



STRONSAY LIMPET

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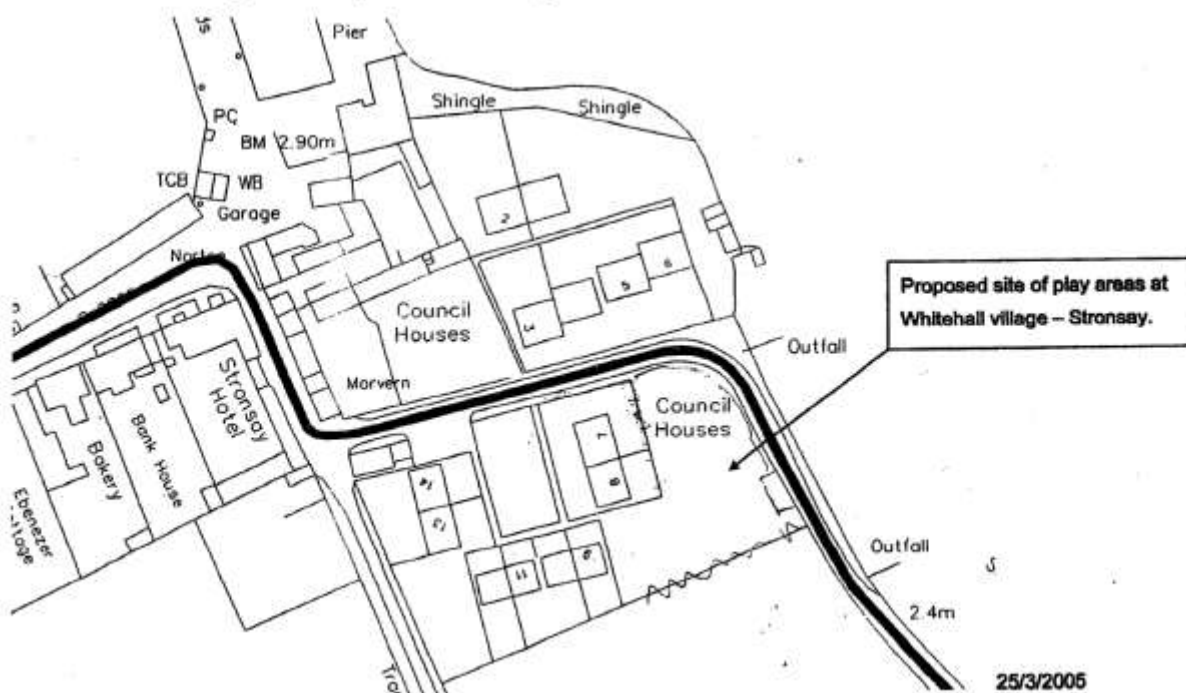


CHILDREN'S RECREATION AREA PROJECT

Whitehall Village

First of all we would like to say thank you to all those who have supported the progression of this project to date. For your valuable time in completing and answering questionnaire's, and surveys, attending meetings and showing a particular interest in the welfare of the children on Stronsay via your help and advice.

For the benefit of recent arrivals on Stronsay or anyone who was absent at the launch of the Trust, this is an updated report on the stages covered.



1. Members of the Community suggested the conversion of Council owned land in Whitehall village (see plan) for use as a safe play area for children.
2. Initiative at the Edge status was awarded to Stronsay following a successful application from Stronsay Community Council, resulting in the establishment of Stronsay Development Trust.
3. The Community Council handed the recreation area project to the S.D.T.
4. A meeting was held between an S.D.T. Representative and Pupil Council members at Stronsay Junior High School to ascertain children's views.
5. A questionnaire was distributed to all families with children living on Stronsay which sought ideas concerning the roles they considered the proposed area should play.
6. A sub group was formed by members who were particularly interested in this project, our number is presently seven.
7. Advice and permission was sought via O.I.C. Housing, the Waterboard and neighbouring landowners.

8. Representatives from O.I.C. Visited the site to measure the area, offer advice and support and give information relating to the correct procedures necessary for this specific type of project. (This is important because on completion maintenance will become the responsibility of O.I.C. Our partners.

9. The sub group considered various types of fencing and apparatus in line with the results of the questionnaire and which met with the regulations/approval of O.I.C.

10. At the E.G.M. On 22 June the proposed plan was exhibited showing the suggested items of apparatus and football / netball area.

11. The full colour plan was exhibited at the Lower Shop with notepad available for further comments.

12. An open meeting was held by the sub group to approve the plan and obtain fund-raising suggestions, this meeting was attended by 12 people.

13. At a board meeting on 20th July Stronsay Development Trust gave a final approval for fund-raising to commence.

In Forming our plan our sub group has attempted to incorporate the many interests of the community whilst keeping a firm eye on the different requirements of children of various ages and abilities, including disabled.

The conclusion arrived at was for two separate themes within the area, allowing freedom and space for older children to participate in ball games etc. Without restriction from or encroachment upon the smaller children's space. Safety is clearly a major concern and access away from the road is considered most appropriate, as is high fencing to adjoining ground used by a local farmer for his beasts.

Plans have been submitted to O.I.C. For final costing of installation etc.

Now that the groundwork (special thanks to our sub group members) is almost complete we really need you the Community behind this project. The real work (and fun) begins here. All fund raising suggestions and donations extremely welcome. Any groups wishing to fund raise for this project should donate proceeds via Stronsay Development Trust treasurer Mike Erdman.

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Are holding a Public Meeting on
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KIRK NEWS

Introducing the " Film and Faith" series

Good films have a way of helping us look at life differently, to ask other questions, to consider new angles on old situations. In this series, which will carry on through the autumn and winter, films introducing different perspectives on what it means to live as people of faith will be shown on a "Big Screen" in the Community Centre, free of charge. All are invited to attend, but films are not generally suitable for children under 12.

First film : Sunday evening 16th October 7.30pm *Chocolat* a film starring Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp, Judy Dench & Alfred Molina. A small French village just settling into the season of Lent is turned upside down (and right side up) by the arrival of a woman and her daughter, who open up a shop solely dedicated to chocolate.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Looking for a chance to say "Thank You" to God for all the good things that have come your way this year, including another harvest safely in? The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday morning 11am, 30th October at Moncur Memorial Church. You are encouraged to bring along something representing your thankfulness this year- maybe a vegetable, a sheaf, a loaf. A stone or shell or flower, or a photo of family or friends (...a favourite cow or sheep).

EVENING PRAISE

Sunday 30th October, 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. An informal hour, giving us all a chance to sing old favourites and learn new songs and hymns, as we hear a little about the experiences that inspired these songs of praise. Tea & biscuits will follow the singing. All are warmly invited to come along!

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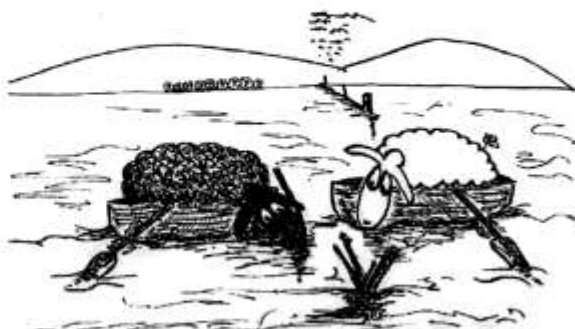
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Worth a fortune all that, so on you go”

Over the next few month's we are fortunate to be able to start a serialisation of short stories. These depict a way of life now almost completely gone, they have been written by Dr George who worked in the fishing industry as a young man.....part one

TIR-NAN-OG

The village lay quiet, deserted, a typical Sunday evening. The sun dipped toward the flat surface of the sea, its light magnified and reflected on the mirror like surface. To the west the sheer cliffs of Mhor Head dropped abruptly to the sea, the old church on the side of the hill white in the fading summer light. The old church ruins, built so legend says on the site of a Danish encampment one thousand year's ago-the fulfilment of a promise by the then king if his army were successful in battle against the Viking invader.

In his first teenage year going early to bed seemed a sacrilege. However, tomorrow was a special day. In this the first week of his summer holidays staying with his grandparents he had been promised at last to join the world of men-real men-totally distinct from the world of teachers with their smell of chalk, their conjugations and declensions of Latin verbs and nouns. Their irregular French verbs, their geometry theorems and algebraic formulae. Tomorrow he would put to sea with his grandfather to hunt the shoals of mackerel. To be ready for the next days adventure a good nights sleep was essential- so a cup of tea with local shortbread, a slice of cake then evening prayers. A prayer for Gods blessing on the family, His guidance in their daily life, for His guidance on the young Queen recently crowned in faraway London and for His guidance to those who ruled over us, that their deliberations might be good and just. And so to bed-but not to sleep. The excitement of tomorrow's adventure was too much. The beauty of the sea, the excitement of the hunt, the vague fear of the sea itself-sleep was impossible. He scarcely seemed to have closed his eyes, finally lulled by the gentle swish of the waves on the beach barely a hundred yards away, when his grandfather was gently shaking him awake. Quickly out of bed, rubbing the sleep from his eyes, donning warm clothes and through to the main room of the but and ben for another cup of hot sweet tea, then out into the silent early morning light to meet Sandy the skipper.

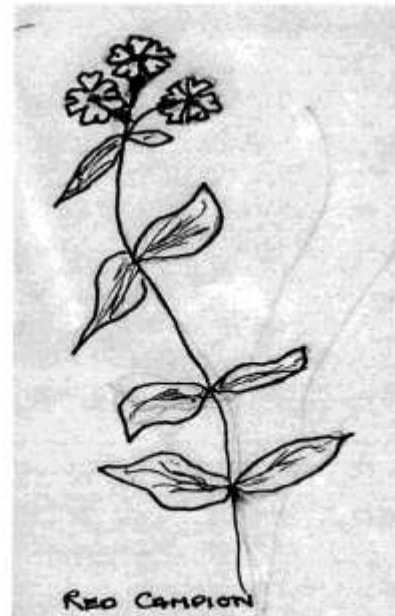
Down the path, covered with fresh shingle from the seas edge, down to the bank head, a cobbled causeway six feet wide, ten feet above the beach, the round stones polished by the feet of countless generations. On the landward side a single row of cottages all gable end to the sea with strong wooden shutters ready to be slipped into place to protect the single seaward window from the winter gales.

Already modernisation was showing itself in the village in the shape of the recently installed electric street lights - there as a reminder of the approaching outside world, but not switched on at this time of the morning when all honest folk should be in bed. Too late for some of the cottages, this modernisation, their roofless forms soft in the half light a reminder of a more thriving community before the drift away to bigger towns with better harbours and an easier life style for the successful.

Ahead of them lay the two mile walk to the harbour. No chance of a lift as no wheeled vehicles could use the Bankhead or the unmetalled path below the high green cliffs by the shore. Across the little footbridge by the burn, almost dry in the heat of the summer, across the Greenie - a patch of bare brown earth by the side of the burn - where two or three small boats were drawn up for safety from the sea - probably never to sail again, their owners too old even for this retirement occupation or moved away to spend their last days with sons and daughters in neighbouring towns. On past the ruined cottage with its stone mantel exposed on its landwood end and Peter Johnstones name and the date 1758 carved in beautiful copperplate. Had Peter Johnstone made this same journey with his father or grandfather almost three hundred years ago? Where now did he rest? In the old Kirkyard on the Viking encampment or did the sea finally claim him? Past the last house of the village, off the cobbled causeway, onto the hard packed earth path bordering the shore, running between banks of high grass studded with strands of Red Campion and other wild flowers, home of the brown / black caterpillars - locally known as Hairy Grandaas - of the Red Admiral butterflies.

Then up the stark concrete steps with a chain guard-rail on the seaward side through a narrow passage where the sheer cliff fell straight to the sea - the Sneuk. On across the shingle beach where small cowries - John o Groats - could be found and finally to the start of the next village. Over the reclaimed land - the New Grun - past Homelea - a wooden shack serving as home and repository of all the earthly possessions of Seorash - the local eccentric - probably still sleeping off last nights excess of his own brand of communion wine. Then at last the harbour, a veritable hive of activity. Twenty or thirty men and boys preparing to set sail after their quarry. Ten or fifteen small boats ranging in length from twenty to twenty five feet lay at their moorings. Of these only one claimed his attention - the Bella Buchan - a mature lady of well rounded beam lovingly made up in green paint fresh for the new season, while letters of name and registration

number, white waterline with bright red anti-fouling showing coyly at stem and stern. A quick flurry of activity, fish boxes loaded, main mooring ropes cast off, engine coughing into life with its cloud of white paraffin exhaust jewelled with water droplets from the engine cooling system and they were away, free from the constraints of the land.....to be continued



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Trout fishing on Stronsay *by Antonia Pietri*

Jim Marcus always gets in touch with me ^x around my birthday. It's really nice of him. However, it's also in mid-April that the small trout fry at the Wideford Hill hatchery start to feed on their own and are in desperate need of a home. And to tell the truth, this really is the reason for Jim's yearly phone call, because frankly, with thousands and thousands of little mouths ready to feed, my birthday is the least of his Worries ...

Where ...

For those of you who are not aware of it, Stronsay has its own brown trout population; Meickle Water and Lea Shun support a good population of fish from 1 lb to ... much more! I will always remember a mid-September evening back a couple of years ago, fishing on Lea Shun, when a trout which must have been in the 8 to 10 lbs bracket, jumped clear out of the water ... I know it's very surprising that trout can reach that size in a loch you can wade across in welly boots in the summer time!

So far, though, there have been very few reports of fish of any size caught in Lea Shun.

Meickle Water is the loch which so far has seen most of the fishing action on Stronsay. Fish of up to 5 lbs have been reported a few years ago and anybody can try and have a guess at how big the brothers and cousins can be now ...

Now, in exclusivity for the Stronsay Limpet, three more lochs have been stocked recently: the Bu Loch has received 30,000 alevins over the last two years, Straenia Water also in Rothiesholm was stocked with 10,000 alevins in 2004 (with Craig and Charlie who nearly stumbled in the heather with the bucket holding the precious cargo!) and last spring, since I was left with 5,000 fry, I decided to give Gricey Water a chance! Who knows?

Stocking and the Stronsay connection ...

The Orkney Trout Fishing Association * started its stocking of the North Isles back in the early 1980's. The initiative proved extremely successful as the lochs on Stronsay, Sanday and Westray were full of sticklebacks, shrimps, snails, larvae and other delicacies and had never seen a predatory fish before. The trout, dropped in these aquatic larders, put on weight very quickly and regular stocking meant that a balanced population of fish of different age classes was established.

Actually, Stronsay and trout stocking have a long history ... Going back over 20 years ago, it was Peter Miller, a Stronsay man, who was the man behind the stocking scene in Orkney until he passed away in 1999. For years, he worked together with his nephew Paul to try and establish a trout population on the island: every spring, Peter used to load the vivier tank full of alevins on the ferry; then, Paul would collect their finned protégés on arrival on Stronsay and set them free in the lochs.

That's how trout made their appearance on the island!

I've just realised that I made trout stocking sound very simple and in order to give you a better idea and appreciate all the work involved in the Orkney Trout Fishing Association's stocking programme, I'll tell you more in an article next to come in the Stronsay Limpet, starting from the "stripping" of a wild trout to collect the eggs and milt to the release of inch long fry.

A. P.

* You can have a look at their very useful web site at www.orkneytroutfishing.co.uk

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BIRD & NATURE WATCH

'Bird of the Autumn' so far has been the Wilson's Phalarope seen at Matpow on 27th August. Unfortunately it was only present for a few minutes before flying on towards Lodge. 'Sea Watches' from Bombasty Bay in late August / early September produced some very interesting sightings, including Storm Petrels, Sooty & Manx Shearwaters and many hundreds of Gannets. A beautiful white-headed Horney Buzzard flew over Dale / Lodge on 3rd September and promptly landed in the farmyard at Bay. It was later seen briefly at Springwell. Marsh warblers

BIRD SIGHTINGS - SEPT.



Yellow-browed Warbler

were seen, one of which spent a week in the Castle garden although it was very illusive and difficult to see. Visitor Steve Ricks found a Red - backed Shrike at Harrowdale and Kieth Cutting from Kent saw 4 Ros on the island during his stay in mid Sepetmber. A Barred Warbler was seen on the wall of the surgery on 15th September with another in the Southbank garden on 17th, but with very little wind from an easterly direction very few small migrant birds have been seen. There have however been several sightings of both Hen Harrier and Merlin and hundreds of Pink - footed Geese were seen flying over on 21st September with others later in the month. Highlights towards the end of September have been 2 Yellow - browed Warbler - a tiny late autumn migrant from Russia. Both more typically illusive and difficult to observe although the one at Southbank has been seen bathing in a garden pond on one occasion

by John Halloway

QUIZ**JUST FOR FUN**

1. On which vessel did Horatio Nelson allegedly say :‘kiss me Hardy’?
2. Which Disney animation feature the song ‘Kiss the girl’?
3. In the Drifters’ song where was the kissing taking place?
4. Who sculpted ‘The Kiss’
5. Which nursery rhyme character ‘kissed the girls and made them cry’?
6. Under which plant do you traditionally kiss at Christmas?
7. What do the initials SWALK stand for on a Valentine’s envelope?
8. Who caused a scandal by being photographed having her toes kissed?
9. On which Shakespeare play was the film ‘Kiss Me Kate’ based?
10. Who said: ‘Kissing Marilyn Monroe was like kissing Hitle’r?

Answers to August quiz. 1. A rollmop 2. Frank 3. The Pope 4. Kevin Kline 5. A frog
6. A whal. 7. Two 8. Robert 9. Billy Liar 10. Marillion, his real name is Derek Dick and his ex-landlady nicknamed him Fish because of the amount of time he spent in the bath.

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We would like to apologise for the lateness of the ‘September’ Limpet Limpet. We are hoping to pull back the delivery so that in a couple of months we will be back to normal.
Heather & Yvonne

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