

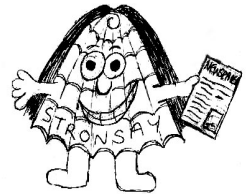


# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ART PROJECT** **OFFICIAL OPENING**



On Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2.00 pm, Graham Sinclair and Erynn Stevenson unveiled the Stronsay Community Art Project for public viewing in the new hall at the community centre. Along with the display of the mural itself was also the opportunity to see some of the other work the youngsters have created during their time of working on the project.

This collection of art work is the culmination of a full year of the effort and research of 22 of the island's young people into learning about Stronsay's past, exploring their perceptions of the island in the present day, and using their imaginations to speculate about the future. On a regular weekly basis they devoted their time and creativity into examination of their own opinions and feelings about their island.

The result is a collection of 47 'blocks' or 'tiles' of startling, quirky, intriguing, original, and beautiful work, and their talent as Stronsay's future artists is now clear for all to see. These youngsters worked very hard over a long period of time, and I sincerely hope they are very proud of their achievement.

The core of this project was the research into Stronsay's many facets, and key to this was the island's history, through local knowledge which the young artists literally drew upon for their inspiration. This would not have been possible were it not for the time generously given by many islanders, as well as valuable photographic material.

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The next edition of the [\*Limpet\*](#) will be published on Thu 26 May. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Sat 21 May. Contact details on back page

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Nana Peace	Doris & Ingram Shearer
Bill Miller	Ian Cooper
Eddie Cooper	Raymond & Margaret Dennison
Jim & William Work	Mary Holland
Elsie Dennison	William Caithness
Carwin Miller	

This project began as one idea, and finished as something completely different to the original plan. Imagine it as pieces of a jigsaw, in which all the ideas of everyone who took part made as a whole.

The idea of using blocks, in three different thicknesses as canvases, arranged as 'random organised', came from Natalie Rose. The 'marbling' effect of the background is the inspiration of Lewis Butcher, and the theme of the sea came from Yvonne Weaver. The work itself was done by Johnny Smith, Elizabeth Miller, Lewis Butcher, Mikey Stevenson and PJ Dempsey.

The bevelled design of the frame belongs to Pam Rose, as was the idea to place the writing on the frame itself. The backing and frame were built by Andy Rose and Paul Glaze; Andy also etched the map of Stronsay onto the acrylic, which was drawn out first by Jennifer Graham.

The writing on the frame was actually a task in itself. The sayings themselves are the inspiration of Erynn Stevenson, Ocean Miller, Doris Shearer and William Caithness. The calligraphy is the work of Samantha Thacker, Avril Kent, Ocean Miller and Cassie Adams, and the painstaking work of tracing it onto the wood and 'burning' it on is the work of Viv Erdman, Simone Kirk and Leonora Keogh.

Grateful thanks to Christine Richings for taking the time to teach us some of her skills as a pyrographer.

The books that contain the sketches and paintings done by the young folk were carefully crafted, and were in themselves a time consuming task. These were the work of Leonora Keogh, Elspeth Middleton and Simone Kirk.

Thank you, Marion, for your skills as a photographer; not only for the event itself, but the time you took to photograph the individual blocks and arrange them in a way that the titles and artists could be matched. Your reproduction of their work was perfect.

As the old adage goes, if you want help, ask a busy person! There were many who gave valuable spare time and energy toward this project, especially a core group of volunteers who regularly gave up beautiful sunny Saturday afternoons to help the youngsters along in many different ways. This project is not just about the young folk themselves, but also the adults who put their talent and inspiration into it as well, not to mention sheer hard graft, especially the last two weeks before the viewing.

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Special thanks to Sarah Dempsey; my right hand woman! Also to:

Pam & Andy Rose

Yvonne Weaver

Marion Macleod

Leonora Keogh

Elsbeth Middleton

Simone Kirk

Viv Erdman

Sincere gratitude to Jennifer Graham; not only for all the help given, but the allowance of the use of the kirk hall those last five days was invaluable; thank you so much.

People not immediately involved with the art project also gave generously to it. My thanks to:

- Wendy and Dennis Proudman; for those beautiful textiles you donated, and the use of your barn space for the frame and acrylic.
- Bruce and Maureen Fletcher; for endless scanning and photocopying, the book on costumes and cups of tea while I girmed: - )
- Paul Glaze and Andy Rose; for all the work in putting the mural up, and for saving my bacon at last minute!!
- Dawn and Tony Holland; for patiently holding the materials for the backing and frame for months.
- Albert Rendall and Christine Carter; for cutting some fifty odd blocks, and sanding down all 200 sides of them!
- Ruth Bowen; for helping me plan it all out.
- Neil Hannant; for a grand job of varnishing the frame, despite circumstances, otherwise known as weather!
- Mike and Isaac Erdman; for sticking all those blocks onto the backing.
- Wanda Glaze; for rustling up a pair of curtains at the last minute!
- Robin Graham; for all the help carrying the mural, and the rest! Back and forth from hall to hall: - )

My thanks to Graham Sinclair for taking the trouble to come out to open the event; much appreciated.

Many thanks to all the parents who supported this project – putting up with regular Friday night phone calls, making sure their youngsters got to the hall and back again nearly every Saturday afternoon for a year!

Thank you very much to all those who contributed all that delicious baking to the opening; as if you hadn't done enough already. Cora Goodram especially outdid herself with all that fine traditional baking, which tasted all the better for being baked on her grandmother's griddle pan.

My thanks to Julia Crocker and Malcolm Addison at the Stronsay Development Trust, the Stronsay Community Association and to the Stronsay Community Council for supporting this project.

**Muriel Fenn**  
**(27 December 1923 – 21 February 2011)**



Muriel Alice Joyce Fenn was born in London on 27 December, 1923. Her father was a military man, and sent his daughter to board at St Joseph's Convent School in Reading, Berkshire, then run by the teaching Sisters of St Marie-Madeleine Postel. Though not at that time a Catholic, she later chose to become one, and she remained deeply committed to her faith all her life, recalling often the early and happy memories of her education, and the formative intellectual influence of Fr Ferdinand Valentine, O.P., a noted Dominican preacher of the day.

Having studied to be a teacher, she went to Argentina in the 1950s to teach English, an adventure which furnished many anecdotes later on! On returning to England she worked for many years as a school inspector in the Hampshire area.

Deciding to leave the education field, she and her lifelong friend Pat Hall († 2004) started a farming business near Lymington in the New Forest - the Eagleswood Dairy Goat Herd. They would sell dairy produce, soft fruit and gourmet food throughout the area, and they won numerous competitions for their home-bred goats.

Muriel and Pat also had a passion for deerhounds. They were keen members of the Deerhound Society, and owned some champion dogs.

Though they had lived happily at Eagleswood for many years, by 1988 they were becoming disenchanted by the fact that the area was becoming semi-suburban, and, wanting to move to a truly rural area, they decided to retire to Devonshire. That year they moved to Park Lane Bungalow in the village of Stockland, near Honiton in East Devon. The property came with a few acres of land and was at the end of the village with lovely views over the countryside. They continued to show and win rosettes for their goats.

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Both Muriel and Pat were ladies of great spirit, undaunted by the challenges of adversity. One winter's day, a friend recalls, the roads round about were covered with snow and ice. They decided, perhaps rather rashly, to take out their car. On the steep hill in to the village they lost control on the ice, and the car turned upside down! Unperturbed, they calmly remained upside down in the car until rescue arrived.

It was the faith they shared which saw them undertake together one final challenge – the move to Stronsay. Both Muriel and Pat had sought to remain faithful to the traditional teaching and liturgy of the Catholic Church since the changes introduced in the wake of the Second Vatican Council from 1965 onwards, and had had to travel a great deal to find churches or chapels where the Catholic faith had been preserved unchanged. Accordingly, in 2002, they decided to move to Orkney in order to have regular access to the Mass and ministry of the priests of the monastery on Papa Stronsay.

After Pat's death in 2004, Muriel stayed on in Ellerslie, and it was a particular source of comfort to her that she was able to live in her own home until her death, something made possible by the help of many devoted friends and healthcare professionals, as well as the support of her parish. As she was very grateful for this, may all concerned hereby receive her posthumous thanks.

Those who knew her recall how Muriel always spoke her mind, and was a very kind and straightforward person. Some came to her for invaluable advice about goats and deerhounds, whilst others knew her from different aspects – a lover of music and literature, an educator, a woman of faith. She will be missed by her many friends on the island and elsewhere.

She passed away peacefully on 21 February after a difficult winter in terms of her health, and her funeral Mass of Requiem and burial at the Bay cemetery took place on 26 February with Fr Nicholas officiating. May she rest in peace – *Requiescat in pace*.

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## **BIRD REPORT FOR APRIL**

by John Holloway

With Spring migration barely under way there have already been several interesting sightings on the island - the most notable being an Alpine Swift seen by Sue here at Castle on 10th April (a New species for the island list), followed by a Rough-legged Buzzard over The Reserve on 16th which was relentlessly pursued by a group of local crows. It perched briefly on a fence-stab by 'Jim Sinclair's Trees' (between the Mill Road and Millfield) when we managed to obtain the attached photo - at a range of 400 yards or so! What was probably the same bird was seen the same day on Fair Isle.

There have been a few recent records of 1-3 Lapland Buntings and huge numbers of Golden Plover - including flocks of 1,000 and 800. We managed to photograph part of one of these flocks at Boondatoon just a few days ago all resting in the furrows on a recently ploughed field. The first Sand Martins returned to the nest-site on the cliff-face in Mill Bay in early April and 7 were present - collecting nest material in the drive - this morning (Sunday 24th). Swallows and House Martins have also been seen in the same area and migrating Wheatears are now arriving for a short break on their way to the nesting grounds in Greenland and Iceland. They are easy to spot from the car as they fly along the roadsides showing their striking black and white tails. Many Curlew have been passing over on their way to northern breeding grounds - many flying straight out of Mill Bay heading NE towards Fair Isle and Shetland. They often announce their departure by uttering a more frantic higher-pitched rendition of their 'curr-lew' call.

Other interesting recent sightings have been a Siskin on 18th - seen by Barbara at Strynie where three were seen around the same time in 2010; odd Wood Pigeons and Dunnocks; several sightings of hunting Sparrowhawks and Merlins, and the odd Redwing or two. A few Chiffchaffs have been seen - all in gardens and a female Blackcap arrived in the Castle garden just as the rain stopped on 23rd. There was a lovely array of species in Mill Bay on 21st - an adult Little Gull; a party of 4 Slavonian Grebes; a group of 4 Great Northern Divers; 5 Long-tailed Ducks, and 2 Common Terns. With settled weather forecast for the next few days at least, there should be more interesting sightings before migration reaches its peak in early May.

*(See photographs on next page)*

Stop Press: Sunday 12.15pm: Just had a phone call from Linksquoy where a female Sparrowhawk is bathing in the garden pond watched by Rowena and Sue.



*Part of the huge Golden Plover flock near Boondatoon in mid-April*



*The Rough-legged Buzzard near Millfield on 16th, a Hooded Crow on the next fence-stab*

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## **STRONSAY KIRK CHOIR**

A few weeks ago some members of Stronsay kirk's congregation got together and formed a choir to sing at special occasions. Their first "performance" was on Easter Sunday and, judging by the appreciative comments after the service, it went very well.



*(l to r) Ruth Bowen, Dave Bowen, Bruce Fletcher, Marion MacLeod, Dr Roger Neville-Smith, Jenny Stone, Mairi Dennison, Ann-Maree Carter and Rev Dr Jennifer Graham.*



## **DO YOU KEN?**

Just wondered how many people are aware that the bus service to the airport for this past year has been excellent but severely underused. Unfortunately it is now under threat because of OIC cutbacks. This is a valuable service for all those who fly to Kirkwall when they need to and would be a terrible miss if it were to go. The X4 bus timetable is simple enough :

- Airport to Kirkwall at 00 and 30 mins past the hour
- Stand 4 Travel Centre to airport 15 and 45m past the hr.

(Just be aware that the 15.15 and 15.45 do not operate during school term time but do resume during holidays. Also there's no bus timetabled at 12.15 and 12.45 - no inter island flights at these times anyway - unless very delayed!)

Both in and out journeys pass the Balfour Hospital, so convenient for hospital visits. You can hail the bus virtually anywhere along it's route and they DO stop for you!

It makes a huge saving to the overall cost of flying to toon, maybe try it next time you fly to Kirkwall.

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## **GYM 'N' SWIM**

On a Thursday evening you can use both the gym and the pool at a discounted price if you combine the 2 activities.  
You can visit the gym between 7 - 8.15 pm and then have a 40 minute swim session from 8.20 –9pm.

All this for just £4!  
If you're aged between 14 and 17 it's only £3 !!

Here's the opening hours for the Gym up until 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Monday	10-11.30	4-5.30
Tuesday	Buddy	7.30-9pm
Wednesday	10-11.30	4-5.30
Thursday	Buddy	7-8.30pm
Friday	10-11.30	4-5.30
Saturday	Closed	2-3.30pm
Sunday	10-12noon	Closed

Buddy times are from 8am till last session of the day.

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## **FREE HLC REFRESHER SESSIONS THROUGHOUT MAY**

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## Tuesday — April 1st.

"As welcome as sunshine  
In every place  
Is the beaming approach  
Of good-natured face."

M Chalmers

Leaquo, Stronsay.

## Wednesday — April 2nd

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And what is more, you'll be a Man, my son."

T.W. Chalmers.

Portsoy.

## Thursday — April 3rd.

"You ask me to tell your fortune: it is a simple one — an endless  
chase through life after follies not worth catching, and, when  
caught, successively thrown away."

D. Spence

Sillerha', Stronsay.

## Friday — April 4th.

"Keep the sunshine in your heart; wear a smile;  
Live a happy, hopeful life, all the while;  
Do some helpful work each day,  
As God's leading lights the way."

— J. Trench Chambers.

Miss A.G. Richmond

Rothiesholm, Stronsay.

## Saturday — April 5th.

"He who goes in search of truth should start out clear-minded.  
It is easy to find evidence for what we want to prove."

Edward H. Clements

Sandybank, Stronsay.

## Sunday — April 6th.

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask  
what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." — John xv.7

Miss Betsy Caithness.

Park of Hundy,  
Stronsay.

## Monday — April 7th.

"What are kind words? A treasure,  
Large and boundless without measure;  
Their worth here can ne'er be told,  
Nor their value weighed in gold."

Mary Ann Hourston

Windywalls, Papa Westray.

## Tuesday — April 8th.

"When you think, when you speak, when you read, when you  
write,  
When you sing, when you walk, when you seek for delight,  
To be kept from all evil at home and abroad,  
Live always as under the eye of the Lord."

Mr P. Stevenson.

Breck, Rothiesholm.

## Wednesday — April 9th.

"Men may rise on stepping stones  
Of their dead selves to higher things."

— Tennyson

Miss A. Campbell

Union Bank, Portsoy.

## Thursday — April 10th.

"Alas, the Spring should vanish with the rose!  
That youth's sweet-scented manuscript should close!  
The nightingale that in the branches sang,  
Ah, whence, and whither flown again, who knows?"

T. Pottinger.

Whitehall.

## Friday — April 11th.

"He shed His precious blood  
To cleanse thy every stain;  
If thou believe, it will thee cleanse,  
And not one spot remain."

Miss Harriet Jane Miller.

Mansefield, Stronsay.

## Saturday — April 12th.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the  
burden of it for anyone else." — Chas. Dickens.

B. Cooper.

Highbury, Kirkwall.

## Sunday — April 13th.

"The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away."

P. Cooper.

Tifmaka, Rothiesholm.

## Monday — April 14th.

"So may gods, so many creeds,  
So many paths that wind and wind,  
When just the art of being kind  
Is all the sad world needs."

G. Shearer.

Vancouver.

## Tuesday — April 15th.

"I meddle with no man's business but my own.  
I rise in a morning early, study moderately, eat and drink  
cheerfully, live soberly, take my innocent pleasures freely."

Ingram Cooper.

Millgrip, Rothiesholm.

## Wednesday — April 16th.

"A kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth;  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth."

Mrs James Chalmers, jr.

Castle, Stronsay.

## Thursday — April 17th.

"Think a minute,  
Make a smile,  
Money (win it),  
That's the style."

D.C.

## Friday — April 18th.

"Pleasures are like poppies spread —  
You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed;  
Or like the snow-fall in the river —  
A moment white, then melts forever."

Miss Annabella Peace.

Grind, Rothiesholm.

## Saturday — April 19th.

"Thou shalt from all things suck  
Marrow of mirth and laughter,  
And wheresoever thou move, good luck  
Shall fling her old shoe after."

James Spence.

## Sunday — April 20th.

"Trust no future, howe'er pleasant!  
Let the dead past bury its dead.  
Act — act in the living present,  
Heart within and God o'erhead."

Rev M. Richmond.

U.F. Manse, Papa Westray.

## Monday — April 21st.

"A friend is a person who knows all about you,  
and likes you just the same."

Annie Craigie.

Wasbister Schoolhouse,  
Rousay.

## Tuesday — April 22nd.

"When skies are clear, expect the cloud.  
In darkness, wait the coming light;  
Whatever be thy fate to-day,  
Remember, 'This will pass away.'"

J.W. Scott.

## Wednesday — April 23rd.

"There is so much bad in the best of us,  
And so much good in the worst of us,  
That it ill behoves any one of us,  
To find fault with the rest of us."

R.S.

Rothiesholm, Stronsay.

## Thursday — April 24th.

Rise early and plough deep  
While sluggards sleep,  
And you'll have corn to sell and keep.

Alex. Tait.

Stronsay.

## Friday — April 25th.

"The world is made up of two classes  
— those who go ahead and do something, and those  
who sit still and ask, Why was it not  
done some other way?"

Rev A.L. Skene, M.A.

Stronsay.

## Saturday — April 26th.

"Life is mostly froth and bubble,  
Two things stand like stone —  
Kindness is another's trouble,  
Courage in your own."

— A.L. Gordon

Mrs A. Campbell.

Union Bank House,  
Portsoy.

## Sunday — April 27th.

"A man's pride shall bring him low, but honour shall uphold  
the humble in spirit."

James Smith.

Midhouse, Stronsay.

## Monday — April 28th.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kiss."

Mrs. Chalmers.

Sandybank, Stronsay.

## Tuesday — April 29th.

"How oft we are like Martha vex'd  
Encumber'd, hurried, and perplexed!  
While trifles so engross our thought,  
The one thing needful is forgot."

Mrs P. Stevenson.

Breck, Rothiesholm.

## Wednesday — April 30th.

"He that does good to another man does good also to himself, not  
only in the consequence, but in the very act of doing it, for the  
consciousness of well-doing is an ample reward."

John Peace.

Grind, Rothiesholm.

Compiled by Reverend Alex Skene, Stronsay Minister 1922 - 1928.

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## **LINKSHOUSE—NEWS ON FLINTS**

Dennis Proudman has received an interesting email from Naomi Woodward in which she reports that flints from Linkshouse may have Scandinavian characteristics:-

“I'm now in my last few months of the PhD so my time is very much reserved to writing up, which as you can imagine is a full on task! It has been very exciting few months on the Links House front! I have been given papers on the site at the European Mesolithic Congress at Santander, Spain and also at the Nordic Blade Technology forum in Oslo, Norway. Also, after doing some research out in Norway and showing elements of the assemblage to researchers out there, it has been highlighted that the technology at Links House may be more similar to ‘Scandinavian’ rather than Scottish Mesolithic material. This is very exciting for the site, but also for the greater understanding of early archaeology in Scotland. It suggests different influences in to the region, rather than the southern centered, northwards migrations as traditionally envisaged. These may be very important to understanding early settler archaeology in this region!”

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### **FREEGLE!**

**(FREEly Given, Locally, Easily)**

Freegle is an email list hosted on Yahoo! Groups that allows you to give stuff away when you need to get rid of it but don't want to throw it in the bin. Or save something from landfill by asking for it; perhaps someone has just what you need that they were about to throw away.

Here's a sample of recent items appearing on the the Orkney Freegle group which can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Orkney-Freegle>

- Taken: Picnic Bench and Office Desk (Kirkwall)
- Offered: Exercise Bike (Harray)
- OFFERED various items Finstown
- WANTED: STEP (Deerness)
- OFFERED - Tiscali/Talk Talk Box
- Taken: Desktop PC (Kirkwall)
- WANTED: Ladders/Step ladders ORPHIR
- TAKEN: Pine Double Bed Frame.
- OFFER- Plastic Buckets
- wanted- hd lcd computer screen (kirkwall)
- OFFERED - used engine oil
- Offered printer and various bits of bicycles

Last year it was through Freegle that I acquired a large box of music from the niece of a former organist at the Paterson Church in Kirkwall, if I had not taken it the music would have ended up in the waste paper skip. All it cost me was Jim Holland's very modest haulage charge.

Bruce Fletcher, Claremont

# **OUR BILLY'S BREW**

By Ellie from Newfield

Our Billy's been making 'home brew'

In a bucket, would you believe!

Forty pints, all at once.

What a prize to achieve.

Our Billy always was clever,

A full step ahead of the rest.

Strutting about like a turkey cock,

Sticking out his chest.

Me mam says "He'll come a cropper

If he drinks that 'devil's brew'

Fermenting away in its bucket

Placed right next to the loo."

Now is the day of reckoning,

Beer-tasting's arrived at last.

"Cheers!" says an excited Billy

And sinks a full, murky glass.

Our Bill's been sent to bed!

Mam said "The silly sod".

"Drunk as a skunk" said father,

On just one pint—how odd.

"Forty pence for a pint" says Billy,

All bottled and ready to drink.

Our Billy's the kid with the brains,

Could he "flog" it, do you think?

A profit was sure to be made,

A pound at the very least.

A bargain in a bottle

For a personality release.

Our Billy's in the "dog house"

With half the street now "leg-less"

Our Billy is in disgrace.

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# **DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON**

(Number 36)

## **NOSTALGIA**

With little to do due to constant rain  
I decided to go and lie down again.  
I wasn't tired so couldn't sleep  
However long I counted sheep.  
So with nostalgia I thought of my younger days;  
How I enjoyed my youth in so many ways.  
Reading my comics was really good  
And these are the ones I bought when I could:  
Beano, Dandy, The Eagle & Lion,  
Marvel ,Film Fun & Topper I was buying.  
The characters in these were mostly funny  
And the serious ones were still worth my money.  
Lord Snooty, Snitchy & Snatchy, Desperate Dan,  
Captain Marvel, Batman and Superman,  
Bash street kids, Dan Dare, The Mekon & Treens,  
Arthur Askey, Jimmy Edwards & other has beens.  
Then at the Saturday Cinema, the Kid's Matinee,  
It was the cartoon characters that tickled me.  
Heckle & Jeckle, Mighty Mouse & Bugs Bunny,  
Wiley Coyote, Road Runner & Popeye were funny.  
Daffy duck, Oil can Harry & Elmer Fudd,  
As a kid, I thought these cartoons really good.  
Then the real actor films would follow them on.  
At the time I admit, I liked every one.  
Hopalong Cassidy, Tom Mix, Gabby Hayes were a few.  
Old Mother Riley, Laurel & Hardy & Three Stooges too.  
Then all the games we loved to play,  
there weren't enough hours in the day.  
Marbles, Chucks, Tag, Leap Frog and Conkers,  
Knocky-nine-door drove the neighbours bonkers.  
Hide & Seek, Relieve'o, Jack-shine-a-light  
Were games we played on a darker night.  
Tops & Whips and Skipping, the girls did best.  
But Rounders and Football, I played with zest.  
Sledging, Two ball at a wall, even Hop Scotch too  
Were things that both genders were apt to do.  
The active games played must have kept us fit  
As we never seemed to get tired one bit.

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# **DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON**

(Number 36)

## **NOSTALGIA**

*(concluded)*

“Just ten more minutes” I would often say  
When mother shouted to call it a day.  
Then finally there was my Dinky car collection,  
Cigarette cards & comics, which I held with affection.  
I wish I had them all today,  
I'd make a fortune on Ebay!

**FOR SALE**

Gold-coloured Rover 45, 1.6 engine, 02 registration

Only 41,000 miles on the clock

New exhaust and two new tyres May 2010

A good, clean, economic car, taxed and MOT'd

Please phone 616250

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**THANK YOU!**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my friends and family for their cards, visits, gifts, flowers and offers of help following my recent knee operation. Special thanks to Julia, Naine, David and family, Linda, William and Lauren and of course to Michael, Sinead and Sean for all their patience!

Thank you to you all! Sheena Cooper

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**THANK YOU**

Raymond & Margaret Dennison wish to thank family & friends for cards, gifts, raffles, donations & good wishes. Thanks also to caterers, musicians and all who helped make our Golden Wedding such a happy occasion.

Money raised for Anchor Unit Aberdeen & RNLI is in excess of £500.

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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.

Adverts for the next (May) edition of the *Limpet* must be placed by Saturday 21 May

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

## **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*

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### **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*

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### **STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP**

Sale items

Fiction paperbacks – all at £4.50

Rowan Purelife DK usually £4.95 now  
£3.50

Rowan Felted Tweed Aran usually £5.25  
now £3.50

A few Rowan Colourscape Chunky £9.25  
now £5.50

Pattern books reduced by £2

Special offer 500g cones of 4 ply acrylic  
yarn @ £2.50

Closed from 8 April until Good Friday

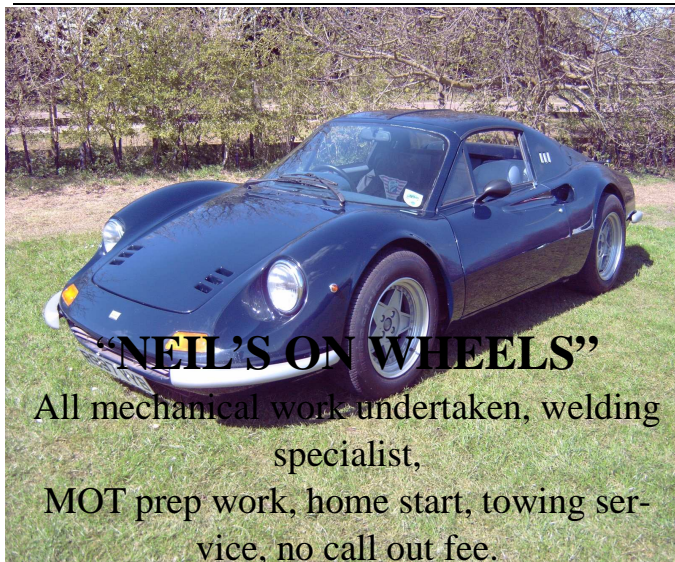
Summer opening hours start

Easter Saturday:

Tuesday to Sunday 12.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.  
616434

[www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk](http://www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk)

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### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**

All mechanical work undertaken, welding  
specialist,  
MOT prep work, home start, towing ser-  
vice, no call out fee.

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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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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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

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### **ORKNEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

**VISITING STRONSAY ON 30 MAY 2010**

**FROM 1pm TO 4:30pm**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE - CARPET ROOM**

Due to travel constraints this visit is for people with **APPOINTMENTS ONLY**  
To make an appointment or arrange a home visit please contact 01856 875266 no later  
than Wednesday 25 May

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### **STRONSAY REGATTA**

**11/12 JUNE 2011**

The sailing regatta this year will be on Saturday 11 June.

On the Sunday it is hoped that there will be a water fun day in the harbour  
with raft races etc.

If you would be interested in helping in any way with the organising, admin, catering etc  
please contact Mike at the 'Lower Shop'.

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## **STRONSAY PARENT COUNCIL—AGM**

**7:30pm Thursday 28 April at the school**

The meeting will include:

- A report on the work of the Parent Council.
- A discussion of issues that anyone with parental responsibility for a child attending the school may wish to raise, by letter, prior to the meeting at least one week in advance.
- Approval of the accounts.
- Election of office bearers.

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## **STRONSAY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

The Stronsay Telephone Directory has recently been up-dated and copies can be purchased from the school, Olivebank, the Post Office or Ebenezer at a cost of £1.50.

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## **STRONSAY POST OFFICE—NEW PHONE NUMBER**

The Post Office telephone number is now 616278, outside normal opening hours please contact Lisa on 616349.

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## **STRONSAY POST OFFICE**

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visits:

#### **TUESDAY 10 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

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2\\_timetable.htm](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm)

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>

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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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### **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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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES** **(CLOSED FRIDAY 29 APRIL & MONDAY 2 MAY)**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30—12
Tuesday	Closed
Thursday	8:30—12 and 1—3
Saturday	9—12

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 . . . . . Friday 29 April; Friday 1 July; Friday 16 September

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Doctor . . . . . 616321

Nurses . . . . . 616480

Medical emergency . . . . 01856 888000

Registrar . . . . . 616239

Hall bookings . . . . . 616446

Post Office . . . . . 616278

Companions . . . . . 616261

Kirk . . . . . 616311

Stronsay Hotel . . . . . 616213

Fish Mart Hostel . . . . . 616263

Olivebank . . . . . 616255

Ebenezer stores . . . . . 616339

Castle Bird Reserve . . . 616363

Balfour hospital . . . . . 01856 888000

Hydro . . . . . 0800 300 999

All water enquiries . . . . 0845 601 8855

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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### **HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET***

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### **SUBSCRIPTIONS TO *THE LIMPET***

You can send a subscription to a friend or relative for a birthday present?

12 editions for £15.00 including P&P

Please make cheques—UK banks only—payable to “Stronsay Development Trust”  
(UK only. Non-UK subscriptions, please ask for a quote) Contact Bruce, details above

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