

# STRONSAY LIMPET



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## Post Office Summer Opening Times

As from July, the opening times of the Post Office will be as follows:

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES	
Monday	8:30-12
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	8:30-12 and 1-3
Thursday	8:30-12 and 1-3
Friday	8:30-12 and 1-3
Saturday	9-12 and 1-3

## Community Council Election

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the Stronsay Community Council:

- Ian C. Cooper - Midgarth
- Alan Dawson - Clestrain
- Vivienne J. Erdman - Ebenezer Stores
- Alan C. Fraser - Housebay
- Nicodemus Jagga - Golgotha Monastery Island
- Adrian D. Miller - Blinkbonny
- Harald G. Stout - Huip

It was good to see that Stronsay's turnout of 82.12% was the highest in Orkney.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thu. 26 July. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Wed. 18 July. Contact details are on the back page.

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## School AFYD\* Trip to the Mainland

by Mr Pietri

**W**hen the ferry from Stronsay landed at the Kirkwall Pier, on this beautiful spring morning, hopes were high amongst the Stronsay School angling team... After boarding the minibus, the strategy was exposed: the light northerly winds and bright skies would almost guarantee a blank on the Harray Loch and it was decided at the last minute to switch to the old faithful Kirbister Loch whose trout can always be that wee bit more obliging than anywhere else...

The party headed for the north end of the Kirbister Loch and in no time, fly lines were shooting through the rings and rods started to bend! From the shore, it was difficult to tell that only a year ago, 4 out of these 5 anglers had never handled a fly-rod before! Their casting technique, their fly retrieve, right down to their watercraft skills meant that they wouldn't have

been out of place amongst well seasoned fly-fishermen. You may wonder about the 5<sup>th</sup> angler though... When Cameron joined the trip, he had hardly fished before but managed to learn the skills of spinning with fly and bubble-float very quickly and had a trick up his sleeve for the next day...

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> ended with a respectable total, considering the weather conditions, of 16 Kirbister trout including a beauty caught by Keith at just over a pound. Then, the minibus headed north for the Birsay Youth Hostel and later on, once the last strand of pasta had disappeared from the huge pot of spaghetti Bolognese, it was time to get a good night's sleep and start dreaming about the big Harray trout, as the Harray Loch was to be the destination for the next morning.

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\*AFYD: Angling For Youth Development



## School AFYD Trip to the Mainland (continued)

Following Mr Erskine's expert advice, the chosen location was Kirkness in the north end of Harray, an area offering safe shallow wading conditions and plenty of fish. By the time, the anglers were in action, fish were showing in a few inches of water, but unfortunately they would simply ignore the flies presented to them. Keith and Craig were covering fish after fish very well but their size 14 Dunkelds didn't receive the attention they deserved... I could barely stand the suspense, borrowed Keith's rod and tried my best to cover the rising fish... with no more success! It was time for a change of tactics and I tied on a size 12 Black & Blue Buzzer and two

casts later, after a few small tweaks on the line, the first Harray trout of the morning was hooked! The traditional flies (Invictas, Dunkelds, Muddlers) were swapped for buzzers and Keith and Craig managed to hook a fish – no mean feat – as we're talking about very "educated" trout here which see flies retrieved by the best fishermen in Europe on a daily basis! Also a special mention to Andy Rose who accompanied the youngsters all the way from Stronsay, who caught his first Harray trout as well!

That's when Cameron pulled out his secret weapon, a "Peach Muddler", retrieved slowly behind a clear torpedo-shaped float... There was



a sudden tension on the line and the light spinning rod double-bent but Cameron kept his cool and managed to lead his fish over the net like a pro. The beautiful trout tipped the scales just short 1lb 1/2, the best fish of the trip!

Around midday, the wind picked up from the north-east and the trout seemed to move into deeper water, out of casting distance, so decision was made to move back to the Kirbister Loch and enjoy a bit more practice for the next day OTFA/AFYD Junior Competition.

Sport on Kirbister was slightly slower than on the previous day and the trout seemed to take the flies a bit short, hence a lot of fish missed on

the strike. Kevin and Daniel still managed to catch fish though, and this was a good confidence boost for the next day!

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Angling For Youth Development:

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

Orkney Trout Fishing Association:

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





### OTFA / AFYD Junior Competition (Kirkbister Loch)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June started as a headache for the organisers... The wind forecast was very uncertain and Orkney Harbours, the BBC and Magicseaweed wouldn't agree on a definite wind direction for June 1<sup>st</sup>... NNW, NW or N? Decision had to be delayed until the very morning when the east shore was the chosen option.

Our anglers met at the Kirkbister hatchery and, very promptly, the rods were put together and the 18 young competitors were ready for the 10:00 start. Stronsay received reinforcement in the morning with Ben, Matthew and Natalie who made the trip to Kirkbister with Mr King the very morning. The section of bank which was to see the action for the next four hours stretched from the Hatchery to the north end of the Loch and the anglers were split into four different sections: Junior Fly, Junior Bait (including spinning with flies), Senior Fly and Senior Bait. Very soon, it became obvious that the baskets would be a lot heavier than last year's, as rumours of fish being caught started spreading along the bank... The bait boys were doing well but the Kirkbister trout were also taking well presented flies in the slightly broken water. It was good to see 8 members of staff from KGS and Stronsay having made the trip to support their pupils in weather conditions which were not as

inviting as in the previous days. Two o'clock came and the last anglers arrived at the Hatchery for the weigh-in where Norman Irvine had set his scales, helped by Ken Kennedy and Stuart Topp, all from the Orkney Trout Fishing Association.. Some very good baskets reached the scales and it was good to see that the fish were well spread into the different sections. Eventually the results were announced with Cameron winning the Senior Bait section and Craig the Senior Fly section with very good baskets.

We want to say a special thank you to the OTFA members who helped with the organisation of the competition and attended the event and to local businesses W. Shearer's, WS Sinclair's and Wisebuy's for their generosity in providing great prizes and vouchers.

The whole group would also like to thank Mr Erskine who helped the Stronsay pupils hone their skills on Kirkbister and Harray during the whole two previous days, Andy Rose who was a very precious help and The Orkney Trout Fishing Association and the Merkister Hotel for their financial help towards our trip; without their generosity, this trip would almost certainly not have happened. And last but not least, I would personally like to thank the youngsters who were a model of good behaviour all through the trip and made it such a great a success. ■



# Hoy Trip Fundraising

by Rebecca Drever

**O**n the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 the p7s and some of the s1s held a fundraiser for the Hoy trip in June. It was in the school hall from 7pm till 9pm. There were lots of different activities and a sale table.

The idea first arose in a pupil council meeting and from then on we planned hurriedly and every now and then we showed Mr King what we'd done. A lot of the time it was just p7s planning as s1s couldn't get out of class.

Before the event we had to set everything up in the hall. There was a bit of an argument about how the tables should be set out but in the end we all liked it. The different activities were face and nail painting, name the teddy, sweets in a jar,

malteser game, flap the fish, a quiz and also a raffle.

On the actual day lots of people came. We were all really excited and James and I couldn't stop smiling. I was running the sale table with him. Thankfully I got all the change right as I was nervous I'd look stupid. I had lots of fun selling things with James and everybody was in a good mood.

Thank you to everybody who donated things for the sale table and the raffle. The tables were overflowing with books, DVDs, toys, plants and fudge. In the end we raised £313.03 for our Hoy trip. ■

# The Primary Athletics

by Erynn Stevenson, P6

**O**n the 24 of May 2012 the Upper Primary went to the Primary Athletics at the Pickaquooy Centre in Kirkwall. Mrs Doris Shearer and Mrs Maxwell came to supervise us.

In the morning we all met up, checked that everybody was there and then the boat arrived at 8.45 am. We all sat down and started to have a laugh. The sea was absolutely flat calm. The boat journey was 2 hours long but we finally arrived at the Picky Centre.

The field events were long jump, high jump, shot put and cricket ball. Track events were 100m and 800m. We were so excited we were so glad that we got to go.

## Our results:

Erynn-1<sup>st</sup> in the race with Stronsay pupils

Rebecca-3<sup>rd</sup> in her heat in the 100m

Molly-came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her heat 100m

Joanne-won the gold medal in her shot put. Joanne is at St Andrews but she is still very close to us.

My highlights of the day were to see my very best friend Joanne and to go to Sinclair's and get some sweets. ■

# Urgent Appeal for the Future of Crafts in Orkney

## OIC Possible Plans to Take Town Hall Out of Public Use

### What this could mean for the future of Orkney Arts & Crafts fairs and the Annual Summer Craft Exhibition.

At a recent meeting of the Orkney Arts & Crafts Committee serious concerns were raised about the proposed plans from the point of view of craft fairs. The Committee felt that if plans went ahead this could have serious implications for the future of our craft fairs and it would be a struggle to keep them going. We need you to support our local craftspeople and our fairs. Please do anything you can, such as fill in a survey, call into the drop-in if you're in town, write a letter to The Orcadian, post it on Facebook, blog, etc.

You can get paper-copy survey forms from the OIC and VAO. If you have internet access there is an on-line questionnaire: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/kirkwalltownhall](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kirkwalltownhall) or via VAO's website ([www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/vao](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/vao)) or the Council's website ([www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)) where you can make your feelings known and in person at a drop-in session on Saturday June 23 between 9am and 2pm in the foyer of the Kirkwall Town Hall.

Simone Kirk

Extract from Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) Facebook page:

#### **Public consultation on possible voluntary sector move to Town Hall**

**The consultation will close on July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Orkney Islands Council and Voluntary Action Orkney are inviting feedback from the Orkney public on a potential move by VAO and other voluntary organisations into the Kirkwall Town Hall.**

The Town Hall is currently owned and managed by OIC.

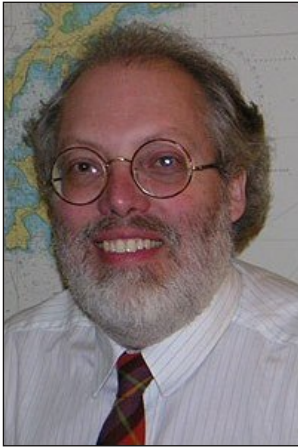
Executive Director of Corporate Services at the Council, Gillian Morrison, said: "VAO is one of our key community partners, and we are supporting them in their pursuit for suitable premises. We recognise that they deliver and develop vital services for the community.

**"The Council is considering the possibility of a potential move by VAO and associated voluntary organisations into the Town Hall, as part of a wider commitment to support Orkney's voluntary sector."**

"The Council and VAO are keen to hear the views of the public on this possibility so that responses can be taken into account in considering the future use of this important public building."

Chief Executive of Voluntary Action Orkney, Gail Anderson, said: "Kirkwall Town Hall may offer us the opportunity to secure accommodation right in the heart of Kirkwall."

**"However, VAO and the Council recognise the importance to the community of the Town Hall so it is essential that the views of the Orkney public are considered before exploring this option further."**



The induction training is now winding down, and the real work is beginning. The start of my council career has been a bit like returning to school: quite apart from all the “lessons”, I’ve been given an OIC “school tie”, had my “school photo” taken,

and even had to sit an exam! (a statutory requirement for those of us on the Licensing Board). The educational ethos clearly lives on at School Place.

The various committees and sub-committees have now started meeting, and I’ve had my first (all day!) Education, Leisure & Housing meeting. However, at this meeting, it was extremely disappointing to learn of the poor response returned by most of the North Isles to the local lettings initiative consultation which took place between last November and this April. If OIC is unaware of the needs and desires of isles’ folk, then how can it address them? Community councils and members of the public must participate fully in such consultations if we are going to further the cause of the North Isles communities at School Place.

Another topic on the agenda of this meeting was the Orkney Educational Trust, which disburses educational bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards, to deserving Orkney pupils who apply. The money comes from invested donations dating back to 1791, but in recent years the fund has been depleting, and some 21<sup>st</sup> century philanthropists are badly needed to top it up again. It is a very worthy cause to consider contributing to or leaving a legacy to in your will.

Those I canvassed before the election will be pleased to know that I have passed the concerns I was noting in my little black book on to Gavin Barr, Executive Director and Contact Officer for the North Isles.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, I attended a most enjoyable lunchtime concert at which pupils from Eday, Papay, North Ronaldsay, Rousay and Shapinsay were performing as part of the “Peedie Schools Orchestra”. They put on a great performance. Chris Giles must be commended for organising this event and obtaining the YMI funding to help support music in Orkney’s smallest schools. ■

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## North Isles Sports Day

On behalf of the Stronsay Community Association, Anne-Maree and Arna would like to thank everyone who helped with lunch and tea on the North Isles Sports Day. Whether you moved chairs, tables and dishes between hall and school, made sandwiches, baked, served or cleared up, your help was very much appreciated. A special mention to our young folks who were so willing, worked so well and seemed to smile through it all! Thank you all. ■



# Youth Greenhouse Project

## Good News



The National Lottery 'Awards for All' has granted the Development Trust £9450 for one year to build a new 3 x 4 metre Keder greenhouse and organise group activities specifically for young people over the age of 12.

Experience with the younger children in the Eco club has highlighted the interest in growing fruit and vegetables and creating a follow on programme more suited to older children will increase and maintain this interest year after year.

A safe and friendly environment will be provided to the rear of the established Community Greenhouse. This will enable young people to work as a team to produce fruit and vegetables in an area they can call their own.

There will also be a programme of events, teaching and visits organised by the project worker, with an end of project celebration in September 2013.

The budget allows for some paid work and we need:

**1. Someone who doesn't mind getting stuck in with a spade... to prepare the ground for the greenhouse (arriving early in July).**

**There will be other carpentry type work later but not until greenhouse is up.**

**If you are able to do this work please contact Marion Macleod on 616354 in order to discuss and to quote daily or hourly charges.**

**2. We also need a part time Project Worker for 9 months. Please see the job vacancy advert below and get in touch with Julia on 616434.**

## Job Vacancy: Youth Greenhouse Project Worker

Stronsay Development Trust is seeking to employ an enthusiastic person as a Youth Greenhouse Project Worker for a period of approx 9 months from end of august or beginning of September 2012 to 31 May 2013.

The key purpose of the job is to set up, organise and manage a youth project on Stronsay based around a new 3m x 4m Keder greenhouse built for this purpose.

The successful applicant will be self motivated, able to work from home and to comply with the policies of the Development Trust. Project and financial management experience will be an asset.

The work will involve 5 hours per week on a flexi basis and the rate of pay is £12 per hour, paid monthly.

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## Job Vacancy (continued)

The ability to communicate effectively at all levels will be essential and the job holder will need to be able to inspire young people to learn about horticulture, work as a team and grow their own produce in the new facility.

Payment will be made for reasonable overheads and travel expenses as agreed by the board.

CRBS clearance for working with young people will be required.

Please call 01857 616434 for an application form and full job description alternatively please e-mail [julia.crocker@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.crocker@btinternet.com).

Applications, by application form only please, to The Chair, Stronsay Development Trust, Clifton, Stronsay to arrive **no later than 15 July 2012**.

Interviews are planned for week commencing 30 July.



## Blow Away Gardening Tips

by Roger Neville-Smith

**T**he weather has been rather variable with some hot days with the habitual cold windy ones served as a main course. The community green house has been busy with everyone getting seeds sown and plants planted. I have enjoyed spinach and lettuce and I have seen lots of strawberries on other peoples plots. Pity that my enthusiastic ghetto style rows of lettuce have rewarded me with rather slimy decaying leaves.

Every time I think it is time to get cabbages into their growing areas, the weather becomes cold and windy which has meant delays and more delays. Eventually I declared mild weather was nicely settled and planted out the now pot-bound plants. The remaining dried up leaves are looking rather depressed but I have great hope for them. That is more than can be said for the broccoli I planted out as a tasty snack for the rabbits. Thankfully they left the chewy stem as a marker to encourage me to try again. I am pleased to say that, so far, the rabbits have not eaten the potatoes, onions, leeks or my rake, fork and spade.

Readers may remember that I had difficulty with canine rascals that enjoyed jumping in and out of my rabbit-proofed veg garden at the house. Since they could easily clear the fence I embarked on an extension. Initially this was wire and strips of flapping plastic to make a virtual barrier: this was totally ineffective and appeared to encourage even more circus tricks. The new improved version was fine netting strung between two wires which was obviously impenetrable. Apparently that was not the case. When carefully nursing a cauliflower plant which showed imminent signs of becoming a corpse, I looked up to see an upturned black lama, wrestling an annoying net which had entangled the beast, resulting in a frenzied escape effort and the resulting last gasp from the flattened cauliflower. Further construction plans are being prepared.

Thankfully mid-summer is near, when I can sit back and admire the good work in the garden, watching vegetables swelling daily, roots drilling into the ground and the enthusiastic munching of caterpillars grazing on the cabbages. I think next year will be a good growing year. ■

# Recent Bird Sightings

by John & Sue Holloway

**A**s ever, late May and early June brought a wonderful array of lost migrants to the island, although migration came to an abrupt end during the cold spell in early June.

The male Red-backed Shrike sang for a day near Holin Cottage on 24<sup>th</sup> (see photo), and two other females were seen in late May - one each at Sunnyside and Sunnybank. An Icterine Warbler was in The Manse garden on 24<sup>th</sup>, reminding us of 2002 when a pair nested in the Lower Millfield garden - the first fully documented record of breeding in the U.K. A

few Spotted Flycatchers and one or two Pied Flycatchers (see photo) were also seen, and a real colourful surprise at Holin was a pair of Goldfinches feeding on roadside weeds. Alison telephoned from Breck on 9<sup>th</sup> June to say there had been a bright yellowy-green bird in the garden there. It turned out to be a first-summer male Golden Oriole, a rare - and extremely secretive - species, which was later seen by George Ibbotson and ourselves at Slap, opposite Beechwood by Bill and Belle Embleton, and then back again briefly at Slap on 11<sup>th</sup>. In the Breck garden on 9<sup>th</sup> there had also been a

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*Male Red-backed Shrike near Holin Cottage being given the 'once-over' by the local Blackbird*



*Female Pied Flycatcher in the Northbank garden*



## Recent Bird Sightings (continued)

Spotted Flycatcher, a Pied Flycatcher, a Willow Warbler, and an Icterine Warbler, whilst at nearby Ossen a female Redstart and a Lesser Whitethroat were found - with no other small migrants anywhere else on the island! It is amazing how often this happens - a group of lost migrants in one small area, and no matter what lengths we go to in order to attract such migrants to our own small reserve, these 'clusters' almost invariably appear elsewhere! Kath Kent flushed a Nightjar from the roadside quarry at Dale whilst walking the dogs on 10<sup>th</sup> June - just the fourth island record of this beautifully-marked nocturnal species. It is interesting to note that one was seen on North Ronaldsay a day or so later - quite probably the same individual. Two Little Gulls were discovered in the newly-sown field at Greenfield on 17<sup>th</sup>, and four were in the area next day - often hawking for insects over the Meikle Water. A brilliant male Siskin and a Long-eared Owl were found in the Airy garden on 19<sup>th</sup> after overnight rain and SE winds.

It is now well into the breeding season and most gardens with Fuchsia hedges have Linnets nesting, the smart red-breasted males with grey heads contrasting markedly with the more

sombre-plumaged females. The Linnet's close relative - the Twite (or Heather Lintie) - is less common, generally breeding on moorland, but pairs have been seen regularly again this year, particularly in the Springwell/Rothiesholm School/Ossen area where they often perch on road-side fence-wires. The male Twite has a pink rump - the only obvious distinguishing feature in the breeding season. In winter all Twite have yellowy-coloured bills making them easier to distinguish from the Linnets with which they often consort.

There have been several reports of 'owls' from various parts of the island during the last few weeks and with most being definite Short-eared Owls it is quite probable that a pair have nested on the island somewhere. One very obliging bird - which was being constantly mobbed by the local Oystercatchers - was photographed from the car near the Matpow Loch. Note the yellow iris in the photo (orange in Long-eared).

Once again we have SE winds forecast just as The Limpet goes to press, so here's hoping there are yet more interesting birds on the way for us to enjoy. ■



*Short-eared Owl at Dale - photographed from the car*

**I**t is hard to believe that nine months have passed since our minister Jennifer Graham and husband Robin left. Since then we have had several folk from the Orkney mainland and further afield leading our Sunday services and have also been very dependent upon and grateful to our local preachers David Bowen, Mike Erdman and Heather Johnstone.

Over the first few months after Jennifer left we had to go through all the steps necessary before we could apply for a new minister – getting the Manse inspected, getting Presbytery approval before we could look for a minister and appointing a group of people to arrange advertising and publicising our search. We are now at the stage where we have been actively advertising for a minister

for a few months but so far haven't had any applicants. Unfortunately this could well be a long process as there are a great number of Church of Scotland congregations with no minister at this time and there is also a national shortage of ministers.

We are also in the process of getting the Manse rewired and, as you may have seen, we have had builders in repairing and repointing the church roof and replacing gutters and pipes damaged by last winter's gales. I would like to finish with a reminder once again that the church will be in the Blue Door charity shop in Kirkwall during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July and would still welcome any surplus items you may be able to donate. ■

## Olympic Torch Relay

by Ben Nicholson

**W**hen Mrs Robertson the former school Head teacher nominated me, I was so happy that I had the opportunity to carry the flame. I was really excited and couldn't wait to carry the Olympic torch. On the 31<sup>st</sup> May I went into Kirkwall to the Town Hall and I met all the other torch bearers. The person in charge of the meeting was Leslie Manson the Director of Education. When the day came it was the 10<sup>th</sup> June. All of us got on a bus with our torches and pulled up near the town centre and we waited for the flame to arrive from the airport. There were a lot of people to watch us run with the flame. The first person to run was Inga Kemp, and then it was me, I carried the flame from Boots in the High Street to the pier front where I met Aly Bain the next torchbearer.

It's a moment I won't forget. ■





# The Old Manse

by Steve & Yvonne Weaver

Just after last month's Limpet, I was astounded to receive a parcel from a lovely lady who had been down to have a look around the Manse with Kate O Boondatoon. The parcel came on a day when I was feeling pretty sorry for myself as I was off work with a dose of the skitter. But on opening the box I soon perked up. Sylvia and Kate mentioned that as a child Sylvia has spent time in the Manse garden as her grandparents used to live at Spioncop (the ruin by the top of the Manse track). Sylvia who now lives in Kirkwall said that if we were in the toon to pop by her and see a few pots that were actually in the Manse kitchen. Imagine my delight to find inside the parcel, two jugs that were actually used in the kitchen of the house we are renovating. They had been bought by Sylvia's granny at the house sale when Rev Miller left. The jugs had faired much better than the house and Sylvia had obviously taken great care of them.



Also enclosed were two photos both of which were taken in 1933 in the well tended Manse garden, one of Sylvia in her pram and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one of Sylvia in her mother's arms also taken in the walled garden. Sylvia's mothers name was Gladys Chalmers and her Grandparents names were Jane Jessie and William Pottinger.



These items will take pride of place in the kitchen when we have finished the house. Thank you Sylvia, never before had we seen or touched anything that was in the old house before we got our hands on her. I hope you like looking at the photos as they are part of the history of the Manse.

Also this month we have had the hole for the windmill base dug. Ingram from Whitehall did a fantastic job, the hole is perfectly square and level. Thanks Ingram. Bring on the concrete. ■



# Answers to Jubilee Treasure Hunt

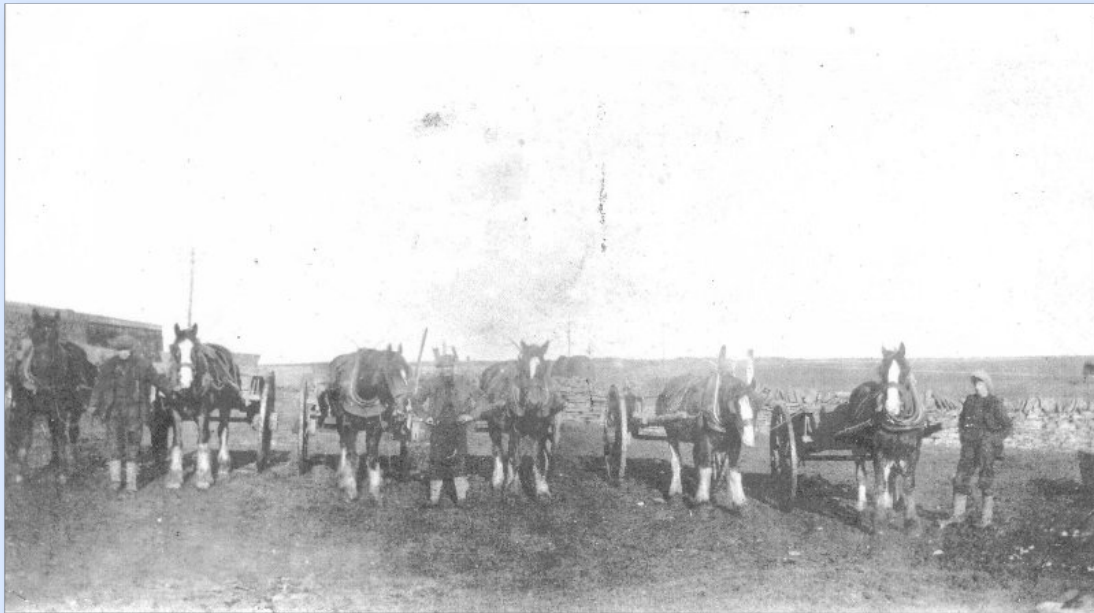
1. Where was John Ryburn's house? *The lifeboat slip – John Ryburn was a lifeboat*
2. Scrooge may not be in this cottage but bring a pound from this door. *Ebenezer cottage*
3. No well here but bring a shell from near the door. *Kildinguie*
4. Who is the Roman goddess of wisdom? *Minerva*
5. You may find the cook here, what's the date on the porch? *The Hotel – 1931*
6. If you have two Boer war battles on your right and will soon have another on your left, where are you? *Whitehall*
7. Name the Stronsay house in the photo at the airport? *Clestrain cottage*
8. At St John's where the summit is blind, can you see what Thor left behind? *St John's viewpoint – a hammer*
9. Elvis might be dead but the King still rules here. *The school – Mr A King is the headteacher*
10. Name the flag in the play park. *It was the Orkney flag.*
11. Do the Rothiesholm folk get their water from here? *Springwell*
12. What's in the box at the end of the Burrowgate road? *A sea urchin and a darning mushroom*
13. When was the Church opened? *1952*
14. COATSOPTYLIRBTNASFOLH what's the score? *Stronsay football pitch. Score was on a bit of paper here.*
15. AABCDHLLNNOR name the house in the photo. *Holland branch – photo was Sunnyside*
16. Eggs are best this way up – bring a string from near the post. *Sunnyside*
17. MEFLATCAR – bring a message from a box near the garage door. *Cleat farm*
18. A big heifer in Orkney dialect. *Muckle Quoy*
19. God of war with a mixed up wind direction, but what's the direction on the door? *Odin – direction on Odiness garage door*
20. Which road sounds like a good stroke at golf? *Holin*

# SOS Concert DVD





## Hunton 1920 & 2012



Horsepower at Hunton circa 1920. From the left -  
Archie Hutchison, Andrew (Nabbs) Shearer, & James Miller, Hunton.



## The Ha' 1975 & 2011



*The Ha', Everbay, Stronsay, circa 1975.*



*The Ha', Everbay, Stronsay, 2011.*

*2011 & 2012 photographs by Bill Miller*



## *The Bigger Picture*

*I wonder if they're all the same?  
For it seems odd to me  
That, although each one must be different  
They all seem the same, basically.  
I am talking, of course, of the sparrows,  
All identical in appearance  
Flitting about from tree to tree  
As if in a woodland clearance.  
I'm afraid the sparrows at this croft  
Are really rather stout  
And it surprises me husband  
That they're able to get about!  
"Home made" is the problem it seems,  
Bread and cakes being the big offenders.  
And himself's such a fussy eater  
If "home made" should be on the agenda.  
But sparrows and blackbirds alike*

*Thrive on it, I'm pleased to say,  
Even though it alters their shape.  
They can certainly "put it away"  
And I'll agree that they're rather chunky  
As opposed to "sparrow-like".  
But better that than hungry,  
Do they go on hunger strike?  
And it comes in awfully handy  
As they expand beyond belief  
For they are far too wide in girth  
To fit between the cat's teeth.  
So it seems to me quite clear  
That there's a reason for all things,  
For I am preserving the bird life  
Who will be needing much bigger wings!*

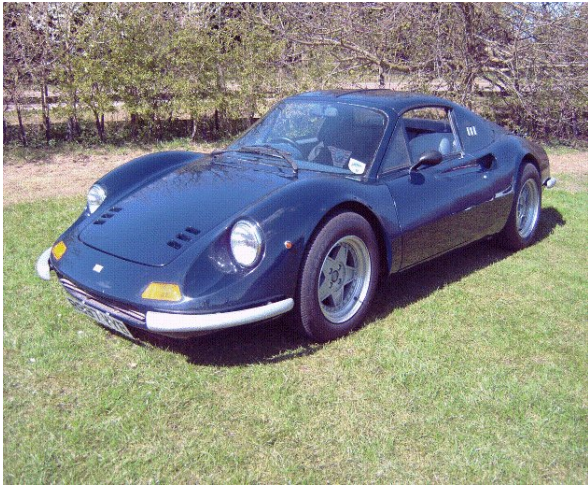
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## Greeting, Private Sales & Wants

### **CAR FOR SALE**

1.6 automatic Renault Clio T reg.  
Taxed to end of June  
New battery and rear brakes  
Good condition (NOT a Stronsay rust bucket)  
£750.00  
Contact Neil on 616454

# Local Businesses



## **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**

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

*Mobile: 07723 304 260*

*Home: 01857 616454*

## **STRONSAY ARTWORKS**

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

*Phone: 01856 870075*

*Email: [jennystone001@btinternet.com](mailto:jennystone001@btinternet.com)*

## **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 POST OFFICE**

Take advantage and visit the post office during the summer's longer opening hours.

Mobile Top Up, Bill Payments, ATM machine,  
Cards, Stationery, Pick n' Mix and more.

Monday 8.30-12, Wednesday – Friday 8.30-12 and 1-3,  
Saturday 9-12 and 1-3

*Your local Post Office – use it or lose it!*



### STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

Stronsay and local craftwork  
Orkney books, cards, gifts, photos and more.

Open 6 days a week; Tuesday through to Sunday 12.00 to 17.30.

Shop will close at the end of September 2012.

Tel: Julia 616434

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

### COMPUTER SERVICES

Advice, Internet connection issues,  
Website design, Hosting, I.T.  
Training and much, much more.

Contact Neil @ Schoolbrae, 616317

Email: [enquiries@gb-en.eu](mailto:enquiries@gb-en.eu)



### ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

Real soap made by hand with care in Stronsay. In our Orkney range we have Orkney Bere barley bran - seaweed with sea salt - clay with the Stronsay Beast stamped into each bar. Favours for weddings or special occasions are done on commission only. Please ring for details.

Available from our online shop and locally at Olivebank and Stronsay Arts & Crafts.

Tel: 616281

Email: [info@orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk)

Web: [www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk)



#### 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

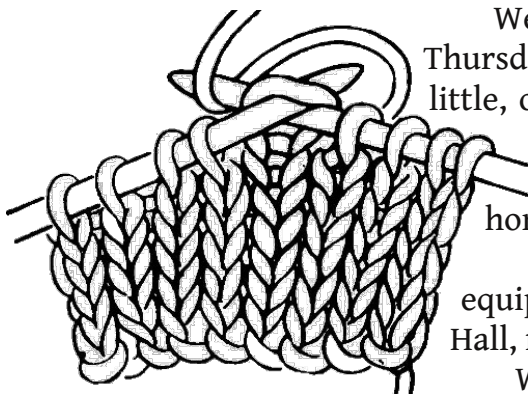
## STRONSAY STITCHERS

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Church Hall From 7pm-9.30pm

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JUNE

Please make a note for your calendar – in future our meetings will be held on Thursday and not on Friday evenings. This month's gathering will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June in the Church Hall from 7pm-9.30pm.

You can bring cross stitch projects, quilting, spinning, crochet, sewing, embroidery, mending, rug hooking, knitting, weaving or UFOs (un-finished objects) to name but a few. It's a great opportunity to get to grips with that old project that's been lurking in a corner for ages or start up a new one. You'll find us supportive, enthusiastic and tolerant (when it goes wrong!); bringing together a collective wealth of experience and knowledge.



We are an informal group that meets on the last Thursday of every month. You can come for as long or as little, or even as often as you like. A donation of £2.00 per session towards heating & lighting is all we ask and there will be tea, coffee, biscuits (or the occasional home bakes if we're very lucky!).

So, if you feel like it, pack your stuff, bring your equipment and come along on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Church Hall, from 7-9.30pm.

We'll look forward to seeing you then!

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

**TUESDAY 17 JULY 2012**

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am

Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm

Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

**17**  
JULY

Mobile library schedule: [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: [www.orkneylibrary.org.uk](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk)

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

Check new library opening times:

[www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours)

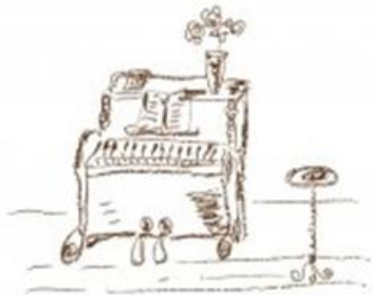




### CHURCH FUND RAISING IN THE BLUE DOOR

**S**tronsay Church has been fortunate in getting the use of the Blue Door charity shop in Kirkwall for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July. This has come along at a very appropriate time for us as, in addition to the usual fund raising for the upkeep of the Church, we currently have two large additional projects that we need to raise funds for.

Firstly we need to purchase a new organ for the Church. The present organ is now more than 25 years old and has served us well over that time giving pleasure to many with music at church services, weddings, concerts and other events. It is now sadly showing its age with Bruce having to perform running repairs and administer first aid to keep it going and we feel the time has now come when we need to replace it before it needs major surgery!



The other project needing to be done urgently is to rewire the Manse. Following a

recent electrical inspection the Manse was found to be well short of the acceptable standard and we have had to make the decision to get it all rewired before we have a new Minister staying there.



If you are having a spring clean, a de-clutter, are downsizing or simply have something you don't need any more then we would be delighted to get it to send in to the Blue Door to help with our fund-raising. You don't need to wait until July as anything you do have would be gratefully received anytime at Ebenezer Stores or give it to Raymond, Elsie or Ian. During our week at the Blue Door the helpers there hold a raffle as well as selling goods so if you happen to be in town that week why not drop along to see them and perhaps pick up a bargain or two to fill all that space you've cleared! Any support you are able to give to our fund raising efforts would be greatly appreciated. ■

### 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.



### STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

#### Supervised session times:

	am	pm
Monday	Buddy	4.15-5.45
Tuesday	Buddy	4.15-6
Wednesday	Buddy	4.15-5.45
Thursday	Buddy	4.15-6
Friday	Buddy	4.15-5.45
Saturday	closed	closed
Sunday	closed	closed

Under the 'Buddy' system members may use the gym if they feel confident to exercise with another member who is also inducted, over 18 and pre-paid.

Buddy hours are the same as school opening times.

A code will be needed to access the gym.

14&15 year old member use is limited to periods when a fitness advisor is on duty (see above).

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.

**New inductions by appointment only.**

***Tel: 616449***

### 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

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

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# Useful Information

POST OFFICE SUMMER OPENING TIMES	
Monday	8:30-12
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30-12 and 1-3
Saturday	9-12 and 1-3

Post collection times ..... 7:30, Monday to Saturday  
 Replacement bin bags ..... Telephone OIC (Technical Services) on 01856 873535  
 Sunday service at the Kirk ..... 11 am (*for more information please see the 'Notices' section on the Kirk website at [www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/STRONSAYKIRK](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/STRONSAYKIRK)*)  
 Our Lady's chapel, pier head ..... Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am  
 Next Special Collections ..... Friday 6 July 2012

Doctor	616321	Castle Bird Reserve	616363
Nurses	616480	Neil's on Wheels	616454
Medical emergency	01856 888000	Taxi	616335
Registrar	616239	Balfour Hospital	01856 888000
Hall bookings	616446	Hydro	0800 300 999
Post Office	616278	All water enquiries	0845 601 8855
Companions	616261	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Kirk	616311	Kirkwall Police	01856 872241
Monastery 616210	<a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a>	Vets: Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Northvet	01856 873403
Fish Mart Hostel	616339	Dentists:	
Olivebank	616255	Great Western Rd.	01856 879683
Ebenezer stores	616339	King Street	01856 875348
		Earls Palace	01856 872958

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