

# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **NHS ORKNEY - DROP IN SESSION AT STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL 10am - 3pm ON MON 16 DEC**

Members of NHS Orkney's New Hospital & Healthcare Facility Project Team will be visiting Stronsay on Monday December 16th to give members of the community the opportunity to find out more about the new development. A drop in session will be held at the Community Hall between 10am and 3pm as part of a twelve week consultation currently underway to gauge public opinion in relation to the 3 potential sites for the new hospital and healthcare facility. All welcome.

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## **DECEMBER EDITION OF THE LIMPET**

NOTE! The December edition of the Limpet will be published one week earlier than usual on **THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER!** This edition will contain details of the opening/closing times over the Christmas and Hogmanay period for Ebenezer & Olivebank as well as the Hotel, the Post Office and the Surgery. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sunday 15 December. Contact details on back page of every Limpet.

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## **ORKNEY FERRIES**

### **CHANGE OF SAILINGS - SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

To allow various groups to attend the Pantomime on the 7<sup>th</sup> December the following changes to sailings have been agreed:

- Depart Kirkwall 1710 Arrive Eday 1825
- Depart Eday 1835 Arrive Stronsay 1910
- Depart Stronsay 1920 Arrive Sanday 1955
- Depart Sanday 2005 Arrive Kirkwall 2130
- Depart Kirkwall 1725 Arrive Westray 1850
- Depart Westray 1905 Arrive Kirkwall 2030

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The next edition of the [\*Limpet\*](#) will be published on **Thu 19 Dec.** Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 15 Dec.** Contact details on back page



## **FUEL POVERTY GRANTS FROM STRONSAY COMMUNITY FUND**

The closing date for applying for a fuel poverty grant was 31 October and the Trust has received approximately 35 applications (the exact number of applicants and grants given will be published in the December issue, but no names will be published). The grant will be paid out at the end of November and all applicants will receive a letter confirming payment from the Community Development Officer.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING BURSARIES FROM THE STRONSAY COMMUNITY FUND**

Two training bursaries of £1000 each have been granted in November.

## **AMENDMENTS OF STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

Stronsay Development Trust has taken legal advice from Burness, Paull and Williamson LLP in relation to the Trust's Articles of Association, and have arranged for a new version to be prepared. The main amendment is that they have been overhauled to bring them into line with up-to-date legislation, i.e. Companies Act 2006.

To help all members to understand the proposed amendments of the Articles of Association, the Trust invited Stephen Philips from Burness, Paull and Williamson LLP to speak at an open meeting on the 25 November. The meeting will be facilitated by Meghan McEwen from Voluntary Action Orkney and everyone will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

An EGM to vote on the adoption on the amendments of the Articles of Association will be held in the beginning of the year 2014.

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## **PROPOSED MEETING**

The SDT Board would like to invite the Community to have input into its Development Plan with regard to the needs of older residents on Stronsay.

Past SDT surveys and the OIC have identified the need for purpose built amenity housing for those needing more support in their later years. To this end a feasibility study is being carried out. We feel it is most important that this and other suggestions are discussed in an open forum where residents can have the opportunity to input their ideas for consideration.

It is planned to hold the meeting in March 2014 with the date and time to be confirmed. We are asking Voluntary Action Orkney to facilitate the meeting and invite Age Concern to attend.

In order to give everyone who has a suggestion, idea or comment to be given the equal chance to have their ideas included in the meeting's agenda, we invite all to write or email the Board by the end of February.

Written contributions by mail should be addressed to:

The Company Secretary, SDT, Unit 1, Woods Yard, Stronsay KW17 2AR.

Or emailed to:

[sdtcompanysecretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sdtcompanysecretary@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you, from

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## **A LETTER FROM Fr MICHAEL**

Dear Fellow Islanders, Neighbours and Friends!

News from Papa Stronsay is all good. Last year, 15 August, our community was given its canonical recognition making it the newest religious Order in the Church and probably the first new religious order of priests and monks in Scotland for many centuries. The recognition was made by the Bishop of Aberdeen. We were given the name: the Congregation of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer.

The Bishop also made us official representatives of the Catholic Church in Stronsay and entrusted us with the pastoral care of all Catholics in the island. If you were baptised a Catholic (even if it has been many years since you went to Mass), or if you had a Catholic father or mother, or if you were interested in the Catholic Church, I would be happy to hear from you.

It was not long after that August 2012 official recognition by the Church that our two seminarians who were ready, were ordained deacons and then, last June, priests. As many of you will know the priestly ordinations took place in Rome. The ordinations were conferred by Archbishop Pozzo who was the Papal Almoner (in this capacity he sits at the Pope's left hand during papal audiences). The new priests offered their "First Masses" during the next few days and they were in extraordinary settings. The First Mass offered by the newly ordained Father Magdala was a "Solemn High Mass" in the Archbasilica of St Mary Major; it was a stunning event. Our Brothers' Gregorian chant filled the Borghe-se Chapel of the Basilica and echoed out into the greater cavity of that ancient sacred place. We have some photos of the event in our calendar for next year.

Ordinations are a high point in the life of any missionary-monastic community and it was the highlight of this year for us. Since then our two young priests have been in New Zealand serving the traditional Catholics in the diocese of Christchurch. It is good to see any venture flourishing! The community's work is going from strength to strength. We celebrate the Holy Mass in our own monastery chapel as well as in a larger church in the city and in two other places as well. Brother Nicodemus has recently come back from spending several months in Christchurch; he was well appreciated and I know that the local Catholics out there are eager to have him return; he has great talent and is a very popular personality as anyone who knows him would agree. There will be an ongoing to-ing and fro-ing between Orkney and Christchurch now that we are established there. Orkney for our monastic life of prayer and Christchurch for our life of mission and spreading knowledge of Christ.

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Here in Stronsay Brother Gerardo made his vows for life and two novice Brothers made their first vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience for three years. Brother Seelos and Brother Peter both come from the United States. Brother Peter spent three months in Christchurch before he took his vows which was a positive experience for him. Father Anthony will be leaving for Christchurch in the beginning of December for several months of priestly ministry and Brother Jean Marie, our Subdeacon will be there for the same amount of time.

I take this opportunity of wishing you all every blessing for the celebration of Christmas and the assurance that we pray for everyone on Stronsay, for your health, prosperity and spiritual good.

Fr Michael Mary, F.SS.R.

Email: [fr.michael@the-sons.org](mailto:fr.michael@the-sons.org)



## LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS



*'Hawfinch in the Castle garden. Late October'*

Yet again there were several interesting bird sightings on the island just as last month's Limpet piece went to press. Great Spotted Woodpeckers (at least two present) were seen again, firstly at Iona and the School, then by nurse Shirley near the surgery, and later by Lesley Miller on the linkspan at the ro-ro pier. This last bird was seen to fly up and land on the Ferry just below the bridge - an amazing sighting in a virtually 'all-steel' situation for a species which spends most of its life in dense woodland!

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*'Black Redstart Whitehall Village 2011 - similar plumage to the bird at Tullimentan in 2013'*

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Another Yellow-browed Warbler arrived - seen by Sue in the Linksquoy garden, and a few Chiffchaffs were seen - again in island gardens - well into November, the last bird being an individual of the eastern (Russian) sub-species 'tristis' which is very pale overall with a pinky-buff wash in the cheeks. This bird was seen at very close range by Sheila at Helmsley on 20th November. A few Chaffinches and Greenfinches have been seen recently, the latter gobbling up the last of the rose-hips at Osen, Castle, and Holin Cottage. There have also been a few sightings of Woodcock - once again the majority in gardens - at Castle, Dale and Holin Cottage. Being so well camouflaged, most Woodcock are only seen when flushed - generally at very close range - and usually fly off behind buildings for cover. The usual sighting is of a large pigeon-sized dark chocolate-brown bird, flying off at high speed - never to be seen again! Occasionally birds can be detected under the overhang of bushes etc when it is possible to enjoy excellent views as they probe for worms with their very long bills. They are approximately twice the size (bulk) of a Snipe.

The annual build-up of Pintail has begun at the Blan Loch (Mt Pleasant) with four beautiful males there in the last few days, and the first wintering Goldeneye have arrived - one or two off the piers at Whitehall, where a few Long-tailed Ducks and Red-breasted Merganser may also be seen in mid-Winter. At least four different Hen Harriers appear to be wintering on the island and occasionally fly across gardens in their search for prey. Common Snipe seems to be their main target and with several thousand on the island in mid-winter the harriers should have no problem finding food!



*'Male Greenfinch in rosa rugosa bush'*

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*'Woodcock from the kitchen window at Castle'*

Thanks again for all the calls, John Holloway

## **BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS NOV 2013**

The storms have put me off gardening this month but it is a time for looking back and planning for next year. But before that I will let you know that I sowed some winter lettuce in the greenhouse and less than half has been eaten by slugs. The Lambs lettuce is growing slowly and so far has not been attacked. Rocket is still good to eat while roots like carrot, neap, leaks and parsnip are still being eaten - even though they take much more preparation for the table, it seems worth it, being involved in the magic of food production.

My new garden is slowly taking shape with one strip dug over and part of it weeded. I think potatoes next year would be good but I really do need to get more compost, manure and seaweed spray than last year.

Planning ahead I bought strawberries and raspberries on line. The strawberries arrived after a week in the post and were in surprisingly good state. Last time I tried that a bag of green slime was all that arrived. The weather was far too horrible to plant them outside so they are all in milk cartons waiting for spring. The raspberries arrived well ahead of a prepared area and the ground is far too wet to dig. But regardless I have started work on a strip putting stones in for drainage and raising the bed a few inches. The standing water in the bed has been drained off with a mini land drain to a soak-away. They have been waiting a week since arriving and I feel they must go somewhere temporarily until their new home is ready.

Working on a shelter bed for the new garden I planted some tiny trees through last winter and most have survived. Cuttings I took during the summer are looking OK and I will plant them out in the next few months. I bought some tree seeds and have optimistically planted out a few trays outside. With the rain we have had I think the seeds will have washed away.

The harvest service showed how much is produced on Stronsay despite the difficult conditions. I am sure next year will be just as challenging and just as much fun.

Roger Neville-Smith

23 Nov 2013



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*Bonfire night display, Stronsay 2 November 2013  
(Photograph by Roger Neville-Smith)*



## **LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE**

We had a special Policy & Resources Committee meeting where the sole item on the agenda was OIC's ballast water management policy. The Orkney Manifesto Group and I collaborated on an amendment to prevent ballast water discharges into Scapa Flow, but we were defeated 15 votes to 5. I did this because I do not believe a financial gamble by OIC is worth the risk of invasive alien species being introduced into Scapa Flow, threatening the local fishing industry and endangering the ecology of the Loch of Stenness, which is a designated Special Area of Conservation. On account of the latter, SNH and SEPA may well be taking legal action if the voted-for policy is ratified at full council.

At the meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing (ELH) Committee, a report was presented on a matter I had raised concerning on-island travel for KGS pupils from the Isles. On the Mainland, OIC provides free travel daily to/from KGS for all pupils living further than 3 miles from the school (1½ miles in winter). However, in the Isles, only the off-island leg of the weekly journey to/from the hostel is covered by the council, parents being expected to provide the transport to/from the island port of embarkation, which could be as far as 16 miles away from the pupil's home. This does not accord with OIC's value of promoting equality and fairness nor the policy aspects in "Our Plan": 1.3 "supporting our children" and 4.1 "a low carbon Orkney". The recommendation by the officials was to defer consideration until the 3-night hostel weekend is investigated. Because the two issues are clearly separate ones, I tried to have consideration of the transport issue brought forward. Only 3 other councillors on the committee supported me with this (few councillors having much sympathy for the tribulations of North Isles' folk), so in the meantime, Isles' parents will have to continue to foot the bill for the on-island component of their children's travel — exacerbated, of course, by the burden of the exorbitant fuel costs we islanders have to bear. Isles' parent councils and community councils might like to discuss the issue and get back to me.

You may remember my mentioning that at the last full council meeting before the recess councillors voted to refer a decision on joint headships back to the ELH Committee. Well, the further consultation requested by the communities concerned was undertaken, and an outcome acceptable to all was reached. I hope this demonstrates that councillor intervention can ensure that the people are listened to.

Following up an enquiry from an Isles' pupil at KGS, I can confirm that residents of the Papdale Halls are entitled, as in the past, to free swimming during the weeknights they are staying at the hostel. If pupils are experiencing difficulties getting their free swims, please get in touch with me.

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There is not much to report on the ferries at the moment. The recent cancellations were due to the weather rather than industrial action. The procedure for considering the on-line petition has now begun. I must congratulate Sanday Community Council for resolving at their last meeting to invite representatives of Orkney Ferries and the trades unions involved in the dispute to come out to Sanday and present their respective cases to the long-suffering public. I hope this event comes to fruition, because the public will certainly have a lot to say to them on the matter.

Earlier in the year, I was asked about polling in the Isles. In accordance with section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, a review of polling districts and polling places in Orkney has now commenced. If you have any comments or issues, please post them to:

Fiona Ratter, Election Manager

Election Office

Council Offices

School Place

Kirkwall KW15 1NY,

or e-mail them to [electionoffice@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:electionoffice@orkney.gov.uk). Alternatively, there is a feedback questionnaire available to download from the Council website at [orkney.gov.uk](http://orkney.gov.uk) under "Public Notices". For example, if you are not happy with the off-island polling station your community has been allocated, or if you wish to have the choice of being able to vote (as you could in the past) in person on your own island, then this is the opportunity to make your views known. Please note that the deadline for this is 5 p.m. on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

*Stephen*

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday

[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

# **THE SHOP AT HOLIN, STRONSAY**

By Nana Peace

After reading in one of my magazines about life in a country shop, in times past, I decided to write about one in Stronsay, which, to me aged seven, was a magic place. The shop belonged to James, Annie and William Peace (no relation to me). James was the shop-man, Annie was the lady of the house and also helped in the shop, and William (Willie, as we all knew him) worked the farm, and in his spare time was a dealer of cattle and sheep (buying and selling).

The shop sold groceries, drapery, fancy goods of all kinds and it had a counter made of lovely wood. There were drawers with brass handles, which held everything from boots to needles, and shelves with yards of all manners of fabric. On the counter was a display cabinet with all kinds of pretty things, but what I liked were the small blue bottles of Evening-in-Paris perfume and small tins of loose face-powder and Icilma face-cream. Of course, I had no money to buy any of it but always looked, just the same. After my older sister, Maggie, started work she bought a wee bottle, so I did get a touch of perfume on my wrist.

I also liked the brass scales on the counter where everything was weighed and one day I asked James if I could put on the weights, and he watched while I got them balanced to the last ounce, so that was a thrill for me. If you wanted butter Miss Peace (Annie, as we always called her) took you to the dairy at the back of the shop, where it was kept on stone shelves, and she would weigh it there on a smaller type of scales. There was also a young girl at Holin who worked in the house and helped with the harvest work.

The bread sold at the shop would have been baked at either Stout's or Swanney's bakehouse in Stronsay's village, and of course we all remember how good that new bread was, so we could get that from Holin, as, at that time, I lived at Hunday with my parents, my brother Willie, my sister Maggie and my maternal granny. We always shopped at Holin, although at that time there was a travelling van nearly every day from the village shops.

James Peace suffered from asthma, and there was always a fire in the shop where he burnt something to help his breathing, so there was always a strong smell of that, which was not really unpleasant, however it added to the fun of going to the Holin shop. Holin Cottage, which belonged to James, we were told, was to be for a lady in Edinburgh who he was to marry, however it all fell by the wayside, so he remained a bachelor, same as Willie.

In the springtime, Miss Peace (Annie) took home, from far away, a selection of hats and they were displayed on a table in a room at Holin Cottage, so all the Everby ladies went there for a new hat or ribbons for the girls. I believe lots of women from all over Stronsay went for a new hat, what excitement. And I did like going there with my mother, but did not like the hats with the elastic under the chin. Does anyone reading this remember them?

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Before I close this, I will tell you a wee story about Willie of Holin. In his job, going around to buy cattle, he would take a shortcut across any field, to reach where he was going. At this time, I was living at Gorries, with my husband and family, and we had an electric fence around one of our fields. Willie decided to cross this field, to go to the Park of Hunday, and got stuck on the barbed wire while crossing it. He took out his knife to cut himself free and you can imagine what happened. He said he got 'a thousand bolts'. However, he lived to tell the story, but I think it cured him of crossing fields. However time marched on, and Annie and James Peace died at Holin, and the farm was sold to Peter and Nannie Dennison. Willie retired to Holin Cottage, where he eventually passed away.

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## **CHRISTMAS CARD DILEMMA.....**

If you would still like to give Christmas Greetings to friends and family in Stronsay but would rather give to a charity then here is the solution:

On Sunday 1st December a board will be put up in Ebenezer stores on which anyone in Stronsay can put up a Christmas message and then put a donation in a charity bucket. It could be just a plain note or something more artistic (but no larger than 5 inches by 4 inches!). The main thing is that it has your name on it and your personal message to your friends, family and fellow Limpets.

There will also be a collection for the Philippines Typhoon Disaster.

Best wishes

Marion and Viv

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## **VIDEOS OF ORKNEY ON YOUTUBE**

Orkney, part 1 of 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkMwliTrFpo>

Orkney, part 2 of 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iI-Z6RrhGjk>

Orkney, part 3 of 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysgUGpsPxjE>

Stronsay beating Westray in the tug-o-war 2012 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzUsJqNGlSg>

Various videos of Stronsay <https://www.youtube.com/channel/HCXqrUix-WdkQ>

## **ASSERTIVE!**

By Ellie from Newfield

It's a matter of opinion!  
It depends on your point of view!  
Where's the decision makers?  
A simple "yes" or "no" would do.  
I'll need to give it some thought,  
It's not easy to decide.  
If I rush in like a bull  
It's not easily rectified.  
Is it ticking all the boxes?  
I need to stop and think,  
Life changing as this is  
I can't decide in a blink.  
So "look before you leap" is  
Sensible advice.  
And while you teeter at the edge  
Someone else took the biggest slice.  
What's happened to assertive?  
Has confidence hit the deck?  
"Go for it" come to mind,  
By-pass that doubting "spot check".  
You only live the once  
And tomorrow never comes.  
You can have that cake  
So why settle for the crumbs?  
Go on, grab the nettle  
For your time is running out.  
Life IS difficult choices,  
That's what it's all about.  
"Naughty" feels so good  
And you're entitled to one mistake.  
Overlook that plain, sad biscuit  
And go for the chocolate cake!

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## ***GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS***

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of Stronsay Community Play-park Action Group I would like to say thank you to everyone who provided home-bakes for the recent Craft Sale at the Fishmart and to those who gave donations for them. Your generosity raised £53.89 for the Play-park fund! Also, thank you very much to Orkney Candlelight that raised £25 through the sale of the "Action candle".

M Dennison

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### **THANK YOU**

The Stronsay Games Club would like to thank everyone who supported the 'Dancing night' on Friday 15th November 2013. A grand total of £130.80 was raised for 'Children In Need'. Well Done!

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### **THANK YOU**

The Stronsay Branch of the R.N.L.I. would like to say a big thank you to all those who contributed, participated and helped with the Halloween party on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. It was an enjoyable evening's entertainment with plenty of scary costumes, all well light with well-made pumpkin and neepie lanterns. The effort that went into the making of the costumes and lanterns was terrific and certainly made the evening worthwhile. In all a grand total of £424 was raised for the R.N.L.I.

Once again thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

R.N.L.I Stronsay Branch

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

**"Thank you" notices are FREE.**

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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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **STRONSAY HOTEL**

The Stronsay Hotel is offering take away meals from 5pm daily (earlier if required). This menu is also available to eat in at the hotel (for a small extra charge) with the addition of some fine Orkney beef steaks, Rump or Sirloin the choice is yours.

Phone 616213

#### **TAKE AWAY MENU**

Homemade lasagne plus chips . . . . .	£4.95
Homemade sausagemeat pie plus chips . . . .	£4.95
Homemade chicken curry plus rice or chips .	£4.95
Homemade chicken pie plus chips . . . . .	£5.50
Breaded haddock plus chips . . . . .	£5.50
Breaded wholetail scampi plus chips . . . . .	£6.50
2 sausages plus chips . . . . .	£2.40
2 fish fingers plus chips . . . . .	£2.40
Portion of chips . . . . .	£1.20
Portion of cheesy chips . . . . .	£2.00
Portion of onion rings (8) . . . . .	£1.00

### **HAIRDRESSING**

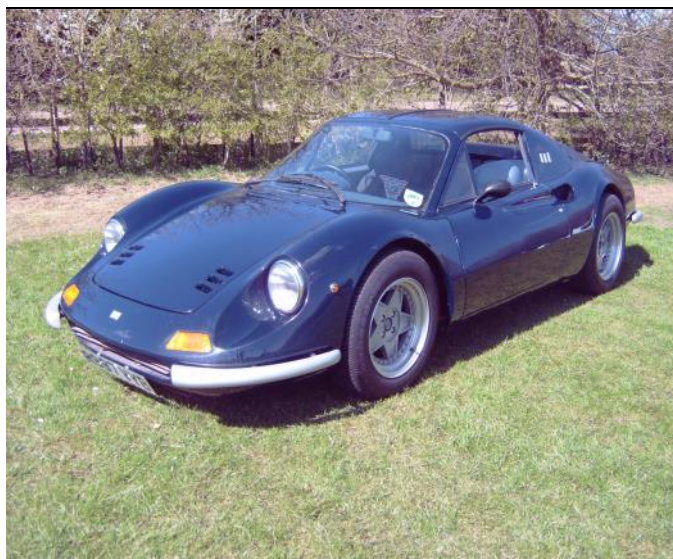
Emma will be hairdressing at Airy on Thurs 5th and Fri 6th of Dec.  
Please phone Hazel on 616231 to make an appointment.

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### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**

All mechanical work undertaken, ECU/  
ABS/airbag diagnostic testing, welding  
specialist, MOT prep work, home start,  
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MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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## **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**



Real soap made by hand in Stronsay. Lovely as gifts, souvenirs, or all year round. This year’s new collection now available plus all your favourites. The new soaps are: Stronsay Goats’ Milk & Bere, Goats’ Milk & Marigold Petals, Green Wave & Kelp, Stronsay Sunset, The Beach, Wild Island Flowers and Dry Stone Wall. They are on sale at Olive Bank and the Post Office in Stronsay. Also available in mainland Orkney shops and online via my website at [www.orkneystarislansoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarislansoap.co.uk).

Tel: 01857 616281.

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Hand crafted on Stronsay  
🏠 Large range of candles  
Soy & Bees wax    Christmas scent

Online or on display at schoolbrae  
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## **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 01856 870075

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

Email [jennystone001@btinternet.com](mailto:jennystone001@btinternet.com)

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**GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**



Stronsay Games Club

# Santa float

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013

Leaving Jim's Yard at

## 7pm

Collection for the Stronsay Play Area Action Group  
Letters can be given to Santa in the Stronsay Hotel  
later

# Everyone Welcome!

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

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

### **STRONSAY PARENT COUNCIL**

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

Clerk: Colin McAlpine, The Hill, Stronsay KW17 2AR. Tel 616446

Please be advised that the following are representatives of Stronsay Parent Council and can be contacted by parents, carers and members of the community regarding any school-based issue you may wish the Parent Council to raise on your behalf.

Mr Mark Boler	(Elected Parent Representative)
Mr Ian Cooper	(Community Representative)
Mrs Sarah Evans	(Teacher Representative)
Mrs Marion Miller	(Co-opted Parent Representative)
Dr Rosalind Neville-Smith	(Elected Parent Representative)
Mr Andrew Rose	(Elected Parent Representative)
Mrs Gaynor Smith	(Elected Parent Representative)
Mr John Walsh	(Community Representative)
Mr Andrew Whiteman	(Elected Parent Representative)

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**Support Our School**

Stronsay Calendars, displaying the photographic and artistic talents of our young folk, are now available in our local shops!

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

### **NOTICE REGARDING THE FORMATION OF STRONSAY GUN CLUB**

This is to notify the Community of the intention to form a Gun Club here on Stronsay. It will be a constituted club with officers elected to run it.

A temporary committee has already been put in place until the first Club meeting where those interested in joining will be invited to attend and pay the small membership fee and elect the committee.

There will be two levels of membership:

- Full Membership for those with gun certificates.
- Associate Membership for those interested in becoming a full membership or those who wish to join for social reasons.

The primary activity of the club will be to hold clay pigeon shoots both for fun and competition and invite other clubs and individuals to Stronsay to compete. By forming a proper club it is hoped to raise club funds by putting on events and apply for a grant to purchase equipment and insurance.

There is a long history of gun ownership on Stronsay with many enthusiasts enjoying the sport. The club will be a social based organisation but will recognise the need to ensure the safety of all and put in place procedures to see events follow all strict health and safety guidelines.

The inaugural meeting will be held in the New Year at the Community Hall and notice of the date will be posted shortly.

Please support this club by attending the proposed meeting and joining up !!

Thankyou

Leslie Miller, Acting Chair, Stronsay Gun Club.

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## **ATTENTION BATHERS** **STRONSAY POOL NEEDS YOU!**

All swimming sessions are now under-attended. If pool attendance does not pick up then a revised and reduced time table will come into effect from the beginning of December

The current timetable is

### **MONDAY**

7 - 7.40 PUBLIC

7.40 - 8.20 PUBLIC

8.20 - 9.00 ADULT LANE

### **WEDNESDAY - SWIM CLUB**

3.20 - 4.00 BEGINNERS and 'C' SQUAD

7.00 - 8.00 'B' SQUAD

8.00 - 9.00 'A' SQUAD

### **THURSDAY**

7.00 - 7.40 PRIVATE HIRE

7.40 - 8.20 PUBLIC

8.20 - 9.00 SECONDARY LANE

### **SATURDAY**

PRIVATE HIRE - book with Elsie

### **SESSION PRICES**

£1.20 per child

£2.40 per adult

Please use our pool, all sessions are supervised by fully qualified and friendly lifeguards

Thanks

The pool committee

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### **STRONSAY KIRK**

The kirk has a new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moncur-Memorial-Church-Stronsay/544105695670980>. The kirk's website <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/STRONSAYKIRK/> is under new management.

Time of service: 11.00 am every Sunday. Everyone warmly welcome.

- Sunday 1st December - Martin Prentice - communion
- Sunday 8th December - David Bowen
- Sunday 15th December - 11am, David Bowen
- Sunday 15th December - 7pm, Carols by Candlelight
- Sunday 22nd December - Sunday Club
- Sunday 22nd December - Sunday Club party in the afternoon
- Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 pm - David Bowen - Watchnight Service with the Silver Darlings
- Wednesday 25th December at 11am - Mike Erdman
- Sunday 5th January - David Bowen
- Sunday 12th January - David Bowen
- Sunday 19th January - David Fidler
- Sunday 26th January - Mike Erdman

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAY-PARK ACTION GROUP**

We are a small, temporary group aiming to raise funds to purchase and install new equipment at the Community Hall play-park. Our next meeting will be held at the Community Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

Please feel welcome to attend even if you were not at the first meeting – the more the merrier. Bring lots of creative ideas and enthusiasm! Thanks very much to all who attended in October.

Viv Erdman has very kindly offered use of the porch at Ebenezer's, so if you have any unwanted items you would be happy to donate, please bring them along! Likewise, please come and browse –donations made to purchase items will be used to help our group raise funds for new play-park equipment. Thank you!

M Dennison.

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### **ECO CLUB**

Eco Club had a family Halloween morning on the 2nd of November. We were joined by kids 5-15 and they all had fun carving pumpkins, making autumn greeting cards, digging up tatties amongst other things. The morning was rounded off with a cup of hot pumpkin soup made with the pumpkins we carved. We had fun too!! Thanks to all that helped out too.

Eco Club volunteers



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### **HALL EVENTS**

- **Saturday 14th December** - Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the community centre 7pm, carols, mulled wine and supper
- **Tuesday 31st December**—Hogmanay Dance 10-12

Note: under-16's must be accompanied by an adult (18 or over) who is responsible for them.

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### **ST ANDREW'S NIGHT SALE**

In Aid of Church funds

In the Community Centre on Saturday 30th 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.

The hall will be open from 2 - 3 on the afternoon of the sale.

All welcome

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

Our usual last Thursday of the month falls on Boxing Day, so please note we have changed our meeting to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7-9.30pm, Church Hall. £2.00 per person to cover costs. Busy time of year, but hoping some of us will have time for the last meeting this year. Could you be tempted by hot chocolate & mince pies amongst the stitching.....

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

### **STRONSAY PRE-CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE**

A Huge Thank You goes out to all who worked so hard to make this such a successful and enjoyable afternoon and of course to everyone in Stronsay who came along to support us and also help raise funds for the Stronsay Play Action Group.

Special thanks to Stronsay Community Council for letting us use the Fish Mart; everyone who baked and donated the fabulous cakes for the cafe; Viv for organizing the heating to keep us cosy; Ian & Arna for saving the day with an extra table; Leonora for volunteering to help in the cafe; visiting craftspeople Margit, Teresa and Pam who came from Kirkwall to join us; all our resident craftspeople: Shirley, Andy, Vicki, Diane, Julia, Jennifer, Hazel, Leah, Molly, Rosalind, Rebecca, Marion, James, Ruth King, Ruth Bowen, Katy, Simone. (Photo: Stronsay Got Crafty facebook page, craft sale album).





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

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

#### **MONDAY 2 December**

Council Houses: 9:15—10

Stronsay School: 10—12

Stronsay Kirk: 12:30—3

Fishmart: 3:15—5:30

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://capitadiscovery.co.uk/orkney/home>

Library opening times - [www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm)

Orkney digital library - <http://orkney.lib.overdrive.com/>

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

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 (see <http://tinyurl.com/kvk5gfp>)  
Our Lady's chapel, pier head . . . . . Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am  
Next Special Collection . . . . . 13 Dec 2013 and 28 Feb 2014  
Rubbish collection . . . . . Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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Doctor . . . . .	616321	Balfour hospital . . . . .	01856 888000
Nurses . . . . .	616480	Hydro . . . . .	0800 300 999
Medical emergency . . . .	01856 888000	All water enquiries . . . .	0845 601 8855
Registrar . . . . .	616239	Kirkwall Library . . . . .	01856 873166
Hall bookings . . . . .	616446	Kirkwall Police . . . . .	01856 872241
Post Office . . . . .	616278	Vets:	
Companions . . . . .	616261	Flett & Carmichael . . .	01856 872859
Kirk . . . . .	616311	Northvet . . . . .	01856 873403
Stronsay Hotel . . . . .	616213	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
Castle Bird Reserve . . . .	616363	Email <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a>	

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