



ORKNEY FERRIES—REFIT TIMETABLE STARTS ON SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022

http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/pdfs/timetables/winter/ni_integrated_refit.pdf

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISIT

The mobile library van will visit Stronsay on Monday 20 December.
Full details of visits in 2022 are on page 41.

LIMPET—PRINTED COPIES

Every month 57 copies of the Limpet are printed by the Orcadian printshop and distributed through Olivebank & Ebenezer. The printing is quite an expensive process yet each month quite a few copies of the Limpet lie in the shops, unloved & uncollected—such a waste of paper (and money). Therefore, the existing list of folk who receive printed copies of the Limpet will cease to exist from Saturday 1st January 2022.

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Contact details for the Limpet's editor are on the back page of the Limpet.

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>

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE LIMPET

The editor is always pleased to receive articles for publication in the Limpet, the format isn't all that important, they can even be hand-written. However, if you are considering submitting an article for publication, please ensure that it has some relevance to Stronsay in particular or to Orkney in general.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 27 Jan 2022**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 23 Jan 2022**, contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

OPENING/CLOSING DATES FOR
CHRISTMAS AND HOGMANAY
(UPDATED!)

	Surgery	Hotel	Olivebank	Ebenezer & Post Office	Fish- mart
Wed 22 Dec	Open	<i>Closed</i>	9pm-5pm	7:30am-7:30pm	Closed 13 Dec 2021 until 3 February 2022
Thu 23 Dec	Open	<i>Closed</i>	9pm-6pm	7:30am-7:30pm	
Fri 24 Dec	Open	5pm-11pm	9pm-6pm	7:30am-7:30pm	
Sat 25 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	Noon-2pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	
Sun 26 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	
Mon 27 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	
Tue 28 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	10pm-1:30pm	8:30am-5pm	
Wed 29 Dec	Open	<i>Closed</i>	9pm-5pm	8:30am-5pm	
Thu 30 Dec	Open	<i>Closed</i>	9pm-5pm	8:30am-5pm	
Fri 31 Dec	Open	5pm-1am	9pm-5pm	8:30am-5pm	
Sat 1 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	
Sun 2 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	10am-1pm	
Mon 3 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	8:30am-5pm	
Tue 4 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Re-open 7 Jan</i>	<i>Closed</i>	8:30am-5pm	



Christmas & New Year Arrangements 2021/22

During the Christmas and New Year holiday period sailings will be as per timetable subject to the undernoted changes.

There will be no sailings on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 December 2021, Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 January 2022.

To accommodate a North Ronaldsay sailing on both Friday 24 December and 31 December there will be the following changes to sailings.

The 0700 (Stronsay & Eday) and the 0740 (Sanday) sailings will be combined as follows

Depart	Kirkwall	0700	Arrive	Stronsay	0840
Depart	Stronsay	0850	Arrive	Sanday	0925
Depart	Sanday	0935	Arrive	Eday	0955
Depart	Eday	1005	Arrive	Kirkwall	1120

The departure time for North Ronaldsay will be advised at a later stage.

Normal timetables will resume on Monday 27 December 2021 and Monday 3 January 2022.

Ferry Services
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Website: www.orkneyferries.co.uk

ORCADES PRACTICE—STRONSAY BRANCH

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

LATEST NEWS

The doctors' morning surgery has returned to being by appointment, while the afternoon will still be open for 'on the day' calls for urgent needs. Both will 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.

If you require an appointment please phone 616321 as usual or email ORK.stronsay@nhs.scot. 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>.

REQUESTING REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

- 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.

UP-TO-DATE CONTACT DETAILS

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

For example

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

Thank you, Dr Rosalind Fisher and Dr Alison Lievesley

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

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

IMPORTANCE OF VITAMIN D

From Geramount Surgery

You may know that vitamin D is important in supporting bone and muscle health. A small amount can be absorbed from our diet, but most of it comes from sunlight. Not so much in Scotland though – although 15-20 minutes of sunlight daily (equivalent of both arms from a t-shirt sleeve down) is enough to top up your stores, we only get the right 'type' of sunlight from April to September, mostly from 11am-3pm.

The Chief Medical Officer in Scotland advises that we should all consider taking a daily 10 microgram (400 units) vitamin D supplement, especially during the winter months (beginning of October to end of March inclusive): these can be bought over the counter in the chemist or a supermarket, or online - some places have 3 for 2 offers. Please do use them! (and don't forget to use sunblock once you've had your 20 minutes - sadly we can still burn even this far north!)

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

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

Struggling to heat your home?

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



It's not too late! Warmworks is still accepting applications to the EES Area-Based Scheme in Orkney.

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

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TREE LIGHTING 4th DECEMBER

The Silver Darlings provided the music and Roger Neville-Smith took the photographs



More photographs on next page



Christopher recited a great poem



Gaynor & Simone confer on a tricky musical conundrum

STRONSAY SCHOOL—POETRY

On the next 4 pages are some poems & imagery that have been created by pupils at the school and forwarded by Donna Blyth. The name of the author appears below each poem.

Elf on the shelf?

Watch your elf on the shelf

You don't know what it's up to

People say it stays on the shelf

But no one is sure

It could be up to anything when you're not home

**It could be in your cat's litter tray thinking it is a beach,
thinking a little pee trail is wet sand.**

Maybe there are different types of elves on the shelves

Like ones that disobey what they're supposed to do

Like spreading toothpaste all over the sink instead of cleaning their teeth like me or you

Or one that makes a huge mess on the floor, and smashes all the plates and bowls,

And pours all of the flour and sugar all over the carpets

I think that they have secret cameras so that they can spy on you everywhere you go

What I mean by everywhere IS EVERYWHERE!

If you have more than one elf, then there is a problem for you.

Do the elves have something to do with Santa?

I hope not because they are different in all ways

Do they do anything to the presents while you're asleep?

**Watch your elf on the shelf because you don't want flour and sugar in your carpets when
you come back from getting some wood for the fire.**

You never know what they are up to.

Sam Whiteman

I'm a wreath

It's-

It's-

It's-

It's-

It's-

It's cold. It's very cold.

It's dumb, really dumb. It's miserable, so miserable

It isn't quirky.

People touch me.

People sing at my face, the nerve. The cold winds threaten to blow me off the door.

Annoying children throw snowballs at me. The snow builds up on me and I begin to freeze.

The neighbours inspect me and argue over... whether I'm better than next door's wreath.

Mini baubles from Tesco. Ew. Oh god, ribbons now, have these humans ever heard of over decorating!?

People wrap tinsel around me, deciding it looks amazing whereas I think it looks stupid, uncomfortable.

My owners decided to buy me a friend from Lidl. "Hello, I'm Wren the Wreath! I'm your new friend!"

Did I ask, Wren? Did I ask for a new friend? Did I ask to have someone share my stupid, cold, little door?

Wren soon realises what being a wreath is all about. Suddenly Wren is less enthusiastic.

"I'm cold!", "I'm miserable!", "I feel stupid!" "I'm uncomfy!" "How long do I have to stay here!?"

"Around a month," I reply, calmly, "then about a year in the attic," Wren goes silent.

Christmas day is finally here, I can smell the turkey, poor turkey, and all the trimmings

Being cooked, so the humans can eat greedily after opening all of their presents.

Wren and I don't get any presents, nor Christmas dinner. Just hang here, cold.

After what feels like an eternity, January, our great, big, saviour, is here.

Wren and I are now the only wreaths on the street. Embarrassing.

Very embarrassing. And lonely. Wait! What is that sound?

Is that... a human? Coming to take us down!?

It is! Hooray! Oh wait, up to the

Attic we go.

Melvin Holland

Rip And Tear

**Wrapped around tubing
I woke in disbelief.
One year has passed,
Now it's that dreaded last week.**

**Cut into pieces,
Pressed around presents,
Tied un-neatly with Sellotape
By the hands of my tormentors.**

**Just one week of torture
Before it's all over,
Just contemplating my death
At the hands of those toddlers.**

**Only three days left
Sitting under the tree,
Being tossed around
And stomped under a knee**

**Two days till my death date,
All I can hear is laughter,
The laughter of psychopaths
A one-way path hereafter**

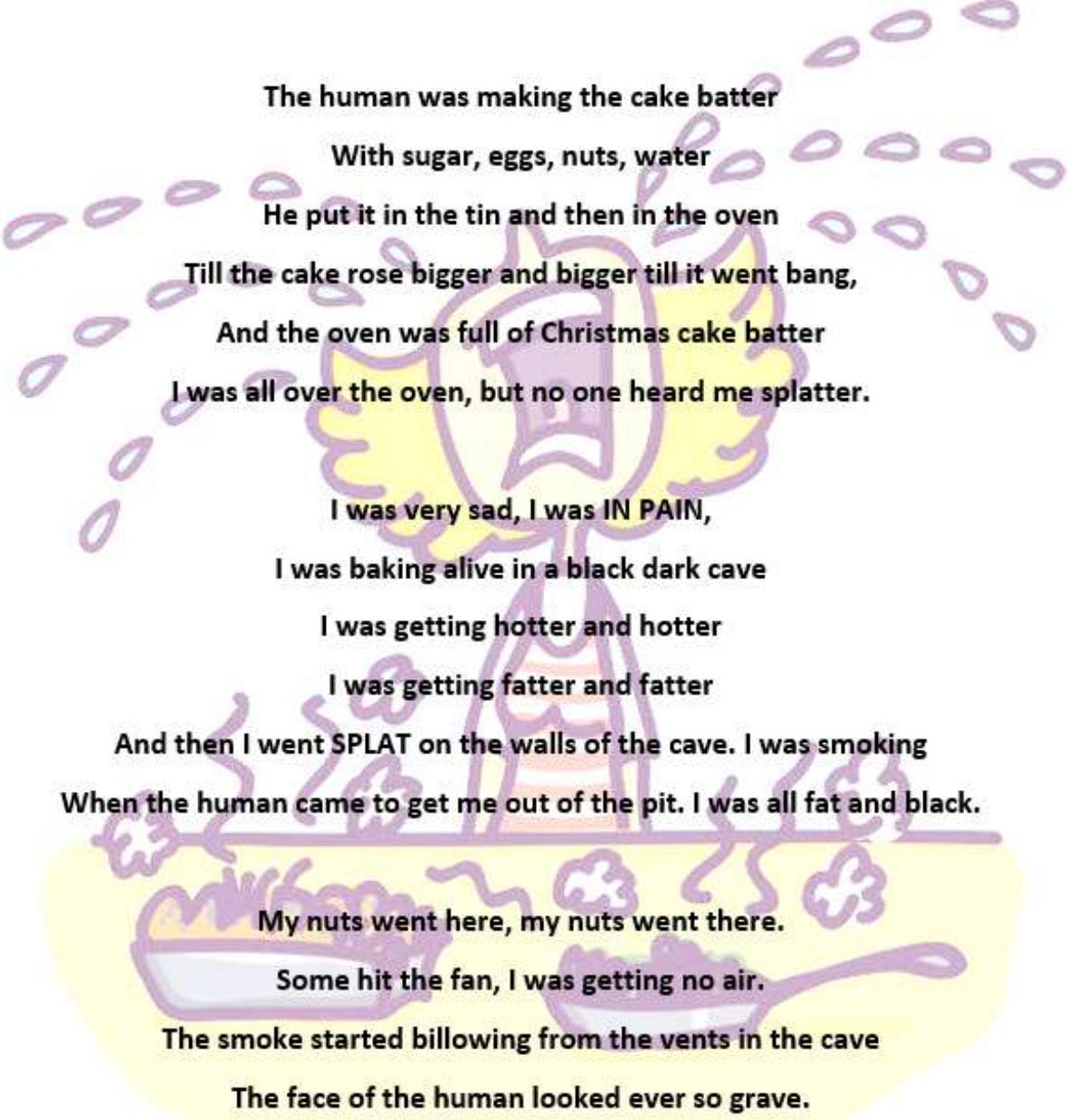
**One day left now
The night I've been dreading
It is Christmas Eve
And the time for the shredding**

**Today is the day
The day that I die
The time that I finally
Give up on my life**

**They grab me, they grasp me
With no care
They start to pull me apart,
Rip, and tear.**

Christopher Penton-Jones

Christmas Cake



The human was making the cake batter
With sugar, eggs, nuts, water
He put it in the tin and then in the oven
Till the cake rose bigger and bigger till it went bang,
And the oven was full of Christmas cake batter
I was all over the oven, but no one heard me splatter.
I was very sad, I was IN PAIN,
I was baking alive in a black dark cave
I was getting hotter and hotter
I was getting fatter and fatter
And then I went SPLAT on the walls of the cave. I was smoking
When the human came to get me out of the pit. I was all fat and black.
My nuts went here, my nuts went there.
Some hit the fan, I was getting no air.
The smoke started billowing from the vents in the cave
The face of the human looked ever so grave.
The human put me in the black bag of smelly smells
This was not the happy place they played jingle bells.

Nathaniel Bliss-Davis

Cara's Star

I'm a shimmering star and I glow in the sky,
People from Earth gaze up as I shine.
One day I heard a noise as I took a nap and right beside me were,
Two astronauts in their space hats.
They picked me up and took me to their rocket,
we zoomed down to Earth and I was put in a pocket!
Before I knew it, there I was, sitting on a shelf.
Days went past,
People walked by,
I was getting rather sad.
Then one day a girl appeared and put me in a bag.
She said "Hello, my name's Cara!"
Her mum also bought a bauble, tinsel and mince pies.
They took me home and told me that they had a surprise!
They put up a tree in the sitting room
And decorated it with,
The bauble and the tinsel and under were some gifts.
Cara's dad picked her up and she put me on the top,
They all smiled up at me and suddenly the lights went stop.

The whole room went dark and I closed my eyes.
In the middle of the night, I heard a noise.
The door creaked open and a man stepped in,
He laid down more presents and started to grin.
He took a drink and mince pie that we bought at the shop.
And before I knew it, he was off like a shot.
Soon it was morning time and the door opened once more,
Cara and her brothers dropped their old toys on the floor!
They had lots of sweets
And their new toys were neat!
I watched them for hours,
Giggle and laugh.
As they got in their jammies
Their mum took a lovely photograph!

By Millie Dennison

Christmas Tree

**Don't chop me down,
I want to stay with tree friends
I don't want to be packed
I don't want to be on top of your car
I don't want to go 'home'**

**I don't want decorating
I don't want any Christmas lights on me
I don't want any Christmas balls on my branches
I don't want any Christmas tinsel on me either
I want to stay in the forest
I want to stay in the ground so I can grow
I don't want to stand there in your house
When Christmas is over you will get rid of me
I want to stay in the forest with my family for Christmas
I don't want to stand there when you open your presents on Christmas Day**

**I just want to go home for Christmas
If you chop me down, how will I grow?
I don't want to be a Christmas tree
I just want to be a healthy tree.
When it snows I want the snow to fall on my leaves.
I don't want people to touch me
I don't want to be sold to people
I just want to live a happy life
I just want to be happy at Christmas
I don't want to feel sad on Christmas morning
When you look so happy at Christmas with family and friends**

**If I had one wish for Christmas,
Do you know what that wish would be?
To be a forest tree on Christmas Day
And not a Christmas Tree.**

***I hope everyone in the world has an amazing Christmas and a happy New Year
Toni-Anne Piper***

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place (actually from West Manse)
Keeping the folk of the North Isles ward informed — with Orkney's only councillor newsletter

Success! Albeit I had to concede a year's extension to my deadline, but at the General Meeting on the 7th December, my Notice of Motion, now reading "That the Council install as soon as practicable, but not later than the end of 2023, a 20mph zone or speed limit on the roads in the vicinity of each of those schools in Orkney that still do not have one", received unanimous support. A potential source of finance for the project has been identified within OIC's "Renewable Energy, Redevelopment & Regeneration Fund". I wish to thank my counter-signatories, Councillors Richards, Sankey, Scott, Cowie, Heddle, Craigie and Dawson, and I am grateful for the support I have received from parent councils and from Police Scotland. The lead-up and conclusion was extensively reported on *BBC Radio Orkney* and (not particularly accurately) in *The Orcadian*. If I am re-elected in May, I shall be working to ensure this deadline is met, so that Isles' pupils (North and South) will enjoy the same road-safety standards as are normal elsewhere.



Photograph by Wulfric Clackson

We had a full-on Policy & Resources Committee agenda, necessitating an additional "special" meeting to get through all the business. It was heartening to hear about a proposed new waste facility that "will enable the collection of a greater range of materials from both the Mainland and island communities and assist to moving towards an equitable service to all areas of Orkney". I said I would be keeping an eye on things to ensure that commitment to island communities and an equitable service to all areas of Orkney is not forgotten. I am aware that island recycling facilities are currently not being emptied in a timely manner, and I have been speaking to officials about this. If you see that a unit is about to fill up, please contact the Council on 01856-873535 without delay, or e-mail customerservice@orkney.gov.uk.

I've had a couple of other "behind the scenes meetings" with officials. A meeting was arranged between me and the senior leisure staff to discuss the situation with the Isles' swimming pools, and I've met Kane Davidson, our new Airfield Manager. Kane is appealing to Eday folk to apply to become airfield attendants, because if fewer than 3 trained personnel are available for duty at the airfield, flight operations cannot take place, and extra staff are also needed to cover for sickness and holidays.

(continued on next page)me.

I have been to two Christmas-tree lighting events. One was in Sanday and the other in Shapinsay, where the community council had invited me to speak. I told the crowd assembled outdoors about the origin of the Christmas tree, which goes back to AD 723 and the Devonian Saint Boniface, “Apostle to the Germans”, who has a church dedicated to him on Papa Westray.

Also “made in Devon” (in AD 1973) is the *Golden Mariana*, which is back doing sterling service while her Norwegian replacement (built AD 2012), *Nordic Sea* undergoes repairs.

At a public (“Teams”) meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, I asked the Stakeholder Manager of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority whether he will be engaging with communities north of the Pentland Firth when it comes to distributing socio-economic benefits. He said he will arrange a meeting with me.

Other meetings I have attended “virtually” this month include a Special Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting; a confidential meeting of members and the Chief Executive; and the community council meetings of Shapinsay, Stronsay, Eday, and Papa Westray.

We still have a few more meetings before the Christmas recess, the last being a Special General Meeting on 23rd December. After that, on 12th January, some of us will be gathering (“virtually”) with community council transport reps at the Air Forum and Ferry Forum meetings, to set timetables for next winter, to discuss transport service problems, and to try to initiate improvements. I’ve already mentioned our new Airfield Manager; we also have a new Ferry Services Manager, Helen Inkster.

May I wish everyone in the North Isles a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson,
West Manse, Sanday
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You can download *Letter from School Place* from lfsp.pbworks.com

DRAFT TIMETABLES 2021-2022

Draft timetables from Loganair and Orkney ferries (including the refit period) are displayed on the next 3 pages. Please contact Stronsay Community Council if you have any questions.

Winter Inter-Island Air Services Timetable 30 October 2022 - 18 February 2023

FLIGHT NUMBER	Monday					Tuesday					Wednesday								
	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710	711	712	714	705	706	715	707	
Kirkwall	LM	D	E	D	E									A			B		
dep	07:35	08:00	08:25	08:45	09:10	10:30	15:00	16:10	08:25	08:35	15:10	16:10	07:35	08:25	08:35	15:10	16:00	16:10	
arr				08:54	09:19						15:19		08:34						
Stromsay	dep			09:01	09:26						15:26		08:41						
arr				09:06	09:31		15:23		08:38		15:31		08:40		15:23				
Sanday	dep			09:13	09:38		15:30		08:45		15:38		08:53		15:30				
arr																			
North Ronaldsay	dep	07:52	08:17		10:47		16:27	07:52					09:30	14:35			16:27		
arr													09:37	14:42			16:34		
Westray	dep	07:59	08:24		10:54		16:34	07:59					08:50						
arr													08:57						
Westray	dep			08:40					08:50				08:57						
arr				08:47					08:57				08:59		15:15				
Papa Westray	dep			08:49		11:04	15:15		08:59	15:15			09:06		15:24				
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Eday	dep	08:08	08:34				15:35		08:50								16:10		
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Stromsay	dep																		
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Kirkwall	dep	08:28	08:51	09:11	09:28	09:51	11:26	13:48	09:21	09:21	15:46	15:51	08:16	09:08	09:21	09:47	14:52	15:48	15:51
arr																			

FLIGHT NUMBER	Thursday					Friday					Saturday					Saturday Refill (6 Jan - 5 March 2023)										
	701	708	709	716	705	710	707	701	711	709	730	705	706	707	702	719	720	721	722	723	724	725	726	727	728	729
Kirkwall	LM	dep	07:35	08:25	08:35	12:15	15:00	15:10	08:25	08:35	14:00	15:00	15:10	16:10	08:25	09:30	10:30	15:10	08:00	09:10	10:20	14:00C	15:00C	16:10C	13:45	15:05
Stromsay	arr					15:19		08:34																		
Stromsay	dep					15:26		08:41																		
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A - Operates 16 November 2022 - 11 January 2023 (Eday Wednesday departure time subject to change due to operation of services during daylight hours)

B - Operates 26 October - 09 November 2022 and from 18 January - 22 February 2023

C - Please note - these flights will operate 30 minutes earlier on the 7 and 14 Jan 2023

D - 24 October - 28 November 2022 and 23 January - 13 February 2023

E - 3 December 2022 - 15 January 2023

Monday, arr and to Eday during school term only - bookings can be made on the Eday, Monday, morning flight, subject to North Ronaldsay, however this is subject to a refund from 03:55 - 14:50 for day sector departure.

Sunday - Flight drop-off/stop on request. Bookings from Sanday and Stromsay may only be made after 12:00 on Fridays until 12:00 on Sunday.

North Ronaldsay 07:30:00 and 16:10 departures - these flights operate during the hours of darkness and due to associated legislation, times may change to operate during daylight hours. Loganair will inform all booked passengers of the flight time change in advance. In the event that the flights are changed, the departure times from Kirkwall are as follows:

Evening Flight	Mon-Fri	Morning Flight	Mon	Tue-Fri
7 November 2022 - 20 January 2023	14:00		10:10	
8 December 2022 - 23 January 2023				

Ro-Ro timetable covering the refit period Outer North Isles service
From Sunday 08 January 2023 until 11 March 2023.
 but it may extend beyond this date, following which sailings will revert to normal published timetable.

◆◆ Sailings could be subject to delays due to cargo operations ◆◆

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kirkwall dep		0740A 0720A	0740B 0720B	0740B 0720B	0740B 0720B	0720B	0800B N
Eday arr			0855		0855		
Eday dep			0905B		0905B		R
Sanday arr			0925		0925		O
Sanday dep			0935B		0935B		N
Stronsay arr		0920	1010	0920	1010		0940 A
Stronsay dep		0930A	1020B	0930B	1020B	0730B	0955B L
Sanday arr		1005		1005			1030 D
Sanday dep		1015A		1015B			1040B S
Eday arr		1035		1035		0805	1100 A
Eday dep		1045A		1045B		0820B	1110B Y
Westray arr		0845	0845	0845	0845	0845	
Westray dep		0900A	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900B	
Kirkwall arr		1200 1025	1200 1025	1200 1025	1200 1025	0935 1025	1225
Kirkwall dep		1040	1040 1330	1035	1300	1010 1045	
Sanday arr		1205		1200			
Sanday dep		1215		1210			
Stronsay arr			1220	1245			
Stronsay dep			1230	1255			
Eday arr		1235				1125	
Eday dep		1245				1135	
Sanday arr			1305			1155	
Sanday dep			1315			1205	
Westray arr			1455		1425		
Westray dep			1505		1435		
P. Westray arr			1545			1235	
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A - All bookings (including passengers) must be booked before 1400hrs on Saturday B- All bookings (including passengers) must be booked before 1600hrs the day before sailing. All other bookings (including passengers) must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall.

Notes:

1. All enquiries must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone 01856 872044.
2. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure, passengers 10 minutes before departure.
3. A weekly service will be carried out to North Ronaldsay, weather permitting. As departure times vary from week to week, see reverse for proposed sailings.
4. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
5. No Show Charges - All cancellations must be made at least 24 hours before the intended time of travel or full charges may apply.

For information on these services contact Ferry Service, Shore Street, Kirkwall.
 Telephone: 01856 872044, Fax: 01856 872921, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 27 September 2022 – 6 May 2023

(Sailings subject to alteration during the Christmas and New Year period)
(This timetable will not operate during the reft periods of 'Earl Thormin', 'Earl Sigurd' and 'Varagen' which will commence on 8 January 2023 until 11 March 2023)

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Records of a bygone age

The first S.S. Saint Rognvald – Part 3

A common theme in all the passengers' accounts of the grounding of the Rognvald and of their subsequent rescue was praise for the Twatt family of Odiness farm and the families of neighbouring farms, who had done everything humanly possible to attend to their welfare. One of many such notes of thanks was recorded in the Orkney Herald at the time, contained in a 'Letter to the Editor' from one of the Rognvald's passenger that night, a gentleman from the island of Whalsay:

A PASSENGER'S THANKS,

Dear Mr Editor,

Be pleased through the columns of your paper, to tender our sincere thanks to Mrs James Twatt and family, also the nearby farms, for their Christian Benevolence in attending to our wants, both inwardly and outwardly, on the morning of our ship wreck and stranding. Many of us were only half clad and some wet through.

A.I., Whalsay, Shetland

The following month, on the 8th of May, the wreck of the St Rognvald was offered for sale by public auction at Kirkwall. As she was now completely underwater in a difficult location and also badly holed, bidding was slow and she was eventually bought by Kirkwall merchant James Tait for £79. It was reported that some other articles which had been salvaged off the wreck, including some furnishings, realised good prices.

Mr Tait later employed the services of a diver and also engaged a salvage steamer to see if it was possible firstly to refloat the St Rognvald, which seemed highly unlikely, and secondly to try to salvage as much of the vessel as possible. It did indeed prove impossible to refloat the vessel and I can find no record of how much was salvaged but, although she is now badly broken up, much of the wreckage can still be seen by those diving in the area. The largest section is about 40m long and the engine, the boiler and some of the other larger parts of the ship are apparently still clearly visible in 6-8 metres of water, which makes it a good and popular dive site.

A Board of Trade inquiry into the wreck of the St Rognvald opened at Aberdeen on 29th of May that year. Giving evidence at the enquiry John Masson, the captain of the Rognvald at the time of the incident, gave evidence, saying that the first mate James Leask was in charge of the ship at the time she ran ashore. He was unable to say whether there was enough fog at the time to affect visibility to the extent that land couldn't be seen and also stated that he couldn't understand why the ship should have been so far off course. He also said that he had been in command of vessels on the same voyage for 41 years and had never found his course affected to such an extent. The first and second mates were then questioned regarding the course they had steered but neither of them could account for her going ashore. At the end of the enquiry the Board of Trade's findings were that the St Rognvald had been navigated at too great a speed considering the state of the weather and the circumstances of the locality. It also found that the first officer in charge of the vessel had failed to navigate her in a proper manner.

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The loss of the vessel was attributed to James Leask, the first mate, and his certificate was suspended for three months, while no blame was attached to the captain, John Masson.

Very soon after the St Rognvald was wrecked, the North of Scotland Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company, to give them their full name once again, approached the Aberdeen Steam Navigation company seeking to charter a temporary replacement for the St Rognvald on the North run. The vessel that was agreed short-term was the steamship Ban-Righ and she carried out the service for a number of weeks until she was replaced by the steamship City of Aberdeen, which was to continue the service for several months.

The North Company were by now looking to build a replacement for the St Rognvald; this new vessel was to be 10 feet shorter, have 3 feet more beam and be of less draft than the old Rognvald, but able to carry more cargo. Her specifications included all the most recent improvements in hull and engine design, with extensive accommodation for first and second class passengers. About 20 shipbuilders in the United Kingdom tendered for the vessel but the successful company was again Hall, Russell and Company of Aberdeen who had built the old St Rognvald. Little more than a year after the St Rognvald met her end on Burgh Head, the new ship was ready, being launched in Aberdeen in May 1901 and being given the honour of carrying on the name of St Rognvald, a name that two more of this ship's successors were also to carry.

Part of the aft deckhouse of the St Rognvald was one of a number of items salvaged from the wreck and it was later erected in the garden of a house in Dundas Crescent in Kirkwall. This house had been built by George Robertson, who was the founder and later manager of the Orkney Steam Navigation Company Ltd, later to become the Orkney Islands Shipping Company, the forerunner of today's Orkney Ferries. George and the Company's vessels were heavily involved in salvage operations and it may well have been through his connections with this that he acquired the part of the deckhouse known as the Smoking Room. When this house was sold, the deck house was included in the title deeds as follows: *'the dwelling house and other buildings erected thereon including the small wooden house known as the Smoking Room in the garden forming part of the subject hereby disposed.'*



*Part of the deck house (the 'Smoking Room') off the Saint Rognvald
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Sadly, when the current owners bought the house, it was found that the deckhouse had suffered too many years of neglect and was beyond repair so it had to be dismantled and disposed of. Many thanks to Erlend Johnston for the information and photo regarding this relic of the past.

Another, and possibly the last, visible reminder of the St Rognvald is a charming little summer house in another Kirkwall garden, this time in Willow Road, and I was delighted to be allowed to take some photos and to hear a little of its history from the owner.



A beautiful little summerhouse made out of part of the deck house of the St Rognvald

It too had fallen into disrepair but had still been in good enough condition to enable it to be renovated, which had been done to great effect. The roof of the summerhouse consisted of skylights with a lovely etched glass design which could all have been swung open on brass sliders while the side windows, also of patterned glass, were protected by removable wooden shutters with brass rails, presumably to protect the glass from heavy seas. On studying photos of the old St Rognvald, I think this may well have been the ventilation housing off the top of the deckhouse and is a fascinating reminder of a proud old ship in her glory days.

Ian Cooper
December 2021

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Andy & I would like to wish all our friends on Stronsay a very happy Christmas season, & send our best wishes for 2022.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am going to be retiring in February next year. It will coincide with my 60th birthday, & I have amassed 41 years nursing in the NHS, so it feels like the time is right. It has been my privilege to be your island nurse for the last 9 years & I thank you all for your support during that time.

Shirley Whiteman.

Flora & Butch, wish all their friends and neighbours in Stronsay, A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Pam & Ken would like to wish all their friends in Stronsay a happy and germ-free (!) Christmas and 2022. Take care and have fun everyone.

To everyone who knows me and Christopher and those that don't yet a happy Christmas and a happy Hogmanay. Let's hope we all have a fantastic year.

John Penton-Jones

Wishing everyone on Stronsay a merry Christmas and a happy new year from Paul Williams and family.

Chris & Debbie would like to wish all their Customers, Friends & family, A Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.

We would like to thank everybody for their continued support over the past year.

Best wishes for safe and joyful New Year and celebrations to all in Stronsay. Simone.

Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles would like to wish all customers the very best for the festive season and for 2022 and to thank them for their custom throughout the year.

John & Sue send Christmas & New Year greetings to all their friends. Thanks for all the bird reports!

The Limpet's editor (and his cat) send Christmas greetings to all readers of the Limpet wherever they may be with the hope that that the New Year will bring better times for all.

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FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

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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.

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)

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

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Thank You!

From the Shoe Box Appeal 2021.

A total of 44 shoe boxes were collected,
including those filled by donations
to the Kirk, shops and school.

Thank you to everyone who donated,
hosted collections, sorted, packed
and delivered.



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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 vacted. 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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BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

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£35K each. Planning in principle for 2/3 bed bungalow plus 2 parking spaces. Electricity and water supplies are on site.

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

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Half portion of chips	£0.80
Portion of cheesy chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips	£1.10
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The Stronsay Community Association would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us in 2021; through hiring the hall or coming along to events! This really helps a lot and makes a huge difference in such a small community, thank you for supporting your local community hall.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



We are always looking to improve and appreciate any feedback where possible or any suggestions for what you would like to see in the hall in the future:



Find us on Facebook: [Stronsay Community Association](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 24th November Peedie Library 2:30-4:30 in the Church Hall
- 25th November - Stronsay Stitchers at 7:30pm in the Church Hall
- 27th November - Christmas Craft Fair at 1pm in the Community Hall
- 4th December - Tree lighting at the Community Hall
- 11th December - Community Christmas Party at 1pm in the Community Hall.
- 12th December - Carols by Candlelight at 6pm in the Church Hall.
- 24th December - Watchnight Service at 11.30 pm in the Church.
- 25th December - Short Informal Service at 10 am in the Church Hall.

See the Visit Stronsay calendar (<https://visitstronsay.com/events>) for fuller details

Announcements by charities, local groups, clubs and organisations are FREE!

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

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STRONSAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2021

On behalf of Stronsay's craft folk I would like to offer a well earned thank you to Stronsay Community Association for hosting the Stronsay Christmas Craft Fair 2021. We would also like to thank everyone who came along to support this event and to buy locally; it is very much appreciated. Finally, I would like to give thanks that we continue to have a thriving crafting community in Stronsay.

Simone



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MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS IN 2021 & 2022

20 December 2021 and in 2022:

28 February, 25 April, 20 June, 15 August, 10 October, 28 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,
email library@orkney.gov.uk or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30

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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 stronsay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk.
- 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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

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



For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter (Tel: 616263 or Email: annemaree.carter@btinternet.com)

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

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

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

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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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Lifeguards Wanted

Stronsay swimming pool is looking for enthusiastic, reliable and conscientious people to become part of the pool team.

We will train you using the national standard RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification and in return all we ask is you help us keep our small pool open and sustainable.

The ability to swim and a degree of fitness is required before you start your journey into 'lifeguard life.'

Any interested parties should contact Andy Rose by email andyrose85@btinternet.com phone 01857616277 or mobile 07769689310.

Overseers wanted

Looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool reopening please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331.

Pool opening.

Watch out for opening times in the New Year (Covid restrictions dependent)!

Charges - £15 for a 40-minute session or £20 for a 60 minute session

Maximum number in the pool - 12

To book, phone Elsie on 616238 or 0780 355 2441.

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HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores stromsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com

Stromsay Hotel cjdbuk@gmail.com

Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

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 STROMSAY **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stromsay.

<http://www.papastromsay.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.

STROMSAY KIRK

Weekly service at 11am.

Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284.

Stromsay kirk's website:

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

Stromsay kirk's Facebook page:

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

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Sunday 12th December 2021

The Manse, Stronsay KW17 2AF **KIRK CORNER**

DLocke@churchofscotland.org.uk

01857 616284



Happy Christmas everybody?!

the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. [Luke 2 v 10]



'The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means 'God with us'. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. [God's] Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us ...full of grace and truth [John 1 v9,14]

Two storms have hit us of late and now the potential for another Omicron covid storm described by politicians as a possible tsunami. Well, we survived the first two storms, and we can hope and pray we will the next one. But we have to take once again more precautions. It's hard but the one thing that cannot be cancelled is Christmas, the coming of Jesus to light up darkness especially in our hearts.

Today was the third Sunday of Advent and we lit our candles to highlight how His light can still shine out amidst the darkness. Despite the worries, moments of joy can be found. Even Jesus and his family in the original Christmas faced tough times: an invading army, homelessness, disease, poverty- but the joy, hope, love and inner peace shines out to and from them, as it can to and from us.

At Christmas we can hear again the truth that God came from heaven as one like us, to share real life with us, its joys and hardships, and share His grace, hope, peace, joy, love, and truth. In the Christmas bible readings, although there is much fear, trouble, doubt and worry, joy is also found, and a key message repeatedly comes across; do not be afraid. Jesus is Immanuel- God with us - and the good news is not just for good churchy people, but all people. 'Do not be afraid, is a message that seemingly is repeated in the bible some 365 times. So, whatever is going on, know Jesus comes not to condemn but to help you, not escape life's trials, but find inner strength and spirit; and yes, even moments of peace, hope and joy amidst the worries around. Immanuel

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Our church outside lights are up thanks to the efforts of a good few folk and a generous donation from Cook Aqua to help brighten up the middle of the island at this time; maybe drive by at night and let the lights shine out to you. At the centre of each of the church pictures here of course is the Christmas scene of Jesus and his parents; the real source of light has come into our world and can bring light amidst darkness, when people look again and let the light in

to guide them, just as wise men in due course followed the star they saw.

Our church services on Boxing Day and the 2nd of January should be online services on Facebook, to help us all see something of the light wherever we are. May the light of Christ's coming shine out to you anew, and through you to others. I pray you have a blessed Christmas.

David Rev David I W Locke. MA M.Sc., BD

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POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Special collection.	Week beginning 14 Feb 2022
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 . . .	Weekly service at 11am
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

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Ebenezer stores	616339	Taxi	616335
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	or 07917 191 797	Balfour hospital (24/7) . . .	01856 888000
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