



## **WINTER TIMETABLES**

Orkney Ferries—winter timetable starts on Tuesday 1 October

<https://tinyurl.com/orkferry>

Loganair—winter timetable starts on Sunday 27 October

<https://tinyurl.com/y2tdwbq8>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| 1 September  | Kirk - hymn “raffle”       |
| 3 September  | Peedie Library             |
| 7 September  | Spinners                   |
| 14 September | Coffee at Cleat            |
| 25 September | Diabetes Support Group     |
| 26 September | Stitchers                  |
| 5 October    | Autumn Craft Fair          |
| 7 October    | Mobile library van         |
| 8 October    | Peedie Library             |
| 12 October   | Spinners                   |
| 31 October   | Stitchers                  |
| 2 November   | Spinners (final for 2019)  |
| 5 November   | Peedie Library             |
| 28 November  | Stitchers (final for 2019) |
| 30 November  | Christmas Craft Fair       |
| 3 December   | Peedie Library             |

See <http://visitstronsay.com/events> for more details

## **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.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 26 September**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 22 September**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet’s website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>



## **ENHANCING WELLBEING IN OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY**

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has shown support for the Enhancing Wellbeing in Our Island Communities project over the last several months. I appreciate everyone who has taken the time to fill out a survey or stopped by the drop-in events including my table at the Massive Weekend Craft Sale. It has been a pleasure to speak with you about the project, hear your thoughts and ideas and also discuss what the project may accomplish on our island in the future.

For those who were unable to attend one of the events and would like to see the presentation, please head to the Stronsay Development Trust website. The PowerPoint slides can be found in the documents section, under projects>community -wellbeing-project>agm19.

I have scheduled a series of surgeries over the next several months at Wood's Yard for anyone who would like to discuss the project in anyway. All dates will have drop in hours from 10.00 until 13.00, with set appointments from 14.00 until 16.00.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

November 4<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

January 13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the Enhancing Wellbeing in Our Island Communities project. I can be reached at [sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com), 01857 616410, at the above-mentioned surgeries or every Monday from 0900-1500.

Kind regards,  
Sarah Powers Richings



## ENVIRONMENT

The First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has confirmed The Big Climate Conversation that will run nationwide to discuss action to tackle the global climate emergency, will take place in Scotland this summer. It will involve engaging with the public to discuss Scotland's collective response to the global climate emergency.

As part of a wider conversation series, the Scottish Government will be hosting a number of free public engagement events across Scotland where people can come to discuss their thoughts on climate change and what steps we need to take, together, to reach our net-zero targets.

The Development Trust will be hosting two separate Workshops including one evening and one afternoon to enable as many members of the community a chance to join the discussion, we are provisionally looking at Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm and Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm October here on Stronsay. We ask that any member of the community that would like to attend to please contact the office and indicate a preference on either session.

Refreshments will be available as well as an opportunity to view and feedback on a display outlining a proposed Climate Change project for Stronsay.

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# ORKNEY NATIVE WILDLIFE PROJECT



We have begun the second round of Orkney vole surveys on sites across the whole of the county.

Amy found lots of positive signs on Rousay gathering valuable data, marvelling at some fantastic views, as well as some close up views of hen harriers, curlew and snipe.

If you think you would enjoy this type of work we are looking for volunteers. No previous experience needed as we will provide training - you just need to be physically fit as it will involve walking over mixed terrain, enjoy being outdoors, and just be keen to learn more about Orkney's native wildlife.

If this interests you please contact Amy for more details!

*Amy.king@rspb.org.uk or phone on 01856 881454/07719 991096*

<https://www.onwp.org>



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## RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

More good news regarding breeding species on the island - Twite have been seen in good numbers in their old post-breeding 'haunts' along the road at Bomasty Bay. They are quite approachable and may be seen feeding among the roadside weeds in the area, often perching on the fence-wires (see photo) and occasionally on the roof-tops at Osen etc. The sudden increase in numbers of this small endemic species is clearly linked to the sudden decrease in the numbers of Greylag Geese nesting among the heather on the Rothiesholm Moor.



*'A Twite on the fence-wire at Bomasty – very similar to the Linnet but slightly smaller, more 'erratic' in flight, and less 'colourful', with a deeply forked tail and yellowish bill.*

*The usual call is a slightly 'rasping' high-pitched 'jjjjweee'.*

Towards the end of July there was a noticeable arrival of waders on the Bu Loch including Black-tailed Godwit and Dunlin, and 30 Whimbrel were seen heading south. A Short-eared Owl was seen at Eastbank and 2 Herons were seen 'dropping in'. A Green-shank was seen briefly on 4th August, and Merlin and Kestrel were both seen around this time. A ring-tail (brown) Hen Harrier arrived and has been seen on many occasions at a number of sites during the last 3 weeks. Peregrine (Hazel) and Sparrowhawk (JH) were seen at Airy on 11th, the latter flying from dense cover in the garden there, and on the same date, a party of 5 Ruff were seen in pastureland at Myres (see photo of what appears to be a juvenile male – no 'ruff' – at the Bu Loch in mid-month).

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*'Male Ruff at the Bu Loch mid-August'*

Wheatears began to arrive from the NW in light westerly winds mid-month and the first small 'woodland' bird to arrive was a Willow Warbler in the garden at Gesty Dishes on 15th (Ant and Clare). A real surprise occurred on 18th while Norman and Hazel were driving along the road near Mt Pleasant after a walk along the Rothiesholm Beach. Suddenly a small bird flew into the car through the small gap above an open window. It was quickly picked up – just before Sue and I arrived – and turned out to be a juvenile Stonechat (see photo). The bird had almost certainly fledged on Eday where several pairs breed annually, and had probably just escaped the talons of a Merlin (or other small bird of prey), by taking cover in the car. The bird's feathering was a bit dishevelled but there appeared to be no other damage and it was released near the Fire Station a few minutes later.



*'The juvenile Stonechat – a very lucky bird!'*

Migration is very slow at present this year although there was a big arrival of duck – approx 200 - at the Bu on 19th involving well over fifty Wigeon (almost certainly from Iceland) and similar numbers of Teal and Mallard.

## **THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE ON STRONSAY** **FROM MATT & LAURA.**

This is a HUGE thank you to everyone on Stronsay for making us feel so welcome on our visit from Friday to Tuesday last week for the Massive Weekend, and of course especially to Carol Cotterill for her huge effort and introducing us around. As some of you saw from our fliers, myself and Laura came up to see the island, having heard about its beauty, history and mythology, to do some research for a folk horror/mystery film we are hoping to make.

We shot some great test footage around the island, went out with John Stevenson to see Rothiesholm where the beast washed up, with Ranger Charlie to see the Vat of Kirbister, and were also fortunate to speak with Doris and Ingram, Donna and Julie about their beast musical, Ian Cooper about island history, and we imposed on Chris and Debbie and Tara at the Stronsay Hotel (on their day off!).

On the mainland on our way back, bespoke to Bill Miller and Tom Muir who recounted some history and folk tales for us - we'd to thank you all so much for your time and insights.

Its was a great thrill for us to be with you for the Massive Weekend, to get a sense of the traditional music and dancing, see the cows watching the netball, to experience the island weather(!) but most of all, to meet all of you.

We will carry on working hard here in London on the film project and hope that if we get it to the next stage, we might be able to come back & see you all again...

Please accept our warmest thanks again, and here are some photos of our time with you!

All the beast,

Matt & Laura

PS. you can see Halflife Film's work here: [www.halflifefilms.com](http://www.halflifefilms.com)





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## **NILPS HABITAT SURVEY IN STRONSAY**

We, Leah Shearer and Marion Miller, have been conducting Phase 1 Habitat Surveys on Stronsay over the last month, on behalf of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS) and the RSPB.

The purpose of this first stage of the project is to identify areas of interest on Stronsay, which may benefit from restoration, conservation or regeneration, with the aim of ultimately increasing and protecting our native habitats and biodiversity.

We have surveyed the areas suggested to us and now open an invite to anyone who may be interested in having land surveyed as part of this project to contact us. The survey will be free of charge and by completing this it does not commit you to the next project phase. As the second stage of the project will be funded, we cannot survey any areas currently on, or in an application to be part of, an agri-environmental scheme.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the landowners who have been so helpful and welcoming to this project.

Please contact us before the 30<sup>th</sup> of August using the contact details below.

Leah Shearer and Marion Miller

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# STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

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

Before the recess, I took two trips to Inverness on behalf of the Council, the first to attend the annual conference of the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, and the second to attend a meeting of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board. (I am OIC's representative on both of these bodies.) There and back, I saw how work is progressing on improving the A9 at the Berriedale Braes. (Little did I think that during the recess, out of the blue, I would need to travel to Inverness yet again—this time to attend the Raigmore Hospital Eye Clinic as a patient!)



At the UHI Foundation Conference. (Spot the back of my head.)

Inspecting progress of the A9 improvements.

Back in Kirkwall, I attended, by invitation, a Special Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting, went to a Special Policy & Resources Committee meeting, and rounded up the “Council year” with the General Meeting.

During the recess, I visited Eday with the Sanday congregation for a church link-up and mingled with Eday constituents at a car-boot sale afterwards. At the Sanday Show this year, the Clackson family had exceptional poultry successes, winning Poultry Champion (and shield for Best in Poultry Section), Reserve Poultry Champion, and all four poultry trophies: Best Goose/Gander, Best Duck/Drake, Best Hen/Cockerel, and Best Bantam! The day before, whilst preparing our poultry for showing, our bees swarmed (the first time they've done this for six years). We were able to catch them as they lingered in clumps on a fuchsia bush and later get them re-housed in an empty hive. Lucky that the old queen did not wait until the next day to lead her workers out of their original home, as we may have not been around to apprehend them. Imagine if a cloud of bees had suddenly descended on the showground! It was pleasing to see that folk from Sanday's neighbouring islands of Eday and Stronsay had taken advantage of the ferry timetable changes to come along to the Show, and that folk travelled from distant Papay to provide the evening's musical entertainment—all good inter-North-Isles engagement. Having my two sons home for the summer meant being able to utilise the good weather to get many of our outside maintenance jobs done.

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Part way through the recess, I went back to School Place to meet with council officials to discuss the BBC 5G trial in Stronsay, as some people are worried about it. Measurements taken at Stronsay School have demonstrated that the power level there is **1000 times below** the recommended safety level. Furthermore, the BBC has confirmed that the frequency used for the trial is the same as that used for decades to broadcast TV signals (to which we've all long been exposed without any obvious ill-effects). Based on this reassuring information, I am content for the trial to continue to its conclusion.

I spent the last afternoon of the recess at a Ness of Brodgar open day. One current hypothesis is that the Brodgar buildings were a central meeting place for the elders of the various Orkney communities and their advisors—a sort of Neolithic OIC!

The new “Council year” commenced with the biannual Inter-Isles Air Services and Ferry Services consultative forums to discuss, among other related matters, next year's summer timetables.

At the moment, I am re-reading “Three Men in a Boat” by Jerome K. Jerome. It's a humorous tale about a two-week-long boating holiday taken by the author, his two friends and his dog, Montmorency along the Thames from Kingston to Oxford and back. Although the book was first published 130 years ago, its first chapter could serve as a lesson to all of us in the Internet Age.



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

## ‘SHADOWFAX’ HYDROFOIL UPDATES



Following on from the article in the July ‘Limpet’ about the trial of the North Isles hydrofoil I’m grateful to Flora Brown for allowing me to copy several photos of the ‘Shadowfax’ lying in the basin in Kirkwall, one of which is shown here. Thanks also to Ingram Shearer for showing me two more photos of the hydrofoil contained in the 2nd volume of the ‘Images in Time’ book of photos.

As an update on the hydrofoil itself, as mentioned in the previous article the ‘Shadowfax’ carried out cross-channel sea trials between Calais and Dover on her way to Orkney and there are two short video clips of her engaged in these trials at <https://tinyurl.com/limpet1> and <https://tinyurl.com/y5yvc848>

I also came upon a newspaper article from April 1965 advertising England’s first hydrofoil service to be run from Southampton to Cowes on the Isle of Wight from May to September of that year. It was scheduled to make up to 12 return trips each day and was set to carry up to 50,000 passengers over the season. Timetabled to make the crossing in 20 minutes instead of their current 60 minute crossing, the hydrofoil to be used was the Shadowfax, now renamed the ‘Cyra’, but it appears that this service never actually got off the ground. Sometime around this same period she carried out more trials back in Holland, crossing the IJsselmeer between Enkhuizen and Stavoren, but this too was beset by problems as she struck a buoy rather forcefully and several passengers were injured. Here again, a scheduled service never started. The final record of the ‘Cyra’ seems to have been of her being used as a fast passenger ferry in Hamburg in the 1970s and 80s.

Ian Cooper

# THE STRONSAY ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Who can remember the children of Stronsay's first 'official' playground, or perhaps even had a go on the zip wire? Established on a piece of waste ground at the back of the Community Centre where the football pitch is now, the Adventure Playground was constructed within the space of two weeks by the Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt University Officer Training Corps (Officer Cadets) under their 'Military Aid to Civilian Communities' initiative. It was solidly constructed, mainly from wooden poles and logs, and consisted of a climbing frame, slide, obstacle course, balance beams and swings with the highlight for the young and young at heart being a nice long zip wire! It was officially opened by Councillor Bert Heard on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1989 and gave countless hours of entertainment to the youth of the island at the time until it had to make way for the new sports field in the mid-1990s. Below is a report and photo from 'The Orcadian' of the time.



Any more info on this or anything else Stronsay related is always welcome by email to [ian.cooper56@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cooper56@gmail.com), phone 616322 or drop in past Steensheed.  
Ian Cooper

## **ALAMOTTIE UNDER WAY**

Mike Burger took advantage of a harr-free day last month to have a day out with the Alamottie, his traditional, built in Scotland, open sailing boat (gaff sloop rigged).



## ODE TO SKODA

Nine months to the day my blue trusty Skoda said goodbye to Stronsay on its last journey to meet the great crusher. It was a sad day but I felt its time had come: as Neal said when I asked for a prognosis, there are more warning lights on the dash than a Christmas Tree.

First registered 16 years ago and in my possession for 13 of those it has had a few adventures. When I arrived on Stronsay, I brought my five chickens. They had rest breaks as I came from Yorkshire and always gathered interest from kids who said things like “you’ve got chickens in the back of your car”. I took the Aberdeen ferry and before embarking read in the supplied papers that no livestock would be transported without prior arrangement. I explained to the chickens that choir practice was out and put a blanket over their cage. It did not shut them up and I produced distracting noises as I talked to the officials. Next stop overnight I let them out to stretch their legs at Commodore Lodges which turned out to be unwise since a frisky dog thought they were breakfast. Bundled back in the car, I made the North Isle terminal and onwards to Stronsay.

Colin had very kindly agreed to look after the chickens for the week I was in Kirkwall for induction. Finding him was less straight forward. Folk directed me to a series of places which I followed with a chorus of chicken noises. Eventually we met and they were housed in a deluxe chicken coop.

People will have seen this blue wonder all the years as it did all that I asked. Many years ago a MOT was abandoned and gradually sticky plasters were stuck on sticky plasters. More and more warning lights came on, the breaks made an ominous grinding noise, the windows would not open, the exhaust roared as it became corroded to the usefulness of a tea bag and eventually the power steering failed. No more would it transport tons of seaweed, bags of manure or unsuspecting passengers.

On its final drive from Sunnybank to Whitehall, the sun shone, the wind almost still. The engine fired up and with a judder of brake binding release it sailed onto the open road. All the Christmas tree lights were on and as I descended the last hill the brake light flashed with an urgent bleeping. Maybe it was telling me something.

I have kept the memories, a few photos, the tow hitch and rusted jack. I don’t think the shiny electric van which I bought as a replacement was appreciated. Salt in old sores. Goodbye old mate.



## A TANGLE TALE 1993

By Ellie Harrison

A south-easterly gale in the autumn  
And the beaches disappeared under kelp.  
The tangles were in in the Northern Isles  
From the North Sea came financial help.  
In the company of snow buntings and seals  
And to the rhythm of those waves,  
Accompanied by a screech from the gulls  
Tangles wait for the shore line slaves.  
A tranquil life in the good, fresh air  
Though all too often wet and wild.  
Taking the good with the bad, as it were,  
The good days being breezy but mild.  
Arriving on the beach in their thousands  
Like small trees felled by the woodsman's axe  
And until they were all tied into bundles  
The tangles could not, would not, relax.  
A bounty basking on the beaches  
Their fronds were then severed to die.  
Tangle were packed into close confinement  
And on rack they were left to dry.  
Row upon row lined the seashores  
Aired by the drying salt air.  
Just a thin black lace remaining,  
Razor sharp, dehydrated and laid bare.  
Time now to look around you  
To Auskerry island, a mirage it seems in the sun.  
While both farmers and fisehermen in their daily toil,  
Like you, want their job well done.  
Pile high onto the open trailers  
Transported over land to the sea  
The tangles sail in their final journey  
The Northern Isles, autumn-winter, nineteen ninety three.

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## FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of our friends in the Stronsay community for welcoming our visitors recently, and especially for making my Mum's 80th birthday such a special celebration. Thanks also for all the birthday wishes which were duly conveyed. They truly enjoyed their stay.

Special thanks to Anne-Maree Carter, Dianne Riley, Debbie Allen and Evelyn Seeber for their individual contributions to the celebrations (lovely meals and a brilliant cake).

Thank you,  
Shirley Whiteman.

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



### **CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE**

After four years the Craftship Cafe is now permanently closed. Thank you to all our customers during that time.

The Craft and Visitor Centre will continue to open during the summer months. We will offer craft courses, crafting holidays and intend to start a monthly craft club next season.

We look forward to helping you with all your crafting needs or just drop in for a chat to share ideas and get inspiration.

Tourist information such as Orkney and Visit Stronsay brochures will remain available to support our visitors.

I hope to see many of you again next year.

Dianne Riley

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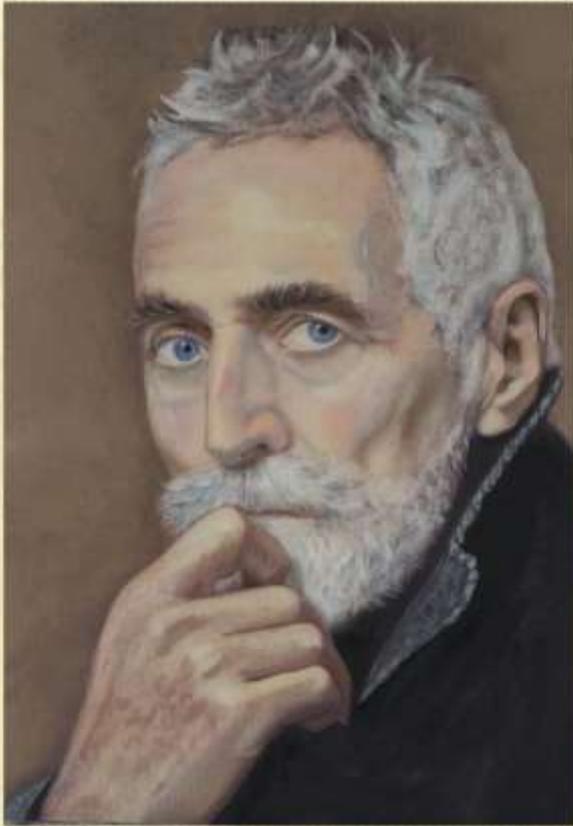
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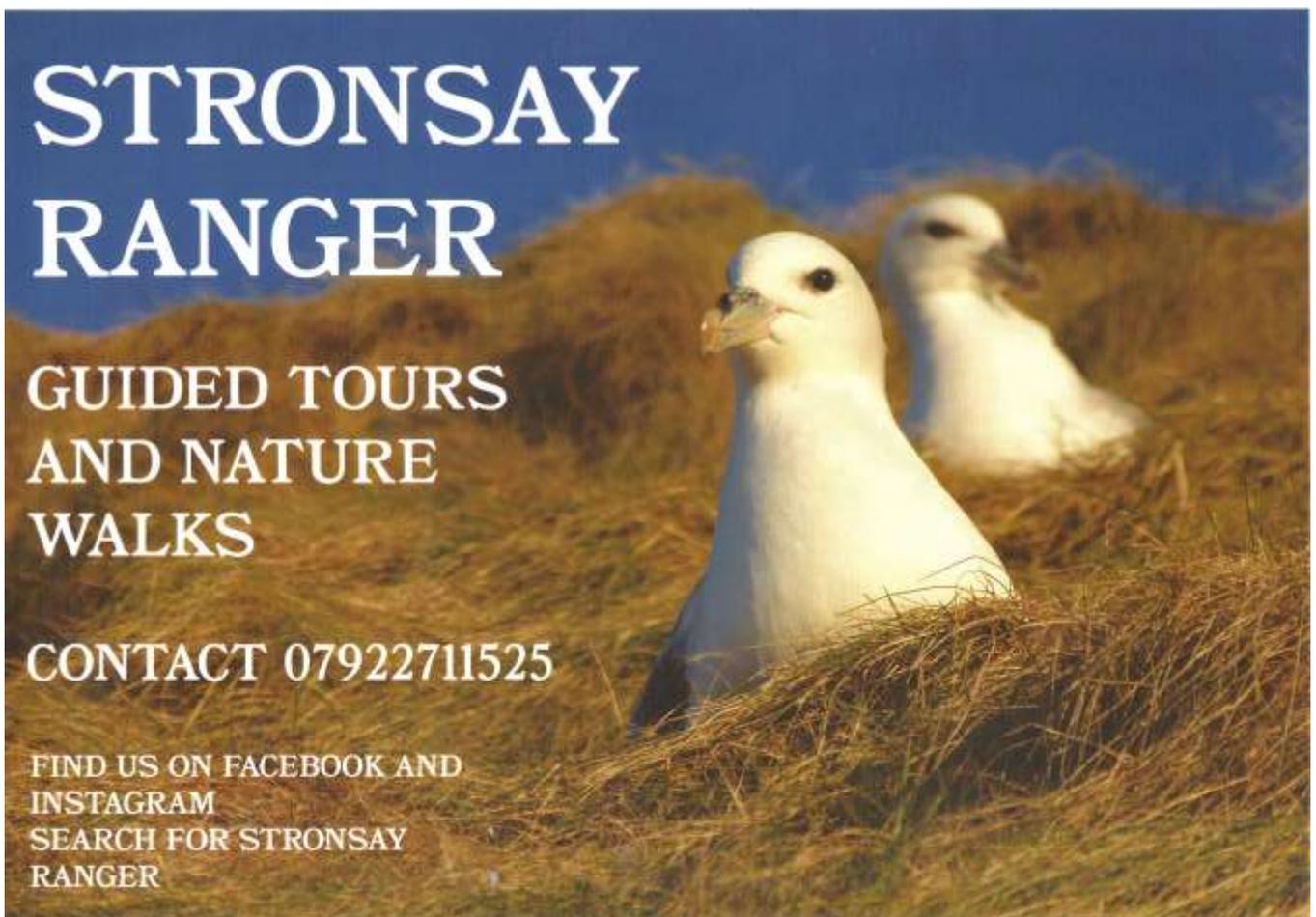


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afternoon ...**

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|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
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| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>12 noon—5pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12 noon—5pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>12 noon—5pm</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Closed</b>      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>12 noon—5pm</b> |

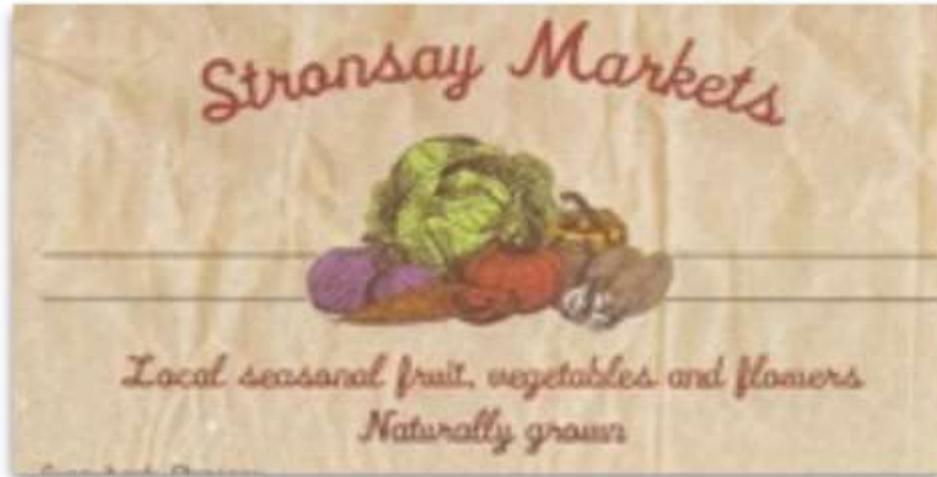


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## LOCAL BUSINESSES



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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*

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- \* General Garden Maintenance
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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **STRONSAY HOTEL**

Phone 01857 616213

Open Tue, 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                           |       |

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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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*  
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Please telephone for an appointment

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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.

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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**



### **COFFEE AT CLEAT**

**Saturday 14th of September, 2-4pm and 6-8pm.**

Coffee, tea, homebakes, raffles and a sales table  
All proceeds to Macmillan cancer support Orkney

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## **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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### **STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND 2019**

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### **Table Top Sale**

After the success of the last one and with many more donations SOS will be holding another table top sale at the Fishmart on

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

Doors open 10am

All proceeds will be going towards funding the schools new literacy programme.

If you have items you wish to donate to the sale please contact Anna on 616317 or email [annadavis79@gmail.com](mailto:annadavis79@gmail.com)



### **Needs You!!**

The Stronsay School Parent Council is looking for keen, enthusiastic, supportive individuals to join the support our school (sos) fund raising sub group. We meet at least once a term to discuss, organise and run fund raising events.

You don't have to be the parent of a child at the school or have any connection to the school to be a member of the sub group. If you'd like to help raise funds for the school, have a great idea, or want more information, please contact the parent council clerk or Chair.

**go on – commit yourself and have some fun!**

Colin McAlpine, Clerk to Stronsay Parent Council, Tel: 616446

Anna Bliss-Davis, Chairperson, Tel: 616317, [annadavis79@gmail.com](mailto:annadavis79@gmail.com)

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

### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

Thurs 29th August, Church Hall, 7pm-9.30pm, £2/person, refreshments.  
Thurs 26th September, Church Hall, 7pm-9.30pm, £2/person, refreshments.

### **MASSIVE WEEKEND CRAFT SALE**

Many thanks to the Massive Weekend Team for inviting us once again to do a craft sale. A very warm thank you to the Stronsay Community Association, the local and visiting crafters and all the lovely folk who came by. We all had a smashing time.



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

### **ALL THINGS COMPUTER**

The next Computer session will be held on Thursday the 12th and 26th September from 1 to 3pm. 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, 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.

### **ADULT AND OLDER CHILDREN TABLE TOP GAMES CLUB**

TTGC will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm till approximately 9pm. We will be meeting in the Conference Room in unit 1 at Woods yard. There will be a selection of games to play as a big group or break into smaller groups.

Hot & cold drinks as well as biscuits will be available. The games club and refreshments are free thanks to the support of Your Island Your Choice 2 funding.

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**

Hello Everyone,

I'll be in touch soon with a date for the next open meeting of Musicality. I'm looking forward to hearing about the projects that have been continuing over the summer and discussing how to move the group forward.

Donna

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Ian Cooper Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

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

## **KIRK CORNER**

Locum minister—Scott Daily. Manse telephone 616286

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some of the events of the recent Stronsay Massive weekend. A big thank you to all who helped to make it a good experience for both visitors and residents. Before I came to Stronsay I would have wondered why anything about the island could be called “massive”. If you looked at maps or read some guidebooks you would probably conclude that Stronsay is just a peedie little thing with not much to offer. How wrong you would be! It is only when you come to Stronsay that you really experience how truly massive it is.

Just what is it that makes Stronsay massive? One definition of the word massive I found in the dictionary is “large in comparison to what is typical”. There are then many ways that Stronsay is massive. The beauty of its beaches and fields are large in comparison to many places. Its history, as shown in the excellent Heritage centre, is also surprisingly large. But what makes Stronsay so “massive”, and indeed what makes the Massive weekend so fun, is the people and the community spirit. The astonishing variety of people, with so many different talents and personalities, coming together in a common love for the island. Just like in the great music that is a part of the weekend, there are different instruments coming together to make something greater than the individual parts.

No doubt you see where I am going with all this, but what of the church on Stronsay? Unquestionably our kirk building is massive, cathedral like and grand, towering over the surrounding fields. But there are many big buildings in the world, what would make our church “large in comparison to what is typical” in a way that mattered? The same thing that makes the island massive, a coming together of various personalities and talents united by the same Spirit. Variety is an amazing part of this island, why can't it be an amazing part of the local church? As we are learning in the Sunday services, God is the God of the heart, the form of things is less important than the core. The key is that God is glorified, Jesus Christ is worshiped and seen to be the way of reconciliation to the Father, we walk in love to God and each other, and truth is taught from His Word. To make the church massive, just like our island, we need to keep the common heart and passion (what the Bible calls the “faith”) making use of the ideas, talents, and creativity of the people. So, what do you want from the church, how do we need to change to reflect our core and the community, and what part can you play? If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions then feel free to email me at [skdaily13@gmail.com](mailto:skdaily13@gmail.com) and I hope to see you at some of our upcoming services and events.

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/stronsaykirk/index.asp?pageid=595575>

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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:

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

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

**The Mobile Library will be next coming to Stronsay on 7th October rather than 30th September as advertised.**

#### **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 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 25 September 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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