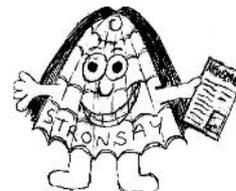


# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL**

### **ORKNEY FERRIES TARIFF REVIEW**

Orkney Islands Council is inviting the community to attend public meetings as part of a review of how internal ferry services are charged for across the county.

A series of public meetings with every isles-based community council will start on October 17 where the Council will ask for feedback on a range of proposed changes including measures to reduce current pricing anomalies.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings and will be able to speak to transport officials from the Council.

A public meeting as part of the consultation on proposals for changes to Orkney Ferries tariff scheme has been arranged on Stronsay for 14 November 2011 at 7pm in the Community Centre, to which all residents are invited - see notice on next page.

For anyone unable to attend a public meeting, the Council will also be undertaking a survey of businesses and households, which will be made available online from <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/T/orkney-ferries-tariff-review.htm> from October 17.

Paper copies of the survey will also be available at all the public meetings, local rural shops, on board ferries and at OIC Customer Services.

For more information including copies of Committee and consultants' reports, survey questionnaires, existing tariffs and pricing models, and dates of the public meetings, go to [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

The consultation period will end of December 16 with a report to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Committee in February 2012.

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### **LIMPET—PRINTED COPIES**

The Limpet is now being printed by the Orcadian. As an economy measure it will be printed in black and white but the online versions at [www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk) will appear in colour. Please take a few minutes to consider this—do you REALLY need a printed copy of the Limpet, given that most folk can download and print it themselves?

If you no longer wish to receive a printed copy of the Limpet just tell the place (Olivebank, Ebenezer or Post Office) from which you normally collect it.

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thu 24 Nov. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Sat 19 Nov. Contact details on back page

**ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL**  
**ORKNEY FERRIES TARIFF REVIEW**  
**STRONSAY**

**You are invited to a public meeting as part of the consultation on proposals for changes to Orkney Ferries tariff scheme**

**MEETING DETAILS**

Date      14 November 2011  
Time      1900 hrs  
Venue     Stronsay Community Hall

How else to get involved in this consultation:

- Written submissions should be sent to:  
    Transportation Services, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall KW15 1NY  
    or emailed to [transport@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:transport@orkney.gov.uk)
- Questionnaire for individuals and businesses to complete are available at the following locations:
  - \* [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)
  - \* One Stop Shop, School Place, Kirkwall
  - \* Stromness Cash Office
  - \* Orkney Ferries Offices in Kirkwall, Houton and Tingwall
  - \* Local shops on each of the isles

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the tariff review can be found at [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

The tariff options have been published on 17 October for a nine week period to 16 December before being reported back to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Committee in February 2012.





**RELIEF PRACTICE ADMINISTRATOR – JOB REF 1011/026**

**STRONSAY SURGERY**

**BAND 3 £15,860 - £18,827**

**PLUS DISTANT ISLANDS ALLOWANCE**

**RELIEF AS REQUIRED**

An opportunity has arisen for an individual to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of Stronsay Practice. This is a key role in the Practice and duties include working at reception, making appointments to see the GP or Nurse and Patient administration.

As the successful candidate you will be required to perform a wide range of administrative tasks with minimum supervision. You will be required to deal with sensitive and confidential information therefore confidentiality is a key element of this role. You will have previous secretarial/administrative experience and a high level of customer service skills with the ability to handle confrontation.

The Administrator will be required to work when the surgeries are being held but will also require to work during hours when the surgery is not open to patients.

For an informal chat contact Katrina Kent, Stronsay Surgery on 01857 616321 or Alistair Moss, CHP Administration Manager on 01856 888022 or [alistair.moss@nhs.net](mailto:alistair.moss@nhs.net)

For an application pack please contact Katie Walker, Human Resources Department, Balfour Hospital, New Scapa Road, Kirkwall KW15 1BH. Telephone 01856 888187 or email [ork-hb.recruitment@nhs.net](mailto:ork-hb.recruitment@nhs.net)

Closing date for applications: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November @ 1pm

Interviews are expected to be held week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November

*This post is subject to a Standard Disclosure Scotland check.*



## **RNLI PRESENTATION**

On 1st October, 2011, Mrs Norma Marwick, Vice Chairman of the RNLI Scottish Council, organised the presentation of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Honorary Awards for 2011, in the home of hosts, Bill & Sue Spence, at Alton House, Berstane Road, Kirkwall, where all present enjoyed their hospitality during the presentation ceremony and during afternoon tea.

The presentation by Dr. Tony Trickett, Lord Lieutenant of Orkney, was in recognition of the hard work and dedication of several members of the Orkney branches of the RNLI, in fundraising activities over many years.

Our own Robbie and Jeanno Rendall, formerly of The Lodge, Stronsay, were presented with a framed certificate to mark their service to the RNLI, Robbie for twenty-four years, ten of them as Vice Chairman, and Jeanno for eleven years on the committee. Although Jeanno did not join the committee until 1999, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes for several years before that, and their move to Kirkwall was a great loss to the Stronsay branch. In presenting them with their certificate, Dr trickett thanked them for all their hard work and dedication.



The photograph taken outside Alton House, shows Robbie and Jeanno seated, with Mrs Norma Marwick and Dr. Trickett standing behind them.

Bill Miller, Stronsay Branch Secretary.

# STRONSAY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



The Stronsay Fire and Rescue Service has again secured some funding to offer free Home Fire Safety Advice visits, the logic being that it is much better to prevent a fire in the first place than to have to come to put one out! We hope by these visits to help raise your awareness of fire safety and to help make your home a safer place in which to live. The visit simply entails an inspection of your house looking for fire hazards (we would only be going where you are happy for us to go!), checking you have enough smoke detectors and that they are correctly sited and giving advice on fire safety and what to do in the event of having a fire. We will also check that your smoke detectors are working correctly and supply and fit new ones free of charge if you need them. This inspection would be carried out by two members of the local Fire Service at your convenience.

If you would like your local Firefighters to carry out a visit or would like more details please contact Ian on 616322, William on 616220 or Harald on 616233 and we will gladly give you more information or arrange a suitable time to come along to see you.

On a slightly different topic, if anyone has an old car they are scrapping now or in the future and would be prepared to allow the Fire and Rescue Service to use it for training before it heads off to Mr Barton's Home for Retired Cars then we would be extremely grateful. Again please contact Ian, William or Harald if you can help.

# **STRONSAY SCHOOL NEWS**

## **DATES FOR NEXT TERM**

Staff back to school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Pupils back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. School starts and finishes at the same time every day as the plane is now on Winter timetable.

End of term Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December (the Christmas Concert will be in the afternoon on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December)

The calendar of events for next term will be sent out the first week back and is always on the school's glow site which can be accessed by pupils and parents. For those pupils who have forgotten their passwords these will be reset when school goes back. We aim to also put key dates in the Limpet.

Family Learning Week – during this week we held the third open evening to discuss learning and teaching with parents and family and the staff would like to thank parents who have attended these evenings. There were also meetings with mainland based secondary staff during the week. We appreciate that this is not possible for everyone and have tried to vary the timing of open events. The next open event will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December and parents/carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child/children's progress. All staff are happy to meet with parents/carers at any time during the term and are asked to contact the school office to arrange this.

Funding – we are currently awaiting feedback from three bids submitted to various sources to allow us to start using the Healthy Living Centre again, to fund Joyce our amazing knitting instructor to keep working with us, to allow the primary pupils to have weaving instruction, to provide dance opportunities both in and out of school and for books for the library. We will be meeting after the holidays to pull together the bid to improve the outdoor area, a few parents are already involved with this and more are welcome just get in touch. Thanks to Tony for his help with the bid for dance funding.

We are always looking for ways to involve the school with the community and if you have any ideas or if you have a skill you would like to share with our pupils please contact us.

S. Robertson

## **PHOTO COMPETITION**

We would like to produce a Stronsay calendar this year using photographs taken by pupils and staff in Stronsay school and any Stronsay resident.

Twelve photos will be selected by two judges to appear in the calendar which will then be sold to raise money for school funds.

We would also like to have a selection of the photos enlarged to display around the school.

Photos can reflect any element of life on Stronsay and should be submitted digitally to the school – [admin.stronsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:admin.stronsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)

The closing date will be Tuesday 15th November 2011.

By submitting photos to this competition photographs are agreeing to allow their photo be printed in the calendar and display in the school if they are selected.

S.Robertson 13th October 2011

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## **'FLU JABS**

Dr Roger Neville-Smith

If anyone missed the two walk in clinics do not worry there are plenty left. Anyone who had one last year, please have another this year.. The groups of people who should have a jab are:

- All over 65 year olds
- Any patient who has diabetes, asthma, COPD, chronic heart failure, chronic liver disease, stroke, chronic kidney disease
- Any patient with a poor immune system because of serious disease, chemotherapy
- Any pregnant women (new group)
- Carers of elderly or disabled people which includes home carers, nurses and doctors

Just call the surgery for a time to attend

## OUR SKYE TRIP

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October Mrs Robertson took me and two other pupils from Stronsay School (Tilly Martin and Natalie Rose) to the 'Crofting Connections' latest event in Skye.



'Crofting Connections' is a unique opportunity for all the schools involved to get together and showcase their community's culture, such as art, history and sport. However this year's event was named 'Voices of the Croft' which meant it mainly focused on different dialects and singing. We would be mainly focusing on promoting our newly published Stronsay folklore book 'Wi'll Be Ower Wi The Moon'. Pupils from Papay, Shapinsay and two girls from KGS joined us.

On the Sunday night we left Stronsay and got a bus from Kirkwall to Stromness. That night we slept on the Hamnovoe. It left early in the morning and by the time we had had breakfast we had arrived in Scrabster. From there it took us six hours by two trains to get to Kyle. We then took a bus over the Skye bridge and to the hostel in Broadford where we would be staying. More pupils from Dounby and North Ronaldsay joined us in Skye. There were also pupils from the Western Isles, Argyll, Lochaber, Highland and Shetland participating in the event.

That night we walked to the local primary school to have tea and had a last run through of our performances for the next day before heading to bed.

We got up early the following morning and took a bus to Sabhal Mor Ostaig where the workshops and first performance would take place. This performance was for the crofters from all over Scotland attending their annual conference. The choices of workshop were art, outdoor poetry, singing and storytelling, we thought they all sounded good but in the end decided to choose art. The workshop was outside drawing the Skye landscape with charcoal. Despite the wind and rain we all enjoyed it and were quite proud of our final pieces.

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After our workshop Orkney and Shetland did a smaller version of the performance that we would be doing with other places from around Scotland that night in Portree for the crofters at Sabhal Mor Ostaig – the Gaelic college which is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands. It went down very well. Natalie spoke to the audience and explained about how Stronsay pupils from S1,2 and 3 had spent many lessons planning, compiling, rewriting, putting into dialect and illustrating our very own book ‘Wi’ll Be Ower Wi The Moon’. I then read an extract from our book and Tilly finished off by singing the Orkney anthem. Many people were interested in our book and we sold 30 copies!

Afterward we got taken to a croft where we were shown how you can live off the land by growing your own food, milking your cows, making your own butter and even soap from cow fat. We all had a go at churning the butter and some of us tried the final product.

We just had time to go back to the hostel to change into our smart clothes before heading to Portree for the big performance. The first half of the performance was by Skye, its surrounding islands and Argyll. Even though it was mainly in Gaelic it was still very interesting and the singing was amazing. The second half was by Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland. We were all very impressed by the amount of varying talent that Scotland had to offer.

On our last day in Skye all the pupils from Orkney walked (in the pouring rain) to the Serpentarium. There were loads of fascinating reptiles there and all the pupils really liked it. We all had a go at holding a snake which for some of us was conquering our fears. We then went to the ‘Bright Water Centre’ and learnt about the local shoreline before making the same journey home again.

We all loved our trip to Skye which is a beautiful island we also enjoyed learning all about different cultures and dialects. The event was fully funded by the Scottish Government, this however is the last guaranteed year that it will happen as new funding must be found. We feel that ‘Crofting Connections’ is a great way to forge links between schools and communities. Hopefully they will find the funding needed meaning some other pupils from Stronsay will have the opportunity to go next year and will be writing an article about their experiences.

By Ocean Miller

## **DAHLICIOUS DAY AT STRONSAY SCHOOL**



The primary department took part in Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's charity event and held a 'dahlicious' day on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The purpose of the day was to dress up as a character from any Roald Dahl book to raise money for seriously ill children. The money would go into a fund to provide specialist nurses, equipment and support.

Before the day the classes read lots of Roald Dahl stories and poems and wrote their own stories and poems.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> most children and their teachers dressed up. Parents were invited in at the end of the afternoon to see the costumes, look at the pictures and listen to some of the stories and poems the children had written.

The amount raised was £26.

Aimee, Elizabeth, Erik, Joe, Joshua and Mikey (P3)

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## **THE FOOTBALL FESTIVAL**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September the Stronsay pupils from P7, S1 and S2 went into Kirkwall to play in the R Clouston plate for football at the picky centre. When Stronsay first played we were playing against Dounby. We played really well but unfortunately we lost but we tried our best. In the second game we played east united A but we didn't play as good as the first one but again we tried our best. Then we realized that the teams that we played were favourites to win and they were both in the final. So after those games we went into the quarter finals. Our third game was against east united C and we especially played excellent in that game. It was a draw up to full time so it went up to extra time then we lost. But everybody have a brilliant day.

By Jack and James

## **OCTOBER BIRD REPORT**

By John Holloway

Another bird new to the island was discovered by visitor Steve Ricks whilst watching a Yellow-browed Warbler in the Airy garden on 26th Sept. - a Coal Tit of the continental form, probably fresh (may not be the right word!) from its flight across the North Sea. (See photo). The bird was refound by Kath and Norman at Dale on 29th but was only present for a short time.

So far, late Autumn has been rather quiet but there have been several rare and uncommon species among those regularly recorded. A Hawfinch was present in The Reserve/Holin Cottage area in early October (see photo) and what was probably the same bird was seen and photographed by Leonore at Hescombe around this time. A Lapland Bunting was found in the road at Airy on 2nd and a lovely red male Crossbill was in the Castle roses on 3rd - probably the same bird as seen by Liz and Jean at Mt Pleasant a day or so later. A Goldfinch was seen on 4th (and one again on 20th) and over the next few days, large numbers of Pink-footed Geese were seen flying south over the island. A few small parties of Whooper Swans were also seen in early October. The first Snow Bunting of the Autumn took up residence at Cliffdale for a couple of days around 9th, where it was photographed perched on the stone dyke by Brian.

Another Yellow-browed Warbler was found at Sunnybank on 14th and an even rarer find in the tiny garden at Cleat Cottage on 16th was a Pallas's Warbler (see photo). This tiny jewel of a bird is smaller than a Goldcrest and until the early eighties there had only been a handful of records in the UK. This year's bird was Stronsay's 6th record. The fifth Yellow-browed Warbler of the Autumn was found by visitors George and Betty Winslow in the sheltered small garden at Hescome on 17th in a very cold spell, and amazingly the bird was still present there on 19th. The second Hawfinch of the Autumn flew out of the roses at Castle on 21st but in spite of much searching could not be refound.

Hen Harriers have been recorded in good numbers (probably at least 5 birds on the island) but there have been few thrushes so far - perhaps more to come in the forecast SE winds from 24th? Fingers crossed!

*(Photographs on next page)*



Coal Tit in the Airy garden (Black and white bird)



Hawfinch outside the Castle kitchen window (Big bill!!)



Pallas's Warbler at Cleat Cottage (Green and yellow bird)

## **HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY**

No. It isn't. Some may remember from a goodly number of years ago a television series called 'Randall and Hopkirk: Deceased.' It concerned a pair of private detectives; hired to do what private investigators are expected to do, and, apart from the minor detail that the latter of the two was in fact dead, were excellently portrayed as alter egos to each other in a hilarious and unconventional double act. The disastrous effect for Randall dealing with a ghostly sidekick whilst in the midst of his ( their ) investigations was extremely entertaining, and provided a welcome relief from what could politely be termed 'mind-numbing rubbish' that was prevalent on the box at that time. (Is there any improvement on the telly these days? Answers on a postcard; or, perhaps, maybe that's not such a good idea).

Anyway. In one particular episode, Randall and Hopkirk ( deceased ) were sent to investigate an underground factory or science laboratory. I can't remember the plot of the story at all, and it isn't relevant to this epistle anyway. What I clearly remember, however, is that in the storyline, the two detectives called at the reception desk of this cavern-like building, to be greeted by the receptionist to a barrage of insults, which ranged from everything from her opinion on their personal appearance, to her impression of their characters as decent human beings. The pair stood dumb-founded, as the stream of vitriol gradually decreased in intensity to mere rudeness, diluting itself to courtesy, before the transformation completed in Jekyll/Hyde fashion into the friendly helpful woman who stood before them; to their bewildered amazement.

'Sorry', she explained to the nonplussed agents. 'They are doing an experiment with an honesty pill, and the effects have only just worn off'.

Now. Taking our small community as a microcosmic sample of the world as it appears, imagine for one whole minute what the results would be if we all gathered together in one place, each person primed with this honesty tablet, and proceeded to let it rip.

Well, did you? Take sixty entire seconds to consider the implications of such an experiment?

Of course you didn't. Approximately one and a half nanoseconds, maybe less, would have been sufficient time for anyone to draw to the only conclusion you could possibly arrive at.

One thing is certain, there would be plenty to discuss afterwards.

For the few remaining survivors, anyway....

Well, it was nice knowing you, I mean talking to you.

I'm off for now, to check out Ebay. I hear they are doing brisk trade in bullet-proof vests. Might see how their suits of armour are coming on too...

(More opinionations from The Parked Cottage)

PS: I appreciate that the word 'opinionation' does not appear in the old Oxford English. The thing is, I really could care less. It is invented by me, and therefore now a proper word, because I have decided it is.

## DRIVING AMBITION TRIP

Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September saw Stronsay schools s4 pupils travel to Kirkwall on Orkney ferries. A road safety session was held at Papdale halls of residence for Orkneys s4 and 5 pupils. Everyone was split into different coloured groups, the Isles folk were put together and went round five stations including: Northern constabulary, Island and highlands fire brigade, Driving instructor, O.I.C road safety organisation and an ambulance medic.

We first went to the driving instructor, he ensured us that it is certainly not cheap to start driving! He told us how to go about getting a licence, what is involved in driving lessons and how things were changing. We had better start saving now!

The second station was the the Islands and highlands fire brigade, there we saw the extreme cases which they have to deal with, they showed us the equipment they use in accidents such as a 'spreader' an amazing piece of kit which saves lives. We saw different vehicles completely smashed and broken due to careless driving, it gave everyone a reality check. They also enlightened us on the efficiency of their service, they manage to be at the incident within a matter of minutes.

Next was the Northern Constabulary, they told us the legal requirements we need to have when driving, the list seemed endless! From tyres to tinted windows, we learnt a lot from this. They told us of an incident when a boys car got retained when his parents were on holiday, he did not go and claim the car within 14 days and their BMW had been sold. Through this stomachs were rumbling and we then got a bite to eat.

After that we went and spoke to the OIC road safety officer Yvonne Scott and Kara Leslie. They gave us a test on our awareness, by asking us to count how many passes the white team managed to get. After this she asked 'did you see the moon walking bear?' Many shook their head. It made us realise how we can miss things very easily if we're not concentrating.

Last we went to an ambulance medic called Karen. We learnt how to deal with an accident on the road and how to communicate with the emergency services and the casualty. She demonstrated breathing difficulties and the impact on cars crashing together by the laws of physics which she gladly showed off as no one there took physics as a standard grade.

All the groups then vacated to the dining hall and evaluated our day. Each pupil was given a free goodie bag, a torch, a sharpener and some leaflets on starting driving. We enjoyed our day and learnt a lot. It gave us a better idea on driving and a lot to think about for the future.

See you on the roads in two years!

Stronsay Junior High s4 pupils.

## **JENNIFER & ROBIN'S FAREWELL SOCIAL**

As you will probably all know by now Rev Jennifer Graham, our Minister of almost seven years, has demitted the charge of Eday linked with Stronsay as from 30<sup>th</sup> September. A farewell social for Jennifer and her husband Robin was held in the Church Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> September when Ian Cooper welcomed the many friends to the occasion before speaking of how much their time on Stronsay had been appreciated by those in the congregation and by many in the wider community. He commented on Jennifer's quiet and efficient style of Ministry and how there were never any airs or graces – what you saw was what you got, in the nicest possible way! It was also very pleasing that Jennifer and Robin had decided to have a traditional Orkney wedding, getting married in the Church here in Stronsay. He extended the best wishes of all to them for their future life together near Berwick before asking Cameron Singh-Johnstone to present them with a traditional Orkney stool with a plaque inscribed:

“To Jennifer and Robin from the people of Stronsay  
in celebration of your time and Ministry amongst us  
30-09-2011”

Following this, Margaret Fiddler presented them with a book token and a voucher for use on Amazon.com. Jennifer then thanked the folk of Stronsay for these gifts before speaking of how much she had enjoyed her time on Stronsay and how she felt her time and experiences here had helped shape her life and would continue to influence her in years to come. Robin then added his own thanks to those of Jennifer.

At this point Jennifer completed her last official duty by asking the Blessing before everyone tackled the heavily laden tables of food with gusto! During the course of the evening, everyone had the opportunity to reminisce, say their goodbyes and add a personal message or greeting on a 2012 Orkney calendar which we hope will serve Jennifer and Robin as a year-long reminder of Stronsay and their friends here.

Jennifer and Robin's new address is:

18 Wheatriggs Avenue, Millfield, Wooler, Northumberland NE71 6HU

Until such time as we get another full-time Minister Mr Martin Prentice from Stromness has been appointed as “Interim Moderator” (this simply means the person in charge until we get a new Minister) and will be visiting the Island when and as required. We wish him well in his new post and look forward to getting to know him and his wife Alison.

Photographs of the event are on the next page



## **FREE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME NOVEMBER 2011**

Workshops being run by HM Revenue & Customs in partnership with Business Gateway. Venue for all workshops is Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Workshop title</b>
1st Nov	Tues	10am—4pm	Newly Self Employed - How to register and pay tax & NI, record keeping & business expenses
2nd Nov	Wed	10am—4pm	Newly Self Employed - How to register and pay tax & NI, record keeping & business expenses
3rd Nov	Thurs	10am—12.30pm	Becoming an Employer - overview of main payroll responsibilities and obligations
3rd Nov	Thurs	1.30pm—3.30pm	What's new for Employers - changes to legislation in payroll from April 2011
15th & 16th Nov	Tues/Wed	10am—4pm	New Business Start Up

For Further details or to book a place please contact Kirsten on 01856 886666; by email [business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk); or visit the office at 14 Queen Street, Kirkwall, KW15 1JE.

**PLEASE NOTE: Booking in advance is ESSENTIAL due to limited numbers.**

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## **THE CURLY DODDIES OF STRONSAY**

By WJ Laughton

There are two colours of curly doddies, or clover to give them their proper name, white and red. The white ones I preferred as they gave such a lovely scent on a warm, sunny day. The red ones had little or no scent. One sunny day out in Sanday I came across a waste piece of land and it was absolutely covered with white clovers and the scent off these was absolutely beautiful, a memory never to be forgotten.

When the Laughton family lived in the bowmans houses called White Fields the Laughton boys and girls would cross over the fields to get to the South School to be taught by the teacher Miss Fotheringhame, a very good teacher she was too. Anyway, to get to the school we would have to cross various fields, the last one was called Green-wall. This one had a very high wall, probably about 8 feet with protruding stones for the climbers to use to climb the wall. This wall was very close to the school where we got taught our lessons. Once the top of the day came it was time for a meal, a pack lunch and we would go out to the playground and enjoy our food there. One day which was a lovely sunny day with clear blue skies there was a skylark singing its head off and we would listen to its singing which was so beautiful.

In those fields were cattle and we would avoid those as much as possible. In other fields were Heelanders and Galloways, the first were orange coloured and had huge, wide horns. The story goes that a certain woman called Hannah Peace was in a field where the Heelanders were and got knocked down and gored by one of them and was killed as a result. This of course filled us kids with dread and we would avoid these at all costs. These cattle were brought up from the south for fattening and then shipped south to the markets for sale. In those days there were no trucks to transport the livestock so the only way to get them doonby (as the Whitehall Village was called) was to drive them down in bulk with two men leading the way armed with sticks to make sure the cattle did not stray from the main road. It was a slow process as there were hundreds of them to be shipped, by batches of course.

The owner of the farm of Holland was a crippled man called Henry Maxwell and he would use a horse and gig to visit his farm of Housebay, the road to that farm going past Whitefields. He would get out of his gig with much difficulty, open and close the gate at the field called Leeshan - a huge, flat field it was. I thought I would help Henry and would keep an eye open for him. When he came I would run out, open and close the gate after he got through. He would throw me a coin, probably a penny, and I would pounce on it with great glee. The first thing I would do with it would be to buy a penny Cadbury chocolate bar from one of the vans that called regularly to Holland. I enjoyed my Cadbury bar all right!

*(continued next month)*

# STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



## Opening Times Up to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011

<b>Monday</b>	10.30 – 12.00	4-5.30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Buddy	4-5.30
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.30-12.00	4-5.30
<b>Thursday</b>	Buddy	6.30 – 8.00
<b>Friday</b>	10.30-12.00	4-5.30
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed	2-3.30
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Closed

Buddy system operates Monday to Friday from 8am – last session of day,  
Please enquire for further details.

Remember GYM 'N' SWIM still runs Thursday evenings. Cost for both activities is £4  
and just £3 for concessions!

TEL:616449

## **In lieu of perfection**

By Ellie from Newfield

I wonder, would it be possible  
To design the perfect man?  
With today's technology  
I'm pretty sure that you can.  
He'd have to "tick all the boxes"  
And never break a sweat,  
Put the toilet seat back down  
Being programmed not to forget.  
Great for the long-suffering mothers  
Removing the stress it entails  
While daughters sift out "Mr Right"  
From endless unsuitable males.  
How wonderful it would be  
To fashion her perfect man.  
No more broken relationships,  
You'd just present him—in a can.  
Think of all the aggro  
You'd be saved with this procedure,  
Designed to specific requirements.  
No telling where it could lead ya.  
In the case of possible malfunction  
(i.e., he's not doing as he's told)  
You'd simply press a button  
And he'd go immediately "on hold".  
Return then to the drawing board  
For an update on your model.  
Perfection at your fingertips.  
I can see it would be a doddle.  
And you'd have "peace of mine"  
And even time to spare  
For at the heart of these designs  
Would be women's best welfare.  
Well now, the virtual Adonis  
With a dish-towel at the ready  
And I can hear you women  
Saying "Steady, girl! Now, steady!"  
For a man that's "designer perfect"  
Just really wouldn't do -  
For what then would we moan about  
If the seats always down on the loo?

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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**

#### **CLIFTON**

Winter opening hours started week  
commencing 26 September

Opening hours will be:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
12.00 to 5.30

Tel. Julia 616434

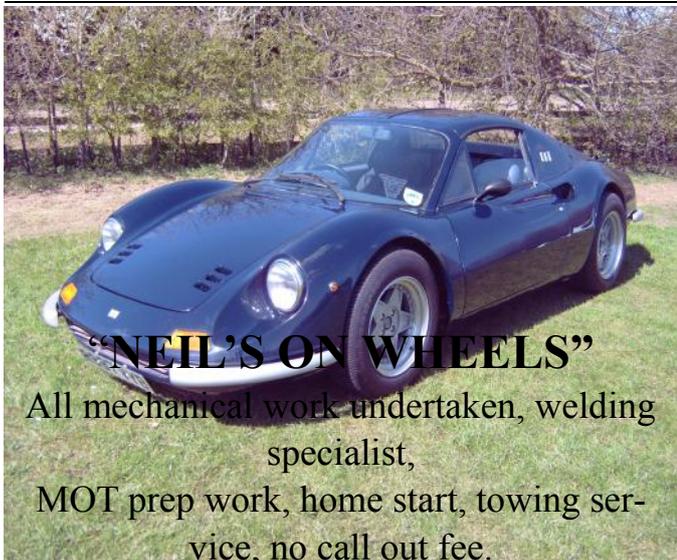
*www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk*

e mail: *Julia.crocker@btinternet.com*

### **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*



#### **“NEIL'S ON WHEELS”**

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

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

#### **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.

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

### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

#### **AN APPEAL FROM THE POOL COMMITTEE**

The Pool needs to raise some money. Fortunately we've been offered the funds raised at "The Blue Door" in Kirkwall for the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. All we have to do is send in items for inclusion in the shop. So, have a clear out before (or after) Christmas and help raise funds to keep the Pool open.

We will be storing items at Knugdale (opposite the Post Office) so if you have any items please ring Sarah on 616406.

Thanks in advance, Yvonne and the Pool Committee.

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### **[FREE HELP FOR DEPRESSION](http://www.onlinehelpfordepression.org.uk/)**

**<http://www.onlinehelpfordepression.org.uk/>**

NHS recommended sites

Free and easy to use

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER**

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am

Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm

Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2\\_timetable.htm](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm)

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>

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

Check new library opening times

[www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours)

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### **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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### **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**

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
Our Lady's chapel, pier head . . . . .	Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am
Next Special Collection . . . . .	25 November 2011, 3 February 2012

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Doctor . . . . .	616321	Castle Bird Reserve . . . . .	616363
Nurses . . . . .	616480	Balfour hospital . . . . .	01856 888000
Medical emergency . . . . .	01856 888000	Hydro . . . . .	0800 300 999
Registrar . . . . .	616239	All water enquiries . . . . .	0845 601 8855
Hall bookings . . . . .	616446	Kirkwall Library . . . . .	01856 873166
Post Office . . . . .	616278	Kirkwall Police . . . . .	01856 872241
Companions . . . . .	616261	Vets:	
Kirk . . . . .	616311	Flett & Carmichael . . . . .	01856 872859
Stronsay Hotel . . . . .	616213	Northvet . . . . .	01856 873403
Fish Mart Hostel . . . . .	616339	Dentists:	
Olivebank . . . . .	616255	Great Western Rd . . . . .	01856 879683
Ebenezer stores . . . . .	616339	King Street . . . . .	01856 875348

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Golgotha Monastery: phone 616210, email [contact@the-sons.org](mailto:contact@the-sons.org)

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET***

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12 editions for £15.00 including P&P

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