



TIMETABLES

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stronsay SWRI centenary	Sat 7 Sep
Mobile library van visit	Mon 9 Sep
Science of Superheroes	Tue 10 Sep
Stronsay Stitches	Thu 26 Sep
Bingo	Sat 28 Sep
Orkney Ferries—winter timetable starts	Mon 30 Sep
Mobile library van visit	Mon 4 Nov
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.

A NOTE FROM THE LIMPET'S EDITOR

Please let me know if anything in the Limpet requires updating or deleting. To contact the Limpet send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or write to "Claremont,

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Mon 30 Sep**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

Stronsay's Massive Weekend 2024

Over the 16th, 17th and 18th of August we saw yet another fantastic weekend in Stronsay for 'Stronsay's Massive Weekend'. Friday started with a night at the hall with baked tatties, bar open and a quiz that crowned the 'Wooden Spoons' team champion above the rest – winning £100 cash as their prize. The night was followed up by games and a lot of hilarity was had by all.

On Saturday, things started up at 11 am with carnival stalls, inflatables and colouring set up inside the community hall with a selection of loaded chips on the menu and the bar was open for drinks too. There was lots to do and plenty on offer to keep you entertained- amongst the stalls there were 4 games that awarded cash prizes for quickest times, a great attraction for folk of all ages. Lucky Dip and Nail in the Pail proved to be favourites for the kids and there were peedie quizzes on offer including a 'Lost Limpet' treasure hunt around the hall!

The 5-a-side Netball and Football had 5 teams for each and the winning team for BOTH events was 'Not Got A Clue', a hearty effort from the team with the ages of members ranging from 6 to 62 years old. Shelters were out for spectators in case of heavy showers or strong breezes but neither came out in force. Onto the obstacle race which had 8 teams, 2 going head-to-head at a time, carrying a cup of water (or an empty cup in most cases) to the other end of the course before running back up to allow the next member to go. The final saw the 'Whitehall' team and the 'McQuaid' team go head-to-head, and although being a close finish the McQuaid's got in there first and claimed the glory.

After everyone had gotten dried off from the days events they were ready for night 2 of the weekend; a dance to The Stronsay Band. A well-attended dance with lots of folk up dancing to the traditional as well as the boogie music towards the end. Supper was a super spread of sandwiches, pizza, sausage rolls and cream cookies- (I even heard someone say that they tasted one of the best sandwiches of their life that night!)

Up the next day for a day full of more fun, with promises of little rain compared to the previous forecast but a bit more blustery than ideal. Community hall events opened from 12pm welcoming guests from the mainland, Sanday, Westray, Eday and Papa Westray. Local Crafters had a beautiful display out, including quality sewn items, handmade soap and even freshly cooked bread! There was a huge range of home-bakes available and even tables to sit down and enjoy a cuppa too. The BBQ had burgers and sausages from Stronsay's very own butchery served with Westray rolls, which proved to be very popular- even with the slightly cooler august wind! The Kirkjuvagr Dancers put on a brilliant display in the hall, which was full of spectators in total awe of the peedie dancers. Then outside the start of the drums could only mean one thing; the Kirkwall City Pipe Band's march had started, leading a powerful parade with the float

competitors behind. Floats containing a mixture of world-wide events (with a twist) and local scandals side by side. All the floats were extremely good with a lot of laughs had as they came past, but the winner was declared as the 'Stronsay Olympics'. A well-made float with water pistols spraying some of the audience on the way past. Everyone got to view the floats in better detail as they were being judged while the glorious sound of the pipe band was running through.

Afterwards everyone headed indoors to buy more raffle tickets and have a go at the different stalls available, including Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's VR table they had at the hall over the 2 days, a very informative experience for all! At 2:30pm we were treated to more performances from Kirkjuvagr Dancers before heading out to view the vintage vehicles parked up at the hall. Lots of Land Rovers and different styles of tractors to look at too, with some owners on hand to answer any questions folks had about the vehicles. The raffle was drawn and competition winners announced with folks winning a range of prizes from each, including: vouchers, a cash prize, toy tractors, sweets in jars, and there was even a Fray Bentos pie! The busy day was finished off by the Kirkwall City Pipe Band doing another brilliant set for everyone as things came to a close for 2024.

Another fantastic weekend had by all, the Stronsay Community Association would like to thank everyone who came along and took part in everything and anything over the weekend, all the countless volunteers, the raffle prize donators, The Stronsay Band, the Kirkwall City Pipe Band, the Kirkjuvagr Dancers, Maurice's, Stronsay School, Jenny Stone, Bonnie & Harald, Julie Andrew, Vintage Vehicle Owners, Local Crafters, Bayview Transport Limited (getting folk to and from the hall safely over the WHOLE weekend!) and to so many more people who rallied together to help us with the weekend in whatever way they could, whether that be providing us with a service, letting us use their equipment or even snapping some of the marvellous photos we've seen!- with an extra special mention to Cooke Scotland who provided us with funding towards our event. We simply couldn't do it without you all and feel so grateful to have the support we do- thank you and we hope to see you all next year!

Please enjoy a small selection of photos below including some images by Stronsay Photographic!













Stronsay Community Association Presents;

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		everyone welcome!			
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SDT News



Don't forget to book your tickets for the Orkney International Science Festival 'Science of Superheroes' event on 10th September. There will be a session for all ages at the Hall at 4pm. Tickets are free, but please book here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-jzpyrj



As reported last month, Beechwood is on the home straight. When ready, we plan to have an open day to let folk have a nosey about, and Beechwood will then be available for renting. There will be a local lettings policy with a points system weighted towards families and / or those able to contribute to employment and community on the island. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Beechwood and interested in renting the property when it becomes available, please note your interest by emailing office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com and you will be sent details and an application as soon as it is available.

🌟 Big News from Stronsay Hotel!

Following a review, we're offering someone the chance to take over a lease of the Stronsay Hotel & Pub and turn it into the island's ultimate hangout! Run your own business with cozy rooms, a fully stocked bar, and pub kitchen.

This is your moment to create a thriving hub of island life!

📍 Location 🍷 Fully Stocked Bar 🛋️ Inviting, Comfortable Rooms

Ready to dive in? Note interest by 10/09 by emailing

office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Updates



For those that didn't see our Facebook notice: massive apologies, but the Sea Kayaks are presently unavailable. We're updating our processes and procedures to ensure the best experience and safety for everyone. We understand this might be an inconvenience, but we're working hard to improve our services. We'll provide full details as soon as possible, though it might be a peedie while as we review and update all our responsibilities related to these hires. We are looking at a couple of options; if anyone has a particular interest in getting involved in developing a sea kayaking offer in Stronsay, please drop us a line, we'd love to hear from you!

We're taking a good look at all our assets, buildings, and facilities—including Woods Yard and the Community Greenhouse—to make sure everything is in tip-top shape. We're also exploring where improvements might be needed to better serve the community. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, whether you currently rent space or are interested in doing so in the future, we'd love to hear from you! Feel free to chat with any of our Board members or drop us an email at office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com. Thanks for your patience as we work to make things better!

Board Meetings

The SDT Board meets on the first Monday of each month. Our most recent approved minutes for our meeting on 28th June 2024 are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ntazk3n> (And our August meeting minutes will be up soon following our meeting on 2nd September)

We will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in a month or; we are presently waiting to receive our audited accounts from our accountant...an invite to the AGM to follow!

Contacts

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



Email contact details:

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wellbeing@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Board: office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Or message on

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

SDT JOBS & Opportunities

Join Our Team as a Part-Time Community Waste and Carbon Reduction Officer!

We're looking for someone passionate about sustainability to play a vital role in the growth of the Stronsay Recycling Centre and carbon reduction efforts. You'll get hands-on with waste collection and processing, contribute to our carbon reduction efforts, and work closely with our amazing volunteers and community. If you're organised, enthusiastic, and ready to make a real impact, this opportunity is for you!

Find the Job Description and details here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ntnz3n>

To apply please see details in job description and provide your CV and cover letter to office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com by 5pm on 13 September 2024.

Great News for Stronsay's Young Folks!

We've teamed up with OIC, and guess what? They're about to advertise for two awesome new staff members to run a regular youth club right here on Stronsay! We're super excited to get this up and running again in partnership with OIC, and we can't wait to see our young people enjoying this opportunity. Stay tuned for more details. Keep a look out for the jobs being advertised by OIC.

Get involved

We had a super time chatting to folk at our table at the Massive Weekend - thanks for stopping and chatting and giving your ideas and feedback to SDT.

Thanks also to Shani (our Wellbeing Coordinator) for lots of information about the various projects that she is working on in the Community.



We collected overwhelming support for looking at the Mission Hall as a base for the growing Stronsay Mens Shed - so keep a look out as we try to work with the Mens Shed group to develop their ideas for the Mission Hall.



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...

Wellbeing



It's been a busy month for the Wellbeing Project. We enjoyed discussing some of our projects with you at the massive weekend and hearing your feedback. We are working behind the scenes on the Community Food Hub Project and are hopeful to be launching this in September located at Woods Yard.

We will be setting a date next month to meet with everyone who has contacted the coordinator with an interest to join the new VIV's (Very Important Volunteers) Project. We are excited to see this group grow! A few of our volunteers are already actively supporting our wellbeing groups.

The 'Stay n Play' is running for another 5 sessions and will hopefully thereafter continue to move forward as a permanent group with the assistance of our new VIV's group volunteer Jacqui Smith. Welcome Jacqui!

Another one of our VIV's is David Askew. David volunteers with the Stronsay Wildlife Group and is also a volunteer Paths for All Walk Leader. Look out for these group events throughout the coming months. Pop along and like the Stronsay Wildlife Facebook Page to join in with the group via social media even if you cannot make the events.

The Stronsay Men's Shed had an outing over to Stromness this month for the SMSA Orkney meeting. There are exciting plans to be made for the future of the project and new members are welcome.

If you would like information on any of the Wellbeing Projects /Groups or require one-to-one support/signposting for anything wellbeing, please email or call.

SDTwellbeing@gmail.com 07904 578120 or 01857 616410
Shani Hall
Stronsay Island Wellbeing Project Coordinator

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Vice Chair: Damian Stout

SCRAP CAR SCHEME

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce the reopening of the Scrap Car Scheme for a further five vehicles.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until five vehicles have been registered for removal. The vehicle owner will be responsible for arranging for the vehicle's disposal.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to 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 – tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below;
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with the haulier for the vehicle's delivery to Kirkwall;
3. The completed Verification Form 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,
Tel: 616446
Email: stronsaycc@gmail.com

20 August 2024

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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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
21 August 2024

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 Pickaquooy 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.

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SPACE AND CITIES WITH VR

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TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER | 4 PM

STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL,
STRONSAY, KW17 2AE

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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

b.saunders@wessexarch.co.uk



Quit Your Way Orkney Stop Smoking Service



Quit Your Way Orkney is your free, friendly, local NHS stop smoking service.

Support from Quit Your Way Orkney includes:

- Help to develop a personal 12-week quit plan
- Support to develop plans to change your habits and control cravings
- Regular contact with a specialist stop smoking advisor
- Encouragement and advice on maintaining your quit
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- Free access to a range of stop smoking medication
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Get started today

Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone number)
Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot
Online: scan the QR code below



You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

Have you been supported by Quit Your Way Orkney before?

If you have used our service before and returned to smoking we will support you again, without judgement, to quit your way.



Let's talk about smoking Stopping smoking saves money



The savings below are based on a 20 a day smoker quitting in 2023



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Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot
Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone)
Online: scan the QR code using your phone camera



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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)

Do you like Horrible Histories?

**We are delivering a Heritage based
project on behalf of NILPS and SDT
by way of a 14 week youth club
2 Age Groups - Thursdays and Sundays**

**Enjoy Heritage and earn your
own Heritage Hero Award**

**Email for more information:
aurorawavesorkney@gmail.com
or cdostronsay@gmail.com**

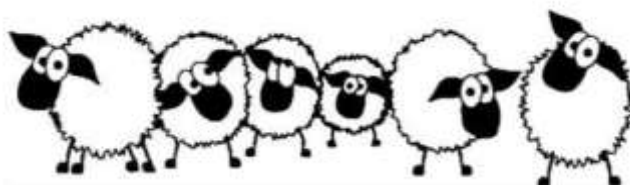


STRONSAY MEN'S SHED

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 26th September

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

9 September, 4 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>, send an email to 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

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

Flag fences, ditches and dry-stone dykes

Part 1 – Runrig, clibbers and cubbies

A feature of much of the Orkney countryside, and of nearly all of the island of Stronsay, is the pattern of fields scattered across the landscape. Although most appear to be neatly arranged squares and rectangles all fitting snugly together, closer inspection shows some with sides of differing lengths, while others are odd little triangles and, where field boundaries meet adjacent farms, natural features or follow the coastline, some are fashioned into some very strange shapes indeed. These fields and patterns break up what can be a very bleak winter landscape but as we move into spring and on through the farming year they can also provide a kaleidoscope of colour. From the initial tinge of green in early spring we see that first flush of dark green grass slowly change to a lighter shade as the cows, newly turned out of the byres, enjoy gorging themselves on this first flush of spring grass while at the same time the rich brown of newly ploughed fields are transformed through a shimmering green tinge of newly sprouted grain into healthy young plants. Soon, with fields being cut for silage, that dark green is quickly turned to the yellow of newly shorn grass and then, almost while you watch, returning once more to green. At the same time the grain is gradually growing and changing colour into the golden yellow of ripe crops awaiting the combine.

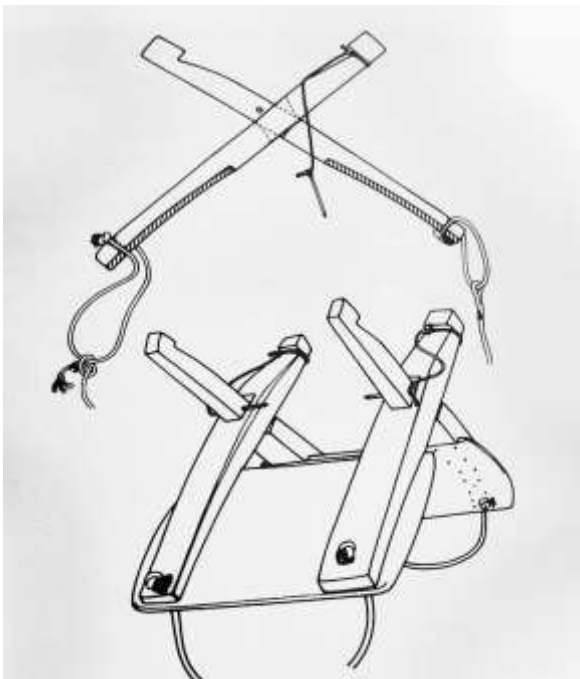
I had never really given much thought as to how this landscape we all tend to take for granted came to look as it does until recently when I was reading an article on the old ‘runrig’ system of agriculture in existence in Orkney in the 17th and 18th centuries. This was a time when threequarters of the island was termed as ‘King’s Land and the remaining quarter as ‘Kirk Land’, describing ownership at the time. In this system, some of the better land was divided into long narrow strips, with the various tenants being allocated a set number of strips, often some distance from each other. These strips were kept under permanent cultivation, being sown with grain – either oats or bere – every year and, with little to feed the soil but some seaweed gathered off the shores and ‘house dung’ from the cottars’ small hovels, oats yielded at best only 3 or 4 times the seed sown, with bere giving a slightly better return of 5 or 6 times the seed sown. This was the ‘in-by’ land, the ground relied upon to grow enough grain to see the population through from one harvest to the next. It was separated from the ‘out-by’ land, all uncultivated common grazing which was shared between all the tenants and cottars, by a faelie dyke (a low wall built of turf), known as a ‘gersty’ or ‘treb’ dyke. Nothing now remains of these dykes, although they live on in the farm and house names of Gesty and Gesty West.

In theory the sheep, pigs, cattle and horses, were all confined to the grazing of this outby land over the growing season but it was quite common for them to jump over or knock down the faelie dyke and eat or trample the growing crops. After the crops were harvested all the livestock were given free access to the in-by land although, with little winter fodder for the cattle, sheep and pigs being available, all but the breeding stock were usually slaughtered in autumn, with the meat salted or dried for consumption over the following winter.

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These runrigs enclosed by the dykes varied in size and shape and tended to be concentrated in 'toonships' where a number of cottars in their small cottages had land in the same area, typically on better land near the sea.

With roads being practically non-existent, much of the communication and carriage of goods and materials would have been by sea, with most of the toonships easily accessible by boat. Access overland would have been mainly by narrow, uneven tracks negotiable on foot or by horse during the summer months but very challenging during winter. Transportation of peats, seaweed, grain or any other commodity would have been by pack horse or oxen, each of which would have been kitted out for the purpose with a 'flackie' (a straw mat) laid on their backs to cushion the 'clibber' (a two part wooden saddle fitted with hooks) which was placed on the flackie and secured by a straw harness. Their cargo would then have been packed into 'cubbies' or 'creels' (baskets made of straw or heather) which were attached, one on either side of the clibber, by the basket handles being hung over the clibber hooks.

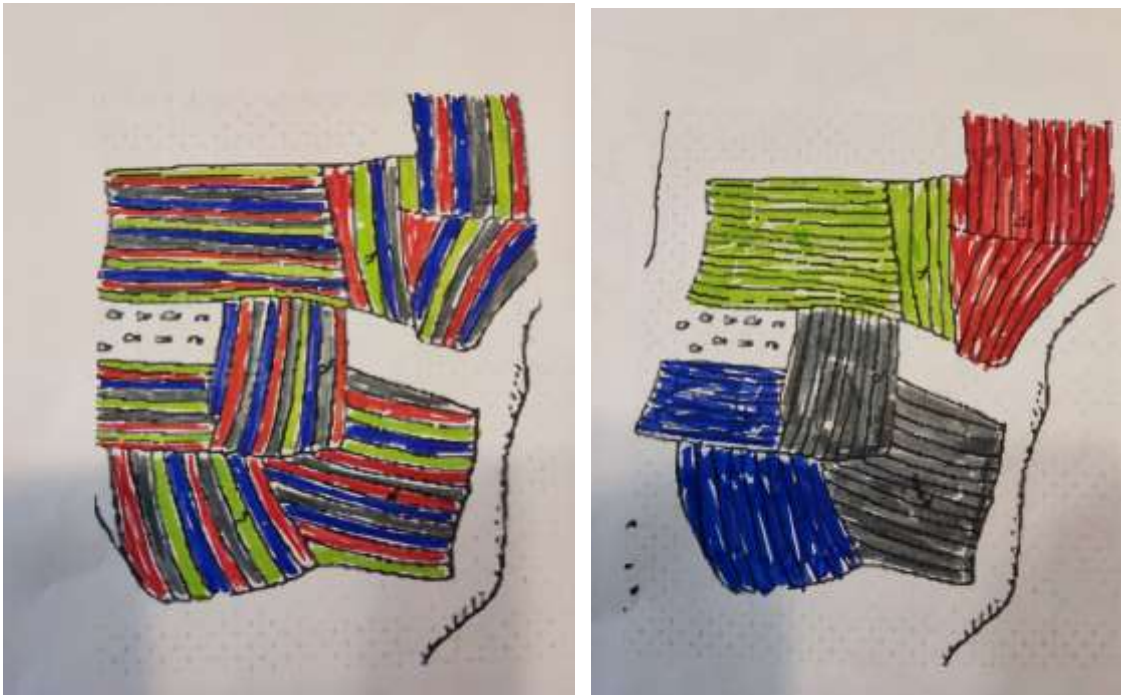


A diagram of a clibber, showing the hooks as part of the integral design. The cassies to hang on them would usually be made of straw, although the one shown on the right is made from heather. Included in the inventory of the farm of Cleat in 1792 were '18 pair of creels with clibbers' and also 2 carts, apparently a fairly new introduction to the farm.

By the late 18th century the King's Land and Kirk Land had mostly been bought by, gifted to or otherwise acquired by wealthy landowners, the Lairds who were to wield the power and decide the future of their tenants on Stronsay for nigh on 150 years. This old system of runrig farming, which had been superseded throughout most of Scotland by forming larger fields and utilising a system of rotational cropping, was to persist in Stronsay and Orkney for some time. Here these new lairds, most of whom lived in Kirkwall or further afield, seemed more interested in sending their tenants to gather and dry seaweed for the production of kelp to line the lairds' pockets than in adopting new farming practices to improve their land and their tenants' lot.

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The first small signs of change was in the late 1700s when, while mainly still retaining the runrig pattern, a process by the name of ‘planking’ was undertaken where a number of adjacent rigs, designated collectively as a ‘shead’ or ‘sheed’ would be allocated to an individual tenant on a permanent basis, making it much more efficient to farm. Although this may seem a logical and easily implemented scheme it was often difficult to apply, with strong opposition from many tenants who had concerns both about the area of land allocated to them and the quality of that land. The responsibility for planking often fell to the Factor (the person who managed the estate on the laird’s behalf) to make and enforce these allocations and, where he was seen to be a fair and respected man, his judgement was usually eventually accepted with an air of inevitability by the tenants.



A simplified illustration to show the land use by four different tenants in the original runrig system and the consolidation of the same land into two sheads for each tenant after ‘planking’ in the late 18th century.

Around the same time as this planking took place some of the more forward-thinking lairds were trying to make improvements to their lands and farming practices, both to increase the value of their property and to make it more profitable.

The Stronsay section of the ‘Statistical Account of Scotland’, written by Rev John Anderson in 1795, gives a comprehensive and insightful snapshot of the island at that time, together with some of its history and folklore, and provides some detail of the early beginnings of agricultural improvements to come. His description of the island reads:

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'The ridge of rising ground, which runs almost the length of the island from North to South, hath its surface covered with short heath, where it has not been cut up lately for turf or fuel; the soil is a dry, friable, blackish earth; the bottom clay, mixed with small stones, and in many places gravelly and shallow. The expense of cultivating such a subject might perhaps nearly equal its value when improved. It is the common pasture or out-freedom of all the farms and houses adjacent to it. The Mill-dam divides this from the common pasture of the farms on the East side of the island, which common is covered with a grass of mean quality; but as it has better deepness of soil than the other common, and a bottom of tough clay, it might probably recompence more liberally the labour and expence of the improver.'

He goes on to record that, even at that time, he felt the landscape had a raw beauty of its own:

'The common and sheep pasture above described are reckoned to be nearly two thirds of the whole island. The other third forms the skirts or borders of it; where Nature's simple variety hath hitherto been but little encroached on by the regular uniformity of art. Corn fields of different shapes and sizes, which fields no man living ever saw in pasture, interspersed with a proportional extent of grass of different qualities, grass which bears no trace of having ever been in tillage; these exhibit a scene not unpleasant in the months of summer and harvest. The fields too, of natural grass, retain a degree of lively verdure, superior to those in many of the interior parts of Scotland. It is observable that the flatter any of those islands are found to be, the better, usually, is the quality of their grass and the more lively their verdure.'

With signs of some of the lairds pushing forward changes in practice and others at least being receptive to new ideas, a feeling of optimism seemed to be spreading throughout the tenant farmers on the island and again we turn to Rev Anderson's Account for information on how this optimism was put into practice:

'With a view to guard against disappointment in reference to agricultural improvements, to communicate the success of experiments, and to remedy certain inconveniences to which the district is liable by its local circumstances the principal farmers in the island of Stronsay most cheerfully concurred to form themselves into a society, and they accordingly did form and constitute the society of farmers in Stronsay about eighteen months ago, to which almost all the farmers in the island have thought proper to accede. This Society agreed to such bye-laws as they judged necessary for regulating their future procedure. They resolved that small sums should be contributed annually by the members, who were ranked in four different classes, according to the extent they possessed'

Samuel Laing, the proprietor of Rothiesholm at the time, was evidently a well-liked, ambitious and forward-thinking laird and it is him who was credited with being the instigator and driving force behind the formation of this Agricultural Society. This was the same Samuel Laing who was responsible for establishing the herring fishing industry in Stronsay and, a few years later, with the formation of the Orkney Club, an organisation which is still in existence today.

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This Society, presumably with the full consent of the Lairds, adopted a fairly comprehensive set of regulations, the most important of which appeared to be that they should be granted minimum leases of 19 years, with a rent review at the end of that period and, with the agreement of both parties, to extend the lease for a further two periods of 19 years. The Heritors were also to ensure that the houses were in good repair at the commencement of the lease, with a balance for improvement or deterioration to be accounted for at the end of the term. The principal tenant, in turn, was to ensure that the cottars within the area of his farm were allowed sufficient land to maintain themselves and their family. Of these, the minimum lease period was to be the ground breaker for further development, giving the tenant the confidence to undertake improvements and adopt new practices in the knowledge that, if he was successful, he would be the long term benefactor.

With an ever growing national awareness of the importance of agriculture and agricultural science in rural Scotland, it seems quite strange that the first ‘Agricultural Society’ in Scotland was formed in Stronsay in 1783, a full year before the ‘Highland Society of Scotland’ (the forerunner of the ‘Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland’) was established in Edinburgh in 1784!

Part 2 will be in next month’s Limpet
Ian Cooper
August 2024

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

—connecting with constituents of the North Isles ward.

The 31st July marked the actual 50th anniversary of the enactment of the *Orkney County Council Act 1974* (on which Howie Firth gave a talk back in February, see *Issue 134*). Curiously, it came into force after the first elections to the County Council's successor, Orkney Islands Council (see *Issue 136* and *Issue 137*). I was disappointed to see that neither of these significant Orkney "Milestones" featured in the Kirkwall Flower Arrangement Club's 50th Flower Festival at St Magnus' Cathedral. It would have been interesting to have seen what sort of displays they would have inspired! The 1974 Act remains in force to this day, and it is hoped its provisions might provide the precedent that OIC needs to exert some control over the imminent wind-energy bonanza and to set up a structure that will lead to the developments benefiting everybody in Orkney. Below is a parable I wrote, as a cautionary tale, 19 years ago, back in 2005 (originally for the newspaper *Orkney Today*, hence the title).

THE VILLAGE AND THE GOLDMINE — A parable for Orkney today

by Stephen Clackson

Once upon a time there was a beautiful village with a fine village green — the envy of the district. On the edge of the green was an inn which thronged throughout the year with all the visitors that came from far and wide to admire the village.

One day an important-looking man arrived at the inn and asked to see the village elders. They met him that very evening at the inn.

"I am a prospector," said the man, "I would like to construct a goldmine on your village green. As you will know, gold is essential for the economy, and with my goldmine your village will be making an important contribution to the nation's prosperity."

"We would all be extremely proud," declared one of the elders, "to know that our village was contributing to the prosperity of the nation." Another of the elders had some doubts: "I don't want to sound selfish," he said hesitantly, "but will the goldmine actually benefit the village in any way?"

"Of course!" boomed the prospector. "If the nation becomes more prosperous then we all benefit. However," he announced, locking the elder in the eye, "I can also offer employment to some of the villagers, as I shall need labourers to dig the mine." The elders nodded sagely and looked pleased with themselves.

The prospector ordered a round of drinks, and they all signed the charter he had prepared.

The goldmine was soon finished, and carts arrived every day from a distant town to carry the gold away to the bullion market. In the inn, the labourers who had dug the mine played cribbage and dominoes to stretch out the time it took to drink the little ale they could now afford. They were the only customers. The mine had spoiled the green, and nobody came to admire the village any longer.

One day a stranger arrived at the inn. "We don't get many visitors these days," said the innkeeper. "Trade is bad in the village at the moment," he continued, "and we have trouble making ends meet." The stranger looked puzzled. "But isn't that a goldmine outside?" he asked. "Aye," replied the innkeeper, nodding towards the charter on display on the wall. "We're right proud that our village is contributing its bit towards the prosperity of the nation — and the mine created jobs for these labourers here when it was being built."

The stranger read the charter carefully. "Did none of you realise how valuable gold is?" he questioned. "That prospector must have been sharp — somehow he managed to convince your elders to sign the whole lot over to him! If the village owned the mine, all that gold would be yours to sell, not his. You'd all be rich by now — and the nation would be prospering just as much. Instead, your elders allowed this prospector to walk in, destroy the asset that brought trade to the village and seize for himself another that none of you appreciated the true value of."

The innkeeper looked out of the window. Suddenly he saw the goldmine in a whole new light. The stranger was saying nothing they could not have worked out for themselves. But for the village, it was now too late.

It has been a strange summer, if you can call it summer. I don't normally indulge in eschatology, but with 77 whales beaching on Sanday (the letter numbers of the word CHRIST add up to 77), our bees behaving bizarrely, and 3 times 3 consecutive days without eggs from our poultry, I must admit to scouring the *Book of Revelation* in case these events were a portent of the end of days. Whereas the somewhat cryptic verse 1 of chapter 13, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy," could feasibly be interpreted as a pod of whales coming ashore, there is no mention of either bees or poultry.

Speaking of poultry, the Clackson family did fairly well at the Sanday Show this year, winning the trophies for both Best Duck/Drake and Best Goose/Gander. I understand that one of our poultry rivals is planning to attend, prior to the next Sanday Show, a course at an "escuela taurina" in Spain, although that's in connexion with one of his exhibits of the bovine variety.

I finished off the recess and started the new School Place term by getting out to some of the other North Isles: North Ronaldsay to attend a transport meeting, and Stronsay and Shapinsay to be present at their respective community council meetings. At School Place, I attended a confidential members' briefing, I was at the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings, and I undertook a very interesting whole day of site visits to sport and leisure facilities on the Mainland.

Drop-in events have been arranged as part of the public consultation on the draft *Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan*. Two are remaining to be held in the North Isles: 24th Sep (11 am – 7 pm) at Heilsa Fjold, Sanday; and 3rd Oct (11 am – 6.30 pm) at The Höfn, Westray. If you are in town on 19th Sep between 2 & 7 pm, you can attend the event at the Pickaquoy Centre. You can also see the *Plan* online at orkney.gov.uk/marine-plan-consultation and, if you wish, submit a consultation response there.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
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Letter from School Place is also
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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:

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

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Friday	7am - 2pm	
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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
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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 Nov ???
 Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Open on request, email stronsaycc@gmail.com
 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

<p>Airy Fairy 616231 Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . . 616262 Community council 616446 Companions Club 616352 Craftship Enterprise 0778 511 1126 Doctor 616321 Ebenezer Stores 616339 Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207 <i>or</i> 07500 682 867 Fish Mart 616401 Golgotha monastery. . . . 616210 <i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org Hall bookings 616263 <i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com Highland Fuels 01856 873766 Island Link Officer 616475 Kirk secretary 616238 Limpet editor 616297 Medical emergency 616321 Neil's on Wheels 07723 304 260 Manse 616284 Nurses 616321 Olivebank 616255 OIC out of hours 01856 873535 Post Office 616499 Red House Plants 616377 Registrar 616239 Scottish Fuels 01856 873105 SDT office 616410</p>	<p>Silver Darlings 616412 Sinclair Haulage 600404 Star Island Soap 616281 Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498 Stronsay Band 616345 Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . . 616407 Stronsay school 616246 Stronsay taxi, school 616376 <i>or</i> transport, mechanic 07508 884 024 diagnostics & repairs Balfour hospital (24/7). . . 01856 888000 Water problems (24/7) . . 0800 0778 778 Electricity general enquiries 0800 048 3516 (<i>lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm</i>) problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999 power cut (24/7). . . 105 Police (non urgent) (24/7) 101 Kirkwall Library 01856 873166 Dentists: Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547 Deyanov Dental . . . 01856 877118 Com Dental Service 01856 888258 Orkney Dental 01856 872030 Vets: Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859 Northvet 01856 873403</p>
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