

Anne's wordsearch

Can you find the names of 33 different plants hidden in the grid.

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C	B	K	Y	H	L	E	H	C	A	R	O	P	S



HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Orkney Field Club

Founded in 1938
Aim: To encourage the study and conservation of the material and cultural heritage of the County.



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Newsletter December 2017

Our winter/spring programme follows and we very much hope you will join us in some of these activities, whether indoors or outdoors. **We are always looking for suggestions of places to visit, talks or other events, so please do get in touch with any ideas you may have.** For more information about the club and our events, see the Club website at www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/FIELDCLUB. Meantime our Orkney Field Club Facebook page brings you great regular updates and news.

The Orkney Field Club Membership Award Fund

To encourage the study of our local natural history, Orkney Field Club has established an award scheme for our membership. We are keen to support appropriate, small research projects and welcome applications from members, of all ages, for grants from our 'Membership Award Fund'.

The purpose of the fund is to provide some financial support for OFC members who are engaged in, or wish to establish, a small natural history research project. The potential research topics are wide-ranging and could involve almost anything that may further our biological or ecological knowledge, or support the conservation of Orkney's wildlife. Grants will not normally be awarded for projects outside the county.

Grants of between £50 and £500 are available for each application to cover, for example: materials; equipment; travel etc.

There is no application form. Candidates should initially submit a written application giving a brief outline of the aim/s of the project and likely outcomes. This should include details of the date and location of the proposed project and the expenses for which the grant is requested.

Applications can be submitted at any time, but will normally only be assessed twice a year, in March and September, with applicants being told the result very soon afterwards.

If a grant is awarded, the successful applicant will be asked to provide a copy of their project report (preferably electronic) by an agreed date. The OFC reserves the right to publish a summary of that report either online or in its paper publications (for example, in our quarterly newsletter or annual bulletin).

Applications should be sent to the OFC Secretary, Jenny Taylor : jenny@jtlarch.co.uk.

Membership reminders

Firstly, just a quick reminder to members that subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st January, 2018. Please send to our Treasurer, Brian Ribbands, at Queenamidda, Rendall, KW17 2PA.

Secondly, we are keen to keep our postage costs down and would be grateful if anyone who receives this newsletter by post, but has an email address, could please enable us to use that instead. It also means that you won't miss out on updates and news on any spontaneous events. Please email : jenny@jtlarch.co.uk to add your name to the email list.

OFC Programme - Winter/Spring 2017/18

Any additions to the programme, extra information, or last minute changes, will be notified by email, on Radio Orkney, on the OFC website and our Facebook page.

December 31st, or January 1st, or 2nd 'New Year Ramble'

A chance to get out and about for a gentle walk and to see what we can find in the countryside at the start of the New Year.

(Date and venue will be dependent on weather conditions at the time)

Please contact Anne for details : hewin7@btinternet.com

Friday, January 19th

The Orkney Native Wildlife Project - Talk and Discussion

Amy King, Project Officer with ONWP will give a short presentation on this important initiative, then a chance for everyone who has concerns about stoats in Orkney to contribute their ideas. In collaboration with SNH, RSPB and other local Stakeholders. Members of other countryside groups (landowners, bird ringers, poultry keepers etc) very welcome.

St Magnus Centre at 7.30pm.

Saturday, February 3rd

OFC Non-Christmas Dinner

Our annual non-Christmas dinner, back to the same venue as last year, the Albert Hotel. Menus to be circulated in the New Year. Contact Megan to book t.megan@pobroadband.co.uk

Friday, February 23rd

Autumn in Japan - Talk

Anne Gascoigne will take a look at the diversity of landscape in mainland Japan (Honshu), some birds, some insects, some plants, some culture - and of course Autumn colours
St Magnus Centre at 7.30pm

March - Through the Seasons Walk

Join us for a circular walk in Orphir, and see how it changes through the seasons. Our first will be in March (Spring) when the days are lengthening and the weather hopefully improving. Waterproofs, warm clothing and walking boots/wellies recommended. Bring a snack and a flask. Date & time to be confirmed near the time. Contact Megan for more info t.megan@pobroadband.co.uk

Friday, March 23rd

Talk - speaker to be confirmed

Friday, April 20th

Nature Showcase - Talks

This popular regular event, provides a selection of 15 minute presentations on a variety of subjects to be agreed. Please email John Crossley : flawsjohn@gmail.com, if you would like to give a short talk on any natural history subject.

St Magnus Centre at 7.30pm

Sunday, April 22nd

Bag the Bruck

Come and join us for our annual beach clean at Marwick Bay. Waterproofs, warm clothing and walking boots/wellies recommended. Bring a snack and a flask. Gloves and bags will be provided. 10am - 1pm
Contact Megan for more info t.megan@pobroadband.co.uk