



## **STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> AT 9 PM – SUNDAY AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> AT 7 PM**

**See posters in this edition**

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*Ebenezer Stores has received a lovely postcard from a visitor to Stronsay who obviously enjoyed his stay. This is what was written on the postcard:*

### **HELLO THE LOVELY PEOPLE OF STRONSAY**

This French Alps traveller is now back in his (roasting hot) mountains. Time to think back with nostalgia and smiles to the beautiful moments of travelling

A MASSIVE thanks to shop people and their bike project, to Sol, Jill & Dave for their warmth, to the nice couple with the red car, to the farmer who chatted with me on a rainy day, to the people maintaining that paradise of a greenhouse, to the shower by donation, and to the birds & the beaches. Thanks to Brother Louis, Simone, and to bicycling David I still have to meet. You all made my stay very unique and enjoyable.

From Arthur the Traveller [arthurmarquot@hotmail.com](mailto:arthurmarquot@hotmail.com)

P.S. Sorry I forgot my walking wooden sticks

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### **MARINE MAMMAL MEDIC**

Jamie recently attended the British Divers course in Aberdeen and qualified as a Marine Mammal Medic like Brother Louis and Viv. He can be contacted on 498. See the list of telephone numbers on the back page.

Our small island now has 3 people who know what to do with stranded whales, seals, etc

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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](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk) will be published on **Thu 29 August**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 25 August**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

# SUNDAY CLUB - SUMMER 2019

By Viv Erdman

*This article first appeared in the [Church of Scotland's magazine "Life & Work"](#)*

I am one of the Sunday club leaders at Moncur Memorial Church, which is on the Island of Stronsay, one of the outer north isles of Orkney. During the summer term we planted a garden in what was a disused greenhouse. We learned about mustard seed and faith, recreated the parable of the sower, planted fruit and flowers, and built the sea of Galilee and the Mount of Olives.

The Sunday club took the last service before the holidays, where the children explained all that they had learned (they were really good!) and then the congregation all visited the greenhouse. Then everyone moved to the larger community polytunnel where we all enjoyed a variety of biblical snacks, including locusts!

I have included some photos. I think you will agree that it all worked really well.



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## RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

July is generally considered the ‘quiet month’ as regards unusual bird sightings throughout the UK although there are always a few major rarities – such as the Bee-eater which turned up on Orkney Mainland in mid-month this year. Here on Stronsay we have had a few surprises, including a Corncrake calling near the school for a short time in mid-month, but the most unexpected arrivals were two Two-barred Crossbills in the Banks/Lower Dishes area in mid-month. The first was a red male which landed on the road near Sound within two feet of Fran Miller whilst walking her dog, the other a juvenile male which visited the Gesty Dishes garden a day or so later, where it was seen by Anthony and Clare on two or three occasions (see photos taken by Clare). Another unusual sighting at this time of year was a Song Thrush in the same garden on 14th July.

One species which does turn up in mid-summer occasionally, is Marsh Warbler, one of which spent a few days in the Mill Stream area adjacent to Lower Millfield in late Jun/early July. It was heard singing on several occasions but only seen for more than a few seconds two or three times. A very plain-looking, secretive species! (See photos).

Redshank numbers are beginning to build up on the Bu Loch (now up to 50 or so) and a few Dunlin have been seen there. The best area of the loch for small wading birds is the shore along the roadside - best viewed from the Passing Place/Lay-by installed by the roadmen of the OIC some years ago. A big retrospective ‘thank-you’ to them!

With grass-cutting now in full swing, large numbers of birds are attracted to the tractor activity in the fields – hundreds of gulls of several species; Starlings – look out for a Rosy Starling (pink body) among them, and ‘waders’, including Oystercatchers, Curlew, and the less common Whimbrel (a small flock seen by Don Peace recently).

Many young terns have fledged successfully at Matpow this year and can be seen perched on the fence-posts across the Loch; the Linnets appear to have been very successful in their ‘fuchsia’ garden colonies, and Swallows have nested in most of the usual buildings, including a pair which have reared 3 young in the coal-shed opposite our back door here at Castle.

Thanks once again for all the calls.      John Holloway.

**Stop Press:** wading in the Bu Loch today (Sun 21st) – 2 adult Knot in ‘silver and red’ summer plumage, feeding among the Redshank. Autumn is on the way!

*(photographs are on the next page)*



*'The Marsh Warbler singing in the fuchsia just above the Mill Stream'*



*'The Marsh Warbler typically 'skulking' among the undergrowth!'*



*'The Two-barred Crossbill photographed from inside the house at Gesty Dishes.'*

## THE NORTH ISLES HYDROFOIL

How many of our older residents remember Orkney Islands Shipping Company having a hydrofoil on trial around our isles? How many of our newer residents have ever even heard of this? How many of you had a trip on the hydrofoil? And how many can still remember her name?

It was back in December 1962 that Orkney Islands Shipping Company first considered the use of a fast passenger launch for the North Isles and it was believed a hydrofoil could well be a suitable type of vessel to complement the services of the new 'Orcadia' by providing a passenger and light freight service for the isles.

Little is then heard of this service until March 1964 when OISC withdrew the 'Earl Sigurd' from service in anticipation of the new hydrofoil arriving on scene. After vociferous protests from residents on all the North Isles, the 'Earl Sigurd' was reinstated a few weeks later and sent off for a £12,000 refit before returning to active service.

Soon after this, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1964, the brand new prototype hydrofoil 'Shadowfax', named after a mythical horse in The Lord of the Rings reputedly able to run faster than the wind, arrived in Orkney under charter to Orkney Islands Shipping Company. Owned by British company International Aquavion, she was built at the yard of Aviolanda Aviation Works at Dordrecht in Holland at a cost of £65,000. Originally designed as a passenger ferry for the English Channel, she had made her way from Holland to Orkney via France where she carried out sea trials between Calais and Dover. She was 39' long, with a beam of 19' and a large and comfortable cabin able to accommodate up to 40 passengers. Her draft was 7' 6", this reducing to 3' when riding up on her foils, which was achieved at a speed of anything over 17 knots. Capable of reaching speeds in excess of 30 knots, she was powered by two Boeing 300hp gas turbine engines which reputedly consumed 54 gallons of fuel per hour!

The 'Shadowfax' was beset by problems almost immediately, with one of her engines developing a fault the very next day. After ongoing problems, both engines were sent back to Holland to be overhauled and repaired.

With the newly overhauled engines installed, her first operational trip was a mercy trip to Papa Westray to convey the island postman, 60 year old David Groat, to hospital in Kirkwall. Despite poor weather conditions, it was reported that the trip took little over an hour each way.

Continuing trials around the isles appeared to be successful as she visited each of the isles to let residents look over the new vessel and to take them out for a short trip. Most of the island seemed to turn out for this event and, as an eight year old schoolboy, I was very excited to be treated to a trip on the ship, going out of the harbour and doing a big loop in Sanday Sound before returning to the pier where the next party boarded. When on board there wasn't quite the sensation of speed that I had expected but, when viewing the 'Shadowfax' from land, her speed was much more apparent as she rose up on her foils and seemed to practically fly out of the harbour!

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With this success behind her, the 'Shadowfax' began a scheduled service to all the islands on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Sadly, this was to be short-lived as, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, one of the engines caught fire soon after leaving Kirkwall Pier. The fire, thought to have been caused by an oil leak, was soon extinguished by the crew but the vessel was unable to continue her journey and the 10 passengers on board at the time were taken on board the 'Earl Sigurd' as she was passing on her routine passage to the North Isles.

This was the last trip the 'Shadowfax' was to make, as she returned to Holland soon after never to return. Although originally thought that the hydrofoil could be as reliable and effective as a plane service, this also brought to an end any thoughts of a hydrofoil service for the Isles in the foreseeable future. It does seem quite poignant to note that the old 'Earl Sigurd', whose place was set to be taken by the 'Shadowfax', should be the vessel that came to the aid of the hydrofoil and her passengers on the last trip the 'Shadowfax' was to make and that the 'Sigurd' would continue in regular service for a further 5 years!

As a matter of interest, timetables for the hydrofoil in 1964 and for the 'Earl's' in 1961 are shown on the next page. Quite some difference from what we have today, when we think the world is liable to come to an end when we move onto the refit timetable!

*Does anyone have a better photo of the hydrofoil that I could copy? The only one I have is very poor quality. If you have any more information or anecdotes about this, or anything else Stronsay related, I would be delighted to hear from you, either by giving me a phone on 01857 616322, emailing [ian.cooper56@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cooper56@gmail.com) or just drop in past Steenysheed.*

*Ian Cooper*

(Timetables are on the next page)

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**HYDROFOIL****SAILING SCHEDULE****Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

*The Hydrofoil craft 'Shadowfax' will (unless prevented by any unforeseen occurrence) operate as follows:- (but liberty is reserved to alter arrangements at the discretion of the Company and as the necessities of the trade or any emergency may require.)*

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Excursion Trips at hourly intervals from Kirkwall Pier 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Excursion Trips at hourly intervals from Kirkwall Pier 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**

From Kirkwall 8 a.m., Westray 9.10 a.m., Papa Westray at 9.20 a.m., Eday Pier 10 a.m., Sanday 10.25 a.m., Stronsay 10.45 a.m. for Kirkwall.

Excursion Trips at hourly intervals from Kirkwall Pier 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Excursion Trips at hourly intervals from Kirkwall Pier 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**

From Kirkwall 9 a.m., Westray 10.10 a.m., Papa Westray at 10.20 a.m., Eday Pier 11 a.m., Sanday 11.25 a.m., Stronsay 11.45 a.m. for Kirkwall.

Excursion Trips at hourly intervals from Kirkwall Pier 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

From Kirkwall 10 a.m., Westray 11.10 a.m., Papa Westray at 11.20 a.m., Eday Pier 12 noon, Sanday 12.25 a.m., Stronsay 12.45 a.m. for Kirkwall.

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September**

From Kirkwall 7 a.m., North Ronaldsay 8.30 a.m. for Kirkwall.  
 From Kirkwall 11 a.m., Westray 12.10 p.m., Papa Westray at 12.20 p.m., Eday Pier 1 p.m., Sanday 1.25 a.m., Stronsay 1.45 p.m. for Kirkwall.

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**

From Kirkwall 12 noon, Westray 1.10 p.m., Papa Westray at 1.20 p.m., Eday Pier 2 p.m., Sanday 2.25 a.m., Stronsay 2.45 p.m. for Kirkwall.

Excursion Trips at hourly intervals from Kirkwall Pier 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

From Kirkwall 12 noon, Westray 1.10 p.m., Papa Westray at 1.20 p.m., Eday Pier 2 p.m., Sanday 2.25 a.m., Stronsay 2.45 p.m. for Kirkwall.

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**SAILINGS**

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*NOTE - The Round of the Islands is made on Fridays. Fare for the Round Trip 18/6. No cargo carried on these Trips except by Special Arrangement.*

The Steamers *Earl Thorfinn* and *Earl Sigurd* or other conveyance will (unless prevented by any unforeseen occurrence) sail as follows; (but liberty is reserved to alter the arrangements as the necessities of the trade or any emergency may require)

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

From Westray at 7 a.m., Papa Westray 7.30 a.m., Stronsay 9.30 a.m., Sanday 10.45 a.m. and Eday Pier noon for Kirkwall.

From Egilsay at 9 a.m., Rousay 11 a.m. for Kirkwall

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

From Kirkwall at 6.15 a.m. for Sanday, Stronsay, Eday Pier, Papa Westray and Westray.

**Thursday, February 23**

From Westray at 6 a.m., Papa Westray 6.30 a.m., Calfsound 7.15 a.m. Sanday 8.30 a.m. and Stronsay noon for Kirkwall.

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

From Kirkwall at 5.45 a.m., Eday Pier 7.45 a.m., Stronsay 9.45 a.m., Papa Westray 11.45 a.m., Westray 12.15 p.m. for Kirkwall.

**Saturday, February 25.**

From Kirkwall at 6.30 a.m. for Sanday, Stronsay, Calfsound, Papa Westray Pier and Westray

## OWNERSHIP OF CLAREMONT 1914-1990

When we moved here in March 2004 we read in the photocopy of our deeds (seven large pages of tightly spaced, small, spidery but legible handwriting with the stamp of the “*General Register of Sasines, Counties of Orkney & Zetland, book 181, folio 74-80, 11 March 1914*”) that the land was sold to Peter Lennie by Colonel William Edward Ligonier Balfour and that the deeds were witnessed by the colonel’s butler, James Tait, and chauffeur, Arthur Cuthbert Moore. The deeds gave Peter Lennie 2 years to enclose the land with walls and build his house “*which shall be to the value of at least £200*”; he was prohibited from using the house for a business involving the sale of “*any spirituous liquors, wine, beer or other intoxicating drinks*”.

Thanks to the rateable valuation records in Kirkwall Library’s Archives we discovered details of the ownership of Claremont from 1914 to 1990. After 1990 the format of the records changed and ownership cannot be determined. It is interesting to note that the name Claremont does not appear until 1931, prior to that date the house is simply referred to as “next to the Police House”. Exactly why the name “Claremont” was chosen is unknown.

1914-15	Shop & house (unfurnished)	Peter Lennie
1915-22	Shop & house	Peter Lennie
1922-25	Shop & house	Peter Lennie (tenants Mrs Manson & Mrs Logie)
1925	Shop & house	Peter Reid
1926-30	House, shop & bakehouse	Peter Reid
1930-33	House & shop (empty)	Peter Reid
1933-39	House	Peter Reid
1939-46	House & bakehouse (empty)	Robina Reid (widow)
1946-57	House & garden	Miss Elizabeth H Swanney
1957-59	House Garage	Miss Elizabeth H Swanney Sydney Swanney, motor engineer
1959-72	House Garage	Albert Swanney Sydney M Swanney
1972	House Garage	Sydney M Swanney & Mrs Lena Muir, Kirkwall Sydney M Swanney
1972-85	House Garage	Sydney M Swanney Sydney M Swanney
1985	House Garage	Mrs Isabella Swanney Mrs Isabella Swanney
1986-90	House Garage	John & Mrs Kathleen Roche John & Mrs Kathleen Roche
1990	House Garage	Brian J & Mrs V Hill Brian J & Mrs V Hill

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## **IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING!**

By Ellie Harrison

There's always a blooming bright spark  
With a saying to "Save the day"  
Like the time when you broke your leg  
And they told you "Don't run away".  
There's always a budding comedian  
Cracking those funny jokes.  
Women are often guilty of this  
But really it's mainly the blokes.  
And then there's the "Salt of the earth"  
Who'll tell you, "You look nice"  
When it took half a day to get ready,  
And they top it with "You'll suffice".  
Never forgetting the polished insensitive  
(Of which I could fill a page)  
Who, being the specialist in this topic,  
Will say "You look good - for someone your age".  
And still the world keeps turning  
On the comfort we give to each other,  
Thank heavens for that listening ear  
Which usually belongs to a mother.  
But "We'll get there in the end"  
Or I believe that is the prediction  
For "As one door shuts another opens",  
Assuming there's no restriction.  
And of course it's "Around every corner"  
As we walk the "Straight and narrow".  
So perhaps it's true what they say,  
That life's "As crooked as a bent arrow"  
So "The ball is in your court" my friend;  
You must "Do with it what you will"  
For I'm seeking that "spoon-full of sugar"  
'Cos they say "Life's a bitter pill".

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



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Jacket potatoes with choice of tuna, cheese and coleslaw £5.50

Salads: tuna, cheese, egg £6.50

Ploughman's lunch: Selection of cheeses, pickled onion, pickles, coleslaw and homemade bread £6.50

Nachos with sour cream, Orkney cheese, salsa and jalapenos £6.00

##### **Puddings £3.99**

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##### **Drinks**

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Canned drinks

##### **Bookings**

Phone: 07785 111126

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Email: [dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk](mailto:dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk)

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

It would be very much appreciated if Stronsay residents would book for lunch so that waiting times can be kept to a minimum and Dianne will have a good idea of how many people to cater for.

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“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	

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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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Local business adverts are free!

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# ENHANCING WELLBEING DROP IN EVENT

## WHEN

30 JULY 2019

1100-1300 and 1430-1600

## WHERE

THE COMMUNITY HALL

## WITH

Sarah Powers and Rosie Alexander

Learn more about the Enhancing Wellbeing in Our Island Communities project. Share your ideas and let us know your thoughts on how the project may help or hinder your work and wider island activities.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED



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## **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

**Orkney  
Citizens Advice Bureau  
Making a difference**



**Free**

**Confidential**

**Visiting YOU 14th August  
at  
Community Centre-Carpet Room  
Stronsay  
1pm to 4:30pm**

Unfortunately due to travel constraints this visit is for people with appointments only.

We are here to advise on any issue. To make an appointment or arrange a home visit, please contact (01856) 875266 no later than Thursday 8th August, thank you. For cancellations please contact the above number as soon as possible.

**Impartial**

**Independent**

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## **GUITAR TOTS**



**Aged 5 to 9**

**Would you like to learn to play guitar  
and have fun making music during the**



**summer holidays?**

**Guitar Tots is a fun group that will take place on  
Stronsay every week during the summer holidays**

**Cost will be £20 for the course which includes a book/DVD  
with all the learning materials**

**Guitars can be provided if required**

**No need to have any experience of playing guitar**

**Tutor has PVG certificate**

**Dates/Times to be confirmed depending on interest**

**To express interest/for further information telephone  
Anthony on 616420 or email: [antpottsguitar@btinternet.com](mailto:antpottsguitar@btinternet.com)**

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# Would you be interested in learning to snorkel in Stronsay ?

The North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme would like to organise a 'try a snorkel' session for island residents on Saturday **September 14th** but are keen to gauge interest before moving forward.

The event would aim to encourage people to explore and record the marine wildlife around Stronsay. It would be open to adults and children 14+ (adult size drysuits will be used).

A £10 cost will include all equipment and instruction from Scapa Scuba.

**Booking before August 15 essential. The event will require a minimum of 6 participants to go ahead.**

For more info and to book please contact Anne on 01856 879076 or email: [anne.bignall@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:anne.bignall@orkney.gov.uk)



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**STRONSAY'S**

**MASSIVE**

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019

**WEEKEND!**



**Stronsay**  
Orkney's Island of Bays

**ACCOMMODATION-**

**STRONSAY HOTEL**

Open from 5pm  
Evening meals available  
Tel: 01857 616213

**STOREHOUSE B&B**

Tel: 01857 616263

**STRONSAY FISHMART HOSTEL**

Tel: 01857 616401

Car Hire/Taxi: 01857 616335

Mini-BUS Hire: 01857 616255

Stronsay's Massive Weekend has been brought to you by the  
**Stronsay Community Association**  
in co-operation with  
The Stronsay Sprites

*Thank you!*

For any further information or queries;  
Email: [massiveweekend@hotmail.com](mailto:massiveweekend@hotmail.com)  
Tel: 01857 616287

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## FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST;

### STRONSAY HOTEL; 9PM-1AM

Come along to the Stronsay hotel for a tune and a yarn.  
A great way to get to know your fellow weekenders

Bring your instrument if you have one!

## OBSTACLE COURSE; 3:30PM

*Put your team to the final test!*

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



Get your 5-a-side teams ready!  
Teams preferably in by 5pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to: [massiveweekend@hotmail.com](mailto:massiveweekend@hotmail.com)

- FUN NETBALL-
- FUN FOOTBALL-
- INFLATABLES-



## SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST;

### COMMUNITY HALL; 1:30PM

Floats will be travelling past the hall at 1:30pm (North to South)

Make sure you're there to see it!

### -ORKNEY VINTAGE CLUB-

- BBQ-
- GAMES-
- CRAFT SALE-
- INFLATABLES-
- FIRE ENGINE TOUR-
- BAR-

Raffle to be drawn at 3:30pm in the Main Hall



Boat departing Stronsay- Westray: 4:20pm  
Boat departing Stronsay- Kirkwall: 5:40pm

### COMMUNITY HALL; 9PM

Dance to the Gablos!  
Adults: £5 Under 16's: £1

- BAR-
- SUPPER-
- RAFFLE-

Everyone welcome!

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### **LEONORA'S WILDLIFE AND BUMBLEBEE GARDEN** **HESCOMBE COTTAGE**

On the Saturday August 17th, I am opening my garden to interested visitors from 2-5pm, weather permitting.

The bees are coming now and will be here in increasing numbers as the summer progresses. In August there will be hundreds collecting nectar and pollen. The new queens and males will also be mating at that time.

My garden is not suitable for young children to play, there just isn't any room, but children are welcome to play on the unfenced grass outside. If you have limited mobility like me you might find it useful to bring your stick.

If you would like to come please ring to book 01856 252083 (satellite phone hence odd number).



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### **STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND**

**16th, 17th & 18th August 2019**

### **CRAFT SALE on Sunday 18th August**

### **Bookings for Tables Being Taken Now**

Among all the fun stuff taking place over the weekend there will be a craft sale in the Hall from 1.00 – 4.00pm. Would all folks interested in taking part in the craft sale please be sure to book your tables ASAP. You can do this by contacting Simone on (01857) 616 281 or messaging her on FB.

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

July 25 & August 29, 7pm to 9:30pm in the Church Hall  
£2 per person.

### **STRONSAY SPINNERS**

August 3, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Church Hall  
£2 per person  
Organiser: Simone Kirk (616281)

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Ian Cooper Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

### **SUMMER 2020 DRAFT AIR AND FERRY TIMETABLES**

Copies of the summer 2020 DRAFT air and ferry timetables are available for inspection at the Stronsay Island Link Office, open between 10am and noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

If you have any transport issues or any special timetable requests that you would like raised at the August's Air and Ferry Consultative Forums, please bring these to the attention of Paul Riley, Stronsay Community Council Transport Representative, t: 616416 e: [pauljriley46@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pauljriley46@hotmail.co.uk) **before FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2019.**

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer  
18 July 2019

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## **STRONSAY FISH MART HOSTEL & CAFÉ**

The opportunity has arisen for a flexible, helpful and welcoming person to run the Stronsay Fish Mart Hostel and Café.

The Fish Mart re-opened in July 2015 following a total refurbishment and now offers en-suite hostel accommodation, café and public toilet and shower facilities.

If interested, Stronsay Community Council would be happy to discuss the operational arrangements that could have flexibility to accommodate you.

For further information or enquiries please contact Ian Cooper, t: 01857 616322 or e: [ian.cooper56@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cooper56@gmail.com)

8 April 2019

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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:

Pam Shearer Tel: 616397 Email: [pamshearer@hotmail.com](mailto:pamshearer@hotmail.com)

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



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## **KIRK CORNER**

Locum minister—Scott Daily. Manse telephone 616286

It is the summer school holidays again, the season when our boys suddenly have more free time than they often know what to do with. The first few days especially they don't seem to be able to figure out what to do, complaining about how bored they are or sometimes fighting among themselves. Fortunately, as the days progress they usually start to realize how blessed they are, they have a lovely island to enjoy with beaches, a play park, and plenty of other areas to enjoy and toys to play with. My initial reaction to all this was frustration that they could not simply be content and happy with what they have, but I realized how often I am the same way. It is easy to overlook all that we have, the countless blessings that God has provided for us such as food, shelter, a great community, family, friends, freedoms and privileges, many more conveniences than previous generations, and on and on. It is amazing how often my happiness seems to be tied up with the modern conveniences of life, if my internet is a peedie bit slow (or even worse goes off for a while) it can put me in a bad mood, and yet somehow people survived for years with no internet. This is not to say there is anything wrong with wanting good things (even wanting better internet), my point simply is that I (and I would imagine others) often take things for granted and fail to see how truly blessed we are.

Recently I was reading in the Biblical book of Hebrews and I was reminded of one blessing that I know I certainly take for granted. In Hebrews 4:15-16 it tells us that Jesus can sympathize with our weaknesses, because He faced temptation just as we do. Our God is not a distant God who does not understand what we face, He is not a cold and merciless God who makes laws and commands capriciously or randomly. God's laws and commands have not changed, disobedience to them is still sin and still wrong, morality and truth are not arbitrary. How blessed are we that our God is a loving God, who though He is without sin and holy, does understand our struggles. That is why He sent His Son to redeem us and take away the stain of our sin. The passage in Hebrews continues by saying now we can boldly and with confidence approach God's throne to obtain mercy and grace. Mercy that offers us forgiveness from our sins, and grace which can help us overcome temptation when we face it. It is an amazing blessing, that I also often take for granted, that we can come before God in prayer and talk with Him. God is so far above us, so exalted and holy, that there is no analogy that does justice to the gulf between man and God. If you think over your life I am sure that like me you can recall something in it that would make you unworthy of standing before God, yet by His astonishing mercy He has provided a way that we can do so in confidence, trusting in His loving forgiveness.

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

May I encourage you (and myself) to remember how blessed we are, to admire the lovely island we get to live on, to enjoy the great community we have, to thank God for the food and health we do have while asking with confidence for anything more we need. May I also encourage you to come join us at the church on Sundays. I know how easy it is to make excuses for not coming, I really do, but I also know there are great benefits to joining with others to learn, grow, and offer thanks to God. Don't let having a church to attend be one of those blessings you take for granted, it is easy to come back to church you just show up and go in.

Blessings

Scott Daily

Sunday services start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

For details of services see the kirk's website:

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

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### **COMPUTER CLUB**

The first Stromsay Computer club was held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 10am - 11.30am. The second will be held on Wednesday 31st July at 6.30pm to 8pm. We will be meeting in the conference room in Unit 1 of Wood's Yard. There will be internet access and laptops available for use free of charge thanks to the support of Your Island Your Choice 2 funding, alternatively feel free to bring along your own technology. You are welcome to come along for free support to use a device, guidance and assistance with programming or use of the internet, whether that be just the comfort of knowing there is someone to help out if you run into a problem or more in depth support. We can help with everything from the basics of getting started right through to using word processors, spread sheets or setting up a website.

We can also guide you through staying safe online and being "share safe" on social media, as well as help for individuals and businesses to use Facebook and other social media platforms to advertise and market their products whilst reducing spam and the risk of malware or hacking. There will be refreshments available.

If you need help with transport please contact me.

Please contact Duncan Bliss-Davis on 616317 or [duncandavis79@gmail.com](mailto:duncandavis79@gmail.com) for further details about the Computer or adult games club.

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### **MUSICALITY UPDATE FROM DONNA**

Thank you to all the budding musicians who are helping to make Musicality a success. The commitment and enthusiasm of our current musicians is great to see and we would love to welcome more players to join us when we restart in August after the school holidays.

We currently have a recorder quartet practising both medieval and popular tunes under the guidance of music maestro David, a clarinet trio having a good go at an extract from Bizet's Carmen and Finzi's Five Bagatelles accompanied by piano. We have a beginner flute group of 4 members who, under the guidance of Richard and Tara managed to get a few notes out last week. So, as you can see, there are a mixture of instrumentalists playing at varied levels of expertise, helping each other and enjoying music together.

We are hoping to widen the variety of instruments and music, and there are plans to start a guitar group and a string group in September. We have a couple of instruments that are feeling unloved and unwanted, so if you would like to have a go at playing clarinet or oboe, let Donna know.

If you are unsure about joining in, please come along to listen and chat - we would love to see you. August date to be confirmed.

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## **STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

### **supervised sessions**

All Supervised Sessions will run from 4.30 pm to 6.30pm

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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### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Thursday**

7-7.40 private hire (pre-booked)  
7.40-8.20 private hire

#### **Saturday**

2-2.40 private hire (pre-booked)  
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**

#### **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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### **PEEDIE LIBRARY IN THE CHURCH HALL**

We have a great many books on a wide range of subjects. We also have a DVD section. Tea, coffee, juice & biscuits available - sometimes even cake!

Even if you're not a reader why not call in for a cuppa & a chat. If you need a lift please ask Viv Erdman (Ebenezer Stores) and we will arrange it. See you there!

The Peedie Library will be open between 3pm and 4:30 pm on these dates in 2019:

- August 13th
- September 3rd
- October 8th
- November 5th
- December 3rd

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

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

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

### **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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## ***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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### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held in the carpet room at the Community Centre on Wednesday 31st July from 3pm-4.30pm.

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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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