



TIMETABLES

[Stronsay's Massive Weekend 16-18 Aug—Ferry timetable](#)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fishmart café shut	Sun 4 Aug
Free archaeology skills workshop (online)	Wed 7 Aug & Wed 14 Aug
Stronsay's Massive Weekend!	Fri, Sat, Sun 16, 17, 18 Aug
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 29 Aug
Stronsay SWRI centenary	Sat 7 Sep
Science of Superheroes	Tue 10 Sep
Bingo	Sat 28 Sep
Bonfire Night & quiz	Sat 9 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 23 Nov
Christmas Tree lighting	Sat 30 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Tue 31 Dec

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 as soon as possible. This then allows the appointment to be given to another patient.

COMPANIONS GROUP

Meets on Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28 August in the Fishmart Café at 2pm for a cuppa & cake whilst chatting and catching up with the news.

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Sat 31 Aug**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

Stronsay

Orkney's Island of Bays

Accommodation

-Stronsay Hotel-

Tel: 07398627742

stronsayhotel@gmail.com

-Storehouse B&B-

Tel: 01857 616263

annamaree.carter@btinternet.com

-Stronsay Fishmart & Hostel-

Tel: 01857 616401

fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com

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STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND!

16th, 17th, 18th AUGUST 2024



Stronsay Community Association Presents; with funding from Cooke Aquaculture;

Stronsay's MASSIVE Weekend!

Friday 16th August:

Community Hall; 7:30pm

-QUIZ WITH CASH PRIZE followed by JAMMING SESSION-
Come along and start your weekend with a cracking night at the hall- Please bring along your Instruments if you have any!
-Hot food on sale, Bar open and Raffle tickets available-
Adults: £3 Under 16's: Free

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST:

Community Hall; 11am

Get your 5-a-side teams ready!

-Fun Netball-
-Fun Football-
-Team Games-
-Obstacle Race-

Also open inside at the Community Hall:

-Carnival Style Games-

-Inflatables -

Community Hall will be open and available for Hot food, Tea, Coffee and Drums!

-Raffle tickets available-

Community Hall; 8pm

Dance to The Stronsay Band!

Adults: £5 under 16's: £1

-Bar-
-Supper-
-Raffle tickets available-

Sunday 18th AUGUST:

Community Hall; 12pm

Get your thinking caps on for your float ideas!

-Floats-
-Kirkjuvagr Dancers-
-Kirkwall City Pipe Band-
-Craft Sale-
-Vintage Club-
-BBQ-
-Inflatables-
-Carnival Style Games-
Raffle Tickets on sale until 2:30pm!

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STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND

CRAFT SALE

Sunday 18th August 2024

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Stronsay Community Hall

Teas ~ bakes ~ raffle





SDT News

Community Transport: Plugged In Communities Fund - SDT has been successful in securing funds from the Energy Savings Trust for a brand new electric bus that will be used for the development of Community Transport services, and to support our Wellbeing project...more news on this soon!



We are delighted to be working with the **Orkney International Science Festival** to bring the 'Science of Superheroes' out to Stronsay on 10th September. **With a session for all ages at the Hall at 4pm.** If anyone would like to volunteer to help out on the day please get in touch, and for more information and to book the session go to: www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-jzpyprj (tickets are free, but OISF needs to collect numbers for their funders 😊)

The first 6 months of Community Bus operation with Bayview Transport, supported by SDT and OICs Community Transport Small Grant



Number of service users

147



24.5

Average users per month

Operational Service days

% of days Jan to Jun that there has been Community Transport available

71%



Feedback: we welcome comments, feedback, questions and ideas at any time on any of our projects or new ideas...please speak to any of the board members or message on the SDT Facebook page or email, details below...

Updates

We recently supported OIC with the **Orkney Matters 2** consultation, including hosting an online comments board on Padlet, alongside the community meeting at the Hall. This provided lots of useful comments and feedback for OIC, other partners and for SDT. The Padlet comments are available to review at: <https://tinyurl.com/2ntnzk3n>



Beechwood is on the home straight now with all the major work completed and final fix and decoration to be completed; we hope to have it available for rent by the end of September

Keep an eye on the **Stronsay Hotel & Pub** Facebook page for updates, menus etc.

SDT attended the '**Orkney Towns Fund**' Stakeholder workshops on 18th July in Kirkwall that was sharing details about the £20M fund, and gathering project ideas from the community and other groups represented. The fund is for all of Orkney, and we took the opportunity to feed in present priorities, including the Heritage Centre project - see more about that below:



Board Meetings

The SDT Board meets on the first Monday of each month. Our most recent approved minutes for our meeting on 3rd June 2024 are available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2ntnzk3n>

(And our July meeting minutes will be up soon following our meeting on 5th August)

We are aiming to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) towards the end of August...details to follow!!

Contacts

The SDT Volunteer Board are: Ian Stevenson (Chair), Kevin Kent (Vice Chair), Mike Holland, Elsie Dennison, James Seaton, Louise McQuaid, Richard Groat & Naomi Bremner



Email contact details:

Community Development Officer:

cd@stronsay@gmail.com

Wellbeing: sdwellbeing@gmail.com

Board: office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Or message on

[Facebook.com/StronsayDevelopmentTrust](https://www.facebook.com/StronsayDevelopmentTrust)



Stronsay Heritage Centre

SDT is working with the **Stronsay Heritage Society** and we have secured the services of consultant Davie Campbell to support us through the feasibility stage towards a **new Heritage Centre**.

The first step in this next phase of work was a drop in community consultation held at the Hotel on 15th July when folk received an update and discussed the project. This included updates on the Mission Hall site, the heritage trail, the need to consider a new site for the centre, and exploring ideas for what the Heritage Centre could include: **due to recent OIC Planning and SEPA reports, we now need to rethink where we will locate the new Heritage Centre and how the Mission Hall could still be used by the community**. One piece of land has been identified and favoured and other sites were identified and discussed at length along with ideas for other needs of the island so the new site could become a community hub.

Brilliant ideas from those that came along included:

Sheltered accommodation / parking for camper vans and caravans / EV charging points / shower block with toilets / community garden with picnic area / polycrub to supply the community with fresh fruit and vegetables / market garden / local craft shop / Coffee/tea & home bakes with small kitchen area / files for each house as Papay have giving information and who lived there / shared community allotments / seating area for people to wait for the boat with a view



We will continue to provide regular updates here and on Facebook. Or contact any Board Member or the Heritage Society meantime.

Ideas shared for the future use of the Mission Hall from the meeting included: Youth Centre / Men's Shed / Women's Shed / Sharing traditional skills / Music / Drama Group stage / 'Messy' craft workshops



Get involved

OICs Orkney Outdoor Play Space Survey to look at what opportunities there may be to improve Orkney's play / hang out areas:

<https://shorturl.at/hCaBa>

OICs Orkney Community Learning and Development Plan 2024-27 Survey to consider the priorities for services such as adult learning, youth work, family learning:

<https://shorturl.at/1o14p>

And **OICs call for ideas to feed into the new Orkney Development Plan**: what should Orkney look like, ideas to make your island a better place, places that should be safeguarded from development, ideas for rural development: <https://shorturl.at/sZhae>

Wellbeing



It has been a busy start to Spring/Summer for the Stronsay Island Wellbeing Project. Both Shani (Wellbeing Coordinator) and Elsie Dennison (Trustee Wellbeing Line Manager) have been attending various meetings and providing feedback to relevant project partners on health & wellbeing matters that affect our island. Work has commenced on a new 24/25 Island Wellbeing Plan. **Citizen Advice Bureau** are out again on 21st August. We will continue to share events and partner information on our Wellbeing Facebook Page, so please pop along, give us a like and follow for information: www.facebook.com/sdtwellbeing

We continue to deliver prescriptions weekly for anyone who can't easily access the Surgery for repeats. If you feel this or any other signposting or support would benefit you, or a friend or neighbour please do call, text, PM or email:

Shani Hall - Mobile 07904 578120
Stronsay Island Wellbeing Project Coordinator

UNMASKED: THE SCIENCE OF SUPERHEROES

Coming to Stronsay 10th September!

Booking link for this free event here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-jzpyprj>

OISF is thrilled to present "Unmasked: The Science of Superheroes" roadshow at this year's Orkney International Science Festival, thanks to fantastic support from the Institute of Physics Public Engagement Grant and Stagecoach.

Join as four researchers from the The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) reveal the scientific truths behind our favourite comic book heroes and blockbuster movie icons. They will be visiting Sanday, Stronsay, Westray, and Shapinsay, with an exciting Kirkwall performance at the Orkney Theatre and they will take part in the Festival's Family Day, which this year will be in the Pickaquoy Centre.

This unique initiative, powered by the Institute Of Physics and Stagecoach, brings together the exciting world of superheroes and the real-world science discoveries and innovations, sparking inspiration in both young minds and adults.



SCIENCE OF SUPERHEROES



ARE YOU READY TO UNCOVER THE SECRETS
BEHIND YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHEROES?



CHAT WITH SUPERHEROES AND EXPLORE:

- EXOPLANETS
- REAL-LIFE SUPERPOWERS &
- THE SCIENCE BEHIND CAPTURING SUPERVILLAINS.

ALSO EXPERIENCE FLYING THROUGH
SPACE AND CITIES WITH VR

DON'T MISS OUT!!

FLY, RUN OR TELEPORT AND BE PART OF
THIS SUPER-POWERED EXPERIENCE!

SUPERHEROES OF ALL AGES WELCOME!!

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER | 4 PM

STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL,
STRONSAY, KW17 2AE

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/BOOKING/T-JZPYPRJ](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-jzpyprj)
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!!



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**Aerial imagery and remote sensing
Free archaeology skills workshop
7th August 2024 Online, 16.00 – 18.30**



Learn about the use of aerial imagery and other remote sensing techniques in archaeology and discover the resources available to you to do your own survey.

No experience necessary. 12 spaces available.

Contact Ben Saunders to sign up

b.saunders@wessexarch.co.uk



**Free archaeology skills workshop
'An introduction to dendrochronology
and its use in Scotland' with Dr Coralie Mills
15th August 2024 Online, 16.00 – 18.30**



Discover the facts behind the technique that will be used to hopefully date and provenance the Sanday wreck, and its wider use in Scotland.

No experience necessary. 12 spaces available.

Contact Ben Saunders to sign up

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT AIR & FERRY TIMETABLES FOR STRONSAY – SUMMER 2025 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Should you have any comments on these timetables, which are proposed for next summer (2025), please contact your Community Council transport representative, Shane Hourston, as soon as possible and prior to Friday 9 August 2024.

Comments can also be sent to the Community Council Team, Democratic Services communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk (01856) 873535 ext 2264 or directly to Transportation Services transport@orkney.gov.uk.



www.orkneyferries.co.uk

Outer North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 04 May - 28 September 2025 inclusive

DRAFT as at 30.05.24

Port	Sunday ^{***}	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kirkwall dep	0840	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740
Eday arr	0955						
Eday dep	1005						
Stronsay arr	1040	0840	0855	0840	0840	0840	0840
Stronsay dep	1050	0855	0910	0855	0855	0855	0850
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Westray arr							
Westray dep	1045	0945	0925	0945	0945	0845	0845
Kirkwall arr	1230	1150	1050	1100	1100	1100	1120
Kirkwall dep		1115	1030	1115	1300	1045	
Stronsay arr		1250	1300	1250			
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Vehicle bookings must be made one hour before the departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours.
 * This sailing is not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall. ** These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.
 RO-RO TIMETABLE 4 MAY – 28 SEPT 2025 INCLUSIVE, excluding the following dates for special excursions, posters are on display advertising local events: 14 & 15 June, 28 & 27 July, 02 August, 09 & 10 August and 18, 17 & 18 August 2024.
 *** On the following SUNDAYS there will be special excursions (North Ronaldsay: 09 June, 14 July, 04 August, 08 September, Papa Westray: 30 June, 25 August). These excursions will not affect all Sunday sailings – please see excursion timetable.
 1. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure, passengers 10 minutes before departure.
 2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
 3. No Show Charges – All cancellations must be made at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.
 For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1LG. Telephone: 01856 872044, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

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Eday: Monday AM drop during school term only. Bookings on the Eday drop will be subject to availability from 12:00 the Friday before departure until 18:00 on Sunday.
 A. Operates school term only. Wednesdays 19 Feb - 2 April, 23 April - 2 July, and 20 August - 9 October 2025.
 B. Operates during school holidays. Wednesdays 9 & 16 April, 9 July - 13 August and 15 & 22 October 2025. The first four seats are prioritised for Eday passengers up to 24 hours before flight.
 C. The first four seats are prioritised for Eday passengers up to 24 hours before flight.
 Eday Friday AM - does NOT operate during June, July & August. The first four seats are prioritised for North Ronaldsay passengers up to 24 hours before flight.
 Saturday Refit: Additional frequency by air provided while the Orkney Ferries Off vessels are on winter refit.
 Sunday: Flight drop off/put up on request. Bookings can be made on the Sunday flight, shared with North Ronaldsay, from 12:00 on Friday until 12:00 on Sunday.
 PLEASE NOTE - The operation of the Stromsay Sunday service is subject to availability of ground crew on the island. Currently (Aug 2024) there are NO crew available.



30th July 2024

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

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01857 616284



It's the time of the Paris Olympics, and already there have been some great achievements, and some disasters, yet even amidst failure some have shown a wonderful spirit that can inspire us and maybe help us cope- we may not get to be an athlete but we can find something of their spirit to keep going.

Different athletes have different ways to find strength or inner calm for the right moment. Adam Peaty is one who showed great calm after his big swimming event despite only missing gold by a fingernail, which would have made him an all-time great. He is someone who says his Christian faith gives him the mental strength and calm to cope and helped him recover from a period of mental despair, especially through finding acceptance and love, but also through prayer. And it's something we can find also.



The Paris Olympics also marks the 100th anniversary of the great Scottish Olympic champion [and Scottish rugby internationalist] Eric Liddell, who was immortalised in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

Eric won gold at the 1924 Paris Olympics but not at his chosen race. He was a committed Christian and refused to run on a Sunday (the Christian Sabbath), with the consequence that he was forced to withdraw from the 100 metres race, his best event, and switch belatedly to run in the 400 metres in which he was not expected to win. He not only won the race, but broke the existing world record.



He later became a missionary in China, and during WW2 was captured and imprisoned in a Japanese prison of war camp for a long period. It was harsh but Eric's spirit helped others get through.

A fellow prisoner recorded "Looking back, one can realise how very much we all owed to Eric's unconquerable spirit. We were often dismayed and sometimes daunted, but Eric's calm confidence, his readiness to undertake any responsibility or distasteful work, and his utter fearlessness, based on a simple but all-pervading faith in God, who had called him to the work, were our mainstay and sheet anchor in time of trouble. They will remember him in China for his ready smile, his warm friendliness and sincerity, and for the vital faith which made him untiring and fearless, and which inspired Chinese and foreign alike with renewed strength and confidence" Incidentally in prison, he broke his own sabbath rule, to help children run and play on Sundays, as his overriding priority was to love God and his neighbours.

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A fellow prisoner described Eric's secret power : " Every morning about 6 am with curtains tightly drawn, to keep in the shining of our peanut-oil lamp, lest the prowling sentries should think someone was trying to escape, he used to climb out of his top bunk, past sleeping dormitory mates. Then, he and another would read, pray, think about the day's duties, and note what should be done. Eric was a man of prayer not only at set times....he talked to God all the time, naturally: his life was grounded in God , in faith and trust."

You might easily say well its all right for him he was a strong man- its not so easy for the rest of us. And yet a colleague of Eric's in China, said of him that he was "the most remarkable example in my experience of a man of average ability and talents developing those talents to an amazing degree ..through the power of the Holy Spirit. " Liddell's faith was not miraculous, but based on a lifetime of disciplined prayer and bible study, and ordinary faithful service to his neighbours, which inspired those around him. So perhaps we can all hope to be a little more Liddell-like? And find something of his strength and spirit to keep going when its hard- open to helping others and finding strength , and spirit by taking time to let God into our lives?

My time here formally finishes on 6th October, but I will be away for times before then. If I can help anyone in any way before I go, please do ask. I do not have the ability of Eric Liddell, but I can share with you what I can of his faithful service and inspiration.

May God bless you.

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

CONSULTATION – WATER SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

A Safety and Resilience Officer from Orkney Islands Council Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure invites members of Stronsay's local community to participate in a consultation on the development of a water safety policy.

You may be aware that Orkney Islands Council, as part of its membership within the Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Group, is carrying out research into activities conducted within Orkney's waters and coastline and what levels of safety equipment, and awareness, already exist or could be introduced.

The following link will take you to an online questionnaire, where you can provide feedback, and give you the opportunity to share your views on water safety within the county.

The questionnaire will only take a few minutes to complete and has a deadline of **11 August 2024**.

The online questionnaire can be accessed here – <https://forms.office.com/e/PhBe0havyS>

If you are unable to use the online form and would like a hard copy of the questionnaire, which once completed should be posted to the Safety and Resilience Team, OIC, School Place, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY, please contact the Stronsay Island Link Office, tel: 616446 or email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

Thank you for your assistance.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
11 July 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

SSEN – £3m Community Fund

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), the Distribution Network Operator for central southern England and the north of Scotland, is now welcoming applications to its new Powering Communities to Net Zero fund.

The new Powering Communities to Net Zero (PCNZ) fund is a successor to the previous Resilient Communities Fund, which has awarded over £5m to around 700 projects in the past nine years. The new fund will run annually from now, concluding in Spring 2028. More than £3m in grants will be awarded during this time. This fund will support communities during prolonged power interruptions caused by storms, aid their ability to cope in periods of severe weather, and will now also support the adoption of new low-carbon technologies by non-profit organisations.

The new fund explained:

The fund is split into two categories; community-led physical and environmental resilience, and Low Carbon Technology (LCTs).

The new community-led physical and environmental resilience grants.

Half of the £3m funding will be available over the next four years to enable communities to apply for grants that will bolster physical and environmental resilience measures. Further details of the criteria are found in the fund guidance and in the application form. Grants of up to £15,000 will be awarded to successful applicants in this category.

The new low-carbon technology grants.

The other half of the funding being made available over the next four years will also be available for non-profit organisations to apply for grants to go towards the purchase of new Low-Carbon Technology. For example, a successful grant application could result in a social housing scheme or community centre being awarded funding to contribute to the cost of EV chargers, solar panels, battery storage or backup, low carbon heating systems, smart heating controls, or other general energy efficiency measures. Grants of up to £20,000 will be awarded to successful applicants in this category.

Note: SSEN is aware there are often lengthy lead times associated with community project preparations, as well as getting approval to connect some low carbon technologies. In light of this, SSEN is advising applicants to consider projects that have already been approved to apply in the current round, as the timescales for awarding and spending funds may be more likely to align. Those who are uncertain of their timescales can contact colin.mcmillan@sse.com to discuss this in more detail.

The deadline for applications to both categories is **5pm on Saturday 31st August 2024**, and applicants are asked to consider the criteria in the fund guidelines. The application documents can be downloaded on our website www.ssen.co.uk/pcnz. This gives full details of what can be supported by the fund as well as guidance on which projects will be prioritised.

The PCNZ Fund Panel, will review applications and determine which projects should receive funding, with the successful applications announced in late October.

More information can be found on the [SSEN web-site](#).

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17 July 2024

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

LOGANAIR – INTER ISLAND BOARDING CARDS

Please be advised that following a recent HIAL Security Audit it has become necessary to issue boarding cards, as a way to cross reference to who is on the manifest.

A printer is being installed and once working Loganair will be issuing boarding cards at KOI only.

Stronsay Island Link Officer
12 June 2024



Stronsay Youth (P6, P7) (S1 upwards)

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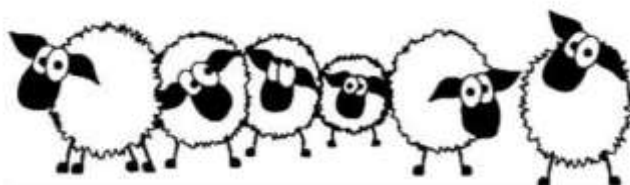


STRONSAY MEN'S SHED

The Stronsay Men's Shed have their own Facebook page up and running now, if you would like to contact them direct please do pm them.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558772842680>

Stronsay Stitches



Stronsay Stitches - Thursday 29th August

7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person

We are an informal group meeting monthly doing our own stichy things. You can bring any project you're working on such as crochet, needlework, knitting etc. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 23rd November

For more information or to book a table please contact Simone on 616 281 or PM Facebook.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2024

15 July, 9 September, 4 November

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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

STRONSAY SWRI - CENTENARY YEAR!

Stronsay SWRI will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary on Saturday 7th September 2024. We will be having a buffet meal in the community centre for all present and past members. If anyone has any old photos/ memorabilia that they'd be happy to share, please contact Sheena Cooper as soon as possible, we'd hopefully have a slideshow on the tv of old photos. Also, any stories or memories that you have would be appreciated, thank you!

Can we please have names for the meal by the end of July and payment to Elsie by the end of August. Please let us know of any dietary requirements



STRONSAY CHESS CLUB



Meets from 12 to 2pm every Friday in the Fishmart Café
Chess sets provided

Records of a Bygone Age Stronsay Schools Part 9 – War and peace, long service and new beginnings

We left the school in last month's article just as war had broken out, with the school and the island in a state of apprehension regarding the future.

It was noted in the log dated 25th September 1939 that the Secondary Departments of all country schools were to be closed until Monday 9th October to allow pupils to help with the harvest at home or on neighbouring farms.

Then, at the end of October, it was intimated that from 1st November to 1st February the school would open at 9.45 am and close at 2.45 pm. This was to help make maximum use of daylight and ensure that all the pupils could go to school and return home while there was still adequate light for their journey.

With war in the forefront of everyone's minds, there was an alarming moment at 1.30 pm on 14th November 1939 when an air raid warning was sounded and, as most of the pupils hadn't yet been supplied with their gas masks, school was dismissed and the children sent home. Fortunately this was a false alarm.

There was an outbreak of German Measles in March 1940 affecting many of the pupils and also some of the teachers. It was to be 15th June before the last pupil to contract the virus was back in class and the epidemic over.

In December 1941 note was made that the children were practising games and dancing in preparation for the SWRI's annual children's party. This same month saw some atrocious weather, described by Mr Drever as *'hurricane force winds, heavy rain, sleety showers, blizzards, flying storms, spindrift all over the sea and large snowdrifts.'*

Teacher James Sinclair joined the Royal Air Force in April 1941, with the teaching of his classes being shared between Mrs Wilson and the headmaster.

The school closed for 4 weeks holidays in the summer and then a further 4 weeks from 13th September until 12th October for the harvest.

On 20th November 1941 53 pupils were sent to Dr Pyle to be inoculated against diphtheria, with a second inoculation given 2 weeks later. This, Mr Drever recorded, was a war time measure although in actual fact it appears to have been the first of the mass vaccination programme against the disease.

A police officer visited the school in March 1942, noted in the log as *'re insulators etc.'* This visit may well have been instigated by some of the pupils being involved in breaking the porcelain insulators carrying the phone wires on the telegraph poles, no doubt quite a tempting target for young boys with stones.

To help the war effort that spring a collection of waste paper was made and sent to Kirkwall. Then, on 28th May 1942 Miss Barnett from the Ministry of Food visited the school to issue the new food and clothing ration books to each pupil.

Ralph Fotheringhame of Boondatoon, who had been chair of the School Management Committee, a member of the County Council, a JP and had been involved in education in the island for more than 50 years, died in December 1942. His funeral was held on 7th December and, as a mark of respect, the headmaster and 9 of the older pupils attended on behalf of the school.

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There was another bad flu epidemic in March and April 1943, laying low teachers and pupils alike, quickly followed by an outbreak of German Measles and then whooping cough.

When school reopened in August 1943 it was recorded that the school roll stood at 61 and that Mrs Wilson had been transferred to another school, with probationer Miss Margaret Hay taking over her role. By October Miss Hay had been transferred to Sandwick and Mrs Wilson reinstated!

Whooping cough and chicken pox was still affecting attendance levels in October and then, on 1st November, the school was closed for 2 weeks due to an outbreak of Scarlet Fever. It seems that resistance to bugs and viruses must have been very low at the time, although at least the epidemics would have built up the natural resistance to reinfection for many of the pupils.

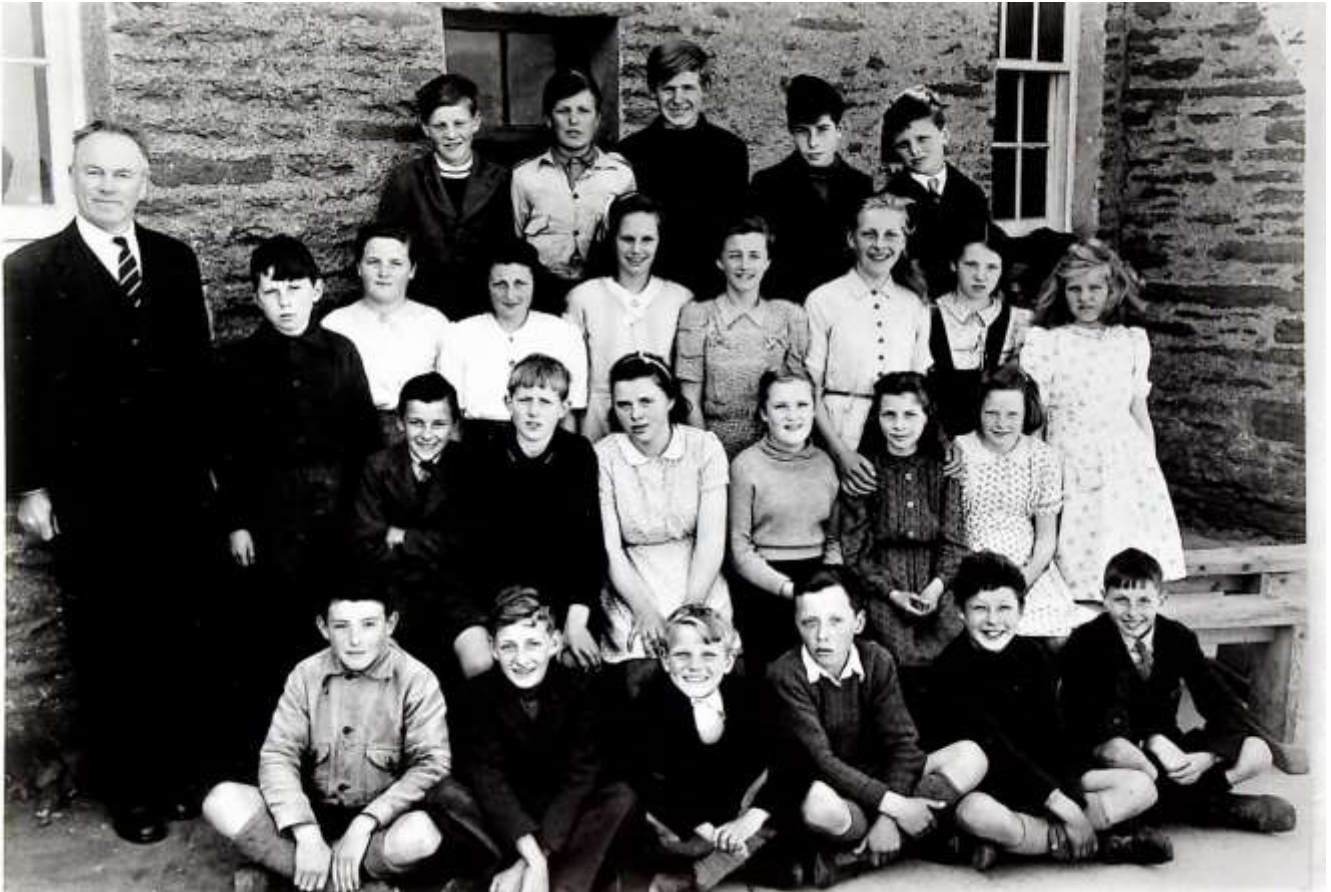
In May 1944 Mr McDougall from Kirkwall came out to the school and, in the morning, spoke to the pupils as part of the 'Salute the Soldiers week', aimed at raising funds for field hospitals and military equipment. He then gave the children a cinema show in the Public Hall in the afternoon.

Miss Gorie was absent from October to Christmas to look after her father, who was seriously ill, with Mrs Helen Groat (nee Inkster) of Lower Millfield deputising for her.

An outbreak of mumps affected the island early in 1945, with nearly every pupil who hadn't previously been affected succumbing this time round. With this epidemic only recently past, the school was shut for 2 weeks in April due to an outbreak of measles.

On a much happier note, the school was shut on 8th and 9th May 1945 as Victory in Europe Days and again on 15th and 16th August as Victory over Japan Days, celebrations that would have been greeted with delight and relief by young and old alike. The celebration of the end of the war wasn't yet complete as the following year, as part of the nationwide Victory Celebrations held on 8th June 1946, each pupil was given a shilling, gifted by the Education Department as 'sports money' for Victory day.

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This is a school photograph of the pupils in Mr Drever's class from around that time (1945/46)

*Back row - Jim Grieve, David Shearer, Douglas Cooper, Erlend Wilson and Tom Stout.
 2nd row - John Drever, Erlend Stout, Daveen Williamson, Caroline Fiddler, Agnes Dalziel, Isobel Fotheringhame, Barbara Chalmers, Margaret Shearer and Margaret Scott.
 3rd row - Billy Miller, Donny Cooper, Patricia Cooper, Catherine Sinclair, Elizabeth Stevenson and Megan Fotheringhame.
 Front row - Peter Smith, Jack Chalmers, John Grieve, Jimmy Stevenson, Billy Stout and Francis Williamson.*

In September 1946 Miss Patricia Chalmers of Comely Bank, who was a student at Edinburgh Provincial College, taught at the Central School for 3 weeks as part of her teacher training. She was to be another local lass who was destined to become a long serving and respected member of the school staff.

Magnus Dennison from Ellerslie was appointed as school janitor in May 1947 at a salary of £75 per year. He took over the post from J Price Sinclair who had been holding the fort since Brenda Moodie had given up the post some time previously.

On 7th October 1947 four pupils from the Rothiesholm school started at the central school, driven there by Sydney Swanney of James Swanney (motor hirers). The four were Irene Miller from Millgrip, Jean and Hugh Stevenson from the Bu and Emma Peace from Brigend. This was occasioned by their teacher Miss Mary D Drever going off to Edinburgh to live and work, with the local Education Authority taking the opportunity not to replace her but to close the Rothiesholm School instead. These four additions took the Central School roll up to 76.

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A public holiday for another happy occasion took place on 20th November 1947 with the wedding of Princess Elizabeth, the elder daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, to Philip Mountbatten, who was given the title 'Duke of Edinburgh' that same day. Another festive holiday was given on 26th April the following year to celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

John Shearer took over from Mr Marwick as Orkney's Director of Education in December 1946. He visited the school in December 1947 and Mr Drever recorded that he kept pupil Douglas Cooper back *'to talk to him about his behaviour.'* We would be led to the assumption here that this behaviour may have been less than exemplary!

Mrs Jessie Wilson's last day at the Central was 30th January 1948, moving to Clochan School in Moray to take up a post there. Mrs Peggy Swanney (nee Firth) took over her role as teacher of P4 and P5 soon after. In November of that same year local joiner James Mitchell from Ocean View was appointed as a part-time teacher of woodwork.

In April 1950 Mrs Swanney was absent and her class was taken by Miss Muriel Drever from Westray, a 5th year student from Kirkwall, who was on holiday in Stronsay

In February 1951 the headmaster was off ill and newly ordained island minister Rev Philip Fox took his classes, something Rev Fox was called on to do voluntarily a number of times over the years.

In August 1951 Miss Gorie retired from the school, with Mrs Pat Sinclair taking over from her. High tribute was paid to Miss Gorie by staff, pupils and the wider community in celebration of her service of over 40 years as teacher in the school. The roll at this time had crept up a little, to stand at 85.

Mr Drever's log entry of 15th January 1952 records a hurricane that morning, at its height from 4.00 am until 7.00 am and reaching speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, causing great damage all over Orkney. Part of the roof of the school was torn off by the wind and the school was shut that day and until further notice. With devastation all over the island to be dealt with, it wasn't until 4th February that workmen were able to complete repairs to the roof and enable the school to be reopened.

In April that year the Education Committee sent retired Post Office worker Robert Wilson out to the school to teach singing. He was in Stronsay for a fortnight, giving lessons at both the South, where Mrs Fiddler was now teaching, and Central School, and it appears that his teaching was very much appreciated by those attending.

The North Isles inter-island sports day was held on 7th June 1952, with the event being held in Eday and the school being shut for the day. This annual event, the only day of the year where North Isles residents were able to meet together and return home the same day, was set to become a permanent fixture in both school and island calendars.

The annual school sports and picnic was held in the Hunton field north of the school on 1st July 1953 with 67 pupils present, together with 16 pre-school children. It was noted that the scholars were all given *'a poke of good things with a bottle of lemonade.'*

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When the school reopened on 27th August 1955 it was stated in the log that school hours were to be 9.30 am until 4.00 pm each day, with a lunch break from 1.00 until 2.00pm. School was to be dismissed at 3.30 pm during the winter months, with only a half hour break for lunch.

It was also noted that at that time Mrs Maxwell was teaching 26 primary pupils in classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 with Mrs Groat in charge of 25 pupils in primary 5, 6 and 7. With a further 15 pupils in Secondary under the charge of Mr Drever this gave a total roll of 66.

Moving on to 1956, the school was closed on 31st May for the annual trip day to Kirkwall, organised jointly by the SWRI and the South End Men's Club. It was closed again on 5th June for the North Isles Sports in Westray, with 50 Stronsay folk making the day trip up to Westray.

The end of an era was recorded at the school on 6th July with the retirement of 65 year old headmaster John Drever who had been in post for 35 years. Local councillor William Work from Holland spoke in appreciative terms of the headmaster's long and dedicated service to the school, the pupils and the island following which Rev Fox spoke of Mr Drever's service to the Church as Session Clerk, Organist and Sunday School Superintendent.

Miss Mary Gorie, herself a recently retired teacher and island stalwart, then spoke appreciatively of Mr Drever as a teacher and colleague for so many years before presenting him with a handsome gold watch from the people of the island. Former pupil Miss Emma Peace of Brigend, who was the current dux of Kirkwall Grammar School, then presented Mrs Drever with a beautiful Stafford China tea set.

In what was to be another long association with the school and the island, Mr Walter Forrest was appointed as the new school headmaster and took up his duties on 3rd September 1956. The staff at that time was Elma Maxwell, teaching 32 Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils, with Helen (Nell) Groat in charge of the 22 pupils in Primary 4 – 7 and Walter Forrest instructing the 21 Secondary pupils. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon the Secondary girls were instructed in cookery by Mrs Forrest while the boys were taught woodwork by David Fotheringham.

The log entry for 11th March 1957 noted a welcome new service for school pupils and staff with the introduction of hot meals at lunch time, something which had first been strongly recommended by His Majesty's Inspectorate some 40 years before. The record stated that '*Pending the erection of a dining centre, a modified arrangement for school meals was inaugurated today, under the supervision of Miss Firth, County Meals Organiser. The scholars are to receive a one course hot meal at the luncheon interval. Miss Elizabeth Stevenson has been appointed cook and, together with her assistant, Mrs Work, commenced duties today.*' Both these ladies were to become something of an institution at the school, with May Work in the school kitchen until she retired in the mid 1970s and Liz Stevenson serving as a highly regarded cook until her own retirement 37 years and around half a million school lunches later!

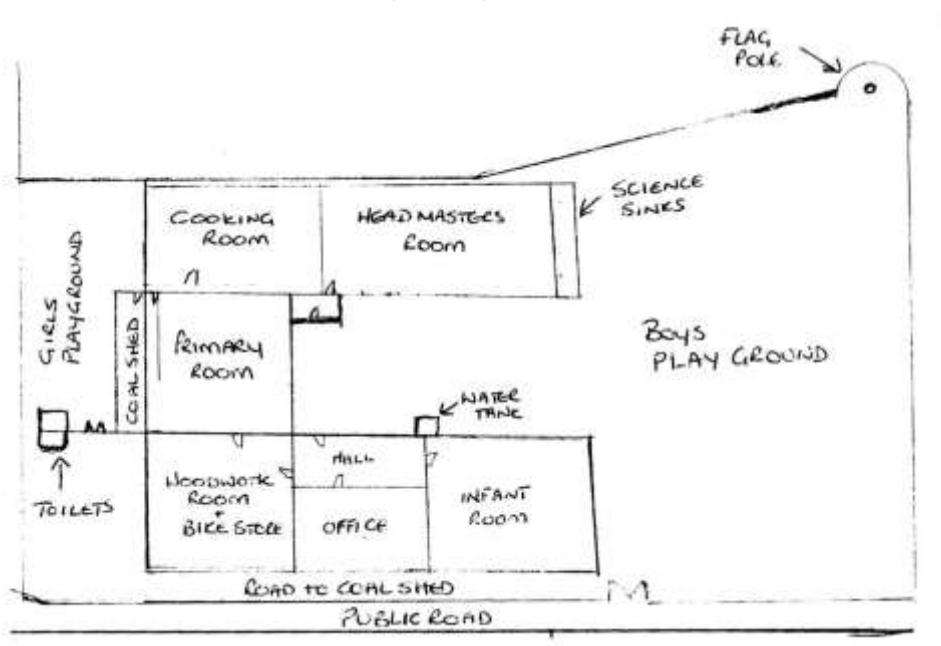
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Less than two weeks later another new service, probably as essential to pupils but certainly less popular, saw the introduction of the School Dental Service. This first recorded visit of a dentist specifically for scholars was noted on 22nd March 1957, with Mr James Clunas examining and treating scholars from that date until the 28th of the month. This first visit and a number of subsequent annual visits made use of a room in the school for examination and treatment but after a few years a dedicated caravan was fitted up for the purpose and Mr Clunas and his caravan appearing at the school became an annual event.

Heavy snowfalls in the early part of 1958 again caused disruption to the school and the wider community, with roads recorded as being blocked from the 20th to the 30th January and again from the 6th until the 14th of February. The snowfall wasn't yet over, with heavy snowfalls and the roads blocked once more from the 1st until the 14th of March. A whooping cough epidemic hit the island around the same time, with the last cases being recorded at the end of April.



This is a photo of the Central School as it would have looked for much of the first half of the 20th century. I'm grateful to Raymond Dennison for his sketch, shown below, of the layout of the school at that time.



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With a major refurbishment and extension taking place at the school that same year, Mrs Maxwell's lower primary classes were being taught in the Public Hall while the building works were carried out. With snow and frosty conditions hampering progress on this project this interim measure was to last for quite some time.

Another landmark for education on Stronsay was reached on 1st September 1958. This marked the start of a new term and a new academic year in what was to all intents and purposes a new school with large, light and airy classrooms, dedicated spaces for domestic subjects and woodwork and metalwork. There was also a new kitchen and large dining room which also doubled up as a drill hall, assembly room and, with a stage on one end, also served as a concert hall. This was to be the start of a new era for the Stronsay Central School, its pupils and its teachers and so, although much of its more recent history is yet to tell, this seems an appropriate place to bring this account of the history of education in Stronsay and the Central School to an end.



And finally – the school as it is today, with the school of yesteryear outlined in red.

Ian Cooper
July 2024

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Fulfilling since 2012 my promise to keep the folk of the North Isles updated on what I am doing.

There has just been the first change in the ruling political party at Westminster since I became a councillor, and Larry, the 10 Downing Street cat has his 6th Prime Minister. Congratulations to Alistair Carmichael on his re-election. The result of the SNP's "de-facto referendum" on independence was unequivocal. I hope this will bring some stability to Scotland. It would be the honourable thing for the Scottish Government now to call an early election at Holyrood. (The SNP can't complain any longer that Scotland hasn't got the UK Government it voted for, although, as usual, Orkney can.) I, myself, do not belong to any political party and am truly independent.

We held our last General Meeting before the councillor recess. A few final appointments were confirmed, and I remain on the Health & Wellbeing Survey Short-Life Working Group. Because of the recent changes in chair and leadership positions at the "reshuffle", plus the election of a new councillor, it was decided that a new group photograph of us all is needed. Here is one that was taken whilst we were setting up (the arrow indicates me):



I was away with family members attending my son Wulfric's Master of Architecture graduation at Edinburgh University (see photograph below) when the seventy-seven pilot whales came ashore at Tresness on Sanday. On my return, I sat in on a couple of operational meetings to determine how best to dispose of their remains. Appreciation is due to (among others): Hayley Green (Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services & Infrastructure) and her team at OIC, Colin and Heather Headworth, Stephen Kemp (Orkney Builders), various landowners who offered sites for burial plots, James Muir and the other Sanday farmers he co-ordinated to transport and bury the carcasses, Emma Neave-Webb (British Divers Marine Life Rescue), and Andy Wilcox (Chairman, Sanday Community Council). I witnessed members of this group metaphorically draft the definitive textbook on how to deal effectively and efficiently with a large number of beached whales. Given the likelihood of it happening again somewhere in Orkney, I have asked for mass cetacean strandings to be added to the relevant OIC risk register. The *Sanday (10th Orkney) Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts Recipe Book*, published in 2011, contains a Kwakwaka'wakw whale recipe for just such eventualities. Shame we weren't able to try it out!

In my last [Letter](#) I mentioned that whilst in Lerwick in June for a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, a few of us took the opportunity to visit the Shetland Abattoir and speak to people involved in running it. This was followed up by a good write-up about our visit on page 13 of the 11th July issue of *The Orcadian*.

Other councillor work I've been doing during the recess includes a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group.

So far this has been a somewhat eventful recess! And so far it has also been a fairly rainy recess. (It was a mixed picture on Saint Swithin's Day, which might be grounds for optimism.) The weather has confused my bees. I had a summer solstice swarm, and for the first time in my over 2 decades of beekeeping, I've had to feed the bees in June and July. Normally at this time of year they are gathering nectar and producing honey for me.

Stephen

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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
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- Certificates or Awards
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- 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)
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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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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

OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is 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.youtube.com/c/TransalpineRedemptorists>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 5:30pm. Hours shown are approximate.

4pm - 4:30pm

Short talk by one of the priests.

4:30pm - 5pm

Recitation of the Rosary.

5pm - 5:15pm

Saint Patrick's Breastplate & prayer to Saint Michael.

5:15pm - 5:30pm

Devotions & prayers of the day led by one of the brothers.

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>

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for isles special collections up to 30 September 2024 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Council's 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: 29 April 2024 and 22 July 2024

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 20 May 2024 and 09 September 2024

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 15 April 2024, 1 July 2024, and 2 September 2024

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 10 June 2024 and 19 August 2024

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 3 June 2024 and 12 August 2024

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 6 May 2024 and 5 August 2024

Sanday

Week Commencing: 20 May 2024 and 19 August 2024

Shapinsay

Week commencing: 13 May 2024 and 19 August 2024

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 13 May 2024 and 05 August 2024

Westray

Week Commencing: 06 May 2024, 08 July 2024, and 16 September 2024

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REGULAR RUNS INTER ISLANDS:

A regular 35 minute Saturday Stronsay/ Sanday run commences in May to improve island links- AM/PM times. An unsubsidised fare scale depending on passenger numbers aboard one way on departure. Up to two children free each with a full fare adult. Card Payments accepted prior to departure. One way fares :-

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Bar Opening Hours	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	6pm - 12am
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	6pm - 12am
Friday	5pm - 1am
Saturday	5pm - 1am
Sunday	6pm - 12am

Contact StronsayHotel@Gmail.com

FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES		
Monday (Seasonal)	12pm - 3pm / May - end of September	
<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>

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As from 25 March 2024, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council:-

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Shirley WHITEMAN Chair	St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616438 email: shirleywhiteman@icloud.com

The role of a Community Councillor is to ensure that they work for the best interests of the whole community and remain representative of, and accountable to, the represented community.

If you have a community related issue that you wish to bring to the attention of the Community Council, please contact any of the above members, or the Clerk, tel: 616446
email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

CMc
25 March 2024

USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours	Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
Post collection times	Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
Bank (RBS)	Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262
OIC Special collection.	Week Commencing Monday 05 August 2024
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 .	https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib
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	Silver Darlings	616412
Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>)	616262	Sinclair Haulage	600404
Community council	616446	Star Island Soap	616281
Companions Club	616352	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
Craftship Enterprise	0778 511 1126	Stronsay Band	616335
Doctor	616321	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	616407
Ebenezer Stores	616339	Stronsay school	616246
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