



STRONSAY LIMPET

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Jon, Ingram and Gaynor



Jenny with Jon

END OF AN ERA

On Saturday 16th July a dance was held at the Community Centre to say good bye to Dr Jon Buchan, who is retiring after 10 years of dedicated service to the people of Stronsay. He will be missed by everyone and to show our appreciation an Island collection was organised and raised

an amazing £1803.00. Dr Buchan was presented with a painting by Jenny Flett depicting scenes of Stronsay and Dr Jon at the centre playing his fiddle. He also received an Orkney Chair, a bouquet of flowers and a cheque to spend as he wishes.

Father Anthony from Golgotha Monastery presented Dr Jon with a spinning stool which was made by Brother Marcel Marie. Stronsay Youth Band (an up and coming group of youngsters who formed a band earlier this year who are coming on in leaps and bounds) played 4 tunes which everyone enjoyed.

We would like to wish you a very happy well earned retirement from everyone on Stronsay



COURTNEY GOES FOR GOLD



The North Isles Sports was held in Sanday this year, Stronsay did very well having won the North Isles Trophy, but one athlete stood out from all the others. Courtney Peace age 11 was asked to step in at the last minute due to an injury sustained by a team member. Although Courtney was very nervous she decided to give it a go and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, however she admits that it was the crowds enthusiasm that spurred her on to finish the race. She even managed to out lap a Westray woman twice. She had no idea that she was first female over the finishing line. She completed the race in 6 minutes & 35 seconds. Courtney has said she would like to try again next year so look out Northern Isles. **WELL DONE** Courtney Stronsay is proud of you.

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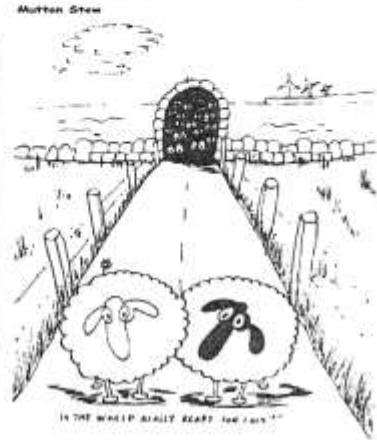
WHITEHALL	08.45-11.00	SCHOOL	11.30-2.00
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE ON GAINING YOUR SVQ IN MIXED FARMING
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED & CONTINUE TO HELP CHARLIE GAIN HIS FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS
MUM & DAD

THANK YOU

To all who have enquired about Barney I'm pleased to say that after surgery he is now home and recovering fast.
Heather & Barney

**RNLI**

The R.N.L.I Buffet lunch held on Sunday 10th July, was a huge success as usual. A large number of locals and visitors attended the Community Centre, where they enjoyed a mouth watering selection of delicious hot and cold food. Also available for there entertainment, was a selection of competitions, quizzes, raffles, tombola, face painting, lifeboat souvenirs and sales tables. The raffle prize everyone wanted was a hand carved solid oak "spinning stool" made on Papa Stronsay by Brother Marcel Marie of Golgotha Monastery. The delighted winner was Doris Shearer from Airy. Young Daniel Carter did an excellent job selling fresh mackerel on his stall, as did Jenna Stevenson, Christine Carter, Kirsty Miller and Catherine Chalmers on the souvenir stall and tombola. Young Duncan Brown did a great job in the setting up of the tables and generally preparing the hall for the occasion. A big "thank you" to all the young helpers. The Kirkwall lifeboat "Margaret Foster" under the command of acting Coxswain Malcolm Foulis, arrived at Stronsay Pier at 12 noon, and was open for inspection. Quite a crowd attended a service on the pier, conducted by the Stronsay Minister, Jennifer George, in which she paid tribute to the brave men and women of the lifeboat service and their families. On behalf of the Stronsay branch of the R.N.L.I. , I would like to say a big "thank you" to all who attended the lunch, donated prizes and items for sale, purchased raffle tickets, took part in the competitions and helped in any way. After expenses have been deducted we expect to clear £1850.00 for the R.N.L.I.



Left
The 'Margaret Foster'
Lifeboat arriving at
Stronsay.

Right
Doris Shearer winner of
the 'Spinning Stool'.



Bill Miller

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MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

RE STARTS WHEN THE SCHOOL
GOES BACK

NORTH ISLE SPORTS HELD ON 25th JUNE

Sanday was the host of the North Isle Sports this year and laid on a wonderful lunch of soup and sandwiches. Stronsay was well represented in participants and supporters alike. The competitors came from the four larger Islands, Sanday, Westray, Eday & Stronsay. Although Sanday won the Millennium Cup this year, Stronsay



was Jubilant having won the Challenge Cup which was the main Trophy until 2000 when the Millennium cup was introduced as a joint trophy for school age and adult scores combined. All in all Stronsay came home with the Shield, the Challenge cup, relay Quaich, The best Adult cup, and the ladies Champion cup.

**CONSTRUCTIVE
COMMENTS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED PLEASE**

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QUIZ

JUST FOR FUN

1. Mandy Smith was briefly married to Bill Wyman, a member of which famous rock band?
2. Where is Davy Jones' locker?
3. Who directed the 1997 comedy film *Bean*?
4. Who swivelled his hips while singing 'It's Not unusual'?
5. Who ruled Rhodesia from 1964 to 1979?
6. Which model and singer played the character of Mayday in the Bond film, *A view to a kill*?
7. Who starred in the film *Independence Day* and *Wild Wild West*?
8. Which all action hero did Harrison Ford play in 1981, 1984 and 1989?
9. Name the actress who, on screen, has played a Mother Superior, one of Harry Potter's teachers and a Greek goddess?
10. Who was the infamous leader of The People's Temple' a religious cult that committed mass suicide?

ANSWERS NEXT ISSUE

June answers. 1. Coven 2. Macbeth 3. Witch hazel. 4. Salem. 5. Warlock 6 .Narnia. 7. The Wizard of Oz. 8. Witches of Eastwick 9. By wrinkling her nose 10. The Blair Witch Project.



Dr Mackay



Heather, Yvonne & Archie
(from Drever & Heddle)

GREAT DAY for the Stronsay Limpet. Following an interview with Radio Orkney, we are pleased to say that we had a wonderful response from Drever & Heddle and Dr Mackay. George has said that he will supply all the printer paper for the Limpet indefinitely. Drever & Heddle heard that we have had printing problems and have come to the rescue by giving us a Printer and photocopier. We made arrangements to go into Kirkwall to collect both of the machines and to our amazement the printer turned out to be a colour laser printer. Orkney Today came along to take a photo and hold a brief interview. So it is with grateful thanks to Drever & Heddle that we are able to continue with the paper. Again we are still hoping that you will give us information about clubs and groups that you may belong to, also has any one got any adverts for us, it does not cost a lot but will insure that we can continue production.

Feel free to contact us By post to Lower Leaquoy. By phone to Yvonne 616375 or Heather 616453 or by email hfazak@onetel.com

Bird & other sightings in Spring / Early Summer 2005

The island's reputation as an excellent place to find rare migrant species was underlined emphatically on 1st April this year when Jim Rendall alerted us to a 'strange-looking snipe' in his garden at Clayquoy. It turned out to be Britain's first-ever Pintail Snipe - a species which has been much searched for throughout the UK. For several decades! Thanks to Jim's hospitality some excellent close footage of the bird was obtained from inside Clayquoy kitchen that evening.



Spring migration was rather quiet this year but had started well with the island's second record of Snowy Owl - a beautiful male found by Harold Stout near the airstrip. Two Great Grey Shrikes were seen in late March, and Carole and Hilton Stevenson came across a Waxwing at the Bu on 20th April. Several Dunnocks were seen in gardens across the island including Cleat, Ellerslie and Oddie. Ross Goodwin saw a Common Crane (actually very rare in the UK.) from Southbank on 13th April but unfortunately it was driven off by Greylag Geese each time it tried to land and was never seen again.

The local Swallows returned in late April and May but probably as a result of the cold northerly winds during this period, fewer pairs than usual are now present this year. However Shelduck numbers seem to be up and several early broods have been seen. Lapwings also appear to have had a good breeding season.. Several Great Northern Divers were present in Mill Bay in late spring - generally in pairs - following the pattern of previous years.

An excellent find on 23rd May was the island's first ever Red-rumped Swallow which spent the evening in the Hescomb area and was finally videoed on the washing line at Airy Cottage by Hazel Shearer at 9pm that day.

A Rough-legged Buzzard flew over the reserve on 26th May and there was yet another amazing find on the 29th May - a male Pallas's Rosefinch in the yard at 'Castle', the first genuine wild individual of the species ever seen in Britain.. The bird ignored the liberal helpings of bird seed we scattered around the whole area that morning, feeding solely on dandelion heads. At no time did it join in with the local House Sparrows which were feeding on the 'Wild Bird Seed' - a vital clue that the bird had not escaped from an aviary! The last sighting was by Leslie Miller at Millbank on the evening of the 31st. A singing Common Rosefinch (very uncommon in the U.K.) was found by Kath and Norman Kent at Dale on 21st June and it is pleasing to report that several visitors saw Puffins both on the cliffs and on the sea in the Vat/Burgh Head area in early summer, by which time the large island population of breeding Linnets was in full swing. With silage cutting underway on many of the farms this is a good time to look for returning waders, including Golden Plover and Bar-Tailed Godwits. Both are very easy to spot among the more common species such as Curlew and Lapwings. July is also the most likely time to see a Rosy Starling (very rare in the U.K.) and again these pink and black birds stand out clearly from the familiar species. All these birds are most likely to be seen in freshly cut (or cleared) silage at this time of year.

Other recent sightings include a Humming-Bird Hawkmoth in Airy Cottage garden in early July; good numbers of Ghost-moths and Magpie Moths at Dale and Castle, and regular sightings of Common (or Harbour) Porpoise in mill bay well into July. An adult Porpoise with a tiny young (calf) was seen on the 6th..

John & Sue Holloway.
Stronsay Bird Reserve.

SUN SHINES ON STRONSAY GALA

Even the weather was great on Gala day, which was opened by Dr George Mackay



Every thing kicked off at 1pm with the Stromness piped band who led the parade

All in all I believe that Gala day was a success this year and that all involved did their utmost to make it happen. The trampoline was very popular and a few different games kept the youngsters happy. The beer tent took a beating but managed to keep up with demand after restocking part way through the afternoon. Thank you to Maurice and Sheila also Mike and Viv who gave us help in various forms. Thank you also goes to all the helpers stuck in the heat of marquees all afternoon.

The Gala Dance was a huge success with a fairly packed hall who were entertained by Don & Co. Thank you from the Gala committee to all who helped out too many to mention but still greatly appreciated.



Judging of the floats started the afternoon programme shortly after, in the marquee handicrafts and baking entries were being scrutinised by the judges.



The stars of the day were the Kanemere dogs who brought their owners with them. They gave several performances in the arena throughout the afternoon. Obedience, agility and a game of flyball kept the onlookers entertained. In fact some of the local children helped out by holding hoops for the dogs to jump through and again standing so the clever canines could weave themselves down the line. All in all the the dogs were in fine form although it was a warm afternoon they coped well and really put their hearts into the displays. I believe we owe a big thank you to Kanemere dog agility group for all their hard work.



Gary and Ella Coltherd brought along their two beautiful Clydesdale Horses for everyone to see. Unfortunately they had a fire recently and lost their horse carriage which they would have brought with them on the day. Never the less these gentle giants were a huge hit.



**ALL THE HELP
GIVEN BY A
CERTAIN CHAP
TOOK IT'S TOLL AT
THE END!**

BAKING AND HANDICRAFT RESULTS

Drop Scones

1st Margareth Richards
2nd Viv Erdman

Carrot cake

1st Madeline Martin
2nd Mary Gough
3rd Viv Erdman

Cheese Straws

1st Sue Fairbrother
2nd Barbara Brightwell
3rd Margareth Richards

Loaf of Bread

1st & 2nd Flo Brown
3rd Margareth

Clootie Dumpling

1st Viv Erdman
2nd Flo Brown

Cheese & Onion Loaf

1st Simone Board
2nd Barbara Brightwell
3rd Viv Erdman

Bottle of Wine

1st Sue Fairbrother
2nd JoanGuysbers
3rd Margareth Richards

Something Old from Something New

1st Simone Board
2nd Barbara Brightwell
3rd Viv Erdman

Any Item of Needlework

1st Sue Fairbrother
2nd Margaret Crow
3rd Margareth Richards

Ceramic Mosaic

1st Viv Erdman

Hand Knitted Article

1st Simone Board
2nd Sue Fairbrother
3rd Margareth Richards

A Wooden Toy

1st Ralph Fotheringham
2nd Hazel Shearer

A Painting

1st Sue Fairbrother
2nd Barbara Brithwell

A Quilted Article

1st Jennifer George
2nd Viv Erdman
3rd Margareth Richards

Nursery Children

A Collage

1st Molly Shearer

2nd Leah Want

3rd Jude Erdman

Clay or Plasticine Model

1st Amos Erdman

Pom Pom Article

1st Diane Smith

School Children

Recycled Scrap Article

1st Liam Martin

2nd Sebbie Scott Howells

3rd Leah Shearer

Rock Buns

1st Lauren Caithness

2nd Amos Erdman

3rd Jude Erdman

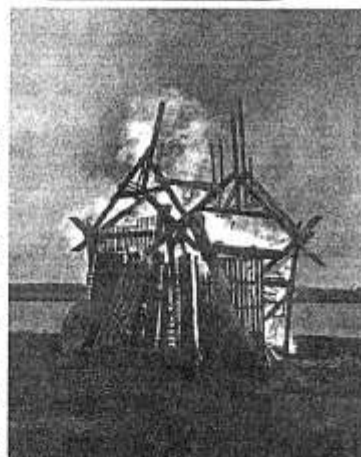
We would like to thank all participants Of the competitions and of course the judges, who enjoyed sampling the home bakes.

Well done to everyone who entered and we hope to see more for next years Gala

FEAST DAY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



On Friday 24th June an enormous bonfire was constructed on Papa Stronsay. There was an open invitation from the Monks to all Islanders who wished to join in with the celebration. The evening began with a short ceremony in which Father Michael welcomed everyone. Then the flame from the Easter Candle (which



has been kept alight since Easter and will continue burning until next Easter) was used to light the fire, this was done by father Michael's father who was visiting from New Zealand.

The fire was then blessed with Holy Water and everyone present was asked to join them in the celebratory feast. There was a large variety of food both hot and cold which was enjoyed by everyone present included in this was a traditional Irish pudding made with the cream from the Islands Jersey cows (Which was Excellent). This celebratory fire is one of two, the other being held at Easter. Originally prior to the 1900's the fire would have been lit on St John's Hill (the highest point) in Stronsay. This tradition was "rekindled" when Papa Stronsay once again became a Papal Island In keeping with this tradition, the ashes from the fire will be spread on the land to bless the land.

Prior to the celebration permission for the fire was given by OIC on the understanding that only wood was burnt.



The stone carving pictured above was hand carved by Brother Marcel Marie, this is one of his many projects, another one being the wonderfully carved spinning stool that was donated to the RNLI as a fund raising prize, which many of us saw on Sunday. (see RNLI report on The front page)