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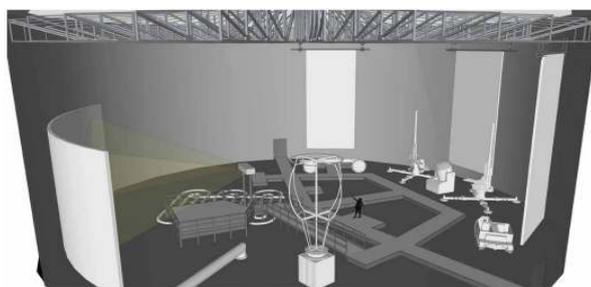
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SCAPA FLOW MUSEUM REFURBISHMENT FUNDING SECURED

The Heritage Lottery Fund has advised Orkney Islands Council that a grant of up to £1.155 million has been approved for the project. This completes a major funding package made up of grants from Historic Environment Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the Orkney LEADER fund and OIC Capital Projects programme.

The project will involve restoration of the historic buildings, the enhancement of interpretation and displays, and the creation of a new building to house an exhibition space, café, toilet facilities and information areas.



Councillor Rob Crichton is Chair of the Council's Education, Leisure and Housing Committee. He said: "Attracting such a high level of external funding to this project is a real success story for one of our most fragile island communities. The restoration will not only ensure the future of our collections, but also support the local community in Hoy, which relies on the centre to attract visitors to the island, with more than 14,000 visits in 2016."

Works will start in early 2018 and will mean that the museum is likely to be closed for the whole of next season, reopening in time for the centenary commemorations of the scuttling of the German High Seas Fleet which will take place in June 2019. During this period the museum is planning a pop-up

exhibition at Lyness, daily guided walks around the Lyness Wartime Trail and other activities, as well as having information available about the refurbishment project.

Information and regular updates on progress will be posted on the Orkney Museums Facebook



page <https://www.facebook.com/OrkneyArtsMuseumsandHeritage/>

Welcome to the thirty-fourth issue of *THE BLETHER*.

The August issue includes news and updates from the ScapaFlow Museum, RNLI, IoHDT and other community groups.

See the 'Dates for Diaries' and Gable End programme for what's on, but do check dates and times nearer the event as some things do change.

Many thanks to all of the contributors to the thirty-fourth issue and for the use of their photographs.

Contact details for further information or for contributions can be found on the back page.

Do please get in touch if you have anything you'd like to share with the community!

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SCAPA FLOW VISITOR CENTRE AND MUSEUM— YOUR MUSEUM NEEDS YOU!

If you are interested in the wartime heritage of Orkney, care of museum collections and/or museum procedures and documentation, Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum would love to hear from you.

Once the museum closes at the end of October we'll be looking for volunteers to help staff clean, document and pack our exhibits in advance of renovation work starting. Full training, including manual handling, artefact handling, describing and recording artefacts, preparing and packing artefacts for storage and museum documentation will be provided. This will include a day spent with the Curators at the museum store in Kirkwall, giving a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse of what lies behind the collections on public show.

Training will take place during October and we'll be packing up the museum during November and December.

As well as helping us with our project, we hope that the training and experience will be useful for those looking after historic collections at other heritage sites on the island. If you would be interested, please contact Jude for more information:

Jude Callister: Tel: 791300; Email: jude.callister@orkney.gov.uk

HOY DANCERS

It was a lovely evening on 14th July as I set off North to set up for the Reels and Jigs evening in Hoy Kirk. Over 40 people came through the door ranging from 3 – 83 years old and all dancing throughout the evening! When I saw the number of people pile in my brain began to whirl (no not my feet) as I quickly merged together the two programs I had prepared and as luck had it, it worked out to be a really good night of fun dancing. To give you a picture of the numbers – it was a tight circle round the kirk 'dance floor' area for 'The Golden Campers Circle'. Hoy Kirk is a unique venue for these dance evenings as its original, slightly sloping, wooden floor is perfect for dancing. Thankfully there was enough food to go around for supper and of course we had the statutory raffle during the break. When the Graemsay sailed off back to Stromness and the Haey Hope Bus for the south of the island it was flat calm – what an impression for those who came to enjoy our social occasion. As usual folks mucked in to help when needed – thank you everyone for making the evening such great fun.

HOY DANCERS MONDAY DANCING

Traditional Dancing Session in the YM, Longhope – Monday evenings 8 – 10pm

September – 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

October - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

November – 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

December – 4th is the last for 2017 which is our festive get-together.

Break until early January 2018

From Wednesday 20th September, for a trial period of 5 weeks, I will be holding afternoon dancing in the YM from 2 – 4pm.

Give Mabel a ring on 01856 791359 for further information.

We dance for Fun, Friendship and Fitness!

Mabel J Besant

ORKNEY GARDEN FESTIVAL—HOY GARDEN TRAIL

On 24th June several Hoy residents opened their gardens to visitors as part of the Orkney Garden Festival. About 113 visitors arrived on the Island by a specially chartered ferry hired by the organiser of the Garden Festival, Caroline Critchlow. Although the weather was not perfect it did not dampen the visitors spirits who all said they had a great time. A special thanks must go to the bus drivers who ferried the visitors around the island — Vince, Dougie, Adam, Albert and Jayne, thank you!

The visitors stopped off at the Shore in Longhope to enjoy a lunch of soups, sandwiches, home bakes, tea, coffee and the all important Raffle. A very special thanks must go to Lesley Sole who gathered together a fantastic team who worked tirelessly. They were lead by Carole Webster, Nora Thomson, Helena Cutler, Moira Groat, Sue Kettle, Trish Avis, Val Crowson, Ben Ware, Ruben Frost, Ron Needham, Sue and Tom Hollands and Rennie Findlay. Also thanks to Effy Everiss for taking charge of the signage

on the island! The proceeds from the lunch will go towards the maintenance of St. John's Trust Church.

A very special Thanks must go to all who donated towards the lunch and Raffle. They were: Cook Aquaculture, Browns of Westray, Northvet, Orkney Cheese, Tranquility Nursery, J.M.F.Groat, Tesco's, Emily Smith of Emily's Ice Cream Parlour & Gift shop.

Also to those who opened their gardens: Pearl Sinclair, Katie Holmes, Margaret Johnson, Hazel and Tony Morris, Roz and Iain Cromarty, Lin and Keith McLaren, Sandra and Tom Kestral a huge THANK YOU from the Fund Raising Committee and the Trustees of St John's Trust Church

The Total raised was £855.81 towards the upkeep of St. John's Trust Church.

Rennie Findlay

HACKNESS MARTELLO TOWER AND BATTERY

The gun has been reinstalled on the tower after a lengthy absence undergoing restoration. Additionally we now have some ammunition for the gun! After a search of many years Mike Webster has acquired a 64lb shell and is loaning it to the site.



Photo: Mike Webster

Over the summer the HES Collections team visited Hackness and catalogued many of the artefacts owned by John Cload and he has agreed to loan some of these for display. Additionally, Johnny has been having a tidy himself (more accurately he has been tidied!). Consequently we will have an event in September to showcase some of these artefacts, documents and even some family photographs which reflect life at the battery in its various uses.

During 2018, HES will be preparing new interpretation for the site and we welcome any information about any era of Hackness, be it childhood visits to the ruined tower, WW2 and WW1 and the boom defences and ships in Longhope (bay), the dances held in the barrack room pre WW1 and the earlier military use.

Pop in sometime or look out for posters later in the month.

David Mager

Monument Manager, Historic Environment Scotland, Hackness Martello Tower and Battery

NOTICE OF ELECTION—COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Community Councillors are to be elected for each of the 20 Community Council areas within Orkney. The Community Councils, and number of members required, are as follows:-

Community Council	No of Members	Community Council	No of Members
Birsay	7	Papa Westray	7
Eday	7	Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay	7
Evie and Rendall	7	Sanday	7
Firth and Stenness	8	Harray and Sandwick	8
Flotta	7	Shapinsay	7
Graemsay, Hoy and Walls	7	South Ronaldsay and Burray	8
Holm	7	St Andrews and Deerness	7
Kirkwall and St Ola	12	Stromness	8
North Ronaldsay	7	Stronsay	7
Orphir	7	Westray	7

1. Nomination forms for every Community Council area, **except for Eday, Flotta, North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray**, can be obtained from Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council. Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall Orkney. KW15 1NY. Telephone 01856 886622 or email:- maureen.spence@orkney.gov.uk Forms are also available on the Community Council section of the Orkney Islands Council website.
2. Completed nominations must be delivered to Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council, no later than **5pm on Monday, 4 September 2017**.
3. An election will be held by **postal ballot** in each Community Council area unless uncontested.
4. Ballot papers will be issued on Monday, 11 September 2017 and must be returned to Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council by **5pm on Monday, 25 September 2017**.
5. The following procedures **apply to Eday, Flotta, North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray ONLY**. An alternative electoral procedure has been established for the Community Councils of Eday, Flotta, North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray. This procedure, which does **not involve the lodging of nomination papers**, will be utilised instead of the procedures used by other Community Councils. Notes setting out the procedure to be followed will be included on the back of the ballot papers which will be posted to all electors on the Register for the above four islands on Monday, 11 September 2017.
6. Results will be declared on Thursday, 28 September 2017.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Community Council elections are held every four or five years following Local Government elections. The Community Councils help to administer Orkney Islands Council funds at a local level. These funds are used to support community projects, voluntary groups, tourism ventures, kirkyard maintenance and community halls.

The Orkney Community Council system has been recognised by the Scottish Government as a model of best practice in community empowerment within Scotland for the way that Community Councils are involved in decision-making and this success is due to the dedication of the individuals involved.

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.

The Nomination Form can be obtained from the Community Council Clerk or downloaded from <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council/Elections/CC-Election-2017/Community-Council-Nomination-Form-2017.pdf>

Candidates need to complete and return the nomination form by **5pm on Monday 4 September 2017.**

The election is carried out by postal ballot with ballot papers due to be issued on Monday, 11 September 2017 and returned no later than **5pm on Monday, 25 September 2017.**

It is hoped that members consider standing for re-election and feel free to share nomination forms with any individuals who are also interested in standing for election.

The Scheme of Orkney Community Council – 2007 and the Code of Conduct for Orkney Community Councillors can be found on the following links:

http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council/Community-Councils/Scheme_for_Orkney_Community_Councils.pdf

http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Democratic-Services/Code_of_Conduct_April_2012.pdf

For more details contact Trish 701498

RNLI LONGHOPE STATION

4 July

Full-scale sea search.

RNLI Longhope lifeboat was requested to launch at 06.14 by UK Coastguard. They were tasked to search for a emergency position indicating radio beacon – EPIRB that had been activated and it's signal picked up by UK Coastguard.

The signal received indicated a rather vague area covering the Hoy Sound, Burra Sound and waters around Graemsay and Stromness. Both Longhope and Stromness lifeboats searched these areas along with the Hoy, Stromness and Kirkwall local Coastguards searching the shores. UK Coastguard helicopter Rescue 900 also arrived on scene and managed to pinpoint the beacon signal to a shed in Stromness where it had accidentally been activated. The lifeboats were stood down and returned to stations.

Conditions at sea were very good and the event clearly illustrated the benefits, when used correctly, of vessels carrying an EPIRB, and the rapid response from the emergency services when the device is activated.

9 July

RNLI Longhope lifeboat attended a significant commemorative and wreath-laying service over the wreck site of HMS Vanguard. A hundred years ago this Dreadnought battleship suddenly sank in Scapa Flow after a series of devastating internal explosions and 845 men tragically lost their lives.

Also in attendance were descendants from the men who died, with HMS Dasher and HMS Pursuer, Royal Navy divers from HM Naval Base, survey divers from MV Huskyan, RNLI Stromness lifeboat and various other vessels. The combined team of divers changed the White Ensign flag that is attached to the wreck, presenting the recovered one to the people of Orkney.

13 July

Longhope to Longhope

The connection between Longhope in Gloucestershire and Longhope in Orkney still remains strong after all these years. The bond was created at the time of the lifeboat disaster in 1969 when all the lifeboat crew were lost in heavy seas while responding to a distress call from SS Irene of Iberia.

It was due to a national appeal fund, for the families affected by the tragedy, that inspired the folk of

Longhope Gloucester to come together to raise money and parcel up toys and clothes for the children.

This week we were delighted to welcome Angela Carswell and her son Stewart who had made the 700 mile journey from Gloucestershire to present the crew of Longhope lifeboat with a cheque for £250.00. This donation was a result of a Bring and Buy sale and from the lifeboat collection box kept in their village church.

22 July



The sun shone and the winds were kind for Burray's Harbour Day and Regatta. Longhope lifeboat attended the wonderful event, which raises funds for the RNLI, and we would like to thank everyone who visited the lifeboat, to those who supported us and to all the organisers and assistants.

It was a great day with lots of fun and good to see competitors all wearing lifejackets and enjoying the water safely. Congratulations to Burray Regatta for bringing the sailing back after all these years. The Daft Raft Race is always popular and if there is enough local interest in Hoy and Walls we will try and reinstate the Longhope race next year.

28 July

Longhope lifeboat was requested to launch 10.50 by UK Coastguard to attend a lone yachtsman who had become unwell in Widewall Bay, South Ronaldsay. The lifeboat crew quickly located the Moody class yacht and assisted the casualty onboard. Showing symptoms of heart problems he was given oxygen and relevant medical care en route to Scapa pier, where an ambulance was waiting.

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Previously, the yachtsman had managed to drop anchor before calling the coastguard and so the lifeboat returned to the unmanned vessel. Two crew members boarded the yacht and under escort from the lifeboat, they brought the yacht safely home to Longhope.

30 July**Longhope Lifeboat Open Day**

What a success! An incredible total of £715.00 raised.

It was a fine day for the Open Day this year and we were lucky to have the UK Coastguard SAR helicopter come along to do a combined exercise with our lifeboat. It was a spectacular sight with some breathtaking moments as the helicopter hovered just above the lifeboat while winching crew members off and up as the lifeboat sped along the bay at full speed. The exercise showed how valuable it is for these two emergency organisations to join forces and practise these skilful manoeuvres with such coordination and cooperation.

Once again the Lifeboat Guild provided the entertainment ashore, serving wonderful afternoon teas and home-bakes plus running the raffle and other competitions. The lifeboat shop was busy all afternoon and an additional £270 was collected here.

RNLI Longhope would once again like to thank all those who supported us including the local folk and visitors, the amazing bakers and the UK Coastguard SAR helicopter crew. A special thank you also to Bob Simpson for his 'money in the jar' and his presentation of yet another cheque to the RNLI from money he has raised selling stamps. He has already raised over £3000 for the RNLI so please keep collecting the stamps!

Text and Photos: Mary Harris



LONGHOPE REGATTA

In a scene reminiscent of Royal Ascot - men in sharp suits and women in flowing summer dresses Longhope Sailing Club opened the 2017 regatta sailing season. The light south east winds increased by midday to a lovely sailing breeze, as Longhope welcomed the cream of Orkney sailors and a retired Stromness councillor. The course set this year was unfortunately hit by a cyber attack to an unnamed member of the race committee and although it lacked a certain degree of challenge it gave the 3 sailed yole its much needed advantage.



The racing was divided into 2 races run back to back with points in each class awarded in the second race going towards "sailor of the year". First off in each race were the yoles. Yet again the very fine yole "Lily" won

both races, beating "Gremsa" into second place in the first race. Despite a fine start and some excellent sailing by "Mohican" an even some divine intervention she couldn't match the speed of "Lily" in the second race. Next off came the extensive fleet of dingys. Again these races were dominated by one boat, Enron, skippered by Mark Holbrook of the Dennis Head yacht club. Mark went on to be presented with a new Swona cup after its predecessor was won outright by Lee Thomson. Lee had won the cup in the last three consecutive years.

Among local sailors, fine sailing by Bernard Ainsworth and Steve Rhodes in "Eynhallow", only recently returned from Bermuda where they assisted New Zealand to win the America's Cup, brought them an armful of silverware. Special mention must be made of Andrews and Andrews after they won two unique awards in the category of "most entertaining use of a laser 4000".

The large fleet of snipes was dominated by two boats "Go Quickly Red" from Stromness and "No Fear" from Holm. Malcolm Tippler in "GQR" winning both races with "Crewzen", Ron Bulmer and Zoe Nicholson finishing a commendable third. As



with snipes, the sizeable fleet of catamarans was dominated by two boats "Willy Flipit" and "Plum Crazy", with all the line honours going to "Willy Flipit". But watch out next year Callum and Richard, as rumours of a sponsorship deal with a well known local chilled food retailer could see "No Fears" crew moving from mono to multi hulls. The day also saw the visit of the Orkney Rowing Club giving local rowers an opportunity to row against another team.

On a serious note Longhope Sailing Club on behalf of all Orkney sailors would like to remember John Hinckley who sadly passed away recently. His wry wit and good humour will be missed.

Following racing sailors and rowers retired to a local hostelry for a sumptuous meal- mince and tatties washed down with a cheeky Chardonnay. The meal was followed by a raffle and prize giving and at six pm everyone went home to relax with a cup of cocoa and reflect on the fabulous day of the 2017 Longhope regatta.

And as always a massive thank you to all those in Hoy and Walls who help bring Longhope Regatta together we really couldn't do it without you and appreciate your support!

Angus Budge



IOHDT UPDATES—THE COMMUNITY FUND

Support For Bigger Ideas

In the last issue of *THE BLEIHER*® the IoHDT highlighted several articles on their website relating to the funds available to support the community of Hoy and Walls. Just recently a further article has been added to keep you updated about the support grants for constituted groups within the community and who can apply for funding towards community projects. The main purpose of this fund is to support community projects on Hoy, supporting the islands groups with events and works to be carried out in order to promote health and well-being, island heritage, and encourage greater foot fall which supports local businesses and increases Hoy's profile.

The latest article focuses on the Trust's Community Fund, and how they can assist in making applications, and the infrastructure required, a reachable goal.

How can the Trust assist you?

The Community Fund has been in operation since early 2014, each constituted group within the Hoy and Walls Community is entitled to apply for funding towards a variety of community projects. Do you as an individual have an idea about a community project, but you simply don't know what to do about it? Perhaps you're not part of a group, or maybe you are but your group isn't constituted. Don't be put off, that's where the Trust will assist you, listen to you, and support you in order to create a road map and guide you towards making your project a reality. The Trust's aim is to try and support groups who have bigger project ideas which might involve securing larger grants.

So, you've got an idea about a community project, you feel that community benefit outweighs individual benefit, and you feel that your project could enhance certain aspects of the island, and life within the community, then call in at the office and talk to us about it. We are happy to discuss your ideas, and we can be here to help guide you through to the next part of the process. In the initial stages, individuals are encouraged to seek support from others through communication with potential interested parties. The Trust needs to know that your idea is supported by other community members. Not sure how to do it? Why not create a very basic survey and ask for support by word of mouth. If the community is interested, then so is the Trust!

For further information on this and the other funds available go to the Trust's webpage:

www.hoyorkney.com/newsletter/

As outlined in the last article about the Community Fund, applications can be done in a number of ways. You can download a form by going to the Trust's web site:

www.hoyorkney.com/2016/06/community-fund-application-form/

or you can have a hard copy sent or emailed to you, However, in the first instance, groups are encouraged to call into the office and have a chat about the process and your groups project, as the Community Fund applications follow no set format, and are entirely dependent on the project itself.



Find out more about The Island of Hoy Development Trust!

If you wish to get more information about the Trust to find out, for example, what's happening on Hoy and Walls that the Trust is involved in, how you can engage and contribute, and how you may be able to get support from us, then please get in touch with us on 701356 or email info.iohdt@gmail.com and subscribe to our mailing list.

KIRK NEWS—FLOTTA, HOY AND WALLS, ORPHIR AND STENNESS



Sunday 16th July was bright and breezy when the congregations of Flotta, Orphir and Stenness joined Hoy and Walls for the annual united service in St Columba's.

Rev. Martin Prentice welcomed everyone and preached a very thoughtful sermon, the prayers and readings were shared by the three congregations.

After Worship, it was across the road to the YM, for lunch in the Shore, followed by a look at the pic-

tures in the YM - those by Harry Berry and those in the meeting room, of the war-time.

Buses arrived at 3pm to take our visitors a look around the Sooth side with a short stop to see the Lifeboat Memorial and the Stone seat at Osmondwall (sorry we couldn't stop the heavy shower which fell), then on to Lyness and a visit to the Museum before getting the boat to Flotta and Houton.

Our thanks to everyone who helped us make this day so successful. Also to all who donated to the Orkney Deaf Children's Society; £115 was raised.

A most enjoyable day was had by all and we look forward to visiting Orphir and Stenness next year.

Jean Gillespie



The Congregation of St Columba's, Hoy and Walls warmly welcome you.

We meet in Longhope each Sunday at 11.15am and invite you to join us.

KIRK SUMMER SALE

On Saturday, 5th August, St Columba's held their summer sale. The Rev. Jimmy Wishart kindly agreed to open the Sale for us on Saturday evening, and with Helen, came out to spend the weekend in the Island, which they greatly enjoyed.

Jimmy - a South Ronaldsay man, now living in Burray - trained as a minister and served his parishioners south for many years before retiring and returning home to Orkney.

The sale went well, after the opening most folk found something that appealed and many things were sold, weights and numbers estimated in the games section, and raffle tickets bought, before folk retired to the Shore cafe for refreshments.

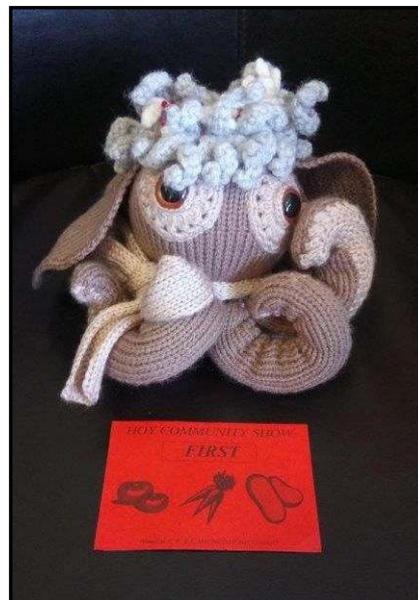
A warm and special thanks go to all who Made, Baked and Donated the wonderful things which filled the stalls last Saturday. Also to the folk who Helped with the selling and those who came and Bought. By ourselves we couldn't have done it.

The amount raised is approximately £1,116.

Jean Gillespie

CRAFT CLUB @ THE SHORE

The Craft Club at The Shore recently entered a number of items in the Hoy Produce Show. Some of our entries received awards (although not mine !). See below for some of the winning items, including some entries from the children who come along.



Craft Club takes place on a Friday afternoon from 2 until 4 pm. All welcome to join in. Call in to see us, even if you only want a coffee and a chat. We are holding a craft fair on 1st October—see poster below for details



• Longhope Craft Club •

CRAFT FAIR

• Sunday 1st October •
2pm - 4pm
YM Village Hall

£5.00 a stall

To book a stall ring Val
701 521

THE HOY AND WALLS COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

The Hoy community bus service is now just over 4 years old. In that time the green buses have carried approaching 20,000 fares and each bus has clocked up over 100,000 miles. As hybrid vehicles, they form part of the IoHDT's policy to support green energy on the island and, as such, qualify for the higher Low-Carbon community transport subsidy co-ordinated by Transport Scotland. Sadly, the hybrid technology they are fitted with will no longer be supported going forward and, as such, we now need to think about alternative green vehicles when the time comes to replace them.

IoHDT are in conversation with Community Energy Scotland regarding joint projects with other Development Trusts in the Highlands and Islands who also wish to deliver green transport initiatives. As a result we are planning to apply to the upcoming Climate Challenge Fund (CCF), and to the Low-Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund



(LCTCF), for funding to help raise awareness of low-carbon transport options and, more specifically, to support the purchase of a new electric bus (The Orion E pictured....) and the installation of rapid charging infrastructure at strategic locations around Hoy and Walls.

If you have any questions or suggestions about this or would just like some further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Trust.

NEWS FROM THE HOY KIRK

Another fantastic Orkney International Science Festival event is planned for Friday 8 September 7pm at the Hoy Kirk. Dennis Davidson and Len Wilson will be presenting a talk on traditional Orkney boatbuilding.

Boat building is a grand theme following on from our Harry Berry exhibition, Seaview. Hoy boats would be a good addition to the archive. Maybe this evening will kickstart a new strand of research! Orkney International Science Festival are also treating us to a fine Orkney supper, courtesy of food writer, Liz Ashworth, with Orkney beer. West Side Cinema will be bringing boat related short films, and there is even a whisper of the debut performance of a new Hoy piece of music for harp. Stargazing also, weather permitting! Admission and supper free.

If you're not resident on Hoy, why not take the Friday evening ferry from Stromness at 5.45 pm, back from Moaness in Hoy 10 pm, details from Orkney Ferries 01856 872044.

Orkney International Science Festival presents

Traditional Orkney Boatbuilding
an illustrated talk by
Dennis Davidson & Len Wilson

Hoy Kirk Heritage Centre
Friday 8 September 7pm

Put in at the Hoy Kirk for an evening of talks, **Orkney supper**, films and music- all FREE!

Getting there: take the 5:45 ferry from Stromness to Moaness (operated by Orkney Ferries) and return on the 10pm. Stargazing weather permitting!

WEST SIDE CINEMA

ORKNEY International SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Orkney Kirk Heritage Centre

Drawing: South Isles Yolk Cinema built by Len Wilson 1999 Photograph: Dennis Davidson

GABLE END THEATRE
PROGRAMME 2017 — SPRING/SUMMER



All performances start at 8pm, unless otherwise stated

SEPTEMBER

Sat 9 **LECTURES: AN ARCTIC EVENING - Orkney Science Festival**

Three talks with an Arctic theme:

Painter, Georgia Rose Murray, who has travelled in Iceland and Svalbard speaking about her travels, with images from her paintings. See <https://georgiarosemurray.com/>

Dr Maria Pia Casarini speaking about the search for Franklin and the discovery of his two ships in Canadian Arctic waters.

Prof. Peter Wadhams, the UK's most experienced sea ice scientist who has made more than fifty expeditions to polar regions, working from ice camps, icebreakers, aircraft and Royal Navy submarines talking about the Arctic.

Sat 23 **FILM: HIDDEN FIGURES (Cert. PG)**

Putting man on the moon is one of humanity's greatest achievements, but the women who played a part in getting him there have gone unsung for too long - and the fact that some of them were African-American is the surprise draw of this inspiring, Oscar-nominated account, which stars Taraji P. Henson, Janelle Monae and Kevin Costner.

OCTOBER

Fri 20 **MUSIC: EILIDH SHAW and ROSS MARTIN**

Eilidh Shaw and Ross Martin are probably best known for their work with two top traditional bands; Eilidh with The Poozies and Ross with Daimh, although we first saw them in the early 2000s as members of Harem Scarem, alongside Sarah McFadyen, Inge Thomson and Nuala Kennedy. Expect an evening of good foot tapping West Coast reels through to Gaelic waltzes, and all points in between.

NOVEMBER

Tues 7 **LIVE THEATRE: MAKE A HOO - A Feral Arts production**

Make A HOO by Sita Pieraccini, is a piece of physical theatre which also utilises live score and AV. The piece is influenced by Sri Lankan folklore and tells the story of a girl working in the tea fields who is caught in an elaborate game of call and response with a shape-shifting being who only comes to life at night. It cleverly utilises a mixture of shadow puppetry, projection and contact radio mics to recreate the tea fields of Sri Lanka.

The autumn film programme will be coming soon and diary will continue to fill up, so do keep a look-out for emails and posters, or check out www.hoyorkney.com events calendar . If you would like to receive alerts, please email gable.end.theatre@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

NOTICEBOARD

HOY AND WALLS HEALTH CENTRE

Telephone: 01856 701209; Web: www.hoydoc.co.uk

Day	Dr am	Dr pm	Nurse	Notes
Monday	0900-1100	1745-1915	0930-1100 approx	
Tuesday		1400—15.30	0930-1100 approx	
Wednesday	0900-1200**	1300 - 14.30	0930-1100 approx	**blood clinic
Thursday	0900-1030		0930-1100 approx	
Friday	0900-1100†	1745-1900	0930-1100 approx	†Longhope 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday; Hoy 2nd and 4th Friday

Appointments and Prescriptions

The Hoy and Walls Health Centre will be open Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm and during surgery hours. Please call within these times to arrange an appointment and request prescriptions. Please ensure that you give **5 working days** notice for repeat prescriptions.

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, phone 01856 701209.

When the surgery is closed call Balfour Hospital 01856 888000 and ask the operator to bleep the Hoy GP.

Matthew Budge 1986-2017
R.I.P

*Nici and family, John, Leslye and family, you are in our thoughts
and we share your sadness.*

DATES FOR DIARIES/NOTICEBOARD

Haey Hope Club

Every Wednesday in Term-Time
 For lunch, chat and games
 11.45am – 2pm
 New members always welcome.

We are currently looking for volunteer drivers.

Please contact Jayne Traynor 701266 for more details

GARDEN AND GROUNDS CARE

*Mowing and strimming
 Weed control
 Pruning and trimming
 Clearing & tidying.
 Paths and flagging etc*

Call Richard on 701346
 Burnhouse



Gable End Film Society
AGM
 12th Sept at 8pm
 at the Gable End Theatre

Do you have a car? Would you be prepared to be a voluntary driver?

We are looking for people who would to be voluntary drivers to take people to attend appointments at the hospital.

We will cover the cost of the ferry, pay mileage money and any extra costs for insurance.

If you are interested please contact Teresa or Debs 701209.

The
Island
 CHIROPODIST



A new visiting chiropodist service for the islands of Orkney is being planned to start in Autumn 2017.

If you think you might be interested in using this service, please help us to plan by sending us a quick **Hello!** by text to 07848008145 or on our FaceBook Page at @IslandChiropodist

Treatments will cost about £30 & be carried out by an experienced Chiropodist/Podiatrist registered with the Health Professions Council.

Text: 07848 008145

FaceBook @IslandChiropodist

LUNCHES

*Kirkside, Longhope
 Thurs Sept 7th, Thurs
 Oct 5th
 12 til 1.30pm
 soup, sandwiches and
 homebakes*



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Island of Hoy Development Trust Meeting

FOR ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG

If you have any queries or questions, please contact Debs
prior to the meeting

Debs 701444 or chair.iohdt@gmail.com



WEATHER ROUND UP FOR JUNE 2017 AND JULY 2017



June

Total rainfall for month
170.4mm
*This is the wettest June I
have ever recorded.*
Highest rainfall in 24hrs.

95.9mm on 6th June.

*This is the second highest 24hr. total I've recorded
the highest was 97.4mm on 7th July 2007*

Highest max. temp. 21.1c on 21st.

Lowest max. temp. 10.2c on 7th.

Ave. max. temp. 15.1c

Lowest min. temp. 5.4c on 30th.

Highest min. temp. 13.8c on 14th.

Ave. min. temp. 9.1c

Ave. temp. for June 12.1c

July

Total rainfall for month 87.6mm
Highest rainfall in 24hrs. 22.8mm on 20th.
Highest max. temp. 20.5c on 18th and 23rd.
Lowest max. temp. 13.2c 24th.
Ave. max. temp. 16.0c
Lowest min. temp. 5.7c on 12th.
Highest min. temp. 13.4c 21st.
Ave. min. temp. 10.4c
Ave. temp. for July 13.2c.

*Total rainfall for 2017 so far is 741.5mm
compared with 830mm for 2016.*

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