



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 17 Feb 2025 - 25 Oct 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 30 Sep 2024 to 3 May 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries summer timetable 4 May 2025 to 28 Sep 2025](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2024-2025](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

Orkney Traditional Music Project visit (at Stronsay hotel)	Sun 4 May
Orkney Ferries—summer timetable starts	Sun 4 May
Orkney Ferries—3 island service today	Sun 4 May
Stronsay Bookworms	Wed 7 May
National Fishing Remembrance Day, Memorial Service St Magnus	Sat 10 May
Spring Craft Fair	Sat 10 May
Mobile library van	Mon 12 May
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service in Kirkwall	Mon/Tue/Wed 12/13/14 May
Peedie concert	Fri 13 Jun
Stronsay's Massive Weekend	Sat 17 Aug & Sun 18 Aug
Bingo night	Sat 20 Sep
Bonfire Night followed by Quiz	Sat 8 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 22 Nov
Christmas Tree Lighting & peedie concert	Sat 29 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Wed 31 Dec

SCOTTISH NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

By Dr Sylvia Armstrong-Fisher

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) is returning to Orkney on **12, 13 and 14 May 2025**, to collect blood for the first time in 16 years. SNBTS hopes to welcome 75 donors per day, meaning a total of 225 donors over a three day period.

You can register to donate in Orkney by emailing us on nss.snbtsenquiry@nhs.scot, contacting us online at www.scotblood.co.uk or calling us on 0345 90 90 999. Our Team will ask you some questions to make sure you're eligible, then book you in for an appointment

<http://scotblood.co.uk/news/first-blood-donation-session-in-orkney-for-16-years/>

Next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Sat 31 May 2025**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

CHARITY SKY DIVE - £5,500 raised!

By Sheena Cooper

Andy and I completed our charity skydive at Fife airfield on Friday 18th April. The day started off clear and frosty but cloud rapidly started coming in and we were only able to jump from 7500 feet instead of 10,000 plus. We were just glad it was possible to jump at all!

After a 30 minute briefing on what to do/ positions to assume etc we were suited and harnessed ready to go! The plane was a very well worn Cessna! I went first and it took 15 -20 minutes to reach a suitable height (the flight was spent sitting strapped onto your instructor) Then the door opened and you were shuffled to the gap, legs dangling out, a second later you were out and tumbling through the sky (no idea which way was up at this point). Andy loved this bit, I shut my eyes! Once the chute opened it was incredible, it felt like you were suspended in the sky with the most amazing views all the way round! Steering the parachute was interesting and we both agreed too much swooping around would have resulted in us both losing what little breakfast we'd managed to eat. All too soon we were approaching the airfield and landing, gently and reasonably gracefully!

It was a absolutely astonishing experience which we'd both like to do again. The [Just Giving page for the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance \(SCAA\)](#) is still open and is standing about £4500 plus £1000 Gift Aid. We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has given so generously. A big thank you also to our ground crew for support on the day, Michael, Pam and our sneaky surprise visitors, Donna and Dom! You made the day very special.

[\(<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheena-andy-rose-1>\)](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheena-andy-rose-1)





Updates to Team Roles

We've had a bit of a shuffle with our job roles recently! Same great team, just a shift in everyone's focus areas to better align with our current priorities.

Vicki is our **Finance, Admin and Grants Officer**, looking after the smooth operation of our administration, finances and supporting a soon-to-be-launched grants scheme, together with the administration of external grant support that we apply for.

Shani is focussing on the **Development Officer** remit, focusing on growing and improving what we do in the context of what we have been hearing from the community, most recently through the work on our Place Plan.

Steph is building on her efforts with the **Togetherness** project to support our activities around **Wellbeing** through the Island Wellbeing Project with our neighbouring islands and Voluntary Action Orkney.

Aimee will be focussing on Community Engagement and will support the rest of the SDT team, aiming to build stronger relationships and supporting people across our projects.

And **Laura** continues as our **Community Recycling & Sustainability Officer**, continuing her work on all things recycling and sustainability.

All these changes are about making sure we're in the best place to keep moving forward and make an even bigger difference.

SDT Grant Scheme

We're really excited to share that we're putting the final touches on an SDT Grant Scheme using funds that we receive from the Community Turbine! This new initiative (picking up something that has been done in the past) is all about providing vital funding to support community-led projects and ideas on Stronsay that will make a real difference across the island. We're aiming to have the scheme live and ready for applications later in May, so keep an eye out for more updates coming very soon.

Board Update

The Board continues to meet monthly to oversee the work, finances, and governance of Stronsay Development Trust (SDT). We are nearing completion of preparing our next set of annual accounts for the period ending August 2024.

These are currently undergoing auditing and will soon be submitted to

Companies House and OSCR, alongside our annual report.

As part of our ongoing development, we have recently reviewed our staff team and reshaped roles (as above) to best align with the charity's business needs and to make the most of the skills and strengths within our dedicated staff.

There's lots happening in the coming weeks and months!

We are working closely with VAO and our neighbouring islands as the Wellbeing project, as we know it, comes to an end in September, along with the funding secured by VAO. We're in discussions with our colleagues to explore the best way forward for the next steps. Additionally, we are embarking on a short-

term project with the other outer north isles, focusing on maximising opportunities for young people to engage in extracurricular activities. This includes identifying barriers to participation and exploring potential solutions to address those challenges. Expect to hear more on this soon.

We are also continuing our work on the development of the community bus service. Now that the new electric bus is back with its signage, you'll soon see it buzzing around the island. On Saturday, the bus played a key role in getting our Fun5z netballers to their games at Picky for the final league day of the season. It also allowed for a quick play in the sunshine at the park on the way back to the ferry - a lovely bonus!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the work of the SDT.

More updates to follow!

Members News

We're launching a Members Facebook Group!

To help keep all our SDT Members up to date, we're setting up a private Facebook group - another way to share news, updates, and hear directly from you. We'll use the group to:

Share info quickly

Ask for your input on ideas and opportunities

Give you another space to offer feedback

This group will complement all our existing channels - so if Facebook isn't your thing, no stress! You'll still be kept in the loop and have your say through other routes. We'll start inviting Members over the next few weeks.

If you'd prefer not to be added, just let us know!

Not a member yet? No problem! Membership is free and open to all residents of Stronsay over 18 - and signing up means you get to have a say in how the Trust works for the island. Contact Aimee for details on how to become a Member.



Stronsay Development Trust

Place Plan Update

Over the past few months, we've been gathering your thoughts on what matters most for Stronsay's future. From jobs and housing to natural spaces, public facilities and social life, your feedback has helped shape a clear picture of our community's priorities.

Each theme was rated by residents, with highlights including a strong sense of safety and belonging, valued recreational spaces, and a vibrant social spirit. Areas needing more focus include affordable housing, local job opportunities, and improving facilities for young people. Suggestions for action ranged from creating local apprenticeships and improving beach access to developing a community games hall and expanding recycling services.

We've now summarised your feedback and ideas into themed posts that we will be sharing through our Facebook page and community updates in the coming few weeks. We'd love to hear if there's anything missing or ideas you'd like to add or what your priorities are for SDT to take forward on the community's behalf. Comment on the posts or email aimee@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com to get involved!

A reminder that the Board meets monthly on the first Monday of each month, and Board minutes are published on our Padlet noticeboard (details below), which also includes other key SDT information. If you have any ideas, questions, or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Contacts

The SDT Volunteer Board are: Naomi Bremner (Chair), Kevin Kent (Vice Chair), Dianne Riley-Moore (Treasurer), Mike Holland, Elsie Dennison, James Seaton, Ian Stevenson, Andrew Fraser, Carrie Stout and Marion Miller.

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

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Board: office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

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

NEW FERRIES!

Note from SDT

Update From OIC

🌊 Big Changes Coming to Our Ferry Services! 🌊

We know how important reliable, comfortable ferry travel is for island life — and we're making progress on replacing the ageing fleet serving the Outer North Isles. Here's a quick update on where things stand and what's coming next:

💠 New Ferries Coming!

The ageing fleet is being replaced — Scottish Government funding is helping to move forward with design work.

💠 What Will They Be Like?

- Draft design: 60m long, 190 passengers, space for 34 cars or 10 HGVs
- Fully accessible: lift, wheelchair spots, quiet area, play space, pet area & more
- Designed to work with our existing piers — no big infrastructure changes needed

💠 Which Design Works Best?

Out of 3 options, the *Monohull Ro-Pax* came out on top — best for performance, comfort & fit with current harbours.

💠 What's Next?

- ✅ Simulator testing starts in June
- ✅ More community consultation
- ✅ Final design approval expected by October
- ✅ Construction could begin late 2025 (if funding confirmed)

💠 Phase 2 – Looking Ahead

Plans are also underway for ferry and pier upgrades for other islands including Papa Westray, North Ronaldsay, Rousay, Hoy & more. Designs are due by Autumn 2026 with community engagement at the heart of the process.

📄 Want the full details?

The full briefing note is available to view on our Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/naomi219/stronsay-development-trust-yoz2gzuowbyqsj6q/wish/LNV1Q7j8bnrOamq3>

FREE LESSONS IN FIDDLE & ACCORDION!

Isabel Wilson

Orkney Traditional Music Project is visiting Stronsay's Hotel on Sunday 4th May. Lessons in fiddle and accordion will be available with our experienced tutors from 11am. And an afternoon play along will be open to all ages and stages.

All music will be provided and this event is free. Bring a packed lunch if you plan on staying for the full day.



STRONSAY WELLBEING TEAM UPDATE

Have you joined the Stronsay Wildlife Group yet?

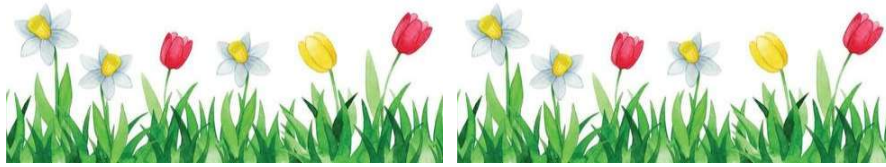
This friendly community—supported by the Wellbeing Team and our local wildlife expert David Askew—it's perfect for anyone interested in local wildlife. Whether you're out and about joining walks, talks, and seasonal events, or simply love spotting nature from your window, there's a place for you here.

You're encouraged to share your sightings, photos, and questions—or just enjoy what others post. Every record helps build a picture of the wildlife on our island.

Come be part of it—observe, connect, and share the joy of Stronsay's wild side!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3678245842392528>

Stronsay Spring Craft Fair



Saturday 10th May 2025



Stronsay Community Hall

1pm – 4pm

Local hand-made crafts,
Island-grown plants, charity stall, Stronsay
Heritage Display.
Refreshments & bakes



Organised by Stronsay Community Association

CRAFT FAIR CHARITY STALL

We hope to have our usual Charity Stall with crafting supplies at the Stronsay Craft Fair on Saturday 10th May. This time around we are raising money for the 'Peedie Retreat'.

The Peedie Retreat is to be a fully accessible peedie haven available free of charge and designed to help Orkney people facing the challenges of Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neurone Disease, along with their families, carers and friends. We would love any donations of crafting materials that you wouldn't mind parting with for this brilliant charity. Remember - if you get rid of one ball of wool, you are allowed to buy two to replace it!

Donations can be dropped off at Steenysheed, Roadside or left in Maya's car at the school. Pickup can also be arranged, just let any of us know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON STRONSAY?

If you want to know what's happening in Stronsay then check the Visit Stronsay calendar <https://visitstronsay.com/events/month>. You can add your own event by contacting the Stronsay Limpet's editor at editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk and letting him know what's happening as well as where, when and why. Add your own artwork if you wish.

ORKNEY FERRIES

STRONSAY/SANDAY/EDAY SERVICE – SUNDAY 4TH MAY

We would like to advise customers that, in order to accommodate the additional sailing to Sanday via Papa Westray, we will be operating a three island service in both the morning and afternoon on Sunday 4th May.

Amended sailing times are as follows:

- Depart Kirkwall – 08:20
- Depart Stronsay – 10:10
- Depart Sanday – 10:55
- Depart Eday – 11:15
- Arrive Kirkwall – 12:40

- Depart Kirkwall – 15:20
- Depart Eday – 16:45
- Depart Sanday – 17:15
- Depart Stronsay – 18:00
- Arrive Kirkwall – 19:40

For the latest updates, head to our website or social media feeds.

STRONSAY IS MASSIVE!

T-shirts and hoodies (and stickers!)
now available to order through
59 Degrees North
(Sanday printing business)



Link to shop:

<https://59-degreesnorth.co.uk/stronsay-massive-shop/>

**SHOW YOUR STRONSAY SPIRIT
AT THE NORTH ISLES SPORTS**

GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

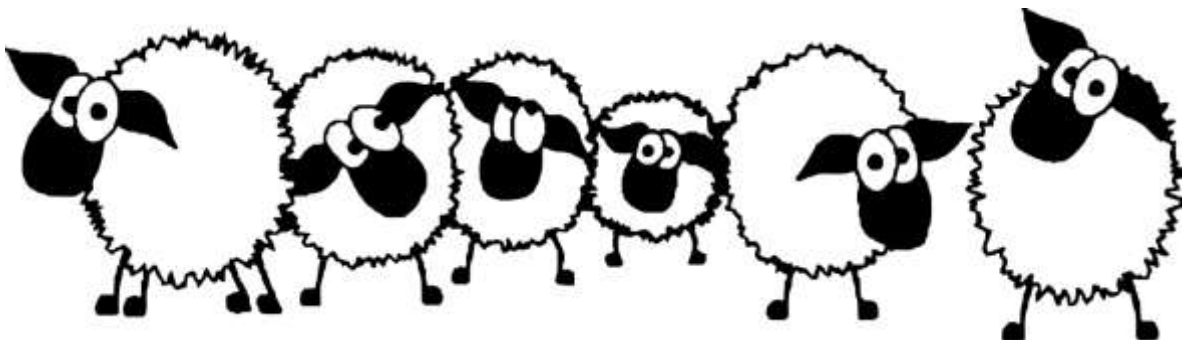
The rosters for the island's GP & community nurse are regularly updated online at
<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

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 Stitchers



Thursday 29th May 2025

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

We are an informal group who meet once a month to do our own stitchy things. You can bring any projects you're working on such as crochet, needlework, knitting, rug hooking etc.

Everyone welcome.



Stronsay Development Trust

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Recycling/ Bike Hire	Laura Carter	Laura@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com
Admin/Finance Small Grant Scheme	Vicki Holland	Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

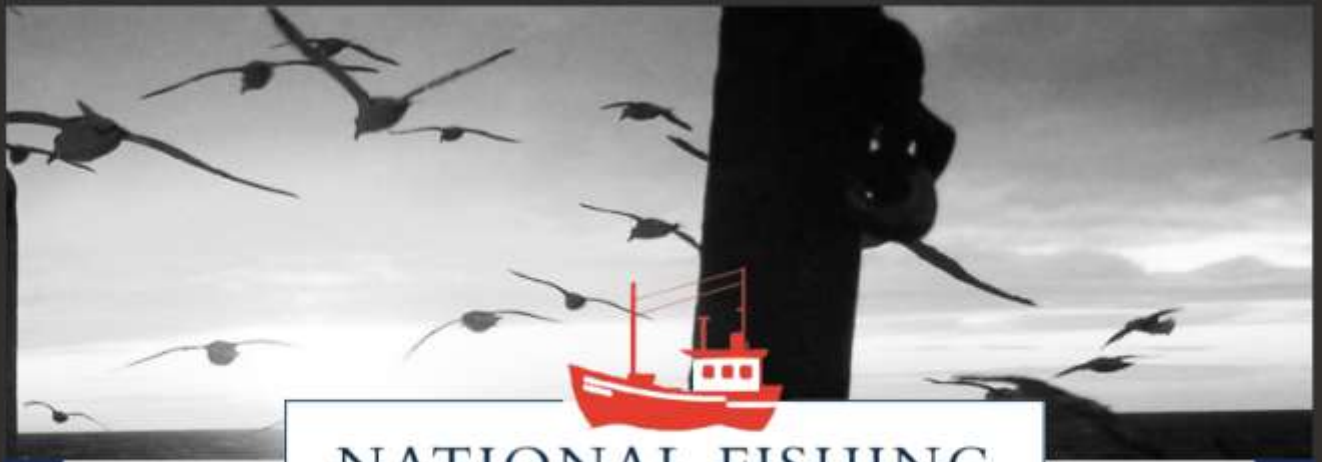
Office Hours

May be subject to change depending on online meetings and other SDT commitments, please check our Facebook page for updates|

	Office	Recycling
Monday	9:00-11:00	9:15-13:30
Tuesday	9:00-11:00	Closed
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	9:15-13:30
Thursday	9:00-11:00	Closed
Friday	9:00-11:00	9:15-13:30

Bike hire must be booked in advance – please contact

Laura@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com



NATIONAL FISHING REMEMBRANCE DAY

Memorial Service

Join us to remember those we have lost.

Time:

10th of May at 12pm

Venue:

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall



Who do I contact for further information?

Transportation Service
Marine Services and Transportation
Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration
Orkney Islands Council
School Place
KIRKWALL
KW15 1NY

Tel: (01856) 873535

E-mail: ferryvouchers@orkney.gov.uk

Web: www.orkney.gov.uk

The concessionary card holder is the only person permitted to use the Ferry Services Concessionary SmartCard. It is not transferable. Allowing someone else to use the card to access free travel is fraud and your entitlement to free concessionary trips on board Orkney Ferries may be withdrawn.

For full terms and conditions please visit:
www.orkney.gov.uk/transport.

Please note that your personal details will not be used for any purpose other than for the local concessionary travel scheme operated by Orkney Islands Council and Orkney Ferries Ltd.

A large print black and white version of this leaflet is available on request from Orkney Islands Council.

TRANSPORT LINKS



ISLES RESIDENTS CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME



www.orkney.gov.uk/transport

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy on Stronsay Community Council

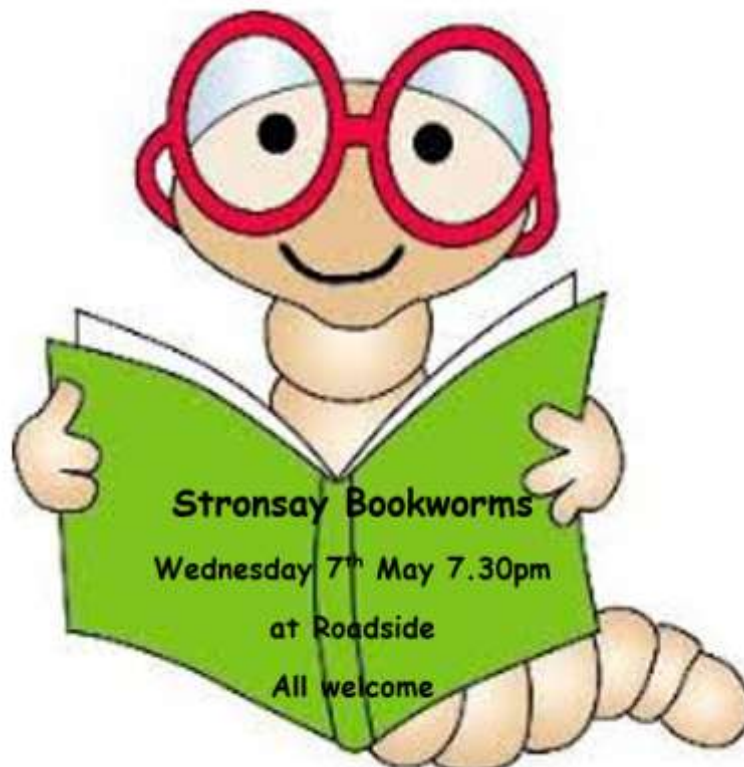
Any individual aged 16 and over may stand for election for the Community Council representing their home address, providing they are on the Electoral Register

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

As from 1 January 2025, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council: -

Dominic BLYTH St. Catherines, Stronsay, KW17 2AN
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email: saniman@live.co.uk

Shane HOURSTON Housebay Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ
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Louise McQUAID Bayview, Stronsay, KW17 2AR
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James SEATON Thorfinn, Stronsay, KW17 2AS
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Damian STOUT
Vice Chair Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT
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Shirley WHITEMAN
Chair St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT
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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.

There is currently a vacancy for a Community Council member.

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

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7 January 2025

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Mick for all taxi work and Sinclair Haulage for freight!

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

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

Any questions and to book give me a call.

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

ISLAND LINK OFFICE

Commencing Wednesday 19th February 2025 the Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart, will be open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.

A range of services are available, including the collection of black bin bags, photocopying at 10p a copy, collect a form for Stronsay Community Council financial assistance, or a form for the scrap car scheme (still open for applications), raise issues or concerns that Stronsay Community Council may be able to address and even contact officers at OIC.

I look forward to seeing you, but if you are not able to call into the office I can be telephoned on 616446 or by email to stronsaycc@gmail.com

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
12 February 2025

If you see something in the Limpet that is inaccurate or no longer valid
please drop a line to "The Editor, Claremont KW17 2AR"
or email editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman

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

R100 BROADBAND EVALUATION



The Scottish Government is assessing the success of **R100**, a government funded programme which is **extending access to faster broadband across Scotland**.

To inform this, we are surveying households and organisations who:

- Are **scheduled to receive faster broadband access**
- Have been **provided with faster broadband access** and have taken up the connection
- Have **been provided with faster broadband access** but have not taken up the connection



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot



Stantec

To determine if your property is impacted by the programme, and complete a survey, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation> or scan the QR code below:



The deadline for all responses is 3 March 2025

Please email R100Evaluation@stantec.com if you have any further questions.

Survey = <https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation>

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.



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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

LOGANAIR – INTER ISLAND BOARDING CARDS

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

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

Stronsay Island Link Officer
12 June 2024

Records of a Bygone Age

Stronsay's Side Schools

Part 3 – Death, disease and smoke (but no mirrors)

Contagious disease continued to be an all-too-common part of school and island life, with Scarlet Fever rearing its ugly head once more at the end of June 1918. The school was closed on 5th July to help prevent the spread of the fever and was to remain so for some time, only reopening on 2nd September.

More illness was soon to follow as Spanish Flu, reputedly the cause of 40 million deaths worldwide, eventually reached Stronsay. All island schools were closed from 4th December until early in the New Year but even so seven islanders were to lose their lives in the epidemic before Christmas, including 9-year-old South School pupil Janet Cooper from Holland. Schools reopened on 6th January 1919 but, with a fresh outbreak of influenza in the New Year, the school was again closed from the 8th to 13th January and then, with the epidemic flaring up once more, was shut from 19th February to 17th March during which time the flu claimed another two victims. Even then when the school reopened the fear of the disease meant that only 3 pupils turned up that first day and it was to be the end of April before the epidemic was finally over. The school roll at that time was 33.

Scarlet Fever struck the island once again in February 1920 but, although one little boy in the island was to die from the disease the following month, the school seems to have remained open throughout.

A request for the use of the school for a wedding on the evening of 25th February was granted and the school was closed all that day to allow for preparation. This marriage was between William Cooper of Dale in Stromness and Isabella Maxwell from the Myres.

County Medical Officer Dr J R Adam inspected the school in September 1920, with his report stating that *"The present heating arrangements are insufficient. I would suggest that a large circular stove be placed in the centre of the room and the flue carried straight up through the roof ventilating aperture. The two classes could then be arranged facing the stove and on either side of it and the children would be in the correct light for writing instead of as at present with the light at their backs and in their faces. In the absence of a shelter the children should have access to the schoolroom in wet weather. School cleaning is satisfactory, but the pail closets should be emptied thrice instead of twice weekly."*

Some of those recommendations were acted upon fairly quickly and, at the opening of the new term in January 1921, a new stove had been installed as recommended by the medical officer. On its first day of use the school had to be dismissed early due to the fumes given off by the new stove and pipework but, after this initial problem, it seemed to work satisfactorily, at least for a time. No indication was given on whether the pail closets were, in fact, emptied more frequently following this inspection!

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This photo, thought to date from the early 1920s, was taken in the snow at the back of the South School. It must have been a cold, wet seat for the boys sitting on the wall! Teacher Miss Elizabeth Fotheringham is standing in the middle of the front and the only two pupils known are sisters Annie Tulloch (the girl with the white apron second from the left in the front row) and Barabara Tulloch (front row next to the teacher on the left side).

The school was dismissed at 10 o'clock on 21st November 1922 to allow pupils to attend a large farm dispersal sale at Airy. This estate had quite an interesting history, having been in the ownership of the Fea family for several generations. On the death of the last of this family, spinster sisters Barbara and Helen Fea, in 1818 their Airy estate had been left to the Stronsay School, with the income from it intended to further the education of children from Stronsay and Eday. The farm had been managed by the School Board up until this time but, like many other estates of the time, was broken up with most of the crofts sold to the sitting tenants and the home farm of Airy sold to William Watt, a butcher from Stromness, .

A young boy, 8-year-old James David Cooper, was enrolled at the school on 8th December. His family, after farming at New Holland in Holm for a number of years, had bought the farm of Cleat and returned to their native island to live, with their two older sons William and my father Sam being enrolled at the Central School.

An outbreak of whooping cough once more, this time in December 1922 and January 1923 affected many of the school pupils although this time the school remained open over the course of it.

We take a leap now to 1924 when, at a special meeting of the School Management Committee on 13th March, a parent was summoned to appear before the Committee for failing to send his son to school. In what appeared to be a stalemate, the parent would give the committee no definite promise that he would send his son to school in future. No further record of this appears so we're left to wonder how or when this was resolved.

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Around the same time Miss Fotheringhame noted in the log that good use was being made of the rural library and that *'the encouragement given to home reading from the rural library is noted with satisfaction.'* This library may possibly have been one of the many gifted to schools by philanthropist James Coats, millionaire owner of the J & P Coats thread and weaving company of Paisley.



Another South School photo thought to date from c. 1926.

Back row: Ralph Maxwell (Housebay), Peter Norquoy (Holland), Thomas Rousay (Russland), Thomas Towers (Briarlea), Billy Fotheringhame (Hescombe), Eddie Peace (Housebay), and Thomas Miller (Guesty). 2nd row: Jacky Cooper (Airy), Alf Bews (Mucklequoy), Ernie Cooper (Odiness), Johnno Peace (Holland), Willie Cooper (Airy), and Leslie Miller (Guesty). 3rd row: Jim Twatt (Odiness), Ida Twatt (Odiness), Maggie Jean Fotheringhame (Westhouse), Annie Muir (Holland), Barbara Tulloch (Arifea), and Robert Muir (Holland). Front row: Cathy Twatt (Odness), Mabel Muir (Holland), Mary Allan (Mounthigh), and Annie Jean (Nana) Rendall (Hunday).

In addition to her teaching role Miss Fotheringhame had been caring for her elderly parents for some time, with her father James dying in 1921. Her mother Rebecca then passed away on 18th September 1924 and the school was closed on that date, reopening on 22nd September.

In a note in the log in October 1925 Miss Fotheringhame complained that *'We have had a bad time this week with a smoking fire. The stove was shifted but all to no purpose.'* This badly smoking fire when the wind was in the east or south-east was to be a recurring theme through the entire life of the school, with no remedy ever to be found.

December that year saw an older boy re-admitted to the school. This was a young lad whose foot had been crushed in an accident with a reaper and who was unable to walk to the Central School.

The usual nature rambles continued in 1927, with a walk being noted in March which started from the school down to Housebay, then along the shore to the Crook Sand, on to Torness and the Test Hut and then returning to the school. This must have been a walk of around six miles, quite a trek for young children who had already walked to school and would have to walk home again at the end of the day. The roll at this time had fallen to 25.

The school was dismissed early on 17th November 1927 *'to allow children to come back to see Commander Kilgour's cinematograph.'* Commander Kilgour was Inspector of Coastguard Life Saving Apparatus for the Northern District and was happy to give exhibitions with his cinematograph (an early type of movie projector) as he did his rounds of the districts. This was his second display in Stronsay, the first being held in the school during a full gale back in January. This January meeting would undoubtedly have been the first time that the children, and probably most of the adults in attendance, would have seen moving pictures and was reported in the Orkney Herald of 2nd February as follows:

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Cinematograph Exhibition. — Friday, 28th January, was a howling night, but the South School was full of happy children and a few adults. Comdr. Kilgour had come to give a cinematograph entertainment. He little dreamt how appropriate was "ghaist nor bogle," more fearful to the imagination of a grown-up than Housebay's otter to the heart of a child, and here he was moving before their very eyes. Mr Smith, Scoulters, voiced the thoughts of the meeting in his vote of thanks to Commander Kilgour, and their applause was no more hearty than their laughter had been during the evening.

A HMI report in March 1928 again gave quite a favourable report of the school and the teacher:

'The highest class varies in age, ability and attainment. The least satisfactory parts of the work were oral answering and written composition. A further effort should be made to secure a rational arrangement of matter and better connection of clauses. Arithmetic is quite well on and reasonably accurate. Handwriting and spelling are weak in a number of cases. The next class, a smaller one, made a better appearance and promises well. The younger classes are making good progress. The teaching is painstaking and faithful, and the tone of the school is pleasing. Serious physical disability has caused the more or less continued absence of two of the pupils on the roll; the attendance of a few of the others should be better than it is.'

The roll at that time had fallen once more, this time down to only 20, consisting of 16 boys and only 4 girls.

In what was a very worrying time for the island, the school was closed on 7th May 1929 due to a highly contagious disease affecting some in the community. It only opened its doors again on 27th May but even then, some parents were afraid to send their children to school because of the virus. It later transpired that the disease was in fact Poliomyelitis and had taken the lives of 3 people on the island while leaving a number of others with disabilities of varying degrees of severity.

Rambles and other activities continued play an important part in the school curriculum, with the older pupils visiting the Vat of Kirbuster for a nature study in May 1930. The afternoon of 25th June 1931 was spent in a field near the Central School where the SWRI provided a picnic for the children of all five schools, then in September a visit was paid to the Coastguard Watch Hut on Burgh Hill. Another school ramble to Lamb Head took place on 30th June 1933, where *'the Juniors and Seniors spent the afternoon exploring the rocks and ruins at Lamb Head. They found many nests and curious stones and rock formations.'* The following year they were taken to the rocks below Kirbuster and along to the Brough at Burgh Head to see the birds and wild flowers.

Professor John Tait, a nephew of Alexander and George Tait of Midgarth, home on holiday from his post as lecturer at McGill University in Montreal, visited the school on 14th June 1934 to speak to the pupils about his time in Canada, also showing them three Texas rattlesnakes. These rattlesnakes were apparently preserved in a glass jar and when the jar was rocked they appeared to come alive. The rattlesnakes were left with some of Professor Tait's relatives, the Pottinger family at Whitehall, and were a curiosity for quite some time.

The school closed early on 23rd January 1934 to allow pupils to attend the island ploughing match in a field near the school and then, on 6th May the following year, all schools were shut for a celebration to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. This took the form of an island picnic and sports day at a field at Samson's Lane, followed by tea for all in the Central School.

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That same month all the pupils were taken to see the Coastguard Watch Hut on Burgh Hill, then on to the Brough at Burgh Head and along the cliffs to the Ram, a big sheep-like boulder that had been tossed up over an 18-metre-high cliff in a storm.

Then, in June 1936, another school outing took the pupils to Odiness Point to see the wreck of the steam drifter Rose III. This drifter had struck the rocks on Odiness Point in thick fog and, although the crew got off safely, the ship was a total wreck and the crew also lost some of their nets and personal belongings.

Also in 1936, in an attempt to cure the 'bad vent' causing smoke to blow back down the chimney, the fire and chimney were moved to the east wall of the school but apparently with little success as it was noted that *'the smoke still comes out when the wind is in the east'*.

In what was possibly a fairly innovative move at a time when parents were less than welcome in the school, Miss Fotheringhame organised a 'Parent's Day', held on 20th October 1936, when the School Log tells us that *'All the mothers came to see the school at work. The children had prepared a short programme of songs, recitations and physical exercises, the attendance prizes were presented and the school dismissed early.'*

With smoke in the building still proving to be a problem it was noted in the log on 27th January 1937 that *'We were forced to keep school in the kitchen today. The fire blew straight out.'* This appeared to be a continuing theme, with a record for 5th March stating that *'Most of this week has been spent in the kitchen. The cold southeast wind makes the school too cold with open doors.'* Although the school roll had fallen to 15 by this time, this must have been quite a squeeze in the Schoolhouse kitchen! By 5th April the stove had been put back in its old corner and we are told *'we can now shut the doors when the wind is in the east.'*

Part 4 will be in next month's Limpet

Ian Cooper

April 2025

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A regular report from your councillor written with intelligence not of the artificial kind.

On the 1st April, the Scottish Government introduced a scheme whereby residents of Orkney, Shetland and the Outer Hebrides aged under 22 are now able to travel between islands free of charge as foot passengers on inter-island ferry services by presenting their Young Scot Card. This is something North Isles councillors have long been calling for, and for our youngsters it puts travel on our ferries on par with bus travel elsewhere.

Another transport issue I have been pushing on for some time is getting buses to connect with inter-island flights at Kirkwall Airport in the afternoon during the week in term time when Service 4 buses are called off to do the school run. I am pleased to announce that a new trial bus service to meet this need and fill the gap started on 24th March and will continue until 31st March 2026. It is designated **Service 4D** and is operated using a small wheelchair-accessible vehicle. Booking is recommended by ringing 07438-268883, 01856-870340 or 01856-871515. Use it or lose it.



I attended a meeting with Isles' community council and development trust representatives to look over and discuss possible designs for some of the proposed future outer-isles' ferries. The photograph above shows some of us in the ferry office. (Photo credit: Kieron Brogan-Wadley)

I've been at a couple of meetings to do with the first-responder situation in the Isles—a situation which is defying resolution owing to the intransigence of the Scottish Ambulance Service. My feelings are made plain in an article in *The Orcadian*, 10th April, page 6 (not for the first time, see [Issue 142 of my Letter](#)).

Following comments made in the press (*The Orcadian*, 20th March), I visited the Orkney Foodbank to remind the current manager of conversations I'd had with a predecessor of his about how the Foodbank could best serve clients in the North Isles. Any resident of the North Isles experiencing difficulty accessing the services of the Foodbank, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence.

At the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, I congratulated Stronsay Junior High School Nursery on their very good report from the Care Inspectorate's unannounced inspection of day care of the children, which took place last September. Well done to all concerned.

Before the Easter recess, as well as confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive, I was also at meetings of the Monitoring & Audit Committee and the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

Over the recess, I went down to Glasgow to see former part-time Rousay resident John Shuttleworth "Raise the oof" at his 40th anniversary gig. (The ticket was a Christmas present from my younger son.)

I would like to wish Council Leader, Heather Woodbridge and Papay School Headmaster, Dr Tim Ross heartiest congratulations on their recent marriage.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
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Letter from School Place is also
available on-line at clackson.info





Service 4D Kirkwall Airport

New trial service commencing Monday 24 March 2025
(until 31 March 2026 initially)

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Palace Road		1518	1548
New Scapa Road Balfour Hospital		1521	1551
Kirkwall Airport	arr	1528	1558
Kirkwall Airport	dep	1530	1600
New Scapa Road Balfour Hospital		1536	1606
Pickaquooy Road		1537	1607
Kirkwall Travel Centre		1540	1610

Booking is recommended due to limited capacity

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by 10am on the day of travel

Or contact: 01856 870340 or 871515

Please state which time and where you will be boarding the bus.

Departs from Stance 4 – Kirkwall Travel Centre

- Service 4D will operate Monday - Thursday afternoon during term-time* to fill the existing timetable gap on the half hourly Service 4 (operated by Stagecoach on behalf of Orkney Islands Council).
- The service 4D will be operated using a **wheelchair** accessible vehicle.
- National Entitlement Card and Young Scot card holders can **travel free** of charge on this service.

Operated by Orkney Travel on behalf of Orkney Disability Forum. Funded by Orkney Islands Council. Continuation of this trial will be subject to demand and budget availability.

*Term dates can be found at www.orkney.gov.uk/schools



For online timetable information please visit:

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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

BAYVIEW TRANSPORT LTD

Summer Timetable effective from Tuesday 22 April

South

8:35 Russland

8:37 Sunnyside

8:38 Blinkbonny

8:42 Odiness junction

8:44 Vat

North

8:28 Thorfinn

8:30 Dunera

8:31 Council Houses

8:37 Airport

STRONSAY SURGERY - CLEANER REQUIRED

From Heather Thomson (Domestic supervisor, NHS Orkney)

We are still looking for someone that could clean the Stronsay Surgery. The post is for 5 hours per week and could be flexible on arrangement if required to suit with other commitments. Please pass this on to anyone that could be interested. Closing date will be Wednesday 9 April:

<https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=212071>

FROM GERAMOUNT SURGERY - PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Dear Stronsay residents,

As you are all now probably aware, we have a few particularly problematic viruses circulating the island. Could we kindly ask that for the present time can anyone visiting the surgery, wear masks and cleanse their hands as they enter the surgery. We have provided masks and hand wash at the door for you to use.

Kindest regards,

Stronsay surgery team

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.

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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".

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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What's on this May
At the Stronsay Hotel & Bar

Sunday 4th May - OTMP Music Event

Monday 5th May - £5 Mondays

Friday 9th May - Saltfish 40 (Kick Off 20.30/21.00)*

Saturday 10th May - Takeaway (17.00-20.00)

Monday 12th May - £5 Mondays

Friday 16th May - Closed for a private wedding (invite only function)

Saturday 17th May - An afternoon with the Andy Taylor Group

Monday 19th May - £5 Mondays

Tuesday 20th May - Takeaway Tuesday

Wednesday 21st May - Closed for Private event

Monday 26th May - £5 Mondays

*Please note: this is not a ticketed event, entry will be permitted until the bar has reached capacity



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A poster titled 'Bar opening hours' with the subtitle 'SUMMER HOURS APRIL - OCTOBER'. It lists the opening hours for each day of the week. Monday and Tuesday have two time slots: 10.30-14.30 and 18.00-22.30, with a note that meals are available from 10.30-14.30. Wednesday to Saturday have a single time slot from 17.30 to 22.30. Sunday is closed. At the bottom, it says 'Please see our 'Whats on' posters for information regarding meals, takeaways, social gatherings, clubs & events'.

Bar opening hours	
SUMMER HOURS APRIL - OCTOBER	
Monday	10.30-14.30/18.00-22.30 <small>Meals available from 10.30-14.30</small>
Tuesday	10.30-14.30/18.00-22.30 <small>Meals available from 10.30-14.30</small>
Wednesday	17.30-22.30
Thursday	18.00-00.00
Friday	17.00-00.30
Saturday	17.00-00.30
Sunday	Closed

Please see our 'Whats on' posters for information regarding meals, takeaways, social gatherings, clubs & events

FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES



A poster for Fishmart Cafe showing opening times for each day of the week. Monday and Tuesday are closed. Wednesday to Saturday are open from 9am to 2pm. Sunday is open from 10:30am to 2:30pm. Breakfast is served all day on Saturday and Sunday. The background features a faint silhouette of a fish.

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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FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES

Breakfast served all day

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9am - 2pm
Thursday	10am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 2:30pm / Takeaway 4:30pm - 7:30pm
Saturday	9am - 2pm
Sunday	10:30am - 2:30pm

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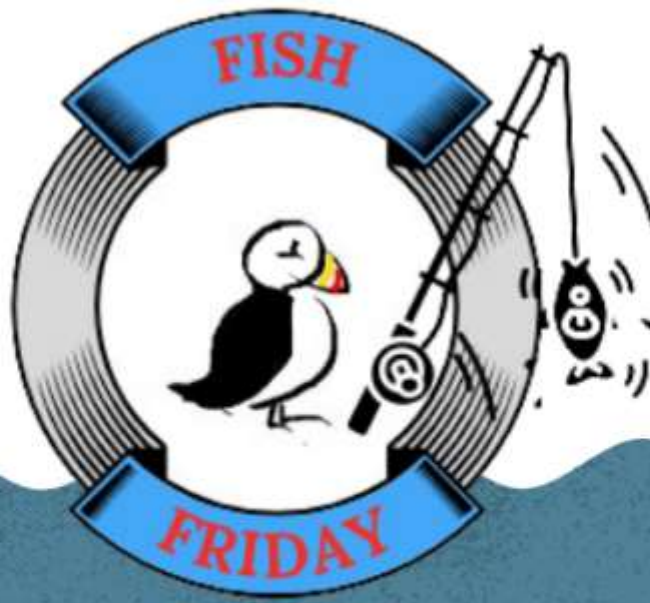
MEAT FEAST (HAM, PEPPERONI, MEATBALLS & CHEESE)	£12.00
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LOCAL BUSINESSES



FRIDAY CAFÉ SCHEDULE
EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING 21ST FEBRUARY
NORMAL MENU: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
FISH SUPPER (DINE-IN): 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM
FISH SUPPER (TAKEAWAY): 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**NO BOOKING OR PRE-ORDERING NEEDED FOR TAKEAWAY. JUST
DROP BY, ORDER, AND COLLECT AT THE COUNTER**

FISH SUPPER.....	£10.00
KIDS FISH SUPPER.....	£8.00
SCAMPI SUPPER.....	£9.50
BATTERED SAUSAGE SUPPER.....	£8.00
MUSHY PEAS/PEAS/BAKED BEANS.....	£1.00
TARTARE SAUCE.....	50P
CAN/CARTON DRINKS.....	£1.40
BOTTLED DRINKS.....	£1.50

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL

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REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN



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

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

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

The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast

Logie Easter, Kildary

IV18 0NZ



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

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

Ensuite Double and twin rooms

Tel 01862 842357 Email oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com

Web www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Holmsgarth Crafts



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



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



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

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

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES

 	
Community Bus Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00 Ferry and plane drop off/collection subject to availability	Taxi Community bus Island tours Mobile mechanic
Book before 7pm the day before travel 07508884024 01857 616 376 bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com www.bayviewtransport.com £2.50 return journey. Maximum 8 passengers.	Contact Mick 07508884024 01857 616 376 www.bayviewtransport.com bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BUS



We have now extended the days and service of the bus.
You can now book the bus between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday-Friday and we can arrange to drop/collect at the plane or ferry on request.

Call Mick 616 376
or
07508 884024

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

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

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

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

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**PATRICK
McGRATH
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer
Plumber**

Services include:

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

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**
Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



Ebenezer Oil Heating



Oil boiler servicing, repair and replacement

Oil tank inspection and installation

Why not let me check out your heating system, I can advise upgrades to make your heating more efficient & cheaper to run

10 year parts and labour guarantee on all new Grant Vortex boilers

All my work is covered by the OFTEC Competent Persons Scheme

Why would you use anybody else?

Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email ebenezer@stronsay.org

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



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

MOBILE: 07723 304 260



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SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details



General Enquiries: info@sinclairhaulage.com

Accounts Enquiries: accounts@sinclairhaulage.com

Livestock Bookings: livestock@sinclairhaulage.com

Phone: 01857 600 404

Postal Address: Sinclair Haulage Ltd
New Haulage Shed
How Farm
SANDAY KW17 2BJ

Office Opening Times: Mon – Fri
09:00 – 17:00

Livestock bookings should be made by emailing livestock@sinclairhaulage.com or calling 01857 600404.

Please note that we DO NOT use Gmail email addresses (e.g. sinclairhaulage@gmail.com). Please only use the above email addresses.

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](#)

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS:

Ebenezer Stores	stronsaystores@gmail.com	616339
Olivebank	m.williamson1@btconnect.com	616255
Fishmart café	fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com	616401
Hotel & pub	stronsayhotel@gmail.com	616407

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

STRONSAY KIRK

Details of services at Stronsay's Kirk for the next few weeks are now available on the kirk's website <https://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/calendar.asp?set=list>.

Contact Kirk Secretary:
elsie.dennison@live.co.uk

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

STRONSAY CHESS CLUB

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

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. 12 May 2025 and 4 August 2025
 Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Wed 10am-noon, tel 616446, 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](#) Thursday, bags out by **8am**.
 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 616438 Craftship Enterprise . . . 0778 511 1126 Doctor 616321 Ebenezer Stores 616339 Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207 or 07500 682 867 Fish Mart 616401 Golgotha monastery. . . . 616210 or contact@the-sons.org Hall bookings 616263 or 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 or 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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