

STRONSAY LIMPET

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POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS JUNE - AUGUST

During the summer, the Post Office will continue to be open Monday – Saturday 8.30 -12 and 3 -6

There might be occasional half day closures as I don't have cover at present.

These closures will be widely advertised in the shops, on the Limpet's Facebook page and on the Limpet website

STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

Barbara Deavin (teacher at Stronsay school) is hoping to reinstate the Friday night games club at the Community Centre. She needs some trusty volunteers to help her for approximately two hours on a Friday evening. If, for instance, ten people volunteered they would only need to do a "duty" once every ten weeks. If you're interested please ring Barbara on 305.

A MESSAGE FROM HAZEL SHEARER:

Molly has been growing her hair even longer in order to donate it to make a wig for a cancer patient but she is also trying to raise money for the charity to buy/make more wigs. You can help her raise money for this great cause by donating directly to her fundraising pagehttp://www.justgiving.com/Molly-SHEARER.

Many thanks Hazel (& Molly)

CAITHNESS TRACTOR CLUB with ORKNEY VINTAGE CLUB

Are visiting Stronsay on Saturday 30th May for a Road Run.

They are arriving on the 7am Ferry and extend an invitation to anyone wishing to join them on the run. The tractors will be parked in the village at 12.30pm for anyone interested in coming along to see them.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

Car treasure hunt on Friday 19th June at 7pm. Details on page 22

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on <u>Thu 25 Jun</u>. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on <u>Sun 21 Jun</u>. Contact details on back page



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COMMUNITY FUND: GIFT AID FOR 2015

The Board of Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd are very pleased to inform the community that the sum of £170,000 has been transferred as Gift Aid to the Community Fund held by Stronsay Development Trust.

Julie Andrew

Chair, Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd:



LOBSTER PONDS -

UPDATE

Following enquiries made to the Planning Department the Trust have been advised that it is considered that the works currently being carried out are more extensive than envisaged under the planning consent. The Planner has therefore requested that we submit an amended planning application to address the situation. We are hopeful that this will be submited shortly and that works can continue without undue delay.

Carole Cotterill Chair

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STRONSAY'S RUNNING POSTIE—UPDATE

Andy wishes to say an enormous thank you for all the money that has been donated for his 10k run in Edinburgh on 30th of this month. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity, he already has almost £500 pledged which will be matched by the Royal Mail for The Stroke Association.

We will update you on how he did in next month's issue, but we just wanted to say a thank you now to everybody.

Andy and Shirley Whiteman.

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

Swallows and Sand Martins arrrived in small numbers during late April and early May, but by mid-month over twenty of the latter were seen near the colonies in Mill Bay in spite of the generally cold, often northerly winds. A spell of light winds from an easterly quarter around 4th-5th May brought a few migrants to the island including three beautiful male Pied Flycatchers – at Dale, Helmsley, and Sunnybank. A few other species were recorded about this time including a male Redstart seen by Carwyn and Dave in the Coweshouse garden, a Greenshank flying over The Reserve, and a few Wheatears and Chiffchaffs. The most unexpected sighting was of a pair of Garganey on the Blan Loch.

A brief spell of light winds on 13th-14th May brought a male Garganey to the Blan Loch where it was seen on and off until the 18th, and a few small passerines, including Goldcrests, Chiffchaffs and Willow Warblers, and two Lesser Whitethroats – one at Airy and the other at Holin Cottage. The most unexpected sighting during this spell was a pair of Goldfinches at the North Quarry – much paler than typical British Goldfinches and probably from elsewhere in Europe. Keen birdwatchers Anthony and Clare had two surprises in their garden at Gesty Dishes on 15th - both birds singing - a Sedge Warbler and a Chiffchaff.

Just one small migrant was seen on 18th at a time when the island could be buzzing with birds heading for their northern breeding grounds - a Tree Pipit between Coweshouse and Fingeo. A Blackcap was also seen at Coweshouse on 23rd.

There have been occasional sightings of 'owls' (almost certainly Short-eared) in the last few weeks giving hope that at least one pair may stay to breed this year. Terns are now present in good numbers, with Arctic, Common, and Sandwich all regularly seen at the Matpow Loch. Eiders are also present in good numbers this year - much higher than in the last few years.

I was invited to lead six Minibus trips in mid-May by Headmaster Andrew King in conjunction with Enjoy Wild Orkney/Migration Watch, and it is pleasing - and a relief - to say that all the groups managed to see at least a few interesting species. Highlights were the Sanderling – scuttling along the sand as ever – at Bomasty Bay; drake Eider Ducks resting on the pebble-beach, also at Bomasty; terns and gulls at the Matpow Loch; Shoveler duck at the Blan Loch, and best of all the summer-plumaged Great Northern Divers – one at Bomasty, the other between the piers in Whitehall Village. It is also pleasing to report that even the teachers behaved impeccably in the School Bus! Thanks to Maurice for his expert positioning of the vehicle when required.

Thanks again for all the calls. John Holloway

(see next page for photographs)



'Male Wheatear near Holin.'



'Male Pied Flycatcher, Sunnybank.'



'Goldfinch, North Quarry.'

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'Shelduck mother and young, Blan Loch – 5pm Sunday 24th May (ten minutes ago!)

THE QUALITY OF LIFE

By Ellie from Newfield

The quality is different For each of us I think As what is one man's poison Is another's food & drink. Here I stand on the "Crofter's Hill" With a banquet at my feet, Mother Nature has set the table From which we all will eat. The quality of life For as far as the eye can see Laid out like a blanket Beyond this land towards the sea. And whilst there's not a grain of concrete Lays cold beneath my feet But a carpet of purple heather Whose scent is rich and sweet. A quality of life This crofter's wealth is beyond gold, Above is a never-ending sky From which the Northern Lights unfold. The valley holds grazing sheep Contented with their lot. The quality of life it seems Comes not from a money pot. Mother Nature take a bow As the heather bells ring today, Whilst I must leave this scene And shortly be on my way. We've worked together, her and I, Through good and bad times But the quality of life was rich

©Helene Harrison

And as clear as those heather bell's chimes!

SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

THANK YOU

The family of the late Joy Swanney would like to thank the Stronsay folk who came to pay their last respects on such a wet day and who gave so generously to the St. Rognvalds House Comfort Fund.(£320)

We are grateful to David Bowen, Walter and Leslie, Harold, Garry and Maurice for their services and co-operation.

Finally thanks to Anne-Maree for organising the use of the Community Centre and with the help of Neil and Christine providing soup, sandwiches and home bakes.

LOCAL WORK

I have a number of small jobs which need completing hopefully this summer.

- a. repointing half stone tiled bungalow
- b. resin application to first storey flat roof & (part) workshop
- c. internal improvements to inner lobby (replace some plasterboard, painting)
- d. small garage roof repairs.

Come and discuss please. Leo (Waterhall, 616332)

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.

Phone 01856 870075

http://www.jennystoneart.com
Email jennystone001@btinternet.com

LOCAL BUSINESSES

ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk.



Hand-made soaps and balms available online and in Stronsay from Ebenezer Stores, Post Office & Isles View (by arrangement only please. Tel: 01857 616281).

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An invitation to you <u>all</u> from Stronsay Junior High School.

The staff and students would like to welcome you to see the new classrooms and library on Friday June 19th 9.25am onwards.

There will be a full day of activities, a soup and sandwich lunch, and an assembly to round off the day and give our students the chance to share their musical talents.

You are welcome to drop in for part, or all of the day. Share memories of your schooldays wherever - and whenever - you went to school!

It is Global Parents Day on the same day. What better day to bring the community of Stronsay together.

Please let us know if you want to attend.616246

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Adrain Miller, Blinkbonny, Stronsay, KW17 2AF Tel: 616354 Clerk: Colin McAlpine, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616446

STRONSAY FISH MART HOSTEL & CAFE

Expressions of interest are invited for a flexible, helpful and welcoming person to run the Stronsay Fish Mart Hostel and Café, due to reopen in June 2015 following a total refurbishment.

The Hostel Operator will be required to: -

- welcome visitors to all operational areas within the Fish Mart
- prepare food for sale in the Café
- open the café at agreed times
- keep the Fish Mart clean and tidy at all times
- manage the Hostel including bookings, check-ins and laundry

Ideally the Operator will hold a valid Food Hygiene Certificate, have experience of food preparation and customer service.

It is expected interviews will be held before the end of June 2015. The closing date for written expressions of interest is **5pm on Monday 8 June 2015** and should be addressed to the Clerk.

For further information or enquiries please contact the Clerk.

Colin McAlpine Clerk to Stronsay Community Council The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT



Opening Saturday 30th May

Free coffee and cake

Paul and Dianne invite you to visit the Chapel between 12.00 and 16.00 to see how the building has been converted and to discover what we offer at Craftship Enterprise.



STRONSAY BOOKWORM NEWS



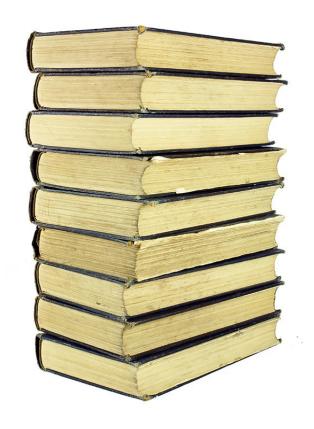
There was a lively discussion at The Stronsay Hotel on May 14th when we met to talk about "Notes from an Exhibition" by Patrick Gale. There were so many themes running through the book that our discussion ranged from Quakerism to modern art to how we treat mental health issues today. Our responses to the book were mixed though we all agreed that there was plenty to think about, and that it was a good choice of book for our fledgling book club. At the end of the evening we each awarded the book a mark which averaged out at 8.5/10.

Everyone is welcome to join us – no experience necessary! If you read the book at home but cannot make the meeting, please send us your thoughts and a mark out of five. b.deavin@hotmail.co.uk

Our next book is "The Pursuit of Love" by Nancy Mitford. June 11th

Don't be put off by the title! It's written by one of the Mitford sisters whose exploits kept society entertained throughout the 1930's and 1940's. It's a comical account of an aristocratic family during the second World War. Nancy Mitford was known for her sharp and provocative wit. See what you think...

Book Amnesty at Stronsay School!



Do you have any of our school books lurking in your house? You would be helping our stock, and our budget, if you could bring them back! Just drop them in the school foyer....no questions asked.....

The Scottish Parliament is coming to town!

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

MEETING Monday 8 June 2015 18:00 – 21:00 Kirkwall Grammar School,Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1QN

The Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee is coming to Orkney as part of Parliament Day Orkney to begin its work on the Scottish Government's proposals for land reform and will be asking:

- Who should own Scotland's land?
- How should Scotland's land be owned and managed to benefit us all?
- Should some land use take priority over others?

Come along and participate – it's your chance to find out more about land ownership in Scotland and put your questions directly to MSPs on these issues.

For a free ticket visit www.scottish.parliament.uk/pd-orkney call 0131 348 5000 or email sp.bookings@scottish.parliament.uk

Unable to attend the meeting? Send us your questions to racce.committee@scottish.parliament.uk

Follow live tweets of the meeting at @SP_RuralClimate and join in using the hashtag #PDOrkney



STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COACHING SESSIONS

We have arranged for athletics and netball coaching sessions in the run up to this year's North Isles Sports which will be held here in Stronsay.

Ms Elson, our PE teacher and Elaine Dennison have kindly agreed to run these sessions for us and we hope for a good turnout at all events. This is a great opportunity for pupils to improve on their skills and we hope to continue, and even build on our success at last year's Sports Day when Stronsay won the Schools' Cup.

KGS pupils and adults are also most welcome to attend as well as our secondary pupils.

Friday 1st May	Netball	7.00 - 8.30
Saturday 2nd May	Athletics	10.30-11.30
Tuesday 5th May	Athletics	3.30 - 5.15
Tuesday 12th May	Athletics	3.30 - 5.15
Friday 15th May	Netball	7.00-8.00
Saturday 16th May	Athletics	10.30 - 11.30
Tuesday 19th May	Athletics	3.30 - 5.15
Friday 22nd May	Netball	7.00 - 8.00
Saturday 23rd May	Athletics	10.30 - 11.30
Tuesday 26th May	Athletics	3.30 - 5.15
Tuesday 2nd June	Athletics	3.30 - 5.15
Friday 5th June	Netball	7.00 - 8.00
Saturday 6th June	Athletics	10.30 - 11.30
Tuesday 9th June	Athletics	3.30 - 5.15

STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The June meeting of the group will take the form of a presentation by Heather, one of the visiting chiropodists. Because she will need to return by plane, we need to meet slightly earlier at 2.15pm, on Wednesday 10th June at the Community Hall.

Numbers attending the group have declined recently, so please think about coming along in June to listen to Heather talk to us about looking after our feet.

Please feel able to contact me for any further details or information about this. Shirley (616438).

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE supervised sessions

MONDAY	3.45-5.45
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	3.45-5.45
THURSDAY	3.45-5.45
FRIDAY	3.45-5.45
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Buddy system by request

The gym can be accessed throughout the day if you have a 'buddy' to go with.

A code is required, please speak to one of the team if you have any questions
Inductions by appointment only
Andy - 616277, Julie - 616335 or Tracey - 616350
Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL

We are looking for more volunteer overseers (formerly keyholders!) to help with the smooth running of the swimming pool.

Please contact Mairi (616238).



Quiz & Disco Saturday 6th June

Stronsay Community Hall
5 decades Quiz starts at 8pm
then after dance to music from
the 60's 70's 80's 90's & 00's
Optional 'Favourite Fashion Era' Theme
Collection for CLIC Sargent
Everyone welcome
Come along and enjoy yourself x

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

From Monday 23rd February

MONDAY	7.00—7.40 7.40—8.20	Public session Women only
WEDNESDAY	3.30—4.15 7.00—7.40	Beginners & Improvers Private Hire
FRIDAY	3.30—4.30	Swim Club A & B squad
SATURDAY	2.00—2.40 2.40—3.20	Private Hire Public Session

Private hires are pre-booked. Additional private hires may be available – phone 616331.

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL CHARGES

From Monday 23rd February

Public Sessions

- Adults (16 and over) £2.40
- Children £1.20

Private Hires

- 40 minute session £15
- 60 minute session £20

Swim Club

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable)

- 40 minute sessions £16 block booking; £2 per session
- 60 minute sessions £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

Men only and Women only Sessions (16 and over)

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable)

- £24 block booking
- £3 per session

Announcements by charities, local groups, clubs and organisations are FREE!

The cutoff date for items to be included in the next edition of the *Limpet* is on the front page Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page



<u>LIFEGUARDS REQUIRED</u>

Do you want to learn valuable life skills, be part of a dynamic team and hold a nationally recognised qualification?

If your answer is yes then Stronsay pool is looking for you

At Stronsay pool we are looking for candidates to train as NPLQ lifeguards.

NPLQ is National Pool Lifeguard Qualification Minimum age is 16 no maximum age limit You have to meet required fitness level Study for a minimum of 40 hours Be committed and self motivated

You will be trained to a national standard as set out by the Royal Life Saving Society to become competent in rescue techniques, CPR and first aid.

For further information or general enquiries please contact:

Andy Rose 616277

or

Sarah Stevenson 616406

KIRK NEWS

With the new sound equipment in the Church it is now possible to record the services. If you are unable to get along to church each Sunday and would like to get a copy of the service week by week please give Elsie a phone on 616331.

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated:

- May 31st Viv Erdman
- June 7th Muriel Drever (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
- June 14th Mike Erdman
- June 21st David Bowen
- June 28th David Bowen
- July 5th Alastair Gray
- July 12th Alastair Gray
- July 19th David Bowen
- July 26th Mike Erdman
- August 2nd David Bowen
- August 9th Viv Erdman
- August 16th Mike Erdman
- August 23rd David Bowen
- August 30th Mike Erdman

STRONSAY SCHOOL BLOG

We would like to remind everyone about the Stronsay School Blog which has been up and running for a few months now. The Blog shares some of Stronsay School's highlights through pictures and articles as well as other relevant school information. You can access the blog at http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk. We hope you find the site interesting.



STRONSAY STITCHERS

May: Thursday 28th Church Hall - 7pm- 9.30pm

We're an informal, friendly group of people who meet up once a month to do our own projects, chat, share knowledge & experience, learn from and support each other. We ask each person for a contribution of £2.00 towards heating & lighting and offer tea, coffee, biscuits. Anyone is very welcome. You can bring any kind of craft work, unfinished project providing it is suitable for doing in the Hall and it doesn't have to be "stitching".

Next month - June: Thursday 25th

PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

The Play Park Action Group are holding a car treasure hunt on Friday 19th June at 7pm (registration 6.45) starting from the Community Halls (kindly put together by Jim Cooper and Anne Burger). £5 per car. Prize for winning team.

Light refreshments afterwards in the hall. There will also be a raffle (donations gratefully received).

Please come along for an evening of fun, and to support the efforts of the fundraising group.

Shirley (group treasurer).

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits:

Tuesday 16 June and Tuesday 14 July

Council Houses 9 - 10 School 10.15 - 12 Kirk 12.30 - 3 Fish mart 3.15 - 5.30

Mobile library schedule http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles_Mobile_2015.pdf
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
Library opening times
httm#NewHours

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 <u>must</u> 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.

STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB (SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 1)

USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday 8:30—12 & 3-6 (See notice on page 1)

Sunday Closed

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 Mass 5 pm (Mon–Fri), 11.30am (Sat), 9am (Sunday)

Next Special Collection Unknown (phone 01856 873535 and enquire)

Rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

Doctor 616321	Balfour hospital 01856 888000
Nurses 616480	Hydro
Medical emergency 01856 888000	All water enquiries 0845 601 8855
Registrar 616239	Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Hall bookings 616446	Kirkwall Police 101
Post Office 616278	Vets:
Companions 616261	Flett & Carmichael 01856 872859
Kirk 616311	Northvet
Stronsay Hotel 616213	Dentists:
Olivebank 616255	Great Western Rd 01856 879683
Ebenezer stores 616339	King Street
Neil's on Wheels 616454	Earls Palace 01856 872958
Taxi 616335	Golgotha monastery 616210
Castle Bird Reserve 616363	Email contact@the-sons.org

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE LIMPET

Send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk, phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 11am & before 9pm, please!) or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*. Details of the deadline for the next edition are on the front page

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