



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 27 Oct 2024 - 16 Feb 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 30 Sep to 3 May 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 5 Jan to 8 Mar 2025](#)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RNLI Halloween Party	Fri 1 Nov
Mobile library van visit	Mon 4 Nov
Orkney Ferries on refit timetable for 1 week	Mon 4 Nov - Fri 8 Nov
Bonfire Night & quiz	Sat 9 Nov
Screen Machine	Sat/Sun/Mon 16/17/18
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 23 Nov
Christmas Tree lighting	Sat 30 Nov
Candlelight carols at the kirk	Sun 8 Dec
11:30pm Watchnight service in the kirk	Tue 24 Dec
Hogmanay Dance	Tue 31 Dec
Ferry refit timetable starts	Sun 5 Jan 2025

SAVE OUR SCREEN MACHINE!

Without urgent investment, the Screen Machine mobile cinema service will end.

Please donate to our fundraising campaign to secure its future at:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-our-screen-machine

YouTube video <https://youtu.be/fpUuDlnHS-o>

[Frequently asked questions](#)

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Community Development Officer - development@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Recycling Centre and bike hire - eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Wellbeing Coordinator - sdtwellbeing@gmail.com

The Board - Office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Next edition of the Limpet published on **Sat 30 Nov**, the deadline is 7pm on that date.

Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

CLIFTON ANNEXE!

There is currently a lack of anywhere open during the day for tea, coffee, hot snacks etc. which means that visitors have no where to go to warm up or wait for the ferry. Until this is sorted, Clifton annexe will be open between boat times as a 'warm hub'. There are a kettle, microwave and toaster for people to use, as well as tea, coffee, milk etc. The heating is on so it will be warm and comfortable. There will be an honesty box to cover expenses.

If you see anyone wondering where to go for a warm up, please tell them that we are open.

Thanks, Viv Erdman

JOB OPPORTUNITY ON STRONSAY

Relief Airfield Attendant, Rescue and Fire Fighting Crew **(Eday, North Ronaldsay, and Stronsay)**

Hours are offered on an as and when required basis

£14.46 / £14.87 per hour (including Distant Islands Allowance)

A shift allowance will be paid for unsocial hours worked where appropriate

Applications are invited from self-motivated individuals who can provide, on a relief basis, cover for holiday and sickness absence when requested and available. A condition of this post is that you will be resident on Eday/North Ronaldsay/Stronsay (as applicable) as you will be required to respond at short notice and during evenings/weekends.

Duties will include airfield attendant, rescue and fire fighting services while receiving and dispatching flights to the Island Airfield. The service includes baggage handling, preparing and, if necessary, operating the fire tender, maintaining apron control, keeping the airfield building clean and tidy, operating the phone/radio transmitter and inspecting runways and the airfield in general. In an emergency you will provide rescue and fire fighting and first aid services as required.

Applicants should hold a full and current driving licence, to drive a car/small van in the UK or, where a full licence is not held, should have a current provisional licence and will be required to achieve a full licence within 2 years of appointment.

Prospective applicants are invited to discuss the post by contacting Symeon Grayson, Airfield Superintendent, on 01856 873636.

Closing Date: Sunday 17 November 2024

Please note that interview expenses will be paid for this post, but only for passenger fares.

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/orkney-islands-council/jobs/relief-airfield-attendant-rescue-and-fire-fighter-401283>

FROM STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Come along and see our spectacular firework display and bonfire on 9th November!!

Guy competition- we've been lacking on entries this past couple of years so I'm going to take the opportunity to try and get your creative juices flowing, we accept any standard, shape and even size (within reason) and there is even a prize for the winner! Here's a reminder of the time we had a cow take first place

AND there will be a quiz to follow so be sure to stick around for that.



*Stronsay Community Association Presents;
With a big thank you to the Stronsay Community Council for Funding!*

A poster for Bonfire Night. The background is a large, bright bonfire with many people silhouetted in front of it. Overlaid on the image are two white boxes containing text.

**Bonfire
Night**

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL @ 7PM

- QUIZ-
- GUY COMPETITION-
- FIREWORKS-
- BONFIRE-
- BAR-
- RAFFLE-
- 100 CLUB-
- HAGGIS, MINCE & CLAPSHOT-

ADULTS: £6 CHILDREN: £3

ORKNEY FERRIES—REFIT TIMETABLE FOR ONE WEEK **STARTING MON 4 NOVEMBER**

An additional passenger service will operate between Sanday, Stronsay, Eday and Kirkwall whilst the MV Earl Sigurd is away to have a new crane fitted.

The North Isles vessel will go to Peterhead from 4-8 November for the works to be completed. During this period, an additional passenger service shall operate between the islands and Kirkwall with the MV Nordic Sea, subject to weather conditions.

The remaining North Isles vessels, MV Varagen and MV Earl Thorfinn, will operate the refit timetable during this period.

Chair of the Board of Orkney Ferries, Councillor Mellissa Thomson said: “The Board are acutely aware of the impacts to Sanday, Stronsay and Eday by removing one of the ferries from the service. The MV Nordic Sea will provide additional frequency for passengers during this short period of time. Usage of the passenger service will be monitored to determine if it is viable to consider further passenger sailings during the Outer North Isles refit period, subject to budget availability.”

For further timetable information please visit www.orkneyferries.co.uk

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

VILLAGE PLAY PARK

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce a deadline date has been set for the installation of the new play equipment for the Village play park, selected following a public consultation in 2022.

The two bay swing with two cradle and two junior seats, and a stainless-steel slide with an attached climbing frame, has been included as part of the multiple play area installation job list for Orkney, scheduled for starting early next year. Installation will, of course, be weather dependent.

The Community Council will keep you updated on progress and look forward to announcing a completion date.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
27 September 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As from 7 October 2024, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council: -

Dominic BLYTH	St. Catherines, Stronsay, KW17 2AN tel: 616242 email: saniman@live.co.uk
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Louise McQUAID	Bayview, Stronsay, KW17 2AR tel: 616376 email: louisemcquaid@yahoo.co.uk
James SEATON	Thorfinn, Stronsay, KW17 2AS tel: 07470111871 email: safehandsno_1@hotmail.com
Damian STOUT Vice Chair	Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616258 email: damienstout@btinternet.com
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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7 October 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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WANTED - USHERS

The Screen Machine is making a much welcome return visit to Stronsay. The films to be shown include Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, Joker: Foilie a Deux, Despicable Me 4, The Outrun, Since Yesterday, Lee+ Shadowplay (captioned) and The Room Next Door.

Ushers are required to support the Screen Machine which can offer a payment of £12 an hour but people can also usher on a voluntary basis if they prefer. Ushers are required for the following dates and times:

Saturday 16 November- 4.30pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 17 November – 2pm, 5.30pm and 8.30pm

Monday 18 November – 5.30pm and 8.30pm

One usher per screening is required. Here's what ushering involves -

- Be present at the Screen Machine 30 minutes before the start of each screening.
- Ensure that all audience members entering the cinema have a valid ticket and meet the appropriate age requirements for that screening unless instructed otherwise by the Screen Machine Operator
- Be present in the auditorium for the entire duration of all film screenings.
- Ensure that audience members behave in a responsible manner and do not disturb other cinemagoers. Any persistent misbehaviour or dangerous/unlawful activity, any incidents of actual assault, any incidents involving smoke/fire, any incidents of mechanical or structural failure must be reported to the Operator immediately.
- Ensure that all cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars and pipes are extinguished prior to entry.
- Ensure that alcoholic beverages are not consumed in the auditorium.
- Sit in an area close to the main entry/exit to assist patrons with the door and to ensure its closure after opening.
- Remain in the auditorium until all patrons have left at the end of the screening.
- Assist the Operator to bag litter after each screening.
- Follow emergency procedures as directed by the Operator, typically directing the audience to both emergency exits during any emergency situation/evacuation. However, the Operator will take all final decisions in the event of an emergency.

If you are interested in this rare opportunity, please contact Colin McAlpine for further details, t: 616446 e: stronsaycc@gmail.com

15 October 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

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

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

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

Applications must be received by noon on **FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024.**

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified of the amount awarded and it will then be the responsibility of the applicant to order, pay for the aggregate and arrange for its delivery and forward the haulage invoice to the Clerk before the 28th February 2025.

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



Stronsay branch R.N.L.I.

are having a

Halloween party

7-8:30 pm, Friday 1st November

at the community centre

Prizes for **best fancy dress** and **best neepie lantern**

plus an extra prize for the best homemade costume

Raffle, tombola, dookin for apples

juice and biscuits plus lots more!

Donations for the raffle gratefully received

Everyone welcome!

***As we are a very small committee we really need some extra volunteers to help us out on the night- if you're able to help please get in touch with Sinead Cooper on 338 or Catherine Seaton via messenger ***

ORKNEY FERRIES—NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

Orkney Ferries introduced a new on-line booking system on Monday 14 October:

<https://book.orkneyferries.co.uk>.

You must register and create an account on the new system even if you have already registered and created an account on the old system. Please note that when adding a mobile phone number to your new account you must delete all spaces:

i.e. 01234 567890 becomes +441234567890.

STRONSAY COMPANIONS GROUP

The Companions Group is happy to announce a new venue. We now gather on Wednesday afternoons in the meeting room at the SDT building from 2:15pm for an hour or so. Light refreshments will be provided.

We are seeking new folk to join the group so please get in touch if you are interested.

Shirley (438)

STRONSAY RECYCLING CENTRE

Hello everyone,

Most of you will know who I am, but those who don't know, I'm Laura Carter, the new Community Recycling and Sustainability Officer for Stronsay Development Trust.

Not only am I managing the recycling centre and trying to keep on top of the cardboard, I will be overseeing the bike hire and maintenance and also be taking on projects to help build sustainability and resilience for the island in the future.

We are currently, along with the other Islands Development Trusts, involved with the Carbon Neutral Islands (CNI) project. We will be working to create a Carbon Climate Action Plan, which will include existing programmes and businesses and what we can do to plan ahead and help to maintain our sustainability. We are not promising drastic changes but more how can we make our island more future proof, benefiting businesses and community service users.

Feel free to pop down to the recycling centre to hear more or if you'd like to share any ideas on what would help support your business into the future. Or drop an email: eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com My working hours are:

- Mon 9:15 - 2:15
- Tues 9:15 - 2:15
- Wed 9:15 - 2:15
- Fri 9:15 - 2:15

I will most likely be in the recycling centre within these times but if you cannot find me, I will be in the office. Please bear with me as I am still going through my training and taking on multiple responsibility in the remit but getting through the bins as quickly as I can.

Happy Recycling!

Laura Carter (:



UPDATE OCTOBER 24

SDT News

We are delighted to welcome Vicki Holland as our new **Community Development Officer!** Many of you will already know Vicki and appreciate the fantastic contributions she has made to the Stronsay community in various roles over the years. We're thrilled to have her on board, and she's already diving into her new responsibilities with enthusiasm. You can look forward to hearing more from Vicki in the coming weeks and months as she takes on exciting projects and initiatives for our community. Exciting times ahead!

We're also thrilled to welcome Duncan, Lizzie, and their team to the **Hotel!** We look forward to seeing them settle in and expand the range of offerings from this vital community facility. It's an exciting time for the Hotel, and we're eager to support Duncan and Lizzie as they bring fresh ideas and energy to this central part of Stronsay life.

We'd like to extend our thanks to all recent staff for their contributions and efforts during their time with us. Their work has helped us reach this new stage, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Updates

Beechwood

The Beechwood housing project is very nearly complete! We're now preparing the paperwork for letting the property. For those who've already expressed interest, we will be sending out application packs, and we'll also share more details via social media and other channels. Exciting times as we move closer to welcoming tenants!

North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme - NILPS

As the NILPS project comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the NILPS team, our local volunteers, and businesses who have rallied together to make the most of this opportunity for Stronsay. We're thrilled to see the completion of projects like the tidal toilets refurbishment, the phone box restoration, the heritage trail and signage, and even some fantastic Viking-themed after-school activities, to name just a few. Each of these achievements reflects the dedication and community spirit that make Stronsay so special. Thank you to everyone who played a part in bringing these projects to life!

The SDT Board meets on the first Monday of each month. Our most recent approved minutes for our meeting on 2nd Sept are available here:

tinyurl.com/2ntnzk3n

Contacts

The SDT Volunteer Board are: Ian Stevenson (Chair), Kevin Kent (Vice Chair), Mike Holland, Elsie Dennison, James Seaton, Louise McQuaid & Naomi Bremner



Board contact details:

office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Or message on

Facebook.com/StronsayDevelopmentTrust

Or speak to any of the Board Members

CDO contact:

development@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com



Recycling & Carbon Action

We're excited to welcome yet another new face to the team – Laura Carter, our brand-new Recycling and Carbon Action Officer!

Alongside managing recycling and bike hire, we're developing projects to support sustainability and resilience for the island's future. Through the Carbon Neutral Islands (CNI) project, we're creating a Carbon Climate Action Plan to ensure a sustainable, future-ready community—see Laura's fuller details in her update page in The Limpet.

There's only until 1st November to take part in the Orkney Household Energy Survey and to be in with a chance of winning a £50 Kirkwall Bid voucher!
surveymonkey.com/r/XY5756M



Last chance to take part in the Orkney Household Energy Survey

Help develop understanding of energy use, fuel poverty and decarbonisation in Orkney and be in with a chance to win a £50 Kirkwall Bid voucher.

The deadline is 1 November and we're encouraging Orcadians to take 2 minutes to take part. Your response will make a big difference to the development of future energy and fuel poverty projects in Orkney. As an incentive everyone who includes their email address on the survey, will be entered in a draw to win one of the three available £50 Kirkwall Bid vouchers.



Please complete the survey by 1 Nov 2024:

- Online via this link
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XY5756M>
- Scanning the QR code on this card
- Printed copies are available on request from office@aquaterra.co.uk

Get involved



The Board has been hard at work behind the scenes, pushing forward with several projects and securing funding for initiatives that the community has previously asked for. We're pleased to share that we've obtained funding to support training sessions, along with a lineup of social and community events to brighten the colder months!

Our partnerships continue to be invaluable, especially with Orkney Islands Council (OIC) and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE). HIE will be supporting us in developing a new **Development Plan** for Stronsay. We'll be reaching out for community input soon, with opportunities to share thoughts at events, online, or by other means. We want to hear from as many voices as possible to shape the plan for Stronsay—stay tuned for more details in the coming days!

That's just a flavour though - keep an eye on Facebook and at our AGM for more details and the various opportunities there will be to feed into and shape things, and to get involved.

Speaking of AGMs...we will hold our Annual General Meeting once we have received our audited accounts back from the accountant; these are expected by end of November...an invite to the AGM will follow!!

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It's been another busy month for the Project Groups.

- ✂ The MEN'S SHED have been meeting weekly finishing their top secret community project which will be revealed this coming month (when donated to the school).
- ☕ The COMPANIONS have been meeting weekly with Shirley enjoying refreshments and games
- 🦇 The bat detectors and other items kindly funded by NILPS have arrived in readiness for some WILDLIFE group winter walks and wildlife recording.
- 🏊 STAY n PLAY enjoyed a swim session as well as their regular meet ups with Halloween crafts on Friday 1st November. 🍂

If you would like to try any of our fantastic IWP groups please call or message for details.

- 🐻 We have THAW visiting the island in November so watch out for details of their visit to be confirmed soon...

Shani Hall, Stronsay Island Wellbeing Project Coordinator

wellbeing@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Tel: 07904 578120 or 01857 616410

facebook.com/sdiwellbeing

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OUTER NORTH ISLES TIMETABLE – SUMMER 2025

The Orkney Islands Council Service Manager – Transportation, has advised that unfortunately, the amendments proposed to the Outer North Isles timetable cannot be accommodated by Orkney Ferries Ltd at this time due to the implications this would have to the maintenance/training schedule, crewing hours and hours of work regulations. The Transportation Service and Orkney Ferries Ltd are currently looking at alternative ways to serve the Outer North Isles during Summer 2025, including the possibility of a passenger vessel, in preparation of the future trials by electric passenger vessel later in 2025. This proposal will be subject to crewing availability and budget. Further consultation with the relevant transport representatives and stakeholders will be undertaken prior to timetable setting for any proposed passenger service.

Background

The draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during summer 2025 was presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 20 August 2024 following a period of consultation with communities.

The draft timetables and feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum was presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 5 September 2024.

The report and draft timetables will be considered by the Development and Infrastructure Committee on 12 November 2024.

Outer North Isles Timetable

For operational reasons, the Monday and Wednesday sailings to Westray have been amended to revert to 1035 from 1200. The later sailing was trialled during summer 2024 however the timetable change did not provide sufficient turnaround time for crew to carry out essential maintenance checks.

A request was made from the Westray Transport Representative to amend the sailings to 1300 as it was more suitable for the community. Following consideration by Orkney Ferries it was noted that this request could not be accommodated as it would have an impact to the timetable and crewing hours.

An amendment to the timetable was made on Friday mornings to give a more realistic arrival time to Kirkwall, noting that the arrival times are often delayed. This affected the Sanday arrival into Kirkwall due to delays on the loading of the Papa Westray vessel and only one linkspan.

It was noted by all North Isles Transport Representatives that the Friday timetable pushed the vessels to arrive later at Kirkwall which was not a preferred option. For example, the Stronsay/Eday vessel would arrive at 1120 instead of 1100.

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It was noted that the loss of overnighting in the isles has meant the loss of early morning sailings on a Wednesday and Friday morning and due to crewing hours, it is not feasible to start the operating day earlier without pulling back the timetable elsewhere.

To address the comments received from members of the community about delays to Kirkwall and conflicts with appointment times, the summer 2024 timetable now better reflects the arrival times into Kirkwall, noting that earlier times cannot be achieved due to crewing hours.

A passenger service covering the Outer North Isles will be explored further with the view to implement during summer 2025 ahead of the ZEVI trial period. This service could potentially provide early morning connectivity which was lost following the loss of overnighting the vessels in the isles. This will be explored further by Orkney Ferries and will be subject to budget availability.

The Outer North Isles Sunday Excursion timetable will be finalised once all key dates are received back from communities.

Accompanying the above update is a DRAFT of the Summer 2025 Outer North Isles ferry timetable (*see next page*).

If you have any comment to make on the information provided, please contact Shane Hourston, Stronsay Community Council's Transport Representative, tel: 07593965600 or email s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk

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08 Oct. 2024

(SEE DRAFT TIMETABLE ON NEXT PAGE)

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

NURSE MAXINE COLLECTION

Stronsay Community Council has organised a collection for nurse Maxine who has left the Stronsay surgery and moved to pastures new.

Anyone wishing to contribute can leave a donation in the collection boxes located in Olivebank or Ebenezer Stores.

Stronsay Community Council will forward a farewell card and gift to Maxine, on behalf of residents, towards the end of November.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
21 October 2024



Orkney Ferries

www.orkneyferries.co.uk

DRAFT as at 02.09.24

**Outer North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 04 May - 28 September 2025 Inclusive**

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Vehicle bookings must be made one hour before the departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours.

* This sailing is not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall. ** These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

RO-RO TIMETABLE 4 MAY – 28 SEPT 2025 INCLUSIVE, excluding the following dates for special excursions, posters are on display advertising local events: 14 & 15 June 26 & 27 July, 02 August, 09 & 10 August and 16, 17 & 18 August 2024.

*** On the following SUNDAYS there will be special excursions (North Ronaldsay: 09 June, 14 July, 04 August, 08 September, Papa Westray: 30 June, 25 August). These excursions will not affect all Sunday sailings – please see excursion timetable.

1. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure; passengers 10 minutes before departure.

2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.

3. No Show Charges – All cancellations must be made at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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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,
Tel: 616446
Email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

20 August 2024

JOBS ON STRONSAY

Senior youth worker <https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/397222>

General youth worker <https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/397227>

NORTH ISLES DANCE ACADEMY

The hall and the plane is booked - I will be starting dance back up on Saturday 2nd November!!

Please note slight change to classes, including a new junior tap class for ages P2 up!

If your child has previously had tap shoes from me, and they either don't fit anymore or no longer wish to continue, if you could drop them back to me to be returned/replaced with a bigger size then that would be great, thanks ☺

If your child would like to start tap, please let me know their shoe size before the 2nd November as I do have a small stock of tap shoes that the young people are able to use free of charge.

Please note slight change in prices- tap is half price ONLY for children taking all three classes with me (ballet, tap and jazz) otherwise it is £2.

Any questions at all please just drop me a message. Excited to be starting back in Stronsay!!

	<h2>Stronsay Dance Classes</h2>
Saturdays in the Community Room	
Tiny Dancers Age 2 - P1	11.15 - 11.45 £2
Junior Ballet P2 - P6	11.50 - 12.20 £2
Junior Jazz P2 - P6	12.20 - 12.50 £2
Junior Tap P2 - P6	12.55 - 1.25 £2 (£1 if attending Ballet AND Tap)
Senior Tap P7 - S4	1.25 - 1.55 £2 (£1 if attending Ballet AND Tap)
Senior Jazz P7 - S4	2.00 - 2.30 £2
Senior Ballet P7 - S4	2.30 - 3.00 £2
More info contact Charlotte Hoque: WhatsApp 07716141248 Facebook North Isles Dance Academy Email northislesdanceacademy@gmail.com	

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Stronsay's kirk held its annual Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20 October 2024. After the service, which was led by Viv Erdman, all the items from the display pictured below were boxed up and distributed to all inhabitants of Stronsay who were aged 80 or more. Typical content of a box shown below.

(main photograph by Roger Neville-Smith)





Stronsay Bookworms

Stronsay Bookworms met on Wednesday 30th October. Over a cuppa and a biscuit or two, seven of our erudite individuals reviewed recent reads. There was a wide variety of offerings: historical novels; crime fiction; magazines; children's fiction; biographies. Some Pulitzer and Booker prize winners were discussed including Doris Lessing and J M Coetzee, along with less well-known authors. One of the books was rescued from the recycling centre at Wood's Yard and brought along by Viv, who said that the book had reminded her of childhood stories; it was reaching out to be re-read before it was turned into logs for the fire. This rekindled many other memorable reads for us all, including the well-loved stories of Enid Blyton.

The next get-together is on Wednesday 27th
November, 7.30pm at Roadside.

Come along and let us know what you've been
reading. Everyone welcome!

If you would like to join us but you have a disability
that you feel prevents you from enjoying this
community group, please let us know, and we will
endeavour to include you.

Group co-ordinator Donna Blyth

Tel: 616242

Recommended Reads



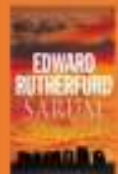
Bev's Best



Dave's Decider



Viv's Vignette



Maya's Match



Ruth's
Recommendation



Donna's Delight



Sheena's Share

Records of a Bygone Age

Flag fences, ditches and dry-stone dykes

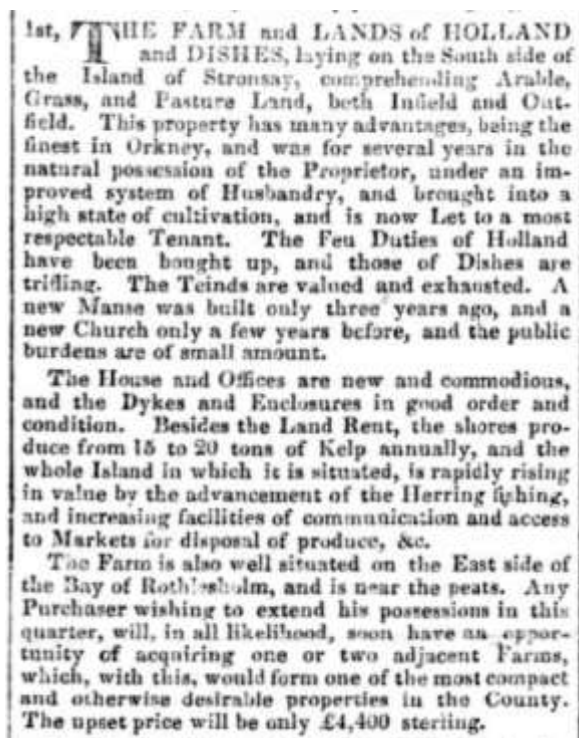
Part 3 Squaring, ditching and draining

Last month we left Rev Simpson sitting comfortably in his new Manse and happily working his glebe land, the farming of which had been highlighted as an outstanding example of progressive agricultural practice.

Although apparently a good preacher and well enough liked by his congregation, it was thought by some that he spent too much time caring for his glebe land and not enough tending to his flock. This may have been part of the reason that members of Rev Simpson's Established Church congregation were gradually drifting away to the new Secession (later United Presbyterian) Church and, by the mid-1830s, it was reported that only around 30 were attending the Established Church while around 300 were attending the Secession Church.

The Manse continued to be the Established Church manse until their union with the United Free Church in 1929 and fell into disrepair soon after. It's great to see it recently fully restored into a lovely family home once more.

Some of the larger properties too were being improved and we can see that when the farm of Holland was advertised for sale in the John o' Groat's Journal in July 1838 it had already been much improved and enclosed, partly with newly built stone dykes. The going rate for dyke building around this time was around 4d a fathom for a dyke four feet high and uncoped. In today's terms that would be about 1.7p for 1.8m of dyke with a height of 1.2m before having the cope (what Orcadians would call ragstones) added.



1st, **THE FARM and LANDS of HOLLAND** and DISHES, laying on the South side of the Island of Stronsay, comprehending Arable, Grass, and Pasture Land, both Infield and Outfield. This property has many advantages, being the finest in Orkney, and was for several years in the natural possession of the Proprietor, under an improved system of Husbandry, and brought into a high state of cultivation, and is now Let to a most respectable Tenant. The Feu Duties of Holland have been bought up, and those of Dishes are trifling. The Teinds are valued and exhausted. A new Manse was built only three years ago, and a new Church only a few years before, and the public burdens are of small amount.

The House and Offices are new and commodious, and the Dykes and Enclosures in good order and condition. Besides the Land Rent, the shores produce from 15 to 20 tons of Kelp annually, and the whole Island in which it is situated, is rapidly rising in value by the advancement of the Herring fishing, and increasing facilities of communication and access to Markets for disposal of produce, &c.

The Farm is also well situated on the East side of the Bay of Rothesholm, and is near the peats. Any Purchaser wishing to extend his possessions in this quarter, will, in all likelihood, soon have an opportunity of acquiring one or two adjacent Farms, which, with this, would form one of the most compact and otherwise desirable properties in the County. The upset price will be only £4,400 sterling.

This advert for the sale of Holland in the July 1838 John o' Groat's Journal paints a picture of a progressive farm already much improved

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The reference to a new Church and Manse having been recently built as stated in the advert seems rather strange to us today but certainly had relevance at that time. With the ownership of heritable property in a parish went the obligation to pay the teinds (a form of tax, originally a tenth of total income), a part of which went to pay the minister's stipend and keep the parish church and manse in repair, so it would be of benefit to a prospective purchaser to know that they would be unlikely to have any major fees imposed for repairs to church or manse for some considerable time.

By now the speed of change was gathering momentum, with some of the lairds looking south to central Scotland to find experienced managers to put these new ideas into practice. These changes had been greatly assisted in 1831 by a 'planking' process similar to that carried out in the late 1700s (where the old 'runrigs' were merged into larger plots of land), but on a much more radical scale. To distinguish it from the earlier planking this process came to be commonly known as 'squaring' for reasons that will soon become apparent. The 'out-by' common grazing was nearly all taken in hand (with one notable exception being what was known as the 'Crofter's Hill' on the Housebay lands, where 12 crofts retained the right to grazing on common land) and each tenant or cottar was allocated an area of land in proportion to that previously farmed, all in one manageable block. The allocated area was then divided up into fields of what was believed to be a practical size. What was reckoned a practical size depended very much on the size of the farm and could vary from an acre or two on the smallest croft to 50 acres or more on the larger farms.

Although rotational cropping was being practised by some in a small way, this now became the basis of accepted practice, the necessity of which was often written into the farm lease. No longer was any cultivable land permanently sown to grain but instead was farmed on a five year rotation, with a field sown to grain (oats or bere) in year 1, neeps or tatties in year 2, oats in year 3 and then grass in years 4 and 5. This rotation did much to influence the differences in field sizes noted previously, as there needed to be a minimum of 5 fields of roughly equal size to enable this system to be put into practice.

The ideal field was set off as a square or rectangle if possible (hence the imaginatively named 'squaring') and, failing that, with at least two sides parallel to each other to make for easier cultivation. This ideal was often thwarted by farm boundaries, topography or coastline, with no option but to lay out some very oddly shaped fields indeed!



A modern satellite view of the middle part of Stronsay showing the effect of 'squaring' of the fields and holdings. Most are set off with square corners and parallel sides but when studied closely a few notable exceptions are to be seen.

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Once these boundaries had been laid down, a great number of ditches were dug, partly to define boundaries but mainly to help water run off the fields. If the land was wet then a system of drains was also dug with the water from them feeding into the ditches, eventually finding an outfall into loch or sea.

In 1848 this drainage was encouraged by government loan assistance and was often, as in the case of the Airy Estate, part of the condition of lease, where a given amount of drains had to be dug annually, being inspected as work went on to make sure that they complied to specified width and depth specifications. These drains were mainly what was termed as ‘coupled drains’, with flat stones set on their edge and coupled together in an inverted ‘V’ shape to leave an open drainage channel between them before being backfilled with the spoil previously removed from the drain. This was a very labour intensive but extremely effective method of improving the land, costing the lairds little but the sweat of their tenant’s (or more usually sub-tenant’s brow) and making use of the island’s greatest natural resource, the same natural resource that had been put into good but intermittent use since around the late 1700s to build the drystone dykes that were to become so much a feature of our island landscape.



The inverted ‘V’ shape of a coupled drain, still successfully draining the land and feeding water into a ditch after more than 150 years.

As we move through the middle of the 19th century steel wire and wooden posts to erect stockproof fences were becoming more freely available but even here use was made of suitable large stones to form gateposts and straining posts at the end of these fences.

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Large stones still in use as gate posts and strainer posts for fences. Note the flag fence topped by a barbed wire guard fence in the background of the second photo

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Although some of these new fences were being erected to control livestock and protect crops, the lairds were looking to establish more permanent boundaries in a climate where no hedges would grow. This resulted in thousands of metres of stone dykes being built, with many of the bigger farms being enclosed mainly by these dykes. Much of this building took place from the mid 1830s until around 1860, when farming was profitable and labour cheap and easily available. Much of the land on these bigger farms would have been mainly of the 'in-by land', easily cultivated and improved to make excellent farm land while a great number of the smaller farms were sited on the previously uncultivated common where reclaiming it would have been a long, hard slog and few had more than a small park next the farm enclosed by dykes. The possible reason for this is, I feel, described very well in a paper in the Orkney Archives titled 'A Journey from Serfdom' where author Ernest Marwick, after describing this lack of dyked enclosures, gives his poignant analysis:

'Such is the visual evidence. How is it to be interpreted? Roughly speaking, I think, in the following way. Where stone walls are common, it may be assumed that agricultural improvement began, and became general, at a comparatively early date, when it was still economically possible to erect long stretches of dry-stone dykes, owing to the fact that labour was cheap and plentiful. Many, perhaps most, of the more extensive enclosures date from a period prior to the general outburst of farming activity in Orkney. When the frenzy finally seized them, the peasant farmers were so busily occupied with the reclamation of the soil that they had no time to enclose the land so dourly won. At the same time the larger landowners were deprived of the source of labour which they had formerly exploited. When the farmers finally managed to straighten their backs, to survey the results of their toil, they found that time had passed them by, and that stone walls, no matter how desirable in a windswept region like Orkney, were luxuries which none could afford.'

Despite this analysis of the demise of building drystone dykes, it was apparent that over a relatively short space of time these measures of planking, squaring and enclosing had transformed the previous hotchpotch of strips of land and inadequate faelie dykes into first class farms, turning the island landscape into something quite similar to what we still see today.

The dykes separating one estate or farm from another tended to be the highest and most substantial, with one of the best examples of that being the 'march' (boundary) dyke which divided the original Housebay estate from the rest of the south end of the island.

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Part of the march dyke which separated the estates of Housebay and Holland

Dykes varied considerably in height and width and, believe it or not, in the quality of the raw material! When building stones were quarried the first layers of stones were generally of poorer quality, less dense and more prone to deterioration through the effects of wind, rain and - in particular - frost where water trapped in minute seams in the stones could expand when frozen and gradually cause the stones to fracture. These top layers of stones often went to build dykes, with the deeper, better quality stone being used for the building of dwelling houses, outhouses and farm steadings.

Part 4 will be in next month's Limpet
Ian Cooper
October 2024

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>

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

—reaching out to North Isles' residents of all ages.



Since my last Letter, I've been present at both ends of Orkney's educational spectrum, from attending the UHI Orkney Graduation & Celebration of Achievement at St Magnus' Cathedral as a member of the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (photo below left—with my worthy aid pal, Cllr John Ross Scott), to accepting an invitation (accompanied by Cllr Thomson) to Shapinsay School to talk to the primary pupils about Orkney Islands Council and being a councillor. Whilst there, we enjoyed a World School Milk Day lunch (photo above), and the pupils showed me around their playpark and demonstrated their gymnastic skills on the climbing frame. I would welcome invitations from other schools to meet with and talk to their pupils.

At our Policy & Resources Committee meeting, the investigation of the feasibility of a visitor levy was discussed. I brought up some of the potential challenges that accommodation providers have already made me aware of, and I also sought reassurance that it would be possible for Orkney residents travelling within Orkney to be exempted from paying such a levy.

I've also been to a Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting, yet another budget & finance seminar, and a General Meeting, and we welcomed colleagues from Shetland Islands Council to meetings of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board. I was one of a group of councillors selected to meet His Majesty's Inspectors of Education carrying out a "thematic" inspection on local authority approaches to supporting school improvement. At short notice, I attended a GovSco/Openreach drop-in on the R100 fibre rollout in the North Isles. Work is advancing rapidly in the larger islands, and I've been apprised of how superfast broadband is being implemented in Papay, but I don't see much progress on bringing it to North Ronaldsay, Egilsay or Wyre.

If you keep poultry (or most other birds) and have not already registered them, the deadline is the end of November.

Finally, well done to my son Wulfic, who has cycled all the way from Sanday to Land's End in Cornwall via John O' Groats. He's been present at both ends of the island of Great Britain. So I must add another photograph (below right).



Stephen

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

Photo credits: Lorraine Bevis, Roger Neville-Smith, anonymous bystander.



The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

What is the digital phone switchover?

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and January 2027 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones, telecare and health devices will need to be compatible.



How will it affect me/what do I need to do?

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers and businesses, this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider (for example, Vodafone or BT) **should contact you before the switchover** to check in and discuss what you need to do to make sure any reliant services you may have aren't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect.

The change may be as simple as plugging your phone into a broadband router rather than the phone socket on the wall, or you may be given a new router to do this.

Please note that your provider will move you to a digital service before January 2027. If you care for a vulnerable person, please keep an eye out for correspondence notifying of a switch over date.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your telecoms provider directly.



Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and/or use a telecare device connected to a phone line?

If yes, then please contact the Telecare Team at Orkney Islands Council.

Tel: 01856 873 535. Extension 2635

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

Other Devices

If you have other devices connected to your phone line that you may have purchased, such as alarm systems, you might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible.

If you are unsure about how a device in your home or business might be affected, it is recommended you contact the equipment supplier or device manufacturer to find out whether it will remain functional on a digital phone line.

People who use health monitoring or telecare devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work.

Key Points To Remember

If you have any queries or have no means of making emergency calls **you need to contact your communications provider.**

If you have a telecare alarm please contact the telecare team at Orkney Islands Council: 01856 873 535 Extension: 2635

Check with the appropriate equipment manufacturers if you have any other devices supported by your existing telephone line (such as intruder alarms) to check it will work digitally.

Most telecare alarm providers will have upgrade plans, if your phone line has or is due to be upgraded by your communication provider let them know.

In a Power Outage

Digital landlines cannot carry an electrical power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. If you have a mobile phone this can still be used, but if you've no other means of calling the emergency services your telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls.

Scams

There have been incidents reported of scammers contacting vulnerable users in relation to digital migration. Communication providers or telecare services will never call you to ask for money.

Contact is usually by letter and charges are only applied to normal invoices. If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a caller, just hang up and call your communications or telecare provider to report the incident, using a trusted phone number, such as the one on the bill.



Quit Your Way Orkney Stop Smoking Service



Quit Your Way Orkney is your free, friendly, local NHS stop smoking service.

Support from Quit Your Way Orkney includes:

- Help to develop a personal 12-week quit plan
- Support to develop plans to change your habits and control cravings
- Regular contact with a specialist stop smoking advisor
- Encouragement and advice on maintaining your quit
- Advice on correctly using stop smoking medications
- Free access to a range of stop smoking medication
- Telephone or video call appointments (using NHS Near Me)

Get started today

Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone number)
Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot
Online: scan the QR code below



You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

Have you been supported by Quit Your Way Orkney before?

If you have used our service before and returned to smoking we will support you again, without judgement, to quit your way.



Let's talk about smoking Stopping smoking saves money



The savings below are based on a 20 a day smoker quitting in 2023



Get support to quit and save from Quit Your Way Orkney:

Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot
Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone)
Online: scan the QR code using your phone camera



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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

LOGANAIR – INTER ISLAND BOARDING CARDS

Please be advised that following a recent HIAL Security Audit it has become necessary to issue boarding cards, as a way to cross reference to who is on the manifest.

A printer is being installed and once working Loganair will be issuing boarding cards at KOI only.

Stronsay Island Link Officer
12 June 2024

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2025 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 to 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.**

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

Eday

Week Commencing: 30th September 2024, 9 December 2024 and 24 February 2025

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 21 October 2024 and 27 January 2025

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 7 October 2024, 6 January 2025 and 17 March 2025

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, and 13 January 2025 and 24 March 2025

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024, 13 January 2025 and 10 March 2025

Sanday

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 9 December 2024 and 17 February 2025

Shapinsay

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 27 January 2025

Stronsay

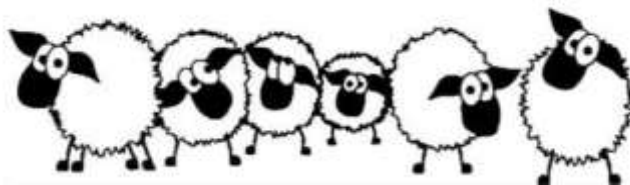
Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 10 February 2025

Westray

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024 and 3 February 2025

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

Stronsay Stitches



Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 23rd November

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

SCAA - SCOTTISH CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE



Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance responds, on average, to two time-critical emergency call outs every single day. We are a national charity and receive no statutory government funding, so rely 100% on donations from the public to fuel our life-saving flights across Scotland.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2024

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

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

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

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558772842680>

STRONSAY CHESS CLUB



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

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc



Stronsay at War

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

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

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



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

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

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



Items on this page are free!

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FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

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 contact Laura Carter eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com.

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 Mick 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 vacted. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES

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

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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

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 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.

A NOTE FROM THE LIMPET'S EDITOR

Please let me know if anything in the Limpet requires updating or deleting. To contact the Limpet send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or write to "Claremont, KW17 2AR".

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.

Contact Kirk Secretary elsie.dennison@live.co.uk

Stronsay kirk's website:

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

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

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

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Tel: 01857 616 469 Mob: 07741 778 750

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Call Mick 616 376

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Winter Pupil Timetable effective from Wednesday 30th October

Winter pupil transport timetable 24-25

North End

0828	Rose Cottage
0829	Thorfinn
0831	Council Houses
0833	Bankhouse
0836	Caravan
0841	Airport
0846	School
0850	Bayview
0855	School

Central/Rothiesholm

0835	Burrowgate (end of road)
0845	School
0850	Lower Leaquooy – end of road (pick up point)
0855	School

South End

0827	Russland
0829	Sunnyside
0830	Blinkbonny
0833	East Bank
0836	Holin
0840	School
0845	Odiness Junction
0847	Vat pull- in
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STRONSAY HOTEL & PUB

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083375340593>

Bar Opening Hours	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	6pm - 12am
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	6pm - 12am
Friday	5pm - 1am
Saturday	5pm - 1am
Sunday	6pm - 12am
Contact StronsayHotel@Gmail.com	

From Wednesday 9 October 2024

FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES

Monday	CLOSED	
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	9am - 2pm	
Thursday	10am - 4pm	
Friday	9am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	10:30am - 2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
 Post collection times Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
 Bank (RBS) Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262
 OIC Special collection. Week Commencing Monday 2 Dec 2024 & 10 Feb 2025
 Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Open on request, email stronsaycc@gmail.com
 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
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[Weekly rubbish collection](#) Tuesday (bags out by **8am** but **not** on the night before!)
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 Forward scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk
 Stronsay's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488>

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