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The December edition of the *Limpet* will be published a **week early** on Thursday 20 December. The deadline for items to be included in that edition is 7pm on Wednesday 12 December..

STRONSAY'S COMMUNITY FUND IS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Stronsay Development Trust is pleased to announce that we shall soon be receiving our first funds from the wind turbine project. The money is to be deposited in its own, interest bearing, account with the Co-op Bank called Community Directplus.

The wind turbine has not been up and running for the whole of the trading subsidiary's last financial year, Sept 2011 – August 2012 so it is not a complete year of business and we tread cautiously and must await the final figure of gift aid from the external accountant, however we start with **£40,000**.

We are very encouraged by some pre-launch interest in applying for grants; no decisions have been made by the board of directors yet. We hope that eventually everyone will benefit from the fund. Grants awarded will be published in the *Limpet* and on the SDT website.

Community benefit is about providing gain for the community as a whole. It is not simply a question of showing that some benefit may result: to strengthen an application for a grant the benefits should relate to the charity's aims and objectives.

Julia Crocker
Admin and Finance Support Officer
Stronsay Development Trust

(see the advert on page 2)

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY FUND



The Development Trust announces the opening of Stronsay Community Fund with a 2011/2012 financial year gift aid amount of **£40,000 (with an estimated £40,000* to follow)**

Applications can now be made for grants towards any projects that benefit our community.

Expressions of interest welcome, applications welcome

Application forms, policy and guidance can be:

- Found on the website www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/sdt/library.asp
- E-mailed to you, contact julia.crocker@btinternet.com
- Sent by post
- Collected from the Post Office

All correspondence should be addressed to Stronsay Development Trust, Clifton, Whitehall, Stronsay KW17 2AR

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BEING A DIRECTOR OF STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

I am thinking back to how it happened all those months ago. I think it might have been Lisa who asked whether I had ever thought of being a director and would like to attend the next meeting as an observer. I could think of worse things to do, so attended as suggested and, within a few blinks, I was a director and then later the treasurer. Two directors have recently resigned so vacancies are available again and I wanted to write a piece so that readers can hear what I get from the Trust.

Initially I felt at a significant disadvantage because all the other directors had been resident a long time and obviously knew a lot about the history of the various issues and projects. I was impressed that already major achievements were evident, the most visible being the community greenhouse and the turbine, which turns and earns lots of lovely money. The funds that have been gained are from a number of sources including the Big Lottery.

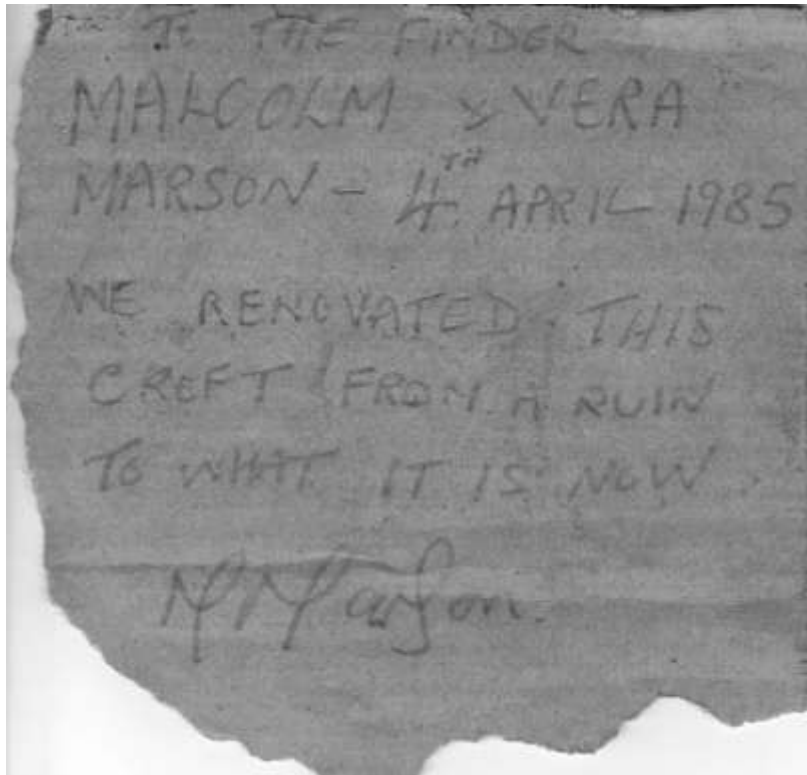
Two previous directors resigned to become staff members to the Trust. They have loads of experience and as paid employees, put in the hours to ensure that the Trust fulfills all the numerous regulations required when using charity monies and progress the various projects. Despite this, the directors are responsible for decisions, including the allocation of grants from the Community Fund. Projects which are in hand are going to make a big and positive difference to Stronsay including the Enterprise Zone and Slipway development.

I want Stronsay to prosper and attract new residents to work and enjoy the island. There are many organisations working for our benefit and being part of one is very satisfying. I am enthusiastic about gardening and am very pleased to be able to benefit directly with my plot in the greenhouse. I enjoy helping at the Eco Club and delighted that the Youth Greenhouse Project has been funded and is already a great success.

So, really, I am selfish and that is my main motivator. If Stronsay thrives, I benefit. I am looking forward to residents being funded to improve life for all of us directly and indirectly. I suggest you come along to a meeting to see if you might like to be a director. Lisa at the post office (SDT secretary) keeps dates of the meetings.

Roger Neville-Smith
17 November 2012

MYSTERIOUS NOTE FOUND DURING BUILDING WORK



Neil Hannant was doing some building work at Yearnasetter when he found a fireplace hidden behind a false wall. This note, written in pencil on a scrap piece of cardboard, was propped up on the fireplace:

The note reads as follows:

*To the finder
Malcolm & Vera Marson 4th April 1985
We renovated this croft from a ruin to what it is now*

Do you remember the Marsons from 27 years ago? Please contact the *Limpet* if you do. It would be nice if they could be traced and told that their message has been found.

TACKLING TAG RUGBY TEAM SCORES RECORD TRIES

Stronsay Junior High School

Luckily the ferry journey to Kirkwall was mostly calm and the Stronsay Junior High School, Upper Primary team arrived at the Picky Centre, 21st September, in good time and good spirits.

Dogmatic Defence

The defence was tight too with everybody trying their best to tackle the opposition. The team held their defensive line firmly so the opposing teams couldn't get past. Joshua in particular could always be relied upon to be waiting to block any opposing team and Aimee saved the day tackling the opposition's fastest and best try scorer metres away from the try line.

When Stronsay had the ball there was plenty of ducking and diving to ensure they kept possession. John's spinning technique was applauded for preventing any unwanted tackles; Jude and Joshua were always on the lookout for gaps in any defence. If all else failed there was plenty of support waiting to receive a perfect pass.

Stronsay to the Rescue

Burray School found themselves short of a full team but Sonya, in an act of selfless sportsmanship, was first to volunteer to help them. Others eventually joined and all agreed what fun they'd had in making new friendships. Indeed, it was this team that beat Stronsay just before lunch so perhaps Stronsay gave away their best players. One match won, one match lost, everyone stopped for a packed lunch.

There was a chance for a photograph of all the children playing at the rugby festival, it seemed like there was 500 children there, all squeezing together.

Then it started to rain but it was still good to play, "Awesome even!" remarked George. Stronsay played two more matches in the soaking wet, slipping and sliding everywhere. After a total of four matches; two victories, one loss and one draw, the team showed great stamina, still running and chasing the ball to the very end.

"It was good to change and get warm again," reported Joe. Then the sun shone again to allow the team to go to the sweet shop – a well deserved treat!

SCHOOL MURAL

Last term we got allocated three tech lessons a week, however we don't take tech as one of our standard grades, so we decided to take on another project. We wanted the project to brighten up our school and make it a more fun environment to learn in. We also wanted to incorporate aspects of art and design into this project.

Having been to other schools we have seen their mural displays and have always wanted to create one of our own. So when Sheena came into one of our art lessons to tell us about a bird mural, that she had seen in Aberdeen hospital, we thought it was an excellent idea for the school and a good project to choose for our tech time.

First we pitched the idea to Mr King who allowed it to go ahead and encouraged us to make a start. We made bird stencils with the help of John Holloway and sketched ideas for a tree that would go at the front entrance. However none of this could go ahead without paint, which was very expensive. We asked for donations of old paint from the community and we soon had a good selection.

We were very nervous to start painting on a school wall but once we had begun our mural started to take shape. First we painted a tree and once it was dry we added leaves and a squirrel-called Stanley. We then used our three different bird stencils to paint blue, green and purple swallow silhouettes all around the main entrance, up to the dinner hall and finishing off at the staffroom doors.

We are very happy with the outcome of our project and it has become even better than we'd hoped for. We couldn't have completed this mural without the help of Sheena-who gave us the idea, Mrs Brown-our art teacher, John Holloway-who helped make our birds look realistic, everyone who donated paint and the staff and pupils of the school who encouraged our idea and gave us helpful advice along the way, especially Mr King, Gaynor, Steve and Linda. Everyone has been very supportive of our idea and if you have a chance to pop by and see it we hope you enjoy it.

By Leah and Ocean



(More photographs on next page)



LATEST BIRD NEWS

Just as it looked as if Autumn migration was petering out - and 'BANG' - the Waxwings arrived! And this year's influx was a particularly good one, with sightings of flocks of up to 20 birds from many parts of the island between 29th October and 15th November. (Early November is the prime time for this winter visitor to arrive in the Northern Isles).

Winds from an easterly quarter in mid-late October brought the usual mixture of Goldcrests, Blackcaps, and Chiffchaffs, and as ever a few uncommon species were seen, the most unexpected being a Blue Tit at Dale - the first Stronsay record since 1998 and only the 6th ever (see photo). A late male Redstart was found on the 21st at the Bu, feeding among the silage - a vital food-source for this insectivorous species - and a brilliant red male Common Crossbill was discovered next day - feeding on the White Beam berries in the Castle garden. Trish at Earnmore enjoyed a pair of Greenfinches feeding in her own garden regularly around this time, and there were a few other sightings of this uncommon species from other parts of the island. A Common Buzzard (in fact very uncommon here) seen near Glanascaul on 23rd was almost certainly the same bird as that seen by David Hudson (Ossen) a day or so earlier on Rothiesholm Head.

And then the Waxwings arrived! The first (two) were seen at Dale early on 29th October and a party of 7-8 were discovered feeding on the rose-hips outside the Post Office later that morning. A similar number were found by Marion at Blink Bonny later the same day, when another two were found by Nigel and Juliet in the Lower Millfield garden. Jeannie saw a small party in Whitehall next day, when Jim and Margaret had a flock of 4 - along with a Goldcrest - at the North School on 30th. The first birds on The Reserve - a party of 3 - arrived the same day, and a real surprise in the same roses was another Blue Tit which Sue had seen very briefly late the previous evening. Leonore had three Waxwings feeding on her rose-hips at Hescombe on 31st when Dennis and Wendy had their first sighting at Linkshouse. Cora had three in her garden in Whitehall on 1st November and by 3rd the flock at Castle had built up to 12 - attracted in by the half-apples impaled on the leafless branches of our small trees (see photo). We began to wonder if this was a good idea around this time as Hen Harriers were beginning to take an interest in the Waxwings and one particular bird spent a great deal of time hunting around the *rosa rugosa* bushes. On several occasions one of the ring-tails perched on a low wall within the garden just a few feet from the house (see photo).

Overnight light SE winds on 3rd- 4th November brought a Mealy Redpoll and Dun-nock to Dale and boosted the flock of Waxwings at Castle to 19. John Chalmers had a small party of the latter in his garden in Whitehall and next day Waxwings were seen at several new sites including Scoulter's and Helmsley. The Waxwings at Castle were joined by a male Blackcap for several days in mid-November when there were one or two elsewhere on the island.

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Thrush numbers have been very low in late Autumn/early Winter this year with no more than a few dozen each of Redwings and Fieldfares present, and there has been only one sighting of Snow Buntings in early Winter - a flock of 25 or so in the barley stubble at Dale - but there was still one more amazing and totally unexpected sighting to come: a juvenile Sea Eagle found by Jim Chalmers near his house at Rosebank on 16th November. The bird stayed long enough for us to obtain a short video and a few stills from long range but it suddenly took off, headed towards Sanday and was last seen perched on a fence-post on the Holm of Huip! There have been a few other records of the species here - one for several weeks around the Meikle Water in Spring 1987; a bird almost certainly of this species seen at exactly the same spot as this year's bird by Peter (Patsy) Chalmers in October 1999, and one seen soaring above the island in September 2007.

There have been numerous sightings of birds of prey recently, mainly Hen Harriers (4-5 different birds, including two grey males); Kestrels (2-3 different birds), and several Peregrines (also 2-3 birds) but very few of Merlin - often the most numerous bird of prey here outside the breeding season. The occasional Sparrowhawk has also been seen - often living up to their name by streaking through the gardens and scattering the local House Sparrows when hunting. Although they do take sparrows, the Sparrowhawk's favourite meal here appears to be - as elsewhere in the UK - Blackbird!

Many thanks once again to all who have phoned in with their own sightings - the 'phone has been particularly 'hot' during the Waxwing invasion!

John & Sue Holloway



'Blue Tit at Dale 19th October (photo by Norman Kent). Subsequent sightings of the species at Castle, Sunnybank, and Northbank may all have been of the same bird.'

(more photographs on next page)



*Two of the Waxwings in the Castle garden.
Is there a more beautiful bird on the British
List?*



*As ever the Waxwings were very tame -
this one tucking-in to an apple on the end
of our hand-held toasting-fork by the
back door*



One of the Hen Harriers just a few feet from the front door at Castle'



*The Sea Eagle at Rosebank - the huge size and very short, broad tail gives this species a
unique profile. Sadly the bird was only present for a short time before flying off north-
wards*

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

It's hard to believe that I've already been half a year at OIC. That's the first 10% of my tenure! In that time, apart from serving on the committees I've been appointed to, I've managed to sort out a few ward issues, attended some community council meetings and (when invited) parent council meetings, and been involved in developing the Council's five-year plan. (Although my Orkney Bank suggestion was rejected by most other councillors for the plan, as you will have seen in "The Orcadian", Cllr Jack Moodie has brought the idea back to the Investments Sub-Committee, so the idea is still alive.)

The next thing we councillors have to come to a collective decision on is how to set the Council's budget for the coming year, and where to implement the cuts imposed on us. As long as Orkney is so reliant on the money we receive from the Scottish Government (which is still less per head of population than what they give to Shetland and the Western Isles), then the outlook is not good. If the people of Orkney are to continue to enjoy the current level of services, OIC can no longer afford to live off "benefits" — it is time the Council went out and looked for work (which brings us neatly back to the Orkney Bank idea).

This last month, I had my first excursion on council business out of Orkney — to the University of the Highlands and Islands Foundation meeting in Inverness. It was encouraging to hear that the students are getting together their first "University Challenge" team. At the moment it will be just the one team, but I did suggest the UHI could enhance its chances of winning by doing what London, Cambridge and Oxford do and sending a team from each of its constituent colleges.

It is good to be able to meet colleagues from other parts of Scotland in the course of one's council duties, and to hear their views on issues. When we hosted our Shetlandic counterparts on the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, I was surprised to learn from them, that, having set up our Constitutional Working Group, OIC is further ahead with considering the implications of Scottish Independence and possible alternative arrangements than SIC is.

I was invited to speak at this year's Sanday Harvest Home. It was heartening to see so many folk turn out for it, particularly as quite a few harvest homes elsewhere in the county have had to be cancelled owing to lack of interest. However, I don't think I'm ready to make a career out of after dinner speaking quite yet.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

TO THE SCOTTISH FISHER QUINES

Written before the First World War and given to Mrs Gracie Donaldson (now living in Kirkwall) by Mary Peace of Burghead whose uncle, Dave Croy (late of Stronsay), had this in his possessions.

Tw'as midnight on a summer day
On far-off Stronsay's lonely isle.
Alas—no summer's sun had cheered
Our labours with its welcome smile

But rain & cold & blustering wind
Had been our portion all the day.
From morn 'til night our girls had toiled,
No time was theirs for rest or play.

At last the weary day was done
And still they plied their labour hard.
But hark; what soud, so strangely sweet
Came floating from the herring yard?

It drew me back though midnight hour
Had sounded from the village clock.
Still at the herring tubs there stood
That splendid band—our fisher folk.

“The Lord's my shepherd” sang the girls,
Their fingers never seem to tire.
“In pastures green He leadeth me”
Their feet were ankle-deep in mire.

“Goodness and mercy, all my life
Shall surely follow me”, they sang
And as I slowly turned away
Still through the night their voices rang.

I could not stay to share their toil
But one short prayer was breathed by me
“That in God's house for evermore
Our lasses dwelling place might be.”

(Some notes about this poem appear on the next page)

SOME NOTES BY MRS GRACIE DONALDSON

The Fisher Quines were a great band o'lasses. They followed the herring from Shetland on to Stronsay, down the Scottish northeast coast and on to Great Yarmouth.

My brother, Jim Cooper, told me that they went on south, along the south coast to Land's End and then north to Ireland. From there, at the right time, they went to Shetland and started all over again.

Quines is a word for "young ladies", still in use today around Aberdeenshire and the Buchan area of Scotland. Maybe around Peterhead and Fraserburgh.

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY ADVICE VISITS



Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue Service has once again secured some funding to put in place a scheme in Stronsay offering 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! Members of Stronsay Fire Station 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 to identify any potential 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 as soon as possible and we will gladly give you more information or arrange a suitable time to come along to see you.

MARATHON KNITTING EVENT



Nan Rendall has just completed a marathon knitting event and the product will soon be on its way to Eastern Europe where there will be very many happy and warmer recipients. This knittathon has run from 2011 to 2012 and has accumulated 21 sweaters, 34 scarves, 5 soft toys and 89 hats. A mass of knitwear was shipped out last year before Christmas and soon, with help from Jim Holland for taking the boxes to Kirkwall and MacAdie and Reeve for their onward journey to Blythswood Care in Evanton in Rosshire, another batch will be on their way.

Some of the wool was supplied by Rosalind Fisher and her mother who purchased the wool from charity shops. Nan remains famously modest about her achievement saying that “knitting was a good excuse to sit down”. She is keen for anyone to join her knitting for a really good cause, phoning her on 616348.

Roger Neville-Smith

NANA'S FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

I had it all ready; schoolbag, small bottle of milk and two slices of bread and jam. What excitement, my first day at school on 31st August, 1925. I did feel all dressed up, with long grey home-knitted stockings in fine wool, knitted by my loving mother, black shoes with a strap over the top, a wine coloured dress with a pinafore over it to keep it clean. Now, where was my coat to match the dress? This used to be my Sunday best but now it had to be worn to school before it became too small.

Bye-bye Mum. I am away along the road from Hunday and along past Gorries. It was a mile to the South School, but walking was no bother to us. I join up with Jean and Peter Chalmers and away we go. Now we reach the school and the children who are already there, are all watching out for the new beginners.

Some of the older ones seemed so big to me, and I hung back feeling a bit homesick. Then the whistle blew and away we went into the one roomed school which had four classes, all taught by the one teacher, Miss Fotheringhame, who made an excellent job of teaching us all.

The new beginners had to give their names and I can remember being very proud, as I had two first names, and some had only one. After all this was sorted out, we said the Lord's Prayer, sang a hymn and that was the religious part over.

The sun shone in the window and I remember wondering what Mum would be doing at home, and if she had fed the hens and lifted the eggs, as that had been my job. I still remember that classroom. It had green linoleum round the walls and we could write on that for as long as we wanted on our first day, as long as it was a letter or a figure. Start as you meant to go on was her motto.

At 12 o'clock, everyone stopped lessons and we either went outside to drink our milk, or we sat in our seats, but the teacher never went into her house until she saw that we all had something to eat. Believe me, if any one of us had forgotten our "piece", she would have provided one.

Once we finished our snacks, it was all go. I remember feeling very left out as we were too small to join in, but it was not long before I could kick the ball and also play "picko", or Tag. Again the whistle blew and we all trooped back in. The girls did a bit of knitting while the boys struggled to master the "pins" also. The small ones got a perforated card with either a dog or a cat on it to stitch. I remember how delighted I was with this, and having a needle and thread to myself was great. How proudly I carried that home when it was finished. That teacher gave us singing, sewing, knitting, and drill, never speaking about the lessons she managed to teach also. She was amazing.

At Christmas, we were taught all the carols, then, joined up with the Central School pupils for the singing. We walked from the South School to the church to practise, but before we set off, Miss Fotheringhame gave us a bowl of hot soup to help us on our way. She must have made gallons of soup in her time as a teacher, and her clottie dumplings were famous.

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Also at Christmas, a kind gentleman who had gone to Canada as a youth, sent a box of apples especially to the South School where he had had his early education. I can still remember the lovely taste of them, and that they were always big and shining. This man was called David Smith, my mother's first cousin.

When the colder weather came, instead of milk we got cocoa. Each of us had two little bottles, one with cocoa and sugar mixed together, and the other with milk. Now, I did love this dried mixture and the teacher knew this as the bottle was always half empty. She used to look at the bottle and wonder which little mouse had eaten it! Two big kettles of water were set on the fire, and she always poured out the boiling water herself. The water came from a tank which caught the water from the roof of the school. Children wouldn't be allowed to drink that now, but it never hurt us.

Another treat was our walks to the seashore in the summer. The bigger children took the smaller ones by the hand and then away we went, naming the birds and flowers as we went. Although we were all country children, we did enjoy our nature walks. If we strayed too far apart, the whistle blew its summons to close in.

Time marched on and when we reached the highest class, we had to transfer to the Central School. I moved there on 4th December, 1930, and again, to start off with, I felt rather lost, but soon got into the ways of the "big children".

I have never forgotten my first teacher, Miss Fotheringhame, and looking back, she was one of the best.

Moving to the Central School was a big event in the life of a ten year old. My first teacher was Miss Sutherland and I liked her very much, but there seemed to be so many strangers among the children. At that time, we did not go to the village very often, and I had never been to the Lower Station. However, I got on well with my lessons and soon made friends as ones of my own age had moved over from the Rousam School.

After a year with Miss Sutherland, I moved into the head teacher's room. and learned to get used to Mr. Drever's many moods, but, I got along alright with him and spent three years there, ending up in what was then called Advanced Division Three. One subject which I never mastered was Algebra, and I still do not understand it. However, I have managed without it for the past ninety-two years!!!

We got cooking lessons from Miss Gorie who was the infant teacher, and I must say, this helped us a lot in later life as she taught us how to make good, plain, wholesome food. Mr Drever also gave us singing lessons and we held a school concert every third year so.

I was involved in two concerts before leaving school at the age of fourteen years. Happy Days.

Nana Peace, 14, Whitehall, Stronsay.

THEN AND NOW

2012 photograph by Bill Miller



BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS - NOVEMBER 2012

By Roger Neville-Smith

The last few weeks have been a quiet time in the garden and I have spent it reflecting on the last season's successes. I have carefully kept a record of all my sowings and crops; sadly I have mislaid this so can not inform readers of my amazing horticultural triumphs. Early in the year I bought a weather station which I thought, at the time, was at the cutting edge of hi-tech scientific measurements. It claimed to link with my computer so keeping professional records; I never managed that. The air speed unit whizzed round with incredible enthusiasm until the delicate half egg cups broke up. The outdoor pressure, temperature and humidity meter put up its ultimate protest to constant rain. It is difficult to know whether the rain gauge still works since it has fallen out with the main unit. Thankfully I remember the rain, wind and cool summer so the machine was not essential after all.

I have purchased a house with a large garden which has not been used for vegetables for several years. So my first job was to strim back the long grass and time to use my lovely Honda machine. It started with an obedient purr and I created an erratic hair cut across the paddock. Sadly it stopped several times for no particular reason so I gave up until the next day. Same thing the next day except worse, then only working for only a few minutes. I became aware of the odd smell on the third day and eventually checked the oil level which I was surprised to find was very low. No problem since I had oil with me and gave the hungry blighter a generous drink of liquid gold. The next day was more successful and, after I reloaded the cord, I was soon chopping like Sweeney Todd on a bad day, for about another half an hour until oil began dripping out of the machine. I think the big oil drink might have been too generous. I looked round for some medicine for possetting strimmers but sadly I had nothing in my bag. I feel admission to the rehab ward at Tullocks may be necessary. Meanwhile a pair of shears might have to do.

LEFT OVER RIGHT

By Ellie from Newfield

A grand man was me granddad,
He were Derbyshire born and bred.
Raised between limestone walls,
“A country man” he would have said.
He was, I suppose, “straight forwards”,
Always spoke his mind
But I can never recall a word
That he spoke that was unkind.
Salt of the earth was me granddad,
He’d always a willing hand.
Hands that were rough and calloused,
Aye, he were nothing less than grand.
“An out-doors man” describes him,
Thriving on fresh air and space.
He lived on the Derbyshire moors
With me grandma, Violet Grace.
He’d a soft spot for all living creatures
Whether two-legged or four,
But a hen would be culled for the table
Even though it made him “heart sore”.
So then the cockerel would crow on the gate
And me granddad would say “No hard feelings
For a man must put meat on the table”
And “life’s never fair in its dealings”.
He thought the world of me grandma
And caller her his “little moorhen”.
A grand old pair set in good ways,
I knew it even back then.
It’s like granite is Derbyshire stone,
Made to weather all storms.
Rather like me granddad,
Except for his heart which was warm.
He taught me a lot through the years
As grandparents are apt to do.
And not least of all these things
Was the tying of me shoe.

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STRONSAY POST OFFICE

Christmas is approaching, and the Post Office will be open longer from 12th November.

Monday - Saturday 8.30-12 and 1-3

Apart from doing your Christmas post, you can also find a selection of Christmas Cards, Decorations and Gifts.



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)

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

INSTANT PHOTOS

Passport, visa, travel pass, driving licence,
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Personalised birthday, Christmas & get well
cards with your own special message or
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You name it! Tell me what you want & I'll
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Call Bill Miller on 616420

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Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;
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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

SPONSORED SWIM



The Orkney rugby Under-16s are going on tour in England at Easter. I (Craig Stout) am one of the many players going and I am challenging myself to a 5000 metre sponsored swim in the Stronsay pool (180 degree turn every 15 metres!) on the 10th December. I would really appreciate it if you would sponsor me to do this. It will play a part in us getting this opportunity to play in such a different environment and show others the way Orkney play and also improve and learn new techniques from other teams.

The sponsor sheets are in the island's shops. Thank you! Payment by cheque or cash. Send cheques (payable to Orkney Rugby Football Club) to:

Craig Stout
Whitehall Farm
Stronsay
Orkney
KW17 2AT

You can also give it to Bruce Ruthven. Contact him on: 07584 167834

Any questions?

Tel: 01857 616261

Text : 07708 989490

STRONSAY STITCHERS

**Please note November's Stronsay Stitches will be held on Friday 30th November
and NOT on Thursday 29th**

From 7 – 9.30pm in the Church Hall

Hand-made is very big this year – so how about making your own Christmas presents. Now's the time to get cracking! Why not come along and make a start on a project you've been planning to do but haven't yet started – you'll be in the company of like-minded folk.

You can come for as long or as little as you like. A donation of £ 2.00 per session towards heating & lighting is all we ask and there will be tea, coffee & biscuits.

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING **COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7PM** **SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

Carol singing, supper, mince pies, mulled wine, raffles. Adults £2.50 children £1.

AN INVITATION TO FORM THE STRONSAY GUN CLUB.

All interested parties who would like to become a member of a fully constituted Gun Club on the island are invited to indicate an expression of interest in doing so. We could then arrange an informal meeting to discuss the potential of this idea.

By creating a formal club it would be possible to apply for funding for equipment etc as a recognised community group on the island.

Leslie Miller is the lead on this project but
PLEASE CONTACT TONY WITHERS ON 616300

Or by email on cdostronsay@btconnect.com

So he can arrange the meeting.

STRONSAY'S SPONSORED BOXING DAY DIP 2012

Ayre of Myres at 2pm. People must register before they can get a sponsor pack or take part in the dip. Contact Carrie Stout on 616258 or carriewalls@btinternet.com. All the money raised goes to [CLIC Sargent](#), a charity for children with cancer.

COFFEE AT CLEAT 2012

Once again a huge thank you to everyone who supported this in any way - special thanks to Anne, Sinead, Sean 'n Lauren for their help in all kinds of ways! We had a very successful day with 58 visitors in the afternoon and 23 in the evening. Without everyone's support it just couldn't happen, you are all a very generous lot and the total raised this year is £1214, with cheques for £607 being sent to "Friends of Anchor" and "Macmillan". See you next year!

Sheena

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT SALE IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

in the Community Centre on Thursday 29th November at 7.30 p.m.

There will be the usual Sales tables, Tombola, Quizzes raffles and a cup of tea.

Any donations of goods or produce will be gratefully received.

All welcome

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STRONSAY PARENT COUNCIL

A request has been received by the Stronsay Parent Council to address the problem of the weekend film times at the Pickaquoy Centre. It has been proposed we ask for one earlier showing of popular films per month to allow time to catch the return sailing at 1520 on a Saturday. If you support this proposal please contact Gaynor Smith by Friday 9th December 2012.

Gaynor Smith,
Chairperson Stronsay Parent Council
The Grind, Stronsay, KW17 2AN. Tel: 616412

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And join the WRI



There's lots of chats and many laughs

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MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2012

Council Houses: 8.45am-9.45am

Stronsay School: 10am-12pm

Stronsay Kirk: 12.30pm-3pm

Stronsay School: 3.15pm-4.45pm

Mobile library schedule http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm

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>

Check new library opening times

www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours

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

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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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 Friday 8 February 2013
Rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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
Neil's on Wheels	616454	Earls Palace	01856 872958
Taxi	616335	Golgotha monastery	616210

Email: contact@the-sons.org

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