



# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## HARVEST HOME NOVEMBER 2006

Stronsay held its Harvest Home on Saturday 11th November it began at 8pm. Ian Cooper opened the proceedings by welcoming everybody there explaining that unfortunately the Ferry had been cancelled due to the poor weather and some could not make it. He then asked Mike Erdman to say grace. A wonderful meal was then enjoyed by everyone. With all replete with food. Ian gave the yearly farming report. He said every one thought the winter would never come to an end and everything was eventually planted late. Even the beasts were not calling to go out as in previous years. However when the sun came out it was all systems go and despite a late start things soon caught up.

The harvest was plentiful, Ian remarked that when the cows went out to the fields he had never known so little grass and when they came in for the winter he had never known so much grass in the fields.

Jim Cooper was the guest speaker for the night and was recounting farming in Orkney. Up until the late 1700's Orkney was a grain growing area with only a few cattle for milk. By 1798 there was still only 1200 cattle. It would therefore follow that half of Orkney's farms would not have had cattle. The grain grown at this time was bere and black oats. Bere was a very old type of four rowed barley. There is evidence to show that it has been grown in Orkney for 5,000 years and was still grown in Stronsay in the 1960's, a little is still grown in Birsay and made into meal at the 'Board House Mill'. Bere bannocks are still popular with some folk. There was no fertiliser, dung or slurry, only sea weed. The rotation was 6 years bere with lots of seaweed followed by 1 year black oats with no seaweed. Areas of natural grass or heather land were never cultivated. There was no grass seed available grain was also the main food for everybody with the occasional caithe or mutton to supplement this, limpets and winkles were also popular at mealtimes. The islands on the east side of Orkney were renowned for the quality of their grain. It was in great demand as malt or seed, while the islands to the west produced mainly feeding quality it was not by chance that Earl Rognvald went to Papa Stronsay to get malt for brewing his yule feast, as it was the best grain available, it was however unfortunate that his rival Earl Thorfinn should arrive and murder Rognvald soon after. Many years earlier geese were kept at every farm as goose feathers and quills were in great demand. In some areas of Stronsay where the land has not been cultivated too often, it is still possible to see the site of many goosie gouys where the geese were shut in at night.

Michael Cooper thanked Jim for his talk and for the fantastic food that had been prepared and served. It was then time to move through for the dance with the Rothiesholm Rascals & Co. & Mike Holland was the MC. Everyone was wished a safe journey home and the hall emptied quickly.



Ian Cooper

Jim Cooper

**RNLI**

The Stronsay branch of the R.N.L.I., held their annual Hallowe'en bring & Buy Sale and Fancy Dress party in the Stronsay Community Centre on Tuesday 31st November, and despite the horrendous weather outside, a large crowd attended to support this worthwhile cause. Doctor Jon Buchan declared the sale open and the sales goods were soon snapped up by the eager crowd. Several quizzes and other competitions kept the locals busy, and the more adventurous children had a hilarious time "Dookan for Apples"

The kids did us proud with their assortment of ghoulish, scary costumes, and imaginative "neepy lanterns", and the judges, Doctor Buchan, Eleanor Whitfield, and Christine Richings, had the unenviable task of choosing the winners.

After everyone had been served with tea, sandwiches, and biscuits, the raffle tickets were drawn, and everyone then headed out into the eerie darkness of the half - moonlit night, and hurried home - just in case the spooky things were on the prowl !

A big thank you must go to all who contributed in any way, and helped to raise the magnificent sum of around £450.

The photos. No. 1. From the left, Molly Shearer, Diane Smith, & Jacqui Smith. The neepy lanterns, Diane Smith, Alison Fraser, Andrew Fraser, Daniel Carter, and Emily Bourne. Third one is of all those who took part in the fancy dress.

Bill Miller, Secretary

**KIRK NEWS****Christmas Shopping with a Bonus**

Would you like to help a good cause while shopping for Christmas this year? Come by the Tear Fund Christmas Sale in the church hall on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Members from the Kirkwall Baptist Kirk will be bringing out Christmas cards, crafts and Fairly Traded goods from across the world to share with the folk of Stronsay. Funds raised will go to support the various charity programs sponsored by Tear Fund. The sale will be open from 2-4 in the afternoon and again from 7-9 in the evening. Come along for a look and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you shop.

**Church Sale**

The annual St Andrew's Day Sale will take place in the Community Centre, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, from 7:30 p.m. The hall will be open to accept items for the sale from 2-4 p.m.

Any donations for the tombola or bottle stalls would be appreciated.

10<sup>th</sup> December, Children's Christmas Service in the church hall, 11 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> December, Guild Carol Service in the church hall, 7 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> December, Children's Christmas Party in the church hall.

# 3 LOCAL BUSINESSES & ADVERTS

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Do you need someone to look after your animals at your house?

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616339

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For all your electrical & Plumbing needs

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PLAY STATION 2

## FOR SALE

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SIX YEAR OLD ABERDEEN ANGUS  
BULL VERY QUIET.

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NEW £5  
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DECEMBER AND AGAIN ON  
SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER PHONE  
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25 WORD ADVERT WITH PHOTO £2, 25  
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AND FOUND FREE  
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AGAIN DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND  
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**SWRI**  
**NOVEMBER 22nd**  
**BUSINESS NIGHT**  
**COMPETITION TO MAKE SWEET MINCE-**  
**MEAT**  
**OPEN TO ALL SUPPER SERVED**  
**ENTRANCE 50p**

**DO YOU EVER GET A**  
**CHRISTMAS CARD FROM SOMEONE**  
**YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN TO SEND**  
**ONE TO. THE ANSWER IS PLACE**  
**YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN**  
**COLOUR TO EVERYONE HERE IT**  
**ONLY COST A POUND FOR A BOX**  
**THIS SIZE**

### **Quilting Group**

Second gathering of the patchwork and quilting group will take place in the church hall on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7-10 p.m. Those with sewing machines are invited to bring them. All are invited to come along and learn to create a traditional patchwork block.

**THE TOTAL RAISED**  
**AT SHEENA AND JULIA'S**  
**MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER**  
**WAS AN AMAZING**

**£756.00**

**WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE WHO**  
**MADE IT POSSIBLE**

### **LEARN TO DANCE**

**WITH DORIS AND INGRAM**  
**LAST CHANCE SATURDAY 18th NO-**  
**VEMBER AT 7.30PM**  
**AT THE HALL**  
**ADULTS £1 CHILDREN 50p**  
**DANCE PARTY TO BE ANNOUNCED**  
**SOON CHECK THE SHOPS FOR**

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**WHITEHALL 9am - 11am**  
**SCHOOL 11.30-14.00**  
**GORRIES 14.30-16.45**  
**SCHOOL 18.30-20.00**

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**for Christmas**

Recommended last UK and International  
posting dates before Christmas



Friday  
24 November Eastern Europe, Greece,  
Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and  
Iceland

Friday  
1 December Western Europe

#### **To ensure your post gets there safely:**

- Please use the correct postcode (visit [www.royalmail.com/postcodes](http://www.royalmail.com/postcodes) if you are unsure)
- Add a return address on the back of the envelope
- Make sure you pay the correct postage for international items

2006	UK last posting dates	2006	International Airmail
Wednesday 13 December	Standard Parcels	Friday 8 December	South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East (except Japan), Australia and New Zealand
Saturday 16 December	Second Class	Monday 11 December	USA, Canada, Japan and Eastern Europe
Tuesday 19 December	First Class	Wednesday 13 December	Western Europe
Thursday 21 December	Special Delivery		
Friday 22 December	Special Delivery with Saturday guarantee		

### **CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE TIMES**

**MONDAY 15th DECEMBER )**

**TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER )**

**MONDAY 1st JANUARY )**

**TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY )**

**POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**WITH NO MAIL DELIVERIES**  
**OR COLLECTIONS**

## GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

### FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB CHILDREN IN NEED NIGHT

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER 8-10PM  
ALL OVER 10's WELCOME  
£1 ADMISSION 50P TO CHILDREN IN NEED  
GIRLS DRESS AS BOYS, BOYS DRESS AS GIRLS  
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSER  
PAY 50p TO DRESS UP OR A £1 FINE FOR NOT BOTHERING  
COMPETITIONS 20p A GO  
DISCO 10p A REQUEST  
ANY DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
COME ALONG FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT

### MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

TODDLERS SPONSORED PRAM PUSH  
DECEMBER 2nd 2.00 - 4pm  
COFFEE, TEA & HOMEBAKES FOR SALE. PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN AND SUPPORT THE PLAYGROUP AT THE SAME TIME  
COMPETITIONS, RAFFLES, GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE  
CHRISTMAS ITEMS MADE BY THE TODDLERS ON SALE,

### SWIM POOL OPENINGS TUE PRIVATE HIRE 7.00pm (Booked in advance, 616331)

**PUBLIC 7.40-8.20pm ADULT 8.20-9.00pm**

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**PUBLIC 7.40-8.20pm**

**ADULT LANE 8.20-9.00pm**

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**POOL PHONE NUMBER 616288**

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**7th DECEMBER**

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Friday; 5pm-7pm

Saturday; 5pm-7pm

Sunday; 2pm-2pm

5pm-7pm

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## PETE THE PONY by LINDA SPENDLEY

### Part one

Pete the pony was tired. More tired than he had ever been in his life. The reason he was so tired was because everyone loved him. Well, nearly everyone. The only person who didn't love him was Mr Jones, his owner.

Mr Jones owned the riding school, and all the ponies in it. He'd had Pete for fourteen of his seventeen years. As far as he was concerned, Pete was just a worker, the same as all the other ponies. If he were not able to earn his keep, he would have to go.

All the children loved him because, throughout his seventeen years, he'd never had a mean thought or performed a mean act. He'd never kicked out. He'd never bitten anybody. Even the very first time someone got on his back, he hadn't bucked. Not even once. His sweet nature was why everyone wanted to ride him. The more times he was ridden, the more money he earned for Mr Jones. Most ponies got at least one day off a week, but not Pete.

All week long, he plodded around with children under school age, and all weekend, it was older children, who loved to show off how well they could gallop, and jump fences.

Yesterday had been particularly hard. It was August, and very hot. The riding school had held a Gymkhana, and so many children had wanted to ride Pete, he hadn't had a break at all.

He'd won the lead rein class and the junior jumping class in the morning, and the afternoon had been one long session of Gymkhana games. He'd galloped around the bending poles, galloped in the relay race, and he'd even won the fancy dress race. This was a game in which the children galloped their ponies from post to post, jumping off to put on some strange clothes, jumping back on again until they reached the next post, and so on. The game was only over when someone galloped their pony past the winning post, wearing all the clothes that had been laid out. Poor Pete had found this game particularly hard, as the boy who was riding him was quite heavy, and kept landing on his back with an awful thump.

### RECIPE FOR COOKED PLAY DOUGH

USE SAME CUP THROUGHOUT

2 CUPS PLAIN FLOUR

1 CUP SALT

1 TABLESPOONS COOKING OIL

4 TEASPOONS CREAM OF TARTARE

2 CUP WATER

COLOURING TO SUIT

PLACE ALL INGREDIENTS IN LARGE PAN, STIR WITH WOODEN SPOON & COOK OVER MED HEAT UNTIL IT FORMS A BALL.

LEAVE TO COOL THEN KNEAD UNTIL PLIABLE STORE IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER IN FRIDGE. THEN HAVE SOME FUN

**SANTA FLOAT**  
DECEMBER 16th  
FROM JIM'S YARD  
TIME TO BE ARRANGED

### SUDOKU

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## “ AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY ” by Dr George McKay

This, indeed, was shocking news. Even at this early stage in his fishing career he had already been close to tragedy and sudden death at sea. Only the previous winter one of the fleet, working one of the inshore grounds close by had three of its four man crew swept overboard when the warp roller was wrenched from its mounting on the boats rail, allowing the towing warps to sweep forward and throw three of the crew into the sea . Only one was recovered alive. Major disaster although this undoubtedly was for the small close knit community it was still understandable as the type of accident met with from time to time in the fishing industry. This sudden death of a colleague on his way home from work, after any danger should have been over for the day, seemed somehow even more upsetting, the fickle finger of fate in its cold, compassionless selection. Again they sailed that morning, now however the edge had been blunted, the thrill of the hunt subdued by the sudden loss of a colleague, the change in their orderly routine brutally thrust upon them. He wondered what would happen now to his pal who had recently started as a deckhand on the Replenish, proud to have joined the crew of one of the top boats. The rest of the week passed miserably until Friday when no boats sailed as a mark of respect. Instead, in the early afternoon of a cold grey December day the entire fishing community followed the funeral cortege to the local cemetery, tucked behind a low hill, safely out of sight of the sea, to bid farewell to their colleague. Then back into town to pick up the strands of their everyday life.

Things must have moved quickly from then on. The sons of the skipper of the Replenish, like so many of the Macduff fishing families had not followed in their fathers footsteps. With no one to take over the boat she was advertised for sale and within the next few days a prospective buyer was found. The boat was hauled up on the slipway for survey and there she remained for a few days. In the meantime the weather had deteriorated, the wind swinging into the south east bringing wet snow to add to the general winter misery. At this time electronic navigation aids had still not become standard equipment in the small inshore fleet. This meant that the reduced visibility during blizzard conditions made it impossible to pick up their land marks making fishing difficult, if not impossible. Whether this was the reason for him being at the harbour during daylight hours or not it is now impossible to say. However, he certainly was on the day the Replenish came off the slipway following her survey. He can still remember the definite sense of disquiet he felt watching her come off the cradle and being pulled into her berth, ghostly in the swirling snowflakes, one side of the boat and her wheelhouse covered in the wet, white snow, almost other worldly, faintly menacing. The sale had been completed and the new owners, two young brothers from Shetland, were there ready to take her to her new home port. Despite poor weather condition, although by no means really bad, they decided to sail immediately to reach home before Hogmanay. The following day she left Macduff bound for Shetland and disappeared from the face of the earth forever. Despite searches along her route and along the shores of the various coasts no trace was ever found , no wreckage, no bodies. As in so many tales like this there is often a sequel sometimes years later. Some forty years later when he was working on the Orkney island of Stronsay he happened to mention this to a friend he was visiting one evening.

"You know", said Bill "its strange you should mention that. I remember that well. We had been out celebrating Hogmanay and got back home around nine in the morning when a call came through from the coastguard's to go and check the beaches for wreckage. We had something to eat and spent the rest of the day walking the shoreline but found nothing".

It was strange how this conversation brought back memories of the tragedy still quite fresh in his mind and presumably more so to the grieving relatives left behind, never to know what happened to their loved ones, no memorial, no known last resting place, something summed up so well in the ballad Lord Yester- a young nobleman who presumably perished on the battle field at Flodden but whose body was never recovered after the battle. To give some comfort to the grieving relatives legend had it that they had gone off to some distant land , there to carry on the good work. "Maybe he's gone with James and John To fish by Galilee.

Next Month Distant Waters

## STRONSAY BIRD REPORT

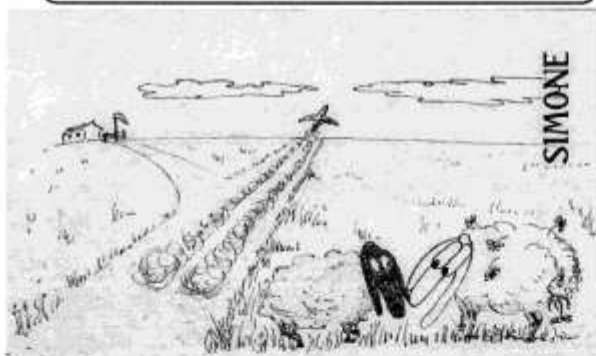
John & Sue Holloway

If you haven't seen a Pheasant yet this year consider yourself unlucky! Birds have been seen as far apart as Oddie and Briarlea with small parties in several places near the centre of the island. All originate from the recently introduced birds.

Most of the autumn migrants have now moved on but a few Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs still remain around the gardens. Ring Ouzels have been seen at Oddie, Mt. Pleasant and Southbank and a Snow Bunting was seen below one of the aerogenerators on Rothiesholm by Eoin Stevenson. Several Snow Buntings are present now and may be seen along the shoreline or in stubble fields throughout the winter. A few Little Auks have been seen flying past Bomasty Bay, with one seen by visitors Mike and Lynn Johnson on the Matpow Loch. A Storm Petrel discovered on board by Jennifer George and John Stevenson during the trip to Eday on Sunday 5th Nov, was released successfully in Mill Bay next morning - the same day as Norman and Kath Kent saw a Black Redstart at Dale. The most unexpected bird of the period has been a Black-eared Wheatear along the track to the Bu sands but once again this major rarity was only present for a short time.

We shall soon be compiling the annual Bird Report so now is the time to send in any records you may have and if anyone is looking for a different Christmas Gift for that awkward relative or friend, copies of our recent book 'Stronsay's Garden Birds' can be purchased direct from ourselves, the Post Office and Fish Mart at £20 (retails at £28).

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"HIGHLAND PARK CERTAINLY  
CHEERED THEM UP!"



Black-eared Wheatear

**HELP HAVE YOU GOT ANY  
ORIGINAL RECIPES YOU COULD  
SHARE. GOODIES FOR CHRISTMAS  
OR EVERYDAY FOOD  
CONTACT HEATHER or YVONNE**

### LIMPET'S KITCHEN

#### CHOCOLATE SYRUP LAYER PUDDING

Dissolve ½ pt water & 2oz sugar, cool add 2 tablespoons rum.

Melt 8oz chocolate (not cooking choc), cool  
Lightly whip ½ pt double cream, fold into chocolate.

Line a loaf tin with cling film.

Dip sponge fingers into rum mixture & place

in bottom of the tin. Cover with half chocolate mixture. Add more sponge fingers then cover with rest of chocolate mixture. Finish off with a layer of sponge fingers.

Cover with cling film & refrigerate overnight. Turn out onto a plate decorate as desired. Great served sliced with strawberries or raspberries.



## Nana's Snippets from the Past

### The Stronsay Coal Hulks

Many stories have been written about ships and boats connected with Stronsay but so far no one has mentioned the 'Coal Hulks'. They were the ones that lay anchored loaded with coal to supply the drifters when the Herring Fishing was at its height in Stronsay. There were usually four or five of them, the old cement barge now lying across the entrance to the Oyce of Huip being one. The others were :- 'Watchful' which belonged to J Sutherland, coal merchant Stromness, 'Hebe' belonging to D. Chalmers, coal merchant Stronsay, 'Glenmore' belonging to Duncan and Jamieson a firm from south, 'Dorjoy' belonging to Duncan McIver Of Stornaway and 'The Riga' belonging to Leslie an Aberdeen firm. The hulks were usually manned by Orcadians but the 'Dorjoy' had men from the North of Scotland or the Hebrides, coalers came from south with the coal for them.

My uncle, the late James Moodie, was one of the workers on the 'Hebe' and he used to tell us about the capers worked on board, such as looking in a hurry for your boots and finding them nailed to the deck! No doubt the fun times made up for the monotony of working a shovel all day as they had to fill the tubs with coal which were then swung out from the hulk and tipped into the hold of the drifter.

I suppose many people sailing into Stronsay on the first 'Earl Sigurd' and 'Earl Thorfinn' and now the ferries of the same name will have wondered why the cement barge was still lying there. She drifted from her moorings and was holed on a rock causing her to sink to the seabed. As there was still coal left in the hold many a good fire was enjoyed in Stronsay with the help of 'The Shifty Pole' which was used to grapple the coal, this caused the then coal merchant a few grey hairs.

As the second world war marked the end of the herring fishing in Stronsay, the old hulks were bought by D. Chalmers (Norton) broken up locally and later sold. The wood was still in good condition so there may still be a few corner posts around that started as part of a ship. The lintels in the farlings on Coopers beach (now



belong to Norton) came out of old hulks from many years back and can be seen as you walk down past the council houses. (Whitehall Village) I am grateful to the late Mr George Burghes (Dod) for his help in remembering the names of the Hulks and to Ian Cooper for taking the photo.



The Stronsay Development Trust is supported in its activities by Orkney Enterprise, Orkney Islands Council, Communities Scotland, The Crofters Commission and Orkney Community Planning Partnership.



So far not many people have enquired about this great opportunity, to participate in something that you could not only enjoy now but could benefit you in the future and is a great addition to your CV. You are not committing yourself by calling this number but its well worth the time to enquire. Stephanie 616337

Take part in the  
**Duke of Edinburgh's Award** ON  
Stronsay!

~  
**Age 14-25**  
~

The award is a program of activities for you to do in your spare time- it's adapted to you personally and can be done anywhere.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**CLARISSA**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THE  
19th NOVEMBER LOVE AND BEST  
WISHES FROM AUNTIE VON, UNCLE  
STEVE, CRAIG AND JODY  
XXXX

**CASSY**

HAPPY 15th BIRTHDAY  
ON 19th NOVEMBER  
LOTS OF LOVE FROM  
MUM, LESLIE, NAAN BREAD! & KITSY  
XXXX

**MOLLY**

HAPPY 6th BIRTHDAY  
ON 15th NOVEMBER LOVE FROM  
LEAH, MUM & DAD XXX

**ELSPETH**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON 25th NOVEMBER  
LOVE AND BEST WISHES FROM  
PEACE & WALTER XX

**Service-** Be a local hero

- help the community, the environment or even train to save a life.

**Skills-** Do something different, whether you fancy yourself a fine artist or a trapeze artist, there's something for you.

**Physical Recreation-** Virtually any sports, dance or fitness activity counts.

**Expedition-** Go on an expedition and find yourself. Train, plan and complete an adventurous journey in the countryside on foot, horseback, boat or cycle.

The award is a great way to brighten up your C.V. - many employers regard the award as an extra qualification.

It certainly won't wipe out your studying or social life.

It's fun, challenging and different.

**If you're interested and would like to know more contact Stephanie on 616337**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CASSY**

LOVE AND BEST WISHES FROM  
PEACE AND WALTER  
XX

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**INGRAM 65** ON

13th NOVEMBER  
LOVE FROM NORMAN, HAZEL, LEAH  
& MOLLY  
XXX

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**STEWART 40** ON

27th NOVEMBER  
LOVE AND BEST WISHES FROM  
PEACE AND WALTER  
XX

**LESS THAN 6 WEEKS TO  
CHRISTMAS!!!!!!**

### THANK YOU

**Michael Cooper** would like to thank everyone who helped make his 40th Birthday a memorable night. Thanks to Nan for the lovely cake, the "girls" who helped prepare and serve supper, Patsi & Yvonne for their hard work in the bar and for Gaynor, Dawn, Mike, Louise, Elaine, & Sean for the music.

Thanks to family & friends who traveled from near and far to help us celebrate and to everyone for cards, gifts and good wishes received.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE LIMPET

**6 MONTHLY @ £4.50 & 12 MONTHLY @ £9.00 AVAILABLE, WHICH INCLUDES POSTAGE AND PACKING FOR FRIEND OR FAMILY LIVING AWAY.**

**WHY NOT SEND A SUBSCRIPTION TO A FRIEND OR RELATIVE FOR A CHRISTMAS OR BIRTHDAY PRESENT.**

**IF YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION IS HAVING AN EVENT OR THERE IS ANYTHING GOING ON WHY NOT TELL US SO WE CAN TELL STRONSAY. NO EVENT IS TOO SMALL OR INSIGNIFICANT, WE ARE TRYING TO GIVE OUT LOCAL INFORMATION BUT CANNOT DO IT UNLESS YOU TELL US.**

**HAVE YOU GOT A STORY OR A POEM OR OLD PHOTO'S OF STRONSAY TO SHARE, DON'T BE SHY. IF SO PLEEEASE CONTACT YVONNE 375 OR HEATHER 453 OR EMAIL US ON [hfazak@btinternet.com](mailto:hfazak@btinternet.com) OR BY LETTER TO LOWER LEAQUOY.**

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Sunday 12th November Mr Reg Kent held a short service of remembrance at the war Memorial. Fortunately it was a fine day, the gales having died down overnight. It was attended by approximately 25 parishioners. Wreaths were laid by Mr Bruce Fletcher on behalf of the islanders and Avril Kent and Alison Fraser on behalf of the school.



**SURGERY HOURS**

Monday-Saturday Open Surgery 9.30-10.30  
 Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 4pm - 5pm by appointment  
 Repeat Prescription collection times Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 1.30 - 4.30pm

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

<b>DOCTORS</b>	<b>616321/308</b>	<b>B&amp;B CLESTRIN</b>	<b>616340</b>
<b>NURSES</b>	<b>616453/232</b>	<b>B&amp;B AIRY</b>	<b>616372</b>
<b>HYDRO</b>	<b>0800300999</b>	<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>01856873166</b>
<b>BALFOUR HOSPITAL</b>	<b>01856888000</b>	<b>COMPANIONS</b>	<b>616307</b>
<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 - NORTHVET</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>

**USEFUL INFO AND DATES**

**POST OFFICE TIMES- MON & THURS 9am-4pm TUE, WED, FRI & SAT 9am-1pm**  
**RE PLACEMENT BIN BAGS TEL: 01856 873535**  
**SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE KIRK SUNDAY 11am**  
**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIER HEAD. - DAILY MASSES 7am SUNDAY 9am**  
**NEXT SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION ON 8th FEBRUARY**  
**UP TO 3 ITEMS FREE 4-6 ITEMS £20 7-FULL PICK UP LOAD £45**

**QUIZ      Answers start with the Letter C**

1. In which bar did the TV character Sam Malone work?
2. What name is given to the approximately 5m-long tree trunk tossed in Scotland's Highland games?
3. Which American state has the highest population?
4. What is the name of the British Prime Minister's official country residence?
5. What name is given to a young male horse?
6. What is the name of the building in which the American Congress meets ?
7. Which fabled creature was half man, half horse?
8. What type of animal tried in vain to catch the roadrunner in the Warner Brother's cartoons?
9. What is an alternative name for a puma?
10. Which reptile is noted for its ability to change colour?

**ANSWERS BELOW**

1. Cheers 2. Caber 3. California 4. Chequers 5. Colt, from the age of one to four a young horse is known as a colt and from then it is known as a stallion 6. Capitol 7. Centaur 8. Coyote 9. Cougar 10. Chameleon

**NOVEMBER ANSWERS**

Hello to everyone who remembers us!! Here we are with our two gorgeous grandchildren, Millie who was three in September and Hugo who was one on November 4<sup>th</sup>. We have eventually settled down here in deepest Dorset, and are at last coming to the end of decorating and other such joys that come with a house move. It was very difficult at first to adjust to the traffic on the roads, the busy towns and the general hustle and bustle of lots of people!! David in particular has taken a long time to adjust to the different pace of life, although where we are living is very quiet and right in the heart of the most beautiful countryside. We go to "town" as little as possible!! We are lucky to have found good doctors in a country practice, and although nothing like the "instant" service of Doctors' Mackay and Buchan, we can at least phone and speak to a doctor at any time should we need to. Our prescription service is excellent, I am "On Line" and can order repeats when required and they are actually delivered to our door!! Some things are very good when one is a "wrinkly"!!

We have also used our Bus Passes several time, going into Dorchester or Weymouth whenever the whim takes us, I think David is quite pleased when we go by bus for two reasons, he isn't driving the car and I can't buy too much to take back home on public transport!! We try and go upstairs on the bus as we can see into everyone's gardens and be generally nosey, however, it's a bit like being on a big dipper as the roads are narrow and hilly as we pick up passengers from the villages on the way. Usually there are several couples from our community all going on the same bus so it gets a bit noisy!! Teenage wrinklies unite!! Wednesday is market day in Dorchester, a good market, too, lots to see or just good fun watching the world go by. Human beings are quite hilarious from a distance and can amuse David and I for ages, but I suppose we are being watched too!! Our son and daughter-in-law are having a kitchen re-fit starting to-day, so Debra has taken the children to Center Parks for the week at Longleat. It is just over 30 miles away from us so we are looking forward to spending a day with them and possibly having a swim too. I'm not so sure about being seen in a swim suit any more, it might be too much of a shock for the grandchildren!! David is pretending he can't find his swimming shorts, but I know where they are!! We were reading the October issue of the Limpet- what a busy time you are all having with various events! We do miss the social life that Stronsay has to offer and often think about you all enjoying such a thriving community. At least we go "skittling" now and then, always noisy and always fun as we are all "of a certain age". Age related aches and pains determine which technique one uses - I find it easier to use two hands, close my eyes and just hope!! We have yet to decide whether to join the indoor bowls club, maybe in the new year if backache will allow! Well done to Sheena and Julia, enclosed please find a small donation, a bit late, sorry, but it might start you off for next year's effort!!

We send good wishes to you and look forward to November's edition.

From Barbara and David Brightwell

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4	3	8	5	1	6	7	9	2
7	1	2	3	9	4	6	8	5
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2	9	1	7	3	8	5	4	6
6	8	7	4	5	1	9	2	3

Sudoku solution

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