



GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

The latest available roster for the Doctor and the Community Nurse can now be found on the Stronsay Limpet's website at <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

ORKNEY FERRIES—WINTER TIMETABLE

The winter timetable for Orkney Ferries will commence on Monday 27 September

STRONSAY STITCHERS

We've decided to cancel the Thursday 26th August session in the interest of keeping everyone as safe as possible. All being well, we should be good to go on Thursday 30th September and will confirm this via the Stronsay Facebook page and notices in the shops nearer the time.

INDUCTION OF REV DAVID LOCKE AT STRONSAY'S KIRK

The induction service for Rev David Locke will be held in Moncur Memorial Church, Stronsay at 1:30pm on Monday 6th September 2021.

Here's a brief video about the service <https://youtu.be/x3B5UDGnQBQ>.

“VISIT STRONSAY” WEBSITE

The Visit Stronsay website visitstronsay.com is back in action.

Contact details for groups & clubs listed on the website (<https://visitstronsay.com/useful-local-information/groups-clubs>) have not been updated since the onset of Covid-19. Please check club/group details and send any changes that need to be made either to info@visitstronsay.com or to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk.

The website's calendar <https://visitstronsay.com/events> is back in action. Check it to see forthcoming events on Stronsay. If you want to add your own event(s) to the calendar just send the information (what, where, when, etc) either to info@visitstronsay.com or to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk.

LIBRARY VAN VISIT - TUESDAY 31 AUGUST

See schedule on page 36

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 30 September**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 26 September**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

ORCADES PRACTICE—STRONSAY BRANCH

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that a new doctor, Johnathan Cobb, will be joining the team on 25th October.

Please phone as usual if you require an appointment on 616321 or email ORK.stronsay@nhs.scot.

From Monday 23 August the doctor's morning surgery will return to being by appointment, while the afternoon will still be open for on the day calls for urgent needs. Both will still initially be phone calls, with an invitation to attend the surgery if an examination is needed. In an emergency you will of course be fitted in straight away.

When you book your appointment Katrina will give you a time for your initial call; the doctor will call as close to that time as possible, and hopefully within about 30 minutes. This will hopefully make your day easier to plan!

Please help us by bringing just one problem, so that we can help you by sticking as close as possible to time.

If you are travelling abroad and need evidence of your vaccination status, you can now use the link below to obtain it. Please be patient as records are updated, and please don't request your record if you don't need it! Thank you

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19status>.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS **CORONAVIRUS RISK REDUCTION**

- No more paper requests to be handed in.
- Please phone 616321 or email ORK.stronsay@nhs.scot to order.
- Check one week later to see if they have arrived.
- Time slots will be given for collection.

Thank you, Dr Rosalind Fisher and Dr Alison Lievesley

ORCADES PRACTICE – STRONSAY BRANCH

Please can we ask you to contact the surgery (phone 616321 or email ORK.stronsay@nhs.scot) if you have any changes to make to the information we hold.

For example

- *Name*
- *Address*
- *Telephone number (landline)*
- *Mobile number*
- *Email address*

It really helps us if we have your up to date information should we need to contact you.

Thank you

SURVEY BY PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ScotlandLGBT2021>

FROM GERAMOUNT SURGERY:

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COVID VACCINATIONS

We are nearing the end of vaccinating our over 18's population. If you have previously declined but would now like to have the vaccine, or have been giving the matter further consideration and decided you would now like to be vaccinated, can you please contact the surgery to let us know, so we can order vaccines in as appropriate. We are trying to achieve a high percentage of vaccinated residents so we can have a good level of immunity within our island community.

Stromsay Surgery

STROMSAY SURGERY—USE OF 616321

This is a reminder that the surgery telephone number is only manned Monday to Friday between the hours of 9-12 and 1.30-4.30pm. Between 12.00 and 1.30pm when Katrina is at lunch there is an answerphone service and calls won't be put through to Balfour so, please avoid phoning at lunchtime. If it is an urgent matter, please dial 01856 888000 and ask them to page the Stromsay GP (or nurse if more appropriate). Outside these hours the calls are automatically transferred through to Balfour Hospital switchboard.



Thank you,
Stromsay Surgery

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

No Royal Bank of Scotland visits until further notice. There are 2 dedicated tel numbers:
0800 051 4177 for anybody in isolation and 0800 046 6734 for all NHS staff
Both lines are open 8-8

Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms



Symptoms	Covid-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	Flu Rapid onset of symptoms	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms
 Fever (37.8C or above)	Common	Common	Rare
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Loss of taste or smell	Common	No	Sometimes

STRONSAY SCHOOL'S NEW HEADTEACHER

I am excited and delighted to introduce myself to you as the new headteacher at Stronsay Junior High School. It is a big adventure for me and for my family. My husband, Neil, and my two children, Ruby (12) and Clyde (10) are equally thrilled to be here on your beautiful island and living in Schoolhouse. We have moved here from Fife, where we lived for the past 14 years. Before that, we stayed in West Dunbartonshire and in Glasgow, where my husband Neil is from.

I moved to Scotland in 2003 to start my teaching career in West Dunbartonshire. Born and raised in Bavaria, Germany, I have always loved Scotland and visited the UK with my family on holiday and during a school exchange with Paisley back in 1990! Now, we want to make Stronsay our home and can't wait to explore the island and the rest of the Orkney Isles. And, personally, I am intrigued by stories of your storms and the mighty weather that you seem to get quite a bit of here on Stronsay.

Ruby, Clyde and I had a great first week at school and it was lovely to meet all the children from the nursery to the S4s in the school. The staff have been super and very kind, patient and supportive in dealing with my endless questions. I am very grateful to them for their friendly welcome of the children and me.

Petra McLay

MY SUMMER HOLIDAY

In summer I went on holiday to my granny and grandad's. We went 4 times! So first time we came in granny gave us a blue bag with a rainbow and two smiling clouds. Then we raced upstairs to grab lots of our favourite ornaments. That night we were sleeping in my old room. The next morning we watched our film and we had strawberries and raspberries and we shaped our toasts like dogs. Then my first cousin came over to play then at tea dad went.

The next day we watched a movie with our friends and went over to their house and swam in their hot tub. We put on the bubbles! Splash! At tea they came over. We had our own girls table and we made cards for them. The next day we went home and did fun things and then went back. We went a walk, watched a film with our friends and then went to soft play and we saw Millie and Robbie then we went home. Then we watched a film again and we also went to a pretend beach behind the cathedral and we made sandcastles, oh and I found a groatie buckie and we played crazy golf. We went on the boat for dad's birthday and I was sick on the boat (but I did not care). We had tiny cupcakes and then went a cycle to the fairy garden at Sheena's and we made wishes and dad made two wishes. Then we went a walk and then we went into granny's again.

We went to Grooves two times and we watched Peter Rabbit. The next night mum came and we had a takeaway and before bed we went to visit dad's aunty Hazel but she was not home. We had a nice trip and when we got home it was a power cut so we could not watch our film but at tea it came on!

The End

By Freya Johnston P4

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Ian Cooper Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

STRONSAY PLASTIC RECYCLING TRIAL **FINAL REPORT**

The Orkney Islands Council Environmental Services team would like to thank the Stronsay community in supporting the plastic recycling trial.

The trial came to an end in September 2020 and below is a report summarising the trial and its findings.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
9 August 2021

Background

Orkney Islands Council is aware that there is a strong desire in certain outer Isles communities to be able to recycle plastic on the Islands. This has been raised in particular by the Stronsay Development Trust and the Community Council. It has always been a challenge to deliver an equivalent service to the 13 non-linked Isles given the low population numbers and resulting low volumes of material that can be recycled and reused. This results in higher costs per weight for each material, plus additional carbon costs associated with additional trips to the islands to collect the small volumes of material from each.

As part of the overall Council waste service, the outer isles are provided with communal recycling facilities (bring banks) which accept metals, glass, and paper/thin card. Isles residents can use these facilities to recycle 3 out of the 4 materials that mainland residents can recycle through their kerbside collection scheme. It should be noted that the only plastic recycled by the Council waste collection service is plastic bottles.

There are several reasons why plastic bottles are not currently collected on the outer isles. One is that the skips are un-manned and plastic recycling is notoriously difficult to understand given the various types and qualities, making contamination a very real issue. As there is neither the technology to allow the separation and sorting of plastics at the Council's Waste Transfer Station at Chinglebraes, nor the manpower resource to implement a manual picking line to sort incoming materials, any contamination would mean that the materials collected could not be recycled but would instead be sent for disposal as residual waste. Added to these, we must consider the cost of double shipment firstly from the isles to the Mainland for consolidation and baling, and then onward to the Scottish Mainland which does come with significant added expenditure. Multiply that across all the isles and cost becomes a significant factor.

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The Trial

To examine the real impact of the above challenges and assess whether any could be overcome to allow us to provide a viable service to the people of the outer isles, a trial was proposed. An agreement was put in place between the Stronsay Community Council, the Stronsay Development Trust and Orkney Islands Council for a period of one year from January 2019 to January 2020 initially. As the first skip empty took place in April 2019, the last skip planned to be brought in was April 2020. However, due to Covid-19, the skip was not brought in until later in the year, in September 2020.



Collection of Plastic

It was agreed that collections of the skip would take place four times over the trial period between April 2019 and September 2020. Each time the skip came into Chinglebraes, the Waste team went through the contents of the skip and removed any contamination which was then categorised and weighed. The total weight is then deducted from the total weight of the skip contents which was logged through the weighbridge.



Key Findings

The total weight of plastic bottles collected during the trial was **652.76kg** with an average contamination level of **5.11%**. When this weight is divided by the number of households in Stronsay (**194**), the average weight of recycled plastic per household is **2.38kg/hh/year**. When compared with the UK average collection rate (kerbside) of plastic bottles, **12.65kg/hh/year** (Recoup 2019 Report), the rate of plastic recycling in Stronsay is clearly much less. However, the trials contamination level of **5.11%** is a very low value considering that the location of the trial skip was unmanned and is a testament to the Stronsay residents' commitment to the project. *(continued on next page)*

Summary

The Stronsay Plastic Recycling Trial has proved worthwhile in delivering tangible data regarding the viability of providing plastic recycling services to the outer isles. The trial did show that the cost benefit ratio of recycling in this context is not compelling however information gathered from this study will inform the future waste strategy for Orkney and has therefore proved very useful.

There is currently a wider strategic project in development regarding the waste management solution for Orkney. New facilities will lead to change in Orkney's waste management infrastructure and replace the now outdated Orkney and Shetland Area Waste Management Plan published in 2003. The services delivered to the Isles have been considered as part of this ongoing review and will be part of continual discussion and community engagement this year.

This report represents the close of the trial. We would like to thank those who have worked with us, the Stronsay Development Trust, Stronsay Community Council, colleagues in Operations at our Hatston depot and the people of Stronsay for their involvement.

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL - RECYCLING POLICY

By Dominic Blyth BSc.(Hons.), MCIEH

Take it from a former local government Environmental Health Officer, OIC are truly and shamefully hopeless. They are sitting on millions yet still argue it is too expensive to provide us with proper recycling facilities. What about saving our planet! I was after them, mid flow, all guns blazing in 2018 when unfortunately I had my heart attacks and had to step back.

I had suggested that a voucher scheme could be used to allow Outer Islanders to take a vehicle on the boat, to the recycling centre/tip, free of charge, a certain number of times a year (deck space permitting). Such voucher to be signed off and collected at the recycling centre/tip to prove it had been used appropriately. I suggested to OIC that this would not cost them anything other than a little admin and, that if they still charged for the driver they could actually CREATE a revenue stream, as that person might not, otherwise be travelling. This fell on deaf ears and, just before my heart attack, I was given various excuses, such as how little our Council Taxes contribute to the running of the recycling centre. That is NOT the point, they are under a statutory duty to provide us with recycling facilities and, to my mind, those facilities should be readily accessible! Otherwise people have to bury or burn with consequential damage to the environment.

I am not a legal man, just a retired Health Inspector, but there is such a thing as a "*Writ Mandamus*" whereby, if enough people get together and complain, a court can force a government body to fulfil their statutory duties. OIC are under a statutory obligation to provide certain facilities and carry out various duties, such as the Planning Office answering the phone or the provision of proper re-cycling facilities.

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In these days of hypersensitivity to any form of discrimination, I find it incredible that we are so badly discriminated against, e.g. OIC charging us to travel to town on THEIR ferry to use the re-cycling centre/tip that WE have a right to use, and WE jointly pay for with our council taxes. If we are being precluded from using the mainland re-cycling centre/tip because of the cost of getting there, proper facilities should be provided on our (and other) islands.

These battles can be won! I have just won an Ombudsman case against my bank for refusing to send passcodes to my landline when I do not have mobile phone signal - I think Bruce has had this problem also. The compensation was £200, but it is NOT about that, it is the principle that matters, and my bank are having to alter their system so as not to discriminate against us rural folk.

We need proper legal advice, but I'm on side to cause OIC trouble if anyone else is. Sorry for the long rant but, having spent my career trying to provide a decent service to council tax payers, OIC's Kirkwall-centric attitude towards us makes me so cross!

Chairman: Ian Stevenson Vice Chairman: Kevin Kent



Wellbeing

The Directors and staff at the Stronsay Development Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Powers Richings for all her hard work in the role of wellbeing coordinator.

Sarah has worked with the Trust over the past 2+ years as part of the wellbeing project, and has led the way on a number of projects and activities to support not only this community and its individuals but also across Orkney, especially during COVID. Sarah will be leaving the Trust at the end of this month and the existing staff will be taking on the wellbeing duties until the next stage of the wider wellbeing project begins in the new year.

We hope you will all join with us and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

With gratitude

Stronsay Development Trust

Struggling to heat your home?

You may be eligible for an energy saving improvement grant to cut fuel bills and make your home warmer.



Warmworks is coming to Stronsay.

Look out for your invitation to our
Open Day in the post.

Find out how we can help. Contact Warmworks on **01856 881513**
or visit **The Store, 5 West Tankerness Lane, Kirkwall**

Grants funded by EES: ABS (Orkney)
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RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

There have been several Short-eared Owl sightings throughout the summer (including one very pale bird) and the species has certainly bred on Stronsay this year – on the ground somewhere! Quail and Corncrake have also probably nested, as there were calling birds of both species and one or two sightings of the former.

A ‘white goose’ was seen near the airstrip on two or three occasions – possibly an albino of a common species or a Snow Goose which is a rare vagrant although some are regarded as escapes from collections.

There has been an obvious and welcome increases in some breeding species which have been adversely affected by the Greylag Geese. These include Skylark, Twite, Common Gull, Arctic Skua and Curlew - all ground-nesting species. However - the biggest noticeable increase in breeding numbers has been among the Sand Martin colonies. Birds which breed close to the dwellings have not been affected by the presence of the geese – Linnets in particular have been as numerous as ever this year, nesting in almost all gardens with bushes, where there may be three or four pairs in situ.

No uncommon migrants have been seen during late Summer but there have been a few recent sightings of Hen Harrier and Merlin, indicating that Autumn is on the way. The single rarity - so far - was amazingly found feeding in the same field as the (much rarer) Ross’s Gull seen in late Spring – a Rosy Starling (in moult) between Springwell and the Rothiesholm School on 21st August. The two rare species were attracted to the field for very different reasons – the gull joined in with the feeding frenzy of common gulls following the harrow whilst the starling was attracted to the ground around the freshly-wrapped bales in the same area. Great examples of man working in unison with nature!

Agnes reported seeing a Short-eared Owl at Millgrip a few days ago – right outside her sitting-room window, first on the ground and then on a short fence-stab just a few feet from where she stood.

Thanks again for all the calls. John & Sue.



‘Adult Rosy Starling in moult, taken from the Furrowend Road at long distance’

“HOW'VE YOU BEEN?”

Donald WG Lyndsay played at the community centre on Monday 26 July 2021. He is a master of the small pipes, recently returned from Ascension island where he worked on a new system for the pipes which significantly increases its range. Approximately 20 folk attended. The first part of the concert was devoted to tunes and chat: the second part was a movie of his time on Ascension Island, trip to St Helene and flight home. This was accompanied by a live "sound track" from Lyndsay.

<https://www.donaldwglindsay.com>.

(Article & photograph by Roger Neville-Smith)



ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT USING THE LIMPET

If you are arranging an event on Stronsay then why not use the free publicity available from the Limpet and from the Visit Stronsay website visitstronsay.com? Just contact the Limpet's editor (contact details are on the back page)

STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE (CURRENTLY FROM SCHOOL ROAD)

Keeping the folk of the North Isles ward informed — with Orkney's only councillor newsletter

You will note in the title, that I say “currently from School Road”. I’ve only recently discovered that I live in *School Road*. It came up when I ordered an NHS Covid-19 test kit online and typed in my postcode. It makes sense, I suppose, because there is a school across the road from the West Manse, but given that Sanday once had several schools, there could equally be other candidates for this appellation. Mind you, road names in Sanday are variable. For example, the *Hill Road* is also known as the *Airfield Road* (and could, indeed, also legitimately be called the *School Road*). I expect this state of affairs has arisen because (like its houses) rarely do Sanday’s roads display a name sign. *Marston Road* is, I believe, the only one.

My claim to publish Orkney’s only councillor newsletter can be verified. At the last election, several councillors promised to keep in touch with the public via social media, but (with one notable exception) they invariably soon gave up, battered by abusive comments and the time and effort involved in dealing with them. Sometimes, the old ways really are the best ways. When Howie Firth was OIC councillor for Sanday & North Ronaldsay from 1990 to 1999, he used to publish a “Letter from the Council” in *The Sanday Sound*, and it is sad that only I still use the printed medium to communicate with ward constituents.



During the council recess I managed to get away for a couple of weeks with my family. We were able to visit Iona Abbey, where Ute & I married 26 years ago. We wanted to go there last year to celebrate our silver wedding anniversary, but the pandemic put paid to that. It was good to see the place again and be able to show it to our younger children for the first time.

Owing to a hospital appointment, I missed the visit of OIC’s Chief Executive to Sanday on 22nd July to talk to community groups about island issues. Luckily, my children, Dunstan and Frideswide were on hand to give him a youth perspective.

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As you might have read in *The Orcadian* (5th August), I am not too enamoured of the Scottish Govt's proposed "Islands Bond". Some 60 permanently-inhabited Scottish islands have fewer than 200 residents, so how many of these "bonds" can Orkney realistically expect to get? What, exactly, are these "bonds"? Are they money to be spent, or collateral against loans? Can they be traded on the Stock Exchange? What conditions will apply? We all know that what the Isles require are reasonably well-paid jobs. I've long maintained that OIC should "decentralise" its clerical posts. Although this got off to a good start with the establishment of the Warehouse Building in Stromness (in the Council Leader's ward), such outworker offices have never progressed to the Isles, where they are really needed. As Orkney's biggest employer, OIC has the power (and responsibility) to redistribute its jobs in a way to discourage population decline. If the Scottish Govt were to help facilitate this, that would be the most effective way "to deliver a meaningful, sustainable intervention reflecting island communities' aspirations and needs."

The Sanday Show on 6th August marked both the start and the finish of Orkney's agricultural show season for this year. Well done to the Sanday Agricultural Association for its courage. There was a good turnout of stock, which I am sure is a sign that the Show is safe for many years to come. The Clackson family had its usual goose successes, and we also entered hens and Muscovies. The goose with me in the photograph below hatched this year on the 22nd April, the 20th anniversary of the release of "Shrek". As she was a green gosling, we named her after Princess Fiona in the film. She is a Pilgrim X Embden.

On 9th August we went "beyond Level Zero" (presumably to "Level Minus One"). Changes to the rules permitted an increase in passenger carrying capacity on Orkney Ferries, nevertheless we retained the requirement to pre-book in order to protect our crews from infection. (Infection is not a theoretical risk: CalMac's Ardrossan to Brodick route suffered cancellations after a crew member on the *MV Caledonian Isles* was tested positive for Covid-19 and the vessel had to be withdrawn from service!) On 13th August, our onboard catering services resumed, which will save passengers having to bring their own flasks of coffee.

The Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board has received a damning audit report from Deloitte, which vindicates my reasons for resigning from it back on 20th August 2020 (see my *Letter*, issue 91). The report particularly condemns the standard of leadership. Since 2017, the Valuation Board's Convener has been OIC's Cllr Andrew Drever. *The Shetland Times* contacted me for comment, but not *The Orcadian*, which published a rather bland piece on the whole sorry affair.

Orkney's new academic year has now commenced, and I'd like to welcome Stronsay School's new headmistress, Dr Petra McLay.

Keep well and carry on,



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson, West Manse,
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk



You can download *Letter from School Place* from lfsp.pbworks.com

FREEMASON'S CHURCH PARADE - STRONSAY 1955

24 July 1955 - Freemason's Church Parade on Stronsay led by Kirkwall pipe band, passing Samson's Lane with Hillcrest and the Community Hall in the background; Nurse Miel and son (George?) watching from verge. This was just a couple of months after the new kirk was officially opened & dedicated on Wednesday 11th May 1955. A copy of the order of service for the ceremony is available on the kirk's website <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/library.asp>.

(photo & information from Julie Andrew who was sent the photo by Raymie Peace, pipe band major of Kirkwall Pipe band)



Records of a bygone age

Public dinner in honour of Robert Learmonth of Housebay, 1857

As mentioned in a previous article, a public dinner in Robert Learmonth's honour was held at Samson's Lane in Stronsay on 15th December 1857 "*in testimony of their respect for him as a skilful and exemplary agriculturalist, and of their gratitude for the example and incitement to improvement which his skill and enterprise have afforded.*" Below is a report of the event as carried in 'The Orcadian' of 4th January 1858, by which time Robert would have been farming in Stronsay for about twelve years. Most of the local farmers and dignitaries were in attendance and, as you read through this report, try to picture the occasion and the scene in your mind's eye. It would appear that, even 'way back in the 1850s, they knew how to party and a good time was had by all!

Public Dinner to Mr Learmonth

On 15th December, Mr Robert Learmonth, Housebay, was entertained at a public dinner by the farmers of the island, in testimony of their respect for him as a skilful and exemplary agriculturalist, and of their gratitude for the example and incitement to improvement which his skill and enterprise have afforded.

Among the gentlemen present we noted Rev. J. Caskey; Rev. J. Mudie; Marcus Calder Esq.; Captain Scott (of the Eagle); Messrs M. and W. Flett, Airey; P. Twatt, Odness; John Twatt, Rothiesholm; George Peace, Rothiesholm; R. Fotheringhame, Bundatown; Thos. Sinclair, Erigarth; D. Hume, Hunton; J. Robertson, Papa Stronsay; J. Meil, Samsonslane; &c.

Mr Gorie, Clestrain, occupied the chair, and Messrs Sinclair, Whitehall, and Chalmers, Castle, acted as croupiers. Grace was said by Rev. J. Caskey, and Rev. J. Mudie returned thanks.

After Dinner the Chairman gave the toasts of the Queen, the Prince Consort, and other members of the Royal Family as well as the Army and Navy, each of which was duly honoured.

The Chairman, again rising, said, - Gentlemen, in proposing the toast of the evening - the health of our guest, Mr Robert Learmonth - it is unnecessary to use many words. You are all well acquainted with his high personal and professional merits, and your presence here on this special occasion, testifies that you not only know but also appreciate the advantages which his skilful and successful improvements and management at Housebay have afforded to all the other farmers in this island. He has, by his success in every department of husbandry, gained credit to himself, to this island, aye, even to this county: his grain and his sheep have repeatedly topped the Edinburgh markets, and his cattle, as we well know, gentlemen, are such as may perhaps have been dreamed of, or even read of, but, assuredly, such as were never seen in this island before Mr Learmonth cast his lot and lines amongst us. The example thus set us by our guest, the sound and encouraging counsels always so freely, but never obtrusively, given to all anxious inquirers, have laid us all under great obligation to him; and a deep sense of this has brought us together this evening, to testify, publicly, our gratitude and our unfeigned respect for Mr Learmonth, as a public benefactor. Let me, therefore, call on you, gentlemen, to drink an overflowing bumper to the health of Mr Learmonth. (Drunk with all the honours.)

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Mr Learmonth returned thanks. He had certainly never anticipated that the farmers of Stronsay would deem him worthy of any particular honour; and, though he had gratefully availed himself of their kind invitation to attend as their guest, he did not, and could not, believe himself entitled to any special honour or preferment from his Stronsay fellow-farmers. He had striven to do diligently what had fallen to his hand to do, and a gratifying measure of success had rewarded his endeavours; but this success was by no means to be solely ascribed to his skill or management. They had in Orkney, and in Stronsay especially, a rich and grateful soil, which would never fail to repay a judicious application of drainage and manure, a natural advantage, of which he was by no means the discoverer, nor the only farmer in Stronsay to avail himself, as the flourishing conditions of the farms of many of the gentlemen present showed very clearly. The farmers of Stronsay were now perfectly alive to the capabilities of their excellent soil and genial climate, and they were no less alive to, and eager to, avail themselves of all the improved agricultural modes and appliances. In no part of the country had the transition from the old mode been more speedy or more complete; and this gratifying and creditable state of things could in little, if in any degree, be owing to his example, but was the result of their own intelligence and enterprise, and of the active encouragement of their liberal and public spirited landlords. He again begged to thank them for the honour and kindness shown him, and to congratulate them on the advanced state of agricultural improvements in Stronsay. (Great applause).

Mr Sinclair, croupier, then rising, said he had a toast to propose which, he felt sure, need only be named to secure for it a hearty response from all present. He meant the health of Mrs Learmonth, the excellent and hospitable wife of their guest, together with the health of his amiable and promising family. He begged them to join him in drinking an overflowing bumper to what, collectively, he would term, Mr Learmonth's fireside. (Drunk amidst thunders of applause).

Acknowledged by Mr Learmonth.

Rev. Mr Mudie, rising, said he had to propose the health of a gentleman, highly honoured and respected in Stronsay, and who well deserved to be so, for he had done much, and was still doing much for its interests, both sacred and secular. He himself as a clergyman, long resident in the parish, was much interested in all that concerned the good of the people whom he highly esteemed and respected for their intellectual and moral qualities; and none could rejoice more at the prosperity with which an ever kind providence had crowned their agricultural improvements than he did. He had seen the now fertile fields of Stronsay in far other days and circumstances. He remembered the time when many hundreds of acres, now teeming each harvest with luxuriant crops of golden grain, were comparatively waste and worthless. The altered and improved conditions at the present day was, no doubt under providence, owing in a great measure to their own active industry, and to their aptitude to adopt, and intelligence in applying modern improvements. But it was also owing, in no small degree, to the encouragement, direction and liberal aid afforded by their landlords, among whom none had been more liberal, and none was more highly and deservedly respected than Mr Balfour of Balfour and Trenabie. (Cheers). The head of an honourable and ancient family, he had ever shewn himself worthy of the station to which providence had called him, and he was, in every respect, most worthy of all the honour the inhabitants of Stronsay could show him.

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He therefore begged to propose the health of that honourable, kind and liberal landlord, David Balfour, Esquire, of Balfour and Trenabie. (Drunk with all the honours).

Mr Calder, factor for Mr Balfour, in returning thanks, among other things stated that, although Mr Balfour had the most earnest desire to better the conditions of his tenantry and improve their farms and holdings, still he was unable to do as much as he could wish, as from the great number of tenants, the large extent of his property in the county, and the lowness of the rents, he would require to be as rich as Baron Rothschild before he could do so; that he had laid out a good deal of money on parts of his property in Stronsay, and was highly gratified with the way in which the tenants had seconded his efforts by cultivating their land in first rate style, the good effects of which, he was happy to see, they were now enjoying. (Applause).

Mr Sinclair, croupier, begged to propose the health of Mr Learmonth's landlord, George Traill Esquire, M.P. He was well known to be a liberal and improving proprietor, and an excellent member of parliament, having evidently the good of his country and fellow countrymen at heart. (All the honours).

Mr Twatt, Odness, rose to propose the the health of another Stronsay proprietor, the condition of whose beautiful estate testified that he yielded to none in the requisite qualities of a good landlord. Being, moreover, a Balfour, he was sure they would cordially join him in drinking to Mr Balfour of Hescombe. (Great applause).

Mr Calder returned thanks.

The Rev. Mr Caskey proposed "The Advancement of Agricultural Improvements in Stronsay." The Rev. gentleman said, "This is a toast to which I feel myself incompetent to do adequate justice, Nevertheless, as it is one which involves the prosperity and success of the people of this island generally, I am happy that it has been allotted to me." He spoke of the cultivation of the soil as the first occupation assigned to man, and considered it as man's duty to avail himself of whatever agency was fitted to develop the earth's resources. He then referred to the progress which had been made in agriculture in the island of Stronsay during the last ten years, and particularly specified the great improvements made at Housebay, under the able and judicious management of their much respected guest Mr Learmonth, and at the farm of Holland, under the superintendence of the enterprising tenant, Mr Sinclair. He drew a striking contrast between the state of the island at the commencement of his residence here, about twelve years ago, and the appearance which it now presents in an agricultural point of view. He particularly noticed the district of Aith, the property of that generous and encouraging proprietor, Mr Balfour of Balfour, which now may well be called the Garden of Orkney! He had no doubt, as progress was the order of the day, the tenants of Stronsay, who were men of considerable enterprise and experience, would look upon the improvements which had taken place during the last ten years as an inducement to make even greater exertions for the future, and by trusting to a kind providence, success would crown their labours. (Loud applause). The reverend gentleman, who made an eloquent and telling speech of which our report is but an imperfect synopsis, was repeatedly cheered during its delivery.

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Mr Hume, Hunton, said he had a toast to propose which must meet with the best sympathies and appreciation of the company. They were highly privileged in Stronsay, with the ministrations of two most zealous and efficient clergymen, to whom they owed the highest respect and gratitude. They had favoured them on the present occasion with their company and countenance; and he was sure they, at all times, and on all occasions, had the best interests of the people of Stronsay at heart. (Applause).

The Rev Mr Caskey returned thanks in a speech strongly supporting brotherly love and charity among all denominations.

Mr Sinclair, Erigarth, in a very complimentary and spirited speech, gave the health of Mr Calder, which was received with enthusiastic applause.

Mr Calder returned thanks, and expressed himself highly pleased with the object of the meeting.

Mr Flett, Airey, gave the health of Mr Forbes, parish schoolmaster, which was duly responded to by the company and acknowledged by Mr Forbes, who begged to propose the health of Mr Gorie, the chairman, who on the present, as well as on previous occasions, had so ably and agreeably discharged his duties. (Great applause).

The chairman returned thanks and gave the health of their landlady, Mrs John Meil, who had so well and abundantly provided for the comfort of the party. (Cheers).

At intervals, during the proceedings, several appropriate songs were sung, and topics of agricultural importance discussed; and, at ten o' clock, the company, after spending a very happy evening, broke up, leaving the room and the fragments to Forbes Mackenzie and his emissaries.

It appears that this dinner would have been held at Samson's Lane, which was tenanted by the Meil family for many years and was also an inn at that time. It would have been a fairly central location to meet, and the guests were obviously well catered for by Mrs Meil, the landlady at that time.

The use of the term 'croupier' intrigued me but it appears that the historical use of the word was *'the assistant chairman at a public dinner, seated at the lower end of the table'* and as such makes good sense in the context used in the report.

The reference to Forbes Mackenzie and his emissaries mentioned in the last paragraph also had me baffled but, after resorting to Google, it appears that William Forbes Mackenzie was the M.P. who brought forward the 'Licensing (Scotland) Act' of 1853. This act brought about the closure of public houses on Sundays and also enforced their closure at 10 p.m. every other day, and Mr Mackenzie may not have been universally popular for instigating the introduction of this legislation, commonly known at the time as the Forbes Mackenzie act.

Ian Cooper
August 2021

THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and got involved in our 'Peedie Day Out!' 🥳

It couldn't have been made possible without all the helpers, the Stronsay band and the folk who provided us with delicious food throughout! 🍷🍷

It's been so grand to have a splash of normality back- Long may it continue 🥳

We hope this is the start of many of our much loved events coming back including; our Craft Fairs, Tree Lighting, Pool and Darts nights and of course our Massive Weekend!

We look forward to see you all over the coming year! 🥳

-Stronsay Community Association

WANTED

Shorefront piece of land/barn/small house, must be secluded. For Ross-shire crofting couple looking to relocate. We need 2+ acres as we have livestock but would be very happy with just a field that we would look to get planning permission on. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Cash waiting.

Please contact Malcolm and June Purvis on 01445 731681 or email purvis193@gmail.com

WANTED

Hi there, I just wondered if rental property with land is available on the island at all? Looking for a place on the islands for myself my five year old daughter and our animals. We are looking at properties to buy too but should we be able to rent that would speed up our progress. I work from home so can live anywhere but a rural place with plenty of space and some land around it is what we are looking for. I am registered with agents but there seems very little available.

Many thanks.

Anna Holland (annacholland@icloud.com, Scottish Borders)

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FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

HELLO TO STRONSAY!

I'm looking for the possibility to either buy a traditional stone built bungalow - with or without outbuildings

OR

To rent somewhere to live until a property becomes available. I'm not too picky a caravan, small house, room (with access to kitchen and bathroom) or may even consider a boot! Hey joke, unfortunately wouldn't fit into a boot! Maybe long or short term, would be grateful if someone on the great island of Stronsay could please possibly help!

Look forward to hearing from anyone, who may have any of the above - (or may know someone who might).

Contact Paul on mobile 07802 426992 or email pauwat1@gmail.com.

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Don and Julie for all taxi work and Jim Holland for freight!

Also, If anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacced. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

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For information about Stronsay, our lifestyle, its good school and other facilities please visit www.visitstronsay.com

For further information about the sites please contact

- Sharon at Orkney Property Centre, Kirkwall on 01856 877866 or
- Dianne & Paul on 07785111126 or
- email drileymoore@hotmail.com

Planning ref: 18/038/PIP on Orkney Islands Council planning web site



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Phone 01857 616213, email cjdbuk@gmail.com

STRONSAY HOTEL AND THE VIRUS

In these challenging times we have changed the hours that we are open. We will still provide a Takeaway service and we can deliver if required. Ordering can be done via phone or email.

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- Tues, Bar closed
- Wed, Bar closed
- Thurs, Bar closed Takeaway 5pm.to 7pm
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- Sat, **Bar open** 5pm to 11pm (last orders 10:30pm). Takeaway 5pm to 7pm
- Sun, Bar closed Takeaway 5pm to 7pm

We know this is very drastic but it is a drastic time, hopefully it will not last too long.

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Portion of chips	£1.30
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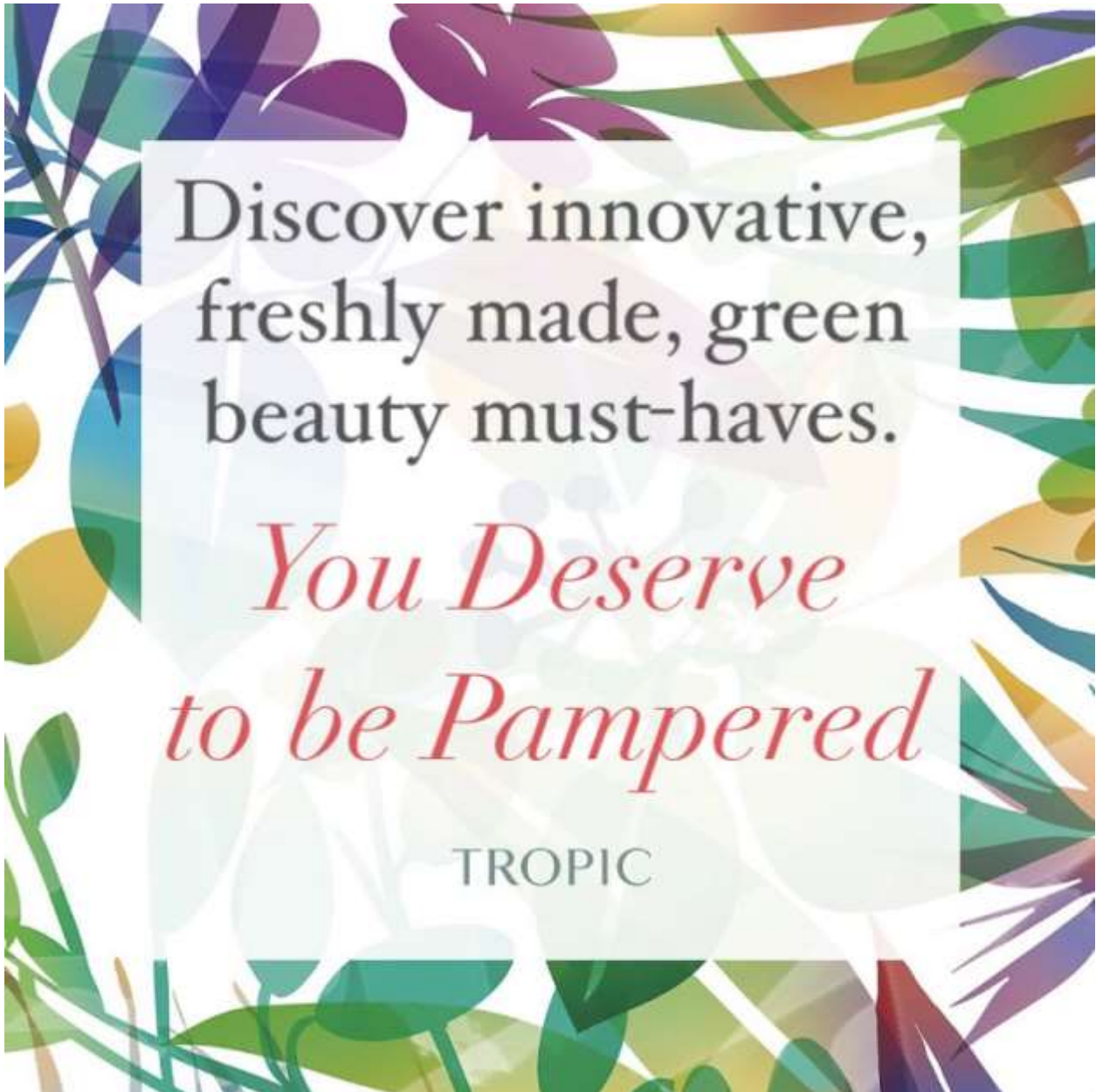
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UP-COMING EVENTS

Some dates for your diaries;

- Saturday 9th October: Darts & Euchre
- Saturday 6th November: Fireworks & Quiz
- Saturday 27th November: Christmas Craft Fair
- Saturday 4th December: Tree Lighting



Please keep an eye out for more information nearer the time via our Facebook page, the Limpet or posters in our shops, the Fishmart and the Pub!

-Stronsay Community Association

THE LIMPET'S EMAIL LIST

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STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

After the recent changes to the Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance Orkney Islands Council have reviewed the procedures for the Healthy Living Centre. The following procedures now apply:

- 5 people can use the gym at any one time.
- The previous buddy system has still to be reinstated as the gym needs to be fully cleaned after each use.
- The opening hours are as follows:
 - Monday 18.00 - 18.45
 - Tuesday 18.00 - 18.45
 - Wednesday 11.00 - 11.45 and 17.30 - 18.15
 - Thursday 17.30 - 18.15
 - Friday 11.00 - 11.45 and 17.30 - 18.15
 - Saturday 10.00 - 10.45
- Booking need to be made 24 hours in advance either through the council website or by emailing gw10stronsayhlc@glow.
- Memberships can still be purchased or patrons can pay as they go.

There may be a little flexibility around opening times but these need to fit around the availability of Andy and Bill. Any further updates will be communicated through the Limpet and the Stronsay FaceBook page.

Thank you for all your support.
Bill Hodgson

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Mobile Library Timetable 2021

<u>Stronsay</u>	
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Stops and Times</u>
18 January	<u>Summer/Refit</u>
15 March	Council Houses 9.00—10.00
11 May	School 10.15—12.00
6 July	Kirk 12.30—3.00
31 August	Fish Mart 3.15—5.30
25 October	<u>Winter</u>
20 December	Council Houses 8.45—9.45
	School 10.00—12.00
	Kirk 12.30—3.00
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CROSSROADS ORKNEY

and



We would like to help ease the loneliness and difficulty of lockdown for Dementia sufferers and their carers at home. We have a variety of puzzles, crafts and activities which we can post or deliver. All free of charge. If you know someone who could benefit from this or wish more information please call Crossroads 870500 or Lorna Reid 781329



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Stronsay Dementia Friendly digital drop-in sessions

Starting December 16th from 11am-2pm



These drop-in sessions will be held every third Wednesday of each month from 11am-2pm

Please do not hesitate to call or email about anything regarding the project.

Email: dementiafriendlystronsay@gmail.com

Tel: 01857 616410

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**Stronsay Dementia Friendly
Project Steering Group**



What is a steering group?

The role of this group is to steer work being undertaken by others. Members of steering groups use their experiences, skills and knowledge of specific topics and sectors to help make strategic decisions.

Everyone and anyone is welcome!!

Your contribution and ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Meetings will be held quarterly.

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Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

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OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD **NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES**

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is now open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

- Sunday & holidays: 11am
- Tuesday: 8.00am
- All other days: 11.20am

GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.
<http://www.papastronsay.com/live>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 7pm (the times shown are approximate):

- 4pm Short talk by one of the priests.
- 4:30pm Recitation of the Rosary.
- 5pm Mass.
- 6pm Further prayers and office of the day.

STRONSAY KIRK

Stronsay kirk's website:

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

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

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

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

If you are arranging an event on Stronsay then why not use the free publicity available from the *Limpet* and from the Visit Stronsay website visitstronsay.com? Just contact the *Limpet*'s editor (contact details are on the back page)

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

KIRK CORNER

We are delighted to announce that we will induct our new minister, Rev David Locke, as our minister on the 6th of September at 1.30 pm. All are most welcome to come along to this Presbytery-led service as well as to the refreshments afterwards. Those who can't make it will be able to watch the induction service here: <https://tinyurl.com/kirkinduct>. As you watch the service, please hit the Subscribe button – we promise it won't result in any unwanted e-mails etc but will be a favour to the Presbytery. We hope you can join us one way or another!

From Sunday the 12th of September we hope to restart weekly Sunday worship in church. Services begin at 11 am. All are most welcome to attend.

All this also means that my involvement with Stronsay church is coming to an end – at least in my role as interim moderator. It's been a great privilege and a tremendous joy. I really loved the last two years and wish you every blessing as you embark on this new stage of your journey. 'I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus.' 1 Corinthians 1:4 (NKJV) Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness – it's been a blast!

Rev Julia Meason, JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk, 01856 874789

“VISIT STRONSAY” WEBSITE

The Visit Stronsay website visitstronsay.com is back in action.

Contact details for groups & clubs listed on the website (<https://visitstronsay.com/useful-local-information/groups-clubs>) have not been updated since the onset of Covid-19. Please check club/group details and send any changes that need to be made either to info@visitstronsay.com or to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk.

The website's calendar <https://visitstronsay.com/events> is back in action. Check it to see forthcoming events on Stronsay. If you want to add your own event(s) to the calendar just send the information (what, where, when, etc) either to info@visitstronsay.com or to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk.

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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
Bank day	No bank until further notice.
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 . . .	One-off service on Sun 30 May (see notices in this edition)
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Weekly rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out by 8am but not on the night before!)
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to at recycling@orkney.gov.uk

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

Airy Fairy	616231	Silver Darlings	616412
Castle Bird Reserve	616363	Star Island Soap	616281
Companions Club	616352	SDT office	616410
Craftship Enterprise	616249	Stronsay Band	616335
Doctor	616321	Stronsay Hotel	616213
Ebenezer stores	616339	Taxi	616335
Electrician (Dave)	616230	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
	or 07917 191 797	Balfour hospital (24/7) . . .	01856 888000
Fish Mart	616401	Electricity	
Hairdresser	616337	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Hall bookings	616263 or	<i>lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm</i>	
email annemaree.carter@btinternet.com		problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
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School	616246		email contact@the-sons.org

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