

What's On, Aff, Been, in Westray

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WESTRAY'S WIND TURBINE IS TURNING AND THE WORLD LOOKS ON



*Above: the huge base is formed to hold the turbine tower.
Below: the installation nearing completion.*

Television crews from as far afield as Russia and Northern Ireland, and radio interviewers from the BBC and stations south, have all been here to see and hear about the Westray Community Wind Turbine.

The culmination of more than five years of negotiation and detailed planning, using mainly volunteer effort, our turbine is now generating an income which, after running costs, will be used for the benefit of the community.

The turbine, an Enercon E44, stands 45m high at hub height, has blades 22m long and is rated at 900Kw.

We should all thank those who have worked so hard to achieve this facility for Westray.



FRIENDS OF KALISGARTH

At the Coffee Afternoon held recently at Kalisgarth, the amazing sum of £524.82 was raised. A big thank you to all those who attended, to those who contributed baking and raffles, to those who helped on the day and to those who gave donations. A further £220 was raised by the sale of the newly published recipe book 'Kalisgarth's Favourite Recipes'.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE – IS IT WORTH IT?

The Autumn Fayre used to be called the Craft Fayre but when the Christmas Bazaar started up [held in December in the Old Kirk and is only for members of the Westray and Papa Westray Craft Association] we changed the name to Autumn Fayre in the hope of avoiding a mix up. Open to anyone to sell new goods the Autumn Fayre has taken place every year since 1995, making this the 15th Fayre. The crowds seem a bit thinner and so we ask "Is it worth it?" To try to answer that question I asked the clubs/organisations who were there to tell me their gross takings on the day. I did not ask the individuals as that seemed too intrusive.

Here are the answers I got:

	£
Aquafit	232
C of S Guild	274
Gogo Olive	320
RNLI	345
Scottish Cot Death Trust	250
Heritage Trust stall	263
Youth Group (C of S)	256
Total	1940
Add the teas (Heritage Trust)	233
Gift to Heritage Trust after from tables and door money after deduction of expenses	123
New total	£2296

So – yes it's worth it. With nine tables not asked for their takings I think we can assume the total money taken during the afternoon would have been well over £3000 and maybe even over £4000. Yes, it is worth it and it will be held again in 2010 on Saturday 6th November.

A big thank you to everyone who came and spent the money!
Nancy Scott

Christmas Season at the PIEROWALL HOTEL

Christmas menus begin 1st December.
Booking necessary.
Tel 677472 or call along.

Sunday lunchtime "Meal deal"
from Sunday 6th December.
Three courses for £10.

Bookings required by noon the previous day.

The Hotel is open daily for snacks and meals.
12 – 2pm and 5 – 9pm.

Take-away fish and chips and other homecooked dishes are available during these times. Menus available. Please call.
Coffee and tea, with home bakes on offer, served throughout the day.

Christmas and New Year opening times.

Christmas Eve – no meals. Bar open as usual.

Christmas Day – no meals. Bar open 11pm – 1am

Boxing Day – no meals. Bar open 9 – 11pm

Sunday 27th – no meals. Bar open 9 – 11pm

Monday 28th. Normal business hours.

HOGMANAY

Alan and Alison invite all their customers and friends to join them in a complimentary, traditional clapsnot supper served from 5 – 9pm. Come along and listen to live music from the young folk.

New Year's Day – no meals.

Bar open 8 – 11pm

Saturday 2nd January 2010 – no meals.

Bar open 8pm – 12 midnight.

The **NEXT EDITION** of this publication will be out on 24th of next month.

Please send your announcements by **18th DECEMBER**. Please give **DAY** and **DATE**.
The best way is by email as a **WORD document attachment** to Angela whose address is **office@westrayheritage.co.uk**. In the email **SUBJECT** panel please put **WHATSON**.
Please send us your bits of news, reports etc. for publication.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WESTRAY HERITAGE CENTRE.

Westray Heritage Trust, Pierowall, Westray. Tel: 01857 677414. www.westrayheritage.co.uk

NOVEMBER

24 TUE	5:00-6:00pm Water Fitness 7 - 9:30pm Senior Youth club at the school 7:30pm Singing Group – Old Kirk Songs of Victory
25 WED	10:00-11:00am Water Fitness 1:00 - 3:00pm Learning Centre open 4 – 5pm Nativity rehearsal in the Baptist Kirk 8:00pm Prayer meeting Baptist Kirk Hall
26 THU	7pm to 10pm Parchment Group. Meet at Clinkhammer 7:00 - 9:00pm Learning Centre open
27 FRI	3:00pm Fit for Girls at the school 4:00-5:00pm Water Fitness 7.30pm Westray Parish Kirk Youth Group meeting in the Kirk.
28 SAT	2:00-4:30pm Mustard Seed Sale of books in the Community hall
29 SUN	(1st Sunday in Advent) 11:30am Service in Parish Kirk , followed by tea and coffee. 11:30am Service in Baptist Kirk 4:30 Sports and Athletics training at the school 7 – 7:45pm United service in Baptist Kirk , followed by tea and coffee.
30 MON	6 – 8pm Junior Badminton in the hall 8 – 11pm Badminton in the hall

THE NEW KIRK IN WESTRAY

A collection of records and memories gathered together by Nancy Scott

This 120 page book will be on sale for £12 at the Christmas Bazaar in the Old Kirk on Saturday 6 December.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Final totals for the night: £600 from the Pierowall Hotel and £800 from school.



Above: Finalists in the Mr & Mrs contest at the Pierowall Hotel.

DECEMBER

01 TUE	5:00-6:00pm Water Fitness 6:30-8:30pm Junior Youth Club at the school 7pm Hofn 7:30pm Church of Scotland Guild st Kalisgarth 8pm Baptist WF at Finchaley
02 WED	10:00-11:00am Water Fitness 2:00 - 4:00pm Sit and knit/spin/crochet at Edenweave 1:45 - 3:15pm Playgroup 4 – 5pm Nativity rehearsal in the Baptist Kirk 7:30pm Kirk Session meeting in Parish Kirk 8:00pm Prayer meeting Baptist Kirk Hall
03 THU	11:30am Tenants' meeting - Kalisgarth 2.30pm – addressing of community Christmas cards in Parish Kirk – all help welcome. 7pm to 10pm Parchment Group. Meet at Clinkhammer
04 FRI	10:00 - 11:30pm Playgroup 3:00pm Fit for Girls at the school 4:00-5:00pm Water Fitness 7.30pm Euchre Drive in Community Hall
05 SAT	9am Junior Football 8 – 10pm Football in the hall 11:00am-4:00pm Craft Association Bazaar at the kirk with music at 2:00 - 2:30. 7:30pm Christmas tree lighting ceremony opposite the Gallery and Pierowall Hotel followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the Gallery.
06 SUN	(2nd in Advent) 11:30am Service in Parish Kirk , followed by tea and coffee. 11:30am Service in Baptist Kirk 4:30 Sports and Athletics training at the school 7 – 7:30pm United service in Kalisgarth , followed by tea and coffee (offering for local ecumenical funds)
07 MON	6:30 – 8pm Junior Badminton in the hall 8 – 11pm Badminton in the hall
08 TUE	9:30-12:00 Library Van at School 12-12:45 Library Van at Kalisgarth 1:00-4:45 Library Van at Old Kirk 5:00-6:00pm Water Fitness 6:30-8:00 Library Van at Beechgrove Community Council 7 - 9:30pm Senior Youth club at the school 7:30pm Singing Group Carols at Kalisgarth
09 WED	10:00-11:00am Water Fitness 1:45 - 3:15pm Playgroup 4 – 5pm Nativity rehearsal in the Baptist Kirk 8:00pm Prayer meeting Baptist Kirk Hall Football club Dance
10 THU	7:30pm SWRI Party for members in Community Room. Please could all members not at Nov. meeting please confirm with Ena by 1st Dec. if they are going.
11 FRI	10:00 - 11:30pm Playgroup 3:00pm Fit for Girls at the school 4:00-5:00pm Water Fitness 7:30pm Parish Kirk Youth Group – Christmas Film night in the Kirk
12 SAT	9am Junior Football 8 – 10pm Football in the hall
13 SUN	(3rd in Advent) 11:30am Service in Parish Kirk , followed by tea and coffee. 11:30am Service in Baptist Kirk 4:30 Sports and Athletics training at the school 7 – 7:45pm United Carol Service in Baptist Kirk

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14 MON	6:30 – 8pm Junior Badminton in the hall 8 – 11pm Badminton in the hall
15 TUE	5:00-6:00pm Water Fitness 6:30-8:30pm Junior Youth Club at the school 7pm Hofn 7:30 Northvet public meeting in the school 7:30pm Parish Kirk Guild – Entertaining Baptist WF and supper in the Kirk.
16 WED	10:00-11:00am Water Fitness 1:45-3:15 Playgroup Christmas Party at the school 2:00 – 4:00pm Sit and knit/spin/crochet at Edenweave 4 – 5pm – Nativity rehearsal in the Baptist Kirk 8:00pm Prayer meeting Baptist Kirk Hall
17 THU	Bank of Scotland at Hofn 7pm to 10pm Parchment Group. Meet at Clinkhammer
18 FRI	10:00 – 11:30pm Playgroup 3:00pm Fit for Girls at the school 4:00-5:00pm Water Fitness 7.30pm Parish Kirk Youth Group – Christmas Dinner in the Kirk.
19 SAT	9am Junior Football 8 – 10pm Football in the hall 3pm – 4pm Nativity rehearsal in Baptist Kirk 4:30pm Children’s Christmas Party in the Parish Kirk (hosted by the island Kirks) Children not enrolled in the Sunday Schools are also very welcome to attend but should contact Angela (677514) because Santa wants to know numbers in advance.
20 SUN	(4th in Advent) 11:30am United Nativity service in the Baptist Kirk (offering for local ecumenical funds). 4:30 Sports and Athletics training at the school
21 MON	6:30 – 8pm Junior Badminton in the hall 8 – 11pm Badminton in the hall
22 TUE	1:00pm School Carol service - please contact the school office (677353) to book a seat. Please note the earlier time than previously advertised. 5:00-6:00pm Water Fitness 7pm – Parish Kirk carol singing evening – meeting at the Kirk at 7pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. 7 – 9:30pm Senior Youth club at the school
23 WED	
24 THU	(Christmas Eve) 6.30pm Children’s Watchnight service in the Parish Kirk 11.30pm Watchnight service in the Parish Kirk followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. Offering at both these services to MS Research and CLAN Cancer Support
25 FRI	(Christmas Day) 10:30am Short family service in Kalisgarth Care Centre - children are encouraged to bring a favourite present.
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27 SUN	11:30am United Family service in the Baptist Kirk - offering for MS Research and CLAN Cancer Support 4:30 Sports and Athletics training at the school

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JANUARY

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12 TUE	5:00-6:00pm Water Fitness 7.30pm – Parish Kirk Guild meeting – speakers Jo and Iain. 8pm Baptist WF
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HERITAGE CENTRE

The Heritage Centre is closed for the winter but the exhibition on Westray Flagstone, with many superb Westray photos and fossils is still on show. If you did not manage a visit during the summer watch for occasional opening times.