

STRONSAY LIMPET

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 24th September – Craft Fair Saturday 5th November – Bonfire Night Saturday 26th November – Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 10th December – Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday 31st December – Hogmanay Dance

IS YOUR CLUB OR ORGANISATION PLANNING AN EVENT ON STRONSAY?

Why not advertise it in the Limpet? **It's free!** 100 copies of the Limpet are printed and distributed across the island every month and the Limpet is also freely available online. To advertise simply get in touch with the Limpet's editor (contact details are on the back page of every Limpet) and provide the following information:

- what your event is,
- who or what organisation is running it,
- what charity or organisation it is supporting,
- whereabouts it's being held and, finally,
- the date & time at which it's being held.

If you have missed the deadline for the regular Limpet then the Limpet's editor can spread your information via:

- the Limpet's email list,
- the Limpet's Facebook page and
- the Limpet's website.

The next edition of the <u>Limpet</u> will be published on <u>Thu 29 September</u>. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on <u>Sun 25 September</u>. Contact details on back page. Limpet website address is http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk

STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION PHOTOGRAPH FOR JULY'S COMPETITION



There were $\underline{\mathbf{no}}$ entries this month. August's caption competion photograph is on the next page.

CAPTION COMPTITION—PHOTO FOR AUGUST

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 7pm ON SUNDAY 25ST SEPTEMBER



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.

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

It has been a busy councillors' recess for me, doing all those jobs at home that are difficult to do when I am away from Sanday on council business in Kirkwall or on another of the North Isles. The changeable weather (predictable, given its state on St. Swithun's Day) has not helped me with the essential outdoor maintenance jobs, nor has it helped my bees with their pollen and nectar gathering activities. Nevertheless, I've still managed to make some time to get out into the ward.

Probably the worst day, weather-wise, was the 20th July, when I flew to North Ronaldsay for the (postponed) official opening, by Helen Swannay, of their new airfield building (Terminal 3). On our way back to Kirkwall afterwards, the pilot did an abrupt Uturn over Sanday to avoid an incoming storm, so we tried out the new NRL air passenger lounge while watching the lightning strikes hitting Sanday (and disabling my telephone line, destroying my router and damaging my computer!). The facilities at the new terminal are excellent, and, having worked at an airfield myself, I was particularly impressed by the comfort afforded the ground crew (without whom, we must remember, we could have no air service). Thanks to everybody who organised the fine buffet.

The weather was better for the Westray Regatta, with a stiff breeze blowing the boats around the course at Pierowall, although we did have to run for shelter from the occasional rain showers. No showers at the Sanday Show, though, where one of our geese was awarded "Reserve Poultry Champion".

I enjoy attending such community functions, as it gives me the opportunity to meet and chat with ward constituents in an informal setting. I welcome invitations to island events and will always try to come along if I can.



Cllr Davidson sails his yole at the Westray Regatta



Best Goose (Gwenda) at the Sanday Show

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Before the recess, I was at two very positive engagement events in Rousay and Sanday for the Inter-Island Air & Ferry Transport Study. When I was travelling with the consultants from Kirkwall to Sanday on the Varagen, Captain Siegel kindly invited us onto the bridge and explained the challenges of sailing a ferry in the various sea and weather conditions and the consequent limitations on the vessel's speed and carrying capacity. This gave the consultants an insight into some of the realities of our transport system they couldn't have got otherwise. I'm a great believer that if you want to understand a business properly, talk to the people who do the job. It's a shame this maxim is not universally accepted, particularly by those "in charge".

I also went down to Inverness for my first meeting as a member of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board. In a conversation after the meeting I discussed the possibility of our three North Isles' junior high schools being enrolled as pilots for the project. Each school will be contacted at the start of the autumn term.

Soon I'll be back at School Place for the last session before the local authority elections in May 2017, engaged in the unending collective struggle to steer the OIC ship on a sensible course. Apart from the three members of the Orkney Manifesto Group, Orkney Islands Council is not a "political" council. Whereas a council mainly comprising independents (like myself) has its advantages, its greatest drawback is lack of a clear vision and policy direction. To compensate for this, early on in the current council we jointly agreed a council plan ("Wur Plan" — available from OIC or at http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council-Plans/Our_Plan_2013-2018.pdf). Our mission statement is "Working together for a better Orkney", and *my* mission is to ensure this includes a better North Isles. We have 6 "council values":

Promoting Survival
Promoting Sustainability
Promoting Equality and Fairness
Working Together
Working with Communities
Working to Provide Better Services

Since Government Scotland cut our funding, value 6 has definitely become more challenging. Values 1 & 2 are especially relevant to us here in the North Isles, and I am striving to hold the Council to them. The closure of island polling stations, reduction in island council workers' hours, ever more onerous airfield regulations — these may seem inconsequential in Kirkwall, but they represent "death by a thousand cuts" to the survival and sustainability of our island communities.

I shall be chairing a public meeting in Stronsay on the 7th September and attending meetings of Sanday Community Council on the 13th and North Ronaldsay Community Council on the 22nd.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson West Manse, Sanday

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BEAUTY IN THE BEAST

By Ellie from Newfield
In the beholder's eye

that's where beauty is, or so the saying goes.
But I can tell you this for she bordered on the edge, missing beauty by a whisper.

Perfect in every way but lacking in charisma. She never seemed to change, didn't "put on any show"

but yet I felt convinced her development was slow.

So many times I've wavered, been about to change my mind. Underneath that prickly look

was there beauty of some kind? She didn't encourage favour, never seemed to soften at all.

Sharp she was in her nature like a hedgehog in a ball.

So on the Friday morning

when I barely gave her a glance I held my breath in awe while she held me entranced.

She wore a crimson posy up on the side of her head and her perfume, so beguiling, it halted me in my tread.

My cactus was now in flower.

There's such beauty in the beast,
my patience is now rewarded
to say the very least!

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who supported the NZ slide show evening recently when £55.61 was raised for PlayPark funds.

Shirley.

STRONSAY FISH MART CAFÉ AND HOSTEL



As from Friday 8th July the Fish Mart will only open 11am to 2pm on Fridays. So the opening times will be as follows:

Monday
Tuesday
10am - 4pm
10am - 2pm
Wednesday, Thursday
10am - 4pm
11am - 2pm
Saturday
10am - 4pm
11am - 2pm
10am - 4pm
10am - 4pm

We would like to thank you all for your continued support in making the café a success

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

Local sales, wants, etc are free!



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

LOCAL BUSINESSES STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tuesday- Sunday) 5pm to 9pm

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 cheesey chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesey chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20

LOCAL BUSINESSES 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, focusing 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 <u>enquiries@craftshipenterprise.co.uk</u> or call 01857 616249 <u>www.craftshipenterprise.co.uk</u>

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

Local business adverts are free!



MENU

Soup of the day £2.50 Bacon roll £2.00

Sandwiches: £2.95 (with crisps & salad garnish)

- Cheese & tomato
- Cheese & onion
- Tuna & cucumber
- Ham & tomato

Soup & sandwich £5.00 Ploughman's platter £3.50

Orkney cheese, pickled onion, bread roll, crisps, pickle & salad garnish

Cakes £1.50

Tiffin, peanut butter marshmallow bar, ginger & apple cake, cheese scones, fruit scones & weekly special

ANYONE WITH ALLERGIES, PLEASE ASK TO SEE OUR INGREDIENTS LIST

DRINKS MENU

Coffees £1.50

- Filter
- American
- Expresso
- Cappuccino
- Instant decaf

Coffees £1.85

- Latte
- Latte Macchiato
- Hot chocolate with Marshmallows

Teas £1.00

- Black
- Earl Grey
- Jasmine

Caffeine free

- Redbush
- Camomile
- Raspberry & Peach

Local business adverts are free!

ATTENTION ALL FARMERS & HOMEOWNERS

R.A.M. GROUND DRILLING

Orkney's Local Borehole Drillers WILL BE DRILLING ON STRONSAY THIS SUMMER

Anyone considering a borehole for water supply or ground source heating is invited to contact us for a FREE NO OBLIGATION OUOTE

Call Rachael on 01856 821 367 or email: ramdrilling@btinternet.com



Plumber

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- · Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- All other types of domestic, commercial, industrial plumbing works
- · Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933** 488283

Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



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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.

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 874723

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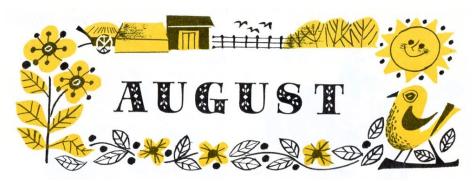
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- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260 HOME: 01857 616454

Local business adverts are free!



STRONSAY STITCHERS



Thursday 25th August From 7pm-9.30pm, Church Hall, refreshments & biscuits, £2

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 24th September

In the Hall 1pm – 4pm

Refreshments and Raffle

Lots of lovely handcrafted items!



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.

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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 22nd September 2016

at the Community Hall

The bar will be open and a light supper will be served

Everyone is welcome

STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The next Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st August 3-4.30pm in the carpet room at the community halls. All welcome. Shirley 616438.

STRONSAY BOOKWORMS

Our September read is going to be "The Throwaway Children" by Diney Costeloe. We will be meeting at Mairi's house at 7.30ish on Wednesday September 14th. Look out for posters advertising our Autumn reads.

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.....

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

Updated July 2016

Monday

Public session 6.30-7.10 Adult lane 7.10-7.50

Thursday

7-7.40 Private Hire (pre-booked) 7.40-8.20 Private Hire (available for booking)

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: Mark Boler, 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

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

- August 28th June Freeth
- Sept 4th Rob Kiff
- Sept11th David Bowen
- Sept 18th Rob Kiff
- Sept 25th Mike Erdman

STRONSAY

From August 2016 the Mobile Library Schedule will be changing to an 8-weekly timetable.

Please discard your current list of dates - a new calendar timetable will be issued ready for 2017 but for the remainder of 2016 the Mobile Library will be in your island/area on the following dates:

20TH SEPTEMBER 14TH NOVEMBER

Stop times will remain unchanged and users are welcome to borrow more books each time to compensate for the longer period between visits.

If you have any questions please get in touch with the Orkney Library & Archive on 01856 873166 or you can email us at library@orkney.gov.uk

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eBooks

We have a growing collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks which you can download for free to your computer, smartphone or tablet. Visit our website for more details.

ONLINE SERVICES

There are a number of Online Resources available through our website such as Know UK, Scran, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Theory Test Pro, Orkney Talking Newspaper and many more. Visit our website to see the full list of links and resources.

FREEGAL

Our members can download and stream music for free from a collection of over 8 million tracks. Visit our website for more details

BRANCHES

Mobile Library members are also welcome to borrow or return books at our branch libraries in Kirkwall or Stromness.

Ask for your Library PIN to access these services

WWW.ORKNEYLIBRARY.ORG.UK

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

Tuesday 19th <u>SEPTEMBER</u> 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
httm#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.

USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	08:30—12:00
Sat	09:00—12:00
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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 ?

Rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

Doctor 616321	Balfour hospital 01856 888000
Nurses 616480	Electricity problems 0800 300 999
Medical emergency 01856 888000	Water problems 0845 601 8855
Stronsay registrar 616239	Highland Fuels 0800 224 224
Hall bookings 616446	Kirkwall Library 01856 873166
Post Office 616278	Kirkwall Police 101
Companions 616261	Vets:
Kirk 616311	Flett & Carmichael 01856 872859
Stronsay Hotel 616213	Northvet 01856 873403
Olivebank 616255	Dentists:
Ebenezer stores 616339	Great Western Rd 01856 879683
Neil's on Wheels 616454	King Street 01856 875348
Taxi 616335	Earls Palace 01856 872958
Airy Fairy 616231	Golgotha monastery 616210
Castle Bird Reserve 616363	Email contact@the-sons.org
Craftship Enterprise 616249	
Star Island Soap 616281	EMERGENCY! - POLICE, FIRE, AM- BULANCE or COASTGUARD—dial 999
Driving tuition 616268	DULANCE OF COASTGUARD—CHAI 999

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.

Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

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