

STRONSAY LIMPET

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COMMUNITY LEARNING AT STRONSAY SCHOOL



You're never too old to learn . . .

Over the past year, we have been developing the idea of offering courses to members of the community of Stronsay. These courses could lead to a range of qualifications, including Nationals 3/4/5. The opportunity to take Highers in these subjects over a two-year period would also be available. Even if you are not interested in obtaining a specific qualification, you could view this as an opportunity to learn something new, allowing the structured nature of the course to ensure that you follow through with the programme.

We hope to begin in August, and will be offering the following subjects:

- Art and Design
- Geography
- Textiles
- Biology
- English

There will be no cost to community participants for the courses themselves; however, because they will require the purchase of textbooks, supplies and equipment by the school, and will necessitate extra time on the part of the teachers, it is hoped that those who participate will thoughtfully consider whether they can commit wholly to a course.

Barbara Deavin will also offer a couple of 'taster' courses which will consider either short stories or poetry; it is hoped that these will whet the appetite for a deeper study of English.

If you are interested, more information and booking forms will be available after 25th May on the school blog (<http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk/>), or in brochure form at the school.

Questions?? Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Andrew King

ACCESS TO STRONSAY SCHOOL

The front door of the school is now being used during school hours; however, in the evening (e.g. for swimming sessions or meetings), the 'north' door should be used.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 30 June**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 26 June**. Contact details on back page

STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION

PHOTOGRAPH FOR APRIL



The winning entry was “*Mike believes in training his crew young*” from Sheila Burger.

Other entries were as follows:

“Is that a ‘granny knot’ or not Granny”

“Hold on tight son and you’ll get straight to the top of the mast in one go!”

“Did you really catch Moby Dick with this rope Grandad?”

“Please can Grandma come up out of the bilges and play with me now Grandad?”

MAY’S PHOTOGRAPH

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 7pm ON SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

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.



STRONSAY RECYCLING FACILITY

In response to concerns raised by Stronsay Community Council over Stronsay's recycling facility, the Team Leader, Waste Facilities, Orkney Islands Council, has provided the following:-

"We regret and apologise for the disappointment in the community that arose from the short term provision, in error, of plastic bottle recycling on the island. We are also aware of the increased use of this oversubscribed service.

Noting the willingness of the community to recycle more, please be aware that Development and Infrastructure are currently looking at options to expand the capacity for recycling on the outer islands. This has been the subject of reports to Council, with subsequent requests for further information, and continues to be taken forward.

We thank you for your support for recycling initiatives, which reinforces the need to increase these opportunities, and again apologise for any confusion and disappointment our recent error may have caused within the Community."

Please continue to recycle paper, cans and glass bottles and jars but **NOT PLASTIC** items; these can be placed in the black household rubbish bags collected every Tuesday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Colin McAlpine

Island Link Officer

AMNESTY FOR AIRGUNS

The Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes into force from 31 December 2016. An amnesty has been launched to allow owners to surrender their airguns

POWER CUTS

In the event of a power cut which lasts for more than a few minutes please contact the electricity board's help line by phoning 0800 300 999. The staff are extremely helpful and will soon be able to let you know roughly how long the power cut will last and how many households are affected.

MACMILLAN SPRING WALK—STRONSAY, 15 MAY 2016



Five mile starters



Olivebank “pit stop” ready for action

(more photographs on next page)



Two mile starters gathering at the school



Two mile starters hit the road

(more photographs on next page)



Refreshments waiting at the Stronsay Hotel



Raffle prizes waiting at the hotel

(more photographs on next page)



Angela's cake



Some of the younger walkers

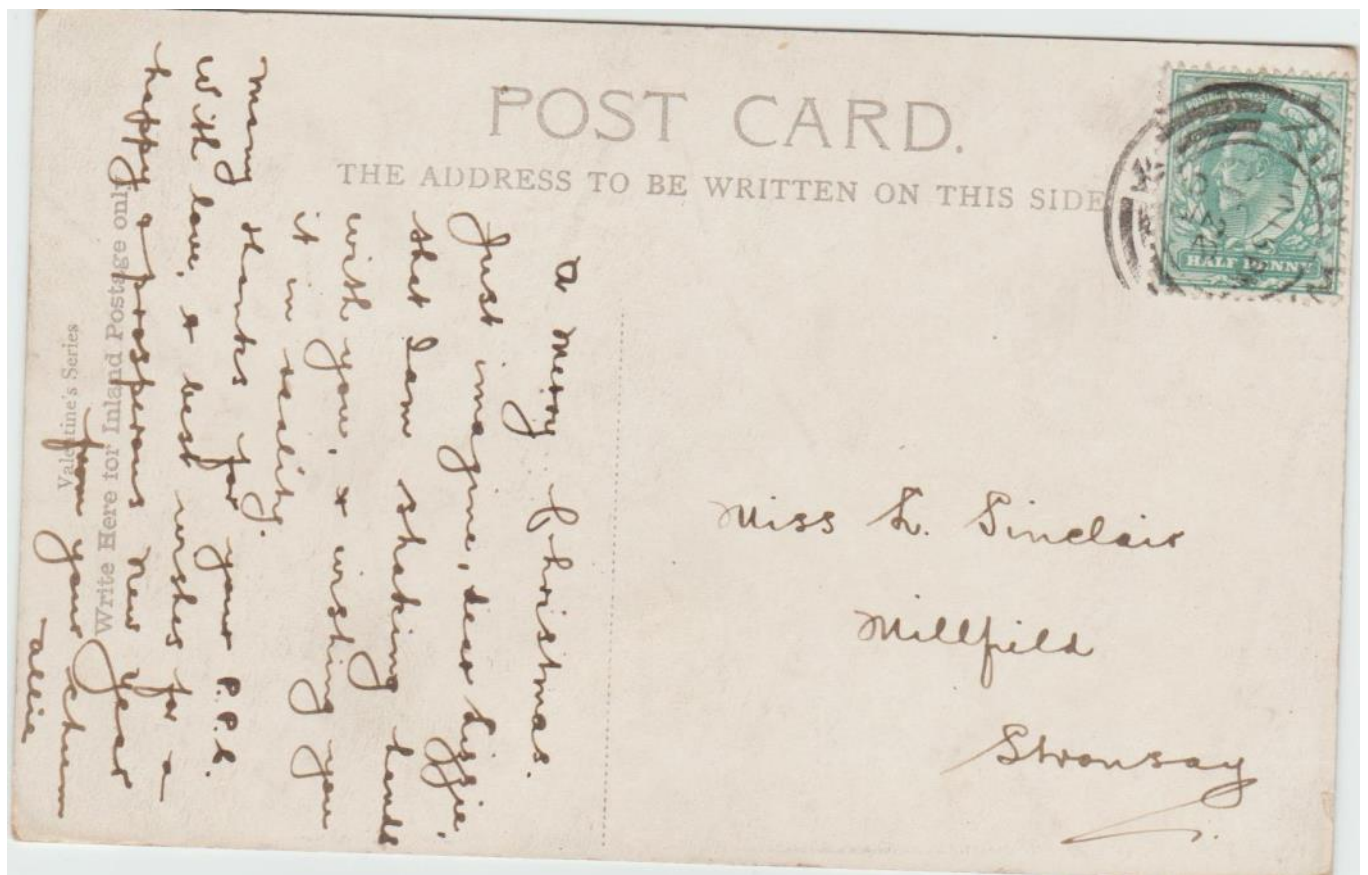
A MYSTERY POST CARD

Vanessa Mann is a collector of Edwardian postcards and she has a hobby of re-homing cards to descendants of the recipient or sender, if she can track them down. She says "It's just a fun hobby and I'm very pleased just to send them back, if I can find anyone who is interested." Vanessa contacted the Limpet about a postcard postmarked 22 Dec 1903 and bearing the following message:

To: Miss L. Sinclair, Millfield, Stronsay

A Merry Christmas. Just imagine, dear Lizzie, that I am shaking hands with you & wishing you it in reality. Many thanks for your PPC (*picture postcard*). With love & best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year from your chum, Allie (*or Ollie*)

If you think that you know of any descendants of "Miss Lizzie Sinclair" or know who "Allie (or Ollie)" might be please get in touch with the Limpet (Contact details are on the back page of every Limpet). Copies of the postcard are shown below:



RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

There have been several unusual sightings during the last month including up to four or five Garganey in the Springwell /Blan Loch area on several occasions. The species is very secretive, generally feeding among weeds along the edges of small stretches of water. Shelducks are just about the opposite – feeding out in the open – and 20 or so have been recorded on the Bu Loch this Summer where they are very easy to spot. A few parties of Golden Plover in full summer-plumage stopped off for a rest early in May and others were seen flying over. Several small parties of Whimbrel were also recorded, most flying north-east across Mill Bay – heading straight towards Fair Isle, and then some – at least - on to the breeding grounds in Shetland.

It has been far too cold for any big arrivals of small Spring migrants but there have been a few Chiffchaffs, and a party of at least 8 Siskins were feeding in both the Lower Millfield and Castle gardens in early May. A single male was seen by Barbara Deavin between the school and Ellerslie, feeding on the roadside dandelions. A Goldfinch was also seen a few times around this time. Many waders have been held up in their drive to head northward due to the recent northerly winds, and there was a colourful mixture of Knot, Sanderling and Dunlin on the Mill Bay beach on 6th May.

A scattering of small migrant species have been seen in the last two weeks including a few Redstarts, Pied & Spotted Flycatchers and a couple each of Blackcap and Lesser Whitethroat. Just two Red-backed Shrikes have been seen – a female near Gorie's, and a male seen by Alison from the window at Breck. This last bird was watched eating the species favoured food - although not abundant here – a bee!

Bird of the Spring so far has been an Icterine Warbler found at Gesty Dishes, but sadly the bird was only present for a short time. A Sedge Warbler has also been seen – and heard singing - at the same site, and at least two others have been heard elsewhere on the island – at Millburn Cottage, and Springwell. Other (common on Mainland Orkney but unusual here) species have been seen recently – Jackdaw (a single and then two together), and Wood Pigeons (3 or 4 in total). Neither species nest on Stronsay although a colony of Jackdaws did nest near Burgh Head until the 1990s.

There have been welcome sightings of Short-eared Owls in two areas recently – at Bay (Cyril Maxwell) and near Roadside (JH and Andy Whiteman) – indicating that their may be two breeding pairs present this year.

The colony of Sand Martins nesting in Mill Bay seems to have grown again this year, with up to 15 birds seen regularly flying across the road south of Millbank and occasionally resting on the warm tarmac (generally - and perhaps sensibly!) in the wide passing place there.

Thanks once again for all the calls, and thanks to regular visitor Steve Ricks for the use of photos 2,3,4 and 5 below.

John Holloway

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1) *Garganey at the Blan Loch, early May – female's head can just be seen to the left.*



2) *Male Pied Flycatcher in full summer-plumage.*



3) *Spotted Flycatcher – dull at all seasons!*



4) *Lesser Whitethroat at Odiness.*

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5) *Garden Warbler at Harrowdale – nothing duller than this species!*



6) *'Icterine Warbler at Gesty Dishes.
(A pair nested in the Lower Millfield garden in 2002).'*



7) *Siskin in the Castle garden.'*

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8) Eiders at Bomasty Bay, mid-May 2016.

The previous day we had been asked if Eiders (and other 'sea-duck') drank fresh water or 'made do' with salt water. We were not sure and had certainly never seen Long-tailed Duck on the beach although Eiders are often seen 'ashore'. We felt that they must drink freshwater and the following day this was confirmed when we came across a group of Eiders drinking from the freshwater stream which runs down from the Rothieshom Moor and into the sea at Bomasty. Problem solved!'

Stronsay Renewable Energy Limited



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22nd May 2016

The Board of Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd are delighted to announce that the sum of £80,000 has recently been donated to Stronsay Development Trust by way of Gift Aid.

Julie Andrew
Chairperson

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

Of course, the Scottish Parliamentary Election has been the hot topic of interest over the last few weeks. Congratulations to Liam McArthur on being returned with such an overwhelming majority, even though his party (Liberal-Democrats) did not fare so well, coming only 5th in terms of MSP numbers. (The election-night photographs in *The Orkadian* clearly show that Liam has excellent taste in neckwear!) As a council, we are going to need Liam to be strong in fighting our corner in the Scottish Parliament for funding for Orkney's internal ferry service and the procurement of new vessels, and we'll be relying on him to work with other opposition MSPs to coerce the Scottish Government into making its financial contribution to local government more reasonable—much more reasonable!

And commiserations to fellow councillor James Stockan, who stood as a list candidate but failed to be elected. The “Additional Member System”, with its party lists, is (just like the “Single Transferable Vote” system now used for council elections) inherently unfair and undemocratic. It discriminates against independent members, for if a party additional-member resigns or dies, the next party candidate on that party's list automatically takes their place, while if an independent additional-member resigns or dies, their seat remains vacant until the next election. It is undemocratic because it provides a way for parties to get favoured candidates into parliament even if their own electorate reject them. For example, at this election, Kezia Dugdale (Leader of Scottish Labour) was defeated in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency by Ash Denham (SNP), nevertheless she still got into the Scottish Parliament on the Labour Party list for the Lothian Region. It was the late Tony Benn (Labour) who warned us that the people must always have the power to vote someone out. When it comes to our own devolved parliament, this democratic power has been denied the people of Scotland.

This month I have been to Stronsay to attend the AGM and regular business meeting of the Stronsay School Parent Council. I am most impressed by what Headmaster Andrew King is achieving at the School, backed by the unstinting support of the Parent Council and generous funding from the Stronsay Development Trust. At Stronsay Junior High, Secondary 4 pupils are able to study for eight or nine National 4s or 5s in a timetable tailored to meet all their individual subject choices. Furthermore, adult education classes are being developed at the School, which will give islanders a second chance to gain qualifications they might have missed out on when younger.

I have also attended a General Meeting of the full council, a meeting of the Innovation Fund Member/Officer Working Group; I've had a “catch-up” with the Director of Education, Leisure & Housing, and an Education, Leisure & Housing Committee pre-agenda meeting. I've been to a UHI Foundation meeting in Inverness at which we were told that approval (subject to formal endorsement by the Privy Council) has now been granted for the University to award its own research degrees, such as the MPhil and PhD. I asked about higher doctorates (such as the DSc and DLitt), and the Principal assured me they will be working on a scheme for awarding those too.

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For many years, Isles' parents have expressed the desire for a 20 mph speed limit on the roads adjacent to their children's schools. As studies show, a child hit by a vehicle travelling at 20 mph has a 90% chance of surviving the impact. Yet the best most island schools have been able to obtain is a limit of 40 mph, at which a child has a 90% chance of being killed! In the past they have been fobbed off with the claim that a 20 mph limit must lie within a 30 mph zone, and that the 20 mph limit can only be applied part-time, necessitating expensive signs with flashing lights. Well, when driving past Firth Primary School recently, to catch the ferry to Rousay, I drove through a 20 mph limit which lies within a zone of 40 mph, and then I discovered the same scenario outside St Andrews Primary in Toab! (Furthermore, as I observed in my September 2015 *Letter*, permanent 20 mph zones are commonplace south, and this month I came across one as far north as Helmsdale!) I am not content that Isles' schoolchildren are seen as more expendable than Mainland bairns, so I would like Isles' parent councils and community councils to consider taking up the cause of 20 mph zones outside their schools once again. You will get my full support with this at OIC.

I shall be out in Westray on the 24th May for their parent council meeting and again on the 6th June for the meeting of the Westray Community Council. On the 2nd June I shall be flying to Papay for the day for the official opening of the Kelp Store Heritage & Craft Centre, and on the 14th June I shall be in Rousay for the meeting of the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council. And we have Sanday's own Battle of Jutland events on the 4th June, and the North Isles Sports in Westray on the 18th

Catch up with me on my travels around the ward.



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

PARENTAL GUIDANCE!

By Ellie from Newfield

Our Billy's started whistling!
He puts our kettle to shame.
Me mother says "It's just love
And it's down to his latest flame."
Dad says "Silly beggar!
I think he's lost the plot"
For there is nothing like a female
For putting you off your shot.
Aye, you know where you are with football,
A kick about with the lads.
Women keep moving the goal posts,
Females are one them "fads"
That's why some bloke invented it
To get him out of his cave
Because somewhere deep inside of it
There'd be a woman in a rant & rave.
No football allowed on telly
Because she'll be watching "corrie".
Nay lad, stick with football
Or you'll end up being sorry.
Take my advice lad, I'm telling you.
When you think you've landed a "catch"
Just follow your heart and souly boy,
Be true to the Saturday match.
Hearken to him who knows boy,
I've the experience of years.
Footie'll make a man of you
Whilst women will bring you to tears.
What else would inspire men to riot,
Raise our voices until we are hoarse?
No woman that's for sure;
Except for thi mother, of course!

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

RNLI - PUB QUIZ - SAT 22 MAY

Chris and Debbie would like to thank every one who took part in the quiz last night, A good time was had by all, even if the questions were tough. £50 was raised for the RNLI.

Thanks also to Barbara for all the hard work of preparing the questions and acting as a genial Quiz Hostess and keeping everyone in order (and devising a rather unusual way of playing Bingo). Well done *The Professionals* (sic) for getting top marks!

The Limpet's editor was able to take the opportunity to get in touch with his feminine side as Barbara's "glamorous assistant" whilst he kept track of the scores.

FOOTBALL - SUNDAY 22 MAY

Sanday 14 - Stronsay 1

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Spring Walk. Special thanks to Olivebank and to Ebenezer stores for pit stops, and to Debbie, Chris & Breda at the Stronsay Hotel for food and hospitality.

Almost 70 people of all ages took part, from toddlers to pensioners. Thanks to everyone from near and far who walked and to everyone who donated raffle prizes, sold raffle tickets or supported us in any way. The final total has yet to be calculated but it is about £1,500. Thank you!

Sheena Cooper

(See photographs of the walk elsewhere in this edition)

REMOVAL OF SUBSOIL/ROCK

Can anyone use the two piles of subsoil/rock located in field at Windbreck? Suitable for gateways etc ?

Please contact Simon Bristow on 01424 882262:

ISLAND CAR FOR SALE

Peugeot 206 for sale (island car), towbar and 4 new tyres fitted. £ 350 o.n.o.
Phone Jamie 616498

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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



STRONSAY FISH MART CAFÉ AND HOSTEL

The Fish Mart will remain open daily from 10am to 4pm except Sunday when we open at 11am. Tuesdays we will close early at 2pm after lunch is served. Menus for the Sundays in June are as follows:

5th June

- Soup of the day
- Chicken and leek pie with vegetables and potatoes
- Build-a-burger with chips
- Orange and mandarin gâteau with cream
- Bread and butter pudding with cream/ice-cream

12th June

- Soup of the day,
- Roast beef and yorkshire pudding, potatoes and vegetables
- Meatballs and spaghetti
- Sticky toffee pudding with cream/ice-cream
- Trio of ice-cream

19th June

- Soup of the day
- Gammon joint and broccoli/cauliflower in sauce, potatoes and vegetables
- Chilli mince with rice and cheesy garlic bread
- Apple pie with cream/ice-cream
- White chocolate raspberry blondie with cream/ ice-cream

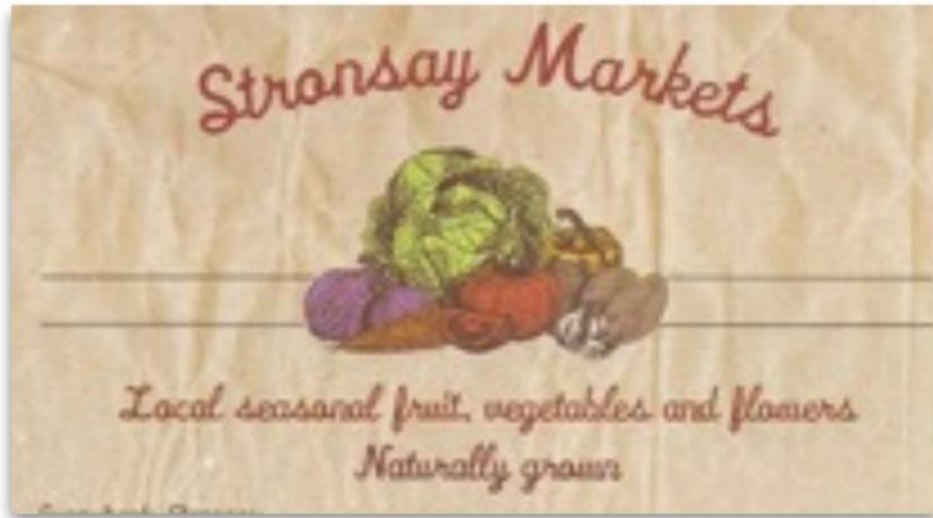
26th June

- Soup of the day,
- Hunters chicken (Chicken breast wrapped in bacon with cheese and bbq sauce, with chips and green beans
- Vegetable curry with rice, naan bread
- Lemon meringue pie with cream/ ice-cream
- Strawberry cheesecake with cream

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*New business, a mini market garden, set up in late 2015 at
Sunnybank, Stronsay*

*Currently supplying mixed salad leaves, some winter vegetables and
bedding plants. There will be more as the season progresses.*

I will supply a list each week with availability

*Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or
send me an email "stronsaymarkets@gmail.com and I will put you
on my mailing list*

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Phone 01857 616213

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16.45 to 20.00

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

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CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE



Crafting classes

Learn a new skill or enjoy time making something for the home or to wear. Come in a group or on your own, everyone welcome. Crafts include: knitting, origami, greeting cards, home decoration, stitching cards and iris folding

Custom made cards and wedding decorations

Have an unique greeting card made just for that special person or occasion. We can also make paper wedding flowers, table decorations and favours in your choice of colours. Alternatively, make a party of it and bring your friends to create your own.

Craft retreat for visitors

We are pleased to announce two or three days crafting holidays available this year. There will be at least two classes to choose from each day, focussing on paper craft projects and yarn bombing. We can arrange other craft classes with visiting tutors. Such as, patchwork, peg looming and felting. Lunch will be included. (B&B accommodation and evening meals are available from our hotel, the Storehouse B&B and the Fishmart hostel)

Yarn Bombing

Join our project to Yarn bomb “The standing stones of Stronsay” A pipework structure built to resemble the famous stones of Orkney. Crochet or knit the covers, all contributors will have an entry in our maker's book. Pop in any time we are open, yarn will be provided but if you have a stash of wool that you have been wondering what to do with, please bring it along. (Acrylic based yarn is best)

The Crafteria

Our cafe is a peaceful place to relax and enjoy the view with a special coffee or tea. Light lunches, soups, sandwiches and our homemade bakes are also available.

The shop

Our craft shop is full of craft supplies, yarns and local handmade items.

For further information contact enquiries@craftshipenterprise.co.uk or call 01857 616249
www.craftshipenterprise.co.uk

Open 11.00 to 16.00 Saturday. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

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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.

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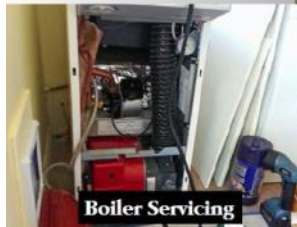
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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



hero!)

Stronsay book fair

2pm-3.15pm,
Friday 27th May at the
school hall,
Dress up as a hero!
(Anyone maybe even your
dad, he might be your

Free games, raffles and
competitions!

Hot chocolate with marshmallows £1, Salad
and cakes 50p.
Bookmarks 25p each.

Announcements by charities, local groups, clubs and organisations are FREE!
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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman: Ian Cooper

Vice Chairman: Alan Dawson

ROAD SURFACE DRESSING

The Orkney Islands Council Surface Dressing Team are programmed to be surface dressing in Stronsay week commencing 4 July 2016 and they will be undertaking the re-surfacing of the Pier prior to this, probably in the last two weeks of June.

Both programmes, especially the surface dressing, may be subject to delay as a result of bad weather.

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer
10 May 2016

STRONSAY SCHOOL BLOG

The Stronsay School Blog has been available for some time now and is updated regularly. It shares some of Stronsay School's highlights through pictures and articles as well as a great deal of other relevant school information. You can access the blog at <http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk>.

FIBROMYALGIA

Do you suffer from fibromyalgia? There is a local Facebook group just for you. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/463333273823206>.

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STRONSAY STITCHERS



THURSDAY 2nd June

From 7pm-9.30pm, School Brae, everyone welcome

Stitchers & Craftpeople

*Fancy coming along on **Sunday 12th June** on the boat excursion to North Ronaldsay? There's a minibus to meet us at the pier in NR and lots to see: the sheep on the beach, the wool Mill & craft shop, the lighthouse & cafe, the Bird Observatory...*

*Boat departs Stronsay 10.25 arrives NR 11.55
then departs NR 15.20 arrives Stronsay 16.50*



THURSDAY 23rd June

From 7pm-9.30pm, Church Hall, refreshments & biscuits, £2

We like to meet and craft our own projects and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. If this sounds like something you might like why not pop along any time from 7pm to 9.30pm.

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STRONSAY BOOKWORM NEWS



Thursday May 26th “The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins. Venue = Peedie Hoo at 7:30pm.

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!

Our book for June is: "The Outrun" by Amy Liptrot. Venue TBC

STRONSAY SPRINGTIME CRAFT FAIR

What a great turn out and what a variety of hand-crafted items for sale from our local artisans and visiting craftspeople. Huge thanks as usual to the Stronsay Community Association for organizing the Hall, keeping us topped up with teas, coffees & delicious home bakes. We would also like to thank everyone who came and all the craftspeople who helped make this fair such a success.

LALDIE HAANS FESTIVAL **STRONSAY CRAFT WEEKEND**

WORKSHOPS AT CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE & **OPEN STUDIOS**

We’re delighted to say that this first event of its kind on the island was an overwhelming success. It was wonderful to see so many folk taking part in the workshops, having fun whilst learning new skills and also visiting the studios. We were so pleased to hear all the positive feedback and enquiries about doing something similar again and we shall definitely be thinking about that for the future. Many thanks to everyone here and on mainland who worked so hard to organize and put it all together.

(Photographs of Laldie Haans weekend on next 3 pages)

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Peg loom weaving workshop



Glass fusion workshop

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A “stitch up” workshop



Open studio

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STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Diabetic Support Group will be on Wednesday 8th June at 3-4:30pm in the carpet room of the Community Centre.
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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LONGHOPE SWIMMING GALA

On Monday May 2nd the Stronsay Marlins took part in the Longhope swimming gala at the Pickaquooy centre in Kirkwall. There were 12 in our team and our coaches were Saz and Andy. The other teams were from Westray and Sanday. In the backstroke races Philip, James and Erynn won for their age groups. In the breaststroke races Millie won the girls 8 and under race, and Sam came second in the boys 8 and under. In the freestyle races Melvin won the boys 8 and under race. Jamie was the youngest swimmer in our team.

James and Erynn competed in the Loganair trophy race, and Stronsay achieved second place in the points for 15-16 year olds.

Although our team came third place overall, everyone did their best and we all had a good day. Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

Daniel Whiteman.

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

- 29th May Dave Bowen

- June 5th Mike Erdman
- June 12th Rob and Pat Kiff
- June 19th Dave Bowen
- June 26th David Bowen

- July 3rd Alistair Gray
- July 10th Alistair Gray
- July 17th Mike Erdman
- July 24th Stephen Manners or Martin Prentice
- July 31st David Bowen

- August 7th John King
- August 14th Mike Erdman
- August 21st David Bowen (communion)
- August 28th June Freeth

NEW ZEALAND—SLIDE SHOW & TALK

There is to be a slide show and talk about New Zealand on Monday August 8th at 7.30pm at the community hall. My two aunts are visiting Stronsay from NZ and will talk to us in conjunction with slides that my parents took on their holidays there. Entry will be by means of donations towards the PlayPark funds. Light refreshments will be served.

I appreciate this is a busy time of year for our community but if you can find time to join us, you would be very welcome.

Thank you.

Shirley Whiteman.

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STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

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

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

TUESDAY 31st May 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 pool all at £3 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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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	5 August 2016
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

Doctor	616321
Nurses	616480
Medical emergency	01856 888000
Stronsay 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
Electricity problems	0800 300 999
Water problems	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

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Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

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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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