



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 20 Feb 2023 to 28 Oct 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 25 Sep 2023 to 4 May 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 7 Jan to 9 Mar 2024](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2023-2027](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Tree Lighting	Sat 2 Dec
All-age Café Church for Christmas	Sun 3 Dec
OIC special collection	Mon 4 Dec
Carols by Candlelight in the Kirk Hall	Sun 10 Dec
Watchnight service in the Kirk	Sun 24 Dec
Informal service in the Kirk Hall	Mon 25 Dec
School Christmas holidays	Mon 25 Dec 2023 – Fri 5 Jan 2024
Orkney Ferries refit timetable starts	Sun 7 Jan 2024
OIC special collection	Mon 12 Feb 2024

SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AT NO COST TO YOU!

You can send greetings to your friends via the pages of the December edition of the Stronsay Limpet, just send the greetings in an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk to arrive by 7pm on Thu 21 Dec. There is no charge for this service.

Note that the December edition of the Limpet will be published on 21 December, 10 days earlier than usual.

GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

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

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Thursday 21st December 2023**. the deadline is 7pm on that date, **10 days earlier than usual in order to cover Christmas & Hogmanay**. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

Stronsay Community Association Presents:

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Saturday 2nd December
6:30pm for Tree lighting at 6:45pm

- Peedie bit of entertainment•
- Mulled wine•
- Bar open•
- 100 Club•
- Raffle•
- Pizza, Sandwiches & Mince Pies•

Adults: £5

Under 16's: Free

With big thanks to the Stronsay Community Council for funding!

All-age Café Church for Christmas

in Moncur Memorial Church Hall.

To start Advent there will be a chance for coffee, chat, quiet reflection and beetle drive(!) from



11am while listening to traditional Christmas music played on the organ, before our Café Church service begins at around 11.30. You could also make some Christmas decorations.

Come along and take some time



out to reflect, chat and pray about your hopes for Christmas for yourself, your

family, our island and our world.

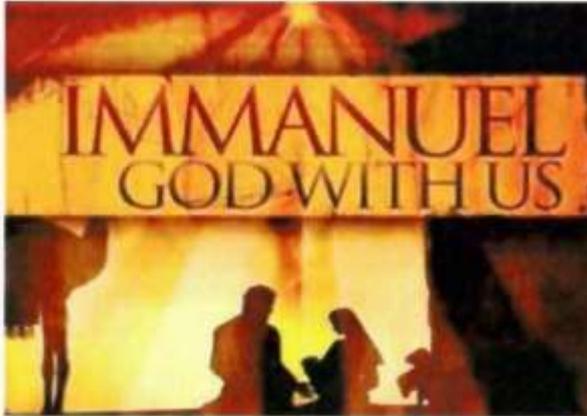


here for you and your community.

ALL ARE WELCOME
Sunday 3rd December, 11am

KIRK CORNER

Dear Stronsay neighbours,



*In the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
[Isaiah 9: 2,6]*

We are nearly into Advent, and Christmas is drawing closer. Yet, the situations around our world can cause us to despair, as can our own troubles. Someone was saying to me recently some of the small things - our own failings, people's comments, things that just don't work, and more, had been getting her/him down. But the person had managed to get perspective on those things by remembering what really matters to keep going and even smile.

Christmas can both help us get that perspective, but sadly can also at times get us down, if we don't feel happy when others seem to be rejoicing; or can't share in what others are doing, or we let the stress get to us, or we are feeling lonely remembering those we miss. It's hard at times in winter, but getting out to church or even at home somehow [TV, radio, books, phone, internet ??] engaging in the real Christmas, can help because we are reminded of hope amidst life's problems. The Christmas family were weary homeless, ill-regarded strangers in a troubled invaded land. Yet in them, we can see new life and light and encouragement that comes by trusting in the Christmas message of Immanuel: God is with us in Jesus, no matter what.

Jesus can be seen again, when we look for signs of his light amidst the ordinary, and allow our hearts to open to His Spirit, love, forgiveness, peace. Each Sunday in church, we light a candle for Advent, to represent that hope that Jesus offers us. In the singing, praying, listening, sharing, reflecting, new perspective and hope can come once again. He also challenges us with truths about ourselves and our world, our weaknesses and goodness, to keep choosing the better way of Peace.

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May you find something of the hope, peace, joy and love that the Christmas Christ uniquely offers, and something of the truth of Jesus that can help you in life. If the church can help you in coming days, please let us know. The church is for everyone: and anyone for example is welcome just to come to the coffee and tea after the service, as well as of course the main services. Also please know that young people from babies upwards are welcome in the church at any time; we have no formal Sunday school but offer stories and activities, and care and friendship during the service ; join us as you are and be yourselves. We also offer special Prayers, Blessings and Christenings to children of any age.

With Christmas wishes to you from Moncur Memorial Parish Church and from me the Minister and my family, Marie and Isaac.

Yours Sincerely,

David Rev. David I W Locke

At this time of year,

We celebrate the birth of children born from the island including:

10/2/23 Ivory Craigie Carter to Laura and Daniel

9/6/23 Maggie Ailsa Abiee Peace to Nicole and Norman

15/9/23 Chloe Margaret Chalmers to Tina and John

We rejoice in the coming together of couples in Marriage, including:

18/2/23 Theresa Franssen and Joseph Mowat

28/7/23 Natalie Rose and Anthony Cavan

12/10/23 Laura Wood and Daniel Carter

20/10/23 Karen Griffin and Neil Hannant

In Memoriam: We remember and include in our prayers, all those who have lost loved ones over the past year including:

19/12/22 Rona Walsh

26/2/23 John Holloway

4/3/23 Don Peace

18/3/23 Nana Peace

15/7/23 Margaret Cooper

30/10/23 Paul Riley



Christmas Services and Events at Stronsay Parish Church

Will all take place in the church hall rather than the main church, to make it cosier

Sunday 3rd December: 11am - noon; First Sunday of Advent: informal "Messy Café Church" for all ages, making Christmas crafts, decorations, while sipping drinks and thinking /chatting about hopes for Christmas

Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent service, 11am, led by David and Ruth Bowen: the peace only Christmas offers
And at 6.30pm: Informal Carols by Candle-light with Christingle making, in the Church Hall - also tea and mincemeat pies

Sunday 17th December: Service for 3rd Sunday of Advent, 11am-noon, led by Mike Erdman; love comes down at Christmas

Sunday 24th December: Service for 4th Sunday of Advent, 11am – noon ; the joy of Christmas; led by Church Minister
11.30pm Watchnight Service with Bruce and the Silver Darlings [and the Minister!]

Christmas day: 10am. Short informal fun morning service led by Mike

Sunday 31st December: 11am - reflecting on the past year with David

Sunday 7th January: 11am - New year thoughts led by Robert Askey

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join with us in any or all of these services and any service through the year: come as you are, it's pretty informal. Also do join us for coffee and tea at about noon on any Sunday through the year, whether or not you **can** make it to the service.

TWENTY IS PLENTY!

That's the message that motorists see when they drive through villages in The Highlands. Of course, many people are rushing to catch ferries at Scrabster or Gill's Bay but speeding, as we know, can wreak havoc in the lives of those affected. Twenty is plenty has now become an accepted part of the journey north.

Here on Stronsay, we live a different pace of life. We have learned, just recently, the effects of speeding on our island and while "twenty is plenty" is not something we would want here, slowing down especially around houses and the school can only be for the good of us all.

Please think about it...



**SLOW DOWN
KILL YOUR
SPEED NOT
OUR PETS**



STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

JIM HOLLAND'S COLLECTION

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce £520 was raised from the recent collection to mark Jim Holland's retirement as the island's haulier, a service he had provided for many years and which will be sorely missed.

At Jim's request the money raised was given to him in a low-key presentation and Vicki, Jim's partner, was presented with chocolates and a bouquet.

We wish them well.

CMc
21 November 2023

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

A SUMMER WITH THE ORKNEY PUFFINS

Bill Hodgson's book will be available from the Fish Mart, the Stronsay Hotel, Olivebank, the Development Trust, the Orcadian Bookshop Kirkwall and from Bill himself.

A photographic and written experience of a summer with the Orkney Puffins on the island of Stronsay.

This unique book captures the Puffins from their arrival through to the emergence of the young Puffling in late summer.

Some of the proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Stronsay Heritage Society and support the development of the new Heritage Centre. This centre will showcase the historical and natural history of the island.



A summer with the Orkney Puffins

A photographic and written experience of the Puffins time ashore on the island of Stronsay.

By Bill Hodgson

Buy a copy of this limited-edition book through one of the following outlets:-

- Facebook – Bill Hodgson
- Orcadian Bookshop, Kirkwall
- Stronsay Fishmart Café
- Stronsay Hotel
- Olivebank Stronsay
- Stronsay Development Trust

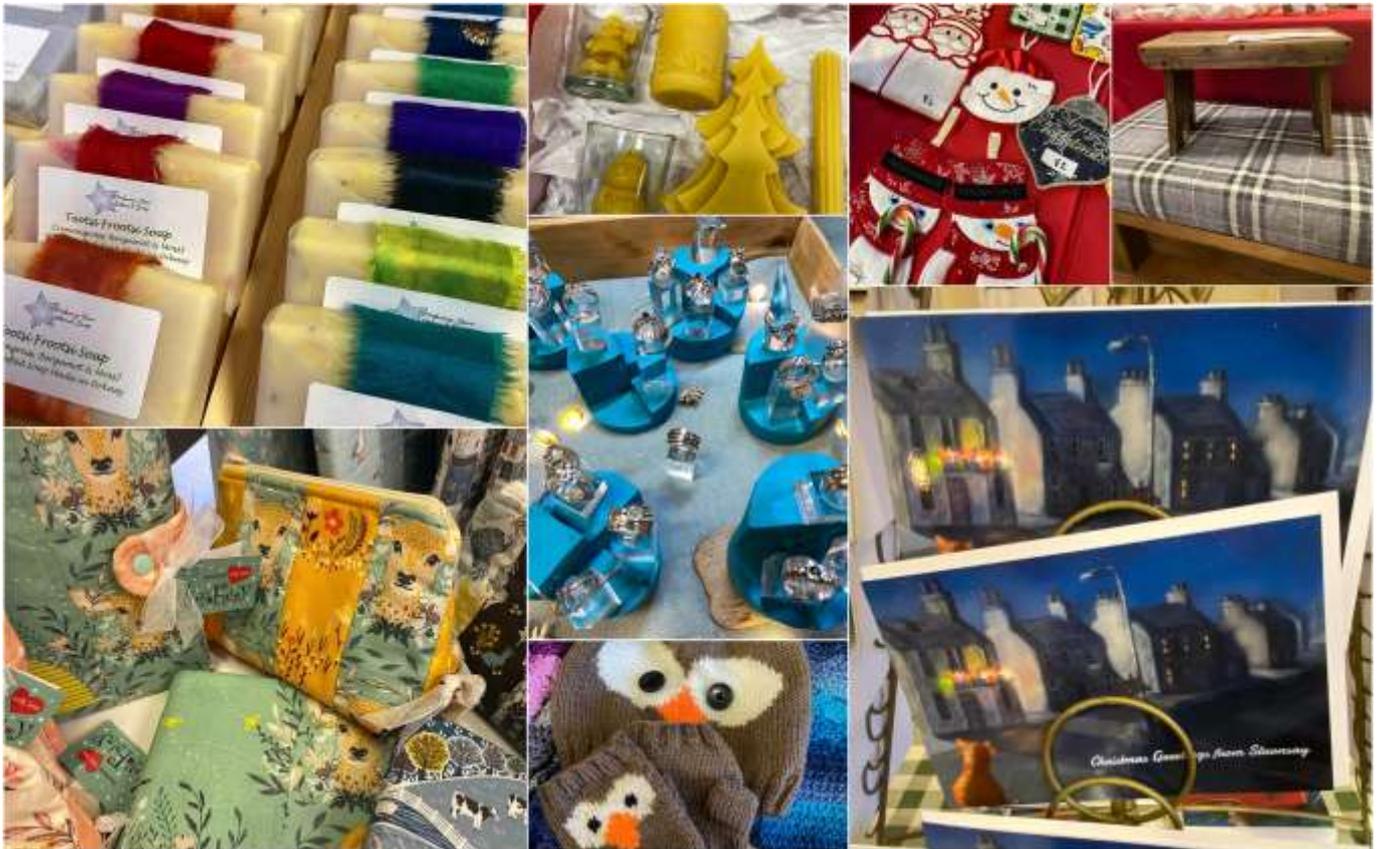
Price - £15

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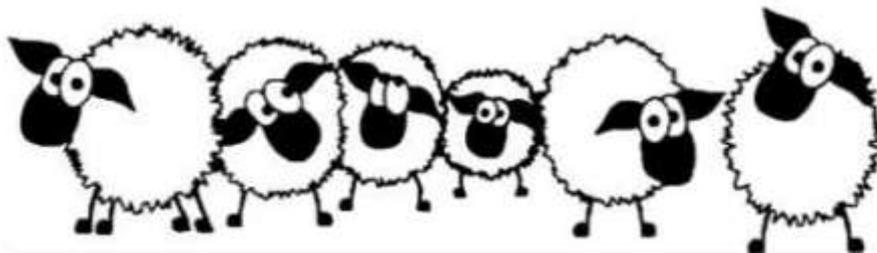
STRONSAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

A huge thank you to the Stronsay Community Association for all the Hall preparations and wonderful home bakes, to everyone who came along to support us on the day and of course to all the crafters and stall-holders for making this yet another very successful and enjoyable event.

Photos by Hazel Shearer.



Stronsay Stitchers



We'll be taking a break with no Stitchers in December.
Thank you everyone and see you in the New Year!

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HAULAGE OF AGGREGATES **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** **APPLICATIONS INVITED**

Stronsay Community Council has a limited fund available to pay for the haulage of aggregates to be purchased by residents and used to improve private roadways leading to occupied dwellings only. Dwellings adjacent to a road will not qualify.

Please apply in writing, advising the Clerk of the roadway to be improved and the quantity of aggregate you will purchase. The Community Council will consider each application and offer financial assistance towards the haulage cost depending on demand and fund availability.

Applications must be received by noon on **FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023.**

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified of the amount awarded and it will then be the responsibility of the applicant to order, pay for the aggregate and arrange for its delivery and forward the haulage invoice to the Clerk before the 29th February 2024.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer,
The Hill,
Stronsay,
KW17 2AT.

21 November 2023

A KINDLY REMINDER FROM GERAMOUNT SURGERY

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

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GRASS CUTTING TENDERS 2024

Stronsay Community Council hereby invites tenders for the following contracts. Details and application forms are available from the Island Link Officer and must be returned in a sealed envelope marked "Grass Cutting " by noon on Friday 26th January 2024

- Maintenance of Bay Kirkyard
- Maintenance of Leaquoy Kirkyard
- Grass cutting at St John's Viewpoint
- Grass cutting of Picnic Site at Ayre of the Myers
- Grass cutting of Village Area – Royal Bank to Strynie
- Grass cutting at Stronsay War Memorial
- Grass cutting of area behind numbers 7 & 8 Whitehall
- Grass cutting of grassed area at Wardhill
- Grass triangular area adjoining 2 Whitehall
- Grass rectangular area within numbers 7 to 14 Whitehall

Please note that as there are separate contracts for each of the above listed areas it is possible to tender for them individually.

Colin McAlpine, Island Link Officer,
Stronsay Community Council,
The Hill,
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tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com
21 November 2023

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Please be advised that Mr Shane Hourston has been appointed as the Stronsay Community Council Transport Representative.

The Transport Representative represents the views of fellow residents and Community Council members at the Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forums which meet regularly with representatives from Orkney Islands Council and the North Isles Community Councils.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding transport matters please do not hesitate to contact Shane, either by email s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07593965600.

CMc
23 November 2023

UPDATE ON MICROCHIPPING OF CATS!
IT ONLY APPLIES TO ENGLAND AT THE MOMENT

Previous notices on this topic were incorrect, it only applies to England and even then feral/barn cats are excluded:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/-/news-rspca-welcomes-englands-new-mandatory-microchipping-law>

The Scottish Parliament is still discussing this matter:

<https://www.parliament.scot/api/sitecore/CustomMedia/OfficialReport?meetingId=13871>

THERE'S A DOG POO BIN AT MILL BAY!

Gentle reminder to folk that there is now a dog poo bin (and bags) at Mill Bay thanks to Ian Cooper. I'm emptying the bin either weekly or every two weeks. Please use it as intended.

Maya Bar-Tor

POOL RULES

The Pool Rules have been on display for the last week in the school. Could parents and pool users please read them for their own information.

Thank you.

Gaynor Smith, Chairperson of the Stronsay Pool Committee.

SWIM CLUB SESSIONS

- Primary one pupils and upward must be able to change themselves
- To protect all parties, no adults are allowed in the changing rooms

Stronsay Swimming Pool Rules

- Parents should be aware that the school is responsible for the supervision of children within the school day only
- Children should only be dropped off ten minutes before their session begins and collected soon after their session ends
- An adult swimmer is anyone over the age of sixteen
- Children under eight years of age must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their behaviour in the pool. This applies to private hires as well as public sessions
- Please make sure that if children have a problem in the pool or changing room they know to tell a lifeguard or the overseer
- Follow the lifeguards' instructions at all times.
- Any poor behaviour will not be tolerated and a ban will be implemented
- The pool will close ten minutes after the final session is due to begin if nobody has turned up
- Pool users please vacate the changing rooms as soon as possible after the last session. It is unfair on overseers to stay longer than necessary
- Girls in the male changing room and boys in the female changing room must be under school age
- All valuables, jewellery, money etc. can be left with the overseer. Anything left in the changing rooms is left at your own risk
- Please inform lifeguards of any relevant medical conditions
- No one under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be admitted to the pool

Spectators

Adult only sessions:

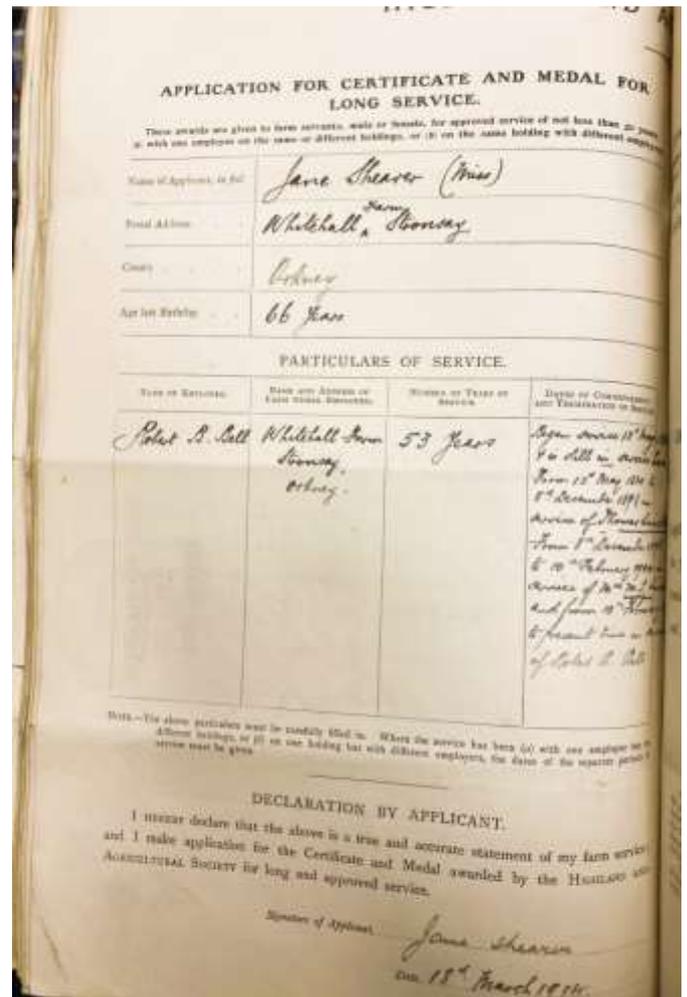
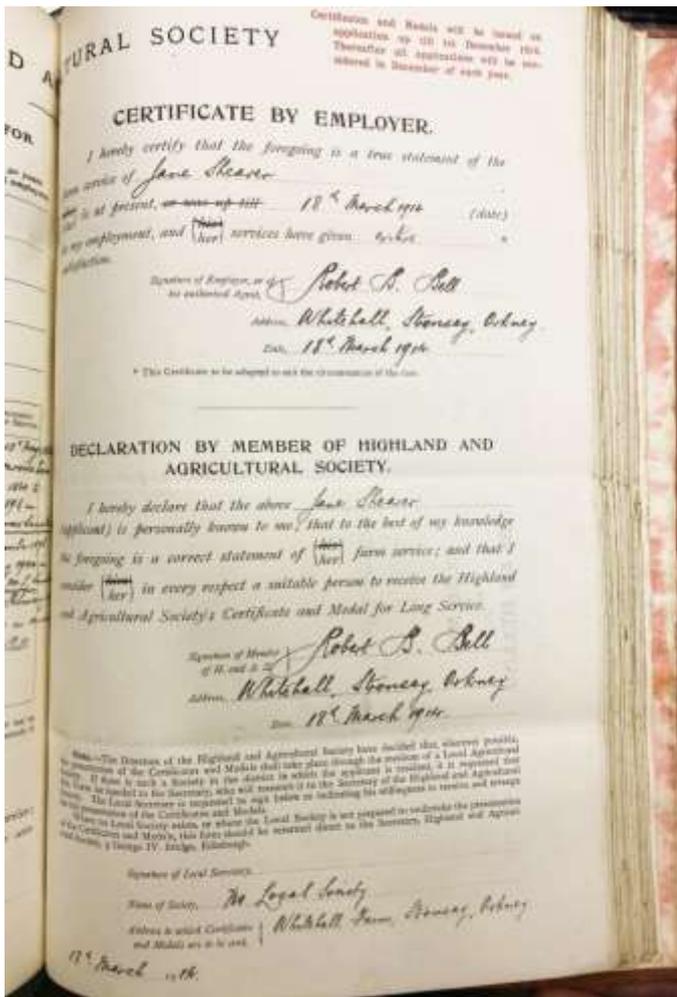
Children are not allowed to spectate

Other Sessions: Children under eight years old are not allowed to spectate unless accompanied by an adult spectator

'HIDDEN TREASURES' UPDATE

As you may remember, last month's Limpet carried an article about Jane Shearer's long service certificate, awarded in 1914 in recognition of 53 years' farm service at Whitehall. I contacted the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland with details of this find and they very kindly emailed me photos of the original application for the certificate submitted by Robert Bell of Whitehall Farm.

They also informed me that Miss Shearer would have received a small engraved Society medal which would have allowed her free admission to their annual Highland Agricultural Show for life. Now, if we could only find that medal that would round the story off nicely.....



BANK NOW HAS A PHONE NUMBER

Lois now has wi-fi and a telephone (616262) in the bank on Stronsay!

Records of a Bygone Age Stronsay Schools Part 1 – pre 1872

My family had a long association with the North School in Stronsay and, out of interest, I started doing some research into its history. As can so often happen, I got completely side tracked and have finished up looking at past schools and education in Stronsay as a whole.

The first reference to the importance of education in Stronsay I can find goes back to somewhere around the middle of the 17th century when William Baikie, a son of James Baikie 1st of Tankerness and a keen reader and collector of books, was living on the Holland estate. Known as William Baikie of Holland, he was a life-long bachelor with a love of books who spent much of his life in the study of his beloved books and is attributed with the founding of the Orkney Library in 1683, recognised as the oldest public library in Scotland.



The Orkney Library and Archive – a great resource that had its modest beginnings with the donation of books by Wiliam Baikie of Holland in 1683

William was a man of means with a reputation as a good and likeable man and a compassionate landlord, caring deeply for his fellow man and often giving encouragement to those with an aptitude for study. In a letter to the father of one boy who was showing some academic promise, William wrote ‘Faill not to keep your sone diligent reading and wreating yt he losse not what he hes attained’. Does that quote ring any bells for you?

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Whether the boy did continue diligently reading isn't known but it was William who, on his death in 1683, bequeathed his collection of books 'extending the number thereof to eight score' to the care of his long time dear friend Rev James Wallace, minister of St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, with the instruction that they were to be left 'to the ministers of Kirkwall successive for the Publick Liberie to be kept within the town of Kirkwall'. This collection of books was known as the 'Bibliothek of Kirkwall' and has evolved over the years into the magnificent resource that is the Orkney Library and Archive of today.

Now back to the quote from William Baikie's letter: 'Faill not to keep your sone diligent reading and wreatng yt he losse not what he hes attained'. Can you remember seeing it before? This quote was shown on the bookplate inside a great number of Orkney Library books up until around 2003 when, with a change of book supplier, the bookplate was no longer used and I suppose that after more than 300 years the quote was possibly becoming a little dated! It was still rather sad to see the passing of what was possibly the last direct link back to the foundation of the library in 1683.



The Orkney Library bookplate, an integral part of the stock of the library's books for so many years.

For those interested, a fuller account of Scotland's first library is given in issue 180 of the Stronsay Limpet published in June 2020.

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Information about schools and schooling in Stronsay before the introduction of the Education (Scotland) Act of 1872, which made education of all children aged between 5 and 13 mandatory, seems to be quite hard to come by but schools before that there certainly were.

An Act of Parliament in 1696 gave Presbyteries the right to enlist the Commissioners of Supply (the forerunners of local Councils) to force the Heritors of each parish to provide schools in their area if they hadn't already done so voluntarily. Those Heritors were the landed gentry and privileged people in each parish and as such were legally obliged to pay an annual set sum toward such things as Minister's stipend, Manse and Glebe costs, schoolmasters' salaries and contributions to the Poor Fund of each parish.

Progress was slow and the Union of the Parliaments in 1707, together with resistance from the Heritors, meant this Act had limited success. The Commissioners, many of whom would have been Heritors themselves, didn't appear to carry out their duties with much enthusiasm and the Heritors of the parishes with even less. While the Church wished to pursue education for all, particularly education of a religious nature, the Heritors placed little value on the education of their tenants, many of whom in reality would have been little more than slaves at their master's beck and call. Learning, they felt, could give their tenants ideas above their station and there was also a widely held belief that education of the masses would produce a race of idlers!

By the end of the 18th Century this resistance meant that there were still only a handful of schools, known as Parochial or Parish schools, set up and overseen by the local church and Heritors, with nearly all of these few schools in Orkney situated on Mainland Orkney. The teachers in those schools appear to have had minimal formal education themselves and were paid little more than a labourer's wage.

In 1798 this shameful lack of action by the Heritors led to Thomas Dundas, the Lord Lieutenant of Orkney at the time, to write:

'For several years past a good deal of noise has been made in the General Assembly for want of schools in some of the parishes of Orkney. By law, Heritors must erect and support a school in each parish, so in being applied to by the Rev Dr Kemp, secretary for the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, I consented in writing to the Erection of Parochial Schools in all the parishes of Orkney and Zetland in which my property lies, and hereby directed my factor in all meetings of Heritors or of Commissioners of Supply before whom this business may come to agree in my name to grant such Salaries and such accommodation to the several Schoolmaster as the particular circumstances of the cases may render necessary and proper.'

The first structured education to be offered in the north of Scotland seems to have been organised by the Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge (SSPCK), the Society whose secretary had contacted Lord Dundas to ask for his assistance.

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This Society had originally been set up in 1709 to establish schools ‘where religion and virtue might be taught to young and old’ in the Scottish Highlands and other ‘uncivilised’ areas of the country. They were tasked with setting up schools ‘for the instruction of children in some of the most necessary and useful arts of life’, with a strong bias to teaching morality and Christian values to those attending. According to the Society’s principles, a teacher should be ‘a person of Piety, Loyalty, Prudence, gravity, competent knowledge and literature and endued with other Christian qualifications suited to that station.’ That seems quite a demanding job description!

By the 1720s there were a few SSPCK schools on Mainland Orkney and apparently also one in the North Isles for a period, at *Bacaland* in Eday, but it seems it was some time before these schools spread to other isles.

The SSPCK schools were, for the greater part, only established where they could place a teacher in an existing Parochial school or where the Heritors or parishioners of the parish were willing to find or erect a suitable building for a school and make a contribution to the teacher’s salary.

In Rev John Anderson’s 1795 Statistical Account for Stronsay and Eday he explains that ‘As few or none of the heritors reside within the bounds of this district, and as not any of the non-residing heritors contribute any sum whatever for the maintenance of the poor, their support must depend on the families of the minister and parishioners.’ before noting that, about 15 years previously (c.1780), the Heritors of Stronsay had agreed to give a salary of £3 to a schoolmaster, then goes on to say

‘But this salary, small though it be, hath not been regularly paid, and to procure, in terms of law, a salary and schoolhouse, would infer greater expense than the minister can, in his present circumstance, afford. The heritors are unwilling, and the parishioners of Stronsay and Eday are unable, to accomplish this desirable end. A society school hath, for several years past, been a great benefit to the poor children in the parish of Stronsay.’

Could it have been this promise of £3 toward a schoolmaster’s salary that led the SSPCK to look favourably to Stronsay? This would fit well with the Society making its first appointment to the island in 1782, this being the appointment of John Skethway as Society schoolmaster at a salary of £5. He had, it was said, been teaching without salary in Stronsay for nigh on 30 years before his appointment as a Society schoolmaster. In SSPCK records of 1793, by which time the Society was managing well in excess of 300 schools in Scotland, it was recorded that John Skethway was schoolmaster in Stronsay, employed by the Society at a salary of £6 per year, with the parish expected to enhance his salary with a similar sum. Although that same 1793 record indicated that John had previously been schoolmaster in Kirkwall, this can only be an error as he was appointed Session Clerk to the Established Church in Stronsay on 2nd January 1753 and must have been resident there at that time, continuing in this role until his death in 1801. John was said to be ‘uncommonly well qualified’ before he took up the salaried post at the school in Stronsay which was recorded as being at *Sandiebank*. It seems this school was known at the time as the Parish or Parochial School and, although it seems likely that this building would have been in the same spot as the present Central School, it has proved to be extremely difficult to link names of schools to specific sites.

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John taught in Stronsay until his death in 1801 and was assisted by his son Scollay Skethway in his latter years. Following John's death, Scollay was to be the school's headmaster for many years to come. He was still logged as a teacher, aged 74, in the 1851 census, then documented as a retired teacher in the 1861 census, with his death being recorded in 1867 at the age of 90. His career seemed to have been both successful and well received and, at a school inspection in 1824, it was noted that, at the age of 48 he had been in post for 25 years and that all the islanders could read. This last statement may well have been overly optimistic but still gives a good indication that he was doing an excellent job.

Scollay Skethway married Cecilia Scott sometime around 1800 and they went on to have 13 children, the first in 1801 and number thirteen arriving in 1823! Scollay is recorded in the census of 1841 and 1851 as a teacher living at St Salvator and then, in 1861, as a retired teacher, aged 84 still living at St Salvator. In the Ordnance Survey Name Book of 1879 St Salvator is described as 'a small dwelling house built of stone, one story high, thatch roof, in fair repair situated about 200 yards west of St Catherine's.' It must have been less than ideal accommodation for Mr and Mrs Skethway and however many of their children happened to be in residence at the time!



A map from c.1880 showing the house of St Salvator (or St Salvador) standing very close to Mount Pleasant, with the kelp store, later to be renamed St Catherine's, shown as an unnamed building on the seashore at the top of the map.

Here some confusion sets in as SSPCK records show Scollay Skethway and his father before him are both recorded as teaching at a school at Sandybank, with entries for Scollay there in 1810, when the school roll stood at 36, and again at Sandybank in 1851, which would again seem to point to this being where the present school is today. To further confuse the issue, in 1821 the SSPCK had recorded Mr Skethway as a teacher at St Salvator. Could this simply have been confusion between his home address and the school?

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St Salvator would have stood near where the Mount Pleasant garage now stands (left of picture) and would have been a much less substantial structure than the present garage

However the first Stronsay census was undertaken in 1841 and this shows 45 year old Westray man Stewart Logie living at the *Parish School* with his wife and 3 sons and, presumably, acting as teacher there. By the position of this entry in the Census, this school was near to Wardhill and can surely only have been where the present school is. Was this the same school at which Mr Skethway had been teacher for 40 years? Would the number of pupils at the school have justified more than one teacher and, if not, what of Skethway? There is mention of ‘Scollay Skethway’s School’ but where was it and, if that was indeed a different school, why was he no longer teaching at the parochial school? Or was Scollay Skethway’s School simply a familiar term for the parish school as he had taught there so long?

So, one school or two? Thus far it has seemed that Skethway’s Society school and the Parochial School could possibly have been the same building but then Rev John Simpons enters the fray with his 1845 Statistical Account of Stronsay and Eday where he records that;

‘In these parishes there are three principal schools, two in Stronsay and one in Eday. Of these in Stronsay, one is the Parochial School, and the other is supported by the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge. This school was established by the Society in the year 1782. And it may be worthy of being noticed, that since that time it has continued in the same family, being taught first by the father and afterwards by the present teacher, his son, who is also an elder in the parish church.

That leaves little doubt that the Society school was the school where Scollay Skethway and his father before him had taught.

Now, with the waters well muddied, the Secession (later the United Presbyterian) Church must also throw its hat into the ring as it, at some point before 1861 - quite probably well before that date - was also in charge of a school. This couldn’t have been the original 1782 Society school as the congregation only formed in 1801, but could they have taken over the running of the Society school at some point, with this being the second school noted by Rev Simpson?

Looking to the 1879 name book once more the entry for the house of St Catherine’s states that:

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Looking to the 1879 name book once more the entry for the house of St Catherine's states that:

'upon the North West side of the house about a hundred yards, stands an old store house, now used as a school for boys and girls, but not in connection with the school board, the attendance at present is about 30.'



Originally a kelp store then later repurposed as a school before being renovated as a lovely dwelling house and renamed St Catherine's

This store was little more than a stone's throw from St Salvator, the house where Skethway resided until his death 12 years previously, so could Scollay Skethway's School have been in this area? Or, as seems more likely, was this little school a separate entity set up due to the newly formed School Board's inability to make suitable provision for the pupils in the Rothiesholm peninsula? That is just one more question yet to be answered.

If any of our readers have any information or theories about these schools, their teachers or where the schools may have been situated I would be delighted to hear of it by email at ian.cooper56@gmail.com or give me a phone on 01857 616322.

Ian Cooper
November 2023

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A monthly report from your councillor—the grit in the Orkney Islands Council oyster.

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I am pleased to be able to report that contracts have now been awarded for the installation of the 20mph speed limit signs around all of the schools in the Isles, north and south, inner and outer. Unfortunately, as I warned, the shenanigans at the Development & Infrastructure Committee this summer (see *issues 126 & 128*) have delayed completion of most of them beyond the deadline of the end of this year specified in my original notice of motion (*issue 107*). It is expected that the first will be completed on time and the last by next summer.

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Some of you might have heard of *The Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land* (RCI), which was established by *The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016*, but many won't have, as it's been notoriously badly publicised. Launched on the 1st April 2022, it requires all persons with controlling interests in land to be recorded. These include individuals subject to contractual or other arrangements, partnerships (e.g. farms and even firms of solicitors), trusts, and incorporated bodies (e.g. clubs and associations). The deadline for registration was extended, and now the 1st April 2024 is the date from which it will be a criminal offence punishable with a fine of up to £5000 not to register if required to. I am currently, through OIC, investigating where community councils owning property stand regarding registration, and I urge development trusts, community associations, and other voluntary organisations to look into their respective situations, as I wouldn't want their board members and trustees unwittingly falling foul of the law. Guidance can be found online at <https://kb.ros.gov.uk/>.

Rubbing salt into the wound of my cancelled flight last month (reported in *issue 129*), Loganair has received a second award: *Domestic Airline of the Year* by the Scottish Passenger Agents' Association (SPAA)! Much more serious than the wound of my inconvenience, however, is the fact that NHS flights have been affected, both those for taking Orkney patients down to Aberdeen for scans and treatment, and those bringing consultants up to Orkney. This is totally unacceptable, so if you have missed an appointment on account of a cancelled flight, do not hesitate to complain to Loganair, even if it was the NHS that was paying for the flight.

At the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting, my request was approved to formally include in the updated "Allocations Policy for Papdale Halls of Residence" arrangements for Isles' pupils to reside (when capacity permits) at the Papdale Halls in order to attend school-linked educational events such as the annual intensive courses offered by the OIC Instrumental Music Service. The Care Inspectorate's rules govern who may stay at the Papdale Halls, and they're very prescriptive and restrictive, which I know can be extremely frustrating.

On the wider issue of accommodation on the Orkney Mainland for Isles college students, trainees, apprentices, and others, I'd like to throw down a challenge to all the Isles development trusts to collaborate on establishing an "Isles Hostel" in Kirkwall to provide reasonably-priced, basic, overnight lodgings for Isles residents. I will be happy to write letters of support for this (as I have done for many other island development trust projects).

Other meetings I have attended at School Place this month include: confidential members' meetings; a meeting of the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (successor to the Orkney College Management Council); a seminar and pre-meeting on exploring alternative models of government; a budget seminar; a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee; and a seminar on the Islands Growth Deal.

I have also been to meetings of Sanday Community Council and Stronsay Community Council in person, and I shall be returning to Stronsay for their Parent Council meeting. As I have said before, I am not an enthusiastic "Teams" player, and I prefer to be physically present at meetings rather than on a screen. Therefore, I shall be endeavouring to get back into the habit of travelling out to Isles meetings, particularly as the weather improves.

Many of you will already be using the Orkney Ferries Telegram channel to receive ferry disruption and cancellation messages. If not, you can use this link to join the channel: <https://t.me/+zT0CUIAaYLtjNzA8>. Hot off the press: OIC has introduced a new service to allow folk to receive updates on the Churchill Barriers via Telegram (useful if you're taking Banks's cat south). You can link to it using this URL: https://t.me/oic_roads.

Christmas is coming, and I hope your geese (or turkeys) are getting fat.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

All issues of **Letter from School Place** are available on-line at clackson.info
Why not make use of the quick-response code shown here on the right?



Prescription Collection and Delivery Service



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

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OSTEOPATH VISITS TO STRONSAY

Holly Elliot, registered osteopath (GOsC 9607) from Helping Hands Health, will be back in Stronsay again on the following date:

- Friday 8th December

All clinics will be held in Wood's Yard between 10am and 5pm. Booking is available online for all dates using this link:

<https://helpinghandshealth.janeapp.co.uk>.

If online booking is an issue for anyone then they can of course contact Holly and she will book them in. Holly's contact details are:

- Phone 07377 689 237
- Email info.helpinghandshealth@gmail.com

KEEPING WARM

These knitting patterns are from the 1940s so they may not be high fashion but they will keep you warm!

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/1940s-knitting-patterns>

LOGANAIR—DECEMBER 24th & DECEMBER 31st 2023

Below are the revised operating times Loganair's inter isles flights for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 2023. Usual note applying to Sanday and Stronsay for Sundays.

LM728

Kirkwall – North Ronaldsay	11:00 – 11:17
North Ronaldsay – Sanday	11:24 – 11:30
Sanday – Stronsay	11:37 – 11:42
Stronsay – Kirkwall	11:49 – 11:58

LM729

Kirkwall – Papa Westray	12:20 – 12:35
Papa Westray – Westray	12:42 – 12:44
Westray – Kirkwall	12:51 – 13:06



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS 2023

Christmas shopping solved again!

This year's Christmas gift card appeal is now launched and the form is overleaf. The Christmas appeal is now in its fourteenth year and has raised over £80,000 since 2009 to support frontline projects in Malawi. For those who it's new to, the concept is very simple and gives you the chance to send someone a "gift voucher" card, which will support our partner congregations in the Thyolo Highlands of Malawi. Simply choose how much you'd like to donate, fill in the form and we will send you a lovely Christmas card / certificate (with envelope) acknowledging the donation so you can gift it to a friend. Alternatively, we can post it directly to them saying that the donation has been made by you on their behalf. All forms must be received by Thursday 7th December and cards will be posted on Friday 8th December (two weeks prior to Christmas) unless you request them earlier, in which case we will send as soon as possible (from early November). If you wish to send outwith the UK please ask for the card to be delivered to yourself. If you want it to be sent to different people it would help if you could complete a separate form for each one (copies are fine) or make the instructions very clear. Please just call the number on the back of the

form if you've any queries ... and, as always - thank you very much for your continued support.



Orkney - Malawi Partnership



A donation has been made on your behalf by

Betty & Jeemie Smith

to support the work of our Malawian partners
in the Thyolo Highlands Partnership

Projects funded by the Malawi Partnership (the Christmas appeal include):
New classroom block, library & laboratory at 'St. Magnus Secondary School'
Support of community college and library scheme
Imbued - four health facilities - mental health project
Hillside school, transport plan for the Partnership Committee in Malawi
urgent repairs to main hall at O.C. in the village damaged by last year's floods
opening of a health centre in a remote village providing accessible health services
.....and much more



If you're ordering gift cards and completing the form overleaf you might notice that payment details have changed. This is because the old Orkney *Presbytery* no longer exists and the new *Parish* of Orkney won't be up and running until sometime next year. In order to maintain a proper and accountable paper trail all funds this year are being processed through the Stronsay congregation account by Ian Cooper, Stronsay Treasurer and former Treasurer to the Presbytery. We're delighted to have the continuity of Ian's involvement and are grateful to the Stronsay congregation for facilitating this. It also means we are still able to claim Gift Aid on donations.

By the time you read this we hope and expect that the new St. Magnus Secondary School will be welcoming its first pupils. The roofing (left) was recently completed thanks to a generous donation from Stromness donors and the new desks amongst other items were paid for by a substantial gift from Westray supporters.

The Orkney-Malawi Partnership Committee currently comprises Sally Bartkowiak, June Freeth, Iain MacDonalda, Catriona Matheson, Liz McVicar, Elma Moar and James Watson. For details about the Partnership Committee's work or how to donate to any project please speak to any of the above or contact Iain on imacdonald@hurchofscotland.org.uk / 01857-677357.

If you'd like to support this year's Malawi Christmas Gift project,
 (details overleaf) please complete this form
 (separate details for each person if you wish us to post the gift cards)
 and post or e-mail to the address below by **7th December**.

Your name :Your address :

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.....Postcode :

essential for GiftAid

Your phone number (in case we need to contact you about this) :

your details won't be shared with anyone.

Amount you wish to donate (in whole pounds) : £

cheques should be made out to "Stronsay Moncur Memorial Church".

Name of person you wish the card(s) to be sent to :

just write "self" if you want it sent to you at the above address.

Address you wish the card(s) to be sent to :

if different from the address above :

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.....Postcode:

Number of cards you require if more than one :

Tick box if you want us to state the value of your gift on the card(s)?



Please tick as appropriate:

I wish the card(s) to be sent as soon as possible

or

I wish the card(s) to be sent on Friday 8th December



I have enclosed a cheque made out to "Stronsay Moncur Memorial Church" for the amount above

or

I have transferred the above amount to the Stronsay account number 00643707 / sort - 83 24 07
 and marked it "Malawi"

I am a UK tax payer and I wish this donation to be treated as Gift Aid

Signature :Date :

if giving by Gift-Aid

if giving by Gift-Aid

send to The Manse, Hilldavale, Westray, Orkney KW17 2DW
 Further details from Iain on 01857-677357 or imacdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk

Remember - deadline for forms is 7th December

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

THANK YOU

I want to say how grateful I am for all the support I have received since the awful shock of my Paul's death. From my special friends who were there constantly throughout the first days, to the folk who:

- went to the hotel on the Friday to have a drink in his memory
- came to Tullimentan the following week because he had touched their lives in a special way
- sent cards or commented on Facebook

Thank you for all the words saying how much he was loved and respected. As difficult as this time has been, I could not have been in a better place than in the midst of the Stronsay community.

Thank you
Dianne



THANK YOU!

Jim & Vicki thank the community for their kind donations and all their support over the last 30 years..

THANK YOU!

Total for Coffee at Cleat this year was £1,371.35, thanks very much to everyone near and far who supported this in any way

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc



Stronsay at War

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

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

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



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

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

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



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RECYCLED CARDBOARD LOGS

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

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

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

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

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

WANTED—INFORMATION

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

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

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

Any information would be gratefully appreciated, thank you.

Brian Crowe

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PRIVATE TUITION

I am offering private tuition in a range of subjects to all school-age pupils and adult learners on a 1:1 or small group basis. I am available to teach all primary subjects, including reading, writing, spelling and numeracy, and English for BGE and Senior Phase pupils. I am happy to liaise with class teachers at Stronsay Junior High School in order to support progress towards targets and estimated grades, if a client (and parents/carers) are willing for this to occur.

I am also available to teach adult literacy and Higher/ Advanced Higher English or to lead a community literary appreciation class now again if there is enough interest.

As a Support for Learning Teacher and former SENCo I have spent many years specialising in teaching pupils with a range of learning and behaviour difficulties. I am qualified to complete assessments and to write reports for examination access arrangements and for Pupil Support Plans/Child Plans.

If anyone would like to learn to play Clarinet, I am happy to take pupils of any age – beginners up to Grade 5, along with tuition in Music Theory as needed.

Please contact me on 616242 for an informal chat and details of prices and availability.

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

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Dunera, Lower Whitehall Road, Stronsay, KW17 2AS

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

Habitable but needs upgrading or project development.

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

Water, phone connected.

SEPA for up to 6 residents.

Council Tax C.

Primary energy indicator 288 kWh.

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

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

HRV is £130,000 (25 Aug 2022). Condition = 13 (1), 8 (2), 0 (3).

Interest invited. Not currently with external agent.

Viewing by advanced appointment only. Flexible entry date.

Offers invited above £125k. Finance options from seller.

Leo Martini-Brown

lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

2 Building plots, Whitehall Village, Stronsay, Orkney

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

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

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

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

For further information about the sites please contact

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

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



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Are you missing out on £200?



Claim your cost of living payment now

Whether working, self-employed,
a stay-at-home parent or claiming
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Automatic payments will be made to people in Orkney receiving:

- Housing benefit
- Council Tax reduction (means tested)
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- Exempt from council tax due to being under 26 and previously in care / looked after

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

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

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

To apply visit the website below, call 01856 873535

www.orkney.gov.uk/COL

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MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2024

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

RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES

Orkney Islands Council has published a “Household refuse and recycling welcome pack” which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm>.

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Announcements by charities or local groups, clubs and organisations are FREE!

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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 email annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

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

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

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



EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

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

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

HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET*

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

On the back page of every edition of the Limpet there is a list of useful telephone numbers including the emergency numbers for reporting problems with water or electricity.

SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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

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

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

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

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

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

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

OVERSEERS WANTED !

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

STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

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

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores stronsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD

OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES

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

Mass times are as follows:-

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

GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY

DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST

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

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

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

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

STRONSAY KIRK

Weekly service at 11am.

Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284.

Stronsay kirk's website:

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

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Stronsay Community Council invites applications for financial assistance from anyone who is permanently resident on Stronsay.

Grants are available for travel assistance and events and/or projects of benefit to the community.

If the request is for travel assistance, members can award 50% of the requested amount with a capping limit of £200 funding within twelve months.

Full details of the event and/or project will be required and will be submitted to the next Community Council meeting for consideration.

Financial requests must be with the Island Link Officer prior to the event/project taking place and the payment of any grant awarded will require submission of evidence of expenditure from the applicant.

Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted on an Application For Financial Assistance form available from the Island Link Officer.

If more information, or an Application for Financial Assistance form is required, please contact the Island Link Officer, tel: 616446 [email: stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
19 October 2022

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FISHMART CAFE WINTER OPENING TIMES

(October-March)

Monday CLOSED

(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 7am - 2pm

Thursday 7am - 2pm

Friday 7am - 2pm

Saturday 9am - 2pm (Breakfast served all day)

Sunday 11am-2:30pm (Breakfast served all day)

FISHMART CAFÉ—SUNDAY MEAL SPECIALS!

See next page for details

KEEPING WARM

These knitting patterns are from the 1940s so they may not be high fashion but they will keep you warm!

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/1940s-knitting-patterns>

Fishmart Sunday Meal Specials

Subject to availability on the day, normal menu will also be available. To book a table please call on 616401 during opening hours or drop me a message on Face book messenger.

Sunday 15th October	Chicken & Leek puff pastry top pie, seasonal vegetables & new potatoes	Upside pineapple cake & custard	£12.50
Sunday 22 nd October	Normal menu due to HARVEST HOME	-----	-----
Sunday 29th October	Lasagne, chips & side salad	Lemon drizzle & custard	£12.50
Sunday 5 th November	Normal menu due to BONFIRE NIGHT	-----	-----
Sunday 12th November	Beef suet topped pie with seasonal vegetables	Fruit crumble & custard	£12.50
Sunday 19th November	Chicken casserole & rice	Sticky toffee pudding & custard	£12.50
Sunday 26th November	Cottage pie & seasonal vegetables	Chocolate brownie & custard	£12.50
Sunday 17th December	 <p>Turkey Christmas dinner with seasonal vegetables, stuffing, pigs in blankets & gravy.</p> <p>Why not bring along your own alcohol, glasses provided</p>	Mince pies & custard/ gingerbread cheesecake	£17.00 Table booking required

LOCAL BUSINESSES



Taxi

School transport

Mechanic repairs and diagnostics

Contact Mick

07508884024

01857 616 376

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Feet
Foot health**

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Happy Feet Foot Health Care

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**ORKNEY NORTH ISLES' COMMERCIAL
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LOCAL BUSINESSES

REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN



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

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

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Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Holmsgarth Crafts



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



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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Marion Miller Jewellery

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

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Available for:

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

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

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

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Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
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LOCAL BUSINESSES

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- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
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- Welding specialist
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- Home start
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Ensuite Double and twin rooms

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Web www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk

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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.

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Reasonable prices.**

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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Love Parties, but
hate waste?



Reduce landfill waste by hiring Peedie Party Packs range of children's reusable plates, cups & cake stands instead of buying disposable! we even have themed packages & games packs available, happy to accept hires from across Orkney including the Isles.



Peedie Party Packs



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PeediePartyPacks@hotmail.com

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours	Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
Post collection times	Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
Bank (RBS)	Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262
OIC Special collection.	Week Commencing: 4 Dec 2023 and 12 Feb 2024
Island Link Officer.	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475
SDT Office	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . . .	Weekly service at 11am
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit .	https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib
Weekly rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out by 8am but not on the night before!)
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
Forward scam emails to	report@phishing.gov.uk
Stronsay's Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488

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Airy Fairy	616231	Silver Darlings	616412
Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . .	616262	Sinclair Haulage	600404
Community council	616446	Star Island Soap	616281
Companions Club	616352	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
Craftship Enterprise	0778 511 1126	Stronsay Band	616335
Doctor	616321	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	616407
Ebenezer Stores	616339	Stronsay school	616246
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . .	616207	Stronsay taxi, school	616376 <i>or</i>
	<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	transport, mechanical	
Fish Mart	616401	diagnostics, repairs	07508 884 024
Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210		
	<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Hairdresser	616337	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
Hall bookings	616263	Electricity	
	<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Highland Fuels	01856 873766		<i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i>
Island Link Officer	616475	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Kirk secretary	616238	power cut (24/7). . .	105
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Medical emergency	616321	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Neil's on Wheels	07723 304 260	Dentists:	
Manse	616284	Daisybank Clinic . .	01856 870547
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Olivebank	616255	Com Dental Service	01856 888258
OIC out of hours	01856 873535	Orkney Dental	01856 872030
Post Office	616499	Vets:	
Red House Plants	616377	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
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Scottish Fuels	01856 873105		
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