

Kirkwall East Church

Saturday 21st September 11am-3pm

Guided tours on the half hour, refreshments and live music

Full disabled access

King Street, Kirkwall KW15 1JF

jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk

A short walk from the St Magnus Centre Bus Stop on no 4 route

Public car parks nearby

Toilets



The East Church amalgamated in 1967 from two churches —the Paterson and King Street congregations. The current congregation worships on the upper level in this King Street building, built in 1897, and the ground floor has the Hub and a variety of other rooms. Car park at the back of the church. There is disabled access through the ramp on the right of the main door. There will be music performances on the hour, and between times an opportunity for the public to try playing the organ. There will be guided tours on the half hour. Information on church activities and the building itself will be available. Fair trade teas, coffees and biscuits will be provided.

Orkney Museum

Saturday 21st September 10.30am-5pm

Guided tours

Limited disabled access: off Tankerness Lane, via the entrance to the gardens; Stairlift access to upper floors

Broad Street, Kirkwall KW15 1DH 01856 873191

Opposite St Magnus Cathedral

Public parking in Tankerness Lane, and nearby carparks

Toilets



The North and South wings of Tankerness House were originally manses for the Cathedral clergy. After the reformation they were bought by Gilbert Foulzie, the first Protestant minister, who, in 1574, built the arched gateway that bears his coat of arms. For three centuries this was the home of the Baikie family of Tankerness, whose estate gave the house its name. There will be two tours, led by Tom Muir, giving the history of Tankerness House as a home, at 11am and 2pm, lasting about 45 minutes.

Orkney Wireless Museum

Saturday 21st September 10.30am-4.30pm

Sunday 22nd September 2.30pm-4.30pm

No disabled access

Kiln Corner, 1 Junction Road, Kirkwall KW15 1LB 01856 871400

X1 bus route. Pay and display carparks nearby



Orkney's fascinating history of early domestic radio and wartime communications with maps, charts, valves, transistors, rare exhibits, wartime memorabilia and photo archive. A rare and unusual museum, founded in 1983 by the late Jim MacDonald after a lifetime passion of all things electrical. Since 1997 the collection has been housed in this building erected in 1866 for the factor to the Earl of Zetland's estates in Orkney. Previously it had been a cycle agency and electrical repair shop with a petrol pump.

Radio Orkney

Saturday 21st September 10-12 noon and 2-4pm

Guided tours on the hour

Limited disabled access—no lift to upper floor

Castle Street, Kirkwall KW15 1DH 01856 873939

radio.orkney@bbc.co.uk (Doors Open Day in the subject line)

Public pay and display car parks nearby. Radio Orkney is less than

a hundred metres from the Travel Centre



BBC Radio Orkney went on air in May 1977: the county's community station, broadcasting local news and features weekday mornings, with a lunchtime news update. The Friday Request programme runs year round, other local programmes are broadcast 6-7pm weeknights during the autumn and winter. The building, Commercial Union House, used to be a bank, and the safe is still there in reception (but it's empty). Upstairs the main broadcast studio features a mixing desk that once was used by the super-star DJs of wonderful Radio One. The station also has a small contribution point for use by other parts of the BBC when the main studio is busy. For some complicated reason, that's known as Studio 7.

Deerness Distillery

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd September 10am-5pm

Disabled access

Newhall, Deerness KW17 2QJ 01856741264

info@deernessdistillery.com

A960 to Deerness, past shop/community centre, left at crossroads

and first track on the right.

Onsite parking,

No 3 bus route to Deerness (get off at Lighthouse corner)

Toilets



Orkney's first distillery for over 130 years produces the multi-award winning Sea Glass Gin, new Scuttled Gin and the Islands' only distilled vodka. The distillery offers tours and tastings of their spirits. People visiting the distillery are welcome to see the process area from the tasting room. The shop sells spirits, arts, crafts, jewellery, Orkney tweed and many other locally produced items.

Fossil and Heritage Centre

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd September 10am-5pm

Museum 'hunt' and themed cafe

Disabled Access

Viewforth, Burray KW17 2SY 01856 731255

www.orkneyfossilcentre.co.uk info@orkneyfossilcentre.co.uk

Car park; X1 bus route (request stop)

Toilets



The Centre has an intriguing collection of fossils from Orkney and around the world, exhibitions on the construction of the Churchill Barriers, Scapa Flow, the German Scuttling and also local heritage collections from Leslie Firth and his father Ernest: founders of the museum. Their extensive hoard includes furniture, household china, cameras and tools, providing an intimate portrait of life in Orkney in the last century.

Stromness Museum

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd September 10am-5pm

Limited disabled access (no access to some galleries)

52 Alfred Street, Stromness KW16 3DH 01856 850025

custodian@stromnessmuseum.co.uk

Public parking at pierhead, 10 min walk away

X1 bus route stops at pierhead

Toilets



With the support of the Magistrates and Town Council, the current premises at 52 Alfred Street were built in 1858 for the Orkney Natural History Society and opened on 29th December 1862, initially occupying the first floor only, with the Town Hall below. In the 1920s the Town Hall was relocated, offering an opportunity for expansion. The Society bought the Old Town Hall at public auction and were soon occupying the ground floor as well as the first. The new gallery officially opened in Feb 1931 by the Lord Lieutenant of Orkney. The Museum expanded further in the 1990s, with the addition of the Pilot's House (No. 56 Alfred Street) to the rear of the main building. This was refurbished to house new displays, and new cases and displays on the first floor soon after, but the Museum has retained its original Victorian character. We have collections on archaeology, ethnography, maritime, social and natural history.

For the full programme visit
www.doorsopendays.org.uk

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Doors Open Day is a national event run by the Scottish Civic Trust and supported by Historic Environment Scotland. It is delivered in collaboration with area co-ordinators from local authorities and amenity groups and supported by volunteers. Doors Open Days, along with Scottish Archaeology Month, take place throughout Scotland in September and are part of European Heritage Days.

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