



TIMETABLES

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

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 25 Sep 2023 to 4 May 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 7 Jan to 9 Mar 2024](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2023-2027](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deal or No Deal Quiz Show	Sat 7 Oct
School October holidays	Thu 12 Oct—Fri 27 Oct
Orkney Digital Forum (in Kirkwall)	Fri 27 Oct
“Coffee at Cleat” for Macmillan	Sat 28 Oct
Loganair winter timetable starts	Sun 29 Oct
Bonfire night	Sat 4 Nov
Mobile library van visit	Mon 20 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 25 Nov
Christmas Tree Lighting	Sat 2 Dec
School Christmas holidays	Mon 25 Dec 2023 – Fri 5 Jan 2024
Orkney Ferries refit timetable starts	Sun 7 Jan 2024
Deadline for all cats to be micro-chipped	Mon 10 Jun 2024

BANK NOW HAS A PHONE NUMBER

Lois now has wi-fi and a telephone (616262) in the bank on Stronsay!

HEALTH CARE IN RURAL & REMOTE AREAS

The Scottish Government’s Health, Social Care & Sport Committee is planning work into healthcare in rural & remote areas. Several topics have been suggested and are listed on this webpage where you can add your own suggested topic.

<https://engage.parliament.scot/group/29190>.

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 Limpet will be published on **Tuesday 31 October 2023**, the deadline is 7pm on that date.

Contact details for the Limpet’s editor are on the back page of every edition.



TWENTY IS PLENTY!

That's the message that motorists see when they drive through villages in The Highlands. Of course, many people are rushing to catch ferries at Scrabster or Gill's Bay but speeding, as we know, can wreak havoc in the lives of those affected. Twenty is plenty has now become an accepted part of the journey north.

Here on Stronsay, we live a different pace of life. We have learned, just recently, the effects of speeding on our island and while "twenty is plenty" is not something we would want here, slowing down especially around houses and the school can only be for the good of us all.

Please think about it...



Stronsay Community Association Presents;

STRONSAY DOES...

**DEAL OR
?**
NO DEAL

INCLUDING
CASH PRIZES!

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

22 boxes, 22 prizes but ONLY 1 WINNER

Doors open 7PM For 7:30PM Start

- Raffle-
- Bar Open-
- 100 CLUB-
- CHIPS ON Sale afterwards-



Adults £3 U16: £1

Everyone Welcome!

COFFEE AT CLEAT 2023



This year “*Coffee at Cleat*” for Macmillan will be held on Saturday 28 October, times to be arranged. There will be coffee, tea, juice, biscuits, cakes, raffle, sales table and about 90 kg of sweet pickled beetroot for sale!

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**-POSITION AVAILABLE-
RELIEF CARETAKER FOR STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**

For information of duties please contact:

Anne-Maree Carter (Caretaker)
Tel: 01857 616263

2 references required

Applications to be submitted to:

*Wilma Holland (Secretary),
Hunton,
Stronsay,
Email: wilmaholland@hotmail.co.uk*

by
5pm on Monday 16th October 2023

OSTEOPATH VISITS TO STRONSAY

Holly Elliot, registered osteopath (GOsC 9607) from Helping Hands Health, will be back in Stronsay again on the following dates:

- Friday 13th October
- Friday 10th November
- Friday 8th December

All clinics will be held in Wood's Yard between 10am and 5pm. Booking is available online for all dates using this link:

<https://helpinghandshealth.janeapp.co.uk>.

If online booking is an issue for anyone then they can of course contact Holly and she will book them in. Holly's contact details are:

- Phone 07377 689 237
- Email info.helpinghandshealth@gmail.com

ALL CATS MUST BE MICRO-CHIPPED BY 10 JUNE 2024

Cats must be implanted with a microchip before they reach the age of 20 weeks and their contact details stored and kept up to date in a pet microchipping database. All owners must have their cat microchipped by 10 June 2024 and owners found not to have microchipped their cat will have 21 days to have one implanted, or may face a fine of up to £500.

<https://tinyurl.com/yuwth3vj>

[Cats and Their Stats \(CATS\) UK annual report 2022](#)

LOGANAIR—DECEMBER 24th & DECEMBER 31st 2023

Below are the revised operating times Loganair's inter isles flights for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 2023. Usual note applying to Sanday and Stronsay for Sundays.

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Kirkwall – North Ronaldsay	11:00 – 11:17
North Ronaldsay – Sanday	11:24 – 11:30
Sanday – Stronsay	11:37 – 11:42
Stronsay – Kirkwall	11:49 – 11:58

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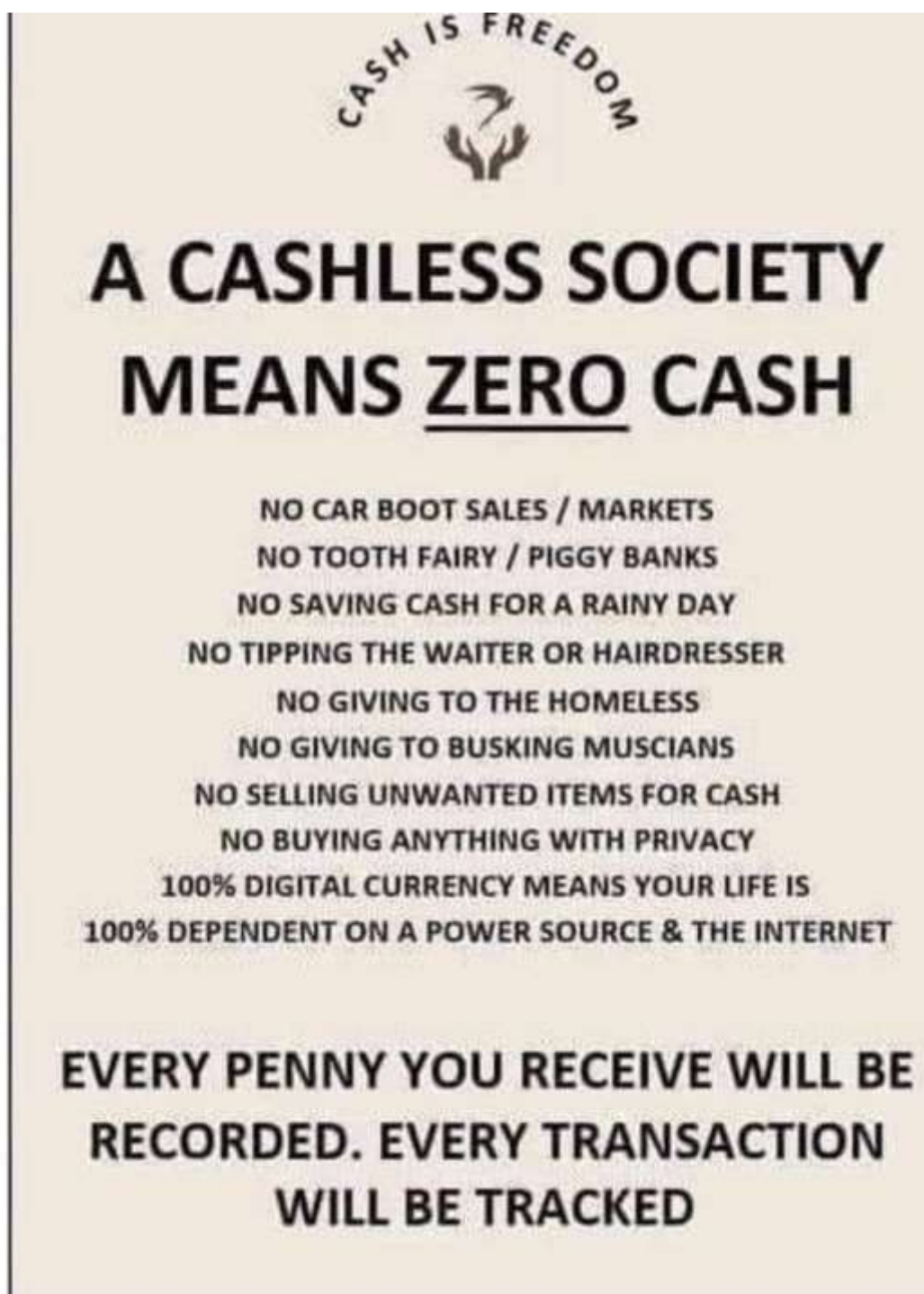
Kirkwall – Papa Westray	12:20 – 12:35
Papa Westray – Westray	12:42 – 12:44
Westray – Kirkwall	12:51 – 13:06

ORKNEY DIGITAL FORUM

In October Alastair Carmichael and Liam McArthur will be holding the latest Orkney Digital Forum, which they hope will provide an opportunity for people to hear about the rollout of broadband and mobile internet services to the islands.

The Forum will be held from 12-2pm on Friday 27 October, in the St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall, and will consist of a series of presentations by local and national stakeholders about the work they're doing in Orkney, followed by a public Q&A session. The event will be in-person only, with no hybrid option.

Anyone who wishes to find out more about connectivity in the isles is free to come along. If you would like to attend, you can RSVP to the Facebook event linked [here](#). Further details, including speakers and timings, will be shared in due course.



CASH IS FREEDOM

**A CASHLESS SOCIETY
MEANS ZERO CASH**

NO CAR BOOT SALES / MARKETS
NO TOOTH FAIRY / PIGGY BANKS
NO SAVING CASH FOR A RAINY DAY
NO TIPPING THE WAITER OR HAIRDRESSER
NO GIVING TO THE HOMELESS
NO GIVING TO BUSKING MUSCIANS
NO SELLING UNWANTED ITEMS FOR CASH
NO BUYING ANYTHING WITH PRIVACY
100% DIGITAL CURRENCY MEANS YOUR LIFE IS
100% DEPENDENT ON A POWER SOURCE & THE INTERNET

**EVERY PENNY YOU RECEIVE WILL BE
RECORDED. EVERY TRANSACTION
WILL BE TRACKED**

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

DOG FOULING AND THE LAW

It is an offence for any person in charge of a dog not to immediately remove and dispose of its fouling in an appropriate manner.

This applies to **all public places**, including

- Pavements and footpaths
- Children's play areas
- Parks and recreational areas
- Beaches

The majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets, but if you witness a dog-fouling offence, contact Environmental Health at Orkney Islands Council, **tel: 01856 873535 ext. 2801.**

Dog poo bags are available, free of charge, from Olivebank, Ebenezer Stores and the Island Link Officer.

Island Link Officer/Clerk,
Stronsay Community Council
9 September 2023

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

FREE DAFFODILS

Daffodil planting time is fast approaching and Stronsay Community Council will have a limited supply of daffodil bulbs available, free of charge, for anyone interested, and willing, to plant these.

There is, however, a stipulation. The bulbs have to be planted in verges throughout Stronsay with the intention of bringing a little spring colour to the island after the bleakness of winter.

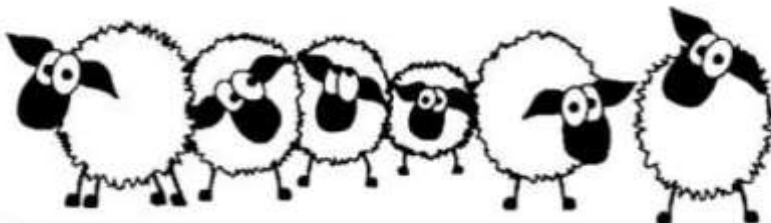
If you would like some daffodil bulbs to plant in a verge, in front of or near your home, please contact the Clerk either by email or phone: email: stronsaycc@gmail.com tel: 616446

Happy planting!

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Community Council Clerk
15/08/2023

STRONSAY STITCHERS

Stronsay Stitchers



Thursday 26th October, 7.00-9.00pm, Church Hall, £2/person, refreshments available

Records of a Bygone Age **A snapshot in time – Stronsay 1950**

I recently came across a Statistical Account of Stronsay, compiled in 1950 by long-time headmaster John Drever. As part of a Scotland-wide initiative to complete a Statistical Account along the same lines as the Statistical Accounts of 1795 and 1845, it was an interesting snapshot of 1950s Stronsay but, due in great part to a national lack of funding, the project failed dismally in achieving the national picture of the time it was supposed to represent.

John Drever's factual account of island life and culture is nevertheless an interesting and thought provoking document and, I believe, well worth picking out some of the details and comparing some of them to today's Stronsay.

In his introduction he comments on how Stronsay used to have two harvests - one of the land and one of the sea – and goes on to state “There is as good land and as splendid farms in Stronsay as anywhere in Orkney, and there used to be the herring fishing too.” This reference to the herring fishing, although it had come to an end 11 years earlier, was alluded to on several occasions and was obviously still fresh in his mind.

Papa Stronsay too gets a glowing reference, where he recounts “The farm is very good and raises splendid crops of oats, potatoes, turnips etc. but there is the difficulty of boating the cattle and all the goods across. But on account of those things the rent is lower than it would otherwise have been and if a man does not dislike a hermit's life, he will do well enough and earn plenty of money over there” He also explained that all the gutters' huts on Papa Stronsay had recently been dismantled and taken across to Stronsay by two joiners, where they had been made into henhouses.

At the time of this report, with the break-up of much of the large estates in the 1920s, most of the farmers had been owner/occupiers for nigh on 30 years with only Whitehall Farm and Dishes still being part of the Balfour estate and here Mr Drever added his thoughts that the proprietor of Whitehall would earn more in fishing rights, drying nets etc. than he would in selling the farm. With little fishing being pursued at the time it seems he may not have been quite on the ball with that comment and indeed both farms were sold quite soon afterwards.

A short chapter on Stronsay's history then followed, including sea communication, shipping tragedies, the fire destroying the Stronsay Hotel and concluding with the beaching of almost 100 pilot whales on the Rothiesholm Sands only a few weeks before his report was written. The secular history of Stronsay was also touched on, describing how there were two churches in Stronsay up until they united in 1929 to become the Church of Scotland as we know it today. He also wrote of the anticipation of a new church yet to be built with a bequest left to the island by Alexander Moncur, a jute manufacturer in Dundee.

In agriculture he reported that tractors were now in common use, with reapers and binders replacing the scythe which was now only used to cut 'roads' for the passage of the tractor, and that a working horse was getting to be an uncommon sight.

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The local population numbered a little over 600, with Chalmers and Fotheringhame the commonest names, closely followed by Caithness, Cooper, Fiddler, Maxwell, Miller, Shearer, Sinclair, Stevenson and Swanney. Of these, nearly all would have been native Orcadians. This compares to today's population hovering around 300, with no Caithness, Fiddler, Fotheringhame, Sinclair or Swanney names still to the fore, one solitary Maxwell and only a handful each of Chalmers, Coopers, Millers, Shearers and Stevensons.

Moving on to Education, Mr Drever notes that in 1921 there were 180 pupils on the roll but this had fallen to stand at 94 in 1950. Of these, 71 were attending the Central School, with the other 23 in attendance at the North and South Schools. The Rothiesholm School had closed in 1947 and the only school pupil on Papa Stronsay was presently being ferried across to Stronsay and then driven to school. These pupils would have been in the age range of 5 to 14 years old and, the report states, were taught English, maths, science, art and singing, with either French or Latin taught to the Secondary pupils, together with sewing and cooking for the girls and woodwork for the boys.

The roll today I believe stands at around 42, ranging from 3 year old nursery children to 16 year old senior pupils and, with the last 'side school' having closed 65 years ago, all are taught at the Central school. There are more resident teachers at the school now than in Mr Drever's day and, with specialist itinerant teachers flying in on a daily basis, these children are receiving an education as good as could be had anywhere. This enables the pupils to stay at Stronsay school until they are 16, allowing them to gain the necessary qualifications to move on to further education if they so desire. Another difference to be noted from the school of 1950 is the provision of school lunches, which began in the late 1950s. No longer did pupils have to take a 'piece' to school, to be washed down with cocoa provided from the kettle boiling away on the solid fuel stove!



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The school photo on the previous page would have been taken in the late 1940s and shows John Drever with his senior pupils all, I think, Orkney born and bred and displaying a good cross section of the old Stronsay family names.

Back row: Jim Grieve, David Shearer, Douglas Cooper, Erlend Wilson, Tom Stout.

2nd row: Headmaster John Drever, Erlend Stout, Davina Williamson, Caroline Fiddler, Agnes Dalziel, Isobel Fotheringhame, Barbara Chalmers, Margaret Shearer, Margaret Scott.

3rd row: Billy Miller, Donny Cooper, Patricia Cooper, Catherine Sinclair, Elizabeth Stevenson, Megan Fotheringhame.

Front row: Peter Smith, Jack Chalmers, John Grieve, Jimmy Stevenson, Billy Stout, Francis Williamson.

The 1950 school roll and population as a whole would have been almost entirely Orkney born and bred. Compare this with around 2/3rds of today's population who have moved here from outside of Orkney and, of the school pupils, only a handful have two Orkney parents. It's hard to imagine how our island would have looked today without this influx of fresh blood!

The water supply in the village was provided from a tank on the road to Whitehall Farm, pumped there from the Ayre of the Myres, so there would be little change there other than a replacement tank recently erected in the same area and the water being supplied by boreholes rather than a spring. The houses in the rest of the island had to collect rain-water or carry or pump water from wells and the concept of mains water was still just a pipe dream. (That just had to be said, didn't it? 😊)

Commenting on the housing stock, Mr Drever noted that this had improved immensely during the current century and there were now as substantial and commodious houses as one would see anywhere in the country. There was no lack of housing as so many people had left the island and the bigger farms were employing far fewer workers. Many of the houses, he said, were just a 'butt and a ben' with a small room called a closet between and only around 20 houses had bathrooms at that time, with most of those only recently installed.

Heat was provided mainly by coal, although the folk of Rothiesholm still burnt peat, and light was provided by oil lamp or Tilley type lanterns. A few had lights powered by Calor gas and some had electricity provided by battery. Strangely, Mr Drever makes no mention of any engine driven generators although I'm sure there must have been a few around by 1950.

There were about 30 private cars on the island, plus two more available for hire, and 3 lorries also for hire. Mr Drever added that there were very few gigs still to be seen on the road at the time of his account.

In 1950 Stronsay had 8 shops - 5 in the Village, two in the centre of the island and one in Rothiesholm - along with two bakeries, both in the Village, and a butcher shop.

With the demise of the kelp industry in the mid-1930s and the herring fishing ending soon after, farming was by far the biggest industry and mainstay of the island, with oats, bere, turnips and potatoes being grown in rotation, hay being made as part of the cattle's winter ration and some farms growing a little kale for their sheep in the winter. Hens were being reared and eggs shipped in ever increasing numbers.

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There were a few fishermen still working, mainly setting creels for lobsters, although he reported that two boats still went deep sea fishing, sometimes landing their catch in Kirkwall. Another part-time winter occupation mentioned by Mr Drever was catching rabbits for shipment south. Tangles were being laid up to dry that year and, although it isn't made clear, it seems that the tangles may have been a comparatively new industry - now long gone too of course.

In his closing remarks, John Drever once again has a nostalgic look back to the days of the herring fishing where, he comments, "There was a feeling of expectancy. We welcomed the fisher folk as we now welcome the corncrakes." and goes on to say "We are a maritime nation; the love of the sea is in our blood and what is to become of our native land in time of war if these brave fishermen are not there....."

With so many changes in the island in the intervening years, and those same corncrakes welcomed by Mr Drever now but a dim and distant memory for most folk, I wonder just what his impressions of Stronsay 2023 would have been?

Ian Cooper
October 2023

The full version of John Drever's Statistical Account can be found in the Stronsay Heritage Centre.

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A report from your councillor in the month the MV Golden Mariana retires after 50 years of service.

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I was invited to attend the meeting of the Development & Infrastructure Committee (of which I am not a member) for the item on 20mph speed limits at Isles schools. This was the item I had referred back to them for reconsideration at our last General Meeting ([Letter issue 126](#)). Barely 11 weeks after their decision to reject the traffic order, this time the committee approved it unanimously! I put this down, not only to the responses from the island community councils, but also to lobbying from parents and members of the public. This demonstrates the power of public persuasion in local politics. Well done to everyone who engaged—it worked! The 11-week hiatus has caused delay, but installation of the mandatory variable 20mph speed limits around the island schools should, hopefully, be completed not too long after the deadline specified in my original notice of motion ([Letter issue 107](#)), i.e. the end of this year. I am aware that communities want more control over the times that the variable speed limits are in force, and I fully support this. However, this may require an additional traffic order. Nevertheless, the current traffic order will get the infrastructure in place, and modifications can be made in due course.

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The House Working Group met to decide on the placement of the official portrait of The King when it arrives. This may seem a little esoteric, but it is pertinent, as citizenship ceremonies are held in the council chamber.

The new Health & Wellbeing Member/Officer Working Group met for the first time. The purpose of this group is to consider how best to monitor the health and wellbeing of Orkney's children, particularly with respect to the correct questions to ask them in order to obtain the necessary information.

The Constitutional Reform Consultative Group has met at last—15 months after the start of the new council. I wish we had been convened well before the 4th July General Meeting ([Letter issue 126](#)) and the lodging of that Notice of Motion by Cllrs Stockan & Woodbridge calling for alternative models of governance for Orkney. This included, among other things, investigating possible Nordic connections, a suggestion subsequently embarrassingly rebuffed by Norway. The notice of motion was picked up by the world's media, and this has provoked dubious "offers of help." Someone recently contacted councillors proffering assistance in exchange for our making him "King of Orkney"! The Constitutional Reform Consultative Group was set up in order to keep our ambitions for constitutional reform within the bounds of reality. It is regrettable it was disrespected and bypassed.

At a meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing (ELH) Committee, I was pleased to be able to congratulate publicly the acting head teacher on the good HM Inspectors' report received by Eday Primary School & Nursery Class. I visited the school in May ([Letter issue 124](#)), and I saw the good work being done by the staff there. Although at ELH I brought up the problems of damp at an island school, there is a good piece of news I can impart about our school buildings, namely that RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete), which has led to emergency closures of schools throughout the UK, has not been used in any council building in Orkney.

Along with a good many island transport reps, I attended the Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum and Inter-Isles Air Services Consultative Forum at School Place. New transport reps may not be aware that they are entitled to reimbursement of their travel costs to attend these meetings, and that claim forms are available at the meetings. Just make sure you retain some proof (e.g. the tickets or receipts) of what you spent on your travel.

Other Council meetings I've attended this month include 2 meetings of the Monitoring & Audit Committee, a long meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, and a confidential members' meeting with the chief executive.

I've been doing a virtual tour of the North Isles, attending meetings virtually (not my favourite way of doing it) of the community councils of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay; Westray; Shapinsay, and a meeting of Westray Parent Council. I've even virtually been to Thurso to attend a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group.

The summer is ended, and we are not saved.
(What did Jeremiah mean by this?)



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



Stronsay at War

The Stronsay Heritage Society is planning to create a display and accompanying booklet for the Stronsay Heritage Centre to document *life in Stronsay* during the First and Second World Wars.

We are hoping that folks both in and outwith Stronsay will send us copies/scans/photographs of the following types of items:

- Written memories or diaries (of life in Stronsay or from Stronsay folk experiencing life elsewhere because of the war)
- Photos (of Stronsay or of Stronsay folk)
- Letters
- Postcards
- Memorabilia or Souvenirs
- Ration Cards
- Recipes or household hints
- Fashion
- Products/Labels/Advertisements from local businesses
- Invoices/Receipts
- Certificates or Awards
- Programmes of Events, Fundraisers or Appeals
- Newspaper clippings about Stronsay



We can also borrow your originals and scan them ourselves if that's easier for you.

Naturally, if you'd like to donate any wartime-related artefacts or original photos to the Heritage Centre, we'd be very glad to receive them.

Please contact Jennifer Graham (07973 716278)
or Ian Cooper (616 322)
or via email: heritagesocietystronsay@gmail.com



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RECYCLED CARDBOARD LOGS

Winter is coming, the nights are getting colder, and the recycling centre has plenty of recycled cardboard logs. They are a bargain at only £7.00 for 30 logs. Available at the recycling centre or call Viv on 207.

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 Julie for all taxi work and Sinclair Haulage for freight!

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

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

WANTED—INFORMATION

re. history of SS Athenia life-boat, now at Seafield, Stronsay.

Can anyone help in establishing the identity of a Stronsay resident who actually lived in the SS Athenia converted lifeboat on the foreshore at Seafield, during the years 1960-1980 (very approximate) together with his sheep!?

This information came from Mr Thomas Shearer, who lived at Seafield for many years from about 1983 - 2002, and who now lives in Kirkwall. He cannot remember this other man's name, and whilst it does not effect the wartime history of the lifeboat, it adds an interesting dimension to its post-war history.

Any information would be gratefully appreciated, thank you.

Brian Crowe

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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.

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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WANTED - USED PACKAGING!

From Louise McQuaid

I'm looking for resources for work ahead of Orkney Science Festival. We'll be in schools across the islands with circular economy workshops. If anyone uses any of these items, could I have the packaging once you're done?

- Eco friendly washing powder
- Eco cleaning products
- A refill pouch (Any product)
- [Who gives a crap](#)
- Cardboard straws
- Plastic cutlery

Thanks!

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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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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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

...or scan
me into
your phone
camera



MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2023

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

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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 Anne-Maree Carter email annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

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

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

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



EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Located at Wood's Yard we have a cabin full of great pieces of equipment including E-bikes, kayaks, wetsuits, beach games, sports equipment, accessibility aids and more.

Give us a call on 616410 or email cdostronsay@gmail.com and see what's available.

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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

Monday	Adult lane 6:30-7:10:00	Public session 7:10– 7:50
Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2:00-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

LEARN TO SWIM DAY □

On Wednesday 16th August two swimming instructors will be visiting Stronsay pool. There will be 3 groups 5-7 year old, 8-10 year old & 11-14 year old.

Places will be limited and booking is essential.

All sessions are free, funded by the Scottish government. More details will be available via a press release by OIC in the coming weeks but if you would like to provisionally book your child into one of the sessions please contact Andy Rose via text, messenger, email or phone on 07769689310 / andyrose85@btinternet.com.

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.

STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

- [59° North](#)
- [Links House, Stronsay: Finding the Mesolithic in Orkney](#)
- [Stronsay, Orkney](#)
- [The mystery of the Stronsay Monster](#)
- [Orkney—living and working](#)
- [1930's stone crushing machine in action on Stronsay](#)
- [Stronsay harbour \(taken from inside the harbour\)](#)
- [Five reasons to visit Stronsay](#)

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 WINTER OPENING TIMES

(October-March)

Monday CLOSED

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

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 7am - 2pm

Thursday 7am - 2pm

Friday 7am - 2pm

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

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

KEEPING WARM

These knitting patterns are from the 1940s so they may not be high fashion but they will keep you warm!

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/1940s-knitting-patterns>

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POMONA  PREFECT

**ORKNEY NORTH ISLES' COMMERCIAL
AND LEISURE SMALL BOAT CHARTER**



+44 (0) 7707 306787
pomonaprefect@gmail.com
www.pomonaprefect.com

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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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Holmsgarth Crafts



*Seasonal Gifts,
Memory bears,
Stronsay book bags, and much more
Many items can be personalised
Made To Order*



Contact Margaret McAnally - [Holmsgarth Crafts | Facebook](#)
[07432614089](tel:07432614089)

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Marion Miller Jewellery

Unique Jewellery inspired by the sea and shore.
Designed and handmade on the island of Stronsay, Orkney

www.marionmillerjewellery.com

Tel 07919550943 E-mail marionmillerjewellery@gmail.com



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Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Orkney Star Island Soap, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG.

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarsoap.co.uk

Web: <http://www.orkneystarsoap.co.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap>

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LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer
Plumber**

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
- All other types of domestic, commercial, industrial plumbing works
- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for:

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

Contact me on stronsaymarkets@gmail.com and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

See Stronsay Markets on YouTube https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



handmade with love

Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
 - ★ Handmade especially for you ★
- ★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★
- ★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★

Hazel Shearer, Airy, Stronsay, Orkney, KW172AG • Phone 01857 616231
hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com • www.airyfairyonline.co.uk

The advertisement features a light teal background with white stars. A red heart contains the text 'with love'. Three images show handmade items: a quilt, a floral dress, and a colorful cushion with the word 'LOVE' in large letters.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast Logie Easter, Kildary IV18 0NZ



The Old Manse is a listed building dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and commanding far reaching views of the surrounding countryside.

We are ideally located for those travelling to and from Orkney. The ferry terminals of Gills Bay (Pentland Ferries) and Scrabster (North Link Ferries) are no more that 2.5 hours drive with John O’Groats just 2 hours away.

Ensuite Double and twin rooms

Tel 01862 842357 Email oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com

Web www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk

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We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.

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

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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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



peediepartypacks2221



PeediePartyPacks@hotmail.com

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed all day
Post collection times	7:30am, Monday to Saturday
Bank (RBS)	Every Thursday 9:30am to 3pm, phone 616262
OIC Special collection.	Week Commencing: ???
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 25 September
Weekly rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out by 8am but not on the night before!)
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
Forward scam emails to	report@phishing.gov.uk
Stronsay's Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488

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

Airy Fairy	616231	Registrar	616239
Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>)	616262	Scottish Fuels	01856 873105
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	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Golgotha monastery.	616210	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
	<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Electricity	
Hairdresser	616337	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Hall bookings	616263		<i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i>
	<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Highland Fuels	01856 873766	power cut (24/7). . .	105
Island Link Officer	616475	Police (non urgent) (24/7)	101
Kirk secretary	616238	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Limpet editor	616297	Dentists:	
Medical emergency	616321	Daisybank Clinic . .	01856 870547
Neil's on Wheels	07723 304 260	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Manse	616284	Com Dental Service	01856 888258
Nurses	616321	Orkney Dental	01856 872030
Olivebank	616255	Vets:	
OIC out of hours	01856 873535	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Post Office	616499	Northvet	01856 873403
Red House Plants	616377		

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