



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 19 Feb 2024 to 26 Oct 2024](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 30 Sep to 3 May 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 5 Jan to 8 Mar 2025](#)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Online community engagement event	Tue 1 Oct
Public meeting - Community Council election	Mon 7 Oct
Jewellery workshop	Sat/Sun 12/13 Oct
New Orkney Ferries booking system starts	Mon 14 Oct
Peedie Library in Kirk Hall	Mon 21 Oct
End of British Summer Time, clocks go back 1 hr	Sun 27 Oct
Special refuse collection	Mon 28 Oct
Stronsay Stitches	Thu 31 Oct
RNLI Halloween Party	Fri 1 Nov
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
Candlelight carols at the kirk	Sun 8 Dec
Hogmanay Dance	Tue 31 Dec
Ferry refit timetable starts	Sun 5 Jan 2025

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>

CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR ON SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

British Summer Time ends at 2am on Sunday 27 October so put your clocks back one hour.

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy on Stronsay Community Council

Any individual aged 16 and over may stand for election for the Community Council representing their home address, providing they are on the Electoral Register

This is a great opportunity to make a difference to the community you live and work in, to help distribute Council funding locally, and to shape the way that Council services are provided

To discuss further, please contact the Democratic Services Team, Orkney Islands Council on 873535 extension 2264 or email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk



A public meeting will be held to fill the vacancy at a date to be confirmed

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2024 at 7: 00p.m
in STRONSAY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

1 VACANCY

A Public Meeting shall be held at the time and date specified above to fill **ONE** vacancy on Stronsay Community Council.

All electors entered on the current Register of Electors for the Stronsay area have the right to vote and are invited to attend the Public Meeting.

Candidates must be entered on the current published Register of Electors for the Stronsay area. Candidates must either be present at the meeting or, in advance of the meeting, have submitted a written request indicating that they wish to stand for election. Written requests should be sent to Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council, at the address below.

All candidates must be nominated by two electors who are on the current register for Stronsay and be present at the meeting.

The following persons have already been validly elected to serve on Stronsay Community Council:-

Mr Dominic R Blyth, Mr Shane W R Hourston, Leonardo Martini-Brown, Mr James A Seaton, Mr Damian P Stout and Mrs Shirley J Whiteman

The standard rules governing Public Meetings to fill vacancies on Community Councils are available on Orkney Islands Council's website or can be obtained from Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY. Tel: 01856 886622 e-mail: communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

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ZERO EMISSION VESSEL

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED

The Service Manager – Orkney Islands Council Marine Services and Transportation, has provided Stronsay Community Council with an update on the Electric Orkney Project, funded through the Zero Emission Vessel Infrastructure Fund, where it is proposed to introduce two new electric powered vessels for use in Orkney waters, one serving Rousay, Wyre and Shapinsay, expected to undergo trials in Orkney during October and November, and the other, with a build construction period expected during summer 2025, for Eday, Sanday, Stronsay and Westray..

The vessel serving Eday, Sanday, Stronsay and Westray will be a 50-passenger vessel with small freight. The charging locations will be Eday and Kirkwall.

Orkney Ferries would like to carry out sea trials of the vessel to establish capability before establishing a timetable for the route and feel it would be useful to obtain information from the communities around operations.

Your comments are invited on:

- a round robin service around islands, providing inter island connectivity to Kirkwall;
- the demand for inter-island connectivity, what islands and on what days;
- whether islands would prefer a direct route to Kirkwall on specific days, for example, a round robin service on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon may be beneficial for school pupils;
- what days of the week an early morning link, before the current scheduled service, would be beneficial, i.e. over and above the Mondays for school pupils, but loss of overnighting means no early sailings on a Wednesday or Friday;
- evening connectivity, for example at weekends for social and leisure purposes;
- what frequency is required to promote tourism; and
- any other comment you may wish to make.

Please forward your comments by Monday 7 October 2024 either by email to stonaycc@gmail.com or by writing to Colin McAlpine, Stronsay Island Link Officer, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT.

Comments will be collated and presented as a response from Stronsay Community Council following a consultation with members of the community.



Online Community Engagement Event

Orkney Towns Fund Board invites you to join a community online event where your voice can help shape the future of our community.

You may have already been involved in events we have run over the summer, or new to this work - everyone is welcome to this online event which will contribute to the Board's ongoing strategy work.

Tuesday 01 October, 18:00 – 19:30

Register to attend at the link below or use the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JuWDNZAfAE>



At the online event, you can:

- Hear an update on the Orkney Towns Fund
- Contribute and discuss ideas from community members
- Ask questions on the Orkney Towns Fund

Let's work together to create a brighter future for our community. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact us at Jennifer.Fox@aquatera.co.uk
(Aquatera is organising these events on behalf of the Orkney Towns Fund Board)

28th September 2024

The Manse, Stronsay KW17 2AF

DLocke@churchofscotland.org.uk

01857 616284

KIRK CORNER



Well its time for me to say farewell to Stronsay. I had a lovely last weekend on the island, with the wedding of Bill and Margaret, loads of lovely conversations, a meaningful church service on the Sunday in Stronsay and likewise on Eday on the Monday. And in between, visiting the enchanted forest at Blinkbonny and tasting Marion's wonderful apple juice. Then this week I hired a van and came for the day to Stronsay to move our remaining belongings, with help from a few friends. There was just time for a lovely lunch at Fishmart- thanks John, and get better soon Tara. To rub in how hard it is to leave Stronsay, we had wonderful weather and Stronsay looked great as it does so very often! How can I leave?

But its a time of change; Autumn colours are starting to show through, its getting colder, but that must be for the next steps to happen. Change means my son is already finding brambles to eat and conkers to play with! Change has negative and positive possibilities- what we do with them is the question. I said recently in the Orcadian Thursday Thought, I was listening to the lovely piece of music, Farewell to Stromness. It's a simple melodic piece by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies who lived in Orkney, which suggests the poignant tender feelings one might have leaving on the ferry from Stromness, and indeed I felt, leaving Stronsay. Amidst those feelings of leaving, the music also suggests an inner peace, which can so often be found in lives of faith. Sir Peter also wrote the music apparently as a protest against proposed mining developments then being considered for near Stromness, which ultimately did not happen. Its a pointer that in leaving, there can be peace but also a need to keep taking action to speak up or act for the greater good, amidst the simple things we do.

We were saddened by the recent death of Roy Green, and feel for Beverley and her family. Roy was a good man I was privileged to get to know and like and am still impressed he auditioned before Don Revie for Leeds United. Amidst the sadness, I am encouraged by the faith Roy had and how he so valued the prayers said for him in church. I pray the inner peace of God is felt by Beverley and her family, and others hurting or facing anxiety.

And so I hope the church in Stronsay will continue to be a force for prayer, caring support, friendship, action and speaking up to help Stronsay, led by the Spirit of Jesus. Amidst change and fear, peace and ways forward can be found providing we also act to bring improvement. In that respect, it is going to be a time for change for Orkney Church of Scotland congregations as they unite across Orkney under one governing body; a service to begin all this is to be held in St. Magnus Cathedral on 1st October to which all are welcome. I will be there and look forward to seeing folk. The aim is to let the churches change and move forward together, to better meet our communities' needs, and free up local existing congregations to do more by sharing with others across Orkney.

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Churches have always had to change, to try and meet the changing needs of their communities, and now is no different. We hold on to what is right and good for the here and now, and we adapt so as to be relevant- that is life ; human beings have always evolved and so too must churches, always listening to God's guidance

With faith and prayer, we can indeed go forward and face changes and an uncertain future. I pray that the coming together of churches both within the Church of Scotland and across denominations, will help church adapt to be more able to get alongside people of all ages and help them find what of God they may be seeking. He is the one who has helped me find peace and strength to face many changes and hard trials in my life, and helped me become more than I would have been, and can guide us all whatever we face ahead, if we let Him.

I will be continuing as a Director of the national body organising Street Pastors in Scotland; Street Pastors are churches coming together around the country, of all denominations, to listen, care and help, and are welcomed by police , councils, ambulances and hospitals, schools, and especially by ordinary people out there in need, They do it prayerfully as Christians but do not bible-bash- just helping as Jesus did, and his spirit guides Christians today.. I pray Stronsay Kirk continues to do that for Stronsay in the years to come

It may take a bit of time before a replacement for me is elected by the congregation. Nonetheless, an Orkney church minister told me how well the church in Stronsay is doing in ordinary church folk sharing in leading services- I hope that will continue. But they need support. - someone from Shetland is coming to take a service soon- partly through a Stronsay person's encouragement. So if you hear of someone who might help the church in coming months do let a church leader know. In the meantime, Rev Stella Campbell, a senior official of the regional supervisory body of the church, the Presbytery Clerk for North East and Northern Isles, is coming out briefly on Sunday to Stronsay to hear people's thoughts about the future of the church here, and the perspective from the North isles. Stronsay matters!

Thank you everybody for all your kindness to me and my family over the past 3+ years Thank you very much Stronsay for all you have given me and my family- I wish I could have done more for you.

May God bless you all. David Rev. David I W Locke. *MA M.Sc., BD*



Stronsay branch R.N.L.I.

are having a

Halloween party

7-8:30 pm, Friday 1st November

at the community centre

Prizes for **best fancy dress** and **best neepie lantern**

plus an extra prize for the best homemade costume

Raffle, tombola, dookin for apples

juice and biscuits plus lots more!

Donations for the raffle gratefully received

Everyone welcome!

***As we are a very small committee we really need some extra volunteers to help us out on the night- if you're able to help please get in touch with Sinead Cooper on 338 or Catherine Seaton via messenger ***

ORKNEY FERRIES—NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

Orkney Ferries will introduce a new on-line booking system on Monday 14 October:
<https://book.orkneyferries.co.uk>.

You will have to register and create an account on the new system even if you have already registered and created an account on the old system. Please note that when adding a mobile phone number to your new account you must delete all spaces:

i.e. 01234 567890 becomes +441234567890.

Stronsay Companions Group

The Companions Group is happy to announce a new venue as from next week, 11th September.

We will now gather on Wednesday afternoons in the meeting room at the SDT building from 2.15pm for an hour or so. Light refreshments will be provided.

We are seeking new folk to join the group, so please get in touch if you are interested.

Shirley (438).|



Jewellery Workshop

with Marion Miller

Stronsay Community Hall

12-13 th of October. 10-16.30

Are you inspired by the sea and our coastal environment and heritage? This is a 2 day workshop learning how to express your inspiration through jewellery making. Day 1. Creating a ring inspired by textures and shapes found on the shoreline. Day 2. Bring your favorite piece of sea glass and make it into a pendant. Using traditional techniques you will learn how to set a piece of sea glass in silver creating a one of a kind pendant. The course is FREE thanks to funding from NILPS but is limited to 8 people.

It is offered on a first come first served basis.

To book and more information contact Marion on
Tel 07919550943 or Email: marionanna.miller@gmail.com





PEEDIE LIBRARY

The next peedie library will be held on **MONDAY**

21st October from 2.30-4pm at the Kirk Hall.

Refreshments provided.

**Come for a browse of our books and
enjoy a blether with friends.**

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VILLAGE PLAY PARK

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce a deadline date has been set for the installation of the new play equipment for the Village play park, selected following a public consultation in 2022.

The two bay swing with two cradle and two junior seats, and a stainless-steel slide with an attached climbing frame, has been included as part of the multiple play area installation job list for Orkney, scheduled for starting early next year. Installation will, of course, be weather dependent.

The Community Council will keep you updated on progress and look forward to announcing a completion date.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
27 September 2024

WEDDING

Bill Hodgson and Margaret McAnally got married in Stronsay's kirk on Saturday 14 September. Rev David Locke officiated.





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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

JOBS ON STRONSAY

Senior youth worker <https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/397222>
General youth worker <https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/397227>

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

What is the digital phone switchover?

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and January 2027 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones, telecare and health devices will need to be compatible.



How will it affect me/what do I need to do?

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers and businesses, this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider (for example, Vodafone or BT) **should contact you before the switchover** to check in and discuss what you need to do to make sure any reliant services you may have aren't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect.

The change may be as simple as plugging your phone into a broadband router rather than the phone socket on the wall, or you may be given a new router to do this.

Please note that your provider will move you to a digital service before January 2027. If you care for a vulnerable person, please keep an eye out for correspondence notifying of a switch over date.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your telecoms provider directly.



Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and/or use a telecare device connected to a phone line?

If yes, then please contact the Telecare Team at Orkney Islands Council.

Tel: 01856 873 535. Extension 2635

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

Other Devices

If you have other devices connected to your phone line that you may have purchased, such as alarm systems, you might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible.

If you are unsure about how a device in your home or business might be affected, it is recommended you contact the equipment supplier or device manufacturer to find out whether it will remain functional on a digital phone line.

People who use health monitoring or telecare devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work.

Key Points To Remember

If you have any queries or have no means of making emergency calls **you need to contact your communications provider.**

If you have a telecare alarm please contact the telecare team at Orkney Islands Council: 01856 873 535 Extension: 2635

Check with the appropriate equipment manufacturers if you have any other devices supported by your existing telephone line (such as intruder alarms) to check it will work digitally.

Most telecare alarm providers will have upgrade plans, if your phone line has or is due to be upgraded by your communication provider let them know.

In a Power Outage

Digital landlines cannot carry an electrical power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. If you have a mobile phone this can still be used, but if you've no other means of calling the emergency services your telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls.

Scams

There have been incidents reported of scammers contacting vulnerable users in relation to digital migration. Communication providers or telecare services will never call you to ask for money.

Contact is usually by letter and charges are only applied to normal invoices. If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a caller, just hang up and call your communications or telecare provider to report the incident, using a trusted phone number, such as the one on the bill.



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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

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
- Advice on correctly using stop smoking medications
- Free access to a range of stop smoking medication
- Telephone or video call appointments (using NHS Near Me)

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



Get support to quit and save from Quit Your Way Orkney:

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



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

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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

Records of a Bygone Age

Flag fences, ditches and dry-stone dykes

Part 2 – Experiments and enclosures

Last month we left Stronsay's agricultural future in the hands of the newly formed Agricultural Society but it seems that even before Rev Anderson's 1795 Statistical Account and the formation of Stronsay's Agricultural Society in 1783, some of the more forward thinking landowners had already been prepared to invest some of their new kelp-generated wealth into the land.

The first we hear of is Thomas Balfour of Huip, who closed off 50 acres at Linksness to make a grain farm. This peninsula, with accessible shores all round and an abundance of seaweed washed ashore by winter gales, enabled him to fertilise the land with copious amounts of this seaweed to try to increase its fertility but his project was to fail miserably. One of the reasons for this failure appeared to be that much of the land had previously been stripped of its top fibrous turf for fuel, a common practice when there was no peat available. Added to this was the desire to follow past local practice of having the land permanently growing grain, with no crop rotation in place to rest the ground. Also, as Thomas spent most of his time at his townhouse in Kirkwall, his reliance on an inexperienced manager/tenant to carry the project through only added to his problems. Undeterred, Thomas tried again by enclosing an area of around 50 acres on the side of the hill near Huip with faelie dykes, again aiming to have the area cropped continually with grain. Although this land was originally in better heart, there was no easy access to seaweed or other fertiliser and again his plans failed.

A document in the Archives detailing some of Thomas Balfour's finances shows that, by 1795, rent arrears of £4,700 had been accumulated by one Edward Sinclair as tenant of Huip, and perhaps a part of the failure of the grain enterprise may have to be laid at his door.



The land on the little peninsula of Linksness, where Thomas Balfour attempted to establish a grain farm. With easily accessible shores all around there would have been an ample supply of seaweed to boost the soil's fertility but the experiment failed.

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It seems that other enterprises were more successful as, turning again to Rev Anderson, we find that:

'Robert Laing, another merchant in Kirkwall, did also purchase an estate lying partly in Stronsay and partly in Eday, about 24 years ago. He gave some encouragement to his tenants in North Strynzie and Stronsay to make improvements; this he did by engaging to pay part of the expenses of inclosing certain parcels of the farm with stone dykes. These materials being more valuable than turf, and the grounds thus enclosed of a superior quality to such as were inclosed by Mr Balfour, rendered the benefits thus arising from including grass fields greater and more permanent. This tenant indeed, in some degree, perhaps, by the example and advice of his neighbour the minister, began lately to include a few acres of laboured land, which he intends to prepare, without delay, for laying down with grass seeds for hay and pasture.' [Note: the minister showing the example and giving advice would have been Rev Anderson himself!]

This tenant was Edward Chalmers and, although he had been enclosing some of his fields with stone dykes, it seems that this 8 or 9 acre field of his best land was still enclosed by means of faelie dykes. The main purpose of this trial was apparently to grow a better quality grass for the production of grass seed to be sown on the lands he was in the process of reclaiming from rough pasture and hill.

The Robert Laing mentioned above had a family of at least 16 and, by the time of his death in 1803, his son Malcolm owned South Strenzie and son Samuel was the proprietor of Rothiesholm while another son, Gilbert, owned Papa Stronsay.

It seems that these sons all shared their father's enthusiasm for progressive agriculture, with 200 acres recorded as being put to the plough at Malcolm Laing's farm of Hunton (part of South Strenzie) by his tenant Donald Hume.

On Papa Stronsay too, famed for its fertility and grain growing capacity since it was first colonised by monks some 1,000 years earlier, Gilbert's tenant was steadily ploughing out some of the best land and enclosing it with drystone dykes.

Meanwhile Samuel, the same Samuel Laing who was later to be the instigator of the herring fishing industry in Stronsay, was also putting plans in place to improve both his property and the lot of his tenants. He had acquired the Rothiesholm estate through a relative and had, it was said, broken out and enclosed 100 acres of hill ground there. Whether this enclosure was by turf and earth wall or stone dyke isn't clear.

By now the greater part of the in-by land was regularly under the plough, growing grain or better-quality grass grown from seed. Much of the land which lay outside the hill dykes though still lay as it had for centuries, growing only rough natural grass and heath interspersed by clumps of heather, and it was to this land that the more progressive farmers were now turning their attention.

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Murdoch Mackenzie's map of 1750 showing parish boundaries as a row of 'x's and some of the hill dykes as dotted lines.

Returning again to Rev Anderson's 1795 report, he states that on some of the larger farms a number of substantial stone dykes had been erected within the last few years.

Strangely, in P Neil's 1806 visit to Stronsay recorded in his 'Tour Through some of the Islands of Orkney and Shetland' he made no mention of these fields enclosed by dykes. There were stone enclosures that did catch his eye though, which he recorded:

'Upon the shores of Stronsa I first saw the small inclosures for raising cabbage plants called planty-cruies. They are merely little square pens, or bughts, inclosed by a dry-stone wall; black mould, or more frequently a mixture of clay and ashes, is laid on the inclosed area, and here cabbage plants are raised, to be set out in the spring. These planty-cruies are always situated on the flattest part of the shore close by the sea, where frost is best avoided.'

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In another report of a visit to Stronsay, this time by Rev Dr Barry in 1808, he records that:

‘Agriculture is in much the same state as in other places. One exception ought to be noticed. A female proprietor has had spirit to bring a man from England to inclose and improve such of the waste lands on her estate as were before of little utility. The attempt is unquestionably laudable, and merits the thanks of every friend to improvement; but how far it may succeed, or whether it be conducted with the skill necessary to secure success, are points which time alone can determine.’

Sadly, there is no indication who this proprietor may have been so we are left to ponder whether this may have been spinster sisters Helen and Barbara Fea who took on the running of the Airy estate upon the death of their father Patrick in 1796. Another contender could be the widow or possibly the daughter of Thomas Balfour of Huip, who had died in 1787. We are told later that 350 acres were reclaimed at Huip within a period of fifteen years, although there is no indication of which years this refers to.

We now return once more to Malcolm Laing, the proprietor of South Strenzie which would have included Clestrain, Hunton, Whitehall and the whole of the area where the Village now stands. He was probably the laird most renowned for his introduction of new ideas and farming practices both in Stronsay and on his estates at Stove in Sanday. He and his younger brother Samuel were among the first to give complete freedom from forced service to their tenants and cottars and it was Malcolm who experimented with the introduction of Merino sheep to Orkney, one of his less successful ventures. He died in 1818, leaving his properties to Samuel. Samuel, who himself had been making improvements on his Rothiesholm estate, sold that Rothiesholm estate soon after to concentrate his time and money on the estates left him by his brother.

By 1822 he was well advanced with ploughing out the lands between Whitehall and Hunton and enclosing the fields with stone dykes, much to the displeasure of the Established Church minister at the time, Rev John Simpson. Rev Simpson’s Manse was located in that area, and his only source of water was the Bleaching Well at the Ayre of the Myres, owned by Samuel Laing. It seems that during these improvements to the farm, the roads and access to this well had been destroyed by ploughing and the building of dykes to partition off the fields. Rev Simpson, who felt he had a right to the water from this well and was being denied open access to it apparently considered taking Mr Laing to court to gain a right of servitude to the well. On seeking a legal opinion, he was advised that, although he would probably win a court battle to gain access to the well, this would be expensive and it was suggested that, as Mr Laing was one of the wealthier Heritors of his church, every attempt should be made to reach an amicable agreement. It seems diplomacy must have won the day as no more is heard of this dispute.



The site of the Bleaching Well, where Rev Simpson’s free access to the well was obstructed by the newly built dykes. This is the site of the present-day pumping station which provides Stronsay’s mains water supply.

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Staying with Rev Simpson for a moment, his Manse was the same one which had been occupied by Rev Anderson some 40 years earlier and which the good Reverend had declared totally unsuitable accommodation for a minister, threatening to take the Heritors to court over the matter.

Although there is no record of Rev Simpson being unhappy with his accommodation, we learn that in 1834 the Heritors, perhaps finally paying some heed to Rev Anderson's demands 50 years previously, took decisive action. Whether they were feeling blessed by the high prices achieved in what had been a boom period for their kelp or grateful for a period of good prices for their agricultural produce they proceeded to build a most impressive and capacious three storey Manse, complete with a range of 'offices' (outhouses and farm buildings) suitable for the farming of the Glebe land. Not satisfied with that, they enclosed the glebe fields with dry stone dykes of the highest quality, complete with stone gate pillars that wouldn't have looked out of place at a mansion house. This must have pleased Rev Simpson greatly as it seems he was a keen farmer and, like many of his ilk who farmed their glebe lands (including his predecessor Rev Anderson) was an enthusiastic agricultural reformer.



Top centre is Rev Simpson's manse, now known as the Old Manse, surrounded by the drystone dyke enclosed fields where Rev Simpson farmed so successfully.

Some years later his farming prowess was to attract the attention of a visitor to the island who recorded in a report in the [John o' Groat's Journal dated 30th November 1849](#) that:

'The lands of Strenzie are well inclosed and well farmed, and the glebe of the clergyman situated in this district is quite a gem - so highly cultivated and everywhere showing abundance and substantiality. This gentleman has improved a very extensive portion of waste land behind his manse, and the fine crops of all kinds gave ample evidence of the high capabilities of the soil, as well as judicious management. Such an example as is here set must have had its influence, and must yet tell for good on the farming population of Stronsay.'

Part 3 will be in next month's Limpet
Ian Cooper
September 2024

Stephen Clackson’s Letter from School Place

—connecting with constituents of the North Isles ward.



MV Earl Sigurd at Rapness

A ferry cancellation on account of bad weather meant I had to attend our Education, Leisure & Housing meeting “virtually”, which is not my preferred method of attending meetings. Papay School had a very good Education Scotland inspection report for both its primary and nursery classes. The inspectors commended the school’s “authentic connection to the island environment, heritage and culture”, “positive partnerships with the community” and “effective use of the unique setting to provide rich learning experiences for the children.” Well done to all concerned! In the item on the department’s Directorate Delivery Plan, I asked about the provision of nursery places for 2-year-olds in island settings, and I highlighted the very real challenges faced by working parents needing childcare where this provision is not available to them and there are no on-island registered childminders. (Establishing a “grant and subsidy” approach for childminders in hard-to-sustain locations, e.g. where numbers are very small making the business non-viable, is included among the Council Delivery Plan projects.)

Other meetings I have had to attend “virtually” this month include a Joint Isles Health & Care meeting (at which I drew attention to the difficulty commercial drivers in the Isles face when summoned to attend a DVLA eye test), and a meeting of the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation (on which I am OIC’s representative).

Meetings I have had the pleasure of attending “really” include those of the Monitoring & Audit Committee; the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (formerly the Orkney College Management Council); confidential members’ briefings with the Chief Executive; and finance and budget seminars. And in person in the Isles, meetings of Sanday Community Council and Sanday Parent Council; Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council; and Westray Community Council.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

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

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2025 are detailed below.

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

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

Eday

Week Commencing: 30th September 2024, 9 December 2024 and 24 February 2025

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 21 October 2024 and 27 January 2025

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 7 October 2024, 6 January 2025 and 17 March 2025

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, and 13 January 2025 and 24 March 2025

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024, 13 January 2025 and 10 March 2025

Sanday

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 9 December 2024 and 17 February 2025

Shapinsay

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 27 January 2025

Stronsay

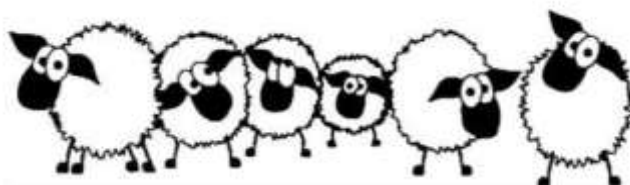
Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 10 February 2025

Westray

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024 and 3 February 2025

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

Stronsay Stitches



Stronsay Stitches - Thursday 31st October

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

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

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I have valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification

References available if required

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to KCSIE legislation 2023

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 CHESS CLUB



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

FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc



Stronsay at War

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

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

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



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

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

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



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Interest invited. Not currently with external agent.

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Leo Martini-Brown

lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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The recycling centre has plenty of recycled cardboard logs. They are a bargain at only £7.00 for 30 logs. Available at the recycling centre or call Viv on 207.

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

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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 vacced. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

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SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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

OVERSEERS WANTED !

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
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- Pool Table



For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter
email

annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.
Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

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, KW17 2AR".

STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

- [Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 \(poor audio quality\)](#)
- [59° North](#)
- [Links House, Stronsay: Finding the Mesolithic in Orkney](#)
- [Stronsay, Orkney](#)
- [The mystery of the Stronsay Monster](#)
- [Orkney—living and working](#)
- [1930's stone crushing machine in action on Stronsay](#)
- [Stronsay harbour \(taken from inside the harbour\)](#)
- [Five reasons to visit Stronsay](#)

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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

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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>

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Tel: 01857 616 469 Mob: 07741 778 750

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

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From Wednesday 9 October 2024

FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES

Monday	CLOSED	
Tuesday	CLOSED	
Wednesday	9am - 2pm	
Thursday	10am - 4pm	
Friday	9am - 2pm	
Saturday	9am - 2pm	(Breakfast served all day)
Sunday	10:30am - 2:30pm	(Breakfast served all day)

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Dominic BLYTH	St. Catherines, Stronsay, KW17 2AN tel: 616242 email: saniman@live.co.uk
Shane HOURSTON	Housebay Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ tel: 07593965600 email: s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk
David LOCKE	Church of Scotland Manse, Stronsay, KW17 2AF tel: 07776448301 email: dlocke@churchofscotland.org.uk
Leonardo MARTINI-BROWN	Brynley Cottage, 12 Whitehall, Stronsay, KW17 2AS email: lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk
James SEATON	Thorfinn, Stronsay, KW17 2AS tel: 07470111871 email: safehandsno_1@hotmail.com
Damian STOUT Vice Chair	Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616258 email: damiienstout@btinternet.com
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 28 Oct, 2 Dec & 10 Feb 2025
 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>

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Community council 616446	Star Island Soap 616281
Companions Club 616352	Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498
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