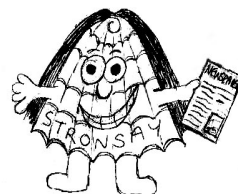


STRONSAY LIMPET

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IT'S THE LIMPET'S SESQUICENTENNIAL EDITION!

Thank you to Yvonne & Heather who created the very first edition in May 2005 and a special thank you to everyone who has supplied cartoons, adverts, poems, news & photographs over the last 12 years

OPENING HOURS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

OVER CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY

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MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Even when the Surgery is closed the doctor and the nurse are still available for emergencies. Dial 616321 and the call will be answered by Balfour Hospital switchboard who can then page the doctor or the nurse.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse will be collected on **Wednesday 27 December** and **Wednesday 3 January**.

ORKNEY FERRIES

There will be no sailings on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December 2017 or on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 January 2018.

DON'T FORGET—the refit timetable begins on Sunday 7 January 2018!

The next edition of the [Limpet](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk) will be published on **Thu 25 January**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 21 January**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

STRONSAY BUSINESSES **OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY**

Date	Olivebank	Ebenezer	Post Office	Hotel	Surgery	Fish Mart	Craftship Enterprise
Fri 22 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-1am	Open	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sat 23 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	08:30-17:00	5pm-1am	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sun 24 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	10am-5pm	<i>Closed</i>	5pm-12am	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Mon 25 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	12pm-2pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Tue 26 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	10am-12pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Wed 27 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	10am-12pm	10am-12pm	<i>Closed</i>	Open	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Thu 28 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-6pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-11pm	Open	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Fri 29 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-11pm	Open	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sat 30 Dec	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-5pm	5pm-11pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Sun 31 Dec	<i>Closed</i>	10am-1pm	<i>Closed</i>	8pm-12am	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Mon 1 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	10am-12pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Tue 2 Jan	<i>Closed</i>	10am-4pm	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Wed 3 Jan	10am-12pm	7:30am-5:30pm	8:30am-5pm	<i>Closed</i>	Open	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
Thu 4 Jan	8:30am-6:30pm	As normal	As normal	5pm-11pm	Open	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>

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Christmas & New Year Arrangements 2017/18

During the Christmas and New Year holiday period sailings will be as per timetable subject to the undernoted changes.

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North Ronaldsay Freight Plane – The freight plane will be on Wednesday 27 December instead of Tuesday 26 December and Wednesday 3 January instead of Tuesday 2 January.

Change to Stronsay/Eday timetable Wednesday 27 December 2017 and Wednesday 3 January 2018.

The 0730 sailing from Stronsay to Eday and on to Kirkwall has been cancelled and replaced with

Depart	Kirkwall	0700
Arrive	Stronsay	0835
Depart	Stronsay	0850
Arrive	Eday	0925
Depart	Eday	0940
Arrive	Kirkwall	1055

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150 EDITIONS!

This is the 150th edition of the Stronsay Limpet and it will be the 104th edition of the Limpet that I have edited. Yvonne & Heather created the Stronsay Limpet back in 2005 as a means to distribute information that was useful to the island's residents— notices of forthcoming events, reports of events that had taken place, sales & wants, greetings, etc., as well as articles & photographs that would be of interest to folk who had lived on Stronsay but had moved away. They used a standard deskjet printer to print the first few editions and hand-delivered them to every household on Stronsay.

However, thanks to generous support from various folk including the late Dr George McKay they soon acquired two laser printers (one for colour and the other for black & white) which could print on both sides of the paper, and distribution was through the good offices of Olivebank, Ebenezer Stores and what was then the Post Office.

The Limpet grew in size from 3 or 4 single-sided sheets to well over 10 double-sided sheets and it soon began to take up more and more of the two ladies' spare time. The Limpet almost ceased publication a few years ago but, being retired, I had spare time and I had a background in computing so I volunteered to take over the task—it was a steep learning curve! And I suspect that Malcolm & Paul may have had second thoughts about taking on the task of moving the two very heavy laser printers up the stairs to a spare bedroom at Claremont.

When the laser printers eventually failed the task of printing was passed to the Orcadian printshop. All that I have to do nowadays is to collate the information that is sent to me, squeeze it into an even number of pages and email it to the Orcadian printshop. When Jim Holland delivers the printed copies to Claremont I just count them out and hand them over to the Olivebank & Ebenezer Stores together with a distribution list, plus one copy to the waiting room at Geramont surgery.

I confess that sometimes I do “lean” on people to write something or ask if someone wants to use the Limpet's vast resources to advertise their event. Please remember that advertising in the Limpet is FREE for local businesses & for local charity events; and it's always a pleasure to receive a report (with photographs if possible) of an event that has been advertised in the Limpet.

The Limpet became available online a few years ago and nowadays it has its own website and Facebook page, readers can also sign up to receive occasional informative emails from the Limpet. One effect of making the Limpet available online and producing a brand new distribution list for printed copies this year has been to reduce the print run to just 70 including 2 postal subscribers, a far cry from the situation ten years ago when the print run was well over 200 (all printed at Claremont on those two laser printers!). This included over 40 postal subscriptions which had to be put into envelopes with a covering letter; the envelope then had to be sealed, and a return address label & postage stamp affixed, a task undertaken by my late wife along with careful proof-reading of the draft version.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed photographs, articles, poems or cartoons to the Limpet over the last 12 years and a special thank you to the Stronsay Development Trust who subsidise the Limpet's printing.

Bruce Fletcher, Claremont, Stronsay KW17 2AR



Anna's Blog

My update on the Community Development Officer role and activities on behalf of the Stronsay Development Trust.

Just a brief word from me this month as we prepare for Christmas.

Plans are underway for lots of development opportunities in 2018, but I need your input and ideas. Anyone of any age or background, if you have an ideas or thoughts as to how we can develop or help our community, please get in touch, I would be happy to share a cuppa with you and discuss.

We will hopefully be holding community Consultations for our Housing Needs Project in the early part of the New Year, so keep an eye out for that. Along with updates on the Recycling project and heritage centre. Again, anyone interested in being involved in any way please let me know.

Work continues getting the Enterprise Zone ready for its grand opening and we will hopefully be advertising office hours in the near future.

Calling all those interested in **sports**, WE NEED YOU!! I am hoping to put together a team of people to help move forward the sports provisions on Stronsay. Anyone that would like to get involved with any part of this, whether as a player or if you feel you could take on some coaching and organising, please get in touch. I would also like to hear from anyone interested in working to make the North Isle Sports 2018 the best yet! Stronsay is hosting and it would be great to get as many as possible involved.

The **Fuel Poverty Grant** is now closed for new applications but please get in touch if you are facing difficulties and I will do my best to link you with those that can help.

Anyone wanting more information on the Wellbeing Orkney project to tackle fuel poverty please contact me and I will be happy to help. Leaflets can be found at the post office and will be making their way around the Island in the new year.

The **Community Fund** continues to support local projects, whether through educational grants or grants to support training in new skills, the Arts, Community Development and more. Anyone interested in applying for a grant please feel free to contact me to discuss, or alternatively you can print off an expression of interest form and application form from the Trust website.

Email: cdostronsay@gmail.com

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

With migration for most species over, November and December can be very quiet but there have been a few surprises as usual – a Snow Goose discovered by Kath and Norman on 24th November (possibly the same bird as the one seen last year several times around this time) and a Woodcock flying up from close to the road in front of Anthony and Clare between Sound and Lower Dishes on 28th. We were surprised to find the Blue Tit still coming to the feeders in our own garden (thanks to Hazel Norman for topping up the feeders while we were away) and it is still here as I write - Sun 17th.

The biggest surprise came on 2nd December! We were treated (?) at first light to the sight of a Merlin eating a Starling outside the kitchen window (see photo), and before lunch took Joyce from Park Cottage to try to find the elusive Snow Goose - and eventually we did! But even better was to come! Whilst driving home, Sue and I were startled by a large unfamiliar – Jay-sized – bird flying up from the short lawned area adjacent to the garage at Lower Millfield. We had excellent views for just 8-10 seconds as it first spring up from the short grass alongside us, over the hedge at Millburn Cottage and off towards Castle. We were completely stumped but certain it was a species neither of us had seen before. A bird springing up in that fashion here in winter is almost always either a Snipe or a Woodcock but this bird was less bulky than Woodcock and too big for Snipe and although the pattern on the upper-parts (including the inner-wing) were a similar ‘black-barred dark brown’ its bill was far too short and its ‘fanned, rounded-tipped tail’ too long for Woodcock. The colour was clearly wrong for Jay but the size, wing-shape and proportions similar. The main feature however was the startling white rump - a square-sided rectangle - longer than it was broad - which positively gleamed at us and probably why our minds went immediately to Jay as it rose from the ground

We searched the internet but were finally pointed in the right direction by an old friend - Tony Hulls – who had lived in the United States for 12 years or so. ‘Sounds like a Northern Flicker to me’ he suggested. Within a few seconds we had discovered page after page of photos of the species on the computer and there was now no doubt in our minds – it was a Northern Flicker!

A day or so later we popped in to Helmsley to tell Mike and Sheila of our sighting. Sheila’s eyes lit up – ‘Ah... the ‘Flicker-bird’ she smiled – ‘I’ve seen those in our daughter’s garden in North America! Not only that – she disappeared into a back room for a few seconds and when she emerged, presented me with a wing-feather of the species she had picked up whilst there some years ago!

There have been 3 or 4 records of the species in the UK – all found dead on or near the shoreline (one in Caithness) and all idling in the category of ‘ship-assisted’ species. If our bird was ship-assisted it did at least make land-fall!

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The Merlin having breakfast outside the kitchen window at Castle.



The Snow Goose photographed near Roadside on 2nd December may still be around.

This Month's featured Area – the Bu Loch.

Yes – just ‘the Bu Loch’ this month, perhaps the best stretch of water in the whole of the UK for attracting unusual migrant ‘wading birds’ in late Summer and early Autumn. The water level is generally at its lowest at this time, when an amazing number may be found feeding around the water’s edge. The water is often no more than three inches deep across the whole area. The lochside vegetation has also played host to a number of unusual nesting species including Garganey and Water Rail, and there is at least one historical record of Red-necked Phalaropes breeding.

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In Winter the loch is generally full of water and is ideal for a whole range of ducks and geese, but it is the species total of trans-Atlantic and Siberian vagrants which have been recorded in late summer which catches the eye, and given the proximity of the two most favoured areas in which to feed – both alongside the public road – close views can be obtained with little effort! Leaving the car can have disastrous consequences for the observer!

The number of common waders builds up in late summer and these attract other species which may be flying over during migration. Some may visit the loch for a short time and others stay for several days, the latter very helpful, as occasional individuals may take some time to identify - including the Least Sandpiper of July this year! No doubt there are more to come.



'Red-necked Phalarope on the Bu Loch in late summer. Has bred'.



'Short-billed Dowitcher (nearest bird) – just the second UK record of this American species. (Sanderling and Black-tailed Godwit behind)'

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‘Ruddy Shelduck – a major UK rarity from southern Central Europe! July 1990’.



‘Semi-palmated Plover – smaller bird (Ringed Plover behind). Also just the second record in the UK! Another ‘American’ species’.



‘Temmincks Stint – two together in July 2016 – the first Stronsay records of this species which has bred in the UK’.

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*‘Least Sandpiper – July 2017. Another major rarity and the first Stronsay record.
Another trans-Atlantic vagrant’*

Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Hotline



If you find a
dead, stranded marine animal,
please call

01463 243030

or email
stranding@sac.co.uk

Rescue for **LIVE** strandings can be called 24 hours a day through
Scottish SPCA Animal Helpline (03000 999 999)
or **British Divers Marine Life Rescue (01825 765546).**

- 1** What is it? (What type/species of animal? If you are not sure, take pictures on your phone or camera)
- 2** Where is it? (As precise a location as you can give, how far to the nearest road access and is it above the high tide mark?)
- 3** What size is it? (Approximate length, can it be moved or secured against removal by the tide?)
- 4** How fresh is it? (Is it in a good state or a smelly heap of bones? Are parts missing?)

WARNING: Marine animals are wild animals. They may carry diseases which are transferable to humans. Do not put yourself at risk of injury. Do not attempt to move heavy animals without adequate assistance. Always wash hands thoroughly after any contact.



The Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme collates, investigates and reports information on stranded marine animals for Scotland. It is managed by the SAC Veterinary Investigation Centre, Inverness in collaboration with the above organisations:

STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

I have now received a reply from Mr Humza Yousaf, Scottish Minister for Transport & the Islands, to my letter about Orkney's place in the "fairer Scotland". In his reply he claims "the Scottish Government has treated local government very fairly" (sic), repeats that "responsibility for internal ferries remains with the local authority" and studiously avoids addressing my question about "where, exactly, we fit into your 'fairer' Scotland". As you will have heard through the media, a lot has been going on to try and secure the ferry funding we deserve. OIC has been in intensive negotiations. And our MSP, Liam McArthur, supported by Shetland MSP, Tavish Scott, moved a debate in the Scottish Parliament calling on the Scottish Government to set out how it intends to honour its "commitments in relation to Orkney and Shetland internal ferry services", at which Mr Yousaf's Government amendment was defeated, sending a clear message from the opposition parties declaring what they expect the ministers to do. As Conservative MSP, Jamie Halcro-Johnston said: "Those who live on the islands that make up the Northern Isles deserve reliable and sustainable ferry services." Tavish wound up the debate by saying something that has long needed voicing in public: "When a part of Scotland does not vote for the SNP, rejects independence, that is not a reason for political, economic or financial discrimination"! Nevertheless, in its draft budget, Government Scotland has stuck to its discriminatory policy. I am preparing a response to Mr Yousaf's reply to me, in which I shall make clear that, as Scottish Minister for Transport & the Islands, he is responsible for all Scottish islands, not only those in areas that have elected members of his own political party, and that such blatant discriminatory behaviour by a party in government is utterly unacceptable in a civilised, democratic society.

This month, I have been travelling a lot, representing OIC on various bodies they've appointed me to: to Inverness for a meeting of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board, to Edinburgh for my first meeting of the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances, to Thurso for a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, and, on behalf of the Orkney College Management Council, back to Inverness for an all-day University of the Highlands & Islands strategy workshop. Whilst in Edinburgh, I took the opportunity to visit the Scottish Parliament:



In the chamber of the Scottish Parliament (flanked by my Caithnessian bodyguards)

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Back in Orkney, I have attended a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee (where I requested—as I have at meetings of the Education, Leisure & Housing and Orkney Health & Care committees—that recruitment & retention monitoring reports also include figures for non-permanent staff); the General Meeting rounding off the last committee cycle of 2017, and a chairing training session. I was also at a meeting with Police Scotland’s new Area Commander for Orkney, Chief Inspector Matt Webb, at which I spoke about the challenges of policing in the Isles and stressed the importance of good community relations and active, friendly engagement with members of the Isles’ public.

Now the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) has backed industrial action at Orkney Ferries, life will become much more difficult for everyone living in the Isles, but I doubt it will have any impact where it really matters—in Holyrood. Were they to call the Edinburgh bus and tram drivers out on strike, then maybe the message might get through!

Let us hope that 2018 will bring a resolution to our ferry problem. The alternative is too catastrophic to contemplate.

Happy New Year!



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday

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“Letter from School Place” is available for downloading at lfsp.pbworks.com

EVERLASTING JOY

By Ellie from Newfield

It never loses its magic
Whether you be old or young,
That shiver of pleasure's still there
Whenever a carol is sung.
Christmas after Christmas
Excitement still abounds,
Good cheer and merriment
For one and all resounds.
The angel atop of the tree
Replaced sometimes by a star.
Families gathered around tables
Knowing how lucky they are.
It seems to bring forth such sparkle
Glittering lights and fire-side memory.
Christmas still has that magic
Be you three to ninety three,
To the crackle of wrapping paper
In the thought of a Christmas carol.
Excited rosy-cheeked children
Who find staying awake just too hard,
They know as sleep overcomes them
That the long-awaited day will be here
So they succumb to inevitable sleep
As those first snowflakes silently appear.
The fir tree with scented needles
Hold tinsel and baubles that glow.
Red-breasted little robin
Did I hear a "Ho, ho, ho" ?
Good tidings and Merry Christmas
May you be full of good cheer,
Whatever your age at Christmas
Be sure those are sleigh bells that you hear

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SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS

THANK YOU

The recent "Children In Need" afternoon at Stronsay school raised a grand total of £86.86. Grateful thanks to everyone concerned.

THANK YOU

Jean Whitcher's sponsored hair shave raised £525.00 for the Macmillan Cancer Support fund. Many thanks to all the people who donated for the hair shave, Jean & Paul are really grateful for the response. And a special thank you to Debbie and to Chris for the snacks & venue etc.

Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Limpet's editor and his cat send greetings to all readers of the Limpet wherever they may be and wish them a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Pam and Ken wish all our friends and everyone on Stronsay a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful 2018

Shirley and Andy would like to thank everyone for all their love and support through what has been a very difficult year, it has been so much appreciated by both of us and our families. We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Flora & Butch, wish all their friends and neighbours in Stronsay
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Wishing everyone on Stronsay merry Christmas from Paul and Charlie (Fernside)

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and successful New Year to all
from Leonora

Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles would like to wish a very merry festive season and a very happy new year to all customers. Thank you for being fantastic customers and buying lots of soaps, balms and yarns this year.

However you celebrate this festive season, may it be every bit as good as it can be and may 2018 be a year well lived. Love, Peace and Light.
Simone.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all my Airy Fairy customers and wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year.
Here's hoping for more fabrics and sewing goodies in 2018 !
Hazel x

We would like to wish all our customers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year from all the staff and management at Olivebank.

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STRONSAY PORK

We are pleased to announce that Stronsay Outdoor reared Pork will be available mid to late January. Initially with tasty pork from Saddleback/Pietrain/Micro crosses that have had a happy outdoor life and plenty of back scratches and belly rubs.

The delicious pork is available as a whole pig for £5.50 per kg with the pork expected to weigh around 50kg, it will be butchered and by default it will be head, offal and trotter less. If you are interested in a whole pig please contact me as soon as possible. Half pigs will also be available.

There will also be an assortment of different joints at different weights. I unfortunately will not know the weights of the different joints until they are butchered:

- ♦ Tenderloin at £9 per kg
- ♦ Spare ribs at £4 per kg
- ♦ Shank at £5.50 per kg
- ♦ Belly Pork £8 per kg
- ♦ Leg joints at £7 per kg
- ♦ Shoulder Joints at £7 per kg
- ♦ Trotters at £3 per kg
- ♦ Loin chops or Joints (order in advance) at £7 per kg
- ♦ Liver at £3 per kg

Other joints and cuts may be available.

They will be slaughtered and butchered in Kirkwall and will be brought over to the island in refrigerated boxes and can be collected from us that evening or the next day. Or delivered to your house that evening or the next day for with a 50p charge for purchases under £20. After that it will be frozen and some joints will still be available for the next few months.

You can reserve some tasty pork by either

- ⇒ phoning 317 or
- ⇒ emailing stronsaypork@gmail.com or
- ⇒ private messaging me on Facebook [www.fb.me/stronsaypork](https://www.facebook.com/stronsaypork) or
- ⇒ in person to me or Anna.

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**Happy Christmas and New Year
to all our customers and friends**

Free Pattern NB: you can use any yarn as size is not critical

Materials:

- 1 skein Caron International's Simply Soft yarn in Green
- 1 skein Caron International's Simply Soft yarn in Red
- DMC Gold Glitter thread in Dark Sage (MC), Autumn Red (CC), and Gold (held together with CC) (optional)
- US 8 (5 mm) knitting needles or size to obtain gauge
- Yarn Needle
- Split-ring stitch marker or safety pin
- 14" Pillow Form
- 3 buttons – 3/4" diameter
- 1/2 yard dark green fabric, for lining pillow cover (optional)

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

- k1-f/b (increase): Knit next st, then knit it through the back loop.
- k2tog (decrease): Knit 2 sts together through the front loops.
- Stockinette stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.
- Seed stitch (Seed st): Row 1 (RS): * K1, p1; repeat from * across. Row 2: Knit the purl sts and purl the knit sts as they face you. Repeat Row 2 for Seed st.

Instructions:

Pillow measures approximately 14"

Pillow cover is worked using MC in Stockinette stitch, and lined (if desired); Bow and Sash are worked separately in Seed stitch, using CC and a strand of gold Glitter held together.

Pillow Cover (Make 2)

1. Using MC, cast on 50 sts.
2. (RS) Begin St st; work even until piece measures 14" from beginning.
3. Bind off all sts.
4. With RS's of Pillow pieces facing each other, sew pieces together along 3 sides.
5. Lining (optional): Cut 2 pieces of fabric 15" square, or size to fit Pillow Cover pieces plus 1/2" on all sides for seam allowance. With RS's of Lining pieces facing each

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other, sew pieces together along 3 sides. Insert Lining into Pillow Cover, with WS's facing each other.

- 6 Pillow Form: Insert form into Pillow cover; turn under seam allowance on lining, sew edge. Sew remaining edge of Pillow cover neatly together.

Ribbon Sash

- 1 Using CC (and Gold Glitter, if desired), cast on 32 sts.
- 2 Begin Seed st; work even for 2 rows.
3. Buttonhole Rows: (RS) Continuing in Seed st, work 3 button holes across, having 5 sts at beginning and end of row as follows: Work 5 sts, bind off 3, work 6 sts, bind off 3, work 7 sts, bind off 3, work to end.
- 4 (WS) Work across in Seed st, casting on 3 sts over bound off sts.
- 5 Continuing in Seed st, work even until piece measures 28" from beginning.
- 6 Bind off all sts loosely in pattern.

Bow

When working Bow, place a marker (pm) at beginning of RS rows, to indicate which edge is being shaped.

- 1 Using CC (and Gold Glitter, if desired), cast on 2 sts. (RS) [k1-f/b] twice—4 sts.
- 2 Begin Seed st; work 1 row even; pm at beginning of next row to indicate edge being shaped.
- 3 Shape Side: (RS) Beginning this row, increase 1 st (k1-f/b) at beginning of every other row 28 times, working increased sts in Seed st—32 sts; keep marker in place after last increase row.
- 4 Work even in Seed st until piece measures 41" from marker (last increase row), end with a WS row.
- 5 Shape Side: (RS) Beginning this row, decrease 1 st at end of every other row until 1 st remains, as follows: Work across to last 2 sts, k2tog. Note: The shaping is being worked at the opposite edge of the Bow piece.
- 6 Fasten off.

Finishing

- 1 Using yarn needle, weave in ends.
- 2 Sew buttons opposite buttonholes on sash; wrap sash around pillow and button in place.
- 3 Bow: Tie Bow piece in large bow (see photo); attach to Front of Pillow.

STRONSAY FISH MART



We would like to wish all our regular and occasional customers and all who have supported us over the past year a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you all for your custom. We will let you know via social media and our website as soon as we can resume normal operating hours and welcome you back!

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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*

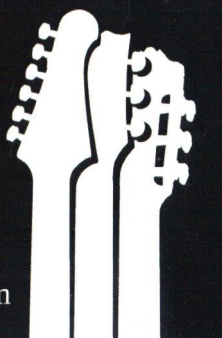
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STRONSAY HOTEL

Phone 01857 616213

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

NOTE—closed Monday AND Tuesday during refit timetable

TAKE AWAY MENU

Homemade lasagne + chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips . .	£5.95
Homemade chicken & bacon pie + chips . .	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips.	£5.50
Battered haddock +chips	£6.50
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

Half cheesy chips = minus 20p

Cheesy chips = add 80p

Half chips = minus 60p

Half rice = minus 60p

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“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

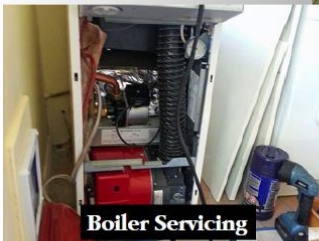
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About Me

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ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

www.orkneystarislansoap.co.uk.



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Tel: +44 01857 616281

Email: info@orkneystarislansoap.co.uk

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

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

Two new festive soaps launched at the Stronsay Winter Craft Fair on Sat 3rd December. “Aurora” – celebrating the merry dancers with a lovely Lemongrass, Sandalwood & Frankincense fragrance. “White Magic” – with the deeply sensuous, warming fragrance of Patchouli, Sandalwood & Amber.



BELLIE M DESIGNS

Tieve Studios, Berryhill Road, St Ola, Orkney KW15 1SF.

Online shop www.belliemdesigns.com

Orders also taken via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or phone 07736838489 with email invoices that can be easily paid by card or PayPal.

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Stronsay Bookworms



**will be meeting again on
Wednesday Jan 10th @ 7.30pm
at the Stronsay Hotel**

**We will be talking about
What we're reading**

**If you like books and like a natter,
please come along.**

Everybody welcome.

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**S.O.S.
Christmas Card
Delivery**

**Drop off your Christmas
cards in our special post
boxes: at Olivebank,
Ebenezer Stores and at the
school.**

**18th December
is the last
postage date.**

**Donate
as you post:
20p per card
Local post only!**

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO STRONSAY!

Come & join the Santa float parade from Jim's yard on

SAT 23RD December at 7pm

Then join Santa in the pub afterwards for some fun, refreshments
& a festive disco

See you there!

Donations to Stronsay
Parent & Toddler Group
& Games club

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KIRK NEWS

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

December

24 - Sunday Club at 10:30am
24 - Watchnight Service at 11:30pm
31 - Mike or Viv

January

7 - Mike or Viv Erdman
14 - David Bowen
21 - June Freeth
28 - June Freeth

February

4 - David Bowen
11 - David Bowen
18 - June Freeth
25 - June Freeth

March

4 - Mike or Viv Erdman
11 - June Freeth
18 - June Freeth
25 - David Bowen

Kirk's website = <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk>

Kirk's page on Facebook = <https://tinyurl.com/stronsaykirk>

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Chair: Ian Cooper

Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

SCRAP CAR SCHEME

Stronsay Community Council would like to remind residents that funding continues to be available for the removal of scrap cars.

At present there is no gate fee or additional costs for wheels being charged by the scrapyard. The haulage cost from Stronsay to the scrapyard Kirkwall will be met by Orkney Islands Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car please:-

- Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – Island Link Office open between 10am and noon on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday;
- Complete the Verification Form and arrange for Jim Holland (haulier) to collect the car for delivery to the scrapyard;
- Pass the completed Verification Form to Jim Holland when the vehicle is collected for disposal;
- Make the necessary arrangement to have the car(s) lifted on the lorry; and
- Complete all necessary documentation to meet DVLA and scrapyard requirements.

A separate Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of cars to the scrapyard

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
7 December 2017

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KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY

Date of next visit not available at time of going to press

For full details visit the library's website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobiles.htm>

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SANDAY SHOW, 2018

Stronsay Community Council may be able to request a diversion of the ferry to enable Stronsay residents to attend the **Sanday Show on Friday 3rd August 2018**.

Such a request would depend upon demand.

If you would like to attend the 2018 Sanday show please let Cameron Fraser, Stronsay Community Council Transport Representative, telephone 616328, know before Monday 22 January 2018.

Thank you.

Colin McAlpine

Stronsay Island Link Officer and Clerk to Stronsay Community Council

7 December 2017

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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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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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc

Monday to Saturday	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday	Closed
Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Bank day	Tuesday
Island Link Officer..	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat (phone 616475)
Sunday service at the Kirk ..	11 am (see https://tinyurl.com/ybbqoq23)
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Mass 11.20am (weekdays), 10.30am (Sundays & Holy Days)
Next Special Collection	26 February 2018
Rubbish collection	Usually Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)
<u>BUT</u> over the “festive season” Wed 27 Dec & Wed 3 Jan	

EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999

Airy Fairy	616231	Stranded seals, etc	616339/616206
Castle Bird Reserve	616363	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Craftship Enterprise	616249	Electricity	
Doctor	616321	problems	0800 300 999
Ebenezer stores	616339	emergency	105
Fish Mart	616401	Water problems	0845 601 8855
Hall bookings	616446	Highland Fuels	0800 224 224
Island Link Officer	616475	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Medical emergency	01856 888000	Kirkwall Police	101
Neil's on Wheels	616454	Vets:	
Nurses	616480	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Olivebank	616255	Northvet	01856 873403
Post Office	616499	Dentists:	
Registrar	616239	Orkney Dental	01856 872030
Star Island Soap	616281	King Street	01856 875348
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Taxi	616335	Golgotha monastery. . .	616210
<i>(Email contact@the-sons.org)</i>			

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Wednesday and Friday only.
Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET*

Send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk (preferred method); 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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