

# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIFER & ROBIN

Rev Dr Jennifer George, minister of Stronsay with Eday, became engaged to Robin Graham earlier this month. The wedding will take place in Moncur Memorial Church, Stronsay at 1:30pm on Saturday 17 April.

## AMARYLLIS BULBS

By Margareth Richards

At Christmas all the people over the age of 80 received an amaryllis bulb from the Stronsay Church. All over Stronsay they are now flowering and I photographed one of the delighted recipients' bloom which I would love to share with everyone. It is bright red with white stripes.



The next edition of The Limpet will be published on Thu 25 Mar. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted no later than Sat 20 Mar. Contact details on back page

## ALL IN A RAFFLE

By Viv Erdman

Every year the S3 to S6 drama pupils from the Kirkwall Grammar School go on a trip to Glasgow and Edinburgh. They visit several theatres, both to see the shows and to go back-stage. They also fit in some shopping and meals out. They all have a great time but the week can work out quite expensive.

To help cover the costs Mrs Dearness, the drama teacher, makes a quilt every year which is then raffled. This year Leanne, Courtney and Verity were all involved and all sold tickets. Verity sold one to Barbara Smith who was thrilled to hear that she had won the quilt.

So, thanks to all who supported the Drama group and congratulations to Barbara.



*Barbara Smith admires her new quilt*

## **UPDATE ON THE MANSE PROGRESS**

On Saturday, 13th February we held a roof wetting ceremony to celebrate the roof being complete. Looking back over the 2 years since we purchased the Manse we were amazed to realise that until 9 months ago we were basically stripping the guts out of it (rotten wood, bird poo & plaster) and only in the last 9 months were we actually putting stuff inside. In that time we have put the kit inside, 1st fix electrics, King-span, windows and, of course, the roof. We have some King-span to fit and then it will be the exciting job of plaster-boarding. We now have temporary lighting on all floors, so we plan to work of an evening. We have all of the bathrooms to fit and the ground floor to concrete. We are so in love with the house and seeing it progress is very fulfilling. Thanks to everyone for your help, you know who you are. More next month.

Steve & Yvonne



## MID-WINTER BIRD NEWS

John & Sue Holloway.

During a normal mid-Winter period we might expect to find Glaucous or Iceland Gulls brought down to Stronsay in strong, cold, northerly-westerly winds, but with most of the winds in Dec-Feb coming from an easterly quarter, a completely different range of species have been found – some lingering for a considerable time. The Stonechat was still in the area around Millbank until at least mid-January; the long-staying Dunnock has been seen regularly at Helmsley; 3 Goldfinches were seen at Springwell – and another single flew over Olivebank Stores; 1-3 Mistle Thrushes have been seen on and off since mid January when a big influx of thrushes occurred – mostly Fieldfares (several hundreds), and Blackbirds, with fewer Redwings and 3-4 Song Thrushes. Water Rails have been seen regularly, the bird at Castle feeding outside the kitchen window until chased off by a Pheasant in mid-January. Sue saw three different birds on 14<sup>th</sup> January – in the garden at Northbank, along the Mill Stream, and the one at Castle. Another was seen dashing across the road between Mt Pleasant and Cliffdale on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - by which time Oystercatchers were present in above average numbers, one or two having over-wintered again. Up to seven Gadwall have been seen between the Bu and Matpow and up to 40 Pintail have also been seen on and off there. Linnets have begun to arrive back in the gardens near suitable feeding areas and during the infrequent snow flurries Skylarks were noticeable closer to the houses – particularly Dale and Castle. The first Skylark in song was heard by Colin at The Hill on 12<sup>th</sup> February – a beautiful calm day, when Mill Bay played host to the island's second Great Crested Grebe, a Slavonian Grebe, several Red-throated Divers, and 3 Great Northern Divers. 3 Shelduck were seen by Kath and Norman at the Bu Loch on 13<sup>th</sup> and a male and a female were seen on 15<sup>th</sup> - 1 mile apart – at the Bu and the Matpow Lochs. This may have been a sign of colder weather arriving! Snow on 19<sup>th</sup> brought more birds into the gardens, including a Mistle Thrush on The Reserve, and two Slavonian Grebes were offshore in Mill Bay.

And still – as yet – no Glaucous or Iceland Gulls! A very different mid-Winter period.



*The long-staying Water Rail in the Castle garden - feeding outside the kitchen window*

## **RECYCLING CENTRE SURVEY**

The Upper Primary at Stronsay School would like to thank you all for participating in the recycling centre survey. We received 17 copies of the completed surveys. More information will follow. The prize of a recycling ideas book, kindly donated by Community Powerdown through Marion Macleod, goes to Ian and Cindy Hockley at Harbour View - well done!

Mairi Dennison



*Cindy & Ian receive their prize*

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## **STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—SURVEY BY PUPILS**

The secondary pupils in S3/S4 will be carrying out some surveys as part of their 'Maths Statistics Project'. I would be grateful if the community would aid them in collecting their data. The pupils will start this task the week beginning 1st March so I apologise in advance if you get lots of door knockers.

Just for interest 'World Maths Day' is on the 3rd March and the Guinness book of records will be involved this year. For more info visit [www.worldmathsday.com](http://www.worldmathsday.com)

Thank you for your support

Mrs Rose

Stronsay Junior High School

## **POWERDOWN REPORT**

### **Stronsay Affordable Warmth Project**

Unfortunately our bid to the Climate Challenge Fund was unsuccessful and at this time we cannot offer the 100 energy audits and thermal imaging as we had hoped to have had secured funding for. However the project can still to some extent go ahead in collaboration with the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre and using funds from the Powerdown Consortium.

### **Project schedule**

The main focus will be on identifying homes that are either eligible for Carbon Emission Reduction Target (CERT) funding or Energy Assistance Package (EAP) funding for energy efficiency improvements and Energy Savings Scotland Home Renewables Grant funding for renewable energy technology. The project is anticipated to be in 2 stages.

### **Stage 1**

During March and April Powerdown Officer Marion Macleod will start this process by phoning homes on the island to make an appointment for a visit in order to identify whether improvements can be done under grant assistance. The Powerdown Officer will notify the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre advisor who will call these households and collect information to process potential applications and make onward referrals. By collating the potential insulation jobs together like this the advice centre will work with the Powerdown Officer on negotiating a special discounted price.

It would be hoped that at least 1/3 of the island households would be contacted during the initial stage.

### **Thermal imaging**

Out of the households visited during this period approximately three will be identified as properties that could benefit from thermal imaging and a full energy audit conducted by the Orkney Energy Centre. This may not necessarily mean the draughtiest properties but the houses where heat loss is the hardest to identify.

### **Energy event**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April (this will be advertised further nearer the time) an “Energy event” will take place in the community Hall. This will be an evening of presentations, information, and competitions with the Orkney Energy Agency. In connection with this event the energy visits with the thermal imaging camera will take place.

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## **Phase 2**

During October- December this year households that didn't take part in the first stage of the project will be contacted during this time. The same procedure will apply and as the project will be drawing to an end early 2011 it may be necessary to employ another dedicated person as funds allow.

In this round there will also be a chance for a few properties that will be identified for a full energy visit with thermal imaging.

**If you have any queries or wish to be the first person to receive a visit please phone Marion on 616354.**

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## **SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE** **FROM 20th JANUARY**

### **Wednesdays:**

6.45—7.15 Private session (pre-booked)  
7.40—8.20 Public session  
8.20—9.00 Public session

### **Thursdays:**

7.00—7.40 Public session  
7.40—8.40 Adult session

### **Saturdays:**

2.00—4.00 Swim club

To make enquiries about Swim Club phone Sarah on 616406.

To book a private hire, phone Elsie on 616331. (As well as the pre-booked private hire on Wednesdays, it is possible to book a private hire on either Thursday evenings or Saturday afternoons)



**MONTHLY REPORT**  
**FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
**TONY WITHERS**

It has been a busy time for the Trust since my last jottings. Many projects are in the pipeline and the workload increases as it's time to organize audits and begin working on reports for the AGM. Thanks to all on the Board who readily give up their time and effort to get things done.

A big thank you also to all who signed the petition regarding the outflow pipes in Whitehall. Over 100 signed the petition which indicates just how strongly people feel about the subject. The petition will be sent to S.E.P.A and copied to interested parties. Perhaps it will bring forward the mains sewerage work—time will tell!!

Work towards securing funding to purchase the light haulage and yard continues and funding applications have been submitted. An enormous amount of work and effort is needed to secure funding for such projects, many trips to Kirkwall to gain support and advice of HIE's Business Gateway are required and I am confident that the project will happen, though at times the procedure seems to take forever! We are grateful to Jim and Vicky for their patience in this matter. The plan is to create an Enterprise Zone on the site subject to planning permission and funding. The Zone is one of the outcomes planned in our Turbine project application which we hope to hear about shortly.

I am also presently seeking funding to support the Mother and Toddler Group now renamed the Little Limpets in an attempt to replace worn out equipment and toys. The group needs more members to secure its long term future...so you know what you need to do!

The Trust and Community Council are keeping close tabs on developments regarding the employment of a new GP after the news that we did not secure one unlike Westray and Sanday. We will hold NHS Orkney to their assurances that the posts will be filled.

I will be on annual leave until the 7th of March so if you need to contact me meantime please do so via my email; [cdostronsay@btconnect.com](mailto:cdostronsay@btconnect.com)

Cheers, Tony Withers.

## **TONY'S TIP OF THE MONTH!**

Due to a lack of required numbers to make the computer course viable the idea has had to be shelved. Sorry to those who expressed interest.

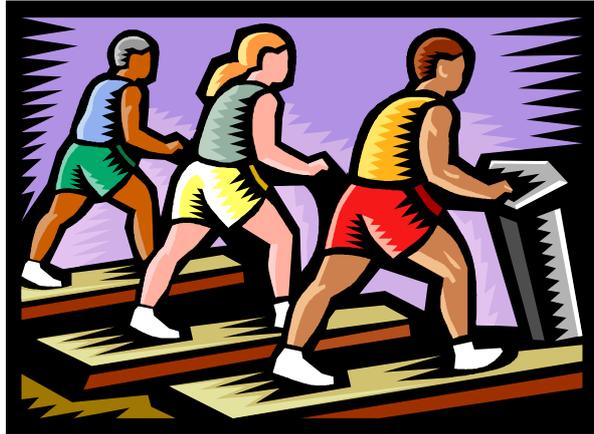
So I went to the gym!! I can tell you I was not looking forward to it at all! Yet I was put at ease very quickly and shown the ropes with the induction being a very friendly process. On my return from holiday I fully intend to visit the gym on a regular basis. I highly recommend all to join, though I felt the universal objections to me wearing a bright yellow speedo thong and string vest as inappropriate gym wear was a bit harsh!! Apologies if you are forming a mental image but I really don't care!

Seriously though, please support the gym and other island facilities because the old adage about 'use it or lose it' applies now more than ever in these times of financial constraint when all facilities have to prove their sustainability to continue getting funding. T.



**THEY HAVE TO GO FAST OR IT'LL MELT BEFORE THEY GET THERE**

# STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



New Timetable of supervised sessions  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
 (Excluding Easter Holidays 29<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> April)

	am	pm
Monday	10-12	4.15-6.00
Tuesday	Buddy	4.15-6.00
Wednesday	10-12	4.00-6.00
Thursday	Buddy	3.30-4.30 7.00-8.00
Friday	10-12	4.15-5.30
Saturday	Closed	2.30-3.30
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Under the 'Buddy' system members may use the gym with another gym member who is over 18 and has pre-paid. Buddy system operates from 8am weekdays in term time irrespective of supervised sessions. A code is needed to access the gym.

14 & 15 year old members must attend supervised sessions.

16 & 17 year olds must be with an inducted member who is over 18 or at a time when a fitness advisor is on duty.

New inductions by appointment only. Telephone 616449

There is a display in the Healthy Living Centre showing the proposed plans for the new Health and Care facility in Kirkwall. The plans will be displayed throughout March for anyone to have a look at. during opening times

## **RESCUE DRAMA IN EYNHALLOW SOUND—1968**

The following is a report on the daring rescue of a fishing boat in 1968 by Jimmy Stout, now residing at 2, Whitehall, Stronsay, and his crew of Jim Stout Junior, and the late Gary Swanney and William Cooper.

In a remarkable feat of seamanship, the Shapinsay fishing vessel 'Flourish' with four men on board was plucked from an almost certain grave after she ran into difficulties in Eynhallow Sound, in a critical position close to the dreaded Bia Skerry on Thursday 11th January, soon after 7 pm.

The brilliant rescue was effected by another local boat, the Ocean's Gift, skippered by Jim Stout (who is coxswain of the Stronsay lifeboat)

The drama began when the Flourish, returning home from Suleskerry, was making towards Eynhallow Sound. She was hit by a 'massive lump of sea' which washed her 100 or more lobster creels overboard, fouling the screw.

On board were Mr John Davidson, Ian Bews, Thomas Wilson, and John Strachan (18) who is the older son of Robert Strachan, Orkney's Fishery Development Officer.

Trapped with all her creels over the side and the warps still on board, the disabled boat started to drift slowly towards the rocky shore, at a point just north of Peter's Kirk, in Evie, near Bria Skerry.

Although the night was calm, there was a very heavy swell. Jutting out 200 yards from the shore was a rugged shelf of rocks.

Her red flares were seen by people over a wide area, who raised the alarm.

At that moment, the Ocean's Gift was off Sacquoy Point, Rousay, making her way to the Westray Firth, and when Skipper Stout sighted the flares, he immediately made for the area.

Meanwhile, Kirkwall Coastguard had been alerted. The Stronsay lifeboat was launched. From Kirkwall Airport, a 5-ton lorry towing a Zodiac dinghy sped the 20 miles to Evie. The Coastguard landrover, with District Officer J. Cleghorn and two other Coastguards, also made their way there, as well as the Stromness Coast rescue Equipment, under the charge of Mr Tom Rendall.

Another local boat, the Achilles, was coming up the west coast past the Brough of Birsay, and she too converged on the Flourish. The Ocean's Gift was the first to arrive on the scene.

Captain Robert Sutherland, a teacher of Nautical Subjects at Stromness Academy, who lives in Evie, takes up the story:-

"Mr Stevenson of Burgher Farm informed me that there was a vessel in distress on the Bria reef, and asked me to signal to the crew that the Coastguard and the lifeboat had been summoned.

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The boat appeared to be grounded between the outer and inner Bria, but was in fact being held by the lobster pots. Our hope was that she would remain in this position, as the heavy swell was breaking ominously both outside and inside of her. A local fisherman, Mr Wood, went to the main road to meet the Coastguards and direct them to the shore. Soon, Kirkwall Coastguards turned up and attempted to fire a rocket over the fishing boat. The main lifesaving equipment arrived with the Stromness team, and a line was quickly fired across the boat, which was now identified as the Flourish from Shapinsay.

### **From The Grave**

In the meantime, two fishing boats approached the area, and we feared that they too would come to grief. Then before our eyes was enacted a fearless and outstanding display of seamanship.

Jim Stout and his young crew skillfully nosed in, the Ocean's Gift coming close to the Flourish, to secure a line. This was quickly secured, but on pulling astern, the tow-rope parted. He had to clear out fast. But nothing daunted, he came back, repeated the performance, and this time succeeded in hauling the Flourish from the grave. The boys on the Flourish must have had an awful ordeal, and they must be commended on their calmness in remaining on board.

It was a superb feat of seamanship on Jim Stout's part, and I am sure he was able to perform this because he had with him a first-class crew. Those on board the Ocean's Gift were skipper James Stout, his 16 year old son Jim, Garry Swanney, and William Cooper".

Another eye-witness in Evie had this to say:- "It was a bitterly cold moonlight night when the people of Evie became aware of the red flares, and that the cruel sea was about to claim another victim. The unknown vessel was close inshore – we all knew that just outside of her was a submerged spur of rock. The Atlantic rollers were breaking savagely around their prey. The lights of the boat gleamed against the background of the black sea. We watched helplessly as the hull reared up and crashed down again in the shallows. We could pick out figures clinging to the deck.

Soon Coastguards were attempting to fire a line aboard – each attempt was greeted with heartfelt groans as the line fell short. The floundering vessel clung to her only life-cord, her mooring.

Then there was a dramatic turn of events as one of the two fishing boats which had arrived, was seen to be edging in towards the crippled ship.

We held our breath and hoped ardently that the skipper of this boat realised the peril he was putting himself in. The tension was unbearable as the bobbing craft crept between the rocks, ever nearer to her objective.

Spectators were treated to an exhibition of superb seamanship, and hopes were raised as the rescuer's engine snarled in reverse, having apparently established contact. These were dashed however, when the rope snapped, and the two boats parted again.

A shattering report announced that the Coastguard's fresh equipment had joined in. The more powerful rocket sent a line soaring over the casualty and at last, a ship-to-shore link had been established.

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## Master At Work

A powerful searchlight probed the darkness, and the name 'Flourish' was seen on the green hull of the boat.

Coastguards were now preparing to rig up their breeches buoy, but it was seen that the doughty Ocean's Gift had now been skillfully maneuvered side on to the waves, and within feet of the Flourish. We realised we were witnessing a master at work.

Again however, the boats parted, but with doggedness, the hero came in once more, and once again we saw the boats joined. The Flourish swung around, and allowed herself to be dragged away into open water. The battle was won, and a surge of relief ran through the crowd of spectators. There was a cheer as the Stronsay lifeboat now hove in sight. The reserve lifeboat from Stronsay, which had now arrived under the charge of Second Coxswain John Dennison, helped the Ocean Gift to tow the Flourish down Eynhallow Sound in a terrible ebb tide. She was taken first just off Evie pier, where the creels and warps were heaved back on board.

The Flourish was then towed to Shapinsay by the Ocean's Gift. Once she was safely in the bay, the Stronsay lifeboat returned to her base.

It is understood that the Flourish was slightly damaged. She later went to Shetland for repairs."

In May 1969, Jim and his wife Fiona, together with Gary Swanney and his wife Dorothy, were invited to London by the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Society, where Jim and Gary were presented with a barometer each, and a certificate from the "Emile Robin" Reward. Jim's certificate reads:

"This is to certify that the Committee of Management awarded the above Life Saving Reward to Skipper J. Stout for the gallant rescue of the crew of the fishing vessel Flourish, this rescue being, in the opinion of the said Committee, the most meritorious in the year 1968, in accordance with the terms of the trust."

Jim also received a medal from the Society of Arts of which Prince Philip was the President, and inscribed around the edge of the medal was:

"Awarded to James Stout for a deed of Professional Merit performed at sea"

At a ceremony held in the Kirkwall Hotel on Friday, 10th October, 1968, presided over by Provost Scott, and attended by some fifty guests including Jo Grimmond M.P., and Provost Knight of Stromness, Jim was presented with an inscribed gold watch by Cdr. P. Bartlett, Chief Inspector of Coastguards, for the outstanding courage, skill and seamanship he displayed during the rescue."

After reading this, I am sure you will agree that this was an outstanding rescue and demonstrates the bravery and tenacity of Jimmy and young Jim who was only sixteen at the time. Sadly Gary Swanney and Willie Cooper are no longer with us. Well done.

*Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay.*

## **ME DOGGY BAG!**

By Ellie from Newfield (Don't read this at mealtimes!)

Have you got a poop-a-scoop?  
It's what the dog owners do,  
They scoop up poop as they walk along.  
But poop-scooping isn't new,  
They've been around for ages.  
So maybe I'm just dumb,  
For I use a paper bag  
And then it's just stuck to me thumb.  
The paper must be quite strong  
As poop tends to be steamy-hot.  
While good for warming your hands,  
Unwrapped it's decidedly "grot".  
Plastic of course is quite good  
As it contains it so well.  
You can even transfer to your pocket,  
It depends on your sense of smell.  
If you let it cool down, so much better  
And the solid form's easy to grip.  
Better ignore the other kind  
As squishy ones tend to drip.  
But isn't this one for technology?  
Has no-one the invention in mind?  
To design a canine disposable  
A snug fit to every behind.  
Could we train them all to the toilet?  
Use one square and then pull the chain!  
What is this poop-a-scoop?  
Well, I'll tell you once again.  
It is not a "muck it" and "chuck it"  
Or a sausage and squash it, oh no.  
It's for all embarrassed dog owners  
To scoop poop, wherever they go.  
Q: Can you get a "bring it and fling it"?  
A: I really, really don't know.

## **DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON No18**

A female reader recently said my daft homemade poetry was getting dafter, with a look that conveyed disapproval. So here is a change of tack

### The 'Measure' of Love

Were love to be measured by the inch  
A foot being almost total bliss  
Then even a mile fails miserably  
To describe my love like this

Should a pint suffice to show I care  
And a litre prove my sincerity  
Then even a gallon could not describe  
How much you mean to me

If love was weighed out by the ounce  
And it took a pound to prove it true  
Then be assured I have a ton  
Within my heart for you

Should a day mean my devoted love  
And a week blend you to me  
Then not only years do I pledge my love  
But all eternity

(I'm sorry this homemade poem just missed Valentine's day)

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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### **INSTANT PHOTOS**

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*Call Bill Miller on 616420*

### **STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP**

### **WHITEHALL VILLAGE**

Usual winter opening hours

Thursday to Saturday 10am to 6 pm

Tel 616434

*www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk*

### **STRONSAY ARTWORKS**

Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;  
Limited edition prints, greetings cards and  
postcards which are available for sale at lo-  
cal shops, Post Office, Hotel, B&B's and  
the Fishmart. Commissions taken.

*Phone Jenny on 616475*

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## **HOME REFURBISHMENT OR NEW BUILD.**

### **WHY PLASTER?**

#### **1. Safety**

Plaster has a better fire protection over almost any other material. Plaster does not combust as easily as wood or drywall.

#### **2. Comfort**

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#### **3. Aesthetics**

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#### **4. Cleanliness and health**

Plaster requires no sanding and is easy to keep clean. Drywall entails a lot of messy sanding which produces a lot of dust, making it difficult to get rid of from a new home.

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**HAPPY 17th BIRTHDAY JODY**

Now you can drive yourself around the bend instead of me all the time.

Happy driving.

Lots of love Mum, Dad, Craig & Wayne. XXXX

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**WANTED**

Electric tube style greenhouse heater. Phone Yvonne 616375

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**NINTENDO GAME CUBE**

Comes with:

Console, 1 controller and 3 games.

Medal of honour, (Risingsun)

Medal of honour, (Frontline) and

Die Hard Vendetta.

All cables you need are included

Price: £18. Very good condition

Phone James on 616354

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## **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

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### **HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP**

With Andy Bowman, Orkney Zero Waste  
Stronsay Community Hall  
Wednesday 3rd of March 7.30 pm  
Come along and have your composting questions answered:  
All welcome! Refreshments provided!

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### **WILLOW WORKSHOP**

Willow- planting, growing and making  
Saturday 20th of March 10.30 am-4 pm  
Stronsay Community Hall  
Lunch will be provided

The workshop is run by Frances Pelly a sculptor based in Orkney. Frances has been practicing sculpture since 1971, using willow, clay, stone and natural objects. She first started working with Willow after finding the need to plant shelter belts around her property on the West Mainland.

To book please phone Marion on 616354 before 12th of March (Booking is essential!)

Please bring a pair of secateurs.

Any children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

Community Powerdown wishes to acknowledge its funders The Climate Challenge Fund.

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chairman: Mr E Stevenson Bu Stronsay Tel: 616216

Clerk: Pat Wilcox, Shamrock Lea, Stronsay Tel: 616353

### **ORKNEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Please note that the Orkney Local Development Plan is available on line at:  
[www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

A copy of the plan is also available to access on board the mobile library van.

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

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***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)***

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**STRONSAY REGATTA 2010**

**SATURDAY 5th June**

Would you like to help build on the success of last year's Regatta?  
Could you spare some time to help with the planning, catering, registration or just to be helpful on the day?

If you would like to help in any way, please speak to Mike at Ebenezer Stores.

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**STRONSAY KIRK—LIFT TO CHURCH?**

Would you like a lift to church during the winter months? We would be more than happy to organise the Ambulance, which is also meant to be used by the wider community, to come by for you on Sundays, to take you to the service and back home again. If you would like to be added to the list of passengers, please let either Jennifer George (616311) or Elsie Dennison (616331) know as soon as possible.

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**EVENING CLASS**

“Singing techniques” - tutor Michael Lee

Every Monday at 7pm in the Community Hall (Current session ends on 29 March)

Ability to read music is not essential

Previous experience is not necessary

All you need is enthusiasm!

*Please contact Brian Crowe on 616464 for more info*

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**FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

Friday night 8pm until 10pm

Entrance £1

Come along for a fun filled night

Air hockey table

Pool table

Play station 2

Nintendo Wii & Sing Star

Snooker

Juice, crisps and sweets available

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit - **Monday** 1<sup>st</sup> March (refit timetable)

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am

Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm

Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Kirkwall library contacts - 01856 873166 or [general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk)

Kirkwall library website - <http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk>

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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday . 08:30—12:00  
Saturday . . . . . 09:00—14:00

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Nurses . . . . . 616225/232  
Registrar . . . . . 616239  
Hall bookings . . . . . 616446  
Post Office . . . . . 616217  
Companions . . . . . 616307  
Kirk . . . . . 616311  
Stronsay Hotel . . . . . 616213  
Fish Mart . . . . . 616386  
Olivebank . . . . . 616255  
Ebenezer stores . . . . . 616339

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Flett & Carmichael . . . . 01856 872859  
Northvet . . . . . 01856 873403  
Dentists:  
Great Western Rd . . . . 01856 879683  
King Street . . . . . 01856 875348

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