



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 20 Feb 2023 to 28 Oct 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - summer timetable 7 May 2023 to 24 Sep 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - North Isles excursions 2023](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Geramount surgery closed for the day	Mon 1 May
Geophysical survey of tomb at Grice Ness by UHI	Tue 2 May – Wed 3 May
School - “Right Royal Knees Up!”	Fri 5 May
Car treasure hunt	Sat 6 May
Kirk - pot luck lunch, tree planting & time capsule burying	Sun 7 May
Orkney Ferries summer timetable starts	Sun 7 May
Geramount surgery closed for the day	Mon 8 May
North Isles online community surgery	Tue 9 May
SWRI meeting	Wed 10 May
Spring Craft Fair	Sat 13 May
OIC Special Collection	Mon 15 May
Stronsay small animal clinic	Wed 17 May
Parish cup - Westray v Stronsay (at Westray)	Sun 21 May
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 25 May
Parish cup - Stronsay v Westray (at Stronsay)	Sun 11 Jun
North Isles Sports followed by dance to Stronsay Band	Sat 17 Jun
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 29 Jun
OIC Special Collection	Mon 7 Aug
Massive weekend!	Sat/Sun 19/20 Aug
Bingo night	Sat 23 Sep
Deal or No Deal Quiz Show	Sat 7 Oct
Bonfire night	Sat 4 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 25 Nov
Christmas Tree Lighting	Sat 2 Dec

The next edition of the [Limpet](#) will be published on **Wed 31 May 2023**. Items for inclusion should be sent to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk, the deadline is 7pm on that date. The postal address of the [Limpet](#) is “*Stronsay Limpet, Claremont, KW17 2AR*”.



Stronsay Hotel & Bar – Vacancies

The Stronsay Hotel is a community owned hotel and bar which has recently been purchased by the Stronsay Development Trust to serve the island's community and its visitors. After an ambitious renovation we hope to open our doors again in the near future and are seeking to recruit a talented and enthusiastic team of individuals to support the management committee.

Vacancies include

General Manager of the Hotel, Bar and Restaurant.

Competitive Salary based on experience as well as potential accommodation if required.

Chef/Cook

Bar/kitchen/wait staff

Housekeeping

These opportunities will require hard work with possible unsociable hours but working in the first of its kind in Orkney will be extremely rewarding for the successful candidates.

If you are interested in any of these posts, please contact us for an application pack at
Unit 1, Woods Yard, Stronsay.

Email cdostronsay@gmail.com or call 616410.

Deadline for applications
Wednesday 31st May 5pm



Stronsay Heritage Digital Catalogue and Research Project

We are seeking an individual to support the Stronsay Heritage Society in creating a physical and digital archive. The individual would be cataloguing the current items and working with the Society on key areas of procurement and administration moving forward. There will be a number of areas that we will be working on as part of this project and the key individual will be:

- Converting the handwritten information we have on a number of the items and begin a process of digitising the descriptions of each item
- Taking a picture of each item in order to link them with a description and enable them to be identified correctly
- Support the work to link items to stories and anecdotes that the Society hopes to gather and record
- Labelling and organising items
- Completing the relevant administrative areas for items, confirming ownership and authority to use etc.
- Scanning images and paperwork creating digital copies to add to the archive
- Recording the level of need for cleaning and/or restoration so that this can be completed where needed
- Identify gaps in the different categories of items in order for the heritage centre to have complete displays or expand the areas of importance that may be lacking
- Using the collecting policy, work to acquire new acquisitions for the collection to fill those gaps
- The Stronsay Heritage Society and volunteers will continue to support and collaborate with the community and make the best use of time and resources

Essentially, we are looking for someone with an interest in Stronsay's history, highly skilled in administration and they need a good working knowledge of how to use a computer with good IT skills, digital equipment, and photography. They need to be self-motivated and understand the need to interact with the Stronsay Heritage Society, community organisations and community members in order to facilitate the project work.

The project will involve 450 hours of work to be carried out over a 6-month period with a payment of £4725.

*To apply please complete an expression of interest form and submit to the Stronsay Heritage Society at Steenysheed, Stronsay, Orkney KW17 2AT. The closing date for expressions of interest is the **17th May 2023 at 17:00**. For more information, please contact Ian Cooper or call 01857 616322.*

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PROJECT TITLE	Stronsay Heritage Digital Catalogue and Research Project		
APPLICANT DETAILS			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
EMAIL		PHONE	

PERSONAL STATEMENT
<p><i>Please tell us a little about yourself and why you think we should consider you for this contract, this is an opportunity to share any experience or skills that you feel would be beneficial to the project and to the Stronsay Heritage Society. Please use additional paper as necessary</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 400px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

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Questions

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the Project Scope and we will endeavour to answer these.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide any additional information you feel is relevant and attach a current CV

Signed

Date

By completing this form and submitting it to the Stronsay Heritage Society you are consenting for this form and the data within to be processed and stored by the Stronsay Heritage Society in order for it to fulfil its functions within this project to undertake a contract of work to fulfil the project scope and brief. If providing contact details, you are also then consenting to receive communications from the Stronsay Heritage Society regards the details you have provided. Under the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 you can request to see any data held on you at any time, simply get in touch in writing at SDT office, Unit 1 Woods Yard, Stronsay, KW17 2AR Quoting Ref:SHSResearch

Coronation weekend event for all at Moncur Memorial Church

Come and share together with others on Sunday 7th May

After our special church service for the Coronation from 11am to about noon led by Mike Erdman, there will be a simple bring-and-share lunch at the back of the church on Sunday 7th. It is open to anyone on the island, and will be from about 12.15pm to 1.30pm - enter at the main church doors.

At 1.30pm, we aim to plant a tree and bury a milk churn time capsule to mark the event. Everyone is welcome to bring a small item that might be of interest to future generations to go in the capsule. The meal is intended to be a simple Potluck lunch: if you are able, bring a salad or sandwich type of lunch for yourself and maybe a little to share that goes into a Potluck for everyone, so people need not come with anything! Some refreshments, plates and crockery will be provided.

It is to provide an opportunity to share together on an historic weekend and maybe have a small toast for the Coronation. There will be a tree-planting and time capsule for people to pop small items into the old Milk Churn - until its full! It is organised by the church in partnership with Stronsay Wellbeing Project. All are welcome to the church service and/ or the lunch and events. More details later.



Stronsay Coronation Celebration
Community Potluck Lunch
With time capsule and treeplanting
Moncur Memorial Church Sunday 7th May 12.15pm
EVERYONE is WELCOME

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

The cutoff date for the next edition of the *Limpet* is at the foot of page 1

Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page

JOIN A GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY ON STRONSAY 2-3 MAY!

From Dan Lee (UHI Kirkwall):

Dear all,

You are welcome to join the team!

Our geophysics team will be in Stronsay on 2-3 May to undertake geophysical survey of the tomb at Grice Ness tomb. We will be using Earth Resistance and Magnetometry techniques. You are welcome to join the team!

We are interested find out:

- What is the layout of the site and are there any buried features or structures that many relate to its construction, use or abandonment?
- How do any visible structural and earthwork remains relate to potential buried archaeological features?
- How has the site changed?

Let me know if you are interested in helping with the survey for all or part of the time, there are still spaces (thanks to those who have been in touch). Feel free to drop by and visit the team during the two days.

Meet at the end of the road in Lower Whitehall, by the old slip at 10am and we will walk down the track to the site (leaving c.16:30). Chris Gee and Kevin Kerr will lead the surveys.

Best wishes,

Dan

Dan Lee | *Lifelong Learning & Outreach Archaeologist*

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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>

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 (phone 616321) as soon as possible. This then allows the appointment to be given to another patient.

STRONSAY SPRING CRAFT FAIR 2023

If you make hand-crafted items and would be interested in selling at the Craft Fair please contact Simone before Sun 7 May. Tel: 616281 or PM on Facebook.

ORKNEY FERRIES

Parish Cup - Westray vs Stronsay - Sunday 21st May

We've now amended the sailings for the 21st May to accommodate the Westray vs Stronsay Parish Cup match. After departing Eday and Stronsay, we will continue on to Westray for the match instead of returning to Kirkwall. Sailing times will be as follows:

- Depart Kirkwall 0840
- Arrive Eday 0955
- Depart Eday 1005
- Arrive Stronsay 1040
- Depart Stronsay 1050
- Arrive Westray 1210
- Depart Westray 1600
- Arrive Stronsay 1720
- Depart Stronsay 1740
- Arrive Eday 1815
- Depart Eday 1825
- Arrive Kirkwall 1940

We request that those wishing to travel, book and pay for their journey online in advance, as this service is likely to be very busy .

ORKNEY FERRIES

Parish Cup - Stronsay vs Westray - Sunday 11th June

To accommodate the Stronsay vs Westray Parish Cup match on Sunday 11th June, the service to Westray has been amended. After departing Westray, we will continue on to Stronsay for the match instead of returning to Kirkwall. Sailing times will be as follows:

- Depart Kirkwall 0920
- Arrive Westray 1045
- Depart Westray 1055
- Arrive Stronsay 1215
- Depart Stronsay 1620
- Arrive Westray 1740
- Depart Westray 1800
- Arrive Kirkwall 1925

We request that those wishing to travel, book and pay for their journey online in advance, as this service is likely to be very busy .

YOU ARE INVITED TO

A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

Stromsay Junior High School's 'King Coronation Celebration'. Staff and pupils would like to invite families, friends and the wider community to a summer fete themed afternoon tea. Pupils have worked hard on planning summer fete stalls for all to participate with.

WHERE & WHEN:

On Friday the 5th of May, 1.30pm at SJHS school hall. Summer fete stalls will be open from 1:30pm onwards. Afternoon tea will start from 2pm onwards. Homemade crown parade and competition at 2.45pm. Some stalls may ask for small donations to participate there will also be a raffle in aid of school funds.

The Coronation Big Lunch brings neighbours and communities together to share friendship, food and fun.

CoronationBigLunch.com

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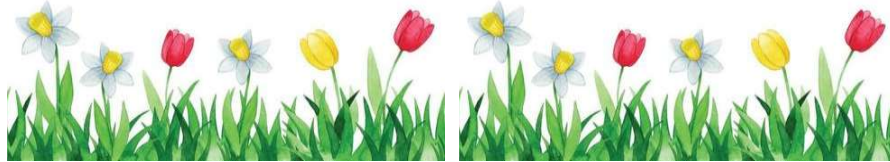


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HILL AND HANA RAUSING

Stronsay Spring Craft Fair



Saturday 13th May 2023



Stronsay Community Hall

1 pm – 4 pm

Local Hand-made Crafts

Plants

Refreshments & bakes



Organised by Stronsay Community Association

Orcades Practice – Stronsay Branch
Geramount
Stronsay

18 April 2023

The Surgery will be closed on both Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May for the two bank holidays.

In an emergency phone the Balfour on 01856 888000 and they will contact the doctor.

Tuesday onward both weeks are usual times.

STRONSAY SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

**Stronsay Small Animal Clinic
Wednesday 17 May
Erraid Station House
Stronsay
KW17 2AS**

I will be available for vaccines, routine check ups and to examine poorly pets on May 17. To book this clinic please phone NorthVet on 01856 873403.

Depending on demand there may be another clinic in July but after this the next opportunity will be September. I shall also be available on Stronsay until mid July so if you need any help outside the clinic hours please phone or text 07595119532 or contact Elizabeth Askew via messenger.

I'm hoping the phone contact will be more reliable with the new mast in action.

Liz Askew

Stronsay Community Association presents:

Car TREASURE HUNT!

Saturday 6th May

Stronsay Community Hall

6:45pm for 7pm START

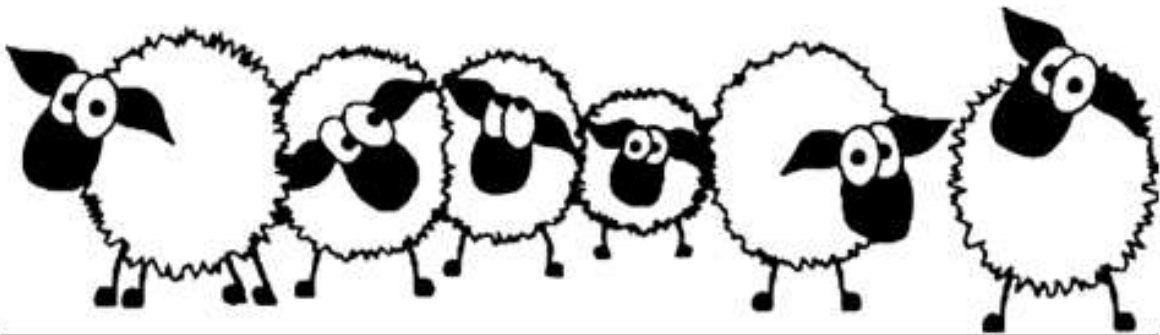
Followed by:

Supper-Raffle-Bar



Everyone Welcome!

Stronsay Stitchers



May 2023

Thursday 25th May, 7.00pm-9.30-pm, Church Hall.

June 2023

Thursday 29th June, 7.00pm-9.30-pm, Church Hall.

4G MAST IN STRONSAY NOW ACTIVE

Liam McArthur MSP has provided the following update on the 4G mast in Stronsay and hopes that Stronsay residents will now see an improvement in their digital reception and communications .

“I've finally received confirmation today from the Scottish Government's Communications and Engagement Team, Digital Directorate, that "the Scottish Government's 4G In-fill (S4GI) programme has recently activated 4G masts in Rackwick and Stronsay, providing 4G services to these communities for the first time.”

Click <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/MastActiveApr2023.pdf> to read the letter that was sent to Liam.



Stronsay Small Animal Clinic.

Wednesday 17th May

**ERRAID STATION
HOUSE,
STRONSAY,
KW17 2AS**

**Liz Askew,
MA VETMB MRCVS**

To book, please phone
the Kirkwall office on
01856 873403



North Isles Community Surgery

with Councillors Mellissa Thomson and
Heather Woodbridge

Tuesday, 9th May 2023 from 7pm 'til 9pm

Councillors Mellissa Thomson and Heather Woodbridge will hold an online surgery, via Microsoft Teams. This is an open session where you can raise local issues, get information and advice, or enquire about services that the Council provides.

Residents of all North Isles communities are invited to attend.

To request the link to join the meeting, please contact OIC Democratic Services on 873535 or email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

Records of a Bygone Age The Church in Stronsay – Part 3

Last month we left Rev John Scollay after he had submitted a report in 1724 to the effect that, in reference to his charge of the three parishes within Stronsay, “*the whole three kirks are intirely demolished. The Glory of God and the good of the Souls of the Inhabitants is what is denied, and our Minister hath been exposed these four years to the greatest hazard in preaching under the open heaven.*”

It seems little heed was paid to his report until, in April 1737, Rev Scollay was apparently reimbursed for repairs previously carried out to the church roof and walls by one James Chalmers.

Debit or. John Scollay of Balbithan Esq. To Mr. James Chalmers
Min^r at Stronsay for repairs about the Kirk of ^{Stronsay} his order
Sols
To 1000. Slates & Carriage of ^{from Eday to Stronsay} £10. — —
To Six-barrell Lime. 3⁰ 12⁰
One meal bere for carrying out the Kirk 1⁰ 7⁰
Kirk of Eday 1737. Received payment of the sum, and dis-
charged the same of ————— John Scollay
£15. 19. —

Receipt for repairs to the church roof in April 1737

This shows 1,000 slates, together with carriage from Eday to Stronsay, at a cost of £10, 6 barrels of lime costing £3-12/- and one meal bere valued at £1-7/- paid to James Chalmers for carrying out the repairs to the church. A meal weighed 133lbs, or around 60kgs, and this would have been of bere meal, made from the old Orkney type of bere barley. This ‘payment in kind’ for work done would have been quite common at that time, where the ‘ordinary’ folk would have had little use for cash. It seems strange that slates were freighted from Eday for use in Stronsay but it may be that these slates had been salvaged from an existing building in Eday.

When John Scollay died in 1741 he was succeeded by his son Robert Scollay who ministered to the island congregation until his death in 1763 at the age of 46. The next incumbent was Rev Robert Tyler who was appointed to the post in 1764, a post he held until his death in 1779 at the age of 47.

It was during Rev Tyler’s ministry that, in 1766, a new Manse was built which, with two large rooms and a closet on both the ground and first floors and a garret and lumber room in the attic, seemed to be perfectly adequate for Rev Tyler at the time but failed to find favour with the next incumbent as we will see later!

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This next minister was Rev John Anderson, who served from 1779 until 1804 and it was he who achieved some fame for the writing of the Stronsay section of the 1795 ‘Statistical Account of Scotland’, a comprehensive and insightful snapshot of the island at that time, together with some of its history and folklore.

UNITED PARISHES OF STRON-
SAY AND EDAY.

(PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ISLES, SYNOD OF ORKNEY, COUNTY OF ORKNEY AND SHETLAND.)

By the Rev. Mr JOHN ANDERSON, Minister.

THE Island of Stronsay is five computed miles long, and almost as broad from East to West, so indented with bays, that there is no part of the island above one mile from the sea. This, with the small island of Papa, the extent of which, round the shores, is about three miles; and with the Holms, or pasture islands, comprehends what is now termed the parish of Stronsay. The island of Eday, which is about the centre of the North Isles of Orkney, has rapid tides, which wash the East and West sides of it; these occasion eddies on the North and South ends, to which circumstance, it probably

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The beginning of John Anderson's wide-ranging Statistical Report

Rev Anderson's ministry was not without conflict, mostly with the Church Heritors who were in charge of the church properties and the purse strings. Most of the disputes centred around the condition of the Manse, which had only been built in 1766, and the associated Glebe farm buildings erected around the same time. Soon after his appointment to Stronsay in 1779 (this, remember, was only 13 years after these buildings had been erected) Rev Anderson sent a report and complaint to Presbytery regarding the condition of the buildings, declaring that *"In 1766 the Heritors, without the authority of the North Isles Presbytery, built a Manse for the Rev Robert Tyler which was not only inferior in its size to the legal standard but built of materials of the worst kind, particularly in mortar in place of lime and wood slates of the worst quality, and the work itself was carried on in the slightest and meanest slovenly manner, and that the office houses and garden then built and laid were so insufficiently finished and made up that they had become totally ruinous previous to the year 1779"*

Nothing is known of the Presbytery's response to this report but, over the next few years, Rev Anderson was to send numerous estimates to the Heritors for the necessary repairs to the property, while the Heritors consistently refused to authorise the work.

In October 1782 this apparently led to Rev Anderson climbing to the top of the byre in a fit of rage and there *"in a most violent manner tore off and threw to the ground the whole feals or divots with which the said byre was finished and topped in the usual manner whereby the thatch was in danger of being destroyed and carried away by wind and weather"*.

Disputes between Minister and Heritors seemed to continue throughout Rev Anderson's ministry and by 1796 he was suing the Heritors for non-payment of teinds, this time with more success, as his demands appeared to be met with little objection and the arrears quickly paid. There is no record of whether his demands for improvements to the Manse were ever met and it was to be nigh on 40 years before a new Manse was built.

Rev Anderson was followed in 1804 by Rev Andrew Dishington, who had some time previously served as an assistant minister in Stronsay and was apparently well liked.

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It was during this time of ministry by John Anderson and Andrew Dishington in the Established Church that the newly formed breakaway Secession Church began to take a stronger hold in Stronsay. A few Stronsay residents had been attending the new secession meetings in Kirkwall and came back to the island determined to promote this new church to the folk of Stronsay. They were fortunate in this aim in being able to recruit Rev James Wilson, a Fife man who had completed his ministerial studies not long before. Rev Wilson had been newly appointed as pastor to a church in Kentucky but had time to fill before he moved to America to take up that post, and he was accompanied to Stronsay by one Magnus Anderson, an Orcadian catechist and evangelist. In 1798/99 they rapidly established themselves and the new secession movement in the island and by 1800/1801 a new church to seat 391, together with a new manse, had been built in the south-east of the island midway between the Ha' and Roadside at a cost of £400. This new church, manse and glebe was given the name of Mansefield and was only the second Secession Church to have its own place of worship in Orkney, Kirkwall being the first.



The Secession Church built at Mansefield in 1800 was demolished when the new church was built in the centre of the island in 1858, with Rev Mudie vacating the manse at the same time. The manse and glebe land continued to be used as a working farm until well into the 20th century but then fell into disrepair. This photo shows the old manse as it was in the 1950s but nothing now remains except the name.

The congregation now needed a permanent minister and, having been most impressed by Rev Wilson, they implored him to stay. He must have felt that this was to be his calling as, with all thoughts of Kentucky now forgotten he quickly accepted this invitation and, on 25th June 1800, was ordained and inducted to the Stronsay charge. He had a very successful ministry until being overtaken by ill health, thought to have been brought on by his walking around visiting his flock in all weathers. Sadly he was to quickly succumb to this illness and died in 1812 while still a young man.

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There is a tale worth the telling of Rev Sinclair's one-time assistant, the aforementioned catechist and evangelist Magnus (or Mansie) Anderson. Mansie was a man of Shetland extraction, a pious God-fearing man full of Christian zeal and fervour and one day, so the story goes, Mansie had urgent need to travel from Kirkwall back to Stronsay but found that no boat was available. Mansie, no doubt thinking of St Peter of old's attempt to walk on the water only to be thwarted by his lack of faith, decided that he should attempt to get to Stronsay by this same method. His heroic effort soon came to grief as he found himself sinking rather than walking and, looking behind him to where the long swallow-tails of his coat were visible floating on top of the water, was heard to cry out "*O Mansie, Mansie, there's more faith in your coat-tails than in yersel!*" Fortunately Mansie was none the worse for his failed attempt but no doubt would have stuck to more conventional means for inter-island travel ever after!

Returning now to the Established Church, after Rev Dishington demitted his charge in 1820 Rev John Simpson was appointed in September that same year, a post he was to hold for 27 years. He had been only a few months in his new post when, in February 1821, a report into the condition of the church building was given by the Presbytery of the North Isles. This stated that they found the church to be utterly ruinous and irreparable and, in consequence condemned the building. They went on to give instruction for a new church to be built, this to be completed by June the following year.

A contract was soon entered into with builder James Firth, who undertook to have the building wind and waterproof by October that year and to be completely finished by the following June. The total cost was to be £399, half of which was to be paid at the commencement of building, a quarter when roof, windows and doors were fitted and the final quarter upon completion and acceptance by the congregation. The site chosen for the new building, to be known as St John's Church and to be capable of seating 500, was near the shores of the Mill Bay where the farm of Linkshouse now stands. This new church was to be built in the traditional old style, with an entrance on either end, each with a balcony above. One wall of the church was windowless and it was in the middle of this wall that the pulpit was situated.



St John's Church as it was in the early 1900s and as it is today, incorporated into the farm steading at Linkshouse Farm

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The interior of the old St John's Church as it is today, still in remarkably good condition despite having recently celebrated its bicentenary.

Life for John Simpson wasn't without its problems, one of which was obtaining enough water to supply the needs of the manse and provide water to the stock he kept on the Glebe land. A supply through the winter could be obtained by collecting rainwater and drawing from supplies nearby but these all dried up throughout the summer. Despite several attempts at digging and quarrying wells to a depth of anything from 18 to 32 feet, a water supply to meet this summer need couldn't be found and the practice was for the Manse needs to be met by carting water from what was known as the Bleaching well on land belonging to Whitehall Farm, at the side of the Ayre of the Myres loch.

In 1822 Whitehall was taken into the possession of Samuel Laing, the same Samuel Laing who was the main instigator of the Stronsay herring fishing industry. Samuel set about carrying out improvements to the farm, during which the roads and access to the Bleaching well were destroyed by ploughing and the building of dykes to partition off his fields. It appears that any further access to the well by Rev Simpson was denied and this led to his considering taking Mr Laing to court to gain a right of servitude to the well. Documents regarding this are held in the Orkney Library Archives and, in these papers, Rev Simpson's property was called the 'Glebe of Spurquoy', a name I had never heard of for that land and a name that has long been forgotten. The advice received was that, although he would probably win a court battle to gain access to the well, this would be expensive and it was suggested that, as Mr Laing was one of the wealthier Heritors of the church, every attempt should be made to reach an amicable agreement. Nothing more is heard of this dispute so it seems this agreement must have been achieved.

Although apparently a good preacher and well enough liked by his congregation, it was thought by some that he spent too much time farming his Glebe land and not enough tending to his flock. This may have been part of the reason that members of Rev Simpson's Established Church congregation were gradually drifting away to the new Secession (later United Presbyterian) Church and, by the mid-1830s, it was reported that only around 30 were attending the Established Church while around 300 were attending the Secession Church.

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In 1834, despite lack of numbers attending church, a new Manse was built in the same location as the previous one and, perhaps finally paying some heed to Rev Anderson's demands 50 years previously, this was a most impressive and capacious three storey building, complete with a range of outhouses and a number of fields enclosed by drystone dykes. This continued to be the Established Church manse until their union with the United Free Church in 1929. It then stood empty for nigh on eighty years and, with some of the roof blowing off in the hurricane of 1952, it slowly deteriorated until it was bought in 2006 and completely renovated and restored. It's great to see this historic old building returned to its former glory and it has now been occupied as a lovely family home since its completion in 2012.



The Old Manse before being renovated and as it is today.

Although delighted with his new manse, in that same year of 1834 there was to be another blow to Rev Simpson's already dwindling church. There was apparently quite a strong Methodist presence on Stronsay, particularly among the fishing community, a good number of whom had emigrated from Fair Isle to set up home on Stronsay. Some of those fishermen asked for Stronsay to be included on the Methodist preaching rota and this was done, with the powerful evangelical preacher Samuel Dunn visiting Stronsay a number of times. As time passed he was followed by an equally eloquent and inspiring evangelist named Thomas Collins who was soon to be appointed as the full time preacher for this newly formed Wesleyan Methodist congregation. Numbers attending quickly grew and, in 1837, a new chapel was erected near Yearnasetter as their place of worship. This new building, which cost £270 to build, had a seating capacity of 418 and was of simple stone construction with a grey slate hip roof, quite an unusual style of building for an Orkney church.

The chapel proved to be highly successful for a time but when Mr Collins left the island to return to England it seems that the congregation soon declined, with some members returning to the United Free Church and others heading to the Established Church led by its new Minister Joseph Caskey.

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As numbers attending had fallen to a point where the congregation was no longer financially viable, the remainder of the Wesleyan flock handed the building over to the Free Church of Scotland who gratefully accepted the building. It soon became apparent to them that there was to be no realistic hope of setting up a branch of the Free Church in Stronsay and, with ongoing maintenance and feu duties to be paid on the building, they too vacated it. From a report in the Orkney Herald of June 1860 it appears that it was then used for a time by the Stronsay Branch of the Total Abstinence Society which had formed in September the previous year with a membership of 106 and of these, from that time until the date of the report, “*two only of whom have proved recreants to the cause.*” This too seemed to be quite a short-lived use of the chapel and in 1864 the building was handed over to the newly formed Stronsay branch of the Orkney Artillery Volunteers as a meeting place and Volunteer Drill Hall.

With the erection of a new Drill Hall for the Volunteers in 1886 (later to become what is now the Community Centre) the chapel once again became redundant and was bought by the nearby farm of Yearnasetter, to be used as a barn for many years. In the 1980s there was a change of use again, with a large door formed on the east end so that it could be used as a farm implement store.

Finally in 2012 it changed ownership once more, with it being lovingly and sympathetically renovated, restored and converted into a Craft Centre.



The Methodist chapel, built in 1837, was later used as a barn and farm machinery storage shed before being renovated and turned into a craft centre

With the Established Church minister John Simpson’s retiral through old age and ill health in 1847 a new minister was needed for Stronsay and this came in the form of Irishman Rev Joseph Caskey, who was to have a long, stabilising and effective ministry where he built up the number of members attending his church to something near to those attending the United Presbyterian one. In 1861 the church was extensively altered and repaired, with the costs all covered by members of the congregation. More alterations were carried out in 1896, funded by subscriptions amounting to £25 from members of the congregation. This included the formation of choir seats in front of the pulpit, the Precentor’s desk being removed and a new harmonium purchased.

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The use of musical instruments for worship in Presbyterian churches had been shunned for centuries, with singing being led by the Precentor giving a starting note and leading off with no musical accompaniment so this move to demote the Precentor and lead singing with the harmonium would have been seen as a fairly radical move at the time.

Rev Caskey celebrated his golden jubilee in Stronsay in 1897, eventually retiring to Kirkwall in November 1900 where he died four years later.

He was succeeded by Rev W B Dempster who soon afterwards fell into poor health whereupon Rev Walter J Mathams was called to be his assistant. Rev Mathams is still remembered as the composer of several hymns, including 'Jesus, Friend of Little Children, be a Friend to me', and it was also he who penned the poignant poem 'The Wreck of the Evangeline' telling the tragic tale of the herring drifter Evangeline, lost with all hands on Stronsay in January 1905.

Back now to the Secession Church, soon to become the United Presbyterian Church, where in 1825 Rev James Mudie from Dundee had been appointed as its new minister. 173 members had signed the call to him but only 13 years later the membership had risen to 368.

By 1858 funding had been found and plans were in place for a new church, by now United Presbyterian, to be built in the middle of the island to replace the old church and manse at Mansefield in the south-east of the island.

The foundations of this new building were laid on Monday 26th April that year when, at 9 o' clock that morning, Rev Mudie began a Service of Worship at the site, which included the laying of the foundation stone, and immediately after this service the masons started building. The plans also included the building of a new Manse, which was to begin within the next few days, and the total combined cost of both buildings was estimated to be just under one thousand pounds.

The Building Committee in charge of the works were Robert Chalmers, miller, Mill of Millfield, William Meil, tailor, Peter Shearer, merchant, Feastown and John Meil, postmaster, Samson's Lane. The contractors for the building work were Master Masons James Davie of Stronsay and John Halcro of Kirkwall together with Journeyman masons Peter Inkster, James Dick, Joseph Bews, James Clouston, John Isbister and John Wilson, all of Kirkwall. Master joiners were James Chalmers from Stronsay and William Peace from Kirkwall.

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The old Secession Church and Manse, built in 1858, with the Church Hall which was added in 1900 shown end on centre left and the Vestry in between the two.

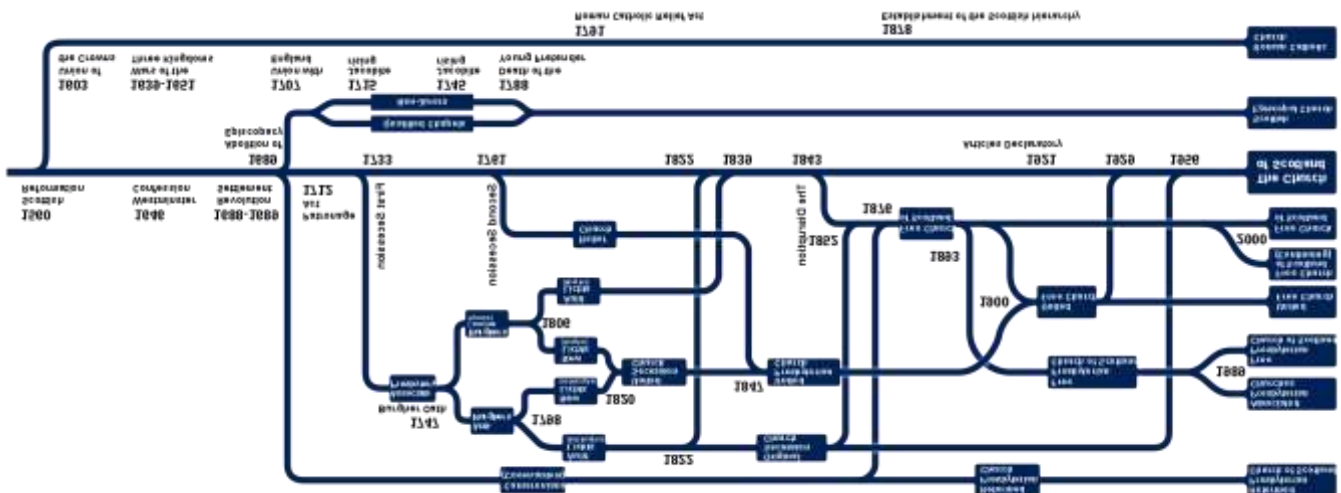
In 1860 Rev James Mudie, no longer physically able to minister, was forced to retire and it was said that *'after 35 years of incessant toil on behalf of his people he became an old man in labours, if not quite so in years'*. Sadly he never regained his health and died and was buried in Stronsay, his home for so many years, in 1863.

Part 4 will be in next month's *Limpet*.

Ian Cooper
April 2023

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN SCOTLAND

The history of the church in Scotland after 1560 is quite complex as shown by the diagram below. See <https://tinyurl.com/kirk-hist> for a larger, more readable version of the diagram.



Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A monthly report from your councillor in the year of the Coronation of King Charles III

Spring has finally sprung, reviving in my mind this evocative poem from A E Houseman's "A Shropshire Lad":

*Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.*

*Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.*

*And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.*

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reasons

I appreciate that woodlands and cherry trees are sparse in Orkney, but I remember the cherry blossoming on King's College's lawn and outside the Fraser Noble Building, when I worked as a postdoc at Aberdeen University (see photograph below—taken in our lab by my late natural philosopher colleague, Dr John Reid, mentioned in [Issue 115](#)). Back then, I had many more of my threescore years and ten to come again than I have now!

Via "Teams", I attended (virtually) a meeting of Eday Community Council. I hope Eday residents will be delighted with the work OIC has recently done to improve the (previously dire) state of the West Side Road.

At Sanday's Community Council meeting, one issue that came up, which will be of relevance to other islands, is ensuring that the local Winter Service Plan takes into account the routes required by homecare staff to reach those they care for. This year's snow highlighted the shortcomings in Sanday's current plan.

During discussion on our Corporate Risk Register at the Policy & Resources Committee meeting, I once again warned of the threat posed by a cruise liner needing to be evacuated if in trouble here among the North Isles. I was somewhat reassured to learn that our Harbour Authority is now considering this risk. This is not a hypothetical risk; such an event happened on 26th May 1861, when *Johannes*, a ship carrying emigrants from Bremerhaven to Baltimore, ran aground between Newark and Tresness, temporarily swelling Sanday's population by 143, at a time when Sanday's population was four times what it is today. How would the current population of around 500 folk cope with accommodating a cruise liner's passengers and crew numbering over 4000? And what about North Ronaldsay?

A statutory public consultation has been launched on the 20 mph speed limits around island schools that I succeeded in getting councillors' approval to progress back in December 2021 (see [Issue 107](#)). The proposal is for variable limits that operate part-time. My own feeling on this is that the local communities should have control of those timings, particularly where after-school activities and community events take place at (or near) the schools.

I was a member of the panel for recruiting new head teachers for the schools on Rousay and Papay. I am pleased to say we were able to appoint Angela Ferguson as Head for Rousay Community School (subject to the usual checks and clearances). Angela is currently a Head of Centre for Early Years Education at Glasgow City Council. We were unable to appoint a head teacher for Papa Westray Primary School, and the current temporary arrangements will remain in place for the time being.

Having recently had the pride and pleasure of attending my elder son's pandemic-belated MA graduation at Edinburgh University, I was reminded that historically Orkney's principal exports were said to be eggs and egg-heads (professors). That is why I was particularly disappointed to learn at the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting that nowadays Orkney is consistently below the Scottish national average (and the average of the Northern Alliance—comprising Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Argyll & Bute, Highland, Moray, Orkney, Shetland, and the Western Isles) when it comes to its school leavers going on to further and higher education.

Speaking of eggs, I hope you all enjoyed a happy Eastertide.

We now have "Operation Golden Orb" to look forward to.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB
West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

Letter from School Place is also available on-line at clackson.info



FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

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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CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Paul & Dianne Riley are cancelling their landline telephone. With effect from 2nd May please call them on 07785 11126 or 07802 604506

Prescription Collection and Delivery Service



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

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

lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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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

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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

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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SHORT TERM LETS—LICENSING **From OIC Updates on Facebook**

The Scottish Government is raising further awareness around the new short-term lets licensing and what hosts need to do as part of the application process.

Like all local authorities throughout Scotland, the Council has been tasked with administering the new scheme on behalf of the Scottish Government and a number of hosts have successfully applied for their new licences through OIC – and a number of others are within the system.

Did you know that from 1 October 2022, new hosts of short-term lets are legally required to obtain a licence from their local council before accepting bookings and hosting guests?

Hosts of short-term lets that have operated prior to 1 October 2022 (existing hosts) have until 1 October 2023 to apply for a licence and can continue operating until their application has been determined.

The Council has a dedicated web page on short-term lets licensing to try and assist folk through the application process. Please take a look here <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/L/short-term-lets.htm> as it contains links to a wealth of information on the Scottish Government legislation, the application process, downloadable form and fees.

If you need support through the process then please contact the Short-term Lets Licensing Team via email shortletslicensing@orkney.gov.uk or by telephone to 01856873535 extensions 2232 or 2229 and leave a voicemail if officers are not available.

More information about the new licensing requirements can be found at <https://shorttermlets.campaign.gov.scot/>

STRONSAY’S MASSIVE WEEKEND 2023!

18 Aug at 7pm – 20 Aug at 11:55pm

Save the date as we have plenty in store for all the family including; live music, football, netball, BBQ, carnival-style stalls, team games, inflatables, floats & much more. More details to follow.

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

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Equipment for Hire

Well its getting to that time of year again when we may spot that big ball of heat in the sky, remember the Sun, and contemplate some fun outdoor activities in our gardens, at the beach and in the sea, before it leaves again for the winter.

Well the Trust has some ideas for you, why not utilise some of the equipment we have for the community and visitors to use.

Located at Woods Yard we have a cabin full of great pieces of equipment including E bikes, Kayaks, wetsuits, beach games, sports equipment, accessibility aids and more.

We will be advertising the full range on our website soon so watch this space or pop in, give us a call 616410 or email cdostronsay@gmail.com and see whats available.



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

Are you missing out on £200?



ORKNEY
ISLANDS COUNCIL

Claim your cost of living payment now

Whether working, self-employed,
a stay-at-home parent or claiming
benefits – you could be entitled!

Automatic payments will be made to people in Orkney receiving:

- Housing benefit
- Council Tax reduction (means tested)
- Free school meals/clothing allowance (means tested)
- Exempt from council tax because all occupants are under the age of 18
- Exempt from council tax due to being under 26 and previously in care / looked after

You can apply if you currently receive
Universal Credit or Pension Credit

You can also apply if you have savings under £6000 and your
earnings are below the threshold in the table below.

Number of Children	Single Person Earnings	Couples Earnings
0	£1928 per month	£2361 per month
1	£3300 per month	£3734 per month
2	£4048 per month	£4482 per month
3	£4978 per month	£5412 per month

To apply visit the website below, call 01856 873535

www.orkney.gov.uk/COL

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me into
your phone
camera



MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2023

5 June, 31 July, 25 September, 20 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

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
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



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>

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

Monday	Adult lane 6:30-7:10	Public session 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 andyrose85@btinternet.com, 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 stronsaystores@gmail.com

Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.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 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>

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](mailto: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: -

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – t: 616446 e: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below.
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with Jim Holland (haulier) for the vehicle's delivery to the scrap yard.
3. 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 each separate delivery of a car 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

FISHMART CAFE SUMMER OPENING TIMES

(April-September)

Monday	CLOSED	
<i>(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)</i>		
Tuesday	7am - 3pm	
Wednesday	7am - 3pm	
Thursday	7am - 3pm	
Friday	7am - 3pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	<i>(Breakfast served all day)</i>
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	<i>(Breakfast served all day)</i>

FISHMART CAFE WINTER OPENING TIMES

(October-March)

Monday	CLOSED	
<i>(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)</i>		
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	7am - 2pm	
Thursday	7am - 2pm	
Friday	7am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	<i>(Breakfast served all day)</i>
Sunday	11am-2:30pm	<i>(Breakfast served all day)</i>

LOCAL BUSINESSES

REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN



Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants.

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

BUILDING WORK

Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

Please note changed telephone number

Phone Paul Williams on 616222 or email williams778@btinternet.com

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

No Royal Bank of Scotland visits until further notice. There are 2 telephone numbers:

0800 051 4177 for anybody in isolation and 0800 046 6734 for all NHS staff

Both lines are open 8-8

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Love Parties, but hate waste?



Reduce landfill waste by hiring Peedie Party Packs range of children's reusable plates, cups & cake stands instead of buying disposable! we even have themed packages & games packs available, happy to accept hires from across Orkney including the Isles.



Peedie Party Packs



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PeediePartyPacks@hotmail.com

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Holmsgarth Crafts



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Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	7:30am, Monday to Saturday
OIC Special collection.	Week Commencing: Mon 15 May & Mon 7 Aug
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
Next mobile library van visit .	Mon 5 Jun
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Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
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Stronsay's Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488

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Castle Bird Reserve	616363	SDT office	616410
Community council	616446	Silver Darlings	616412
Companions Club	616352	Star Island Soap	616281
Craftship Enterprise	0778 511 1126	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
Doctor	616321	Stronsay Band	616335
Ebenezer Stores	616339	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	616407
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . .	616207	Stronsay school	616246
	<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	Stronsay taxi	616335
Fish Mart	616401		
Golgotha monastery.	616210	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
	<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
Hairdresser	616337	Electricity	
Hall bookings	616263	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
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Kirk secretary	616238	Police (non urgent) (24/7)	101
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Manse	616284	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
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Olivebank	616255	Orkney Dental	01856 872030
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