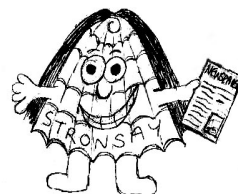


# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **EBENEZER STORES**

Mike & Viv are going on holiday from Saturday 22 October until Friday 28 October. During that week our opening times will be:

- Sunday 10am to 1pm
- All other days 8:30am to 1:30pm & 4:30pm to 7:30pm (*closed 1:30pm to 4:30pm*)

We do hope that this won't cause any inconvenience.

Viv

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## **DO YOU LIKE THE LIMPET?**

The Limpet receives little or no “feed back” from its readers so it is difficult to judge whether the editor is getting things right or not. Is there anything in the Limpet that you think should be changed or even removed completely? Can you think of something that should be in the Limpet but isn't? Please let the editor know, he feels very lonely sometimes (*Awww!*). This month's edition is a massive 42 pages—surely there's something that folk really like or perhaps there's something that really upsets you? Get it off your chest—write to the editor!

Don't forget, the Limpet is always happy to print items on Stronsay-related topics that have been submitted by visitors, residents or former residents. Don't worry if you are not happy about your grammar or spelling, the editor will gladly tidy up your rough work.

Contact details for the editor are on the back page of this and every Limpet.

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **Forthcoming Events:**

Saturday 5th November – Bonfire Night

Saturday 26th November – Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 10th December – Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday 31st December – Hogmanay Dance

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The next edition of the [Limpet](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk) will be published on **Thu 27 October**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 23 October**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>



## **COMMUNITY FUND OVERVIEW FOR 2015/16**

Over the twelve months from 1st September 2015 to 31st August 2016 a total of £99,588 has been granted to groups and individuals on Stronsay. The awards have included £50,000 to the Stronsay Play Park Group, £19,749 to Stronsay Parent Council, £1,500 to Stronsay Swimming Pool, £8,100 in Fuel Poverty payments, £5,306 for driving lessons, 11 Education bursaries of £1,000 apiece and 12 skills bursaries totalling £3,933.

There were no applications by Stronsay Development Trust towards its running costs, leaving the Community Fund to begin the 2016/17 financial year with a balance of £152,535.84, of which £40,000 has been put aside.

### **Community Fund Update for September 2016**

The following Community Fund grants have been awarded this month:

Stronsay Drama Group	
For a new stage and curtains	27,557.16
Stronsay First Responders	
For a Motorola 2-wayradio system	8,247.60
Stronay Playgroup	
For equipment and materials	1,080.00
Stronsay Parent Council	
For music	2,000.00
For sensory needs for all	2,500.00
For the production of a Stronsay doomsday book	424.92
For Sport and FUN5Z	1,156.89
13 Education bursaries	13,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,966.57</b>

The Board of Stronsay Development Trust



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## SOS CALENDAR

SOS would like to thank all those who supported this competition, there were 25 entries in total. We hope to include all of your beautiful photographs in our calendar.

Congratulations to our winners:

Marion Miller

John Smith

Melvin Holland

Roger Neville-Smith

Adrian Miller

Gaynor Smith

Enza Emira Pandolfini

Sheila Burger

Shirley Whiteman

Vicki Holland

James MacLeod

Sarah Evans

Look out for the 2017 calendars going on sale at Olivebank and Ebenezer Stores in November 2016 at £5 each. They will make great Christmas presents!

Our thanks also go to Jennifer Graham for collecting and collating the photographs, as well as Kirsty Brown and Antoine Petri for doing such a professional job judging the competition so objectively.



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## NATIONAL POETRY DAY THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**The theme this year is MESSAGES**

We are asking the Stronsay Community to write a letter, or a card, to someone on the island.

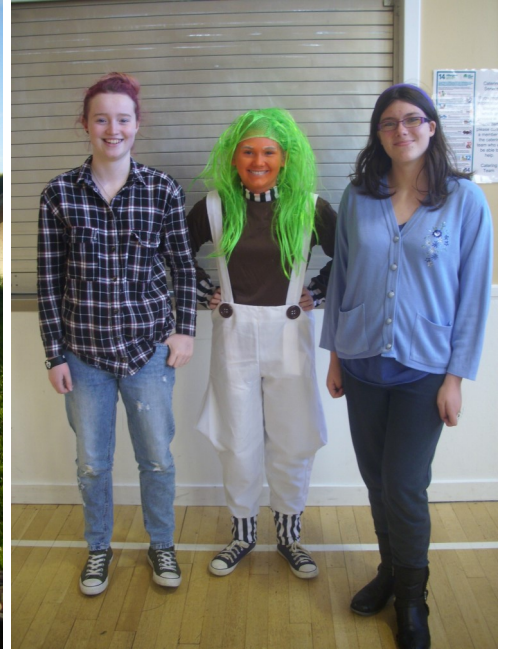
Keep in touch and make someone's day!

**It will only cost a few moments of your time and the price of a stamp.**

Look out for poetry cards on the island.

## DAHLICIOUS DRESS UP DAY

The annual Dahlicious Dress Up Day raises money to help provide Roald Dahl nurses and family support to children in the UK living with serious, rare and undiagnosed conditions. The following photographs are from Stronsay School's Dahlicious Dress Up Day on Mon 19th Sep, to celebrate what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday (13th Sep). The school raised £40.92 for his Children's Charity. Thanks very much to all for their effort and generosity!



*Some staff and pupils dressed up.*



*Flap the Pheasant!*

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*Boggis, Bunce and Bean game*



*Stuck in the Swamp*



*Happy 100th Birthday Mr Dahl*

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*Matilda Musical Statues*



*Mrs Twit's Wormy Spaghetti*

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*Pin the newt on Miss Trunchbull*



*Mr Twit's Beard*



## **STRONSAY AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR.**

Many thanks to the Stronsay Community Association and to everyone who came along both as customers and sellers. We all had a brilliant day.



*(More photographs on next page)*





## LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS.

Rather like the well-known 'London Bus Syndrome' (none for ages then three come along together etc.) the first Temminck's Stint record for the island in late July was joined by a second bird on 26th (see photo), but better was to come later that day when a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper arrived among a flock of small waders. This species breeds in the far NE region of Northern Russia, the majority of birds wintering in Australia, so this was a major find. Sadly it was only present for a couple of minutes but all the features of the bird were noted – including the yellowy legs and short, straight bill. All the waders on the loch at that time were suddenly flushed by a passing skua and neither the sandpiper nor the stints were seen again.

A strange find by Norman at Airy Farm on 28th July was a bedraggled Peregrine which appeared to be nothing other than 'wet through' (see photo). It was seen in a much drier condition next day.

The first small Autumn migrant species in the gardens was a beautiful Wood Warbler at Dale on 5th August (same day as a Garden Tiger moth at Castle) whilst Sedge Warblers were seen at several garden sites during late Summer suggesting that at least 4 pairs bred this year. Swallows were very numerous again but last year's House Martins at Greenfield and Grindalea failed to return. House Martins rarely breed in the Northern Isles of Orkney.

SE winds on and around 20th August brought 2 Icterine Warblers to the island and a colourful mixture of small passerines including 10 Pied Flycatchers, a few Whinchats and singles of Redstart, Lesser Whitethroat and Garden Warbler. Rarer species recorded were a Common Rosefinch at Dale, an Icterine Warbler at Holin Cottage, and the first Greenish Warbler – a much rarer species – at Airy (see photo). On 23rd there were no less than 3 Greenish Warblers in the Airy Garden and a surprising find at Castle the same day was a Hawfinch which was later seen by Nigel in the garden at Lower Millfield.

Other than the (usual) big influxes of Pied wagtails in late August there were a few other migrants in the last week of the month including the only Swift of the year (over Airy on 27th) and the first Robin at Dale on 31st.

September arrived with a Stonechat at Grind on 1st. A surprise sighting on 4th was a Wryneck flying low over The Reserve – giving close but frustratingly short views to ourselves and visitors Jim and Tam from Edinburgh. Another surprise sighting was 3 Shelduck on the Bu Loch on 3rd – a species rarely seen here after the end of August, but even more unusual was a Brent Goose – also on the Bu Loch - on 9th. There was a noticeably big influx of 'Greenland' Wheatears around 10th Sept (see photo) and a very unusual discovery in Whitehall Village on 12th was a Slavonian Grebe. This bird had probably swum close inshore, frightened by the approaching ferry as it manoeuvred between the piers (see photo).

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A Yellow-browed Warbler was found in the Castle garden on 15th September – brought in on a favourable light NE wind – and a Buzzard was seen on several occasions mid-month, possibly one of the birds from Eday where the species now breeds. Clear skies over much of the North Sea and virtually no wind on 19th-20th brought hundreds of Yellow-browed Warblers to the eastern seaboard of the UK, three arriving in the Airy garden (see photo). Over 100 were seen around Flamborough Head in Yorkshire the same day. It is amazing that such a small species (hardly bigger than a Wren) and which breeds no closer than far eastern Europe, visits the UK in late Autumn annually. Perhaps the most memorable sighting among our own birds was one flying in from the North and almost landing on the pier just a few yards from ourselves and departing visitor Ken Barclay as we waited for the Ferry. A wonderful send-off for Ken!

Thanks again for all the calls". John Holloway



*The Temminck's Stints at the Bu Loch in late July.*



*The drenched Peregrine at Airy*

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*One of the four Greenish Warblers recorded in August – all in the garden at Airy!*



*The Slavonian Grebe just a few yards from the road in Whitehall Village*

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*One of the 3 Yellow-browed Warblers discovered in the Airy garden on 20th September*



*Wheatears have been very numerous along the roadsides this Autumn.  
This one was in Lower Whitehall*

## LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

I apologise to the folk of Stronsay for not making it over as planned to chair the Northwind public meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately, I got fog-bound at Sanday Airfield. This is more the sort of experience you hope will happen to transport consultants, in order to give them a taste of the realities of inter-island travel. Fortunately, at a seminar I attended on the Inter-Island Air & Ferry Transport Study being undertaken on our behalf by Peter Brett Associates (whom many of you will have met recently at the transport engagement events in the Isles), it was clear that the consultants have now got a good grasp of the main issues, how it is for us in the Isles, and what our transport needs are. Fog also prevented some of the transport reps getting into Kirkwall for the Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings. Timetables for summer 2017 were discussed, and for both planes and ferries these will broadly be remaining the same as last year. There was an appeal from the Ferry Services Manager for organisers to arrange events around the ferry timetables and not for Orkney Ferries to arrange the timetables around events.

A seminar was held to present and discuss the first draft of our Council travel policy, the intention of which is to cut down the expense of travel for both OIC employees and councillors. Our geographical location means that we have to travel considerable distances to reach the centres of power. There is an unavoidable cost involved with this, which we have to accept if Orkney is not to be disadvantaged. To be effective, in my experience, you have to be physically present at meetings. Useful as it is, video-conferencing really doesn't cut it. And then there are the pre- and post-meeting conversations that you miss out on if you're not there (or have to rush in at the start and leave straightaway at the end)—the conversations where contacts are established, networks are tapped into, deals are negotiated, and the decisions are really made.

At the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting, approval was unanimous for the Appiehouse Stone (which displays both Pictish and Christian iconography) to be returned to Sanday. Following the meeting, we had a briefing on Education Scotland's new plans for raising attainment: "closing the gap and raising the bar" and "delivering excellence and equity", as they put it. I think "Plain Words", Sir Ernest Gower's classic guide to the use of English, must have dropped out of the Scottish curriculum some time ago!

I met with the new Japanese Consul, Daisuke Mutsunaga, who was in Orkney for the visit of pupils and teachers to the county from Kamaishi High School. He spoke about opportunities for young people in Orkney to experience Japanese culture through the Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme (JET), which is now in its 30th year.

I attended a meeting of the Orkney Memorial Fund, of which, as Vice-Chair of Education, Leisure & Housing, I am *ex officio* an administrator. This fund exists primarily to provide assistance to families with dependent children who have suffered hardship as a result of the sudden death or incapacity of a parent. Requests to the fund are lodged directly by elected members.

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An afternoon coach tour was arranged for members of the Education, Leisure & Housing and Development & Infrastructure committees to look at some of the Council's "work in progress". This included the new hospital site, housing in Kirkwall, a development site at Hatston, and the new school building at Evie.

I sat on the shortlisting and interview panel for appointing a new headteacher for Westray Junior High School. We offered the post to Sarah Jones. Sarah is currently Vice-Principal-Student Development at BSix Brooke House Sixth Form College, which serves Hackney in London. Prior to that, she co-founded and was Deputy Head at Greenwich Free School. I am pleased to say she has accepted our offer. Her starting date has yet to be confirmed.

In Kirkwall, this month, I have also attended pre-agenda and pre-meetings of Education, Leisure & Housing, a High-Cost/Extraordinary Care Arrangements meeting (this is an officer/member group responsible for the wellbeing of children and young people with exceptional care needs and those in out-of-Orkney placements), meetings of the House-Build Programme Board, Orkney College Management Council, Licensing Sub-Committee, Licensing Board, and Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board. In addition, I convened face-to-face meetings with Council officers to discuss certain proposals and practices, brought to my attention by ward constituents, which clearly contradict, where the North Isles are concerned, our "Council values" of **promoting survival** and **promoting sustainability**.

In the Isles, I have been along to meetings of the Sanday, Shapinsay and North Ronaldsay community councils, Stronsay Parent Council, and Shapinsay Community School Planning Group.

THAW (Tackling Household Affordable Warmth) is making "Cosy Home Packs" available to OIC and OHAL tenants who are in fuel poverty (defined as having to spend more than 10% of their household income in order to heat their dwelling satisfactorily) and who suffer from long-term ill-health conditions. If you think you or someone else may be eligible, THAW can be contacted by telephoning: 01856-878388, e-mailing: [info@thaworkney.co.uk](mailto:info@thaworkney.co.uk), or calling in at their office at 15 Victoria Street, Kirkwall.

There is currently a Government Scotland consultation underway about permitting electrofishing for razor clams. This practice could have a serious detrimental impact on the sustainability of traditional spooting in our islands. The public can have its say at: <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/digital-communications/electrofishing-for-razor-clams>

I shall be going to the meeting of Stronsay Community Council on the 17th October (weather permitting!).



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



**STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION**  
**PHOTOGRAPH FOR LAST MONTH'S COMPETITION**



The winner this month was Norman Shearer with this caption  
*'Sue could no longer deny that she occasionally felt Frisky!'*

Honourable mentions to:

*'Keep talking Sue – you'll get more sense out of the goat than out of your husband!'*  
and

*'No Frisky – washing on line – goat stay indoors!'*

Now try your hand at the new photograph on the next page. What do you think is happening here?



# **STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION**

## **PHOTOGRAPH FOR THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 7pm ON SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**



## **“WHAT IS IT?” COMPETITION**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 7pm ON SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**

Elaine and Lukas Becker were visiting Craftship Enterprise and took these photographs of a strange-looking object on a Stronsay beach. Can you guess what the object is?



There will be a small reward for the person supplying the correct answer, if there is more than one correct answer the winner will be drawn out of a hat.

Please send your answer 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.

## **SECRETS!**

By Ellie from Newfield

Well now mother blackbird,  
Should I give you sympathy?  
For I remember well  
How stressful mother-hood can be.  
A nest full of dependants  
All lead you a merry dance.  
How you would love forty winks  
But you'll never get the chance.  
How long since you preened those feathers  
After a splas in a cooling puddle?  
With four beaks for ever open  
Each day seems such a struggle.  
Whatever happened to  
Those lazy days of yore  
When the apple tree rang with birdsong  
But you haven't the time any more.  
Such a devoted little mother,  
No favourites for you.  
Each precious beak is catered for  
In the never-ending queue.  
A true country girl at heart  
At home amongst the green.  
Born and bred around the croft  
Where the food chain is extreme.  
How I wish you joy  
For you have not a selfish feather.  
If only I could protect you  
For you must live on the edge forever.  
Those days will return again  
And I await them patiently,  
For perfect summer evenings  
When you sing in the apple tree.  
For then your young will be grown.  
You'll deservedly stick out your chest  
And I will never spoil it or tell you  
There was a cuckoo in your nest!

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

### **WORK WANTED**

Anything considered! Please contact James Hannant (age 21) on 616454

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### **THANK YOU**

To the flower growers of the Stronsay Community Greenhouse—a big “Thank You” for the beautiful and totally unexpected bouquet delivered by Sue & John. It is lovely.  
Thank you,  
Sheila & Mike

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### **THANK YOU**

Thanks to the Stronsay Community Greenhouse for yet another lovely bouquet delivered by Hazel!  
Bruce

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP**

The committee of the Stronsay Community Play Park Action Group would like to thank everyone who supported the official opening event on Sunday 11 September. Also for those who kindly provided baking treats and raffle prizes. A total of £259.84 was raised by raffle and donations, which will go towards the final invoice.

We would like to thank Carole for cutting the ribbon for us, Roger for taking photographs of the event, Barbara for writing the press release, and everyone else who helped in any way, including Elspeth, James, Jack, Johnny, Elizabeth and Aimee.

Thank you to the community for supporting the event, thanks to Cllr Graham Sinclair for coming out to support the event—and we are so grateful that the weather stayed dry for us!

Marion, Mairi, Jennifer and Shirley.

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## **EBENEZER STORES - BRING & BUY TABLE**

The table has raised over £2,800 for the playpark fund. Thank you all for your support.

The money raised is now going to Stronsay 1<sup>st</sup> Responders to pay for some additional equipment. Please support them as generously as you never know when you may need them!

Thank you, Viv

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Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE WINTER OPENING HOURS**



The cafe will close from the 25th September until April 2017. However, I will still provide refreshments for special events and bookings such as the craft workshop weekend on the 15th & 16th October. The craft centre is still open for bookings for parties or craft sessions. The shop will be open for crafts and Christmas shopping on certain dates to be announced.

A big thank you to all the customers in the cafe this year

Craftship Enterprise  
Stronsay  
Orkney  
KW17 2AE

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Mob: 07785 111126

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **OCTOBER WEEKEND WORKSHOPS** **AT CRAFTSHIP ENTERPRISE** **SATURDAY 15TH - 16TH OCTOBER**

To book a place please contact Dianne by email [dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk](mailto:dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk) ,  
Facebook message or call 616416

#### **SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

#### **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.

Time: 10am – 1.30pm

Cost: £17 (includes materials)

Lunch and drinks : Available from the Crafteria

Ages: suitable from 11yrs

Level: easy

Number of places: 6

Venue: Craftship Enterprise, Main craft room



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### **WEAVING A ROUND ON THE PEGLOOM with Simone**

Discover how to make a circle by weaving sheep fleece round wooden pegs

Time: 10am – 1.30pm

Cost: £17 (includes materials)

Lunch and drinks : Available from the Crafteria

Ages: suitable from 11yrs

Level: easy

Number of places: 6

Venue: Craftship Enterprise, upstairs studio



### **MAKE YOUR OWN BATH FIZZIES with Simone**

Make 5 peedie bath bombs in your own choice of colour and fragrance

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Cost: £17 (includes ingredients)

Afternoon break: Drinks and bakes available from the Crafteria

Equipment: please bring your own mixing bowl (note, if using a plastic bowl it cannot be used after for food)

Ages: suitable from 6yrs but must be accompanied by responsible adult

Level: easy

Number of places: 6

Venue: Craftship Enterprise, upstairs studio



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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **CHRISTMAS ANGELS with Dianne**

These angels are made out of patterned vellum, make for your Xmas tree or to hang in a window for the light to shine through.

Cost: £15 (includes materials)

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Afternoon break : Drinks and bakes available from the Crafteria

Ages: suitable from 10yrs

Level: easy

Number of places: 6

Venue: Craftship Enterprise, main craft room



## **SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

### **WEAVING A ROUND ON THE PEGLOOM with Simone**

Discover how to make a circle by weaving sheep fleece round wooden pegs

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm

Cost: £17 (includes materials)

Lunch and drinks : Available from the Crafteria

Ages: suitable from 10yrs

Level: easy

Number of places: 6

Venue: Craftship Enterprise, upstairs studio

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### **VELLUM WINDOW STARS with Dianne**

These beautiful decorations will last several seasons and can be made in vellum of different sizes and colours

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm

Cost: £17 (includes materials)

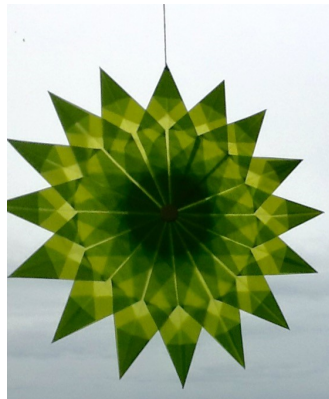
Lunch and drinks : Available from the Crafteria

Ages: suitable from 8 yrs

Level: easy (ability to make sharp folds needed)

Number of places: 6

Venue: Craftship Enterprise, main craft room



### **MAKE YOUR OWN BATH FIZZIES with Simone**

Make 5 peedie bath bombs in your own choice of colour and fragrance

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Cost: £17 (includes ingredients)

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Level: easy

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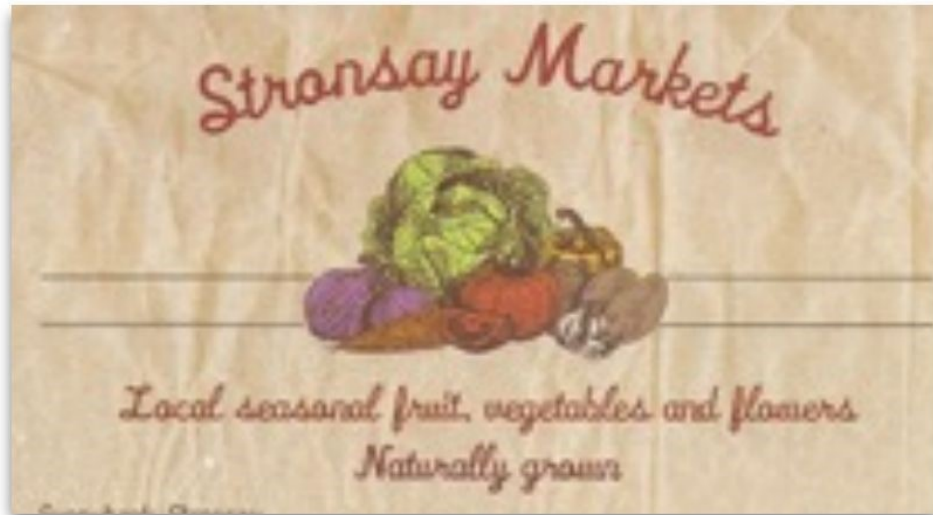
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*New business, a mini market garden, set up in late 2015 at  
Sunnybank, Stronsay*

*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](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I will put you  
on my mailing list*

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU**

Phone 01857 616213

[New website \(Sep 2016\)](#)

Six days a week (Tuesday- Sunday)

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

5pm to 9pm

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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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Email [jenny@jennystoneart.com](mailto:jenny@jennystoneart.com)

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### **DRIVING TUITION**

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

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- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
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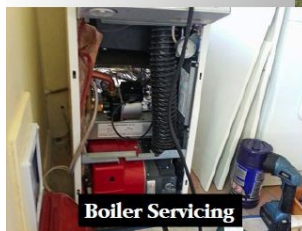
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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**

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

Tel: +44 01857 616281

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

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

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

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



### **NEW – STRONSAY SPINNERS**

Learn the basics or get back to spinning in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We're hoping to get together once a month, providing people are happy with that arrangement.

Our first session will be:

**Saturday 8th October in the Church Hall .**

**From 11am to 3pm.**

**Lunch: please bring your own.**

**Refreshments will be available.**

**£2.00/person helps cover Hall costs.**

All levels very welcome, from beginners to more experienced. Bring your own wheel, equipment & something to spin if possible. If not, we have a spare wheel, a few drop spindles & plenty of fleece. If you'd just like to come for a "taster" that would be great.

Simone.



### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

From 7pm-9.30pm, Church Vestry (due to Hall redecoration)

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## **Stronsay Bookworms**



**We will be meeting on  
Wednesday October 12th @  
7.45pm  
at The Craftship Enterprise  
when we'll be discussing this  
literary classic by Graham  
Greene.  
All welcome.**

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

### **NEWS FROM STRONSAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The new academic year has started very well indeed. We are pleased to welcome four new pupils to the school: Aimee and Lewis Carr who have settled well into the Upper Primary class, and Ollie Carr and Zita Martinez who have just started in Nursery. The play area outside the Nursery is now beautifully grassed and the youngsters are making the most of any sunny days we have.

The Secondary trip to Norway was a great success. According to the old adage “travel broadens the mind” and our pupils certainly gained a great deal from the experience. There are some excellent photos on the school blog as well as a short piece of film taken when the group were kayaking along a fjord. If you haven’t looked at our school blog yet it’s well worth a visit. Meanwhile, most of the S1 pupils enjoyed a few days at Birsay Hostel alongside pupils from Sanday and Westray. Nervous at first, our pupils soon threw themselves into the team-building activities and, by all accounts, threw themselves into the water sports as well! Again, photos can be seen on the blog.

Well done to the Play Park Committee for their spectacular fund-raising efforts. Now the dream of a new, state of the art play park has been realised, our pupils are taking full advantage of the new equipment at break and lunchtime. The secondary pupils agreed on some guidelines for its use and these were verified by the Pupil Council.

In between times, S3 and S4 have attended the “Driving Ambition” course, and S1 the “Safe Islander” event, both at KGS.

Last Monday saw some very strange sights in school as we celebrated “Dahlicious Day”. Many pupils dressed as characters from the novels of Roald Dahl and took part in fun activities during the afternoon. (*Ed: see photographs on page 2 et seq*)

I expect many of you are reading this and wonder how we ever have time for the “Three R’s”. Do not fear, we continue to be proud of the hard work carried out by pupils and staff alike! We are especially proud of the six pupils who left in the Summer, all of whom now attend KGS. Well done to them all. In addition to our school curriculum, several adults from the community are now attending classes in Art and English. A computer course begins on October 5th, and courses in Biology and Geography begin next term. Please get in touch with the school if you are interested.

Finally, our Harvest Festival takes place on Friday October 14th at 2 pm. All members of the community are invited to attend. See you there!

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### **STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

The next Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th October at 3pm in the community hall (carpet room). All welcome.

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### **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>.

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### **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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### **WANTED**

### **MEMBER**

**for**

### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A vacancy has arisen on the Community Council. It is hoped that, a public meeting will be held on 17 October 2016 where the election for this vacancy will take place.

At present Stronsay Community Council has a compliment of six elected members, listed below:-

- Ian Cooper, Midgarth, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616322 (Chair)
- Shirley Whiteman, St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT Tel: 616438 (Vice Chair)
- Viv Erdman, Ebenezer, Stronsay, KW17 2AR. Tel: 616339
- Cameron Fraser, Housebay, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ. Tel: 616328
- Br. Nicodemus Jagga, Monastery, Papa Stronsay, KW17 2AR. Tel: 616210
- Damian Stout, Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616258

If you are interested in becoming a Community Council member and require further information you can contact:-

- Island Link Officer, telephone 616446 or  
email: [stronsaycommunitycouncilclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:stronsaycommunitycouncilclerk@btinternet.com)
- Any of the above Community Council members; or
- Democratic Services, Orkney Island Council, 01856 873535 Ext 2200.

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer  
24 August 2016

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### **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

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### **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

#### **WE HAVE THE BLUE DOOR 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017!**

Stronsay Swimming Pool have 'The Blue Door' in Kirkwall from 23<sup>rd</sup> until 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We will be storing any donations at the Manse and will be available one Saturday in each month to accept any items excluding electrical items.

The dates and times when we will be at the Manse are as follows:

- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am - midday
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10am - midday
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am - midday
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am - midday
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am - midday

Could you please make sure that all donations are bagged or boxed securely.

Thank you,

Stronsay Swimming Pool Committee.

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### **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.

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### **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

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### **POOL CHARGES**

#### **Public Sessions**

Adults (16 and over) £2.40

Children £1.20

#### **Private Hires**

40 minute session - £15

60 minute session - £20

#### **Swim Club**

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable)

40 minute sessions - £16 block booking; £2 per session

60 minute sessions - £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

#### **Men only and Women only Sessions (16 and over)**

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable)

£24 block booking

£3 per session

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Chairman: 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

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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

Preachers for the next few weeks:

- 2 Oct - David Bowen
- 9 Oct - Bruce Fletcher
- 16 Oct - Mike Erdman
- 23 Oct - Heather Johnstone
- 30 Oct - David Bowen (thanksgiving)

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### 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](mailto:library@orkney.gov.uk)

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You can ensure that you get exactly the books you want by ordering them from the Librarian or by going to our website at [www.orkneylibrary.org.uk](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk) where you can browse the entire Orkney Library Catalogue and reserve specific titles which you can collect from the Mobile Library.

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Final visit for 2016!

**MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2016**

Council Houses 8:45-9:45

School 10 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 5:30

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles\\_Mobile\\_2016.pdf](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles_Mobile_2016.pdf)

Kirkwall library contacts - 01856 873166 or [general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk)

Kirkwall library website - <http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk>

Kirkwall library online book catalogue - <http://212.219.208.10/TalisPrism>

Library opening times

[www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours)

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Special event coming up? Why not hire the disco equipment with rotating glitter globe and pulsating coloured lights for only £5 plus room and hydro charge? A DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Also available for hire: badminton, table tennis and 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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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 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5">http://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5</a> )
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)

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Stronsay registrar . . . . .	616239
Hall bookings . . . . .	616446
Post Office . . . . .	616278
Companions . . . . .	616261
Kirk . . . . .	616311
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Olivebank . . . . .	616255
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Driving tuition . . . . .	616268

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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
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