enquiry into current and future ferry provision in Scotland and is calling for YOUR views. These should be submitted at <https://yourviews.parliament.scot/nzet/modern-sustainable-ferry-services/> by the deadline of the 26th August. It is crucial that we make OUR views known, so that it's not only the Scottish-Government-supported services that get considered.

A legacy from our "caretaker" Prime Minister, Boris Johnson is the chance to reinstate our indigenous imperial units, and there is a consultation on this at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/choice-on-units-of-measurement-markings-and-sales> (deadline also 26th August). Modifying a quotation from Anthony Burgess: "This beautiful and venerable mensural complex should not be abolished in favour of a demented abstraction that is a remnant of the French revolutionary nightmare." Called by Peter Hitchens "Jacobin toe-counting units", the metric system works well for chemistry but it is cumbersome for cookery.

Have a good summer,

Stephen

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

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



Records of a bygone age

A foggy day in July

The crews of the old sail or steam powered herring drifters were a hardy lot. Striving to earn a living by their pursuit of the ‘silver darlings’ in fair weather and foul, they tended to be a fairly philosophical bunch who took whatever came their way and made of it what they could.

A dirty and dangerous job, the potential for disaster was never far away, either through a storm tossed sea or through what was termed in their often understated way as ‘taking bottom’. This unplanned encounter with ‘terra firma’ could on occasion have tragic consequences but fortunately most vessels managed to get off safely, with the only damage being to the skipper’s reputation and ego!

Few incidents of this ‘taking bottom’ can be more unusual than an episode involving three herring drifters and their close encounter with the Ingale Skerry. Ingale lies between the little island of Auskerry and the southern tip of Stronsay and, although visible as the tide recedes, is underwater and invisible for much of the time, lying patiently in wait for the unwary.

Over the years, the Ingale Skerry has laid claim to many ships and also, sadly, to a good number of seamen’s lives. This tale goes back to a day of dense fog on 18th July 1934, while the Stronsay herring fishing was at its height, and a report in the Orkney Herald the following week does full justice to the event:

The story of the extraordinary plight of three drifters of the Stronsay fleet during last Wednesday’s dense mist reached Kirkwall at the week-end through the medium of the Vine, which was one of the three. No damage was done (so at least it is hoped), and no lives were lost, and the situation seems merely humorous when related afterwards. but it was not at all funny to the drifters-men when, returning to port through the dense grey-ness, their vessels drove hard on Ingale Skerry, and lay there for several tortured hours like a small school of stranded whales, wondering if their bottoms were stove in and whether they would sink or float when the tide came in. The other two boats which emulated the Vine’s assault on Ingale Skerry were the Tropic Bird and Heathery Sprig.

A reporter who called upon the Vine received a racy account of the triple catastrophe from one of the drifter’s crew, who had had the misfortune to lose a packet of cigarettes overboard when the crash came.

The Vine then was returning from the fishing grounds, and there was much rain and even more mist, and between Auskerry and Stronsay lies the rock of Ingale Skerry - it still lies there having survived the shock of being rammed by a trio of drifters.

The Vine was forging ahead at full speed, cutting through the mist like a wire through cheese, according to the narrator, and the crew, again according to the narrator, was looking forward to a visit to the fish and clip shop in Whitehall. Then Ingale Skerry insinuated itself into the foreground, and that was that.

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"We were going so fast." said the teller of the tale, "that I thought we might run on over the skerry on a dry keel and into the sea again on the other side. But we didn't, we stuck hard for'ard with a nasty grating sound. Astern we were all right, propeller was still racing. Well, we tried to get off of course, wondering all the time what would happen if we did. We had felt such a "dunt" that we thought our bottom must be a mass of iron filings. We got out a kedge anchor, but it didn't do us much good.



The Buckie registered steam drifter 'Heather Sprig', one of the three drifters stranded on Ingale, shown here moored in Findochty Harbour.

Shortly afterwards we heard a dull thud, and then another, and to our amazement we saw the shapes of two other drifters to starboard hard aground like ourselves. We didn't know who they were as it was too murky to tell."

"Well, there we were quite happy now we had each other's company, and hooting the sides out of our sirens. A couple of drifters came up behind and got the surprise of their lives - and no wonder.

They stood by and waited to see whether they would require to do any life-saving or salvage. We stuck there for weeks, it seemed, and the tide came in and the fog cleared a bit. Lucky for us, there was hardly any wind and not much sea. If there had been, the three of us might have been pretty badly battered, badly enough to sink us. As it was, we were all hoping for the best - a few scratches on the keel - but expecting the worst.

We had all our kit tied on and out on deck in case the tide took the boat into deep water and sank her. We had a couple of school youngsters on holiday aboard us. They were scared stiff, and said if ever they got out of this they'd never go aboard a drifter again.

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Well, we discovered that the other stranded boats were the Heathery Sprig and the Tropic Bird, and the Thains and the Sustain were standing by. A pity to disappoint you with a tame ending, but we got off quite easily, and went on to Stronsay without any trouble. We go into slip in a week to make sure there are no holes in our hull."

The reporter at the time must have been delighted to find as an eye witness and participant in the drama a crew member who was also a grand story-teller with a great sense of humour! At the same time, it was made clear in the report that they were very fortunate in the outcome, which could in different circumstances have been tragic.

We are left to wonder if the schoolboys ever did set foot on a drifter again, but they would certainly have had a remarkable story to tell to their friends back at school!

Ian Cooper
July 2022

STRONSAY PHONE DIRECTORY

If you are still looking to purchase a phone directory and haven't managed to catch them when they are in the shops please email me at cdostronsay@gmail.com or phone 616410 telling me where you wish to collect i.e. which shop or Wood's Yard office and I will make sure you get one set aside.

Apologies, it is a slow process which I'm trying to fit in around other work and didn't imagine so many would go so quickly.

Anna Davis

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

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

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I am looking into getting a chiropodist out to Stronsay. If you would be interested please phone Anna on 616 410.

Thanks. Yvonne

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Would anyone be willing to give a comfortable forever home to young barn cats? They will be vet checked, neutered/spayed, flead and wormed prior to rehoming. Contact Lyn Oag at info@orkneycats.co.uk or send a pm on [Orkney Cats Facebook page](#).

There's no fee & these cats will be neutered/spayed & flead and wormed.

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

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

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

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

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Both lines are open 8-8

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

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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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Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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Washed Ashore

What do all of these things have in common?

Chunks of wax
Barrels of flour
Panels for house construction
Boxes of china
Whale vertebrae
Messages in bottles
A little crocheted bear
A ship's door
A wooden mask
A 55-foot-long beast

At one time or another, they were washed ashore on Stronsay.

Where did they come from?

How did they get here?



**Every item has
a story...**

Would you share yours?

Coming in September to the Stronsay Community Centre

... a display of found items

A chance to show. A chance to see.
A chance to participate in history.



**If you have something
you'd be willing to show,
please speak to/contact**

**Jennifer Graham
(jdgraham67@gmail.com)**

**or Ian or Arna Cooper
616 322**

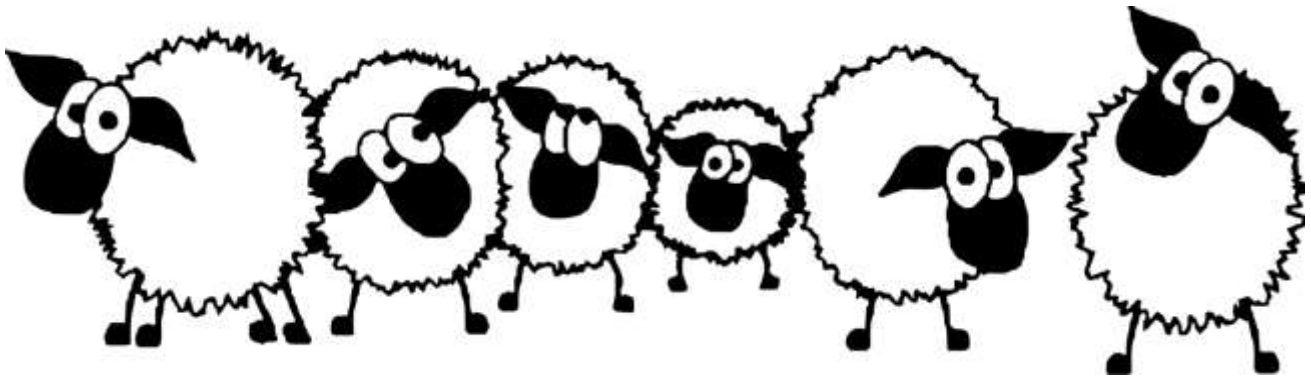
Hosted by The Stronsay Heritage Detectives
as part of the Seas of the North Isles Project,
sponsored by Wessex Archaeology and North Isles Landscape Partnership



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STRONSAY STITCHERS



JULY - Thursday 28th July, 7.00pm-9.30-pm
Church Hall, £2/person, bring own refreshments.

AUGUST - Thursday 25th August, as above.

STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND

CRAFT SALE Sunday 21st August, Hall, 1.00-4.00pm

Would anyone interested in taking part in the craft sale please be sure to book your table ASAP.

You can do this by contacting Simone on 616 281 or by sending a message on FB.



Image by Iain Johnston, Stronsay's Massive Weekend 2018

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TESTING OF MEMORIALS **AT St NICHOLAS (HOLLAND) CEMETERY**

Orkney Islands Council wishes to give notice that it intends to carry out memorial safety inspection and testing at the following cemeteries to provide a safe environment for visitors and staff:

- St Peters
- St Nicholas (Holland)
- Lady (Bay)

The inspections are currently scheduled to take place on the week commencing 8th August but may be pushed back or brought forward depending on staff availability, inspection programme progress, weather etc.

In line with guidance from the Scottish Government, inspections will be carried out on a five-year rolling programme to track any deterioration and growing risk in certain memorials. The Council wishes to give reassurance that the testing will be carried out respectfully and within national guidelines. Prior to safety testing, a notice will be displayed on the edge of the appropriate cemetery section to advise of pending inspections. Where a memorial is found to be unsafe, action will be taken to highlight the gravestone, drawing attention to the hazard. The Council will attempt to make contact with the grave owner to arrange a repair or to make safe.

If you have any concerns about the safety of your memorial or require any further information regarding the safety testing procedure, please contact the Burial Grounds Officer.

OSAG (Orkney Scam Action Group)

OSAG (Orkney Scam Action Group) is made up of a number of local organisations – Police Scotland, OIC's Trading Standards and The Learning Link, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Age Scotland, AbilityNet (a charity which assists people with a disability to access and use digital technology) the Business Gateway and the NFU. The main aim of OSAG is to spread information about recent scams to look out for, to provide advice on how to protect yourself from scams and to suggest where to go for help. It does not generally assist with complaints about scams – those would be signposted to the Police/ Trading Standards/CAB/the person's bank etc.

(See leaflet on next two pages)

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Orkney Scam Action Group

Avoid Online Rip-Offs

- When you shop online, look for clear signs that you're buying from a reputable company. The padlock symbol and 'https' in the address bar show that the website you are using is secure.
- Check to see if the website lists a geographical address which it should do under e-commerce requirements.
- Use safer ways to pay. Middle person services like PayPal, where the seller never sees your card or account details reduce the risk. Link Paypal with a credit card or bank account to increase the amount of time you have to appeal any fraud.
- Credit card purchases over £100 provide extra protection via the card provider if things go wrong and the trader won't resolve. Debit card purchases provide protection under the voluntary "Chargeback" scheme.
- Sounds too good to be true? **IT PROBABLY IS.**

Phone Scams

If you receive a suspicious phone call:

- Remember, you do not have to get into discussions over the phone with anyone and never give out any personal information such as: bank or credit card details.
- Keep your business, your business. Just say "No thank you I am not interested" and hang up.
- Consider using a call blocking device. Please be aware that no genuine provider will ever cold call offering a call blocker. **Call blockers are available for elderly folk or anyone with additional support needs in Orkney. If you or someone you know needs a call blocker, call Trading Standards on 01856873535 or email trading_standards@orkney.gov.uk.**
- Fraudsters often claim there have been fraudulent transactions on your bank account and that you need to take action. Your bank will NEVER call you and ask you for your 4 digit PIN to transfer or withdraw money or to give your card to a courier.
- Remember it takes two people to terminate a call, caller and recipient – fraudsters can keep your phone line open by not putting down the receiver at their end.
- If you feel something is suspicious or you feel vulnerable, hang up, wait five minutes to clear the line, or where possible use a different phone line or mobile, then call your bank or card issuer on their advertised number to report the fraud.



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Postal Scams

There are many postal scams but here are some common ones to look out for:

- Lotteries/prize draws
- Psychics and clairvoyants
- Pyramid Schemes or multi-level marketing
- Hard luck stories
- Bogus job offers
- Inheritance scams



Identity Theft

Here is some advice on how to safeguard your identity:

- Take a few moments to check through transactions on your bank statements
- If you're unhappy and spot anything unusual or suspicious, contact the bank directly to establish fraud at an early stage
- If you are expecting correspondence from your bank and it doesn't arrive, contact the bank immediately to inform them of your concerns.
- If you move house, tell your bank and credit card company immediately
- Royal Mail offers a redirection service to help prevent identity fraud when you move house
- Regularly get a copy of your personal credit file from a credit reference agency
- If your passport or driving licence has been lost or stolen, contact the organisation that issued it.
- Don't use the same password for more than one account and never use banking passwords on other websites. Avoid using your mother's maiden name or dates of birth as passwords.
- NEVER give bank details to anyone unless you know and trust them and, even then, be cautious.

If you need advice about a scam or something that you think might be a scam, contact any of the OSAG partners;

- Police Scotland on 101 or call into the station in person
- Orkney Islands Council Trading Standards on 01856 873535, trading.standards@orkney.gov.uk
- Citizens Advice Bureau on 01856 875266, bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk
- Business Gateway Orkney, 01856 886666, business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk
- Age Scotland Orkney, 01856 872438, enquiries@agescotlandorkney.org.uk
- NFU Scotland, 01856 898691, kirkwall_agency@nfumutual.co.uk

You can also find information at:

Twitter: @Orkneyscams Facebook: Orkney Scam Action Group

Email: Orkneyscamactiongroup@gmail.com



Please let us know if you would be interested in a free scam awareness session by contacting one of the partners above.

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FISHMART CAFE SUMMER OPENING TIMES

(April-September)

Monday	CLOSED	
(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)		
Tuesday	7am - 4pm	
Wednesday	7am - 4pm	
Thursday	7am - 4pm	
Friday	7am - 4pm	
Saturday	9am - 3pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS IN 2022

Monday 15 August, 10 October, 28 November

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

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

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter (Tel: 616263 or Email: annemaree.carter@btinternet.com)

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

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

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee>

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

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

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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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



Community Wellbeing Fund
info@corra.org.uk
T 01353 444 4007
W www.corra.org.uk

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POOL MAINTENANCE—CLOSURE DATES

The pool will be closed from Monday 25/07/22 to Saturday 30/07/22 inclusive for essential maintenance at the school.

Apologies in advance for any inconvenience. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Stronsay pool committee.

SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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

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

Maximum 12 in the pool.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

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

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

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

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

OVERSEERS WANTED

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

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HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores stronsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Stronsay Hotel cjdbuk@gmail.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com (re-opens 3rd Feb 2022)

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

TIMETABLES

[Loganair 20 Feb 2022 to 29 Oct 2022](#)

[Orkney Ferries 8 May 2022 to 31 July 2022](#)

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

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

Mass times are as follows:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

STRONSAY KIRK

Weekly service at 11am.

Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284.

Stronsay kirk's website:

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

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

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

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Sunday 24th July 2022
The Manse, Stronsay KW17 2AF **KIRK CORNER**
DLocke@churchofscotland.org.uk
01857 616284



Hello again everyone.



In church today, we thought about the inspiring wonder and challenge of creation as we looked at amazing pictures from the Webb space telescope of the origins of the universe, light and dark since time began, and also almost as wonderful pictures of Stronsay sky, sea, land and life by Bill Hodgson. We set some of them to play alongside Louis Armstrong singing ‘What a wonderful world!’. Bill’s undersea pictures in particular are inspiring and if seen more widely could hopefully in time encourage more visitors to come and explore Stronsay.

In church we also considered the biblical accounts of creation, and could see how they do not conflict with science as some people seem to think, but give different sorts of lasting wisdom that can help us understand creation and ourselves more fully. The first chapter of the bible seems to fit in well with modern evolutionary understanding whilst the second chapter gives a picture of the light and dark, goodness and weakness of human beings that is all too familiar. And yet through it, God’s spirit is involved and at work, in and through creation and people, for the bible indicates people have a purpose in life to be fruitful- sharing life with others while being inspired and concerned about all creation including climate change. Something of God’s spirit can be felt in the wonder of creation, so when you are feeling low, do try and get out and about [or look at creation pictures] and lift your eyes upwards, even when the wind and rain are driving in!

Equally in an evolutionary world, it is not God’s wrath causing disasters and disease, but part of the way the world is, and sometimes the way humanity and people are. God it seems in an evolutionary world, where things take time to evolve for better or worse, has given humanity freedom to act for better or worse, alongside a responsibility to steward creation and climate better than we have done. But His spirit will continue to help us, working often through people, including scientists.

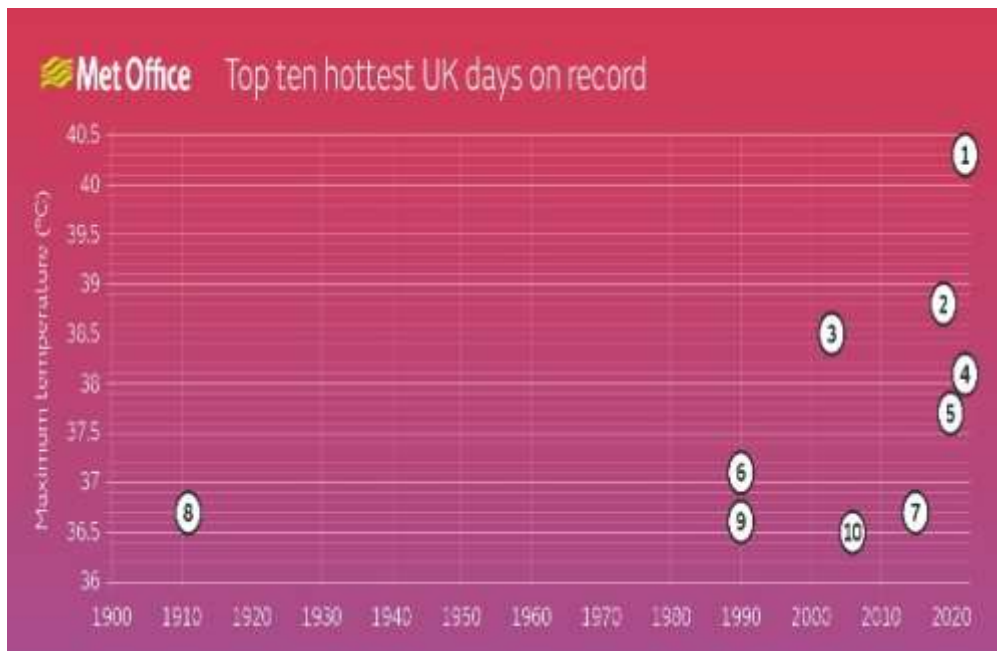
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The UK Met Office says the UK's recent extreme heat was far more intense and widespread than previous comparable heatwaves, with for the first time 40°C recorded. Of the 30 hottest days by UK area averages, 14 have occurred this century. The Met Office Chief Scientist said: "In a climate unaffected by human influence, it is virtually impossible for temperatures in the UK to reach 40°C. Under a very high emissions scenario we could see temperatures exceeding 40 degrees as frequently as every three years by the end of the century in the UK. Reducing carbon emissions will help to reduce the frequency, but we will still continue to see some occurrences of temperatures exceeding 40°C and the UK will need to adapt to these extreme events." Moreover other scientists suggest climate change is also leading to these unusual hot periods lingering longer because the warming of the Arctic has slowed the high 'jet streams' of air which drive some of the weather.

I think a modern biblical understanding would agree that we must take what science says, and do more, recognising God- given responsibilities, alongside human weaknesses and the inspiration of God behind creation that can encourage us to have hope and help life evolve for the better. Creation and humanity can be both terrible and wonderfully inspiring. The horrors of Ukraine, Covid, inflation, food shortages and growing poverty need dealt with, but amidst all that must be done, let's not take our eyes off both the wonder of creation and our God- given responsibilities to restrain human evil including unnecessary climate change. It will take time, but that has been the way of things since Big Bang!

David Rev David I W Locke.MA M.Sc., BD

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday 8:30am—5:00pm
 Sunday Closed
 Post collection times 07:30, Monday to Saturday
 Special collection. 25 July 2022
 Island Link Officer. Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475
 SDT Office Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
 Sunday service at the Kirk . . . Weekly service at 11am
 Our Lady's Chapel, pier head Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Weekly rubbish collection . . . Tuesday (bags out by **8am** but **not** on the night before!)
 Recycling skips nearly full? . . Send email to at recycling@orkney.gov.uk
 Forward scam texts to 7726
 Forward scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

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