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STROMNESS PLAYS

STROMNESS DEBATING SOCIETY DEBATE THEMES 1953–2012

- 09/11/1953: The popular press is a menace.
14/12/1953: There's no place like home.
11/10/1954: At the present time the USA is as great a menace to world peace as Russia.
13/12/1954: The use of scientific power has brought the world more harm than good.
12/12/1955: Heredity has a greater effect on character than environment.
13/02/1956: In this country we are too fond of sport.
12/11/1956: Gambling is a major evil in this country.
13/03/1957: The present rate of Isles depopulation need not be deplored.
13/10/1957: The idea of progress is a delusion.
23/02/1959: World Government is the only hope for the world.
27/11/1959: This country is a democracy in theory but not in fact.
22/02/1960: The National Health Service is in an unhealthy state.
28/03/1960: World communism is inevitable.
26/09/1960: Stromness wants nothing.
28/11/1960: Christopher Columbus went too far.
23/01/1961: We get the culture we deserve.
22/01/1962: Britain should adopt planned immigration.
26/03/1962: There is no teenage problem.
24/09/1962: This country is strangled by tradition.
22/10/1962: This country should enter the space race.
16/03/1964: The CND march led nowhere.
26/10/1964: The United Nations should be wound up as a failure.
22/02/1965: Mankind has outgrown the need for God.
18/10/1965: This country is too lenient towards its criminals.
28/02/1966: Old Stromness is not worth preserving.
27/11/1967: There is a case for belief in spiritualism.
26/02/1968: Future business development in Stromness will be the crumbs from the tables of Kirkwall tycoons.
28/10/1968: Modern man never says what he means.
24/11/1969: Orkney's future depends on farming the sea, not the land.
23/02/1970: There is no political choice.
25/01/1971: This should be the last Burns supper.
24/09/1973: The profit motive and social justice are incompatible.
28/01/1974: War is necessary.
27/10/1975: Social reform can only be achieved through violence.
25/10/1976: In the event of separation Orkney should align itself with Shetland and Westminster.
26/02/1979: A picture is worth ten thousand words.
25/02/1980: The St Magnus Festival is a sham.
29/09/1980: Communism cannot wear a human face.
03/11/1980: Education is wasted on the young.
28/09/1981: The silicon chip is the Devil's invention.
26/10/1981: The resources of Orkney are in competent hands.
30/11/1981: Love should be the only marriage bond.
25/01/1982: It is better to be mad than bad.
22/02/1982: The bomb is our safeguard.
01/11/1982: No economic theory is worth its social cost.
29/11/1982: The present Pope is our best hope.
19/12/1983: Technologically-induced unemployment is a blessing in disguise.
27/02/1984: The Orkney farmer is the greatest threat to the Orcadian environment.
25/02/1985: Feminism has gone too far.
25/11/1985: The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

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- 24/02/1986: Strike action remains an effective weapon in industrial disputes.
27/10/1986: Religious enthusiasm is more dangerous than apathy.
27/02/1989: Every woman should have charge of her own body.
18/12/1989: 1990 should be postponed.
29/10/1990: The re-unification of Germany is a mistake.
17/12/1990: There is no better motive than the profit motive.
25/02/1991: Violence has no place in entertainment.
25/11/1991: The dissolution of the Soviet republic will lead to something worse.
16/12/1991: It is time that Santa Claus was retired.
10/02/1992: Families should be limited to two children.
24/02/1992: Tourism is destroying the character of Orkney.
22/11/1993: The new world order is governed by the media.
13/12/1993: Public personalities should have impeccable private lives.
23/01/1995: The experiment of democracy has failed.
23/10/1995: Political correctness is the greatest enemy to freedom of speech.
27/11/1995: Orkney's sea transport services should be totally controlled by the people of Orkney.
26/02/1996: A basic standard of living is more important than a basic minimum wage.
25/11/1996: TV has not improved British democracy.
23/02/1998: Pressure and stress are helpful rather than harmful.
14/12/1998: Orcadians should have more freedom to build what and where they wish.
25/01/1999: International tourism is a force for good in the world.
13/12/1999: The millennium is no cause for celebration.
24/01/2000: The democratic aspirations of the Scots are not satisfied with a parliament in Edinburgh.
27/11/2000: In medical matters judges should not be able to overrule parents.
31/01/2001: The future of agriculture in Orkney lies in organic farming.
26/11/2001: Fish farming has been an undeserved whipping boy by the environmentalists.
28/10/2002: A biblical promise is an insufficient basis for statehood in the Middle East.
25/01/2003: Due to media involvement it is now impossible to ensure a fair trial.
25/10/2004: Modern society is unhealthily obsessed with health.
13/12/2004: Modern children are losing valuable life skills by being over-protected.
28/02/2005: The development of wind power must be of benefit to Orkney.
24/10/2005: A tunnel under the Pentland Firth would, on, balance, disadvantage Orkney.
28/11/2005: Terrorism is never justified.
12/12/2005: The environmental lobby is unduly pessimistic.
30/01/2006: Attempting to preserve a local dialect is a waste of effort.
27/02/2006: The time has come to re-visit the whole concept of human rights.
27/11/2006: Britain needs nuclear power.
11/12/2006: There is no longer a distinctively Orcadian way of life.
22/01/2007: The present British monarch should be the last.
26/11/2007: Assisted suicide should be legalised.
10/12/2007: Mankind has gained more from the arts than from the sciences.
28/01/2008: Multiculturalism cannot succeed.
25/02/2008: The internet is a poisoned chalice.
27/10/2008: Sport divides more than it unites.
08/12/2008: Your parents muck you up.
26/01/2009: Alcohol causes more grief than joy.
23/11/2009: Archaeology will be Orkney's ruin.
22/02/2010: Homo sapiens is not a viable species.
24/01/2011: Professional sports-people are bad role models.
28/11/2011: The Stromness-Scrabster route is an unnecessary luxury.
12/12/2011: Facebook is a force for good.
27/02/2012: The Olympic Games are a waste of money.