

STRONSAY LIMPET

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TIMETABLES

Loganair - interisland timetable 20 Feb 2023 to 28 Oct 2023
Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 26 Sep 2022 to 6 May 2023
Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 8 Jan 2023 to 11 Mar 2023
Orkney Ferries - summer timetable 7 May 2023 to 24 Sep 2023
Orkney Ferries - North Isles excursions 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 30 Mar
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CAROLINE BUNCE

If anyone would like to contact Caroline Bunce, partner of the late Linda Smith, please let me know and I will forward your details.

Editor, Stronsay Limpet (editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk)

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Up coming events - Dates for your diary.

Friday 24th March - AGM

Saturday 6th May - Treasure Hunt.

Saturday 13th May - Craft Fair.

Saturday 17th June - North Isles Sports followed by Dance to Stronsay Band.

August 19th/20th - Massive Weekend

Saturday 23rd September - Bingo night

Saturday 7th October - Deal or No Deal Quiz Show.

Saturday 4th November - Bonfire Night.

Saturday 25th November - Christmas Craft Fair.

Saturday 2nd December - Christmas Tree Lighting

GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

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

The next edition of the <u>Limpet</u> will be published on <u>Fri 31 Mar 2023</u>. Items for inclusion should be sent to <u>editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk</u>, the deadline is 7pm on that date. The postal address of the <u>Limpet</u> is "Stronsay Limpet, Claremont, KW17 2AR".

<u>SSEN Distribution statement – Stronsay power outages</u>

Last Tuesday a fault developed at our substation on Stronsay, affecting supplies to 222 properties. To restore supplies and minimise the impact to homes and businesses, temporary mobile generation has been brought in as an interim measure. This is currently powering all homes and businesses on the islands with refuelling and resource plans in place to maintain supply. An additional mobile generator will also arrive on Stronsay tomorrow for contingency purposes.

To further protect the stability of power supplies to homes and businesses, and prevent additional power cuts, we have asked embedded generators on Stronsay to temporarily limit their export at this time.

Investigations with a view to conducting permanent repairs are ongoing and we will share further timescales as they are known, alongside continued dialogue with all affected generators.

A spokesperson from SSEN Distribution said:

"We would like to apologise to all our customers on Stronsay for the impact this fault has caused. Our engineers are doing all they can to identify, and repair, the fault as quickly as possible, while ensuring homes and business remain powered through mobile generation.

"We remain in dialogue with the generators affected and will provide an update on the restoration of permanent supplies as soon as investigations are fully complete."

I hope this information is useful.

Kind regards,

Georgina

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SSEN ON STRONSAY

Photographs of the temporary SSEN mobile generators which arrived last week and continue to provide the island's supply 24/7. Also Stronsay's SSEN sub-stations (permanent & mobile)

(photographs from Roger Neville-Smith)







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Tuesday 28 February 2023 The Manse, Stronsay KW17 2AF KIRK CORNER DLocke@churchofscotland.org.uk 01857 616284



STEONSAY, MEN

Hello again everyone.

Its now the period of Lent, marking the 40 days before Easter when people traditionally remember how Jesus prepared himself for 40 days in the desert being tested and tempted, yet grew stronger ultimately. Many Christians therefor use the period after the feasting on Pancake Tuesday to resist some temptation or try to grow better in some aspect of their life; or grow stronger in faith and closer to God. Lent can be a helpful time of growth, building or rebuilding.

At this time we are seeking to make the church building a little better by restoring the kitchen

area to its former health with usable facilities, and insulation to help heating. This involved the stripping of the walls' decayed surface decoration and while doing this Mike Erdman found stored and hidden in the walls a lemonade bottle with some old messages in it. They were clearly placed there by the men who built this part of the church around 1954/55. It was a bottle of lemonade, appropriately named 'Kirkwall' Garden lemonade, dated 1954. There were also 2 geriatric shuttlecocks, probably reflecting the badminton that was played in the church at that time. But the really important bit for us today, are the names of the people who worked on the church; their names are preserved on 2 pieces of handwritten paper; details are slightly worn so if anyone sees any corrections needed please

let me know.

Stronsay Men working at Kirk: John Miller, Sn., Labourer; Sam Reid, Labourer; John Pottinger, Labourer; James Work, Labourer; George Burgess, Driver; John Miller Jn., Apprentice



James Mowitt, Evie, Mason; Ned Dunnet. South Ronaldsay, Mason; Leslie Firth, Sandwick, joiner, James Harvey, Twatt, joiner; Ronald Ganson Sandwick, Apprentice mason; Francis Craigie, Rousay, joiner.

The names show how interdependent the island was with the Mainland, with skilled trades coming from Mainland to help.

We could add to those names, others involved; like the original architect Leslie Grahame MacDougall; or the designer of the Good Shepherd stained glass window, Marjory Kemp; and of course Alexander Moncur whose bequest funded the work and whose grandfather, James Mudie, had been minister of the parish. Those names are however usually the ones written in the history books, but today we honour the names of people more often not mentioned in history books; those whose hard work and labour physically built the church. Indeed, the church is built on the ground of the previous United Presbyterian Church which reminds us that ultimately it is all the people who have served church and community through the ages that are the real building blocks.

Our discovery reminds us especially how important each worker was, leaving a lasting legacy, not just his name, but his work on the church which has recognised architectural and other importance to our island. Each will have added to the community in other ways as well, including seemingly fun in badminton! It makes me wonder what legacy do we leave – not money but what good will we leave our community, where will our names be remembered for good?

I confess that as a boy I carved my initials under an upstairs pew in a church where my school assemblies were held - shocking I know; and its no defence to say the assembly was boring! I hope and pray I can leave something better than that! The more important legacies are perhaps whatever for the community we have helped build, like these men; or what we have written on other people's hearts for good?

Thankfully God remembers the good we have done even when others do not see it. Saint Paul said to early Christians- "you are God's building", and one of the continuing themes of Christianity is that ultimately church is not about buildings but about people. Buildings help people do things, like worship, gather, sing, share, get warm and organised But Jesus said it was on the faith of someone ordinary like Peter that his church would ultimately be built. So the people who helped build in faith our church are important and we honour these names above at this time, for their contribution to church and community.

One of the positive legacies of the church might be the help the church has given people over the years, including our latest attempt to help those struggling with financial pressures imposed by the cost of fuel. Here is an update on the details given in last month's Limpet about our plans to distribute the grant we received from the Household Hardship Fund, for a fuel poverty grant. We received 68 applications for our fuel poverty grant, which meant that including residual admin money left over after postage and printing costs, we were able to give everyone who applied £75 each. People seemed very appreciative and we in turn are very grateful to Viv Erdman for overseeing all of this.

Inspired by the bottle finding, some have suggested that to mark the King's Coronation in May, we might place a time capsule in the church grounds with mementos of church and life in Stronsay at this time. What do people think, and what should go in it?

May this time of Lent help build you up in the grace, goodness and warmth God wants you to have and share in our community.

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







British Science Week 10th-19th March 2023 "Connections"

During Science Week, families with children will be receiving activity packs that will promote connections with nature, wildlife and each other. They will include grow your own kits, rock painting, recording wildlife, shoreline searches and guides and craft.

If anyone else would like a kit to encourage nature activities, or to bring the outdoors inside, please contact Louise McQuaid.

sdtprojectofficer@gmail.com



Research visit

The Ideas Fund is a grants programme run by the British Science Association and funded by Wellcome, which enables the UK public to develop and try out ideas that address problems related to mental wellbeing by working with researchers.

Our researcher wants to speak to community members about what activities they already engage in as well as what they would like to see more of.

We would love to visit any existing groups, particularly walking groups, horticulture and growers, sewing and craft, sea swimming, birdwatching and heritage projects, as well as interested individuals and wellbeing co-ordinators.

Monday 24th April - Westray

Tuesday 25th April - Papa Westray (day), Westray (evening)

Wednesday 26th April - Stronsay (evening)

Thursday 27th April - Stronsay (day)

Friday 28th April - North Ronaldsay

If you have a group on your island who would be willing to have a PhD researcher visit and take part in an activity or talk, a school visit, or individuals who want to be involved in shaping future activities, please get in touch.

Louise McQuaid, project officer sdtprojectofficer@gmail.com

Andy Harrod, project researcher a harrod1@lancaster.ac.uk

Extended to 28th March



CRIME STRONSAY. WOULD A "SPECIAL" HELP?

Facebook's Stronsay page (open to the public) recently included alleged theft of fuel and damage to property. By national standards crime levels are very low in Orkney but any anti-social activity can cause distress and cost. In an emergency to whom should we turn? The insurance firm, our trusted family and neighbours, faith leaders or for some the police off island!

The Orkney Local Police Plan 2020 – 23 says on page 17

"Special constables are a valued member of our team and we are continually seeking to enhance the numbers in the area".

A Teams based recruitment drive was held in 2021 (Orcadian 27 Jan) but with little success. In Scotland the number of Special Constables has reduced from 1394 in 2014 to 423 on 6 Feb 2023. What can be done to reverse this trend? There is no longer an upper age restriction and a commitment is made towards having equal opportunities within the Police Service.

Stronsay formerly had its own police station and lock-up in Whitehall and later special constables.

Should there not be a national Police Scotland strategy to place in all isolated communities with over a certain population (say 100) a special constable?

Currently the allowance given akins to volunteer expenses like retained fire fighters. 8 of the 10 Orkney fire stations (not Stronsay) cannot find enough retained fire fighters. Most community council clerks in Orkney are remunerated with nominal payments but others, as in Stronsay, are given additional hours and responsibilities and are paid accordingly. I suggest the same should happen to appointing additional Special Constables in these isolated communities like Stronsay.

If anyone thinks there is a role for the Community Council in advancing ways to reduce crime and anti social behaviour please let your, Councillors, MSP, MP know your ideas.

Leo Martini-Brown lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

A KINDLY REMINDER FROM GERAMOUNT SURGERY

We understand that on occasions you cannot attend your booked appointment at the surgery, but if for whatever reason you cannot attend your appointment, could we please ask that you inform the surgery as soon as possible. This then allows the appointment to be given to another patient.

If you see something in the Limpet that is inaccurate or no longer valid please drop a line to "*The Editor, Claremont KW17 2AR*" or email editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk

Records of a Bygone Age The Church in Stronsay – Part 1

For well over a thousand years the Church has played an important role in life in Orkney and, while there is no exact date for the coming of Christianity to the isles, there is some evidence to suggest that Irish monks had visited the islands, some possibly even settling here, by the early 700s.

According to the Orkneyinga Saga, in 995 AD the Viking Olaf Tryggvason was returning to Norway after a long voyage plundering along the British coast. He called in along Orkney on his way north and there encountered Orkney's Earl Sigurd at Osmundswall in South Walls. Earl Sigurd and his followers were trapped in the narrow bay and the Earl was ordered to come aboard Olaf Tryggvason's ship, now anchored nearby. On his recent journey of plunder Olaf had been converted to Christianity and baptised and was keen to share his new found faith with as many others as possible. On Sigurd's arrival aboard ship Olaf informed Sigurd that "I want you and all your subjects to become Christians and be baptised". Not an unreasonable request you would think, given his new found faith and fervour, but the caveat that followed was a little less reasonable and certainly owed little to Christian principles! Olaf followed up this request by stating "If you refuse I'll have you killed on the spot and I swear that I'll ravage every island with fire and with steel." This gentle persuasion seemed to have the desired effect and after that, the Saga tells us, "all Orkney embraced the Faith."

Orkney was still under Norse ownership at this time, and Papa Stronsay still known by the Norse name of *Papey Minni* or *Papey in Litla* "the little island of the priests". By 995 monks could well have been in residence on the fertile little island for nigh on 300 years and continued to live on the island until at least 1045. When this Priestly presence came to an end it was to be a long time – possibly more than 900 years – until Papa Stronsay was to turn full circle and be inhabited once again by monks. These monks were The Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer (Transalpine Redemptorists) who had been looking for a new base for their Monastery and the peace and solitude of Papa Stronsay, coupled with the strong links to the island's Monastic past, led them to purchase the island in 1999 and set up their new Monastery there.

Papa Stronsay has a wealth of archaeological sites and one of those sites is Saint Nicholas' Chapel on the south east corner of Papa Stronsay. This chapel was thought to date from the 11th century but, after the Chapel had been abandoned in the 16th century, it was used as a farm building for many years, Then, in the late 18th century or early 19th century the building was demolished and the stones used to erect farm buildings at the home farm.

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In the late 1990s funding was received for an archaeological dig at the site where by now there was little to be seen but a few random stones sticking through the turf here and there. The dig proceeded over two or three summers and quickly (in 'dig' terms at least) revealed the form of the old Chapel. More excitingly, as the dig proceeded it was found that St Nicholas' Chapel had been built on top of the remains of a previous Church, thought to date from the 8th century, and the remains of further stone buildings were excavated nearby. It was thought by the team of archaeologists that this could possibly be the remains of a Pictish monastery, with the cells of the Pictish monks nearby.

A short distance west of St Nicholas' Chapel, located in what is now the farm house garden, was another chapel site, this time dedicated to St Bride. John Scott, a former tenant of Papa Stronsay told of how the shop and ice-cream parlour erected in Papa Stronsay during the herring fishing boom was built on top of the remains of St Bride's Kirk and this site too was partially excavated in 2000.

Stronsay was divided into 3 parishes; St Peter's, comprising of the north end of the island, including Papa Stronsay, the Huip Holm, Linga Holm and Little Linga Holm; Lady Parish, which embraced the centre of the island plus the whole of the Rothiesholm Peninsula, and St Nicholas, formed by the south end of the island, the district of Everbay and the island of Auskerry. Each of these parishes had their own Parish Church with a cemetery alongside, with St Nicholas' Parish apparently being regarded as the most important and valuable of those. Indeed the post of Priest at St Nicholas' appears to have been tied to the role of Treasurer for the Church in Orkney, a quite prestigious position.

The remains of St Peter's Kirk is out along the shore to the north-west of Whitehall Village and is described in 'The Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Scotland' as:

The walled graveyard E of Whitehall village occupies a situation characteristic of the Orkney 'Peterkirks'. The church foundation was said to be traceable in 1879, but the graveyard is now hopelessly confused and overgrown. The walled enclosure occupies the E Slope of an extensive settlement mound, which rises rather higher to the W of it. This mound fills the space between the shore and a shallow loch and extends 25m W of the graveyard wall, reaching a height of 2.5m above loch level. On the seaward side the mound shows a series of rectilinear wall-footings, while on the lower slope above the loch, a curved wall face and some erect slabs indicate prehistoric structures.

Moving on briefly to the 1980s, an OIC 'special projects' team was tasked with tidying up St Peter's Kirkyard, which had been badly neglected since it was last used for burials in the 1930s. The team had been instructed to set any loose but still intact stones lying within the burial ground up against the boundary wall and to toss any broken ones over the dyke onto the shore. This they did to the letter, even though one of the broken stones disposed of in this way had a quite legible carving and inscription on it. Luckily both parts of the broken stone were spotted and rescued from the shore by Tom Shearer of Seafield, who carried them home with him for safekeeping.

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Steve Weaver admiring the Pottinger Stone from Stronsay's old St Peter's Kirk, now on display in the Orkney Museum in Kirkwall

Future research by Tom led him to believe this was an Armorial Stone that had originally been built in the gable wall of St Peter's Church in that area. The Pottinger family, who rented the farm of Whitehall where the St Peter's site lies, had taken the stone with them when they moved to the neighbouring farm of Huip and, when they later left the island, they returned it to the St Peter's Kirkyard. It must have become broken at some point in these travels and so got thrown onto the shore where Tom found the bits and rescued them.

They lay at Seafield for a while and then Morris Pottinger, one of the Stronsay Pottinger family now living in Caithness, heard about it and asked if he could take the stone away and get it repaired, then return it to Stronsay. Tom believed that Mr Pottinger had indeed got the stone repaired but, as there seemed no suitable place in Stronsay to display it at the time, had then loaned it to the Orkney Museum at Tankerness House in Kirkwall.

Steve Weaver, who has a great interest in archaeology, heard the tale and decided to investigate! Next time he was in Kirkwall he enquired about the stone at the museum and the assistant could confirm they had indeed received it on loan many years previously but was having difficulty in locating its current whereabouts. She told Steve she would continue to search the records to see if she could track it down so Steve went for a wander through the museum while he was waiting. Imagine his surprise and delight when he spotted the missing stone on display among others of a similar ilk in a glass case in an upstairs room in the museum!

With plans for a new Heritage Centre in Stronsay now well under way, it would be great to see the stone back in Stronsay at some point and also to have the symbols on the stone interpreted.

Ian Cooper, February 2023

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A monthly report from your councillor in the golden jubilee year of the MV Golden Mariana

According to folk wisdom:

If Candlemas Day be dry and fair, Half the winter's to come and mair. If Candlemas Day be wet and foul, Half o' winter's gane at Yule.

Well, the weather was pretty foul this Candlemas (2nd February), yet, apart from the flowering snowdrops, I've noticed little sign of winter coming to an end. It can be no coincidence that "Groundhog Day", observed at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and made famous by the eponymous film, is held on the same date. According to English Heritage, in medieval times, festive adornments were left up until Candlemas Day rather than being taken down at Twelfth Night. At the West Manse, we have followed this tradition, partly out of laziness and partly because it keeps the house bright inside when it is dull outside.

A combination of factors, including ferry cancellations, has meant that I've mainly been doing meetings virtually, which I don't like doing (not being an enthusiastic "Teams player"). These have included all the community council meetings I've attended this month: Papay; Stronsay; and Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay. I'd like to start getting around the Isles more in person, as soon as I can. At Westray School's Parent Council meeting, Vscene threw me out half-way through the agenda during the Head Teacher's Update! I must belatedly welcome Westray's new headmaster, Dr Tim Ross. Tim's father, Dr Bill Ross was formerly Principal of Orkney College, and I got to know him through my membership of the College Management Council. (There was a photograph of us together in the October 2018 issue of my Letter.) All three of us are PhDs in physics.

At the Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting, I congratulated the staff of Rousay School on their good internal audit report, which had only two recommendations, and both of those were low priority. Well done to all concerned.

The Education, Leisure & Housing Committee appointed me to the Health & Wellbeing Census Short-Life Working Group.

At the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, I managed to ensure the continuation of the 50% second-home discount (that I instigated 4 years ago) which applies where a person's sole or main residence in Orkney is separated from their place of work by a body of water, the transport provision over which does not permit daily commuting between their sole or main residence and their place of work, and where they occupy a second home in Orkney to enable them to maintain that employment. I was also assured that our island swimming pools will be included under the refurbishment of leisure facilities in the Council's Delivery Plan for 2023-2028.

Other meetings I have attended this month include seminars on *The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018* and the *Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015*, the draft Council Plan, the Council's Delivery Plan, and our forthcoming budget; a meeting of the First Responders (Isles) Group; and a meeting of the House Working Group (to which I was recently appointed). The House Working Group has nothing to do with housing, but concerns itself with councillor facilities at School Place.

OIC has a launched a cost-of-living crisis funding scheme, which will award £200 to each eligible household. Those on certain means-tested benefits (e.g. council tax reduction or free school meals) will receive payments directly. Otherwise, you need to apply. The eligibility criteria can be obtained from the Council and are based on the Scottish Government's suggested low income threshold (which, incidentally, is higher than the basic councillor salary!) but your savings must be less than £6,000.

If like me, you thought you'd used up the last of your non-barcoded definitive postage stamps sending Christmas cards, but then found some more, the good news is that the Royal Mail has extended the deadline for using them to the 31st July.

I shall end with what appears to be good news. Deputy First Minister, John Swinney has announced that the Scottish Government will fully fund the costs of running our ferry fleet. That is **not**, of course, a promise to **replace** our ferry fleet.

We are now in Lent, a 40-day opportunity to shed the lbs gained over the Christmas period, although beware Easter chocolate reversing your efforts once it's over.

Clir Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB
West Manse, Sanday
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Letter from School Place is also available on-line at clackson.info

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FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

PRIVATE TUITION

I am offering private tuition in a range of subjects to all school-age pupils and adult learners on a 1:1 or small group basis. I am available to teach all primary subjects, including reading, writing, spelling and numeracy, and English for BGE and Senior Phase pupils. I am happy to liaise with class teachers at Stronsay Junior High School in order to support progress towards targets and estimated grades, if a client (and parents/carers) are willing for this to occur.

I am also available to teach adult literacy and Higher/ Advanced Higher English or to lead a community literary appreciation class now again if there is enough interest.

As a Support for Learning Teacher and former SENCo I have spent many years specialising in teaching pupils with a range of learning and behaviour difficulties. I am qualified to complete assessments and to write reports for examination access arrangements and for Pupil Support Plans/Child Plans.

If anyone would like to learn to play Clarinet, I am happy to take pupils of any age – beginners up to Grade 5, along with tuition in Music Theory as needed.

Please contact me on 616242 for an informal chat and details of prices and availability.

Donna Blyth BA Hons, MEd, PGCE, SQH, CPT3A, CELTA

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Dunera, Lower Whitehall Road, Stronsay, KW17 2AS

A detached bungalow (period 1920-60s) with garden and parking space. Comprising huge sitting room sea facing, kitchen/diner, 4 bedrooms, shower room & hall (167 sq. metres) plus 4 sq. metre porch.

Habitable but needs upgrading or project development.

Oil fired central heating with multi fuel stove in living room.

Water, phone connected.

SEPA for up to 6 residents.

Council Tax C.

Primary energy indicator 288 kWh.

£5736 over 3 years. Energy Efficiency Band E (44) – Scottish average is Band D - 60 Environmental Band F (37) – Scottish average band D - 59

HRV is £130,000 (25 Aug 2022). Condition = 13 (1), 8 (2), 0 (3).

Interest invited. Not currently with external agent.

Viewing by advanced appointment only. Flexible entry date.

Offers invited above £125k. Finance options from seller.

Leo Martini-Brown

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BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

2 Building plots, Whitehall Village, Stronsay, Orkney

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

The plots are behind the village street making a secluded location but within easy walking distance of the shop, ferry, cafe and hotel.

The tried and tested practice on the Orkney isles for building is to buy a house kit and either have it erected by the supplier or our island contractor Castlehill Construction (who can also do the ground works)

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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CLIFTON FREE RANGE EGGS!

EGGCITING NEWS!! ENJOY SOME CRACKING GOOD EGGS

Our happy hens are delighted to let you know that they are now producing top quality free range eggs. The eggs are available from outside the annex at Clifton for only £1.50/box.

Help yourselves and just put the money in the box.

WANTED

Brenda Alexander wonders whether anyone reading the Limpet would have a register of Rothiesholm School, early 1900



Prescription Collection and Delivery <u>Service</u>

Please contact the wellbeing coordinator on 01857 616410 or email sdtwellbeing@gmail.com if you would like a prescription collected and delivered.

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.

Items on this page are free!

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE ON THIS PHOTOGRAPH?

Ian Cooper would love to know the names of any folk on this photograph of the South School pupils & staff, believed to have been taken in the 1920s.



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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for isles special collections up to 30 September 2023 are detailed below. If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link

https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.

Please note that payment for collection is required on application and prior to collection.

Only items that are on the request form will be collected by the contractor.

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Eday

Week Commencing: 1 May 2023 and 24 July 2023

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 22 May 2023 and 11 September 2023

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 17 April 2023, 3 July 2023, and 4 September 2023

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 12 June 2023 and 21 August 2023

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 5 June 2023 and 14 August 2023

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 8 May 2023 and 7 August 2023

Sanday

Week Commencing: 22 May 2023 and 21 August 2023

Shapinsay

Week commencing: 15 May 2023 and 21 August 2023

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 15 May 2023 and 07 August 2023

Westray

Week Commencing: 08 May 2023, 10 July 2023, and 18 September 2023

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's

website

www.orkney.gov.uk

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

COVID HOME LATERAL FLOW TESTS

The Orkney Islands Council COVID Recovery Advisor has kindly provided Stronsay Community Council with a limited supply of COVID home lateral flow tests.

Each self-testing kit contains 7 test cassettes and instructions for use and are available, free of charge, from any of the following Community Council members:

Shirley Whiteman St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT

tel. 616438

email: shirleywhiteman@icloud.com

Paul Riley Tullimentan, Stronsay, KW17 2AE

tel. 616416

email: pauliriley46@hotmail.co.uk

David Locke Church of Scotland Manse, Stronsay, KW17 2AF

tel. 07776448301

email: dlocke@churchofscotland.org.uk

Please contact Shirley, Paul or David to arrange collection.

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RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES

Orkney Islands Council has published a "Household refuse and recycling welcome pack" which is available online at https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm.

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
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For more information & bookings contact Mary McLaughlin email thecatstail@outlook.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

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!

If you are planning to hold an event on Stronsay then why not use the free publicity available from the Limpet, the editor's contact details are on the back page of every edition of the <u>Stronsay Limpet</u>. You can advertise in the monthly editions of the Limpet and your event can be publicised via the Stronsay Limpet email list. It's always a good idea to check the <u>Visit Stronsay calendar</u> when planning an event, could avoid embarrassing clash of dates.

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CROSSROADS ORKNEY

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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



SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

Monday	Public session 6:30-7:10	Adult lane 7:10–7:50
Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

Charges - Adults £3, Children £1.50, Private Hires £15.

Maximum 12 in the pool.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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'.

Interested parties should contact Andy Rose: email <u>andyrose85@btinternet.com</u>, phone 01857 616277 or mobile 07769 689 310

OVERSEERS WANTED!

Always looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool, please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331. We politely request that parents/guardians whose children use the pool regularly take a turn at overseeing, in particular.

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Ebenezer Stores <u>stronsaystores@gmail.com</u> Olivebank <u>m.williamson1@btconnect.com</u> 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 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

Weekly service at 11am. Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284. Stronsay kirk's website:

http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk
Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

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

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Stronsay Community Council invites applications for financial assistance from anyone who is permanently resident on Stronsay.

Grants are available for travel assistance and events and/or projects of benefit to the community.

If the request is for travel assistance, members can award 50% of the requested amount with a capping limit of £200 funding within twelve months.

Full details of the event and/or project will be required and will be submitted to the next Community Council meeting for consideration.

Financial requests must be with the Island Link Officer prior to the event/project taking place and the payment of any grant awarded will require submission of evidence of expenditure from the applicant.

Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted on an Application For Financial Assistance form available from the Island Link Officer.

If more information, or an Application for Financial Assistance form is required, please contact the Island Link Officer, tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

Colin McAlpine Stronsay Island Link Officer 19 October 2022

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SCRAP CAR SCHEME

The Scrap Car Scheme operated by Stronsay Community Council is still open and is now available for anyone who may have a vehicle for disposal.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until further notice. The vehicle owner will have two months in which to arrange disposal of the vehicle.

At present there is no gate fee for vehicle disposal, but the scrap value will be paid to Stronsay Community Council and **not** the vehicle's registered keeper.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to the scrap yard, Kirkwall, will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car, please: -

- Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer t: 616446 e: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below.
- Complete the Verification Form and liaise with Jim Holland (haulier) for the vehicle's delivery to the scrap yard.
- Give the completed Verification Form to Jim Holland which must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for <u>each separate delivery of a car</u> to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine Stronsay Island Link Officer, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT

18 October 2022

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FISHMART CAFE SUMMER OPENING TIMES

(April-September)

Monday CLOSED

(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)

Tuesday 7am - 3pm

Wednesday 7am - 3pm

Thursday 7am - 3pm

Friday 7am - 3pm

Saturday 9am - 2pm (Breakfast served all day)

Sunday 11am-2:30pm (Breakfast served all day)

FISHMART CAFE WINTER OPENING TIMES

(October-March)

Monday CLOSED

(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 7am - 2pm

Thursday 7am - 2pm

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Both lines are open 8-8

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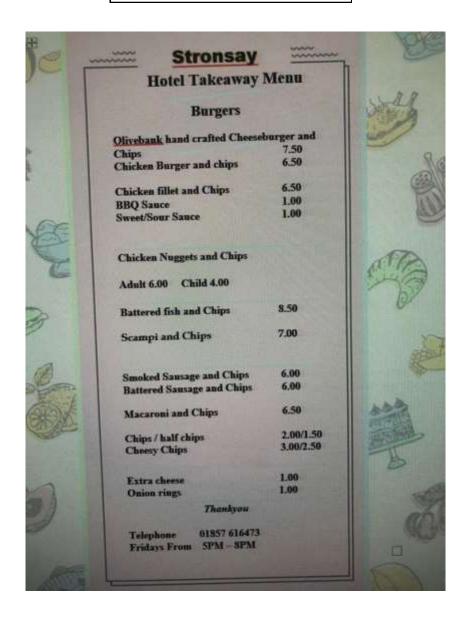
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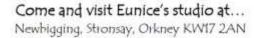
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Island Link Officer...... Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475

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

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