

STRONSAY LIMPET

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WELL DONE ANDY!

Below is a photo of Andy finishing the marathon. We would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship for Macmillan, and we are pleased to announce that the total raised is £742. £492 of this is being sent direct to MacmillanOrkney and the on-line donations to national Macmillan funds.

Thank you again to everyone for their support, Andy and Shirley Whiteman.



STRONSAY'S MASSIVE WEEKEND 18/19 AUGUST

See poster in this edition

HOW TO CONTACT THE LIMPET

Send an email to <u>editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk</u> (<u>preferred method</u>); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (<u>after</u> 10am & <u>before</u> 8pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*.

The next edition of the <u>Limpet</u> will be published on <u>Thu 30 Aug</u>. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on <u>Sun 26 Aug</u> Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

There were very few sightings of migrants after late May – the best bird in that period being a (dull!) Rosefinch seen at Coweshouse briefly on 31st May (see photo). June was very quiet with just a few migrants including a Cuckoo – probably the same as the bird seen at Leonore's (photo in the May limpet). It was seen/heard at Houseby by Mark, and at Springwell by Bill and Brenda.

As usual, July was a quiet month but there were a few sightings of single Stonechats, suggesting possible breeding (the species breeds as close as Eday) and a 1st summer male Hen Harrier which has been seen on several occasions from various sites, including Gesty Dishes, Airy, and Bay. Peregrines have been recorded often enough to suggest that breeding may have taken place this year. Our own Swallows have behaved very strangely this year – starting to build 4 different nests in succession in the coal shed (where they have nested for a few years) without laying. They then laid one egg which we found broken among the coal below, replaced it with another single egg, and are now feeding just a single chick!

Autumn migration is now under way for wading birds and there have already been a few Golden Plover and Whimbrel in the freshly-cut silage fields, but the birds are given to 'roving' – searching for the 'best' fields in which to feed - and can be infuriating to find! During a quick drive around much of the island on the evening of 20th July we saw very few gulls or Oystercatchers, it seemed as if the island had been depleted of both species, but suddenly in a single field opposite Eastbank, which was being harrowed by Pato Dennison, there were well over 1,000 birds - 600 or so Oystercatchers and the rest a mixture of Common and Black-headed Gulls.

There is still the chance of seeing a Rosy Starling (7 or so have been recorded here in mid-summer in the last 30 years) as there have been several elsewhere in the UK this summer. July is the best month for UK records and the birds are unmistakable – they are Starling size, have bright pink bodies, and black head, wings, and tail. Best of luck.

Sunday evening 22nd July – a quick trip to the Matpow at 6pm where there were at least 15 Black-tailed Godwit – many of them males in summer plumage. Very easy to see – brick-red breasts, long legs and black and white wings and tail in flight. They are slightly smaller than Curlew.

A family party of 6 twite were in the road at Bomasty earlier this evening and the male Reed Bunting (black and white head) was still singing at the Matpow Loch on our way home.

Thanks for all the calls once again. John & Sue.

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Rosefinch at Coweshouse – a very dull individual but a species which does not breed in the UK and can be very hard to find!

ALL IS WELL

By Ellie from Newfield

There is sunshine at the croft,

New life appears *en masse*.

The trees are busting forwards

In their effort to outdo the grass.

Winter is well behind us and the sun now warms our bones.

Time now to wallow in well-being,

Bury those troublesome groans.

The copse is a sun-dappled nursery,
Anxious parents putting their young to flight

Meanwhile keeping up their strength With an occasional wriggly bite.

And it's now that you see the wonder

Bathed in awe all around,

Mother Nature has put out her stall. The dream we're hiring now comes to ground,

> The sky of course is blue For a thousand acres or more, Seemingly stretching on forever

Since summer knocked on the door.

A mirrored sheen on the pond Whilst the fish enjoy the heat.

Nature in its finest days

When all things seem complete.

Long may it last!

Mother Nature so endearing

And the farmer sharpens his shears

Turning now to the shearing.

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

LOOKING FOR A ONE BED SELF-CONTAINED PROPERTY TO RENT ON STRONSAY

I am Scottish and a retired teacher currently living abroad. I plan this projected move to Stronsay to be permanent and would be interested in a long-term lease.

From around the end of this year

Feel free to contact me by email with any questions: adouglas@post.com
Many thanks

Andrew Douglas

HOUSE FOR SALE £135,000 (OR EXCHANGE?)

BAYVIEW, WHITEHALL

4 bedrooms plus 2 attic rooms, 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, utility room plus numerous outbuildings.

We're not looking to leave the Stronsay, it's just time to find something smaller. Please contact Dave or Jill on 616308

BAYVIEW UPDATE (1 June 2018)

Having decided to put our home on the market we are obliged to have a Home Report, which was completed this week. I am pleased to say it was all very favourable and thanks to the hard work of Saul over the past two years the improvements were well noted and the survey valued the house at £135,000. So it is now with the Orkney Property Centre at that price.

WANTED

3 or 4 bed property for long term rent on Stronsay.

We are a family of 5 (parents and 3 boys) with one well behaved dog. We are looking to relocate to Stronsay anytime from August 2018. We have experience in various sectors, but the majority of our experience is in event management and marketing and we have a lot of ideas that, we feel, could help to bring in more tourists, therefore helping to boost the local economy. We are currently living in the Scottish Borders, having moved from England in 2016. We are looking to make this move a permanent one and would be happy to take on a long lease. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions via email to kellyhooper14@yahoo.com or call 01890 249032

Bond and references available. Many thanks Kelly and Craig Hooper

Local sales, wants, etc are free!



STRONSAY FISH MART

Phone 616401

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

Sunday 5th August 2018

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Battered chicken fillets with dip (BBQ/Sweet Chilli), and chips
- Macaroni, chips and garlic bread
- Fruit crumble and custard
- Ice-cream and fudge sauce

Sunday 12th August 2018

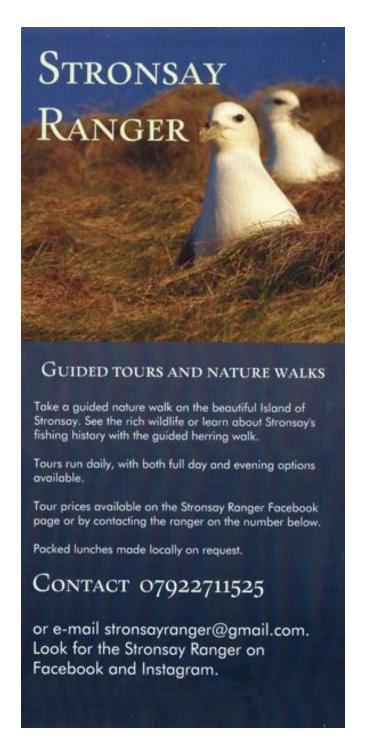
- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Chicken and ham pie, vegetables and potatoes
- Vegetables ragout, tagliatelle and garlic bread
- Roulade (cream / ice-cream)
- Banoffee pie (cream / ice-cream)

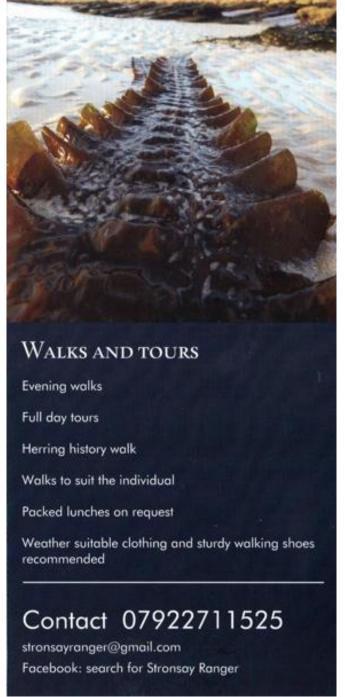
Sunday 19th August 2018

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- Mince, potatoes, oatmeal stuffing and vegetables
- Chicken curry, rice and naan bread
- Cheesecake (cream / ice-cream)
- Brownie (cream / ice-cream)

Sunday 26th August 2018

- Soup of the day with homemade loaf
- BBQ pork, chips and vegetables
- Quiche, salad and chips (Bacon OR Broccoli)
- Pavlova (cream / ice-cream)
- Sticky toffee pudding (cream / ice-cream)







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Sunday the 10th June saw our first Open Farm Sunday on Stronsay. We were blessed with a lovely day, and hope everyone that came along had an enjoyable time at Kirbuster meeting our animals and seeing the fine range of crafts and other displays.



Many thanks for all those that helped us with the day, the craft trail folk for bringing their treasures and demonstrations, Mike and Gaynor and all the youngsters for the fantastic tunes, Vicky

and the boys for the stone work (2), Leah and friends for the face-painting, Roger for some cracking photos of the day (we always forget to take any!) and Erynn, burger flipper extraordinaire!

(Hope we haven't forgotten anybody!)

Mostly, thanks everyone for coming along and for your support!!

Fresh supplies of buffalo meat available. Pick n' Mix still on offer if you'd like to try a few bits and pieces at a great value price (compared to individual pack prices) - choose any 4 items for £20, 6 items for £30 or 10 for £40



For more info just give us a bell, msg on Facebook or pop past Kirbuster. Fresh free range eggs available at the farm, in the porch!

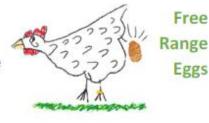
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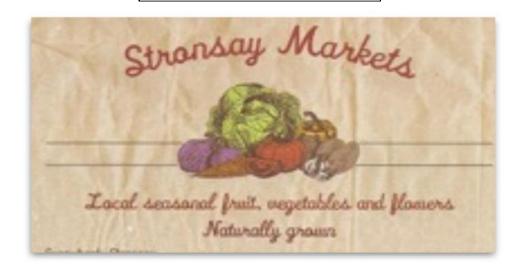


We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.

We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.

Reasonable prices.

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.



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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Computer, tablet or phone misbehaving or running slowly?

Want to learn how to use social media, word processing, spreadsheets, change the privacy settings on your computer, tablet, phone or social media accounts or anything else computer related?

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NOTE—closed Monday

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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
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KIRK CORNER

Locum minister—Scott Daily Manse telephone 616286

In my brief time on Stronsay one of the most fascinating things about this most fascinating island is the people. Not only are they extremely friendly and welcoming but there is such a wonderful variety in backgrounds, culture, and accents. People from all over have come to settle on the island and become part of the community. A trend that looks to increase even more in the coming years. It is as if someone took various ingredients and blended them together to make a tasty sweet. This blend is also reflected in the island's church, Moncur Memorial. People from various backgrounds both religiously and culturally gather together on Sundays at 11 to worship, pray, and grow in knowledge of our great and loving God. As the apostle Paul wrote, these different parts come together to form one body. We would sincerely love for you to come and join us, the last few weeks we have been primarily looking at various passages in the Gospel of Mark, looking at Jesus's life, His love for us, His sending out of the disciples, and His instructions on how we should live. Come and join our sweet mix. And certainly if there is anything that you need, or any help that I can offer, or if you want someone to talk to, you are more then welcome to call the manse (01857 616286) or drop by. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Sunday Club will now take a break for the summer but children continue to be very welcome at all services and a creche is available each week.

Sunday services start at 11am unless otherwise stated. For details of services see the kirk's website:

http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/index.asp?pageid=595575

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

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

CHURCH AND MANSE FUND RAISING

It's great to see the Manse occupied once more after standing empty for more than six years. As you probably know, the Manse had a major makeover earlier this year, with walls being insulated and relined, a new boiler being fitted, being completely redecorated from top to bottom and some new floor coverings being fitted. This all comes at a cost, of course, and we tried to attract external funding to help offset this cost. Unfortunately, we had no success with this and the full cost had to be met with locally raised funds.

Are you aware that, in addition to funding that project, all the maintenance, repairs, insurance and the cost of heat and light for the Church, Hall and Manse and a percentage of the Minister's salary have to be met from locally raised funds? This is why we need to hold sales and other fund-raising events and we are very grateful to all those who support these events so well and to those who give regularly. Unfortunately it is always getting harder to make ends meet as costs always seem to be rising and this is where you could come in! Would you feel able to contribute to our local Church? Every penny you can give will be used locally and, as a registered charity, we can also claim tax back through Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer. If you could give a donation or commit to a regular contribution then it would make a huge difference to our local Church!

If you would like to make a donation, would like more details or are willing to give by Gift Aid then please contact me by phone on 01857 616322, e-mail at ian.cooper56@gmail.com or call along or write to me Steenysheed, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AT.

Ian Cooper, Church treasurer

ARE YOU PLANNING AN EVENT? PLEASE CHECK THE STRONSAY DIARY

If you are planning an event please check the diary of events on Stronsay (which can be found at http://visitstronsay.com/events) to ensure that your planned event won't clash with something already announced; it will also enable other organisers to avoid clashing with your event..

If you want your event to appear in the diary please contact the editor of the Limpet editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk with details - what is it, where is it being held and, most important, the date and time.



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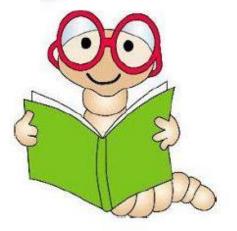
Unfortunately due to travel constraints this visit is for people with appointments only.

We are here to advise on any issue. To make an appointment or arrange a home visit, please contact (01856) 875266 no later than Thursday 2nd August thank you. For cancellations please contact the above number as soon as possible.

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... will be meeting again on

Wednesday August 22nd @ 7.30pm

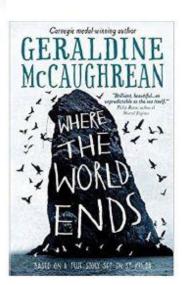
at the Stronsay Hotel

We will be talking about

Where The World Ends

by Geraldine McCaughrean

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



Everybody welcome.

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STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE supervised sessions

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

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.

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

Updated July 2016

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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KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY

Dates of mobile library van visits to Stronsay in 2018

Tuesday 21st August Monday 15th October Monday 10th December

Winter

- Council Houses 8.45 9.45
- School 10 12
- Kirk 12.30 3
- Fish mart 3.15 4.45

Summer/Refit

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

For full details visit the library's website http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk

PEEDIE LIBRARY

The Peedie Library will be open in the Church Hall between 3pm and 5pm on the following dates. There is **NO** charge for this service. Please join us to change your books and enjoy a tea or coffee with a biscuit and a chat.

- Monday 6 August
- Monday 1 October
- Monday 3 December

STRONSAY DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Stronsay Diabetic Support Group will be held in the Stronsay Fishmart at 3pm on Wednesday 29th August.

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STRONSAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

Surgeries by appointment only

Phone 616321 to book an appointment Monday 9:30—10:30, 15:30—16:30 Tuesday 9:30—10:30, 14:30—15:30 Wednesday 9:30—10:30, from 14:00 Thursday—no surgery Friday 9:30—10:30, 15:30—16:30

Ordering repeat prescriptions

Phone 616321

Please note the changed email address <u>orkney.stronsay@nhs.net</u> Website www.orcadespractice.co.uk

Please will patients order prescriptions at least 8-10 days before they are needed. This will reduce frustration when items have not been delivered from the mainland.

Collecting prescriptions

Please will patients collect their ordered prescription 10:30-11:30am or 2-4pm Monday, Wednesday or Friday. This avoids the busiest time when the prescription boxes are being unpacked.

Thursday service

Katrina is now going to Eday regularly to help with administrative work there. The phones will be diverted to Balfour switchboard in the morning until Katrina arrives at Eday surgery where she will be able to take calls. On leaving Eday the phone is diverted again to Balfour.

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc

Monday to Saturday 8:30am—5:00pm

Post collection times 07:30, Monday to Saturday

Bank day Tuesday 09:15-14:45 (closed 12-1 for lunch)

Island Link Officer...... Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475

SDT Office Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410

Sunday service at the Kirk ... 11 am (see https://tinyurl.com/ybbqoq23)

Our Lady's chapel, pier head Mass 11.20am (weekdays), 10.30am (Sundays & Holy Days)

Next Special Collections 3 August 2018.

Rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

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Castle Bird Reserve 616363	Balfour hospital 01856 888000
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Doctor 616321	problems 0800 300 999
Ebenezer stores 616339	emergency 105
Fish Mart 616401	Water problems 0845 601 8855
Hall bookings 616446	Highland Fuels 0800 224 224
Island Link Officer 616475	Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Medical emergency 616321	Kirkwall Police 101
Neil's on Wheels 616454	Vets:
Manse 616286	Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859
Nurses 616480	Northvet 01856 873403
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