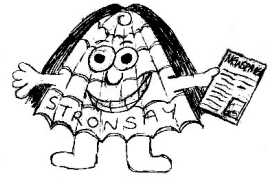




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PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTRE (NEW ROOM)
7:30pm WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

Future of Healthcare Services on Eday & Stronsay

STRONSAY REGATTA
SATURDAY 6th JUNE

(Details on page 14)

RNLI LUNCH
SUNDAY 14th JUNE

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STRONSAY HOMECOMING WEEKEND 18/19 JULY

(Details on page 16)

IT'S QUINS!

Alan and Gaynor Smith were delighted when one of their ewes produced five healthy lambs on Sat 25th April this year. There are 4 females and one male, all are doing well and the ewe was still feeding them herself after 9 days. The event was reported in the *The Orcadian* so Alan, Gaynor and their children are watching the ewe and her lambs to make sure that they are all OK. As Gaynor says, "There's a lot of pressure now after all this publicity!". The ewe also had quins in two years ago but four were born dead and only one survived.



Mother and lambs



The proud mum keeps a careful eye on Diane and Johnny Smith as they hold her lambs

UP, UP AND AWAY

By Upper Primary, Stronsay School

Four hundred years ago in Italy Galileo observed the moon with the newly invented instrument, the telescope. We are celebrating this with the International Year of Astronomy. Galileo's discoveries helped to convince people that Earth is not the centre of the universe but orbits the sun. It is also forty years since the spacecraft Apollo 11 landed on the moon another fantastic astronomical achievement.

As part of the celebrations the Society for Popular Astronomy were giving away one thousand telescopes. Mrs Groat, Upper Primary teacher at Stronsay school, applied for the telescope, while doing so she had to write five hundred words on how we were going to use it, to enhance the curriculum.

The telescope will be used to study the moon and other celestial wonders. It will make the moon look sixty times closer and in good conditions reveals galaxies fifty million away. The telescope shows the rings of Saturn and the major satellites of the giant planet Jupiter; which will be visible later in the year.

We asked pupils and staff for their comments on the telescope:

"I think that the telescope was very clear to look through and you can see very far away, I enjoyed looking through it." – Molly Shearer, P4

"I think it made the sky look big. I like the metal stand it sits on. It's really cool." – John Smith, P1

"It was really unusual looking through the spotter scope because it was upside-down. You could see for miles." – Gaynor Smith, staff

"It is a really good thing for the school to have." - Mrs. Dennison, staff

Everyone really enjoys the new telescope and are happy to know Mrs Groat is running an after-school Astronomy club for P5-S3.



STRONSAY GAMES CLUB ARE "FIT 4 IT"!

On Saturday 25th April 26 members of Stronsay's games club & 4 helpers travelled in to the Picky centre to take part in the annual Youth Club Association sporting competition - "Fit 4 it". Games club is run (by volunteers) every Friday night from 8-10pm in the community centre with 25-40 young people aged from 10 years coming along every week to enjoy a variety of activities for a £1 admission fee. Youth clubs from all over Orkney take part in the "fit 4 it" competition and this is the 3rd year that Stronsay has taken part. There are two age groups - under 15 years and under 19 years. Events include darts, pool, team pool, table tennis, badminton-singles and mixed doubles, football - both boys and girls and netball. There was also a "wii" competition and the chance to have a photo printed on a t-shirt. The Stronsay team won several events, Diane Smith won under 15 girls darts, Norman Chalmers and Leanne Stout won under 19 mixed doubles badminton, Norman won the under 19 boys singles badminton, Diane Smith, Janet Holland, Keith Holland and Andrew Fraser won the under 15 team pool. The children each got a medal with a prize to go to their club as well. The under 15 netball team and the under 15 boys football team both made it through to the finals as did Craig Stout and Diane Smith in their respective pool events, Keith Holland also made it through to the final in the under 15 darts. As ever the Stronsay team were a credit to their island - they were well behaved, sporting and a pleasure to take to the event! Well done to you all! We'd like to say thank you to the Stronsay Hotel for their kind donation, the Stronsay School and Sports Club for the loan of kits, everyone who helped organise practises and heats for the various sports and the helpers who accompanied the young folk on the day-see you all next year!

Sheena Cooper



SILVER DARLINGS BAG THE BRUCH!

The annual Orkney spring clean up "bag the bruck" took place the weekend of 18th and 19th April. Stronsay's beaches and roadsides were cleared once again by the Silver Darlings - here are some of the group at the shore at Housebay - well done to everyone who bagged bruck all over Stronsay!

Sheena Cooper



COMIC RELIEF - LEAH AND OCEAN RAISE £156

Reverend Jennifer George is pictured accepting a cheque, on behalf of Comic Relief, from Leah Shearer and Ocean Miller. They raised the impressive sum of £156 by organising and completing a 12 hour sponsored silence.

Mairi Dennison



COMMUNITY CENTRE
NEWLY REFURBISHED KITCHEN
GRAND OPENING 8pm SATURDAY 6th JUNE

Stronsay Community Association invite you to the Grand Opening of their newly refurbished kitchen at 8 pm on Saturday 6th June.

Finger Buffet, Bar facilities

Games, Pool, Darts, PS2, SingStar, Air Hockey, Music, Social Evening

Adults £4 Children £2

Come along and relax after a hard days sailing at the Regatta!

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST
POWERDOWN OFFICER POST

The very good news is that we had a lot of enquiries for the post and a strong field of candidates. We interviewed on May 1st and appointed Marion MacLeod who will take up the post in June.

Marion, originally from Sweden, has lived in the highlands for 12 years, will be moving to Stronsay and bringing a lot of experience of community work, knowledge of environmental issues and enthusiasm for progressing projects that make a difference to small fragile communities.

The main purpose of the job is to take forward energy saving projects in the Stronsay community, with the support of the Powerdown Consortium which represents a group of 27 small communities who have been funded for this work by the Climate Challenge Fund for a 2 year period.

Stronsay Development Trust was pleased to have been successful in its application to be included and funded for one of the 25 Powerdown officer posts.

Some really innovative and exciting projects could come out of this work – with Stronsay either heading them up or learning from others about what is possible for us to do here. These projects might include things like setting up local food allotments and markets, using electric/hybrid/green vehicles, thermal imaging cameras for energy audits (shows where heat is being lost) and developing local renewable energy generation.

You will soon have the opportunity to meet Marion and to find out more and in the meantime, if you have internet access you could explore
www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/climate-challenge-fund.asp

Julia Crocker

JOHN HOLLOWAY'S BIRD REPORT

At last - a warm mid-May with winds (and rain!) from an easterly direction, and as a result an exciting and colourful mixture of lost migrants descended on the island, the first significant 'fall' of birds at this time of year for some time. The majority were insect-eaters heading north to the breeding grounds in Scandinavia and as ever most were discovered feeding in and around island gardens.

The first indication of what was to come was a Sedge Warbler, and very brief views of a Bluethroat in the Castle garden on the morning of 13th, and both Redstart and Mealy Redpoll at Clayquoy a short time later. Sighting of the day however came at 7pm when a very obliging Wryneck - an uncommon woodland bird with beautiful, variagated plumage - was discovered feeding on the grass verge outside Holin Cottage.

On the 15th a Bluethroat in the Reserve drive stayed long enough for a few lucky observers to enjoy what is one of the most sought-for migrants in the U.K. in Spring. A male Redstart - another brilliantly-coloured bird - arrived exhausted alongside the Bluethroat in mid-afternoon.

Showery ESE winds on 16th brought more species, including Wood Warbler and Lesser Whitethroat but the arrival overnight (16th-17th) overshadowed all that had gone before, with many Redstarts & Garden Warblers, Whitethroats and Lesser Whitethroats, and both Spotted and Pied Flycatchers present - virtually all in gardens. A Whinchat and 2 House Martins were seen, but bird of the day was a real surprise that evening when a female Golden Oriole flew into the garden at Holin Cottage and stayed just long enough for a couple of distant photos to be obtained. It was seen briefly next morning, flying south over Hillcrest but was never seen again in spite of much searching - typical of the species!

A similar spread of birds was present on 18th with more Whinchats and 3 new species - Reed Warbler, Swift and a Little Gull at the Bu Loch. The 19th was similar but there were more surprises on 20th when a Yellow-billed Diver was discovered close in-shore in Mill Bay, and two Crossbills were seen by Jim Miller and Jim Chalmers at Hutton - in the same fields as the first birds seen in 2008. Quite amazing, considering that the species feeds almost entirely on pine cones in its native forest habitat. Two different Glaucous Gulls were present about this time but by 20th virtually all the small migrant species had departed.

The month had started with both Iceland and Glaucous Gulls present, a Hawfinch feeding in the Hotel garden, and good numbers of Swallows arriving, many of which are now nesting in out-buildings all across the island - a sure sign that the weather has been better than average - so far!

Many thanks to all who have 'phoned in sightings.

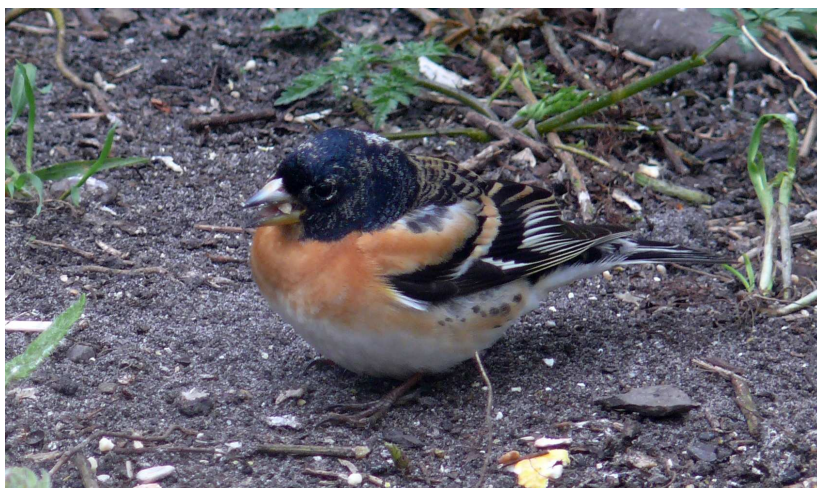
(Photographs on facing page)



Bluethroat, opposite Millburn Cottage - a jewel of a bird.



Wryneck, Holin Cottage - almost reptilian in appearance



Male Brambling, feeding outside the Castle kitchen window.

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS—Part 4

By Dr George McKay

His new boat was the Atlas, a trawler this time instead of a seiner. On the Sunday evening, a measure of the change which had already taken place in the industry, he once again sailed from his former home port of Macduff bound for the Smith's Bank, some twenty or thirty miles north of the port. There they spent the night towing their trawl over the broken ground, unavailable to the seine net, with minimal success. After the trawl was hauled for the last time with the sun now well up the decision was made to head for the West coast grounds off Cape Wrath and use Kinlochbervie as their base. So six years after sailing through the Pentland Firth on his last trip as a full time commercial fisherman he was now bound back in the opposite direction. On this occasion, however, although the sea was calm, there was thick fog and their passage was made in minimal visibility, pierced only by the blare of the fog horn, high on Duncansby Head. His new skipper, who knew these waters well, predicted that by the time they reached Strathy Point, some twenty miles to the west the fog would have cleared.

And so it proved. They now sailed along the North coast of Scotland in calm seas with the sun blazing down from a clear blue sky. A few hours later they had reached the Northwest point of the Scottish mainland, Cape Wrath, and turned south in to the Minch. They now had most of the afternoon to pass before there was any real prospect of serious fishing to be done as the daylight gradually faded. To pass the time they had a few tows, yielding some good quality fish but nothing in great quantity. They were, however, rather unlucky as they caught their gear on an obstacle in the course of the evening. While they struggled to free the trawl, the skipper's brother towed close past them and swept up the mark of fish they had been aiming for. This resulted in several tons of prime quality cod for the other boat. Once dusk began to gather they shifted grounds slightly to the north and spent the night on the broken ground several miles west of the Cape. Little is now remembered about the night's work but he certainly recalls the daylight haul. As the trawl doors crashed up to the towing gallows the cod end broke the surface in a mass of green water. There it lay with the gulls wheeling and screaming above it. The trawl was retrieved and they set to work to bring the massive haul of fish aboard. First they filled the fish pounds on the fore deck then the fish pounds on the starboard side deck, then the pounds on the port deck. By this time the pounds on the fore deck had been cleared by scooping fish into boxes and stacking them up. The cod end was finally brought back forward and the last of the fish brought aboard. In all the haul had produced about ten tons of reasonable quality haddock. All that needed to be done now was to return to Kinlochbervie, take on extra boxes to hold the fish, return to the sheltered waters of Loch Inchard and get on with the task of gutting, washing and stowing the catch in the fish room. After twelve or fourteen hours of non stop work they were finally finished. The deck was roughly tidied and washed down and they headed into harbour, easing gently up to the fish market.

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MEMOIRS OF A NONAGENARIAN—Part 4

By Robert Fazakerley

This memory brings to mind another glimpse of the era. At one end of the field was a large tree trunk and I remember an elderly man who spent countless hours laboriously chiselling out segment of the tree for firewood. Just another memory of the lengths that the poor of the time would go to when trying to make their life a bit easier.

At this time I came to know my cousin Edward and his family. In actual fact he was almost my father's age being the son of Aunt Jane the oldest of the Fazakerley family while my father was the youngest. He had a newsagent and tobacconist shop in Edge Lane., between one and two miles away from where we lived. We used to visit their home at the rear of the shop every three or four weeks on a Sunday afternoon. As soon as we arrived there I used to dive in to the closed shop and rummage under the front window shelf where I would find numerous old copies of comics that had been discarded. My parents had a job to get me to leave them and go in the living room for my tea.

Cousin Eddy as he was known had a motor ice cream van and because he knew where we lived he used to make frequent trips to that area, when he would call in for a cup of tea. Of course we used to get an ice cream as recompense.

This was the year of 1927 and we were living in a converted wooden army hut. I was eleven years of age and I applied for a scholarship to extend my education. Although I did not manage to obtain admission into the main Liverpool Collegiate, I did get a place in the other secondary school.

It was a coincidence that at that time we were awarded a new council house which had been built in Norris Green within a quarter of a mile from the area that I had lived in a few years before. In fact we moved house during the summer holiday period of my new school. Because the new school was over three miles away, I like many other children would have to take my mid-day meal with me, which we could eat in one of the spare class rooms. We were also given special tickets to enable us to travel to school on the local tram service, the tickets being distributed during the mid-day period. The length of the course was three years starting after the summer holiday at the school. The extra subjects which I studied were French, Book-keeping and shorthand, I cannot claim to have excelled in any of these subjects, a better estimate would have been 'I held my own'.

At this time when boys were growing up a lot of them were going into long trousers. My Mother was fortunate enough to acquire a pair of trousers second hand that were originally made for telegram boys, employed by the Post Office to deliver telegrams. It is to be noted that before World War Two the only way that high speed communication could be carried out was either by telephone, which very few people had, or by the Post Office telegraph service. The procedure was that a person would go to their nearest post office and dictate a message to the post office official.

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DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY - No 9

By Bill Embleton

Legs Eleven

My mother lives for Bingo, but has lately missed a lot
She cannot drive, and can hardly walk, with the legs she's got
Although she is seventy seven, her legs seem eighty eight
So when she tries to get about, they don't support her weight

She couldn't stand the pain no more, so hobbled to the Doc's
But he just said 'It's natural, it happens to old crocs'
'No, I'm only joking' said the Doctor with a smile
'But I'm very glad those legs aren't mine, they're positively vile'

'What symptoms are you having, do they ache, or are they numb.'
'Because from where I'm standing, you look dead below the bum.'
'My legs and ankles ache like mad, even every toe'
Said mother, wanting sympathy and feeling very low

The Doc said 'Look, just go back home, put on long wooly socks.
Rest your legs, keep them warm, and watch they don't get knocks'
'I am serious' he insisted 'It's really for the best'
'If you don't have wooly socks at home, just stay in bed and rest'

Back home again, she told my wife, who duly bought some socks
Ma put them on, then smoked a fag, from her black-bullet box
She hides them from the Doctor, as he warned her not to smoke
'What's the point at this age' she is often heard to joke

She's since been told, rest her legs more, or may suffer gangrene
and wind up with just two short stumps, where her legs have been
It's a shame her legs are such a mess, for I dearly love my mother
But her smoking heavy is one thing, her being legless is another.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE!

BEN AND THE GIANT

By Christine Richings

Ben was a black and white cat who lived in a house near St Catherine's Bay he loved to roam about the fields and down on the beach where he often spoke to his limpet friends. He was wandering about one sunny day and decided to have a nap in the long summer grass in the field near his home he lay with his head tilted up eyes closed catching the afternoon sun.

He was enjoying his rest when he felt the ground shake again and again, stronger and stronger. He thought about running home but the shaking was so violent that he decided it was safer to stay where he was. He dared not open his eyes and was amazed to find himself being lifted up, up, up high into the sky. He was shaking and his fur was standing on end. After a moment or two he felt brave enough to peep out of just one eye and found a huge pair of sparkling blue eyes looking back at him. He wanted to wriggle free and run but he was being held too tightly and knew if he did it would be a long way to fall. So he decided to speak instead - a squeaky meow sounding "Hello". The head tilted back and a huge roar came so loud and fierce that Ben the black and white cat felt as if he was in a gale.

He thought, "I am in trouble now, who is this I have met on such a sunny day". He decided he must get free and take his chance so he let out as big a meow as he could muster - someone might hear and come to his rescue. Then he felt himself being lowered down, down, down back into the lovely grassy nest he had made. He was so frightened his eyes were as big as saucers. He felt the ground shake again and again but this time the shaking grew less and less. Even after the shaking had gone Ben the black and white cat dared not move for some time.

When he did the sun was setting and it was time to head home for tea so he trotted back across the field, stepping through the fence and back to the house. He jumped up onto the kitchen window sill and sat there a while cleaning his face, wiping his paws over his ears before going in through the open window. He went over to his empty food bowl and sat looking at it.

"Where have you been", his owner said, "You have been gone all afternoon". She bent down and gave him a stroke. He looked up and wanted to tell his owner of his adventure but the only sound that she recognised was the one that meant that he was hungry and wanted his food. He ate this and thought about going out again but decided that he would spend the rest of the evening curled up in his cosy little bed that was attached to the radiator. There he fell asleep and dreamed of the friendly Giant that he had met with eyes of sparkling blue who did not harm him.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE!

QUIZ

1. Name the author who created *Tarzan of the Apes*?
2. Which type of monkey gives its name to a blood group?
3. Who directed the film *Twelve Monkeys*?
4. What name is given to a group of monkeys?
5. By what name is a Chilean pine tree better known?
6. In which book and film did possession of a magic cap give the wearer the power to command flying monkeys?
7. Which famous group of brothers made the 1931 film *Monkey Business*?
8. A monkey is a slang term for what amount of money in Britain?
9. What is a brass monkey?
10. What kind of tool was invented by Charles Moncke?



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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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| <p>1. <i>The Wizard of Oz</i></p> <p>2. Marx Brothers</p> <p>3. £500</p> <p>4. A brass rack used to store cannon balls.</p> <p>5. A monkey wrench, named after the inventor</p> | <p>1. Edgar Rice Burroughs</p> <p>2. Rhesus</p> <p>3. Terry Gilliam, who first found fame as the animator for Monty Python</p> <p>4. Troop</p> <p>5. Monkey Puzzle tree</p> |
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RNLI BUFFET LUNCH - SUNDAY 14th JUNE

Kirkwall lifeboat will be alongside the pier from lunchtime

Short service on the pier at 12:15

Buffet in the Community Centre opens at 12 noon with the customary enormous range of mouth-watering, home-baked savoury and sweet dishes

Soup £1

Main course £6 (£3 for children)

Pudding £3

Tea or coffee 50p

Bar facilities available

Raffle, sales table, tombola.

NEW BLOOD FOR *THE LIMPET*

By Bruce Fletcher

I'm in the process of taking over *The Limpet* from Yvonne & Heather who have spent the last four years building up the system that results in *The Limpet* appearing in your weekly newspaper every month. Starting with the April 2009 edition I've been doing the easy bit which involves taking all the bits and pieces and slotting them into place using Microsoft Publisher software. Yvonne & Heather are continuing to do the hard work of printing, collating, stapling and distributing *The Limpet* but over the next few months I'll be taking those tasks over as well.

My aim is to publish each month's edition on the last Thursday of the month so that it can be slotted into the copies of *The Orcadian* and *Orkney Today* ready for collection from Olivebank, Ebenezer Stores or the Post Office. Any items (news items, stories, sketches, poems, adverts etc) for *The Limpet* should reach me no later than the evening of the Saturday before the last Thursday in the month. I'm happy to publish letters on topics of interest to Stronsay residents but, please, no letters in green ink from "Disgusted of Stronsay" - the editor's decision is final!

Feedback of any sort (brickbats and/or bouquets) is always welcome, contact me by
emailing ricardian@btinternet.com,
phoning 616297
or by writing to *Claremont, KW17 2AR*

STRONSAY REGATTA

SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2009

This will be the first regatta to be held in Stronsay for about 9 years, a full schedule of dinghy sailing events is planned throughout the day, with courses which should provide some good spectator & photo opportunities. There will be 2 races in the morning and an "All Comers" race in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided for all competitors. All classes of dinghy are welcome

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Registration	8:45am	Fishmart
Briefing	9:45am	Fishmart
Morning Races	10:30am	Harbour
Lunch	1:30 - 2:15pm	Fishmart
Afternoon Race	2:30pm	Harbour
Prize Giving & Raffle	5:00pm	Hotel

Any donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. If you would like to help in any way please speak to Mike at Ebenezer Stores (616339). All monies raised will be used to cover regatta expenses. All the above times are approximate.

NOTE. Ferry departs 6:15 pm

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE

ORKNEY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR CAMP - STRONSAY

27th JUNE - 1st JULY 2009

Is it a bird, is it a plane? No, it's C.E. Supercamp!

For Camp this year we have booked Stronsay School this year, we are looking forward to seeing another island, everybody there has been very helpful and it is a very nice school with a pool and a good play park!

The theme is "Supercamp" and we hope you will enjoy hearing stories about some of your favourite Superheroes and learning how we can become Superheroes of Faith. We know that some of you will already be planning to bring friends and we would love to send you more leaflets if you want them to get a chance to book as well. When we receive your form we will send you the Camp Handbook to tell you what we are going to do and what to bring with you. If you want to bring your very own Superhero fancy dress for the last night party that will be really cool.

This year we are having the parents night/concert in Kirkwall Baptist Church, partly due to ferry times but also to let mainland parents see our show.

Most of the leaders will look familiar to you if you have been to Camp before and they are looking forwards to hearing all your news.

Where Stronsay School

When Sat 27 Jun - Wed 1st Jul.
Stronsay Campers should join us at the School at 6pm on Saturday

Age Range Those currently in P3 - S1 inclusive.

Cost £45 for first family member, others £35.
Day visitors welcome at £5 per day.

Speaker Les Cowan

Cook Viv Erdman (Ebenezer Stores)

To obtain a booking form please contact Fiona Cowan (phone 01856 761334 or email fionaacowan@hotmail.com). Once forms are received a handbook will be sent out.

STRONSAY HOMECOMING WEEKEND

SAT 18th AND SUN 19th JULY

Stronsay Community Association are holding a "Stronsay homecoming weekend" on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. We hope as many ex Stronsay folk as possible will be able to come "home" for this weekend-and as many current Stronsay residents as possible will also come along.

If anyone has any photographs that they would be willing to lend for our display could they *contact Sheena on 616306*, photographs will be looked after and returned safely - thanks!

See the Stronsay Homecoming website at www.bebo.com/stronsayhomecoming

EVENTS PLANNED SO FAR

Display of photographs, Stronsay videos

Quizzes, Treasure hunt, Walks

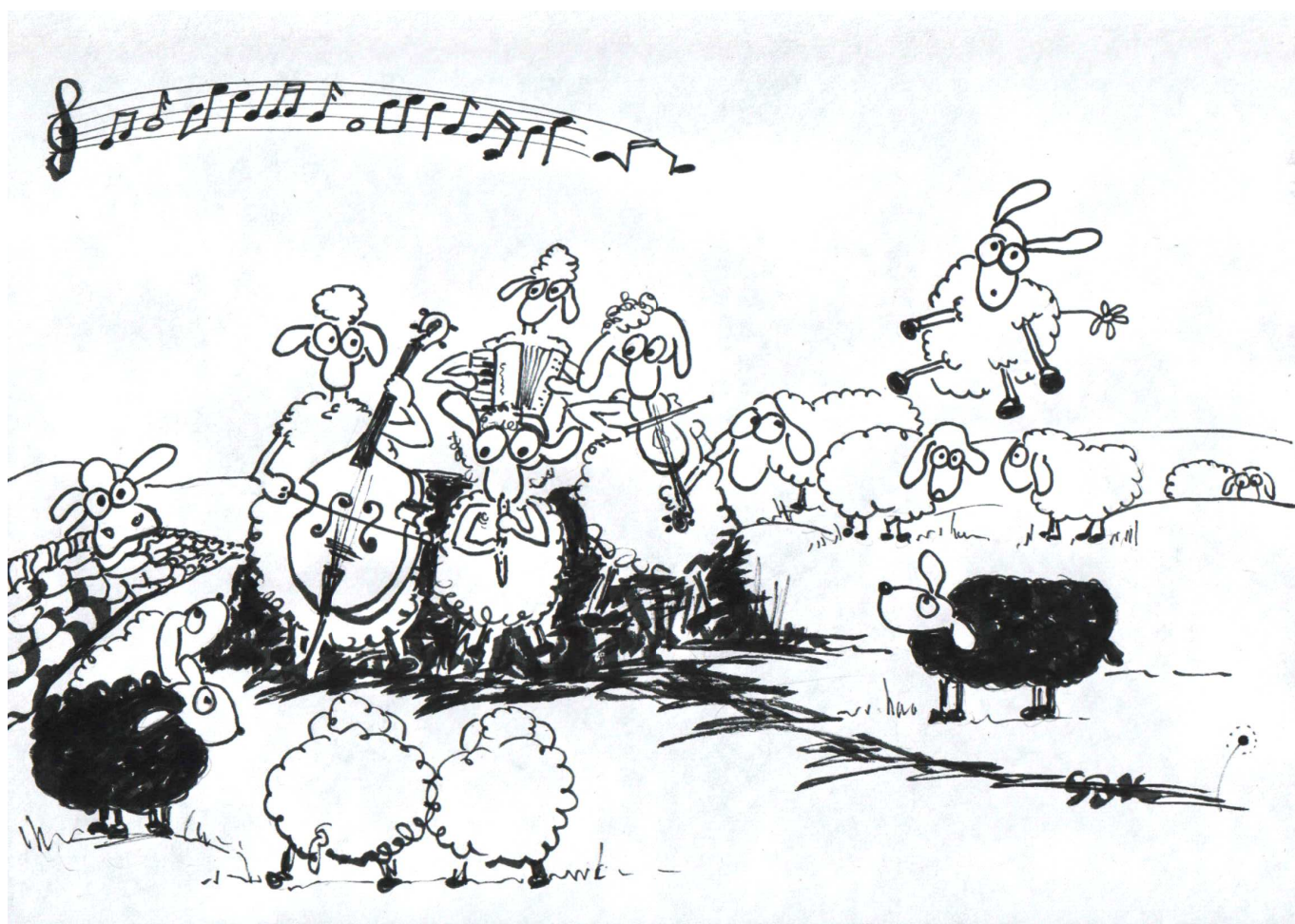
Dance to the Stronsay band,

Performance by the Stronsay Silver Darlings

Soup and sandwich lunch

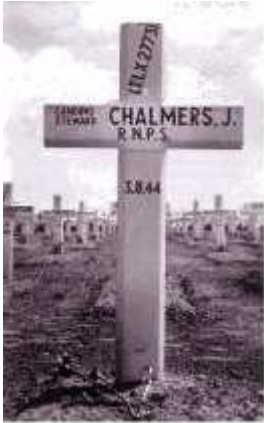
Family history, BBQ, Raffles and much more!

(more details nearer the time)



“We can only ruminate so much, then we have to ceilidh too!”

LEST WE FORGET



Name.	James CHALMERS
Rank.	Leading Steward
Regiment.	Royal Naval Patrol Service. No. LT/LX 27731
Born.	3rd August, 1917, at Storehouse, Stronsay
Died in Action.	3rd August, 1944, off Normandy, on his 27th birthday
Parents.	Donald Chalmers and Janet (Jessie Donald) Slater
Address.	Storehouse, Stronsay

Prior to the war, James, or Dunter as he was affectionately known, worked as a shop assistant in Swanney's Shop in Whitehall Village. He joined up in 1940 and his first posting was on the minesweeper trawler, HMS Aquamarine. In April, 1941, he joined the minesweeper trawler HMS Lord Austin, and completed six or seven crossings with the Atlantic Convoys to Russia, including the ill-fated PQ17 convoy, in which fifty ships set out and only four returned. On 1st January, 1943, he was awarded the "Oak Leaf" for bravery above and beyond the call of duty when he and a colleague managed to release a depth charge which was primed, and was stuck in the launching cradle and liable to blow up at any moment causing the possible sinking of their ship. They were both mentioned in the /slew Years Honours List of 1941. In January, 1943, James was promoted to Leading Steward, and a year later was offered a shore posting in Lowestoft, this being routine due to the hazards of too many Atlantic Convoy crossings. He turned this down and joined the minesweeper trawler HMS Gairsay. On 3rd August, 1944, while on patrol in the English Channel off Normandy, his ship was blown up by a German explosive motor boat, and he was killed. He is survived by a niece, Anita Taylor nee Chalmers who lives in Nottinghamshire, and who has kindly supplied the photographs and information about her "Uncle Jim", of whom she has many fond memories.

The cross marking his grave in Le Deliverande Cemetery, Northern France, has now been replaced by a headstone with the inscription, "He died our homeland to defend, a British sailor's noble end". A fitting tribute to a very brave man.

Bill Miller.

LEST WE FORGET

Name. Daniel HORNE
Rank. Second Engineer Officer
Regiment.. Merchant Service
Born. 26th September, 1913, at Runthall, Stronsay
Lost at Sea. 24th July, 1943, in South Atlantic, off Salvador, Brazil
Parents. Daniel Horne and Mary Chalmers
Address. Runthall, Stronsay



Danny was from a family of six which included the late John Home who was a merchant in Stronsay. He served his time as an engineer in Kirkwall and ran away to sea in 1937 against his mother's wishes. He sailed with the Blue Star Line and the White Star Line before joining the Hogarth Shipping Company of Glasgow as second engineer. He served on several ships including the Ionic Star, Afric Star, Celtic Star and Pacific Star. His last ship was the Fort Chilcotin which was built in 1942 for the United States War Shipping Administration and was on a lend-lease charter through Hogarth & Sons Ltd, to the British Ministry of War Transport.

On 19th July 1943, the Fort Chilcotin left Rio de Janeiro with a cargo of 9103 tons of rock crystal and iron ore bound for Freetown and then the United Kingdom. Five days into the trip at 2059 on 24th July, while sailing through the South Atlantic 420 miles east-southeast of Bahia, she was attacked by German U-Boat U172 which fired one torpedo sinking the ship. Danny had actually finished his tour of duty for that day, but had stayed in the engine room to pass on his knowledge to a young apprentice, Desmond Claude McAllister aged 17 years from Glasgow, who had recently joined the ship. The torpedo hit the engine room with the loss of Danny, Desmond, William John Raynor Andrew, aged 19 years, a fireman and trimmer, and Leon Frederick Roberts a 23 year old greaser. The Master, John Kerr, 41 crew members, and 11 gunners, were picked up on 29th July by the Argentinian tanker "Tacito" and landed at Rio de Janeiro on 1st August.

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Danny was to have married a girl from Aberdeen at the end of that trip, but this was not to be.

His sister Marian McDougall who lives in Kinloss, remembers that on her sixteenth birthday, 7th August, 1943, a man from the Seaman's Mission in Aberdeen, arrived at their home in Kinloss with the sad news that Danny had been lost at sea.

Danny's father also called Daniel, served in the First World War, and came to Stronsay from Peterhead to work in the herring fishing industry. He was involved in the "coaling" of drifters with David Chalmers, Coal Merchant.



Danny made a beautiful model of the St Sunniva prior to going to sea, and this has kindly been donated to the Stronsay Fish Mart Interpretation Centre by his brother Jim who lives in Cannon Bridge near Dingwall.

U-Boat U-172 was commanded by Kapitanleutnant Carl Emmermann (above) who had a distinguished career as a submarine Commander. Between May 1942 and July, 1943, whilst in command of U-172, he was responsible for the sinking of twenty-six ships from various countries., but mainly Britain and America, to a total gross registered tonnage of 152,080.

He later became Commander of No. 6 Unterseeboots flotilla and held various high-ranking positions in the German Navy.

He survived the war, studied engineering and became a prosperous and successful business-man., dying in March, 1990, at the age of 75 years.

Bill Miller.

PRIVATE SALES & WANTS

REDHOUSE PLANTS

Perennial plants
&
Bedding plants
Available now
Contact Gil or Lindsay 616377

DOES ANYONE NEED A TV AERIAL OR A SATELLITE

DISH INSTALLING?

If there is enough interest I hope to get
OTE to come out to Stronsay in the near
future

If you are interested please
phone 616225 (Heather)

STILL NEED MORE PEOPLE!

FOR SALE

This could have been an advert for
something you want to sell.
Raise cash from your unwanted items!
See details at foot of this page

FREE!

Adverts in *The Limpet* for local
organisations and charities are FREE!
Why not use *The Limpet* to publicise your
next event?
Contact details at the foot of this page

WANTED

Articles, photographs, sketches or ideas for
items to go into *The Limpet*
Contact details at the foot of this page

WANTED

Are you trying to track down a hard-to-find
spare part for your car, oil-fired boiler or
farm machinery etc?
Someone may have just what you are look-
ing for in their garage or shed.
Why not put an advert in *The Limpet*?
See details at foot of this page

Adverts - businesses, sales, wants or greetings:

Up to 25 words - £1. 25 word advert with photo - £2. 25 to 50 words - £2 and so on

Lost & found - free, charity fund-raising adverts - free

Adverts & items for the next edition of the Limpet must be placed by Sat 20th June

Contact details:

Bruce Fletcher - telephone 616297 or email ricardian@btinternet.com

Letters to Claremont, KW17 2AR

LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY FISH MART

CAFE, HOSTEL & INTERPRETATION CENTRE

WINTER OPENING HOURS

Monday to Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 12pm - 2pm
Friday CLOSED
Saturday 5pm - 7pm
Sunday 12pm - 2pm

Telephone 616386

INSTANT PHOTOS

Passport, visa, travel pass, driving licence, gun licence, etc. Personalised birthday, Christmas & get well cards with your own special message or photograph. Business/Invitation cards. You name it! Tell me what you want & I'll supply it.

Call Bill Miller on 616420

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 Jenny on 616475

NEED A MECHANIC?

Contact Andy on 616277

Or Maurice at Olivebank on 616255

SPARKY

For all your electrical & plumbing needs

Contact John at Clifton

Tel: 616466

THE SWIMMING POOL

NEEDS YOU!

Pool open

Tuesday and Thursday

7.00 - 7.40 public/private hire

8.20 - 9.00 adult

Private hire available at other times
subject to availability of lifeguards

For more information

phone Elsie on 616331

KEYHOLDERS NEEDED!

Can you spare one evening every month?
At the moment there are not enough key-holders for the swimming pool to open regularly. Full training will be given.

Please contact Yvonne

on 616375 for more info.

STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS

Now open for Summer hours:

Tuesday through to Saturday

10.00 till 6.00

Sunday 12.00 till 6.00

* Rowan and North Ronaldsay wools

* Quality Stronsay/Orkney craftwork

* New books

www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (page 1)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits:

June 9th, July 7th, 4th Aug

(NOTE - Kirk *not* Gorries pm)

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am
Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm
Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm
Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

PUBLIC MEETING **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

(NEW ROOM)

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

7:30pm

Part of the consultation process on Eday &
Stronsay Healthcare Services.

CHURCH BRING & BUY **AND BEDDING PLANT SALE**

Community Centre, 7:30pm on Sat 30 May
The Community Centre will be open from
2pm until 4pm to receive any sale items,
quizzes, raffle prizes, etc.

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES **CLUB**

Friday night 8pm until 10pm
Entrance £1
Come along for a fun filled night
Air hockey table
Pool table
Play station 2
Nintendo Wii & Sing Star
Snooker
Juice, crisps and sweets available

COMING TO STRONSAY **SOON**

The Big Orkney Song Project
Song Share

Further details available soon

Watch this space!

For further information log onto
www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/orkneysingers
or email Emily Turton at
orkneysingers@hotmail.com

EVENING CLASS

“Singing techniques” - tutor Michael Lee

Previous experience not necessary

Ability to read music not essential

Join a friendly group of people every Mon-
day from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Commu-
nity Centre.

Each session of 10 classes costs £50, con-
cessions available.

Current session ends on Monday 6 July,
new session will commence in September.

Phone Brian Crowe 616464

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (page 2)

STRONSAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

HIRE CHARGES 05 MAY 2009

Main Hall	£5 per hour (£10 per hour for outside organisation)
New Hall	£5 per hour (£10 per hour for outside organisation)
Maximum charge	£30 (£60 for outside organisation)
Carpet Room	£2 per hour (£5 for outside organisation)
Snooker room	£2 per hour
Table Tennis	£2 per hour
Badminton	£2 per hour
Sale	£5
Local dance	£25 (£40 for outside organisation)
Local wedding	£80
Harvest home	£40
Local concert	£20 (£40 for outside organisation)
SWRI parties	£8
Whole community centre	£60 per day (£120 for outside organisation)
Use of full kitchen facilities	£30 per day

All hires are plus electricity charges

All dances and weddings will incur a cleaning charge of £30

Other hires may also incur a cleaning charge

Breakages may incur a charge

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

New reduced rate £5 per hour for room up to £15 max plus £5 for DISCO equipment.

A DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Now available to hire.

Badminton £2 per hour + Hydro

Table tennis £2 per hour + Hydro

Snooker £2 per hour + Hydro

All equipment provided.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

Any damage must be paid for.

To book contact Colin on 616446.

Please note that any groups or individuals hiring
the Hall require their own Public Liability

USEFUL INFORMATION

Post office opening times: Mon, Thu, Sat 8:30am - 5pm
Tue, Wed, Fri 8:30am - 12pm

(Did you know that you can pay bills at the Post Office? Ask at the counter for more information)

Post collection times 7:30am, Monday to Saturday

Replacement bin bags Telephone OIC on 01856 873535

Sunday service at the Kirk 11 am

Our Lady's chapel, pier head Daily Masses at 7 am and every Sunday at 9 am

Special Collection dates 09 Jul, 17 Sep, 03 Dec (2009) and 05 Feb (2010)

B&B Airy Cot	616372	Doctor	616321/308
Library	01856 873166	Nurses	616225/232
Companions	616307	Hydro	0800 300 999
Kirkwall Police	01856 872241	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Registrar	616239	Vets:	
Hall bookings	616446	Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Post Office	616217	Northvet	01856 873403
Stronsay Limpet	616297	Kirk	616311
Dentists:		Stronsay Hotel	616213
Great Western Rd	01856 879683	Fish Mart	616386
King Street	01856 875348	Olivebank	616255
		Ebenezer stores	616339

HOW TO GET FREE PUBLICITY IN *THE LIMPET*

If your group or organisation is holding a local event why not put a free advert in *The Limpet* (a report on the how the event went is always welcome). Contact Bruce.

If you have a story, a poem, a sketch, an interesting photograph of Stronsay or just the outline of an idea for a future item in *The Limpet* please contact Bruce by emailing ricardian@btinternet.com, phoning 616297 or writing to Claremont, KW17 2AR

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO *THE LIMPET*

Why not send a subscription to a friend or relative for a birthday present?

12 months for £10.00 including P&P (non-UK subscriptions, please ask for a quote)

Contact Bruce, details above

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