

STRONSAY LIMPET

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CHRISTMAS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

The publication date of the December edition of the Limpet will be brought forwards to Thursday 24 December. Therefore the deadline for the December edition will be 7pm on Sunday 20 December.

The usual list of the island's businesses with their opening/closing dates & times will be on the front page. Local businesses, please be sure to let the Limpet know of your Christmas/Hogmanay arrangements by the above deadline. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

Hello, we are the Stronsay Junior Road Safety Officers, and we are here to inform you about being bright and seen at night. As you all very well know, the clocks have gone 1 hour back. You may also realise that it gets darker earlier than usual. So due to this we remind you to always wear Hi-Viz jackets when walking out at night. Also try to stick to the safe spots of the road. We advise everyone to do this.

Thank you,

JRSOs (Elizabeth, Aimee, Mikey and Joshua)

Upper Primary, Stronsay School

STRONSAY—WILD LIFE

Vicki's lawnmower made a bid for freedom whilst being rounded up from the Police House garden but Jim Holland, Stronsay's reliable haulier and sheep-wrestler extraordinaire, soon had him safely caged and on his way to pastures new (and some lady friends) with a little help from Neil's on Wheels.



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



FUEL POVERTY GRANTS, 2015

A gentle reminder that applications for the Fuel Poverty Grant 2015 should be returned to the Trust by 30th NOVEMBER 2015

Key account holders – arrangements will be made for you to take your electricity key to the post office for your account to be credited with £150.00

Recently changed provider and don't have a current bill? Simply provide the name of your new provider, the account holder and your account number at the head of the form.

EZ/LOBSTER PONDS UPDATE

As a result of the demolition of the rear wall of the Lobster Ponds building in March 2014, which breached the existing planning permission for the conversion of an existing building, with the rear wall to be incorporated into the new structure, all work has been suspended until Planning Permission for a new-build has been granted. The Council has received a number of objections to the Trust's application, mainly under 'neighbour notification' legislation, which are being answered, but this does mean that the application will have to go to a Planning Permission Committee meeting – hopefully in December – for a final decision. The Funder, Big Lottery, has been made fully aware of the situation and remains hugely supportive but the Trust cannot expect Big Lottery to shoulder the cost of the new plans and Planning Permission (£3,200) nor the cost of putting right any damage caused by the long delay in building work. Regrettably, these costs will need to be found from the Community Fund.

LETTER FROM OSCR **(Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)**

In December 2014 OSCR opened an inquiry into the Trust following a number of anonymous concerns which had been raised with them. The Trustees strongly refuted these allegations and are delighted to report that they have received a letter from OSCR stating that 'After reviewing all the relevant information, we consider the actions of the charity to be consistent with the general duties that they are subject to under the 2005 Act. We have not identified any matters of a regulatory nature that warrant further action by us at this time and as a result are closing our case file.'

Carole Cotterill
Chair



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POST OFFICE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS
Friday 18 December Open Extra 2pm-5pm

Friday 25 December	Closed
Saturday 26 December	Closed
Monday 28 December	Closed
Tuesday 29 December	8.30-12
Wednesday 30 December	8.30-12
Thursday 31 December	8.30-12
Friday 1 January	Closed
Saturday 2 January	Closed
Monday 4 January	8.30-12

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR POSTAL DELIVERIES

Friday 25 December	No delivery
Saturday 26 December	No delivery
Monday 28 December	No delivery
Tuesday 29 December	Delivery as normal
Wednesday 30 December	Delivery as normal
Thursday 31 December	Delivery as normal
Friday 1 January	No delivery
Saturday 2 January	No delivery
Monday 4 January	Delivery as normal

LATEST POSTING DATES!

**International Standard (formerly Airmail) and all International
Tracking and Signature Services
(formerly Airsure[®] and International Signed For[®])**

- Thursday 3 December Africa, Middle East
- Saturday 5 December Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Japan, Eastern Europe (ex.
Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia)
- Monday 7 December Caribbean, Central & South America
- Wednesday 9 December Greece, Australia, New Zealand
- Saturday 12 December Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
- Monday 14 December Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
- Tuesday 15 December Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain
- Wednesday 16 December France
- Thursday 17 December Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands,
Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland

UK Inland Services

- Friday 18 December 2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For[®]
- Saturday 19 December 1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For[®]
- Tuesday 22 December Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed[®]

ORKNEY FERRIES

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS 2015/16

During the Christmas and New Year holiday period sailings will be as per timetable subject to the undernoted changes.

There will be no sailings on Friday 25, Saturday 26 December 2015, Friday 1 and Saturday 2 January 2016.

There will be an additional freight plane to North Ronaldsay on Thursday 24 December.

Additional sailing Thursday 24 December as follows:

- Depart Stronsay 1815
- Arrive Eday 1850
- Depart Eday 1855
- Arrive Kirkwall 2010

Additional sailing Tuesday 29 December as follows:

- Depart Stronsay 1750
- Arrive Kirkwall 1925

On Wednesday 30 December to enable a sailing to North Ronaldsay, Outer North Isles morning sailings will be replaced with the following:

- Depart Kirkwall 0720
- Arrive Westray 0845
- Depart Westray 0900
- Arrive Kirkwall 1025
- Depart Kirkwall 0740
- Arrive Stronsay 0915
- Depart Stronsay 0925
- Arrive Sanday 1000
- Depart Sanday 1010
- Arrive Eday 1030
- Depart Eday 1040
- Arrive Kirkwall 1155
- Depart Kirkwall 0800 to North Ronaldsay and return (weather permitting and subject to confirmation the day before)

Additional sailing Thursday 31 December as follows:

- Depart Stronsay 1815
- Arrive Eday 1850
- Depart Eday 1855
- Arrive Kirkwall 2010

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

Autumn migration was given a late boost with several days of SE winds at the end of October which as usual at this time of year brought many hundreds of Blackbirds to the island along with a few Woodcock. Two owls seen together by Michael Cooper in Whitehall Village long after dark were almost certainly Long-eared – the third most likely species during a big fall of migrant species at this time of year after SE winds. There were at least 5 Black Redstarts including one which flew into Olivebank Stores 2-3 times - probably to escape a Merlin – but was soon caught and safely released. A few Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs arrived and, a flock of 15 or so Brambling spent some time in Don Peace's potato patch at Samsonslane. The most exciting finds were Great Grey Shrikes – possibly 3 birds – at Mt Pleasant, Dunroamin, the Fire Station, and Springwell between 28th and the end of the month, and there was a very late Swallow at Springwell on 2nd November. The rarest find was a Dusky Warbler along the Cleat road on 3rd but as ever with the species it was seen briefly a few times before diving into cover (gorse above the roadside ditch) - never to be seen again!

There have been many sightings of 'owls' during the past month – and even more of Hen Harriers; and Kestrel, Merlin, Sparrowhawk, and Peregrine have all been recorded recently. A male Snow Bunting was seen on 15th November the same day as a late Chiffchaff arrived at Cleat Cottage. The only Reed Buntings recorded were two at Matpow seen by Norman Kent today – 22nd.

There have been far more Whooper Swans this year (including a few birds close to the road at Samsonslane and Scoulters) clearly due to the reduction in the number of Greylag Geese, and the Matpow and Bu Lochs now play host to good numbers of wild ducks for the same reason.

Many thanks for all the calls.

John Holloway, 22nd November 2015



'The Great Grey Shrike first seen at Mount Pleasant posed perfectly on the hydro-wire close to the house'

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‘A rear-on shot of the Mt Pleasant bird’



‘A male Brambling outside the kitchen window at Castle’



‘This Short-eared Owl was seen by several people in the Bay/Matpow area’

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‘Hen Harrier sightings remain very numerous towards the end of the year. This one was seen flying past the garden at Slap’



‘The Great Spotted Woodpecker which arrived in August is still present – this shot was taken through the car window outside Park Cottage today (22nd Nov). The same bird has been seen at Cliffdale, Dale, Linksquoy, Castle, and Millbank.’

ORKNEY FERRIES—SMS TEXT ALERTS

If you wish to sign up to the Orkney Ferries SMS text alerts then contact Orkney Ferries on 01856 872044, give them your name & your phone number and they will add you to the list. Please note that you cannot just sign up for Stronsay alerts, it’s all the alerts or none!

LIFE AND TIMES AT STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

So far, November has been an eventful month for our pupils.

Last Friday, the Pupil Council arranged a dancing evening at the Community Centre. We all feel that it is important to keep these traditions alive and must thank, once again, Doris and Ingram Shearer, for leading the dancing and teaching some of the more complex dances (The Lancers anyone?). Approximately, £85 was made for SOS funds and promises were made to organise another evening before Christmas. Well done, to the pupils involved.

On Tuesday 10th November, we welcomed a rather happy, rotund and yellow visitor to the school. No, it wasn't a school inspector but Pudsey Bear! He had his photo taken in various classrooms before enjoying a teddy bear's picnic with Lower Primary.



As you can see, he made himself at home and met some of his fellow bears who had travelled to school for the occasion. On Friday, there were a range of fun activities taking place to raise funds for Children in Need. Pupils came in their pyjamas and, I must say, looked rather dashing in lessons. We'll let you know how much money we raised, next month.

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On Wednesday 11th November, every member of our school made their way to the War Memorial just before eleven o'clock. Each person held a photograph of one of the men named on the memorial. Many of the names were familiar to us and, of course, many of the men were relatives of people in our school community. A poem written by Private James Drever to his fiancé, Maggie Mowat, was read out, beautifully, by Rebecca Drever. He talked of his wish to return to Stronsay and marry his sweetheart. This was not to be, and Private Drever is buried in the Bay Cemetery. His fiancé never married.

Erynn Stevenson and Charlie Williams read some verses from "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon, after which we observed a two minute silence. Holding the photographs made us all think carefully about the people that Stronsay lost in the two World Wars.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grown old"



If you would like to read more about the life of our school, and see more photos please read the Stronsay Junior High School Blog (<http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk>)

STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The children at the school raised £123.84 in total for Children in Need on Friday 13 November! Here are a few pictures taken during various activities: mini disco, face painting, nail painting, Flap the Pudsey, etc.

(Photographs from Antoine Pietri)



School disco



Millie

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James & Rowan



Jack—face painting

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Letter from School Place

Following my visit to Kalisgarth last month, it was encouraging to attend a public meeting at which a group was formed to explore ways to get a similar care home established in Sanday. From the Council's perspective, the creation of such a facility would accord with all of "Our Values": "Promoting survival", "Promoting sustainability", "Promoting equality and fairness", "Working together", "Working with communities" and "Working to provide better services", and would meet our priority no.1 "Care and support for those who need it" and priority no.2 "Promote successful, thriving communities" (see *Wur Plan*, available from the Council Offices or downloadable at http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council/Council-Plans/Our_Plan_2013-2018.pdf).

To remind you, Kalisgarth provides residential care, day care and respite care, employs some 20 staff and offers training opportunities, meaning old and young alike are able to remain on Westray who otherwise would have to leave the island.

OIC is undertaking a review of home-based registrars. I would urge everyone to take part, whether or not you have ever needed a registrar so far in your life. You can do it online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/islesregistrars>.

Returning to the values and priorities of *Wur Plan* mentioned above, these are my thoughts:

- In the absence of home-based registrars in the Isles, a newly bereaved person would be forced to endure a day away from home travelling to Kirkwall and back in order to register the death before the deceased can finally be laid to rest. (No Mainlander has to suffer this inconvenience.)
- Family history research is a major industry these days, and genealogists will travel out to our island registrars to search the registers they hold. Such a visit may well be combined with a trip to the island graveyards, a tour around the island to find the dwellings of ancestors, a browse in the local heritage centre, a meal at the pub, etc., all contributing a little much-needed money into the island economy. Centralising the registrars will remove this contribution, quite apart from making the island registrars redundant and taking away a source of income from them, yet further chipping away at the sustainability and ultimately the survival of our fragile island communities.
- A few years ago I visited the North Frisian island of Pellworm. On that island, marriage ceremonies are regularly held (around 300 each year!) in the lighthouse, supporting booming business for local hostelrys and accommodation providers, and spawning a "wedding industry" on the island. I could imagine such an enterprise developing on North Ronaldsay, for example, but this would only be feasible with a resident registrar.

Community councils are automatically engaged in this consultation, but I would encourage development trusts and heritage groups also to consider making submissions on their own behalf.

NB The deadline for submissions is the 9th December.

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Winter has definitely come! I have unfortunately missed a couple of meetings on account of ferry cancellations. Those I have attended include meetings of the: Community Development Fund Sub-Committee, St Magnus Cathedral Sub-Committee, Change Programme Board, Orkney College Management Council, House Build Programme Board, plus some council seminars, the AGM of the Sanday Development Trust, and the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee (as vice-chair).

In my role as Vice-Chair of Education, Leisure & Housing, I would welcome hearing (in confidence, of course) from pupils, students, parents, teachers (and aspiring teachers) and other staff with any comments they may have on the service, good or bad.

Weather permitting, I shall be going to Shapinsay on Friday 4th December to open the tree-lighting ceremony.

Here is a (rather shaky) photograph of me at the tree lighting event I opened at Sanday School in 2006. The weather was so awful that all the spectators stayed inside the school and watched me through the windows. The yellow rubber gloves are to protect me against electrocution!

Christmas will be on us before we know it, so I wish everybody a very merry one.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

MUM!

By Ellie from Newfield

It's a scary though I think
How invaluable is "she",
The mother of the children,
The anchor of the family.
Just an ordinary woman
With no concealed magic power.
Always on an eight day week
Of compulsory, irregular hours.
Does she wonder
Just where her strength comes from?
For how many times does she hear it
That little word m u m.
All the days of her life
Her children will turn to her
That consistent anchor
When their problems occur.
Scary, wouldn't you say?
This mother's role in life
To always keep a vigil
For their offspring in their strife
How few are a woman's days
When she feels herself care-free
For in the laws of Nature
Children are drawn to her knee.
Was it that God created mothers
Installing that comforting knee
So that children would all find comfort
Since the beginning of history.
Almost before she can turn around
She's a mother raising a child
Unselfish in all things
On whom all things are piled
The weakest of the sexes
Drawing strength, it seems, from within.
Who stands and fights her corner
And takes life on the chin.
Just a regular woman
So normal as they come
That multi-tasking marvel
Also known as M.U.M

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

LOOKING FOR WORK

(full time or part time or flexible) between now and September 2016,
anything considered.

James Davidson, Greenfields, phone 616498 or 0756 528 20 20

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Rag Bag collection (see Recycling Certificate below). The Primary children at the school have now taken complete responsibility of the bagging and collecting. Please keep supporting us! Thank you



Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

Stronsay Branch



Stronsay RNLI committee would like to thank the community for their support at the Halloween party.

Special thanks go to Debbie & Chris at the Stronsay Hotel for hosting the party and entertaining the kids (big and small!) with a fab disco.

A total of £264 was raised through the raffle and donations so well done everyone!

WANTED! **RNLI FUNDRAISERS**

Stronsay RNLI committee is currently looking for new volunteer members to help with fundraising events throughout the year. In recent years our community has done exceptionally well in supporting the RNLI but we need more of you to help to secure the future of the Stronsay branch.

If you think you can help contact Anne-marie at Storehouse or Andy at Hillside.

ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP



Many thanks to everyone for your continuing support this year. May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Simone.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best wishes for a safe & happy Christmas and good health & success for 2016 to everyone in & outwith Stronsay.

Simone.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Fish Mart Cafe

December/January Opening Times

Tuesday 1 December-Sunday 20 December:
(open every day except Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-4.30)

Monday, 21 December, closed

Open Tuesday, Wed., Thurs., 22-24 Dec., 10-4.30

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day

Open every day, Sunday, 27 Dec.-Thurs. 31 Dec., 10-4.30

Closed New Year's Day

Open Sat. 2 Jan and Sun. 3 Jan.

On the Menu:

Sat/Sun 5-6 December

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips
- Lasagne
- Thai Green Curry and Rice

Sat/Sun 12-13 December

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips
- Chicken and Chorizo Paella
- Cheesy Macaroni

Sat/Sun 19/20 December

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips
- Cheese Enchiladas (Mexican Wraps) with Rice and Beans
- Chicken and Bacon Pies

Sun. 27-Thurs. 31 Dec.

- Burgers/Cheeseburgers and chips
- Soup and Cheese Scones or Homemade Roll
- Nachos and Spicy Chicken Strips
- Toasties and Chips or Crisps



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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

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

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Craftship Enterprise Christmas Craft classes

Saturday Dec 5th

10.30 - 12.30

Xmas Card Making



Sunday Dec 6th

13.30 - 15.30

Xmas Decorations (flowers)



Saturday Dec 12th

10.30 - 12.30

Xmas Decorations (window stars)



Sunday Dec 13th

13.30 - 15.30

Xmas Card Making

Saturday Dec 19th

10.30 - 12.30

Xmas snowflakes and
paper chains



Sunday Dec 20th

13.30 - 15.30

Xmas wreaths



£10 per person: including coffee/tea/biscuits

To book a class please Facebook me or call 01857616416

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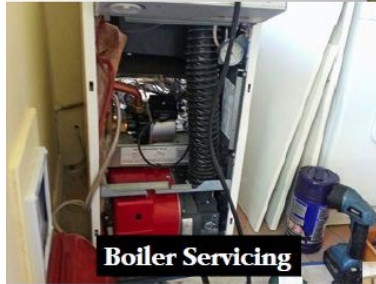
LOCAL BUSINESSES

Ebenezer Oil Heating Services

Oftec trained engineer



Oil Tank Installation



Boiler Servicing

Oil boiler servicing,
repair and replacement



Boiler Installation

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

& Commissioning

Tel 01857 616339
ebenezer@stronsay.org

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ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk

New Christmas edition soaps are now out. Sunshine Luffa Soap, Sea Foam Shaving Soap In A Tin, Shea Delight, Auld Wood, Fantastic Frankincense and Hot Pink. Available in Stronsay at Ebenezer Stores, the Post Office and Olive Bank.

Also www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk, Ortak, Peedie Hansel, Castaway Crafts, The Fossil Centre, Birsay Bay Tearoom, The Waterfront Gallery, Orkney.



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STRONSAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Well that's it for 2015 and our last craft fair, but we certainly went out with a bang. What a turnout and what a wonderful, colourful display of items from both our local craftspeople and from 4 courageous folk who braved the uncertainty of tide and weather to come and join us.

A mouth-watering selection of cakes and hot drinks, music, banter and of course plenty of buying and selling made this one of our busiest and jolliest fairs of the year. Many thanks must go to the Stronsay Community Association for all their support and work, also to all the Stronsay folk who came – we couldn't do it without you! Also to our local crafters who consistently and amazingly keep on creating. Last, but not least, thanks to the menfolk who, at the end of a tiring day, rally forth like super heros and speed clear all our stuff away.

We hope you all had a good time and that we'll see you again in 2016.



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Stronsay Junior High School
Pupil Council

CHRISTMAS DANCING!

On Friday 4th December 2015
With
Ingram and Doris
8pm – 10pm in the Stronsay Community Centre

Adults £3
Children £1

RAFFLES
TEA, COFFEE & CAKE

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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S.O.S. Christmas Card Delivery

Drop off your Christmas cards in our special post boxes: at the shops, the school or at the community hall.

**17th December
is the last
postage date.**

**Donate
as you post:
20p per card
Local post only!**

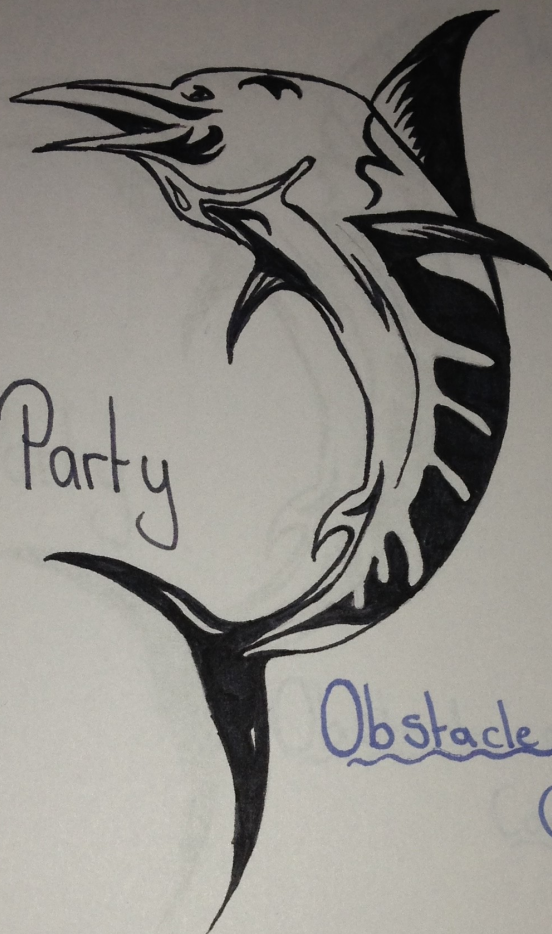
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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

Stronsay Pools

21st

Birthday Party



Wednesday
2nd

December
2015

6:45 pm

Obstacle and Relay
Competition

Followed by

birthday tea, treats and cake. Raffle and Pool photos from over the years.

Teams of 4 (2 under 16's and 2 16+) £8 per team entry fee

All team members must be deep enders.

40 spectator seats £2 - 1st come 1st served!

For Team entries, spectator tickets and any questions

Contact Sarah Stevenson 616 406!

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**Struggling to feed yourself or your family?
Short term crisis? Low income?
Illness? Benefit delay?
Not sure where to turn for help?
Orkney Foodbank is here for you!**

There are many reasons why you might have found yourself in this situation and we all need a helping hand now and then.

Give us a call or talk to one of the many voucher issuers eg your local GP, Citizens Advice or Social Work Department. (Details of other voucher issuers can be obtained from the Foodbank)



Opening Times

**Tuesdays and Fridays
11.00am-3.00pm**

Baked Potatoes

**These are available from
12.00-2.00pm
(free for voucher holders - available
to the public for a donation)**

www.orkney.foodbank.org.uk

Tel: 07719 293378

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STRONSAY BOOKWORM NEWS



Thursday November 12th saw the hardy readers brave the high winds to meet at Viv's house.

Our November read was **"We Bought an Island"** by Evelyn Atkins – Viv's choice – and it certainly gave us plenty to talk and laugh about. We all agreed that we were able to recognise the trials and tribulations of living on a small island and empathise with the two brave women who had embarked on such an adventure.

In December we are reading **"A Christmas Carol"** by Charles Dickens. We are going to meet at Barbara's house – **School Brae** – **on Thursday December 10th at 7.30pm.** There will be mulled wine and mince pies to keep the conversation flowing. If you have read the novel and want to come along, you're very welcome.

Our New Year reads:

- **January** "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman
- **February** "The Mermaid Bride and other Orkney Folk Tales" told by Tom Muir.
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Look in The Limpet for dates and venues. Everybody welcome.

STRONSAY STITCHERS



There will be no meeting in December, but we will be back in 2016. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAYPARK ACTION GROUP



Doris Shearer has kindly donated a gorgeous Christmas house to our cause. It has lights and sounds – a lovely centrepiece to any Christmas display.

Raffle tickets—£1 each—on sale until Saturday 12th December at Olivebank and at Ebenezer.

The raffle will be drawn at the school on Monday 14th December. The winner will win this Christmas house and the runner-up will receive a bottle of champagne.

Thanks!
SCPAG

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**CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING**

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2015

AT THE HALL

AT 7PM

ADULTS: £5 CHILDREN: £2

ENTERTAINMENT

SUPPER – SANDWICHES, PIZZA

MINCE PIES

TEA, COFFEE AND MULLED WINE

BAR OPEN

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HOGMANAY DANCE

THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2015

IN THE HALL

10PM TILL MIDNIGHT

ADULTS: £3

CHILDREN: £1

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL, STRONSAY ISLAND LINK OFFICE

The Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart and accessed through the entrance at the gable end of the building, first door on the right, is now open three days a week, every **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 10am and midday.**

The office can be opened at other times, by prior arrangement, to facilitate meetings/contact with OIC officials.

So if you want to:-

- save a trip into town and pick up OIC forms;
- enquire about a service OIC is able to provide;
- collect replacement 'dog poo' or black bin bags;
- have something photocopied (10p a copy);
- report an issue or concern that OIC may be able to address,
- read the latest job vacancies, reports and news from OIC,

then please feel free to call in at the Island Link Office, when I will do my best to help.

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer

NHS ORKNEY—PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (to 31st March 2016)

- 25 December Christmas Day
- 28 December In lieu of Boxing Day
- 1 January 2016 New Years Day
- 4 January 2016 In lieu of 2 January
- 28 March 2016 Easter Monday

All GP surgeries are closed on Public Holidays, usual emergency cover will be in place.

LIMPET EMAIL LIST

To receive the Limpet emails you must first "sign up" by going to the link on the Limpet webpage <http://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/MailList.html> and you must respond to the email asking for confirmation which you will receive very soon afterwards

There are quite a few folk who have signed up but have failed to respond to the confirmatory email - if that's you then please check your "junk" or "spam" email folder because that is where email software often sends the confirmatory email.

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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. A crèche is available for children aged 9 and under

- Nov 29th - David Bowen (communion)
- Dec 6th - Stephen Manners
- Dec 13th - Mike Erdman
- Dec 13th (evening) - Ian Cooper (Carols by Candlelight)
- Dec 20th - Sunday Club
- Dec 20th - (afternoon) Sunday Club party
- Dec 24th - David Bowen (watchnight service)
- Dec 25th - Mike and Viv Erdman (Christmas day service)
- Dec 27th - John King (Nurse Shirley's father)
- Jan 3rd - David Bowen
- Jan 10th - Viv Erdman
- Jan 17th - Stephen Manners
- Jan 24th - David Bowen
- Jan 31st - Mike Erdman

STRONSAY HEALTHY WALKERS

Stronsay Healthy Walkers meet every Wednesday at 2pm. Information on the next walk is disseminated via notices in the shops, the Limpet facebook page and the Limpet webpage. Information is also sent to the Limpet email list (*See the notice below for information on the Limpet email list*)

DOG POO BAGS

Replacement dog poo bags are available free of charge from the local shops and the Post Office, or from the Island Link Office.

Please be a responsible dog owner, clean up after your dog and help keep our beaches, verges, roads and public areas clean.

Thanks,

Colin McAlpine

Island Link Officer

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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

(See the note in the “Thank you” section)

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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.

SANTA'S FLOAT 2015

This year Santa's Float is being organised by the Stronsay Play Park Group. The float will leave Jim's yard at 7pm on Saturday 19th December, ending at the Stronsay Hotel for light refreshments and possibly a kiddies disco afterwards. Collections will be made to support the Play Park fund.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP.

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held on Wednesday 3rd February at 3pm in the carpet room at the Community Centre.

Shirley (616438).

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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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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

Monday 30th November

(NOTE—NO visit in December!)

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.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thu	8:30am — 1pm
Tue	2pm—6pm
Sat	9am—1pm
Sun & Fri	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Bank day	Tuesday
Replacement bin bags.	Contact Island Link Officer in the Fishmart
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	11 Dec 2015 and 26 Feb 2016
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 10am & before 8pm, 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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