



STRONSAY LIMPET

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DECEMBER EDITION OF THE LIMPET

Please note that the December edition of the Limpet will be published on Thursday 21 December, a week earlier than usual. The deadline for that edition will be 7pm on Sunday 17 December.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE LIMPET

You can post Christmas greetings to your friends and family in the December edition of the Limpet and it won't cost you a penny! Just send an email to the Limpet's editor (contact details on the back page of every Limpet) but please, no "War & Peace" sized greetings! The deadline is 7pm on Sunday 17 December.

NEW STRONSAY TELEPHONE LISTS

It may be into the New Year before the new Stronsay telephone lists are available. If there are any other changes/additions in the meantime, please contact Mairi on Facebook or 616331.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 6th December . . SWRI meeting (see page 26)
- Saturday 9th December Christmas tree lighting (see page 26)
- Wednesday 13th December . SWRI children's Christmas party (see page 26)

STRONSAY ISLAND LINK OFFICER

The Stronsay Island Link Officer is available in his office between 10am and noon on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. He can be contacted during these times on 616475.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY FUND - FUEL POVERTY GRANT

Details and application form are on pages 11/12.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 21 December**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 17 December**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

STRONSAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

Open Surgeries – No appointment needed

Monday to Friday 9.30 – 10.30
(Excluding Thursday)

Surgeries by appointment

Monday and Friday 3.30-4.30
Wednesday from 2pm
Tuesday 2.00 – 2.30

Phone 01857 616321

STRONSAY MEDICAL PRACTICE **COVER FROM 24 NOVEMBER TO 14 DECEMBER**

Nursing

24th – 29th Nov Lesley Codling
29th – 30th Nov Shona Peace
30th Nov – 4th Dec Maxine Piper
5th Dec – 14th Dec Linda Boyd

GP's

24th – 25th Nov Simon Willets
25th – 28th Nov Rhonda Scanlan (NP)
28th Nov – 14th Dec Durga Sivasthiaseelan

AIDEN STOUT AND AIMEE CARR LAID THE POPPY WREATH ON BEHALF OF STRONSAY SCHOOL ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.



**PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CHRIS JEX'S
OUTDOOR EDUCATION VISIT TO STRONSAY SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER**



STRONSAY SCHOOL - CHILDREN IN NEED 2017

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped in any way to make the Children in Need fundraising afternoon at Stronsay School such a success. Pupils donated 50p to have a non-uniform day, there was colouring, a dance competition and disco, a Pudsey jigsaw treasure hunt, face (and hand) painting and covering the Pudsey and Blush with coins. In total, over £70 was raised. More photos will be appearing on the school blog. <http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk/>



(More photographs on next page)



RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

Yes, it happened again – immediately after last month’s Limpet publication deadline several interesting species arrived on the island including a Mistle Thrush at Dale, a Grey Wagtail by the Mill Stream bridge, and a Redpoll at Scoulters. Further new arrivals were seen next day (24th Oct) including a Mealy Redpoll by the Mill Stream (see photo), a Goldfinch briefly near Millbank, and a Water Rail in the garden at Gesty Dishes. But overall there were less migrant birds on the island, many of the thrushes (including Blackbirds) which had arrived earlier in the month having moved on.

A surprise find in Lower Whitehall was a party of Redpolls on 25th (see photos) - at least one of which was an Arctic - but they flew off and were not seen again. A Ring Ouzel was present for several days in the Sound/Gesty Dishes area in late October/early November (see photo).

Very few migrants remained by 27th – just a few Redwings and the odd Fieldfare and Song Thrush but two Stonechats seen regularly by Norman in the Dale/Matpow area were still present well into the second half of November. A small party of Chaffinches and sixty or so Linnets have taken up residence in the unharvested seed-crop at Dale this Winter.

A pair of Goldeneye joined the Wigeon and Teal on the Matpow Loch in late October but the biggest surprise at the end of the month was a Blue Tit, discovered by John and Tara in the Lower Millfield garden – just the tenth island record of this familiar garden bird elsewhere in the UK. An injured Short-eared Owl was discovered by Sheila at Helmsley on 31st. It had a broken wing and after a quick examination and a trip to show the bird to the schoolchildren we handed it over to Jean and Paul at Glenmanna. (The bird is still thriving, being fed mainly on donated dead mice etc etc).

The Blue Tit had soon found the feeders in our garden at Castle and thanks to Hazel and Norman’s regular feeding whilst we were away between 8th and 24th November, the bird is still making regular – if erratic visits. (See photo)

Other interesting sightings in early November were a Barnacle Goose at Gesty, a Sparrowhawk near Haygam, a Buzzard seen by David at Osen, a Greenfinch seen by Clare at Gesty Dishes, a Woodcock seen by Norman at Dale, and a Peregrine at Castle. There have also been several sightings of Hen Harriers and a few of Merlin.

There have been two amazing sightings while we were away – a male Snowy Owl seen by Pato Denison on 19th (and later by daughter Elaine) at Hundi (Odiness Road), and a Snow Goose seen by Kath and Norman at Dale on 24th. We must learn to take our holidays at a more sensible time of year!

Just seen today (26th): Clare and Ant (Gesty Dishes) have reported seeing a Snow Bunting on the beach below Banks. There must be others elsewhere!

Thanks for all the calls. John Holloway

(Photographs on next page)



'The Mealy Redpoll above the Mill Stream on 24th Oct'



Arctic Redpoll in Lower Whitehall, showing the pure white rump area. 25th Oct'



'3 unidentified 'Redpolls' – probably all 'Mealies' in Lower Whitehall, 25th Oct'

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'A male Blackbird (foreground) and a dull Ring Ouzel behind. 'Sound' late October'



'Blue Tit in the Castle garden, early November'

SAIL INTO THE NEW YEAR WITH AN OLD CALENDAR

Remember the halcyon days when governments were willing to fund vessels for Orkney's internal ferry fleet? Did you save a 1990 calendar to commemorate the arrival of the new *Earl Sigurd* and *Earl Thorfinn* and the departure of the old *Orcadia*? Or, indeed, did you save a calendar to celebrate the *Orcadia* coming into service in 1962? If you did, never mind that the current Scottish Government refuses to cough up the cash for new ferries, because at least you won't be needing to cough up any cash for a new calendar for 2018.

King George V was the first British monarch to send congratulatory telegrams to centenarians, as he surely will have to Barbara Peace in 1923 (born Wilson at Skail in Sanday). She celebrated her 100th birthday in England, so maybe the relatives remaining in Orkney retained that year's calendar as a consolation. If they still have it, it can be a consolation again, as they won't now need to purchase a 2018 one.

The King started this telegram tradition in 1917, the same year as he came to Orkney to view the British Grand Fleet in Scapa Flow—an event worthy of preserving a calendar for. Hang it on the wall in 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the interning in Scapa Flow of the German High Seas Fleet.

If it's the Second World War you are more interested in, the 1945 calendar stored among your "victory" memorabilia can be brought back into use again in 2018. So can the souvenir 1951 "Festival of Britain" calendar.

Suffering from Brexit blues? Then find the 1973 calendar you put away to mark the UK's accession to the EEC. We may be leaving now, but that calendar will be good for 2018.

Calendars from the last year of the 19th century (1900) and the first year of the 21st (2001) can adorn the sideboard in 2018, as can calendars from 1906, 1934 and 2007 (which anyone heeding my advice back then will have kept).

1979 was the year Orkney overwhelmingly voted against a Scottish Assembly. Given that UK governments have been more generous with funding our ferries than Scottish ones, maybe you want to put that calendar back on display in the New Year.

Don't forget to hang onto your 2017 calendar for reuse in 2023.

Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday

An application form is printed on the reverse of this page



Applications are invited for the Stronsay Community Fund **Fuel Poverty Grant**

Scottish Fuel Poverty Statement.

The definition of fuel poverty in Scotland is: 'A household is in fuel poverty if, in order to maintain a satisfactory heating regime, it would be required to spend more than 10% of its income (including Housing Benefit or Income Support for Mortgage Interest) on all household fuel use

The Stronsay Development Trust wishes to help relieve poverty by providing financial assistance towards home electricity costs with a grant of £150 paid directly to the domestic electricity provider via the account or key card.

Under the restrictions placed on the trust by charity laws, grants will not be available for businesses, second homes or holiday lets.

Applicants must be the bill payer and a full-time resident of Stronsay and there can only be one application per bill payer.

You will not be asked for any personal financial details other than the name of your domestic electricity supplier, together with your ref/account number, but you will need to sign the declaration confirming that you are in fuel poverty.

Application Forms will be available at the Post Office, and online via the SDT website and the Limpet

All applications should be returned to the Trust
registered office by 14th December 2017

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A Scottish Charity SC038888 Registered Office: Unit 1, Wood's Yard, Stronsay, KW17 2AR



SDT use only
Date received
Reference number
Board minute date

STRONSAY COMMUNITY FUND FUEL POVERTY GRANT APPLICATION

In Confidence - one grant per applicant, subject to board approval and annual review. £150 will be paid directly to the applicant's domestic electricity provider.

Name of applicant (bill payer):

Address:

Tel. No:

Electricity provider:

Account in the name of:

Account number/customer reference number:

Declaration:

According to the Scottish Government's definition of fuel poverty, I confirm that, in order to maintain a satisfactory heating regime, I would be required to spend more than 10% of my income (including Housing Benefit or Income Support for Mortgage Interest) on all household fuel use.

I also confirm that I am a permanent resident of Stronsay and have enclosed details of my domestic electricity provider, account name and account/customer reference number.

Signed by applicant Date.....

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO TRUST OFFICE BY 5pm on the 14th December 2017

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Whitehall Village, Stronsay,
Orkney
KW17 2AR
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26 November 2017

Anna's Blog

My update on the Community Development Officer role and activities on behalf of the Stronsay Development Trust.

Work Continues on getting the Enterprise Zone ready for its grand opening with Planning and organising of the Heritage Centre still underway.

An invitation is still open to all those interested in the Island's heritage to get in touch to discuss being part of this ongoing project, I would also like to ask for feedback and suggestions as to what people would like to see in the heritage centre.

I am looking for volunteers who would like to be part of the cataloguing of artefacts currently in storage so please let me know if this is of interest.

I will also be holding regular drop in days for anyone wishing to come along help catalogue, have a chat about life on Stronsay and enjoy a cuppa. Look out for updates on when these will take place in the new year.

I previously spoke about a project that was run with researchers from the University of Aberdeen who were conducting a radio workshop with kids from the school and community groups. What a great activity, I have finally received the completed podcasts which are great and you should be very proud of the children on Stronsay, we will hopefully soon have dates for us to listen to them on Orkney radio but For now you can find them at the following link: <https://soundcloud.com/media-education/sets/unheard-of>

Anyone interested in putting together our very own **Stronsay audio project**, to preserve memories of Island life, should please get in touch with me.

The Wellbeing Orkney advisory group, will be meeting again this week and work continues with **THAW Orkney's** Affordable Warmth project working towards providing more energy efficient homes, leaflets will be appearing around the Island so please have a look.

As a Trust we are again offering the **Fuel Poverty Grant** of £150 and Applications can be found at the post office or feel free to contact me direct for one. Deadline is the 14th December.

Further work has been done on the **Housing Needs Project** and this should be ready for community consultation in early 2018.

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As always I have been doing a lot of work with Island groups and individuals to help them to achieve their life projects via support from the **Community Fund**, whether through educational grants or grants to support training in new skills. This is a highly rewarding part of my role. Please Feel free to contact me with any ideas, needs or just to see how things are going.



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TWO PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONCERNING STRONSAY

Screening and scoping request to create a salmon fish farm / Mill Bay, Stronsay, Orkney:

<https://planningandwarrant.orkney.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=OYUCYXMD02E00&activeTab=summary>

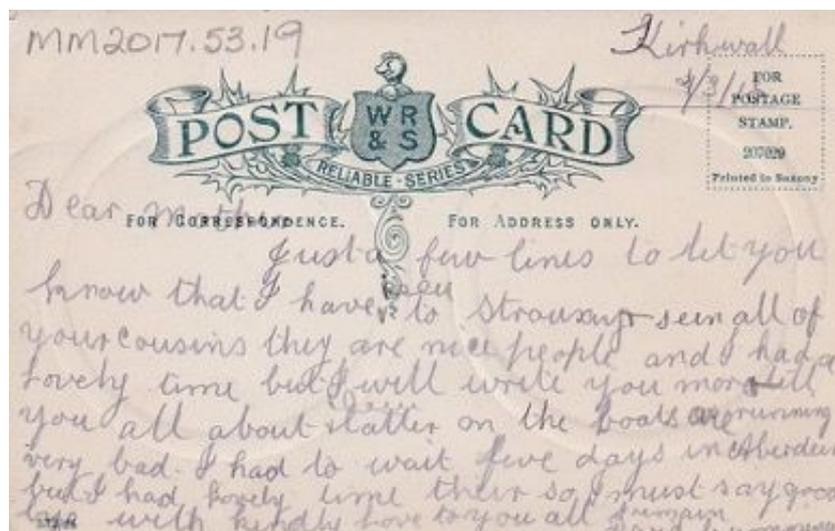
Screening and scoping request to create a salmon fish farm / Bay of Holland, Stronsay, Orkney:

<https://planningandwarrant.orkney.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=OYUB3IMD02E00&activeTab=summary>

MYSTERY POSTCARD

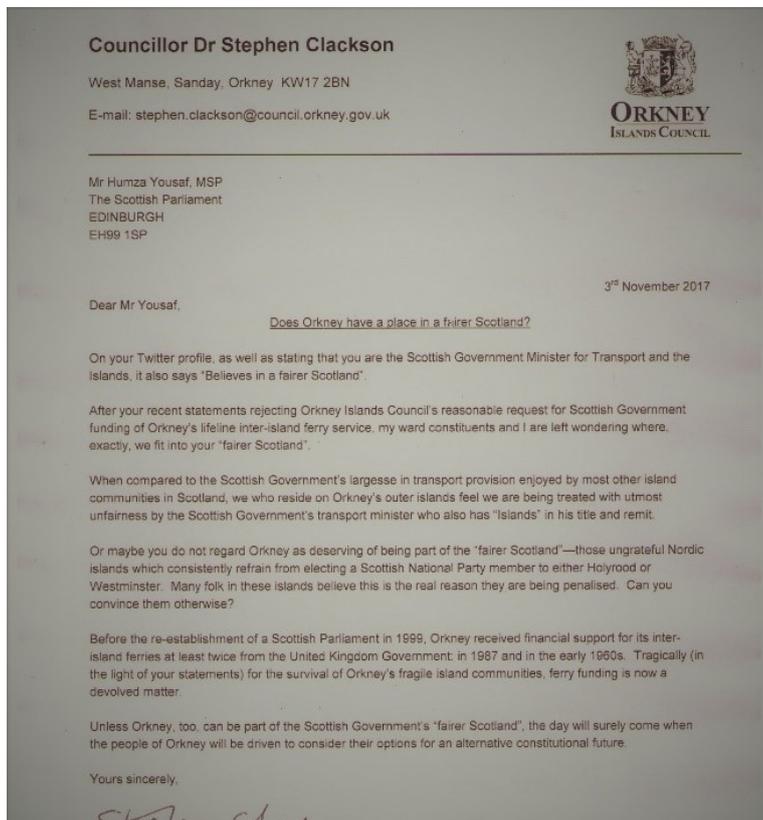
Dennis Proudman reports that the postcard below was found by Magan Ross, manager of the Waikato Times Marlborough Museum archives in New Zealand. Dennis is curious about the relationship between Stronsay farm in New Zealand and the island of Stronsay, Orkney UK

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/marlborough-express/news/97767421>



STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

In regard to his statements about not funding our ferries (contradictory to his claim to “believe in a fairer Scotland”), I wrote to the Scottish Minister for Transport and the Islands, Mr Humza Yousaf, copying the letter (see below) to each of the political party leaders in the Scottish Parliament and to our own MSP and MP, among others. This was reported in the 9th November issue of *The Orcadian* (page 3), following my interview on the subject with BBC Radio Orkney broadcast on “Around Orkney” on the 7th.



Although I have received acknowledgements from the offices of some of the party leaders, and a substantive response from Alistair Carmichael MP, I have yet to hear from the Minister himself. I would urge members of the North Isles' public to write their own letters to Mr Yousaf, because the situation for us in the North Isles is going to become dire without the same level of financial support that the Scottish Government is generous enough to lavish on other island groups in their so-called “fairer” Scotland. Agriculture, commerce, food supplies, healthcare, education—all depend on our life-line ferry service.

I have found the last month somewhat “education rich”, with me attending meetings of the Orkney College Management Council (including a self-evaluation workshop); the College Management Council Quality Sub-Group (to which I was recently appointed); the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, plus a meeting with the Director of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy (in my role as OIC's representative on its leadership board). At the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, I enquired, now the University has been granted research-degree-awarding powers, whether academic dress has been designed for the new degrees (e.g. doctorates). I was informed it has been, and my suggestion that an academic-dress identification leaflet be produced for those attending graduation ceremonies was met with enthusiasm.

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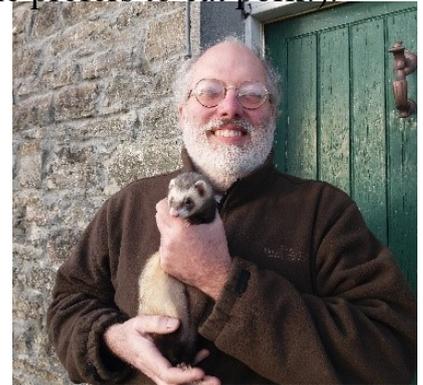
Other meetings I have been to include: members' sessions (including a political session with our constituency MSP, Liam McArthur); a briefing session on the *Islands Deal*; a seminar on general data protection; a meeting of the Orkney Health & Care Committee, and a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee which concluded its business in only 4 minutes!

It was good to get back into the swing of community council meetings again with attendance at both Sanday's and Shapinsay's, and I was in Stronsay for the AGM of their development trust. In Sanday, I was also involved in the HMIE inspection of Community Learning and Development.

Scottish Natural Heritage gave councillors a presentation on the Orkney Native Wildlife Project, which is concerned with the eradication of stoats from Orkney. On the 20th November, I was featured in *Holyrood* magazine's "Politicians & their Pets" with our pet polecat ferret, Haze. She is kept safely indoors, well away from the native wildlife and non-native poultry (though, actually, she prefers to eat pork!).



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



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

MOUSE POWER

By Ellie from Newfield

She was scuttling along the bookcase

As they do.

And my immediate thought

Was to clonk it with my shoe.

But then she turned to look at me

And the moment was gone.

The shoe is now out of the question,

I'd likely need a gun.

I knew she could smell my fear,

Adrenalin doing its thing.

And as she wiggled her whiskers

My nerves snapped with a "ping".

I couldn't help but notice

She'd twenty sharpened claws

Not to mention those glinting teeth

Bulging from her jaws.

Of course it's now that I remember

I could have set the trap

Designed to do the job

With a resounding snap.

And so I called help.

He arrived saying "What's all this din?"

"It's only a mouse" says he

"Not Gung-A-Din!" (with a grin).

They had my full attention

For I could not look away.

Hubby was up for the rescue,

He'd come to save the day.

"Come on mouse!" thought I,

"Give him your scary stare".

And no sooner had I thought it,

He was jumping onto my chair.

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

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.

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

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.

Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



STRONSAY FISH MART

Phone 616401

Open 6 days a week from 11am to 3pm (closed Thursdays)

Sunday 3rd December 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Chicken and ham pie, potatoes and vegetables
- Chili mince, rice and Doritos
- Chocolate cheesecake (cream / ice-cream)
- Fruit crumble and custard (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 10th December 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Steak pie, vegetables and potatoes
- Macaroni cheese, garlic bread and chips
- Tapioca and fruit (cream / ice-cream)
- Lemon roulade (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 17th December 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Christmas Turkey meal with all the trimmings (Bookings only and limited other menu)
- Cloutie duff custard (cream / ice-cream)
- Caramel tart (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 24th December 2017

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Battered haddock, chips and peas
- Chicken curry, rice and Naan bread
- Mince meat pie and custard (cream / ice-cream)
- Jam roly-poly custard (cream / ice-cream)

The Fish Mart Cafe will be closed Christmas Day and will re-open Friday 29th and Saturday 30th Dec.

We will then shut for two weeks and will re-open Sunday 14th January 2018.

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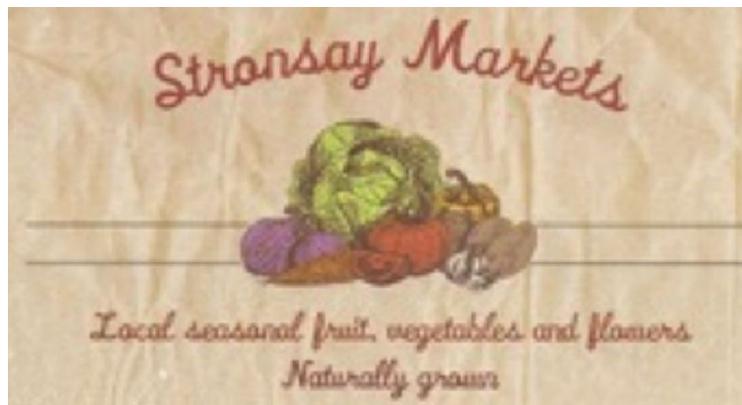
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STRONSAY MARKETS



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Check out the Facebook page for weekly information on produce or sign up for the same information by email at stronsaymarkets@gmail.com"

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All items available from online shop

<http://www.belliemdesigns.com>

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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



CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS

The Craftship Enterprise shop will be open Saturday to Wednesday 12.00 to 16.00 and crafting workshops will take place, through to mid December. The cafe will be closed from 10th September but we will still provide lunches and refreshments for special occasions and crafting workshops.

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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.

Phone 01856 874723

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

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HOME: 01857 616454

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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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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

Stronsay Community Association

Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday 9th December 2017

Starting at 7.00p.m. at the Hall

Adults £5 ∞ Children £2

Supper ∞ Sandwiches ∞ Pizza

Mince Pies

Tea ∞ Coffee ∞ Mulled wine

Entertainment

Bar open ∞ Raffle

100 Club draw

Everyone welcome

SWRI MEETING

The SWRI meeting on Wed 6th Dec at 7:30pm in the hall will be a sale in aid of the children's Christmas party (*See notice below*). Competition - paper chain, hostess - committee.

This is also our "joining" night where we sign up for another year of SWRI. We are a group of ladies aged from mid 20s to somewhat older! We have a meeting roughly once a month with interesting talks by various people, quizzes, competitions, food and a lot of fun! A years membership costs just £12 for adults and there's a reduced rate for juniors (age 11 and over)

Come along and join us! All ladies and girls over 11 most welcome!

SWRI CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The SWRI children's Christmas party is on Wed 13th Dec from 6pm to 7:30pm in the hall. This is for all children aged 9 and under. There will be food, games, music and visit from SANTA!

No admission charge but a silver collection will be taken.

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STRONSAY WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Despite the coarse weather on Saturday, which unfortunately meant that 3 crafters who planned to be out for the craft fair couldn't make it, there was a tremendous turn-out from local folk in the afternoon. The Hall seemed even busier than usual, which was really heartening as we were quietly celebrating our 5 Years of Stronsay Craft Fairs. It seems like only yesterday that a handful of us started the very first craft sales in the Heritage Centre of the Fish Mart (as it was before the refurbishment), squeezed in among the artifacts. When we look at how it's grown since then I think we can feel proud to be part of a community that has given so much loyal support and encouragement to one another over the years.

The SOS table was a dazzling display of hand-crafted goodies made by the school kids and Peedie Otters. Millie, Lilly, Melvin and Sam – all sporting wonderful Christmas jumpers - worked a great sales pitch and looked as if they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done you guys!

On behalf of the crafting community we would like to thank the Stronsay Community Association once again for all their hard work and support in making this such a popular and successful event. The home bakes were utterly delicious, as they always are! We must also thank everyone who came along to support and appreciate our local artisans, we couldn't do it without you. Finally, a big thank you to all the crafty people for coming together and creating this winter's spectacular Stronsay Craft Fair. Very Merry Crafty Christmas to you all!

Simone

(Photos on this and on the following page by Roger Neville-Smith & Simone Kirk)



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STRONSAY STITCHERS



Last meeting this year
Thursday 30th November, Church Hall, 7pm-9.30pm
£2/person, refreshments
We will be back in the new year!

STRONSAY SPINNERS

Please note there's no meeting in December
We will be back in the new year!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Come and sing traditional Christmas carols by candlelight in the church hall at 7pm on
Sunday 10 December, refreshments & hot drinks provided

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KIRK NEWS

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated.

December

- 3rd - June Freeth
- 10th - David Bowen
- 10th - Carols by Candlelight at 7pm
- 17th - Mike or Viv Erdman
- 24th - Sunday Club
- 24th Watchnight service at 11:30pm
- 31st - Mike or Viv Erdman

January

- 7th - Mike or Viv Erdman
- 14th - David Bowen
- 21st - June Freeth
- 28th - June Freeth

February

- 4th - David Bowen
- 11th - David Bowen
- 18th - June Freeth
- 25th - June Freeth

March

- 4th - Mike or Viv Erdman
- 11th - June Freeth
- 18th - June Freeth
- 25th - David Bowen

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 29 OCTOBER 2017



Produce being bagged up prior to distribution to the island's over 80s.

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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>.

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KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY

The mobile library van will visit Stronsay on Monday 8th January 2018

Council Houses 8:45 - 9:45

School 10 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 4:45

Note the new website for Kirkwall library

Library website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/index.htm>

Library van timetable

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile.htm>

Orkney Digital Library

<https://orkney.overdrive.com>

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.

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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

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL

Stronsay Swimming Pool needs Lifeguards and Overseers. If you are willing to train as a lifeguard please contact Sarah on 616406. How about supporting the pool by becoming a volunteer overseer? If this is something you would consider please give Mairi a phone on 616331.

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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POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Bank day	Tuesday
Island Link Officer..	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat (phone 616475)
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	8 December 2017 and 26 February 2018
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

Airy Fairy	616231	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Castle Bird Reserve	616363	Electricity	
Companions	616261	problems	0800 300 999
Craftship Enterprise	616249	emergency	105
Doctor	616321	Water problems	0845 601 8855
Ebenezer stores	616339	Highland Fuels	0800 224 224
Fish Mart	616401	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Hall bookings	616446	Kirkwall Police	101
Island Link Officer	616475	Vets:	
Medical emergency	01856 888000	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Neil's on Wheels	616454	Northvet	01856 873403
Nurses	616480	Dentists:	
Olivebank	616255	Orkney Dental	01856 872030
Post Office	616499	King Street	01856 875348
Registrar	616239	Deyanov Dental	01856 877118
Star Island Soap	616281	Golgotha monastery.	616210
Stronsay Hotel	616213		(Email contact@the-sons.org)
Taxi	616335		

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@stronsaylimpet.co.uk (preferred method); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 10am & before 8pm, 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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