



### **TIMETABLES**

[Loganair - interisland timetable 16 February to 24 October](#)

[Orkney Ferries - summer timetable 3 May to 27 September](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2025-2026](#)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026**

Stronsay Spinners	Sat 4 Jul
SDT's AGM	Mon 6 Jul
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 30 Jul
<b>Stronsay's Massive Weekend!</b>	<b>14/15/16 Aug</b>
Craft Fair	Sun 16 Aug
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) visit	Wed 19 Aug
Deal or No Deal	Sat 19 Sep
Bingo	Sat 3 Oct
Bonfire night & quiz	Sat 7 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 21 Nov
Christmas tree lighting	Sat 28 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Thu 31 Dec

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A LEGACY**

Stronsay Development Trust would like to express its sincere gratitude for the generous legacy left by a former resident of Stronsay. This thoughtful gift reflects a lasting connection to the island and will help support the Trust's work for the benefit of the community for years to come. We are honoured by this gesture and remember with appreciation their commitment to Stronsay.

### **STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE SDT!**

The Stronsay Development Trust's newsletter for June 2026 is available at <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/SDTNewsJun2026.pdf>.

If you'd prefer a printed or emailed copy, please contact the office on 616410 or send an email to [admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com).

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



If you are a member and unable to attend the AGM and would like to nominate a proxy to vote on your behalf, please visit [StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](https://StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) for a downloadable form or email [Admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com).

**Completed proxy forms must be received at least 48 hours before the AGM.**

As a community-led organisation, community feedback and member input is an important part of how the Trust works, and we value the interest people take in our work and the future of the Trust.

The AGM is a great opportunity for members to hear more about the work of the Trust, ask questions, and look ahead together. We will be sharing updates on current work, governance, and the SDT Strategy 2026–2031, which includes a strong focus on long-term sustainability and exploring future income beyond the current turbine.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the AGM on Monday 6th July at 7pm in the Community Hall. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing the conversation about Stronsay's future.

The Board of Trustees

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## **STRONSAY SPINNERS**



Saturday 4th July, 2-4pm, Church Hall, £2/person, refreshments.  
Everyone welcome.

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to 100 miles in May for SCAA, my total was £612.  
Sheena

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### **STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

**AGM – Community Hall 19.00 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Orkney Development Trusts have developed hugely since 1999 and their growth and challenges would merit an advanced dissertation. Combined assets will exceed £25m and in 10 years they might even exceed that of OIC given the Council's current gross over-spends.

SDT has over £2m of asset (which includes the wind generation for which I did 20 years cash flows as treasurer about 18 years ago!) and it offers a wide range of facilities with 11 staff. The directors act as trustees and are unpaid. That is a considerable responsibility and merits our appreciation.

In recent years great improvements have been made to PR and communication, with regular newsletters and publication of minutes. The register at Companies House is updated on time (usually within 14 days of changes).

I have just reviewed the 35 page set of group accounts on the Companies House website. **I recommended before that a 2 page summary should be agreed with the statutory auditor to highlight the principal changes from one year to the next.** The write off on loans to the Pub (£20k+) as an "impairment" should be noted, as should the huge sums held in cash. Some detail of where the "cash" is located and whether advice has been sought by the Board on Treasury matters would be helpful. Improvements have been made to governance issues and there is obviously an effective fundraising person/function. There are SDT grants available to individuals for various good causes.

Resource choices have always to be made but it is useful to have a longer term vision and strategy. £100k has been allocated for decommissioning the existing wind turbine. What will replace the income which it has gifted SDT over the years? Will the turbine be replaced? If so directors will assess the cost/benefit and risks just like the earlier Board. Success breeds success but lessons can and should be learnt when experiments/developments do not appear successful on the conventional ways of measuring outputs. The full potential of Development Trusts has yet to be realised.

**Leo Martini-Brown**  
**lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk**

## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

As from 18 May 2026, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council:-

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

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

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer/Clerk  
19 May 2026

# **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Louise McQuaid

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

## **SCRAP CAR SCHEME**

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

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

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

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

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – email: [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Please note that only one vehicle at a time can be registered by the vehicle owner. 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,  
19 May 2026

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## **STRONSAY LIMPET—BACK NUMBERS**

All editions of the Stronsay Limpet can be downloaded from the Limpet's website at <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/Limpets.html>



**Accommodation**

**-Stronsay Hotel-**

**Tel: 01856 700152**

[thestronsayhotel@hotmail.com](mailto:thestronsayhotel@hotmail.com)

**-Storehouse B&B-**

**Tel: 01857 616263**

[annemaree.carter@btinternet.com](mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com)

**-Stronsay Fishmart & Hostel-**

**Tel: 017598439058**

[fishmart.hostelbookings@gmail.com](mailto:fishmart.hostelbookings@gmail.com)

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# STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND!



**14, 15 & 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST;**  
**COMMUNITY HALL; 7:30PM**

**Quiz with Cash Prize**

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

Adults: £3 Under 16's: Free

**STRONSAY IS MASSIVE!**

**SATURDAY 15TH 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! A course full of mishaps and shenanigans, making this a viewer highlight!

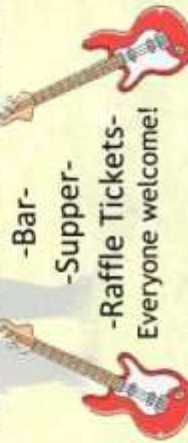


Stronsay Community Hall will be open and available for Hot food, Tea, Coffee and Drams!

-Raffle tickets available-

**COMMUNITY HALL; 8PM**

-Dance to The Stronsay Band!-



-Bar-

-Supper-

-Raffle Tickets-

Everyone welcome!

Adults: £5 Under 16's: £1

**SUNDAY 16TH 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!

- Kirkjuvagr Dancers-
- Stromness RBL Pipe Band-
- Horticultural Show-
- Vintage Club-
- Craft Sale-
- BBQ-
- Inflatables-
- Carnival Style Games-
- Bar-

Raffle will be drawn on Monday 17th



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

Stromsay Community Association Presents; with funding from Cooke Scotland;



# Stromsay's **MASSIVE** Weekend!

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August:**

**Community Hall; 7:30pm**

-QUIZ WITH CASH PRIZE-

Come along and start your weekend with a cracking night at the hall-

-Hot food on sale, Bar open and Raffle tickets available-

Adults: £3 Under 16's: Free



## **SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:**

**Community Hall; 11am**

Get your 5-a-side teams ready!

-Fun Netball-

-Fun Football-

-Team Games-

-Obstacle Race-

Also open inside at the Community Hall:

-Carnival Style Games-

-Inflatables -

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

-Raffle tickets available-

**Community Hall; 8pm**

Dance to The Stromsay Band!

Adults: £5 under 16's: £1

-Bar-

-Supper-

-Raffle tickets available-



## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:**

**Community Hall; 12pm**

Get your thinking caps on for your float ideas!

-Floats (1:30pm)-

-Kirkjuvagr Dancers-

-Stromness RBL Pipe Band-

-Horticultural Show-

-Craft Sale-

-Vintage Club-

-BBQ-

-Inflatables-

-Carnival Style Games-

Raffle will be drawn on Monday 17th!



**Cooke**  
**SCOTLAND**

For any further information or queries;

Facebook: Stromsay Community Association

## **Stronsay Horticultural Show 16/08/26 (part of the Massive Weekend 2026)**

Fee covering all entries to adult competition - £2      Child classes - Free

### Rules

1. Exhibits must be entered between 10am – 11am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026. **Late entries cannot be accepted.**
2. You can enter any number of classes in any number of sections, but you can only put ONE entry into each class.
3. **Each entry must have an envelope securely fixed with section and class on the outside and name and address of entrant on the inside.**
4. Exhibits must be removed after 4pm and before 5pm on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2026.
5. Children can enter the adult section on payment of the adult fee.
6. We will do our best to take care of your exhibit, but we are not liable if it is damaged or lost.
7. The decision of the judge is final.

### Section I Flowers

1. Arrangement in an egg cup
2. Inspired by the Stronsay sky

### Section II Fruit and vegetables

- a) All fruit and vegetables must be grown by the exhibitor
  1. 6 cherry tomatoes
  2. 4 carrots
  3. 3 onions
  4. 1 Cucumber
  5. 4 potatoes
  6. 2 Sweetcorn
  7. Selection of any 4 vegetables

### Section III Produce - Preserves

1. Any jam
2. Any Curd
3. Ploughman's pickle

#### Section IV Produce

1. 6 hen eggs
2. 1 round of homemade cheese

#### Section V Baking and cooking

1. 2 white bread rolls
2. 4 drop scones
3. ¼ Quiche (approx. 20cm round)
4. 4 chocolate brownies
5. 6 pieces of Tablet
6. Potato Salad (Mayonnaise base)

#### Section VI Industrial

1. Any knitted article
2. Any item in sewing
3. Any article in metal
4. Any article using beachcombed material
5. A drawing or painting

#### Section VII Junior – Six years and under

1. Handwriting - 5 letters of the alphabet
2. Finger painting on an A4 sheet
3. Lego or Duplo model – own design, no larger than 25cm on any direction

#### Section VIII junior – 7 to 10 years

1. Handwriting – four lines of a poem
2. A picture using Stronsay shells
3. Lego model – own design, no larger than 25cm on any direction

#### Section IX junior – 11 to 15 years

1. Handwriting – four lines of a poem
2. A picture using Stronsay shells
3. 4 Decorated cupcakes

#### Section X Junior Tattie in a bucket - 15 and under

1. Open to any junior competitor up to 15 years. Grow a tattie in a bucket. Bring the whole bucket, undisturbed. Judges will empty the bucket and weigh the tatties. There will be a special prize for the heaviest yield of tatties.

#### Section XI Photography

1. Agricultural theme
2. Landscape
3. Water

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## **INTER ISLAND FERRY TIMETABLES – SUMMER 2027**

Inter Island Ferry Timetables are considered 12 months in advance by communities via the Ferry Forum, with draft timetables circulated to Community Councils for consultation.

The timetables are then considered by the Board of Orkney Ferries Ltd from an operational and budget perspective, before they are presented to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee for approval. Once approved, the timetables can be uploaded onto the booking system.

The draft timetables proposed for Summer 2027 are consistent with those operated in previous years. This is because there are challenges in extending services further based on the existing crewing configuration and ageing fleet.

There are challenges in making changes to the existing timetables, particularly when improving a connection to one island generally means negatively impacting another community.

That said, it is important to consult with communities and have the ability to make small changes where it is operationally possible to do so.

Therefore, the current Summer 2026 timetables will be presented, in draft, to the Forum for Summer 2027. These are available online at “*Orkney Ferries - Timetables and Fares*” (<https://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/timetables>).

Responses should be submitted to your local Community Council Clerk ([stromsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stromsaycc@gmail.com)) by **Tuesday 4 August 2026**.

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## **BLACK BIN BAGS**

Black bin bags issued by Orkney Islands Council can be collected from the Stromsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart. The office is open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.

If you are not able to call into the office, a request for bags can be made by email to [stromsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stromsaycc@gmail.com).

Colin McAlpine, Stromsay Island Link Officer/Clerk, 19 May 2026

# STRONSAY SPRING CRAFT FAIR

A belated but nevertheless massive thank you to everyone who contributed to another very successful craft fair in May. Many thanks

Simone



## **TEN YEARS AGO!** **MACMILLAN SPRING WALK—STRONSAY, 15 MAY 2016**

See more photographs in the Limpet for May 2016  
<https://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk/ISSUE131May2016.pdf>



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### **FREE PUBLICITY!**

If you're organising an event on Stronsay and you need some publicity, why not advertise in the Stronsay Limpet? It's **free**! You can add the event to the Visit Stronsay Calendar at <https://visitstronsay.com/events>, that's **free** too!

Just send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) giving details of your event including where and when it's being held. You can supply your own publicity material but if you need help then the editor is happy to assist.

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### **GP ROSTER**

The roster for the island's GP is regularly updated online at  
<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

# STRONSAY MEN'S SHED – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



The Stronsay Men's Shed meets every Saturday at 10.30am in the Mission Hall, Lower Whitehall. We're a small but lively group who enjoy getting together to share a cuppa, swap stories, play games, and work on small projects – with plenty of tea, biscuits and bacon rolls to keep us going!

The Men's Shed movement began in Australia and is now thriving across Scotland. It's all about creating a welcoming place where men can come together, enjoy companionship, learn new skills, and support each other. As the Scottish Men's Sheds Association say:

*“Sheds are for all men – a place to be yourself, to learn, to share, to laugh, and to belong.”*

Stronsay Men's Shed has its own aims and purpose, shaped by members, with a small informal committee to help things run smoothly. We're not about red tape – we're about friendship, community, and having a space where men of all ages (18+) and backgrounds can meet.

Recent projects have included making a puppet theatre for the school children, which was a great success, and we're now working to improve the Mission Hall with plans for a workshop, kitchen and more activity spaces.

We welcome donations to help keep things going, but most of all we welcome **new members**. Whether you fancy lending a hand with a project, just want to enjoy some company, or have ideas for how the Shed could grow, you'll be warmly welcomed.

So why not pop along one Saturday and see what it's all about? You'll find friendship, fun, and a good brew waiting for you!

Contact Roger Neville-Smith 07773 889 334

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



## **GERAMOUNT SURGERY**

Changes to Surgery opening hours!

Just a quick update on Surgery reception opening hours.

These changes will be taking effect starting on 15<sup>th</sup> September

Appointments are to be booked during these times.

<b>Stronsay Surgery – Tel 01857 616321</b>	
	<b>Morning</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00am – 13:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am – 13:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00am – 13:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am – 13:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00am – 13:00</b>

TO URGENTLY CONTACT THE DOCTOR OUTWITH RECEPTION TIMES,

PLEASE CALL THE BALFOUR HOSPITAL ON

**01856 888 000**

AND THEY WILL CONTACT THE DOCTOR FOR YOU.

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

<https://www.vaorkney.org.uk/directory/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](mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com)

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

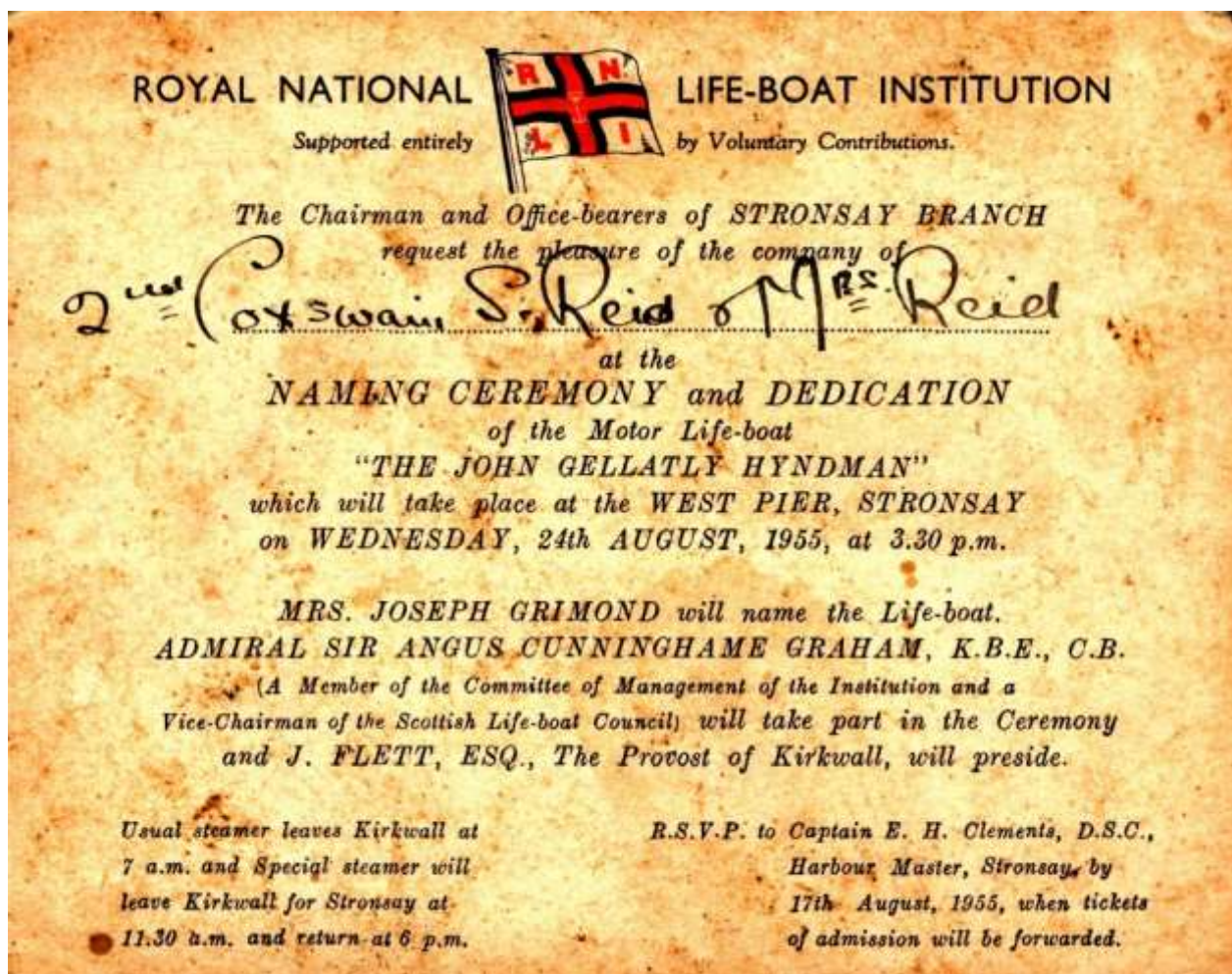
**Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.**

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

**Records of a Bygone Age**  
**Stronsay Lifeboat Station 1952 - 1972**  
**Part 3 – the naming of the new lifeboat**

Last month's article ended with the description of the epic 10-day journey of the newly built John Gellatly Hyndman from Cowes on the Isle of Wight to her new station in Stronsay.

With the arrival of this lifeboat to her new home, arrangements were put in hand for the official naming of the vessel and 24<sup>th</sup> August 1955 was set for the great day. Printed invitations were sent out to dignitaries, both local and from further afield, while a general invitation to all islanders was to be taken up by most of the population on the day. A grandstand was erected for the dignitaries involved in the naming ceremony and the Church choir was enlisted to lead the singing, accompanied by the band of the Salvation Army from Kirkwall. The Orkney Steam Navigation Company (the forerunner of Orkney Ferries), in addition to its scheduled service to the isles by the *Earl Thorfinn*, laid on a special excursion by the *Earl Sigurd* to convey passengers to Stronsay for the event, returning later that same day.



*2<sup>nd</sup> Coxswain Sammy Reid and his wife Maggie's invitation to the event*

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*Most of the island turned out for the naming ceremony, with the West Pier being a very crowded place. The Church Choir, who led the singing, are seated on the right of this photo.*



*The lifeboat is named the John Gellatly Hyndman by Mrs Laura Grimond, wife of Jo Grimond, MP for Orkney and Shetland. Assisting her is Lieutenant Stogdon of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Crew members to be seen are Jimmy Stout, Sydney Swanney, Jim Reid, Jim Work jnr and Sammy Reid, with others aboard on the day being Coxswain Tom Carter and crewmen John Dennison and Jim Work snr.*

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*Following the naming ceremony of the John Gellatly Hyndman, some of the dignitaries were taken aboard the lifeboat for a short cruise around the harbour to see at first hand the boat in action. Here, Laura Grimond is getting some hands on experience while Coxswain Tom Carter looks on. The names of the other two passengers aren't known.*

This notable event was reported in the RNLI's 'Lifeboat' magazine as:

*The naming ceremony of the new Stronsay life-boat, The John Gellatly Hyndman, which has been provided out of a legacy left by Miss Elise Amelia Hyndman of Greenock, took place on the 24th of August, 1955. The life-boat was named by Mrs. Joseph Grimond, wife of the Member of Parliament for Orkney and She land. The Provost of Kirkwall, Mr. J. Flett, took the chair. Admiral Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham, a member of the Committee of Management and a Vice-Chairman of the Scottish Lifeboat Council, thanked the donor and handed the life-boat over to the branch, Captain E H Clements, honorary secretary of the Stronsay branch, accepting her. The new lifeboat, which is a 52-foot Barnett boat, was described by Lieut. E. D. Stogdon. The Rev. E. P. G. Fox, Minister of Moncur Memorial Church and chairman of the Stronsay branch, dedicated the life-boat. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Grimond was proposed by Mrs. John Groat, vice-president of the Stronsay Ladies' Life-boat Guild, and a vote of thanks to the chairman and others was proposed by Mr. William Work, County Councillor for Stronsay. The singing was led by the choir of the Moncur Memorial Church and music was played by the Kirkwall Salvation Army Band.*

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*Some of the locals at the end of the East Pier giving an enthusiastic send-off to the Earl Sigurd and her passengers as they return to Kirkwall after the naming ceremony.  
Harbourmaster and Hon. Secretary of the lifeboat station  
Captain Ted Clements is the gent in uniform bottom left.*

Moving on now to 1956, a strong north-westerly gale on 12<sup>th</sup> May saw a fleet of around 20 Norwegian whalers heading for the safety of Kirkwall Harbour. While making their way down the Wide Firth toward Kirkwall one of them, the *Leidulf*, ran hard aground on the Vasa Skerry to the west of Shapinsay. One of her sister ships, the *Astor*, attempted to tow her off and, in doing so, ran aground herself. The Stronsay lifeboat, under the command of coxswain Tom Carter, was called to their assistance, finding on arrival that the crew of the *Leidulf* had abandoned their vessel for the temporary safety of the skerry. With the skerry due to be submerged at high water and the tide rapidly rising the Norwegian sailors were in imminent danger of being swept off the skerry. With a strong tide running past the skerry, it was obvious that any rescue was going to be extremely difficult and so it proved. After four failed attempts to get close enough to take the men off, the coxswain took the decision to run the bow of the lifeboat ashore on the skerry near where the men had gathered, enabling the lifeboatmen to pull all 7 of the crew aboard the lifeboat, before pulling clear with the rising tide. Attention now turned to the *Astor*, now badly holed and lying on her port side a mere 50 metres away from the *Leidulf*. Pulling away from the skerry, the coxswain ordered the anchor dropped and the chain gradually paid out, making use of tide and engines to manoeuvre close enough to the bow of the *Astor* to also rescue her 7 crew members, landing all 14 men at Kirkwall Harbour a short time later. The *John Gellatly Hyndman* returned to her moorings at Stronsay at 2.30 a.m. the following morning after 13 hours at sea.

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Tom Carter, who had been coxswain since the Station re-opened and had taken the lifeboat out on service 17 times, resigned his post in October 1956. Jimmy Stout was appointed as the new coxswain, a role he was to hold until the Station was closed.

One of the first launches under the command of the new coxswain came at 5.00a.m. on 2nd January 1957, when a request came through to take an injured crewman off a Grimsby trawler and convey him to hospital. The crewman, who had been badly scalded by escaping steam in the engine room, was aboard the Grimsby trawler *Neath Castle*. The *Neath Castle* herself was in difficulties, leaking badly and under tow by another trawler, the *Stoke City*, when the call went out. The position of the trawlers which was given to the lifeboat turned out to be incorrect and it was only when a BEA plane en-route from Shetland spotted the trawlers and gave their true position that the lifeboat, which by then had been searching fruitlessly for 10 hours, was able to locate the ships. Despite heavy seas and a large swell at the time the lifeboat was able to get alongside to take the injured seaman off the *Neath Castle* and convey him to Balfour Hospital in Kirkwall, finally returning to her Stronsay moorings 22 hours after having left and having covered a distance of around 150 miles.

Some years later, Jimmy Stout recalled that some of the crew weren't quite in their best fettle that day due to New Year celebrations the day before!

Just a few days later, on 7<sup>th</sup> January, the lifeboat was again called out, this time to the rescue of two men marooned on the wreck of an old tanker in Inganess Bay on the Orkney Mainland. The two men had been doing salvage work on the tanker when a gale blew up and they were unable to get back to shore. On what was a bitterly cold night, the lifeboat was able to come alongside the wreck and rescue the two men who were by then suffering from the effects of exposure. They were landed at Kirkwall soon after, little the worse for their ordeal.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> 1958, the Stronsay lifeboat was in the news again. Commanded by Coxswain Jimmy Stout it went to the aid of the Grimsby registered seine-net boat *Tanana*, aground and badly holed on a skerry near Wart Holm in the Westray Firth. With the *Tanana* listing badly, the six crewmen had all scrambled onto the comparative safety of the skerry and soon after, with the tide ebbing, she toppled over onto her side. The circumstances and subsequent rescue were recorded in the 'Lifeboat' magazine as follows:

*CREW OF FISHING VESSEL RESCUED FROM ROCKS Stronsay, Orkneys.*

*At 1.15 early on the morning of the 5th of October, 1958, the coastguard at Kirkwall told the honorary secretary that a distress message had been sent from a vessel in the Westray Firth. While the life-boat crew were being assembled further enquiries were made, and the coast guard reported that flares had been seen on the west side of the Island of Westray. At 2.35 the life-boat The John Gellatly Hyndman put out in a moderate sea, with a moderate south westerly wind blowing and an ebb tide. She made for the position in heavy rain squalls and found the fishing vessel Tanana of Grimsby stranded on Wart Holm. Her crew of six were ashore on the rocks close by. The coxswain, with the aid of the searchlight, brought the life-boat alongside the rocks, and the six men scrambled aboard her. They were transferred to the fishing vessel Capella, which was close at hand, and the life-boat returned to her station, arriving at 7.50. The Tanana became a total wreck.*

*(Continued on next page)*

Jimmy Stout, the coxswain at the time, remembered this as a very straightforward rescue. With her shallow draught, the lifeboat was able to approach right up to the stern of the stranded *Tanana* and, with the fishing boat now lying completely over on her side, the six crewmen were able to scramble back up onto the bow of their boat, walk the full length of the now more or less horizontal side and jump down into the waiting lifeboat.

The *Tanana* had been operating out of Buckie for some time previously and her crew were all from the Buckie area. The wreck was later bought by Captain William Denison from Shapinsay.

Another of the more memorable rescues was on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1959, when the Stronsay Lifeboat was launched in a strong southerly wind and rough seas at 12.28 a.m. in response to red flares being spotted in the Westray Firth. The boat in difficulty was the Kirkwall fishing boat *Amber Queen*, whose engine had broken down and had subsequently lost her anchor. When the lifeboat arrived on the scene, near Fersness Point on Eday, the *Amber Queen* and her crew of 3 were in imminent danger of being swept onto rocks at the Point of Scaraber on the little island of Faray. With great difficulty, Coxswain Stout was able to manoeuvre close enough to get a line aboard and tow the disabled vessel to the more sheltered waters of Fersness Bay where a better tow rope was rigged. The *John Gellatly Hyndman* then proceeded to tow the disabled vessel back to Stronsay Harbour but, with the gale force wind increasing, the tow parted off the point of Spurness on Sanday. The tow was quickly re-established and both vessels reached the safety of the Stronsay harbour at 5.05 a.m.

For this rescue the RNLi granted the crew a reward of 16 guineas (£16.80), which was promptly dispatched by them to the Broughty Ferry disaster fund in memory of the 8 men who had lost their lives when the Broughty Ferry lifeboat had capsized earlier that month.

Two more notable but fairly straightforward rescues were carried out the following year, the first on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1960 when the *John Gellatly Hyndman* was called to the rescue of the *Girl Jean* and her two-man crew, in difficulties close to the Point of Warness on Eday. The *Girl Jean's* engine had broken down and the lifeboat succeeded in getting a line aboard and towing her to the Eday Pier. On this occasion the lifeboat was back at her moorings within 3 hours of being called to the rescue.

In a busy week for the *John Gellatly Hyndman*, at 4.40 a.m. on 16<sup>th</sup> August she was called to the assistance of the Westray fishing boat *Lily* near the Aikerness Holm at the north end of Westray. She was later recalled as her services were no longer needed there.

Then the following day, the 17<sup>th</sup>, the lifeboat was called out once more, this time in response to a report of red flares sighted off Papa Westray. The lifeboat set off in a gentle westerly breeze, to find the fishing boat *Press On* and her crew of two disabled and drifting close to the north shore of Eday. A tow was again quickly established and the vessel towed to a safe berth in Calf Sound with the lifeboat being back on station, again just 3 hours after being called out.

Part 4 will be in next month's Limpet

Ian Cooper

June 2026

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*A report from your councillor on his exploits both within Orkney and without.*



Whilst in Eday to attend a meeting of their community council, I got the opportunity to see the trophies on display at the island's heritage centre won by the Eday war memorial (see photograph above) in Royal British Legion Scotland's Best Kept War Memorial Competition. Thanks to the dedication of Moira Byers, it won both the New Entrant Award and Champion of Champions! (There was an article published about the win last year on page 3 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> October issue of *The Orcadian*.) Let this be an encouragement to other islands to smarten up their memorials and enter them for the competition.

Other meetings I attended in the Isles this month included those of Westray Community Council and Sanday Parent Council. The police held a surgery on Sanday, and I called in to thank them for coming out and to speak to them about the recruitment of special constables in the Isles. Also held on Sanday was the Fifth Annual Show of the North Isles Dance Academy, and Charlotte Hoque has been doing an amazing job training up dancers of all ages and abilities from the community and ensuring the Academy lives up to its geographical name. On North Isles Sports day, I'd been invited to Rousay School to help count votes at the AGM of the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust, where I got to see the displays showcasing community activities and projects and enjoyed catching up with ward constituents, plus I got a tour of their impressive school garden.

At the meeting of the Education, Communities & Housing Committee, I congratulated Dr Petra McLay and her staff on the good evaluation report Stronsay School received from HMIE inspectors when they visited in March. Other meetings I've been to in Kirkwall include those of the Monitoring & Audit Committee, and a National Emergency Board "People's Emergency" briefing, and I participated in the Public Service Reform Orkney Leadership Gathering event (see photo below) attended by members and officers of OIC, the Integration Joint Board and NHS Orkney. The oft spoken about "Single Authority Model" is not one I am comfortable with, as I don't want councillors to be finding themselves in the impossible position at budget-setting time of having to decide how to allocate resources between, for example, pothole repair and palliative care. And I do not want to see our National Health Service becoming fragmented and Orkney receiving a second-class "Local Health Service".

Not ideally for Isles residents, Orbital Marine Power's Westray tidal array public consultation event was held on an afternoon and evening in Kirkwall. As I had an early ferry to catch, I went along before the event started in order to explain our concerns about the proposal's potential effects on shipping along a key route for our lifeline ferry services. I believe they got the message, and they also understand the need to get out to the Isles to speak to people. To put our concerns in context, the site is situated in the Westray Firth between Egilsay and Eday right on the route for ferries sailing to Westray, Papay and North Ronaldsay, and also a route used in bad weather by ferries serving Eday, Sanday and Stronsay. Details can be found via the website <https://www.orbitalmarine.com/westray-tidal-array-public-consultation-event/> Comments can be sent by post to: Orbital Marine Power, Innovation Centre – Orkney, Hatston Pier Road, Kirkwall, KW15 1ZL; by telephoning 01856-851641; or by e-mail to: [westray@orbitalmarine.com](mailto:westray@orbitalmarine.com) There is a **deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**.

Outwith Orkney, I've travelled to Glasgow for a meeting of the Scottish Councils' Committee on Radioactive Substances (on which I represent OIC) and to Lerwick for a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

I would like to remind North Isles residents that many are entitled to a Smartcard for local concessionary ferry travel, for instance when they turn 65. (Residents of North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray can also receive concessionary entitlement for inter-island air travel.) For further information write to: Transportation Service, Marine Services & Transportation, Enterprise & Sustainable Regeneration, Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall KW15 1NY; telephone: (01856) 873535; or e-mail: [ferryvouchers@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:ferryvouchers@orkney.gov.uk). You can also find details on the Council's website, [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

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

West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

**Letter from School Place** is also  
available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)

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# The Digital Phone Switchover



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ISLANDS COUNCIL

## 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.



## **“IMPROVING THE CANCER JOURNEY” (ICJ) SERVICE** **NHS ORKNEY**

If you or someone you know has been affected by cancer, *Improving the Cancer Journey* is here to help. *Improving the Cancer Journey*, in partnership with Macmillan, is a dedicated service to support anyone affected by cancer with their non-clinical needs. This could be the person with the cancer diagnosis, or it could be someone affected by that diagnosis, such as family or carers.

When someone is diagnosed with cancer, they often describe feeling like they're in a maze. It can be difficult to know what services are out there and where to access them. The *Improving the Cancer Journey* service is here to support with this, and help people to access the services that can support with their non-clinical concerns.

Non-clinical concerns may include:

- Supporting someone to access local teams that can help with money or housing worries and benefits
- Addressing caring or work responsibilities
- Connecting with those that can support with addressing physical concerns
- Accessing complimentary therapies
- Helping with emotional concerns, connecting with wellbeing support and services
- Accessing information to answer questions or concerns about cancer and treatment

When someone affected by cancer accesses the ICJ service, they will be offered a Holistic Needs Assessment, which is a simple check-list style questionnaire that helps to understand what means most to the person. The key areas addressed within a Holistic Needs Assessment are financial, practical, physical, emotional and spiritual.

Based on this assessment and meaningful conversations with an ICJ Link Worker, a support plan will be created to ensure the person affected by cancer is offered all the support they need.

Patients can be referred into the service through a self-referral form or via a professional referral. Both referral forms, alongside further information, can be found on the ICJ page of the NHS Orkney website - [Improving the Cancer Journey \(ICJ\) | NHS Orkney](#).

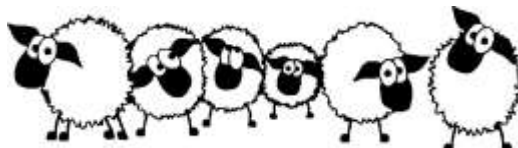
The referral forms can be filled in online and sent to the ICJ email address – [ork.icj@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.icj@nhs.scot).

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the ICJ service, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are happy to support in any way we can.

Email: [ork.icj@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.icj@nhs.scot)

Phone: 01856 888084 (Public Health Department)

## STRONSAY STITCHERS



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments**

We are an informal group who meet once a month to do our own stitchy things. You can bring any projects you're working on such as crochet, needlework, knitting, rug hooking etc. Everyone welcome.

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## STRONSAY CRAFT FAIRS 2026

Massive Weekend Craft Sale—Sunday 16 August  
Christmas— Saturday 21 November

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## STRONSAY KIRK

Details of services at Stronsay's kirk for the next few weeks are now available on the kirk's website <https://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/calendar.asp?set=list>.

Contact Kirk Secretary: [elsie.dennison@live.co.uk](mailto:elsie.dennison@live.co.uk)

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

10 August, 5 October, 30 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Mobile-Calendar-2026-Accessible-Version.pdf> or send an email to [library@orkney.gov.uk](mailto: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

## **ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY - LIFEGUARD TRAINING**

Stronsay folk, this is a plea for anyone who can swim with a moderate fitness level to help the pool ! We would like to invite you to become a Royal Life Saving Society pool lifeguard.

The qualification is a nationally recognised award and anyone over 16 years of age can apply!

We require at least four candidates to be able to run the course.

This is a great opportunity for younger folk to add to their qualifications and makes a big difference when applying for university or employment.

Anyone interested please contact Andy or Chris at the pool or via Facebook/Messenger.

Thank you

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## **SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES**

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsaypool>

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

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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

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## **SWIMMING POOL—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.

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## **HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsayhlc>

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## **ORKNEY FERRIES = DRAFT TIMETABLES**

Draft winter 2026-27 ferry timetables are now available online:

[\*\*DRAFT Inter Island Ferry Timetables – Winter 2026/27\*\*](#)

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES**

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

Email: [donnablyth@outlook.com](mailto:donnablyth@outlook.com) Tel: 01857 616242 / 07852 805780



Online tuition in English Language, English Literature, RE, EAL and Literacy for learners of all abilities from age 7 – adult including A level, GCSE and SQA National Certificates.

Prices – £25.00 per hour for 1:1 tuition; £45.00 per hour for groups of 2 or more depending on requirements (max 3)

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Tuition in clarinet performance and music theory up to grade 5. £15 per 30min lesson for 1:1 tuition

GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

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References available.

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to current KCSIE legislation 2024

### **\*\*\*Reviews\*\*\***

*“Just wanted to share that S.... got into Hampton. He is absolutely thrilled and we are so pleased that the hard work paid off. Thank you for all your help and support.”* (Parent of 11+ student)

*“I am really pleased with my RE GCSE result. I got a 7 which is an A overall. Thank you so much for all of your help as without it this would have not been possible.”* (Y11 RE student)

*“L... has to know that she is capable of reaching the target, and I think you play a huge role in that because she really enjoys the sessions with you and what you say really sticks in her head.”* (Parent of Y6 student)

*“The skills that my daughter has acquired, and the clear and significant increase in her confidence and pride in her reading and writing skills, has been worth every penny.”* (Parent of GCSE English Language student)

*“V... loved his .... sessions and said that he was in awe of how knowledgeable you were! Thank you so much.”* (Independent tutoring company on behalf of GCSE English Literature student)

*“N... got an 8 in both English Literature and Language and would like to thank you for the immense help”* (Independent tutoring company on behalf of GCSE English student)

*“Donna is a remarkably warm, kind and empathetic tutor. We have both really enjoyed every interaction that we have had with her.”* (Parent of GCSE student)

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## **ISLAND LINK OFFICE**

The Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart, will be open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.

A range of services are available, including the collection of black bin bags, photocopying at 10p a copy, collect a form for Stronsay Community Council financial assistance, or a form for the scrap car scheme (still open for applications), raise issues or concerns that Stronsay Community Council may be able to address and even contact officers at OIC.

I look forward to seeing you, but if you are not able to call into the office I can be contacted by email at [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

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## **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) VISIT**

We're pleased to confirm that Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) will be returning to Stronsay Development Trust, Unit 1, Woodyard for their regular outreach support sessions.

If you'd like confidential advice or support with things such as benefits, money worries, housing, employment, consumer issues or energy costs, these sessions are a great opportunity to speak to an adviser locally.

Upcoming Outreach Date:

- Wednesday 19 August

Appointments will take place at Stronsay Development Trust – Unit 1, Woods Yard. Please pop these dates in your diary.

Once CAB provide their official posters and booking details, we'll share them here so you can arrange an appointment.

These visits are a really valuable service for our island community, so please help spread the word by sharing this post.

Any queries please do contact me at [Shani@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:Shani@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com)

## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details   

General Enquiries: [info@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:info@sinclairhaulage.com)

Accounts Enquiries: [accounts@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:accounts@sinclairhaulage.com)

Livestock Bookings: [livestock@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:livestock@sinclairhaulage.com)

Phone: 01857 600 404

Postal Address: Sinclair Haulage Ltd  
New Haulage Shed  
How Farm  
SANDAY KW17 2BJ

Office Opening Times: Mon – Fri  
09:00 – 17:00

Livestock bookings should be made by emailing [livestock@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:livestock@sinclairhaulage.com) or calling 01857 600404.

Please note that we **DO NOT** use Gmail email addresses (e.g. [sinclairhaulage@gmail.com](mailto:sinclairhaulage@gmail.com)). Please only use the above email addresses.

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



### **Livestock Bookings**

To ensure Livestock Bookings are not missed and that we can plan vehicle and ferry space, bookings must be made as far in advance as possible by either emailing:

[livestock@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:livestock@sinclairhaulage.com)

OR calling:

[01857 600404](tel:01857600404)

Please **DO NOT** message via text, Facebook, WhatsApp etc and please do not use any other email address.

Once booking has been received, you will be given a booking reference. We will then be in touch to confirm collection day/time etc.

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **SINCLAIR HAULAGE LTD**

Now introducing Skip Bags!

Due to difficulties getting skips out to the isles, we are now offering a skip bag service.

Having a clear out or renovating a property? Simply order and pay for your bag (telling us what you're planning to fill it with), we deliver, you fill it and we take it away and dispose of the waste.

All shipping and waste disposal costs included in the price.



### **SKIP BAGS**

Skip Bags can now be ordered from Sinclair Haulage. Simply order and pay for your bag, stating the type of waste. We deliver, you fill (within 6 months), we take away and dispose of the contents.

<b>BAG 1</b> <b>Inert Waste</b> <b>£125 per bag</b> (ex VAT)	Non-hazardous landfill material (example: glass, concrete, bricks and mortar, tiles, slates, fibreglass wool, clay and stones). Please note: plastics, plaster, plasterboard and timber are not permitted.
<b>BAG 2</b> <b>General Waste</b> <b>£360 per bag</b> (ex VAT)	Mainly combustible mixed municipal wastes which cannot be landfilled at Bossack. This category includes soiled paper and cardboard, carpets, furniture, small mixed plastics, scrap timber.
<b>BAG 3</b> <b>Mixed Waste</b> <b>£560 per bag</b> (ex VAT)	Non-inert material that requires removal of contaminants before landfill.

Each bag measures 850mm x 850mm x 870mm and can hold 1 tonne.

To order:

Email [info@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:info@sinclairhaulage.com)

Or call **01857 600404**

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# Opening Hours

**From Monday 2nd February**

Monday	9am - 2pm
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Thursday	9am - 2pm
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Saturday	9am - 3pm
Sunday	11am - 2.30pm

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**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

# The Stronsay Hotel

## "Spring Bar Opening Hours"

	<u>Lunchtime</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Tuesday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Wednesday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Thursday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Friday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 1:00am
Saturday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 1:00am
Sunday	12 noon - usually 10:30pm	

### FOOD SERVED DAILY



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Evening: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

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Email: [thestransayhotel@hotmail.com](mailto:thestransayhotel@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.thestransayhotel.co.uk](http://www.thestransayhotel.co.uk)

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



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**We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.**

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

**Reasonable prices.**

**Contact Craig or Christine for more information.**

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### *Holmsgarth Crafts*



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



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



Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

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

Tel: 07847 111 506

Email: [info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk)

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

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

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for  
Portraits - groups and individuals  
ID photographs - printing on site  
Tuition  
Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting  
Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228  
Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

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See Stronsay Markets on YouTube [https://youtu.be/8e6sz\\_Z2eQU](https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU)

### Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables  
Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer  
Cropped same day (usually)  
Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"  
Contact me on [stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I can add you to the regular list of  
available produce

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**PATRICK  
McGRATH  
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
Plumber**

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
- All other types of domestic, commercial, industrial plumbing works
- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: [patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com)



## Ebenezer Oil Heating



**Oil boiler servicing, repair and replacement**

**Oil tank inspection and installation**

**Why not let me check out your heating system, I can advise upgrades to make your heating more efficient & cheaper to run**

**10 year parts and labour guarantee on all new Grant Vortex boilers**

**All my work is covered by the OFTEC Competent Persons Scheme**

**Why would you use anybody else?**

**Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email [ebenezer@stronsay.org](mailto:ebenezer@stronsay.org)**

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

**BAYVIEW TRANSPORT  
LIMITED**

Taxi  
Community bus  
Island tours  
Mobile mechanic

Contact Mick

07508884024  
01857 616 376

[www.bayviewtransport.com](http://www.bayviewtransport.com)

[bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com](mailto:bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com)

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Cooke**  
SCOTLAND

**Fresh Salmon From Stronsay to the World**

Cooke Scotland has nurtured and raised delicious salmon on Orkney for over ten years.

Since 2019, we have called Stronsay home where we proudly produce one of Scotland's finest quality foods, with one of the lowest carbon footprints of any farmed livestock.

There are so many varied careers within the Scottish salmon sector – a thriving industry with oceans of opportunity.

Find out more about joining the team by visiting our website.

**An Ocean of Opportunity Awaits.**

Start Your Career with Cooke Today  
[cookescotland.com/careers](http://cookescotland.com/careers)



**Marion Miller Jewellery** creates distinctive pieces of jewellery inspired by Orkney's sea and shoreline. Designed and made in her Stronsay studio Marion's jewellery features gemstones and vitreous enamel adding depth, colour, and a tactile quality to the work. Special pieces, wedding and engagement rings can be made to order. Visitors to the studio are warmly welcome April-December. Call or E-mail prior to visiting if possible.

Tel. 07919550943 E-mail: [Marionmillerjewellery@gmail.com](mailto:Marionmillerjewellery@gmail.com)



[www.marionmillerjewellery.com](http://www.marionmillerjewellery.com)

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## **STRONSAY KIRK**

Details of services at Stronsay's kirk for the next four months are now available on the kirk's website <https://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/calendar.asp?set=list>.

Contact Kirk Secretary:  
[elsie.dennison@live.co.uk](mailto:elsie.dennison@live.co.uk)

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

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### **HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS:**

Ebenezer Stores <a href="mailto:stronsaystores@gmail.com">stronsaystores@gmail.com</a>	616339
Olivebank <a href="mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com">m.williamson1@btconnect.com</a>	616255
Fishmart café <a href="mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com">fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com</a>	616401
Hotel & pub <a href="mailto:thestrongsayhotel@hotmail.com">thestrongsayhotel@hotmail.com</a>	01856 700152
Red House plants	616377

Contact details for all OIC Councillors:

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-meetings/councillors>

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### **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

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### **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](#)
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### **STRONSAY CHESS CLUB**

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

## 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 for lunch 12-1) phone 616262
Community Council . . . . .	<a href="mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com">stronsaycc@gmail.com</a>
OIC Special collection. . . . .	3 August
Stronsay Island Link Office. .	Wed 10am-noon, tel: 616475, email: <a href="mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com">stronsaycc@gmail.com</a>
SDT Office . . . . .	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . .	Every week at 11am, see website <a href="https://tinyurl.com/strkirk">https://tinyurl.com/strkirk</a>
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit .	Mon 10 Aug 2026. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib">https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib</a>
<a href="#">Weekly rubbish collection</a> . . . .	Every Thursday, bags to be out before 8am but NOT night before
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to <a href="mailto:recycling@orkney.gov.uk">recycling@orkney.gov.uk</a>
Stronsay's Facebook page . . .	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488">https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488</a>

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

### *Stronsay phone numbers usually begin with 01857*

<p>Airy Fairy . . . . . 616231</p> <p>Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . . 616262</p> <p>Community bus . . . . . 07398 627742</p> <p>Companions Club . . . . . 616438</p> <p>Craftship Enterprise . . . . 0778 511 1126</p> <p>Doctor . . . . . 616321</p> <p>Ebenezer Stores . . . . . 616339</p> <p>Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . . 616207 <i>or</i> 07500 682 867</p> <p>Fish Mart . . . . . 616401</p> <p>Golgotha monastery. . . . . 616210 <i>or</i> <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a></p> <p>Hall bookings . . . . . 616263 <i>or</i> <a href="mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com">annemaree.carter@btinternet.com</a></p> <p>Highland Fuels . . . . . 01856 873766</p> <p>Island Link Officer . . . . . 616475</p> <p>Kirk secretary . . . . . 616238</p> <p>Limpet editor . . . . . 616297</p> <p>Medical emergency . . . . . 616321</p> <p>Neil's on Wheels . . . . . 07723 304 260</p> <p>Manse . . . . . 616284</p> <p>Nurses . . . . . 616321</p> <p>Olivebank . . . . . 616255</p> <p>OIC out of hours . . . . . 01856 873535</p> <p>Post Office . . . . . 616499</p> <p>Red House Plants . . . . . 616377</p> <p>Scottish Fuels . . . . . 01856 873105</p> <p>SDT office . . . . . 616410 <i>or</i> 07904 578120 <i>or</i> <a href="mailto:Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a></p>	<p>Silver Darlings . . . . . 616412</p> <p>Sinclair Haulage . . . . . 600404</p> <p>Star Island Soap . . . . . 616281</p> <p>Stranded seals, etc . . . . . 616207/206/498</p> <p>Stronsay Band . . . . . 616345</p> <p>Stronsay Pub &amp; Hotel . . . . 01856 700152</p> <p>Stronsay school . . . . . 616246</p> <p>Stronsay taxi, school . . . . 616376 <i>or</i> transport, mechanic 07508 884 024 diagnostics &amp; repairs</p> <p><b>Stronsay surgery</b> . . . . . 616321</p> <p><b>Balfour hospital (24/7)</b> . . 01856 888000</p> <p><b>Water problems (24/7)</b> . . 0800 0778 778</p> <p><b>Electricity:</b> general enquiries 0800 048 3516 <i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i> problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999 power cut (24/7) . . . 105</p> <p><b>Police (non urgent)</b> . . . . 101</p> <p><b>Kirkwall Library</b> . . . . . 01856 873166</p> <p><b>Dentists:</b> Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547 Com Dental Service 01856 888258 Orkney Dental . . . . 01856 872030</p> <p><b>Vets:</b> Flett &amp; Carmichael . 01856 872859 Northvet . . . . . 01856 873403</p>
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