

STRONSAY LIMPET

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HARVEST HOME NOVEMBER 2005

Stronsay Held its Harvest Home on Saturday 12th November it began at 8 p.m. And was as always very well attended. Dave Miller opened the proceedings by welcoming everybody and requesting our Minister, Jennifer George, to say Grace. A wonderful meal was then enjoyed by everyone. With all replete with food Dave gave the yearly farming report. This as he said began wet and continued to stay wet but surprisingly enough the silage still came in early though it was a poor year for straw. All in all it was a "Gay wet year". He remembered that 2 years ago at the Harvest Home saying that the good weather was supposed to be due to Global Warming and if that was true to "bring it on" unfortunately it was brought on but not quite as was expected. The invited guest speaker this year was Dr George Mackay, who was accompanied by his mother as his wife was unwell and sent her apologies. Dr Mackay, smartly dressed in his kilt, admitted he had been asked to be the speaker for the night but had no idea which topic he was going to talk on until just before he started.

He settled on Fishing and farming, as many of you probably know Dr George comes from a fishing background (being a trawler man himself many years ago). He said that it was likely that only In Orkney & Shetland did the two occupations work together. Fishing on the west coast of Scotland has all but died out, the same thing to some extent has happened to farming.





There is virtually nothing nowadays made in England or Scotland, but we still manage to enjoy a fairly good standard of living. Dr George made everyone laugh with a couple of jokes .nd then before we knew it was time to wrap everything up. Ian Cooper thanked Dr Mackay for his talk and for the fantastic food that had been prepared and served to us all. It was then time to move through to the big hall in anticipation of the dance to follow. There was an excellent turn out for both the dance and meal, and a fantastic evening was enjoyed by all. The band for the evethe Rousam Rascals & Co. ning was and Phil Holland the MC, both were loudly applauded at the end of the night. Everyone was wished a safe journey home and the hall quickly emptied.

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Pat

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Comfortable Fireside chair Contact Colin 616446

THANK YOU

To all friends in Stronsay
For their best wishes
On the occasion of my 90th Birthday
Robert (lower Leaquoy)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CASSIE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ON NOVEMBER 19th
LOVE FROM PEACE & WALTER
XX

MAM
ON NOVEMBER 25th
LOTS OF LOVE
ELIZABETH
XXX

STUART
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ON NOVEMBER 27th
LOVE FROM
WALTER & PEACE
XX

TO CASSIE
HAVE A LOVELY 14th BIRTHDAY
ALL OUR LOVE
MUM, LESLEY, SHANNON & KITSY
XXX

HAPPY 14th BIRTHDAY
CASSIE
LOTS OF LOVE
FROM UNCLE STEVE
AUNTIE YVONNE
CRAIG & JODY
XXXX

ELSPETH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ON NOVEMBER 25th
LOVE FROM PEACE & WALTER
XX

LOCAL BUSINESSES

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, Tel. 616282

INSTANT PHOTO'S

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 616420

STRONSAY FISHMART

Cafe, Hostel & Interpretation centre.

Hostel open all year round. Hot meals, light snacks, home bakes, teas, coffees refreshments.

Thursday 12pm - 2pm
Friday 5pm - 7pm
Saturday 12pm - 2pm & 5 pm - 7pm
Sunday 12pm- 7pm
Special occasions catered for by
arrangement Tel 616386

SPARKY

For all your electrical & Plumbing needs
Contact John at 11 Whitehall
Tel: 616466

FOR SALE

Tatties various kinds £6 per 25kg bag Can deliver if necessary Call Ian or Arna 616322

DOGHOUSE DESIGN
Cards for any occasion
Hand made to order
Also on sale at the Post Office

Tel. 616453 FOR SALE

Fresh Lobsters & Crabs available Contact William Caithness 07833682077

REDHOUSE PLANTS

Seasonal vegetables ready NOW Contact Gil or Lindsay on 616377

GOING AWAY?

Do you need someone to look after your animals at your house?

I have 8 years experience with all kinds of animals.

Contact Beth Erdman

616339

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VET - FLETT & CARMICHAEL	01856872859	STRONSAY ARTWORK	S 616282
VET - NORHTVET	01856873403	FISHMART	616386
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STRONSAY HOTEL	616213	POST OFFICE	616217
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EBENEZER STORES	616339	STRONSAY LIMPET	616375/453

SHORT STORY.....Part 1

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Why, on looking back over the years, should some days stand out so well in our memory? Obviously some red letter days do stand out from the others but besides these, other seemingly quite ordinary days remain locked clearly in the memory bank - not the complete day but tantalising glimpses of a day which appear etched on the brain. He was once again staying with his grandparents - almost certainly a school holiday - possibly Easter or Summer break. For once the village seemed deserted. None of his pals were around. Where had they all gone? Unfortunately recollection does not supply the answer to this. The fact that he was alone did not bother him unduly. Indeed, at times it was something of a relief. No need to claim allegiance with one group at the expense of another. Normally he would have been happy to escape to the beach, gather some bait and go fishing from the semi-ruined pier when the tide started to come in. Even at this age his hunting instincts were well honed. Not for him the hard unyielding flesh of the limpets, sticking to the rocks in profusion, and ignored as food by all but the most desperate of fish. For him it had to be the best bait available, the peeler crab or the completely soft shelled version when they had shed their hard outer shell as they grew and the new shell still had not had time to grow hard. Occasionally his grandfather would remember to bring him home a mackerel, the oily flesh of which was eagerly sought by the fish around the pier. That he was not so engaged suggests that it was Easter rather than Summer when the water was still too cold for fish in any quantity to be caught from the pier.

What then to do with his days freedom?

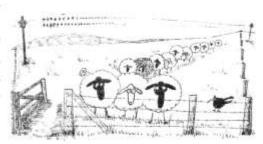
To the east of the village lay the brooding mass of Troup Head, a large headland jutting out into the waters of the Moray Firth. Most of the headland was composed of sheer cliffs falling two to three hundred feet to the sea below. In two or three places however the sheer cliffs gave way to more gentle grass covered slopes where it was easy to gain access to the small rocky coves below. Usually the remains of a path By this time the population of the vilwound its way down the slope -whether the result of lage had dropped to the extent that a human or animal feet remained a mystery. Although shop was probably no longer a viable the waters in the bay were flat, sheltered behind the proposition but the village still boasted mass of Troup Head, further out small wavelets broke one. the surface of the sea driven before a light east wind. Overhead the sky was bright blue and cloudless and as usual in these far off days, it seems, the sun shone. The chance of a lone adventure was too much to resist. He would go and explore the next cove round from the village. Once there, there would almost certainly be driftwood to be collected and who knows, perhaps even a cache of hidden treasure.

Saying nothing to his grandparents, who would almost certainly have vetoed the idea, he went to the shed at the side of the house. Here he collected a piece of strong cord for carrying home any treasures then set out for the village shop.



To be continued...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"JUST ONE SNEEZE AND WE'RE OUT OF HERE."

GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

COMPANIONS

OVER 50's CLUB

Every Monday 2 pm Lunch Club every 2nd Monday of the month 1 pm Contact Jean 616307

GAMES CLUB

Friday 8 till 10 pm in the hall For ages 10 & over Lots of fun and activities TEL 616306

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

ON BU LINKS
STARTS AT 1pm on
20th November
£6 to shoot 25 rounds
For more info phone Mike on 616345

STRONSAY SINGERS

Meet every Monday From 19.30-21.30

£42 for 10 sessions Concessions available contact BRIAN CROWE 616464

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Thursday 9.30-11am All welcome

YOU COULD ADVERTISE YOUR GROUP OR CLUB HERE FOR FREE PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY EVENTS OR ACTIVI-TIES GOING ON LET US KNOW AND WE WILL TELL EVERYONE FOR YOU

SWIM CLUB

Thursday evening. For more information contact Sheena 616306

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It has been agreed that domestic white goods such as old fridges, washing machines etc. May be stored at the haulier's yard until the next special collection date. Should you wish to take advantage of this arrangement, it is essential that you contact the haulier to arrange a suitable time to deliver to the yard. You must also book the special collection with Orkney Islands Council stating exact details of the number and type of items requiring collection.

Hauliers are only authorised to transport items that O.I.C. Have been made aware of. Please note that this arrangement is for 'White goods' only. Arrangements for collection of

normal weekly domestic refuse remain the same. SCRAP CARS

Anyone wishing to dispose of their scrap cars should contact the haulier on 616264 to book.

This must be done prior to delivering the vehicle to the yard. Thank you.

BONFIRE NIGHT

A very good turn out and loads of entries for the Guy/Gal competition.

A good supper was served after a fantastic

A good supper was served after a fantastic bonfire and firework display.

Thank you to all who attended to make this a good night.

RNLI NEWS

Thank you to all who came to the Halloween party. We raised £514

For the Lifeboat. Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes, sale items. Also thank you to all those who took the time to enter the fancy dress.

KIRK NEWS

December 4th - Evening Praise Service in the church hall, 7.30 p.m. Join in singing old favourites and learning new songs, a video presentation on an Advent theme, and a time for fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee.

December 11th - Children's Christmas Service in the church hall, 11.00 a.m. The children of the congregation would like to help you remember and celebrate the birth of Christ. December 11th - Carol Service in the church hall, 7.30 p.m. Supper provided. Please bring a gift for the "over-eighties" on the island.

December 16th -Disco for all island children and youth in the church hall, 8-10 p.m.

December 18th - Children's Christmas Party, church hall 2.00-4.30 p.m.

December 24th - Watchnight Candlelight Service, in the church 11.30.p.m.

December 25th - Christmas Day Family Worship, in the church 11 a.m.

HALLELUJAH!

On Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m. At the church, Stronsay residents will be welcomed to a performance of Handel, s Messiah. The Sanday Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Mike Newman, will come over for the day, joined by professional soloists in Orkney for the weekend. Donations above the costs incurred will go to Christian Aid's "Present Aid" campaign. Treat yourself to the gift of music this Christmas season!

GOLGOTHA CAROL SERVICE

Will be on Thursday 22nd December at 7pm in the Community Centre All welcome

LETTERS TO THE LIMPET

This will be the seventh issue of the'Limpet' and we have received a good response so far. That includes comments of 'keep up the good work' 'we enjoy reading you' 'keep em coming' & many comment of "is the Limpet out yet, we look forward to reading it!!!"

Dear Editor, Please could I use the letter page of the "Limpet" to appeal to all drivers of tractors and other large vehicles on the roads of Stronsay. Our daughter Bethany has One of which has never been ridden and one which is nervous with heavy traffic. He will get used to tractors and trailers passing him if he is given the chance to gain in confidence, but he's been frightened recently by some tractors passing him at speed. I realise that your time is important, and that you have a job to do, but it only takes a few seconds to give 'Dale' a chance to overcome his fear, by or care what their offspring are up to? slowing down for horses. Thank You Viv, Mrs Maureen Fletcher Claremont, Stronsay Ebenezer Stores 616339.

Two youngsters, aged about 12 or 13, knocked on my door during the afternoon of 31 October. They stood there, having made no attempt whatsoever to dress in anything resembling a costume, and just said "Trick or Treat"; they were, to put it bluntly, demanding money with menaces. When these individuals are boasting to their friends about defacing my front door & windows later that day let them remember that they have now cancelled out any gifts or donations I may have been inclined to give. Where were these callers during the rest of the year? I would gladly have given them a donation in recently moved here with two young ponies. return for a small amount of gardening or shopping, as I was not enjoying the best of health. All Hallows Eve (or Samhain - not 'Trick or Treat') is almost the only time one hears of these individuals. No doubt their next wave of begging will be in December when they warble one line of "Jingle Bells" before hammering on the door. I find it intolerable when I am intimidated in my own home and frightened out of my wits. slow down when passing horses, So please Do the parents of children such as these know

01857 616297

Bird News - late Autumn.

Many of the usual small autumn migrants were seen around the island in early October, including Goldcrests; Blackcaps; Redwings and Bramblings, with twelve of the latter species roosting at Springwell. A Woodlark was seen flying south over Oddie among a flock of Meadow Pipits, and Snow Buntings began to arrive among the stubble where many will spend the winter. (A flock of 90 or so was seen in the field opposite Northbank on 11th November).

Large numbers of Pink-footed Geese were seen flying south across the island in the first two weeks of October and a few Barnacle Geese joined the local Greylags around this time. The last Swallow was seen on 14th October and 3 Woodcocks were recorded mid-month. A Ring Ouzel was seen by Colin MacAlpine at The Hill on 17th and one flew past Lower Millfield on 17th.

Two Goldfinches were seen - one at Dale and one at Castle - and midmonth saw an influx of Redpolls (most of which were 'mealies'), with one Arctic Redpoll among a party of three at Sunnybank. A few Greenfinches arrived around this time and Long-tailed Ducks began to arrive in Mill Bay surprisingly nearly all adult males. A Little Gull was seen on several occasions and Whooper Swans had arrived in the usual numbers on the Lea Shun loch.

A beautiful red male Crossbill was in the yard at Castle briefly early morning on 20th October, with an equally stunning male Black Redstart in the garden at the same time. Many Blackcaps arrived the same day with reports of several in gardens right across the island. Two Mistle Thrushes were seen and a female Common Scoter was off The Reserve on 23rd Oct.

The last of the five Yellow-browed Warblers seen on the island was found at The Bu on 21st when huge numbers of Goldcrests were present on the island, and Waxwings began to arrive towards the end of the month with at least eleven present for several days in early November, many attracted to the apples provided at Linkshouse, Lower Millfield, Dale and Castle.

Ross Goodwin saw a white Gyrfalcon on 5th November and two Sandwich Terns were seen around this time - it appears that the species will yet again winter around the island!

Incredibly a live Common Frog (half-grown) was found on the kitchen step inside Castle by SH on 20th October. None have ever been seen on or near The Reserve as far as we are aware but perhaps someone can enlighten us as to the frog's origins. (We have considered the 'frogs dropping from the sky' syndrome!).

If anyone would particularly like us to inform them of bird sightings please let us know - there is already an island 'grape-vine' in this respect.

John Holloway Stronsay Bird Reserve. Tel: 616363.

Following our article on Dr Rosie

I was interested in the article about Dr Rosie and his motor vehicle. It was a bicycle with an engine in the back wheel and at the sale at Geramount after the Doctor died my father-in-law Donald Peace bought the cycle, but by that time the engine had been removed. Donald was still riding that cycle when he was 80 years old, after that it ended its days at Gorries still going good until the early 1960's when the tyres etc. at last gave up.

We received this letter from Nana Peace......(Late Gorries)

GAMES CLUB (aged 10 & over)

Friday 18th November-

Children in Need night.

Admission £1.00

(50p goes to Children in need)

Wear your Pyjamas pay a 50p No pyjamas pay £1!!!

There will also be a paper plane competition 50p to enter, paper provided, prize for 1st Also if anyone else wants to make a donation to **Children in need** you can hand this in at the hall between 8pm & 10pm.

Usual activities & tuck shop as well.

SWIM CLUB GALA

Will be held on
Thursday 8th December at 7pm.
All swim club members will be expected to take part.

Fun & Prizes for all

SWRI

Christmas Party for children 9 years & under Wednesday 14th December

SANTA FLOAT

Santa will be coming to Stronsay on
Saturday 17th December! Leaving Jim's yard
at 6.30pm and going through the
village. Carols to follow in the Stronsay
Hotel. All children <u>must</u> be accompanied by
an adult. Santa will be available in the Hotel
to receive any letters

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Family Fancy dress disco £1 admission, sandwiches on sale, raffle & 100 club draw. Tuesday 27th December 8pm till late at the

HOGMANAY DANCE

See out the old year & bring in the new!
Saturday 31st December 9.30pm
At The Community Centre
Adults £2, Children 50p,
Supper provided

New Caretaker

For Community Centre Is Colin McAlpine 616446

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Fantastic new disco equipment, disco ball, spotlights and smoke machine

Now available to hire at Community Centre. £10 per hour (Hall & equipment) + Hydro.

You must also use one of our recommended DJ's. Ideal for parties & birthdays.

Sheena & Juila

Would like to say say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning (and evening) in aid of Macmillan Cancer relief. You helped raise the amazing sum of £622.61p!

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Children's recreation area project
(sub group committee)
Present a Christmas Concert at the
Moncur Memorial Church
On Friday December 9th at 7.30 p.m.
Starring the Bea' choir
Supported by the Stronsay singers
(debut performance)
Following the performance there will be a
Christmas bazaar in the church hall.
Refreshments available
Entrance fee £3.00 adults
£1.00 children Under 5's free
Check on shop notices
further events planned

LETTER TO SANTA

WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA
YOU WILL FIND ONE THAT
YOU CAN COMPLETE IN THE
SCHOOL OFFICE AND THEN
YOU CAN POST IT IN THE
SPECIAL LETTERBOX
NEARBY LETTERS NEED TO
BE POSTED BY 9th DECEMBER AS IT IS A VERY BUSY
TIME OF YEAR AND SANTA
NEEDS TIME TO REPLY TO
YOUR LETTER

QUIZ

JUST FOR FUN

- 1. In which 1993 film did Tom Hanks meet Meg Ryan at the top of the Empire State Building?
- 2. What is a somnambulist?
- 3. What do the initials REM stand for with regard to dream patterns?
- 4. What type of rodent fell asleep inside the teapot at the Mad Hatters tea party in Alice in Wonderland?
- 5. Which actress engaged in pillow talk with Rock Hudson in a 1959 film?
- 6. Which female songstress hit the charts in 1978 with a song called "talking in your sleep"?
- 7. In which field of entertainment is Wayne Sleep a famous name?
- 8. Who committed the murders in the film A Nightmare on Elm Street?
- 9. Which detective made his literary début in The Big Sleep?
- Who ended each episode of the magic roundabout with the words "Time for Bed".

Answers to Septembers quiz. 1. The Guardian Angels 2. Woodrow Wilson 3. Margaret Thatcher, who had married Dennis Thatcher, who had been previously married to Margaret Kempson. 4 Chicago 5. Rabbi 6. Oswald Moseley 7. General Leopoldo Galtieri 8. James Buchanan 9. Egyption 10. Alec Guinness

SURGERY HOURS

Monday-Saturday Open Surgery

9.30-10.30

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday

4pm - 5.pm by appointment

Repeat Prescription collection times Monday-Friday 10am -12pm and 1.30- 4.30pm

LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT 6th DECEMBER

WHITEHALL 08.45-11.00 SCHOOL 11.30-2.00 18.30-20.00 GORRIES 14.30-16.30 SCHOOL

3,6,9 or 12 monthly subscriptions, available at 75p an issue which includes post & packing for friends or family living away. If your Group or organisation is having an event or there is anything going on why not tell us so we can tell Stronsay. No event is too small or insignificant, we are trying to give out local information but cannot do it unless YOU tell US. Have you got a story or a poem or old photo's of Stronsay to share with other islanders.

If so Pleeeeeeease

CONTACT EITHER YVONNE, 375 OR HEATHER 453

email hfazak@btinternet.com Or by letter to Lower Leaguey

USEFUL INFO AND DATES

POST OFFICE TIMES- MON & THURS 9am-4pm TUE, WED, FRI & SAT 9am-1pm NEXT SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION FEBRUARY REPLACEMENT BIN BAGS TEL: 01856 873535 SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE KIRK SUNDAY 11am OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIER HEAD. - DAILY MASSES 7am SUNDAY 9am

The Stronsay Development Trust is supported in its activities by Orkney Enterprise, Orkney Islands Council, Communities Scotland, The Crofters Commission and Orkney Community Planning Partnership.

ORKNEY FERRIES FROM NOW TILL REFIT MON. TUE. WED. THUS. FRI. SAT. SUN. DEP STRONSAY. 08.50 09.00 07.30 08.50 07.30 08.50 -----ARR. KIRKWALL. 10.55 10.35 09.35 10.55 09.35 11.25 -----DEP. KIRKWALL 15.00 16.00 15.00 16.00 16.00 15.20 16.00 ARR. STRONSAY. 17.05 17.35 17.05 18.05 17.20 17.35 18.05 01856 872044 **CHECK IN CARS 20mins** FOOT PASSENGERS PENTLAND FERRIES FROM NOW TILL 31st MAY 2006

DEP. St MARGARETS HOPE 08.00 12.00 17.00 DEP GILL'S BAY 09.45 13.45 18.45

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LOGAN AIR FROM NOW TILL 19th FEBRUARY 2006

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NORTHLINK

MONDAY TO FRIDAY		SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
DEP. STROMNESS	06.30				
DEP. SCRABSTER	08.45				
DEP STROMNESS	11.00	09.00			
DEP .SCRABSTER	13.15	12.00			
DEP. STROMNESS	16.45	16.45			
DEP. SCRABSTER	19.00	19.00			

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NORTHLINK ABERDEEN

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
DEP. ABERDEEN	19.00		19.00	17.00	19.00	17.00	17.00
ARR. KIRKWALL				23.00		23.00	23.00
DEP. KIRKWALL				23.45		23.45	23.45
ARR.ABERDEEN	07.00				07.00		07.00

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