

STRONSAY LIMPET

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WALK ON STRONSAY FOR MACMILLAN THIS SPRING

Walk for Macmillan this Spring and every mile you walk and every pound you raise will help people affected by cancer to take back control of their lives. Is anyone on Stronsay interested in walks of various distances for differing abilities? If so please contact Sheena Cooper on 616306.

See web page <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/about-us/your-walk.html>

THE 'EXERCISE ON PRESCRIPTION' SCHEME.

This scheme is available to any Stronsay resident who has a medical condition that would be improved by exercise (i.e. obesity, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, etc). If you are interested please see the GP or one of the community nurses. It is free so there are only so many places at a time, you really must be committed to the programme.

PLASTIC BOTTLE RECYCLING ON STRONSAY

There appears to be concern over there no longer being a facility to recycle plastic bottles. An enquiry has been made into this and the following reply has been received from OIC:

".....in February 2016 the three compartmental mini recycling skip was replaced in error and marked to receive plastic bottles, paper and cans for recycling. This has subsequently been replaced with a skip for glass bottles and jars, paper and cans (as originally assigned)...

The Waste Services team would like to apologise for any confusion this error may have caused within the Community."

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.

The next edition of the [*Limpet*](#) will be published on **Thu 28 Apr**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 24 Apr**. Contact details on back page

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

With no really extreme weather – other than the rain – the second half of the Winter has now almost passed by relatively un-noticed and as a result there have been no really unusual sightings of birds other than the Great Spotted Woodpecker in the centre of the island which has been around since August, regularly visiting our feeders at Castle and also at Millbank where John & Rona have seen it on several occasions. It is hard to imagine the bird staying around much longer with no proper woodland - in which the species nests - in sight!

One or two Chaffinches have over-wintered at Holin Cottage, and a Greenfinch has also been seen a few times at Castle, but by far the most noticeable species have been the birds of prey including Common Buzzard (not common here!), and 2-3 each of Hen Harrier, Merlin (see photo), and Sparrowhawk. A small number of Fieldfares and Redwings have been present, mainly around the Dale/Smiddy area, and a party of six or eight Coots were on the Waterworks Pond for 3-4 weeks in late Jan/Feb. Meadow Pipits began to appear in early February, but Shelduck arrived later this year – 7 arriving on the Bu Loch on 24th February by which time Oystercatchers had arrived in good numbers – at least a few hundred in total.

A Chiffchaff was seen by Sue at Linksquoy on 4th March – an early date – and several new Robins arrived at this time. Unusual sightings on 9th was a female Goshawk near the South School and a Common Buzzard near Gorie's, the latter being seen on several occasions during late Winter.

Norman Kent - as usual! - saw the first Pied Wagtail of the year on 14th March, and David Hudson came across a Goldfinch - quite rare but becoming more common here - at Osen the same day. The first Goldcrest of the year was seen by Norman & Hazel near Hescombe on 17th March. More Pied wagtails arrived over the next few days along with a sprinkling of Redwings and Fieldfares, announcing that Spring really has arrived. For the time being!

The Great Spotted Woodpecker is once again in the Castle garden as I write – 22nd March.

Thanks for all the calls.

John Holloway

(photograph on next page)



1st year Merlin – a much darker bird than the more gingery-looking Kestrel

ATTENTION ALL FARMERS & HOMEOWNERS
R.A.M. GROUND DRILLING
Orkney's Local Borehole Drillers
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LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

March sadly saw the passing of composer Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, a resident of Sanday since the late 1990s. In November 2009, as a member of the Sanday Fiddle Club, I was privileged to take part (1st violin, 4th desk) in a celebratory concert and ceilidh at Glasgow's Old Fruitmarket for Max's 75th birthday, and to play in the recording of his *A Birthday Card for Prince Charles* for Classic FM. I can't say I exactly relished our reward of a free performance at the City Halls of his opera *Taverner*, but that is the thing about Max's music: some of it (putting on my "emperor's-new-clothes hat") can be a vexation to one's auditory faculties, while other of his compositions (like his Orkney pieces) are a delight to listen to. Either way, his music will not be forgotten. Max was a great advocate of the Sanday tie, which he could often be seen wearing in TV interviews, while conducting *The Proms*, and even at audiences with Her Majesty The Queen.

My eldest son, Wulfric kindly represented me at Max's funeral, as on the same day I was sitting on the interview panel for the new KGS head. We have appointed Donald Hawkins, who is currently Depute Head at Fraserburgh Academy. I have already made him aware of the importance of ensuring good communication with the parents of Isles' pupils at KGS and the necessity of appreciating the transport challenges we have to face in order to attend parents' meetings, for example. He has stated he intends to improve links between KGS and the Papdale Halls.

I have also been involved in the selection of a new head for North Walls School.

At the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting we reviewed our license fees. It is interesting to see the list of the things we require licenses for, for example: dog breeding, caravan sites, metal dealing, skin piercing, and zoos. I don't think we have ever licensed a zoo, but we have issued a dangerous wild animal license in the past.

I attended a meeting of Eday's community council and stayed at the island's hostel for the first time. Now we are back to the normal winter ferry timetable, it is no longer so straightforward to travel directly from Sanday to Eday and back (the refit timetable does have some benefits!), so unfortunately I was unable to get over to this year's British Science Association event there.

At the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting we discussed the National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education and how OIC will support schools to make individual and collective bids to the Attainment Scotland Fund. Regarding the planned expansion in hours of Early Learning & Childcare, we were presented with the results of the parents' questionnaire. I am pleased to report that the Care Inspectorate inspection of the Papdale Halls of Residence is indicating ongoing systematic improvement, with all gradings being either "good" or "very good". I am looking forward to an "excellent" next time. We have (as you may have heard on Radio Orkney) identified two properties in Kirkwall to house Syrian refugees, should any request to come here. It is important not to jump to assumptions about what such families would be like, for example that they will not speak English and will be Muslim. English and French certainly were taught in Syrian schools, and 10% of Syrians are Christian. The Syriac Church broke away from the early Christian church after the First Council of Ephesus in the year 431.

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Now to the mobile library service. In my last *Letter* I wrote about the savings OIC is being forced to make owing to the massive cut in our funding from the Scottish Government, and how we are striving to make these as painless as possible. To do this we are distributing the savings across services, taking a little from each. This is likely to mean a reduction in the frequency of visits by the mobile library van to all areas (including the Mainland). However, we are determined that this should not impact on Isles folks' accessibility to books, so we are exploring ways to make books available locally during the periods between visits by the van. We will be working with communities to facilitate this, and any good (low cost) ideas from Isles' residents would be most welcome. I have my own cunning plan, which for the time being I am keeping under my (sorting) hat.

I have also attended meetings of the Orkney College Management Council, the Constitutional Reform Working Group, and the Monitoring & Audit Committee. I've been to a planning enforcement presentation, I participated in a meeting with representatives of the Department of Culture, Media & Sport on the forthcoming World War I commemorations, I flew up to Shetland for an Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board meeting at the Sumburgh Hotel, and I met Hajime Kitaoka, the Consul General of Japan, in Kirkwall. Our General Meeting of the full Council lasted a mere 4 minutes 10 seconds—that's the sort of meeting I like!

We now have a short recess over Easter.



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

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RIP Max

THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

By Jenny Stone

It will never cease to amaze me how strong the community spirit is in Stronsay. Folks keep things going, and I don't know how, you just do. Work is busy, never ending, and something will always get in the way of your plans because that's what life does. I chose the title because we never know what goes on underneath any event that is being arranged, unless we are the ones who are doing the organising of it. We see the folk turning up. We eat the food, dance to the music and catch up on the blethers.

And, underneath, there's all we DON'T see. The phone calls, to those who may or may not get back to you. The piles of sandwiches made by those who don't have time to do them, but who somehow crowbar it in among all else that needs doing. The meetings attended; either on a howling black night of horizontal rain when the fireside and a glass of red would be a better option, or on a gorgeous sunset evening when you'd prefer some quality time in the garden.

Then there's the 'bloody nuisance' factors. Just when you need net and phone the most, BT lets you down (again), and as for trying to get a hold of them to get it fixed... (I'll stop there, I can feel the collective blood pressure rising just mentioning it). The appointment in town that must be kept. Of course it's during the refit timetable, and the prospect of 5 hours on the boat has you homesick before you've even left the hoose.

I don't mean to describe it as cheerless drudgery. The meetings are fun; the banter and jokes in atween sorting out essentials. The phone calls can be a grand excuse for a yarn with someone you've not spoken to in awhile. Sometimes a trip to the toon is a fine change, if only to make you appreciate home even more than you do already. Making a pot or plate of something tasty is rewarding, especially if you've got a notion folk will enjoy it.

It's the way so many folk are willing to make the sacrifices needed to keep things together. There's no pay for your efforts, and sometimes not much thanks for it either. We kindo take it for granted, and why not? After all, we don't want to think about what goes on behind the scenes, we're just up for a good time after a hard day's work. Nonetheless, even though we do appreciate the time and thought that goes on underneath the surface of a community event, it's a good opportunity for me to give it expression.

STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION

FEBRUARY'S PHOTOGRAPH



The winning entry was “*Young Bruce couldn't hide his disappointment over the new school transport*” from Barbara Deavin.

Other entries were as follows:

- * *Please, may I get off now?*
- * *Young Bruce's deadpan expression belied the excitement over his new three-wheeler.*
- * *Young Bruce looked shocked when asked if he had upgraded from his Robin Reliant.*
- * *Distracted by the bell of the ice cream van little Tommy failed to notice the wardrobe falling from above that would seal his doom ...*
- * *Following last weeks Australian grand prix Fernando Alonso isn't convinced he has the full backing of the McLaren team when his replacement wheels arrive*

MARCH'S PHOTOGRAPH

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 7pm ON SUNDAY APRIL 24th

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.



THE GLASS PAINTER!

By Ellie from Newfield

He's been again to my window!
Showing off his talented skills.
Those intricate lacy patterns
In the finest of delicate frills.
He visits on the coldest nights
While I am tucked up tight.
Jack frost, my invisible artist
Glass painting in the night.
Of course there is a unicorn
And an angel with feathery wings,
Some tinsel and a Christmas tree,
All kinds of beautiful things.
In the finest silver thread
He spins my dreams for me.
A glistening, magical scene
Anything you want to see.
Then as the day goes by
Alas, the canvas slowly clears
As the sun pees out, quite shy,
The window runs with tears.
But back he'll come at night
To a canvas, fresh. To design.
Continue, please do, your paintings
For a masterpiece that's divine.

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who have supported the Fish Mart Cafe and Hostel during our time as operators--you have been *greatly* appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Leah and Molly--really, we couldn't have survived without your help and humour. We are so glad to be handing the business over into the very capable hands of Evelyn, Richard and Co. and look forward to having them cook for us now! We certainly hope the community will continue to support them as they take on this new commitment. Best of luck to them!

Jennifer and Robin

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

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

Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Easter Opening Hours

23rd March - 30th March

Every day 11.00 to 16.00



Menu includes:

Soup of the day	£2.50
Bacon rolls	£1.50
Macaroni Cheese and salad	£3.99
Quiche and Salad	£4.50
Variety of sandwiches	£2.95
Tray Bakes	From £1.50

Telephone 01857 616249 www.craftshipenterprise.co.uk



After Easter, we will be back to our usual times: Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed 11.00 to 16.00. Craft sessions for all ages available, to book a time just email dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk or during opening hours call 616249

Some people have asked if we are open as the boards are still up on some of the windows. Just to clarify, the craft room and the cafe windows are open, so we are open for business as usual and this Easter week, we are open every day 11.00 to 16.00. We are gradually repairing winter damage when weather allows and the chapel will be restored to its good looks as soon as possible.

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STRONSAY FISH MART CAFÉ AND HOSTEL

From Friday the 1st of April 2016, the Fish Mart Café will be open daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm. An all-day breakfast will be available daily, as will teas, coffees, cakes and snacks. A lunchtime menu will be served daily between 12:00pm and 2:00pm which will vary. Sunday menus for April are as follows:

3rd April

- Soup of the day,
- Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables and Mashed Potato.
- Chicken Curry, Rice and Naan Bread,
- Cheese and Broccoli Quiche.
- Black Forest Gateaux,
- Apple Crumble and Custard.

10th April

- Soup of the day,
- Roast Pork, Apple sauce and Oatmeal stuffing, Vegetables and Roast Potatoes.
- Chilli Mince and Rice,
- Macaroni Cheese,
- Rice Pudding and Pears,
- Chocolate brownies.

17th April

- Soup of the day,
- Chicken and Leek Pie, Vegetables and Mashed Potato,
- Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Chips,
- Vegetable Curry, Rice and Naan Bread,
- Sticky Toffee Pudding,
- Apple Pie with cream or ice-cream.

24th April

- Soup of the day,
- Gammon Joint, Roast Potato and Cauliflower in sauce,
- Spaghetti and Meatballs,
- Vegetable Ragu with Tagliatelle and Garlic Bread,
- Lemon Cheesecake,
- Trifle.

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16.45 to 20.00

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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

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.

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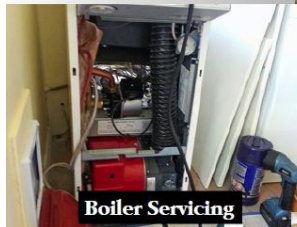
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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

A BRAND NEW FESTIVAL FOR ORKNEY



(Image from [facebook.com/LaldieHaansOrkney](https://www.facebook.com/LaldieHaansOrkney))

You might have already heard about this on Radio Orkney or read about it in *The Orcadian*. As part of this Orkney-wide festival Stronsay crafters have made plans for our own island Laldie Haans Craft Fest weekend right here in Stronsay. We're hoping it will appeal to local folk and visitors alike to come together to share, learn and enjoy. We're looking to offer a choice of make-and-take craft workshops and mini craft tour on Sat 30th April and Sunday 1st May. All the details are on the following four pages. You can also keep up to date via the Stronsay Got Crafty Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stronsay-got-Crafty-683003165061846/?ref=hl>

and the Laldie Haans Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LaldieHaansOrkney/?fref=ts>

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LALDIE HAANS CRAFT FESTIVAL – STRONSAY **TWO DAYS IN STRONSAY AT CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE**

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

Morning workshops: 10.00am-12.00:

Wild Weaving and Patterns on Peg Loom with Simone Kirk

Stitching Cards with Dianne Riley

A Stitch Up with Hazel Shearer

Lunch: 12.00-1.00pm: BYO or available at Craftship Enterprise

Afternoon workshops: 1.00-3.00pm:

Fused Glass with Rosalind Neville-Smith

Decoupage Cards with Dianne Riley

Saturday Afternoon Open Studio:

Option 1: Mini bus tour (available to anyone)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR MINI BUS: Phone 01857 616 281 for more details

15.25 - Depart Craftship Enterprise

Ruth King from Millbay Crafts, beautiful hand-knitted gifts / Andy

Whiteman, original watercolours, prints & driftwood boxes. Shared studio

The Garden Room, c/o Carole Cotteril, Holin Cottage.

Airy Fairy, fabrics, commissions for customized children's quilts & clothes /

Marion Miller Jewellery, unique pieces in silver, inspired by nature. Shared

studio Airy Farm. Access to studio via stairs.

16.50 – Arrive Ferry Terminal or Craftship Enterprise according to demand.

Option 2: Make your own way (available to anyone)

MILLBAY CRAFTS / ANDY WHITEMAN - If you would like more time to visit in the afternoon Ruth King and Andy Whiteman's shared exhibition and sale of work will be open for visits between 14.00-16.00 in The Garden Room, c/o Carole Cotteril, Holin Cottage.

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LALDIE HAANS CRAFT FESTIVAL – STRONSAY **TWO DAYS IN STRONSAY AT CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE**

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Fused Glass with Rosalind Neville-Smith

Learn how to cut glass safely, then layer or embellish to make light catchers, pendants or just have fun with shapes and colour.

Due to the need to fire the glass, the products won't be ready to take home on the day but will be posted out within the week.

Number of participants per workshop: 4

Age: 12+

A Stitch Up with Hazel Shearer (Airy Fairy)

During the sewing workshop you will learn how to construct a simple but useful decorative item of your choice. The items will be a Christmas stocking and either a hot water bottle cover or storage basket (there will also be a choice of pre cut fabrics) You will learn how to layer fabrics, wadding and linings, basic machine skills using my computerised machine, iron on appliqué skills for decorating your item and blanket stitch to finish off the appliqué neatly with hand sewing. You will also be able to try out my snap fastener which is a great alternative to making button holes.

Each participant should be able to go home with a completed item to keep and hopefully a new found love of machine sewing and appliqué !

Number of participants per workshop: 6

Age: 12+

Wild Weaving & Pattern with Simone Kirk (Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles)

Learn how to weave on pegs, or if you've already woven on a pegloom, have fun playing with fleece, yarns & colour. The first part of the workshop will be about weaving basics using local natural coloured and hand-dyed fleeces. Then we will learn how to add simple patterns to our woven pieces.

At the end of the workshop you can expect to be going home with a lovely sampler of your woven work.

Level: beginners to intermediate

Number of participants per workshop: 8

Ages: 12+

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WORKSHOP DETAILS (continued)

Origami Paper Flowers with Dianne Riley (Craftship Enterprise)

The Kusudama is a foundation design that helps you enter the amazing world of origami flowers. Use for wedding decorations, party bunting or to brighten your home.

Level: intermediate (paper folding has to be accurate)

No of participants per workshop: 8

Ages: 12+

Stitching Cards with Dianne Riley (Craftship Enterprise)

Learn how to prick out a pattern and then sew a beautiful picture or greeting card. Each participant will receive a pattern book to continue this lovely craft.

Level: patterns range in complexity based on experience

Number of participants per workshop: 6

Ages: 10+

Decoupage Cards with Dianne Riley (Craftship Enterprise)

Make beautiful 3D greeting cards using the decoupage technique. Participants can choose from our wide range of kits and then personalise their card for someone special.

Number of participants per workshop: 8

Ages: 10+ (younger children can be catered for if accompanied by parent)

During your visit, why not pop into the Craftship Enterprise Shop where you will find craft supplies, gifts and local handmade Stronsay soaps by Orkney Star Island Soap.

Stronsay Cost: *(Transport provided free from Pier to venue. Phone 01857 616 281 for more details)*

Full day special offer £25, Half day £15.

Postal Bookings: booking form leaflet available from Thurs 24th March
(Payment by cheque, sae)

Online Bookings: from 7th April - <https://shop.orkneydesignercrafts.com>
(Payment by PayPal)

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SOS CONCERT

On Saturday 12th March, the Stronsay School SOS fundraising concert took place at Stronsay Community Centre. The school's Lower Primary class gave a fantastic performance of The Gruffalo. Primary pupils also sang their hearts out to Dance to your Daddy (with fiddle accompaniment), Doris' Cheesy Crackers (with Doris' very own crackers to accompany!) and The Wee Kirkcudbright Centipede. The audience were also entertained with performances by Stronsay's Silver Darlings, Ingram, Mike & Leah, Simone Kirk, Mike Berger and Bruce Fletcher, Roger Neville-Smith and the SOS singers. There were refreshments and a raffle during the interval. Erynn and James did a great job of compering the evening and almost £500 has been raised for the school. Heartfelt thanks and a huge well done to everyone involved!



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STRONSAY STITCHERS



THURSDAY 31st March 2016

7-9.30pm, Church 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 any time from 7pm to 9.30pm.

STRONSAY CRAFT FAIRS 2016



Saturday 14th May

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 26th November

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF STRONSAY SCHOOL

Like all schools, throughout the years, we give our pupils a good grounding in “the three R’s”. Of course, education in the 21st century is very different; we want our young people to have a broad education, one that enables them to take their place in the world and become responsible citizens. To do this we hope – and aim – to give them a range of experiences that will equip them for their lives ahead. We are indebted to the Stronsay Development Trust for the support they have given our school. This funding has enabled us to resource a wide range of activities and experiences and the A-Z below will give you some idea of what we are able to offer our pupils with SDT help.

- A athletics coaching.
- B benches for outside, boat fares to sports tournaments.
- C chairs and cushions for the new SfL room.
- D digital cameras and other photographic equipment.
- E entry fees for netball tournaments.
- F Fun 5’s , Firm Foundations Kit.
- G gardening tools.
- H history and geography study guides, a heavy duty stapler for heavy duty stapling!
- I invaluable help towards the cost of our Norway trip in August.
- J journeys to sports tournaments with other schools.
- K kits for a sensory garden.
- L laptops for use in school and by the Fire Service.
- M music theory classes for the community.
- N netball coaching.
- O oval alphabet rug for our new SfL room.
- P programmable toys.
- Q quite a few spelling and phonics tubs.
- R reading pods for the library.
- S social subjects resources and software for programmable toys.
- T travel to attend the Eco bus, Kirkwall Library and The Pier Arts Centre.
- U upholstered chairs for the new SfL room.
- V variety of role play toys for Lower Primary.
- W water play kit.
- X eXtra sports coaching for the North Isles Sports.
- Y Youth 16 no pedal balance bikes.
- Zzzzzzzzzzzzz. Another day at Stronsay Junior High School draws to a close!

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Stronsay Fire Service – and Fire Dog – making use of the school laptops.



*Lower Primary making full use of the role play resources.
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The pupils displaying the new photographic equipment.



The Fun 5z Netball Team

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Chairman: Ian Cooper

Vice Chairman: Alan Dawson

STRONSAY FISH MART HOSTEL AND CAFÉ **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

It is with regret the Community Council announces the departure of Jennifer and Robin Graham as Operators of the Stronsay Fish Mart Hostel and Café.

The Community Council is, however, pleased to announce that Richard and Evelyn Seeber will take over as Operators and that the Fish Mart Hostel and Café will remain open during a handover period, although the hours of opening may be subject to change and will be announced in advance.

It is anticipated that after 1 May 2016 the Fish Mart will be open daily and continue to provide a high standard of service to both casual and regular users.

Please continue to support the Fish Mart Café and Hostel and enjoy Richard and Evelyn's welcoming hospitality.

Colin McAlpine

Island Link Officer

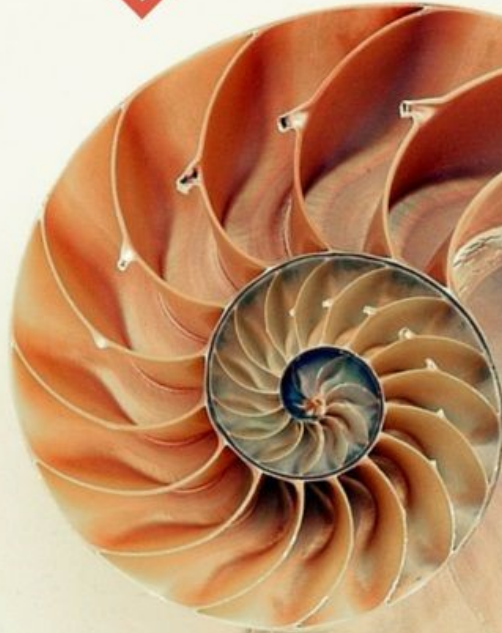
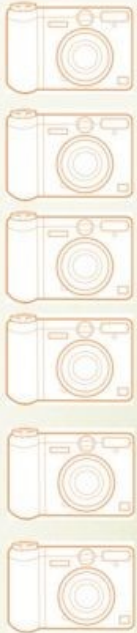
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20th March
20th April

unExpected ageing

changing the view

Positive Ageing Delivery Group from Orkney Community Planning Partnership and Orkney Voices call all photo enthusiasts to take part in 'Unexpected ageing - changing the view' competition. The contest is open to all and there are two age categories (under 16 and 16 & over) and we are looking for the most creative and interesting photos showing interactions between young and older people.

For details go to www.orkneyvoices.co.uk or email kasha.jarosz@vaorkney.org.uk

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, 4 APRIL 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

**in
COMMUNITY CENTRE, STRONSAY**

1 VACANCY

A Public Meeting shall be held at the time and date specified above to fill **ONE** vacancy on Stronsay Community Council.

All electors entered on the current Register of Electors for the Stronsay area have the right to vote and are invited to attend the Public Meeting.

Candidates must be entered on the current published Register of Electors for the Stronsay area. Candidates must either be present at the meeting or, in advance of the meeting, have submitted a written request indicating that they wish to stand for election. Written requests should be sent to the Democratic Services Manager at the address below.

All candidates must be nominated by two electors who are on the current register for Stronsay, and present at the meeting.

The following persons have already been validly elected to serve on Stronsay Community Council:-

**Ian Cooper, Alan Dawson, Viv J Erdman, A Cameron Fraser,
Br. Nicodemus Jagga and Shirley Whiteman.**

The standard rules governing Public Meetings to fill vacancies on Community Councils is available on Orkney Islands Council's website or can be obtained from Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY. Tel: 01856 886622 e-mail: maureen.spence@orkney.gov.uk

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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

One of the objectives of the Empowering Communities Project, currently being trialed on Stronsay, is to give local residents an opportunity for increased employment.

To help achieve this, Stronsay Community Council would like to receive information on the following:

- the type of work you would be willing to undertake eg. painting, stone wall repair, electrical repairs, concrete work, etc.
- any particular skill you have that you are willing to use eg. working with lime mortar, repairing wire fencing, carpentry, handyman/woman, experienced craftsman, etc

If you are willing to share this information, please contact the Island Link Officer, either in person or by writing to:

Colin McAlpine,
Island Link Officer,
Island Link Office.
Stronsay Fish Mart,
KW17 2AR

The Island Link Office is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 10am and noon,

tel: 616475

email: stronsaycommunitycouncilclerk@btinternet.com

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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 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.

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STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held at 3pm on Wednesday 13th April in the carpet room at the community halls. There will be a speaker coming across from Orkney to talk about her diabetes journey. Rhiannon works for NHS Orkney and is keen to visit Stronsay, look round the island and meet people who live here. I hope people will support this meeting as I'm sure we will all find it very interesting.

Shirley (616438).

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

supervised sessions

Changes to supervised session times.

From Monday 11th April 2016

All Supervised Sessions will run from 4.30 pm to 6.30.pm

MONDAY	4:30—6:30
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	4:30—6:30
THURSDAY	4:30—6:30
FRIDAY	4:30—6:30
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 SWIMMING POOL

WE HAVE THE BLUE DOOR 23rd to 28th JANUARY 2017!

Please save us your donations and when we get a collection/drop off location we will let you all know.....

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STRONSAY BOOKWORM NEWS



We met at Odiness to discuss “The Mermaid Bride and other Orkney Folk Tales” by Tom Muir. While we all enjoyed the stories, we agreed that there was, inevitably, much repetition as different islands had similar tales to tell. We discussed the difference between Orkney and Shetland folklore and that it was important to keep this aspect of our culture alive.

- April 21st “The Lady in the Van” by Alan Bennett. Barbara will supply copies of the story (616305). Meet at Barbara’s, School Brae, 7.30pm NB change of venue
- May 19th “The Girl on the Train” Paula Hawkins. Venue to be confirmed. Usual time.

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

We are a friendly bunch. Not everybody comes to every meeting so the size and make up of the group changes every month. Everybody is welcome whether they’ve read the books or not. Just turn up!

ACCESS TO STRONSAY SCHOOL

There is still no access to school via the main door or front playground due to the building of our new entrance area. Everyone will access the school building through the North Door (beside HLC) for the duration of the building work. The school office will be situated adjacent to the North Door. There will be a dropping off/collecting point for parents/visitors in front of Science lab/History room where the flower planters are. Parents are asked not to park in the area in front of HLC to allow buses to have access in and out of the school. Barriers are to be installed to separate buses from pedestrians. Thanks in advance for your co-operation during this period.

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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 616238. Services at 11am unless otherwise stated. A crèche is available for children aged 9 and under

- 3rd April – Mike Erdman
- 10th April – David Bowen
- 17th April – Mike Erdman
- 24th April – Stephen Manners
- 1st May – David Bowen
- 8th May – Mike Erdman
- 15th May – Stephen Manners
- 22nd May – David Bowen
- 29th May – Mike Erdman

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

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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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

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman: Ian Cooper, Midgarth, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616322
Link Officer: Colin McAlpine, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616446

COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

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

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

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

Colin McAlpine
Community Council Link Officer

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

Monday 4th April 2016

Council Houses 9:00 - 10:00

School 10:15 - 12:00

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 5:30

Mobile library schedule http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles_Mobile_2016.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 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	20 May 2016 and 5 August 2016
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

Doctor	616321
Nurses	616480
Medical emergency	01856 888000
Registrar	616239
Hall bookings	616446
Post Office	616278
Companions	616261
Kirk	616311
Stronsay Hotel	616213
Olivebank	616255
Ebenezer stores	616339
Neil's on Wheels	616454
Taxi	616335
Airy Fairy	616231
Castle Bird Reserve	616363
Craftship Enterprise	616249
Star Island Soap	616281
Driving tuition	616268

Balfour hospital	01856 888000
SSE/Hydro	0800 300 999
All water enquiries	0845 601 8855
Highland Fuels	0800 224 224
Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Kirkwall Police	101

Vets:

Flett & Carmichael . . .	01856 872859
Northvet	01856 873403

Dentists:

Great Western Rd	01856 879683
King Street	01856 875348
Earls Palace	01856 872958
Golgotha monastery. . .	616210

Email contact@the-sons.org

EMERGENCY—POLICE, FIRE, AMBU-
LANCE or COASTGUARD—dial 999

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE [LIMPET](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk)

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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