



STRONSAY LIMPET

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GENERAL MEETING **ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

&

Presentation on the Enterprise Zone Project

When: 26 February 2014

Place: Stronsay Community Hall

Time: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tea and fancies will be served.

Everyone is welcome.



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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thu 27 Feb. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 23 Feb. Contact details on back page

Bu Wind Farm – Project Update

January 2014



The three Bu turbines with the community turbine to the far right.

History

The three turbine Bu wind farm, on the Orkney island of Stronsay, became operational in 2002 and was acquired by SSE in 2008.

The manufacturer of the turbines ceased trading which means spare parts, for maintenance and servicing, have become increasingly hard to source which is the reason the future of these turbines was brought into question.

In October 2012, following consultation with the community and local stakeholders, we submitted a planning application to the Orkney Islands Council to 're-power' the wind farm.

Re-powering a wind farm involves the removal of the existing turbines and replacing them with three newer, more efficient machines as well as upgrading some infrastructure as required.

Consent to re-power the Bu wind farm was given in April 2013 moving the project into the final stage of the development process which was our internal investment review.

This review assesses many factors including whether the project conforms to SSE's current investment requirements allowing to move into construction.

In this case the decision was taken to not take the project forward to construction. Under the terms of the original planning consent we are now required to 'de-commission' Bu.

Decommissioning

We will appoint contractors to take down and remove the three turbines from the island and reinstate the land they were on, subject to the conditions laid out in the planning consent and in conjunction with the landowner and the Orkney Islands Council.

Although subject to variation (depending on which contractor is appointed) we expect that the turbines will be dismantled and cut into smaller, more manageable pieces for removal from the island. This will remove the requirement to bring abnormal load vehicles to the island for the journey between the site and the harbour.

Timescale

Once the Principal Contractor is appointed we would anticipate work on site beginning in June 2014 with completion likely to be around two months later.

Communication

We will provide more information as it becomes available through the Limpet and via the project website which can be found at www.sse.com/bu.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the project, please contact the Project Liaison Manager:

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(T) 07818 542085



GREGOR LAMB - ORCADIAN AUTHOR

Gregor Lamb is an Orcadian who now lives in Castle Cary which is near Yeovil in Somerset. He has written several books about Orkney (“Sky over Scapa”, “Orkney Surnames”, etc) and knows Stronsay because he visited here a few years ago to give one of the Aberdeen Extra Mural talks and stayed with the Harcuses at Cleat. Recently he got in touch with the Limpet; here is his story which will be of particular interest to older residents of Stronsay:

“I recently came across your web site when researching the stranded Edenmore. Congratulations on producing such an interesting magazine. You helped solve an age old problem for me and it's this. My grandfather was a stonemason and yet my mother told me when I was a young boy that he was one of the divers who worked on the wreck of the Edenmore and that granny had some salvaged crockery to prove it. At the time I accepted what she said but later I wondered how a Rendall man with qualifications only in masonry could give up this work and with no skill, become a diver in Stronsay. I understand now that, since he worked for Samuel Firth, the Harray building contractor, he must have been employed on building the new Stronsay pier. When divers were required by the Norwegian company who bought the wreck, he obviously volunteered and was trained on the job. He must have been one of the earliest Orcadians to do diving work. His name was John Yorston and he came from Leyburn in Rendall. My mother told me also that he was one of the stone masons employed on building the (beautiful) bridge which carries the main road to Rendall over the Oyce at Finstown (near the present school).”

ORKNEY FERRIES - DRAFT REFIT TIMETABLE 2015

Stronsay Community Council will be represented at a transport meeting to be held Mid Febuary when the draft timetables will be discussed. For more information see the Limpet website www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk

LATEST BIRD NEWS

With such mild temperatures for almost the entire last four weeks of 2013 and the first four weeks of 2014 it is not surprising that there have been very few unusual sightings in mid-Winter. However, there were signs of a few arrivals during the SE winds before Christmas and again in mid-late January - nearly all Woodcock! The first was seen by Jim Cooper near Cleat on 18th Dec, followed by one in the Castle drive next day and one at Holin Cottage. One or two singles were also seen on the Bu Links by Norman and Kath Kent in December. The next sighting was at Castle on 23rd January and what may have been the same bird was seen flying past the School windows by Mr Petrie and Erin Stevenson the same day.

Single Greenfinches have been seen feeding on what remains of last year's crop of rose-hips in island gardens, and single Snow Buntings have also been recorded - leaving us wondering how many more are present in their favourite habitat - barley stubble. With several hundred acres of stubble on the island in Winter it is an impossible task to look for this species - but there could be many hundreds present, the birds only giving away their presence when flying up to avoid the ever-present hunting Merlins etc.

One or two new Robins appeared in the SE winds in mid-January including one seen by Damien at Linksness.

Well worth a look at present is the party of 12 Whooper Swans close to the road at the Bu Loch - great views from the car - but they will swim away if disturbed! There is currently a colourful mixture of duck on both the Blan and Bu lochs, well worth a scan when passing. The Dabchick has been seen on the latter on a few occasions close to the road near Springwell, and regarding 'raptor' species, Merlin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk and Hen Harrier have all been seen regularly throughout the Winter so far.

A sure sign that the days are lengthening and perhaps Spring is on the way - during the very infrequent sunny spells we have had since the turn of the year, a party of 15-20 Oystercatchers has been present on the Holin Links in Mill Bay.

This year's annual Bird Report is now out - thanks once again to all subscribers. John and Sue.

We hope to arrange the first Minibus Trip in February (early Sunday afternoon). Anyone interested in coming along please ring 616363 to book a seat as space is limited.

WELL DONE ANDY! (AND THANKS TO THE SDT)

Orkney Amateur Swimming Club hosted a course for swim teachers over the last two weekends. UKCC level 1 Teaching Aquatics gives a thorough grounding in stroke technique, preparing candidates for delivering lessons to beginners in a "Learn-to-swim" environment as well as coaching more advanced swimmers. Seven Orkney ASC club coaches took the course, along with four coaches from the isles pools, representing Hoy, Stronsay and Westray. All candidates performed extremely well on the course, impressing the tutor with their improvement over the two weekends. The current course forms part of Orkney ASC's ongoing strategy to increase the number of qualified coaches in the club, with further courses planned for later this year. The club was delighted to include the coaches from the isles, which will help foster closer links between Orkney ASC and the isles clubs. Orkney ASC could not have run the course without the generous support of SportScotland, Scottish Swimming, the NatWest Sports Development fund, and JEP Robertson & Son. Thanks also to Gordon Hill at OIC for provision of pool time, and the Stronsay Development Trust for sponsoring Andy Rose. The club would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped behind the scenes, Stromness Swimming Pool staff, and all the parents and children who came along for the lessons.



Pictured (L-R) are Andy Rose, Ingrid Ritch, Anna Rothnie, Michal Meszka, Greg Marwick, Ami Garriock, Alex Clark, Steven Smith, Dougie Edgar, Laura Johnston, Hilary Stewart (tutor), and Caroline Kent.

(Photo & article courtesy of Orkney Amateur Swimming Club 20 Jan 2014)

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

Not much to report this month, as Council meetings only kicked off in mid-January, with the Constitutional Reform Working Group. We are soon going to be distributing our own “white paper” to the Orkney public, but don’t go expecting “Your Islands Your Future” to be a 649-page tome like “Scotland’s Future”.

Councillors are currently engaged in setting OIC’s budget for 2014/15, on which we had one in a series of seminars presented by our officials. We also had a seminar on the changes that are going to have to be implemented on account of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill.

A special Policy & Resources Committee meeting was held to discuss the new hospital, and this will be followed up by a special General Meeting to ratify our decision.

Apart from that, I attended a meeting of the Orkney College Management Council (of which I am a member) and had the two shortest licensing meetings ever: the first lasted 10 minutes, and that record was subsequently beaten by the second at 5 minutes. If only community council meetings were like this!

Some of you will have read in *The Orcadian* of the 19th December a call by Cllr Jack Moodie (Kirkwall West & Orphir) for fixed links to the Isles. I have summed up my feelings on the matter with my own variation on Kenneth MacLeod’s and Marjory Kennedy-Fraser’s famous song (immortalised by the likes of Sir Harry Lauder, Kenneth McKellar and Andy Stewart): (*see next page for the song*)

Please let me know your own feelings on fixed links.

If you are affected by the “bedroom tax”, remember that you can apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment from the Council’s Benefits Section. Telephone 01856-873535 ext 2116 for details.

If you want to vote in the forthcoming Scottish Independence Referendum, remember you must make sure you are on the electoral register. Also, OIC is seeking your views on postal voting arrangements. You can make these known online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/oicpostalvotereview> or by ordering a paper survey form from Customer Services on 01856-873535.

The air and ferry timetables affect us all in the North Isles, and you are invited to comment on those proposed for winter 2014/15 (including the ferry refit!). The draft timetables can be ordered by phone on 01856-873535 or downloaded from <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Council/C/air-and-ferry-timetables.htm> You should pass your comments on to your community council’s transport representative by the 10th February.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday

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THE ROAD TO THE ISLES

A long shoppin' list is pullin' me away,
As I take my MOT'd car on the road.
I had no choice but to pass my driving test,
To cart the messages to my abode.

Sure, by tunnel and by causeway and by road-bridge I will go;
Near to ports where ships no longer sail in;
Past the surg'ry where our own GP once knew us each by name,
And empty stores no longer retailing.
Oh, since Jack Moodie got his way at OIC,
We're forced to drive to town for ev'rything.

Our bairns have to take long bus trips ev'ry day,
Since our secondary schools were all closed down.
"Beyond the budget" once the fixed links were installed:
They must attend the big school in the town

Sure, by tunnel and by causeway and by road-bridge I will go;
By the schoolhouse where the bell no longer rings;
Past the airfield where I used to work, now overgrown with weeds;
Meetin' vans that bring the council workers in.
Oh, since Jack Moodie got his way at OIC,
We're forced to drive to town for ev'rything.

For work, now I have to travel to Kirkwall.
Commuting has become our new lifestyle.
When home's very far from shops and jobs and schools,
Is there any point residing in the Isles?

Sure, the sea served us for cent'ries in the office of a wall,
Maintaining our distinct diversity.
Was it right a Kirkwall councillor should meddle wi' the Isles,
And mess with our unique communities?
Oh, since Jack Moodie got his way at OIC,
The Isles have become just dormit'ries.

BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS JANUARY 2014

What a new year - the wind has torn by last remaining green veg into shreds. The only thing outside to eat are neaps and carrots. In the green house, ignoring mold, there is still some chards, parsnips and winter lettuce.

This is the time of year to plan for the next growing season and risk getting a few things sown inside. One of my Christmas presents was a a pack of seeds for every month so this month I have sown 2 types of chillies and as I write I have 5 tiny shoots. They will need nursing for some while before I can put them into an unheated greenhouse.

My new vegetable garden is progressing very slowly so my strawberry plants are still in pots and raspberries in temporary accommodation. The ground is soggy in parts and flooded in other areas; my attempt at draining has been totally ineffectual, rather attracted water from the whole plot and making a small pond.

So this year I need to dig some fresh beds and protect them from the wind. I must get to Shearers to buy seed potatoes for chitting and start off the dozens of packets of seeds that are bulging out of my box. I like to be prepared for an exceptionally good summer which clearly guarantees disappointment. Each year holds so much promise with the green shoots of spring bulbs pushing through the mud. But, for now, I must control my urges to sacrifice plants in the winter gales.

Roger Neville-Smith
25 January 2014

TOE THE LINE

By Ellie from Newfield

There is never any question
For they always come in pairs.
Rather like a three-piece suite
With identical, matching chairs.
No wonder then the confusion
When we are constantly being met
With an absent partner
Missing from this set.
For years the men in my house
Have cried out in utter despair
“Oh no, not again!”
For it was a favourite pair
My father kept a drawer-full
Ever hopeful for their return.
A patient man and wise
But in this he'd never learn.
Soul mates you'd assume,
Partnered for life.
Sweet and old-fashioned
Just like a husband and wife.
The problem is easily solved
If only men wore tights
But there would be a rule I'm sure
Concerning their human rights.
An innocent pair of socks you would think
Plain, stripey or polka-dot
But the moment you turn your back
One will be off like a shot.
So on and on it goes
With no foreseeable end.
Mystery of magic?
You decide, my friend.
For common-sense will tell you
They cannot just disappear
Whilst men, being quick to answer
Will say “They do if they live here!”

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GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BOARD IN EBENEZER STORES

It was lovely to see so many nice greetings on the Christmas Greetings Board, a grand total of £65 was raised for the Philippines Typhoon aid fund.

Best wishes, Marion and Viv

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who ordered oil and/or offered the loan of heaters etc when Claremont was running short of heating oil earlier this month. The refit timetable only gives Highland Fuels one day a week on which they can deliver; and on Friday 10 January, thanks to all the orders, they delivered 1,000 litres to Claremont.

Bruce & Maureen Fletcher (& Surrey)

FOR SALE

2004 Seat Altea TDI 1.9 Stylance 105

Tax till end of Feb and MOT till April. 67,000 miles. £2,500 ono

Tel 01857 616220

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those friends who wished me well and a speedy recovery during my stay in Aberdeen R.I. last month. It was great to be home for Christmas, and feeling much better.

Brian Crowe.

THANK YOU

Robin and I would like to thank all those who contributed to the Playpark Fund in memory of our son Jack. It means so much to us that you would show your generosity in this way. We are glad to know that the children of this island will have an even better place to play because of your kindness.

Jennifer and Robin Graham

Private adverts (for sale, wanted, birthday greetings etc)

“Thank you” notices are FREE.

Up to 25 words - £1.00. 25 word advert with photo - £1.50. 25 to 50 words - £1.50 and so on.

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THANK YOU!

The Stronsay Games Club would like to thank everyone for supporting the Santa Float. Special thanks go to Jim Holland, Suzanne, Chris, Debbie, Ingram, Storm, Natalie and of course Santa! A grand total of £152 was raised towards the new play area.



(more photographs on next page)

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NEW CHURCH ORGAN

As reported in the 'Limpet' we reached our fundraising target for our new organ back in August. Many thanks are due to all who helped with fundraising and gave so generously to help us reach that target. We must also express our gratitude to the Stronsay Development Trust, whose generous grant from the Community Development Fund helped us reach our total much sooner than would otherwise have been possible.

We took delivery of our new Church organ (for those of you who know more about organs than me, it was a Viscount Cadet 31-S) on Friday 13th December. Roddie from Soundtec Organs took the organ the whole way from his shop in Irvine to Stronsay in his van, installed it in the church for us and made sure everything was working as it should. With our organist Bruce Fletcher at the controls, it made its musical debut on Sunday 22nd December and sounds a very good instrument indeed. Bruce seems well pleased with it and we look forward to enjoying music from it for many years to come.

Ian Cooper (kirk treasurer)

KIRK NEWS

It was very disappointing that both the Carols by Candlelight and the Watchnight service had to be cancelled due to bugs and bad weather. However the children, with Anne-Maree and Sarah, managed to put on their Nativity albeit a week late. Well done to everyone who took part – you are all stars!

Sunday Club is taking a break for a few weeks but a crèche is available each Sunday for children 9 years and under.

There doesn't seem to be much progress in our search for a minister so we are very grateful to the band of people who ensure we are able to hold a service each Sunday. John and Tracy Little will be visiting Stronsay in March and staying in the Manse. John is a prison chaplain in N Yorkshire and he will lead worship on the last three Sundays in March. We then look forward to John King leading worship on Palm Sunday, 13th April. (John is Nurse Shirley's dad).

The new organ is in place and sounds lovely – do come along and hear it for yourself.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY HOTEL

The Stronsay Hotel is offering take away meals from 5pm daily (earlier if required). This menu is also available to eat in at the hotel (for a small extra charge) with the addition of some fine Orkney beef steaks, Rump or Sirloin the choice is yours.

Phone 616213

TAKE AWAY MENU

Homemade lasagne plus chips	£4.95
Homemade sausagemeat pie plus chips	£4.95
Homemade chicken curry plus rice or chips .	£4.95
Homemade chicken pie plus chips	£5.50
Breaded haddock plus chips	£5.50
Breaded wholetail scampi plus chips	£6.50
2 sausages plus chips	£2.40
2 fish fingers plus chips	£2.40
Portion of chips	£1.20
Portion of cheesy chips	£2.00
Portion of onion rings (8)	£1.00

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.

Phone 01856 870075

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

Email jennystone001@btinternet.com

Business adverts

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“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”

All mechanical work undertaken, ECU/
ABS/airbag diagnostic testing, welding
specialist, MOT prep work, home start,
towing service.

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454



ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

Big discounts on end of line and discontinued soaps. Starts February 1st. Available at Olive Bank, Ebenezer Stores, Stronsay Post Office. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up your bathroom! Also very popular to send as special, hand-made in Stronsay gifts. Long-lasting, they're made with carefully chosen ingredients, so not only do they look & smell great, but they also help care for your skin without the drying effect some other soaps have. Hurry while stocks last.

Also available in mainland Orkney shops and online via my website at www.orkneystarsoap.co.uk. Tel: 01857 616281.

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STRONSAY STITCHERS

No Stitchers in February. However, Thursday 27th March looks good – just before Mothering Sunday and start of British Summer Time! We're an informal, friendly group of people who meet up once a month at the Church Hall from 7 – 9.30pm to do our own "craft" projects, chat, share knowledge & experience, learn from and support each other. We ask each person for a contribution of £2 towards heating & lighting and offer tea, coffee, biscuits. Anyone is welcome, you can bring any kind of craft work providing it is suitable for doing in the Hall, doesn't have to be "stitching" – anyone doing straw work

STRONSAY CRAFT FAIRS

Keeping You in the Loop

Following on from last year's success Stronsay's crafters are very keen to run some craft sales again in 2014. We would like to have 3 this year: one before Easter, one in the Summer and the final one before Christmas. At the moment things are still at the planning stage, but we will keep you updated.

STRONSAY'S SILVER DARLINGS - EXCITING NEWS!

We now have video clips on our website. So far we have some from the SOS Concert in Stronsay 2012 and the Orkney Folk Festival, Stromness 2013. We're aiming to add more throughout 2014 and we'll let you know when there's anything new. Please go take a look: <http://stronsayssilverdarlings.co.uk/film-gallery>.

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Stronsay Swim Challenge 2014

Stronsay Swimming pool is having a swim challenge on the 27th of January to the 29th of March (so you have 9 weeks to do it).

We will be having it at the Stronsay pool.

It is a sponsored event to raise funds for our swimming pool. It is open to all people of all ages.

You could do it in the public, private or swim club sessions and keep your record card updated as you progress.

Contact Mairi Dennison for more details/to sign up! (Tel: 616238)

You can choose from 5 different distances:

- 1: School to Schoolhouse: 16 lengths/40 widths
- 2: length of the Meikle Water : 50 lengths
- 3: around the Huip Holm : 167 lengths
- 4: around Papa Stronsay : 334 lengths
- 5: Stronsay School to Eday School : 668 lengths

Get fit and help our pool

By Ben Evans and Aimee Stout

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On the 7th February 2014 at 10am
(Note change of date from 31st January)

Stronsay Junior High School
Would like to invite the whole
community to our
Aims and Ethos Day

Join us and be part of celebrating our school

Open classrooms:

Creating and planning the outside area

Jolly phonics

Science

French

Social Subjects

*Join us at 10am for Break time, Soup and Sandwiches,
and our Celebration Assembly*

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DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Thanks to everyone who has replied. I am planning to hold the inaugural meeting on Wednesday 4th February at 3pm, in the Community centre hall. Light refreshments will be provided and a warm welcome is extended to everyone, including relatives / family / carer's. This first meeting will be an open agenda to gauge the sort of format folk will want the meetings to take, but can also include general discussions around various issues people may have. I will put posters up in the shops and PO nearer the time.

Nurse Shirley Grummit

STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAY-PARK ACTION GROUP

We are a small, temporary group aiming to raise funds to purchase and install new equipment at the Community Hall play-park. Our next meeting will be held at the Community Hall on Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm

Please feel welcome to attend even if you were not at the first meeting – the more the merrier. Bring lots of creative ideas and enthusiasm! Thanks very much to all who attended in October.

Thank you to Viv for collecting donations, and also to those who have donated generously so far. Please continue to bring any unwanted items to Ebenezer's to help our group.

M Dennison



Stronsay Calendars, displaying the photographic and artistic talents of our young folk, are now available in our local shops!

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ATTENTION BATHERS **STRONSAY POOL NEEDS YOU!**

All swimming sessions are now under-attended. If pool attendance does not pick up then a revised and reduced time table will come into effect from the beginning of December

The current timetable is

MONDAY

7 - 7.40 PUBLIC

7.40 - 8.20 PUBLIC

8.20 - 9.00 ADULT LANE

WEDNESDAY - SWIM CLUB

3.20 - 4.00 BEGINNERS and 'C' SQUAD

7.00 - 8.00 'B' SQUAD

8.00 - 9.00 'A' SQUAD

THURSDAY

7.00 - 7.40 PRIVATE HIRE

7.40 - 8.20 PUBLIC

8.20 - 9.00 SECONDARY LANE

SATURDAY

PRIVATE HIRE - book with Elsie

SESSION PRICES

£1.20 per child

£2.40 per adult

Please use our pool, all sessions are supervised by fully qualified and friendly lifeguards

Thanks

The pool committee

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits:

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY, 10th MARCH, 7th APRIL & 19th MAY

Council Houses: 9—10

Stronsay School: 10:15—12

Stronsay Kirk: 12:30—3

Fishmart: 3:15—5:30

Mobile library schedule http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm

Kirkwall library contacts - 01856 873166 or general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk

Kirkwall library website - <http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk>

Kirkwall library online book catalogue - <http://212.219.208.10/TalisPrism>

Check new library opening times

www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

Ages 10 or over only

Friday night 8pm until 10pm

Entrance £1

Come along for a fun filled night

Air hockey table

Pool table

Play station 2

Nintendo WII & Sing Star

Snooker

Juice, crisps and sweets available

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Special event coming up? Why not hire the disco equipment with rotating glitter globe and pulsating coloured lights for only £5 plus room and hydro charge? A DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Also available for hire: badminton, table tennis and snooker all at £2 per hour plus hydro. All equipment provided.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday	8:30—12
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9—12 and 1—3
Saturday	8:30—12 and 1—3

Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Replacement bin bags.	Telephone OIC (Technical Services) on 01856 873535
Sunday service at the Kirk	11 am (see http://tinyurl.com/kvk5gfp)
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am
Next Special Collection	28 Feb 2014
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

Doctor	616321	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Nurses	616480	Hydro	0800 300 999
Medical emergency	01856 888000	All water enquiries	0845 601 8855
Registrar	616239	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
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Companions	616261	Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Kirk	616311	Northvet	01856 873403
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Dentists:	
Olivebank	616255	Great Western Rd	01856 879683
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Neil's on Wheels	616454	Earls Palace	01856 872958
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