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**STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

7:30pm

Carpet room at the Stronsay Community Hall

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**STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

**CARE-TAKER FOR STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**

Duties include:

Ensuring all parts of the community hall are clean at all times

Unlocking and locking doors for hires

Reading electricity meter before and after hires

Taking bookings

A small amount of bookwork

Cleaning of public toilets at community hall

Wages:

£150 paid every month

£10 per hour for cleaning after licenced events, grass cutting and recycling

£400 per year for cleaning the public toilets

2 references required

For further information about this job please contact:

Alison Fraser

*Email:* [alison565@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alison565@hotmail.co.uk)

*Tel:* 616287

Applications to be submitted to Alison Fraser by

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 5pm**

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**HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET***

Send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) (preferred method); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 10am & before 8pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*.

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 24 Feb**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 28 Feb**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>



# RECYCLING CENTRE

The Waste Team at the Stronsay Recycling Centre would like to start this New Year by saying a big thank you for all of the support so far and encourage the community to continue to bring us your Cardboard, Glass, Textiles and unwanted Furniture.

A member of the team will be available during opening hours to help in any way they can with additional out of hours bins for Cardboard and Glass now available on site with a textile bin soon to follow so keep an eye open for details.

For any unwanted furniture please contact the team who will be happy to help.

## Cardboard Briquettes

Available to purchase at £4 per bag containing 11 logs

If you return the bag for a refill you receive a discount of 50p per bag

Logs can be purchased loose in multiples of 11 at a reduced rate of £3.50 per 11 logs

Recycled storage crates are also available to purchase on site.

Stronsay Recycling Centre, Unit 2, Woods Yard, Stronsay, KW17 2AR



**Now Accepting**

## Cardboard

Flat packed with as much tape removed as possible

## Glass

### Bottles & Jars

Washed and Labels removed where possible

## Textiles

### Clothes, Curtains, Bedding

## Furniture

Please contact the team if you have any unwanted furniture

## OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday

9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Out of hours drop off bins now located at recycling centre for Cardboard and Glass



**We are excited to announce the Plastic Skip has ARRIVED!!!**

The Waste Team at the Stronsay Recycling Centre have been working with OIC and Stronsay Community Council on a project that will enable us to be part of a 12-month Trial plastic skip Island collection

What can be recycled ?? **Household Bottles Only!!**

To make this trial a success we need your help in following some clear instructions when using the skip.

1. Please make sure your bottles are empty – No liquids
2. Please make sure your bottles are rinsed
3. Please remove their tops and put those in the normal rubbish
4. There must be a number 1 or 2 on the bottom (HDPE or PET can be recycled)



The Skip will be located behind the current glass, metal, paper skip next to Ebenezer Stores.

The Waste team located at the Recycling Centre at Woods yard will be available for any questions or to offer any assistance and will be working with the Council to Monitor the Skips usage and Trial.

## **THE PEEDIE LIBRARY** **(and coffee afternoon)**

The Kirk's Peedie Library began when the mobile library van service was reduced from monthly to bi-monthly and has now been running very successfully for about 18 months. The Kirk was awarded a grant from "Our Island, our future" to purchase three large bookcases to erect in the church hall. People donated books that they no longer needed and we soon outgrew the original three bookcases. The Kirk bought three more so our Peedie Library is not so Peedie! We have a wide range of books on all sorts of subjects and also a DVD section.

The library has proved popular with adults and children who have their own, comfortable children's corner. Last time Marion entertained the children with a "book bug" story and singing session which was very popular. We hope that this becomes a regular session.

An important part of the afternoon is the tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and sometimes even cake. Most people stop for a cuppa and a chat as well as to change their books. We would love to see more people coming as we have so many books of all genres.

This year we are going to open every month on a Tuesday from 3pm to 4:30pm—see dates below. Please come when you can, you will be very welcome. Even if you are not a reader you can come for a cuppa and a chat. If you need a lift please ask Viv and we will arrange it. See you there!

- February 5th
- March 5th
- April 2nd
- May 7th
- June 4th
- July 2nd
- August 13th
- September 3rd
- October 8th
- November 5th
- December 3rd



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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING ON STRONSAY?**

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## FUNDING SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

Macmillan and CLAN Cancer Support are working in partnership with THAW Orkney who have funding available to help provide financial assistance to those with a cancer diagnosis. We can support with the installation of a heating system and/or white goods (*for example a washing machine or tumble dryer*).

Please note that this funding is time limited and must be on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you know of someone or think you may be eligible for support, then please contact either Macmillan or CLAN Cancer Support as soon as possible. Contact details are below:

- Macmillan Cancer Support  
(Roddy Harper, 888120, [rharper@nhs.net](mailto:rharper@nhs.net) )  
or
- CLAN Cancer Support  
(Elspeth Linklater, 873393, [Elspeth.linklater@clanhouse.org](mailto:Elspeth.linklater@clanhouse.org) )

THAW Orkney is a SCIO charity number SCO45272

Information from Anna Davis:

*"You do not need to be currently receiving treatment, or have been diagnosed recently, you may well be in remission but still could benefit from this. Please contact Macmillan cancer support or Clan as soon as possible as THAW are very short on time to get this actioned."*

## RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

A run around the island on 1st January produced both male and female Hen Harrier at Airy, a Merlin at Matpow, and Sanderling, Dunlin, Ringed Plover, Redshank, Curlew and Oystercatcher all on the beach at Bomasty. Ant saw a Snow Bunting on the Bu Sands on 2nd and Sue saw a flock of 12 Skylarks the same day.

Although there seems to be less 'small' birds over-wintering (excluding Starlings and House Sparrows!) there have been way above average sightings of birds of prey. At least two male Hen Harriers have been recorded along with at least two 'ring-tails' (brown females or 1st winter males). At least two Merlins have been recorded and there have been sightings of both Kestrel and Sparrowhawk. So far there have been no sightings of Peregrine and no owls have been seen.

A few small groups of thrushes – Blackbirds Redwing and Fieldfares have been present throughout what has been a very mild winter, and the odd Song Thrush has been seen. Robins have taken up residence in many gardens across the island – one per garden, the birds are very territorial even in Winter – and all seem to be of the paler 'continental' types, all of which will return to the other side of the North Sea in early Spring to breed. A party of 30 or so Twite flew past Gesty Dishes on 6th Jan.

A few Oystercatchers have over-wintered and the flock of over 20 Whooper Swans have remained faithful to Jim and Fran's land at Banks for much of the Winter, giving excellent views from the Holland Road adj. the new Cemetery. There was a real surprise in the same field on 14th when two (male) Ruff were discovered among the Redshank flock there.

Sea-duck seem to be in short supply this winter – even the Eider numbers are low – but there is a definite increase in freshwater species on the lochs which have been taken over entirely by the Greylags in recent years. This has been most noticeable at Matpow, where several species - including 3 Pintail – have been seen regularly.

There have been 2-300 each of Curlew and Golden Plover present (less than 5% of pre-Greylag invasion numbers!) throughout the Winter, but Lapwings seem to have fared rather better and a few hundred have been present – mainly in the damp meadows.

A dark Common Buzzard has been seen on a few occasions in January, the most recent by Ant at Lower Dishes, shortly after finding a flock of 50-plus Bar-tailed Godwits during his regular walk along the shore of Holland bay. Other surprises were a female Chaffinch found by Sheila at Helmsley and a Song Thrush near the Kirk.

Other interesting sightings were of what may have been the same flock of 200 or so Cormorants in Holland Bay mid-month (Ant) and Mill Bay later the same day (JH). Both flocks were very 'mobile', flying low over the water in a long line and diving regularly as if searching for shoals of fish.

Thanks for all the calls. John Holloway.



## **NORTH ISLES LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

At the start of the year, 3 new staff members were recruited to the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme. Valerie Dawson, Claire Wilson and Anne Bignall join project manager Andy Golightly to deliver the projects that make up the overall scheme.

The NILPS scheme focuses on the natural, cultural and built heritage of the Isles and includes a wide array of projects to achieve this. Among them are traditional skills training, the renovation of historic buildings, wildlife recording, maritime archaeology research, interpretation projects along with a host of others.

An important aspiration of the scheme is to encourage and appreciate connectivity between the isles as well as recognising diversity and the unique identity of each island. With this in mind, some of the projects are aimed at linking the isles – for example, the creation of a visitor trail across the North Isles highlighting industrial heritage sites on different islands. Others focus on heritage that is specific to a particular island, such as wildlife recording initiatives that look at species that are special to certain islands.

For Stronsay, one of the largest projects involves renovation work on selected historic buildings and structures in the village and assisting in the development of Stronsay's new heritage centre. We'll also be looking at signage, interpretation and works on the network of footpaths on Stronsay.

There will also be lots of opportunity to get involved in projects, courses, training days and other activities associated with a variety of subjects including oral history, traditional skills and wildlife recording.

One of the first things that will be available is the North Isles Landscape Partnership Heritage Grants. Groups and organisations can apply for grants of up to £2000 to support projects, activities and events in the Isles that contribute to the aims and objectives of the NILPS Programme.

As particular projects come to the fore, we will provide more information on how to have input and get involved.

You can find out more information on the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme website [www.nilps.co.uk](http://www.nilps.co.uk) Alternatively you can contact the project team on (01856) 879076 or by email [nilps@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:nilps@orkney.gov.uk)

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## **A little more about the project team...**

### **Andrew Golightly (Programme manager)**

Andy has lived and worked on Orkney for 4 years and previously worked on the Townscape Heritage Initiative, a heritage-based project that delivered building grants, training and educational projects in Kirkwall.

### **Valerie Dawson (Project officer)**

Valerie is originally from Stronsay and after studying in Aberdeen and a stint of travelling joined Highlands and Islands Enterprise in 2005.

### **Claire Wilson (Finance and administration officer)**

Claire is originally from Sanday and joins the team having worked in the Economic Development Service at the Council. Outside of work she's busy studying towards a degree in mathematics and statistics.

### **Anne Bignall (Project officer)**

Anne has lived in Orkney since 2005, starting work as the Eday Ranger and going on to work for the Scapa Flow Landscape Partnership Scheme and RSPB.



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## THE WRECK OF THE 'A.C.W. 11'

As the ferry comes in to Whitehall harbour or if you chance to look out toward Huip Ness from the highroad in the North end of Stronsay, the remains of a ship hard aground are to be seen lying in the Bay of Franks. This ship, known locally as the 'coal barge' or the 'coal hulk', is one of the last, and one of the most visible, of the relics of Stronsay's past role as a busy herring fishing port.

Bearing the unpretentious name of 'A.C.W. 11', she was built at the instruction of the War Office by J W Stewart of Brentford, London in 1918. Designed as a lighter barge and with a flat bottom, she was registered as 358 gross tons and was 151' long with a beam of 24½' and a draught of 12'. She had no means of propulsion of her own, neither sail nor steam, and perhaps one of the more interesting facts about her is that she was constructed of concrete, this concrete being poured around a steel reinforcing mesh contained in a wooden mould. By the end of the Great War, steel was in short supply and alternatives to

steel for shipbuilding were being sought where possible. This process of steel reinforced concrete, or ferro-concrete, was still very much in the experimental stage in 1918 but it is testimony to this process and the skill of the builders that she is still pretty much intact 100 years later! According to Lloyd's Register, she was certificated "For English Channel and coasting service from Thames to Milford Haven, subject to annual survey - experimental", with the last recorded survey being carried out in October 1924.



During the herring fishing in Stronsay, a number of ships (usually older ships no longer fit for the high seas but performing their last duty before heading to the breaker's yard) were put to use as 'coaling hulks' – basically huge floating coal bunkers. There would have been as many as five or six of these hulks anchored in Papa Sound at the height of the herring fishing season, still in reasonably deep water but out of the main shipping channel. Coasters carrying coals from the coalfields of central Scotland and northern England arrived at Stronsay on a regular basis to fill and refill the holds of these hulks with coal, with literally hundreds of steam drifters then hauling alongside the hulks in an afternoon or evening to fill up their own bunkers before heading out eastwards for another night at the herring fishing grounds.

But to go back to the story of the A.C.W. 11, and again looking at Lloyd's Register, she was owned by Thornley Binders Ltd in the 1920s. (*Thornley Binders had a seaweed processing factory in Stromness during the 1920s and, following the grounding of the 390 feet cargo vessel 'Hastings County' on Auskerry in June 1926, they offered the use of an 'ideally suited' concrete lighter to help convey salvaged cargo from the grounded ship to Kirkwall. but, after close examination by divers, she was deemed unsuitable. This lighter was almost certainly the A.C.W. 11.*)

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She was subsequently sold to Adam Bros Ltd before eventually being purchased by the Peterhead Coal Co Ltd around 1933. I can find no record of how long she provided her services as a coaling hulk but these duties sadly came to an end on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1936 when she broke free of her moorings during a gale and ran hard aground in the Bay of Franks. Unfortunately she was badly holed on a large rock and couldn't be re-floated so still sits today where she ran aground more than 80 years ago.



There are tales told of locals in small boats visiting the ship at the dead of night and dredging a few bags of coal from her bunkers to help keep the home fires burning and, for many years afterwards, some more of the cargo would, on occasion, be washed out of her during subsequent storms.

I can remember local folk going out with a bucket and beachcombing for lumps of this coal when it washed ashore. This coal they called 'steam coal' as it was of a higher grade than the normal household coal, burnt much hotter and lasted longer. It was said it

had to be used sparingly and mixed in with ordinary coal because of the very real danger of actually melting the cast iron coal basket of the fire!

In the 1980s some enterprising local lobster fishermen considered the possibility of using the holds of the barge as holding ponds for lobsters when prices were poor, storing them until such time as prices rose and they could be sold to advantage. It was eventually decided that this enterprise in open water had too many risks involved and lobster holding ponds were constructed on land instead, actually converting an old herring processing building for the purpose.

The barge originally had two short stubby wooden masts for operating her derricks but both are now gone, the last one not so many years ago. These derricks were operated by steam powered winches and, as can be seen in the photos, they still look in remarkably good condition, with the hawser on the winch reel still clearly visible. At spring high tides there is little of the ship to be seen above water but, as the tide recedes, she can still be seen standing out as a sad but still proud reminder of the boom days of fishing for the 'Silver Darlings'.

*Ian Cooper*  
*January 2019*

If anyone has a photo of the barge while she still had her two masts (or even one mast) I would be very grateful if I could make a copy of it to add to this article. Also if anyone has any more information or anecdotes about this or anything else Stronsay related, I would be delighted to hear of it, either by giving me a phone on 01857 616322, emailing [ian.cooper56@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cooper56@gmail.com) or just drop in past Steensheed.

# STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

## *Reporting on the work of your councillor in Orkney and beyond*

In my February 2018 *Letter*, I reported on the additional funding Government Scotland had kindly provided for Orkney's inter-island ferry service for the 2018/19 financial year. I also expressed the hope that this financial settlement was not something that would happen only once in a blue blood super moon—a celestial event that occurred on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Well, early in the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of this January, we were treated to the sight of a super blood wolf moon, yet we are still waiting for Government Scotland to treat us to adequate funding for our ferries for 2019/20. This year, £6.8 million are needed to run the Orkney Ferries fleet. We are in urgent need of a long-term solution for our ferry revenue funding and, of course, capital funding for a ferry-replacement programme, because the costs involved are astronomical.

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My 2019 council work got underway with some travelling about my ward. I flew to Papa Westray for a meeting of their community council, and the next night took the ferry to Eday for theirs. The one advantage of the refit timetable is that I was able to sail directly back to Sanday the following morning.

Held in Kirkwall, but of direct relevance to the ward, was a meeting with Shapinsay Community Council members and OIC officials to discuss options for The Smithy in Balfour Village. And I was on the selection panel for Sanday Community School's new head teacher.

I attended a meeting of the Orkney College Management Council (CMC), which was the first for the College's new principal, Professor Edward (Eddie) Abbott-Halpin. Eddie was formerly a professor at Leeds Beckett University in the Department of Computing, Creative Technology and Engineering. He has over 20 years of experience in further education and has worked in both Sri Lanka and Iraq. We also have a new student representative, Kaila Sheppard, who is reading archaeology. As I mentioned in my November 2018 *Letter*, I am pushing for more student accommodation in Orkney, in the first instance for students from the Isles needing to attend college courses during the week. This has been formalised (under "Areas for development") in the *Orkney College UHI Evaluative Report and Enhancement Plan*, which has now been endorsed by Education Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council.

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At the start of our Briefing Meeting, members of the CMC were given a tour of the College's Education, Health & Social Care Department. I was interested to learn that they had been able to deliver a course leading to a Skills for Work National 4 qualification in Early Learning & Childcare to a pupil Westray.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson  
West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk)

You can download "Letter from School Place" from [lfsp.pbworks.com](http://lfsp.pbworks.com)

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## **HOME, DESTINY**

By Ellie from Newfield

It is just such a simple word.  
Small, but exactly right  
For those feelings it arouses inside you  
On that long journey, day and night.  
Just a choice made one day  
All is well, you just know.  
Never the need to look back  
As forward and onward you go.  
One shepherd and one shepherdess  
In the making but still quite raw.  
Caught by Mother nature  
Who alone could know the score  
Sheep by the hundreds were known  
All loved and held in esteem,  
At the mercy of all kinds of weather  
Most in the very extreme.  
Such joy in our working life  
Though in sadness we'd often brood  
For livestock soon becomes dead stock  
If Mother Nature's in her cruel mood.  
The lambs have been born in their hundreds  
What a blessing it's been.  
One shelpherd and one shepherdess  
So lucky in the extreme.  
Turn back the clock, please do,  
For we'd do it all again,  
Even knowing all that we do,  
Having stood out in the wind and the rain.  
Living the dream as they say  
And time flew by in haste  
And not forgetting their flock  
Who gave their best in every case.  
There was no guiding star,  
There was never a need for that.  
Just shepherd and shepherdess  
And a devoted three-legged cat.

©Helene Harrison

## ***SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS***

### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all the farmers who are taking part in my dissertation survey. It is much appreciated! From Leah

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### **THANK YOU**

Chris & Debbie would like to say a huge thank you to all that came to the Cowboy & Indian night, lots of brilliant costumes, and a draw for the best one between Big Chief Andy and Woody the cowboy John. A few bow and arrows and gun fights through out the evening, and many rowdy people chucked in the jail. Thank you to Tara for helping with the wigwam and making the wanted posters, Hope every one had a good time and enjoyed the cowboy bread and the Texan sweet tea with Bourbon. Yee Haw.!

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### **HOUSE FOR SALE £135,000 (OR EXCHANGE?)**

BAYVIEW, WHITEHALL

4 bedrooms plus 2 attic rooms, 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, utility room plus numerous outbuildings.

We're not looking to leave the Stronsay, it's just time to find something smaller.

Please contact Dave or Jill on 616308

BAYVIEW UPDATE (1 June 2018)

Having decided to put our home on the market we are obliged to have a Home Report, which was completed this week. I am pleased to say it was all very favourable and thanks to the hard work of Saul over the past two years the improvements were well noted and the survey valued the house at £135,000. So it is now with the Orkney Property Centre at that price.

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### **LOOKING FOR A ONE BED SELF-CONTAINED PROPERTY TO RENT ON STRONSAY**

I am Scottish and a retired teacher currently living abroad. I plan this projected move to Stronsay to be permanent and would be interested in a long-term lease.

From around the end of this year

Feel free to contact me by email with any questions: [adouglas@post.com](mailto:adouglas@post.com)

Many thanks

Andrew Douglas

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**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

An advertisement for Stronsay Ranger. The background is a photograph of two white birds, likely gulls, sitting on a grassy hill under a blue sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**STRONSAY  
RANGER**

**GUIDED TOURS  
AND NATURE  
WALKS**

**CONTACT 07922711525**

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND  
INSTAGRAM  
SEARCH FOR STRONSAY  
RANGER

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



### **STRONSAY FISH MART**

Phone 616401

#### **Sunday 3rd February 2019**

- Soup of day with homemade loaf
- Steak pie, vegetables and potatoes
- Chicken curry, rice and Naan bread
- Pear sponge and custard
- Semolina and peaches (cream/ ice-cream)

#### **Sunday 10th February 2019**

- Soup of day with homemade loaf
- Chicken in gravy, oatmeal stuffing vegetables and potatoes
- Chilli con carne, rice and Doritos
- Trifle (cream/ ice-cream)
- Chocolate brownie (cream/ ice-cream)

#### **Friday 15th February 2019**

- Fish Friday special

#### **Sunday 17th February 2019**

- Soup of day with homemade loaf
- Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and potatoes
- Macaroni cheese, chips and garlic bread
- Sticky toffee pudding (cream/ ice-cream)
- Cheesecake (cream/ ice-cream)

#### **Sunday 24th February 2019**

- Soup of day with homemade loaf
- Chicken fillets with sweet and sour sauce and egg fried rice
- Vegetable ragu, tagliatelle and garlic bread
- Apple pie and custard
- Pavlova fresh fruit (cream/ ice-cream)

#### **Friday 1st March 2019**

- Fish Friday special

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# Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
  - ★ Handmade especially for you ★
- ★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★
- ★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★



Hazel Shearer, Airy, Stronsay, Orkney, KW172AG • Phone 01857 616231  
hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com • [www.airyfairyonline.co.uk](http://www.airyfairyonline.co.uk)

## The Wyrð Weaver

Handcrafted Textiles and Primitive Folk Art



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# ORKNEY BUFFALO

Kirbuster | Stronsay | Orkney

01857 616251

Msg at [Facebook.com/OrkneyBuffalo](https://www.facebook.com/OrkneyBuffalo)



We've had our first calf of 2019 at Kirbuster – peedie Wednesday the kids have named her. A very friendly calf, dutifully sticking its tail up for rubs.

We've sold out of frozen supplies and have our first fresh supplies coming home in February. Special offers will be on our Facebook page. Get in touch to order.

Free local delivery available, and we post nationwide with Royal Mail.

Fresh free range eggs always available...give us a bell or self-service from the fridge in the porch at Kirbuster. Fresh pies also available from Ebenezer Stores each week.

**Get in touch for any information or details.**

**Russell & Naomi**

**Dorothy, Wilbur and Martha**

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **MAURICE A. WILLIAMSON** **YOUR LOCAL ONE STOP SHOP** **Grocer/Butcher/Fuel/Hardware Supplies**

Olivebank, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AF

Tel:01857 616255

Email: [m.williamson1@btconnect.com](mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com)

Find us on Facebook at Maurice A. Williamson

**PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1967**

**Serving all your butcher needs;**

**All cuts of beef;** Silverside, topside, mince, rump, minute steak, stewing steak, fillet etc.

**Pork/pork products;** Loin, gammon, home-cured bacon, luxury medallions

**Chicken;** Whole, portions, breasts, kiev, cooked chicken strips

**Our very own premium quality sausages;** including a wide variety of flavours – Pork /beef /pork, cheese & chive/pork & red onion/pork & black pudding/ beef, onion & mustard etc.

**Home-made;** White puddings, black puddings, our very own Olivebank grill, sandwich fillings, ready-made meal options

**....AND SO MUCH MORE!**



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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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*New business, a mini market garden, set up in late 2015 at  
Sunnybank, Stronsay*

*Currently supplying mixed salad leaves, some winter vegetables and  
bedding plants. There will be more as the season progresses.*

*I will supply a list each week with availability*

*Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or  
send me an email "[stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I will put you  
on my mailing list*

**PATRICK  
McGRATH  
LTD**

**PLUMBING  
& HEATING**

**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
Plumber**

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
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- 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)



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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **HAIRDRESSER ON STRONSAY**

Ladies, Gents & Kids Haircuts available. Tel Siobhan 616337. For additional services such as colouring / perming please let me know in advance for a consultation & allow time for product delivery

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Computer, tablet or phone misbehaving or running slowly?

Want to learn how to use social media, word processing, spreadsheets, change the privacy settings on your computer, tablet, phone or social media accounts or anything else computer related?

Need help protecting your family from the dangers online or setting up home or business accounting sheets on paper or computer?

Thinking of buying a computer, tablet, phone or printer but don't know which one?

Have a printer or other device that needs connecting to your computer?

Want to extend your home network coverage?

I can do one off lessons or a series of lessons for individuals or groups starting with the basics right up to more complex lessons such as photo editing or spreadsheets, including lessons for people who have never used a computer or tablet.

£6 an hour.

Give me a call on 317 or email [duncandavis79@gmail.com](mailto:duncandavis79@gmail.com)



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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **JOHN DUNNE GARDEN SERVICES**

- \* General Garden Maintenance
- \* Window Cleaning and Guttering Services

- \* Reasonable rates
- \* Quick and professional

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Tel: 616276

### **The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast Logie Easter, Kildary IV18 0NZ**



Dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and six miles from Invergordon, the Old  
Ensuite Double and twin rooms

**Telephone : 01862 842357**

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

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **STRONSAY HOTEL**

Phone 01857 616213

Open Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun 5pm to 9pm

### **TAKE AWAY MENU**

Homemade lasagne + chips . . . . .	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips . .	£5.95
Homemade chicken & bacon pie + chips . .	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips. . . . .	£5.50
Battered haddock +chips . . . . .	£6.50
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips . . . . .	£6.50
2 sausages + chips . . . . .	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips . . . . .	£2.80
“Stronsay beast burger” + fries . . . . .	£4.50
“Stronsay cheese beast burger + fries . . . . .	£5.00
Portion of chips . . . . .	£1.30
Half portion of chips . . . . .	£0.80
Portion of cheesy chips . . . . .	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips . . . . .	£1.10
Portion of onion rings . . . . .	£1.20

Half cheesy chips = minus 20p

Cheesy chips = add 80p

Half chips = minus 60p

Half rice = minus 60p



**GUITAR  
LESSONS**

Classical, Acoustic,  
Blues, Rock, Folk

Anthony Potts  
Tel: 07570531618  
antpottsguitar@btinternet.com

The advertisement features a black background with white text and a white silhouette of a guitar neck and headstock on the right side.

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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

HOME: 01857 616454

### **Ebenezer Oil Heating Services**

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**Oil Tank Installation**



**Boiler Servicing**

Oil boiler servicing,  
repair and replacement



**Boiler Installation**

A serviced boiler  
is an efficient boiler  
and will save you money

**& Commissioning**

Tel 01857 616339  
ebenezer@stronsay.org

**Anthony Potts**  
Foot Health Professional

**Qualified Foot Health Professional**  
MCFHP MAFHP

*About Me*  
I qualified as a foot health professional (FHP) in 2017 studying at the SMAE Institute in Maidenhead. I am a Member of The British Association of Foot Health Professionals.

*Treatments offered*  
Nail cutting and filing  
Callus (hard skin) removed  
Corns treated  
Nail conditions treated  
Verrucas treated  
General assessment and advice on foot health  
Home visits  
Please telephone for an appointment

Tel: 07570531618  
antpottsguitar@btinternet.com  
Gesty Dishes, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AJ

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



The home of traditionally hand-crafted Orkney soaps, solid shampoo bars and balms.  
Hand-spun yarns, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Member of Stronsay Craft Trail: Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney.

Open all year round. Visitors welcome by arrangement.    

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281. Email: [info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk)

Web: [www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk).



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## **BELLIE M DESIGNS**

Tieve Studios, Berryhill Road, St Ola, Orkney KW15 1SF.

Online shop [www.belliemdesigns.com](http://www.belliemdesigns.com)

Orders also taken via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or phone 07736838489 with email invoices that can be easily paid by card or PayPal.

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

*Stronsay Community Association*

### **TENDERS INVITED**

### **TO SUPPLY & REPLACE A WINDOW IN THE STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**

For further information about this job please contact;

Wilma Holland

Email: [wilmaholland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wilmaholland@hotmail.co.uk)

Tel: 616345

Tenders to be submitted to Wilma Holland by

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 5pm**

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge. Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

For more information & bookings contact:

Alison Fraser Tel: 616287 Email: [alison565@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alison565@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE** **supervised sessions**

All Supervised Sessions will run from 4.30 pm to 6.30.pm

MONDAY	4:30—6:30
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	4:30—6:30
THURSDAY	4:30—6:30
FRIDAY	4:30—6:30
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Buddy system by request

The gym can be accessed throughout the day if you have a 'buddy' to go with.

A code is required, please speak to one of the team if you have any questions

Inductions by appointment only

Andy - 616277 or Julie - 616335

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING ON STRONSAY?**

See the diary of events at webpage <http://visitstronsay.com/events/list>

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### **Stronsay Stitchers & Spinners**



#### **Stitchers**

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 7.00pm-9.3-pm, Church Hall, £2/person, refreshments available.

February 28th, 7.00pm-9.3-pm, Church Hall, £2/person, refreshments available.

#### **Spinners**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am-2pm, Church Hall, £2/person, Refreshments available.

#### **Stronsay Craft Fairs 2019**

Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> (with Orkney Nature Festival)

Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday November 30th

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***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

**Don't hide behind your books!  
Come and share them with us!**



**Stronsay Bookworms welcomes  
new recruits to the next meeting on  
Wednesday 13th February at  
7.30pm at Stronsay Hotel**

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# **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**



DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION OF BULKY ITEMS FROM DOMESTIC PROPERTIES ON STRONSAY 2018/19**

The special collection dates for Stronsay up to 31 March 2019 are as follows:-

**Friday -            5 October 2018  
                          7 December 2018  
                          22 February 2019**

The current charges are:-

Up to 5 items	£19.00
6 items and above up to a full pick-up/equivalent load	£79.80
Lorry load	£160.80

If you wish to have **domestic** bulky items uplifted please contact Customer Services on 01856 873535 two days prior to the collection dates. Please note that payment for collection is required before the uplift is carried out. **Only items that are on the request form will be collected.**

**A verbal request to the local Refuse Collector is not sufficient.**

For information on disposal of **commercial waste**, please contact Development and Infrastructure on 01856 873535 extension 2320 or email [developmentandinfrastructure@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:developmentandinfrastructure@orkney.gov.uk)

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

#### **Monday**

7-7.40 public session  
7.40-8.20 adult lane (16+)

#### **Thursday**

7-7.40 private hire (prebooked)  
7.40-8.20 private hire

#### **Saturday**

2-2.40 private hire (prebooked)  
2.40-3.20 public session  
3.20-4pm private hire

Swim club lessons weekly

To enquire about private hires, phone Elsie 616238

To enquire about swim club, phone Sarah 616406 or Andy 616277

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### **POOL CHARGES**

**It is well over 6 years since there has been an increase in public hire charges.  
From 1st November 2018 charges will become £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. All  
other charges remain the same**

#### **Public Sessions**

Adults £3  
Children £1.50

#### **Private Hires**

40 minute session - £15  
60 minute session - £20

#### **Swim Club**

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable)  
40 minute sessions - £16 block booking; £2 per session  
60 minute sessions - £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

#### **Adults (16 and over)**

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable)  
£24 block booking  
£3 per session

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## **KIRK CORNER**

Locum minister—Scott Daily  
Manse telephone 616286

At the start of the year I spent time thinking about what is important, what should take priority in my life. Since I am here to serve the church and the community of Stronsay, this led me to thinking what can the church provide for the community? I don't intend to go overly deep or into great detail as there is much that could be written and this merely intended to be short piece for the wonderful *Limpet*, put in somewhere after the interesting articles, poems, fascinating accounts of birds spotted, delicious sounding menus, and so on. But I think it is an important question to ponder. What can the church provide the community?

Being someone who often thinks and processes best by way of analogy, it is helpful for me to think of the church as a “spiritual” surgery, providing spiritual care (among many other things) to people. In practical terms this means that if you have need of prayer, counseling, Bible study, a listening ear, or any other assistance in life then the church should be there to help and serve you, we should be always “on call”. In the Sunday morning services, we are looking at the book of Ephesians, in chapter four it tells us that one of the goals of the church is to train and equip people to do the work of the ministry, that is to show God's love to others and help them grow in relationship with Him through His Son. The church should be a place where we all grow together, a place where we are all learning about God and helping one another to not just live but live as God intended in this world with all His abundant blessings of joy, peace and love. The church should be vitally important and relevant to our lives, just as the medical surgery, the school, and the shops are. The church is of course more than just the big building in the middle of the island, though that is certainly a very useful place to gather not just on a Sunday morning, but at other times for other community events such as the peedie library, and the Stronsay Stitchers and Spinners. And it is more than merely attending the Sunday morning service, though I truly believe this to be very important as we (hopefully) learn practical and applicable truths from God's Word and worship God and pray together. The church is the body of Jesus, seeking as a body to put into action the will of the head. We should be the hands and feet of love to others. If we fail then it is because we are not carrying out the instructions of our head, forgive us, pray for us and give us another chance. Better yet, come and join us and help us live and serve together. We are currently meeting in the Kirk Hall on Sundays as it is of course much warmer.

If there is anything that the church, or I personally, can help you with, pray about, or any way we can serve you please let us know. May this year be a time of blessing for the island of Stronsay.

Scott Daily

Sunday services start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

For details of services see the kirk's website:

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/index.asp?pageid=595575>

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY**

**Date of mobile library van's next visit to Stronsay in 2019**

Monday 18 February

#### **Winter**

- Council Houses 8.45 - 9.45
- School 10 - 12
- Kirk 12.30 - 3
- Fish mart 3.15 - 4.45

#### **Summer/Refit**

- Council Houses 9 - 10
- School 10.15 - 12
- Kirk 12.30 - 3
- Fish mart 3.15 - 5.30

For full details visit the library's website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk>

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### **STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

The next meeting of the diabetes support group will be on Wednesday 30th January, at 3pm at the Fishmart. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Shirley.

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### **JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES**

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**In an emergency phone 01856 888000**

#### **Surgeries by appointment only**

Phone 616321 to book an appointment

Monday 9:30—10:30, 15:30—16:30

Tuesday 9:30—10:30, 14:30—15:30

Wednesday 9:30—10:30, from 14:00

Thursday—no surgery

Friday 9:30—10:30, 15:30—16:30

#### **Ordering repeat prescriptions**

Phone 616321

Please note the changed email address [orkney.stronsay@nhs.net](mailto:orkney.stronsay@nhs.net)

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

Please will patients order prescriptions at least 8-10 days before they are needed. This will reduce frustration when items have not been delivered from the mainland.

#### **Collecting prescriptions**

Please will patients collect their ordered prescription 10:30-11:30am or 2-4pm Monday, Wednesday or Friday. This avoids the busiest time when the prescription boxes are being unpacked.

**In an emergency phone 01856 888000**

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### **REMINDER MESSAGE FROM STRONSAY SURGERY.**

There have been a gradually increasing number of missed appointments at the surgery over the last couple of months. We would respectfully request that if you are no longer needing to attend for your appointment that you phone the surgery (616321) to cancel so that this appointment can be offered to someone else. If your appointment is before 9am on that day, there is an answer phone facility on the nurses office phone number where a message can be left (616480).

Thank you,  
Stronsay surgery staff.

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## ***USEFUL INFORMATION***

### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc**

Monday to Saturday . . . . .	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday . . . . .	Closed
Post collection times . . . . .	07:30, Monday to Saturday
<a href="#">Bank day</a> . . . . .	Tuesday 09:15-14:45 (closed 12-1 for lunch)
Island Link Officer.. . . . .	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475
SDT Office . . . . .	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . . .	11 am (see <a href="https://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5">https://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5</a> )
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Weekday Mass at 11.20am, except Tuesdays 8am. Sundays and Holidays of Obligation, Mass at 10.30am.
<a href="#">Next Special Collections</a> . . . . .	22 February 2019
<a href="#">Rubbish collection</a> . . . . .	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

Airy Fairy . . . . .	616231	Stronsay Hotel . . . . .	616213
Castle Bird Reserve . . . . .	616363	Taxi . . . . .	616335
Craftship Enterprise . . . . .	616249	Stranded seals, etc . . . . .	616339/616206
Doctor . . . . .	616321	Balfour hospital . . . . .	01856 888000
Ebenezer stores . . . . .	616339	Electricity	
Fish Mart . . . . .	616401	problems . . . . .	0800 300 999
Hairdresser . . . . .	616337	power cut . . . . .	105
Hall bookings . . . . .	616287	Water problems . . . . .	0800 0778 778
Island Link Officer . . . . .	616475	Highland Fuels . . . . .	0800 224 224
Medical emergency . . . . .	616321	Kirkwall Library . . . . .	01856 873166
Neil's on Wheels . . . . .	616454	Kirkwall Police . . . . .	101
Manse . . . . .	616286	Vets:	
Nurses . . . . .	616480	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Olivebank . . . . .	616255	Northvet . . . . .	01856 873403
OIC out of hours . . . . .	01856 873535	Dentists:	
Post Office . . . . .	616499	Orkney Dental . . . . .	01856 872030
Registrar . . . . .	616239	King Street . . . . .	01856 875348
School . . . . .	616246	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Star Island Soap . . . . .	616281	Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210
SDT Office . . . . .	616410		(Email <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a> )

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