



# STRONSAY LIMPET

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**James Shearer 1927-22 June 2006**

Jim Shearer was born on Stronsay and spent his entire life on the island. He was deeply interested in the Islands community, its traditions and its folklore and as such was a ready source of reference on past events concerning the Island. He was born in 1927 in a cottage at Clestrain where his father worked as a ploughman. His mother Georgina – always known as Judy- was also a Shearer who formerly lived and worked at Whitehall farm. By the time that Jim started school at the North School (now Holmsgarth) the family had moved to Huip and young Jim was faced with the walk every day first to the North School and later to the



Central school, a round trip of some four miles. When he was eight years old his parents bought Kirkhall and moved there as a family.

His father did not enjoy very good health and as a consequence Jim was involved in the running of the farm from a very early age. By the time he left school he was already an experienced ploughman being totally competent with the horse drawn plough.

He married a local girl, Patricia Cooper in 1954 and made their first home in Crowana (a cottage which has lain empty and semi-derelict for several years but is now being renovated,) while Jim worked at Scoulters. His father died in 1958 and several years later Jim and his family moved to Kirkhall which was still a working farm of some 38 acres at the time. In addition to the work at Kirkhall he still worked at Scoulters where he was to remain until well into his fifties.



Jim joined the Coastguard Service in 1946 and served for the next 42 years. During this time he became responsible for firing the rocket which carried the line for the Breeches Buoy used to rescue crews from vessels stranded on the islands coastline. He developed a major degree of accuracy in this and the story is still told of how he fired the rocket across the stranded Aberdeen trawler Loch Kildonan with such accuracy that it carried away the top of the ships mast causing so much alarm on board that one crew member jumped overboard into the sea. This rescue was completely successful with all the crew being rescued and the vessel later re floated. Jim enjoyed reasonably good health until 1991 when he underwent major

cardiac surgery. He made a good recovery from this and went on to enjoy his retirement years surrounded by his family. His health again started to slowly deteriorate over the past two years and he died in the Balfour Hospital on 22-06-06 He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. His quiet gentle manner, his dry ready sense of humour enlivened by a wicked but never malicious chuckle will live on in the memories of all who were privileged to know him. He is survived by his wife Patricia. his daughters Marion, Ruth, Rosalyn and Norma and his sons Patrick, Stewart and Kenneth

## **SS Athenia lifeboat – Restoration Project – Update August 2006**

At the last Board meeting of the Development Trust on the 19th July, the matter of the SS Athenia lifeboat project was discussed with particular emphasis on the appropriate way forward regarding restoration and possible funding. Since it was first adapted by George (Pye) Chalmers in the late 1940's the lifeboat has been used as a workshop, boiler-house, and as a general outbuilding, but it has never been used as a permanent home or in the strict sense of the word, as a 'houseboat'. It was agreed by the Board that it would be unrealistic to apply for funding to restore the lifeboat to a converted lifeboat/houseboat when it in fact has never been a houseboat. Although some sympathy was expressed with the idea of preserving the lifeboat, in whatever form, in situ, the legal and practical problems involved especially the implications on fund-raising, were felt to be insuperable. Clive Martin who currently owns the lifeboat, was in attendance at the meeting and expressed his wish on this issue, which was that the lifeboat be restored as a lifeboat, and as befits its historical significance that it be preserved and displayed in a fitting manner. On this basis and subject to appropriate legal safeguards and funding for the restoration being obtained, he would be willing to gift the lifeboat to the Development Trust. In conclusion a vote was taken by the Board to proceed with this project on the basis of 'restoring and displaying the lifeboat as a lifeboat from the SS Athenia'. There were 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention, with nil against. For those who might be unaware, the Stronsay Agricultural Society have generously offered the Development Trust, as a Gift, and subject to certain legal requirements, the area of land known as the Old Cattle Market, adjacent to the derelict fish-processing factory at the end of the Quay. This would undoubtedly make a superb site for a suitable building to house the restored lifeboat. Many thanks to all those who have expressed interest in and support for this project, it goes without saying that your continued encouragement is very much appreciated. A long way to go yet – but things are moving forward! Brian Crowe

### **The Red Planet is about to be spectacular!**

This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

Share this with your children and grandchildren.

**NO ONE ALIVE TODAY WILL EVER SEE THIS AGAIN**

Information taken from  
an email, circular

## Are you being heard? by Rosalind Spence

Isn't it annoying when you've been to an appointment and not said all you wanted to? Or been at a meeting and you feel you didn't get a chance to have your say? That annoys me too. Many of us, at some time in our lives, will find it difficult to speak up for ourselves. It may be because we think we are getting a raw deal. Some people can be treated unfairly because they are young or elderly, have a disability, may not be able to communicate effectively, have a mental health issue or another issue. Some of us have friends or family we can rely on but sometimes they can be part of the problem! When someone helps you to get your point of view across they are said to be advocating for you.

Advocacy is part of everyday life; it is standing up for someone else or helping them to have their say. The term Advocate makes me think of lawyers in grey wigs and black robes but Advocacy Orkney is a voluntary organisation offering a free service of paid or volunteer staff who can support people, who are feeling vulnerable, to speak up for themselves.

Advocacy Orkney has three specialist workers. Noreen Wright (Mental Health), Rosalind Spence (Learning Disabilities) and our new recruit Jayne Sinclair (Children and Young People). Frazer Campbell is Co-ordinator with administrative support from Theresa Salmon.

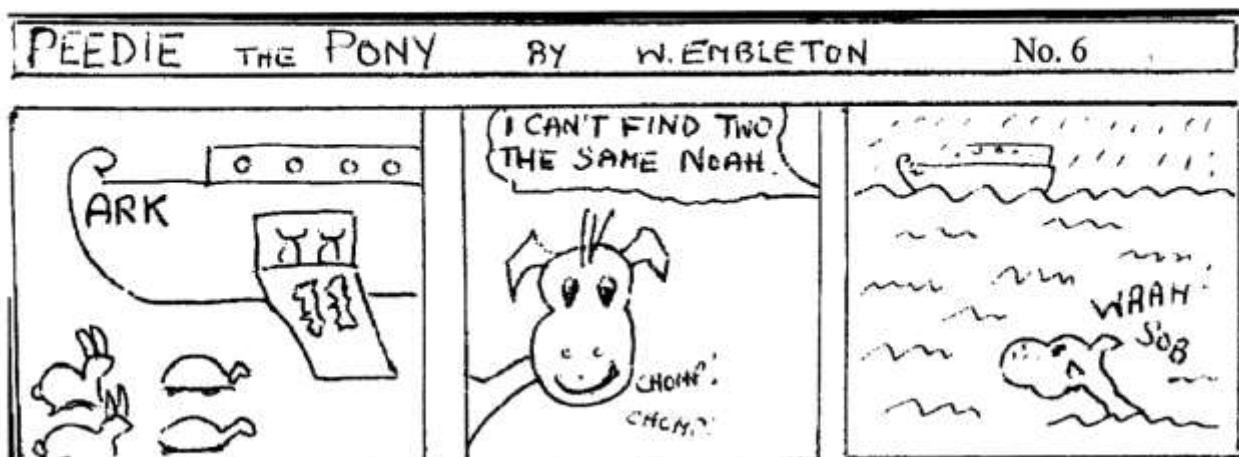
Advocacy is about rights; an advocate can support you by finding out information and helping you to be heard. If you are unsure of your rights and choices, an advocate may be able to help you if you have issues with health or social services, housing, employment/education, complaints, benefits, money matters or any other relevant problem.

Your advocate will be completely loyal to you and not to anyone else other than our organisation. They will not judge you because of anything you may have done or because of the situation you are in. They will help you express your opinion and support you to challenge decisions that affect your life. Your advocate will help you get all the information you need so that you can decide what you want or need. Advocates will not give advice or tell you what to do but will help you to find the right person who can give advice. We will tell professionals or those in authority what you want to happen.

One user of our service said. "Someone who cares about your problems, listens to your concerns and difficulties and is very supportive and trustworthy. They help you find the appropriate resources and are a strong voice on your behalf.

When someone in authority tells one of my clients "You can't do that or have that", I like to ask, "What would it take to make it happen." We cannot give any guarantees but we will do our best to help you-get what you are entitled to.

If you would like to contact us please phone Advocacy Orkney on 01856 870111 or visit our stand celebrating Diversity Day at Orkney College on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.





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Inflatable Dingy, pump and repair kit  
Included, offers.  
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Phone Carol 616314

## Lifeboat Sunday 11th June

Raised the Grand Sum of £1597.51  
Thank you to all who made this possible

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## GALA

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BBQ £5 TRAMPOLINE £15 AND  
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## MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP RESTARTS THURSDAY 24th AUG

## TABLE TOP SALE

IN THE FUTURE WILL BE HELD IN  
THE HALL  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GALA  
COMMITTEE  
HOPEFULLY MORE EVENTS WILL  
ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE  
POSTERS WILL BE IN THE SHOPS  
AS AND WHEN  
ORGANISED

## LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT 29th AUGUST  
WHITEHALL 9am - 11am  
SCHOOL 11.30-14.00  
GORRIES 14.30-16.45  
SCHOOL 18.30-20.00

## STRONSAY SINGERS

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New reduced rate £5 per hour for room up to  
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from the Hall list must be used.

Now available to hire.

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All equipment provided

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present  
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CONTACT COLIN ON 446

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## “I Must Down To The Sea Again” by Dr George McKay

This was much more to his taste, the life he had dreamed of, left in charge of the boat as she ploughed her way east in the first glimmer of an early summer dawn. All too soon his moment of glory ended as his father returned to the wheelhouse and he to the cabin. Here he poured himself a pint mug of tea, stirred in some sugar and started to sip the scalding liquid. Although he normally took milk with his tea at home he did not do so on the boat as the only milk available was tinned milk - fresh milk in the heat of the cabin aided by the roll of the boat rapidly turned to a semi solid form of cheese - and the smell of this he found nauseating. It was only many years later that he found the creamy taste of tinned milk actually enhanced the taste of coffee. By the time he had finished his tea, washed and dried the mugs and hung them on their hooks on a beam on the cabin roof it was time to don his new white rubber thigh boots and gleaming yellow oilskin frock as they approached the fishing grounds. This particular time of year was between the main fishing seasons, the winter fishing now over and the summer fishing not yet established. Fish tended to be fairly scarce in the spring and the few fish around of fairly poor condition following the exertions of spawning. Already however patches of sandeels were turning up, their presence betrayed by groups of wheeling, screaming seagulls when the tiny, silver eel like fish strayed too close to the surface of the sea. In the old days this time had been referred to as the "Poor of May" by the line fishermen as the recuperating fish seemed disinclined to feed on the mussel bait used on the haddock lines. Even now, in the era of seining, it tended to be a rather lean time. However with the advent of the sandeels - where they came from no one seemed to know - the starved exhausted bottom feeders would gorge themselves and start to pack on weight ready for the next spawning season.

Despite the unpromising season by the end of the working day they had accumulated about half a ton offish, a mixture of haddock, codling, plaice and soles. Now, instead of heading home they turned to the east and headed for Fraserburgh to land their catch as there were no sales at their home port due to the local holiday. This they reached in less than an hour, landed their catch and immediately sailed for home. Now there was nothing to do except for one man at the wheel as they sailed up along the coast, keeping out initially to clear the point of Roseheartly with its cluster of bouys - bombing targets for the jets based at Lossiemouth air base. On across Aberdour bay with its white sands abruptly terminating in the towering red sandstone cliffs to the west, split almost exactly in half by a deep gully running down from the summit to the sea below. On past the village of Pennan, tucked far up in the bay, sheltered on one side by the towering red cliffs to the east, on the other by the long, much lower finger of Troup Head pointing out into the sea. Close past the north east point of Troup Head, the water deep and clear of obstacles close to the rock face, past the galleries of nesting seabirds, past the secluded rocky coves he had explored while staying with his grandparents in Crovie and then on into the broad expanse of Gamrie bay with the hamlet of Crovie at its east end and the village of Gardenstown to the west, straggling up the cliff, following the zig-zag pattern of the road. There to the west on the side of Mhor Head the old church built, so they say, on the encampment of the Vikings a millenium ago. On past the high sheer cliffs of Mhor, standing further out to sea now to clear the numerous reefs lying off Mhor, the cliffs gradually becoming lower as they proceeded west until at last they rounded the point of rocks behind the harbour, slipping through the narrow channel between the outer point of the rocks and the offshore reef they had carefully avoided earlier in the morning. Into the entrance channel, into the ninety degree bend and up the dock to their chosen berth, at last, the first day over. So it continued for the rest of the week, except that the next four days were slightly shorter as they could now land their catch in their home port. By the end of the week they had accumulated a reasonable profit, nothing massive but enough to ensure a good weeks wage.

## Orkney Alcohol Counseling & Advisory Service

Independent and free one-to-one counseling, for substance misuse and/or related life-style issues – i.e. anger, stress, low self-esteem, gambling, etc – is now available in Stronsay. All our counselors have received specialist counseling training, and we are a COSCA Recognised Counseling & Counseling Skills Organisation.

If you feel that we may be of some help, telephone us at 01856 874738 to arrange an appointment on Stronsay.

### SURGERY HOURS

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### The Trows O the Brough by Sean Cooper

S.2's were studying ballads at school, Sean decided to write this in Orcadian, and set it on Stronsay.

Da sea t'was dark  
 Da night sky thick,  
 Da trows o'the brough  
 Cam oot tae nick

Wi rock sae sharp,  
 Nd sea sae rough,  
 Da trows o'the brough,  
 Wid gae de a gluff.

Doon, doon, doon she went,  
 The Gypsy Queen  
 Right tae the buddum,  
 The bott nivver again tae be seen.

Da folk aboard dat sunken yole,  
 Hid de'ed, de'ed all bit 7,  
 Da men wir in dat watery hell,  
 Bit the trows, dey wir in hiven

Da men wir o'gret use tae trows,  
 Dere souls dey wud hae,  
 Da men wid den be mindless,  
 Nd dey wid dee da very sam day.

Yin men wir plaesed at dey wir fund  
 Nd no left tae dee,  
 Dey thowt dey wid see da morn,  
 Noo dey wir oot o' da sea.

Da next day cam,  
 Da storm had passed,  
 Nae ship tae be seen,  
 No even da mast.

Dat men are deed,  
 Nd all in hiven,  
 Not wan alive,  
 Deed, all seven

### DORIS & NAINES KITCHEN

#### AFGHANS

6oz margarine  
 4oz caster sugar  
 1oz cornflour  
 6oz plain flour  
 1 egg & pinch of salt  
 1oz drinking chocolate  
 4oz cornflakes  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 2oz raisins

Cream margarine & sugar.  
 Add all other ingredients  
 Make into rough heaps on baking sheet  
 Bake for 10 - 15 minutes in hot oven.  
 When cold cover with icing

Although Naine no longer lives on Stronsay, we are still hoping that she will still supply us with recipies.



## The last issue number 15 (July) contained significant data on the changing size, age and employment of the Stronsay population.

The question was raised about the future numbers of young people who might be able to remain on the island.

On 31 March 1851 the total Stronsay population was 1211. Of these 233 were born outside of Stronsay. But within Stronsay there was a very marked difference to the location of the non-Stronsay born. Whitehall (one of 6 enumerator districts) had 58 inhabited houses with 63 households. The breakdown of the population of the district by birth place was:

Stronsay	192	(69%)
Fair Isle (Shetland)	48	(17.3%)
Other Orkney	30	(10.8%)
Other	8	(3%)

On 4 April 1901 the census revealed that Stronsay had 234 inhabited houses and 13 unoccupied houses.

The birth place of the population was:

Stronsay	864	(73.3%)
Other Orkney	244	(20.7%) (of which Sunday 58, Kirkwall 29, Westray 25, Eday 17, Sandwick 17, South Ronaldsay 13, Deerness 12, St. Ola 12, Orphir 10, N. Ronaldsay 5)
Other	70	(6%) (of which Fair Isle 11, Caithness 11, England 4, Canada 2, Edinburgh 6, Midlothian 7, Glasgow 1)

It would be possible to study the census data for all of Orkney 1851-1901 and map the inter-island movements. How many other Orkney islands had an influx of pre 1851 folk from Fair Isle? Why did they leave and what attracted them to Stronsay?

That is still the other question which needs to be raised today. Why do people (YOUNG AND OLD) actually leave their home community? Why to others (fewer) choose to come here? There are gains and losses from local and global mobility. Stronsay has lost on the quantity of human life choosing to live here. But there is more to population movement study than the aggregation of numbers!

Leo Martini-Brown

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"DON'T KNOW ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING, BUT ONE O' THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO CLIMATE CHANGE HAS JUST GOT TO BE THE COUNTY SHOW."

### Goodbye for now - will see you all next summer

We have accepted Tony and Dawn's offer for the farmhouse and will be moving to Norfolk early next month.

It will be hard to leave Holland after all these years and harder still to leave the community here on Stronsay, but we will be within easy reach of our family whom we have seen too little of since Richard has been unable to travel far.

We will have Holin Cottage and the Camping Barn so all being well, we shall be back, with the swallows, to enjoy the summer months on Stronsay and to link up with old friends once more.

Until then, "bide you well"

Richard & Carol



**Comments on THE GALA DANCE by Dr. J Buchan.**

Seemingly against the odds dancing flourishes on Stronsay. Anyone from a past century would recognize the scene. The musicians sit on a platform at one end of the room, the dancers whirl energetically round the floor and a group in the bar drinks enthusiastically.

The noise might have surprised a visitor from other times. Electronic amplification can make a band of five sound like twenty but old photographs show bigger bands who could no doubt play energetically enough to be loud enough. One other surprise would have been to see young women asking young men to dance and the men refusing. Different times, different customs. There are no chaperones either so young couples are free to dance with each other all evening with no-one to disapprove. Not that the obvious attachments go unnoticed. Dances have always been arenas for that most gladiatorial of events, match making.

Galliards and quadrilles have gone but set dances survive. The lancers and eightsome reels are long, complicated and tiring on the band. The dancers on the other hand seem to have inexhaustible energy and amazing memories for all the different figures. That the sets go so well is a tribute to Ingram and Doris Shearer who, throughout the winter, give patient tuition. They have very young pupils for whom learning seems so natural that they pick up the patterns without apparent effort. They have older pupils too who make the effort to learn then profit from their knowledge to join in. This mixture of the very young and older dancers is something the island should treasure. It is hard to think of another activity where the very young can perform on equal terms with adults and outdo them. Long may it last.

The government is very keen on phrases like, "promoting social inclusion". Come to Stronsay and see what socially inclusive events the island dances are. See ties being strengthened, see recently split families making the best of things and just getting on. Feel the force for good that mixing the youngest and oldest in a common activity can be. Develop policies to recognise the value of what happens here and spread the word.

**GREAT NEWS FOR LIMPET!!!**

Hi everyone we have been very fortunate in receiving funding from the Lotteries Commission. The funding was applied for by the Stronsay Development Trust on our behalf. (Thank you to William Caithness and Juliet Durrant) This was for a new photocopier. The old one which we were grateful for has been slowly eating its way through A4 paper much to our frustration. The new one has duplex capability this means we can print on both sides. We know that will please the conservationists among our community. It has also greatly improved photocopied picture quality as you will be able to see from this months paper.

We would like to apologise for the lack of colour in the paper recently. The printer is being a little temperamental so we thought we would stick to black and white for the time being. Hopefully we will be able to use it again in the near future .

Yvonne & Heather



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**STRONSAY BIRD REPORT** John & Sue Holloway

It is pleasing to be able to report that the injured Glaucous Gull found in early July was successfully released back into the wild three weeks later.

A male (grey) Hen Harrier was seen in early August and there have been several sightings of Marsh Harriers around the island's lochs - all chocolate-brown female-juvenile types with creamy-yellow areas around the head. A Little Gull has been seen feeding over the fields a few times and Leslie Miller has seen - and heard - Quail this summer. There have also been several reports of Corncrakes on the island from various sites.

A few Swifts have been seen in July - the most likely month in which to see the birds here - and returning waders began to arrive in the cut silage fields during the month - including Curlew, Oystercatchers, Whimbrel and Golden Plover. A rare (American) species - Pectoral Snadpiper was seen at the Matpow Loch several times but was very elusive. Vying with this species as "Bird of the Month" was the Rosy Starling seen by Gaynor Holland at the Bay Corner on 19th.. Gaynor's description of the bird's plumage pattern as "Like a miniature Hoodie" describes the species perfectly. A Short-eared Owl reported by Brian Crowe may indicate that a pair has bred this year.

The Bu Loch began drying out in late July and is now attracting good numbers of wading birds including several Black-tailed Godwit, Greenshank, Knot, Dunlin, Ringed Plover and Redshank. A real surprise find there on 5th August was an almost pure albino Redshank which has been seen regularly close to the road until at least 13th., whilst out in Odiness Bay Beth Erdman rediscovered - and photographed - the albino Shag, first seen by Jim Rendall in the summer of 2005.



**Shags at Lamb Head**  
**Photo by Jim Rendall**



**Shags at Odiness**  
**Photo by Beth Erdman**

2-3 Garden Warblers have been seen in early August - a sign that autumn is approaching - whilst in the Castle garden a Humming-bird Hawk Moth feeding on nectar among the Honeysuckle on 1st & 3rd August would seem to indicate that summer is still here!



**STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Please note that with immediate effect the following charges will apply for the use of the Stronsay Slaughterhouse:

Cow £20

Pig £15

Sheep £5

## USEFUL NUMBERS

<b>DOCTORS</b>	<b>616321/308</b>	<b>B&amp;B CLESTRAIN</b>	<b>616340</b>
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<b>DENTIST KING STREET</b>	<b>01856875348</b>	<b>GALA</b>	<b>616463/339</b>
<b>VET - FLETT &amp; CARMICHAEL</b>	<b>01856872859</b>	<b>REGISTRAR</b>	<b>616239</b>
<b>VET - NORHTVET</b>	<b>01856873403</b>	<b>FISHMART</b>	<b>616386</b>
<b>KIRK</b>	<b>616311</b>	<b>HALL BOOKINGS</b>	<b>616446</b>
<b>STRONSAY HOTEL</b>	<b>616213</b>	<b>POST OFFICE</b>	<b>616217</b>
<b>MAURICE'S</b>	<b>616255</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONSTABLE</b>	<b>616216</b>
<b>EBENEZER STORES</b>	<b>616339</b>	<b>STRONSAY LIMPET</b>	<b>616375/453</b>

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### QUIZ                      Answers start with the Letter A

1. Globe and Jerusalem are both varieties of what?
2. In the church hierarchy, what rank is immediately below a Bishop?
3. What is the name of the wax-like substance obtained from sperm whales and used in perfumes?
4. What is the birthstone for March?
5. Little rock is the state capital of which American state?
6. What is the collective name for a group of widows and a group of tigers?
7. In mythology, who was the beautiful youth loved by Venus?
8. What is the name of the world's driest desert?
9. The axilla is the technical name for which part of the body?
10. What is the name of the princess in Sleeping Beauty?

**ANSWERS NEXT ISSUE**

**June answers.** 1. Alva 2. Alpenstock 3. Aniseed 4. Acrophobia 5. Alamo 6 Alien  
7. Abraham 8. Army 9. Argentina 10. Afghanistan

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