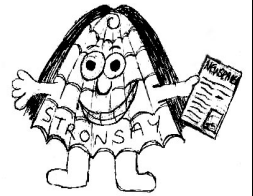


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SURPRISE UNDER OUR DOORSTEP

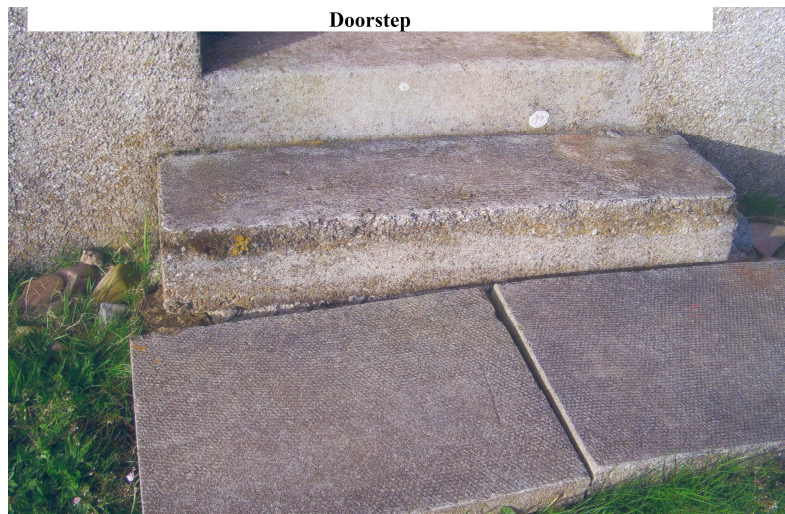
By Connor & Ailish Lurring

Each year we come to stay at Lower Midgarth with Grandma and Grandpa, Mum & Dad. We come at Easter and again in the summer.

This Easter a bird flew from under the doorstep when we stepped out the front door. We pulled away the paving stone to reveal a bird's nest being built with straw, grass and feathers.

We had to go back to school in Edinburgh but Daniel and Nan look after the house when we are not there. They got a surprise when two weeks later they pulled back the stone and found three baby chicks and an egg. The adult birds were identified as starlings. Nan checked again a few days later and the fourth egg had hatched

When we arrived for our summer holidays the nest was still there but the birds had flown



Doorstep



Nest under doorstep

THE MANSE—AUGUST UPDATE

Well where do I start, August has been an amazing month as far as work at the Manse is concerned. We had a crew of 11 people along to help us one evening, and we now have all 3 floors in and the roof trusses and felt membrane are on most of the house, the only bit left to sark and felt is the stairwell. Hopefully this will be done this week (17th - 24th Aug). One amazing sight to behold was the windows going in. On Saturday 15th Aug, Joe Martin came to help fit the windows. We were delighted to fit 6 into place on the 1st and second floor, but the best bit was helping to fit the tall back window, it measures 4.7mtrs high and it consists of 36 panes of glass (all in situ before fitting) It was quite a task and it took 4 men & 1 woman, it was at times a struggle but we did it without too many problems, only 16 more windows to go! We secured the window in place with 8 brackets, all hand bent by Craig, we also used wedges and bedded it in a bed of mortar to be certain it wouldn't move. We are hoping to get the concrete floor in in the next week or so, this will enable us to order the stairwell and the ladders will then be redundant. We need to concrete the wallheads and finish boarding up the roof, then get the slate home and on the roof. Exciting stuff, for us anyway, I hope it is for you too. Thanks to all who visit showing an interest, you are always welcome and it boosts us on. Jim of Hunton has been an enormous help to us in many ways, from a tractor and trailer when needed as well as hands on work, Jim we have so much to thank you for. This really is a labour of love and we enjoy sharing it with you. Looking forward to reporting our progress again next month.

Steve & Yvonne





MITZI'S STORY

A few weeks ago Raymond and Margaret Dennison found a tiny, very dishevelled kitten in their garden at Ebenezer Cottage. It was curled up in a tight little ball, soaking wet and sniffing as though it had a bad cold. They took the kitten indoors, dried it off and put it somewhere warm & dry. They couldn't find anyone who had recently lost a kitten and didn't really want a pet so they asked their neighbours, Dave & Ruth Bowen, if they wanted the kitten. Although Dave & Ruth were going away for a few weeks they agreed to take the kitten when they returned and asked Raymond and Margaret to take care of the kitten in the meantime.

Thanks to Raymond & Margaret's ministrations the kitten had lost its bedraggled look and was house-trained by the time Dave & Ruth returned but it was still sniffing and sneezing. Dave & Ruth put the kitten into a blanket-lined basket which they placed out of reach of their dog, Shep, but he didn't seem too bothered by the new addition to the household and was merely curious. Dave & Ruth named the cat "Mitzi" and took her over to the vet in Kirkwall so that the vet could examine Mitzi, treat her sniffles and spay her. The vet did as asked and returned to announce to a stunned Dave & Ruth that they were the proud owners of an otherwise healthy but very small 12-year old cat!



Mitzi in her basket

JOHN HOLLOWAY'S BIRD REPORT - AUGUST 2009

Wading birds have once again been the main feature of late summer around the island, with a typical variety of species, including Curlew, Golden Plover, Lapwing, Oystercatcher and Bar-tailed Godwit in the fields, and Black-tailed Godwit, Dunlin, Ringed Plover and Knot feeding around the larger lochs. Sanderling are beginning to arrive back on the sandy beaches where they can be seen racing up and down the sand just ahead of the incoming waves. There were two sightings of the uncommon Green Sandpiper - and it was no surprise that both were discovered beside tiny pools of water. The first was seen at the edge of the Helmsley duck-pond by Sheila, the second was found by Robbie at the Lodge slurry lagoon. Both birds were typically very brief stayers!

There was the expected 'mixed-bag' of sightings in early-mid August which this year included a Quail seen by Eion at the Bu, a Robin at Springwell, single Wood Warblers at Scoulter and Castle, Swifts at Airy (3) and Castle (1), and best of all a brilliant red male Crossbill found by Margaret Crowe as it fed in the road at Gesty. A Sand Martin was feeding over the Bu Loch on 13th and Jim Miller reported 4 Wheatears in the drive at Banks the same day. A handful of Sedge Warblers were seen - possibly local breeding birds - and a Greenshank was present on the Bu Loch on 8th&12th.

Whitethroat and Willow Warbler were seen on 15th and a Little Stint was at the Matpow on 18th when the first Peregrine of the year was seen. Three different Peregrines were seen over the next few days when a family party of Dabchicks was on the Meikle Water. Patrick reported regular sightings of Short-eared Owls near Millgrip in late summer and an adult in heavy moult was seen nearby on 20th. At least four different Hen Harriers have been seen during the month, including two males.

A brief spell of SE winds brought the bird of the month to The Reserve area on 22nd - an Icterine Warbler - first seen by J&SH from the car along with visitor Joyce Maples as it perched in the open in the Lower Millfield garden. Very appropriate, as the species nested in the same garden in 2002 - just the second recorded nesting of the species in the whole of the U.K. The bird was seen briefly several times later that day in the Castle garden - a great start to the Autumn migration!

Thanks to all those folk who have contacted John with sightings of birds.

PILOT SCHEME AT THE HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Although this scheme is still ongoing we are starting to see positive results. A handful of clients were referred for exercise prescription under Dr McKay. Three clients have managed to stick with (what can be) a gruelling exercise regime of one hour twice weekly. They are also under the watchful eye of our dietician/nurse; Lisa De Geer. The clients are weighed and measured once a week and given advice on diet, as well as discussing weight loss issues and problems associated with trying to eat healthily whilst caring for the demands of family.

As fitness advisors we have been increasingly impressed with our clients' sheer determination to succeed and the willingness with which they have embraced the challenges given them. Neither are they tempted in any way by the hype of "short cuts" offered by way of fad diets or pills. They intend to lose weight by combining sensible, healthy eating and exercise, which they know will minimise the likelihood of the pounds going back on later. They are also very appreciative of the opportunity they have been given.

We realise that there are other people who also given the chance would like to have this opportunity. Funding is purely from Dr McKay himself, but we are in communication with the Health board to hopefully continue with this scheme when the Doctor retires.

In the meantime, we would like to know if there is anyone else who feels they would benefit from joining the scheme. We can't make promises, but we will try and extend the scheme to include other health problems that would benefit from regular exercise.

To conclude, we can safely say that the pilot scheme has been, and remains, an undeniable success and we are hopeful that Orkney Health Board will acknowledge it for what it is; a beneficial investment in the prevention of conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, obesity, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Funding such schemes now will pay dividends, not only by improving the health and well being of our population, but by saving money on care and prescription drugs in the longer term.

Our thanks go to Dr George McKay for allowing us to put the scheme into operation.

Julie Andrew and Tracey Boler (Fitness Advisors)

A MESSAGE FROM JON BUCHAN

Eleanor's surgery was completely successful and she is back home again. Her surgeon has assured her that there will be no need for any further surgery.

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Back to school and back to a routine is a welcome time of year for some. The summer months were extremely quiet in the Gym (to be expected especially in view of the good weather we had most of the time!) but now is the time to think about getting into a routine to promote well being. This means a healthy balanced diet and plenty of exercise. As the nights start to draw in why not think about coming back to the gym, or joining if you haven't done so already.

There should be no barrier to exercise. It can be enjoyed by virtually everyone. If you're not sure if it's for you just ring one of us to arrange a visit and to talk about your reservations about exercising.

Also a message to all of you that bought saver cards back in March. These do need to be used up within one year from date of purchase, so please find them out and start to benefit from the good intentions you had when you bought them; you've got six months left to use them up. If you feel like you've forgotten everything since your induction then come and have a refresher induction for the price of a normal session. Ring us to arrange.

The buddy system is back in operation now the school is open, so this will improve access for some of our users.

We would appreciate any feedback from our members especially regarding opening times. When would you want to use the gym? We will try and accommodate where possible.

HLC supervised sessions 18th August to 9th October 2009

	am	Pm
Monday	10-12	4.30-6.30
Tuesday	Buddy	6-8
Wednesday	Buddy	4-6
Thursday	Buddy	6-8
Friday	10-12	4.30-6.30
Saturday	Closed	2-4
Sunday	By booking	Closed

Hope to see you soon!

Tracey Boler

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

AUG 25th UNTIL DEC 2009.

Tuesday: until 7.40 (BB) Private Hire, 7.40-8.20 Public, 8.20-9.00 Adult.

BB = Block booking (4 private hires)

Thursday: Swim Club. (for groups ask Craig 616428)

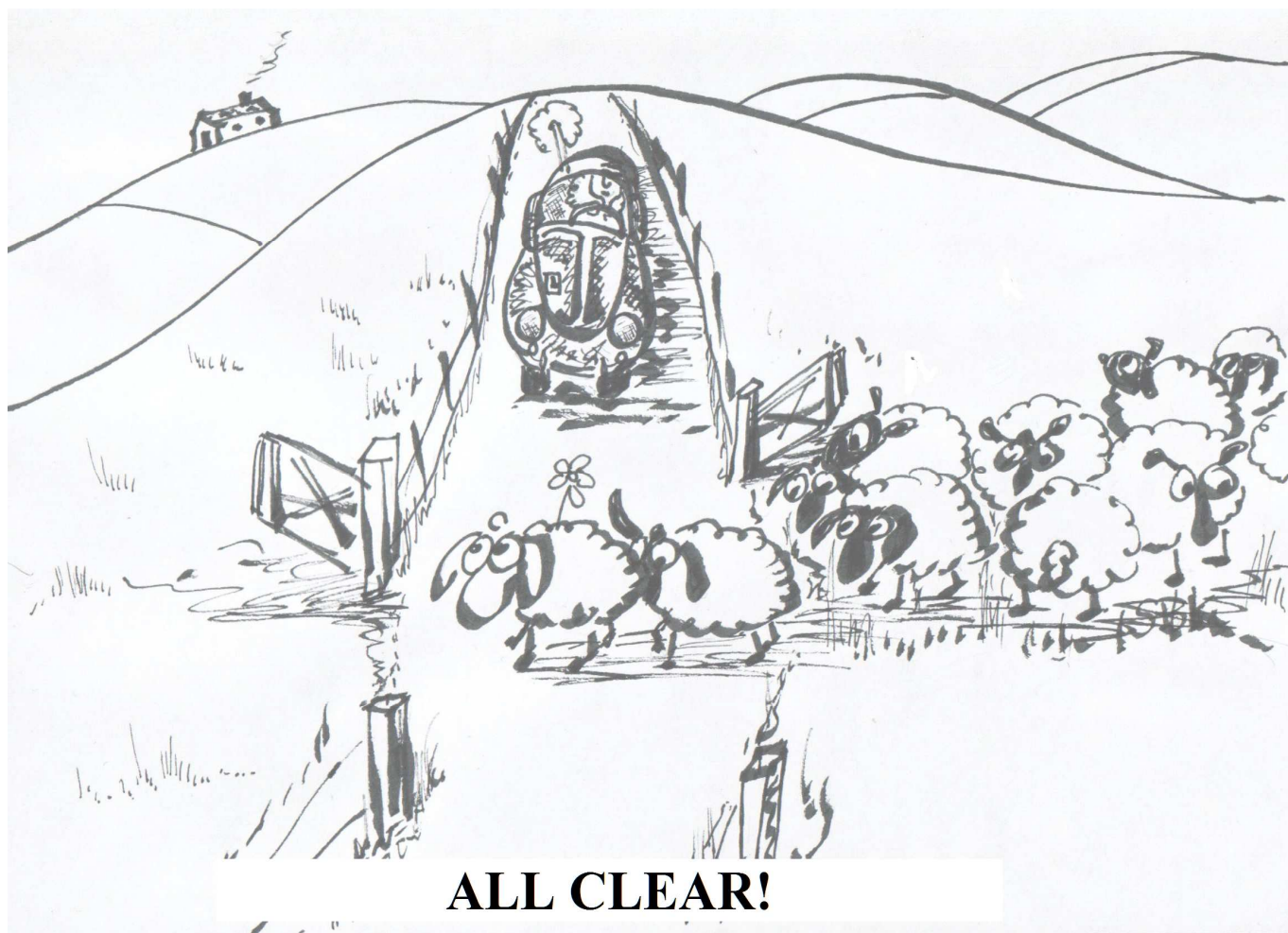
Private hires available on a Saturday, cost £20 phone E Dennison 616331

Tuesday & Thursday the Healthy Living Centre is open between 6pm & 8pm to enable parents to drop children (over 8) to swimming whilst the parent attends the gym.

When the pool opened in 1994, the cost of swimming was 25p for children & 50p for adults. In 2007 prices rose to 60p for children & £1.20 for adults. We regret that we have had to increase the price again to £1 for under 16's and £2 for adults.

If anyone is interested in training to be a NPLQ lifeguard please contact our Trainer Assessor, John Chalmers on 616253.

If there are any secondary pupils interested in a block of Octopush please contact Yvonne 616375 or Mrs Robertson at the school.



ALL CLEAR!

STRONSAY BEAST—UPDATE AUGUST 2009

As part of the 2008 Orkney Science Festival Dr Yvonne Simpson, a geneticist, visited Stronsay in September 2008 and gave a lecture on the “Stronsay Beast” to a large audience in the Community Centre. During the lecture she said that she was hoping to obtain permission to send a small sample of the surviving bits of the beast to a DNA testing laboratory in Florida which has a database of all known shark species; this will show whether the beast was or was not a shark. If it was a shark then the database should show whether it's a known species or a new one; if it wasn't a shark then the DNA will be used to try to determine if it matches any known species.

At the time Yvonne was unable to divulge the whereabouts of the surviving bits of the beast - which at one time had belonged to Lord Byron - but now she is able to reveal to readers of *The Limpet* that the remains of the beast are part of the John Murray collection at the National Library of Scotland. Yvonne tried to obtain permission to test a sample of the remains but her formal proposal was ignored. After intervention by Liam McArthur MSP the National Library of Scotland is now considering Yvonne's proposal and, based upon Yvonne's recommendations, the storage of the sample has been improved.

Liam tried to get the remains returned to Orkney but his request was refused. However, copies of the relevant paperwork in the John Murray collection have been deposited in the Orkney Room at Kirkwall Library, if you want to see them you'll need to quote accession number “Acc.12604/4276”.

Both the National Library and the National Museum of Scotland (which has the vertebrae and some bristles) have agreed that they would be willing to lend the items for a temporary exhibition in Orkney but only if a suitable venue could be found. Apparently neither the Orkney Museum nor the Stromness Museum is suitable and such a venue would have to be a public collection area where the conditions met the requirements of the preservation regulations.

Yvonne is going to supply copies of her research paperwork to some of the people involved in the events on Stronsay last year. She has an interesting website about the Stronsay Beast at <http://www.theangloscot.co.uk> and is working on a little booklet on the Stronsay Beast; however, she needs the final DNA result to “close the case”.

Although Yvonne is very busy - she has married, is moving house this month and is now expecting a baby - she is always pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in the Stronsay Beast or has information about the creature. Yvonne can be contacted by email at yabeale@googlemail.com

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS—PART 7 (final part)

By Dr George McKay

The skipper was now worried that the state of the sea would make the passage back round Cape Wrath dangerous, any thought of fishing in these conditions having been abandoned. They were now lying hove to a few miles off Whiten Head slightly east of the wide entrance to Loch Erribol. The decision was made to turn and run for shelter in the Loch. Along with three other boats they now headed almost before the wind towards the entrance to Loch Erribol. Whiten Head loomed high and forbidding on their port side, its summit covered in cloud. Almost like wind surfing they rushed down wind towards the sheltered waters of the loch. In less than an hour they were once again sailing in calm waters, the surface streaked with spindrift from the gale.

Up the loch they sailed until they brought up behind a peninsula slicking out from the east shore of the loch. Here built into the side of the cliffs was an old lime kiln - something of a rarity in these harsh acidic landscapes. The anchor was now made ready and dropped. Their companions did likewise, taking the boats alongside each other and tying them together. Now they lay snugly in the shelter of the land with the wind still screaming through the rigging. Around them the scene was wild and bleak. Close by were some grassy fields. Everywhere else the hills rose steeply, covered in bracken and heather, streams of water cascading off the hillsides, caught in the gale and blown upwards in streamers of spray.

Now there was nothing to do but eat, sleep and keep an anchor watch until the gale blew itself out. There they lay for the next thirty six hours. Slowly the wind abated. Now, however, a massive swell had risen, driven before the vicious wind. Out towards the entrance to the loch they could see the swells crashing around low lying islands. Later the following afternoon, with the forecast improving and the wind moderating the anchor was heaved up and they proceeded towards the open sea. Despite the wind dropping the seas were running high and as they passed the islands at the entrance at times it seemed as though the boat were standing completely on end. However, after getting offshore for a mile or two, away from the backwash around the shore, the sea was more settled and the course was set for the Cape. Certainly she rolled, but not dangerously. Again he had the watch as they sailed up towards the Cape, before turning and running before the swell to Loch Inchard and home. All in all it had been an interesting week and a fitting finish to his summer vacation.

DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY No 12

THE FISHING TRIP

by Bill Embleton

My elder brother bought a rod, to have a go at angling.
When all rigged out with line and stuff, he had a go at dangling.
First he dangled from a pier, the wooden one at Blyth
But with every passing boat, straight through his line they scythed.
Next he tried from Cullercoates rocks, but reeling in was bad,
His line snagged up at every cast and almost drove him mad.
Try from the beach at Tynemouth, a friendly bloke advised.
But my brother couldn't cast far out and he soon realised
He wasn't getting snagged so much while fishing this flat beach.
But not being able to get far out, the fish were out of reach.
So off he went to Hartlepool and went out in a boat
Only to almost freeze to death as he didn't have a coat.
Eventually he thought he had a bite and began to like the trip
But it wasn't a fish my brother caught, it was a passing ship.
As it pulled line off his reel, the rod jerked from his grasp
And as it sank beneath the waves, the poor lad gave a gasp.
A borrowed spare rod was no good, he never caught a thing,
Everybody else on board was catching cod and ling.
He landed completely fishless, the day had cost him quids
So to save face with his wife back home he bought some from two kids.

LEST WE FORGET

The following is taken from a diary, kindly loaned to me by Billy Drever, Knugdale, St Ola, and tells of the last days of his grand uncle, Private James COOPER, No. 12/328, attached to the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces during the First World War. He was born in Kirkwall on 6th October, 1879, and was a brother to Mrs W.P. Drever of the shop in Whitehall Village, Stronsay. He served in the Merchant Navy, and was injured while his ship was in New Zealand. He was detained there in hospital, and his ship had to sail without him. On the outbreak of war, he enlisted in the Auckland Regiment on 13th August, 1914, and after some training, sailed for Egypt where he landed on 4th December, 1914. After several months of further training, he sailed for Alexandria to join the battles, and the following are extracts from the diary of a brave man going to war:

Friday 9th April, 1915. We left Zerbonn at 10.20 pm for Alexandria, arrived here about 3 am, got a drink of tea, then went on Police duty from 8 am to 12 noon. We are loading our transports all day. The harbour is very busy. Weather splendid. No leave - worse luck! There are a lot of transports here, all embarking troops. Our accommodation aboard this ship is the worst ever I saw in my life. Nothing but the dirty iron deck to sleep on. Left the wharf at bout 6.45 pm.

Sunday. At anchor. Things very uncomfortable.

Monday. 5.30 pm. General Godley came onboard. Left about 6.30 pm. The band played as we passed a lot of other troop ships. The boys in the best of spirits.

Tuesday. Went on duty at 8 am. The weather is a it cooler here than in Cairo. A good few are sick tonight.

Wednesday 1 am. The weather is splendid, only a bit chilly. Had supper (a biscuit and cold coffee) and enjoyed it too. Got served out with 200 rounds of ammunition.

Thursday. We dropped anchor about 5 am in a bay that looks like a base depot to me. There are a lot of men-of-war and transports here, and it looks well protected. We expect to disembark soon. This is Mudros Port Lemnos Island, one of the Greek Archipeligo. The Turks are entrenched about forty miles away from where we are to land, so we will have our work cut out for us this time. I think we are only waiting for the lot to collect, then we will proceed to the Dardanelles under cover of the battleships.

Saturday. Two more transports arrived here as well as two colliers and a supply ship for the Men-of-War.

Sunday. Very quiet.

Monday. Loaded all our sick, lame and lazy. A lot of the boys were suffering from cold feet. The weather is ideal. Must be something doing as no orders are out!

Tuesday. Served out with one oz. of tobacco, a packet of matches, and two lots of iron rations.

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LEST WE FORGET *(continued)*

Wednesday. Rain and wind strong. The wind eased up during the day, and at four, the rain stopped.

Thursday. 1 am. On watch and just had a glorious binder - tea no milk but plenty of sugar. Bread (doorstops) and ham (lumps). My word it went down all right. We got our mail last night. The rain has cleared off now but still it is rather chilly.

Friday 5 pm. Got under way and steamed out to the outer harbour. It was as good as a concert, out band playing all the way out. As we passed the French ships they played the French anthem, and the Boys of The Bulldog Breed when we passed the British Men-of-War. In between time - Ragtime - Tipperary, and a lot of Music Hall tunes. In fact it was just A.1.

Saturday. Still at anchor in the outer harbour. This is a red letter day as we got served with eight packets of fags, a two oz. tin of Capstan, and seven boxes of matches a man. The band has just gone ashore to bury a man that died - a Perry Bigwood. It is not a week yet since he was on duty with me on board here. Anyhow, he has solved the grand secret. Great excitement here tonight as we leave early in the morning. The fleet left this afternoon to bombard the fort that we have to take tomorrow.

Sunday. We are now up near the place where we are to land. A lot of troops have landed as I see a lot of transports going back. The guns have been going since daylight; it is now 7.45 am. We have been on the move since 3 am. 9.45 am. Preparing to land. Great excitement. Just had word that two Krupp guns have been captured. 11 am. We are ashore, and as we came along the beach we met the Australian wounded being carried back to hospital. One man just been hit twenty yards from where I am sitting now.

Wednesday. A bit of a jump. 1 am in the hospital ship on my way back to Alexandria. We got badly cut up. Most of our officers are out. I got hit just as I got up to the firing line. I saw our officer get hit, and before I knew where I was, I got one in the arm. The Turks are using explosive bullets. The fight started on Sunday morning and is still going on. Yesterday, we got word that a lot of guns had been captured and prisoners taken. Well Mag, you ought to see us now. You saw some of the boys in New Zealand? Well here our clothes are all rags, cut with the shot and covered with mud. They threw my coat overboard as it was saturated with blood. The arteries are severed and I have two wounds in my arm - one above and one below the elbow. It was hell let loose for a while where we were posted - anyhow we got one what was expected of us but at an awful cost.

Thursday. Feeling a bit easier this morning. Hope to be in the hospital during the afternoon. I suppose you have heard about it by this time. I heard that only 25% answered roll-call on Monday morning, but of course the other 75% will be mixed with other battalions. All I have is a shirt, minus one sleeve, and my cap. We were landed and put into hospital late in the afternoon.

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LEST WE FORGET *(continued)*

Friday. I had a good sleep and was back in Dunedin, only Janet got a bit ratty and I woke up. It was a nurse wanting me to be tucked properly in. Why, we were all red hot. Just fancy sleeping between sheets again - the last time I saw them was on a clothes line, and I do believe we were a lot more comfortable when we were sleeping anywhere and anyhow. I got my wound properly dressed this morning so it is a lot easier. There are a lot of Scotch doctors here. I hope to be right again to be in at the taking of Constantinople. The best idea of the battle was what a young Tommy wrote home from France with a small change. "You hear a hell of a noise, then somebody says, Where are you hit mate" I pity the nurses in this ward at the present - they have their work cut out for them. The girl who went off this morning looked dead tired. They have got things straightened out now and you can see a smile on them.

Saturday. Had a good night. Everybody happy.

Monday 10th. I am improving, I got the pieces taken out on Friday week. A lot of chaps have been sent to England to recover. All the same, we are still full up. There are only four New Zealanders in this ward. All the rest are Australians with one or two Imperial men.

James was transferred from the 15th General Hospital in Alexandria, to Netley Hospital in Hampshire. Also known as the Royal Victoria Military Hospital.

Friday 4th June. Have been in this hospital a week. We are awfully well treated here. It is not a Military Hospital although there are some army doctors. The nurses and orderlies are out on their own. I am very pleased to have got a place like this although I did not like the idea of going to Netley at first.

His left arm was amputated shortly after he arrived at Netley Hospital.

Sadly James lost the fight and died of his wounds in Netley Hospital on 24th June, 1915. He was aged 35 years.

His body was returned to Orkney and was conveyed to his mother's home at School Place, Kirkwall, from Scapa Pier, on a gun carriage of the Orkney Royal Garrison Artillery. They provided the firing and following parties at his funeral, which was conducted by the Chaplain to the Forces, Reverend W.P. Craig.

James was laid to rest on 30th June 1915, in St Magnus Cathedral Churchyard, in the family grave next to his father Charles, sister Lizzie Jane, and a younger brother who had died in infancy. His mother joined her family there in 1926, when she died aged 83 years.

Bill Miller

GREETINGS

Happy 8th Birthday Joanne, 27/08/09

Have a brill day.

Lots of Love, Uncle Steve, Auntie Von &
Jody. XXX

Craig, wishing you a wonderful 21st birthday,
09/09/09

Lots of Love, Mom, Dad & Jo. XXX

FOR SALE

WOODEN TOMBSTONE

BARRIERS

140 feet—£1 per foot

Phone Ian Cooper on 616322

Private adverts - sales, wants or greetings:

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

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Contact details for *The Limpet* are on the back page

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Call Bill Miller on 616420

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Opening hours to the end September:

Tuesday to Saturday 10.00 - 6.00 pm

Sunday 12.00 - 6.00pm

Tel 616434

www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk

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Open six days a week

12 - 2 and 5 - 7

Closed all day on Tuesday

Telephone 616386

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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

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

1st September

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am

Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm

Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Kirkwall library contacts:

01856 873166 or

general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk

Kirkwall library website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk>

Kirkwall library online book catalogue

<http://212.219.208.10/TalisPrism>

EVENING CLASS

“Singing techniques” - tutor Michael Lee

Previous experience not necessary

Ability to read music not essential

All you need is enthusiasm. Join a friendly group of people every Monday at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Autumn session commences Monday 21 September.

Contact Brian Crowe

on 616464 for more information

COMPANIONS CLUB

New session starts at 2 pm on

Mon 14 Sep in the Community Centre

Contact Wilma Stout

on 616261 for more information.

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

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.

Contact Yvonne Weaver

on 616375 for more information.

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
Post collection times	7:30am, Monday to Saturday	
Replacement bin bags	Telephone OIC (Technical Services) 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	17 Sep, 03 Dec and 05 Feb (2010)	

B&B Airy	616372	Doctor	616321/308
Kirkwall 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
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