



STRONSAY LIMPET

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**THE LIMPET WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THEIR
READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



SWIM CLUB GALA

Stronsay swimming club held their eighth annual Gala last Thursday night. A packed poolside watched and cheered the thirty six competitors through their races. The evening began with the beginners group giving a demonstration of their progress, completing widths on their front and back, with each receiving a certificate for their hard work. Competitors for the further races are split into age groups to compete for trophies donated by various members of the community. Each age group was fiercely contested with the vocal crowd willing the swimmers on. Refreshments, a raffle and the trophy presentation was held in the school hall after the swimmers had changed. The raffle raised seventy three pounds which will go a long way to the cost of the medals and refreshments. The trophies were presented by Sheena Cooper a lifeguard since the pool opened eleven years ago and coach alongside Paul Miller at the weekly swimming club sessions. The event closed with a vote of thanks to the lifeguards, keyholders, time keepers and Steve and Yvonne Weaver.



RESULTS

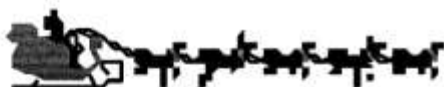
Beginners certificates-Jack Holland, Rebecca Harris, Connor Campbell Scott Howels, Steven Harris, Rebecca Drever and Anthony Martin.

Widths - plaque donated by swimming club. 1st - Amos Erdman, 2nd - Sebbie Campbell Scott Howels, 3rd - Andrew Fraser.

Seven and Under - Trophy gifted through donations by the Stronsay Public. 1st- Storm Miller, 2nd - Diane Smith. Eight to Nine years - Trophy gifted through donations by the Stronsay public - 1st Janet Holland, 2nd

Keith Holland, 3rd - Ocean Miller, runners up Jacqui Smith, Craig Stout, Nattie Campbell Scott Howels and Alison Fraser. Ten to Twelve year girls - trophy donated by Mrs Geira Cooper - 1st - Jody Weaver 2nd - Alice Holland, 3rd - Leanne Stout, runners up Courtney Peace, Jenna Stevenson, Tina Riches, Lauren Caithness, Shannon Adams. Ten to twelve boys - Trophy donated by John Mitchell - 1st - Josh Cross. Thirteen To Fifteen year girls - Trophy donated by the late reverend EPG.Fox - 1st - Elaine Dennison, 2nd - Louise Stevenson, 3rd - Sinead Cooper, runners up Cassy Adams and Nicola Fraser. Thirteen to fifteen year boys - Trophy donated by the late reverend EPG Fox - 1st - Sam Caithness, 2nd - Sean Cooper, 3rd - Norman Chamers

Last session of the year fun night at the pool Thursday 15th December



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WE ARE VERY PROUD

CONGRATULATIONS
LOUISE AND LESLIE
ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT
LOTS OF LOVE
YVONNE, STEVE, JODY AND CRAIG
XXXX

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THEIR
CUSTOMERS A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEANNE
HOPE YOU WILL SOON BE BACK ON
YOUR TOES!!!!!!
GET WELL SOON LOVE JODY

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SHORT STORY.....Part 2**A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

The smell was of cheese and tea, still sold loose, and flavouring the air. Behind and above him were shelves stocked with skein's of knitting wool, mainly in blue and grey, used in the hand knitted jerseys worn by all the men. These were knitted in various patterns although to him there was no significance in this. It was merely how things were. As in most cottage crafts the interest and stories behind the knitting patterns went almost unrecognised until the art of hand knitting had almost totally disappeared. It has been claimed that so distinctive were the local patterns that if the sea gave up the body of a fisherman lost overboard that at least his home port could be identified by the pattern of the jersey he wore. However, this was of no interest to him at his age. More important was the purchase of some provisions for his journey, a bar of chocolate, a packet of shortbread and a bottle of lemonade. He was now ready to depart.

Back then towards the centre of the village. Across the Greenie, across the bridge over the burn where the water ran clear, a few partan shells the only detritus on the bed of the small stream. Up past the red telephone kiosk nestling under the lee of the hill, where, in the late autumn, wives would queue on a Saturday evening, waiting for a phone call from their husbands in distant East Anglia pursuing the herring shoals, and on to the path leading up from the village to the fields above. Up he climbed his back to the sea until he came to the first turn in the path which brought him round to face the sea. There in front of him, across the bay, the old ruined church on the side of Mhor. Down below him the two valleys or "dens", from each of which ran a small stream to converge just above the village and enter the sea as one at the ruined pier. The stream from the Bracoden ran straight down and was joined by the other, appearing from below a small culvert by the side of a house, at right angles. When a crowd of boys were together they would knock sods of grass and red earth off the surrounding banks and dam the burn at the Bracoden. This, however, was less fun than damming the other burn. When this was done and a considerable weight of water had built up behind the dam, it eventually burst sending a torrent of red, muddy water cascading downstream, through the culvert and sometimes up to the door of the nearby house. This would inevitably arouse the wrath of the good lady, who would threaten the gang with all sorts of dire consequences never, as far as I am aware, carried out. Such frivolities were not for him today however as he reached the next turn in the path and started inland again. Here to the side of him was Hildas yardie, a small piece of ground lovingly cultivated by one of the women from the village. Set fairly high on the slope, the vegetables were protected from the winds by sheets of plywood set on edge. The whole was covered by a canopy created from old fishing nets to deter birds and butterflies. Still climbing he now passed banks of whin bushes, a mass of yellow blossom, with their faint vanilla smell drifting in the breeze. These also played a small part in the economy of the village. When the sharp spiny foliage died back in the Winter the bushes could be set alight, burning off the spines and once the rain had washed the stems clean, they made superb kindling. Rabbits scampered along the fence edge, bringing a smile to his face as he remembered the day when, along with his pal, they had uprooted twenty or thirty snares set along the line of the fence, taken them down to the village in great secrecy, and dumped them into the sea from the old pier – a small victory for animal rights. Now the ground was flatter as he headed towards the final climb to the top of the headland. To his left there was a small grassy drop of about twenty feet forming a semi-circular natural amphitheatre before the cliff dropped again towards the east end of the village.

To be continued

KIRK NEWS

December 16th -Disco for all island children and youth in the church hall, 8-10 p.m.

December 18th - Children's Christmas Party, church hall 2.00-4.30 p.m.

December 24th - Watchnight Candlelight Service, in the church 11.30.p.m.

December 25th - Christmas Day Family Worship, in the church 11 a.m.

***HALLELUJAH!***

On Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m. At the Kirk, Stronsay residents will be welcomed to a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The Sanday Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Mike Newman, will come over for the day, joined by professional soloists in Orkney for the weekend. Donations above the costs incurred will go to Christian Aid's "Present Aid" campaign.

Treat yourself to the gift of music this Christmas season!

GOLGOTHA CAROL SERVICE

Will be on Thursday 22nd December at 7pm
in the Community Centre All welcome

STRONSAY HOTEL

Season's Greetings

**THERE WILL BE A
CHRISTMAS
MENU AVAILABLE FROM
SUNDAY 18TH TILL 23RD DEC
ALSO FROM MONDAY
27TH -31ST.
FOR BOOKINGS TEL: 616 213**

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HOURS**

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31st THEN CLOSED NEW YEARS
DAY ALSO THE 2nd OPEN 10am
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SURGERY HOURS
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EARLY**

**CHRISTMAS RUBBISH COLLECTIONS
WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY**

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RAISED £80 IN ONE HOUR BY COM-
PETING IN THE PAPER PLANE CHAL-
LENGE, DONATIONS, GUESS THE
SQUARE AND PAYING TO TURN UP
IN THEIR PYJAMAS OR NOT ALSO
HALF OF SUBS TAKEN WERE GIFTED
TO THE FUND. THANKS TO EVERY-
ONE WHO TOOK PART**



FUNDRAISER FOR VILLAGE PLAY AREA DEEMED A SUCCESS

Friday evening, the 9th December, saw the debut performance of the Stronsay Singers who, together with the Bea Choir from Kirkwall, had been asked to perform at the Kirk for an evening of entertainment, with the aim of raising funds for the new children's play area.

Mike Lee, the Singers' tutor, introduced the group of 12, who had only been singing together since January this year, with a few of those present having only joined the group very recently.

A medley consisting of a number of Scottish folk songs, a piece by Handel and three carols were sung cheerily by our local Singers under the guidance of their conductor. Each piece was enthusiastically received by a well attended audience, who like myself, were pleasantly surprised at the proficiency of the group.

Following on swiftly came a recitation by Jean Crighton. The male voices of the Bea Choir resounded through the Kirk with their harmonic rendition of a combination of lesser and well known Christmas songs, culminating in a trio of old favourites. which the audience were only too eager to sing along with.

Over £400 was raised a final amount will be published at a later date.



FIRST AID COURSE

As promised Dr McKay has been in touch with the Red Cross and at the moment he is in negotiation about a suitable course for Stronsay (Hopefully for Febuary or March) Anyone interested please contact the Surgery 616321 during normal hours

Dr McKay would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone on Stronsay a Happy Healthy Christmas and a very Merry New Year

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



It'll be Kirkwall they're looking for- surely

SANTA FLOAT

Santa will be coming to Stronsay on Saturday 17th December! Leaving Jim's yard at 6.30pm and going through the village. Carols to follow in the Stronsay Hotel. All children **must** be accompanied by an adult. Santa will be available in the Hotel to receive any letters

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Family Fancy dress disco £1 admission, sandwiches on sale, raffle & 100 club draw. Tuesday 27th December 8pm till late at the Community Centre

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Fantastic new disco equipment, disco ball, spotlights and smoke machine
Now available to hire at Community Centre. £10 per hour (Hall & equipment) + Hydro. You must also use one of our recommended DJ's. Ideal for parties & birthdays.

HOGMANAY DANCE

See out the old year & bring in the new!
Saturday 31st December 9.30pm
At The Community Centre
Adults £2, Children 50p,
Supper provided

THE STRONSAY COMPANIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2005

At 4pm on Wednesday the 7th of December, the Companions gathered in the Hall for their annual Christmas Party and seated themselves at the beautiful festive laid tables. Each place setting being set on a golden base mat with a Christmas cracker at it's head and the table centre festooned with ample bottles of red and white wines, after eight mints, shortbread and party poppers. When everyone had arrived, Jeano took drinks orders from the party goers, of whatever suited their taste and dispensed them accordingly, then a game of pass the parcel started off the merriment as each person who had the parcel when the music stopped, had to remove one of the wrappings to reveal a treat such as a bag of sweets and so on, Wilma carefully stopping the music in time to get most individuals lumbered with the parcel. Jennifer George the Minister then said Grace and the meal was served, starting with a choice of vegetable soup or prawn cocktail, followed by slices of ham, beef, turkey, pineapple, and piping hot bowls of mashed potato, peas, carrots, turnip Stuffing, roast potato and gravy, then finally followed by a bowl of trifle. After all were sated with the scrumptious meal, and the wine drunk, the party poppers popped and the crackers all pulled, tea, mince pies and Christmas cake was provided. Gaynor on the accordion and Mike on the guitar, entertained by playing requests and inviting everyone to sing along to carols and country tunes, which a ll did when



knowing the lyrics. Finally it was time for Santa (ably performed by Phil Holland) to dish out the Christmas presents to everyone (and very nice presents they were). When Santa had done, Belle rose on behalf of the Companions and thanked

And presented Jeano, Wilma and Margaret with their Christmas presents, for organising and running the party so admirably, as well as tending to the needs of the Companions at their weekly meetings throughout the year. The trio were helped on the day by Linda and Heather who also worked and did a fine job to ensure everyone had enjoyed themselves. Departed, and present Companion members unable to attend due to illness were fondly remembered, then the party concluded around 8pm. It had been a lovely treat.

GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

COMPANIONS
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MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP
Thursday 9.30-11am All welcome

SWIM CLUB
FINISHED FOR CHRISTMAS

A LETTER FROM BARBARA BRIGHTWELL

Hello to all our friends on Stronsay, We can hardly believe we have been here for nearly 2 months, you must be thinking we had disappeared!! However, we haven't, and we are both very well and settling in gradually to our new life. We are living in beautiful countryside just 6 miles from the Georgian town of Blandford, it has a Tesco and a Homebase and as we have lots to do to our new home it is very helpful!! No sooner had we arrived than the news came through that our grandson had been born very prematurely, he weighed in at 3lbs 4oz - well over a pound heavier than his sister!! We were able to see him at just 3 days old, so tiny but perfectly formed!! He is now home, weighing 4lbs 9oz, so we enjoyed a lovely family day yesterday with our grandchildren in Hove. Did you get the snow that was forecast - we missed it by 12 miles - it was such a lovely day that we gave up on the decorating and took a picnic to the woods with the dogs. It was cold, frosty and NO WIND!! With lovely sunshine, so we switched off for a few hours!! Our time Spent on Stronsay was very special to us, we shall always treasure the memories, friendship and sense of community that is so hard to find here on Mainland. We are lucky here, we are a small group of like minded residents in a secure situation, looking out for each other, in fact we are going to the Lady Bailey Christmas Party on Friday!!

We send all good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

From Barbara, David and 'the boys'

HYDROGEN PROJECT FOR STRONSAY

By now most folks in Stronsay will be aware of the brainstorming idea to apply to the lottery fund (Living Landmarks) to become one of the first communities to be powered by hydrogen. Orkney Today did an article on the subject a few weeks ago. To start at the beginning, in 2004 Orkney Islands Council granted planning permission to erect six additional wind turbines on Rothiesholm. The Scottish Executive later made recommendation this should be reduced to three or four It is the view of the Stronsay renewables group that as much benefit as is possible should be retained in the Island. At the moment the grid capacity of the submarine cable is nearing its limits with very little hope (in the near future) of an upgrade making it unpractical to feed more electricity into it.

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To this end we have come up with this idea (grant of finance from Living Landmark allowing) to erect three wind turbines the power of which would be used to convert water by electrolyser into hydrogen which would be stored for use in fuelling the Islands needs. Combustion engines can be converted to run on hydrogen gas quite easily as can any form of gas or oil burning appliance used for water heating or cooking. As an option for making some revenue to the Island some of the stored hydrogen could be used (in low wind speeds when the turbines already in Stronsay and the ones in Sanday are not generating much power) to power a gas turbine to generate electricity to sell to the grid. There is another idea to replace the next Island ferry with a hydrogen powered one but this needs a lot of discussion on feasibility and continuity of supply of fuel etc. This is where you the people of Stronsay come in, the renewables group are asking you to support their idea in becoming self sufficient in fuel and power. It is imperative that the application is supported by the vast majority of Stronsay inhabitants. As there is the chance to receive funding from £10 up to £25 million this may be our golden opportunity to move our Island from the "edge" and set it at the forefront of technology, enhancing tourism and playing host to research and development in hydrogen uses. This would inevitably increase the population of the Island and generate greater profitability. Other spin offs are for every cubic mtr of gas produced one cubic mtr water at 30 deg C is generated. This could be used for projects such as the abalone as reported in the Orcadian last week. Another use could be to heat poly tunnels or the like enabling us to grow produce all year round. As a consultation the members of the Stronsay Renewables Group will be available to answer any questions or hear the views from you the public. We will be at the Community Centre on the evening Sat 17th and afternoon Sun 18th. Please feel free to drop in and give us a grilling (as long as you use hydrogen)

In case you cant make it on that dates members will be available on the telephone

William Caithness (chairman) 616220

Ingram Stout

616261

Eoin Stevenson 616216

Allan Cook

616213

Part one About Living Landmarks

Living Landmarks is intended to capture the imagination of communities and increase their involvement with the Lottery by re-connecting people with the good causes they support. The programme has been designed to inspire communities to transform, revitalise and regenerate the places where they live, through social and community projects and major infrastructure investments. Under this programme we will grant £140 million across the UK through two competitive streams of funding. Living Landmarks will award a small number of grants of between £10 million and £25 million to projects of regional significance. A programme committee will decide the successful projects. We will also award a single grant of between £25 million and £50 million to a project of national or regional significance. The successful project will be decided by a televised public vote. This stream of funding will be called Living Landmarks: The People's Millions.

Please make sure that you use the application form for the funding stream you want to apply to. Living Landmarks will fund major capital projects and aims to:

- encourage partnership working and community engagement and participation

- champion innovation and excellence in the design of the physical environment.
- encourage best practice in the design, construction and management of projects.

Programme priorities

We want to fund projects which:

- meet an identified need and have clearly defined outcomes and benefits
- have strong stakeholder and partnership involvement and are developed strategically through integrating and supporting wider local, regional and national strategies
- transform and revitalise communities and the physical environment
- inspire both the general public and their communities through unparalleled community involvement in planning and development and have the widest public support
- offer inspirational design solutions which respect and enhance the physical environment and the community
- promote sustainability through lasting improvements to the physical environment and quality of life
- are committed to learning from past experience of projects and ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

To be eligible for funding under this programme your project must meet all of these programme priorities.

Anyone with the internet, details can be found on www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programs/living/index.htm

QUIZ
JUST FOR FUN

1. Which six letter A word is the name given to the preparatory season for Christmas?
2. Which Dr Seuss character stole Christmas?
3. What is the name of the business partner Scrooge in *Christmas Carol*?
4. What would be the star sign of somebody born on Christmas Day?
5. According to the carol, which is the only tree 'That bears the crown' ?
6. In the USA what is nicknamed 'Tinsel town'?
7. Which Shakespeare play might you associate with January 6th?
8. IN which ocean is Christmas Island?
9. Which of Santa's reindeers is also the name of the Roman god of love ?
10. Name the scientist who discovered gravity, who was born on Christmas Day 1642.

Answers to Septembers quiz. 1. Sleepless in Seattle 2. A sleepwalker 3. Rapid eye movement 4 A dormouse 5. Doris Day 6. Crystal Gayle 7. Dance 8. Freddie Krueger 9 .Philip Marlowe , created by Raymond Chandler 10. Zebedee

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If so Pleeeeeeease

CONTACT EITHER YVONNE, 375 OR HEATHER 453

email hfazak@btinternet.com

Or by letter to Lower Leaquoy

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NEXT SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE KIRK SUNDAY 11am

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

The Stronsay Development Trust is supported in its activities by Orkney Enterprise, Orkney Islands Council, Communities Scotland, The Crofters Commission and Orkney Community Planning Partnership.

DORIS AND NAINÉ'S KITCHEN

SEASONAL SHORTBREAD

Ingredients:-
8oz Butter
4oz Icing Sugar
7oz Plain Flour
5oz Cornflour

Cream together the butter & sugar
Add flours & mix
Press into Swiss roll tin
Bake in medium oven for 35-40 minutes

NANA'S SNIPPETS FROM DAYS GONE BY

A Christmas Tree Concert in the New Kirk

Before 1929

There were two Churches in Stronsay affectionately known as the Old Kirk and the New Kirk. The Old Kirk is still standing below Linkshouse but as it was no longer required after the joining of the churches it was turned into a barn. The New Kirk was demolished to make room for the present Moncur Memorial Church which was opened in 1955.

This story is about what we called the New Kirk in 1926. I was a pupil in the South School and with our good teacher Miss Fotheringhame we had been practising all the Christmas carol's and then joined with the central school pupils for the concert, my brother being one of them. What excitement it was entering the Church with the lovely Christmas tree with presents on the branches, the glow of the oil lamps and candles and looking around at all the people sitting in the pews. We sang all our carols and then Santa Claus appeared. Somehow word had got round that he had got a new baby grandson and Miss Fotheringhame had chosen me to present him with a toy rattle for the baby. I was not too sure of the man in the long red coat and white beard but I stood up on the seat beside my brother and handed over the present saying a few words for which he thanked me. After that we all got our presents, mine being a small harmonica of which I was very proud. Happy memories of bygone days

ORKNEY FERRIES REFIT TIMETABLE FROM 8th JANUARY

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
DEP STRONSAY.	08.50	09.00	07.30	08.50	07.30	08.50	-----
ARR. KIRKWALL.	10.55	10.35	09.35	10.55	09.35	11.25	-----
DEP. KIRKWALL	15.00	16.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	15.20	16.00
ARR. STRONSAY.	17.05	17.35	17.05	18.05	18.05	17.20	17.35

01856 872044 CHECK IN CARS 20 mins FOOT PASSENGERS

LOGAN AIR FROM NOW TILL 19th FEBRUARY 2006

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
DEP. STRONSAY	10.35	09.50	08.55	09.50	10.35	09.40
ARR. KIRKWALL	10.58	09.58	09.03	09.58	10.58	09.47
DEP. KIRKWALL	15.25	14.25	14.10	14.25	15.25	14.05
ARR. STRONSAY	15.48	14.48	14.38	14.48	15.48	14.39

01856 872494 CHECK IN KIRKWALL 20mins STRONSAY 10mins