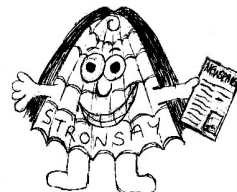


# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## **STRONSAY GP—UPDATE FEBRUARY 2010**

*(This item was received too late for inclusion in the February edition of The Limpet)*

By Karen Crichton

(NHS Orkney Interim Community Health Partnership General Manager)

NHS Orkney has placed another advert to recruit a GP for Stronsay on the NHS recruitment website. Previous candidates who were not able to attend for interview for the first round of interviews will also be considered alongside new applicants. An interview date is still to be confirmed but it is anticipated that this will be in late March / early April.

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## **STRONSAY GP—UPDATE MARCH 2010**

By Karen Crichton

(NHS Orkney Interim Community Health Partnership General Manager)

Interviews will be held on Monday 22nd March for the GP to be based on Stronsay and to provide a visiting service to Eday. The candidates will visit Stronsay and Eday over the weekend of 20th/21st March to see the islands. NHS Orkney will let the Stronsay and Eday Community Councils know the outcome of the interviews as soon as possible and will provide an update in the April edition of *The Limpet*.

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## **WEDDING DANCE AND SUPPER** **STRONSAY COMMUNITY CENTRE** **6pm—11pm SATURDAY 17 APRIL**

Robin Graham and Jennifer George invite the community to their wedding dance and supper, Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, from 6-11 p.m. Please come—we would be so glad for you to help us celebrate our special day!

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The next edition of The Limpet will be published on Thu 29 Apr. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted no later than Sat 24 Apr. Contact details on back page

The Stronsay Development Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13 May 2010.

If you are entitled to be a member of the Development Trust have you thought about standing for election as a director/trustee to help us work towards a sustainable future for Stronsay? All ages, skills, experience and interests are welcomed and all contributions add up – even if you don't have a lot of time to spare.

All the board directors are volunteers and we have up to 7 vacancies.

Nomination forms are available from Olivebank, Ebenezer Stores, Stronsay Arts and Crafts and the Post Office or you could phone me on 616434. The deadline date for nominations is **21 April 2010**

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## VALENTINES BALL



Stronsay Community Association recently held a Valentines ball. Everyone had gone to a great deal of effort to dress up for the occasion. This photograph shows what a great looking bunch o' young folk we have here in Stronsay!

## **TWO FIRE-FIGHTERS VISIT**



On the 18th of February the fire-fighters, Ian and William, told P1 - P4 about the fire and rescue service. For a fire they would need to wear boots, trousers, a flash hood, a jacket, a helmet and gloves. They told us if the smoke alarm goes off do the three outs. The three outs are get out, call out and stay out. If there was smoke they would need a mask with a ADSU. It stands for a distress signal unit. If you get knocked out it will send a signal for help and if you think you're in trouble you can press a button and it will send a signal. If you get lost you would need a line to follow to get to safety. If your line unclips you can use a walkie-talkie to get help. If there is smoke you will need a cylinder. A cylinder helps you breathe in air and in case the air runs out you need a gauge. A gauge tells you how much air is in the cylinder. They also have a torch so they can see in the dark. I liked the visit and I think I learned a lot.

*Jude Erdman*

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## **STRONSAY GAMES CLUB—"FIT4IT"**

Stronsay Games Club will be travelling to Kirkwall on Sat 24th April to take part in the Orkney Association of Youth Clubs sporting competition "Fit4It". We have attended (and been very successful) in this competition for several years and feel it is an excellent opportunity for the children to meet their peers from all over Orkney.

The association needs sponsorship for this competition, either in the form of cash donations or raffle prizes. If anyone feels that they would be willing to donate a prize could they contact Sheena Cooper on 616306.



## POINSETTIA



Many people will have bought or received the seasonal plant at Christmas of the poinsettia. Some people just care for the plant until the beautiful coloured bracts fall and then the plant is often recycled on the compost heap. Me? I just leave it sitting on the window sill all year long caring for it by not letting it dry out which is watering from the bottom once or twice a week. Most of the time the green leaves look just like - green leaves! And then a wonderful thing happens and, lo and behold, they start turning red again! In ensuing years the red or coloured bracts are not such a large and deep colour as they were when they were originally bought but of course they were forced.

This plant is evergreen and can live among your other plants indoors for many years. Just pot up one size every eighteen months or so and there you have it - a Christmas present for all time.

*Margareth Richards, Minerva, Stronsay.*

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## STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

### **Timetable of supervised sessions—Easter Holidays 29th March - 10th April 2010**

	<b>am</b>	<b>pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	10-12	6.30-8.00
<b>Tuesday</b>	10-12	Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	10-12	Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	10-12	6.30-8.00
<b>Friday</b>	10-12	Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed	2.30-3.30
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Closed

No Buddy system during school holiday periods. New inductions by appointment only. Telephone : 616449



## **BIRD REPORT—MARCH 2010**

Having been away from the island for three weeks we have little to report on the ornithological front except that on our arrival in Gillingham, Sue's parents presented us with a series of photographs of a bird which had visited their garden for the last two winters. The bird is a Little Egret perched on the roof of a garden shed - an incredible sighting and almost unthinkable a decade or so ago. With a somewhat over-stocked pond Sue's parents welcomed the bird's early morning visits and have a series of photographs showing the bird in this unique urban setting.



In over 25 years of watching the nearby Medway Estuary Sue and I saw just one Little Egret - in 1974 - but the bird is now seen regularly in the area - a real 'plus' for the UK avifauna. The only Stronsay sighting has been the bird found by Dennis Spendley by the Meikle Water in June 1996.

*John & Sue Holloway*

## **POWERDOWN UPDATE**

### **A visit from Shetland**

For two days in the middle of April we had a visit from another Powerdown officer from Northmarine Shetland. Colin Dickie spent two days with me “kick starting” the home energy efficiency visits. He also held an interesting talk in the Hall and showed those attending how to calculate U values of traditional stone built homes. (See picture below). It was obviously a lot of fun!



### **Energy Awareness Training**

Three proud students: Marion Macleod, Clive Martin and John Steenton with their City and Guilds Certificates in Energy Awareness. The training took place in Kirkwall in January and was funded by the Climate Challenge Fund.



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### **Thermal Imaging**

For the last two weeks of April Stronsay Community Powerdown will have a thermal imaging camera for use surveying Stronsay households for heat loss. It will be used as part of the planned house visits (See previous Limpet). Households requiring this service may not be able to be visited within the short timescale so if you are particularly interested please phone on **616354**.

Please note thermal Imaging will be done **Free of Charge** as part of Community Powerdown Affordable Warmth project. Community Powerdown is funded by the Climate Challenge Fund.

### **Energy Evening**

**Stronsay Community Hall Wednesday 21st of April 7.30**

A fun and informative evening hosted by

Orkney Energy Agency and Community Powerdown.

Information and Energy quiz and bingo with some great prizes to win!

All welcome!

### **Recycling**

For those who have asked me what you can and cannot put in the recycling centre in Whitehall - the following information came from OIC to help clarify things. Cut it out and stick it on your wall!

<b>GLASS</b>		<b>PAPER/THIN CARD</b>		<b>CANS</b>	
<b>Yes please</b>	<b>No thanks</b>	<b>Yes please</b>	<b>No thanks</b>	<b>Yes please</b>	<b>No thanks</b>
✓ Glass bottles ✓ Glass jars	✗ Light bulbs ✗ Cookware (e.g. 'Pyrex') ✗ Broken glass	✓ Unwanted mail ✓ Magazines ✓ Thin card (e.g. Cereal boxes) ✓ Newspaper ✓ Envelopes ✓ Shredded	✗ Cardboard (thick brown cardboard) ✗ Cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak) ✗ Plastic envelopes ✗ Large Catalogues	✓ Food cans/tins ✓ Drink cans/tins	✗ Aluminium foil ✗ Paint/petrol cans ✗ Aerosol cans ✗ Metal lids from jars/bottles
! Please rinse ! All colours accepted ! No tops or lids please		! Please flatten thin card boxes		! Please rinse ! Do not crush ! Place can tops inside cans ! Please remove labels	



## **MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **FROM TONY WITHERS LDO.**

Spring came early this year for Stronsay with the great news about the Big Lottery funding towards our Turbine Project. Now a lot more work needs to be done to see it up and running. The timetable of works leading to the completion of the project means the turbine is expected to go on line by Dec 2011 or thereabouts. The profits are estimated to amount to £2 million over 20 years. This income will be directed into a community fund to support projects on the island. However we have in place agreed objectives with our lottery funders which are called 'outcomes'. These are tasks that need to be achieved and up and running within 3 years.

- OUTCOME ONE. Completion of the installation of the Turbine.
- OUTCOME TWO. To set up and run a project to address fuel poverty through energy audits and improvements to public and residential properties to reduce energy usage, subject to funding.
- OUTCOME THREE. The setting up of an Enterprise Zone to improve learning, training and employment opportunities in the community of Stronsay. The 1<sup>st</sup> stage (already in progress) is the Community Interest Company purchase of the light haulage business from J Holland Haulage which is hoped to be in place by this summer, subject to funding and contracts.

This all has to be achieved prior to profit streams actually being generated by the Turbine. The good news is that as we have already secured lottery funding towards outcome one. Potential funders for outcomes two and three will see that we will be able to support these and other projects because of our ability to self finance or match fund projects in the not too distant future to the tune of £2 million over 20 years.

As I said we will be busy for the next three years but rest assured you will be kept well informed via The Limpet and public meetings on Turbine progress and the Enterprise Zone as things move forward.

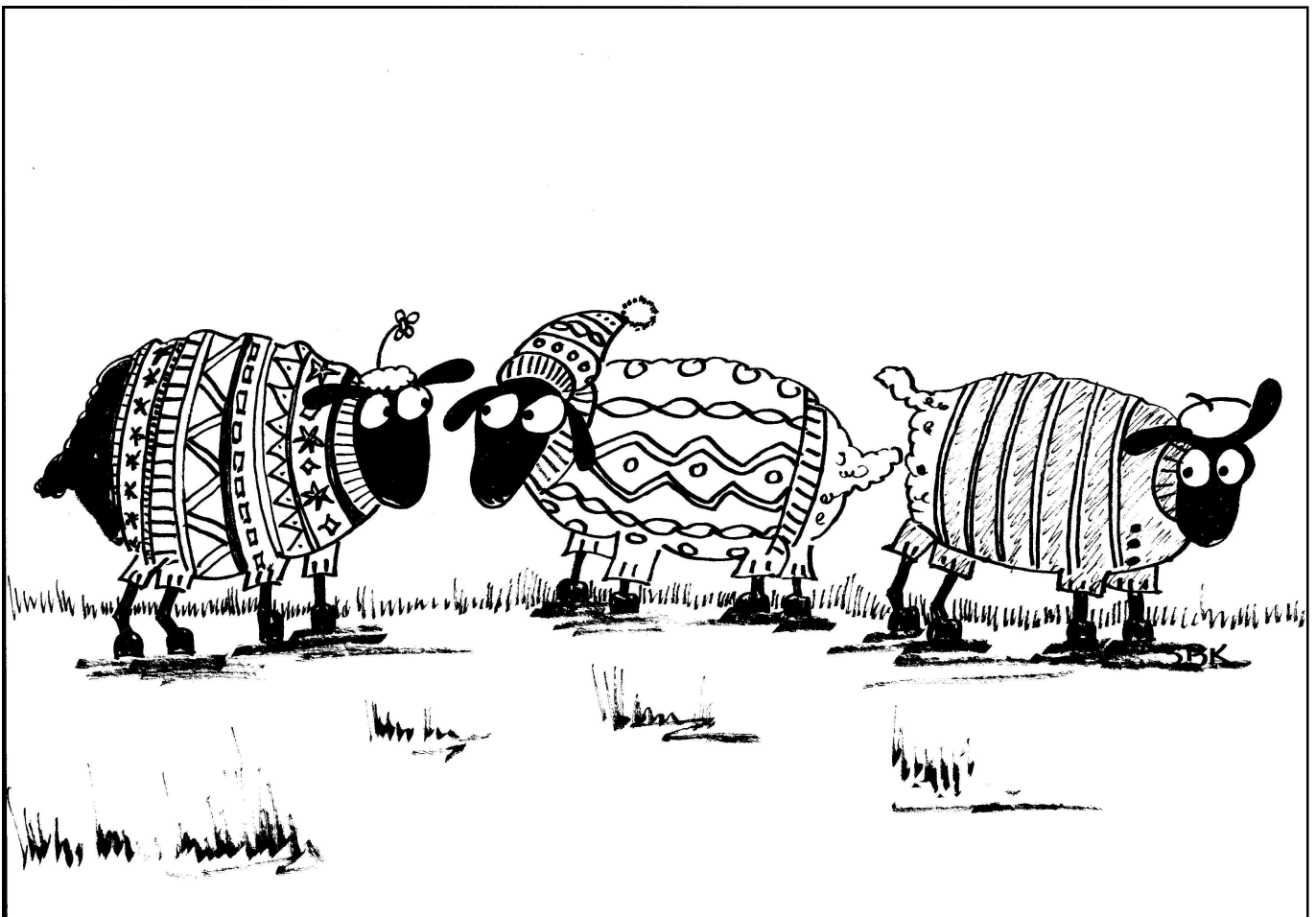
## **TONY'S TIP OF THE MONTH!**

Comic Relief are offering funding for projects that benefit the over sixties in disadvantaged areas. If anyone has any good suggestions and are willing to help with a project to secure funding please contact me asap. I was thinking of a community bus service that takes people to local shops, businesses, evening functions and up and down to the ferry etc? Any better ideas, let me know!

Would you like to be an eco warrior and cut down waste paper and cut the costs of producing the Limpet by receiving this ever popular publication on line? Let us know by completing the preference form available to sign where you pick up your Limpet. This will give you the opportunity to opt for either paper or on line delivery (this option will only be available to the residents of Stronsay).

I have had my first notable senior moment! I lost my wallet and spent hours searching and retracing my steps but could not find it. Feeling miserable I gave up and decided it was gone for good and felt a delicious chicken sausage sandwich would prove a comfort. On opening the fridge to retrieve said sausages (made by Morris and highly recommended ) I saw that my wallet was hiding underneath them! So if/when you see me hoovering my lawn and mowing my carpets don't be too alarmed!

*Tony.*



**KNITWEAR IN MANY H-EWES - THE FAIR-ISLE, THE ARAN, THE BRETON**

## **STRONSAY SCHOOL—TRIP TO SANDAY**

*(Here are the reports on the trip. They were written by the pupils themselves)*

On Friday the 5th of February 2010, the Upper Primary went on a school trip to Sanday School. The purpose of this trip was health and wellbeing and to practise the four capacities of the Curriculum for Excellence. When they got there they split into groups with a mix between Sanday pupils and Stronsay pupils. During the trip the groups had to do activities, the activities were swimming, P.E and making posters of their likes and dislikes in the classroom (room 3.) For P.E. they got into pairs and circulated round the hall doing activities e.g. space hopper, basketball shoot, hockey dribble and more. After that they did swimming where they had a free session, at the free session they played with floats, boats and they also did diving. In the classroom they played games which made them get to know each other and made posters about them. Once they finished they went back to Stronsay School by boat and they all stated that they had a very energetic, entertaining trip.

*Anthony and Connor*

On Friday the fifth of February 2010 the Sanday School welcomed us to an active and fun day. First of all we had to be at the Stronsay pier for 8am. When we were there we got onto the Varagen and set sail for Sanday. On the boat we were allowed to go to the cafeteria in groups. When we arrived in Sanday there were minibuses waiting for us so we headed to the Sanday School. One of the Sanday members of staff led us to the classroom where we were split into three groups and we were told everyone's name. Then we went and did our first activity, the three activities were swimming, activities in the classroom and P.E. Once we had done the first two there was an assembly mainly based on the secondary's animation project. After that we did our last activity then we went back to the classroom and said goodbye to our new friends. Some of us had already been to Sanday before and some of us hadn't. So we headed back to the boat. On the way back it was quite rocky but we survived. When we got back to the Stronsay pier we were picked up by minibuses and taken back to school as if it was morning.

*James*

We (the Stronsay Upper Primary) went on an activity trip to Sanday School. Our activity trip to Sanday School all started on Friday the 5th of February 2010. First we got on the boat which was a straight run to Sanday. We got off the boat and there were 3 mini buses that drove us to the school. When we arrived at the school we were accompanied by Mrs Muir the Sanday upper primary teacher. She led us into the classroom where there sat Sanday upper primary pupils. She had divided us into 3 groups where we had to pick 2 team leaders 1 Sanday pupil and 1 Stronsay. Each group was given a timetable of where and when they had to change activities. Such as swimming, gym and classroom. In swimming there were a variety of different floats and rafts which were really fun. In the classroom we got into partners or in groups and made posters about each other, we also



played a memory game. In the gym hall we got put into pairs and each group had to complete a series of different stations at the end of the session each group had to count up all their points. Overall Storm M and Rosa came 1st, Branwen B and Taylor 2nd and in 3rd place Anthony M and Lewis. At the end of the day we took the mini buses back to the boat where we ate our pack lunches. By the time we had finished we were practically in Stronsay. Everybody made lots of new friends. It was a very enjoyable trip and we hope to do it again.

*Molly and Storm*

As part of the health and wellbeing curriculum Stronsay School visited Sanday School to take part in different activities held there. The Upper Primary pupils from Stronsay School met up at the pier to make sure that they had everything before they went on the boat to Sanday. They were taken in a mini bus to Sanday School. The Sanday Upper Primaries were waiting in the class room for the Stronsay pupils. First of all Group A did an activity in the hall where they would get put into pairs and carousel their way round the hall, taking part in all of the activities that were set up in the hall. Group B were swimming first. And finally Group C were doing an activity in the class room where they would make posters and do activities together. Secondly Group A were doing swimming, group B were doing the class room activity, and group C were doing the activity in the hall. After the second activity all the pupils went into a room where the Sanday School held their assembly. The animation group showed the film "Tilly, the Trow and the Tartan" and they showed what they had been doing while the upper primary pupils were doing their activities. After the assembly and their break they did their final activity before the Stronsay pupils went back to Stronsay. Group A did the class activity, group B did the P.E activity and group C did swimming. The schools got to know each other and had an energetic and fun time over on Sanday.

*Branwen*

The Upper Primary pupils of Stronsay School enjoyed an active trip to Sanday, on Friday 5th of February 2010. Mrs Muir the middle primary teacher welcomed them in and invited them to meet the P5-P7 pupils. All the pupils were mixed into three groups so that they could co-operate and make friends, participating in three different activities which were swimming, P.E and classroom work. Each group enjoyed an active time in the Sanday swimming pool. There were loads of floats and rafts to play with and the lifeguards were very friendly. The P.E. was point based with five different stations, which were the bouncy hopper, hockey dribble, basketball shoot, target throw and Velcro target shoot. The pair with the most points at the end was Storm and Rosa with a whopping total of nearly 5000 points! Each group had a circle time in the classroom. They learnt all the Sanday pupils names and their likes and dislikes. On the way to the boat some Stronsay pupils had an interview about the trip. The pupils that participated were Natalie, Branwen, Storm, Diane, Jack and James. They had their lunch on the boat so that they wouldn't go hungry. Out of the four capacities, the two that they focused on most were Respon-

sible Citizens and Confident Individuals. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and hopes to go again soon!

*Diane & Natalie*

On Friday 5 February 2010 the Upper Primary travelled to Sanday on the Varagen for the morning. They got put into mixed groups of Sanday and Stronsay upper primary pupils and had to choose team captains. Some of them saw their friends from last time they went. There were 3 activities which were swimming, hall and class. Group A was first to the Hall activities. Secondly they went to the pool and had fun. Thirdly they went to the class activity.

*Carl*

Friday 5th of February saw us going on a school trip to Sanday. On that Friday morning we had to go to the Stronsay pier to meet Mrs. D with Mrs. Groat. When everybody got there Mrs. D put us in pairs. We were on the Varagen. On the boat when I sat down I asked Mrs. D how long it would take to go from Stronsay to Sanday. Mrs. D told me it would take 35 minutes. I read a bit of my book, suddenly it began to get a bit rocky. As soon as the boat began to get rocky I stopped reading my book. So after that I watched a bit of television. When we got off the boat there were three buses. So with my buddy we got on one bus. You had to put your luggage in the back of the bus. When we got on the bus we were speaking about how much snow was in Stronsay. So when we got to the Sanday School we went through this gate to get in it. We got into the school where Mrs. Muir showed us the coat rack. When we got in the classroom we sat down. Mrs. Muir told us that we were doing different activities so she showed us what group we were in. We were in groups which were called group A, group B and group C. I was in group C with Diane, Storm and Anthony. Mrs. Muir gave our group a piece of paper that had our times for each activity. There was a classroom activity, PE and swimming. My group's first activity was a classroom activity - it was you had to write how many brothers and sisters you had with your name and what your favorite hobby was. When we finished that we played a game which you had to say your name with another word which has the same letter beginning your name. When we finished that our next activity was PE. In PE we had different circuits. They were short throw, long throw, hockey dribble, basket shoot and bouncy hopper. The Sanday PE teacher put us in pairs so I was with Bradley. Our first circuit was short throw, our score was 750. The next circuit was long throw, our score was 300. Next was hockey dribble, our score was 12. Next was basket shoot, our score was 8. The last one was bouncy hopper. Me with Bradley we came 3rd. After the PE we had to go to the animation project that the secondaries were doing so when we got there I went to the room where the animation project was. As soon as I got there no one was there so I sat down. All the groups came at the same time as the secondaries. When the teachers came in two people from the animation project came in with the teachers. Before we watched it the lady told us what was happening. After she told us she told us what it was going to look like. The lady told us that it was about a girl digging carrots.

Next she told us the girl found bagpipes so when the girl tried to play it everything became tartan. So the little girl was going to the shop with her bagpipes. When the girl came in she started playing her bagpipes so everything became tartan. The food became tartan. The drinks were tartan with the shelves tartan too. When the girl went back outside she decided to go to the fair. When the girl went to the ticket desk were two ladies. When the girl played the bagpipes the ladies and the desk became tartan. That's the furthest they went. The last thing was swimming. The Sanday pool has more equipment than the Stronsay. The swimming was brilliant.

*Jack*

On Friday 5th February the Upper Primary ventured out to Sanday School for an active learning morning. The Upper Primary pupils met at the pier at 8:00am in the waiting room for the boat to arrive. When the boat got to the pier the upper primary soon discovered the name of the boat they were going to Sanday on was the Varagen. When the upper primary got onto the Varagen they sat in the top lounge where one of the boys decided to change the channel on the T.V. When the Stronsay people got to Sanday pier three mini buses came and picked them up to take them to Sanday school. When the Upper Primary got to Sanday School one of the teachers showed them where to put their coats and bags. After the upper primary put their coats and bags away the same teacher showed them to a classroom full of children. As the Stronsay people sat down the teacher started to say, "Hello," to everyone. After that the Upper Primary got put in groups with Sanday Upper Primary. Group A had to do Gym, Group B had to do Swimming and Group C had to do class room games. The whole point of the trip was to be active, be healthy and make friends. Overall I think it benefited the entire upper primary in many ways. I think swimming was the best activity to meet new friends.

*Matthew*

On Friday the 5th of February the upper primary visited Sanday School for the health and wellbeing curriculum project to be active whilst having a good and fun time. Mrs Muir, Sanday's middle primary teacher had organised all of the pupils into three groups. There were 3 activities, swimming, gym and classroom. The classroom was where you got to know each other by a different variety of games. My group went swimming, classroom and gym in order of timetable we were given. The activities gave us a chance to show how responsible we could be. For example when my group was in the classroom we got to know each other and to be responsible, we had to contribute ideas in our small group and we had to present other Sanday pupils' information to the whole group. We had to be responsible for not getting lost, listening to instructions and looking after our belongings. We had to be confident in a lot of the activities, for example, in the gym you had to work together with your partner and socialise with your partner. Hopefully Sanday School will come and visit us. In Sanday we had a fun filled day.

*Rebecca*



## **RECYCLING CENTRE SURVEY RESULTS**

Thanks again to those who replied and for your interesting comments. We are following some of these up.

*Upper Primary, Stronsay School.*

Do you recycle?	Yes %	No %
Glass	100	0
Paper	82	18
Textiles	29	71
Cans	88	12
Oil	41	59

If yes, how often.	Always %	Usually %	Rarely %
Glass	88	12	0
Paper	52	48	0
Textiles	37	0	63
Cans	75	13	12
Oil	78	0	22

If not, why not?	%
I have mobility difficulties	0
I have transport difficulties	6
I have little storage room at home	0
It's easier to put it out with the rubbish	12
I don't have enough time	0
I can't be bothered	6
I think it's more likely to be collected elsewhere	0
Other	47
Comments	0

Do you use any other recycling centres other than Stronsay?

Yes %	35	No %	65
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If yes how often?

Always	Usually	Rarely
0%	20%	80%

If yes which ones

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Would you recycle plastic if this facility existed?

yes	100%
no	0%

What do you think of Stronsay village recycling centre?

Very good	good	okay	Don't like it
12%	24%	41%	23%

Why do you like if you do? Tick all that apply

It's near to my home	35%
I like to be environmentally friendly	65%
I have a lot of rubbish	18%
It saves putting so much rubbish on the lorry	53%
It's a good thing for Stronsay's community	53%
It helps prevents burst bags on the road.	35%
It saves me buying bin bags	12%
other	18%

If not why don't you like it? Tick all that apply

There not emptied very often	41%
The layout	18%
The location on the island	29%
Other (please state)	29%

## **TRAGIC LOSS OF THE “NELLIE”**

Discovery of wreckage on the rocks at Grice Ness, Stronsay, on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1941, provided a first hint of the fate of the “Nellie”, a little salvage vessel, which, with seven men on board, had last been seen in the late afternoon of Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Shortly after the finding of parts of the vessel, the body of George Oag, the skipper, was found on the same beach. The following day, the body of James Bracewell, the owner, was found. All seven crewmen had been lost. Five of them came from Blackburn, Lancashire.

The victims of the disaster were:

- James Robert Bracewell, aged 45 years and unmarried, of “Briar Bank” Blackburn Road, Rishton, near Blackburn, proprietor of the Preston Salvage Company, Eachill Works, Rishton, near Blackburn. Mr Bracewell’s body was recovered on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> on Papa Stronsay.
- George Oag, aged 69 years, skipper, of 11, Kinnard Street, Wick, whose body was found near the wreckage at Grice Ness, Stronsay, on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. His remains were sent home to Wick for burial.
- William Henry Forrest, aged 55 years, a married man and a salvage worker, of 59, Helen Street, Blackburn. His body was found on 29<sup>th</sup> November, on Papa Stronsay.

The following crewmen were never found:

- John Studholme, aged 36 years, a married man and an acetylene welder and H.G.V. Driver, of 22, Orange Street, Blackburn.
- Stanley Forrest, aged 23 years and single, a salvage worker, and son of William Henry Forrest above, and of the same address.
- Harry Francis, aged 18 years and unmarried, an acetylene cutter, of 25, Moseley Street, Blackburn.
- William Clark, aged 37 years, the ship’s cook and a married man from Orties, Burness, Sanday.

An eighth member of the usual working party, James Velzian, from Orkney, was home on holiday at the time of the disaster.

Mr Bracewell had been operating marine salvage schemes, on a small scale, in the North for about six years. For a time he operated with a small craft called the “Alexandrina”, but had later purchased the “Nellie”, a converted Zulu fishing boat. Normally, Mr Bracewell suspended salvage operations each winter, and worked in the summer and autumn seasons.

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On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. the little salvage vessel, loaded with salved scrap metal and gear, and carrying seven men, set off from the wrecked ship “Wanja” which they were cutting up at the back of Sanday, and headed for Stronsay harbour at the end of the day’s work. The voyage to the boat’s base was a short one, but the little vessel did not arrive at the usual time.

At about 5.30 in the evening, it was reported that the “Nellie” had been seen to the east of Stronsay, some distance off its base and had been signalled to, but had not replied. Despite the heavy seas in the area at the time, she was not in distress when last seen. When she didn’t turn up, a widespread search by sea and aircraft was carried out but without success.

During the night of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> November, my grandfather, Willie Rendall, late of Clayquoy, Stronsay, was on coastguard duties in the watch-hut on Burgh Hill, accompanied by Alan Fotheringhame, late of Old Schoolhouse, Stronsay, when he saw lights on a boat heading north towards Burgh Head. He reported the sighting to the coastguards in Kirkwall, and attempted to keep sight of the boat but eventually the lights disappeared. A fierce south-easterly gale was blowing at this time.

Nothing more was seen or heard of the craft until the morning of Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, when the discovery of wreckage at Grice Ness, on the sixth morning after the disappearance of the vessel, afforded a first clue as to the fate of the craft and it’s seven occupants. It is believed that the men had survived the six nights’ ordeal, at first being driven south in the North Sea, and then when the wind turned, being driven north, and had perished when the vessel was wrecked, by a coincidence, back near the base from which it had gone.

About this time, Nana Peace, who was living at Housebay, found a round wooden bread-board on the seashore near Housebay, and the names of the “Nellie” crew were written in pencil on the board. Her husband, Stewart Peace immediately handed this over to the local Customs Officer, but never heard any more about this, and never really fathomed out why all the crew would write their names on it.

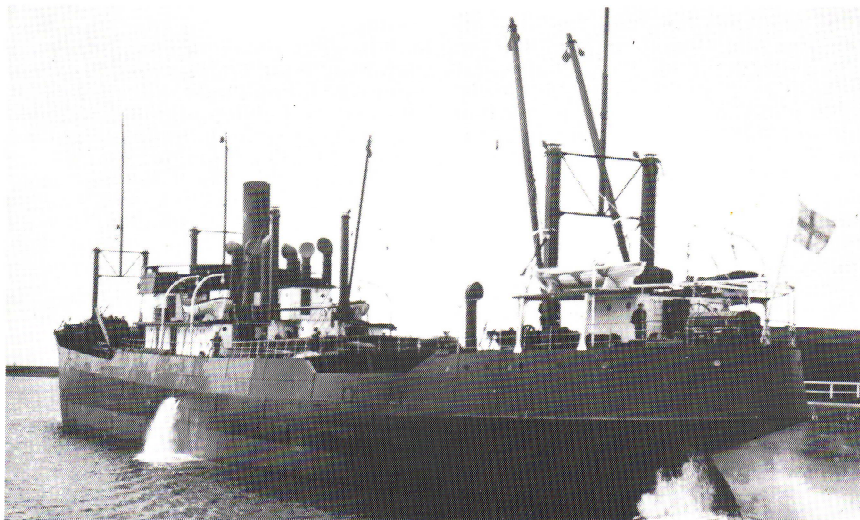
The tragedy created a painful sensation in the districts in which Mr. Bracewell and his men were best known, especially as Mr Bracewell was courting a local Stronsay lass. Highly esteemed as a man, Mr. Bracewell was admired for his enterprise in tackling various salvage jobs. For six years he had courageously schemed against the treacherous spells of weather which, even in the middle of summer, are so apt to occur in the area. However insignificant a part they may have been playing in marine salvage, and the war effort, from the wider national viewpoint, they had carried out a great deal of valuable work in the past six years. All who knew Mr. Bracewell and his comrades in their hazardous calling, expressed their deepest sympathy for their relatives.

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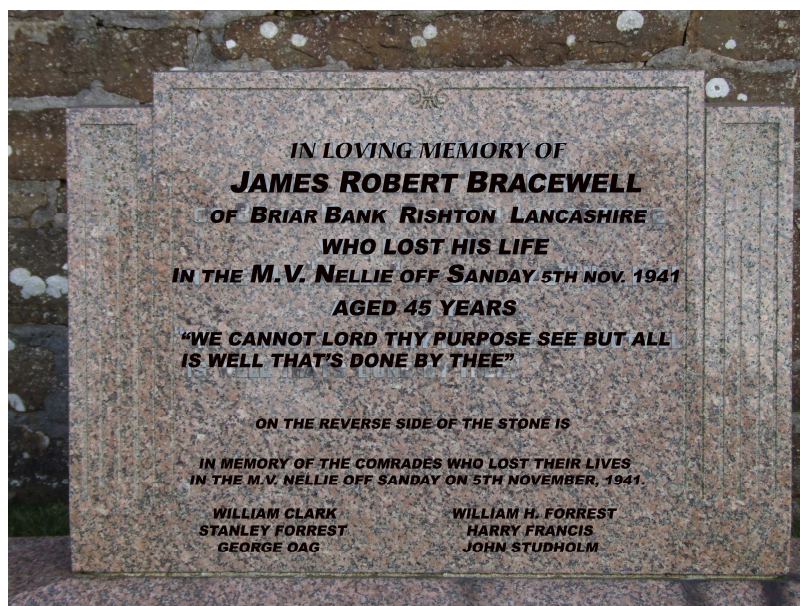
The “Wanja” was a large Swedish cargo ship of which had run aground on the north side of Sanday, at Whitemill Point, in the district of Burness, loaded with phosphate, en-route from Boca Grande, Florida to Landskrona in Sweden. On 12th October, 1939, she was boarded by the crew of an English cruiser and was ordered to head for Kirkwall so that the cargo could be examined, as this was war time and foreign ships were often boarded to make sure they were not helping the enemy. On the morning of 14th October, 1939, due to poor navigation, she went aground on Sanday. This was the same day as the Royal Oak was torpedoed in Scapa Flow. Several attempts were made to tow the Wanja off the rocks but they were unsuccessful, and she became a total wreck. Parts of the hull can still be seen on the rocks where she went ashore.

Bracewell is buried in the Bay Cemetery on the left side as you enter the gate, and although the headstone states that the Nellie went down off Sanday, it was obvious from the location of the wreckage and the bodies, that she foundered on Grice Ness, Stronsay, the same location as the “Evangeline” in 1905.

*Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay*



*The Wanja before the war. Thanks to Ingegerd Wiklund and Folke Sjödin of Stiftelsen Skärgårdsbåten for tracing this photo, reproduced courtesy of Statens Sjöhistoriska Museum, Stockholm*



# **EGGS AND SOLDIERS**

By Ellie from Newfield

Me granddad kept a few chickens,  
Half-a-dozen at one time.  
He said ‘Folk were fighting a war  
And powdered egg was a blessed crime.’  
He’d names for all his hens, but Florrie was his pet.  
She’d a black and white glossy plumage  
Which looked silver when she was wet.  
I would stand in the yard for long hours  
Watching them swallowing grubs.  
And me grannie would shout “Aye, out of there!”  
When they pecked off her new rose buds.  
Boiled eggs were served up at breakfast  
And soldiers made from the toast.  
“Fresh eggs are a poor man’s treasure”  
Me granddad would proudly boast.  
But eating them I found hard  
As I had seen the grubs swallowed down,  
A wriggling worm, a slimy fat slug  
All the horrid insects they found.  
Then one night I awoke from me sleep  
To hear them disturbed in their pen.  
And me granddad shouting “I’ll get me gun,  
That beggars here again!”  
Next morning all was silent.  
No egg and no clucking fowl.  
The fox had killed them every one,  
She’d slaughtered them on her prow.  
A week passed by so slowly  
And granddad was sad to the core.  
And then the fox pelt appeared overnight  
Nailed to the hen shed door.

# **DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON**

**(A double dose this month)**

## **Bill's Daft Poetry No 19**

The Travel Agent

We got off the ferry at Kirkwall and had a good tramp round the town.  
My wife said to me "Do you see what I see?" Her chatter was getting me down.  
It was a Travel Agent - "Come on" she begged "Let's go in"  
I wasn't keen and I told her so, she started to make a din.  
So in we went to inquire, about all the places to go.  
The bloke really tried to be helpful, well at first we found him so.  
"Would you like to go to Morocco, Malta, Gibralta, Spain?"  
The wife said she'd never heard of the place, would he kindly repeat it again.  
"My goodness that's four different countries, the sun in each would be joy  
But we only want a weekend away, somewhere like Flotta or Hoy."  
At that he banged on the counter then ordered us out of the shop.  
That didn't please the wife one bit, so she gave a nasty chop.  
It certainly made his eyes water, for he called my wife a thug.  
At that she really blew her top and banged him in the lug.  
"Come on," she said "Let's go back home, he's turned me right off trips.  
I'd rather walk along Kirkwall pier, eating a bag of chips"

## **Bill's Daft Poetry No 20**

The Spider

There is a spider in our shed, in torment and terrible pain.  
It had bit my wife upon the leg, but it won't do that again.  
It's guts are full of poison now and it's lost a lot of weight.  
Even the flies are beating it up and venting all their hate.  
It's going to surround itself with webs, to keep the flies at bay  
And never bite another thing till the poison goes away.  
It has vowed that when it's fit again it will bite at no more legs.  
It's going to stick to catching flies, leaving humans to the clegs.

# **TILLY AND THE OTTER**

By Christine Richings

It was just starting to get dark and Tillys owner had been busy and was later than usual taking her for a walk so he decided not take her to the pebbly beach that her friends the limpets lived on but took her to the long sandy beach where she loved to run in and out of the sand dunes. The sun was just starting to set turning the sky shades of pink, it had been a bright day the first for a while the birds were calling overhead telling each other that spring was not far away.

In the distance she could see what she thought was another dog and she set off at speed to introduce herself ignoring her owners calls she bounded down the beach towards the waters edge. Much to her surprise as she splashed through the sea towards what she had thought was the dog she came face to face with a very angry otter who snarled at her to go away. She wanted to play and although she had not met an otter before she felt sure he might want to play too. So she jumped in and out of the sea round and round asking to play but it was no good the otter told her "Leave me alone, I have had a hard days fishing and now I am off to find some fresh water before I find a cosy place to spend the night."

Tilly decided it was best to go back to her owner who was now running toward her and left the otter to carry on its way up the beach. She knew she was in real trouble for not coming when she was told and for going into the sea so late in the day. She shook herself again and again but she knew she would have to be dried before her journey home.

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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### **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 ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP**

Summer opening hours start 1 April  
Stronsay and Orkney craft products  
Fiction and non-fiction books, cards,  
gifts, maps, Rowan and North Ron wool  
stockist.

Tuesday to Saturday 10.00 - 6.00 pm

Sunday 12.00 - 6.00pm

Tel 616434

*www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk*

### **STRONSAY ARTWORKS**

Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;  
Limited edition prints, greetings cards and  
postcards which are available for sale at lo-  
cal shops, Post Office, Hotel, B&B's and  
the Fishmart. Commissions taken.

*Phone Jenny on 616475*

### **REDHOUSE PLANTS**

Orders now being taken for:

- Veg plants
- Bedding plants
- Perennial plants

*Phone Gil or Lindsay on 616377 or 616440*

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#### **Business adverts**

Up to 25 words - £1.50. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.

#### **Private adverts (for sale, wanted, birthday greetings etc)**

Up to 25 words - £1.00. 25 word advert with photo - £1.50. 25 to 50 words - £1.50 and so on.

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**ENERGY EVENING**  
**STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL AT 7:30pm**

A fun and informative evening hosted by  
 Orkney Energy Agency and Community Powerdown.  
 Information and Energy quiz and bingo with some great prizes to win!  
 All welcome!

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**STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

**NOTICE TO GYM USERS WHO HAVE CHILDREN AGED 12-14**

NEW "PARENT & CHILD" SESSIONS TO COMMENCE AFTER EASTER  
 HOLIDAYS ON THURSDAYS STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL 3.20-4.20pm

IF YOU ARE A PARENT WITH A CHILD UNDER 14 YOU CAN NOW BRING  
 YOUR CHILD TO THIS SUPERVISED SESSION WITH YOU, AS LONG AS THEY  
 ARE OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE HAD AN INDUCTION. THESE SES-  
 SIONS WILL BE SEPARATE FROM THE USUAL PUBLIC SESSIONS WHERE  
 CHILDREN UNDER 14 ARE NOT PERMITTED.

School inductions for under 14s are due to take place after the Easter holidays.  
 However, if you want your child to have an induction earlier to enable you to attend par-  
 ent and child sessions together immediately after the holidays, it may be possible to have  
 the cost of your child's induction reimbursed.

Proposed opening from Mon 12th April 2010

	<b>am</b>	<b>pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	10-12	6.30-8.00
<b>Tuesday</b>	Buddy	4.15-6.00
<b>Wednesday</b>	10-12	4.00-6.00
<b>Thursday</b>	Buddy	Parent & Child 3.20-4.20 Evening session 6.30-8.00
<b>Friday</b>	10-12	4.15-5.30
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed	2.30-3.30
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Closed



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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)***

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### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT THE KIRK**

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Palm Sunday. Family Service, in the church, 11 a.m., followed by soup and sandwiches in the church hall.
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Maundy Thursday. Service with Communion, in the church hall 7:30pm
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Good Friday. Service, in the church hall 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Celebration Service in the church, 11 a.m.

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

#### **“THE WEAKEST LINK” QUIZ**

#### **FRIDAY 26 MARCH**

*(please note change of date!)*

7:30pm for 8pm start.

Pool, darts, ps2, etc

Supervised activities for children in the new room

Supper, raffles, 100 club

A good family night out

Adults £2.50 children £1

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#### **KEYHOLDERS NEEDED!**

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

*Please contact Yvonne on 616375 for more info.*

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#### **FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

Ages 10 or over only

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

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit - **Tuesday 30 March**

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](mailto:general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk)

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

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

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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

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

Also available for hire: badminton, table tennis and snooker all at £2 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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### **EVENING CLASS**

“Singing techniques” - tutor Michael Lee

Every Monday at 7pm in the Community Hall (Current session ends on 29 March)

Ability to read music is not essential

Previous experience is not necessary

All you need is enthusiasm!

*Please contact Brian Crowe on 616464 for more info*

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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

**NOTE** - Closed Good Friday & Easter Monday, closing early (12pm) on Easter Saturday.

Monday, Thursday . . . . . 08:30—16:15

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday . 08:30—12:00

Saturday . . . . . 09:00—14:00

Post collection times . . . . . 07:30, 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 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am

Next Special Collection dates . . . . 23 Apr, 02 Jul, 17 Sep, 26 Nov & 04 Feb 2011

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Doctor . . . . . 616321/308

Nurses . . . . . 616225/232

Registrar . . . . . 616239

Hall bookings . . . . . 616446

Post Office . . . . . 616217

Companions . . . . . 616261

Kirk . . . . . 616311

Stronsay Hotel . . . . . 616213

Fish Mart . . . . . 616386

Olivebank . . . . . 616255

Ebenezer stores . . . . . 616339

Castle Bird Reserve . . . . 616363

Balfour hospital . . . . . 01856 888000

Hydro . . . . . 0800 300 999

Kirkwall Library . . . . . 01856 873166

Kirkwall Police . . . . . 01856 872241

Vets:

Flett & Carmichael . . . 01856 872859

Northvet . . . . . 01856 873403

Dentists:

Great Western Rd . . . . 01856 879683

King Street . . . . . 01856 875348

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