



STRONSAY LIMPET

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THIS MONTH'S BIRD REPORT—CHANGE

Apologies to John Holloway, the printed version of the Limpet contains incorrect photographs. Not John's fault, entirely mine. The online version has been corrected but it was too late to correct the printed version.

Bruce Fletcher

LIMPET—APOLOGIES

It's either a feast or a famine! Sometimes there are not all that many items to put in the Limpet but sometimes there is just too much. This is one of the months where there's a lot to squeeze in. Apologies to everyone who submitted items which have not appeared. The page count is restricted to a maximum of 28 otherwise the cost of sending the Limpet to its postal subscribers becomes quite expensive.

Priority is given to adverts, personal notices, items that directly concern Stronsay (particularly reports of recent events) and details of forthcoming events. Rest assured that the items which have not appeared have been stored and will appear in future editions.

If you're planning an event on Stronsay then please remember to let the Limpet know in good time. The deadline for the Limpet is 7pm on the Sunday before publication which is the last Thursday in the month; the deadline is always shown at the foot of the first page. Remember, adverts for local events are FREE as are "thank you" notices!

If you wish to comment on anything in the Limpet (either brickbats or bouquets) please see the Limpet's new (April 2013) blog which can be found at <http://stronsaylimpet.islandblogging.co.uk>.

Finally, the Limpet's Facebook page is no longer in use as not everyone has or wants a Facebook account. However, the Limpet website <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk> remains active and acts as a repository for all available online versions of the Limpet.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs in the printed version of the Limpet are reduced in size and reproduced in black & white in order to reduce the cost of printing. The online version contains larger photographs which are in colour where available.

The current edition and all available back numbers of the Limpet are freely available for viewing and/or downloading at www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk.

The next edition of the [*Limpet*](#) will be published on Thu 27 June. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 23 June. Contact details on back page

BELLE EMBLETON OF SPRINGWELL, STRONSAY

1941-2013

My lovely wife Isabel (Belle) died in the Balfour Hospital on the 25th of April, as our eldest son and I each held her hands. She had taken ill suddenly in the early hours that morning and was flown to hospital. Neither she or my son and I had realised just how ill she was previous to that dreadful day, other than she was diagnosed with COPD, a lung problem that never seemed to bother her to the extent that she felt unable to function normally. Belle had took a bad turn though while in Kirkwall on the 9th of April (which was out of the norm for her) and was rushed to the Balfour, where she was treated for 7 days and released home with a change in medication after thorough checks on her condition. She was her happy normal self again for 9 days until that awful morning. We were stunned at the suddenness of her passing and the feeling of her loss is beyond words.

Belle and I had often talked though after reaching our seventies about what we wished, should either of us were to die suddenly, rather than a long illness. We agreed that in the case of the former, we preferred the children we had living south remembered us alive and not have the long journey and upheaval of travelling up, as we were to be cremated and not be having a funeral to attend. We were in touch via Skype & Facebook via computer so always interacting with each other otherwise. Our eldest son Billy lived up here and would see to our wishes should the worst happen to either of us suddenly.

Belle was cremated and a loving, well attended farewell service was held in the Moncur Memorial church Stronsay on the 11th May.

I and my son wish to sincerely thank everyone on and off island for their comforting cards of condolence and the lovely things said about Belle. Thank you also, all who helped organise and all who attended her friendly "Taraa Belle" service in the church and those who couldn't make it because of other commitments that day.

A synopsis of her life and how we met was read out at the service. Belle loved living at Springwell, loved Stronsay and loved the way of life here and all the friends she made. She would have been amazed at all the nice things said about her. The donations made to her favourite charities will be posted when I have them finalised.

You all did her proud. You all did me and my family proud too. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bill.

PLOT TO PLATE YOUTH GROUP

Since the end of April the children have been very busy. We have met weekly in either the greenhouse or in the school. In the greenhouse there has been all early vegetables planted and is now growing very well. We have even harvested some spinach, Rocket, Pea shoots, radishes and some other salads. There has been lots of work weeding and feeding the plants too. We also planted some berry bushes including blueberry and currant bushes. It will be very interesting to see how they do. For the blueberries we used special compost as the need to have a very low PH and peaty soil to thrive.

The children also raised their own herb seedlings from seeds and cuttings. They have since planted their own mini herb gardens which they will be taking home after the end of the project.

We are very lucky in that we have been able to use the home economics room in the school. This month we have made a delicious pie with Rhubarb and made our own Rhubarb Cordial and experimented with our own salads and made dressings. A big thank you to all at the Stronsay School for being so accommodating.

We also had a field trip to Eday where we joined the Eday ranger and their youth group. A great day was had by all. None of the children had been to Eday before so it gave them a great opportunity they wouldn't otherwise have had.. We walked the Eday heritage trail and saw lots of interesting things along the way. There was lots of tired feet at the end but they all did so well and were a great example for Stronsay.

For next month there is more garden work planned, a seaweed skills-foraging trip on Stronsay plus an end of project barbecue.

Photos show the Greenhouse before planting and the latest photo, taken mid May, shows some of the salads as the finished product.

(photographs on next page)





BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS MAY 2013

I am sure everyone will agree that Summer is very slow coming this year! My garden plans have been put back so many times it is beginning to look like my plans for a full freezer of lovely vegetables is a forlorn hope. In the greenhouse Spring is well established and lots of early salads are coming away nicely. I am enjoying the last of the spinach I sowed last autumn and still have lots of "Winter Density" lettuce. I have planted some early potatoes in pots but so far no shoots of encouragement.

Outside the ground is still unyielding but since the wind has been less wild I have not had to retrieve my mulching black polythene from a wild wrestling match with a barbed wire fence for two weeks. My master plan to get onion sets in early and protected from birds has been underwhelming. The special mesh acted as magnet to all passing trade and it now has been converted into a string vest. The sets have been pulled out and given a good shake before being cast aside as mere worm impostors.

This week is the Kirk sale and I have lots of bedding plants to contribute. The speed of growth has been erratic so some plants are in fact spindly waifs and others are making serious attempts at escaping from their pots. Hopefully new homes, love and attention will be what they need to enjoy a long hot summer.

Next month I feel sure I will have tales about planting outside, flowers blooming, and early crops being eaten.

Roger Neville-Smith

FAREWELL TO THE STRONSAY I KNOW

Stronsay, Stronsay, where has your quiet gone?
The sound of the waves, the seals and bird's song.
Now day and night it's the mechanical sound
Of more and more blades turning around.
Modern science is a wonderful thing
But wouldn't you rather hear the blackbird's song?
(submitted anonymously)

MINELESS AND FUELISH

By John M Mitchell

In 1932 an Edinburgh police court fined a 57 year old man £2 or 20 days jail for fraudulently obtaining 5 shillings each from 17 men.

They had given him the money in return for a promise that the confidence trickster would get them jobs at what he claimed was a newly discovered coal mine on the island of Stronsay!

In the present era of scams could history be repeated?

STRONSAY FEST



The Island where the music never ends

People have asked for an update on the planned musical event which is to be held on the island over the weekend of 23-25 Aug 2013. This event is to showcase the huge musical talent that Stronsay has produced.

This guide is only a rough draft. It is very possible that there still will be changes made.

Friday 23 August	Saturday 24 August	Sunday 25 August
Boat arrives 1805	Katy Norbury Birds/ wildlife/rock pooling	Bill Miller Village/ herring tour
Musical jamming session Stronsay Hotel	Fishing/crabbing comp for kids at the pier	Greenhouse buffet Obstacle race Team games
Kids entertainment at Fish Mart	Dance lessons at the Kildinguie or Kirk hall	Afternoon concert in School
Pool/ darts/Cribbage/ Dominoes Stronsay Hotel	Concert in hall followed by the Dance and a buffet	Boat dept 1710

If anyone on the island has a spare room which they would be prepared to let out over the weekend please contact Jacqui Dennison since hopefully there will be much demand for accommodation.

You can also contact Jacqui (stronsaylass45@hotmail.co.uk) if you have any suggestions or contact details for Stronsay musicians.

BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

On Wednesday the 15th of May 2013, five S2 pupils from Stronsay School entered a bridge building competition at the Orkney College held in conjunction with Orkney Builders and the Construction Industry Training Board. There were three other teams there, KGS A and B, and Stromness. Representing Stronsay, was Jack Holland, Daniel Scanlan, James Macleod, Thomas Fish and Ieuan Evans. The overall aim of the competition was to design and build a bridge which held the most weight but had the lowest construction cost. We entered the competition late with a prototype design already built in our Engineering class; we then modified our design on the day.

We came 2nd overall, building a bridge that cost £144 per kilogram, just short of first prize, and received certificates each. We did however win first prize for the best-looking design. We each received a trophy and a certificate. We were all really chuffed. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Rose for taking us and Mrs Caithness (Linda) for helping to organise our travel arrangements, and a big thanks too to all the people who helped set up the competition. Congratulations to all the schools that entered.

P.S the lunches were amazing

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STRONSAY IN THE PIER ARTS CENTRE

The Pier Arts Centre held an exhibition between the 9th and 23rd of February 2013 showcasing a selection of Primary and Junior Secondary exhibits. It had been arranged by Orkney's Itinerant Art Teachers.

The Centre also held an exhibition of Under Graduate work from Colleges and Universities from around Scotland.

Pupils from Stronsay had several pieces of work exhibited in different categories. The pupils who took part were: Ocean and Leah, who displayed some of their S4 Art work; Natalie, Molly and James displayed work they did on the peacock; Rebecca F. and Daniel displayed some ink printing work.

On Saturday the 16th, the Pier Arts Centre held the opening of the exhibition and invitations were sent out to all students and pupils whose art work had been chosen. The exhibition was extremely busy with a great turnout.



School display of exhibited pieces

CLEANUP OUTSIDE COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

On 30 April the plot holders gathered to do some communal work which included tidying up the front area, clearing the grass choking the tiny trees and getting grass mown. It looks neat and tidy and I feel a job well done.



NEW SHUTTERING AT COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

Dave Bourn-Fernley completed the work at the Community Greenhouse at the beginning of May. The project was made possible by a grant from the Stronsay Community Fund and involved replacement of the rotting timber with plastic recycled lumber. The job was done quickly and with due respect to the plants. All the plot holders are delighted with the result and want to thank Dave for a good job well done.



DRAMA WITH MR GILES

Every Thursday Upper primary, Lower primary and Secondary have Drama with Mr. Giles. We do a lot of warm- ups with him like whoosh, which is when we all stand in a circle and pass the whoosh to each other. You can block the whoosh by saying, 'Ha'. Say, 'Catching,' and everybody has to change places. We also sometimes make shapes out of our bodies. Some of these shapes were quite challenging. We also once started the class by standing in a circle and passing up to seven balls in an order. The balls would usually hit each other and it would all fall apart but it was a lot of fun.

We learnt about cotton mills from the Victorian age, the workers and the owners of the mills. After two to three periods (a period is 45 minutes) we had the challenge to act out what had happened in the picture Mr. Giles had shown us. We were split into two teams and had to come up with characters and some facts about them.



Jack's team acting out a scene from the picture.

We also had to have a debate about children working in the mill and what age they should start. Mr. Giles was the head of the board. Each child played a worker or a mill owner and took place in the debate.

By Matthew Boler S2

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LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

Even in what has been an exceptionally cold spell, there have been a number of unexpected sightings during the last four weeks, including two Hawfinches and several Red-backed Shrikes. The first of the Hawfinches was found feeding by the roadside near Southbank on 3rd May, and the second was discovered next day by Butch & Flo at the feeders in their garden at Seaview in Whitehall Village (see photos). The second bird had soon moved on and was refound next day in the Castle garden where it was typically very wary and its visits to our own feeders very brief.



Hawfinch on the roadside verge near the South School

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Hawfinch in the garden at Seaview'

A few Blackcaps, Willow Warblers, and Chiffchaffs have been seen in island gardens and one or two Snow Buntings and Brambling along the island roads. A small fall on 10th May included Pied Flycatcher, Goldcrest, Song Thrush, and Robin - all in the garden at Airy. Dave Miller found another Blackcap at Coweshouse on 11th and the first Red-backed Shrike of the Spring arrived in the drive to Holin the same day (see photo).

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'Red-backed Shrike at Holin - the first of seven'

Well above average numbers of Whimbrel have been seen in the grassy fields, the cold weather bringing their migration to the breeding grounds further north to an abrupt halt. There was one party of ten or so birds in the fields between the Mill and The Kirk for several days in early May.

A few Pied Flycatchers were recorded in the second week of May when 1-2 Whin-chats were seen, but the most unexpected arrivals in what has been a very cold spell were a further 6 Red-backed Shrikes - a species which feeds almost exclusively on bees (See photos).

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Male *Red-backed Shrike* near *Briarlea'*
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Female Red-backed Shrike at Linkshouse'

The last of these birds was discovered - complete with a Bee in its bill - by Wendy and Dennis from their sitting-room window at Linkshouse on 21st - an absolute picture among the flowering currant. The majority of Red-backed Shrikes seen here in Spring arrive at the end of May and early June by which time the temperature is generally around 14-15 degrees. 3 Spotted Flycatchers (which also rely almost entirely on 'flycatching' for insects) also arrived in the easterly winds mid-month.

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The lone Whooper Swan is still in the Matpow area and although it spends virtually all its time grazing near the island cemetery, it can fly and does visit the Matpow Loch occasionally. There has been an unusual group of up to ten Mute Swans at the same site this year but no evidence of nest-building as yet.

Birds of prey have been conspicuous by their absence, the only sightings being of a male Hen Harrier on a few occasions until early May, and a single Peregrine flying over The Reserve mid-month.

Thanks to everyone for their calls. John & Sue Holloway

And for a change the best bird arrives just before the publishing deadline rather than just after! A beautiful Bee-eater, discovered near the South School by regular visitors George and Betty from Monikie.



Bee-eater near the South School - 24th May - just the 3rd Stronsay record, enjoyed by a steady stream of admirers'

THOUGHTS ON AN AGM

I would like to give a vote of thanks to Paul, Lisa and Roger – not forgetting Alan Long - who did us proud in the face of some intense reactions at the AGM.

What did our guests think of Stronsay?

AGMs are not a game of point scoring for reality TV. Although I can see some mileage in ‘I’m a director get me out of here.....!’

Directors and staff are your neighbours, they have different backgrounds and experience; no one is an expert on everything, but no one has committed fraud, wasted funds, made the Trust bankrupt, been found non compliant by Companies House or the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator - so getting things in proportion is fairer.

Make your suggestions and ask questions during the year, read the information and understand the constraints placed on your charity as well as the opportunities.

Julia Crocker

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

I have now been a councillor for a whole year! It has been rewarding to help resolve problems brought to me by individual constituents, but I have been frustrated by some of the bigger issues.

Ferry timetables are a case in point. We held a workshop on next year's refit timetable for the outer North Isles, but no consensus was reached to pursue a radical rethink, apart from a change to the way Saturday sailings are timetabled. Whether the HITRANS study will ultimately lead to an improvement in the service, I do not know. I was not terribly impressed by Transport Scotland at their joint presentation with Serco NorthLink on matters associated with the breakdown of the Hamnavoe service. The former confirmed that "lifeline" neither has statutory authority nor carries any guarantees, and the latter refused to accept any blame for the situation and is clearly clueless about the concept of "contingency". Before leaving the subject of shipping, this photograph shows the display put on by the tug Einer at the opening of the Hatston pier extension. I am reliably informed that there now isn't a passenger liner in the world too big to berth there.



I spent a week in Kirkwall combining Council duties with looking after my two youngest so they could attend the Junior Instrumental Course at the Picky. OIC is one of the few local authorities to provide music tuition to its children free of charge, and Stagecoach kindly offered free bus travel to and from the course for participants resident on the Mainland, but for North Isles primary pupils, who have to stay in the town, it was a costly exercise, as I know first-hand. I intend to take this matter up and would appreciate comments, experiences, concerns and suggestions from other Isles' parents. With the smaller-capacity new hostel, next year accommodation will also be an issue for participating junior high school secondary pupils. We rounded off the week with the Longhope Swimming Gala. When the new Picky pool opens, there are potential issues here too over the number of swimming lanes available. I shall be looking into this to ensure there's hope for the Longhope Gala long continuing.

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A delegation from the Faeroes, including some of their government ministers, gave us an informative presentation on their islands' autonomous relationship with Denmark. They seem to have managed to negotiate a best-of-all-worlds arrangement, whereby, for example, they remain outside the EU with all its regulations, yet have EU citizenship rights for all their inhabitants. It's food for thought for Orkney's future. I presented one of the delegates with a set of Sanday leaflets, and we are going to see if we can forge some cultural links between Sanday and Sandøy. (Sorry, they don't have an Edøy, Egilsøy, Stronsøy, Papøy, Rousøy, Westrøy). The delegate was intrigued to learn that we have a shellfish called the Faeroese Sunset (*Gari fervensis*). Does anyone know how it got its name?



At 1 hour 20 minutes, the latest Sanday Community Council meeting I was at must have been the shortest on record! I also attended my first community council meeting on Shapinsay, the AGM of the Stronsay Development Trust, and a meeting of the Sanday Community School Parent Council.

You may remember that the last election was entirely a postal one. There will be a review of polling arrangements this autumn, so if anyone has any comments, please pass them on to me.

Well, one year down, four more to go. This might be an opportune time to remind folk of the committees, sub-committees, working groups and external organisations I serve on in my councillor capacity:

- Policy & Resources Committee;
- Human Resources Sub-Committee;
- Licensing Sub-Committee;
- Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board;
- Education, Leisure & Housing Committee;
- Orkney College Management Council (and its Quality Working Group);
- Constitutional Reform Working Group;
- University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation;
- Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson,

West Manse,

Sanday.

stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

SPECIAL COLLECTION OF BULKY ITEMS **FROM DOMESTIC PROPERTIES ON STRONSAY 2013/14**

The special collection dates for Stronsay up to 30 September 2013 are as follows:-

Friday 24 May 2013 and 2 August 2013

Collection dates from 1 October 2013 will be set and advertised later in the year.

Revised charges have now been approved for special collection of bulky items from domestic properties with effect from 1 April 2013.

Charges from 1 April 2013 are as follows:-

Up to 5 items £13.50 plus VAT

6 items and above up to a full pick-up/equivalent load £56.50 plus VAT

Lorry load £113.00 plus VAT

Special collection of certain exceptional/large items will be charged at actual cost and will be agreed in advance of collection.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 as soon as possible prior to the collection dates. Please note that payment for collection is required before the uplift is carried out. Only items that are on the request form will be collected.

A verbal request to the local Refuse Collector is not sufficient.

For information on disposal of commercial waste, including agricultural waste, please contact Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 886367.

POWER CUTS

If there's a prolonged power cut please ring 0800 300 999 (that's a Freephone number) and they will be have all the information about the likely duration of the cut. They will be able to tell you whether it's just you or your part of the island that's affected and if they don't already know about it they can take appropriate action. They will also ring back to make sure that everything is OK.

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



Supervised session times from Monday 4th March 2013

	am	pm
Monday	Buddy	4.15-6.15
Tuesday	Buddy	Buddy
Wednesday	Buddy	4.15-6.15
Thursday	Buddy	4.15-6.15
Friday	Buddy	4.15-6.15
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 No : 616449

BIRDSONGS

By Ellie from Newfield

There is nothing quite like a blackbird
To sing away the doom
Or a songthrush in the evening
To welcome a silvery moon.
Could the nightingale be bettered
When singing her melodies
On a warm and sultry evening
From high up in the trees?
Nature's perfect vocalists
Fluffing out their feathers
And, not least, our red-breasted robin
Who'll cheerfully sing in all weathers.
While cute, chirrupy wrens
Sing a heartfelt duet
Perched in the willows
Framed by an awesome sunset.
And down by the Bramley
The collard doves coo
So intent on their courtship
They'll hardly notice you.
Nature's choir in the copse,
Non-stop harmonies
From the fence posts to
The dry-stone wall and high up in the trees
Such powerful little songsters
Bouncing sound waves through the air.
Every note trilled to perfection,
Produced with the most charming flair.
Then when the bird song's at its best
And you appreciate its pleasure,
Spare a thought if you will
To the tune-less croak of those pheasants.

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GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SYLVIA CHALMERS

With love from Kate Work

70th BIRTHDAY

Bruce Fletcher will be 70 on June 5th and he invites his friends & acquaintances to join him in the bar at the Stronsay Hotel from 8pm onwards. A small buffet will be available.

THANK YOU

Wilma and Murdo would like to thank all who helped in any way to make Murdo's 60th birthday party so special. Also thank you for cards, gifts and donations of £340 to Macmillan Orkney.

THANK YOU

Agnes wishes to sincerely thank everyone who offered so much sympathy and support after the sudden loss of her much loved sister Margaret Stevenson.

Your kindness was very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

Molly and Rebecca would like to thank everyone who sponsored them to build castles for Comic Relief. Despite horrible wind and rain we went to Mill bay armed with buckets and spades on Sun 12th May, after an hour and a half of frantic digging and building we had managed to build 128 sandcastles!

Once all the sponsor money is in we will have raised £92.50

Thanks again to everyone for sponsoring us.

Rebecca and Molly :)

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.

NO charge for "thank you" notices.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY HOTEL

The Stronsay Hotel is offering take away meals from 5pm daily (earlier if required). This menu is also available to eat in at the hotel (for a small extra charge) with the addition of some fine Orkney beef steaks, Rump or Sirloin the choice is yours.

Phone 616213

TAKE AWAY MENU

Homemade lasagne plus chips	£4.95
Homemade sausagemeat pie plus chips	£4.95
Homemade chicken curry plus rice or chips .	£4.95
Homemade chicken pie plus chips	£5.50
Breaded haddock plus chips	£5.50
Breaded wholetail scampi plus chips	£6.50
2 sausages plus chips	£2.40
2 fish fingers plus chips	£2.40
Portion of chips	£1.20
Portion of cheesy chips	£2.00
Portion of onion rings (8)	£1.00

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

Business adverts

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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

ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP



Real soap made by hand in Stronsay. Lovely as gifts, souvenirs, or all year round. This year’s new collection now available plus all your favourites. The new soaps are: Stronsay Goats’ Milk & Bere, Goats’ Milk & Marigold Petals, Green Wave & Kelp, Stronsay Sunset, The Beach, Wild Island Flowers and Dry Stone Wall. They are on sale at Olive Bank and the Post Office in Stronsay. Also available in mainland Orkney shops and online via my website at www.orkneystarshop.co.uk. Tel: 01857 616281.



COMPUTER SERVICES

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

Contact Neil @ Schoolbrae, 616317

e-mail: enquiries@gb-en.eu

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

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY GROUPS

This list is as up to date as possible. If you have an amendment or addition please contact Paul Riley, Tullimentan (616416). Thanks to all who helped compile it.

Name of Group	Contact details
Scottish Women's Rural Institute	Margaret Dennison, Ebenezer Cottage
Agricultural Society	Adrian Miller, Blinkbonny
Mothers & Toddlers	Katy Hearn, Schoolbrae
Greenhouse, Eco club, Young Greenhouse	Marion Miller, Blinkbonny
Sunshine Club (Church Children)	Heather Johnston, Bankhouse and Anne Maree Carter, Storehouse
Moncur Memorial Church Sunday School	Elsie Dennison, Odiness
Stitchers	Simone Kirk, Isles View
Shooters	Leslie Miller, Heygam
Community Council	Adrian Miller, Blinkbonny
Community Association	Damien Stout, Linksness
Hall Hire	Colin McAlpine, The Hill
Development Trust	Lisa De Geer, Fagerheim
Masons	Bill Miller, Glenmanna
Games Club	Gaynor Smith, Grind and Wilma Holland, Kirbister
Support Our School (SOS)	Gaynor Smith, The Grind
Parent Council	Gaynor Smith, The Grind
RNLI	Bill Miller, Glenmanna
Sports Club	Gary Dennison, Park of Hunda
Gym	Julie Andres, Sampsons Lane

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

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Ambulance & 1st Responders	Andy Rose, Hillside
Stronsay Singers	Brian Crowe, Scoulter
Swim Club	Sara Stevenson, Glanascoul
Pool	Elsie Dennison, Odiness
Companions	Margaret Miller, Hunton and Wilma Stout, Whitehall Farm
Fire prevention and safety advice	Ian Cooper, Midgarth

STRONSAY SCHOOL **OPEN EVENT TO LAUNCH THE SCHOOL'S NEW AIMS** **AND VISION STATEMENT**

The school plan to host a community event on Friday 30th August to launch our new aims and vision statement. As part of this event, we intend to display a range of old photographs showing Stronsay School and the island life.

We would like to ask for photographs to be lent to the school to make this possible. Photographs should be labelled with your name and can be handed in to the school office.

We appreciate your help in making this possible.

Thank you

A LOCUM MINISTER FOR THE KIRK

Stronsay's kirk is hoping to have a locum minister from Australia for 3 months in the summer. The good news is that all the relevant paperwork has gone through and Rodger and Marlene Bassham set off on their travels next week. They are due to arrive in Stronsay on Tuesday 2nd July accompanied by their 18 year old grand-daughter. They will stay in the Manse and Rodger will conduct the services during July, August & September, apart from the last Sunday of each month.

HOY HALF MARATHON

I will be taking part in the Hoy Half Marathon on 16th June (postponed from last year) fundraising for Friends of [ANCHOR](#) (Aberdeen and North Centre for Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy).

Sponsor forms are in the shops and around the island again, or get in touch with me on 616238. Any donations much appreciated!

Mairi Dennison

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY STITCHERS **BANTER & BUNTING**



Next meeting Thursday 30th May, 7 – 9.30pm, Kirk Hall

Wouldn't it be rather jolly to have our own handmade bunting to decorate and advertise our Pop Up Shops at the Fishmart this summer?

It would be fantastic if as many folk as possible, besides the Stronsay Stitchers and those signed up for the Pop Up Shops, could make 4 triangles each or as many as you can manage. They can be fabric, knitted, crocheted or felted and thin enough to be sewn onto a tape - and what a great way to use up all those odds and ends that you have floating around! The flags need to be about 6 inches across the top by about 10 ½ inches down each side.

We will have Bunting Boxes at Olive Bank, the Post Office and Ebenezer Stores for you to pop in your creations and would ask that you try and have them finished and put in the box by Wednesday June 20th.

Please note: June's Stronsay Stitchers will be on Thursday 21st June so that we can sew all the bunting together in time for the first Pop Up Shop on Sunday 23rd June (details will be posted nearer the time).

Please feel very welcome to come even if you're not involved in any of these projects.

For all those who are, could you please bring your chosen materials and ideas and we'll see if we can make a start. Looking forward to seeing you all!

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

TUESDAY 18 June

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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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 2 August 2013
Rubbish collection Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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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