

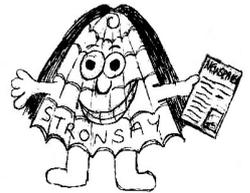


STRONSAY LIMPET

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Saturday 19th August - Fun football, netball and tug o'war. Followed by a dance to the Stronsay Band.
- Saturday 23rd September - Craft Fair.
- Saturday 7th October - Darts, Pool, Euchre.
- Saturday 4th November - Bonfire Night followed by a Quiz
- Saturday 25th November - Craft Fair.
- Saturday 9th December - Tree Lighting.

ANNUAL NORTH ISLES SPORTS

Saturday 1st July at Sanday Community School.
All welcome - come and take part or cheer on Stronsay!

STRONSAY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

It is hoped a new and update telephone number list will be produced soon. Please look out for further information and forms to confirm, add or change details!

STRONSAY POST OFFICE MOVE

The Stronsay post office will close at 12 noon on Monday 26 June and move to the new site at Ebenezer Stores. However, due to a problem with BT it is expected that the post office will not re-open until 8:30am on Tuesday 4 Jul.

ADVERTISING USING THE LIMPET

If you are organising an event on Stronsay then why not advertise it in the Limpet? Your advert will appear in the monthly newsletter and in the Limpet email list, the Limpet website, the Limpet Facebook page, and the Stronsay Facebook page. The Limpet's editor can help if you're not sure what to include in your advert or how to phrase it. And all this is **FREE** but please don't leave it until the last minute!

Contact details for the editor of the Limpet are found on the back page of every Limpet. Please do not use Facebook or other social media.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 27 July**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 23 July** Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>



TENDERS SOUGHT

for the following work at the E Z/Lobster Ponds site

Tender 1:

- To clear and remove the weeds from the base of the rear of the bank to the west of the site.
- To clear the rear of the bank of rubbish/rubble/large stones and weedkill the bank below the turfing line.
- To seed the bank with grass.

Tender 2:

- To provide 3hrs maintenance work on a fortnightly basis from 1st July- 30th September 2017, to include cutting the grass on the bank to the west of the site, removing the cuttings and weedkilling where necessary.

For further details and to visit the site please contact Dave Fernley, 616230, dave.fernley@gmail.com

FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT



When applying for the role of Firefighter – candidates should:

- § Be eligible to work in the UK and be 18 years of age or over (no upper limit).
- § Live or work within a reasonable proximity of Stronsay Fire Station. Contact the Orkney District Office (details below) if more details are required.
- § Be willing to commit to the full recruitment process, including practical selection tests such as confined spaces - full details of these can be found in our [Recruitment Information Pack](#) or by contacting the District Office.
- § Be willing respond to emergency calls via a pager from home or your place of work at any time of the day or night.
- § Have the express permission of your primary employer to become an RDS Firefighter.
- § Be committed to providing an important emergency service within your community.
- § Be committed to attend a 2-3 hour training session at your local fire station one night per week and be available to attend a two-week training course designed to provide you with the basic training needed to start your role as an RDS Firefighter. **This course will, if there are sufficient numbers, be run exclusively on Orkney.**

§ Your ongoing training and development will be provided at your local fire station

As an Equal Opportunities employer, we are striving to ensure that our workforce represents the community in which we work, and as such welcome applications from females as well as male recruits.

Should any females require further information, you can contact the District Office, or contact in confidence one of the following female members of staff who will offer advice and mentoring.

Kirsten.Glue@firescotland.gov.uk

Leona.Gordon@firescotland.gov.uk

Zoe.Flaws@firescotland.gov.uk

Bonnie.stout@firescotland.gov.uk

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is committed to equality, including ensuring our recruitment is targeted to all of Scotland's diverse communities. This includes targeting people who may not have previously considered a career in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF STRONSAY SCHOOL

After the beautiful weather this week, the sun decided to have a rest while the pupils and staff ventured down to St Catherine's Bay to "Bag the Bruck". Luckily, we're hardy specimens so the wind and the high tide did little to dampen our enthusiasm. Some of you may have seen us walking in crocodile fashion, resplendent in our hi-viz jackets, with a song in our hearts and sand in our shoes, as we made our way back to school. We always see our pupils at their best on occasions such as this; the older students pairing up with the nursery children and those in Lower Primary, hand in hand, laughing and helping one another. Several bags were filled and the beach looked as nature intended.

You may have noticed how smart our school is looking. As the outside building work nears completion, and the scaffolding begins to come down, we are very pleased with how bright and welcoming our school now looks. There is still some roofing work to be carried out as well as a rather interesting door which has appeared near the staff room, and leads out onto a flat roof. The teachers are dreaming of sun loungers and cocktails but, as experienced Orkney weather watchers, we know it is more likely to be hot drinks and warm fleeces as we gaze at a hailstorm.

Another school year is drawing to a close. Once again, our pupils did us proud at the Leavers' Ceremony for Charlie, Erynn and Sonya. Our school orchestra played several tunes, there were songs and poems, a presentation by S3 and plenty of tears. Oh, and some tea and coffee. We are always happy to see members of the community at our assemblies so do look out for posters and messages via The Limpet. You're very welcome and we love to share our talented pupils!

We are pleased to announce that Kirsty Brown, our art teacher, has given birth to a little boy. Currently, Eilidh Marcus visits our school every Tuesday and Wednesday on maternity cover. Barbara Deavin, our English and SfL teacher is retiring at the end of term after two and a half very happy years at the school – and 37 years in teaching. And finally.....our cook and friend, Arna Cooper, is retiring after providing restaurant standard meals to our pupils for over 23 years. Some of us have the waistlines to prove it! It's time for some of us to put our feet up and for others to do us proud in the North Isles Sports. Watch this space.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The recent book fair raised more than £400, meaning we have almost £200 to spend on books for the school; we would like to thank everyone who helped! First off, we want to thank Jennifer for providing money for the float, sending out emails and generally helping make the book fair a possibility. We also want to thank Gaynor, for general all round help. Thank you Aiden, Andy, Ella, Aimee C, Dan and Toni-Anne for running stalls at the book fair, to all pupils and staff who helped to organise and run it, and to the community for supporting the event. Last but not least we would like to thank Mrs Evans for her help with pretty much everything. (Fraser and Eoan, S1, organisers)

Update: We sold £482.03 worth of goods which earned us a commission rate of 40% giving us £192.81 to spend on books. Thank you all and well done to Fraser and Eoan!)

Photos can be seen on the school blog. Stronsay Junior High School's Blog
<http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk>

BERGEN DOMKOR (BERGEN CATHEDRAL CHOIR)

Anyone on Stronsay who did not go to listen to the 30-strong Bergen Cathedral Choir (*Bergen Domkor*) perform in the kirk on 24 June has missed the experience of a lifetime.

Thanks to the organisers of the St Magnus Festival for making this visit possible.



(Photo courtesy of Iain Johnston)



Cyber Coach on Stronsay

Cyber Coach uses online virtual instructors to deliver fun, physical activity and in the past this resource has been used to enjoy Salsa and Yoga in the community. With the funding of the Stronsay Development Trust, we still enjoy a subscription to share this resource with everyone. You can enjoy it in the comfort of your home or community lessons can be organised.

There is a huge range of short courses available including;

Combat fitness	Yoga	Funk
Musical Theatre	Hip Hop	Bums and Tums
Aerobics	Salsa	Latin Aerobics
Street Dance	Tap	Commercial
Contemporary	Ballet	Body Pop
Cheerleading	Tai Chi	Marine Training
	Samba	

The courses were originally designed for primary school children but I can assure you there is plenty to challenge adults so don't be put off by any suggested age range!

There really is something for everyone including the very young. There is a lovely Sing Along section in the youngest age range as well as Disco, Ballet and topics including the Zoo and Weather. Slightly older children can enjoy Bollywood, African Dancing and Disco as well.

As an alternative to any course you can always dip your toe in and access five minute routines known as Wake and Shake! Go on give it a go!

For login details to access Cyber Coach, please contact the school on 01857 616246 or e-mail:

admin.stronsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

There was a late ‘rush’ of migrants in the last week of May, including Tree Pipit, Whinchat, Blackcap, Whitethroat and Lesser Whitethroat. Two of the latter were seen in the garden at Bennicuml by Mark Jeffery. Mark had also seen a Hobby at the ‘south end’ – probably the same ‘dark falcon’ reported in the area by several locals. Best small bird recorded was an Icterine Warbler at Gesty Dishes on 23rd - the day after Anthony had left the island. Clare did manage to see –and photograph it - from the sitting-room window! That is two years running that Icterine Warbler has been recorded in the garden there in Spring!

A very strange sighting was of two newly arrived – and clearly exhausted – Wood Pigeons in the Castle garden on the evening of 26th. They slept for two hours close to the house and then suddenly flew off never to be seen again!



‘Common Whitethroat in the Linksquoy Drive in late May’



‘The two Wood Pigeons resting outside the window at Castle’

A Quail was heard calling between the South School and Eastbank on the evening of 30th and again next day. The following day, it or another bird was discovered calling by Don Peace near the Airstrip. It was still calling late morning but was not heard again.

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There was a real surprise in the Community Greenhouse when Sue noticed a Wren dashing in and out at great speed. She watched it for some time and discovered that there was a nest full of young in a hanging basket above Andrea and Adrian's plot. (Wrens nested in the greenhouse two years ago).

A party of 11 Sanderlings – probably still heading northwards to the breeding grounds in the high Arctic – were on the beach at Bomasty Bay briefly on 3rd June. The only small migrant after this date was a Spotted Flycatcher along the Airy Road on 10th.

This summer – so far – has seen a noticeable difference in bird numbers on the larger lochs – particularly the Matpow which seems to have been deserted by the Graylag Geese. There have been ducks on the loch all through early summer, including broods of Mallard and Gadwall, and Coots have successfully bred there after a long absence. If this pattern continues the Arctic and Common Terns which have nested there for generations until recently, will hopefully return to their island 'home'. The same applies to the Rothiesholm Moor which has been virtually deserted by most nesting species for several years now. There was a permanent state of turmoil above the moorland in past years which played host to colonies of Arctic Terns, Common Gulls, and Arctic Skuas – all predated by the Great Skuas which have also suffered a huge decline in breeding numbers – because of the lack of prey in the area. The moorland is now virtually silent throughout the year – but one plus this year is the number of Snipe 'drumming' – almost certainly due to the much reduced numbers of Greylag Geese and Great Skuas. There also seems to be a small but noticeable increase in the number of Curlew nesting in the pastureland this year.

Two Whooper Swans have been seen throughout early summer in the Meikle Water/South School area, although there is no sign of nesting (see photo below).



'The two adult Whooper Swans opposite the South School'

Two species which have bred successfully this year are Sedge Warblers at several sites and a pair of Reed Buntings, which have been seen feeding young close to the road at Matpow. One pair of birds which were not so successfully were the Rock Pipits which attempted to nest in the box housing the water-point on the Ro-Ro pier (see photos on next page). One egg had been laid but the birds had probably realised that the site was too public and re-built elsewhere. Thanks to Alex of Arifea for alerting us to this interesting find.

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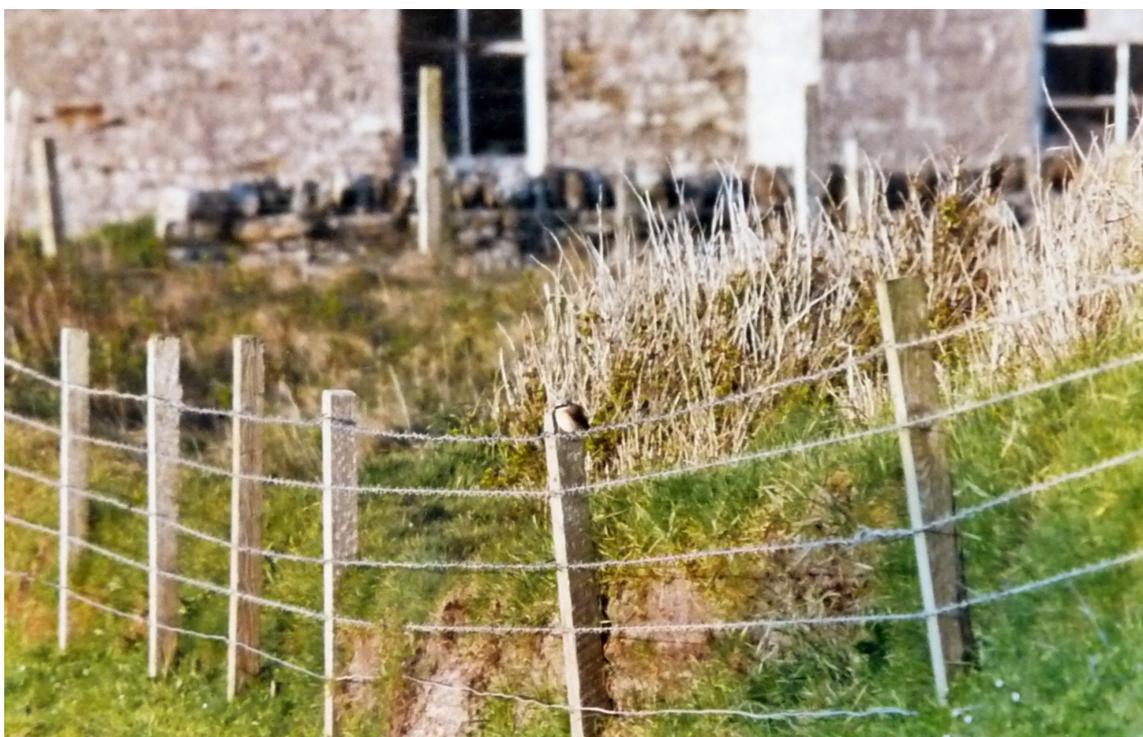


There has been only one recorded sighting of Peregrine Falcon this summer – the bird below was seen along the Airy Road on 2nd June:
Many thanks again for all the calls. John & Sue.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED AREA: **HOLIN COTTAGE AND LINKSQUOY**

Situated on the east side of the island there have been many fantastic sightings of migrant species in this area, mainly among the trees and bushes, and one can only guess just how many birds have been missed skulking in the *Rosa rugosa* hedges. The fence and hedge to the North of the complex is one of the best places on the island to find small insect-eating species during migration – particularly in the sun during the afternoon when the dense foliage gives ideal shelter from Easterly winds. (We watch there regularly as passing motorists will know!). When the wind is in the North or West many migrant birds are generally to be found feeding on the hedge/fences on the South side of the complex, facing towards Clayquoy.

Barred, Icterine, and Yellow-browed Warblers are almost annual in Autumn around the gardens, and several other rare species of warbler have been seen in the area including Dusky, Greenish, Arctic, Melodious, and Subalpine – a fantastic array! Rosefinches and Bluethroats have also been recorded, and a Barn Owl was discovered roosting in the fir tree close to the road some years ago. Long-eared and Short-eared Owls have also been seen hunting in the area. Waxwings were recorded – eating rose-hips - in late Autumn in 2010, 2012, and 2016, and a Hawfinch was also found among the rose-hips, in 2011. The only island record of Pine Bunting perched briefly along the North fence (where else!) - on 15th October 2016, and given the amount of cover around the two houses it is not surprising that Chiffchaffs have wintered in the area on more than one occasion.



One of the first ‘uncommon’ migrants we recorded on the island was this Red-backed Shrike – on the ‘North fence’ at Holin Cottage before the hedge was planted. Note the old ‘Linkshouse’ in the background, replaced in the early 90s:

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Two Great Spotted Woodpeckers desperately searching for food – also on the same ‘North fence’ - on a gloomy day during the big ‘fall’ of the species in Autumn 1993.



Another rather distant ‘shot’ – taken from the car at the roadside (as with the two photos above), this Golden Oriole flew right across the road in front of us as we scanned the fence, and perched on the tall *Rosa rugosa* at the house-end of the Linksquoy drive for several minutes. Typically of the species, It was never seen again!



This obliging Wryneck perched on the North fence at the Holin Cottage end, giving us wonderful views of the bird’s amazing plumage in early Autumn 2015.
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A juvenile Red-breasted Flycatcher on the opposite (south) side of the garden complex, also in Autumn 2015 – in a North wind!



This Blyth's Reed Warbler - in moulting - was present in the area for several weeks in Autumn 2015 but was very difficult to locate amongst the dense fuchsia and roses behind the 'North fence'.



An amazing find among the cattle across the road from Holin Cottage in October 2014, this Cattle Egret was the first to be seen in Orkney.

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A pure fluke on a quiet Sunday morning in October 2015, this Pallid Harrier posed perfectly and spent ten minutes or so preening on a fence-post directly opposite the Linkshouse Drive before flying off towards Airy. No passing traffic for ten minutes was an amazing stroke of fortune for us - watching the bird from inside our own car!



A juvenile Rosy Starling (left hand bird, Starlings to the right) on the Linkshouse roof in October 2016. It was seen twice in the area but never close enough for us to obtain anything other than 'record' shots.

STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

On the 12th June, *The Islands (Scotland) Bill* was published by the Scottish Government, the measures in which will include: a requirement to “island-proof” future legislation & policies, the creation of a national islands plan, and greater flexibility around councillor representation within island communities (which could benefit our North Isles ward, in particular). This bill has arisen as a direct result of the *Our Islands Our Future* campaign, initiated and carried through by our former convener, Dr Steven Heddle with the support of OIC’s Constitutional Reform Working Group, of which I was (and still am) a member.

At the first Education, Leisure & Housing (ELH) Committee meeting of the new council, I proposed Cllr John Ross Scott (a former popular house parent at the Papdale Halls of Residence—see below) for my previous role of vice-chair. He was appointed unopposed. As I wished, I was re-appointed to the Orkney College Management Council and appointed to the new Education Quality & Standards Consultative Group. Also, I am continuing on the Local Housing Strategy Working Group.



Cllr Scott (3rd from right) bids farewell to some students and staff at the Papdale Halls

At the start of the ELH meeting I requested that two items which were to be taken *in camera* should be taken in public. I succeeded with one of them: the item recommending that the North Ronaldsay Schoolhouse be leased to the North Ronaldsay Trust (with a view to utilising it as a gateway house), the Shapinsay Schoolhouse and land at Helliar be sold to the Shapinsay Development Trust (for developing affordable housing), and the Eglisay Community Association be permitted to purchase or lease the Eglisay Schoolhouse (as a flexible housing resource)—all good-news stories that deserved to be publicised.

Journalist and writer, Magnus Linklater wrote a foreword to our 10-year strategy for the arts (*Orkney's Creative Future*) in which he mentions Max's legacy to the musical tradition of Orkney ... “the extraordinary playing of local fiddlers and accordionists”. This encouraged me to remind everybody of the importance of retaining free musical tuition and instrument hire for our children. In the item on our *Museums Forward Plan 2017-22*, I asked if the service will support non-OIC heritage centres (such as those on many of our islands) to acquire museum accreditation, and I was assured that it will, by, for example, providing mentoring.

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One of the performance indicators used in monitoring our council services is *recruitment & retention of permanent staff*, and this currently stands at “green”. At the Policy & Resources (P&R) Committee meeting (and ELH, too), I requested that we add *recruitment & retention of non-permanent staff* to our indicators, as this may give a somewhat different complexion on things. We agreed that the next 2 islands to have the *Empowering Communities* project rolled out to them will be Hoy and Sanday, and towards the end of the P&R meeting, councillors unanimously assented to progressing plans for a council-owned, large-scale wind-farm development. If constructed, this will generate a much-needed income stream for OIC. As readers will know, I have long been calling for an enterprise like this. It is good to know that the council “Zeitgeist” has (at last) caught up with me.

Councillor induction has been continuing, and we have also been having “member priority sessions”, at which we’ve been discussing what the priorities of the new council should be, and where we have had the opportunity to input issues of particular concern to our respective wards and the commitments we made in our manifestos. There have been two meetings already of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, and I have attended my first meetings of the board of Orkney Ferries Ltd and of the Orkney Health & Care Committee. I’ve also had my first Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting of this council.

Out in the Isles, I’ve been to a meeting of Sanday’s community council, and after the council recess I shall be going to Stronsay for a meeting of theirs. I am looking forward to flying to Eday on 28th June to see the school-bairns’ *Magnus 900* performance at the Heritage Centre, and to spectating at the North Isles Sports in Sanday on 1st July (in which 2 of my children are competing).

On account of the unexpected “snap” General Election, our community council elections have been postponed until after the shows, and details of dates will be published in August. Notably, at these elections 16- & 17-year-olds will not only be eligible to vote, but will also be eligible to stand! So, if you are in this age-group, have a think about it.

It’s been pretty “full on” since the council election, so I’m looking forward to the council recess, although there are still a few meetings to go before it starts.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday

stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk <<<< **NOTE THE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**

“Letter from School Place” is available for downloading at lfsp.pbworks.com



HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND LOAN SCHEME

The Scottish government has introduced a new energy efficiency scheme called the Home Energy Scotland Loan, which replaces two separate and existing programmes. The scheme is designed to help householders improve the efficiency of their home heating source, enable money-saving improvements for their properties and also protect the environment.

The Home Energy Scotland Loans Scheme is currently open for applicants, with a total of £34 million in funding available in interest-free loans for measures including the installation of high efficiency oil boilers. Funding of up to £32,500 per home is available, both for owner occupiers and registered private sector landlords in Scotland.

Oil heating installations under the scheme must be carried out by an OFTEC registered business.

For more information please follow this link:

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/home-energy-scotland-loan.

If you have an old standard non condensing boiler you could save up to 20% on your fuel costs by switching to a new condensing boiler. Even if you own a condensing boiler which has seen a few too many winters the new "Blue Flame" burner technology makes certain condensing boilers a highly efficient alternative.

This scheme will also cover upgrading insulation or help towards a renewable system such as a hybrid air source/oil heating system.

Please contact your resident OFTEC registered technician for more information

Mike Erdman (tel 616339)

STRONSAY CYCLE RIDE

A great event topped by a visit to the Craftship Enterprise to replace any calories. A bike repair man was stationed at the school and helped get sad bikes back to life.



FIRE AT LODGE FARMHOUSE, STRONSAY IN 1858

From Jim Cooper

The Orcadian, Monday, January 18, 1858.

Destructive Fire.

On the evening of Monday 4th January, a fire broke out at the farm house of Lodge, occupied by Mr John Yvatt, isle of Stronsay and entirely consumed the dwelling house, including about forty pounds sterling in money. The fire originated, we believe, by the herd boy going under the bed with a light to look for something about nine o'clock, when some straw hanging from the bottom of the bed caught fire, and before the alarm was given, it was impossible to save anything. Mr Yvatt, an old infirm man, his wife, and his son, were the only parties in the house at the time. The son, immediately on discovering the fire, made every effort in his power to extinguish it, but failing in this, his next effort was to save his aged parents, and before this was effected, the boy was in flames. The boy, with whom the fire originated, observing the bed to have ignited, instead of giving the alarm cowardly absconded through mistaken fear. The sight of flames brought up almost the whole inhabitants of the island, by whose assistance the fire was prevented from spreading to the office houses, one of which, at least, was in eminent danger, and but for timely assistance must have also fallen a prey to the devouring element. The house was well furnished, but not an article was saved except what the inmates had on their backs, some of whom were not even in full dress - the fire occurring at the time when they were preparing for bed. The furniture, bed clothes, and wearing apparel were all consumed, and the works of an eight day clock were melted into a shapeless mass like a blacksmith's cramp.

STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION

PHOTOGRAPH FOR APRIL'S COMPETITION



Last month's winner was an anonymous submission:

"Well it's a nice holiday let dear, but the outside toilet's miles away!"

Now try your hand at the this month's photograph below.



What do you think is happening here? (Rest assured that the rabbit was unharmed!) Answers to the editor please by 7pm on Sunday 25 June. The editor's contact details are on the back page of every Limpet.

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

By Ellie from Newfield

Of course she's very busy,
Stress just isn't in it.
The tension and the pressure
Of never having a minute,
And last year's just won't do
Being now tatty and weather-worn.
No wonder she's so tetchy,
Working from early dawn.
She hasn't the time to preen,
There are twigs and moss to gather.
The life of a nesting bird
Would get anyone in a lather.
And when the job is done,
The model finally complete,
All those intricate workings
Tucked in nice and neat,
There are eggs to lay no less.
Imagine THAT if you will.
There's not a minute to be wasted,
You won't see her stood still.
At last they've all hatched out,
Four of them no less.
A row of open beaks
Just the definition of stress.
Four more little songsters,
The dawn chorus's new recruits,
The circle of life is complete.
Mother Nature fill your boots,
Natures a wonderful thing,
There is no doubt about that.
And who's their greatest admirer?
Why, of course, it's the cat.

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

THANK YOU

Thank you to the organisers of the St Magnus Festival for arranging the visit of the Bergen Cathedral Choir to Stronsay on Saturday 24 June.

AVON SALES

Contact Yvonne Weaver on 616375 for an Avon catalogue

General building work undertaken, decorating and gardening
from grass cutting to full landscaping.
Call Steve on 616222.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated shirts for art at Stronsay School - much appreciated! We have plenty for now.

ODD JOBS

Odd jobs, gardening, window cleaning
No job too small
Call Tony Piper on 616357

WORK WANTED

Anything considered! Please contact James Hannant (age 21) on 616454

Local sales, wants, etc are free!
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STRONSAY FISH MART

Phone 616401

Open 7 days a week from 11am to 3pm

Sunday 2nd July 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Steak pie, vegetables and potatoes
- Chicken curry, rice and Naan bread
- Chocolate gateau (cream / ice-cream)
- Fruit crumble (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 9th July 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Chicken in gravy, oatmeal stuffing, vegetables and potatoes
- Battered haddock, chips and peas
- Berry roulade (cream / ice-cream)
- Apple pie (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 16th July 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and potatoes
- Vegetable curry, rice and Naan bread
- Sticky toffee pudding (cream / ice-cream)
- Lemon cheesecake (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 23rd July 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Roast lamb, mint jelly/sauce, vegetables and potatoes
- Chicken and leek pie, vegetables and chips
- Banoffee pie (cream / ice-cream)
- Trifle (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 30th July 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Beef olives, vegetables and potatoes
- Chicken goujons with BBQ / Sweet chili sauce with chips
- Pavlova (cream / ice-cream)
- Chocolate brownie (cream / ice-cream)

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

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Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
 - ★ Handmade especially for you ★
- ★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★
- ★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★



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hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com • www.airyfairyonline.co.uk



*New business, a mini market garden, set up in late 2015 at
Sunnybank, Stronsay*

*Currently supplying mixed salad leaves, some winter vegetables and
bedding plants. There will be more as the season progresses.*

I will supply a list each week with availability

*Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or
send me an email "stronsaymarkets@gmail.com and I will put you
on my mailing list*

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



FOOD

Soup of the day	£2.99
Quiche of the day with a side salad	£5.50
Mac & Orkney Cheese	£5.00
Pie of the day	£5.50
Nachos & Orkney Cheese with homemade salsa	£4.50
Nachos with Beef Chilli & Orkney Cheese	£5.50
Make your own Sandwich incl. 2 toppings	£3.50
<small>Choose from: tuna, ham, egg mayo, cheddar, Orkney cheddar, cream cheese, brie, sweet corn, tomato, red onion - extra toppings 30p each</small>	
Bacon Roll	£2.00
Baked Beans	£0.50
Homemade Coleslaw	£0.50
Soup & Sandwich	£5.75
Ploughman's platter	£4.50
<small>Orkney cheese, pickled onion, bread roll, crisps, pickle & salad garnish</small>	
2 Wraps with a choice of 2 fillings	£5.50
<small>Choose from: Orkney cheese, onion, tomato, ham</small>	
1 Wrap with Orkney ice cream, jam, or mixed fruit	£4.00
Orkney Ice cream	£1.90
Cakes of the day	from £1.90

DRINKS

Coffees	£1.50
<small>Filter, Americano, Espresso, Cappuccino, Instant decaf</small>	
Coffees	£1.85
<small>Latte, Hot chocolate with Marshmallow</small>	
Teas	£1.00
<small>Black, Earl Grey, Jasmine</small>	
Caffeine free Teas	£1.50
<small>Redbush, Camomile, Raspberry and Peach</small>	
Cans & Soft drinks	£1.50

We hope you enjoyed your stay
and will visit us again.



Anyone with allergies, please ask to see our ingredients list.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tuesday- Sunday) 5pm to 9pm

NOTE—closed Monday

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 wholetail 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 cheesy chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20

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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.

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<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

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Email: Info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk • Facebook / Twitter / Pinterest

Soaps available all year round in Stronsay at: Ebenezer Stores, Post Office, Olive Bank, Craftship Enterprise. A visit to the soap kitchen during your visit to Stronsay may be possible but please phone before you set out.

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Calendar Competition



Once again, SOS are looking for photographs to compile a new calendar for 2018:

- The theme is Stronsay again
- One entry per person
- Free calendar for all successful entries
- Closing date 31st August 2017
- Entries should be sent to the school FAO Calendar Judge.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the diabetic support group will be held in the carpet room at the community halls on Wednesday 5th July from 3-4.30pm. All welcome to come along.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman: Ian Cooper Vice Chairman: Shirley Whiteman

RECYCLING IN ORKNEY

Orkney Islands Council has produced an e-newsletter dedicated to the subject of recycling. The newsletter will be available on a quarterly basis and will be available on the Orkney Islands Council website, on local notice boards or you can opt to have it sent direct to your mailbox. To be added to the mailing list, simply send an email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk, and put "subscribe" in the subject line.

June's newsletter is now available and has some interesting information.

Happy reading!

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
15 June 2017

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PEEDIE OTTERS

Well it has been a great start to Peedie Otters with lots of planting, discovery and crafts. We are looking forward to continuing in the next school term. We would like to say a big Thank you to Stronsay Community Trust for choosing to fund our start up, it has meant a lot to the children to have access to such a great set of resources, including the greenhouse. We would also like to thank Roger for his help and encouragement, the families for supporting and finally we would like to thank the children for coming with all their enthusiasm and getting involved.



Logo Competition

Dont forget to send in your entry for our Logo competition

peedieotters@gmail.com

16 July is the deadline!

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Prize Draw
Win a £20
voucher for
Stronsay Fish
Mart Cafe

STRONSAY HOUSING SURVEY

Image: Simone Kirk

Look out for your survey coming soon
Return date: 17th July 2017
Option to complete online

*Stronsay Development Trust have commissioned
The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust to carry out an in-depth local
survey of current housing need and an analysis of future demand.
This will include speaking to local businesses and service providers.*

*Every household should receive a copy shortly. Please complete and return it
to HSCHT for analysis in the pre-paid envelope. If you have not received a
copy please contact us at the address below indicating if you require a paper
or electronic copy of the survey. An online option will also be available.*

*Your details will remain strictly confidential but will be fed into a report
providing evidence of housing need in Stronsay, Papa Stronsay and Auskerry.*

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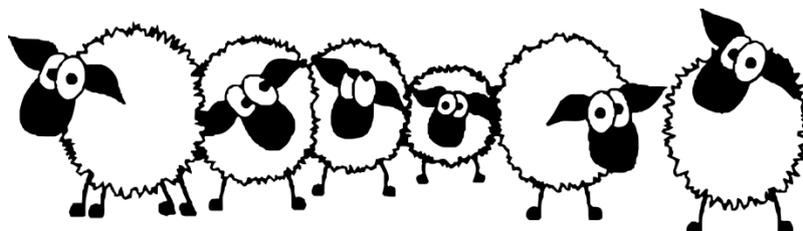
STRONSAY STITCHERS



Thursday 29TH June

7.00-9.30pm, Church Hall. £2/person, refreshments.

[Next Stitchers – Thursday 27th July]



STRONSAY SPINNERS

Saturday 8th July in the Church Hall. From 11am to 3pm.

Lunch: please bring your own.

£2.00/person, refreshments available.

Please remember to bring all your creations for our “show and tell”

NEWSFLASH – we have freshly clipped Stronsay fleeces available! We can spend some of our time considering the sort of the things to look out for when choosing a fleece and how to sort and process it.

All levels very welcome from beginners to more experienced. Bring your own wheel, equipment & something to spin if possible. If not, we have a spare wheel, a few drop spindles and fleece. If you’d just like to come for a “taster” that would be great.

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STRONSAY CRAFT FAIR DATES FOR 2017

Saturday 23rd September

Saturday 25th November

If you would like to take part please contact Simone 616 281 to book your place

STRONSAY CRAFT FAIR

Our first annual craft fair in May was once again a great success, showcasing the work of our very talented local craftspeople. Speaking on behalf of the crafting community we would like to thank the Stronsay Community Association and in particular Wilma Holland for all the hard work and support that went into organizing the Hall and the ladies who provided us with refreshments and delicious home bakes. Our warm thanks go out to Jan Crisp who came over from Birsay for her third year running to sell at the fair. Stronsay support was massive and we thank you all for making this such an enjoyable event on our island calendar. Finally, well done and many thanks to all the craftspeople for your enthusiasm, participation and the wonderful work produced that all go into making Stronsay Craft Fairs so popular.

Simone Kirk

(See photographs below)



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Stronsay Bookworms



**will be meeting again on
Wednesday July 5th @ 7.30pm
at the Stronsay Hotel**

**We will be talking about
What we're reading**

**If you like books and like a natter,
please come along.**

Everybody welcome.

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STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE **supervised sessions**

Changes to supervised session times.

From Monday 11th April 2016

All Supervised Sessions will run from 4.30 pm to 6.30.pm

MONDAY	4:30—6:30
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	4:30—6:30
THURSDAY	4:30—6:30
FRIDAY	4:30—6:30
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 or Julie - 616335

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

FIBROMYALGIA

Do you suffer from fibromyalgia? There is a local Facebook group just for you.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463333273823206>.

YOUR ISLAND - YOUR CHOICE

Moncur Church has received a grant from “*Your Island, Your Choice*” to run a lending library from the church hall. This will open on a Monday afternoon in the months when the mobile library does not come to Stronsay. We hope to open for the first time in June. To do this we need to stock our shelves with books. If you have any books, fact or fiction and in good condition that you no longer want would you please donate them to our library. They can be left at Ebenezer Stores or at the church. If you need them picking up please phone Mike or Viv on 616339.

Thank you.

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KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY

Library van visits Stronsay on:

Tuesday July 11th, Tuesday September 5th, Monday October 30th

Council Houses 9 - 10

School 10.15 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 5.30

Library van timetable

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Mobile%20Calendar%20Timetable.pdf>

Orkney Digital Library <https://orkney.overdrive.com>

Library website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobiles.htm>

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 pool all at £3 per hour plus hydro. All equipment provided.

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

For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.

ORKNEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau will be on Stronsay **9th August 2017** between 1pm and 4:30pm. To make an appointment to see one of their advisers at the Community Centre - Carpet Room or to arrange a home visit please telephone 01856 875266 by Thursday 3rd August 2017 at the latest, thank you

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STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

Monday

Public session 6.30-7.10

Adult lane 7.10-7.50

Thursday

7-7.40 Private Hire (pre-booked)

7.40-8.20 Private Hire (available for booking)

Saturday

Private hire 2-2.40

Public session 2.40-3.20

Swim club

Wednesday Beginners and developers 3.30-4.10

Thursday A and B squad 3.30-4.30

To enquire about Private Hires, phone Elsie on 616238.

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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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 phone Elsie on 616238. Services at 11am unless otherwise stated. A crèche is available for children aged 9 and under :

July 2nd	Songs of Praise (Bruce Fletcher)
July 9th	Alastair Gray
July 16th	Alastair Gray
July 23rd	Ali Pandian
July 30th	Ali Pandian
August 6th	Ali Pandian
August 13th	Ali Pandian
August 20th	Ali Pandian
August 27th	David Bowen

Alastair Gray, his wife and three little boys will be visiting us for the fourth time. We are delighted to welcome them back. They will again be staying in the Manse and Alastair will lead worship on two Sundays.

Ali Pandian is a probationer who is coming to Stronsay, along with her family, for 5 weeks as a locum. We very much look forward to meeting Ali and her family and hope they will enjoy their time in Stronsay.

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POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	08:30—12:00
Sat	09:00—12:00
Sun	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/pj7xtg5)
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Mass 11.20am (weekdays), 10.30am (Sundays & Holy Days)
Next Special Collection	4 August 2017
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999

Doctor	616321	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Nurses	616480	Electricity	
Medical emergency	01856 888000	problems	0800 300 999
Stromsay registrar	616239	emergency	105
Hall bookings	616446	Water problems	0845 601 8855
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Kirk	616311	Kirkwall Police	101
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Olivebank	616255	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Ebenezer stores	616339	Northvet	01856 873403
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Airy Fairy	616231	King Street	01856 875348
Castle Bird Reserve	616363	Earls Palace	01856 872958
Craftship Enterprise	616249	Golgotha monastery.	616210
Star Island Soap	616281	Email contact@the-sons.org	
Driving tuition	616268		

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.
Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

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Send an email to editor@stromsaylimpet.co.uk (preferred method); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 10am & before 8pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stromsay, KW17 2AR*. Details of the deadline for the next edition are on the front page



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