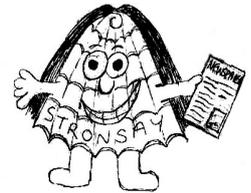


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CHRISTMAS 2010—OPENING HOURS

Stronsay surgery: Closed Sat, Sun, Mon & Tue (25-28 Dec)

Closed Sat, Sun, Mon & Tue (1-4 Jan)

In case of emergencies phone 616321 at any time

Stronsay Arts & Crafts shop: closed from Friday 24 Dec, re-open Wednesday 5 January

Other Stronsay businesses

Date	Post Office	Ebenezer	Hotel	Olivebank
Fri 24 Dec	8:30am—12pm	7:30am—7:30pm	Normal	8:30am—7pm
Sat 25 Dec	Closed	Closed	12pm—4pm	Closed
Sun 26 Dec	Closed	10am—12pm	Closed	Closed
Mon 27 Dec	Closed	9am—6pm	Normal	Closed
Tue 28 Dec	Closed	9am—6pm	Normal	8am—2pm
Wed 29 Dec	8:30am—12pm	9am—6pm	Normal	8:30am—6:30pm
Thu 30 Dec	8:30am—12pm 1pm—3pm	7:30am—7:30pm	Normal	8:30am—6:30pm
Fri 31 Dec	8:30am—12pm	7:30am—7:30pm	Normal	8:30am—6:30pm
Sat 1 Jan	Closed	10am—12pm	Closed	Closed
Sun 2 Jan	Closed	9am—6pm	Normal	Closed
Mon 3 Jan	Closed	Normal	Normal	Closed
Tue 4 Jan	Closed	Normal	Normal	Closed

HOGMANAY IS COMING!

The December edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thursday 30 December. It will be the last edition of the *Limpet* before Hogmanay and therefore your last chance to advertise your Hogmanay event(s); remember that advertising for local organisations and charity events is FREE! The cut-off date for items to be included in December's *Limpet* is Saturday 25 December. Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page.

The next edition of The *Limpet* will be published on Thu 30 Dec Nov. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Sat 25 Dec. Contact details on back page

BONFIRE NIGHT CELEBRATIONS

There was an excellent turnout at Stronsay community associations recent annual bonfire night celebrations. As ever the children had done us proud with a fabulous selection of “guys”. A great display of fireworks (thanks go to the Community Council) was followed by the usual tasty supper of mince, haggis and clapsnot. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the evening a success.

Sheena



SILVER DARLINGS—LAUNCH OF “REELIN’ ‘EM IN”

Stronsay's Silver Darlings would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who came along to the launch of the 2nd CD "Reelin' 'em in" on Sunday 14th November. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the group in any way. We couldn't have done it without the fantastic support from the Stronsay community and other friends further afield! An especially big "thank you" to everyone who attended the Kirkwall launch, there was standing room only!



ART PROJECT UPDATE

On October 30th, Jim Cooper came to one of our sessions to teach us a little about harvest time on Stronsay, and how it used to be done. Taking us back to prehistoric times, he took us on a fascinating journey of how agriculture first began as literally the seed of an idea, when we were still living as hunter gatherers, right up to the 1960's and 70's with the invention of tractors and binders.

Jim taught us much about the changes in farming over the years, not only technological inventions in machinery (such as the reaping machine in 1831), but significant changes in land distribution in the 1890's which enabled many more people to farm independently in small crofts on the island. He showed us how the harvest was actually gathered; the teamwork of scything, reaping, tying and stoking.

Jim brought a tilting rake (which was used to pull the grain onto the reaper) and a scythe, and demonstrated how they were used. He also brought some ripened barley, and showed us how to make and tie the sheaves – not as easy as he made it look! The young folk (and a few adults, including me) were not confident about having a go, but a few came forward, and with their persistence and Jim's patience they finally learned the knack of it.

It was a lovely session; really interesting and something different for us to think about. It really captured the imaginations of everyone there, and it showed in the art work produced immediately after the talk. Thank you very much for your time and trouble Jim, it is much appreciated.

(Apologies in advance for any mistakes made – they will be mine and mine alone)

Jenny



Tilting rake



Sheaf making

LAST ECO CLUB SESSION OF THE SEASON **WITH “AUTUMNWATCH”**

As a final before the Eco Club is now taking a break during the dark winter months the children were in the fortunate position to be able to meet with the wildlife film maker Gordon Buchanan and the rest of the crew from BBC in their temporary studio in the Fishmart. They got to learn about all aspects of the Grey seal, look at the equipment used for filming and have an exclusive preview of the footage due to be shown on BBC Autumnwatch the following night.

All the children showed great interest in all aspects of the visit. It's not every day they get a chance to spend time with a film crew and this time a wildlife one to boot.

See picture (below) of the group with Gordon Buchanan and some of the live web-cam crew.



OLIVER

On behalf of all at Stronsay School, I would like to thank everyone who attended our production of Oliver. About 160 people saw the show and we are delighted that everyone enjoyed it. The pupils will be writing a full report and preparing a display of pictures to show everyone at the Book Fayre on the 29th November and also putting together a CD of pictures from the production. We are hoping to update our website and put some photos there. (If there is anyone who could help us with this we would be delighted to hear from you!)

A special thanks must go to Bruce Fletcher – our show really would not have happened without him.

We have also appreciated the support from Chris Giles – OIC Drama Teacher and Wayne Duncan our music teacher who both relocated to Stronsay for the production.

Our thanks to:-

- the Community Hall and Colin – we are lucky to have such a facility for the school to use
- to everyone who helped with the setting up of the hall staging, lighting, chairs etc
- to the Parent Council for organising the raffle and for the donations received (we hadn't asked for any and really appreciated the ones which were offered)
- to Sanday School for the use of the additional staging
- to Gillian Deerness for all her help with costumes
- and to anyone else who helped in anyway

My personal thanks go to all the staff and pupils who have been working on the production since last June. As I write this on Saturday morning, I know that there will be many tired people today but hopefully all feeling good about what they have achieved. I am really privileged to be able to work in Stronsay School and am very proud that everyone has played a role in making our production a success – so well done and a massive thank you!

Susan Robertson



GEORGE SIDNEY WEAVER

14 SEPTEMBER 1935 - 3 OCTOBER 2010



George Sidney Weaver, the eldest child of George & Gert Weaver, was born on 14 September 1935 in Aston, Birmingham. He is survived by his sister Barbara and brother Raymond. Aston was a rather poor area but the people had a strong sense of community, honesty and respect which George carried with him all his life. From a very early age George had a fascination with things electrical and, when he was just 14, his father sent him to a neighbour's house, which still worked only with gas lights, to install an electric socket for them and earn a bit of money for the household. George had hopes of becoming an electrician but sadly this possibility was ruled out when it was discovered that he was colour blind. However, George had other deep-seated interests and trained instead to become an engineer. During his National Service with the RAF he was stationed in a rural community in Nottingham; this sowed the seeds of his abiding love for nature and the countryside, and fuelled his fascination with Spitfires. During his off-duty hours he worked in a local pub.

He met his future wife, Doreen, through his sister Barbara; the two were good friends who worked together in a warehouse. George and Doreen were married on 14 March 1959 and spent 51 years together. Together they ran two pubs in Birmingham but eventually engineering won out and George returned to this occupation. He worked for Dearson Tools in Birmingham for some thirty years as a specialised toolmaker. During this time his family began to grow to include three children - Steve, Mark and Tina.

George's family remember him as fellow who would have a go at anything DIY, and he tackled some major renovation projects in his time. Being a methodical and precise man, if there was something he didn't know, he would do thorough research, learning what he could from whatever sources he could find and teaching himself new skills - up to the last, grandson Craig would still call on his grandad to help him think through a project and pick the right tools for the job. George held all the conversions from imperial to metric in his head, which could be very handy.

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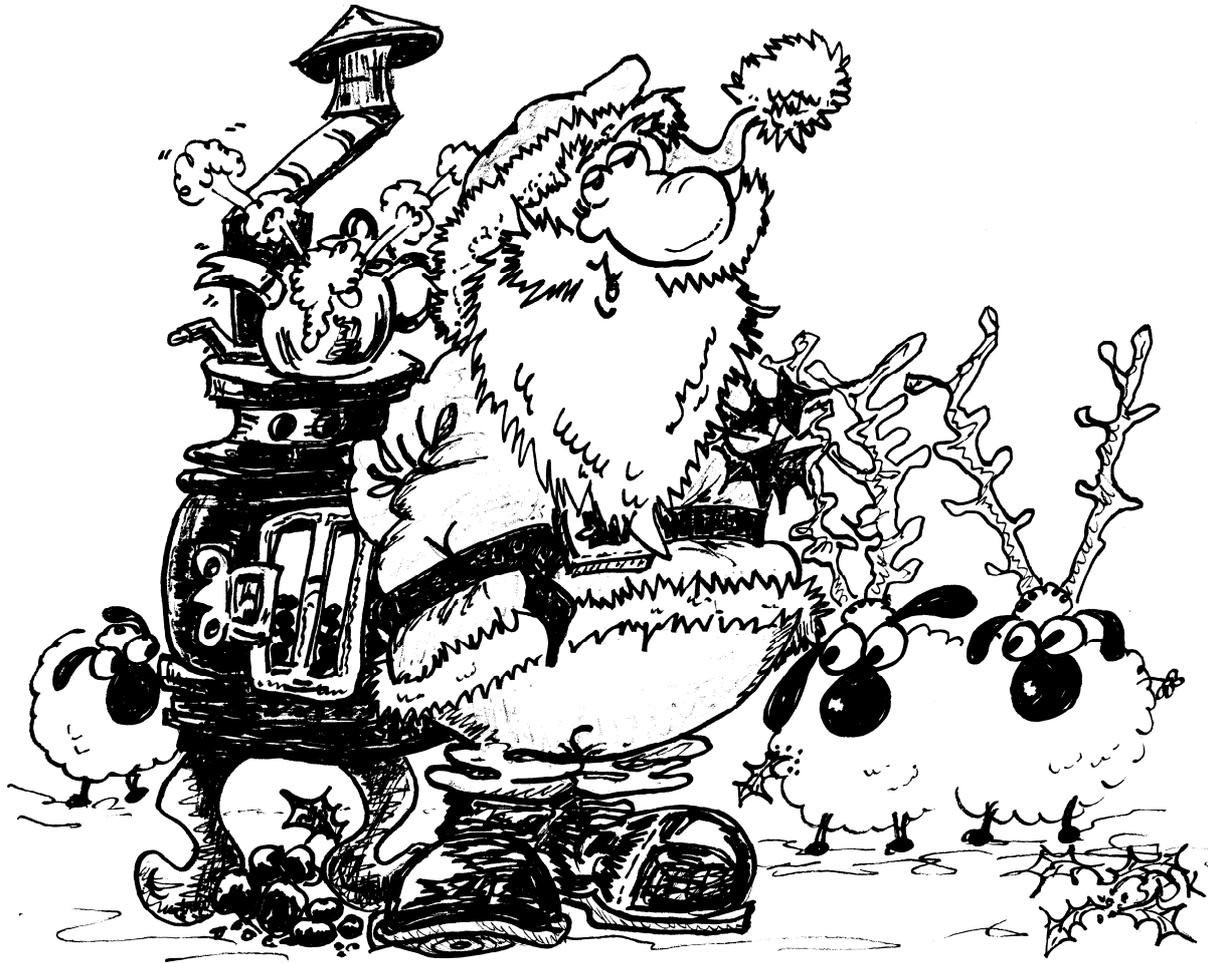
George's children remember long, long walks with him along the many canals in the area, searching out little-known places to explore, marvelling at the birds, butterflies and wild-life. He loved fishing and gardening; being outside; holidaying with Doreen and sister Barbara with her husband Sam. He made frequent trips to Mablethorpe, travelled to the Isle of Wight and even visited Cyprus.

Stephen credits his father's love of the countryside for planting the seeds that eventually led both he and Yvonne to Orkney. When Steve, Yvonne and baby Craig were trying to find a place to buy it was George's research at the public library, bringing home all the books that were to be found about Orkney (all four of them!), that encouraged them to head north. And when they did George helped with the big move, driving up with Steve. He was so impressed with the ferry service (this was before the ro-ro had come to the islands) that he was ready to move up immediately. But he realised that it wasn't quite the time yet for that to happen; he'd need to be patient and wait for retirement. So he and Doreen satisfied their longing to live in the country by spending their holidays in Orkney. Finally the day arrived when they could join Steve and family in Stronsay. They settled in a council house first, just to make sure that this was the place for them to be, and Thursday nights at the hotel with friends playing a bit of pool became a regular event. Because of his early experience tending bar, George found himself regularly helping out Al and Margareth at the hotel.

It was Margareth who came with the news one Thursday, about a year after they had been here, that Roadside was for sale - and by the next day it was theirs. This gave George another opportunity to turn his hand to DIY, assisted by son Steve. Granddaughter Jody has fond memories of this time when the house was in chaos, but grandad took the time to show her how to toast bread on a fork over an open fire. After that the family couldn't eat toast fast enough to keep up with her new culinary hobby. George loved his thirteen grand-children and they will remember his funny sayings that were intended to make them smile - "he was as old as his hair and a little older than his teeth".

George was an avid collector and up to the very last he was over at the Old Manse on the computer looking online for another cigarette card or coin to add to his extensive collection. Of course, he also loved checking on the progress of the renovations going on there. He never lost his joy at being outside, soaking in the warmth of the sun in the greenhouse that Craig had built for him. And he never lost his fascination with Spitfires: although he couldn't manage to go and see them when they recently came to Orkney, he did get a bit of satisfaction in recognising the sound as they flew over the Balfour. Because of the fantastic care that George received from the medical team here, for which the family is extremely grateful, he was able to be at home surrounded by family when he passed peacefully in his sleep, bringing his struggles at last to an end.

The family thank everyone who attended the service, especially Jennifer, Leslie and Walter. The collection raised a grand total of £510 which will be split between CLAN Orkney and Macmillan Orkney. Many thanks to all. A special "thank you" must go to all the doctors and nurses, both here on Stronsay and in Kirkwall. The help and support they gave was very much appreciated at a very sad and stressful time.



**“Stop fretting about the reindeer, we got here first
and anyway he’ll never notice the difference!”**

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY
ABOUT SURGERY TIMES AND APPOINTMENTS

Currently morning appointments are unbooked and evening appointments are booked

- Would you prefer all appointments to be booked [] or open []
- The best time for an appointment is _____
- Everything is fine and suits me well []
- Chance for any comments:

FILL THIS IN, TEAR IT OFF THEN RETURN IT TO THE SURGERY

PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR RESPONSES BY MID DECEMBER AT THE LATEST.

Thank you,
Dr Roger Neville-Smith

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



Christmas Holiday HLC opening

Thursday 23rd Dec 2010—Tuesday 4th January 2011

Thursday 23rd Dec	10-12
Friday 24th Dec	10-12
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
Monday 27th Dec	10-12
Tuesday 28th Dec	10-12
Wednesday 29th Dec	10-12
Thursday 30th Dec	10-12
Friday 31st Dec	10-12
New Years day	CLOSED
Sunday 2nd Jan	CLOSED
Monday 3rd Jan	10-12
Tuesday 4th Jan	10-12

A little bit early we know but we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see all our members and maybe a few new faces in the New Year; after those New Years resolutions?

Don't forget our open day on 27th November.

Any queries ring 616449 during opening hours.

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

OPEN DAY

SAT 27th NOVEMBER 10am- 4pm



Fancy your chances at a fitness challenge?

Think you can beat the rest?

Just how fit are you really?

Stronsay Healthy Living Centre would like to invite you to an open day.

Come and test your strength and fitness and win cash prizes.

This is to be a non-profit making event so the more people taking part the more the prize fund will be!

This is open to everyone over 12 years old.

A fit to participate declaration will need to be signed.

Strength challenge for over 16's only.

Children under 12 welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Free Admission

£1 entry for each individual challenge

Refreshments available

Strength challenge

Rowing Event

Burning Calories Challenge

Know your fit facts quiz

Saver cards on special offer on the day and for the week after event

5% off 10 visit saver cards

10% off 25 visit saver cards

15% off 50 visit saver cards

Hope to see you there

THE ILL-FATED LESLIES OF FAIR ISLE/STRONSAY

By Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay

(Concluded from last month's Limpet)

Dealing now with John Leslie, uncle to the ill-fated William and John, he was born in Fair Isle in 1828, and came to Stronsay with his parents in the early 1830s. In 1850, in Stronsay, he married Isabella Strong Williamson who was born in Fair Isle in 1825. They had six children, two girls and four boys. The oldest two boys were John, known as "Cloakie", and Robert. Dealing firstly with Robert, he was born in the Village of Whitehall, in 1855, and grew up in Stronsay. Naturally, the sea was in his blood, and he eventually joined the Merchant Navy, sailing on Colonial Clippers. In April 1882 he was a member of the crew of the sailing ship "Loch Torridon" which arrived in Hobson's Bay, Australia, to pick up a cargo of wool. However, the plan was altered and she was diverted to Calcutta in India to collect a cargo of jute. She left Calcutta on 22nd August loaded with jute, and when off the Cape of Good Hope on 9th October, she encountered a heavy gale from west north west. Captain Pinder hove her to on the starboard tack under close reefed main topsail, and then wore her round on to the port tack, but with the squalls increasing in force, she lay over, dipping her starboard rail. Captain Pinder decided to bring her back on to the starboard tack, and despite the mate beseeching him not to do this before setting the foresail, he carried out this manoeuvre with the result that when she got off before the wind, she did not have enough way on her and a tremendous sea came crashing over the stern, carrying away the Master, Second Mate, the sail maker, the man at the wheel, and a boy, all being drowned. The man at the wheel was Robert Leslie. He was aged 27 years and unmarried.

The mate was also washed overboard, but his leg got caught in a hitch of the main brace and he was hauled back on board. He took command and eventually sailed the ship home to Plymouth.

In 1993, I was working in South Africa, and visited Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans meet. The old lighthouse which stood 816 feet above sea level was built in 1857, by the Stevenson family who were related to Robert Louis Stevenson, and who incidentally, built the Papa Stronsay lighthouse. About 1.5 miles west of this is the Cape of Good Hope, with a sandy beach on its east side. Even on a nice day, you could tell that strong tides were ripping along the coast. and one can only imagine what it would be like in a sailing ship on a stormy night. The Portuguese liner Lusitania was wrecked here in 1911. I surmised that the Cape of Good Hope got its name from shipwrecked sailors who "hoped" that they could reach the safety of the sandy beach.

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Cape of Good Hope



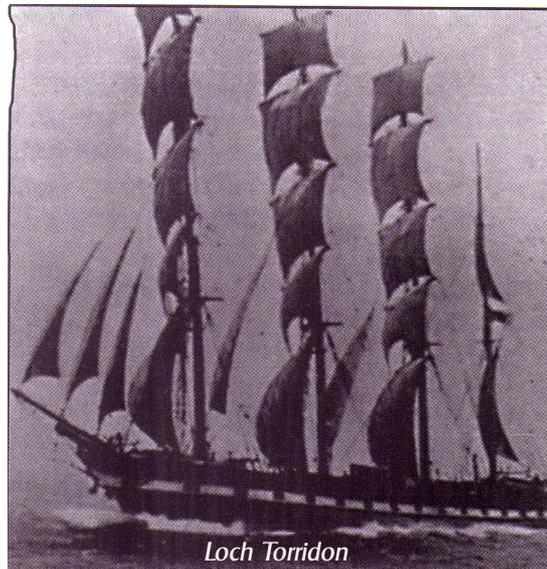
Cape Point Lighthouse



Cape Point



John Leslie 1858 - 1907



Loch Torridon



John Leslie and Tina Croy

John Leslie above was the father of the unfortunate Robert and also of John, known as “Cloakie”.

Cloakie was born in Stronsay in 1853, and was brought up at the Station. Again the sea was in his blood, and he fished from a very early age with a skiff. In fact he had two, built in Fair Isle, and named Cloakie I and Cloakie II, hence his nickname.

In 1879, he married Agnes Williamson and they had two children, but sadly Agnes died in 1884. In 1889 he married Jane Croy, known as Tina, and they had three children, John born in 1890, James born in 1892, and Jane, known as Tina, born in 1894.

Cloakie was a very successful fisherman and had several boats ranging from the 37 ft. smack “Elizabeth” in 1877, the 44 ft “Foam” in 1889, and the 64 ft, 60 ton, “Fearnot” in 1903. She was crewed by six men and a boy.

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By 1905, his two sons John and James were crewing with him on the Fearnot, and both became very capable fishermen. In 1909, their father having retired from the sea, the boys purchased the "Sceptre", a two masted, fully decked Zulu of 78 feet, 59 tons, and crewed by six men and a boy. They were mainly engaged in fishing for herring out of Whitehall Harbour, and this proved to be a very successful and lucrative business. In the season of 1914, they earned £1,000, a lot of money for those days, and they built a family house, Vauxhall, for their parents, next to their father's cousin's house Verdun.

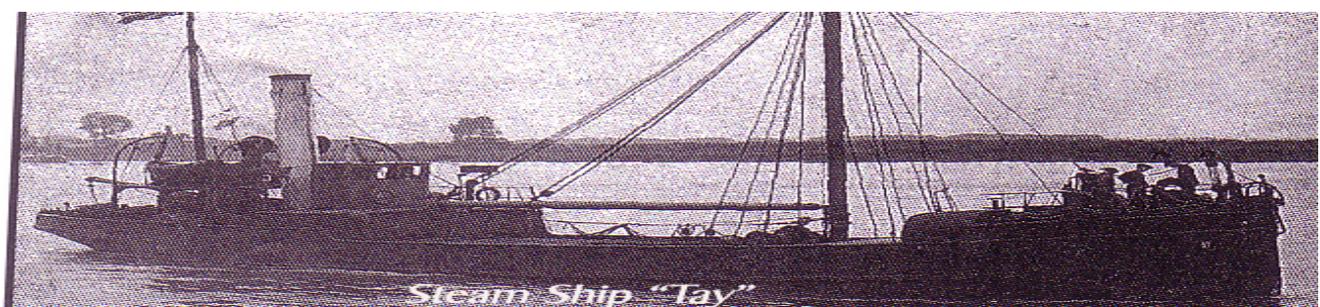
Vauxhall was later re-named Thorfin, and is now called St Cormack, and owned by the Papa Stronsay monks.

At the outbreak of war, the Sceptre was laid up and James was called up to serve in the navy as a Royal Naval Reserve seaman. John was employed bunkering ships in Scapa Flow, and decided that he too should join the Merchant Service. By the end of the war he was master of coastal vessels, and it wasn't long before he managed to get brother James sailing with him as mate.

In December, 1920, they were both sailing on the steam ship "Tay", John as captain, and James as mate, and on 19th December, were berthed in Boulogne. James went ashore to have a look at the fishing boats in the harbour and slipped on ice, causing him to fall over the quay. He landed on grid iron, some 30 feet below, and suffered severe head injuries.

John was unaware of this until the next morning when he was informed that "the mate" had not returned to the ship. He eventually traced James to the local hospital where he found him still unconscious, and was with him when he passed away a short time later. James was buried in Boulogne cemetery. He was 28 years of age.

One month later, on 26th January, 1921, whilst en-route from Alderney in the Channel Islands, to Portsmouth, with a load of granite, the steam ship Tay encountered a severe storm, and John and all his crew went down with their ship. Their lifeboat came ashore empty on the French coast, but no bodies were ever found. John was 30 years of age.



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In the meantime, Cloakie's daughter Tina Leslie had married James Sutherland, a coal merchant from Stromness who owned a coal hulk from which he bunkered the steam drifters fishing out of Stronsay. They moved to Stromness at the end of the 1914 herring season, and James was called up as mate on a minesweeping trawler where he remained until the end of the war. The Sutherlands were a large family of seafarers and did not escape their own personal sea tragedies. Tina and James were blessed with eight children.

Returning now to Lizzie Anne Leslie, youngest daughter of John Leslie, she married James Miller in 1926, and moved into the Glebe. They had two children, Joey and Bobby, but sadly, James died in May 1929, leaving Lizzie Anne with the two children aged 2 years old, and three months old respectively. She then moved back to the Station and stayed with her mother in Ebenezer until the spring of 1938, when she purchased the village shop from Pat Twatt, and renamed it "Ebenezer". It is now known as Ebenezer Stores.

In 1941, she married her late husband's twin brother Robert Miller, who farmed at Hunton. They had one daughter, Leslie born at Ebenezer in 1942. Lizzie Anne continued running the village shop until 1948 when she sold it to John and Pat Dennison, and moved to Park of Hunton where she died in 1988.

Leslie married Norman Peace, son of Nana and Stewart Peace, and they had two children, Anne and Robert. Sadly Norman was drowned off his fishing boat in Pierowall Bay, Westray, in 1984. He was aged 33 years.

Several of Tina Leslie and James Sutherland's sons went to sea, one of them being lost when torpedoed by a Japanese submarine off Australia. The youngest one, Robbie, spent all his school holidays with his grandparents at Vauxhall, and had a great love for Stronsay. He later became a ships captain and wrote two books about his escapades at sea. For many years, he ran the Nautical College in Stromness, and taught many Orcadians the art of navigation and seamanship. He passed away in Balfour Hospital last month aged 86 years. And so, as they say, we come to the end of an era.

Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay.

SEALS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Christine Richings.

Great Grandfather Limpet was chuckling as he told Great Grandmother Limpet the latest Island news. "I am sure that it's correct" he said "as it was one of the gull's that was preening its feathers on our rock home this morning that told me." Apparently whilst he was flying around the Island by what he saw on his travels it appears that the Grey Seals on Stronsay are being filmed giving birth this year.

Grandmother Limpet laughed "Who would want to see such a thing?" she said, "They are just saying that to liven up the Island a bit it's wish full thinking on their part"

"No" said Grandfather Limpet, "I am sure it is true as the description the gull gave me could not be made up. He said he had seen a group of people dressed in dark colours standing quite still and whispering. They stand for hours on end from noon till night in wind rain and hail with a large camera and a big bushy thing on a pole that is held up above a man who has a pair of binoculars and is constantly looking out along the shore and out to sea. Every time he sees a grey seal there is great excitement; at first the Grey Seals stayed out at sea watching from a safe distance but now they just can't wait to get in the spotlight, news has spread and seals are coming from far and wide. They pose on rocks with their young, some wave to the film crew or go for a swim taking their babies with them showing off no doubt. He even told me that he had seen these people dress up in outfits to make themselves look like Seals and were seen going into the sea with them!"

Grandmother Limpet nodded in agreement. "Now that could not be made up, I will skip breakfast this morning" she said, "I must just pop out and see if the mermaids are still combing their hair on the rocks in the bay. It is still early, I might be lucky. I will let them know the news, I might even see if I can get a trip around there with them myself."

BETTER BROADBAND?

After the recent broadband outages it would appear to be a good idea to try improve broadband on Stronsay. "BT Infinity" is one option.

Have a look at <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com> and vote now. Even though the Stronsay exchange is not eligible to win "The Race to Infinity" because it has fewer than 1000 premises, if 75% of Stronsay exchange users register then BT will engage with our community to see what it can do in our area. There are 184 eligible voters on Stronsay therefore if 138 voters vote, we could be looking at speeds of up to 40Mb. So far (Sat 20 Nov) there are just 19 votes.

DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON

(Number 31)

The Wish

Oh how I wish that I had been
born centuries ago when our country was green.
When streams and lakes were crystal clear,
Vast woodlands teemed with herds of deer,
Nothing governed by clock or speed.
When just clan fought clan, not creed fought creed.
For modern man work is a must;
What one must do to earn a crust.
Gone forever the marauding male
hunting wild boar, stag and quail.
Most men I know would feel so free
trapping game for the family.
Venturing out with bow in hand,
taking food from the very land.
It's just not fair this modern age,
all toil and stress to earn a wage.
Then we all buy things we hardly need,
It really is a form of greed.
Just think of all the junk we buy
that can't be taken when we die;
Yet still we go on buying more
and wonder what we are toiling for.
Our lives are wasted day by day
just so that we can earn more pay.
Early man lived on this earth
every minute from his birth.
He never required a motorcar,
A factory, a shop, a coffee bar.
No need for pavements or congested roads
And juggernauts with massive loads.
If only a way was found to span
That time long gone when man was a man.
Hold on a sec!
No anesthetic for surgery or toothache,
Short life span, ancient at forty,
No NHS or state pension, no police protection,
Limited knowledge, limited travel,
No sliced bread, no electricity, computers or TV.
EEK! Back to the drawing board.

THE NORWEGIAN PINE!

By Ellie from Newfield

Of all the trees in the forest
He conveys such a regal air.
Standing tall and with such pride
He's a tree beyond compare.
His many scented branches
Sway or dance with an elegant ease.
The Norwegian Pine, our Christmas tree,
The king of the ever-green trees.
For this tree has a definite purpose
As, with Christmas drawing near,
He know his worth and importance
But supports an element of fear.
Will this Christmas be his last?
Will they slay him with an axe?
So he trembles through his branches
He's now unable to relax.
While he'd welcome being "decked out"
Gladly replace the snow with glitter
Holding pretty bells and angels
And tinsel that makes him titter!
Would he give his life? Oh dear!
They say pride comes before a fall
The Norwegian Pine, once so assertive,
Is now not so sure at all.
Does he shake the snow from his branches
Or does it fall on a shiver of fear?
And as he trembles down to his roots
It's then that the humans appear:-
Oh joy and jubilation!
He's leaving wearing his roots.
It's Christmas time, he'll be dressed up fine;
And by Spring he'll have new shoots!

©Helene Harrison

PRIVATE SALES & WANTS, GREETINGS etc

Breda and Bill would like to wish all Stronsay inhabitants, and all Stronsay exiles, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

A merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all
From John & Madge

Lisa, Jonas, Emilia and Josephine at the Post Office send everybody on Stronsay best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Seasons greetings to all my friends and relations in Stronsay, and also to all Stronsay exiles.
From Nana Peace, 14, Whitehall, Stronsay.

Reg & Pam Kent would like to wish everyone on Stronsay a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year (The money we saved on cards this year is going to the Red Cross)

Bill and Belle wish all our friends a 'Happy Christmas' and a healthy, prosperous 'New Year'.

Season's Greetings and best wishes for 2011 to all from Simone.

Bruce and Maureen (not forgetting Surrey) wish all readers of the Limpet a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year

Al and Margareth wish all the Stronsay Limpets a joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year

Maurice, Sheila & staff wish all their customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Business adverts

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

Private adverts (for sale, wanted, birthday greetings etc)

Up to 25 words - £1.00. 25 word advert with photo - £1.50. 25 to 50 words - £1.50 and so on.

Adverts for the next (December) edition of *The Limpet* must be placed by Saturday 25 December

Contact details for *The Limpet* are on the back page

PRIVATE SALES & WANTS, GREETINGS etc (continued)

THANK YOU

Sean would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who so kindly gave him lots o' bits 'n pieces for his new flat! Thanks very much!

FOR SALE

Nintendo DS lite red case - 100 classic books and a couple of games.
Hardly used. £60 ONO
also
Acoustic guitar, hardly used
£60 ONO
Contact 616225

WANTED

Wooden old-style wardrobe
Contact 616225

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

OLIVEBANK

To avoid disappointment be sure to order your beef, lamb, turkey, pork, chipolatas etc by Monday 20th December.
In the run up to Christmas why not come to Olivebank and see all the offers on grocery, off-sales etc. And don't forget to take part in our Christmas Raffle!
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Business adverts

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LOCAL BUSINESSES (continued)

STRONSAY ARTWORKS

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

Phone Jenny on 616475

STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

Stronsay and Orkney craft products, Fiction and non-fiction books, cards, Gifts, maps, Rowan and North Ron wool stockist.

From 29 Sept the shop will be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
12.00 to 17.30

Tel 616434

www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk

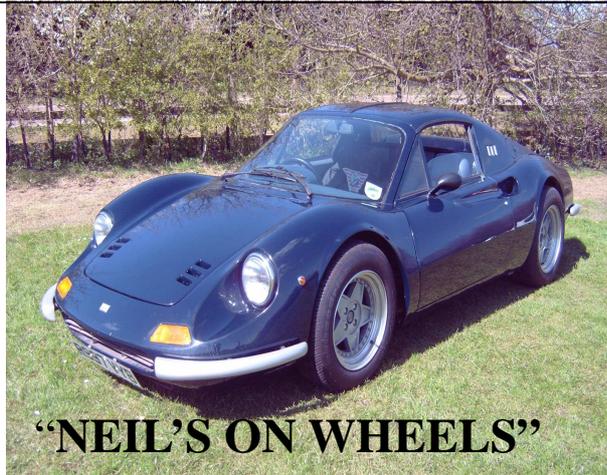
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STRONSAY HOTEL

The Christmas menu will be available from Sat 18 December to Fri 31 December.

Phone 616213

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“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”

All mechanical work undertaken, welding specialist, MOT prep work, home start, towing service, no call out fee.

MOBILE: 07723 304 260 HOME: 01857 616454

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

MONCUR MEMORIAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2010

All are very warmly welcome to attend!

Sunday, 5th December, 7: 30 p.m. in the church

Advent Evening Communion Service, according to the Anglican Rite, shared by David Bowen and Jennifer Graham.

Sunday, 12th December, 7:30 pm, in the church hall

The Annual Carol Service, an informal gathering around candle-lit tables to sing carols and share supper together. A collection towards the purchase of a Christmas gift for the “over-eighties” in the island will be taken.

Sunday, 19th December, 11 am, in the church

Children’s Christmas Service, led by the children, including a nativity play.

Thursday, 23rd December, 2-3:30 pm, in the church hall

A Christmas Party for children (baby-8 years), with food, crafts, games, and a visit from Father Christmas.

Thursday, 23rd December, 6:30-8 pm, in the church hall

Film Night and Party for children 9-16 years, with snacks and a film. Children are encouraged to bring a rug or cushion to sit on.

Friday, 24th December, 11:30 pm-12:15 am, in the church

Christmas Eve Watchnight Service with carol singing and readings by candle light.

Saturday, 25th December, 11 am, in the church hall

Christmas Day Service—an informal gathering for more carol singing and storytelling.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Saturday November 27th** - Open Day at Healthy Living Centre
- **Monday November 29th** - Book Fayre at the School
- **Saturday December 11th** - Stronsay tree lighting at the Community Centre
- **Saturday December 18th** - Stronsay Games Club Santa Float
- **Friday December 31st**- Hogmanay Dance, Community Centre

Further info in local shops nearer the time!

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STRONSAY SWRI

The next Stronsay SWRI meeting will be a "bring & buy" sale in aid of funds on Wednesday 1st December at 7:30pm in the carpet room at the Community Hall. This is an open meeting for women & girls.

STRONSAY SWRI CHRISTMAS PARTY

All children aged 9 years and under are invited to the hall on Wednesday 8th December from 6pm till 8pm. There will be games, food and a visit from Santa.

All children to be accompanied please. There will be a silver collection. See you there!

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

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

Wed 6th Dec

SINGING CLASS

New 10 week session starts in January 2011

Monday at 7pm in the Community Centre

No need to be able to read music, all you need is enthusiasm!

Contact Brian Crowe on 616464 for further details.

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

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit - **Tuesday 07 December**

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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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES (*See front page for Christmas opening times*)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30—12
Tuesday	Closed
Thursday	8:30—12 and 1—3
Saturday	9—12

Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Replacement bin bags.	Telephone OIC (Technical Services) on 01856 873535
Sunday service at the Kirk	11 am (<i>see page 21 for special Christmas services</i>)
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am
Next Special Collection	26 Nov 2010, 04 Feb 2011

Doctor	616321	Castle Bird Reserve	616363
Nurses	616480	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Medical emergency	01856 888000	Hydro	0800 300 999
Registrar	616239	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Hall bookings	616446	Kirkwall Police	01856 872241
Post Office	616217	Vets:	
Companions	616261	Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Kirk	616311	Northvet	01856 873403
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Dentists:	
Fish Mart	07793 621 669	Great Western Rd	01856 879683
Olivebank	616255	King Street	01856 875348
Ebenezer stores	616339		

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12 editions for £10.00 including P&P

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(UK only. Non-UK subscriptions, please ask for a quote)

Contact Bruce, details above

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