

# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND—STRONSAY BRANCH**

NO banking service on 16th or 23rd February

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## **STRONSAY POST OFFICE**

### **OPENING HOURS from January 2016**

Monday	8.30am - 12pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 12pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 12pm
Thursday	8.30am - 12pm
Friday	8.30am - 12pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm
Sunday	Closed

### **COLLECTION OF NORTHVET DRUGS**

If you need to collect drugs outside opening hours,  
please phone Lisa or Jonas on 616349.

If there is no reply on 616349,  
please phone Katie on 616242 (up until 8pm)

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## **A REMINDER ABOUT THE LIMPET'S EMAIL LIST**

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 25 Feb**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 21 Feb**. Contact details on back page



## UPDATES

### **Enterprise Zone/Lobster Ponds**

Planning permission was granted at a meeting of OIC's Planning Committee in December. The Trust would like to thank WRC Construction Ltd for the care taken to ensure that the existing framework of the building was protected as best possible against the autumn gales. The building has been inspected by Orkney Council's Clerk of Works who has found no damage nor need for remedial works and will be recommending that construction can recommence.

### **Fuel Poverty Scheme**

There was a far wider uptake of the Scheme this time round and in all 54 grants were made at a cost of £8.100 from the Community Fund. The payments to the various providers were sent out in mid-December, along with lists of account holders and their account numbers. The £150 grant should be reflected in the applicant's next statement. If your next statement fails to show a credit of £150 please get in touch on 616250.

Carole Cotterill



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## **COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE**

During November, December and January the following Community Fund grants have been awarded to individuals and groups in Stronsay:

<b>Fuel Poverty Scheme Payments</b>	
54 payments of £150 each	8,100.00
<b>One Educational Bursary of £1,000.00</b>	1,000.00
<b>Six Skills Bursaries of £387.00</b>	
For a course of 10 driving lessons + practical and theory test fees	2,322.00
<b>Three Skills Bursaries of £640, £780 and £1,000 each and Group Training in safe use of pesticides/crop spraying (eight participants)</b>	
	4,018.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,440.50</b>

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## RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

A great start to the year – apart from the very dull and windy weather in the first ten days – with the Great Spotted Woodpecker still present in the Linkshouse/Park Cottage/Dale area; a Jack Snipe in the Castle Drive on 6th Jan. ; a Woodcock seen by Dave at Coweshouse on 9th; several sightings of ‘owls’ (at least the majority Short-eared); a stranded Little Auk picked up in the Lodge Drive by Robin and Jennifer (and soon released in Whitehall harbour between the piers), and another seen in Mill Bay mid-month along with several Long-tailed Ducks and 2-3 each of Great Northern and Red-throated Divers.

And then it got even better - albeit frustratingly short-lived - with the discovery of a Carolina Wood Duck (an American species) by Kath and Norman at Dale on 13th, followed by a Long-billed Dowitcher – also an American species - feeding in a small roadside pond near the South School on 24th (See photos) . Both birds were sadly only present for an hour or so. Although Wood Ducks seen in the UK are generally regarded as ‘escapes’ from collections, the bird at Dale was feeding frantically in-between bouts of intense preening – both indicating that the bird had probably just undertaken a long flight. There is no question regarding the status of the dowitcher – a wader which is recorded in small numbers annually in the UK – mainly in Autumn. We did manage to flag down a few passing motorists to see the duck, but there were none during our sighting of the dowitcher which may still be on the island – probably probing for worms etc. in a shallow pond, but with several hundred such stretches of water across the island the chances of re-finding the bird are just about nil! The bird is about the same size as a Common Snipe but is generally much greyer-looking with an even longer bill!

There has been a party of 6-8 Red-breasted Mergansers in-between the piers for much of January and other small parties elsewhere around the rocky coastline, including Houseby where Callum has had regular sightings of the species.



*The Carolina Duck – one of the most brilliantly coloured species recorded in the U.K.*

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*The Long-billed Dowitcher frantically feeding in the small roadside pond near Cott*



*A distant shot showing the extremely long bill.  
(More stills from our excellent video of the bird next month)*



**NEW!**  
**STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION**

Suggested by John Holloway.

Each month a photograph will be published and the Limpet's readers will be invited to provide a suitable (non-smutty!) caption.

The captions will be judged by John Holloway and the editor of the Limpet. The writer of the best caption will receive a small prize.  
(The editor's decision is final!)

Below is the first photograph.

Please send your caption to the editor of the Limpet - contact details are on the back page of the Limpet. Don't forget include your own contact details with your entry.  
Closing date for entries is midnight on Monday 15 February.



## **LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE**

It has been a miserable start to the year, with some extreme weather conditions which are predicted to become commonplace conditions in the future. Members of my own family had some adventures getting back to Orkney from Scotland, what with cancelled ferries and flooded railway lines. Eday's pier was seriously damaged by sea surges, and Sanday's water was threatened by stormy conditions stirring up the silt in Bea Loch necessitating tankers of water being sent out by Scottish Water to supplement supplies. And, of course, there have been power cuts, damage to property, influenza.... It is the custom in Switzerland for each household to store ample stocks of food, fuel etc. for an emergency. A commonsense New Year's Resolution for us islanders to keep, I think.

Our last formal meeting of 2015 was a Special General meeting on our response to the Scottish Government's consultation on provisions for a future islands bill. The aim of the consultation was to seek views on plans for giving more power and protection to Scotland's islands, the intention being that these will help shape the development of a Scottish Parliament bill allowing the islands to build a more prosperous and fairer future for their communities. A draft of our response can be found on the OIC website.

We have had several budget briefings to try and thrash out how we are going to manage the £5,000,000 cut to our funding by the Scottish Government. Moray Council has considered raising its council tax by 18%. The trouble with this solution is that the Scottish Government will now impose a penalty on them for breaking its "council tax freeze", which means their council tax is having to be raised by more than would otherwise be necessary. In the case of Orkney, a 10% increase in council tax would collect approx. £751,000 extra from taxpayers, but the Scottish Government would then take away £243,000 in penalty from us, leaving us with only £508,000 extra for the budget. Any increase up to 3.3% would bring in no extra money to the Council, even though it would increase the financial burden on our council tax payers. OIC is still working with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) to encourage the Scottish Government to give us a better settlement.

I participated in a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) development options workshop at Scapa with consultants Peter Brett Associates. Their work will consider the internal air and ferry network and associated infrastructure and the needs of the communities moving forward. I particularly stressed the point that the "needs" absolutely have to include the need for economic growth and increase in island populations; otherwise our future transport system could lock us into the status quo. As part of the consultation process, the consultants will be engaging initially with island transport reps followed by community consultation in May.

Other meetings I have attended this month include: my monthly "catch-up" with the Executive Director of Education, Leisure & Housing, an Empowering Communities Working Group meeting (with very positive reports back from the pilot islands of Stronsay and Papa Westray), a community council meeting on Papa Westray, a meeting of Sanday's parent council, and licensing meetings.

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Speaking of licensing, do you remember our decision to reject an application for a bookmakers in Kirkwall containing fixed-odds betting terminals (*Letter from School Place* March 2014 & May 2015)? Well, MSPs on Holyrood's Local Government & Regeneration Committee have now called for a ban on such gaming machines. Their inquiry found "local authorities felt powerless to stop the spread of fixed-odd betting terminals". Not Orkney!

I wish to congratulate Mrs Rosemary Newton, who has returned to Sanday from Buckingham Palace with an MBE medal (which she kindly showed me) "for services to outdoor education and to the community in Orkney". It is great when members of our communities receive such recognition for all they have contributed. In fact, anyone can nominate somebody to be considered for such an award, and details on how to do it can be found on the UK Government webpages. The important thing is that the nomination has to be submitted while the nominee is still active. I suspect a lot of otherwise deserving cases slip through the honours net because folk only think about nominating them after they have retired.

In the coming month I shall be attending a meeting of Sanday Community Council and going to Stronsay and to Westray to attend meetings of their respective parent councils.

Look out for me in next month's issue of *Living Orkney*, where I shall be the "Weel Kent Face". That should brighten up everybody's February!



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson  
West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)



# **THE BIRDS AND THE BEES**

By Ellie from Newfield

Does Gizzy never listen  
To a single word that I say?  
Does she ever pay attention  
Or is she not made that way?  
Three legs she's got, if you're counting,  
So three-quarters her given nickname  
But she's brawn enough in plenty  
And is always on for a game.  
Looking at her it's deceiving  
She supports such an innocent face.  
But nature, years ago, decided  
That birds are for cats to chase.  
"Leave those birds alone" I say,  
"They're doing you no harm"  
Then the minute I turn my back  
There is chaos where there was calm.  
She lies beneath the willows.  
Her technique I suppose you'd admire,  
With her eyes half-closed, meaning business  
In which another life will expire.  
Can she not hear those mothers  
That nervous bunch in the trees  
Those anxious warning bird-calls  
"Gizzy, don't hurt them, PLEASE!"  
Her prey is now caught in her mouth  
"What have you got? Dear me,  
It seems the lesson here endeth  
As that's not a bird, it's a bee.  
Ouch!"

©*Helene Harrison*

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

### **LAND WANTED:**

Agricultural land to buy on Stronsay, min. approx. 1 hectare, max. approx. 8 hectares, existing (usable) agricultural buildings on land beneficial but not essential, preferably in close proximity to Greenfields, depending on circumstances (location, state of disrepair etc.) purchase of disused/derelict farm will also be considered.

Phone 01857-616498 (evenings) if nobody home please leave number on answering machine or send an email to [reihls13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:reihls13@yahoo.co.uk)

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### **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

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



**Fish Mart Cafe Opening Times**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays Closed**  
**All Other Days: 10-4**

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Pizza Night: Monday, Feb. 22, 5-8 pm.** Sit in or Takeaway. Pizzas, Salad Bar, and Orkney Ice Cream.

**Mother's Day Special Menu: Sunday, 6 March, 12-2 pm.**

### **On the Menu:**

#### **Sat/Sun, 30-31 January**

Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips  
Chicken and Chorizo Paella  
Meatloaf, Mash and Veg.

#### **Sat/Sun, 6-7 February**

Burgers/Cheeseburgers and Chips  
Chicken and Bacon Pies  
Thai Green Curry and Rice

#### **Sat/Sun, 13-14 February**

Burgers/Cheeseburgers and chips  
Nachos with Spicy Chicken Strips  
Lasagne with Garlic Bread

#### **Sat/Sun, 20-21 February**

Burgers/Cheeseburgers and chips  
Stir Fry Chicken and Rice  
Cottage Pie

#### **Sat/Sun, 27-28 February**

Burgers/Cheeseburgers and chips  
Cheesy Macaroni  
Sausage, Apple and Sage Pie

Phone: 616401, email: [fishmartstronsay@gmail.com](mailto:fishmartstronsay@gmail.com), [Facebook.com/Stronsay Fishmart](https://www.facebook.com/StronsayFishmart)

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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

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### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH 2016** **VALENTINE'S WEEKEND QUIZ AT** **THE STRONSAY HOTEL.**

Tickets £6 including a fish supper.

Maximum 6 to a team. Not got a team? Come along and join another!

As well as the main quiz there'll be a couple of fun games in aid of the RNLI.

7.30pm start.

Contact Debbie and Chris on 213 to book your table.

Look out for the posters.

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FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY  
*Phone for an appointment!***

**PATRICK  
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**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
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- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**  
Email: [patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com)



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## **DRIVING TUITION**

Patient and friendly learner driver tuition with Richard. Including Pass Plus for passed drivers. To book lessons call 616268 or 07789104861. Or message my Facebook page 'Drive 2 Stay Alive'. Lesson times are very flexible to suit you, and lessons start and finish at your chosen address.

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### **STRONSAY ARTWORKS**

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

Phone 01856 870075

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

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

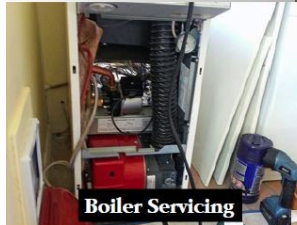
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### **Ebenezer Oil Heating Services**

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ebenezer@stronsay.org**

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### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**

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



Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG, UK

Tel: +44 01857 616281

Email: [info@orkneystarislansoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarislansoap.co.uk)

Web: <https://www.orkneystarislansoap.co.uk>

Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap/>



### **NEIL'S ON WHEELS"**

- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
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- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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# SOS Concert

12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Stronsay Community Cen-  
tre  
7pm

Enjoy an evening of variety  
acts.

**All are welcome!**

**Adults £5 Children £1**

**Entry includes refreshments.**

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## **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**



### **Here2Help Service**

Age Concern Orkney are looking to recruit permanent Home-Help Workers for our Here2Help Service starting in Stronsay in the near future.

**Here2Help is a Domestic Service, designed to support people to live independently in their own home by offering services such as cleaning, cooking, laundry and shopping.**

**We are looking for individuals who can work regular hours and access to a vehicle is essential.**

**For further information and an application pack please phone 01856 872438**

**or**

**e mail [office@ageconcernorkney.org.uk](mailto:office@ageconcernorkney.org.uk)**

**Age Concern Orkney, 46 Victoria Street, Kirkwall  
Working in partnership with Stronsay Development Trust**

**Closing date: Monday 8th February at 5pm.**

**Interviews will be held later in the month.**

**Here2Help employees are subject to a PVG check**

**Charity No.SC 007638**

**(See poster on next page)**

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# Here2Help

## **What can Here2Help workers do?**

- Clean the house
- Shop, for a one off item or on regular basis
- Help you with technology - from microwave and mobile phone to getting internet access
- Help you to de-clutter
- Prepare meals - they could even stock your freezer with home cooked meals
- Change the bedding
- Laundry and ironing
- Whatever you need help with - just ask and we'll do our best to find someone.

NOTE: We do not provide personal care (bathing, toileting, dressing, etc.) or clean up after animals (litter trays, fouling, etc.)

**AGE** ORKNEY  
*Concern*

**Need a hand?  
Give us a call!  
01856 872438**



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### **ORKNEY HEALTH AND CARE**

#### **Care at Home**

#### **Relief Islands Home Carer – Stronsay**

Orkney Health and Care's Home Care Service is an essential front line service providing care and support for vulnerable individuals enabling them to live as independently in their own home for as long as is possible. We do this by using a Reablement approach where we do things with people rather than doing things for people. The type of support we provide is individualised and tasks we undertake include meal preparation, medication assistance, and personal care such as showering or bathing.

As a relief carer you will hopefully have previous experience of working in Social Care; however we will provide on-going training to develop and maintain your skills. You will enjoy responsible, challenging, varied and rewarding work as part of our team and will receive excellent support from our teams of Social Care Co-ordinators and Home Care Organisers. You will need the sort of personality that enjoys interacting with people and making a difference to their lives. If you are motivated, caring, honest, have a true desire to 'work with' people then this could be the job for you.

You must be willing to work anywhere within the island on which you live so your own transport is essential. A mileage allowance is payable for work related journeys.

These posts are subject to PVG Scheme Protected Adults.

Please apply online at [myjobscotland.gov.uk](http://myjobscotland.gov.uk) quoting ref: number ORK00496 or alternatively contact Customer Services on 01856 873535 to request an application form quoting the same number.

**For an informal chat please call Billy Gunn – Registered Manager. Tel: 01856 888390.**



### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**7-9.30pm, Kirk Hall, refreshments & biscuits, £2**

We like to meet and craft our own projects and chat in a relaxed atmosphere on a Thursday evening once a month. If this sounds like something you might like why not pop along and see.

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A poster for Orkney Podcasts. The background is light blue with a large, stylized graphic on the left consisting of three vertical bars in green, orange, and teal, and a series of black chevrons pointing left. The title 'Orkney Podcasts' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the text 'A chance for you to listen to Orkney's own podcasts created by and recorded at VAO! Just go to' is in a dark grey font. The website 'www.orkneypodcasts.uk' is in a bold, dark green font. Below that, the text 'and you can hear our guests talking about their hobbies, work experience and sharing interesting stories from their lives.' is in a dark grey font. At the bottom right, there is a stylized graphic of a flower or starburst with a central orange circle, surrounded by purple and pink circles, and two speakers (one orange, one teal) with sound waves. The logos for Orkney Islands Council and VAO are at the bottom left. The text 'PosterMyWall.com' is at the bottom left.

**Orkney Podcasts**

A chance for you to listen to Orkney's own podcasts created by and recorded at VAO! Just go to

**[www.orkneypodcasts.uk](http://www.orkneypodcasts.uk)**

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

### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAYPARK ACTION GROUP** **UPDATE**

We are delighted to say that we have raised over £60,000 out of the £95,000 approx needed for our project. We should know by the end of February whether the three major funding applications recently submitted have been successful. More information will be available (including the final version of the design) once we are in a confirmed position to proceed. It is very much hoped installation of the new equipment will happen around May 2016.

A peedie reminder - Viv's porch is still being used to raise funds so please continue to donate items and have a browse! Thanks so much for all your generosity so far!

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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

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### **STRONSAY BOOKWORM NEWS**



We finally met to discuss “A Christmas Carol” on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. We reflected on whether humans were capable of change – even Scrooge – before discussing the background characters, and whether we believe in ghosts.

In a rare moment of organisation we decided to plan ahead and the next few books are as follows:

- **February 18th** “The Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman. Meet at **Ruth’s – Peedie Hoo** at 7.30pm.
- **March 17th** “The Mermaid Bride and other Orkney Folk Tales” told by Tom Muir. Meet at **Mairi’s - Odiness** at 7.30pm
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** “The Lady in the Van” by Alan Bennett. **Barbara will supply copies of the story (616305).** Meet at **Sarah’s - Sandybank**, usual time.
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>** “The Girl on the Train” Paula Hawkins. Meet at **Barbara’s - School Brae**. Usual time.

We were amused to see that women and modes of transport are overly represented in these titles!

**Everybody is welcome whether they’ve read the books or not.**

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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

- Jan 31st - Mike Erdman

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

### **STRONSAY PARENT COUNCIL**

Chairperson: Gaynor Smith, Vice Chairperson: Marion Miller

### **Support Our School RAG BAG COLLECTION**

It is with great regret we have to announce the demise of the Rag Bag collections. Payment for donated items has been discontinued.

The Rag Bag Team have contacted us to say they can no longer provide the service of collecting and paying for unwanted textiles in our area due to an increase of 40% in collection costs as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Alternative, viable transport arrangements have been investigated but none have been found.

The Rag Bag container will remain in its current position and unwanted, re-useable textiles can still be bagged and deposited but the items will be forwarded to local charity shops rather than being sent south for onward distribution.

Please continue to dispose of any unwanted re-useable textiles knowing that local charities will benefit from your donations.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Stronsay Parent Council SOS Fund Raising Sub Group Committee.  
19 January 2016

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**Monday**

Public session 6.30-7.10

Adult lane 7.10-7.50

**Wednesday**

Private hire 7-7.40

Private hire 7.40-8.20 (Prebook through Elsie Dennison please)

**Saturday**

Private hire 2-2.40

Public session 2.40-3.20

**Swim club**

Wednesday Beginners and developers 3.30-4.10

Thursday A and B squad 3.30-4.30

To enquire about Private Hires, phone Elsie on 616238.  
To enquire about Swim Club, phone Sarah on 616406 or Andy 616277

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**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 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Chairman: Damian Stout, Vice Chairman: Garry Dennison, Secretary: Wilma Holland

### **STRONSAY GAMES CLUB** **VOLUNTEER LEADER/ORGANISER**

Stronsay Games Club is looking for an enthusiastic, volunteer leader to run the long-established Games Club for young people aged between 10 and 18 years who have met every Friday evening between 8 and 10pm during school term times, used a wide range of games and equipment and participated in occasional youth-centred events in Kirkwall. Unfortunately with no one to take the lead, the Games Club has not met for several months.

You will not be alone. A pool of adult volunteers is available to assist and support you. You will need to be a PVG Member, enjoy working with young people, be organised and have a good sense of humour.

If you are interested in taking on this lead role, or require more information, please contact the Association's Secretary.

Go on, be positive and do something to help the youth of our island.

Wilma Holland  
Secretary  
Stronsay Community Association  
Tel: 616 345

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Council Houses 8:45 - 9:45

School 10 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 4:45

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles\\_Mobile\\_2016.pdf](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles_Mobile_2016.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 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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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri . . . . 08:30—12:00  
Sat . . . . . 09:00—12:00  
Sun . . . . . 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/pj7xtg5>)  
Our Lady's chapel, pier head Mass 11.30am (weekdays), 10.30am (Sundays & Holidays)  
Next Special Collection . . . . . 26 Feb 2016  
Rubbish collection . . . . . Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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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
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Craftship Enterprise . . .	616249		

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