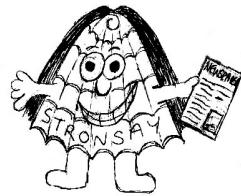


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STRONSAY BUSINESSES

OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY

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GREETINGS

The Editor of the Stronsay Limpet wishes all the Limpet's readers a very happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year

STRONSAY—GERAMOUNT SURGERY

The surgery closes at 4:30pm on 24th Dec and on 31st Dec.

During the times when the surgery is closed the emergency contact number remains the same as always - 01856 888000 and ask for the Stronsay GP or Stronsay Nurse. If you phone the surgery number you will automatically be diverted to this number during this time.

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE

Due to Bank holidays and JBT closures over the Christmas and New Year period, club delivery days after Friday 18th of December will be as follows:

Tue 22 Dec, Thu 24 Dec, Thu 31 Dec, Fri 8 Jan

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 28 Jan**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 24 Jan**. Contact details on back page

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Olivebank</i>	<i>Ebenezer</i>	<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Surgery</i>	<i>Fish Mart</i>	<i>Craftship Enterprise</i>
Mon 21 Dec	Normal	Normal	8:30am-1pm	<i>Closed</i>	Normal	<i>Closed</i>	12-4
Tue 22 Dec	Normal	Normal	2pm-6pm	Normal	Normal	10am-4:30pm	12-4
Wed 23 Dec	Normal	Normal	8:30am-1pm	Normal	Normal	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Thu 24 Dec	Normal	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-1pm	5pm-1am	Normal	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Fri 25 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	12pm-2pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sat 26 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	10am-12pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sun 27 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	10am-1pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Mon 28 Dec	Normal	9am-6pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Tue 29 Dec	Normal	9am-6:30pm	8:30am-12pm	5pm-10pm	Normal	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Wed 30 Dec	Normal	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-12pm	5pm-10pm	Normal	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Thu 31 Dec	Normal	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-12pm	8pm-1am	Normal	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Fri 1 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	10am-12pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sat 2 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	10am-2pm	<i>Closed</i>	Normal	<i>Closed</i>	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Sun 3 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	10am-1pm	<i>Closed</i>	Normal	<i>Closed</i>	10am-4:30pm	<i>Closed</i>
Mon 4 Jan	12pm-2pm	Normal	8:30am-12pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>

A STRONSAY MORN

By Dianne

As Louise was coming to Tullimentan there were sheep on the road. I phoned Housebay but couldn't reach anyone so Paul, Louise & myself drove down to do a simple bit of rounding up. We hopped out of the car into a pretty strong wind but managed to get some of the escapees down into the track at St Catherine's Bay; the rest were examining the modern art collection in Jimmy Allan's field. Halfway down the track, the heavens opened to deposit hailstones travelling at about 60mph straight into our faces (it really hurt and we could hardly see or breathe) so we took a unanimous decision to head back and continue the herding in the car. We were all looking very fresh-faced from the free skin peel and the water level on our trousers had reached knee high.

As we drive down the sheep are spooked by a young seal on the grass verge. We push them past and get them to the car park, still loose but at least safe. We think "job done, let's go back for those in Jimmy's field" and turn the car round - but the seal is now right in the middle of the track. Paul tried to shoo it away whereupon it tried to take Paul's leg off.

So we can't get the car out, we still have loose sheep and we have no mobile between the three of us. We shuffle past the aggressive seal and walk back to Tullimentan, still battling a howling gale and horizontal rain. Water level on trousers now upper thigh level!

Who do you phone when you need help? Mike Holland! So with Mike on his way, Paul and I head back to the bay in the other car. Louise sensibly stayed at home. By this time, Drew and Callum are on the case. Drew drives the tractor past the seal which tries to bite the tyres off and they get to the sheep down in the car park where they find a hole in the fence. There are still the explorers in Jimmy's field so after a bit of shouting, general carrying on and a bodily lift or two by Drew, those sheep are now on the road. We play tag up and down the road a couple of times. Pip is pretending to be a sheep dog, though really all she wants to do is roll over for a tummy tickle. While this is going on Geoff, stops and asks Paul to help unload some plywood sheets at Lower Leaquoy, an easy task in a high wind! So they head off and all is well, I go to get in the car but the wind is so strong the door hits me in the face.

I now have blood running down my chin, and all over my hands. Why do you never have a tissue when you need one? I drive past the seal which attacks again and tries to take my tyres off as I head back to Tullimentan. When I get there Mike is telling Louise how to grab a seal by the tail and spin it round. (Do not try this at home, it is just one of those fishermen's tales)

By now I'm wet through, I have a cut lip and it's only just 11.00. What a Stronsay morn!

PS The seal found its way back to the sea, it's always best to leave them alone if possible. Vicki and Jim had one in their garden at Millfield so they do travel across the whole island.

PPS. My scar hardly shows.

(see Callum's photograph of the seal on the next page)



Aggressive seal near Tullimentan!

NEW RECYCLING CENTRE ON STRONSAY

In the same location as the old one but recycles cans, paper AND plastic bottles



LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

Small parties of Whooper Swans have been seen regularly for much of the last few weeks, giving amazing close views to passing motorists in the Samsonslane and Scoulters/Cleat Road areas. It is interesting to note that they have been in areas away from any wild Greylag Geese. A party of fifty or so Pink-footed Geese have also been seen regularly along the Cleat Road. Another plus is the number of duck of several species on the island lochs this Winter – far more than in the last decade or so and no doubt due to the reduced numbers of Greylags.

There are several wintering Herons again – mainly around the shoreline – and one has been visiting the Mill Stream area regularly. Ravens and Hooded Crows are as numerous as ever – both may be seen in quite large groups at this time of year. There has been a single Carrion Crow (all black) for some time in the Sunnyside/Russland area, and a few parties of wintering thrushes are dotted around the island – mainly Fieldfares accompanied by one or two Redwings. Blackbird numbers have been boosted by migrants which can often be told by their wild nature, flushing at long range and flying off some considerable distance - very different to our local, relatively tame birds.

There have been no real surprises – so far! – since Autumn migration ceased, but there have been regular sightings of Hen Harrier all over the island – Pato near Odiness; David at Osen; Andy at St Johns, etc. etc. If only these sightings were more predictable we could wait with camera at the ready! Merlin, Sparrowhawk and Peregrine have been seen and there have been several reports of ‘owls’ (mostly by Robin and Jennifer at close range in the Lodge/Matpow area) - all probably Short-eared. The only unusual small bird has been a wintering female Chaffinch at Holin Cottage, and what was probably the same individual has been seen here at Castle. The long-staying Great Spotted Woodpecker has been seen in the Park Cottage/Linkshouse/Castle area a few times in December but it is amazing that the bird has survived here for so long in what really is unsuitable habitat. The feeders on bird-tables/washing lines etc. must certainly be a big factor.

A species to look out for – which would be new to the island list – is Glossy Ibis. There have been several sightings in Orkney in the last year or two, a party spent some time on Fair Isle this Autumn, and one arrived on Shetland Mainland a day or so ago. In appearance the bird resembles a big, all-dark Curlew, with a similar, long, down-curved bill. The species was known as the ‘Black Curlew’ by wild-fowlers in Norfolk in the 19th century when the species was far more common in the UK.

If anyone has any late bird sightings they would like included in our Annual Bird Report please let us know before the end of December.

John & Sue

(Photograph on next page)



'Two of the Whooper Swans close to the Cleat road in December'

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

At our Policy & Resources Committee meeting, as reported in *The Orcadian* I sadly failed to get support from fellow councillors to opt for the cheaper, more robust and less-maintenance-intensive alternative for a sea wall for Kirkwall and thereby free-up some funding for flood-prevention measures in other parts of Orkney, e.g. Whitehall Village.

I was invited to attend the official launch of the UHI Archaeology Institute at Orkney College. The Institute is unique in Scotland, as it combines teaching, academic research, and commercial applied research and consultancy. At the launch we had the opportunity to view some the research that is going on there. As a beekeeper, I was particularly interested to find this includes prehistoric apiculture.

At a special Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting to which I was invited, a report on current Strategic Transportation Appraisal Guidance (STAG) projects was considered, including the one assessing our inter-island air and ferry services. Part 2 of this study, to produce an up-to-date picture of the factual position, should be ready to report by the spring, after which (I quote) “the consultants will produce a detailed 30 year ‘route map’ for future service development and investment in assets”. Given the sheer cost of replacing our ageing fleet, at a subsequent special Policy & Resources Committee meeting, we have agreed to ask the Scottish Government to transfer the responsibility for the funding of our inter-island ferry services to Transport Scotland’s budget.

“Magnus 900” is a working group I am on for celebrating the 900th anniversary in 2017 of the martyrdom of St Magnus. As the site of the martyrdom, I am particularly keen to get Egilsay closely involved in the events.

At the Licensing Board, I was pleased to propose the granting of a premises licence to Sinclair General Stores in Sanday and to support the same for the J.C. Tulloch store in Pierowall.

The Shapinsay tree lighting on the 4th Dec gave me the opportunity to congratulate Headmistress Emma Clements in person on the exceptional inspection report received by Shapinsay School. The weather for the lighting, however, was inclement, so while the school’s P7s went outside to light the tree, the rest of us remained inside (reminiscent of the lighting event I mentioned in last month’s *Letter!*). I gave a short talk on how the Christmas tree custom was started in Germany by someone from Britain but it took over 1100 years to get back here. After which, the children sang and then we enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine. The following evening I was at Sanday’s tree-lighting.

As OIC’s rep on the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, I went down to a meeting at the new Inverness College Beechwood Campus, of which we were given a tour. It bears a remarkable similarity to other new academic buildings I have seen lately, so I suspect the same architects are being used for all of them.

I was pleased be able to be at Sophie Turner’s award presentation in the Council Chamber. It is good to know that the medieval tradition of masonry will be continuing at our medieval cathedral once Colin Watson retires.

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Other meetings I have attended this month include: a North Isles ward group meeting, Monitoring & Audit, a meeting with Liam McArthur MSP about our intra-island air service, a civic dinner in honour of Bill Spence (recently retired as Honorary Norwegian Consul to Orkney), Constitutional Reform Working Group, Change Programme Board, a couple of seminars and an Islands Summit engagement event.

I hope that as many people as possible took part in the review of home-based registrars in the Isles. I came across some statistics from 100 years ago showing 34 births, 5 marriages and 33 deaths in the North Isles for the **quarter** ending 30th June 1915. Kirkwall, in comparison, had on only 12 births and 25 deaths. Nearly a century later in the **year** 2014 Kirkwall registered 158 births compared to the North Isles 6, and 151 deaths compared to 23! It just shows how centralised Orkney has become—a trend we need to resist.

I congratulate Sanday runner, William Sichel on achieving all the goals of his five-year plan in just three years. Sadly, I cannot report the same success for Orkney Islands Council's five-year plan. Maybe William should come and give us a training seminar!

I would like to wish everyone a prosperous 2016, but the announcement from the Scottish Government of a £5 million cut in Orkney Islands Council's annual allocation means £227 less for each man, woman and child in Orkney for the services we provide to them. Although it is the Scottish Government that has imposed the cut (despite the cash increase they received from Westminster), they are fully aware that the blame will be put on us when the level of services we deliver has to suffer. Something worth bearing in mind at the election next May.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

NEW!
STARTING IN JANUARY 2016
STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION

Devised by John Holloway.

Each month a photograph will be published and the Limpet's readers will be invited to provide a suitable (non-smutty!) caption.

The captions will be judged by John Holloway and the editor of the Limpet. The writer of the best caption will receive a small prize.
(The editor's decision is final!)

Below is a sample photograph and some captions of the sort that would be expected:



'Not just now Grandad I'm watching Postman Pat'

or

'Shhh Mum, I think I can hear Reindeer'

or

Look at that Dad – Rangers 0 Aberdeen 4

MARKETING STRONSAY?

Visit Orkney wishes to ascertain what would attract visitors to Stronsay – which might not be the same as those who wish to emigrate here to live. We are aware that there are a large number of Stronsay properties for sale (land and buildings) which seem slow to move at the going price.

I asked myself is Stronsay typical of Orkney or are there issues which need addressing? One test is to see how many properties are listed by the principal UK property listing facility – Rightmove.

The following applies for June 2015

Location	Property for Sale (1)	Number of Viewers (2)	Relative 2 to 1
Orkney	163	19233	118
Deerness	1	70	70
Eday	1	156	156
Egilsay	0	83	-
Gairsay	0	11	-
Hoy	5	569	113.8
Kirkwall	22	3953	370.8
North Ronaldsay	0	121	-
Papa Westray	2	193	96.5
Rousay	4	389	97.3
Sanday	23	1877	31
St. Margarets Hope	7	385	55
Stromness	5	1854	370.8
STRONSAY	8	249	31
Westray	9	1124	124.9
Wyre	2	42	21

Obviously Rightmove does not list all property available on every island or in Orkney. However the above table could support the view that Stronsay AND Sanday have significantly lower Rightmove website viewing per property available than most of Orkney – and this is not because average prices are higher in those 2 islands than elsewhere (analysis you could find from Zoopla). However fewer well focussed potential buyers are better than more who are just property tourists! Statistics come with health warnings; use them accurately and with care. Comments invited.

Leo Martini-Brown (lmartinbrown@yahoo.co.uk)

OH DEAR!

By Ellie from Newfield

He calls himself ‘long suffering’
And I begrudgingly agree,
As it takes a lot of patience
To raise a family.
Now his bunions haven’t helped,
Giving him endless strife;
But not as much, he’ll tell you
As the ruddy wife.
Well of course it isn’t easy
All relationships being tricky.
But he takes it on the chin
When I often ‘take the mickey’.
Of course it works both ways
They call it ‘give & take’.
And who but a devotee
Would eat my home-made cake?
Yes it shows how much he cares
When he wears the things I knit,
The jumpers being the worst
As they rarely ever fit.
From that Teddy Boy of yesteryear
Who always dressed ‘just so’
Is now swamped in home-made knits.
Aye, it’s love you know,
The patience of a saint.
Now that’s a cap that fits
Looking at him now.
You’ve got to love him to bits
He’s a diamond, you might say,
Worth his weight in gold.
As chunky as his jumpers
And they do keep out the cold.
He’s just my little treasure
And together we’ll grow old
As long as he stays ‘long suffering’
And does as he’s ruddy told.
Just like a pair of well-worn slippers
We’re a comfortable pair of ‘soles’,
Our feet warming at the fire-side,
His socks, of course, full of holes.

©Helene Harrison

SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

GREETINGS

FLORA & BUTCH would like to wish all their friends and neighbours in Stronsay a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GREETINGS

A merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to everyone from Paul & Charlie.

GREETINGS

Bruce Fletcher (& Surrey) wishes everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

GREETINGS

Leonora wishes all her friends on Stronsay
Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a good 2016.

GREETINGS



Jennifer and Robin wish the Stronsay community (and friends) a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy 2016. Many thanks to all who have supported the cafe and hostel during this past year.

LOOKING FOR WORK

(full time or part time or flexible) between now and September 2016,
anything considered.

James Davidson, Greenfields, phone 616498 or 0756 528 20 20

Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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THANK YOU

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped with and was involved in the Santa Float on Saturday evening. Thanks to the community's generosity, the amazing total of £300.01 was raised for the Stronsay Community Playpark Action Group. Merry Christmas everyone!



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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Fish Mart Cafe

December/January Opening Times

Tuesday 1 December-Sunday 20 December:
(open every day except Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-4.30)

Monday, 21 December, closed

Open Tuesday, Wed., Thurs., 22-24 Dec., 10-4.30

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

Open every day, Sunday, 27 Dec.-Thurs. 31 Dec., 10-4.30

Closed New Year's Day

Open Sat. 2 Jan and Sun. 3 Jan.

On the Menu:

Sat/Sun 19/20 December

Sat/Sun 5-6 December

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips
- Lasagne
- Thai Green Curry and Rice

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips
- Cheese Enchiladas (Mexican Wraps) with Rice and Beans
- Chicken and Bacon Pies

Sat/Sun 12-13 December

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips
- Chicken and Chorizo Paella
- Cheesy Macaroni

Sun. 27-Thurs. 31 Dec.

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and chips
- Soup and Cheese Scones or Homemade Roll
- Nachos and Spicy Chicken Strips
- Toasties and Chips or Crisps



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STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tues - Sun)

16.45 to 20.00

Homemade lasagne + chips	£5.95
Homemade sausagemeat pie + chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken masala curry + rice or chips	£6.50
Homemade chicken & veg pie + chips	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips	£5.50
Breaded whetail scampi + chips	£6.50
2 sausages + chips	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips	£2.80
“Stronsay Beast Burger” + fries	£4.50
“Stronsay Cheese Beast Burger” + fries	£5.00
Portion of chips	£1.30
Half portion of chips	£0.80
Portion of cheesey chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesey chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20

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

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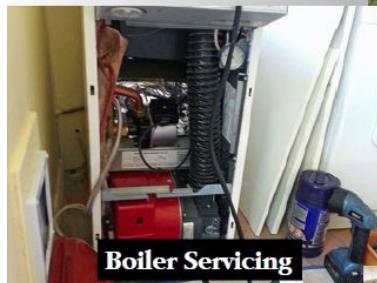
LOCAL BUSINESSES

Ebenezer Oil Heating Services

Oftec trained engineer



Oil Tank Installation



Boiler Servicing

**Oil boiler servicing,
repair and replacement**



Boiler Installation

**A serviced boiler
is an efficient boiler
and will save you money**

& Commissioning

**Tel 01857 616339
ebenezer@stronsay.org**

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LOCAL BUSINESSES
ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP
www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk



New Christmas edition soaps are now out. Sunshine Luffa Soap, Sea Foam Shaving Soap In A Tin, Shea Delight, Auld Wood, Fantastic Frankincense and Hot Pink. Available in Stronsay at Ebenezer Stores, the Post Office and Olive Bank. Also www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk, Ortak, Peedie Hansel, Castaway Crafts, The Fossil Centre, Birsay Bay Tearoom, The Waterfront Gallery, Orkney.



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HOME: 01857 616454

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

ORKNEY HEALTH AND CARE

Care at Home

Relief Islands Home Carer – Stronsay

Orkney Health and Care's Home Care Service is an essential front line service providing care and support for vulnerable individuals enabling them to live as independently in their own home for as long as is possible. We do this by using a Reablement approach where we do things with people rather than doing things for people. The type of support we provide is individualised and tasks we undertake include meal preparation, medication assistance, and personal care such as showering or bathing.

As a relief carer you will hopefully have previous experience of working in Social Care; however we will provide on-going training to develop and maintain your skills. You will enjoy responsible, challenging, varied and rewarding work as part of our team and will receive excellent support from our teams of Social Care Co-ordinators and Home Care Organisers. You will need the sort of personality that enjoys interacting with people and making a difference to their lives. If you are motivated, caring, honest, have a true desire to 'work with' people then this could be the job for you.

You must be willing to work anywhere within the island on which you live so your own transport is essential. A mileage allowance is payable for work related journeys.

These posts are subject to PVG Scheme Protected Adults.

Please apply online at myjobscotland.gov.uk quoting ref: number ORK00496 or alternatively contact Customer Services on 01856 873535 to request an application form quoting the same number.

For an informal chat please call Billy Gunn – Registered Manager. Tel: 01856 888390.

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



HOGMANAY DANCE

THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2015

IN THE HALL

10PM TILL MIDNIGHT

ADULTS: £3

CHILDREN: £1

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STRONSAY HEALTHY WALKERS

Eaten too much over Christmas?

Need some fresh air & exercise?

Join us for a short, low level walk of approximately 30 minutes to one hour duration (depending upon the weather). Meet at the school car park at:

1pm on Boxing Day

1pm on New Year's Day

Suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

See you there!

(If the weather is bad phone Marilyn on 616227 or Viv on 616339)

NHS ORKNEY—PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (to 31st March 2016)

- 25 December Christmas Day
- 28 December In lieu of Boxing Day
- 1 January 2016 New Years Day
- 4 January 2016 In lieu of 2 January
- 28 March 2016 Easter Monday

All GP surgeries are closed on Public Holidays, usual emergency cover will be in place.

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

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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. A crèche is available for children aged 9 and under

- Dec 24th - 11:30pm David Bowen (watchnight service)
- Dec 25th - Mike and Viv Erdman (Christmas day service)
- Dec 27th - John King (Nurse Shirley's father)
- Jan 3rd - David Bowen
- Jan 10th - Viv Erdman
- Jan 17th - Stephen Manners
- Jan 24th - David Bowen
- Jan 31st - Mike Erdman

DOG POO BAGS

Replacement dog poo bags are available free of charge from the local shops and the Post Office, or from the Island Link Office.

Please be a responsible dog owner, clean up after your dog and help keep our beaches, verges, roads and public areas clean.

Thanks,

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP.

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held on Wednesday 3rd February at 3pm in the carpet room at the Community Centre.

Shirley (616438).

LIMPET EMAIL LIST

To receive the Limpet emails you must first "sign up" by going to the link on the Limpet webpage <http://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/MailList.html> and you must respond to the email asking for confirmation which you will receive very soon afterwards

There are quite a few folk who have signed up but have failed to respond to the confirmatory email - if that's you then please check your "junk" or "spam" email folder because that is where email software often sends the confirmatory email.

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THE STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Stronsay Junior High School Parent Council has applied to be a Rag Bag recycling collection point you may have seen the container at the school standing in the north car park. At present we have to site the container but in the near future we hope to start collecting unwanted items of clothing, ties, belts, handbags, bags, pairs of shoes tied together, household linen and towels.

These items are sorted by the Primary pupils, packed into large bags and sent away south where they are baled and shipped to Africa. Local teams of volunteers then dispatch the items to those in need. The Parent Council will receive payment in return for the textiles which will go towards supporting our children within the school.

As islanders we are all aware how the damp and wet can creep in where we least expect it so to ensure all textiles are kept dry we have to request items are placed in plastic bags which can be accessed from the school and placed into the container. This will also make it easier for our pupils to carry the textiles into the school to sort. All bags will of course be recycled!

If you wish to support us please watch out for the notices in our local shops informing you of when we are up and running!

RAG BAG

Items We Collect

- All mens, ladies and childrens clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels

We cannot accept the following items:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Uniforms & work wear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

(See the note in the “Thank you” section)

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STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

Mondays:

7.00 - 7.40 Public Session
7.40 – 8.20 Ladies' Session

Wednesdays:

3.30 – 4.10 Swimclub Beginners/Developers
7.00 – 7.40 Private Hire
7.40 – 8.20 Men's Session

Thursdays:

3.30 – 4.30 Swimclub A and B

Saturdays:

2.00 – 2.40 Private Hire
2.40 – 3.20 Public Session

To enquire about Private Hires, phone Elsie on 616331.

To enquire about Swim Club, phone Sarah on 616406 or Andy 616277

POOL CHARGES

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

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

Monday 11 January 2016

(*NOTE—NO visit in December!*)

Council Houses 8:45 - 9:45

School 10 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 4:45

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

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

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.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thu	8:30am — 1pm
Tue	2pm—6pm
Sat	9am—1pm
Sun & Fri	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Bank day	Tuesday
Replacement bin bags.	Contact Island Link Officer in the Fishmart
Sunday service at the Kirk . . .	11 am (see http://tinyurl.com/kvk5gfp)
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Mass 11.30am (weekdays), 10.30am (Sundays & Holidays)
Next Special Collection	11 Dec 2015 and 26 Feb 2016
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
Hall bookings	616446	Kirkwall Police	101
Post Office	616278	Vets:	
Companions	616261	Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Kirk	616311	Northvet	01856 873403
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Dentists:	
Olivebank	616255	Great Western Rd	01856 879683
Ebenezer stores	616339	King Street	01856 875348
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

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