



# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## In Memory of Carrie

Carrie Cooper was born January 6th 1922 and died August 9th 2005



Carrie Chalmers was born and brought up on Stronsay but like many Orcadians she spent part of her life south of the Pentland Firth. Carrie Joined the WAAFS in 1943 and served in the communication branch. She saw service in several stations throughout Britain, finally receiving an overseas posting - to Kirkwall!

Carrie was born in the building now housing the Stronsay Hotel. Her father Charles Chalmers, as so often in the Islands was a man of many skills, including joinery and interior decorating. He is probably best remembered for his mural, behind the alter in the old Stronsay Church of Scotland, of *The Burning Bush*. Carrie went to school in Stronsay, covering the journey between the village and the school on foot whatever the

Weather. On leaving school she started work in the local Post Office, then run by an aunt and uncle. Here she remained until she joined the Armed Services in 1943. She remained in the services until 1948 when she returned home to look after her aunt. The following year she married Eddie Cooper. The wedding took place in St. Magnus Cathedral and two days later they were back in Stronsay to a rapturous welcome on the pier by a full turn out of the community. The Post Office obviously played an important part in Carries life, as her husband was the local postman, having served in this capacity from the age of fourteen until his retirement in 1988.

Carrie played an active part in the community, being involved in both the Lifeboat and Church Guilds. She had an excellent memory which stayed sharp to the end of her life and was a ready source of reliable information local history. Unfortunately, in her later years she did not enjoy the best of health but was never heard to complain. Perhaps the most fitting epitaph for Carrie was contained in a letter to Eddie from an old friend.

*"A person who served her country in time of war and her family and friends all her life"*

Carrie is survived by her husband Eddie, her daughter Carwin and her two grandsons.



## ADVERTS

**FOR SALE**

TV cabinet with doors and TV £10  
Contact Yvonne 616375

**FOR SALE**

Electric Coffee Maker  
2 cups & reusable filter  
Excellent condition £10  
Contact Brian 616464

**LAND FOR SALE**

35 Acres of barley/grass/clover  
For whole crop silage  
Contact Carol 616314

**FOR SALE**

Massey Ferguson 135  
Contact Al 616232 or  
margareth.r@ukonline.co.uk

**WANTED**

Small Wet Suit suitable for 8 year old  
Also Cob sized bridle  
Contact Viv 616339

**FOR SALE**

Pair of Maroon liberty fabric curtains,  
fully lined. Width 6 ft x length 4 ft £10  
Pair of Designers Guild 'Tulipa' curtains,  
fully lined

Width 3 ft 6 ins x length 6 ft 8 ins £20

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Large new double glazed window  
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Small red 'Lange vitreous' enamelled  
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Antique multi-fuel French Stove

Very decorative £250 ono

Contact Carol on 616314

**FOR SALE**

56 bottle wine rack, steel & wood,  
H62 cm x W81 cm, flat packed to be  
Assembled, never opened.  
Cost £19.99 from ARGOS  
Sell for £15 Tel 616303

**PRIVATE ADVERTS UP TO 25 WORDS £1**

**25 WORD ADVERT WITH PHOTO £2**

**25-50 WORDS £2 AND SO ON**

**Lost & Found free**

**To be placed by (date) 23rd September**

**Tel:- Yvonne 616375**

**e-mail:- hfazak@onetel.com Letter:- Lower Leaquoy**

**WANTED**

Indoor storage for  
8 ft 6 inch  
Camper van  
Contact Sue 616217  
or  
Barbara 616369


**USEFUL INFO AND DATES**

**POST OFFICE TIMES- MON & THURS 9am-4pm TUE, WED, FRI & SAT 9am-1pm**

**NEXT SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION 13th OCTOBER**

**REPLACEMENT BIN BAGS TEL: 01856 873535**

**SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE KIRK SUNDAY 11am**

**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIER HEAD. - DAILY MASSES 7am SUNDAY 9am**

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

### STRONSAY ARTWORKS

Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape; Limited edition prints, greetings cards and postcards which are available for sale at local shops, Post Office, Hotel, B&B's and the Fishmart. Commissions taken. Tel. 616282

### INSTANT PHOTO'S

Passport, visa, travel pass, driving licence, gun licence, etc.  
Personalised birthday, Christmas & get well cards with your own special message or photograph. Business/Invitation cards. You name it! Tell me what you want & I'll supply it. call Bill Miller 616420

### STRONSAY FISHMART

Cafe, Hostel & Interpretation centre. Open every day in the summer months except Tuesdays. Hostel open all year round. Hot meals, light snacks, home bakes, teas, coffees refreshments, kids parties. Special occasions catered for by arrangement Tel 616386

### REDHOUSE PLANTS

Seasonal vegetables ready NOW  
Contact Gil or Lindsay on 616377.

### SPARKY

For all your electrical & Plumbing needs  
Contact John at 11 Whitehall  
Tel: 616466

### DOGHOUSE DESIGN

Cards for any occasion  
Hand made to order  
Also on sale at the Post Office.  
Tel 616453

### WORK WANTED

Need a dog walker contact Shannon  
Or a responsible baby sitter  
Contact Cassy  
Tel: 07767046821

### FOR SALE

Fresh Lobsters & Crabs  
available  
Contact William Caithness  
07833682077

### GOING AWAY?

Do you need someone to look after your animals at your house?  
I have 8 years experience with all kinds of animals.  
Contact Beth Erdman  
616339

## USEFUL NUMBERS

DOCTORS	616321/308	EBENEZER STORES	616339
NURSES	616453/232	B&B CLESTRAN	616340
HYDRO	616335	B&B AIRY	616231
SPECIAL CONSTABLE	616216	CAMPING BARN	616314
BALFOUR HOSPITAL	01856888000	COMPANIONS	616307
DENTIST KING STREET	01856875348	GALA	616453/359/339
VET - FLETT & CARMICHAEL	01856872859	REGISTRAR	616239
VET - NORHTVET	01856873403	STRONSAY ARTWORKS	616282
KIRK	616311	FISHMART	616386
STRONSAY HOTEL	616213	DENTIST STATION RD	01856879683
MAURICE'S	616255	HALL BOOKINGS	616253

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**HAPPY  
17th BIRTHDAY  
CRAIG**  
On September 9th  
**LOTS OF LOVE  
FROM  
MUM, DAD & JODY  
XXX  
OLD ENOUGH TO  
DRIVE A REAL ONE**



**HAPPY 44th  
BIRTHDAY  
STEVE** on  
September 17th  
**LOTS OF LOVE  
FROM YVONNE,  
CRAIG, JODY,  
HERA, JUNO,  
PRECIOUS  
SMOKIE & DIL-  
LIGAF  
YOUR LOVING  
GIRLS  
XXXXXXXXXX**

**HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY  
GEORGE** on September 14th  
**LOTS OF LOVE FROM  
STEVE, YVONNE, CRAIG  
& JODY.  
XXXX**

**CRAIG WEAVER  
17 on September the 9th  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BEST  
WISHES FROM  
NAN & GRANDAD  
WITH LOVE  
XX**

**STEPHEN WEAVER.  
17/09/05  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVE  
AND BEST WISHES FROM  
MUM AND DAD XX**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**BEWARE!  
CRAIG IS 17 ON  
THE 9th SEPTEMBER  
OLD ENOUGH TO  
DRIVE  
IF HE CAN GET HIS  
BATTERY  
CHARGED  
HAVE A GOOD ONE  
CRAIG  
FROM  
WAYNE**



**LIBRARY**

NEXT VISIT 13th September

WHITEHALL	08.45-11.00	SCHOOL	11.30-2.00
GORRIES	14.30-16.30	SCHOOL	18.30-20.00

**SURGERY HOURS**

Monday-Saturday	Open Surgery	9.30-10.30
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday		4pm - 5pm by appointment
Repeat Prescription collection times		Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 1.30- 4.30pm

## GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

### COMPANIONS

OVER 50's CLUB  
RE STARTS SEPTEMBER 12th

### GAMES CLUB

RE STARTS FRIDAY 26th 8 TILL 10 PM  
TEL 616306

**YOU COULD ADVERTISE  
YOUR GROUP OR CLUB HERE FOR  
FREE PLEASE LET US KNOW  
ABOUT ANY EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES  
GOING ON LET US KNOW  
AND WE WILL TELL EVERYONE**

### FAMILY BBQ

AT THE HALL  
7.30 PM SATURDAY 27th AUGUST  
FREE ENTRY, ( BBQ food for sale)  
PLEASE BRING A MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENT TO PLAY ON THE  
NIGHT

### STRONSAY SINGERS

MEET EVERY MONDAY FROM  
19.30-21.30 FROM 12th SEPTEMBER  
COST £42 FOR 10 SESSIONS  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
BRIAN CROWE 616464

### MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

RE STARTS THURSDAY 25th  
ALL WELCOME  
9.30 - 11 am

### RNLI

THIS ISSUE CONTAINS A COLLEC-  
TION ENVELOPE. PLEASE GIVE GEN-  
EROUSLY AND RETURN YOUR  
ENVELOPE TO SUE AT THE POST  
OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30th

### COMMENTS RECEIVED SO FAR ABOUT THE LIMPET

The Limpet as a whole has had positive comments from home and off Island, yes we have been read in foreign parts , (Kirkwall). So much so that we have been asked to start a mailing service to people outwith Stronsay. In answer we will be very happy to provide this service for a charge of 75p an issue. (which includes UK postage etc.) Preferably paid in 3,6,9 or 12 monthly subscriptions, which we will bill you for when you decide which one you require. If you wish to take advantage of this offer please get in touch with Yvonne or Heather

80% of people who have advertised in the wanted and for sale pages have had a response within hours of delivery. So if you want to get rid of anything why not try us and be surprised by a quick response. Lots of positive comments regarding the front page being in colour and the fact that the print is in an easily read size The only criticism we have had is why don't we print on both sides of the paper? The answer to this is our printing facilities do not allow it.

If your Group or organisation is having an event or there is anything going on Why not tell us so we can tell Stronsay. No event is too small or insignificant, we are trying to give out local information but cannot do it unless YOU tell US. Have you got a story or a poem you would like to share or old photo's of Stronsay to share with other islanders If so Pleeeeeeease

CONTACT EITHER YVONNE, 375 OR HEATHER  
hfazak@onetel.com or by letter to Lower Leaquoy

### An Interview with Dr Buchan

Before I came to Stronsay I had been a GP. For 14 years. I joined the medical civil service, then when they reorganised they made me apply for my own job, much to my surprise I didn't get it, but they transferred me to a similar position 2 ½ hour drive away. I found this a problem so I left. I was a bit of a boffin, I knew an awful lot about diseases, but experts were expendable. The Civil Service made us managers but this did not suit me, therefore I was transferred side-wards. In 1994 at the age of 54 I then retrained as a GP. I did a year as a Trainee/Registrar. After 1 years trainee ship I then needed an appointment. I did not want to join a partnership as I had already had fallout's with two partners previously. I applied for a few jobs, one in Solihull, one in Stockport, another in Cornwall and the last one on Stronsay. The 1st interview I got was for the position in Stronsay. They offered me the job and I took it. The interview was in Kirkwall and at the interview they chartered a plane to bring my wife and I out to Stronsay, on arrival there was a power cut and we were taken to the hotel as they had an AGA to cook on. Fiona had made us a pot of soup which was very welcome. We were flown back to Kirkwall where we hired a car and toured the mainland for the day. After returning home and packing up the house we packed the car and drove from Southampton to Scrabster arriving at 5.30 am for the 10 am ferry. After the drive through to Kirkwall we boarded the ferry to Stronsay, this was our first time on a local ferry and it went to all 3 islands as it was on the refit timetable. As the boat left Eday it hit me that I had no idea where the surgery was. I saw a couple on the boat and approached them and asked them if they were familiar with Stronsay. they introduced themselves as Bill & Breda Miller and they kindly showed us where the surgery was. Dr Patel was at the surgery to welcome us he had left us a table and we had a mattress in the back of the car. The next day was Sunday 7th January and the boiler broke down but thankfully Albert Rendall (on a Sunday) came to fix it. We slept in the smallest room in a effort to keep warm. I held my first surgery on the Monday morning patients were ready and waiting the rest is history.

At first I found being the sole GP on the island a bit daunting. I had only been on duty 2 days when I had my first emergency with hardly any drugs and awful weather it was not a nice experience, not having had time to get organised but thankfully with Marion's help we managed to organise an air ambulance and check that the airfield was ready and prepared. Calling an air ambulance is basically the same as a road ambulance. Transferring patients to the plane was a worry so I got my own ambulance/van to ease the situation.

I have enjoyed working here, I find the people very resilient, I think you need to be living here. I have enjoyed the views and scenery and loved to play my fiddle at the dances. Seeing the youngest and the oldest dancing and enjoying the music together. One of my biggest pleasures was playing at the dancing lessons and joining 'The Rousam Rascals'. The Rousam Rascals were asked to play in Kirkwall but due to problems with getting a locum I only managed to play away once.

Working 24/7 didn't worry me in fact I found it suited me, I was here to work and I was prepared to be on duty all of the time. I had a great variety of cases during my stay here.

Changes I have seen on the island include, the windmills, St John's view point, the Bu footpath, St Catherine's walk The footpath to the Vat and the new runways at the airfield.

I feel that on Stronsay the summer's are more disappointing than the winters.

When asked about the future, Dr Buchan said he would like to get back into playing in an Orchestra, but after 10 years away he felt this might be difficult.

Dr Buchan Cont'd

I am very pleased that Doctor Mackay has taken over from me. George Mackay has been coming to Stronsay since 1996 and has now opted to take over the practice.

I was asked to play at a dance with the Rousam Rascals on July 16th and only realised on arrival that it was for my retirement, I was touched and amazed at the generosity shown by everyone on Stronsay, I hadn't realised that I was appreciated so much. The gifts were wonderful and I shall treasure them. I hope I have served you all well as I did try to.

Sometime in the future I would like to come back and visit Stronsay when I hope that I will see most of you again.

### **QUIZ**

#### JUST FOR FUN

1. What name is given to a dish of pickled herring that is traditionally served with an onion or a gherkin?
2. What is the first name of Private Pike in the television series Dad's Army?
3. Who wears "The Fisherman's Ring"?
4. Which actor played the character of Otto in the film *A Fish Called Wanda*?
5. What kind of animal was Beatrix Potter's Jeremy Fisher?
6. What was Monstro, The giant animal that swallowed *Pinocchio* and his father?
7. According to the Bible, Jesus fed the 5000 with five loaves and how many fishes?
8. Which actor played Captain Quint in the film *Jaws*?
9. By what other name is the literary character William Fisher known?
10. Fish was the lead singer of which pop group who had a hit with the song "Kayleigh"?

ANSWERS NEXT ISSUE

**July answers.** 1. The Rolling Stones 2. At the bottom of the sea 3. Mel Smith. 4. Tom Jones 5. Ian Smith 6. Grace Jones 7. Will Smith 8. Indiana Jones 9. Maggie Smith. In the Sister Act films she played Mother Superior; She played Harry Potters Deputy Headmistress Minerva McGonagall; and in the film *The Clash of the Titans* she played Thetis a shape changing sea goddess 10. Jim Jones.

### **TIMETABLE CHANGE FOR PENTLAND FERRIES**

#### **1st SEPTEMBER - 31st OCTOBER 2005**

DEPART GILL'S BAY	09.45	13.45	18.45
DEPART ST. MARGARET'S HOPE	08.00	12.00	17.00

NO SAILING'S AT 20.15 ON SATURDAYS

NO SAILING'S AT 06.00 ON SUNDAYS

**FOR BOOKINGS TELEPHONE 01856 831226**

#### **CITYLINK BUS CONNECTIONS UP TO 2nd OCTOBER 2005**

GILLS BAY 09.47 & 13.47 FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO INVERNESS  
DEPARTS INVERNESS AT 11.45 & 14.00 FOR CONNECTION WITH 18.45 FERRY FROM GILLS BAY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Tel: 08705505050 or [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk)

#### **RAPSONS COACHES**

Tel: 0146 3710555 or 01847 893123 or [www.rapsons.co.uk](http://www.rapsons.co.uk)

**BIRD & NATURE WATCH**

The patchwork of fields across much of the island is now beginning to attract wader species returning from the northern breeding grounds, with the fields of short cropped grass in particular holding good numbers of Golden Plover and Curlew. 200 or so Golden Plover have been in the 'Bay Corner' vicinity for a few days recently and are quite easy to view from the car. A few Bar-tailed Godwits are also present - again in the fields of short grass - and Sanderling are back on the sandy beaches now, particularly in St Catherine's Bay and Rothiesholm Sands where they may be seen dashing up and down the beach to avoid the incoming waves. 3 Ruff were seen on 17th August and 10 Black-tailed Godwit flew over the reserve on the 18th

Seabirds seem to have been generally successful this year and Jim Rendall reports above average numbers of Auks in the Bay between Burgh Head & Lamb Head. He also discovered an Albino Shag there (Carlin Geo) in mid August - a bird well worth looking for when walking in the area between the two headlands.

The island's breeding Linnets and Swallows have been very successful this year and Short Eared Owls have been seen on and off throughout the summer months. These owls can look very pale and are often mistaken for Barn Owls but if seen close-to the yellow of the former are diagnostic. A juvenile Fieldfare - normally just a winter visitor to the island - was seen by Norman Kent at Dale on the very unusual date of the 5th July. It was seen again at Sunnybank on 5th August and in the same area in mid August.

With autumn migration just beginning, now is the time to keep a look-out for unusual birds around the farms and gardens. Warblers and fly catchers in particular make good use of the small trees and bushes and Ross Goodwin has already recorded 2 very unusual species in his garden at South Bank - an Icterine Warbler and a Barred Warbler. Merlins have been seen regularly during the last 10 days or so - the 'small bird of prey' most likely to be seen perched on a roadside fence post on the island. Hen Harrier have also been seen on several occasions - their white rump - patch being very easy to see even at quite long range. A Little Gull visited Mill Bay briefly and a Swift flew past Cleat on 17th August.

Other recent sightings include 3 Minke Whales seen at long range from Castle on 19th July; many sightings of Common Porpoises in Mill Bay (on calm evenings); a pod of Killer Whales seen of Odiness Point by Bill Miller around 20th August, and a garden Tiger Moth at Castle in mid August. There have been several sightings of Otters during late summer.

With severe gale force winds forecast overnight 23rd/24th August there is every chance of seeing "wrecked" sea birds anywhere on the island.

**WHAT'S ON****BIRD WATCHING**

**This year's outdoor trips arranged through Aberdeen University Centre for Lifelong Learning are to be held on 13th September and 4th October (weather permitting) between 1pm & 3pm. Anyone interested please ring 616363 to book a place on the mini-bus**

**SUNDAY TRIP DAY 4th September**

<b>Stronsay to Westray</b>	<b>Dep Stronsay</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>Arr. Westray</b>	<b>12.05</b>
	<b>Dep Westray</b>	<b>16.20</b>	<b>Arr. Stronsay</b>	<b>17.40</b>

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