

# THE BLETHER

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## #LONGWALKROUND



Were you fortunate enough to meet Alex Ellis-Roswell?

Alex is an amazing person who is walking round the coast of the UK and Ireland, some 9,500 miles in total, visiting every RNLI lifeboat station and raising money for the RNLI as he goes along. He left Margate in Kent in August 2014 and when he visited Hoy and RNLI Longhope Lifeboat last week he had walked over 7500 miles and raised almost £50,000. An awesome achievement and fantastic to see someone decide to get up and do something so positive and life-affirming.

During his visit he met up with our crew and also some of the Longhope Guild members who were living it up at the Stromabank on Friday night (21st) Thank you Maureen, Tam and Sara for a wonderful meal!



Alex is in Shetland at the moment walking the coast there and he still has the east coast of Britain to walk before he returns to Kent. He's hoping to be home by December 2017.

We wish him all the best for the remaining long trek home and hope the weather improves soon!

If you'd like to donate and support Alex and the RNLI, please check out the link : <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/longwalkround>

And you can follow his journey on his facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/alexellisroswell>

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

*The April issue includes news and updates from RNLI, North Walls School and Council Comment.*

*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-second 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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## A BROADBAND SOLUTION?

*At the last Community Council meeting, a company called CloudNet IT Solutions made a presentation with regards to providing a better broadband solution for people in Hoy and Walls. As a follow up, THE BLETHER® asked them to provide some further information. See below for details:*

CloudNet IT Solutions are a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) that provides a range of broadband services to customers. We specialise in the provision of broadband networks and services into difficult and hard to reach areas, where traditional broadband services fail to deliver.

CloudNet have been working with the Scottish Future Trust and Strathclyde University, Centre for TV White Space to develop TV White Space technology which focuses on delivering broadband services to rural premises and over water for marine use. Our network infrastructure is being built around Orkney which we now want to utilise by providing broadband to homes and businesses that either have no or very limited broadband connection.

Currently we would be able to provide this service to some areas of Hoy, however to cover more of the island we do need to look at procuring either a small piece of land for a small mast or high buildings/byre which could have wireless equipment installed onto it to allow us to deliver broadband into hard to reach areas.

We would be very interested in assisting the Rackwick community in delivering broadband to this area. However, would there be interest from the Hoy community to do so, or would the Island of Hoy Development Trust be amenable to assisting us to provide a solution? We would ideally need to discuss with land owners a proposal, and include RSPB, SNH or whosoever has a personal stake or land through to Rackwick. We would see this as an opportunity for this to be delivered as part of the community broadband roll out, but would like to look at the feasibility in doing so.

We are BDUK (Broadband Delivery UK) approved and registered installers. The Government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport have invested money in order to help people who have a poor

broadband service pay to get their local WISP company to install and supply an improved service. This means that the cost of the install is covered by BDUK, and requires each household to register with them. This would cover the cost of the equipment, cable, router and associated components and you would only have to pay a monthly charge from one of our packages below.

We have 2 packages available at present.

Home (Light Usage) - 10Mbps - Up to 100GB - £25.00p/m inc VAT Home/Small

Business - 10Mbps - Unlimited - £30.00p/m inc VAT

Anyone who is interested in our service or has any more questions please get in touch by emailing

Broadband@cloudnetsolutions.co.uk or  
Nikki.linklater@cloudnetsolutions.co.uk

Or phone 01856 520138.

If you are interested we would like to know first and foremost your address and postcode, this will help us carry out a site scope to identify whether we can provide you with broadband at the moment or whether you live in an area which we need to install our network.

If there was a Community Liaison who we could work with CloudNet to collate any broadband interests and work with us to coordinate assisting customers to register with BDUK this would be beneficial.

*More information about this company can be found at this website: <http://www.cloudnetsolutions.co.uk>*

*The Community Council are hoping to get CloudNet Solutions to come over for a public meeting in the near future.*

## HOY HALF MARATHON—SUNDAY JUNE 11TH



The 31<sup>st</sup> Hoy Half Marathon will be held on Sunday 11 June. As well as the Half Marathon there will be a Fun Run of 5K starting from North Walls School to just past the cemetery in Lyness and back.

The fun run isn't timed, but everyone will get a certificate. It is open to anyone, of any age, but under 9's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, no dogs are allowed.

We hope that all our regular helpers will be willing and able to provide their labour help during the day - we can't do without you!

We will be holding a post-marathon supper at the Anchor Bar, with catering by Rob and Cristle from the BenethHill Café in Hoy. It's a great opportunity for runners, helpers and friends to meet up after the race. Tickets for the buffet are £10.00; to book, email [hoy-half@gmail.com](mailto:hoy-half@gmail.com) or telephone 701300.

We are looking forward to a good day out with stalls and a beer tent at the NW School.

## HOY AND WALLS ROWING CLUB

After a first, rather hastily called, meeting in January, in which we decided to buy the rowing Yoal from Shetland, we have come along a fair bit.

As everybody knows, the boat is here, it was named "Waas Lass" at the Longhope Lifeboat Museum dinner, and we are actually rowing. We are two Sundays in and quite a lot of folk have had a try at rowing and have had some good fun too.

So, from now on, there will be a Sunday morning rowing session, one at 10 and one at 11, so that two different groups can get a decent time rowing in

We are still looking for a place to make a boat shed, part funding for which has come from VAO's Your Island Your Choice grant scheme. Keeping the boat in good nick is not going to be cheap and we would like to make some improvements to it too.

In view of this, if you want to try out rowing, there will be a small charge.

You can become a member of the club:

£20.00 for single membership, £30 for a family (school age kids included)

It is £2.00 a morning for members and £5 for incidental rowers.

Interested?

Email Laura  
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 or  
 Jan [jhwitkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jhwitkamp@gmail.com)

*Jan & Laura*



## COUNCIL ELECTIONS—BUT NOT FOR HOY AND WALLS

As all will be aware by now, at the close of nominations for candidates for the local council elections, the Stromness and South Isles ward was uncontested. As such no vote will take place and the three candidates who stood for election – Rob Crichton, James Stockan and Magnus Thomson – will be declared as Councillors on 4 May.

### Looking Forward

I think it's fair to say that all three of the incoming Stromness and South Isles councillors greeted the news that there was to be no election in the ward with mixed emotions. It is always good to get out and about amongst the electorate and we were all looking forward to some interesting hustings. April, however, has been more relaxed!

What are my hopes and aspirations for the ward, and particularly Hoy and Walls, in the coming five years?

In the last term Stromness benefitted from a considerable amount of 'regeneration' and there has been a lot of talk about the same for Lyness, both commercially, with the DSM decommissioning proposal and the renewed interest in the underground tanks, and culturally, with the proposals for the museum. Hopefully momentum will start to gather with these projects and I'd plan to support them as best as I can as they make their way through council. Sustainability of island and rural communities relies on employment and housing. If we can see business locating in Hoy and Walls then we've a chance of seeing housing development as well.

Another interesting project that has been ongoing in the last Council was the Empowering Communities pilot. This scheme saw Papa Westray and Stronsay charged with developing their own, island based, support functions and removing many tasks from School Place. The pilot has been deemed to be a success and there

Below, Rob Crichton looks to the future and outlines his hopes and aspirations for the ward in the next term of the council.

In subsequent issues of THE BLETHER® we'll hear from James Stockan and Magnus Thomson and find out what they are hoping to progress for Hoy and Walls.

is a proposal to roll it out to two other communities. I am making a plea that Hoy and Walls be considered.

Having regularly attended Community Council meetings I am acutely aware that many tasks undertaken on behalf of the Council could be progressed more quickly, and probably more efficiently, if organised on the island. Any change may be tricky to start with but, if handled correctly, there is an opportunity to create some island based jobs – even if they are only part time initially - and in the long term I can only see benefit for both the community and the Authority.

With these types of developments on the horizon it is vital that the status of the North Walls Junior Secondary remains as it is – i.e. moth-balled but not closed – and I will be arguing hard again if any change is suggested. It is also important that pressure is kept on the council to consider traffic calming measures at the school, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Although these are a few of my 'hot topics' going forward I'm sure James and Magnus would echo my belief that councillors are elected to represent their constituents and if there are any issues that need to be addressed in Hoy and Walls, ***please get in touch*** – we'll endeavour to publish full contact details in the next issue of THE BLETHER® (won't be confirmed until after the 4<sup>th</sup> May).

**Rob Crichton (councillor elect!)**



## RNLI LONGHOPE LIFEBOAT STATION

### Shout 2nd March

On March 2 2017, Longhope lifeboat was paged at 13.14 by UK Coastguard and requested to assist Kirkwall lifeboat which was involved with a rescue of a disabled fishing vessel.

Longhope lifeboat finally arrived on scene some two hours after leaving station. Although Kirkwall lifeboat had established a tow with the fishing boat, Longhope lifeboat stood by on the long arduous tow back to Kirkwall.



The 35m Fraserburgh registered fishing boat *Sunrise* with six crew aboard was about 40 miles east of Orkney. It was unable to make way when net became entangled in its propeller.

Sea conditions were rough with a 3m swell but visibility was good. Deputy Coxwain Angus Budge said: 'It was an extremely long day for Kirkwall lifeboat in unpleasant conditions. We were glad to cooperate with them and offer our support.'

The lifeboat was back at station at 22.40, refuelled and ready for service.

### Shout 6th March

Longhope lifeboat was requested to launch on the night of 6 March 2017 by UK Coastguard and to attend MV Karin, a 23m dive vessel with three crew on board. It had suffered engine failure in the Pentland Firth and was drifting east of Stroma. The lifeboat located the vessel that was drifting without power or lights and established a tow.

Sea conditions were moderate as they made their way back to Orkney. During the tow the crew of MV Karin managed to restart the engines and proceed independently. The tow was released and the lifeboat escorted the boat back to the more sheltered waters of Scapa Flow. MV Karin continued to Stromness and the lifeboat returned to station and was ready again for service at 22.25.



### RNLI Mayday

**Sunday 7 May at 2pm** Come along to the lifeboat station for fun and games, home-bakes, raffle and the ever popular throw wet sponges at the crew!

Text and photos: Mary Harris

## NORTH WALLS SCHOOL NEWS

We can hardly believe that we are about to begin our final term of the academic year here at North Walls Community School. Term 4 is set to be a busy one as we are planning to put on a special event to celebrate Magnus 900, watch out for the posters!

Other news from North Walls...

### **Staff news**

Our longest serving member of staff, Mrs Moira Groat, will be retiring this term. Mrs Groat will be dearly missed, however, we hope that she will continue to pop in now and again, especially to help us out with our garden makeover! Mrs Groat's commitment to North Walls will be celebrated later in the term.

It's a girl! Congratulations to Sarah and her family on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, we can't wait to meet her!

Can we also take this opportunity to officially welcome two new members of staff, Dawn Clark and Debbie Rhodes. Dawn is our maternity cover clerical assistant and Debbie is our relief clerical assistant. Dawn and Debbie are welcome additions to the team at North Walls and we very much hope they enjoy working at North Walls as much as we do!

### **Comic Relief Fun**

Thank you to our amazing Pupil Council for organising a fantastic Comic Relief 'Wear your Pyjamas' to School day'. The Pupil Council organised lots of fun events including a quiz and a nose design competition. The Pupil Council asked our lovely janitor, Grace Robertson,



to judge the competition. Grace chose Hamish Cannon's efforts as the winning design from P1-3, Hannah Illingworth's design from P4-7 and Miss Robb's design from the staff contributions. Fundraising from the donations received for pyjama wearing, cake sales and red nose sales helped raise over £60.



Again, well done to our Pupil Council for a great fun packed day and thank you to all the staff and pupils for their efforts to raise so much money for Comic Relief.



### **Edinburgh Royal Observatory Visit**

The recent visit from Matt and Mat from the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh was a great success. We had a fantastic interactive learning experience and lots of learning took place thanks to Matt and Mat's impressive knowledge and engaging teaching styles. Matt helped us learn more about what life is like for an astronaut living in the international space station and

## NORTH WALLS SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

he also he helped us make fantastic rockets. Mat invited us into his blow up planetarium and enthralled us with images of the night sky throughout the seasons. We ended our great day with Matt and Mat by launching of our own rockets towards space, counting down to lift off and pressing the



launcher was really exciting! We all agreed that we had a great time learning with Matt and Mat and we really hope they can will come back to visit us again soon.



### ***New Library & Reading Programme Update***

A huge thank you to our Parent Council members who gave up their own time to come in to school to organise our library books in preparation for our Accelerated Reader Programme. The task of checking all our books for quizzes, labelling books and sorting them into relevant categories was completed in record time, what a great job you all did indeed! Thanks to our Parent Council's amazing efforts we can begin



engaging the boys and girls with this programme to help raise attainment in reading on the first day of the new term.

### ***Working with the Wider Community***

We are very lucky to be working with the talented Fran Gray in our preparations for our contribution to St Magnus 900. Fran's work with the boys and girls will contribute towards a special event that will take place in June. It is hoped that this event will see pupils and members of the wider community celebrate the live of St Magnus through food, music and literature. If you feel you would like to contribute towards this event through either the sharing of skills with the boys and girls or performing at the event, then please get in touch by contacting the school on 791246.

*Shirley Stuart*



**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](mailto:info.iohdt@gmail.com) and subscribe to our mailing list.**



## BAG THE BRUCK 2017

Bag the Bruck took place this last week (22nd to 30th April) and much rubbish has been cleared by various groups around the island.

Just a reminder that the Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council will award a donation to each group which took part. For more information or to register your efforts, please con-



tact Trish 701498 or email [ghwclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:ghwclerk@btinternet.com).

Don't forget that you can pick up bruck all the year round— find out more about the Pick up 3 Pieces

Campaign on their facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/PickUpThreePieces/>



Happy Bruckers at Rackwick— Lots collected but still more to do. Thanks to Lee for the BBQ!

Photo: Jill Collop



Bagging the Bruck at The Ayre in aid of the RNLI

Photo: Mary Harris

## BAKE SALE FOR CLAN

Primary 7 at North Walls Community School held a bake sale for CLAN and made £52.32 by making carrot cake muffins, flapjack, banana loaf, pancakes, and selling them to the pupils and staff on February 14th 2017.

The four primary 7s met together and decided to raise money for CLAN. They planned the menu, wrote letters to parents, and made a poster. On the day, they made the products from the ingredients, decided on pricing, and sold the cakes to the other young people.

One of the p7s, Osmond, said: "It was great fun and we had a blast. We will do it again and make it bigger and better."

The P7s next step is to start a not-for-profit business to make and sell products outside the school to raise money for charity. Watch out for posters and adverts.





## WILDFIRES AND SCOTTISH ACCESS CODE

This is a bit of a public information page this issue. We've been asked to remind folk (although its probably more relevant to those visiting) about the Scottish access code particularly with regards to dogs and also to highlight the Scottish Fire Services leaflet on Wildfires and Muir burning.

### Wildfires

Wildfires are dangerous, spreading fast, changing direction, threatening wildlife, livestock and domestic animals, environment, property and people.

"Livestock, farmland, wildlife, protected woodland and sites of special scientific interest can all be devastated by these fires, as can the lives of people living and working in rural communities.

"Human behaviour can significantly lower the chance of a wildfire starting so it's crucial people act safely and responsibly in rural environments and follow the countryside code." The public can help prevent wildfires by making sure they dispose of litter and smoking materials carefully while in rural areas. There are a number of things land managers can do to help prevent wildfires, including strict adherence to the Muirburn Code, which applies to the controlled burning of moorland within the permitted season. After 15 April no burning is allowed

below 450m (1500 feet) and any burning above this level must be done with the landowners permission.

For further advice and information about wildfires and what we can all do to prevent them visit the website <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/wildfires.aspx>

### Scottish Access Code

Access rights apply to people walking dogs as long as their dogs are kept under proper control. Your main responsibilities are:

#### Farm animals:

- Never let your dog worry or attack farm animals.
- Don't take your dog into fields where there are lambs, calves or other young farm animals.
- If you go into a field of farm animals, keep your dog(s) on a short lead or under close control and keep as far as possible from the animals.

#### Ground nesting birds:

- During the breeding season (usually April-July) keep your dog on a short lead or close at heel in areas such as moorland, forests, grasslands, loch shores and the sea shore to avoid disturbing birds that nest on or near the ground.

For more information look at <http://bit.ly/2pk5KZh>

## DARTS COMPETITION AT THE ROYAL



The winner of the Ladies Darts Challenge, which took place on Saturday 15th April at the Royal, was Jo Sinclair. Val Crowson was runner up and third place was Dawn Clark. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who entered, see you next year!

*Trish Avis*

## GABLE END THEATRE PROGRAMME 2017 — SPRING/SUMMER



**All performances start at 8pm, unless otherwise stated**

**Saturday 6 May PATERSON (15)**

Paterson (Adam Driver) is a hardworking bus driver in Paterson, N.J., who follows the same routine every day. He observes the city, listens to fragments of conversations while picking up and dropping off his passengers, and writes poetry. A quiet observation of the triumphs and defeats of daily life, along with the poetry evident in its smallest details.

**Saturday 20 May MANCHESTER BY THE SEA (15)**

Casey Affleck is on electrifying form as Lee, a surly janitor living alone in a Boston suburb. Summoned by his family after his brother suffers a heart attack, Lee returns to his seaside home town to face the secrets of his past. Also starring Michelle Williams.

**Saturday 3 June LION (PG)**

A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia; 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family. Starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman.

**Saturday 17 June LA LA LAND (12A)**

The one that thought it had won the Oscar. Mia, an aspiring actress, serves lattes to movie stars in between auditions and Sebastian, a jazz musician, scrapes by playing cocktail party gigs in dingy bars, but as success mounts they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair. Starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone.

**Saturday 15 July MOONLIGHT (15)**

The one that did win the Oscar. A timeless story of human self-discovery and connection, Moonlight chronicles the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world while growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami.

**29 July: TRAINSPOTTING (18)**

The long awaited sequel to Danny Boyle's classic 90's film, adapted from the novel by Irvine Welsh. After 20 years abroad, Mark Renton returns to Scotland and reunites with his old friends Sick Boy, Spud, and Begbie. Starring Ewan McGregor, Robert Carlyle and Johnny Lee Miller.

**5 August: HIDDEN FIGURES (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.

**19 August: HACKSAW RIDGE (15)**

The extraordinary true story of WWII Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa. He refused to kill people, and became the first Conscientious Objector in American history to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

**And how about a Family Film on Sunday 27 August around 2.30pm. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (PG)** Please get in touch with your thoughts, it's the first Sunday after the School's go back!

## GABLE END THEATRE: CONTINUED



## SOME COMING ATTRACTIONS



**Sunday 14th May MUSIC:** We see the return of the very popular and entertaining '**Budapest Cafe Orchestra**' with their lively blend of Balkan tunes, engaging anecdotes and musical virtuosity. The Theatre will also, as in previous visits, be putting this show on in Stromness on Saturday the 13th May. Tickets for the Stromness show will be available at outlets there nearer the date. Look out for the posters.

*(Ed note: I, for one, can't wait to hear these guys again. They are fantastic! - have a listen, you might just recognise this one <http://bit.ly/2puexGA>)*

**Saturday 10th June MUSIC:** A pre-marathon treat; **Johnny Hardy and Jenny Sturgeon**, song and fiddle music for all.

**Saturday 24th June MUSIC:** **Kirkwall Amateur Operatic Society**, or at least some of them, will be braving Scapa Flow to make the trip over to Hoy with a selection of songs entitled 'To Shetland and Beyond'.

**Wednesday 5th July MUSIC:** **Feis Rois** will be with us, featuring the 'Kiltearn Fiddlers. Most folk will know that this set up comprises youngster from from Scotland's foremost music college on tour. A different line up each year but never disappoints. A mid-week treat in the school holidays.

## HOY DANCERS

Ceilidh Dancing in the YM, Longhope

Starts: 20:00 – 1st May 2017

Ends: 22:00 – 1st May 2017

Location: YM Longhope

Description: Monday evening, 1st May, we will be meeting in the YM Longhope for an evening of dancing for Fun, Friendship and Fitness! Two hours of Ceilidh Style dancing, mostly sets, which is suitable for all who are willing to have a go. Supper break happens half way through the evening where a cuppa and biscuits are served - all included in the price paid at the door which is £2 per adult and £1 per child. The Dance Leader is Mabel who can be contacted on 01856 791359.

This will be the final session before the summer break.



## HOY AND WALLS HEALTH CENTRE

**Telephone: 01856 701209; Web: [www.hoydoc.co.uk](http://www.hoydoc.co.uk)**

Day	Dr am	Dr pm	Nurse	Notes
Monday	0900-1100	1730-1930	0930-1100 approx	Nurse evening surgery by request
Tuesday	1000-1200*	1300-1500	0930-1100 approx	*joint doctor/nurse clinic
Wednesday	0900-1200**	1400-1600	0930-1100 approx	**blood tests
Thursday	0900-1100		0930-1100 approx	
Friday	1000-1200†	1730-1900	0930-1100 approx	†Longhope 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday; Hoy 2nd and 4th Friday

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.

**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.**

All meetings are open to the general public, and held at North Walls Community School, except where noted meeting dates for 2016 are:-

Friday 19 May 6:45 at at NorthWalls School - General Meeting

## June meeting date to be set depending on Elections

Friday 18 August 6:45 at Graemsay Community Association - General Meeting

## Friday 17 November at North Walls School - General Meeting

## Thought for the day

*"Plenty of people miss their share of happiness not because they never found it but because they didn't stop to enjoy it."*

*William Feather*

## DATES FOR DIARIES/NOTICEBOARD



*Beneth'ill Cafe*

Beneth'ill Cafe is open daily 10am – 4.30 pm

Evening meals resume in May

<https://www.benethillcafe.co.uk>

Hoy 01856 791119

### GARDEN AND GROUNDS CARE

*Mowing and strimming*

*Weed control*

*Pruning and trimming*

*Clearing & tidying.*

*Paths and flagging etc*

Call Richard on 701346

Burnhouse



### Computer Club at the Shore

Mondays 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

All welcome

Computers and tablets available to use  
during the club.

Tea, coffee and biscuits

Adults £1

### Emily's Ice Cream Parlour

Reopening 8th May until August

Monday to Saturday

Millbay, Lyness

01856 791213

### Longhope Sailing Club

Longhope Regatta

Saturday 1st  
July 2017



**COMPETITIONS** **RNLI MAYDAY** **RAFFLE**

**YELLOW WELLY DAY**

**HOME BAKES** **Sunday 7 May** **Throw a wet sponge and SOAK THE CREW!**

**2pm at Lifeboat Station**



Craft Club— Fridays 2.00 pm  
to 4.00 pm at The Shore,  
Longhope

All welcome - Adults £1;

Children 50p

Tea, coffee, biscuits, gossip!



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**Date:** 21st June 2017

**Time:** 8 pm

**Venue:** North Walls Centre



### 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 [debs@palaeoecology.co.uk](mailto:debs@palaeoecology.co.uk)



## WEATHER ROUND UP FOR FEBRUARY 2017 AND MARCH 2017



### February

Total rainfall for  
month 101.0mm

Highest rainfall in 24hrs. 24.8mm on 7th.

Highest max. temp. 10.4c on 15th.

Lowest max. temp. 4.2c 10th.

Ave. max. temp. 8.0c

Lowest min. temp. -3.8c on 10th.

Highest min. temp. 7.5c on 18th.

Ave. min. temp. 2.0c

Ave. temp. for Feb. 5.0c

### March

Total rainfall for month 145.7mm

Highest rainfall in 24hrs. 32.3mm on 4th.

Highest max. temp. 14.8c on 30th.

Lowest max. temp. 6.5c on 22nd.

Ave. max. temp. 9.7c

Lowest min. temp. -3.6c on 22nd.

Highest min. temp. 8.2c on 31st.

Ave. min. temp. 3.6c

Ave. temp. for March 6.6c.

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If you have something to contribute or ideas for the newsletter then please contact Debs or Vincent:

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Items for inclusion in the next issue (June) must be submitted by 8th June 2017