

#### **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

27 October	Loganair winter timetable starts
27 October	Clocks go BACK one hour
29 October	Stitchers ( <i>note date change</i> !)
30 October	SDT AGM
31 October	RNLI Halloween party
1 November	2020 Panto - express your interest
2 November	Spinners (final for 2019)
2 November	Musicality!
6 November	SWRI business night
10 November	Remembrance Sunday
11/12 November	Screen Machine visit
5 November	Peedie Library
8 November	Bonfire night!
13 November	Bookworms
16 November	Harvest Home
28 November	Stitchers (final for 2019)
30 November	Christmas Craft Fair
3 December	Peedie Library
4 December	Diabetes Support Group

#### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY LED WELLBEING**

The displays from the Community Wellbeing Fair are now up in the Fish Mart. Stop by, take a look, and let Sarah Richings know what your thoughts are. Thanks!

#### 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> 10:30am & <u>before</u> 9pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*.

The next edition of the <u>Limpet</u> will be published on <u>Thu 28 November</u>. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on <u>Sun 24 November</u>. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <u>http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk</u>



#### We warmly invite you to attend an evening with

#### The Stronsay Development Trust

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall

Incorporating the re-scheduled AGM for year ending August 2018 followed by an AGM for year ending August 2019 all in preparation for an eventful year ahead

Come and join us to discuss future plans and projects

Whether you are new to the island or well established, come and learn about the Trust, it's aims and objectives and how YOU can be a part of it

#### **Refreshments** Provided

We look forward to seeing you on the night

The Board of Directors of Stronsay Development Trust

For more information please feel free to contact us on 616410 or have a look at http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/sdt/







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#### Stronsay Community Association <u>TENDERS INVITED</u> <u>TO PUT IN A CONCRETE BASE</u> <u>FOR A 20FT CONTAINER</u>

The concrete base is to be 22ft x 12ft, to house a 20ft Container. A ramp for access into the container is also to be fitted. Works are to be completed by December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.

For further information about this job please contact; Alison Hourston *Email*: alison565@hotmail.co.uk *Tel*: 616287 Tenders to be submitted to Alison Hourston by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 5pm** 

#### Stronsay Community Association <u>TENDERS INVITED</u> EXTENSION TO NORTH SIDE OF COMMUNITY HALL

A 3350 x 6450 lean to extension is to be added to the north side of Stronsay Community Hall. In addition to the extension; 3 skylights and a commercial extractor fan is to be put into the kitchen and the surrounding pavement of the build is to be disabled friendly. Works can be started from 17th February 2020 onward and completed by no later than <u>1st June 2020</u>. Plans for this build can be viewed on the Orkney Islands Council website ref: 19/033/PP For further information about this job please contact;

Alison Hourston *Email:* alison565@hotmail.co.uk *Tel:* 01857 616287 Tenders to be submitted to Alison Hourston by **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by 5pm** 

## PRIMARY PARLIAMENT OUTDOOR LEARNING PROJECT

The Primary Pupil Parliament involves the whole primary and meets at least once a month. Last spring the primary pupil parliament started talking about improving the outdoor areas around the school. Lots of ideas were shared and we made plans to tackle this big project in phases. Phase one would involve working on two areas; specifically, to help create a friendship garden and an outdoor learning space. The Pupil parliament came up with 5 main aims for the project these are the aims:

- To make the school a better place
- And a happier place
- To make more friendships
- To discover and learn
- Help the environment

Steve Weaver helped us by giving us guidance for the learning space and shared some ideas during the initial meetings. We aim to create a flattened area at the back of the school and to try and get the pond re-instated and waterfall working again along with creating an area for planting and sitting at the front of the school.

Mrs Groat, applied to Cooke Aquaculture for some funding for the project and we are delighted to say that on  $2^{nd}$  October 2019, two representatives from Cooke Aquaculture came to the school and presented us with a giant cheque for £3985. Their names were Sara and Erlend. The money they gave us will help us to begin the process of making our school a better, happier and friendlier place than it already is.

We would like to say a big thank you to Cooke Aquaculture for their support.



(Another photograph is on the next page)



## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED** to train as a pool lifeguard, we really need your help. We are looking for anyone interested in training to be a lifeguard, particularly those who are able to commit to a considerable length of time, to help us ensure the pool's sustainability. Anyone aged 16 and over is welcome to apply! Free training will be provided.

**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED** to help with our swim club, Andy is unable to run it on his own and the youngsters are missing not being in the water, Please get in contact if you are willing to help.

Stronsay Swimming Pool needs you! Please contact Andy Rose on 616277 or via facebook for more info.

#### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2019**

Photographs of the display of harvest gifts (Thanks to Roger for the photographs)











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#### **RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS**

A very mixed month regarding unusual birds, and as usual we always seemed to be in the wrong place when rarities were found! Three Waxwings (probably the most beautiful winter visitor to the UK) were seen in the first 10 days of October – one by Catherine in Whitehall Village; another by Hazel at Airy, and the third by Mark at Fingeo. As is usual, the birds seemed to have a quick meal of the available berries (Rowan or Rosehips) and then made a rapid departure, never to be seen again!

Easterly winds in early October brought several other unusual birds among the Redwings and other thrushes (mainly Blackbird and Song Thrush) including two or three Ring Ouzels; 4 Yellow-browed Warblers, and a Red-breasted Flycatcher (see photo). The latter was found feeding in the Osen garden – in the very same Rosa rugosa bushes as the even rarer Collared Flycatcher of May. With careful planning – and hard work – David Hudson has developed a wonderfully attractive garden to a wide range of migrant bird species at Osen and has now recorded well over a hundred species from his house.

From then on, there were occasional surprises – none more so than the Tree Sparrow found by visitor Ken Barclay and myself in Lower Whitehall. Just the 4th island record! Brambling arrived in good numbers (a small party still in residence among the Samson-lane potatoes) and by the 20th, Robins had arrived in typical numbers – 1 per average 'cottage' garden; 2 or 3 per farmhouse & steading. A warm spell in mid-month was greeted by several Skylarks singing and 2 Red Admiral butterflies were seen. One interesting sighting mid-month was a party of five Herons flying in from the east at considerable height.

A further drop in the Greylag Goose numbers has resulted in more and more arrivals of the former wintering species to the island, the most obvious being the Whooper Swans towards the south end of the island, and assorted duck, including Red-breasted Merganser and Long-tailed Duck – both 'salt=water' species. Golden Plover numbers have increased again this year and re-colonised the open farmland in good numbers – including one flock of over 400 in the Banks area recently.

Many thanks for all the calls. John Holloway

(Photographs on following pages)



'The Red-breasted Flycatcher in the Osen garden fed regularly in the same bush as the Collared Flycatcher of 18th May!'



'A Redstart by the Holin Cottage hedge – the orangey-red tail carefully hidden so as not to attract predators!'



'A very dark male Sparrowhawk 'lurking' for prey on the hawthorn hedge adjacent to the Samsonslane potato patch.'

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'This – as yet unidentified – 'kestrel' at Holin Cottage showed several features suggesting the very rare Lesser Kestrel.'



'Several Blackcaps have been seen this Autumn as usual – this female posed perfectly for the camera on a roadside fence.'



'A surprise find, feeding in the Airy road, this Snow Bunting flew up onto the roadside wall and also posed for the camera!'

#### **STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE**

#### Reporting on the endeavours of your councillor on your behalf

Sadly, my mother passed away towards the end of September in Somerset. Travelling down and back to attend the funeral and spending time there with family naturally had an impact on some of my councillor duties this month. I was not able to take part in this year's Orkney College graduation ceremony, nor was I able to participate in the Special General Meeting convened to consider the national-development-level planning application for the erection of a substation in Firth. Also, I was absent from the events commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of HMS Royal Oak (of which my uncle was a casualty).

Selected comments I made at the Policy & Resources Committee meeting about OIC's response to its "climate emergency" declaration were quoted in a letter to *The Orcadian (10<sup>th</sup> October)*—conveniently omitting the point that I was making at the meeting. In my reply (*The Orcadian, 17<sup>th</sup> October*), I stated that I believe OIC should be taking immediate practical steps to mitigate the effects of climate change on Orkney's vulnerable communities. "Declaring a climate emergency" is not going keep the sea from washing into the houses at Whitehall in Stronsay, any more than King Cnut sitting on the village's inadequate sea defences would. The significant contribution Orkney is already making in the renewable-energy sector is a far more relevant declaration of our commitment to a climate-friendly future than OIC climbing aboard the "climate-emergency-declaration" bandwagon. In my opinion, a financially-supported pledge by OIC to protect the inevitable victims of climate change in our islands would be of considerably more value to the people of Orkney than trendy virtue signalling.

On the topic of renewable energy, I suggested at the meeting that the fairest way to distribute the profits from the proposed Orkney Community Wind Farm Project would be to endeavour to use the money to set our Council Tax rate to zero. On OIC's Annual Equality Outcomes Progress Report, my comment was: if we are serious about sustaining our remote communities during a climate emergency, then we need to get on with the review of council jobs appropriate to being undertaken remotely.

An internal audit report came before the Monitoring & Audit Committee on the burial grounds fiasco. (The reinstatement of the headstones in Shapinsay is due to take place in November.) I recommended that in future we maybe specify the type of gravestone permitted to be erected in our graveyards, and I advocated the traditional Viking "hogback" style as presenting the least danger to the public. (It cannot fall on anyone, although it could possibly constitute a trip hazard.) An ancient example may be found in the St. Boniface kirkyard on Papa Westray, and a modern example in Sanday's Burness graveyard.

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A modern hogback gravestone in Burness graveyard, Sanday

The idea of hosting a climate change event in Orkney was discussed at the General Meeting of the Council. I cautioned that the County might not be prepared for the on-slaught of demonstrations that could accompany such an event (from e.g. "Extinction Rebellion") and the consequent security, policing and cost implications. In the final item on the agenda, about Council participation in a 4/5G mobile innovation project, which we had agreed to hold in public, I proposed we suspend standing orders in order to enable Cllr. Woodbridge to fully participate remotely from North Ronaldsay. I am pleased to say I had the requisite support from two-thirds of the councillors.

Other meetings I have attended this month include a seminar on the future of 5G, a meeting of the Local Housing Strategy Working Group, a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board (by video-conferencing), a members' political session, a meeting of Sanday Community Council, and a presentation by EMEC.

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Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson West Manse, Sanday stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk <u>E Note e-mail address</u>



You can download "Letter from School Place" from Ifsp.pbworks.com

#### **RECORDS OF A BYGONE AGE**

With Remembrance Day and all it signifies fast approaching, I thought it would be appropriate to record here some of the memories of a Stronsay man who fought in the trenches in the Great War. This is part of a transcript made by William Spence of Airy and Lower Millfield in the early 1970s and passed on to me by Ingram Shearer.

The first of these memories is in relation to the Artillery Volunteers, a Corps of which had originally been formed in Stronsay in 1865. Born at Waterside on 8th July 1897, I don't think William Spence would have been directly involved with the Volunteers but, like so many young men of that generation, he was destined to join the army and go to war. On 4<sup>th</sup> December 1915, at the age of 18, he enlisted with the Machine Gun Corps of the Seaforth Highlanders. This is his story:

"At this time the country was very edgy; they were calling for volunteers to come forward, those volunteers responding in very large numbers and being drilled in Drill Halls, like the one that is here, hence the name Drill Hall. With an army sergeant doing the drilling very expertly they had to do rifle firing at targets and compete with one another. You can still see the target area between Schoolbrae and Sandybank. I don't know if they got any pay but I do know that they were sometimes taken down to Budden on the East Coast (Angus) and from there they were allowed a visit to Edinburgh which was for them the highlight of their time in the South. In many cases it would be the only time this would happen. Each company had a Captain in charge with a lieutenant under him to take part in competition in Kirkwall with other companies. The Captain here in Stronsay at that time was Captain Chalmers of Sandybank and his lieuten-



ant was James Peace of the shop.

They had one especially big night which was called the Volunteers' Ball. They were specially dressed for the occasion - white gloves a must! It was also a special night for their lady friends. Firstly, the Grand March was an absolute must with the Master of Ceremonies conducting it properly. There were some very good fiddlers here at that time, two of whom I will mention were James Miller, Millbank and John Cock at Linkshouse. As to the ladies present, quite a number felt very important at this special occasion. Now all the men taking part were from all parts of the island, so it came about that the ladies too came from all parts of the island with their partners.

After a time this stopped as the country got into a more settled state with the signs of war receding throughout the world. Vol-

William Spence as a young Seaforth Highlander

unteers were called up, sent out from islands to other islands or to the mainland of Orkney. Then volunteers from different

parts of Orkney came to Stronsay resulting in Stronsay ladies meeting and marrying men from all over Orkney. Fresh blood brought to the island!

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At this time in Stronsay most families were of six or seven children. The Coopers of Holland and the Moodies with large families made a lively place. With all the numbers in the south end, it did fill up the South School. After having training in the South Miss Elizabeth Fotheringhame of Hescombe taught classes of up to 14 in different age groups and I am proud to say I was one of them. We did up to a certain standard before going on to the Central School with a teacher named Mr McCallum and his daughter Miss McCallum. I got on very well with her, not so well with the others. She could make you sit up and take notice. They left here and went to the West Coast but later Bella and I met Miss McCallum in Edinburgh.

Now leading up to the start of the First World War: All young men at the age of 18 were called up to serve in the Navy, Army or Airforce. It was the Seaforth Highlanders laid out for the Orkney men, the Seaforth Highlanders being part of the famous 51st Division which took part in some of the fiercest battles with heavy losses of men killed and wounded.

I was attached to the 15th Scottish Division which took part in fierce battles too. I remember being in the trenches at the town of Ypres which was razed to the ground by German batteries. But France, being a chalky country, there were lots of underground places which were quite safe from battery fire.

While in the trenches I was ordered to fetch water up from the town. There was a certain point which you had to go through called "Hellfire Corner". I thought to myself I would wait till the next round of firing was over and make a dash for it. I tried this but it didn't work for I arrived at this position just as they opened fire. I threw myself to the ground without getting hurt. I carried on my way with the two cans, as I thought, arriving back at my place in the trenches. As I felt thirsty and instead of taking a drink from a mug, I lifted the can to my mouth and, what do you think, it was petrol! What a dreadful taste and the burning feeling was awful. That happened in the evening and I thought I should see a doctor but by morning everything felt normal again.

I remember on one occasion going up to the front line, the German batteries opened fire, the officer in charge shouted "Take cover!" We scrambled into shell holes for safety. After the shelling stopped a shout went up "two men buried". The men were in a shell hole and a German shot landed right alongside then burying them completely. Immediately at the scene we started scraping away the earth with our bare hands. First we came on a steel helmet. Fortunately we got them out alive but one suffered from shell shock and was sent back to base. The other man came forward with us to the front line.

Both sides had first class snipers. They took advantage of anyone showing themselves out of the trenches. We lost one of our men, shot through the head. He came from Newcastle. I just should mention that two of our volunteers went back at night to give him a decent burial. That just shows the respect men have for life doesn't it?

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At certain times it was decided to get over and beat the Germans in their trenches. This could be a deadly affair. Getting out onto the open ground between the two where we had no cover or protection. I remember we were told we were going "over the top" as it was called, the time to be 4 o' clock in the morning - when it was reckoned to be the most promising time to do it. At 4 o' clock we got a tot of rum - it was strong stuff! Over we went after a terrific bombardment by our guns. I remember meeting a German with his hands above his head in surrender. I can still hear one of our men saying "shoot him" but he was pulled up sharply by our corporal to do no such thing as the German was being escorted back to base as a prisoner of war. The casualties during this war were terrific on both sides, the land here being very flat and, after a period of rain and with the shell holes, it became a sea of mud. If wounded you stood a poor chance of survival. 2 or 3 days was all you were able to stand in the front line. You were pulled back and others took your place.

Back at base we got a bath and supplied with clean clothes. They were desperately needed as we were crawling with lice. One of the places was a small farm. We slept in the farm buildings. They kept hens and it was very tempting so we made up our minds to get a hold of one of the hens and cook it. We managed it too although the plucking and cooking was a problem but it was achieved. I wonder if the French folks missed it? I expect they would but I never heard any more about it. One of the things I was most impressed with was a threshing mill, the horse walking up an incline, the weight of the horse driving this mill.

The French people suffered heavily, parts of their land were overrun. They had to get out to other parts of the country. That is one thing in this country which hasn't happened partly because of the seas around us and our determination to defend our country to the bitter end.

After about a year in France I developed a bad throat. I reported to a doctor and after having a swab taken he suspected diphtheria. At that time this was a deadly disease and they didn't have the medicines to control it like they do nowadays. I was sent across the water to Bradford, England. My papers didn't follow me saying what was wrong but a nurse suspected also, after taking a swab, that I was seriously ill. One day one of the nurses asked me for my home address. I replied by saying "is it as bad as that?" I told myself there and then "I am getting better" and shortly I did. One doctor told me afterwards that I had made a remarkable recovery but it did take time and the effects told on my heart.

It was nearing the end of the war when I was marked down 'C' and given a pension of 7 shillings a week which was to last for 5 years but I was able to do some work and also I took part in football, etc.

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**Demobilisation papers in March 1919** 

Being marked down 'C' as recounted by William Spence was categorised as being "Free from serious organic diseases, able to stand service in garrisons at home." On his demobilisation papers in 1919 he is shown as being transferred to the army reserve as a Category B3 - "Only suitable for sedentary work." Despite that categorisation, William led a very active life until his death in 1991at the age of 93!

If anyone has any other information or Stronsay related stories, I would be delighted to hear of it, either by giving me a phone on 01857 616322, emailing <u>ian.cooper56@gmail.com</u> or just drop in past Steenysheed.

Ian Cooper

#### **FLETCHER SAGA**

Shortly after we (Bruce & Maureen Fletcher) moved here in April 2004 I began writing a blog entitled "The Fletcher Saga" about our first experiences of life on Stronsay, it was one of several blogs that appeared on the BBC Scotland website. Alas that part of the website disappeared thanks to "cut backs". Here's a brief extract, written a couple of years after we arrived on Stronsay:

#### Wed 8 Feb 2006

In the middle of January our elderly oil-fired boiler and kitchen stove finally gave up the struggle and ceased to work. A new boiler soon arrived from Kirkwall and Jim Holland, our local haulier, manhandled the packing case into our utility room to await the arrival of a plumber to remove the old boiler and fit the new one. Yesterday evening the new boiler started working for its living. The house is now warm and cosy again with the exception of the kitchen which is quite cool because the new boiler has no "waste" heat like the old stove; a new radiator in the kitchen is the next priority.

When we lived in Brora, Sutherland in the 1970s the Church of Scotland minister (Rev Charles Abel) emigrated to Australia. 30 years later we got in touch on the Internet and have exchanged emails for the last year or two. One day towards the end of January we a got telephone call from his son to say that he was on the Kirkwall to Stronsay ferry and would be arriving at about 6:30 pm! We knew that he was visiting Orkney because his father had been the minister at Hoy & Walls but did not think he would have time to visit us. We had no beds aired or made up and at that time our oil-fired stove was still out of action. Maureen swung into action and a bed was soon made up, the electric fan-heater was switched and we were ready to receive our visitor. At 5 pm, we got a telephone call from the Stronsay harbour master to say that the ferry had turned back to Kirkwall because of mechanical problems. This ferry was the one that would have stayed overnight in Stronsay and was the ferry that I would have caught at 7 am to go to Kirkwall to get the car exhaust fixed in Stromness. As this is the refit period there only two boats in use instead of the usual three so we expected the ferry timetable to be re-shuffled. However, the harbour master telephoned back later to say that the ferry company hoped to have a boat at Stronsay between 07:00 am and 07:15. Sure enough, the ferry arrived at Stronsay quay at 7 am, having left Kirkwall at 5:30 am! I travelled to Kirkwall, got the car exhaust fixed and managed to meet the minister's son for a lunchtime drink before catching the ferry back to Stronsay left at 4 pm.

There are many pleasant distractions on Stronsay. Yesterday I saw two black lambs as I drove to the shop (my first early lambs this year) and we heard Surrey "growl" for the first time - Surrey's growl occurred as she was sat looking out of the kitchen window at two other cats squaring up for a fight and miaowing furiously at each other.

As we were driving back from the kirk last Sunday we stopped the car a few yards from the house and parked so that we could watch some seals basking on the rocks that were being exposed as the tide ebbed. However, later that day and halfway through cooking Sunday lunch the Calor gas bottle feeding the cooker ran out. It was only then that I realised that I had forgotten to replenish the spare Calor gas bottle.

#### **HOME**

#### By Ellie Harrison

It was thirty years in the growing, The copse around our home Where we've kept the home fires burning, Never tempted to roam. A labour of love it's been. From feathered, furry or otherwise, To the simplistic Orkney vole To the wisest of all owls. It's a safe haven for many a soul So then how will I ever leave it? As some day I must, Hoping with heartfelt sincerity That it falls into the hands of trust. Meanwhile I sit by its tranquil pond Enjoying the last of the warm summer days, Sipping a full-bodied wine; Nostalgic yet full of praise For didn't we pull hard together, Mother Nature and I from the start? Not always agreeing on the outcome But with the best of wills at heart. And as the wren nestled in the willows Calls to his many neighbours For it was here that he hatched out And remains to carry out his labours. Thirty years now seem as a day Whilst the woodland grows in all glory And life lived to the full by all. And produced a wonderful story. No rolling stones, no grass is greener For this was home from the start. No regrets, no complaints for the Copse with a croft at its heart.

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# THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to help with our wedding in the many weeks before hand (and after!). With countless amounts of people doing serving on the bar and serving out the delicious food with our caterers, helping putting up decorations, carting back and forth equipment, doing dishes and offering help wherever and whenever they could!

We have been totally overwhelmed with all the support and kind wishes. It was so lovely to see so many familiar faces at our dance and we can only hope you had as much fun as we did, thank you all once again,

With Love from, the new Mr & Mrs Hourston

Shane and Alison

XXX



#### **THANK YOU**

Fantastic final total for Macmillan Coffee at Cleat 2019 is £1,595! A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way and all those who turned out on a terrible day of rain n wind to support us! Hopefully there will be a few more jars of beetroot to sell shortly and a Macmillan Spring walk to look forward to next May. Thank you once again!

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to Mike Erdman for installing my new oil tank so quickly and with a minimum of fuss. Special thanks for adding an amazing gadget that enables me to tell how much oil there is in the tank without leaving the kitchen, very useful when there's a Force 10 blowing with horizontal sleet!

Bruce Fletcher

## FOR SALE

#### Waterhall, Lower Whitehall Road, KW17 2AS

contact the Orkney Property Centre Kirkwall or <u>https://tinyurl.com/yxqkjpml</u> for details

According to Gibson Waterhall was occupied in the 17th century. It appears on ancient maps perhaps because Mrs Trail estranged wife of the Sanday Esquire got a name for herself in Court. She did well out of the Kelp industry. The rear cottage is probably early 19th century and was formerly thatched. The late Mrs Chalmers of Rose Cottage gave me a photo of the front before the late 20th century extension, which now has yellow external insulation. The garage roof came off in the gale last winter, hit the caravan and took a bit of the workshop roof as well on route into Ingram's field. Fortunately no persons or animals were hurt.

All our houses have histories and hopefully one day a local archive will bring together deeds, photos etc. I shall go on clearing/working at Waterhall until it is sold.

Leo Martini-Brown, Dunera. lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk

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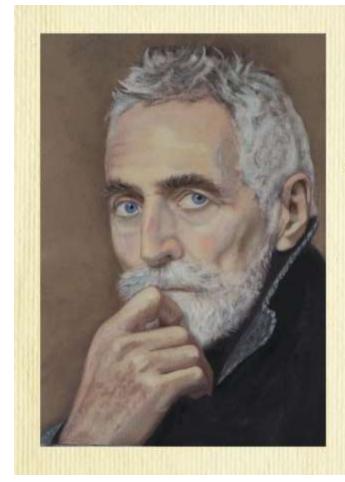
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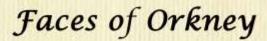
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We are sad to announce that other business commitments now mean that the Ferry Hopper service is no longer available.

Suzanne Clements



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.



#### **REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN**



Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants. Local honey in season according to availability. Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat. Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

## STRONSAY RANGER

GUIDED TOURS AND NATURE WALKS

CONTACT 07922711525

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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. 9 will supply a list each week with availability Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or

send me an email "<u>stronsaymarkets@gmail.com</u> and I will put you on my mailing list



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#### JOHN DUNNE GARDEN SERVICES

\* General Garden Maintenance \* Window Cleaning and Guttering Services

\* Reasonable rates\* Quick and professional

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Tel: 616276

## The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast Logie Easter, Kildary IV18 0NZ



Dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and six miles from Invergordon, the Old Ensuite Double and twin rooms Telephone : 01862 842357 Website : www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk



Phone 01857 616213

Open Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun 5pm to 9pm

#### TAKE AWAY MENU

Homemade lasagne + chips		
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips		
Homemade chicken & bacon pie + chips		
Breaded haddock + chips	£5.50	
Battered haddock +chips		
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips		
2 sausages + chips	£3.00	
2 fish fingers + chips		
"Stronsay beast burger" + fries		
"Stronsay cheese beast burger + fries		
Portion of chips		
Half portion of chips		
Portion of cheesey chips		
Half portion of cheesey chips		
Portion of onion rings		
Half cheesey chips = minus 20p		
Cheesey chips $=$ add 80p		
Half chips = minus 60p		
Half rice = minus $60p$		





- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
  - Towing service MOBILE: 07723 304 260 HOME: 01857 616454



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The home of traditionally hand-crafted Orkney soaps, solid shampoo bars and balms. Hand-spun yarns, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Member of Stronsay Craft Trail: Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney. Open all year round. Visitors welcome by arrangement. Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281. Email: info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk Web: www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk.



## **BELLIE M DESIGNS**

Tieve Studios, Berryhill Road, St Ola, Orkney KW15 1SF. Online shop <u>www/belliemdesigns.com</u> Orders also taken via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or phone 07736838489 with email invoices that can be easily paid by card or PayPal.

**GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS** 

Stronsay branch R.N.L.I.

are having a

Halloween Party

7pm Thurs 31st Oct at the community centre

Prizes for best fancy dress and best <u>neepie</u> lantern

## \*NEW\*

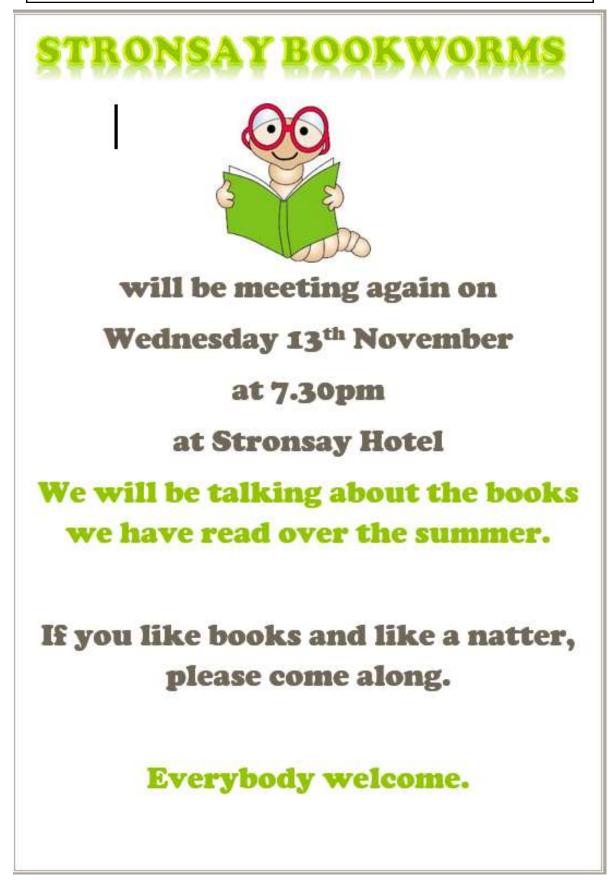
Prizes for best Halloween model made from recycled materials

(make one beforehand and take it with you on the night!)

Tea, coffee and homebakes raffle, lucky dip, <u>dookin</u> for apples and lots more!

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#### **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

#### The next meeting of



#### will be held on

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

at



Sunnybank

at

10.30am

Everyone welcome,

particularly new members.

If you are aged 11 – 111 and your interests include playing (or learning to play) an instrument, singing or performance poetry we look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

No instruments needed at this meeting.

Like to take part but can't make the meeting?

Contact Donna (242)







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## STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Ian Cooper

Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

### FENCING REPAIRS AT THE VAT O' KIRBISTER INVITATION TO TENDER

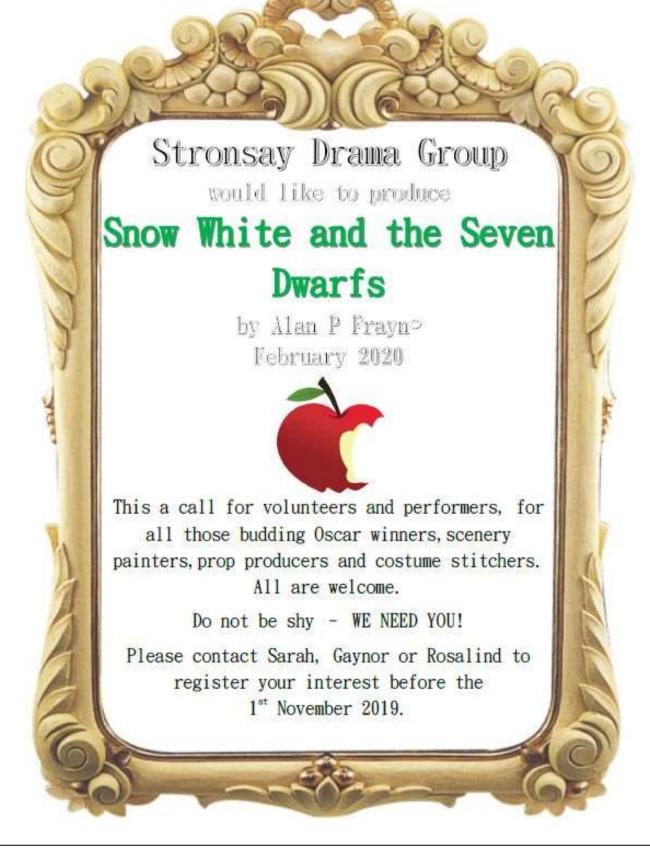
Stronsay Community Council, on behalf of Orkney Islands Council, invites tenders from experienced persons to carry our fencing repairs at the Vat o' Kirbister.

Repairs are required to fencing on the footpath from the road entrance to the shoreline gate, as and where required.

The closing date for sealed tenders marked Vat o' Kirbister Fencing, which should include written details of all work to be undertaken, the materials to be used and the date by which work could be completed, is <u>5pm on MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2019</u> and should be addressed to the Island Link Officer at the address below.

If further details are required please contact the Island Link Officer during office hours - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 10am and noon, t: 616475.

Colin McAlpine, Island Link Officer, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT





Stronsay S.W.R.I.



<u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</u> At 7.30pm in the hall Business night and buffet

Competition- "bonfire picture" Hostess- committee, can each <u>committee member</u> please bring a savoury and sweet dish please Open night-everyone welcome! Non members pay £3 per meeting. To join for the whole year is £15 for adults and £7.50 for juniors



### HARVEST HOME 2019

Come and celebrate the Harvest Home on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM with a fulfilling two course meal with guest speaker Alan Wilson of Northvet followed by a dance to the Stronsay Band.

Supper and raffle also during dance Meal starts at 19:30 Dance starts at 21:00

> Adults Meal and dance £10 Just dance £5

Children under 16 Meal and dance £4 Just dance £2



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# **INVITATION TO ALL CRAFTS PEOPLE** (STRONSAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR)

As the Stronsay Christmas Craft Fair draws closer we would like to remind all regular sellers and to warmly invite any new crafts people who would like to join in to get in touch as soon as possible to book a place or find out more.

You can do this by contacting Simone Kirk on 616 281 or via Facebook. Thanking you in advance.

### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

Last one this year!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm-9.30pm, £2/person, refreshments Venue To Be Confirmed (update will be posted on FB and in the shops nearer the time).

## **STRONSAY SPINNERS**

Early November - Date and venue To Be Arranged.

## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge. Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire. For more information & bookings contact:



Pam Shearer Tel: 616397 Email: <u>pamshearer@hotmail.com</u> Find us on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee</u>

### 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

### <u>KIRK CORNER</u>

Locum minister—Scott Daily. Manse telephone 616286

I wanted to intentionally keep this short because I really want you to read these words and promises of Jesus Christ, as written in the Gospel of Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I often feel that I must think of some clever argument or illustration to write in these pieces to try and convince people to come to church. But the truth is I can't do that, nor in fact should that be my goal. While I would love to see more people in church it is not for any personal gain, though I would be absolutely blessed by having more attend, it really is because I think all would benefit from it. The church should be a place where the hurt-ing and suffering come to meet with God and learn of His goodness and love for them.

Recently I was able to attend, with a few other representatives from different faiths and religions, some of the events for the opening of the lovely little Sanctuary at the new Balfour Hospital in Kirkwall. I was reminded that a hospital is a place where we should expect to see two things: people should come in who are unwell, hurting, or suffering in some way, and there should be signs of improvement. That is also how church is intended to be. People who are hurting or suffering should be welcomed in, and as all of us come before the great Physician and surrender ourselves into the skilled hands of our Creator and Healer, we should improve. That means of course there would and should be people at different stages within the church, as this side of heaven there are no perfect people. But that all of us should be moving toward being healed and helped by God.

If you are weary, burdened and hurting, come to Jesus. Our Good Shepherd will come to you and carry you in His arms and give you rest. If you feel unable or unwilling to come to church, then please contact me and I will willingly make a "house call" and help you come to the Doctor. Or make an "appointment" yourself simply by praying to God.

Every blessing and peace to you, Scott Daily, your locum minister

For details of services see the kirk website <u>https://tinyurl.com/y2ctm7o5</u>

### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

**Monday** 7-7.40 public session 7.40-8.20 adult lane (16+)

**Thursday** 7-7.40 private hire (pre-booked) 7.40-8.20 private hire

Saturday 2-2.40 private hire (pre-booked) 2.40-3.20 public session 3.20-4pm private hire

Swim club lessons weekly To enquire about private hires, phone Elsie 616238 To enquire about swim club, phone Sarah 616406 or Andy 616277

### POOL CHARGES

#### **Public Sessions**

Adults £3 Children £1.50

#### **Private Hires**

40 minute session -  $\pounds 15$ 60 minute session -  $\pounds 20$ 

#### 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

#### Adults (16 and over)

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable) £24 block booking £3 per session

### **PEEDIE LIBRARY IN THE CHURCH HALL**

We have a great many books on a wide range of subjects. We also have a DVD section. Tea, coffee, juice & biscuits available - sometimes even cake!

Even if you're not a reader why not call in for a cuppa & a chat. If you need a lift please ask Viv Erdman (Ebenezer Stores) and we will arrange it. See you there!

The Peedie Library will be open between 3pm and 4:30 pm on these dates in 2019:

- November 5th
- December 3rd

## KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY Next Mobile Library visit will be on Monday 25th November

### 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 <u>http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk</u>

### **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 <u>www.orcadespractice.co.uk</u>

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.

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

## **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held in the carpet room at the Community Centre on Wednesday 4th December from 3pm-4.30pm.

## JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

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

# **USEFUL INFORMATION POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc**

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
<u>Bank day</u>	Tuesday 09:00-15:00 (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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5</u> )
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Weekday Mass at 11.20am, except Tuesdays 8am.
	Sundays and Holidays of Obligation, Mass at 10.30am.
Next Special Collections	6 December 2019 and 21 February 2020.
Weekly rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

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Water problems 0800 0778 778
Highland Fuels 0800 224 224
Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Kirkwall Police 101
Vets:
Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859
Northvet 01856 873403
Dentists:
Orkney Dental 01856 872030
King Street 01856 888258
Deyanov Dental 01856 877118
Golgotha monastery 616210
(Email contact@the-sons.org)

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