



CHRISTMAS AND HOGMANAY ARRANGEMENTS

RUBBISH COLLECTION

MONDAY 24 DEC & MONDAY 31 DEC

Back to normal Tuesday collection on 8 January

<u>OPENING HOURS</u>					
DATE	SURGERY	EBENEZER	POST OFFICE	OLIVEBANK	HOTEL
Mon 24 Dec	Normal	Normal	8:30am—12pm	Normal	12pm—1am
Tue 25 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	12pm—2pm
Wed 26 Dec	Closed	10am—12pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thu 27 Dec	Normal	10am—6:30pm	8:30am—12pm 1pm—3pm	10am—2pm	Normal
Fri 28 Dec	Normal	10am—6:30pm	8:30am—12pm 1pm—3pm	Normal	Normal
Sat 29 Dec	Normal	Normal	8:30am—12pm 1pm—3pm	Normal	Normal
Sun 30 Dec	Closed	10am—1pm	Closed	Closed	Normal
Mon 31 Dec	Normal	Normal	8:30am—12pm	Normal	12pm—1am
Tue 1 Jan	Closed	10am—12pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 2 Jan	Closed	10am—4pm	Closed	Closed	Normal
Thu 3 Jan	Normal	Normal	8:30am—12pm 1pm—3pm	10am—2pm	Normal
Fri 4 Jan	Normal	Normal	8:30am—12pm 1pm—3pm	Normal	Normal

The next edition of the [*Limpet*](#) will be published on Thu 31 Jan. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Wed 23 Jan. Contact details on back page

STRONSAY COMMUNITY FUND

SOME POINTS CLARIFIED

Some early feedback has raised important points and the Trust feels that the explanations should be shared with everyone.

1. No grants from the Community fund have been awarded to anyone at the time of writing and should SDT need project funds, the Trust would have to make an application for a grant in the same way as everyone else.
2. Ongoing Development Trust projects and staff costs have already been funded by the Lottery or HIE/LEADER not the Community Fund.
3. Applications for grants will be 'in confidence' this does not mean private and confidential, it means that the board and staff will not discuss the details given on the form other than with the appropriate parties to the process. This is similar to an application for a job.
4. In the same way as an application for a job is treated, the board members should not discuss applications with members of the public or with the applicant(s) prior to the decision.
5. The Trust's staff and any subject matter experts will work with the applicant to present the best possible case for them to the board.
6. Applicants and members of the public will not be present at board meetings during the part where applications are discussed.
7. Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis throughout the year as long as there are funds. It is possible to award a grant and for the board to defer payment, it is also possible that SREL might make mid-year interim gift aid. These decisions need to be made in a timely way to help the projects and will be on a case by case basis.
8. When grants are awarded there will be terms and conditions issued that need to be accepted before the money is paid. These terms and conditions are similar to the ones issued by Lottery Awards for All. Extra conditions can be added for stage payments and reviews especially for projects that will take time and may experience delays.
9. All Grants awarded from the fund will be publicised in the Limpet, on the website and in the annual report along with articles about what has been achieved with the funds.

Although we have had significant guidance from HIE, other funders and the Lottery it doesn't mean that we have all the answers because we don't know what type of applications we shall receive.

Please apply!

And please keep giving us feedback – the policy and process for giving grants will be reviewed after the next AGM when we shall all have the benefit of more experience.

Paul Riley, Chair

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

PROJECT OFFICER: FULL TIME

Hours: 35 hours per week Salary: £25,000 per annum

This exciting and rewarding post has been created by the Stronsay Development Trust (SDT) in order to manage ongoing and new large community projects that will improve our island's sustainability. This post has 3 years funding support from the Big Lottery and is vacant from 14 February 2013.

Duties will include:

- Project managing the redevelopment of land and buildings associated with the enterprise zone.
- Managing the tender process for the work to improve the Community Centre heating and other projects.
- Developing new planned SDT projects including securing external funding.
- Liaising with stakeholders, external agencies and funding bodies.

Applicants should have a proven track record of managing projects costing £50,000 or more, experience of working with community groups, be computer literate, with excellent communication, organisational and team working skills and have the ability to work to deadlines with minimum supervision. Enthusiasm, a flexible approach and a strong interest in the community of Stronsay are essential.

For more information please contact Julia Crocker - number and email below. NB on leave 23 to 28 Dec.

The application pack can be posted or e-mailed to you. Contact Julia.crocker@btinternet.com tel 01857 616434. It can also be downloaded from our website www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/sdt.

Closing date: 4 Jan 2013. Interviews planned for week commencing 14 Jan 2013



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STRONSAY STITCHERS **THE GREAT SCOTTISH TAPESTRY**

Tapestry in Stronsay Project

As you may remember from our article in October's Limpet, the project is to get the Orkney panel of the Great Scottish Tapestry over to Stronsay so that everyone in the community who would like to add a stitch can have the opportunity to do so while it is here.

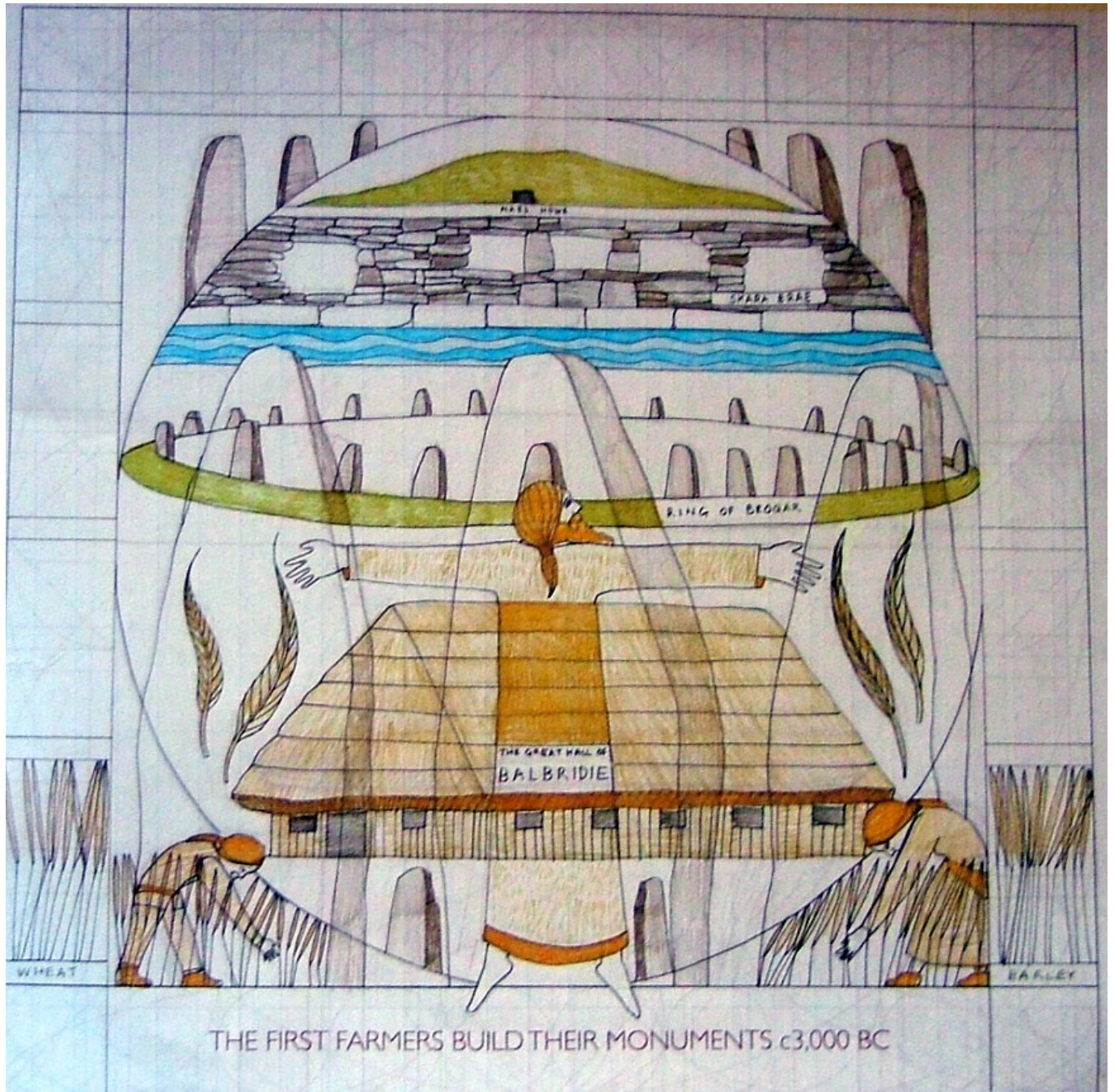
UPDATE - we were looking to do this in January 2013, however the refit ferry timetable doesn't suit, so we have now decided that March will be a much better time.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - as you can see from the artist's sketch above, our Orkney panel of the Tapestry has the Neolithic Age as its theme. It features the early farmers growing crops, the Ring of Brodgar, Maes Howe, Skara Brae and the great hall of Balbridie in Scotland. The edges of the panel have been left blank for more Neolithic images to be added, but we really, really need ideas and suggestions from you the community to help fill them in. So far suggestions from around Orkney have been: the Pierowall Stone, the circular symbols on the Skara Brae designs, the Westray Wife, North Ronaldsay sheep, island and/or Neolithic site names such as Tomb of the Eagles, Knap o' Howar. Time is short because the artist is due in Orkney before Christmas and he has to draw our images into the border. So please help us out – any ideas or suggestions, big or small, doesn't have to be Orkney as the Tapestry includes all of Scotland. No matter what your idea is, as long as it belongs to the Neolithic please share it and phone Simone on 616281 and she will pass it on to Jo, one of the Tapestry co-ordinators in Kirkwall.

For more info visit: www.scotlandtapestry.com

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO STRONSAY STITCHERS UNTIL NEXT YEAR. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

(See photograph of tapestry design on next page)



THE FIRST FARMERS BUILD THEIR MONUMENTS c3,000 BC

BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS - DECEMBER 2012

Although the weather is cold and uninviting I find it essential to keep my eye on the garden and make sure that I am ready for the first signs of Spring. While every sensible person else is planning Christmas I am reflecting on my past failures and checking my seed stocks. I have a short list of potatoes to plant and have already picked up tips on how to defeat blight.

I am keen to discover vegetables that have evolved to cope with the challenging weather in Orkney. I was interested to hear that bere has been used to make whisky and wonder if anyone has grown this crop with a view to make beer. As I meet folk I have enquired about what grows well for them and try to jot these things down. Does anyone keep seed from their own crops? I joined the Heritage Seed Library which is a national bank of seeds, not available in catalogues; many have been used commercially in the past. Times and fashions change; I learnt that Record potatoes were the choice of the crisp industry until this mantle passed to Lady Clare and Rosetta.

Gardening books based on Kent are for dreamers, books from the central belt are for optimists so it is time now for a book from Stronsay, for pioneers. Please let me have tips on successful crops and ways to protect them from the elements.

Roger Neville-Smith

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



Stronsay Healthy Living Centre wishes all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We will be closed over the holiday period from Christmas Eve and will reopen Thursday 3rd January 2013

See you in the New Year !

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

A steady stream of cars could be seen heading towards the Rosebank/Airstrip area during mid-late November and it is pleasing to be able to report that a good number of people managed to see the Sea Eagle which was present on and off there for over a week. Unfortunately last month's Limpet piece was written and posted on the evening of the first sighting of the bird - shortly after it had flown off northwards. It appeared that the bird was heading for Sanday - never to be seen again - but much to our surprise we discovered next day that it had returned to the Rosebank area. One bonus on that first day was that Raymond and grand-son John were in their boat just off the Holm of Huip and had far closer views of the bird than anyone as it perched on a post close to the shore! Thanks to all at Huip, Linksness, and in particular Jim at Rosebank for keeping us in touch with the eagle's whereabouts. Even this huge bird was not always easy to locate and my own visits to the area resulted in a 1 in 3 success rate regarding sightings!

The male Blackcap in the Castle garden in mid-November out-stayed the Waxwings and a Goldcrest was present in Jim Sinclair's garden at Northbank on 16th when the elusive Blue Tit was seen along the road at Sunnybank.

Just as we were thinking that there would be no more surprise species this year, a very late Arctic Tern was found off The Reserve and fished off-shore from 21st - 24th. (This species is only rarely seen anywhere in the UK after the end of September). By this time the Blue Tit had found our peanut feeder in the garden and has been seen almost daily ever since. Also seen in late November were a Woodcock at Rosebank - flushed by a Hen Harrier when we were looking for the Sea Eagle, and a Long-eared Owl which flew out of the Castle garden on 24th. The last Waxwing was found on 25th by David at Osen, where a Greenfinch was seen the same day, both birds feeding on the rose-hips in the tiny front garden there - an illustration of just how vital these areas of cover are for many of the smaller migrant bird species.

A few different birds appeared on the lovely mild, calm, sunny day of 26th, including a Chiffchaff in the garden at Airy, a Mistle Thrush in our drive, and small parties of Fieldfares and Redwings towards the south end of the island.



The male Blackcap feeding on one of the apples vacated by the Waxwings in the Castle garden

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There are good numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers wintering around the shoreline at present and a few have been seen regularly between the piers in Whitehall. Also worth looking out for at this time of year are Pintail on the Bu Loch - the males very easy to identify, and Goldeneye - a very small species which may also be found along the shoreline diving for small fish etc. Some of the fields of short grass are now alive with wading birds but they do seem to favour certain areas and their presence is often determined by how windswept any particular area may be. In westerly winds the fields between The Mill/The Kirk and Castle generally have hundreds of Golden Plover, with rather less Curlew and Lapwings - all very easy to observe with care from the car. There are probably five Hen Harriers wintering on the island including two (grey) adult males. Norman Kent saw three different brown birds (females/young males) and an adult male - all at Dale on the same day in early December.

Thanks to everyone for their calls, and here's to finding and enjoying a few interesting bird species over the Christmas/New Year period.

John & Sue



A very late Arctic Tern (to the right of the boat) fishing in Mill Bay in late November - two months later than the usual last sighting of this summer visitor from the South Atlantic



'The Blue Tit outside the window at Castle - now virtually resident in the garden there. If anyone is interested in seeing what is a very rare species in Orkney please feel free to come along'

YOUTH GREENHOUSE PROJECT

FROM PLOT TO PLATE-YOUTH GROUP

We have had a great autumn with preparing and planting at the new greenhouse and cooking with greenhouse grown ingredients in the school kitchen.

A big thank you to all at Stronsay School and parents of all the children attending.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year

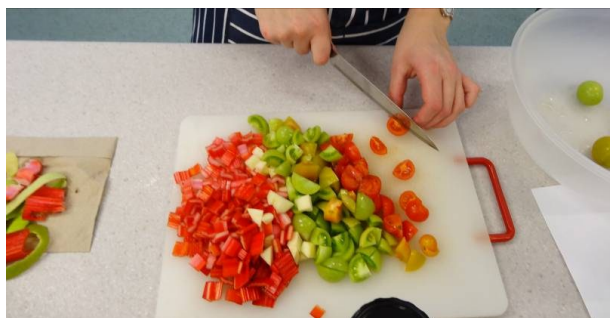
Here are some picture highlights from this term:



Working in the new greenhouse



A beautiful collection of tomatoes for Chutney



Chard and tomatoes in beautiful colours

(more photographs on next page)



The end product- Jars of Delicious chutney



Hard at work in the kitchen



Apple and chard muffins!

(more photographs on next page)



Yum!!!



Preparing Kale Crisps.

REPORT ON THE OLD MANSE

Since our last report in the Limpet, quite a bit has happened. Firstly our turbine has gone up and is turning away happily. In the Manse things have moved on too. We have put up the double fire doors into the sitting room and we have also put up the old leaded double doors that lead out to the front garden. We have been busy filling in the ceiling in the sitting room, which had been left down to put in plumbing pipe, which we have now done. We have one bedroom ready and fit to sleep in. We also have a flushing toilet in and working, thanks to Ryan Couper, so we don't need to run into the caravan everytime we need to go, lol. Steve & Craig have been busy framing up around the windows and building me a window seat which proved quite a job, but I'm worth it. lol.

Anyway I'll go for now but not before wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Wonderful Happy, Healthy new year. Steve, Yvonne & Craig. xx



New turbine



Doors leading out to front garden



Preparing double fire doors



Double fire doors installed

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

Towards the end of last month, together with four Kirkwall councillors, I had an interesting afternoon at Kirkwall Grammar School conducting a surgery for the pupils and participating in a modern studies class for the 5th and 6th years. It is frustrating that so many of the issues the kids brought up are beyond the direct control of OIC. I took the opportunity in the class to instigate discussion about the school's timetable and the possibility of a late start on Monday mornings. Needless to say, most isles' pupils support this idea, as it means they could stay at home on Sunday nights. I think I put school homework into perspective when I showed the class the 859 pages of reading for our Policy & Resources Committee meeting!

At that meeting, the annual partial suspension of parking charges in Kirkwall and Stromness over the Christmas period was approved. I suggested a partial suspension of Orkney Ferry fares would be much appreciated by folk in the isles, but that did not, unfortunately, meet with universal approbation.

A problem I have been making enquiries about is what to do if you are questioned by the police in Kirkwall and they don't release you until after the last ferry back to your island has left. If you are in such a predicament and are going to have trouble finding accommodation for the night, the police should now give you the out-of-hours telephone numbers of the council's homelessness service (07699-705527 and 07921-582962) or of the community social services department (01856-888000), and they will be able to help you out.

Well, the Christmas period is now upon us. At Sanday's "Xmas Fayre" it was great to see entrepreneurial children with their own stalls selling home-made cards and decorations and other knick-knacks. I had my usual stall, selling honey and Sanday ties. (Anyone on Stronsay interested in purchasing a Sanday tie—blue with golden Sanday motifs?) Against the trend, I had a better honey harvest this year than last. (My honey is on sale in "Wool & Wine" in Kirkwall and from the West Manse, Sanday.) Orkney beekeepers are lucky, because Orkney is free of the parasitic varroa mite that plagues bees almost everywhere else in the world. In an attempt to keep the disease out of Orkney, I am currently trying to get a by-law enacted banning the importation of honey-bees into the islands. The Scottish Government used to enforce this, but no longer does, so it's up to Orkney to look after its own interests.

It was great to be able to be at the launch of the Silver Darlings' third CD, "North o' the Galt" in Kirkwall. I never fail to be impressed by their performances. They have come up with a varied selection of songs and tunes for this album, among them "Dirty Old Town", which serves to remind us just how lucky we are to live in Orkney's unpolluted environment.

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As councillor I have been formally invited to several Christmas tree lighting events. In the isles I have attended both Sanday's and Shapinsay's, and with my family I went to the St. Lucy ceremony at St. Magnus Cathedral. I was invited to this ceremony a few times when I was Chairman of Sanday Community Council, but this is the first occasion I have been a "dignitary" and taken part in the procession. Later that evening, we watched the performance of Händel's "Messiah" by the St. Magnus Festival Chorus and Orkney Camerata. I particularly enjoyed the 12th recitative, where they sing: "Wonderful councillor"!

Merry Christmas to all of you, and let us hope for a prosperous New Year.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

SILVER DARLINGS C.D. LAUNCH.

Stronsay's Silver Darlings have done it again with their latest C.D. "North O' The Galt"

Another excellent C.D., launched on Saturday 8th December to a warm reception, firstly in the Kirkwall Town Hall, where it was standing room only despite the inclement weather, and then after a quick trip home by ferry, the launch in the Stronsay Community Centre at 7.pm.

Again, a large crowd attended, firstly to see the lighting of the Community Christmas tree by Andrew King, the school headmaster, and then back into the hall to be entertained by the "Stronsay Singers" and a group of young school children singing Christmas carols.

The Silver Darlings then took to the floor and a very appreciative audience were thoroughly entertained by the diversity of the music and the professionalism of the young singers and musicians.

Five new "Darlings" are heard on this C.D. – Ingram Shearer on "moothie", Simone Kirk on accordion, Rebecca Fish and Rosalind Neville-Smith on harp, and the youngest member, twelve year old Molly Shearer on fiddle.

This C.D. has something for everyone, from traditional Scottish dance music, love songs, a Swedish folk song, and beautiful renditions of the Tennessee Waltz and Wild Mountain Thyme sung by Tilly Martin, Josephine and Emilia De Geer, and the Smith sisters, Jacqui and Diane.

"Mummy Darling", the effervescent Gaynor Smith, then thanked everyone who had helped to make the launch a success, and gave out little "pressies" to all those who had assisted in any way with the making of the C.D.

C.Ds, and "Silver Darlings" calendars were on sale and they were snapped up like hotcakes with about 850 being sold on the first day.

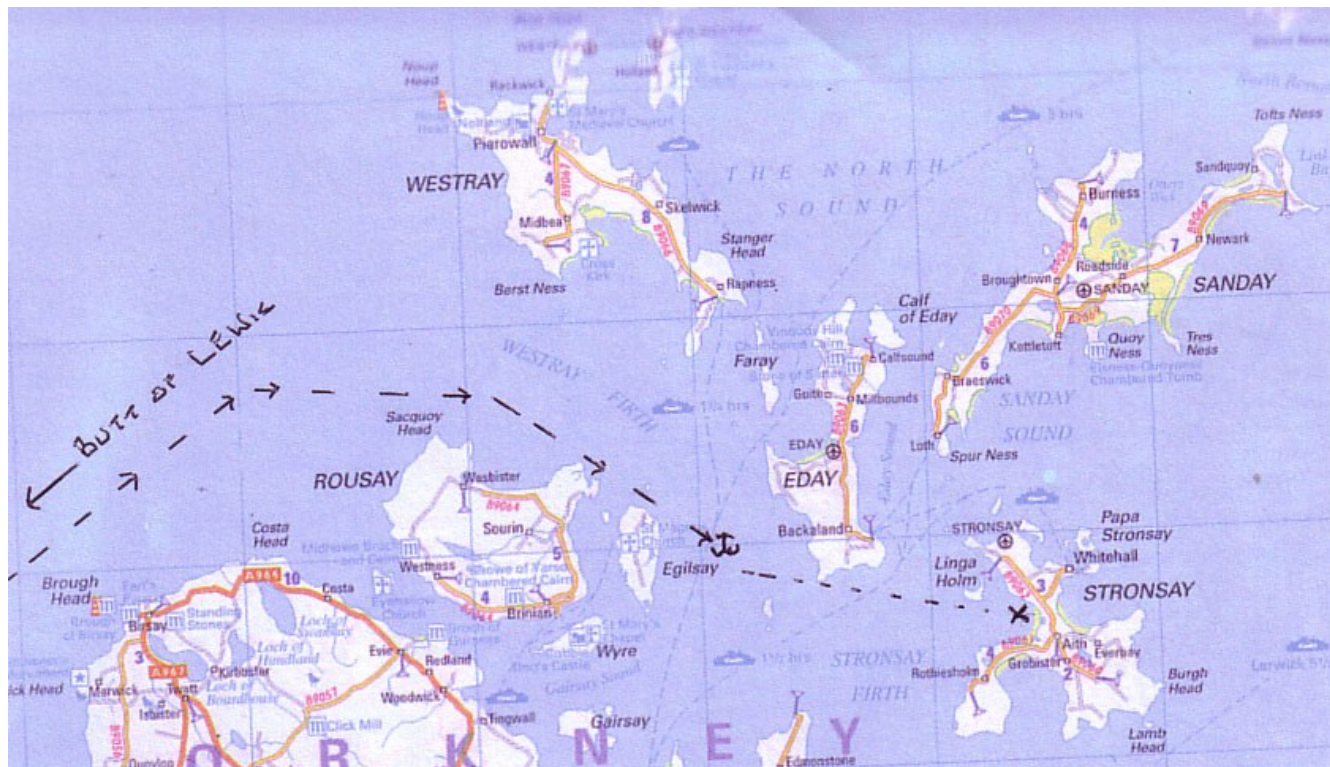
Liquid refreshments and sandwiches were then provided and some of our talented youngsters carried on singing and playing until almost midnight. A lovely end to a successful launch.

Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay

SPANISH SCHOONER WRECKED ON STRONSAY

Friday, 19th December, 1862, brought a severe gale, which was to claim the lives of four unfortunate Spanish sailors on Linga Holm, Stronsay.

The Spanish schooner, “Nostra Senora del Carmen”, was en-route from Bergen in Norway, round the north coast of Scotland to Bilbao in Spain, with a cargo of fish and oil, when she encountered a terrific storm off the Butt of Lewis in the Hebrides. The captain, Senor Nachitube, was left with no option but to run before the gale, eventually making his way through the Westray Firth, and into the lee of Egilsay where he dropped anchor.



Such was the ferocity of the gale, and the seas were running so high, that the anchors would not hold, and the schooner was driven across the Firth towards Linga Holm, or the Midgarth Holm as it is also known. Before the ship could be smashed on the rocks in Linga Sound, the crew abandoned ship and took to their small lifeboat, hoping to get ashore on Linga Holm. However, large waves engulfed the small boat which overturned, throwing the eight unfortunate sailors into the raging surf. The captain and three of his crew managed to get ashore on Linga Holm, but sadly, the remaining four were drowned.

Later that morning, local inhabitants saw the schooner ashore in St Catherine's Bay with no sign of life on board, and so a search was mounted to try and locate the crew. About mid-day, some of the crew were spotted on Linga Holm, but the storm was so fierce that it was not possible to sail across to the island that day. The following day, Saturday, 20th December, during a lull in the storm, brave islanders launched a skiff and managed to row across to the holm where they found the captain and three sailors lying in a state of extreme exhaustion, clothed in only their trousers and shirts. Having spent twenty-four hours on the holm in these extreme conditions, the men were so exhausted that they had to be carried to the skiff and brought over to Stronsay, where they were looked after by the locals. The bodies of three of the crew were found on the seashore in St Catherine's bay, and were laid out in the little chapel between Sandybank and Yearnasetter.

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The Chapel with Linga Holm in the background



A schooner

They were Juan Antonio de Farrauri, aged 19 years, son of Juan Antonio de Farrauri and Juliana de Lauicer, Martino de Landa, aged 28 years, son of Martino de Landa and Shagada de Landa, and Jose de Landiesar, aged 19 years, son of Jose de Landiesar. The fourth body was never found. All were Spanish Merchant Seamen. The schooner became a total wreck, and to this day, if you look out into St Catherine's Bay, about 100 yards from the shore below Hazelbank, you will see a long patch of seaweed, growing on, what I am told, was the wreck site.

This gale was reported as being of extreme ferocity, resulting in the loss of no less than thirty small fishing boats which were laid up for the winter on Westray, fourteen on Eday, and the loss of the "Julia" of Dundee, laden with a cargo of wood and coals, which sank between Sanday and Eday, fortunately with no loss of life.

In 1881, another storm uncovered the remains of the "Nostra Senora del Carmen", revealing the stern-post and keel embedded in the sand. Local men managed to pull the remains from the sand, and were expected to make a handsome profit from the sale of the copper bolts and stern fittings.

When the stern was separated from the keel, a copper coin, dated 1818, was found wrapped in canvas, sealed with tar, and in excellent mint condition. This would tend to show that the schooner was built in 1818, as it was, and possibly still is, the custom to place a coin bearing the year the ship was built, somewhere in the hull.

Some of our elderly inhabitants will tell you that they remember seeing the timbers of the schooner during very low tides, in the not too distant past.

The "Nostra Senora del Carmen" was a Spanish Merchant ship of 140 tons, and possibly in the region of eighty-five feet long.

I do not know if the drowned sailors were buried in Stronsay, or whether the captain and their fellow crew members took them back home to Spain. I would imagine they are buried in Stronsay.

Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay.

ILLINOIS BUNDLEFLOWER

By Ellie from Newfield

You produce such a beautiful flower
Although that could be said of them all.
But it's there in your botanical character
And in the way you stand so tall.
For something certainly captivates
As the eyes must linger on you
And for many, many a moment
That's exactly what they do.
"A work of art" some would call you,
Standing tall and branching out
While portraying a delicate network,
Fern-like yet sturdy and stout.
Born as you were in America,
Illinois or so I am told.
Yet so at home in my garden
Miss Beautiful and Bold.
Just like those very first snowdrops
Able to take my breath away.
Bragging those tiny white flowers
Grouped into bunches for display
Rather like a night-starry sky.
There's a depth beyond all measure,
In America are you favoured?
A well-loved botanical treasure
In your charming and daisy-like form
With a botanical "touch of class"
For in your homeland I discover
You're a mere weed, alas,
The Illinois Bundleflower.
Well now, that's some handle
And standing beside all others
Dare I say, who don't hold a candle.
Does anyone stop to admire you?
While travelling Route 66
Take time to notice your beauty
For a weed no-one ever picks.

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But you surely look well in my garden
And you'll always have a place
For I'd be missing a treasure,
Dressed in that intricate green lace.
So be sure you have my loyalty
In this confidence we both share.
A weed you may be in America
But a weed with botanical flare!

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GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS

OLIVEBANK

Management and Staff would like to thank you for your custom throughout the past year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

From all at Olivebank

The management and staff of Orkney Star Island Soap would like to wish their customers a bubbly Christmas and a fragrant 2013.

Thank you all for your custom and tremendous support throughout this year past.

Simone would like to wish all in Stronsay and those further afield a good Festive Season and a great New Year.

Bruce & Maureen Fletcher wish all their friends & relatives a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

From John and Madge, Gesty Dishes.

Bill and Breda would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2013.

Bill and Belle send our warmest wishes for Christmas and the new year to all our friends. Enjoy and do take care.

Pearl and Colin Stevenson, Shearer Avenue, Buckie, would like to wish all our friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hazel, Norman, Leah and Molly would like to wish all friends and family a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2013.

Jon & Eleanor Buchan send best wishes and seasonal greetings to all on Stronsay who remember us. We think often of the Island, memories are both strong and fond. One day we will manage another visit. Something to look forward to

(more greetings on next page)

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Happy Christmas to all folk on Stronsay, and thank you for your help and the warm welcome into your community.

We are looking forward to our first island Christmas.

From Shirley, Andy, Dan and Sam' (St John's).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to everyone on Stronsay
from Jonas, Lisa, Emilia and Josephine

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

FROM PLOT TO PLATE-YOUTH GROUP

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER



**Saturday 26th of January 2013
In the School Hall at 7 pm**

An evening celebration of Robert Burns with
Music,
Poetry
&
A Stronsay Winter Buffet

Supported by SOS- (Support our School)
Tickets and more information will be available nearer the time of the event
All Warmly Welcome!

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY STITCHERS

November saw the final gathering of 2012 for the Stronsay Stitchers. There was a grand turn out and it was an enjoyable evening, even though Simone forgot to bring the biscuits! We shall resume our gatherings in the new year so check out the Limpet and the shop notice boards for the first new year event. In the meantime you might like to have a look at the forthcoming Rags to Riches exhibition advert.

(P.S.—See the Great Scottish Tapestry article & photograph on pages 4 & 5)

RAGS TO RICHES EXHIBITION IN KIRKWALL

JANUARY 11—FEBRUARY 12

Attention all local artists, crafters and recycling champions! Orkney ZeroWaste is



calling for local artists and residents to participate in its 'Rags to Riches' recycled art exhibition in January 2013. The exhibition will be held in the For Arts Sake gallery in Bridge Street, Kirkwall from 11th January to 12th February.

Have you turned something old into something amazing, like Rags into Riches? Can we display it in our exhibition, we need to collect all work submitted by January 9th to be included. We'd love to exhibit it in our display so please do get in touch.

For more information please contact manager.orkneyzerowaste@gmail.com or phone 07545173575 - or follow this link to the main page.

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/OZ/news.asp

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MONCUR MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday 23 December 11am service
Monday 24 December 11:30pm service (with the Silver Darlings)
Tuesday 25 December 11am Christmas Day service

Apologies to Adrian and Marion Miller as their marriage in Kirkwall on 1st September 2012 was omitted from the Church Greetings

WELL DONE CRAIG STOUT!

Craig completed his sponsored swim.
334 lengths in 2 hours and 23 minutes.
That should have given him an appetite for his Christmas dinner!

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits:

Monday 14 January 2013

Council Houses: 9:15—10

Stronsay School: 10—12

Stronsay Kirk: 12:30—3

Fishmart: 3:15—5:30

Mobile library schedule http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm

Kirkwall library contacts - 01856 873166 or general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk

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

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

Check new library opening times

www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours

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

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

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

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

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 8 February 2013

Rubbish collection **MONDAY 24 DEC & MONDAY 31 DEC**

Doctor	616321	Castle Bird Reserve	616363
Nurses	616480	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Medical emergency	01856 888000	Hydro	0800 300 999
Registrar	616239	All water enquiries	0845 601 8855
Hall bookings	616446	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Post Office	616278	Kirkwall Police	01856 872241
Companions	616261	Vets:	
Kirk	616311	Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Northvet	01856 873403
Olivebank	616255	Dentists:	
Ebenezer stores	616339	Great Western Rd	01856 879683
Neil's on Wheels	616454	King Street	01856 875348
Taxi	616335	Earls Palace	01856 872958
		Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210

Email contact@the-sons.org

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