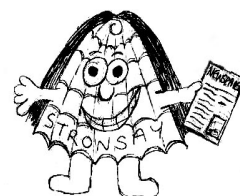


# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **APOLOGIES TO STEPHEN CLACKSON**

Last month his "letter from School Place" was inadvertently omitted from the Limpet. This edition contains Stephen's letters for May and for June.

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## **A NEW WEBCAM FOR STRONSAY**

The monks of Papa Stronsay have set up a new webcam which commenced working on Sunday 21 July.

The view is down Stronsay's pier and can be accessed via the Papa Stronsay website (<http://www.papastronsay.blogspot.co.uk/2015/06/stronsay-pier-view.html>) or directly at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/stronsay-pier>.

Now you can watch the ferry arriving/departing and also keep an eye on the weather.

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## **STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

Barbara Deavin (teacher at Stronsay school) is hoping to reinstate the Friday night games club at the Community Centre. She needs some trusty volunteers to help her for approximately two hours on a Friday evening. If, for instance, ten people volunteered they would only need to do a "duty" once every ten weeks. If you're interested please ring Barbara on 305.

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## **POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS JUNE - AUGUST**

During the summer, the Post Office will continue to be open

Monday – Saturday 8.30 -12 and 3 -6

There might be occasional half day closures as I don't have cover at present.

These closures will be widely advertised in the shops, on the Limpet's Facebook page and on the Limpet website

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## **GOOD ADVICE FROM Dr ROGER NEVILLE-SMITH**

It occurs to me that very few houses outside of Whitehall have a visible house name or number. In an emergency when you may need the doctor, nurse, ambulance or responder to call, clear signs will make a real difference. Please consider getting a sign on the house and at the road. If you are waiting for a call, especially at night in the rain, please draw attention to the house, for example, car hazard lights if visible from the road.

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The next edition of the [\*Limpet\*](#) will be published on Thu 30 Jul. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 26 Jul. Contact details on back page



## ARE YOU COMMUNITY SPIRITED?

**If so, please consider standing for election at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> July as a director/ trustee on the board of the Trust. The Trust can have up to fifteen directors but not less than seven. There are seven directors on the board at present but three of these will be retiring at the AGM. Unless they can be replaced, the Trust will be unable to function and the future benefit to the island from the Community Fund (currently standing at over £200,000) could be lost.**

**The election of directors will take place at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. Nomination forms can be collected from the shops and Post Office and should be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Nominations are restricted to members of Stronsay Development Trust but applications for membership up to 7 days prior to the AGM would be welcomed.**

**Carole Cotterill, Chair**



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## Stronsay Community Fund

Stronsay Development Trust would very much like to thank Stronsay Renewable Energy Limited for the generous amount of gift aid that was recently passed to the Stronsay Community Fund.

The Trust is delighted to inform the community that the Fund is once again open for applications from individuals and organisations on Stronsay.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Trust's website or copies can be provided ( telephone 616250). If you need assistance with completing the forms, please feel free to ask.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held at**

**7.30 p.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**  
**at the Community Centre**

The bar will be open and a light supper will be served

Everyone is welcome



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# **STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (SDT)**

## **Analysis of Finance – A Member's View**

Company Number= SC271553

Charity Number= SC038888

Date of Incorporation= 3 August 2004 (Note the “k” used below = to the nearest £1000)

Avid Limpet readers will be aware that the SDT has recently been gifted aided £170k, from its SREL 100% owned subsidiary. As an ex SDT treasurer I did the original 20 year finance projections for the wind turbine project and congratulations to those who made a success. However grid constraint has meant that income has been volatile which must make SDT budgeting quite challenging.

Although all SDT members by law should have received examined accounts for the year to 31 August 2014 by 31 March 2015 - they are likely to be circulated in July 2015 prior to a General Meeting. Private companies are no longer required to hold AGM's but the SDT Articles approved in 2013 stated that there should be one where the Chair gives a report. There is no GM requirement to receive the accounts or appoint/approve fee of the examiner. However every member has a right to receive a full copy of the accounts independently examined and then approved by the Board. GMs may be invited to give comments or even expressions of dismay or thanks depending upon the Chair's whim at the time!

SDT's total assets have grown in 2 years (2012-2014) by over 50% (£257k to £390k). This growth has been caused by the delayed stop/start Enterprise Zone development (£25k to £191k). Without this total assets have actually fallen (£232k to £198k). No charitable work has yet come from this project which remains high risk in terms of delivery and value for money.

SDT has loaned sums to SREL (which is repayable over stages, with commercial interest charged to SREL going to SDT). There was £48k outstanding in 2012 and £82k in 2014. If these sums are deducted from the previous figures we see remaining assets of £184k in 2012 and £116k in 2014. Why has this fall happened? Some reasons are:-

- Increases in payments for Community Projects (2012 zero, 2014 £42k). Unfortunately not all the 2014 grants are separately itemised as occurred in 2013, though some good causes are noted.
- Increases in staff wages/NI 2012 £37k 2014 £62k (2015 will be very much lower)
- Increases in Professional fees (legal/audit) 2012 £2k 2014 £10k

The directors as charity trustees do not receive any payments. (SREL Directors are not trustees and can be paid if the SREL Board so decides).

The SDT Board does not have full freedom to act with all charity funds. Of the total assets £235k in 2014 was in categories where the donor has imposed restrictions on where or when funds can be used. £154k is unrestricted. The £200k total received by SDT's Community Fund from SREL in 2013 & 2014 were designated but unrestricted funds. This briefing is my opinion, not SDT's.

**Leo Martini-Brown ([lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk)). Waterhall, KW17 2AS**

## LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

Late-May/ June has - so far – been typical regarding bird sightings, with just a scattering of the expected migrant species, but as ever, one or two real surprises!

Whitehall Village was the place to be in late May. Following the calling Cuckoo seen and heard there on 26th (firstly by Breida at Glenmanna and later Sheila at Helmsley & Lisa in the Post Office) Tam Chalmers watched a Bee-eater flying around his garden throughout his lunch-hour on 29th. What was almost certainly the same bird was seen in the Hotel garden by Chris and Debbie later that day. We knew there had been records of single Bee-eaters on Sanday and North Ronaldsay during the previous few days and assumed that the bird in Whitehall was one and the same, so we were prepared for the initial events of 7th June when Kath 'phoned from Dale at lunchtime to say that there was a Bee-eater there. But then, after discovering two at The Manse (having failed to find Kath and Norman's bird), we received another 'phone call from nearby Dale to say that there were now three Bee-eaters in the garden there! For the next four days the birds delighted a stream of residents (many of who had also seen the bird near the South School in 2013) and finally several visitors including regulars Norman and Christine Street who were staying at St Catherine's at the time and saw all three birds on the fence in their 'holiday' drive! The birds could be very difficult to locate in spite of their brilliant plumage, spending some considerable time resting - often in the tree overhanging from the SE side of the Manse Garden. They made regular but mainly short forays to catch bees which, surprisingly, they generally seemed to find with ease.

A few Spotted Flycatchers were seen as usual in early June and there was an odd mixture of 'singles' around this time - one each of Woodpigeon, House Martin, Kestrel, and Crossbill (see photo). 2 or 3 Red-backed Shrikes were seen – including a male in the Dale/Matpow area, and in mid-month a Quail was calling along the Holland Road. At least three Little Gulls have been seen during the last month including an adult and a 1st summer bird together at the Blan Loch on 20th June.

There have been a few welcome signs regarding breeding species this summer, including several sightings of both Hen Harriers (both sexes) and Short-eared owls. Following last month's report of a Shelduck brood in the Blan Loch area, a brood of Shoveler were seen in the road near Glanascaul on 6th June. On the minus side we returned home for lunch on 31st May to discover Hooded Crows tucking into the Ringed Plovers eggs at the nest we had discovered on our recently rotavated 'oat-field' the previous day!

Stop Press: David has just telephoned from Osen to say that there are three Crossbills in his garden there – hope for a photo or two – and let's hope it's the start of another 'invasion' of this species which does happen throughout the summer from time to time.

Thanks again for all the calls.

John Holloway

*(Photographs next page)*



*‘Male Crossbill, Holland Road – same bird as seen near Boondatoon earlier in the day’ (Photo from van by Geoff Facey)*



*‘Bee-eater Manse garden’  
(Photo by Hayden Holloway, other photos of Bee-eaters J Holloway)*

*(More photographs on next page)*



*'Ready for off- the last shot of the Bee-eaters in the St Catherine's drive'*

*(More pictures on next page)*



*'Adult Little Gull Blan Loch'*



*'1st summer Little Gull Blan Loch'*



*'Juvenile Crossbill, Osen 21st June. One of a party of three'*

## **LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE**

*(Letter for May 2015 which was inadvertently omitted from last month's Limpet)*

I have now been a councillor for 3 years, and there has been “mid-term reshuffle” for most OIC positions (excluding Convener, Licensing Board and Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, which are appointed for the full life of the Council). There has not been a great deal of change. Janice Annal stepped down from the chair of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee and was replaced by the vice-chair, Harvey Johnston, unopposed. Likewise unopposed was my position as OIC's representative on the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation. I now have an extra committee, Monitoring & Audit, and have been additionally appointed to the Carbon Management Plan Working Group and as substitute member of the Dounreay Stakeholders Group. Most directly relevant to the North Isles Ward is that I now have a seat on the Empowering Communities Steering Group. I have left the Human Resources Sub-Committee, otherwise I remain on the same bodies I was on before, namely the Policy & Resources Committee, the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board, Licensing Sub-Committee, and the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee. Vice-chairs will be appointed when each of the committees next meet, and membership of the College Management Council has yet to be decided.

In addition to the Special General and Special Policy & Resources Committee meetings at which the appointments were made, I have also taken part in a normal General Meeting, Licensing meetings, Orkney College's Quality Working Group, a video-conference from Kirkwall with Stronsay Community Council, a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, seminars on housing in Orkney and the Kirkwall Care Home, and a meeting of the Sanday Parent Council.

On behalf of Sanday Community Council I agreed to fly the Union Flag at the West Manse to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Six days before this the flag got an airing commemorating the birth of HRH Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana of Cambridge.



**Flying the flag for a new princess and VE Day**

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At the Longhope Swimming Gala I was given the task of timer. Well done to Westray for winning. And well-done again to Westray for being declared Orkney Home Produce Champion at the “Homemade in the Parish” competition at KGS, and congratulations to Shapinsay for being awarded the prize for best-presented table. Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre and Sanday also had excellent spreads. The food from all of them tasted delicious, however I had to be careful not to sample too many of the alcoholic beverages as I was driving south on Council business that afternoon!

The Sheriff Court has upheld the Licensing Board’s decision (proposed by me at the first application in March 2014) to refuse a licence for a bookmakers shop in Kirkwall containing fixed-odds betting terminals. This result confirms that we were right to have the courage (even in the face of odds stacked, allegedly, in favour of the gambling industry) to stand by the principle of protecting the vulnerable in our community.

In June I shall be flying to Papay and sailing to Shapinsay to attend their respective community council meetings.

*Stephen*

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

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## **LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE (JUNE 2015)**

When a councillor dies, the Orkney flag flies at half-mast over School Place, and it did so for Alistair Gordon, who sadly passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. Alistair was a founder member and convener of Scotland's smallest political party, the Orkney Manifesto Group. Together with most other councillors, I attended his funeral at Firth Church in Finstown, which was packed to standing room only. It was a moving service. Fellow OMG councillor, Bill Stout read to us from John Donne, reminding us "never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee".

Members of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee were invited on a tour of the Centre of Nordic Studies. Professor Donna Heddle gave us a presentation and showed us around. Although small and young, it is already becoming renowned internationally for its postgraduate teaching and research programmes and attracts significant research funding. With further nurturing by OIC, it has all the potential to flourish into a world-class centre of excellence—right here in Orkney.

Another tour I was invited on was of the new Children's House in Kirkwall, which is nearing completion. It is designed to achieve an atmosphere as close as possible to a real home, yet it is well-equipped with the latest high-tech solutions for energy conservation and fire protection, and low-tech solutions for preventing fingers becoming jammed in the door jambs.

As a Scout leader, I had a fun weekend with a Viking theme at the Orkney District Camp held at the Birsay Outdoor Centre & Campsite. The North Isles were represented by Emma Clements from Shapinsay with 6 Beavers and 3 Cubs, and for Sanday I managed to assemble 1 Cub, 4 Scouts, 1 Explorer and "borrowed" 1 assistant leader. After the second night, when tents were abandoned and sleeping bags laid out on the floors and stage of the Birsay Community Hall, we were honoured the following morning by a visit from Wayne Bulpitt, the UK Chief Commissioner for the Scout Association.



**A Sanday Scout and Cub show the UK Chief Commissioner where the North Isles are**

*(continued on next page)*

At the first meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee after the council “reshuffle”, I was elected vice-chairman. This now means I sit ex-officio on a number of other bodies: Orkney College Management Council (which I was a member of before), Council House Build Programme Board, St. Magnus Cathedral Sub-Committee, Italian Chapel Working Group, Local Housing Strategy Working Group, and member/officer working groups concerned with commemorating the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Magnus, shared repairs and areas, and fuel poverty strategy,. Separately, I was elected onto the member/officer working group concerned with protecting Orkney’s cultural heritage. The EL&H meeting was audio cast. Maybe you listened in?

I have been around a few community councils this month, attending their AGMs: Papay, Shapinsay and Eday. It is good to see a new community council in Eday after 18 months without one, and I look forward to working with them. At Sanday’s latest meeting, a public election decided who filled the vacant community councillor position.

Well done to Sanday for winning the Millennium Cup at the North Isles Sports in Stronsay. It was a grand day, the weather was kind, and we were well fed. I took the opportunity to visit Stronsay constituents who had contacted me.

Before I enjoy our six-week councillor recess, I still have a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee and the Change Programme Board to look forward to, plus my first meeting on the Monitoring & Audit Committee.

Stephen

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## **STRONSAY ANCESTORY—BRODIE FAMILY**

The Limpet has received the following request from Rev Alan Brodie (Canning, West Australia). If you can help him in his search please contact the editor of the Limpet.

“I am trying to trace my family ancestry, in order to leave a record for my grandson. I have been able to trace my 4x grandfather, Andrew Brodie, and establish that he was born on Stronsay in 1722. He married Margaret Fotheringham and they had several children, the eldest of whom was named Peter. I can't, however, find any details of Andrew's parents and I'm left to assume that they came to Stronsay from elsewhere in Scotland. Via the pages of the Limpet, do you think it is possible to make contact with a Stronsay resident who might have access to Andrew's baptism details, which might show details of his parents?

Rev Alan Brodie”

## **BEE HUMBLE!**

By Ellie from Newfield

You have the power to hurt me  
Should I threaten you in any way  
But not with malicious intention

I feel the need to say.

We seem to work together  
And I believe we do that fine,  
With our mutual love of flowers  
Our lives just intertwine.

It's mutual respect  
I think you will agree  
For each other's space.  
It works for you and me.

So then Mr bumble  
We must form a pact.  
Give it lots of thought  
Before we deem to act.

Working in our garden  
As a team with good intent  
As the summer races on  
And we wonder where it went.

Then you and I together  
Can take stock of all we've done  
Dependent on each other  
And of course the rain and sun.

Has anyone ever told you  
That really you're so cute?  
Humming that little tune  
In your velvet body suit!

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## ***SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS***

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### **NORTH ISLES SPORTS DAY**

Stronsay Community Association would like to thank everybody who helped in any way to make the North Isles Sports Day such a success.

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### **TRACEY'S BIRTHDAY DISCO**

'Thank You so much' to everyone who helped me celebrate at my 50th birthday party and to those who gave towards the collection for CLIC Sargent. We raised £249.79!

Special Thanks go to Anne-Maree and Neil for the excellent supper, to Mark for being the Quiz Master, to Matthew for being the DJ and to all those who rolled back time and took to the dance floor with me. The outfits were just brilliant too

I had a wonderful time.

Thank you all

Tracey Boler

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### **ANDY'S RUN**

Andy's final total raised on his 'Just Giving' page was £723.18, this is being matched by the Royal Mail so this will be £1,446.36 going to the Stroke Association. We also have another £140 in cheques which I am sending direct to the Stroke Association so the grand total raised will be £1,586.36

We both wish to say a sincere thank you for everyone's support and generosity, it has been amazing.

Shirley and Andy Whiteman.

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### **TREASURE HUNT**

The committee of the Play Park Group would like to thank everyone who supported the car treasure hunt on 19th June. 11 car teams took part and the sense of competition was rife! The Linksness team won with 39 points followed closely by two teams with 38 points (Oddiness, Midgarth and Whitehall team, and the Cleat team). The raffle was extremely well supported, and a total of £173 was raised during the evening.

We would like to thank Jim, Geira and Anne for putting the trail together, no easy feat to come up with new clues after all the previous one's they have done. It was very much appreciated, and everyone seemed to really have a good time. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, including the upper primary pupils who designed the posters and organised the raffle, and everyone who donated raffle prizes.

Look out for future fund-raising events.

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU**

Phone 01857 616213

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16.45 to 20.00

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Homemade sausagemeat pie + chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken masala curry + rice or chips	£6.50
Homemade chicken & veg pie + chips	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips	£5.50
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips	£6.50
2 sausages + chips	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips	£2.80
“Stronsay Beast Burger” + fries	£4.50
“Stronsay Cheese Beast Burger” + fries	£5.00
Portion of chips	£1.30
Half portion of chips	£0.80
Portion of cheesy chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES



# Opening Soon!

Newly Refurbished

## STRONSAY FISH MART HOSTEL AND CAFÉ

**A Grand Opening Celebration is being planned  
by the Community Council—watch for updates.**

Café Summer Hours (will be open every day)

Monday—Saturday: 8.30-4.30

Hot drinks and homebakes 8.30-11.30

Lunch menu 11.30-2.00

Hot drinks and homebakes 2-4.30

Sunday: 10-5

Hot drinks and homebakes 10-1

Lunch menu 1-5

Lunch menu will include homemade soups and freshly baked rolls, filled rolls (including mince and coronation chicken), sandwiches, burgers, salads, children's specials and lots of lovely homemade cakes, tray bakes, scones, muffins, cupcakes, cookies...

Available all day--freshly brewed coffee, steaming mugs of tea, and THE VAT (a truly fantastic hot chocolate creation)—sit back and relax on comfy seats (if you get there first!)

The Stronsay Monster Burger returns (half pound of Orkney beef, bacon, cheese, onion rings, barbecue sauce...), with the Little Monster Burger not far behind. And introducing the Silver Darling Salad (succulent herring roll mops accompanied by sour cream and dill potato salad, and beetroot chutney). We hope to start a monthly (or more often, depending on interest) Monday evening takeaway with a different theme each month (pizza, Chinese, Italian...)

For more information or for hostel bookings: [fishmartstronsay@gmail.com](mailto:fishmartstronsay@gmail.com)  
Robin and Jennifer Graham look forward to serving you!

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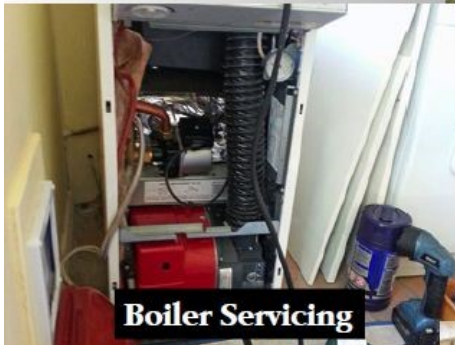
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**ebenezer@stronsay.org**

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Phone 01856 870075

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

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

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### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**

[www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk).



Hand-made soaps and balms available online and in Stronsay from Ebenezer Stores, Post Office & Isles View (by arrangement only please. Tel: 01857 616281).

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### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**



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## **PROPOSED NEW WIND-FARM FOR STRONSAY?**

A "drop-in session" will be held in the Hall between 7.00 pm and 9.30pm on Monday 20th July, to give everyone an opportunity to evaluate and discuss proposals for an large new wind-farm development on Rothiesholm Head, being proposed by Orkney Firm Northwind Associates Ltd, for construction in the early 2020s (subject to Grid reinforcement).

Relevant information will be on display, with explanatory leaflets available to take away, and Northwind Directors Richard Jenkins & Alistair Gray will be on hand to explain their proposals.

“At this early stage in the development of what will inevitably be a long term project, there are many opportunities to adapt our proposals to meet local concerns and to maximise benefits to the community.

We hope that as many Stronsay folk as possible will take this opportunity to examine the project and tell us what they think"

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

### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

We had a good meeting on 10th June with a visit from Heather Loutitt, one of our Chiropodists, who talked to us about the importance of looking after our feet. Thank you to all those who came and supported us on this occasion.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 5th at the usual time of 3pm in the Community Hall. Any ideas / topics for discussion at this meeting, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Shirley.

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### **BLUE DOOR EVENT**

SCPAG (the playpark group) has the Blue Door from 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, to help raise more funds. We are seeking volunteers for the following:

- helping to load boxes at the manse on the evening of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August (for transporting to Kirkwall on Friday)
- helping to load and unload boxes in Kirkwall (NB it is County Show weekend)
- helping out in the shop at any point during the week
- providing home-bakes/raffle prizes

Any help would be greatly appreciated – please contact Mairi on 616238

(If anyone has any further donations of goods for the shop, please bring them along, packaged securely and sealed in boxes, between 7 and 9pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, to the manse. Donations/baking etc. can also be dropped off throughout the week of 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August at the Blue Door in Kirkwall. Many thanks!)

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chairman: Ian Cooper, Midgarth, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616322

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

### **COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

A vacancy has arisen for a person entered on the current published Register of Electors for the Stronsay area to join Stronsay Community Council as a Community Councillor.

A Public Meeting will be held at a date yet to be decided to fill the vacancy.

If you would like more information about the role of a Community Councillor, or are interested in becoming a Community Councillor, please contact the Clerk.

Colin McAlpine

Clerk to Stronsay Community Council

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At the General Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, the attached list details the names and contact details of the Community Council office bearers for 2015/16.

The role of a Community Councillor is to ensure that they work for the best interests of the whole community and remain representative of, and accountable to, the represented community.

The Chairman is elected from the members of their council on an annual basis and has responsibility to ensure the meetings of the council are properly conducted and for seeing that matters are decided so that subsequent action can be taken on the Community Council's instructions.

Community Councils are asked to establish a Municipal and Roads Services (MARS) Representative and a Planning Representative.

The MARS Representative is authorised to report small road or drainage defects to Orkney Islands Council, thus establishing a quick and direct means of having these minor matters rectified.

The Planning Representative is authorised to consult directly with the Planning Authority to obtain further information on applications for their area which they consider may be contentious, and once this information has been received, consult with other members of the Community Council.

The Transport Representative represents the views of fellow residents and Community Council members at the Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forums which meet regularly with representatives from Orkney Islands Council and the North Isles Community Councils.

A Clerk is employed by Orkney Islands Council to provide assistance and advice to the Community Council in addition to the more obvious administrative role. A newly created post of Island Link Officer includes the duties undertaken by the Clerk.

The post of Island Link Officer, or ILO for short, operates under the auspices of Orkney Islands Council's Empowering Communities Project and is being trialed, initially for twelve months, in two pilot areas - Stronsay and Papa Westray. The idea is that this new role will help improve the delivery and management of council services at a local level.

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The Island Link Officer will be based in a purpose build room within the Fish Mart, independent of the Café and Hostel, and will be able to help with the following:

- providing access to and liaison with Orkney Islands Council officials and services
- providing information and forms available from Orkney Islands Council
- help in addressing and resolving any problems with council services or correspondence
- help in completing forms issued by or to be returned to the council
- photocopying

It is anticipated the office will be open shortly along with details of the opening times.

If there is a Council funded service you would like to see on Stronsay, have any ideas on how Council-run services can be improved, or would like to raise a concern or issue with the Community Council or apply for financial assistance, then please get in touch with Colin McAlpine, Island Link Officer.

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2015**

<b>POST</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>
<b><u>Chair</u></b> Mr. Ian Cooper	Midgarth, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616322
<b><u>Vice Chair</u></b> Mr Alan Dawson	Ellerslie, Stronsay, KW17 2AE. Tel: 616219
<b><u>MARS Representative</u></b> Mr. Colin McAlpine	The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616446
<b><u>Planning Representative</u></b> Mr. Colin McAlpine	The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616446
<b><u>Transport Representative</u></b> Mr. Adrian Miller	Blinkbonny, Stronsay, KW17 2AF. Tel: 616354

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Please note that as from 1st June 2015 the following slaughterhouse charges will apply:

Cow/Bull	<b>£40.00</b>	Pig	<b>£30.00</b>	Sheep	<b>£15.00</b>
Goat	<b>£15.00</b>	Lamb	<b>£10.00</b>		

Colin McAlpine

Clerk to Stronsay Community Council      3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

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**STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**  
**supervised sessions**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Buddy system</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY</b>	<b>Buddy system by request</b>

The gym can be accessed throughout the day if you have a 'buddy' to go with.

A code is required, please speak to one of the team if you have any questions

Inductions by appointment only

Andy - 616277, Julie - 616335 or Tracey - 616350

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

We are looking for more volunteer overseers (formerly keyholders!) to help with the smooth running of the swimming pool.

Please contact Mairi (616238).

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## **STRONSAY SCHOOL BLOG**

We would like to remind everyone about the Stronsay School Blog which has been up and running for a few months now. The Blog shares some of Stronsay School's highlights through pictures and articles as well as other relevant school information. You can access the blog at <http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk>. We hope you find the site interesting.

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

**From Monday 23rd February**

<b>MONDAY</b>	7.00—7.40 7.40—8.20	Public session Women only
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3.30—4.15 7.00—7.40 7.40—8.20	Beginners & Improvers Private Hire Men only
<b>FRIDAY</b>	3.30—4.30	Swim Club A & B squad
<b>SATURDAY</b>	2.00—2.40 2.40—3.20	Private Hire Public Session

Private hires are pre-booked. Additional private hires may be available – phone 616331.

## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL CHARGES**

**From Monday 23rd February**

### **Public Sessions**

- Adults (16 and over) £2.40
- Children £1.20

### **Private Hires**

- 40 minute session - £15
- 60 minute session - £20

### **Swim Club**

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable)

- 40 minute sessions - £16 block booking; £2 per session
- 60 minute sessions - £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

### **Men only and Women only Sessions (16 and over)**

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable)

- £24 block booking
- £3 per session

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### **LIFEGUARDS REQUIRED**

**Do you want to learn valuable life skills, be part of a dynamic team  
and hold a nationally recognised qualification?**

**If your answer is yes then Stronsay pool is looking for you**

At Stronsay pool we are looking for candidates to train as NPLQ lifeguards.

NPLQ is National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

Minimum age is 16 no maximum age limit

You have to meet required fitness level

Study for a minimum of 40 hours

Be committed and self motivated

You will be trained to a national standard as set out by the Royal Life Saving Society to become competent in rescue techniques, CPR and first aid.

For further information or general enquiries please contact:

Andy Rose 616277

or

Sarah Stevenson 616406

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**



**June: Thursday 25th**  
**Church Hall - 7pm- 9.30pm**

We're an informal, friendly group of people who meet up once a month to do our own projects, chat, share knowledge & experience, learn from and support each other. We ask each person for a contribution of £2.00 towards heating & lighting and offer tea, coffee, biscuits. Anyone is very welcome. You can bring any kind of craft work, unfinished project providing it is suitable for doing in the Hall and it doesn't have to be "stitching."

Next month - July: Thursday 30th

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### **KIRK NEWS**

With the new sound equipment in the Church it is now possible to record the services. If you are unable to get along to church each Sunday and would like to get a copy of the service week by week please give Elsie a phone on 616331.

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated:

- June 28th – David Bowen
- July 5th – Alastair Gray
- July 12th – Alastair Gray
- July 19th – David Bowen
- July 26th – Mike Erdman
- August 2nd – David Bowen
- August 9th – Viv Erdman
- August 16th – Mike Erdman
- August 23rd – David Bowen
- August 30th – Mike Erdman

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

**Tuesday 14 July**

Council Houses 9 - 10

School 10.15 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 5.30

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles\\_Mobile\\_2015.pdf](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles_Mobile_2015.pdf)

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>

Library opening times

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

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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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### **STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

Monday to Saturday 8:30—12 & 3-6 (See notice on page 1)  
Sunday Closed  
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 Mass 11.30am (weekdays), 9am (Sundays & Holy-days)  
Next Special Collection . . . . . 7th August  
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 . . . . .	101
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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