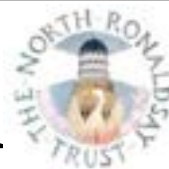


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First great-grandchild for Billy and Jennifer Smith of Dennishill, Mallee Sinclair Peace, born on August 18th, 2022. He is the first son of their granddaughter Kayla and her partner Logan.

Vaila Mary Cowe came into the world on the 14th October 2022 at 16:58 weighing 6lbs 10oz to proud parents James Cowe and Marion Muir. A first great grandchild of Winnie Scott of North Manse, North Ronaldsay. First grandchild of Andrew and Edna Cowe, Little Howes, Holm. 4th grandchild of Billy and Isobel Muir of Hooking, North Ronaldsay

Highlights

Photo by Ingrid Tulloch

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF NORTH RONALDSAY TRUST

BY JOHN SCOTT

Here we are again with another excellent Newsletter which captures much of what has happened on NR over the past few months, huge thanks to Alex for pulling this together and to all who contribute. With Sara having returned 'home' to Spain, we now have a new CDM, Luke Fraser, who has hit the ground running, which is just as well as both Sara and Helga are hard acts to follow. Helen Galland was elected to the NRT Board at the AGM in January and is already bringing fresh ideas and valuable input to proceedings.

Work continues with plans and funding proposals at both Trebb and the New Kirk. Davie Campbell is leading the project team on both of these properties. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has, from 1st January this year, entered a five-year lease of the large shed at Trebb, expect to see improvement work commencing soon.

In previous years the 'Friends of North Ronaldsay Trust' were instrumental in organising fund raising events and I am delighted to advise we now have some volunteers who shall resurrect this group /activity. While there has not been a formal fund-raising group, there are of course many individuals who carry out a whole range of voluntary work for NRT, for the benefit of the island, thank you to all who participate. At the AGM I had asked that when ordering from Amazon, to order via 'Amazon Smile' as these orders resulted in 0.5% of the sale going to NRT, unfortunately, Amazon is now withdrawing this option from 1st March! There is another and possibly better option, www.easyfundraising.org.uk, please register on the site and under 'Explore list of Charities....' input THE NORTH RONALDSAY TRUST, this site gives access to 7,400 online retailers and each purchase generates a donation to NRT, go on and register and be the first to use it.

While the Newsletter has a focus on island events, we are not immune to external factors. Energy and other cost of living factors have had a negative impact and we are looking at ways of raising funds to alleviate these impacts. While there has been government assistance on energy costs, it is difficult to predict future prices and any level of ongoing support. It is good to see there has been some reduction in prices and we look forward to being in a position whereby activities can resume at the lighthouse - Woolmill, shop, café and cottages.

INTRODUCING MYSELF – NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

BY LUKE FRASER

Many of you will have met me before on various trips out to North Ronaldsay over the last 13 years through my previous role in Orkney Islands Council's Housing Services, but there are others who I've not had the chance to meet yet, so I wanted to say hello.

I've worked closely with the Trust through my previous roles, including the renovation of the School House and I've also been involved in discussion around the purchase of Trebb and additional housing options.

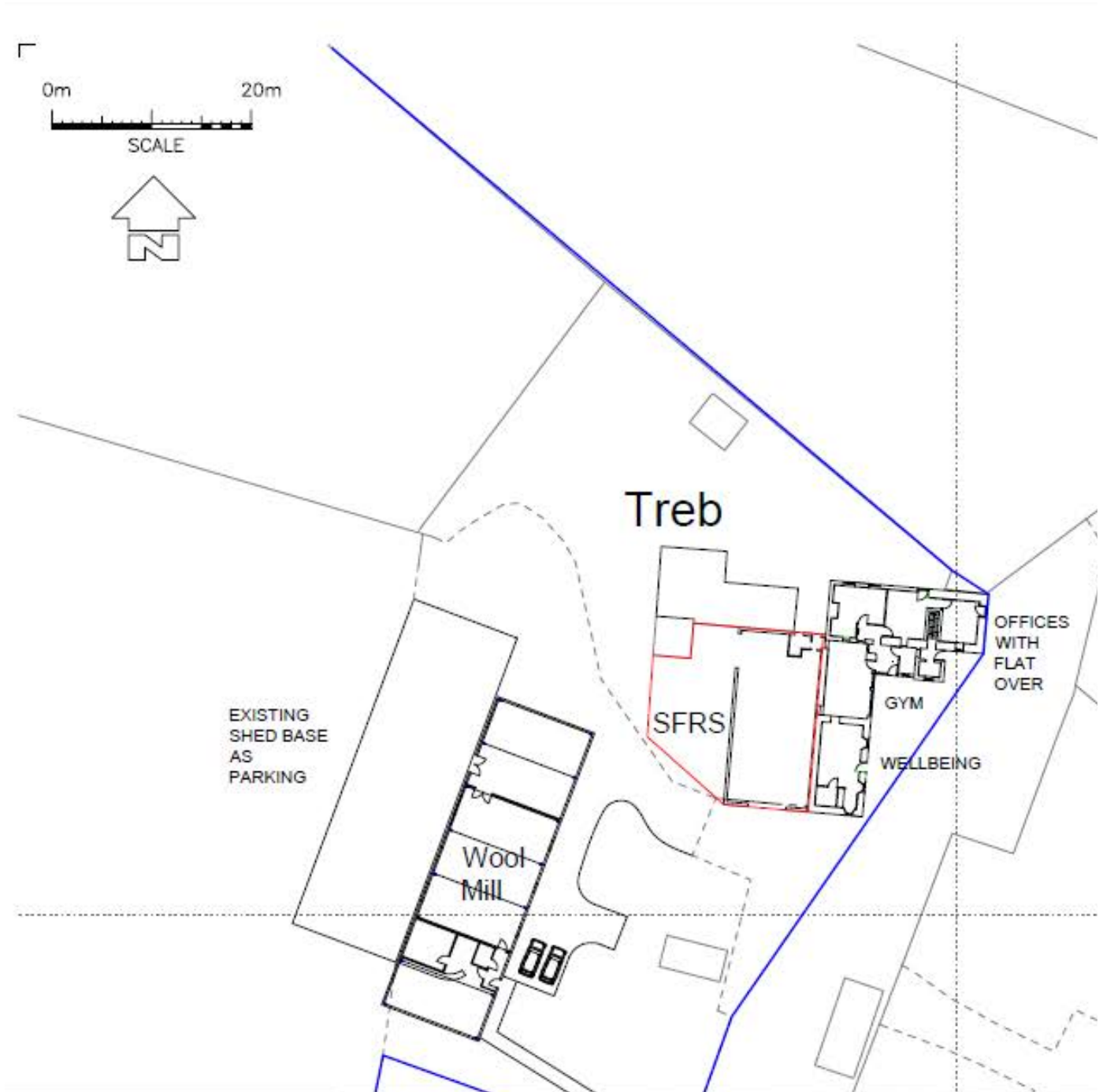
I've always loved North Ronaldsay and the community and have built some really good relationships with a good number of islanders and I'm looking forward to getting to building those relationships and getting to know more people. I also have some great memories of trips to the island including; late-night tours round the lighthouse complex with Billy and John Richards (my former boss who also loved a trip to North Ronaldsay), a number of long Community Council and Trust meetings with a trip to the Observatory bar afterwards, great chats with Kevin Woodbridge (and others) over dinners at the Bird Observatory, the island conference and opening of the School house and seeing a group of Orkney Islands Council Councillors instantly brought into line and quietened down by Kathleen Scott, to name a few. So, when the opportunity came up to apply for the Community Development Manager role came up it was an easy decision to make and I'm really looking forward to doing all I can to help develop and enhance North Ronaldsay and the work of the Trust.

There is a huge amount on at the moment and I've started at a time when there are plenty of deadlines and exciting projects in the pipeline. I'm going to be doing everything I can to draw in funding and help drive projects forward that will hopefully really benefit the island. The next newsletter will have a longer update from me on what's going on and where we are with various projects.

Family and other work commitments mean I won't be moving to North Ronaldsay, but I do intend to be on North Ronaldsay whenever possible, especially for things like the community coffee mornings and helping out with a Pund or two. So, feel free to stop me if you see me and have a chat. You can also get me on the cdm@northronaldsaytrust.com email address or 0734 049 5768.

TREBB: SITE PLAN

This is the initial site design, however the revised plan is to put the meat larder on the site of the old Nissen shed as that gives a solid base to work from and is much better location

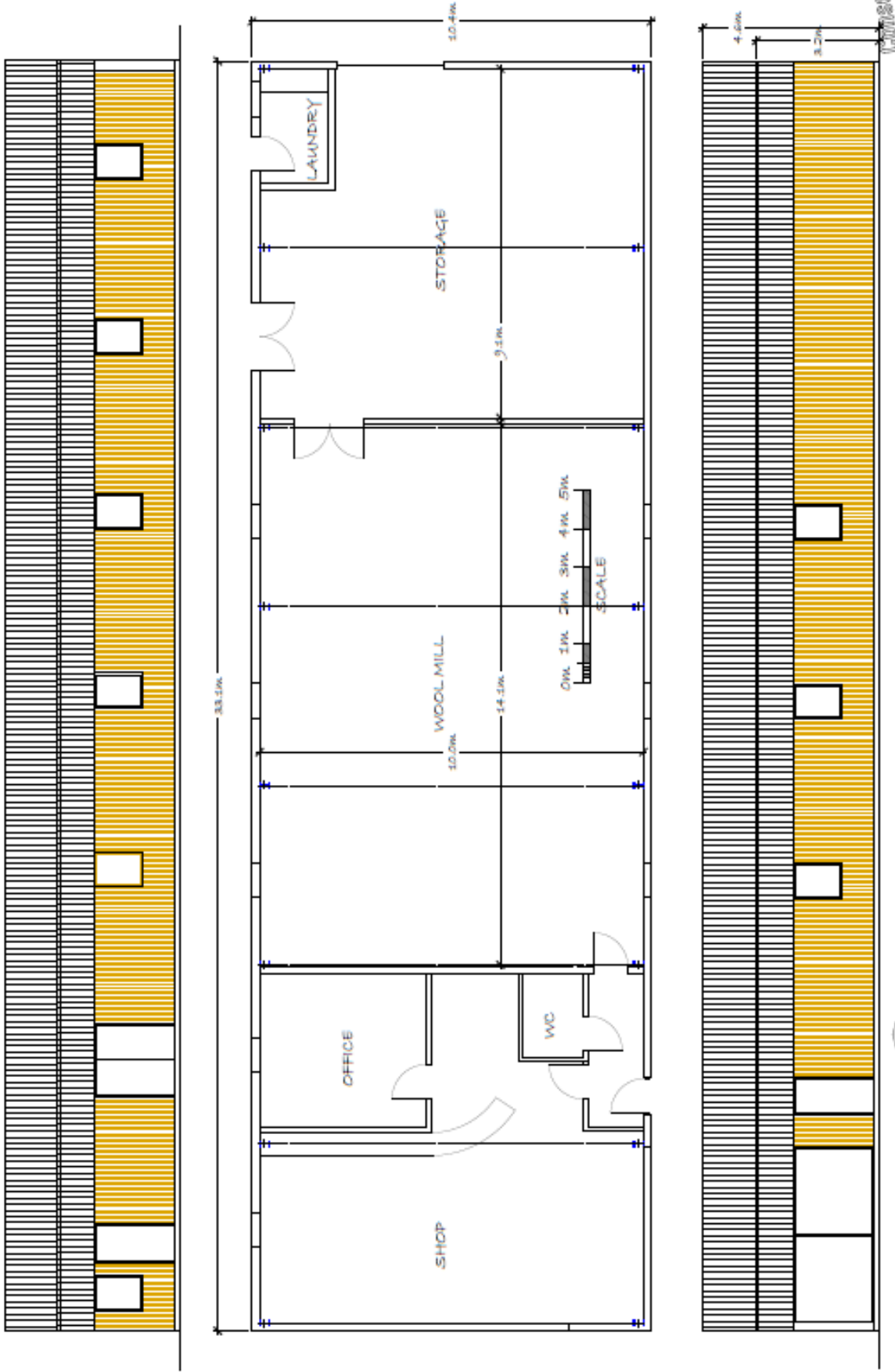


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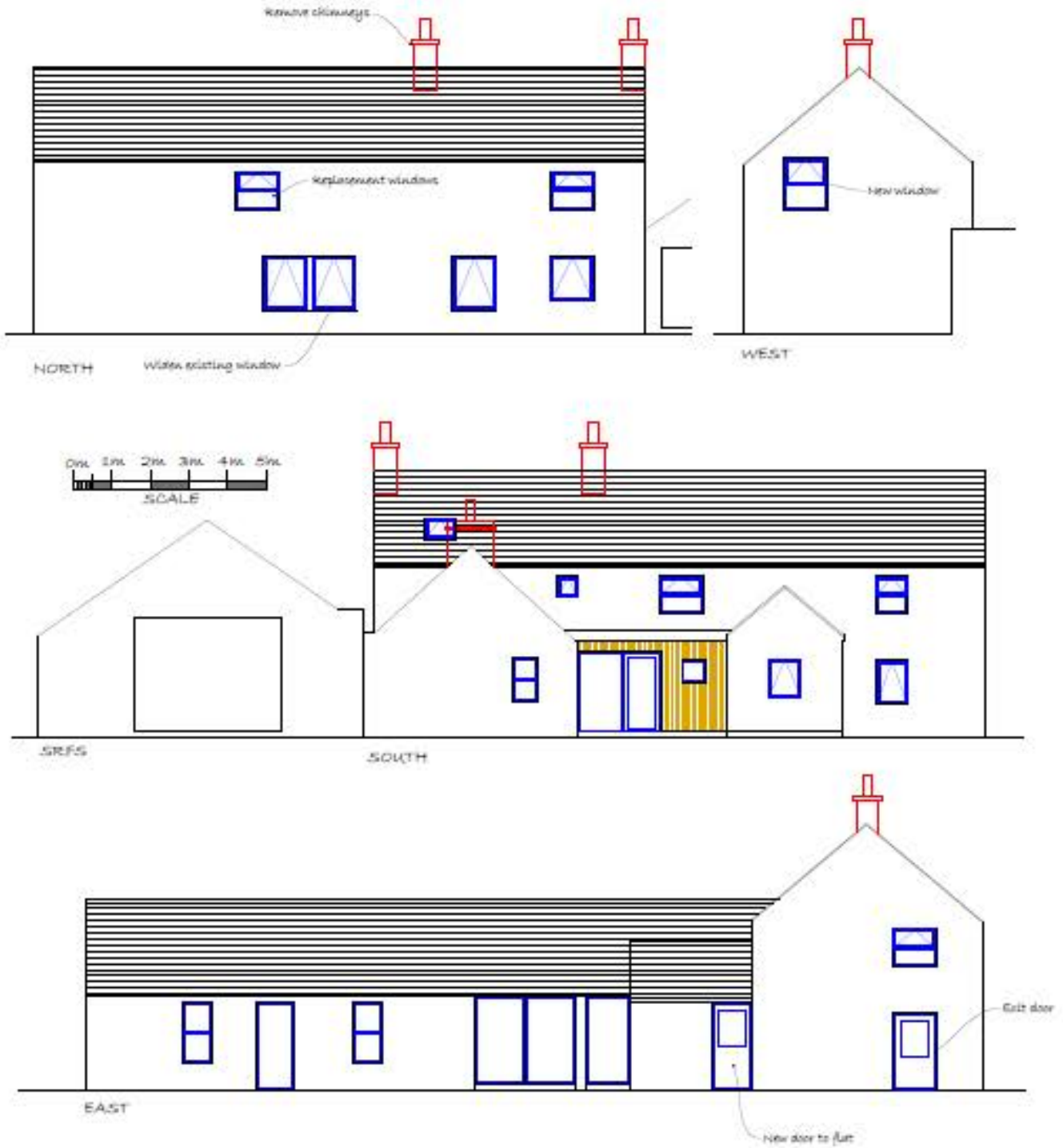
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TREBB: MAIN BUILDING PLAN



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ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

BY JIMMY FLOYD



A few months ago, I started my new job building Dykes. Everyone told me I would soon get sick of it , but so far, the novelty has not worn off. Although it is like heavy Tetris, it is still quite relaxing. I seem to get into 'The Stone Zone' and the hours fly by. Also, everywhere I work, I have a sea view. The sheep pretend they have not seen me and Dave but really, they are just waiting for Dave's sentry duty shift to end before testing my new defences. Even with hurdles around the half-built dykes they have still managed to breach them a couple of times. They are smarter than they look!

I am only contracted to do ten hours per week but I am putting them to good use. (Every week I spend two of those hours kicking down the older dykes to make sure I remain employed!)

I am hoping to get a Dyke Warden phone soon, so I will post a number on WhatsApp. If anyone sees a breach just text the message "RED ALERT" to 0800 - Jim'll Fix It...(Not that one!)

WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER

BY ALEXANDRA WRIGHT, BRECKAN

Welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of our community newsletter. I am very grateful to the twenty-three contributors who have generously shared their articles, photographs, pictures, adverts, and information with us. It's truly inspiring to see the collective effort that goes into making this newsletter a success and I find it such a joy compiling all your work.

I am putting together a twelve-page fundraising calendar to support the North Ronaldsay Trust and am looking for beautiful photographs of North Ronaldsay to include in the calendar, so if you have any that you'd like to share, that would be lovely and really kind.

For those interested in purchasing reprints of this newsletter, they are available for £10 each, which includes postage within the UK. Please message me to place an order.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Robert at Herald Printshop for his exceptional printing services, his efforts are much appreciated.

If you have something you'd like to share in the next newsletter, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Alexandrawright70@gmail.com or 07809770082.

BURNS SUPPER, PRESENT AND PAST

BY IAN SCOTT, ANTABRECK

Having just completed my write-up of our 2023 Burn Supper for the Orcadian, I thought it might be interesting for readers of the NR Newsletter to read part of a letter written to the Orcadian away back in 2002 where I refer to an account by an island correspondent of that era, documenting the first recorded Burns Supper held on the island in 1933.

The 1933 Burns Supper, held on January 27, was conceived, and managed by Mr and Mrs Flett - "aided by an able and willing committee, (The Memorial Hall Committee) chosen from the youth and beauty of the island". Mr Robert Flett was the Head Teacher at the School from 1933 to 1940 and the event was held in the school rather than the Memorial Hall. This was because of the availability of a large coal-fired boiler in which three haggis were cooked. Mary Tulloch, Burray (a member of the committee and one of the haggis makers) tells me that they were made from the island's own ground oatmeal, grated fat, onion, seasoning, and the chopped-up heart, liver, and the kidneys of our native sheep.

In order to give sufficient space in the school, a movable partition that used to divide the Little End (primary) from the Big-End (senior) was folded back. Trestle tables, along with forms for seating, dishes etc. had to be carried up by hand from the Memorial Hall

The school was described as being, "transformed into a veritable pleasure palace. The tables were artistically set with all the delicacies appropriate to the occasion, and even the time-honoured haggis proved a tempting dish - certainly a master hand had been at its preparation". "An eloquent address on Burns was given by Mr Robert Flett, and Mr James Swanney, Trebb, occupied the chair as no other could. His humorous comments, no less than his well chosen 'Selections from Burns' brought the house down with laughter".

Accompaniment for the singing - eight solos, two duets and one quartet was provided by: Miss Benna Sandison, Assistant Teacher, lodging at Cruesbreck, Miss Margaret Tulloch, Kirbest, and Miss Bethia Tulloch, Cruesbreck. In contrast to our own efforts, those songs would have been well practised in advance. The performers all those years ago were: Mrs Sutherland, Lighthouse, Mrs Flett, Schoolhouse, Mrs May Cutt, Gerbo, Mr Sydney Scott, North Manse, Miss Benna Sandison, Cruesbreck, Mr Robert Thomson, Sr., Millhouse/Peckhole, Miss Margaret Tulloch, Kirbest, Mr Robert Flett, Schoolhouse, and Miss Bethia Tulloch, Cruesbreck. Musicians for the dance, which carried on until 2am, were Mr Sydney Scott, Mr Robert Thomson Sr., Mr Robert Flett, (all on Fiddles) and Mr John Swanney (Trebb) on Melodeon. MCs - Mr Robert Flett and Mr Sydney Scott.

Toasts etc.: 'Is there for honest poverty', (recitation) Mr James Swanney, Trebb; Toast, 'The King', Mr James Swanney, Trebb; 'Address to Burns', Mr Robert Flett; Toast, 'The Lasses', Mr Sydney Scott, North Manse; 'Reply', Dr Garvie; Toast, 'The Chairman', Mr R Flett; 'Reply', Mr James Swanney, Trebb; Toast, 'Kindred gatherings', Mr Roy Scott, Antabreck; Toast, 'The Island', (those two latter toasts we resurrected at our function) Mr R Flett; 'Reply', Mr John Scott, Sr., North Manse. Of the ten familiar songs sung in 1933 such as; 'Ye Banks and Braes', 'A Highland Lad', and 'Afton Water', we had in fact chosen six that were the same. The population in 1933 was around 283 whereas today the population is barely over 60. The attendance at that first Burns Supper was, I'm told, between 90 and 100. Our event had about 40, but 8 came from the mainland. Looking at these figures it is surprising that less than one hundred were at the function, but in those days the children were not allowed at Burns Suppers (at least not this first one), and older members of the population tended to stay at home. This was maybe because they were getting on in years or had to look after the young children or be with those who were too old and frail. Another consideration was, that people would not have had motor conveyance and roads would have been very much rougher than today's modern surfaces.

In the 1933 Orcadian account it also lists the committee. They were: Miss Mabel Thomson, Howatof, Miss Mary Scatter, Howar, Miss Betsy Thomson, Millhouse/Peckhole, Miss Mabel Thomson, Cursiter, Mr William Swanney, Cott, Mr John Swanney, Trebb, Mr Allan Tulloch, Upper Linnay, Mr Tom Thomson, Howatof, and Mr John Tulloch, Ancum. Of all those committee members, and all others already named have all passed away.

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot?
And auld lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my Jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.*

BURNS SUPPER 2023

We had a fantastic time at the Burns Supper on January 28, 2023, and extend our sincere thanks to Ian Scott for his impeccable organization of speakers and programme. Our appreciation also goes to all who contributed to the preparation and decoration of the hall to perfection. We are grateful to Winnie and Sheila for the delicious meal, and to all the servers, dishwashers, cleaners, and tidiers for their invaluable support. Lastly, we are thankful to those who generously donated to the raffle, raising an impressive sum of £147. Thank you to June, Peter, Ingrid, and Michael for capturing the memories through photographs.



The Burns Supper Programme

Alison Duncan, the Community Association President, welcomed the guests and participants to the Community Centre and thanked everyone who helped prepare for the evening's festivities



Piping in of the Haggis: Sinclair, piper, and Winnie, Chef



Haggis cut by Harvey Johnston, who then recited 'The Address to the Haggis'

Peter Donnelly said Grace
Supper



NORTH RONALDSAY BURNS SUPPER 2023 IMMORTAL MEMORY

BY HARVEY JOHNSTON



Good Evening, what a treat to be
Up here in Northern Ronaldsay,
Tae toast and share wur great regard
For Scotland and the World's best bard,
So let us go years back in time
Tae Seventeen and Fifty-Nine,
That great year's Five and Twentieth day
Within the toon of Alloway,
A boy wis born tae Agnes Broun
(Her man and her lived in that toon),
Upon that January morn
Young Robert Burness he wis born,
And Robert Burness he wid be
A quarter of a century,
Until tae his eternal shame
He dropped that ancient noble name,
Tae suit the look upon a page
Disowned his island heritage,
For us hid wid been rather handy
Tae prove his forebears kam fae Sanday.

Fae there they sailed and settled in
A piece doon Sooth called Kincardine.
And William Burness, Robert's dad
An enterprisan kind o' lad
Tae Edinburgh set aff doon
Tae drain The Meadows in that toon.
Wance done he headed West tae Ayre
Tae tend the Provost's gerdeens there
And while there, wan wey or anither
He got in tow wi' Robbie's mither.
And that is whar the pair wis at
When Robert Burness wis begat.
"Begat" Fine euphemistic word
That saves us mention what occurred.
Rob's dad wis William Burness cried
'Was William Burness till he died.
That step that poet Robert took
Tae ditch his kin tae sell a book!!
Is not an action we condone

Though recently events hiv shown,
 That history's been repeated since
 Not by a poet, but a Prince!!
 As for that young miscreant's name
 I'll categorically proclaim,
 There's no connection 'tween that pest
 And any Parish in the West.
 But let us stay in local mode
 And postulate on Rab's abode,
 'Twas chance that he wis born doon there
 Aroond about the toon o' Ayre,
 But say, perchance if on that day
 He'd been born on North Ronaldsay,
 Then he wid fitted in cheust grand
 Wi' ordnar folk on sea and land,
 His poems wid been more perfect
 In a superior dialect,
 His best kent works? Weel I'm quite sure it
 Could been "Twa Selkies"?, "Tae a Moorit"?
 Or better still, for any seek
 The tale of "Tam o' Antabreck",
 Whar on wan night did help himsel
 Tae far too much strong island ale,
 Made fae the best malt anywhere
 Derived of coorse fae island bere,
 He little kent what wid impend
 When gaan home roond the Isle's North end,
 He on his horse I doot did happen
 Tae rouse the Trows at Trollavatn,
 His tailless steed got him tae safety
 Bae crossan ower the Muckle Gairsty,

Enough noo of these flights of fancy
 And back tae facts on Rab's infancy,
 His dad moved on fae gerdeen plant
 Tae rent a ferm, Mount Oliphant,
 And Rab wis sent tae skeul tae learn
 No all that common for a bairn,
 Back in these days and in these parts
 But Rab learned literature and arts,
 Fae Roger and fae Murdoch too
 Equipped him weel for fields anew,
 All fine, but in the shorter term
 He cheust ploughed fields apin the ferm,
 That fermeen life that young Rab tasted
 Did lots o' good and wisna wasted,
 He fermed himsel, we understand
 At Mossgeil and at Ellisland,
 As weel as showan enterprise
 Bae workan for the King's Excise,
 "This Fermeen Life", The very dab
 He'd been great on TV, wid Rab,
 Wi verse, charisma and good looks
 Hid surely wid hiv selt his books,
 Though I wid doot he'd hin the knack
 Tae heave a yowe apin his back!
 His love of nature features strong
 Among wur Rabbie's verse and song,
 He wrote of Daisies, Yowes and Mice
 Of Hares and Larks and even Lice,
 There's patriotic songs he made
 Like "Scots Wha Hae Wi' Wallace Bled",
 And that great piece "A Man's A Man" its
 Noo the Anthem for the Planet,

Most World events, at closing time
End up wi' singan "Auld Lang Syne",
He also penned some naughty verses
On body parts, including ersed,
But Rab wis far the most inspired
Bae all the lasses he admired,
Hid all began wi' "Handsome Nell"
Young Rab cheust coodna help himsel,
And then when Nancy, he wid miss
He wrote that touching "Ae Fond Kiss"
Tae her he penned, whilst deeply smitten
The finest love song ever written.
Anither everybody knows
Of coorse is that fine "Red Red Rose.
But whut wur poet disna tell
Is that the words of Thomas Traill.
The First of Holland, Papay's Laird
In Sixteen Thirty, when prepared,
To leave his love and go afar
Tae fight a European war,
Tae Mary Craigie this he wrote
Some lines of which tae you I'll quote,

"Farewell farewell my dearest dear

Now farewell for a while

Tho' I must go I'll come again

If 'twere ten thousand mile.

Ten thousand miles my dearest dear

Through Flanders, France and Spain

My heart will never be at ease

Till I see thee again

Oh! all our friends we ne'er shall please

They look with angry eye

But I will love thee faithfullie

Till all the floods run dry.

Till all the seas gang dry my dear

And the rocks melt wi' the sun

I still will love thee faithfullie

Till all these things be done."

Rab kam across these in a paper
A century and a half later,
We'll gae him credit I suppose
For thinkan o' the Red Red Rose,
A classic work, so whuts the metter
The Orkney lines cheust made hid better.
His life wis far too short of course
But Death I doot has no recourse,
Hid wis the weeman I surmise
That caused his premature demise,

The diagnosis I propose

Is that he took an overdose,

But not of drugs or alcohol

It was not those that claimed his soul,
Death from, enough tae start ye screaman

A massive overdose o' weeman.

Each year as long as we hiv breath

We mark his loves, his life, his death,

We praise his works; Non equals he

And his immortal memory,

So rise now, join me as a host

Make that unique Immortal Toast!



Fiddle music by Lesley McLeod and Heather Woodbridge



Toast to the Lasses by Graham Bevan



Reply by Callie Bevan and music by Helen Johnston



A musical selection and anecdotes by Sinclair Scott



Tam o' Shanter recited by Howie Firth



Selection of musical items by Kitty Halcrow (accordion), Lesley McLeod and Heather Woodbridge



Toast to the Island by Heather Woodbridge

Music and dancing

Tea and refreshments

Raffle draw

Burns songs and more dancing



The band: Howie Firth, Ian Scott, Lesley McLeod and Kitty Halcrow

SHEEPFEST'22

BY KATE TRAILL PRICE



After one cancelled event and one hosted online due to the pandemic, The North Ronaldsay Sheep Festival returned last Summer with a vibrant, dynamic and re-energised team of volunteers and crew.

Rebuilding sessions ran over the course of a fortnight, with two 3hr sessions per day. Evening and lunchtime activities provided welcome rest and relaxation, as well as two formidable dances and of course the traditional Islanders vs Visitors football match. These were some of our innovations and highlights from the event:

The Festival Crew and Sheep Dyke Wardens



Jane Parry, Carla Alexander, Alan Aim, John Scott, JD Price, Kate Traill Price, Heather Woodbridge, James Boyden, Dave, Zander Scott

Last summer's volunteers were supported by a new Sheep Festival Crew and Sheep Dyke Wardens, whose jobs included organising events and greeting newcomers to the festival, as well as offering support and guidance with the rebuilding. Together the team created a fun, inclusive and welcoming atmosphere to all who attended.

The Festival Crew consisted of Kate Traill Price, Heather Woodbridge, John Scott, Alison Duncan, Sara Macias Rodriguez, JD Price, Robert Brewis and Alex Wright. (Plus, bonus volunteers Alan Aim and Jane Parry). The Sheep Dyke Wardens were Zander Scott, James Boyden and Carla Alexander. The volunteers' mini-bus was manned by Kate and JD Price, and Chris Kerslake.

The Volunteers

To put it simply, SheepFest wouldn't exist without our incredible band of volunteers. Whether people joined us for a single morning or stayed for the entirety of the fortnight, every stone that's placed back onto the sheepdyke makes a difference. A huge thank you to every person who showed up, lifted rocks and did so with a smile on



their face - thank you! Shout out to Helga and Michael Scott for providing some very welcome refreshments, and to our own 'Mini Crew' who came and helped: Isabella, Lottie, Robin, Phoebe and Ezri, and were rewarded for their design of the SheepFest logo with their very own t-shirts, notebooks, water bottles and stickers.



Back row (l-r): Raymond Peace, Kate Traill Price, Bill McCurdy, Brenda McCurdy, Michael Gunsolus, Maureen Gunsolus, Helga Scott, Euan Huc, Robert Brewis, Carol Dunbar, Heather Woodbridge, Alastair Carmichael MP, Liam McArthur MSP, Hannab Roe, Ursula Kahl, Jane Parry, John Penton-Jones.

Front row (l-r) : Frank McKeown, Anne Dugdale, Sara Macias Rodriguez, Zander Scott, Alan Aim, JD Price, Carla Alexander, Sally Jackson.

The SheepDyke



The dyke at Bewan before work began

One of the most special things about rebuilding the historic sheepdyke is knowing that the stones we are lifting and placing are very likely the exact same ones originally used in 1832. The North Ronaldsay sheepdyke has been called an 'organically evolving monument' - taking subtle new shape whenever the elements challenge its structure and offering every person who helps to rebuild it a vital role in its history, as well as its future.

This year's 40+ volunteers tackled three different sections of sheepdyke (and one collapsed pund) rebuilding over 200 metres of sheepdyke from the ground up. A phenomenal effort, taking SheepFest's rebuilding total over the years to more than a mile!



Completed Sheepdyke at Bewan

The Events and Workshops

Tours of the Wool Mill and Lighthouse, resin workshops, arts and crafts, felting and weaving, an umami tasting, a short film, quiz, TWO dances - and of course the almighty Residents vs Visitors football match (1-1) - all formed part of this year's jam-packed and fantastic Festival Programme.



Back row (l-r): Olly Gibb, Hannah Coburn, Henry Witts, Qwennan Butler, Jane Parry, Sally Jackson, George Gay, Christopher Scott, Malcolm Purvis, JD Price, Michael Scott, Aidan Branch, Alexander Brown, Connor Richardson, Raymond Peace

Front row (l-r): Graeme Scott, Zander Scott, Euan Huc, Alan Aim, Hannah Roe, Martin Brown, Ella-Rose Price

A huge thank you to all who hosted a workshop, including Helen Galland (who also generously donated a weaving for auction, raising over £300 for the festival!), James Boyden, Louise Patterson, Carol Dunbar, Alex Wright, Orkney Art Club, Fiona Sanderson, Catherine Grivas and JD Price. Thanks also to all involved in tours of the Lighthouse and Wool Mill, to those who set up and refereed the football, and the rain-soaked BBQ crew (including chef Louis Craigie) who battled through the elements to provide much-needed refreshment afterwards.

Thank you to the islanders who came along to pass on advice and tips to our volunteers, the bar staff at the dances as well as the incredible musicians (including, but not limited to: Heather Woodbridge, Fionn McArthur, Kitty Halcrow, Fran Gray, Hamish Bain, Karen Tweed and Raymie Peace) and everyone who made the entire event one to remember. Thank you also to the resident who kindly put money behind the Bird Obs bar to buy everyone a well-earned drink (you know who you are!). I'll no doubt have forgotten to thank someone here, for which I take full blame and hope you'll forgive me!

The Reward Packs



Another new addition to 2022 was our Volunteer Reward Packs, stuffed with SheepFest goodies including vouchers to spend on the island (generating economic benefit throughout various island businesses to the sum of over £700).

The more sessions volunteers took part in, the more they got back. It was our way of saying thanks to our band of fabulous volunteers. The merchandise proved so popular that we may even start selling it next year as a fundraiser!

Every volunteer also received a Welcome Pack containing the Festival Programme, postcards, a volunteer reward card, maps of the island and fact sheet about North

Ronaldsay and the SheepDyke.

This Summer's (8th) Sheep Festival will be a slightly different format this year, running for one week rather than two, and from mid-week to mid-week with the Dance and football match in the middle weekend.

SheepFest'23: Wednesday 26th July – Wednesday 2nd August*

*to coincide with the start of the Summer punding.

You can read more about the festival at www.nrsheepfestival.com

Many thanks to our funders: The Lennox Hannay Charitable Fund, Awards For All Scotland and VAO.

ORKNEY SHEEP FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Sheep Festival's parent charity, The Orkney Sheep Foundation, enjoyed a positive year of planning for their upcoming Heritage Lottery Fund bid, with the goal of creating a 'Phase One' testing area of reinforcement to the sheepdyke.

The aim of the project is to excavate and strengthen a test area of damaged sheepdyke below the surface (using organic, island-sourced matter and local means), thereby reinforcing the foundations of the sheepdyke against destructive weather, storms and coastal erosion, whilst maintaining the traditional look and building methods above ground.

The OSF was set up in 2015 with the dual aims of advancing environmental protection and animal welfare by ensuring the conservation of pure bred North Ronaldsay sheep, and advancing heritage by supporting the sustainable production of the breed by traditional methods through the restoration and maintenance of the Sheep Dyke. The current Board of Trustees consists of: John Scott, Heather Woodbridge, Kate Trail Price (Convenor), Howie Firth and Robert Brewis (Treasurer). As the umbrella charity to SheepFest, OSF provides funding for various aspects of the yearly festival, including but not limited to website hosting, public liability insurance, programme and poster printing and the purchase of protective building gloves.



www.theorkneysheepfoundation.org.uk

ORKNEY FIELD CLUB VISIT TO NORTH RONALDSAY

BY ALEXANDRA WRIGHT, BRECKAN



Seated on the new Westness bench made from a hatch from the MS Mim:

Back row, left to right:

Harry Witts
Keigh Fairclough
David Taylor
John Crossley
Alastair Forsyth
Jeanie Molyneux
Sue Biddle
Wendy Whitton
Grierson Collister
Alex Wright
Daryl McLeod

Front row, left to right:

Ailsa Taylor
Anne Gascoigne
Ashleigh Kitchiner
Chrissy Kitchiner
Joshua Wells
Anne Ogilvie
Olly Gibb

It was a genuine pleasure to host the Orkney Field Club on their visit to North Ronaldsay on July 30th. The group arrived on the excursion steamer and were greeted by the warm hospitality of the local islanders. With their kind assistance, we transported the group to the Community Garden for lunch, and then onto Westness, where I give a tour of the croft and shared our efforts to sustainably manage the land and the newly created scrapes. Although it was like "herding cats" as the field club members frequently made stops and side trips to explore the local floral and insect life, it made for a most enjoyable and enlightening day.

"I am a fairly new member of the Orkney Field Club and this was only my second trip. I brought my mum as she was visiting at the time. We both felt so welcome immediately and were warmed by the hospitality and lovely homemade soup! Westness was absolutely beautiful, the beach was stunning, and Alex's ideas for the site were inspiring. Orkney is a fantastic place for scenery and people, but North Ronaldsay felt like its beating heart. The welcome, hospitality, knowledge, and beauty of the place and people were second to none. What a fantastic trip!" Ashleigh Kitchiner

AN EXCURSION TO NORTH RONALDSAY.

ALASTAIR FORSYTH, HARRAY



The Orkney Field Club were invited to Westness Farm on North Ronaldsay for a tour. The farm has been taken over fairly recently and is being managed for wildlife. Transport was via the Orkney Ferries Sunday excursion, a three-hour boat trip in each direction.

Holland House, on the right



It was a bit of a relief when the island finally hove into view. The three hour voyage had been very uneventful for both birds and cetaceans; cetaceans = 0, skuas = 0. A single Manx and a nice active Arctic Tern colony just off Sanday were the highlights, plus a Hen Harrier male hunting Starlings on Shapinsay.

Fulmar, but there were not even that many of these on the way

Once we'd arrived, we were transported to the new community garden for an excellent lunch, tomato soup and vegan scones. A couple of common hoverflies were found in the polytunnel.

Next, on to Westness where we were taken on a tour of the farm. Not being a great one for tours, and as invertebrate hunters tend to walk as slowly as botanists, I was soon trailing along at the rear. I dug around in cow poo and found *Ceryon melanocephalus*, a water beetle. Under a stone there was *Bembidion tetracolum*, a common ground beetle and the county beetle recorder found the Devil's Coach-horse, which I glimpsed before it scuttled off.



I looked under a Sperm Whale vertebrae and there was this slug, Milax gigates



Agriphila straminella



Red Carpet



Eana osseana

And there were a few hoverflies: *Eristalis intricarius*, *Platycheirus manicatus*, *Episyrphus balteatus* and *Helophilus pendulus*.



Helophilus pendulus



Episyrphus balteatus

Best though were the plants. There were a good few things that I should have seen in the past, but I suspect I haven't, or at least haven't identified properly.

Hands and knees on the top of the beach looking for beetles I came upon Lesser Sea-spurry:



Lesser Sea-spurry

The county plant recorder, John Crossley was on hand to identify this for me and then, looking closely around found this Equal-leaved Knot-grass.



Equal-leaved Knot-grass

We walked back inland through a fair bit of Bugloss:



Bugloss



There was then a focus on a wee dried up muddy pool and bog area. There we found *Riccia cavernosa*, which was the first recording for North Ronaldsay and only the second record of it for the county.

Common Marsh-bedstraw





Hoary Willowherb



Northern Yellow-cress



*The light at the north end, taken from Westness
across Garso Wick*

All too soon we had to scoot for the boat which goes from the south end of the island'
Just time to look for things in the water, a wee shoal of Lesser (probably) Sandeels.



On the long boat journey back two Arctic Skuas, one Bonxie, a Short-eared Owl, another Manx Shearwater and two Common Terns, were all that brightened the trip until Kirkwall came into view.

Discover a wealth of knowledge on nature, with a focus on invertebrates, at Alastair's blog -
<http://literatcherringthisway.blogspot.co.uk/>

FOUR NEW RECORDING OF PLANTS ON NORTH RONALDSAY

Exciting news! Two island first sightings have been made - a Hart's-tongue Fern (*Asplenium scolopendrium*) and Maidenhair Spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes*) were discovered down a well by a relative of Sandra Tulloch on August 1st, 2022.



These are Frosted Orache, *Atriplex Laciniata* (left) and Sea Sandwort, *Honckenya Peploides*, found on sand at Nouster Bay on 30/8/2022. John Crossley (County Recorder for Plants) confirmed both were first recordings for NR.



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Nature Photography Competition

Be part of our lived experience research across the North Isles.

Your images will help us understand the nature that people both enjoy and find challenging living on the Isles. We want to learn about your engagement with nature to shape our ideas of what resources and activities the community needs to support wellbeing.

Your photos can be from any time in the past year. They will be put to a public vote with prizes awarded across 3 age categories.



Submit your entries by email to
a.harrod1@lancaster.ac.uk

Please include your name, island, age category, photo category, and title plus a short description of your image and why you enjoy nature or why it challenges you.

2 categories:

- nature you enjoy
 - nature you find challenging
- (max 2 entries per category)

3 age categories:

- under 12
- 12-18
- over 18

Closing date
28th
February
2023

Prizes for each age group
in each category.

Over 18s:
£20 shopping Voucher

Under 18s:
£20 Groceries Voucher

Submission of images to the competition gives the North Isles Natural Wellbeing Project permission to use them in reports, marketing and digital content. Credit will be given to the original artist.

For more details contact Louise McQuaid
sdpprojectofficer@gmail.com

THE LIGHTHOUSE GIRL

BY JUNE PURVIS, BEWAN

Billy is the lighthouse keeper,
he's got his M.B.E.
for over fifty years now
he's safe-guarded men at sea.

I am just the lighthouse girl,
I'll take you to the top
and if you need a breather
then halfway up just stop.

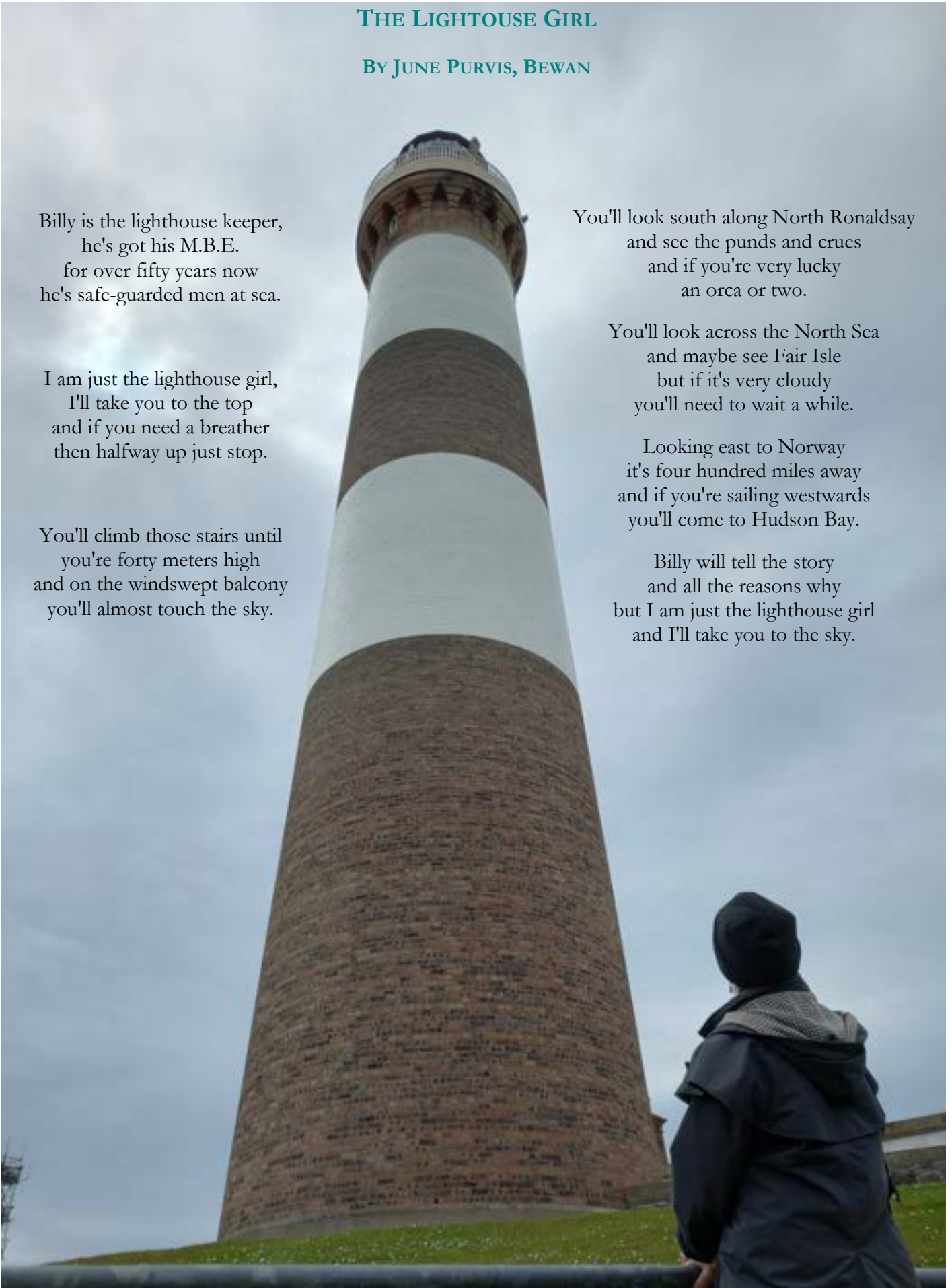
You'll climb those stairs until
you're forty meters high
and on the windswept balcony
you'll almost touch the sky.

You'll look south along North Ronaldsay
and see the punds and crues
and if you're very lucky
an orca or two.

You'll look across the North Sea
and maybe see Fair Isle
but if it's very cloudy
you'll need to wait a while.

Looking east to Norway
it's four hundred miles away
and if you're sailing westwards
you'll come to Hudson Bay.

Billy will tell the story
and all the reasons why
but I am just the lighthouse girl
and I'll take you to the sky.



FAREWELL TO NORTH RONALDSAY

BY DARYL MCLOED, PAPAY

Happy New Year to all our friends on North Ronaldsay - it has been almost six months now since we hopped across the water! It has been a whirlwind since we arrived on Papay, and jumping straight into filming on *The Outrun* was a bizarre and exciting introduction to our new chapter. Apparently, 5am dancing on the tables is not the typical end to a Sunday eve here.

But, since August, we've slowed down and started to get into the swing of things. There is lots going on here, and we enjoy going to French speaking group, choir, and pub nights on Saturday.

James has transferred over to the fire-service here, and is working full-time in the market-garden on maternity cover. We're hopeful that when that is over, he will have a chance to apply for the RSPB Warden job here on Papay.

I love having some more responsibility at the nursery, but have been very busy with all the recent changes: When we arrived in August there was a school role of four. As of a few weeks ago there are nine in the school, and three peedie ones still! We're also settling in a young Ukrainian lad who recently moved here with his mum.

Though housing has not quite materialised in the way we had hoped, the wider community have bent over backwards to give us security and support in the time being. We couldn't be more grateful to everyone who has helped us. It is looking like a place to call home for us, and our fluffy companions might emerge over the next year. For now, the small flat we are in is affordable, secure and has some excellent stairs for Romeo to test out his jumping skills on.

The winter has been a little harder for us, with lots of new faces and stories to learn as well as poorer links back to North Ronaldsay at the weekends. And we are still missing the proximity and support of the relationships we grew on NR. But, spring is fast approaching, and we're excited to be back and forward as much as we can! Who knows what the year ahead may hold – looking forward to seeing you all soon!

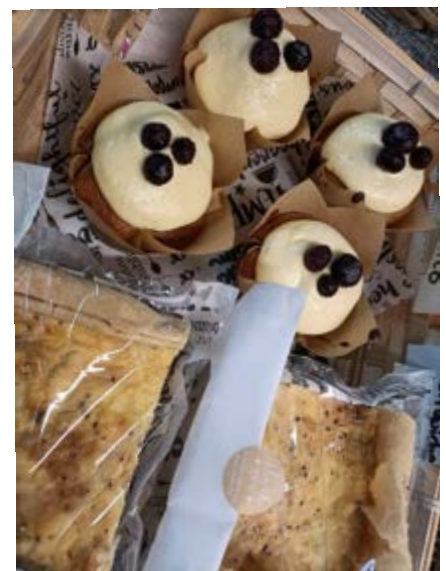


THE IOLAIRE CROFT SHOP



The Iolaire Croft Shop (Quoybanks) is now open for business. We offer a variety of grocery items, homemade baked goods, hot drinks, fresh and frozen items, and more. Our hours of operation are daily from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. If you are a local artisan, baker, or producer and would like to showcase your products in our shop, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are eager to promote the best of what the island has to offer.

The shop operates on a self-service basis with clear instructions provided.



LUNCH CLUB UPDATE

BY CHARLOTTE KERSLAKE



The Community Centre

Every Other THURSDAY

Now For Everyone!

£5 per adult

£2.50 per child



NORTH RONALDSAY SOCIAL WALKS BY ALEXANDRA WRIGHT, BRECKAN



We would like to tell you about a recent change with our walks. Originally, they were organized as "Health Walks" in partnership with Paths for All, which provided training, support, and insurance. These walks were intended to encourage people to engage in gentle, social, and dog-free walks on solid terrain. However, we have realized that on North Ronaldsay, there is a need for more challenging walks that cover rougher ground and allow dogs. As a result, we have decided to organize a weekly social walk that is less formal. The walks will still take place on Saturday mornings, and announcements will be made on the Residents' WhatsApp and Community Connect Facebook group.

NEW TEACHER AT NORTH RONALDSAY SCHOOL

BY TOM HUGGARD

Hello everyone.

My name is Tom Huggard and I have been teaching at the school since October. You may have seen me marching back and forth to the school from the airport. I am delighted to have the opportunity to teach in North Ronaldsay after working for eleven years at a lovely school in Edinburgh. I am very much looking forward to getting out and about with the pupils to explore the Island as the weather improves.

My wife and I are both from Orkney and stayed in Edinburgh after we finished studying. We have always enjoyed spending our holidays in Orkney and spending time with our friends and family. We were delighted when the opportunity to move home came about. At home, we have two daughters, Imogen and Isabella who thoroughly enjoyed their visit to North Ronaldsay when attending the Christmas party. Both can't wait to come back for another visit.

Finally, I just wanted to say a bit thank you to the staff at the school, our families and the wider community who have made me feel welcome. It's very much appreciated.



WHY WE LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN NORTH RONALDSAY

BY THE CHILDREN OF NORTH RONALDSAY SCHOOL



By Ezri



North Ronaldsay is Special!

North Ronaldsay is special to me because I have all the freedom I could ever wish for. I can go for a cycle wherever I want to on the island. All the people on the island are so nice to me and my sisters so I can take them to the community garden and to Sharn and Olly's farm so my sisters can stroke the horses and other animals. I have pets that I would not have if I lived anywhere else like (Peach) my cat and my 14 chickens. I love chickens. I enjoy some of the community events like lunch club. The lighthouse is fun because we can go rolling down the hills and go for walks there. Basically, I'm explaining that the island of North Ronaldsay is a great home for me and I hope it is for you too.

by Robin Kerslake



NORTH RONALDSAY IS 19.1.23
TO ME • community pets wildlife plane
 family lighthouse park sky

community - I like the parties
 pets - My pets chase dangerous things away
 Dark Sky - you can see Northern Lights!!!
 By Phoebe K 20.1.23

NORTH RONALDSAY SCHOOL POLYCROO UPDATE

BY LOUIS CRAIGIE, LOCHEND



Polycroo in early spring with 3 planters outside

Planning, preparation and sowing

It seems a while ago now since the blustery, muddy, wet days of when the polycroo was being built during February and March last year. Since its construction the growing space inside the 14 raised beds and floor space has been well used. We started off by preparing the raised beds by breaking up the heavy soil, removing stones and weeds and then adding some compost, incorporating it into the top of the soil. This was a lot of work that took time. Also during this time we decided where to position 3 planters outside the polycroo and then fill them with soil.

Once completed, we focused more on planning what we would like to grow inside the Polycroo. We bought some seeds and others were kindly donated including many strawberry plants. We made up a mapped plan of the polycroo so as to know where we planned to sow our seeds and plants.



Some we started off in seed trays and small pots. While others, we planted straight into the raised beds. Isabella, Robin and Phoebe each selected 3 or 4 different seeds to try. We sowed: sunflowers, broccoli, tomatoes, peas, sweetcorn, carrots, cucumbers, pumpkins, a variety of herbs and a variety of salad leaves. By the beginning of May we had finished our preparation and sowing of seeds and still had a few raised beds free.

Since we had some tree saplings leftover from our tree planting previously, we decided to experiment with growing a few of them inside. We chose hazel, crab apple and wild cherry as we thought they would likely need more shelter from the wild weather we experience here! Also Robin created a farm play area in one bed for the nursery and Phoebe created one in another bed. Ezri and Lottie thoroughly enjoyed playing in it!

Pumpkin, cucumber and tomato seedlings





Nursery Farm area created by Robin



Nursery play area created by Phoebe

Growing on and caring for the plants

We waited patiently for the first few seedlings to appear. Some we didn't think would grow as they seemed to take forever to sprout. But most did eventually and many since then rocketed up! The sunflowers and sweetcorn reached the roof of the polycroo as did the tree saplings! We transplanted broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers and pumpkins into larger pots and then into the raised beds. We also planted a variety of flower seedlings as well as lemon grass and ginger.



We soon realised that it can get very hot inside the polycroo! We installed a thermometer and found one day it had reached 48 degrees Celsius! We made sure that the doors and windows were open especially during the warm sunny days and have fixed up a garden hose for watering the plants as all that heat makes them very thirsty! I spent time working on creating a garden path around part of the tunnel and constructed several outdoor raised beds using old tyres. A cold frame was also constructed using material leftover from the build of the polycroo. We plan to use them next year.

Strawberry plants in hanging baskets

Harvesting and Polycroo classroom activities

As the plants developed (some at an astonishing rate) we could see many of them where near the start of their harvest. We have kept progress of the plants in the school's garden diary. We collected dozens of pea pods, broccoli florets, tomatoes as well as bunches of basil, chives, sorrel, dill, oregano, chard, mizuna, lettuce and spinach. Cucumbers have also been exceptionally successful having harvested well over 30 from 6 plants and we have had 6 sweetcorn heads. They are so sweet and delicious! We made Vietnamese cucumber salad using a few of the cucumbers from the polycroo and some of the herbs. It was very refreshing.

The flowers did very well inside too with many beautiful zinnias, asters, marigolds, nasturtiums, morning glory and sea lavender. We had 3 pumpkins growing a few centimetres every week.



Sweetcorn

As well as being used for growing plants inside, the polycroo has also been used for a variety of outdoor activities. Some off-cuts of the wood leftover from the build of the polycroo have been used for painting on, there have been reading sessions, a pretend shop and cafe and even a peedie ceilidh!

Future plans

We are evaluating our first year of growing plants in the Polycroo, thinking what went well and what lessons we've learned to take us into next year. We have saved seeds from some of the plants to use this year and will create a garden plan during the winter as to what we'd like to grow. Peppers seem a popular choice as do more cucumbers and carrots! We will also be researching for recipes which will use some of our produce and I plan to construct a couple of compost bins as well as finishing off the path. I wonder where our gardening journey will take us this year!



First Cucumber harvested!



Sunflower



Pumpkin



First Sweetcorn cob!



Polycroo early Autumn



COMMUNITY GARDEN - SUMMER 2022 AND UPDATES

BY OLLY GIBB, MILLDAM AND ALEX WRIGHT, BRECKAN



Community Shed

The community garden had a great summer, the first of many to come. It now has a polytunnel, tool/wellbeing shed and outdoor growing area thanks to the hard work and help of many volunteers. In early April, after many hours of measuring and remeasuring, chiseling away bedrock and connecting metal beams, the polytunnel started to take shape. A crack team was assembled and placed on standby to pounce on the next still day that arrived, their mission to place and tension the plastic cover. Thanks to James, Louis, George, Alex, Sian and Benji for their help and perseverance. We hope the new polytunnel will survive a few growing seasons and provide lots of vegetables to the island over the years. More raised beds will be added for the upcoming season, including an accessible, waist-high bed.

We were fortunate to be awarded funding from the Scottish Government, through Voluntary Action Orkney for the construction of the Community Potting Shed. We employed a construction co-op called Cross Cuts who designed and got the build well underway. A huge advantage of using this women only co-op was that they taught us and a few island visitors how to build the shed, so we now have far more skills. The shed opened its doors to our first shed event, a Christmas celebration and we all enjoyed the coziness of the sturdy, draft free building. Thanks to Prem Fojtu's kind donation, we now have a fine collection of garden books to start our library.



Working with the team from Cross Cuts to set up the frame



Jean, Edie and Daryl transplanting seedlings

Once the summer got underway there was a weekly garden club where folk came to help with odd jobs - planting, watering, weeding - and drink tea together afterwards, thanks to Jean and Anne in particular for all their heroic weeding efforts in the polytunnel! We grew a wide range of vegetables including tomatoes, squash and chilies inside and carrots, broccoli, cauliflower and onions outside. Being the first summer it was mostly experimental, testing different varieties in the soil and winds, and shed building consumed most of our energy. This upcoming growing season we hope to grow enough for a small VegBox scheme, excess for local shops and food for community events next year.

Summer club ran for the children on the island, and they enjoyed a wide range of activities including planting, stone painting, flower pressing, rock-pooling and made a wildlife pond, a bug hotel and scarecrows. A few sessions saw up to 6 children involved and occasionally visiting families joined in as well. We finished off the summer with a campfire and organic, roasted marshmallows.



Almuth (Benji's mum) weeding

We're looking forward to another summer of building and growing in the garden. Garden club will start again in March, and all are welcome to work or watch from the comfort of a chair.



Ursula harvesting carrots

Other chances to get involved include:

- Any spare tools or books? These would be welcomed to start a library of things based from the shed, anything from tools to Gardeners' World magazines.
- Handy with a hammer? DIY opportunities coming up with the building of a Polycrub from scratch in May.
- Fancy growing in the polytunnel or outside within the protection of a rabbit proof fence? Get in touch and we'll put you on the list. We'll be dividing up and allocating indoor and outdoor growing space in March.



Edie, Benji, Usula and Sian sorting the harvest

Please get in touch with transition.northron@gmail.com if you have any questions, ideas or knowledge you'd like to share.

THE DEUTCHLAND, 1866

BY JACK STRAW, BRECKAN

One blowy evening last October I was having a look on eBay (the Internet auction house).

From time to time I do a search to see if there are any items for sale with a North Ronaldsay connection - this usually brings up balls of Ronaldsay wool, photographs of the lighthouse, a copy of Mary Scott or Peter Tulloch's book or the occasional Ram's Horn but to my immediate interest my search brought up an original copy of the Edinburgh Daily Courant dated May 3rd 1866.

I bought the newspaper and looked forward to it's arrival in the post. When the Courant arrived I asked Alex to have a read through to see what the North Ronaldsay story was from that spring of 156 years ago.

Here is a print of it:

STRANDING OF AN EMIGRANT SHIP AT NORTH RONALDSAY.—On the evening of Thursday the 26th instant, about 6 P.M., the ship Deutchland, of and from Hamburg, bound for New York, Captain F. Hensen, commander, with 525 emigrants, struck the ground in Linklett Bay, about three hours before high water, the fog being at the time very dense. Mr C. R. Thomson, in the absence of Lloyd's agent, was promptly on the spot, and by the indefatigable exertions of the people of the island under his charge, in the course of a few hours succeeded in getting the vessel off, and brought up in six fathoms water. She lay till next morning, when she proceeded on her voyage. This is the second passenger ship which Mr Thomson and the North Ronaldsay men have within the last two years done the like service to, and, strange to say, this vessel struck not 600 yards from the spot where the Augusta met with a like misfortune in 1864. The Deutchland is a fine iron ship, built in compartments, and is 960 tons register.—*The Orcadian*.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK GYALUS, NURSE PRACTITIONER

BY JUNE PURVIS, BEWAN

Frank has been North Ronaldsay's medic for the past month and looked after us all extremely well but now he is returning home, so here's a little song especially for Frank ...



Chorus

Frankie's going to Colchester, he's leaving on the plane,
Frankie's going to Colchester, hope he's coming back again.

—

He bought himself a wetsuit and threw himself into the sea,
singing to the seals and shrieking with such glee !



Chorus

He fed the islanders, fifty more, with such a gourmet feast
we've all put on an inch or two at the very least.



Chorus

He brought colour to our island with scrubs of vivid pink,
diamante shoes and sequins, you really had to blink !



Chorus

A man of many talents, he's made us laugh and laugh,
Oh, do we love our Frankie?
Oh, yes we do, not half !

Chorus



WINTER CELEBRATIONS

BY ALEX WRIGHT, BRECKAN

Celebrations began on December 9th, a whist drive was held, which raised enough money to fund a Christmas party on December 12th. The party included games, food, and a visit from Father Christmas, and was enjoyed by all. Jack and I headed south for a month to be with our families, but thanks to James for filling us in on the rest of the events



FANTASTIC FEASTS (AND WHERE TO FIND THEM)

BY FAT JIMMY



I think I speak for everybody who attended when I say a big Thank You to Charlotte and Chris and everyone who helped them with the Christmas dinner. There was a starter, a main course, seconds, a pudding and cheese and biscuits. I was stuffed...(Proper stuffed!)

A big Thank You to Chris and Louis for the quiz night. Everyone had a great time.

A big Thank You to Frank (or Mad Max - Road Warrior as he is known around these parts). At his own expense he put on a great feast and fed over 50 people.

And finally, a big Thank You to everyone who arranged the Burns Supper. (Last time I went to the Burns Supper I only understood 3 things in 3 hours of poetry reading... Haggis ...As Long As Ma Aaaaarm ...and Ayyecccc. Watching drinks being banged on the table and listening to everyone shouting in Klingon was like watching an episode of Star Trek. 10 out of 10 for the enthusiasm though!)

For me, Burns Supper is one of those once in a lifetime experiences like bungee jumping. I only turned up for the party this year, but it was great and I still got some leftover veggie haggis! I also won a pair of oven gloves in the raffle. Each glove is large enough to hold 1 can of McEwans, so when worn around the neck they make a comfortable and stylish hands-free drinks holder/alcoholic scarf. Winner!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PHOTOS

BY LOUIS CRAIGIE, LOCHEND



Quiz night feast



Joanie and Louis Craigie



Tom Boyd playing the fiddle for the New Year's Day dance around the Standing Stane



The quiz in the beautifully decorated Community Centre



DARK SKIES UPDATE

BY ALEXANDRA WRIGHT, BRECKAN

Since the last newsletter, we have held three successful Dark Skies events, fulfilling our requirement of holding at least two such events annually, to maintain our Dark Skies status.

The first two events included an online presentation followed by a walk to Nether Linnay, where sky light readings were taken.

The third event, "Green Spaces Dark Skies," combined light art and movement by using lights and people to create giant constellations on Nousester Beach. The event was captured by a drone and the footage is available for viewing at <https://greenspacedarkskies.uk/films/orkney/>

Our moon phase calendars sold well, raising nearly £200 for future Dark Skies events. The calendars are still available to order, but there is a copy of one of the back cover of this newsletter as it is so useful to know the moon phase for sheep work.



NORTH RONALDSAY DARK SKIES MOON CALENDARS FOR SALE

A fundraiser to bring speakers to North Ronaldsay

Six single-sided, A4 laminated designs to choose from

Minimum donation of £6 please to cover production and postage

alexandrawright70@gmail.com or WhatsApp Alex on 0780970082



Green Spaces Dark Skies Event

PLASTIC RECYCLING PROJECT UPDATE

BY OLLY GIBB, MILLDAM



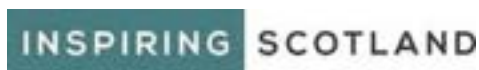
Since the summer the plastic recycling equipment has moved from Quoybanks to Milldam where it is being temporarily stored in the white shipping container. The shredder has been fixed (with the help of 2 visiting electricians) and the injection machine assembled. Funding from the Highlands and Islands Environmental Foundation has been used to hire a part time employee to help take the project forward. After advertising the role publicly and locally, and receiving no applications, I decided to stop commuting to work at Orkney College and take on the role in September.

We have begun to shred black HDPE - turning it into small granules approximately 3mm thick - and will soon be melting this in the injection machine to put into simple moulds. We plan to gradually increase the range of plastics available for recycling and the complexity of the moulds.

We are exploring the option of communal plastic recycling bins to be kept alongside the metal, glass and cardboard bins currently at the pier. Hopefully we can start collecting domestic plastic at the start of the summer.

Further funding has been obtained from 'The Rural Communities "Ideas into Action" fund and the Prince's Countryside fund. The first, a government backed scheme, is for £4,899 to buy containers for collection and processing of plastic. The second is for £13,650 and will allow us to purchase more moulds, including brick, beam, garden stake and fence post moulds, as well as exploring the opportunities available with a sheet press mould. The sheet press is a larger machine, capable of producing sheets of plastic 1 x 1m. This recycles up to 20kg of plastic per sheet. It would allow for small structures to be assembled from multiple sheets - as pioneered by Solway Recycling with their impressive chicken coops and pig arcs (as seen at Milldam). It is hoped that in the future these sheets might compare with OSB or plywood as a building material. Part of the funding will be for PPE and manual shredding equipment (hand and bike powered) to run public workshops in the future. The sheet press is currently too big to fit in the container, so the search for a larger permanent premise continues. Promising talks are being held with a stakeholder on the island but nothing is confirmed yet. Please let us know if you can think of a potential solution, a buy and renovate approach may be feasible if grant funding could be obtained.

Get in touch if you have an idea for a product that would be useful for you and your house or for North Ronaldsay in general, and we will see if we can get the mould in the future.



Plastic Inspiration: Bricks

Columbian company *Conceptos Plasticos* built this recycled plastic brick house in 2017 and have since gone on to get funding for building temporary refugee accommodation in Guapi, Columbia.



Recycled plastic house costing \$6000 in 2017, Columbia



Coloured plastic bricks produced by a Precious Plastic inspired workshop

LIVING ARCHIVE PROJECT

BY FIONA SANDERSON



Sara, Heather and Louise at the printing workshop

When I began the 'Living Archive' project, as part of the 'Culture Collective' programme that ran across Scotland last year, I had a few ideas in mind of where the project might lead. I had written a piece for the newsletter on North Ronaldsay, asking for expressions of interest, and ideas, but then Covid began to play a leading role again too, affecting social get togethers and limiting face to face contact. Strangely, I think this contributed to the project becoming more varied and imaginative as time went on. Meeting 'remotely' over Zoom, whilst it seemed very unfamiliar, did make some new things possible too! By the end of the project, several different groups from the island had taken part in shaping a range of events, meet-ups and investigations, and when I look back now, I am amazed at what we achieved, in spite of all kinds of restrictions that cropped up unexpectedly.

Thank you to the printmakers, who came along to Soulisquoy workshop in Stromness, and spent two days experimenting with tutor Carol Dunbar.

Thank you to the music group, who put together a collection of old songs and lyrics, and more recent tunes too, could this one day be the basis of a new collection and cd?

Thank you to the group who met in the Kirkwall Archive, to research people and places, and discovered a wealth of island related material.

Thank you to the Craigie family, and to Catherine Grivas, a photographer who had visited just before the lighthouse was going automatic. The film of this meeting, 'Coming to Light' has recently been shown at the Sheep Festival, and you can also see it here: <https://bit.ly/3JsOEBX>.

Finally, thank you to the school, for hosting two lovely experience days, where Dr Beatrice Garvie and her photographs were the centre of a theme of 'Change'. The day when we re-created one of these photographs, down on the shore with a kelp barrow, after Sinclair had visited to talk about life on the island in those days, was a very special one.

This Spring I'll be showing some of Dr Garvie's photographs and talking a bit about her life, in a series of slide shows, one of which, will be at the Bird Observatory, and another at the Archive in Kirkwall. I will post the dates for these on the NR Community Facebook page.

There will also be an online slide show and talk on Feb 24th, at 7pm, there is a link to it on the City Art Centre, Edinburgh website.



Linda, Charlotte, Alex and Jean at the Kirkwall Archives



North Ronaldsay Science Festival 2023

10th – 12th March



| | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Archive in New Kirk ~always open~ All events are free | 10:00: George Gay Bird talk and guided walk <i>Meet at Obs</i> | 10:00: Walk at Westness to see the conservation work <i>Meet at Westness</i> |
| | 12:30: Science Festival Community Lunch Everyone welcome at the Community Centre | |
| Friday | <i>All afternoon events take place at the Community Centre</i> | |
| Children's Science Festival In the afternoon | 14:00: Henry Memmott Dark Skies photography and drawing with light Bring your cameras and phones Community Centre | 14:00: Callum Potter Observing Deep Space |
| <i>All evening events take place at the Bird Observatory</i> | | |
| 19:30: Henry Memmott The evolution of bird beaks 21:00: Eric Walker Finding Your Way Around The Night Sky and telescope time (weather permitting) | 19:30: Robert Foden The epic journey of the polar ship Maud 21:00: Callum Potter The Sun, space weather and the aurora 23:00: Dark skies walk and trip to lighthouse | 19:30: Robert Foden Head North: The Search for the Pole 21:00: Eric Walker What's Your Tipple - Art or Science? Telescope time (weather permitting) |



Pictures by Shutterstock's AI image generator



Proposed sailing times from Kirkwall to North Ronaldsay are noted below. All are weather permitting and subject to confirmation the day before sailing.

Return sailings will depart North Ronaldsay on completion of cargo operations.

Passengers from North Ronaldsay to Kirkwall should be ready to board as soon as the vessel arrives in North Ronaldsay.

As sailing times will vary from week to week, prospective passengers and shippers are advised to check with the Company to confirm timings of each sailing.

February 2023

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| Saturday | 04 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0830 |
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| Saturday | 18 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0730 |
| Saturday | 25 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0630 |

March 2022

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| Saturday | 18 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0630 |
| Saturday | 25 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0530 |

April 2023

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| Saturday | 01 st | Dept Kirkwall | 0730 |
| Saturday | 08 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0600 |
| Saturday | 15 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0600 |
| Saturday | 22 nd | Dept Kirkwall | 0600 |
| Saturday | 29 th | Dept Kirkwall | 0530 |

May 2023

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Summer 2023 - Inter-Island Air Services Timetable. Monday 20 February - Sunday 29 October 2023 inclusive



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Fares

Children (aged 2-15 years) qualify for a 50% discount on an adult fare shown below except for sightseer fares. Infants travel free of a charge until their second birthday provided that they do not occupy a seat.

From Kirkwall to North Ronaldsay & Papa Westray

Economy - £18 one way, £36 return
Excursion - £21 return

From North Ronaldsay & Papa Westray to Kirkwall**

Economy - £18 one way
Island Saver - £14.50 return

** For residents travelling on the concession scheme, call to make a booking on 01856 872494

From Kirkwall to Eday, Stronsay, Sanday & Westray

Economy - £37 one way, £74 return
Senior Citizen - £18.50 return, £37 return

From Eday, Stronsay, Sanday, Westray to Kirkwall

Economy - £37 one way
Island Saver - £19.00 return

Inter-Island Fares

Economy - £17 one way
Island Saver - £21 return
Excursion - £14.50 return
Senior Citizen - £8.50 one way, £17 return

Sightseer

Sightseer - £45 return

Fare Conditions

Economy (bookable online at Loganair.co.uk)

Reservations may be changed or refunds obtained up to 24 hours before flight departure. No changes or refunds are permitted less than 24 hours prior to departure.

Island Saver (bookable online at loganair.co.uk)

For travel originating in the North Isles to Kirkwall or for travel between the North Isles, including via Kirkwall. Other conditions per Economy fare.

Excursion (bookable online at loganair.co.uk)

One night minimum stay required at destination, maximum stay three months, other conditions per economy fare.

Senior Citizen (only bookable by calling 01856 872494)

Valid for travel by customers who have reached their 60th birthday.

Sightseer (only bookable by calling 01856 872494)

May only be booked on the day of the departure for round-trip travel originating in Kirkwall. Outward and return travel on the same flight with no island stopover.

Open Returns (only bookable by calling 01856 872494)

Open returns are valid for 3 months from the date of outbound journey.

Charters

Loganair can offer private charters from Kirkwall for groups of up to 8 people. Please You must check in at least 20 minutes before departure at Kirkwall at the Loganair

Check-in

You must check in at least 20 minutes before departure at Kirkwall at the Loganair Inter-Isles office in the main terminal building and at least 10 minutes before departure from the North Isles.



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Book online @
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or call
(01856) 872494

Or email
orkneyres@loganair.co.uk



Rolly the Ram's Pizza!

Hand-made pizza on North Ronaldsay!
Every Tuesday evening or by Special Request.

**TO ORDER: Call, Text or Whatsapp
07927 409037 Or 07487 572089**

**FREE Delivery around North Ronaldsay,
Min.order value £5**

Deliveries are allocated first come first serve within 30min time slots, between 5pm to 9.30pm

**Payment by cash, paypal or card
(via payment link online)**



Ingredients & Allergens

Pizza Base: Strong White Bread Flour (WHEAT), Dried Yeast, Olive Oil, Table Salt, Semolina Flour (For Dusting Pan, durum wheat) **Pizza Sauce:** Chopped Tomatoes, Dried Basil, Chopped Garlic, Table Salt, Tomato Puree
Base Margherita Pizza approx. 1060cal
VEGAN Margherita Pizza approx. 996cal
Garlic, Plain Bread, Garlic, Parsley, Chopped Garlic, Olive Oil, Dried Parsley approx 227cal
Cheese Blend: Mozzarella Cheese (27%)(25g), Cheddar Cheese (27%)(25g), Aged Gouda Appenzel AOP (Swiss) Cantalese Milk approx 299cal per portion
Viola's Vegan Cheese alternative: Water, Coconut Oil (24%), Modified Starch, Sea Salt, Flavourings, Olive Extract, Colour (B-Lycopene), Vitamin B12, Contains None of the 14 Food Allergens, approx. 176cal per portion

Toppings and Extras

(Some ingredients information available on request)
Stuffed crust (Sauce) add approx. 95cal per portion
Stuffed Crust (Cheese) add approx. 293cal per portion
Stuffed Crust (Viola's) add approx. 176cal per portion
Extra cheese portion, add approx. 293cal
Extra Viola's cheese portion, add approx. 176cal
Blue Dragon Sweet Chili Sauce add approx. 81cal per portion
Madison BBQ Sauce add approx. 77cal per portion
Madison Garlic Mayonnaise add approx. 130cal per portion
Chicken add approx. 100cal per portion
Salmon add approx. 110cal per portion
Pepperoni add approx. 100cal per portion
Ham add approx. 80cal per portion
Mascosoni Smoked Sausage add approx. 181cal per portion
Tuna add approx. 132cal per portion
Tinned Sweetcorn add approx. 75cal per portion
Bell Peppers add approx. 30cal per portion
Mushrooms add approx. 25cal per portion
Red Onion add approx. 66cal per portion
Pineapple add approx. 195cal per portion
Cherry Tomatoes add approx. 25cal per portion
Green Olives add approx. 105cal per portion

Allergens:
May contain these allergens as they are handled in the same area: Cereals including gluten, Crustaceans, Eggs, Fish, Milk (Cow), Mustard, Nuts, Peanuts, Soya, Sulphur dioxide (sometimes known as sulphites)

Sometimes we may switch our pizza day to a different day, look out for updates on North Ronaldsay related social media. We always recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment.

Our menu is subject to availability of ingredient's.

Rolly's Pizza/ Rolly's Coffee
The School House, North Ronaldsay, KW17 2BE

Freshly made 12" Pizza's!

Base Margherita Pizza, home made freshly baked base, special garlic and herb tomato sauce and a cheese blend **£7.95**

VEGAN Margherita Pizza, as above, but we use Viola's, vegan friendly cheese alternative: **£7.95**

Special Garlic Pizza Bread **£4.95**

Cheesy Garlic Pizza Bread **£6.50** (vegan Or regular)

**Upgrade to Cheese or Sauce Stuffed Crust!
Just £2.50**

Add extra Cheese: 65p

Add your toppings for 65p each...

Meats: Chicken, Salami, Pepperoni, Ham, Smoked Sausage, Tuna

Veggies: Sweetcorn, Peppers, Mushrooms, Red Onion, Pineapple, Cherry Tomatoes, Olives

Choose your FREE Dipping Sauce (Extra dips, 40p)

Have it your way!

Let us know if you want your sauce to be drizzled on top or as a dip? or Both!

Sauces: Garlic Mayo, Sweet Chilli, BBQ, Ketchup, Mayo

Something to Wash it Down?

Soft Drink Cans: 90p

Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Vimto Zero

Lipton's Peach Ice Tea: £1.50

Oasis Black Current & Apple £1.10

Oasis Citrus Punch £1.10



Fresh Barista Coffee: £2.80

(Cappuccino, Latte, Americano, Mocha)

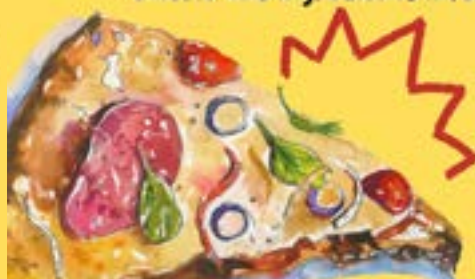
Hot Chocolate: £2.80

Tea: £1.75

Please let us know of any allergies when ordering!

Our food is NOT gluten free, and we CANNOT guarantee allergen free!

Please see back of leaflet for calorie and ingredients information.





2023

North Ronaldsay Lighthouse by Rupert Shanks

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