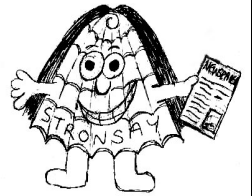


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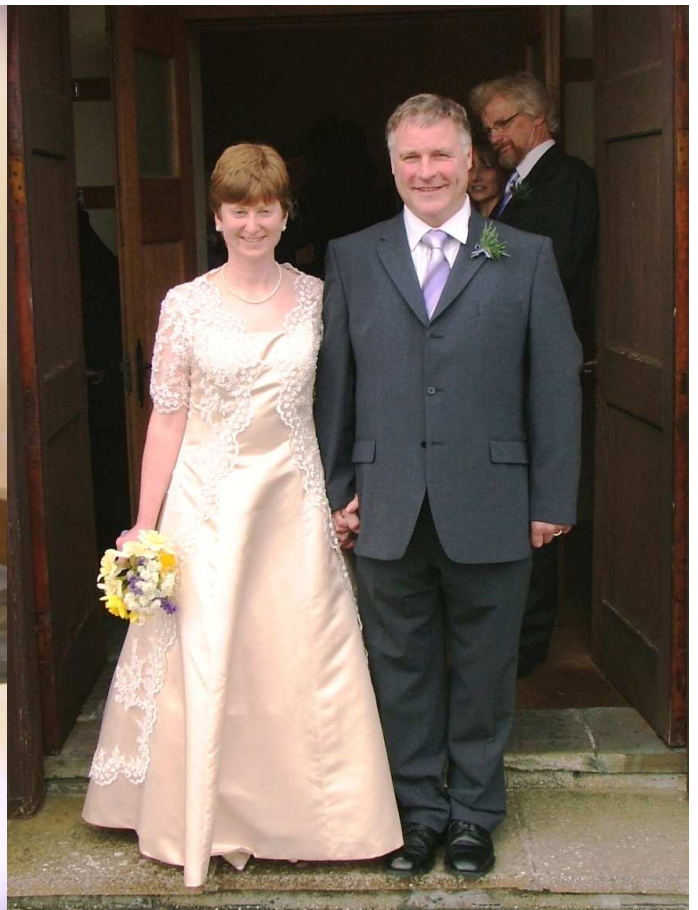
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## **ROBIN & JENNIFER'S WEDDING**

Orkney Ferries amended their timetable for Saturday 17th April so that folk from Eday could attend the wedding and get back to Eday on the same day. However, the cancellation of all flights into and out of Kirkwall meant that quite a few folk from Robin's family were unable to attend the wedding. Fortunately Jennifer's family arrived just before the flight cancellations began. The wedding party consisted of Hazel Shearer and George Sloan-Stanley.

Jennifer wore a champagne silk dress with a jewelled lace coat and train which were replaced by a lace bolero for the evening dance; the menfolk wore thistle buttonholes and pale purple ties.



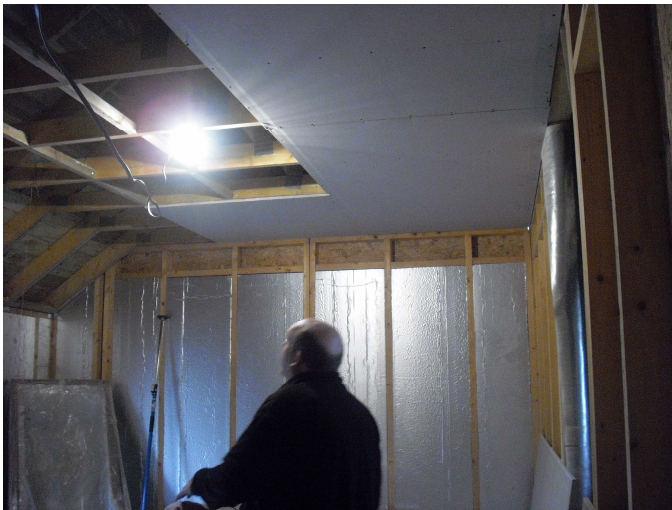
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## **THE OLD MANSE—PROGRESS REPORT APRIL 2010**

After not putting in a update last month, we feel as though we have made quite a lot of progress. We have plaster-boarded the ceiling on the top floor and are now in the process of working out where partitions and plumbing will be going. We have also plaster-boarded the ceilings in the family bathroom and our en-suite and are again planning the layout. We have had to use pink fire-proof plaster-board on the stairs and most of this is now in place, which has enabled us to get the stairs in. So no more ladders! Thankfully the stairs fitted and look amazing and we were given some old carpet to use to protect them. We have put some water pipe in place and look forward to fitting the bathrooms. It really is beginning to look like a house again.

Steve & Yvonne.



*Plaster-board almost done in bathroom and en- suite*



*Stairs to first floor*



*Top floor ceiling partly plaster-boarded*



*View from top floor*



## **STRONSAY GAMES CLUB ARE "FIT 4 IT!"**

On Saturday 24th April 21 young people and leaders from Stronsay's Friday Night Games Club travelled into the Picky centre to compete in the Orkney Association of Youth Clubs annual sporting competition "Fit 4 it!" This involved clubs from all over Orkney competing in various sports in the age groups of 12 and under, and 13 and over. The emphasis of the competition is on sportsmanship and taking part—meeting new friends and renewing previous friendships. As always Stronsay's young folk displayed excellent behaviour and were a credit to themselves and great representatives for the island. We were also delighted to see some of the older members of the Games Club now taking on leadership roles within the group. Everyone performed really well in all their events with winning performances for Keith Holland (over 13 boys darts); Andrew Fraser and Natalie Rose (under 12 mixed pool); Natalie Rose (table tennis under 12 girls); Norman Chalmers and Janet Holland (over 13 mixed badminton); Norman Chalmers and Janet Holland (over 13 mixed darts); and Craig Stout (under 12 boys darts). They won individual medals and a selection of sporting goods to be used at Games Club, including a dart board, darts, table tennis set, weights, etc.

We would like to thank everyone who took part and also our helpers, not forgetting the Stronsay School and the Sports Club for loan of the kit. Games Club continues on a Friday night in the hall: 8—10pm for ages 10 and up. All welcome!

Sheena Cooper



## **JOHN HOLLOWAY'S BIRD REPORT MARCH—APRIL**

The first Pied Wagtails of the year were seen in mid-March when Leslie Miller reported seeing a Canada Goose at Clestrain on several dates - a frustrating species, as many seen in the UK have escaped - or been released - from private collections of wild-fowl in Britain and elsewhere in Europe. The first westerly gale since late Autumn swept across the island on 19th following a very unusual winter. A few thrushes were moving north by this time and the Rock Doves in our byre were already sitting on eggs.

The first Chiffchaff was seen on 23rd March when 20 Pintail were on the Bu Loch and 25 Long-tailed Ducks in Mill Bay along with two long-staying Slavonian Grebes. Goldcrest and Black Redstart were both seen at Dale on 26th along with three Chaffinches. A Sandwich Tern was in Mill Bay on 2nd April and a Rook arrived at Dale. Redwing, Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush were all seen on 4th, when a Common Buzzard flew low across the island and it was only after studying the photograph of this bird that we discovered a smaller image in the top-left corner of the frame - a Gyrfalcon, without doubt the same bird which was seen here several times last Autumn, and then later on Orkney Mainland.

A real surprise find by Paul Williams at Fernside on 9th was a Hoopoe - one of the most spectacular species recorded in the UK, and although elusive for long periods the bird was seen on and off for nine days.



*The Hoopoe at Fernside fed regularly in the small yard, occasionally raising its crest to the delight of the occupants of the house! Wendy Groat discovered a bird of this species at Boondatoon in early April 1987.*

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Liz and Jean had a brilliant array of species at Mount Pleasant on 8th - Goldfinch, Siskin, Brambling, Chaffinch, Goldcrest and Robin - proving the value of garden cover here to migrant woodland/hedgerow species in Spring.

Jim and Michelle Chalmers saw the first Bonxies on Rothiesholm on 8th April around which time there was a sudden departure of virtually all the wintering Robins. A lone Swallow was perched on the hydro wire above the Lower Millfield drive next day, followed by the first Wheatear - seen by Christine and Brian at Clifdale next day. A trickle of migrants were arriving - Chiffchaff at Castle on 10th, Dunnock at Ellerslie on 11th ( a Whimbrel flew over Mill Bay same day), and a Grey Wagtail found in the ditch between Airy and Odiness by Hazel on 13th. Barbara Smith discovered a party of 3 Siskins in the garden at Strynie on 16th - when a Reed Bunting had taken the place of the Hoopoe at Fernside - and Colin had a newly-arrived Redwing feeding on the grass verge at The Hill. Several flocks of Golden Plover were moving north - all in superb summer plumage and a surprise find among one of the flocks at Kirbuster were two Ruff.

Most wintering raptors have now left the island but there have been odd sightings of Kestrel, Merlin, and Hen Harrier recently, and after a cold blow from the NW for several days a Swallow arrived in Whitehall Village on the relatively balmy evening of 23rd. Overnight SE winds and rain worked their magic again that night and next morning a Great Grey Shrike was discovered in the Linkshouse garden by Dennis and Wendy. It spent some time in the garden, where it was seen flying down to collect prey (almost certainly bees) from the lawn. This beautiful, long-tailed, strikingly-marked shrike is a winter-visitor to the UK but like many species is typically a 'short-stayer' during Spring migration.

Late news—on Sunday 25 April Sue reported seeing a Wheatear along the road to Cleat.

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## **STRONSAY GP UPDATE—APRIL**

By Karen Crichton

NHS Orkney Interim Community Health Partnership General Manager

I can confirm that the position has been offered to Drs Rosalind Neville-Smith and Roger Neville-Smith. Rosalind and Roger plan to undertake the main GP role for Stronsay on a job share basis. We are still in the process of recruiting to the 17 week per year remote and rural fellow role that will provide the cover arrangements for the new GP couple.

We do not have an official start date for Rosalind and Roger yet but will confirm this as soon as possible. I understand that the new GPs plan to stay in the NHS Orkney house on Stronsay to start off with and to make Stronsay the home for them and their children.

## **RONALD GREGORY (JACK) BOARD**

**29 Sep 1948—23 Feb 2010**

As a small boy growing up in one of the roughest parts of London, Jack recalled being shown a black and white photograph depicting an older couple seated outside their small cottage—a cottage that was meant to be somewhere in a place called Orkney, people who were presumably his ancestors—and from the moment of looking at that photograph, he felt some strong and enduring connection to what was then such a faraway place. Until his actual arrival in Orkney with Simone in the mid-90's, sprouting an impressively long beard, as some of you may well remember, Jack carried Orkney around in his heart as a vision, as a dream and goal. There was something about Orkney that deeply impressed him.

But in the between time, Jack lived out a rich and varied life. Maybe never just too rich in the materialistic sense—it was often quite the opposite, struggling to make ends meet—but rich for him because he had family around him. No matter the circumstances, Jack always seemed to have enough to be generous and was ever ready to help others.

From a very early age, Jack had to be resourceful. He was one of twelve children and times were hard. His mother decided it would be very practical if Jack would train to become a butcher, which he did for a while, but he also worked down at the docks before joining the army. After a time in Germany, and a particularly difficult experience in Ireland, Jack decided to discover for himself a better side to life. He yearned for a place of peace and beauty, and decided to leave London for the country, taking his wife Barbara and children—they eventually had five children together: Mark, Wayne, Heidi, Monya and Nelson. With his growing family he took up residence on “Jack”, a 72 foot, rather dilapidated canal boat (from which he acquired his commonly-used name). The boat had no engine and they had no horse so Jack would pull the boat himself—or get it going and let one of the boys do the pulling. As Mark recalls, every day they'd end up in a different place and his dad would set out looking for any kind of work that would keep food on the table. Jack eventually pulled that boat all the way from London to the Midlands.

After the death of his little daughter Heidi, the family settled down in a house where Jack used all of his creativity and resourcefulness to keep the family fed and clothed. His daughter Monya recalls her father occasionally putting up a sign outside the house advertising a sale and would sell just about whatever anyone was interested in, which meant that when his wife Barbara came home from her own work, she would often discover things that had been there in the morning had gone missing, but a bit of cash was there on the table. Jack often added to the house sales samples of his own baking, including his special biscuits, which, Monya remembers, must have exactly five chocolate bits on them, no more and no less.

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Jack's interests extended beyond these creative acts of breadwinning. He was always very athletic and expressed this in a variety of ways, ranging all the way from fencing and ballet to various circus acts and martial arts. He had a lifelong love for wood-working and expressed his artistic side most regularly through this medium.

Jack also had a deep love for family. He and his second wife Fay had three children together; Jamal, Azayla and Rowan. After his marriage with Fay came to an end, Jack and Simone discovered that their long friendship had developed into something more and, since the pull in the direction of Orkney was still with him, he and Simone began heading north. After living for a time in Argyll Jack began to feel more acutely the affects of the rheumatoid arthritis that had been a part of his life from the age of 35 so he and Simone they decided to make the dream a reality; they packed up their bags and, accompanied by son Mark and two cats, they crossed the Pentland Firth and continued on to Stronsay.

Though plans to build their own house had been in the works for a while, it turned out that Hescombe became Jack's last stopping place and it well-served its important role in filling out his vision, providing for him a place of peace and quiet, surrounded by great beauty. While he had loved all the trees in Scotland, he discovered that there were plenty of new things to appreciate in Orkney; Simone and Jack would often simply sit and soak in the silence, releasing themselves to both the incredible beauty and the deep peace of the place. Jack had a deep respect for God as Spirit and God as Creator and referred to what he felt in those moments as that "peace which passeth all understanding." He was fascinated by faith and different religious expressions—he even tried out a bed of nails once.

Jack was not unused to the difficulties of life. He had weathered many a time of struggle and in this last year, as his illness progressed and the medications were increased, he had many moments that were not easy to face and deal with. But Jack stayed right where he wanted to be—at home in his cottage in Orkney. Though there is some relief in knowing his struggles have come to an end, there is no doubt that Jack will be missed.



## **STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**13 May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**At the Community Centre, Stronsay**

Everyone is welcome at the meeting although only members will be able to vote. Tea, coffee and bar available. Guest Speaker:

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Stronsay's Silver Darlings AGM will be held at  
7:30pm on Friday 7th May 2010  
in the Community Centre.  
All interested parties are invited to attend.

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## **SUGGEST A NAME**

Following on from the success of Stronsay's Silver Darlings first CD "The First Haul", preparations are in hand for a second CD to be released later this year. This is your chance to give this CD a name.

Suggestions should be submitted to Colin McAlpine at The Hill, Stronsay (phone 616446) by Monday 31st May 2010.

All suggestions are welcome.





## **MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

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

The month prior to the AGM is always a busy one for the Committee and I hope that this effort will be rewarded by a huge turnout! The reporting period that the AGM covers was during William Caithness's watch as Development Officer so he will be reporting to members at the meeting. However I will be available after the meeting to answer any questions about what is going on to date (which is a bit harsh as he's a hard act to follow!)

Funding is now in place to begin the first steps to purchasing the Haulage Yard and Light Haulage side of Jim Holland's business. The land has been surveyed as has the Lobster Shed which is separately owned but also forms part of our plans for the Enterprise Zone. An architect is also on board as are other cogs in the wheel to make this thing happen.

I envisage that a public meeting will be called in June for all to see the plans and to answer any questions or concerns people may have. I would like to take this opportunity to dismiss any concerns expressed in some quarters that I will be running the Haulage Company. That is not the role of the CDO. My role is to facilitate the purchase, planning and funding of the project. Once this Community Interest Company is established it will be self managed as a proper business with profits made being either used to improve/maintain the service or to be passed onto the Trust to support other community projects.

On the Enterprise Zone it is planned to create five business units. I have had two firm notices of interest in these so if the idea of a brand spanking new business unit sounds like an opportunity for you let me know in complete confidence.

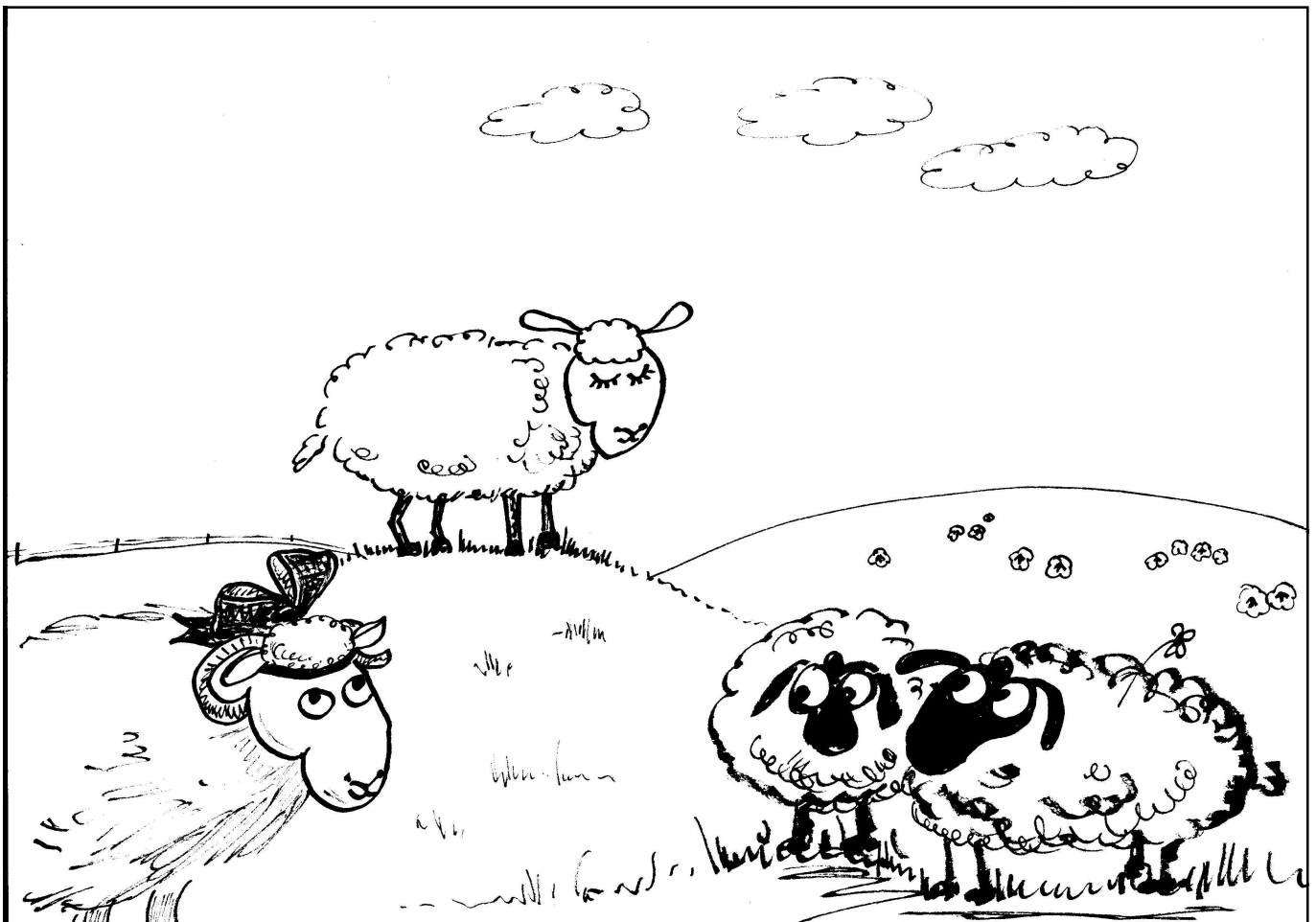
There are exciting times ahead for the development of Stronsay over the next five years. I have been charged with the task of producing the next development plan this year. The turbine means that this is no longer a wish list but a can do/will do list for the future. It will also reflect a joined up approach with input from our community partners, such as the Community Council and the Community Association.

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

Eday Development Trust are to operate a fast boat service supported by the Trusts on Sanday and Eday. Watch out for the timetable in the local press with the service hoping to commence in June. Please make every effort to support this venture to help make the pilot scheme a permanent one.

I bought a new pair of scales to help me with my diet plans. Very posh electronic ones that measure BMI etc and weigh up to 30 stones! So I go to step on them. Each time I do the digital read out goes blank! I cannot be more than 30 stones surely? Then it dawned on me—each time I step on them my belly casts a shadow over the solar panel that powers them! However, I have found a solution to the problem. I now stand backwards on them and view the readout between the cheeks of my bum as this seems to create less of a solar eclipse!

Remember you can contact me Mon-Thu on 616300 or by email on [cdostronsay@btconnect.com](mailto:cdostronsay@btconnect.com)



**IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, HE'S JUST DOING HIS RAM-BOW THING AGAIN**



## **POWERDOWN UPDATE**

### **Community Greenhouse Project**

The climate Challenge Fund has awarded funding for the Community greenhouse to be used as allotments. Also in the award there are funds for training, events and a children's group. See overleaf for a training course open to all to be held in May. An open meeting will also be held for all interested the greenhouse.

### **Energy News**

Hot off the press.....

#### **Boiler Scrappage Scheme**

Up to 5,000 households in Scotland will receive £400 towards the cost of a new boiler, under a new boiler scrappage scheme. Households with poor performing boilers which convert less than 70 per cent of fuel into heat, will qualify for cashback on a new energy saving model. Upgrading to a greener boiler will help households reduce heating costs by about a quarter and save £190 a year on fuel bills. From May 24, households will be able to apply online or over the phone through the Scottish Government's Energy Saving Scotland advice network.

**Energy Savings Trust Freephone 0800 512 012**

### **Home Insulation Scheme**

After the success of the Kirkwall and Stromness pilot areas it is now being announced that this scheme will be extended to other areas including Stronsay. This means homes will be offered loft and cavity wall insulation for free. It is likely that the Orkney Energy Agency will be managing the scheme but as more information becomes available it will be publicised.

### **Community Greenhouse Meeting**

Wednesday 12th May 7.30 in Stronsay Community Hall

Guest speaker: Dr. Audrey Litterick

Please come along if you would like to find out more about the project and/or is interested in a plot. There will also be a slide show from a Community Greenhouse in Poolewe, Wester Ross.

If you are unable to attend but are interested in a greenhouse plot please contact Marion on 616354.

All Welcome!



**STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**  
**TIMETABLE OF SUPERVISED SESSIONS**  
**MONDAY 26 APRIL—FRIDAY 25 JUNE**

	<b>am</b>	<b>pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	9.45—11.45	Evening session 6.30—8.00
<b>Tuesday</b>	Buddy	4.15—6.00
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.45—11.45	4.00—6.00
<b>Thursday</b>	Buddy	Parent & Child 3.20—4.20 Evening session 6.30—8.00
<b>Friday</b>	9.45—11.45	4.15—5.30
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed	2.30—3.30
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Closed

Buddy system operates from 8am weekdays in term time during school hours. A code is needed to access the gym. Please note—due to school bookings and private hires the buddy system will not operate on Wednesdays 11.45—14.15 and Thursdays 11.00—12.50.

14 & 15 year old members must attend supervised sessions. 16 & 17 year olds must be with an inducted member who is over 18 or at a time when a fitness advisor is on duty. Parent & child session for 12-15 years olds Thursday afternoon only.

If your doctor or nurse has told you that your health might be improved by taking regular exercise, you may qualify for exercise on prescription. If you are over 60, on benefits, a low income or do not normally pay anything for your prescriptions your doctor or nurse can provide you with a prescription “slip” which you should give to staff at the Gym. If you are unsure whether or not you qualify, your doctor or nurse can advise you. Funding for exercise on prescription is provided by the Health & Care partnership and allows each recipient up to 3 sessions per week for 10 weeks, a total of 30 sessions. Sessions are up to 1 hour each. Aim to attend 3 sessions weekly.

Times of sessions for anyone with an exercise prescription are as follows:

Mon     11.30 – 12.30  
Tues     17.30 – 18.30 (By prior booking only)  
Wed     13.15-14.15  
Thurs    10.00-11.00 (By prior booking only)  
Fri       11.30 – 12.30

You should bring with you some drinking water, and a small towel. Any queries telephone Tracey or Julie on 616449.

## **THE MOTLEY CREW!**

By Ellie from Newfield

We've a weird bunch of sheep  
But we've only ourselves to blame;  
Feeding them strawberry bon-bons  
And giving them all a name.  
Black treacle is their favourite,  
They lick it off a spoon.  
Me husband says he's certain  
I'm being ruled by the moon.  
They sit in me byre at night  
Burping and chewing their cud,  
Waiting for birth of their lambs  
And the trials of motherhood.  
All their faces are sticky and black  
Because treacle sticks like glue.  
They could never win any prizes  
They are such a motley crew.  
They'll sit all squashed together  
Making rude, unmentionable smells  
But when I look around them all  
Me pride in them just swells.  
I'm a shepherdess of sheep  
Though they'd laugh if you told them that,  
For they've seen me endless struggle  
To even control me cat.  
But they've had a lot of patience  
And they've let me have me head.  
And they even put up with me singing  
As long as they're penned in the shed.

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“This twenty years as a shepherdess  
To this motley crew of sheep.  
Would I change it? Ask me again  
At lambing time, with no sleep!”

©*Helene Harrison*

**HARD TIMES IN GATESHEAD DURING WW2**

Mothers making a clippy mat.  
Grandad's walking the lines picking coal.  
Granny is wearing the lino away  
with her rocker, the poor old soul.  
The gas mantle is starting to flicker  
as the meter is just about done.  
When we have no more pennies to put in  
our house in the dark isn't fun.  
All the crawlies come out in the dark,  
beetles, slugs, spiders and mice.  
But all these old houses here have them,  
it's not that we are crawling with lice.  
Although we have not got much money  
everything's nipping clean.  
Mothers pinny is white like her doorstep,  
the way it has always been.  
Dad is in Europe fighting  
and we are starting to win the war.  
Mam prays he will come home safely  
so she'll not have to fear any more.  
At least the bombs have stopped falling now,  
no need for the shelter at night.  
The Germans have lost the war in the air,  
now we know we'll be alright.  
Hurry up Gramps with the fire coal,  
it's nice to have some heat;  
Watching the shadows dance on the walls  
while warming our freezing feet.  
I hope the police don't see Grandad  
while he's picking up coal from the track.  
The steam engine men always throw off lumps  
when they see him with his sack.  
In time things might get better,  
who knows what lies in store?  
Meanwhile we will do the best we can  
until Dad walks in the door.



# **LITTLE LIMPET'S BEDTIME STORY**

By Christine Richings.

The little limpets were looking forwards to their bedtime story, they lay quietly under their seaweed blankets big eyes watching as grandfather limpet settled down close by. They loved it when he told them a story as he did not read from a book but made up one of his own, as usual he coughed a couple of times to clear his throat before starting.

The story he told was one of stars that twinkled so brightly that they helped a lost limpet to find his way home, he told them that the stars in the sky were called different names some formed patterns and shapes they were called the Bear, the Plough, Leo the lion, Pegasus the flying horse, the Eagle and the Scorpion; there were many more but the North star was one of the brightest, it was always in the same place in the night sky.

This limpet had often sat looking skywards on clear nights listening to his uncle talking about the stars and their names. At the time he did not realise how useful this would be to him for one day he had gone to visit relatives and was enjoying himself so much he did not realize that the time was getting late. They told him that he could stay with them for the night but he assured them he would get home before dark. On the way he tripped and hurt his knee it was very painful he could no longer run but could only walk very slowly. Darkness soon came and he felt frightened. He sat down and wanted to cry but looking up he saw that it was a clear night and all the stars were coming out. He remembered what his uncle had told him and soon found the star he wanted—the North star. He set off following it and before long came to the rocky shore and his home. Grandfather limpet stopped speaking and waited a while for one of the little limpets to say something but all was quiet. He smiled to himself and began to think of what bedtime story he might tell another night.

## ***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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**Helen would like to welcome you to  
The Stronsay Fish Mart Cafe and Hostel**

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Wednesday	12—2	5—7
Thursday	12—2	5—7
Friday	12—2	5—8
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Sunday	12—4	

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**SUNDAY 25 APRIL**  
**HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY**  
**TO LOUISE**

Loads of love  
From Steve, Yvonne, Craig, Christine,  
Jody, Andrew and Wayne  
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## **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

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**STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**

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All Welcome!

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### **EVENING CLASS**

“Singing techniques” - tutor Michael Lee  
Every Monday at 7pm in the Community Hall

Next 10 week session starts on 10 May

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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### **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

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### **HORTICULTURAL TRAINING DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 12th MAY 9 am**

**STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**

**Training will include:**

**Crop choice, site and soil assessment, crop nutrition and rotation.**

#### **Guest experts: -**

- Dr. Audrey Litterick—former horticultural lecturer at Scottish Agricultural College who now works as an environmental consultant.
- Norman Stephen—Scottish Agricultural College soil scientist and a tutor of SAC distance learning courses in organic farming.

For a full programme and/or to book a place (booking is essential) please contact Marion on 616354 or email: [powerdown.stronsay@gmail.com](mailto:powerdown.stronsay@gmail.com)

Lunch will be provided!

This event is free of charge funded by SCF Crofting Resources Programme, European Social Fund and Climate Challenge Fund.





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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit - **Tuesday 25 May**

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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### **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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### **DO YOU RECEIVE THE LIMPET EVERY MONTH?**

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**Announcements by charities, local groups, clubs and organisations are FREE!**

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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

**NOTE**—POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 3rd MAY

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

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Doctor . . . . . 616321

Nurses . . . . . 616225/232

Registrar . . . . . 616239

Hall bookings . . . . . 616446

Post Office . . . . . 616217

Companions . . . . . 616261

Kirk . . . . . 616311

Stronsay Hotel . . . . . 616213

Fish Mart . . . . . 07793 621 669

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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