

STRONSAY LIMPET

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STRONSAY POST OFFICE **OPENING HOURS from 31 August 2015**

Monday 8.30am-1pm
Tuesday 2pm-6pm
Wednesday 8.30am-1pm
Thursday 8.30am-1pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 9am-1pm

STRONSAY POST OFFICE

Monday 7 September CLOSED
Tuesday 8 September 8.30am-1pm, 2pm-6pm



COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE

During July and August the following grants were awarded:
6 Educational Bursaries of £1,000 apiece
2 Skills Training Bursaries of £850 and £345 apiece
2-day Sheep shearing Course for 9 residents of Stronsay, £1,770
Concert with Ivan Drever, £423.30
Total: £ 9388.30

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.

The next edition of the [*Limpet*](#) will be published on Thu 24 Sep. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 20 Sep. Contact details on back page



DRIVING LESSONS **AND MORE...**

Stronsay Development Trust are happy to announce that all Stronsay residents will be able to receive funding for up to 10 driving lessons with a qualified instructor and the test fees (practical and theoretical test). For the time being we will limit the funding to the end of this calendar year (which means the first lesson should not be later than December 30th 2015) for budget planning purposes but we hope that it can be extended into future years.

Hopefully this should contribute to a better mobility in general, make it easier to reach workplaces and also improve the safety on our roads.

This funding is available not only to young drivers living on Stronsay but to every Stronsay resident who does not yet have a full licence.

SCF bursary application forms can be downloaded from the Trust's website (documents -> stronsay community fund -> scf bursary application form pdf) or if you have no access to a computer you can obtain a printed application form (telephone Carole 616250 or Susanne 616498).

If you need any help with the forms or have any additional questions please don't hesitate to ask.

The Trust would also welcome applications from farmers who are required by law to obtain a "certificate of competence" for spraying agro-chemicals.

There are many other useful skills and training courses where the Trust could help you obtaining a qualification or other needed experience and knowledge! Whether it's food and hygiene related or you need a Scottish Certificate for Licensed Premises Staff, First-Aid and CPR qualifications, a butchering course, computing made easy... just to mention a few which come to mind. Since so far there have not been any such applications a general funding decision has not yet been made and therefore it might sometimes be necessary to decide case-by-case but this shouldn't stop you from expressing your interest!

Susanne Davidson, Secretary

RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

Autumn migration regarding the smaller ‘garden’ birds (generally farmland and woodland species) has started with a real bang this year – the SE winds and rain on 2nd-3rd bringing a Blyth’s Reed Warbler to the Holin Cottage area where it has been seen on several dates. This species is a major rarity in the UK although it is very numerous in areas of Eastern Europe and beyond. The bird arrived in heavy moult which initially obscured some of the plumage details, but as I write (23rd august) it is still present, occasionally giving stunning close views!

A good selection of waders have been seen during the last month and a real surprise has been the number seen feeding around the two small ponds in the fields between ourselves at Castle, and Linkshouse. One morning in mid-August there were 4 Redshank, and singles of Ringed Plover, Ruff, and Greenshank. Four days later 3 Black-tailed Godwit were present. Today we discovered a flock of at least 15 Ruff near the South School.

There have been sightings of Peregrine, Merlin, Sparrowhawk, and Kestrel in August and an amazing run of sightings of Swifts – the maximum being 8 on 22nd. Most years virtually all of our swift sightings are in July – as we have often stated in our Annual Bird Report! Swallows have done very well this year after a very cold early summer but the House Martins did not arrive this year. The Sand Martin colony on the cliff-face in Mill Bay has split and expanded this year and at least a couple of pairs nested near The Bu.

The weather conditions on 18th-19th were just perfect for bringing birds across the North sea from Europe – the biggest arrival for some time, and since when the following uncommon migrants have been recorded here around the farms and gardens on Stronsay: singles of Wryneck, Marsh Warbler, Icterine Warbler, two Red-backed Shrikes, and a few of the more common species: Wheatears, Whinchats, Redstarts, Garden Warblers, Spotted Flycatcher – and at least a dozen each of Willow Warbler and Pied Flycatcher. A Cuckoo was seen near Scoulters on a few occasions and a single Little Stint has been seen on and off at the Matpow Loch.

John Holloway.

PS The Blyth’s Reed Warbler is still in the Linksquoy area as I write (24th August).



Blyth’s Reed Warbler, Linksquoy’

(More photographs on next page)



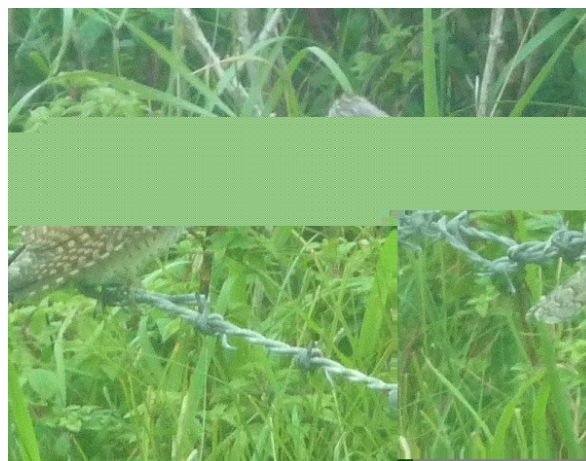
‘Marsh Warbler, Hescombe drive’



‘Icterine Warbler, Linksquoy’



‘Red-backed Shrike opposite Sunnyside’



‘Wryneck – once again - Linksquoy!’

IVAN DREVER CONCERT

On 29th July we were delighted to welcome well-known singer song writer Ivan Drever to Stronsay. Accompanied by his lovely wife Linda they sampled some of the best of what Stronsay has to offer, staying at The Storehouse B&B, sampling coffee and homemade cakes at the Fish Mart Cafe and fortifying themselves with an evening meal at the Stronsay Hotel. With his inimitable sense of humour and playing tunes spanning his 30-year long career he regaled a very appreciative audience. A lovely supper was provided by Anne-Maree and all too soon the evening was over. A few impromptu tunes with Ivan, Ingram Shearer and Mike Holland could have run into the wee small hours, but with a boat to catch in the morning there was nothing for it but to wend our way home. A huge thank you to Ivan and Linda for the wonderful concert. Also many thanks to the Stronsay Development Trust for sponsoring the event, the Stronsay Community Association, Gaynor, Mike, Simone and everyone else in Stronsay for their support in making the evening such a success.



NIGHTWATCHMAN

By Ellie from Newfield

Imagine my surprise
When this owl winked at me!
I knew of course of his presence,
Resident in that tree.
And how often in those long night hours
With sleep so out of reach
I would hear his lonesome hoots
Followed by a small mammal's screech.
Dappled by the sun
Is the copse at the croft,
Giving this little woodland
A look and feel that's so soft
Whilst this laid-back bird
With a nonchalant persona
Settles right down
Amid fuschia and estonia.
Like a statue set in stone
He feigns realistic sleep,
Yet ready in an instance
That winking eye-a-peep.
An old friend is the owl
For we share this wooded space
And he allows me access,
But I must remember my place.
Silent in manoeuvres,
Swift in action is he,
The owl in the crofters copse
Perched majestically.
Welcome is he in the copse
But the rules may be his nemesis
For, tempting as it may be,
There are no take-away snacks on these premises.

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Dorothy Carter

**(late of Mirland, Whitehall, now at St Rognavald's House, Kirkwall)
will be 95 on 1st September.**

On my visit this month she remains frail, with failing memory but with her lovely smile. I was able to show her recent photos of her cat (gifted to me) "Pussy Willow" who is now 12. Her cat retains the independence and vibrancy of the old Dorothy and he lives a split life between Mirland and Waterhall.

There are very few women now alive like Dorothy who saw 5 years service in WW2, in her case radar plotting.

(Leo Martini-Brown)

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone wholeheartedly that was involved in our Blue Door week - the tremendous sum of £3459.58 was raised!!

Stronsay Community Playpark Action Group.

FOR SALE

FAGERHEIM / STRONSAY POST OFFICE

3 Bedroom House with established business.

Please contact Lisa for more details: 01857 616349

Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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THANK YOU

Lee and Debbie would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for being part of their hamefarin weekend. Thanks to the many folk who gave so generously and helped make it such a brilliant spree.

The mystery raffle on Saturday evening raised the amazing sum of £632 for Leukaemia and Lymphoma research. Thanks to those who kindly donated prizes, organized the raffle and all who bought tickets.

Raffle prize winners on the night are pictured below.



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LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tues - Sun)

16.45 to 20.00

Homemade lasagne + chips	£5.95
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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Stronsay Fish Mart Café is offering a

Chinese Takeaway Evening

Monday, 14 September

Please have your completed order form brought in or emailed
(fishmartstronsay@gmail.com) no later than **4.30 pm, 10 Sept.**

Extra order forms available at the Fish Mart (616401)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Time to collect: _____ 5.30 pm _____ 6.00 pm _____ 6.30 pm _____ 7.00 pm

Please collect at the time requested.

All orders will include prawn crackers and fortune cookies.

How many people is this order for? _____

Main Dishes -- £4.50

- _____ sweet and sour pork
- _____ kung po (spicy) chicken, veg.
and cashew nuts
- _____ beef with peppers and black bean
sauce
- _____ mixed veg in ginger soy sauce
- _____ vegetable chow mein noodles
- _____ pork chow mein noodles

Side Dishes -- £2

- _____ boiled rice (serves two)
- _____ pork and egg fried rice (serves two)
- _____ 2 vegetable spring rolls

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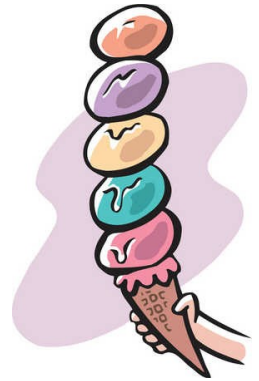


FISH MART CAFE UPDATE

FISHMARTSTRONSAY@GMAIL.COM

01857 616401

**OPEN: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 8.30-4.30
(LUNCH 11.30-2)
SATURDAY-SUNDAY 10-4.30
(LUNCH 12-2)**



**THE LUNCH MENU DURING THE WEEK WILL CONTINUE TO BE HOMEMADE
SOUP AND SELF-SERVE SANDWICHES.**

**WEEKEND MENUS WILL INCLUDE BURGERS AND CHIPS
AND OTHER HOT MENU CHOICES.**

**SUMMER'S NOT OVER YET...
COME TO THE**

**POP-UP ICE CREAM SHOP
AT THE FISH MART
FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST
3-5 PM**

**SINGLE SCOOPS, CONES,
BANANA SPLITS, SUNDAES, 'MALTESER
MADNESS'...**

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Stronsay's Crafting Chapel and Visitor Centre

Open April to December 10.30 to 16.00
Saturday through to Wednesday (other times by arrangement)



Unleash your creativity and make greeting cards, pictures, party decorations and much more. Come for a few hours, organise a party or a crafting holiday. However long you stay, you will take home an original handmade item.

Visit our shop and buy handmade cards (which can be personalised), craft supplies, wool and gifts.



Relax in our tea room with sea views and enjoy our homemade soups, sandwiches, cakes and traybakes.

Contact Dianne 01857 616249
dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk
www.craftshipenterprise.co.uk

Love Stronsay



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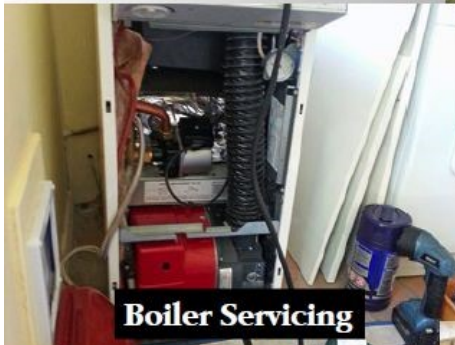
LOCAL BUSINESSES

Ebenezer Oil Heating Services

Oftec trained engineer



Oil Tank Installation



Boiler Servicing

Oil boiler servicing,
repair and replacement



Boiler Installation

& Commissioning

A serviced boiler
is an efficient boiler
and will save you money

Tel 01857 616339
ebenezer@stronsay.org

STRONSAY ARTWORKS

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

Phone 01856 870075

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

Email jennystone001@btinternet.com

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

www.orkneystarislansoap.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).

“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



**Support and friendship
for families**

Home-Start Orkney

Home-Start is the UK's leading family support charity and [Home-Start Orkney](http://www.homestartorkney.org.uk) has been on the go for over 14 years. The scheme was recently awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to develop the service to the outer isles. To provide the service we will train volunteers who then offer support in the family home to parents of young children who are experiencing difficulties. Perhaps a parent is struggling with isolation, post-natal depression, or would just benefit from a couple of hours of practical or emotional help once a week to assist with parenting skills or improve their well-being.

Volunteers will have parenting experience and will be provided with training, out-of-pocket expenses and on-going support from the co-ordinators.

For more information please contact Elsie Cooper at elsie@homestartorkney.org.uk or go to the Home Start Orkney website <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/homestartorkney>.

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THE STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **PARENT COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The Stronsay Junior High School Parent Council has applied to be a Rag Bag recycling collection point you may have seen the container at the school standing in the north car park. At present we have to site the container but in the near future we hope to start collecting unwanted items of clothing, ties, belts, handbags, bags, pairs of shoes tied together, household linen and towels.

These items are sorted by the Primary pupils, packed into large bags and sent away south where they are baled and shipped to Africa. Local teams of volunteers then dispatch the items to those in need. The Parent Council will receive payment in return for the textiles which will go towards supporting our children within the school.

As islanders we are all aware how the damp and wet can creep in where we least expect it so to ensure all textiles are kept dry we have to request items are placed in plastic bags which can be accessed from the school and placed into the container. This will also make it easier for our pupils to carry the textiles into the school to sort. All bags will of course be recycled!

If you wish to support us please watch out for the notices in our local shops informing you of when we are up and running!

RAG BAG

Items We Collect

- All mens, ladies and childrens clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels

We cannot accept the following items:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Uniforms & work wear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE
supervised sessions

MONDAY	3.45-5.45
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	3.45-5.45
THURSDAY	3.45-5.45
FRIDAY	3.45-5.45
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Buddy system by request

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

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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<p><i>GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS</i></p> <p><u>STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE</u></p>
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Mondays:

7.00 - 7.40 Public Session
7.40 – 8.20 Ladies' Session

Wednesdays:

3.30 – 4.10 Swimclub Beginners/Developers
7.00 – 7.40 Private Hire
7.40 – 8.20 Men's Session

Thursdays:

3.30 – 4.30 Swimclub A and B

Saturdays:

2.00 – 2.40 Private Hire
2.40 – 3.20 Public Session

To enquire about Private Hires, phone Elsie on 616331.
To enquire about Swim Club, phone Sarah on 616406 or Andy 616277

POOL CHARGES

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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STRONSAY STITCHERS

This month: Thursday 27th August, 7pm – 9.30pm, Church Hall

£2 towards hall costs, refreshments & biscuits

Bring along anything stitchy – mending, unfinished work, new project, something you'd like to do but never got round to starting, something you've got stuck on. We can maybe help. If it's not stitchy crafts, but can be done at the hall, then please feel welcome to come join us – we're not just about knitting.

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STRONSAY AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE



Saturday 26th September, 1pm – 4pm, Stronsay Community Hall

Refreshments & bakes available

Sponsored and supported by the Stronsay Community Association

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. The Sunday Club is taking a break over the summer but a crèche is available for children aged 9 and under

- August 30th – Mike Erdman

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

Tuesday 8 September

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

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>

Library opening times

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

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.

STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

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USEFUL INFORMATION

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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), 10.30am (Sundays & Holidays)
Next Special Collection ? (Phone 01856 873535)
Rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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 contact@the-sons.org	

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.
Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET*

Send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk, phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 11am & before 9pm, please!) or write to *The Limpet*, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR. Details of the deadline for the next edition are on the front page

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