

STRONSAY LIMPET

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INVITES ALL STRONSAY RESIDENTS TO ATTEND
AN OPEN MEETING ON
THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THE LIGHT HAULAGE
COMPANY
AND BUILDING OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE.

This is your opportunity to see what plans are being made with the Enterprise Zone and other ongoing projects being developed by the Trust.

You will be able to study the architect drawings for the site, find out how it will operate and talk to those involved.

It's a chance to ask questions and make suggestions for the community's future.

WED 4TH AUGUST 7.30PM
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

A free prize raffle for those attending
And catering by Anne-Marie

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THE OLD MANSE—JULY 2010

The last few months, things have been slow at the Manse. But in saying that we have installed the kitchen window, where there was never a window before. The view over the village and the Ness is spectacular, we are so pleased that we changed our original plans to include this window (Yvonne's idea). We have also partitioned off the ensuite bathroom from the main bathroom. We have had a good tidy up in the house and even hoovered the stairs! We have put in hardcore and compacted it down ready for the floor to go in in the kitchen and half of the living room. In fact in the living room the damp-proof and under-floor insulation is also in. We are waiting on our next delivery of chips and cement to enable us to put the floor in.

Who would think that it was only 1 year ago this month that we put the 1st panels of the timber frame in. Since then we have completed the timber-frame, put in the windows, concreted the walls and gable ends, put the Welsh slate roof on, put the stairs in and plaster-boarded the ceiling on the top floor and installed 1st fix wiring.

Lots of people have asked how we are getting on, now we have the stairs in situ (but no handrails) anyone that would like to come along and have a look, is more than welcome. People say that they would love to have a look but don't want to stop us working (please do). It is nice and dry around the Manse so no need for wellies (unless you want to help with the concreting!).

Update you all again soon

Steve & Yvonne.

PS: We have had swallows or swifts nesting on one of the 'I beams' in the kitchen. There were 5 babies and they flew the nest 22/07 so now we can seal up the gaps and make the house totally wind and watertight.



(more photographs on next page)



SURPRISE FOR SUE

Sue Fairbrother took her camper van over to Kirkwall last month so that the garage could fit a new spare part and thus enable her van to pass its annual MOT test. Imagine the mechanic's surprise when he lifted the bonnet and saw that a blackbird had built its nest on top of the battery - and there were eggs in the nest! However, the mechanic was able to leave the nest & eggs undisturbed as he fitted the new part on Sue's van before issuing a new MOT certificate. Sue drove very carefully indeed until she arrived back home later that day. Despite the long journey involving two ferry crossings the blackbird returned to the nest once the van was parked up outside St John's Cottage. In due course the eggs hatched, at least one of the blackbird's brood survived and Sue was able to remove the nest and associated debris from her van. Several people have remarked that similar bird's nests have caused vehicles to catch fire—perhaps Sue was just lucky.

INSIDE THE COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

13 keen growers have started work on their 10 plots in the greenhouse. There are already some plants sprouting whilst work is still ongoing on paths and raised beds. All are looking forward to a successful autumn-winter growing season. It is amazing what a difference it makes being out of the wind even when working (see picture), but most ap-



parent is the speed at which things are germinating. At the moment all the plots are taken in the greenhouse. If anyone is still interested in a plot please get in touch as there may be possibilities of sharing and there is also a waiting list: Contact: Marion on 616354

The greenhouse group has at the time of writing had a few meetings with work and picnicking as its main theme. The group also went on a study trip to Eday which we all found very interesting. The trip took us to Millcroft and Carrick House gardens. A very interesting talk by John Skuse on composting was also held in Eday Heritage Centre. The Millcroft gardens and polytunnels were very fascinating. The approximately 5 Acre croft, previously down to only grass with not a tree in sight, has in the past 8 years been transformed into a beautiful wooded garden with vegetable beds amongst it. It is an inspiration to anyone wanting to grow trees, flowers, fruit and/or vegetables. (See picture)



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Children's Eco Club

The Eco club will be held on Tuesdays and starting on the 24th of August. It will be held as an after school club for 7-12 (over 12s welcome too). First activity will be getting the Eco club plot going in the greenhouse but other activities are also planned such as beach combing and pond dipping and also including a day (a Saturday) of “bush craft” teaching in September. More details will be distributed in the first week of school.



JOHN HOLLOWAY'S BIRD REPORT FOR JULY 2010

The brood of Sand Martins emerged from their tunnel nest along the Mill Bay coastline on 26th June - several days before the Swallows nesting in our nearby old pig-styes emerged. There appeared to be four young of each species, the family groups often being seen catching insects in and around the Castle garden. Mid-summer is generally quiet as regards uncommon species, so a real surprise for Sue & I at 9.25pm by the Fire Station on 4th was a Hobby, dashing off towards the Meikle Water - probably for an evening meal. The species is crepuscular (active around dusk) and generally feeds on large insects such as Dragonflies, but in northern latitudes resorts to catching small birds in flight, usually 'hirundines' - including Swallows and Sand Martins! Our sighting was somewhat tinged with concern for our own hirundines which regularly feed on small insects above the Meikle Water.



*The Sand Martin's nest in the cliff-face alongside The Reserve -
50 yds from the site where the species nested in 2007.*

The Matpow and Bu Lochs are now well worth 'scoping. Black-tailed and Bar-tailed Godwits have been seen recently along with good numbers of Knot, Dunlin and Sanderling. Ringed Plover and Redshanks are ever-present there throughout much of the year. 2-3 single Swifts were seen in early July and the sudden SW gale on 11th brought another surprise to the island - a Tree Creeper clinging to the side of the house at Dale. A very unusual date for the species and surely a young bird reared in Caithness which had got caught up in the strong winds and drifted out to sea before making land-fall on Stronsay. There is a neat parallel to this sighting: some years we come across young Stonechats (which don't breed on Stronsay) in mid-summer - almost certainly birds from Eday. These birds have always arrived after a night of moderate to strong West or South-West winds and rain.

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Other signs of the approach of Autumn have been seen - a party of 6 Whimbrel flying over on 12th, 43 adult Knot on 15th, a Greenshank on 20th, and yet another surprise at Dale where a Redstart was seen on the very early date (for an Autumn migrant) of 23rd. This sighting however tied in neatly with the arrival of a sprinkling of small migrants elsewhere in Orkney at the same time. A Bedstraw Hawk-moth was also seen at Dale and with the honey-suckle and hebe etc now out in profusion, there is always the chance of finding specimens of other large moths including Convolvulus Hawk-moths which are particularly attracted to honeysuckle. These beautifully-marked moths with pink and grey-striped bodies, are over 2" long and have a 4" wing-span. They hover in front of honeysuckle flowers, using the long proboscis to extract nectar and can sometimes be watched by careful use of a torch.

Thanks again to all who have phoned in sightings, John & Sue Holloway

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

HLC opening times Mon 28th June-Mon 16th Aug 2010

	am	pm
Monday	9.45-11.45	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	7-9pm
Wednesday	Closed	7-9pm
Thursday	Closed	7-9pm
Friday	9.45-11.45	Closed
Saturday	Closed	2-3.30
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Please note we will be CLOSED Sat 14th Aug
(County Show day)

Any queries ring 616449 during opening hours.



MONTHLY REPORT FROM TONY WITHERS

COMMUNITY AND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

One item dominates this month's report and that is your invite from the Development Trust to attend an open meeting to inform you of our plans with regard to the purchase of the light haulage side of Jim Holland's business and the construction of the Enterprise Zone. Please see the front page of this edition of *The Limpet* for further details.

A relatively quiet month to report partly due to me being on leave visiting exotic Birmingham for 2 weeks! I would however like to thank the dozen or more who responded to my welding class suggestion. I have now got sufficient numbers to proceed with securing a tutor - more details to follow.

Is anyone out there interested in starting a small scale island bakery at the Enterprise Zone? It was one thing that was identified in the last development plan as being needed. Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss this in confidence. All kinds of help to start such a venture is out there so give it some thought.

Work towards the Turbine progresses with the Tender going out to contractors wishing to become the Joint Project Management for all 5 island turbines. This will save money as it is pointless to employ people to do the same work for each turbine individually.

Once again please make the effort to attend the meeting as your input into all the Trust do is invaluable. Look forward to seeing you there!

I can be contacted on 01857 616300 or at cdostronsay@btconnect.com

Cheers Tony.



FREE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME
SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2010

Date(s)	Days	Duration	Workshop title	Venue
7th/8th Sept	Tues/ Wed	2 day	New Business Start Up	Kirkwall
11th Sept	Sat	1 day	IT for Business	Westray
14th Sept	Tues	1 day	How to Tender for Public Sector Contracts	Stromness
15th Sept	Wed	1 day	Marketing & Selling	Stromness
16th Sept	Thurs	1 day	Whistle Stop Employment Law	Kirkwall
2nd/3rd Nov	Tues/ Wed	2 day	New Business Start Up	Stromness
4th Nov	Thur	1 day	Financial Record Keeping	Kirkwall

For further details or to book please contact Kirsten on tel 01856 886666; or by email business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk; or call along the office at 14 Queen Street, Kirkwall, KW15 1JE

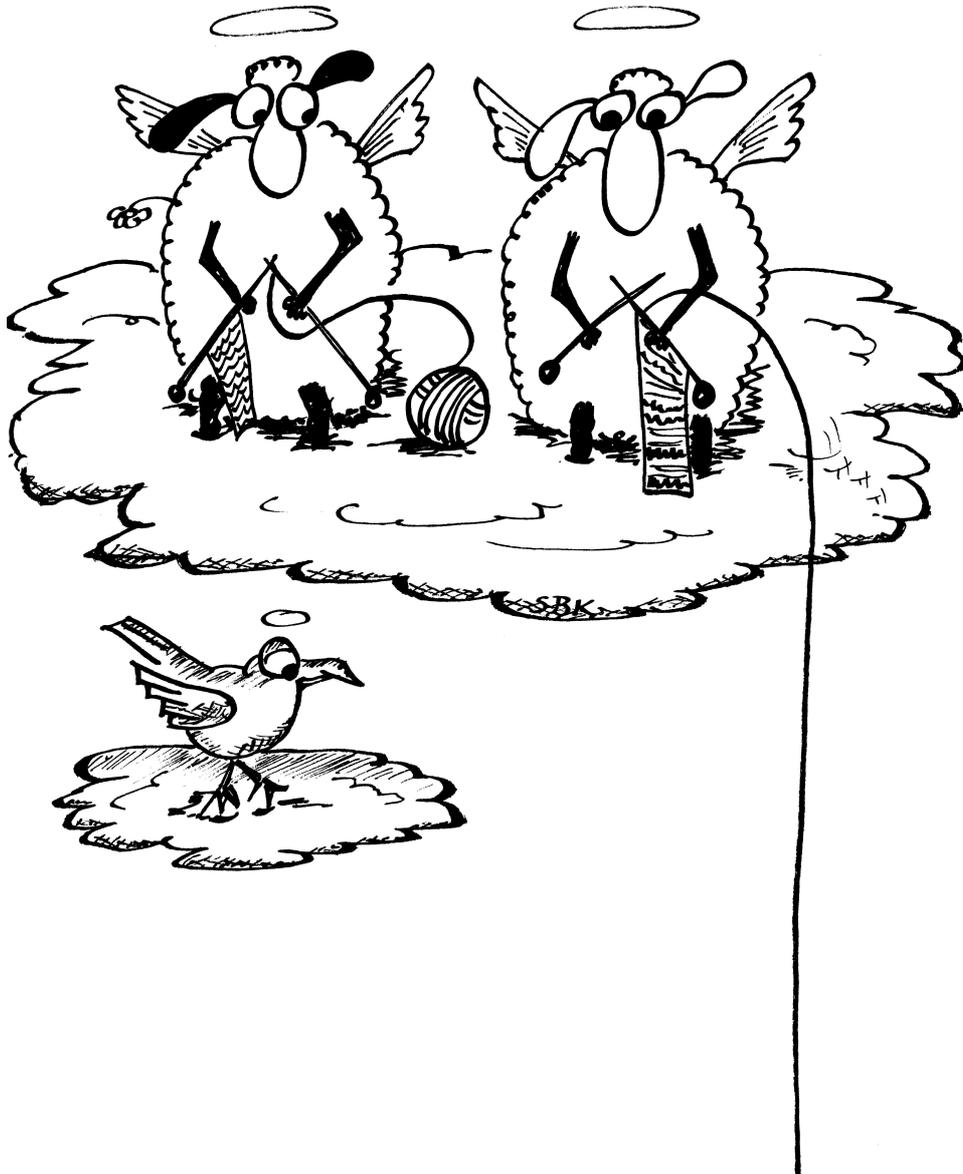
**** Please note booking in advance is essential due to limited numbers ****

www.bgateway.com

SEAN SAYS “THANKYOU”

Sean would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make his 18th birthday party such a good night. Thanks to everyone who helped make everything ready, who kept folk, who helped Mum with the food, the Kirkjuvagr ceilidh band for a fantastic night of music, the three excellent pipers, everyone who came along and gave so generously. The final collection for CLIC sargent (caring for children and young people with cancer) came to £282.

Thank you very much!



“What a bummer!”

VICTOR THE CRAB

By Christine Richings.

The limpets played happily under their seaweed blankets, they never went far from their homes unless they were up to mischief. They had been told not to go near one of the rocks. It had a natural hole in it made over the years by the sea washing in and out and this was the home of a large crab called Victor who was very cunning and had known over the years not to be tempted by tasty morsels put into creels by local fishermen to try to catch him for their tea. He did not go out much and would dig deep into the sand, sifting through it he would also catch any unsuspecting fish that entered his home. If any one came to call he would snap his great claws at them telling them to go away he did not like visitors.

It was a sunny morning and the little limpets were feeling adventurous. They got together and as the tide was out decided to pay him a visit. They would take it in turns to sneak in without waking him and see how close they could get, a trick that could land them in a lot of trouble. The first limpet did not go far in and was pleased to be out not even catching a glimpse of him, the second limpet went in far enough to see the shape of a claw glistening in the faint light that was inside the crabs home, the third limpet not caring at all went right up to Victor. He thought he was fast asleep but noticed one beady eye watching him the other eye was closed. A bubble came from Victors mouth but he did not move, something must be wrong. In a squeaky limpet voice he asked if everything was alright.

“Well, no” came the reply. Then he sobbed “I have a bad eye and can not see to catch my food. I am feeling very hungry and would advise you not to come too near but I would be pleased if you could get me some help”.

“Do you know what is up with your eye?” the limpet asked.

“I seem to have something in it” the crab replied.

“I would be quite happy to look myself as long as you promise not to snap” the limpet replied.

Victor thought a moment, he did not like to accept help from a limpet one so small as well but he reluctantly agreed. He promised to keep his claws tightly closed as the limpet would need to stand on these to look into his eye. It did not take long for the limpet to see the cause of the discomfort; a large particle of grit had lodged in the corner of Victors eye, it would be very painful. The limpet pulled off a piece of flat, soft, bright green seaweed and wiped it gently across the eye removing the grit.

Victor shouted, his claws snapped and the limpet was thrown straight out of the hole in the rock and landed upside down with a bump. Before he could say a word the other limpets, frightened by what they had seen ran, home not stopping to ask what had happened; and even if they had I doubt they would have believed their friends tale.

TIMES UP!

By Ellie from Newfield

With evolution gaining pace
Do you think the day will come
When all the female species
Have a zip across their tum?
With a timer would be handy,
Of course precision set,
To ring and let us know
It's done, lest we forget.
In these modern times they scan
Technology leads again.
But with a handy zipper
You could peek just now and then.
How invaluable it would be
For me who lambs the sheep,
I could just unzip a bit
And have a little peep.
And it would benefit the sheep,
Let them know the score,
Save them from the shock
When four lambs land on the floor.
And I would not get wet
On the stormy days I dread;
For when they're almost done
I'd keep them back in the shed.
And with a modern timer
I'd be there, right on the bell.
And the zip would come in handy
If all was not going well.

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DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON

NUMBER 25

The Scrounger

Lend's a teabag, lend's a fag, lend's a couple of quid.
Our neighbour's always cadging stuff and even sends his kid.
Day in day out he's on the scrounge to lend him this or that.
He's never off our doorstep, he's worse than any cat.
Any sugar, any coal, a match, a nail, some soap.
He must have seen me coming and takes me for a dope.
I really think if we had the plague, with a warning cross on the door,
Our neighbour still would come around to try and borrow more.
I hadn't the heart to chase him, so it went on every day,
Until we got the lottery up and quickly moved away

NUMBER 26 (NOT DAFT)

A man content

Blessed with looks I'm certainly not, financial wealth has passed me by
Yet who's the richest man on earth? Tis I

It's not hard to claim this so, for many things have gone my way
I have reason to be thankful, every day

Although I'm old, my body is firm, I only suffer minor wear
So that apart, where health's concerned, I've had my share

As for the ups and downs in life, I certainly feel I came out best
And comparing my life with most on earth, I'm blessed

Yet with all this I could have wanted, had I not found the perfect mate
My wife is also my best friend, it's great

So who's the richest man on earth, blessed with things that gold can't buy?
I'm sure that I can safely say, tis I, tis I, tis I.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NANA PEACE
WHO WAS 90 ON SUNDAY 25 JULY

Love from all the family in Orkney, Shetland, Aberdeen, Glasgow
and “a ship somewhere off South Africa”

GARAGE SALE AT STRYNIE

Sunday 1st August

1pm to 4pm

Marble Topped Wash Stand



Good renovation project
Offers?

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Up to 25 words - £1.50. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

INSTANT PHOTOS

Passport, visa, travel pass, driving licence,
gun licence, etc.

Personalised birthday, Christmas & get well
cards with your own special message or
photograph.

Business/Invitation cards.

You name it! Tell me what you want & I'll
supply it.

Call Bill Miller on 616420

STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

The shop is open every day except Monday.
I often get asked for quality items that are
"Made in Stronsay" for example:

wooden items or carvings, jewellery, pol-
ished stones, gift boxes, pottery.

In the last financial year £1,500 was made
by crafty people. So if you can make it I
shall do my best to sell it.

Call in or ring me on 616434.

Thanks, Julia.

www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk

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Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;
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cal shops, Post Office, Hotel, B&B's and
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Available now

Perennial plants

Seasonal vegetables

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Phone 07793621669

Day		
Monday	12-2	5-7
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	12-2	5-7
Thursday	12-2	5-7
Friday	12-2	5-7
Saturday	12-2	5-7
Sunday	Sunday Roast (Bookings ONLY) 12-2	5-7

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

GREEN ISLAND WEEKEND

3-5 SEPTEMBER

Events include:

- Visit to Stronsay school by Eco drama
- Isle of Egg play performed by Eco drama in Community Hall
- 2 days of recycling and craft workshops in the Community Hall

The workshops which will suit both young and old. (And those in between....) It is a good time to start saving materials that you normally may be throwing away that can be used for the workshops. Start keeping things like plastic bags, hessian sacks, rags (cut into strips 1" wide), string, wool, margarine tubs, newspapers, tissue paper, cereals boxes and glossy magazines. Any natural materials like dried grasses, pebbles and dried flowers will also be useful.

Further information will be available nearer the time.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

The CAB will be visiting Stronsay and holding sessions in the Fishmart from 1pm to 4:30pm on the following dates

Wed 11th Aug

Wed 8th Sept

Wed 13th Oct

Wed 10th Nov

Wed 6th Dec

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

Ages 10 or over only

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

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

Next visit - **Tuesday 17 August**

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

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

Kirkwall library online book catalogue - <http://212.219.208.10/TalisPrism>

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Special event coming up? Why not hire the disco equipment with rotating glitter globe and pulsating coloured lights for only £5 plus room and hydro charge? A DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Also available for hire: badminton, table tennis and snooker all at £2 per hour plus hydro. All equipment provided.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.

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Saturday 09:00—14:00

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Sunday service at the Kirk 11 am

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Next Special Collection 17 Sep, 26 Nov & 04 Feb 2011

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Nurses 616225	Balfour hospital 01856 888000
Registrar 616239	Hydro 0800 300 999
Hall bookings 616446	Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Post Office 616217	Kirkwall Police 01856 872241
Companions 616261	Vets:
Kirk 616311	Flett & Carmichael . . . 01856 872859
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Olivebank 616255	Great Western Rd 01856 879683
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