



SORRY IT'S LATE!

The editor apologises for the late arrival of the April edition of the Limpet. He was away in ARI having a pacemaker fitted but is now back on duty.

TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 19 Feb 2024 to 26 Oct 2024](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 25 Sep 2023 to 4 May 2024](#)

[Orkney Ferries - summer timetable 5 May 2024 to 29 Sep 2024](#)

[Orkney Ferries - Summer Excursions 2024](#)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coastal Walks - introductory talk	Tue 30 Apr
Coastal walks	Wed-Sun 1-5 May
Orkney Ferries summer timetable starts	Sun 5 May
Power cut 10pm to 3pm	Tue 7 May
Spring Craft Fair	Sat 11 May
OIC Special Collection	Mon 13 May
Citizens Advice Bureau visit	Wed 15 May
Mobile library van visit	Mon 20 May
Parish cup (note changed ferry times)	Sun 26 May
Digital forum	Fri 31 May
Peedie concert	Fri 21 Jun
Massive Weekend!	Fri/Sat/Sun 16/17/18 Aug
Stronsay SWRI centenary	Sat 7 Sep
Bingo	Sat 28 Sep
Bonfire Night & quiz	Sat 9 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 23 Nov
Christmas Tree lighting	Sat 30 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Tue 31 Dec

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **31 May 2024**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

ORKNEY FERRIES

STRONSAY PARISH CUP SERVICE – SUNDAY 26TH MAY

We would like to advise passengers that we will have an amended timetable on Sunday 26th May, to accommodate the Stronsay Parish Cup. The timetable will be as follows:

- Depart Kirkwall - 09:20
- Arrive Westray - 10:45
- Depart Westray - 10:55
- Arrive Stronsay - 12:10
- Depart Stronsay - 12:20
- Arrive Kirkwall - 13:55
- Depart Kirkwall - 14:45
- Arrive Stronsay - 16:20
- Depart Stronsay - 16:30
- Arrive Westray - 17:45
- Depart Westray - 18:00
- Arrive Kirkwall - 19:20

ORKNEY DIGITAL FORUM FRIDAY 31 MAY

From Liam McArthur & Alistair Carmichael:

The next Orkney Digital Forum will be taking place in just under six weeks' time, giving islanders the chance to learn more about the planned 'Digital Voice' rollout and the transition away from traditional analogue landline services.

As with previous Forum meetings, we will also be receiving updates on mobile and broadband internet rollout across Orkney from Openreach and EE.

We're pleased to confirm that we will have the following speakers in attendance:

- Nick Speed, Head of Nations & Regions at BT (also speaking for EE)
- Glenn Preston, Director of Ofcom Scotland
- Robert Thorburn, Openreach Partnership Director for Scotland

The event will take place from 12-2pm on Friday 31 May in the St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall, with a 'hybrid' option available so that those unable to attend in person can tune in and participate online. As with previous Digital Forums, the format will consist of presentations from speakers followed by open Q&A sessions.

Anyone who wants to find out more about either the digital switchover or the expansion of connectivity in the isles is welcome to come along. Information on how to join remotely will be shared in due course. In the meantime, you are welcome to register your interest at the Facebook event listed here <https://www.facebook.com/events/909673614218491>.

Farm and Croft Diversification



Growing Opportunities

Drop in Event

- Learn about grant opportunities to support your farm diversification project.
- Connect with officers to discuss funding options and application processes.
- Get valuable insights and assistance in navigating regulations.



The Crown Estate Economic Development Fund aims to support the local economy to become stronger and more resilient. To help achieve this, grants of up to £40,000 for diversification projects and at a maximum rate of 30% of total eligible costs will be available through the Farm Diversification scheme for any active farm or croft businesses looking to diversify.

Free drop in event hosted by Orkney Islands Council

**Pickaquoy
Centre
Thursday
2nd May 2024**

Between 10am and 2pm
Grainayre room, Pickaquoy centre
www.orkney.gov.uk
economic.development@orkney.gov.uk
01856 873535

PIER WEIGHBRIDGE—NEW BOLLARDS

Many thanks to W.R.C. Construction Ltd for removing the old bollards at the Stronsay pier weighbridge and replacing them with new ones, as can be seen in the following BEFORE and AFTER photographs.





STRONSAY COASTAL HERITAGE SURVEY WALKS - PART 2

You are welcome to join the team from the SCAPE Trust
conducting coastal heritage survey walks in Stronsay
1-5 May.

Introductory Talk – Tuesday 30 April, 7.30pm
Community Centre

Walks 1-5 May

Walk route	~ Distance & ~ Time
Sands of Rothiesholm to Bay of Bomasty	~4km, 3 hours
Bay of Bomasty to Rothiesholm Head	~6km, 4-5 hours
St Catherine's Bay to Midgarth	~4km, 3 hours
Huip Ness	~4km, 3 hours
Huip to Whitehall	~3km, 2 hours

Schedules are still being finalised so come along to the
Community Centre on Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm for the latest
information or contact Joanna at jh105@st-andrews.ac.uk
to receive updates.



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CAB VISIT—BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

Please contact the CAB direct to make your appointment for their Stronsay visit on 15th May. Home visits are possible where circumstances require this. Any questions on urgent referrals for advice please do contact me at the SDT office or leave a message for a call back.

Shani - Stronsay Island Wellbeing Coordinator ☐ 01857 616410



Will be visiting



Stronsay

on

Wednesday 15th May 2024

when we will be in

Unit 1 Wood Yard

between

10am and 3pm

Please book an appointment by **Friday 10th May** by
contacting us at:

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

Anchor Buildings

6 Bridge Street

Kirkwall

KW15 1HR

or on 01856 875266

or by e-mail at bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk

LOGANAIR - AIR DISCOUNT SCHEME (ADS) **AND INTER ISLAND DISCOUNTS**

I thought that with a number of new people on the island and as a general reminder it might be helpful to give the following information:

If you are an Orkney resident you can apply for the Air discount scheme (ADS). This gives you 50% off the fare cost between Kirkwall and all Scottish airports. To register call the ADS Team on

Freephone 0800 032 2890 or
email info@airdiscountscheme.com

If you are using the inter-island “peedie” plane, fares from Stronsay to Kirkwall are currently £19 per adult return. If you are travelling from Kirkwall to Stronsay as the first part of your return, the fare is double. However, if you are over 60 then if you book by phone you will get the return discount of £19. Please note that you cannot get the discount when booking on line. If you do not know when you will use the return part (from Stronsay to Kirkwall) just ask for an open return (valid for three months) you then need to book the date you later decide on. Alternatively, you can book any date in the next three months and later change that date by logging on to Manage My Booking on the Loganair website orkneyres@loganair.co.uk. Open return tickets are only bookable by calling Loganair on 01856 872494. It’s also worth remembering that Loganair occasionally have sales e.g. Easter sale is now on. So, consider booking now to save on fares. Fly Flex and Fly Flex+ allow you to change dates through Manage My Booking.

I hope that this is useful.

Dianne Riley, Chair, Visit Stronsay Group.
visitstronsay.com.

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

LEGISLATION ON HEATING SYSTEMS

(taken from OIC Updates on Facebook)

There's been lots of chat on social media and in the news over the last couple of days about the new Scottish Government legislation on direct emission heating systems - like wood burners, gas and oil boilers. We thought it might be useful to highlight some key points:

- The new legislation - which we are required to apply by the Scottish Government - only applies to new builds. You can still install direct emission heating systems in an existing house and you don't have to take one out if you already have one.
- This change only applies to new buildings and specified conversions that have been applied for after the 1st April 2024. Once constructed, you won't be able to retrospectively install a direct emission heating system.
- Our understanding is that the legislation is designed to move folk towards heat pumps, electric heating or solar thermal systems when building new homes. In practice in Orkney, more or less all new buildings applied for in the past few years use electric heating of one form or another already, primarily heat pumps, and these heating systems achieve all of the required heating demand for these properties.
- At present our local agents who submit building warrant applications will be familiarising themselves with all of the changes introduced on the 1st April and ensuring relevant applications meet these new requirements. As ever, advice is available from our Buildings Standards team.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

SCRAP CAR SCHEME

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce the reopening of the Scrap Car Scheme for a further five vehicles.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until five vehicles have been registered for removal. The vehicle owner will be responsible for arranging for the vehicle's disposal.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to Kirkwall will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car please:-

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below;
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with the haulier for the vehicle's delivery to Kirkwall;
3. The completed Verification Form must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of a car to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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

05 March 2024

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STRONSAY WAR MEMORIAL

A REQUEST FOR PLANT DONATIONS

Stronsay Community Council would welcome plant donations for the Stronsay War Memorial Garden.

If you have any surplus perennial plants, or bedding plants that can be donated, please contact Nathan MacTaggart, who has kindly volunteered to look after the garden, or alternatively leave the plants at the War Memorial Garden and Nathan will plant these.

Your help in donating plants is much appreciated.

Let's make the War Memorial Garden something we can all be proud of.

Thank you.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
5 April 2024

Stronsay Stitches



Stronsay Craft Fairs 2024 - for your calendar

Spring - Saturday 11th May

Christmas - Saturday 23rd November

For more information or to book a table please contact Simone on 616 281 or PM Facebook.

Stronsay Stitches - Thursday 30th May

7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person

We are an informal group meeting monthly doing our own stitchy things. You can bring any project you're working on such as crochet, needlework, knitting etc. Everyone welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2024

20 May, 15 July, 9 September, 4 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>, send an email to 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

STRONSAY SWRI - CENTENARY!

Stronsay SWRI will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary on Saturday 7th September 2024. We will be having a buffet meal in the community centre for all present and past members! If anyone has any old photos/memorabilia that they'd be happy to share, please contact me as soon as possible, we'd hopefully have a slideshow on the TV of old photos. Also any stories or memories that you have would be appreciated, thank you!

Sheena Cooper

Records of a Bygone Age Stronsay Schools Part 6 – Falling attendances, Fever and Flu

Overcrowding, coupled with the poor levels of heating and ventilation in the school, helped provide ideal conditions for the spread of any contagious disease which reached the island. The summer of 1909 saw an outbreak of measles affect the island and school, only coming to an end when the school was closed for the summer break. Then, soon after pupils returned to school for the new term, the island was hit by another outbreak of Scarlet Fever. This lasted throughout October and November, during which time the school was closed for 2 weeks to allow it to be cleaned and disinfected once more.

Following a census of the island's children in February 1910 it was recorded that there were 234 children of school age on the island, with 206 of those appearing on the school rolls of the Central and outlying schools. Of the remainder, 1 was over 6 but not at school, 2 were said to be in delicate health, 5 were attending provisional school in Papa Stronsay, 4 were said to be unlikely to go to school weekly and 16 who were over 5 and under 6 years of age were unable to attend school during the winter months. Although figures were seldom given, numbers on the school roll seemed to have hovered around that figure since the late 1880s.

In April that year it was noted that a new Science classroom was nearing completion and was now at a stage where classes could be allowed to move in. It was with a sense of relief that this room was brought into use, although it still lacked desks and scientific apparatus and schoolwork was being hampered by the noise of hammering.

In May 1910 a letter from the Education Department stated that Stronsay could not yet be granted intermediate status as they still didn't have the proper facilities. The board wrote in reply that they now had a proper laboratory and all the necessary equipment for teaching science and that they had a full staff of teachers. In September they added the information that, in addition to Science and Industrial classes they were now making provision for the teaching of woodwork and cooking.

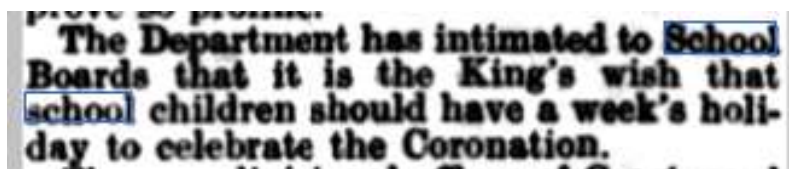
After little more than 9 years on the throne Edward VII died on 6th May 1910. As a mark of respect for the late king the school was closed on 20th May as part of a National Day of Mourning

As part of the ongoing application for Intermediate status the classrooms were all measured to check the maximum numbers that each room could hold. The minimum allowance per pupil was set at 10 ft² for science classes, with an allowance of 9 ft² for others. This was less than 1 metre² per pupil, and sardines come to mind here! Using this formula, the Senior room could accommodate 47 for science lessons or 63 for other lessons while the Middle room was capable of holding 42 pupils. With the Infant room capable of housing 70 pupils, in theory this was adequate space for the teaching of 175 pupils and was deemed more than adequate for the numbers attending, which would have been around 120 at that time.

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In December 1910 the school was closed for a time and disinfected when yet another bout of Scarlet Fever affected the island. This was followed by an outbreak of mumps in March 1911, with the school being closed once more, this time for 2 weeks. With contagious diseases of any sort always being a worry the school was again closed for a week in July 1912, this time to help control another outbreak of influenza.

On a happier note the school was closed for a full week, commencing on 19th June 1911, for what was termed as a 'Coronation Holiday'. This was to celebrate the coronation of King George V and Queen Mary, which was held on 22nd June.



In a HMI report in 1911 the school was congratulated on the admirable provision it had made for instruction in practical subjects, noting that one of the staff was soon to qualify to teach cookery and hoping that this would then be added to the curriculum. It then went on to highlight once more the high number of pupil absences being recorded which, they commented, inflicted serious loss on the Board through the reduction in grants. Recognising that many of the pupils lived some distance from the school the report also suggested that attendance could be improved if arrangements could be made to provide scholars with a hot meal. It also noted that in some schools a change of shoes and stockings were available for wet mornings and that this could also be considered by the Board.

Cookery classes commenced soon after, as did woodwork instruction although all the tools had not yet arrived.

In a note in the log book on 29th September 1911 Headmaster Mr McCallum records that 'Some nine boys had returned home yesterday morning when near the school (because of the rain). These boys and the whole school were warned not to repeat such conduct on pain of severe punishment. N.B. The rain was not very heavy; also - no girls returned.'

Also in 1911 it was noted that the scholars of each room had formed a 'cocoa fund' and now nearly all had cocoa with their lunch, each teacher supervising the distribution of the hot drink after the kettles were boiled on the stove. This was a great boon to the pupils but, sadly, was only available to those who were willing and able to contribute to the cost.

More changes of staff took place, with the appointment of Miss Mary Smith in 1911. Then, in April 1913 Miss Elizabeth Williamson, who had been teaching at the school since 1902, resigned her post as leader of the Junior Department. In the advert looking for her replacement the salary offered was given as £75 but this failed to attract any suitable applicants. The post was re-advertised, offering an increased salary of £80, together with a free house, and stating that it was necessary for applicants to have knowledge of instrumental music, while the ability to teach cookery was also recommended. The successful applicant was Miss Isama Gilmour from Banchory who took up the post in November 1914.

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In February 1915 it was recorded that the number of school age children had fallen slightly to 213.

Miss Gilmour, soon to become Mrs Shand, resigned in August 1915 and in November Miss Mary Gibson was appointed in her place at the same salary.

The 1915 HMI report stated that the school was much cleaner but again drew attention to the poor attendance of pupils. The Inspector did note that this could be partly because of the withdrawal of a large number of men who had left the island for service in the army. This wasn't seen as an acceptable excuse though, with the inspector attaching the blame for such poor attendance on the indifference of the parents and to the laxness of the Board in administering and enforcing the need for compulsory attendance. This reprimand seemed to carry little weight with the Board who very soon afterwards exempted 19 scholars to work in the harvest! This was quickly followed by applications from the parents of a further 23 of the older pupils to be exempted for harvest work and, at a meeting on 1st September 1915, these requests were also all granted. This high number of applications would no doubt have been due to so many of the workforce being away in the Forces.

Scarlet Fever appeared on the island once more in April 1916 and the school was shut from 8th to 20th May to try to break the hold of the epidemic. The building was also thoroughly cleaned and disinfected during the closure.

In July 1916 the Board was informed of a bequest in their favour from the late Captain Archibald Robertson from Stonehaven, formerly of Papa Stronsay and a brother of George Robertson, the founder and manager of the Orkney Steam Navigation Company, later to become Orkney Ferries. This bequest was for £1,150 (around £85,000 in today's terms) and was to provide four bursaries annually, each of £10, to be paid for up to four years and to be allocated 'among natives of Stronsay desirous of prosecuting their studies at any Scotch University, the preference to be given to necessitous and deserving students.' This bequest was gratefully accepted.

At a Stronsay School Board meeting held on 6th September 1916 the Attendance Officer reported that, while attendance at the North and South Schools was very good, the attendance at the Central School over the last 2 weeks was very unsatisfactory owing to most of the older children from the Village being engaged in salvaging wood from a stranded vessel at Sanday. The Clerk was instructed 'to write to the children so employed and also their employers, warning them of the illegality of their position and asking their employers for an explanation.'

This ship would undoubtedly have been the *Bretagne*, a Norwegian steamer bound for Liverpool with a cargo of wood when she stranded on the sands of Newark Bay in Sanday. The *Bretagne* was hard ashore and had to be lightened by discharging her cargo before she could be refloated, this to be accomplished by engaging 3 small ships to ferry the timber off the stranded vessel and land it at the Stronsay pier. It was in this activity that the pupils were employed, no doubt providing a cheap source of labour to help unload the cargo of wood, stow it on the Stronsay pier and then, after the Norwegian ship was refloated and taken safely to Stronsay, to reload her cargo of timber, allowing the ship to continue on her way.

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A school holiday to allow the children to help with the harvest was again given in 1916. This holiday lasted from 25th September until 27th October, by which time it was hoped that the island's harvest would all have been secured.

The school closed at 11.30 on 17th March 1917 to allow the pupils to practise and prepare for taking part in a concert to raise money for the 'Parcels for Soldiers' fund. This fund was aimed at sending parcels of food, toiletries etc to soldiers on duty in the front line or being held as prisoners of war. Another half day was given on 25th April to allow teachers and children to attend a sale at the North School, where teacher Mrs Helen Flett was leaving the island after 9 years in charge of the North School.

The School Board was again faced with a large number of applications for exemption for the 1917 harvest, all of which were approved.

As he had intimated some years previously, Alexander McCallum resigned due to age in September 1917, with his final brief report in the school log stating 'Today I cease to be Headmaster of this school; tomorrow I expect to be one of the "Superannuated Men".'

An advert for a new teacher was placed soon after. This advert sought 'a University graduate with qualifications in science and woodwork. Salary £150 per annum with free house and garden and war bonus.' The successful applicant was William Tulloch Eunson from Tankerness but it later transpired that the War Office was unwilling to release him from his military duties. After this setback it was to prove to be some time before the post was filled.

The School Board meeting of 27th December 1917 was called to arrange the allocation of a sum of money received from the Scotch Education department for the augmentation of teachers' salaries. It was allocated as follows:

The Headmaster was to receive £20, with Misses McCallum and Gorie of the Central School and Miss Fotheringham of the South School given £15 each, while Miss Gibson and Miss Foubister of the Central were given £13 and £12 respectively. Miss Gibson tendered her resignation at the same meeting and it was agreed to advertise the post at a salary of £93. Miss Grace Miller of Grindalay, currently teaching at the Rothiesholm School, deputised until April 1918, when Miss Isabella Sutherland from St Andrew's was appointed to the post.

Heavy drifting snow was recorded on 7th January 1918 resulting in the school being shut and it was to remain shut until 22nd January. Even then, with the roads still being very bad and impassable in places, few children were able to attend.

In February 1918 Mr William Clyne, compulsory officer and janitor at the Central, had submitted a letter of resignation to the School Board, this resignation to take immediate effect. The circumstances behind this letter aren't recorded but the Board chose not to accept his resignation and to dismiss him instead. They also agreed to withhold any salary due to him pending investigation regarding the manner in which he had been performing his work for some time.

John Stevenson of Park of Housebay had also been called before the Board to answer a charge of failing to educate his son Peter but failed to appear and the Board agreed to submit an 'attendance order' on him, the purpose of this order being an official warning that he would face legal proceedings if he didn't send his children to school.

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In August 1918 Miss McCallum resigned and the Board agreed to pay her an honorarium of £10 in recognition of the extra work entailed while the school was without a head teacher. Miss Gorie was appointed to take charge of the school, the role that Miss McCallum had been filling. The Clerk was instructed to again advertise for a headmaster, this time at a salary of £200 and to advertise for a replacement for Miss McCallum at a salary of £105. A new assistant was quickly found, with Miss Annie M Donaldson MA from Edinburgh (originally from Egilsay) appointed later that month.



With the salary of £200 still failing to attract applicants for headmaster the payment offered was increased once more, this time to £220. A successful applicant was appointed soon after.

Also in August a letter was sent from the School Board to the head teachers of each school reminding them of the necessity to economise with the use of coal on the fires due to the scarcity and high cost of coal.

A number of exemptions for harvest were again granted, although the Board was in receipt of a letter from the Education Department querying why such a high number of exemptions were being granted and asking for particulars of the 40 scholars (more than 1/3rd of the total roll and probably the greater majority of older pupils on the roll) who had failed to achieve a 75% attendance record.

1918 also saw the end of the School Boards which had been in place since 1872, to be replaced by a School Management Committees fulfilling much the same role.

The influenza pandemic, commonly known as Spanish Flu, which had been sweeping the country and causing the deaths of millions seemed to take a long time to reach Stronsay but come it did, with the epidemic taking a firm hold in Stronsay in late 1918. To attempt to limit the spread of the virus all schools on the island were closed on 5th December but 6 residents, all under the age of 30, were to die of the infection before the schools reopened on 6th January 1919. Although it had been thought the worst was past, with pupils now back at school the outbreak flared up again and the schools closed once more on 19th February, this time remaining closed until 17th March, with a further 2 islanders succumbing to the disease during that time. Fortunately this time the epidemic did finally seem to have run its course.

By the time the school reopened a new headmaster had at last been found, with Mr James Stewart Weir from Beith taking up that duty on 31st March 1919. The roll at the Central School stood at 120 at that time.

Ian Cooper
April 2024

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Orkney's only regular councillor newsletter—reporting back to the folk of the North Isles since 2012.

*The winter is past and the flow'rets are springing,
They are freed from the grasp of a hard, icy hand;
Sweetly warble the birds, 'tis the time of their singing;
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.
Who can choose in the sadness of winter to stay?
O awake, ye beloved ones, arise, come away!*

Clearly inspired by the *Song of Solomon 2:11-13*, these lines are from *The Winter is Past*, the first of the *Sanday Revival Hymns*, published in Edinburgh in 1861 for “the members and adherents of the Sanday Free Church Station by one of their deacons”—assumed to be the folklorist Walter Traill Dennison (1825-1894). Despite a promising start to this month, the flow'rets were soon in the grasp of a chilly, rainy and windy hand. (T.S. Eliot maybe had a point when he opened his modernist poem *The Waste Land* with “April is the cruellest month”!) I have heard starlings warbling (no doubt publicly announcing their intention to build a nest under my car bonnet), but whereas the turtle [dove] may frequently be heard in the unhappy Holy Land, its voice in Orkney is limited to that of the few migrant individuals which end up here each year.

After my meetings of the UHI Foundation in Inverness and the Dounreay Stakeholder Group in Thurso (see [last month's Letter](#)), the weather cut me off from Orkney for two days on the other side of the Pentland Firth.

For the first time in my experience, there was no “Education” at our Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting. Under “Leisure”, we agreed to a short-life member/officer working group being set up to consider the findings of a consultant-led review into the provision of sport and leisure services across Orkney. The group will comprise 21 members, of which 4 will be respectively representing each of the Isles (North & South) swimming pools (representation of which I wholeheartedly approved). Cllr John Ross Scott and I have also been appointed to this group, which will be meeting over the summer.

We did get some “Education” in the Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting in the form of a rather poor internal audit report on Kirkwall Grammar School. Staffing issues seem largely to have been to blame.

I went along to the Stromness & South Isles Ward by-election count (see photo below by Ross Cunningham). This is the first election count I've ever attended—not being a candidate myself making it undaunting. Congratulations to Janette Park on her win, which brings the number of female councillors on OIC up to one third (33%). For comparison, 22% of Shetland Islands Council are women, and only 7% of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. 52% of the population of Scotland comprise women and girls.

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I was at a rather “robust” development trust AGM. I have been around long enough, and have been to the AGMs of enough island development trusts (indeed I was once a trust director), to be aware of some of the pitfalls that trusts can drop into if they are not careful. One of these is not assessing proposed projects adequately in order to identify at an early stage potential dis-benefits to sections of the very community the trust exists to serve. And related to this, is not properly engaging the public and local businesses in partnership and utilising their expertise and local knowledge to help resolve issues and seek solutions. Development trusts have an enormous responsibility towards their respective communities. They have access to funding and tax relief not available to any local business, and, as such, a development trust has the power to skew an island’s economy in not-necessarily favourable ways. An exemplar of good practice in community engagement in decision-making is Westray Development Trust’s *Project Evaluation Group*, which involves a number of island residents who are not trustees of the Trust.

Professor Peter Higgs died on the 8th April. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2013 after the existence of the fundamental sub-atomic particle he’d predicted in 1964 (now known as the *Higgs Boson*) was confirmed 49 years later using CERN’s Large Hadron Collider. In 2018, a prize was inaugurated in his name, sponsored by the Orkney International Science Festival, to be presented each year to the best science student at Kirkwall Grammar School. (In May 2021, my younger daughter received a 2020 runners-up medal.) Professor Higgs visited Orkney and KGS in both 2015 and 2017.

Congratulations to Professor Donna Heddle, founder and director of the UHI’s internationally-renowned Institute for Northern Studies, on her election to Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (an honour Professor Higgs also held). Fellowship (FRSE) is conferred upon people judged to be “eminently distinguished in their subject”. Primarily based at UHI Orkney (formerly Orkney College), Professor Heddle’s recognition is indicative of the high calibre of academics associated with OIC’s college, and OIC should ensure that it appreciates, values and supports them. It would be unforgivable to lose them.

At the Policy & Resources Committee meeting, I requested that we proactively push for the geographical area benefitting from “Kirkwall’s” Levelling Up money to include the whole of Orkney. In the item on our British Sign Language Plan, I suggested BSL be taught in our schools to a level to compensate for the depleted selection of foreign languages nowadays on offer.

Other meetings in which I have participated, in this unusually un-busy month, include: a seminar to do with the Scapa Flow deep water quay; members’ briefings with the Chief Executive; and a meeting of Sanday Parent Council. In May, I am booked to travel to Shapinsay and to Papay to attend their respective community council meetings in person, and I shall be taking up the invitation to come along to the REWDT Community Showcase.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

Member for the North Isles Ward, Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

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

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

(Be aware that my SSL certificate is awaiting renewal.)





ORKNEY 2025

Volunteer Sign Up Sessions

Be a part of history: Volunteer for the International Island Games 2025

The International Island Games is coming to Orkney next year from 12 – 18 July and we need 700 volunteers to make it happen!

If you'd like to join us and volunteer at this fantastic event, you can find the application form on our website: [**www.orkney2025.com/volunteer**](http://www.orkney2025.com/volunteer)

Don't like completing forms? Pop along to our office at 2 West Tankerness Lane, Kirkwall and we'll complete it for you.

Sign up at our office from 10am–2pm, on the first Friday of every month:

**Friday 1st March
Friday 5th April
Friday 3rd May
Friday 7th June
Friday 5th July**

**Ready to be a
part of something
incredible?**



Scan Here

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau



Will be visiting

Stronsay

on

Wednesday 15th May 2024

when we will be in

Unit 1 Wood Yard

between

10am and 3pm

Please book an appointment by **Friday 10th May** by
contacting us at:

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

Anchor Buildings

6 Bridge Street

Kirkwall

KW15 1HR

or on 01856 875266

or by e-mail at bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk



Stronsay Youth (P6, P7) (S1 upwards)

Do you like Horrible Histories?

**We are delivering a Heritage based
project on behalf of NILPS and SDT
by way of a 14 week youth club
2 Age Groups - Thursdays and Sundays**

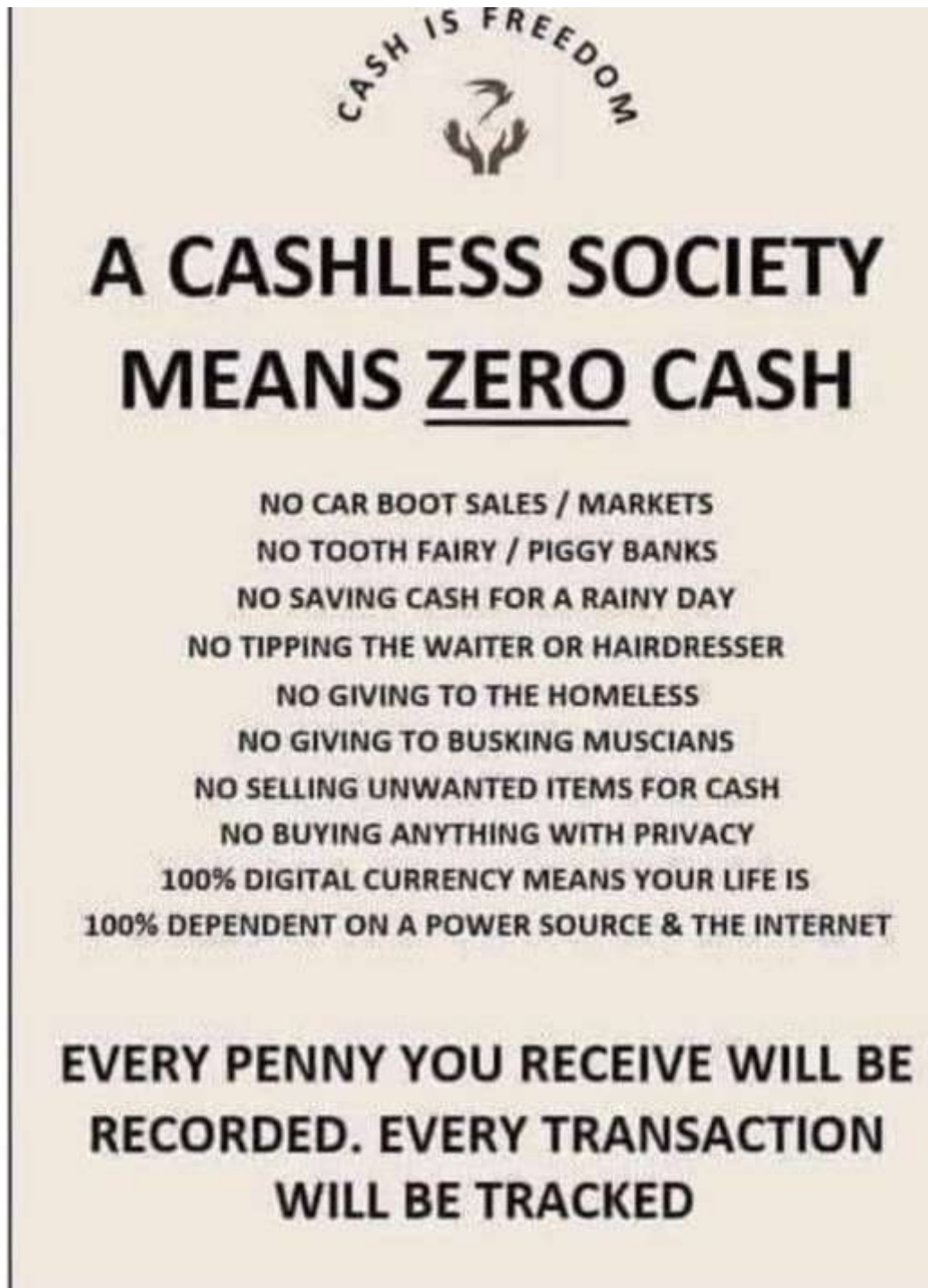
**Enjoy Heritage and earn your
own Heritage Hero Award**

**Email for more information:
aurorawavesorkney@gmail.com
or cdostronsay@gmail.com**



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.



FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

WANTED

EMPTY LIQUID SOAP DISPENSERS/BOTTLES

The nursery needs empty liquid soap dispensers/bottles because theirs keep getting broken due to being refilled. If you can help they can be dropped at the school or we can arrange pick up.

Thank you.

Yvonne Weaver

THANK YOU!

Orkney Fundraising total for Ronald McDonald House Glasgow - £22,260.99

- Just giving - £7,673.92
- Kathryn Mainland and Stuart Wylie's birthday party - £944.28
- The Blue Door - £3,836.25
- Stronsay Hall Coffee Afternoon- £8,527
- Doreen's Sale of cheesecakes in Tesco staff room - £143.54
- Cooke Aquaculture - £1,000
- Sanday community craft hub - £136

Phenomenal!!! A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone! The best community we could ever wish for to bring up our Ronnie the rascal!

Kevin & Jacqui

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DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES

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

Email: donnablyth@outlook.com

Tel: 01857 616242 / 07852 805780

Tuition in English Language, English Literature, EAL and Literacy for learners of all abilities from age 5 - adult

£25.00 per hour for 1:1 tuition

£45.00 per hour for groups of 2 or more depending on requirements (max 4)

Tuition in clarinet performance and music theory up to grade 5

£15 per 30min lesson for 1:1 tuition

Assessment for Applications for Examination Access Arrangements

Assessments and reports for EHCP and Coordinated Support Plan applications

Please contact me for details and prices

I am GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

I have valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification

References available if required

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to KCSIE legislation 2023

RECYCLED CARDBOARD LOGS

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.

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.

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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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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

Interest invited. Not currently with external agent.

Viewing by advanced appointment only. Flexible entry date.

Offers invited above £130k. Finance options from seller.

Leo Martini-Brown

lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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

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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
benefits – you could be entitled!

Automatic payments will be made to people in Orkney receiving:

- Housing benefit
- Council Tax reduction (means tested)
- Free school meals/clothing allowance (means tested)
- Exempt from council tax because all occupants are under the age of 18
- 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

...or scan
me into
your phone
camera



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.

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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

- [Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 \(poor audio quality\)](#)
- [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.youtube.com/c/TransalpineRedemptorists>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 5:30pm. Hours shown are approximate.

4pm - 4:30pm Short talk by one of the priests.

4:30pm - 5pm Recitation of the Rosary.

5pm - 5:15pm Saint Patrick's Breastplate & prayer to Saint Michael.

5:15pm - 5:30pm Devotions & prayers of the day led by one of the brothers.

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>

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for isles special collections up to 30 September 2024 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Council's Website see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.**

Please note that payment for collection is required on application and prior to collection. **Only items that are on the request form will be collected by the contractor.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Eday

Week Commencing: 29 April 2024 and 22 July 2024

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 20 May 2024 and 09 September 2024

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 15 April 2024, 1 July 2024, and 2 September 2024

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 10 June 2024 and 19 August 2024

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 3 June 2024 and 12 August 2024

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 6 May 2024 and 5 August 2024

Sanday

Week Commencing: 20 May 2024 and 19 August 2024

Shapinsay

Week commencing: 13 May 2024 and 19 August 2024

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 13 May 2024 and 05 August 2024

Westray

Week Commencing: 06 May 2024, 08 July 2024, and 16 September 2024

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE
REVISED NOTICE - WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

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. During 2024 meetings will be held on 25 March, 19 August, 7 October and 25 November.

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 a new version of the 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

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
31 January 2024

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



**Happy
Feet
Foot health**

New Business

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I am starting a new business as a fully qualified foot health care practitioner . I offer home visits and competitive rates. Please contact Shirley by email or on 07767714634 for more information or to arrange an appointment.

Happy Feet Foot Health Care

07767714634

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Community Bus

Book by 7pm the day before travel

Contact Mick

07508884024

01857 616 376

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

Tuesday - Morning ferry drop off, evening pick up

Tuesday - Olivebank round trip 9:30-11:00

Wednesday - Village drop off 11:30, pick up 1:00

Thursday - Morning ferry drop off, evening pick up

Friday - Morning plane drop off, afternoon plane pick up

(max. 4 passengers)

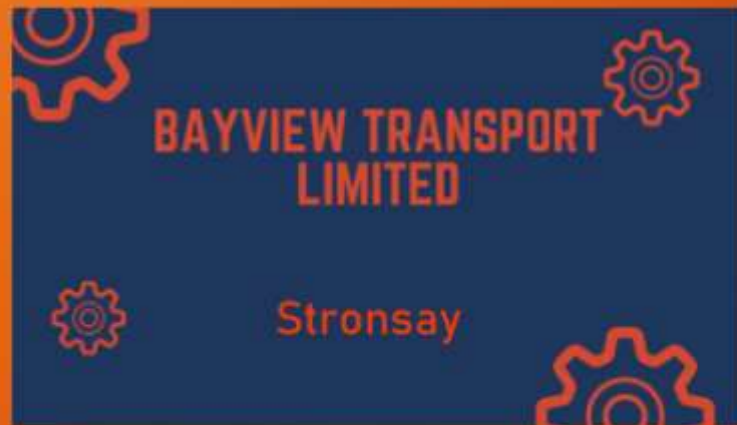
Maximum 8 passengers. £2.50 per return journey. Cash or card accepted.

Booked passengers will be contacted the evening before travel with a collection time.

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Taxi

School transport

Mechanic repairs and diagnostics

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POMONA PREFECT



ORKNEY NORTH ISLES' COMMERCIAL AND LEISURE SMALL BOAT CHARTER

GUIDED MARINE SEAFARIS: £450 Four Hours (15/5-15/9)

A Calf of Eday.

B. Start Point

C Whale Point

D Vat of Kirbister



BESPOKE CHARTER Minimum 2 Hours-

£180 from Stronsay, £200 from Eday or Sanday. Then £80 per hour up to 8 hours



KIRKWALL

From the North Isles, either Stronsay/Eday/Sanday, is £350.

Collect at Kirkwall and bring out to either Eday/Sanday or Stronsay is £530.

REGULAR RUNS INTER ISLANDS:

A regular 35 minute Saturday Stronsay/ Sanday run commences in May to improve island links- AM/PM times. An unsubsidised fare scale depending on passenger numbers aboard one way on departure. Up to two children free each with a full fare adult. Card Payments accepted prior to departure. One way fares :-

1 = £50	2= £40 each
3= £35 each	4= £30 each
5= £25 each	

- Specialist PADI leisure diving and snorkelling insurance.
- Fishing rods hire £15, Some tackle, bait and gear available to purchase.
- Snorkelling gear hire: £15 per mask/snorkel/weights/flipper set in adult and child.

- Advise Skipper of passenger details on booking form. RYA and a local shorewatch system.
- PFDs (lifejackets) are provided for adults and children (15-40kg).
- Wear sensible shoes, trousers and warm clothes and waterproof gear. Toilet aboard.

- Chemical loo.
- Skipper's discretion applies at all times in carriage for safety.
- Please allow some flexibility for Orkney weather conditions. Criteria Risk approx.F5-6 23 kts See- [UK MET](#), [WINDY](#) [Orkney Harbours](#)



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Local honey in season according to availability.

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

BUILDING WORK

Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

Please note changed telephone number

Phone Paul Williams on 616222 or email williams778@btinternet.com

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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](#)

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Marion Miller Jewellery

Unique Jewellery inspired by the sea and shore.
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www.marionmillerjewellery.com

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



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

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk

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

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

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Tuition

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Cozy studio with professional lighting

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Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

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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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★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★

★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★

★ Handmade especially for you ★

★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★

★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★



Hazel Shearer, Airy, Stronsay, Orkney, KW172AG • Phone 01857 616231
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- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

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Ensuite Double and twin rooms

Tel 01862 842357 Email oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com

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.

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

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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Local business adverts are free!
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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As from 25 March 2024, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council:-

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The role of a Community Councillor is to ensure that they work for the best interests of the whole community and remain representative of, and accountable to, the represented community.

If you have a community related issue that you wish to bring to the attention of the Community Council, please contact any of the above members, or the Clerk, tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

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25 March 2024

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: 13 May 2024 and 05 August 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

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

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 or
	or 07500 682 867	transport, mechanic	07508 884 024
Fish Mart	616401	diagnostics & repairs	
Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210		
	or contact@the-sons.org	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Hairdresser	616337	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
Hall bookings	616263	Electricity	
	or annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Highland Fuels	01856 873766	(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)	
Island Link Officer	616475	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Kirk secretary	616238	power cut (24/7). . .	105
Limpet editor	616297	Police (non urgent) (24/7)	101
Medical emergency	616321	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Neil's on Wheels	07723 304 260	Dentists:	
Manse	616284	Daisybank Clinic . .	01856 870547
Nurses	616321	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
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
Registrar	616239	Northvet	01856 873403
Scottish Fuels	01856 873105		
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