



TIMETABLES

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stronsay Chess Club	Fri 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun
Orkney Traditional Music Project	Sun 9 Jun
Peedie concert	Fri 21 Jun
All-age Café Church	Sun 23 Jun
Citizen scientist course	Sun 30 Jun
Orkney matters 2	Tue 2 Jul
Mobile library van visit	Mon 15 Jul
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

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>

COMPANIONS GROUP

Meets every Wednesday (5, 12, 19, 26 June) in the Fishmart Café at 2pm for a cuppa & cake whilst chatting and catching up with the news.

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **30 June 2024**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

ORKNEY ISLAND GAMES 2025

Calling all islanders! Be part of history as Orkney hosts its largest event ever - the Orkney 2025 International Island Games!

We're seeking passionate volunteers to join our team and help make this extraordinary event a reality. Whether you're a sports enthusiast, event planning pro, or simply want to contribute to something unforgettable, we need your skills and dedication.

From assisting athletes to ensuring seamless operations, your involvement will be pivotal in creating an unforgettable experience for participants and spectators alike.

Don't miss this chance to be part of something truly special. Sign up today and together we will showcase the spirit of Orkney to the world!

<https://www.orkney2025.com/volunteer>



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

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?



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Sunday 9th June

The Fishmart and the Stronsay Hotel

are excited to welcome the

Orkney Traditional Music Project



OTMP are keen to promote traditional music and will be playing some tunes as a group as well as offering a chance for a play along/ workshop.

They will also have information about their summer school which is a week long event held at KGS for learners of all levels.

Itinerary

11:15—12:00 Meet and greet at the Fishmart.

12:00— 13:30 Open workshops with the tutors, everyone welcome at any level including complete novice, to come along and try out an instrument or play along. A selection of instruments of different sizes will be provided.

These workshops will be split between the Hotel and the Fishmart.

14:30—16:00 Concert in the Hotel, everyone welcome, with the option to join in.



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SUNDAY
30 JUNE 2024



START AT
11:00AM - 4:00PM



VENUE
STRONSAY COMMUNITY
HALL



TOPICS INCLUDE:

- An introduction to whales, dolphins & porpoises in Orkney
- How to identify different species
- How to conduct a survey for OMMRI

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To book your place please get in touch via email:
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or send us a message through our Facebook page:
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Orkney Marine Mammal Research Initiative,
The Old School, Casta, Eire, KW17 9NN
(SCIO) Reg. No. SC050461

OMMRI is grateful to the North Isles Landscape Partnership for the funding which has enabled us to bring our marine mammal surveyor training to: North Ronaldsay, Westray, Papa Westray, Stronsay, Eday, Sanday, Shapinsay & Rousay.



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Orkney Matters 2

*Come and be part of the conversation
about what matters to you*

Stronsay Hall

Tue 2 July
7.30pm

Original artwork by the Inner Isles Wellbeing Group for Orkney Matters 1

KIRK CORNER

Friday 31st May 2024
The Manse, Stronsay KW17 2AF
DLocke@churchofscotland.org.uk
01857 616284



The times they are a-changin! It will be a time of change soon for me and my family, as we will be moving to live in Aberdeenshire later this summer. I hope to stay until September around the time Stronsay Kirk hopes to unite with other Orkney congregations. The aim is to strengthen our working together, and help us largely keep going here as before. More of that in maybe the next Limpet.

But for now, the church's next Messy Cafe Church for families and others, will be on Sunday 23rd June, at 11am. All are welcome; come and enjoy fun, crafts, music, play and chat; around the theme of holiday friendships.

As I will be leaving, I wondered if before I go anyone would like their child to be blessed or baptised? Blessing is like us saying together in church a prayer for God to love and help a child, while baptism also involves a slightly more formal commitment by a parent and the church to help a child know God's love over time. Both can be joyful occasions to help a child and us all, know God loves us as we are. If you would like to know more about these, please contact me or any church leader.

Meanwhile, how about helping a child read some bible stories?. The Scottish Bible Society has a free scheme to help, called Bibles for Bairns- see below

Fewer than half of 0-2-year-olds are read to every day*
Help us to change that

Bibles for Bairns
A Bible for Every Child

We know that reading to babies and young children helps them learn and grow.
It helps them to feel safe and loved. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, imagination and even improves sleeping patterns.
What if the stories read to babies and young children at these crucial moments were stories from the Bible, stories that told children they were safe and loved by a God who made them, and who will always be with them as they learn and grow.

[Register a child](#)

www.scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/bibles-for-bairns

Reading to young children helps them feel safe and loved. It builds self-esteem, grows their vocabulary, and fires their imagination. Reading the Bible can help bring a family together and closer to God.

Bible for Bairns offers every baby born in Scotland a free Share a Story toddler Bible on their first birthday. Every birthday after that, until age 5, the Scottish Bible Society will send a Bible-related gift. On their fifth birthday, they will receive an early reader Bible to take them through their primary school years.

Do you know a child and family who would be blessed by this gift?

Join us please at any of our services in the weeks to come.

May God bless **you**.

David Rev David I W Locke. MA, MSc, BD

All-age Café Church for the holidays!

in Stronsay Parish Church.

Journey with us as we meet together before the holidays, to reflect on friendship, sea and sand, looking towards Je-



sus, the friend who is always there for us no matter what. There will be a chance for coffee, chat and quiet reflection from 11am, before our all-age Café Church service begins at around 11.30.

Come along and take some time out to share, reflect, chat and pray for rest, relaxation and refreshment over the summer; for ourselves and others.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday 23rd June, 11am



Stronsay Parish Church
here for you and your community.



SEEDS
FOR
GROWTH

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND—GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

I attended a week or so ago, the 6 day **General Assembly of the Church of Scotland** which is the gathering of some 600 church leaders to discuss and debate issues of the day affecting church, country and world. Most get to attend just once every 5 or so years. We will be showing the BBC Scotland programme of 26th May about it, at our church service here on Sunday 9th June ; unfortunately it caught me on camera with my eyes closed- clearly not sleeping but praying!

Prince Edward attended the General Assembly as the personal representative of his brother King Charles III, and spoke movingly about the importance of listening to others in today's world and society, and how he and his wife seek to go around doing this.



The Moderator[leader] serves for just one year in order to spread power, and the new Moderator is Dr Shaw Paterson, Minister in Strathaven in Lanarkshire-A down to earth man who was originally intended to be a bricklayer. His theme for the year is **Building Together as the Church seeks to move forward in unity after passing major reforms** to address a shortage of ministers, a decline in membership numbers and dwindling finances. The Assembly marked what is intended to be a turning point of hope facing the church in Scotland. As re-organisation attempts across the country start to kick in-including our own union of churches across Orkney.

Dr Paterson said: "Maybe we need to put more trust and faith in our sisters and brothers that collectively we move away from our focus being on what once was, and allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit into the future, allowing the Spirit to transform us.

The retiring Moderator emphasised the old Jewish Prophetic saying: what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? There were many stories of how **the church across Scotland is making a real difference, especially through its social care work** which I think is Scotland's largest voluntary care provider. But the head of the social care services warned how **Scotland's care services are in a very precarious state and urged everyone to lobby MSPs** about the crisis in social care in Scotland. 'If we don't do something, the whole system is going to collapse.'

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Within the church there was an urgency about the need to balance the budget. Much discussion focused on the fact that 71% of churches do not contribute enough to cover their ministry costs, and are supported by the other 29%. How to weigh up the church “Priority to the poorest and most remote ” alongside calls for the 29% who do pay for their ministries not to be restricted? Significant changes to the education of ministers were agreed which will allow new ministers to qualify more quickly through an Apprenticeship Route.

The Assembly includes many overseas church representatives, and together deplored Rwanda migrants deportation. It called for prayers for peace in Gaza, for the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel, and urged the UK Government to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, and to stop granting export licences for weapons to Israel. The Archbishop of Canterbury celebrated the growing friendship between the Churches of Scotland and England. He agreed about Gaza, but condemned both antisemitism and the abuse of Muslims in the UK: “Whatever is happening elsewhere, both faiths and many others have brought wonderful gifts to the UK.... They are our fellow citizens and must be protected by free speech and for free speech.”

A report on Transgender People, while awaiting further assessments of issues, said that they should be loved, and respected, and welcomed in our congregations, and allowed to serve in our Church...

Ahead of its final report next year on **assisted suicide** the Assembly heard moving testimony from a friend of mine, Susan Pym, who saw her sister die from a rare neurological condition. She said that her sister had asked three times for help to end her life, but that she couldn't do it. “In her final hours I considered what I might do (to ease her suffering)... I couldn't do it. The final words I barely heard her whisper were ‘please help me’ but I couldn't do it.” “If you have walked in my shoes I know you will support my plea for the Church to (support assisted dying). If you haven't walked in my shoes I pray you never will.” Although some spoke passionately against such assistance, I was moved by a vet who said, he is not allowed as a vet to allow the pain to animals that we allow humans in their final stages of life – he must allow them to peacefully be put to sleep.
[David Locke 31st May]

Stronsay

Orkney's Island of Bays

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stronsayhotel@gmail.com

-Storehouse B&B-

Tel: 01857 616263

annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

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For any further information or queries;
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STRONSAY'S Massive WEEKEND!

16th, 17th, 18th AUGUST 2024



FRIDAY 16th AUGUST; COMMUNITY HALL; 7:30PM

-QUIZ WITH CASH PRIZE-



-FOLLOWED BY JAMMING SESSION-

Come along and start your weekend with a
cracking night at the Hall-
We'll have Hot Food on sale, Bar open and
Raffle Tickets available!

Please bring your instruments if you have any!
Adults £3 Under 16's: Free

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST; COMMUNITY HALL; 11AM

Get your 5-a-side teams ready!

- Fun Netball-
- Fun Football-
- Team Games-

Also open inside the Community Hall:

- Inflatables-
- Carnival Style Games-



OBSTACLE COURSE; 4PM

Put your team to the final test!

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



Stronsay Community Hall will be open and
available for
Hot food, Tea, Coffee and Drums!

-Raffle tickets available-

COMMUNITY HALL; 8PM

-Dance to The Stronsay Band!-

Adults: £5 Under 16's: £1

-Bar-

-Supper-

-Raffle Tickets-
Everyone welcome!



SUNDAY 18th AUGUST; COMMUNITY HALL; 12PM

-FLOATS-

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

-Move Orkney Highland Dancers-

-Kirkwall City Pipe Band-

-Vintage Club-

-Craft Sale-

-BBQ-

-Inflatables-

-Carnival Style Games-

-Bar-

-Raffle Tickets on sale until 2:30pm-



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

CASES OF MEASLES ARE ON THE RISE!

From NHS Orkney

It may seem like ages away, but if you're planning on going to college or university this autumn, now's a good time to check you've had two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Students are at increased risk of getting measles because of all the mixing with lots of new people.

For more information on how to check you're fully protected, visit <https://www.nhsinform.scot/MMRagainstMeasles>.



Don't let measles get in the way of your next chapter.

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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:
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STRONSAY MEN'S SHED

The Stronsay Men's Shed have their own Facebook page up and running now, if you would like to contact them direct please do pm them.

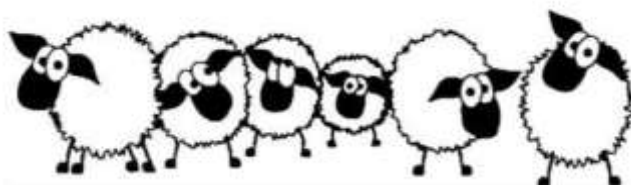
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Prescription Collection and Delivery Service



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

Stronsay Stitches



Stronsay Stitches - Thursday 27th June

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

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

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 23rd November

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

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2024

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 7 – Disputes and dismissal

In last month's article we left the newly appointed headmaster, Stewart Weir, in charge at the Central School. After taking up the reins in March 1919 he had apparently decided at an early stage to tackle the thorny issue of unauthorised absences head on, no doubt with the best of intentions. It seems he may not have been the most diplomatic or tolerant of characters and this was soon to lead to some severe disputes with parents and School Management Committee, with the Education Authority's Executive Officer being drawn into the fray soon after. This dispute was recorded quite fully in the school log, firstly in November 1919, when Mr Weir records that:

'Yesterday received a letter from Mr Young asking me in the name of the Orkney Education Authority to send in my resignation. The facts are as follows:-

16th October 1919

(A) The local postman called at the school about 1 p.m. and demanded his son for harvest work. I asked him to repeat his request and he did so with aggravated impudence. I then summoned the two assistants – Miss Donaldson and Miss Sutherland - and told him for the third time to leave the school premises, (his impudence being a personal insult and calculated to undermine my authority). After his refusal I attempted to shove him outside but he got his back to the door and of course I failed to dislodge him. Going round by another way I found him in the courtyard and received some further abuse. (witness - Miss Gorie) I then went in but he followed me and, closing the door behind him, treated me to some further insults:-

(a) The children were being kept from school because of my fitness or slackness.

(b) Ordered me into my room in the most outrageous fashion such-wise as was calculated to ruin me in the eyes of my pupils (if they heard) for ever if submitted to it. Perceiving the drift of the whole matter I restrained myself - not one in a hundred would have done so - and allowed him to go off unscathed.

He had evidently had a little liquor (witness myself and Miss Gorie) and believed that as a ratepayer he had the right to dictate to the headmaster, or at least to insult him and, having done, make good his position in the school premises.

(B) Meeting of the School Management Committee on 24th October.

(a) Before the meeting Mr Fotheringhame asked me to resign – ostensible reason being anonymous charges by anonymous parents of anonymous children that I had used violent and improper language.

(b) In the meeting Mr Maxwell supported me, Mr Meil and the doctor had little to say. I protested that to summon a special meeting and enter permanent minutes of the holding of such a meeting on the accusations of only one ratepayer was an insult to me calculated to undermine my authority. Mr Fotheringhame refused to let me have this minuted. We agreed to let Mr Young investigate.'

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The Clerk then indicated that he had received a letter as follows:—

*'Fairhill, Stronsay
20th October 1919*

Dear Sir,

As requested by you today I now write to you to the effect that the headmaster of the Central School grossly insulted me and assured violence to me last Thursday when I called along school asking him for liberty to take my son Thomas with me to help in leading my crop. This was repeated on Saturday and he threatened personal injury so much so that I can only allow my children to attend school on the committee's responsibility and I want to know in writing whether I shall continue their attendance as they are doing just now on these terms as I told you today. I am willing to meet before you at any time.

I am, sir, yours truly

(signed) Alex Chalmers'

After consideration by the Committee it was agreed to submit the matter referred to in the letter to the Executive Officer, Kirkwall, for him to deal with and the clerk was instructed to write to Mr Young, the Executive Officer, enclosing a copy of Mr Chalmers' letter.

A reply was soon received from Mr Young, stating that he and the chairman of the Authority were coming to Stronsay the following Wednesday. The letter stated:

'I am making arrangements to meet the father of the lad Chalmers at the Central School at 6 p.m. on Wednesday fifth November. Your attendance is desired so that the complaint you make can be fully investigated.' (signed) Frank Young, Executive Officer'

A special meeting of the Management Committee was held that evening when Mr Chalmers was called to give a first-hand account of his version of proceedings. He recounted that he had met with Mr Weir on 15th October and again on the 17th when the headmaster had threatened personal injury towards him and had used obscene language towards him within earshot of the schoolchildren.

A letter from Mr Weir was then read, stating:

'I write to call your attention to the number of children who are kept from school by their parents for work in the harvest field. 'Working' is entered in the absentee book as a legitimate excuse.'

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He then went on to give specific examples of boys who had abused their exemption or had been absent without exemption and whose attendance was very poor before and following any exemption granted, complaining that the objectionable feature of this was the granting of the exemption in the first place. He again described in detail how the father of one of the boys, Alex Chalmers, had entered the school demanding that his son should come home with him to work in the harvest, going on to explain the events as he saw them and as described earlier. He felt that Mr Chalmers should be prosecuted as his conduct was an incitement to others, and stated that if the School Management Committee or Education Authority failed to prosecute Mr Chalmers then he must do so himself as he had made personal allegations against him.

Mr Weir was then called before the committee where he denied using obscene language before the children, also stating that he was quite within his rights to thrust Mr Chalmers out of the school building.

After both gentlemen had been questioned by the committee the meeting closed and, with Mr Young taking the matter back to the Education Authority for consideration, nothing more was heard for almost three weeks.

Then, in a letter to Mr Weir dated 25th November, Mr Young stated that, after due consideration by the Education Authority it had been agreed that, in the best interests of the school, they should ask the headmaster to submit his resignation forthwith. The Authority was prepared to grant Mr Weir a reasonable length of time in which to obtain a situation elsewhere.

Mr Weir quickly replied to this letter stating that he would give the matter his consideration, but intimating very soon afterwards that he didn't see his way to oblige the committee by tendering his resignation at present.

Writing in the school logbook later, he went on to question the impartiality of the chairman at the meeting, also citing how anonymous complaints had been held against him and allegations of him using violence and abusive language were complete lies. He further questioned the validity of some of the committee's minutes recorded in the minute book, stating that the minutes had been altered after they had been approved. He then stated that he felt his personal relations with some members of the Management Committee had been largely responsible for the fracas, adding that one member in particular had asserted that he would never rest until he had Mr Weir out of Stronsay. This member had removed his daughter from school and was most upset when Mr Weir refused to punish a schoolboy for allegedly stealing some of that member's turnips. That same member had also threatened previously to prosecute Mr Weir for trespass committed by his goats. He felt he had been subject to two outrageously partial investigations and afterwards asked to resign, stating that reasons for the strong support for the postman Alex Chalmers were well known in the neighbourhood, although he didn't go on to clarify what these reasons were. He then noted that the Orkney Education Authority had sent a lawyer around Stronsay to try to find those anonymous islanders whose spokesmen, Mr Meil and Mr Fotheringhame, had engineered so carefully the attempt to jockey him out of Stronsay.

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In another letter from Mr Young, the Executive Officer, dated 14th January 1920, the Officer stated that, in accordance with section 24 of the Education Act, the Education Authority moved to dismiss Mr Weir from his appointment as headmaster of Stronsay School. Mr Young then went on to ask Mr Weir to reconsider his decision of 1st December 1919 not to resign, to which Mr Weir responded that he had nothing to add to his previous reply.

In the following month a number of complaints, some related to what was seen as undue punishment for misdemeanours, were noted in the school logbook, while school attendance by pupils was recorded as being less than ideal.

Then, on 14th February, Mr Henderson of the Education Authority visited Mr Weir to inform him that a lawyer had collected evidence sufficient to prove (or at least swear to) what the chairman of the authority seemed to believe to be true. On hearing this, Mr Weir replied that he would now begin to look elsewhere for a new situation.

Later that month it was noted in the school log that one boy in particular was habitually late and, although Mr Weir had shown leniency for some time, on 5th March, the boy received what the writer recorded as *'full settlement of his score, as I observed a tendency to mistake leniency for weakness.'* Following this punishment the boy apparently took the opportunity of the interval to return home and a letter of complaint was received from his father soon after, protesting against what he saw as excessive punishment and stating that, while his son had been late on only one occasion, he was led to believe that the headmaster himself was not at school until almost 10 o'clock on many occasions.

Entries in the school log toward the end of April recorded that the writer, who of course was Mr Weir himself, had on occasion suffered all night from fever and insomnia. This, he said, was no unusual occurrence since he had spent five months in Epsom War Hospital.

On 13 May 1920 Mr Weir records that he had received the offer of a situation elsewhere and had forwarded his resignation as of 15th June, under protest, to the authority, this being part of the agreement that they would then remove the previous dismissal from his record.

Mr Weir seemed to be in a reminiscent mood when, on 7 June 1920, he recorded *'Fine sunshine today after a week and more of dull and chilly weather. Wind still cold from the East. School garden lovely with beans in flower; radishes, mustard and cress have been available for some time back. Pity I was not able to finish the wall around it.'* Then, in a more poignant note on 11th June he recorded that he had been absent from duties on Thursday and Friday, the reason being insomnia. He went on to say *'these things, I have no doubt, will be better understood in the lifetime of the coming generation and the curse hunted down.'*

In his final entry in the school logbook dated 13 June 1920 Mr Weir wrote *'Tomorrow I leave this happy island though I had purposed staying here (when I left Scotland) for at least three years.'* He went on to record that he felt he had been dealt with unfairly, and that those whose activities had undermined his authority may yet be thoroughly exposed before adding

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'I expect the old order will now be re-established and parents will call at school for their children and take them off with them at any time of the day they please. As it stands the matter is scandalous. Children about the ages of 13 or 14 are kept from school sometimes for half a dozen weeks without action being taken by the School Management Committee.'

Returning to the subject of his garden he wrote *'I hope my successor, if one can be found, will continue the good work of surrounding the garden with walls. By removing a foot or two of clay from the subsoil and raising an embankment three or 4 feet high it might easily be made as good as the gardens of the South. My other projects for improving and beautifying it, want of time compelled me to abandon. As it is, I must have spent hundreds of hours there. Many a basket of seaweed I carried up from the shore.'*

This was a sad reflection of his view on his 15 months in Stronsay, a time which seemed to be filled with conflict and controversy. Mr Weir was a war veteran who had spent some considerable time in a military hospital and still suffered severe bouts of ill health so we are left to ponder just how much bearing this had on his behaviour and actions. Was he really a tyrant, as seemed to be portrayed by some parents and factions within the School Management Committee? Or was he simply trying to instil discipline and address the challenge of the poor pupil attendance records highlighted in past reports by His Majesty's Inspectorate while attempting to deal with his own demons at the same time?

There would seem to be little doubt that he had what he saw as the best interests of the pupils at heart right up until he left the island. As an example of his belief in education, just a month before he left Mr Weir had placed an order for a dozen copies of 'The Orkney Book' which was, in his judgement, an excellent innovation. It was, we are told, 'Readings for Young Orcadians' and was about Orkney, for use in Orkney, designed and for the most part written by natives of Orkney. The Orkney Book was to continue being a well-used school resource, remembered by many of its readers for its lucidity and charm, until being superseded by 'The New Orkney Book' in 1967. This new version of the book was again written mostly by Orcadians and aimed at bringing the history of Orkney and some of the more modern Orcadian writings and poetry to a new generation of young Orcadians.

Following Mr Weir's departure Miss Gorie was again in charge of the school, assisted by Miss Sutherland and Miss Donaldson, with Miss Shearer being appointed as temporary assistant in September 1920.

In early 1921 there was some atrocious weather, with gales and heavy rain which led to the school being closed at 12 noon on some days (but not before the scholars had got their cocoa) as the pupils were wet through and at 2 o'clock on other days, instead of the winter closure time of 3.30 or even 3.00 on occasion. By mid-February, with days lengthening, the school closing time returned to the usual time of 4.00 pm.

A new headmaster was found in April 1921 in the form of 29 year old Mr John Drever MA, originally from Papa Westray, who took up his duties on 1st April, a post he was to hold until July 1956.

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Miss Shearer, who had been appointed as a temporary assistant teacher, had transferred to another school in Orkney before Mr Drever's arrival and in one of the new headmaster's first entries in the log book he detailed the teaching arrangements that were in place at that time. Mr Drever himself had 13 pupils from the qualifying class while Miss Gorie, as Infant Mistress, was teaching the infants in classes 1, 2 and 3 and Juniors 2 and 3. Miss Sutherland had 22 pupils in Junior 1 and also taught Senior 3. Miss Donaldson had the Qualifying Seniors 1 and 2. Mr Drever also had 29 pupils in Supplementary 1 and 2, along with one boy in his 3rd Supplementary year. Mr Drever took many of the pupils for drill and singing, also instructing the six pupils taking French and eight taking mathematics. Miss Gorie took cookery on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The weather and its effect on attendance was often recorded and highlighted in the log by Mr Drever and one such day, 15th April 1921 was noted as a very wild day of wind and snow showers when only eight children out of 115 turned up. They were dismissed soon after. 30th May 1921 was reported as another wet and windy day, this time with not one single pupil turning up.

School was dismissed at 11.30 on 15th March 1922 to allow the children to attend Rev Skene's induction to the UF Church.

Poor attendance, the bane of past headmaster's lives and a perceived problem in so many HMI reports, seemed to be less of a problem as education moved into the 1920s. This was illustrated in July 1922 when prizes for attendance were awarded, with 5 having pupils having recorded perfect attendance and a number of other missing only a very few attendances.

Miss Annie Donaldson resigned in November 1922 to marry the local shipping agent David Chalmers and Miss Anne Johnston from Birsay took over her duties as teacher of the qualifying classes later that month. Two boys from Holm were admitted to the school in the first week of December 1922. (William and Sam Cooper, whose parents had returned to the farm of Cleat in their native island)

The school was closed for a day's holiday on 28th February 1922 'by order of King George for the celebration of Princess Mary's wedding.' Princess Mary, who married Henry, viscount Lascelles, was the only daughter of King George V.

Another holiday, this time a half day, was granted on 28th May to celebrate Empire Day. This date was the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday and was a day set aside as an annual celebration of the British Empire. With the decline of the British Empire it was renamed Commonwealth Day in 1958, with the date of its celebration later changed to the 2nd Monday of March each year.

The school was shut again on 26th April 1923, this time for the marriage of Prince Albert, Duke of York, to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. The couple were later to become better known as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

As always there was a steady influx of scholars from the side schools, with pupils from around the age of 11 moving on to the Central School and in April 1923 it was recorded that 7 such scholars joined from the South School, 6 from the North and 2 from Rothiesholm.

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The school reopened after the summer break on 4th September 1923, with Walter Munro of Shirva, Fair Isle, taking up duties as teacher of senior 3 and Junior 1 in place of Isabella Sutherland who had transferred to the North School. From that date the Central School was also to be designated as a three-teacher one, although no explanation was given as to why this reduction in staffing was being implemented

Part 8 will be in next month's *Limpet*.

Ian Cooper

May 2024

STRONSAY CHESS CLUB



Meets from 12 to 2pm every Friday in the Fishmart Café
Chess sets provided

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.

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A report from your councillor, fifty years after the first Orkney Islands Council election.

The 7th May marked 50 years since the first election to the new Orkney Islands Council. (The election was held on a Tuesday.) Twenty-three seats corresponded to 23 wards (no multi-member wards back then). Five councillors representing one ward each covered the area of today's North Isles Ward. The five elected were: Christine Muir (North Ronaldsay & Sanday), Jack Scott (Westray), Jackie Groat (Eday & Stronsay), Nigel I Firth (Rousay), and Tadeusz Zawadski (Shapinsay). Every candidate for the Council stood as an independent—no political parties participated. The newly elected OIC existed as a shadow authority until 1975, when it took over local government in Orkney from Orkney County Council, Kirkwall Town Council and Stromness Town Council.

The 6th May marked 25 years since the first election to the first Scottish Parliament since 1707. Jim Wallace (Liberal-Democrat) was elected for Orkney. Until 2004, the new Parliament met in the General Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland. The first First Minister was Donald Dewar (Labour) of what was then known (less egotistically than today) as the Scottish Executive.

Speaking of First Ministers, I don't believe the latest leadership drama at Holyrood bodes well for our ferries' "taskforce" (see my [Letter Issue 120 — January 2023](#)). Last time there was a change of First Minister at the Scottish Parliament, it delayed developments by six months.

There have been a couple of changes of leadership at North Isles schools. Fellow physicist, Dr Tim Ross moves from Westray to head Papa Westray, and the "weel-kent" Mrs Kristen Muir will be taking over at Sanday after the summer break. (I wonder how many of Mrs Muir's pupils know that a framed watercolour painting she did as a schoolgirl hangs in one of the North Isles ferries. Do you know on which ship and where, and of what?) I'd like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Sanday's departing headmaster, Mr Stewart McPhail, and his wife, Lorna, who've been stalwarts of the School since they arrived in 2019. Very much a "can-do" couple, their emphasis has been on practical solutions and kindness, which they were also called upon to deploy, for a time, at Eday School.

And there may be yet another leadership change in the offing, this time at the Palace of Westminster, depending on the result of the General Election on the 4th July. Do make sure you are registered to vote.

At our mid-term "re-shuffle" at the Special General Meeting and the Special Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, I am pleased to report that I was not "shuffled" at all. I remain a member of the Policy & Resources Committee, the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee and the Monitoring & Audit Committee; I will carry on representing OIC on the Dounreay Stakeholder Group and on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (this is where being a PhD in physics helps), and I shall stay serving on the Constitutional Reform Consultative Group and the Empowering Communities Steering Group. This means I can continue to focus my efforts on those areas of council activity that I am best qualified for and experienced in. Other appointments will be reconsidered at forthcoming committee meetings. I retain (as this was a five-year appointment) the responsibility of the senior position of Depute Convener of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

Other meetings I've attended at School Place this month include: a confidential members' briefing with the Chief Executive; various meetings concerned with establishing the Orkney Towns Board (required to disburse the £20 million funding coming our way from the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund); a joint briefing session of the Integration Joint Board, NHS Orkney and OIC; and a seminar on community consultation and engagement. I also had an online-only meeting of the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation (as OIC's rep).

In the Isles, I went to Shapinsay to attend a meeting of their community council (giving up the opportunity to meet celebrity classicist Professor Mary Beard in order to do so!), but my trip to Papay to attend the meeting of their community council was curtailed at Kirkwall Airport on account of fog. I hope my booked journey to attend the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council will not suffer the same fate.

In the world of development trusts, I attended Sanday Development Trust's public "planning meeting", and I went along to the AGM of the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust and enjoyed their "community showcase".

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

West Manse, Sanday
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Letter from School Place is also
available on-line at clackson.info

Photo credit: John Ross Scott.



FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

THANK YOU!

The young people at Stronsay School have been busy planting some bedding plants outside the school. We would like to say a big thank you to the person who anonymously donated money to the school through K Allan Properties. The money was utilised to buy the plants which the young people will now look after in the coming months. These will certainly brighten up the outdoor space, thank you!



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 please drop a line to "*The Editor, Claremont KW17 2AR*"
 or email editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk

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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone concerned in quickly getting me from Stronsay to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Friday 26 April. Special thanks to SCAA (Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance) and their team aboard the yellow helicopter.

Bruce Fletcher



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the charity table at the Craft Fair on Saturday 11th May by donating craft items or buying. We made £372 to send to British Heart Foundation.

Arna Cooper

TENANCY TO SWAP

I am looking to do a swap with a council tenant for my OHAL tenancy which is in Kirkwall. The property is a ground floor semi-detached house, benefitting from disabled access throughout, and is less than a mile from the Balfour Hospital and the Town Centre.

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- The property also comes with a shed for tools etc.

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Thank you.

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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)
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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.

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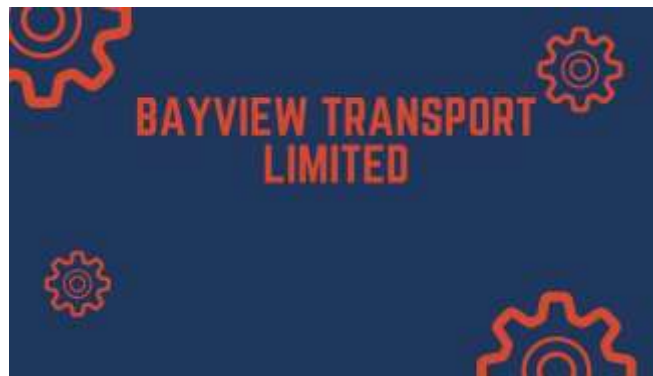
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Monday (Seasonal) 12pm - 3pm / May - end of September		
(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)		
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	7am - 2pm	
Thursday	7am - 2pm	
Friday	7am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

Local business adverts are free!

The cutoff date for adverts to be included in the next edition of the *Limpet* is on the front page
Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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Shirley WHITEMAN Chair	St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616438 email: shirleywhiteman@icloud.com

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 Monday 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

<p>Airy Fairy 616231 Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . . 616262 Community council . . . 616446 Companions Club 616352 Craftship Enterprise . . . 0778 511 1126 Doctor 616321 Ebenezer Stores 616339 Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207 or 07500 682 867 Fish Mart 616401 Golgotha monastery. . . . 616210 or contact@the-sons.org Hall bookings 616263 or annemaree.carter@btinternet.com Highland Fuels 01856 873766 Island Link Officer 616475 Kirk secretary 616238 Limpet editor 616297 Medical emergency 616321 Neil's on Wheels 07723 304 260 Manse 616284 Nurses 616321 Olivebank 616255 OIC out of hours 01856 873535 Post Office 616499 Red House Plants 616377 Registrar 616239 Scottish Fuels 01856 873105 SDT office 616410</p>	<p>Silver Darlings 616412 Sinclair Haulage 600404 Star Island Soap 616281 Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498 Stronsay Band 616335 Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . . 616407 Stronsay school 616246 Stronsay taxi, school . . . 616376 or transport, mechanic 07508 884 024 diagnostics & repairs Balfour hospital (24/7). . . 01856 888000 Water problems (24/7) . . 0800 0778 778 Electricity general enquiries 0800 048 3516 (<i>lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm</i>) problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999 power cut (24/7). . . 105 Police (non urgent) (24/7) 101 Kirkwall Library 01856 873166 Dentists: Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547 Deyanov Dental . . . 01856 877118 Com Dental Service 01856 888258 Orkney Dental 01856 872030 Vets: Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859 Northvet 01856 873403</p>
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