



STRONSAY LIMPET

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THE LIMPET IS 100 THIS MONTH!



It is now eight years since Yvonne and Heather started producing the LIMPET. The first few editions were printed (single-sided) on an ink jet printer, collated and stapled then delivered by hand to every house on Stronsay.

Nowadays the LIMPET contains up to 32 pages and, thanks to a subsidy from the Stronsay Development Trust, it is printed by the Orcadian. The print run averages about 125 (which includes about 17 postal subscribers) and folk collect their printed copy from Olivebank, Ebenezer or the Post Office on the last Thursday in the month; the deadline for items to be included in the LIMPET is 7pm on the Sunday before the publication date.

All the LIMPETs from March 2009 onwards are available on the LIMPET website www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk, these downloads—which are FREE—are in colour (where available) and photographs are generally larger than the black & white images in the printed versions of the LIMPET.

GERAMOUNT SURGERY—'FLU VACCINATIONS

No details yet but please watch for posters in the shops.

The next edition of the *LIMPET* will be published on Thu 28 Nov. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 24 Nov. Contact details on back page

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SDT Use. Date received
Reference number
Board minute date



Stromsay Community Fund

Educational or Skills Training Bursary

Individuals may apply for up to £1000 per student per annum from a fund of £20,000 a year which has been reserved for individual bursaries to support these two charitable aims:

- To advance education and in particular to promote opportunities for learning for the benefit of the general public.
- To promote training, particularly among residents of the Community, and with particular reference to skills which assist the participants in obtaining paid employment.

Education and learning

- Regular lessons for those at school and similar learning for those over school age. Music, languages, art, sport, dancing for example.
- Further Education
- Higher Education including UHI and Open University
- Any age

Skills Training

- Grants to support the acquiring of skills, whether it's the cost of the course, travel, tools, specialised clothing, and books.
- Any age - from school leavers and above.

In confidence

Name of applicant (or parent/carer if under 18).....

Name of student (if under 18)

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Address.....

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Contact Tel number.....email address.....

Title of
course/lessons.....

Attendance frequency and over what period of time

.....

I attach a copy of course details/acceptance letter

Costs - Estimates with supporting evidence

Course fees	
Reasonable accommodation costs	
Travel expenses	
Books/equipment	
Other	
Total estimated cost	

Funding required

Total estimated costs (as above)	
Any amount from Individual learning Account	
Any other grant funding	
Own contribution	
Amount requested from the Stronsay Community Fund	

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Declaration:

- I confirm that I shall provide all receipts and confirmation of attendance from the course provider within 28 days of completion of the course and will refund any unspent grant.
- I understand that failure to attend the course without good reason, or failure to provide evidence of the costs will mean that I may be liable to refund the grant.
- I confirm that I am eligible to be a member of the Stronsay Development Trust

Signed.....Date.....

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

By John Holloway

October is generally the month in which the most spectacular sightings occur and this year October did not disappoint, with one species new to the island list and several other Stronsay rarities.

September ended with many hundreds of Pink-footed Geese flying over in the last few days and several Yellow-browed Warblers in the gardens. This tiny warbler is the size of a Goldcrest and easy to confuse with the more common species, but lacks the yellow/orange crown-stripe of Goldcrest (see photo).



'Yellow-browed Warbler - note lack of bright central crown-stripe seen in Goldcrest'

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It is however generally more active and a stronger flyer than Goldcrest, and often difficult to 'pin down'.

Robins began to appear in the gardens in late September along with a small number of thrushes. A flycatcher first seen in Jim Sinclair's garden at Northbank on 28th was re-discovered next day in The Manse garden. It showed many features of Taiga Flycatcher but may have been an aberrant Red-breasted Flycatcher (see photo).



'Taiga Flycatcher in The Manse garden'

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Brambling and Chiffchaffs began arriving in early October when another Barred Warbler was seen, and a real surprise flying in from the East near Russland on 5th was an adult Common Crane which unfortunately only spent an hour or so feeding amongst the stubble near The Pow (see photo).



'Common Crane near Russland'

Whooper Swans began arriving around this time along with the first Long-tailed Ducks. Birds of prey were present in good numbers from mid-month onwards including several Hen Harriers, Merlin, Sparrowhawk, Peregrine, and a lovely male Kestrel with grey head and bright orange-brown mantle, which spent several days in the Gorie's area. There was a noticeable influx of Rock Pipits - now very uncommon here as a breeding bird - around this time. A Long-tailed Duck was a very unusual sighting in the Gorie's Quarry on 16th.

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Saturday 19th was one of the most exciting days of the year, and although nothing was seen due to the conditions - the magic combination of SE winds and torrential rain - we knew that the following day would yield any number of unusual sightings, and potentially birds from Asia. We were not disappointed, and one of the first birds we found was a (Siberian) Meadow Bunting at Cleat - the first Autumn record anywhere in the UK. It was very obliging although only present for 2-3 minutes as it perched in a small sycamore tree in full view. The bird had a unique combination of pattern/colour in the plumage, with unstreaked yellowish-buff underparts, unstreaked rufous rump, and striking head-pattern with a gleaming-white extremely long supercilium. In profile it looked like a slightly 'stocky', long-tailed Yellowhammer. It called 3-4 times, clinching the identification - a triple 'zip-zip-zip'. We did not realise the significance of this call until we scoured the internet for details later that day.

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'Meadow Bunting Cleat 20th October (water-colour painting)'

We returned to the site three times that day but could not relocate the bird, but on our second visit discovered another major rarity for the UK - a Black-eared Wheatear on a flag-stone dyke in the same area. It too was a 'short-stayer' on a day when many birds were in 'mobile' mode, stopping briefly to feed and then flying off, driven on by the urge to migrate.

Hundreds of migrants arrived over that week-end - including Redwings, Fieldfares, Brambling and Robins, along with hundreds of Blackbirds and a single Mistle Thrush. A Woodcock was seen at Dale on 21st, and Gary and Pato saw a party of Snow Buntings at Odiness the same day. A Grey Wagtail was found that afternoon in the farmyard at Airy (see photo).



'Grey Wagtail Airy Farm - note very long tail and yellow under-tail coverts'

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Yet another real surprise on 22nd was a Great Grey Shrike flying across the road in front of the car near Whitehall Farm at dusk - a Goldcrest clutched tightly in its talons, and next day a Waxwing was found feeding on the rose-hips by Brian and Christine at Cliffdale. A Hawfinch which was seen on and off for two days was found feeding on the Castle rose-hips on the evening of 24th, and following Kate Work's sighting of a Great Spotted Woodpecker on 18th September and another at Springwell around the same time, there were further sightings involving at least two birds (one adult and at least one juvenile) from Steve and Gaynor at the school; Wendy and Dennis at Linkshouse, and Albert and Nan at Iona. Sue and I managed to see this last bird, which was desperately searching for food on the harled walls on the house and out-buildings, as well as in the small trees nearby (see photos). One real bonus was seeing a flock of over 150 Snow Buntings in the stubble-field alongside. At one point the flock landed on the nearby road and stone dykes close to the house giving us all amazing close views. These birds may stay in the area for some time - they are generally found in stubble-fields and can have their 'favourite' sites in which to feed during the winter months. Well worth looking out for, particularly as this flock consisted of nearly all - the much whiter - males.



'Great Spotted Woodpecker Iona' - in typical habitat!'

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'Same bird desperately searching for food on the harled garden wall'

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MINIBUS TRIP

On 13th October, through 'Enjoy Wild Orkney', we arranged a bird-watching/wildlife trip around the island in the hope of finding at least one or two interesting sightings. With some good luck and careful driving by Maurice Williamson, the bus-load of locals enjoyed some excellent close views of birds, the best being a Merlin on a fence-post just 25yds from the Airy Road. The bird then flew across the road and chased and almost caught a Redshank in full view of us all.

We then went to Greenfield where we had lovely views of Whooper Swans on the Meikle Water. Bar-tailed Godwits, Golden Plover, and Curlew were all seen at close range in the Greenfield Drive. Then on to Rothiesholm where we enjoyed close views of both Blackcap and Goldcrest in the garden at Osen, with Gannets fishing off-shore.

Back at Castle all agreed that the Merlin sighting won first prize.

Thanks go to Susanne at Greenfield, David (who alerted us to the birds in his garden at Osen), and Maurice Williamson for allowing us to eat sweets in the School Bus. A big thank-you also goes to Katy Norbury, the 'Enjoy Wild Orkney' Ranger who arranged funding for the minibus.

It is hoped that more trips will be arranged in the near future.



'The expectant group just before departure from Castle'

(All photos and illustration JH except Great Spotted Woodpecker on wall - Nan Rendall)

STRONSAY KIRK—HARVEST FESTIVAL 21 OCTOBER 2013

The service was lead by Mike & Viv Erdman. During the service each member of the congregation was given an empty punnet then during the course of the service items of food were distributed (thanks to Viv and her young assistants) and placed in the punnets while Mike gave out some information about the particular item of food. At the end of the service each member of the congregation was asked to take their filled punnet and give it to a friend or neighbour.

Thanks to all who provided the excellent display and those who helped to distribute it around the island. Special thanks to Mike & Viv for taking the service and for both making the punnets and providing the items that went into the punnets.



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Photographs of the displays in the kirk (taken by Roger Neville-Smith)

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP ON STRONSAY

I am hoping to start up a support/social group for people with diabetes on Stronsay and for their relatives and/or carers, it would be a sub-group of the “Diabetes UK” group in Kirkwall I am asking for your views on this and whether or not this is something you would be interested in & support. The group would not be a focus for medical education although a ‘question time’ could be included in meetings.

My initial thoughts are to hold meetings in the Community Centre five times a year, on alternate months and avoiding December and January. I am open to suggestions/preferences as to which days and time would suit folk best.

If there is a significant interest we could have an initial informal meeting to chat about the format that we would like, what folk would find helpful, etc. The possibility of inviting speakers to future meetings could be discussed and we would also be able to source literature and information leaflets etc. There would be no charge (I should be able to get some initial funding to start up) although a ‘donations’ pot towards light refreshments has been suggested.

I would be grateful if you could tear off the slip below and return to me as soon as possible, so that I can gather your views and take this forward.

Thank you.

Shirley Grummit (Community Nurse)

Stronsay Medical Practice

KW17 2AE

Telephone 616480

Email shirley.grummitt@nhs.net

Name:

Interested in group **YES** / **NO** (please delete or circle as appropriate)

Preferred day: Mon Tues Weds Thurs Fri Sat

Preferred time: 2pm 2.30pm 3pm 7pm 7.30pm

(planning meetings of about 1½ hours).

Any ideas / topics?

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

The current cycle of meetings ended just before the October break with the General Meeting. Council general meetings are very formulaic. All amendments have to be notified in advance, and if there are none, the meeting consists of nothing more than the ritual of the chairs of the various standing committees proposing the minutes of their meetings and the respective vice-chairs seconding them. This General Meeting was just like this, and it was all over in a mere 18 minutes! My presence could be of no value, and it would not have been worth the cost to the public purse of my going to it had I not happened to be coming back from Westray's community council meeting on my way to attend Sanday's.

Attendance (in my dual role as member of the Orkney College Management Council and OIC's rep on the UHI Foundation) at the graduations in St. Magnus' Cathedral was a much more worthwhile and colourful affair. I really think it is time someone published a guidebook to academic dress. As you will have seen in "The Orcadian", Sanday man, Tom Rendall was awarded his PhD that day, dressed in the royal blue and gold gown and hood of the Open University doctor of philosophy. This year the members of the College Management Council formed part of the procession, for which I wore my claret and gold robe and hood and black Tudor bonnet with claret cord and tassel. There was a brief panic when it appeared that the purple bonnet used for dubbing the graduands had not arrived with the UHI Vice-Principal. My bonnet was put on stand-by, but luckily the original was found, because, I was later told, had my bonnet been used it would have entered UHI tradition and they would have had to have kept it!



Dr Clackson wearing the Tudor bonnet he nearly lost to the UHI.

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Continuing on the academic theme, Isles pupils (including my elder son) returning to KGS after the October break will be moving into the new Papdale Halls. The 62 single and 4 twin bedrooms all boast en-suite facilities, more luxurious accommodation than most top independent schools provide in their boarding houses. Now we just have to secure a Monday-morning start to our boarders' week.

This depends, in part, on the ferry service, the reliability of which has been far from satisfactory lately. I congratulate Andy Binnie-Douglas of Sanday for setting up his on-line petition, through which the long-suffering North Isles public has had a forum for expressing its frustration. This petition has now been handed over to the chairman of OIC's Development & Infrastructure Committee, Cllr James Stockan. I have commented to the press that the current Orkney Ferries board structure, consisting solely of 5 councillors, is a very unsatisfactory one because company law forces those councillors to put the interests of Orkney Ferries Ltd ahead of their obligations to their ward constituents. If the current dispute cannot be resolved soon and Orkney Ferries continues to underperform in its contractual service provision to OIC, then we, as a council, need to be looking for an alternative arrangement which will provide a robust, resilient and reliable life-line ferry service to the folk of the North Isles.

The issue on which I have received even more correspondence than the ferries is Sanday's recycling unit. This will not be remaining at Loth indefinitely; it has been placed there temporarily while the alternative sites suggested by Sanday Community Council are considered by the Development & Infrastructure Department.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday

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BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS OCTOBER 2013

Other than a few warm moments we have had some cold wet weather which is not great for getting out into the garden. Watching Gardeners World on TV makes me think we are on a different planet. While they are enjoying warm soil and sowing out door beans I am wondering how many layers to wear while checking on any survivors after the latest gales and heavy rainfall.

I kept up my habit of lifting potatoes after the soil is properly water-logged and cold and then escaping from the weather for them to dry. This, as usual, has been a bad idea because the eventual specimens are already going green. At least the slugs have enjoyed the crop - again.

Despite being thrashed the leeks, brocolli and kale have survived and I have enjoyed the delights of fresh vegetables. Despite growing carrots under fleece the crop has been poor. I am beginning to realise that I am definitely under-feeding all the crops and expect a visit from Social Services any day.

The greenhouse has still got tomatoes which are tasty and after taking out all the moldy stuff, it is quite a pleasant place to spend some tranquility. I have planted some bulbs in pots which will look great in Spring if the they do not roll away in the next gale. The Christmas bulbs are still sulking in their bags waiting for attention - no chance for flowers at Christmas but any time will be great.

Since the weather is now bracing I will have to settle to plans for next year. Catalogues and hot chocolate sitting by a warm fire, imagining what wonders will come to pass next year.

Roger Neville-Smith

26 Oct 2013

'HERE COMES THE SUN'

(The Gift of Depression)

Euuch. Gad. My mouth stretches into a grimace, as I reach for the bucket to vomit into. So sorry. It's the sort of thing 'The Happy People' would say isn't it. You know, the ones who jolly you along, tell you to 'look on the bright side' thereby making you feel even more inadequate than you do already. A verbal parade of bright colours and cheerful atmosphere that makes you want to run for cover. I think I'll stick to being depressed....

(A thought about these 'cheerful' souls. Good people mostly, well – intentioned, aren't they/we. I am as guilty as the next person of saying 'I don't understand why so-and so does/says/acts the way they do', without holding the thought and let it stand by itself).

The title is of course especially ironic given that we are well into the dark tunnel that is winter.....

Nonetheless, glimpses of that sunshine are starting to come through for me. After what feels like a lifetime of almost mournful tunes coursing through my inner ears, George Harrison's song in the title of this piece appears out of nowhere. Gawd, where did that come from? Kate Bush and Peter Gabriel's 'Don't Give Up' coats my nerves with what feels like balm. I never looked for those songs to come into my mind. They just arrived of themselves.

I trust that kind of unexpected more than anything. I believe you understand what I mean.

It's not that I don't still have depression. I always will have my sane reaction to life. And, as I have the courage to ride the waves rather than run away from them, I discover peace is on the other side. A kind of peace I have never known. Un-asked for thoughts and feelings that don't criticise but reassure instead. These thoughts are as kind to myself as I would want to be to other people. I think I've landed on my own shore, scruffy as hell but intact. The reality of rock bottom. Can't get safer than that.

The 'gift' part? Anyone who suffers depression, or who cares about that person, knows it's no gift at all. The present is just that, and any obstacle engulfs it. Just, the dark ice and pieces of shrapnel that float to the surface of your mind, once released, lose their power, one bit at a time.

My closest friend tells me that these thoughts are not real, that they pass. It's true, they do.

(It's how slow this progress is that does your head in. Plus, chances are you're still labouring under the delusion it's your fault it's taking so long).

Have you ever dug up a new plot of soil, picked out the bits of glass and plastic and barbed wire, then noticed that the earth has somehow 'spewed' up more rubbish on areas you swore you'd cleaned out thoroughly? Well, I think the mind is a bit like that. It's a clever thing, the mind. You uncover the obstacles, and it sorts itself out, grateful you gave it the attention. It heals itself, is what I mean.

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Does this make me a better person? The 'devil' in me says, 'BUGGER THAT'. I like being a sinner, don't have a chance of being anything other. (Another great musician, Kirsty MacColl tells us 'I fell out of favour with heaven somewhere, and I'm here for the hell of it now').

When I ask a fellow soldier how he is, he tells me 'I'm fine, Jenny. Holding the devil by his tail'. I know exactly what he means. Especially when he's got that knowing smile on his face.

Been arguing with myself – should I carry on this vein, or leave it alone? Both, I reasoned. I don't want the broken record of the same old message, repeated while everyone gets bored. And, I will repeat it, as colourfully and as vividly as I can, from time to time.

I believe depression is a serious reaction to living as we know it, and worthy of open discussion instead of being hidden as if it was a shameful secret. There is still an aura, even in this so-called enlightened age we live in, of this being something that **MUST NOT BE SPOKEN ABOUT**.

Even though it can be a life threatening illness!

I am grateful to be able to talk to folk who I know are listening.

Thank you.

Jenny Stone.

ORKNEY-CANADA LINKS

As part of my work at Orkney college as an art student, I am researching links between Orcadians and Canadians of British Columbia. I come from Vancouver, and have spent a long time in Orkney; Stronsay especially. I want to see how life in Orkney has influenced this Canadian, and how life in British Columbia affected Orcadians who emigrated there.

Any feedback or information will be gratefully received.

Thank you.

Jenny Stone

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THE FARMER'S MISTRESS

By Ellie from Newfield

It's in the hands of our farmers
For it's they that plough the furrow.
He's the guardian of the seeds,
Producing the food of tomorrow.
Taking the bad along with the good
Like a marriage to the land.
For as season follows season
Seeds pass through his calloused hand.
His mistress if Mother Nature,
Being "the other woman" in his life.
Whilst hand in hand they labour
She's as changeable as any wife.
As straight as his newly-ploughed furrows
Is our farmer's back to the wind
For the elements around him
Are more often foe than friend.
Beneath the new-fell snow lies our future
As in the byres and hills of burnt heather
Safely kept in those calloused hands
Nurtured by he and Mother Nature together
As rich as our daily-churned butter.
Our pantries boast of a harvest wealth
While cockerel yodels each morning
And young bones convey their stealth.
Aye, lean my lad on on the gate
Leading home across yon yard.
The furrows are straight and true
And life-rewarding though hard.
Gone to roost has our cockerel
And there's a peace over all, it seems.
So lean on the gate a while longer, my lad.
Give time to harvest some dreams.

©Helene Harrison

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

Business adverts

Up to 25 words - £1.50. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.
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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.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk.

Tel: 01857 616281.

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

ATTENTION BATHERS **STRONSAY POOL NEEDS YOU!**

All swimming sessions are now under-attended. If pool attendance does not pick up then a revised and reduced time table will come into effect from the beginning of December

The current timetable is

MONDAY

7 - 7.40 PUBLIC

7.40 - 8.20 PUBLIC

8.20 - 9.00 ADULT LANE

WEDNESDAY - SWIM CLUB

3.20 - 4.00 BEGINNERS and 'C' SQUAD

7.00 - 8.00 'B' SQUAD

8.00 - 9.00 'A' SQUAD

THURSDAY

7.00 - 7.40 PRIVATE HIRE

7.40 - 8.20 PUBLIC

8.20 - 9.00 SECONDARY LANE

SATURDAY

PRIVATE HIRE - book with Elsie

SESSION PRICES

£1.20 per child

£2.40 per adult

Please use our pool, all sessions are supervised by fully qualified and friendly lifeguards

Thanks

The pool committee

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STRONSAY FEST 2013

By Jacqui Dennison

Folk will remember Linda as the one who should have got off the boat at Sanday but ended up in Stronsay on Friday night. Here is an extract from Linda's letter:

"...the evening was particularly memorable due to the warm welcome from all those I met, a very special community. I thoroughly enjoyed the Stronsay Fest and wished I could have stayed longer. Please thank everyone for giving me the highlight of my trip to Orkney."

Funds raised via raffle and donations over the Stronsayfest weekend

Raffle, dance	278.00
Church organ- kirk service	184.00
SOS - school concert	84.00
Lifeboat - bill's walks	149.00
Greenhouse	53.13
Total	748.13

STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAY-PARK ACTION GROUP

We are a small, temporary group aiming to raise funds to purchase and install new equipment at the Community Hall play-park. Our next meeting will be held at the Community Hall on Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm.

Please feel welcome to attend even if you were not at the first meeting – the more the merrier. Bring lots of creative ideas and enthusiasm! Thanks very much to all who attended in October.

Viv Erdman has very kindly offered use of the porch at Ebenezer's, so if you have any unwanted items you would be happy to donate, please bring them along! Likewise, please come and browse –donations made to purchase items will be used to help our group raise funds for new play-park equipment. Thank you!

M Dennison.

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Andy (project co-ordinator), Diane, Gaynor (Stronsay Parent Council Chairperson), Molly and Arna (judge)

Recently the SOS Committee requested photos and artwork from the children at the school to compile a 2014 calendar. We would like to thank the children who supplied photos and artwork without which, this fundraising project would not have happened. Thank you to Ian and Arna who had the difficult job of choosing the best photos and artwork and picking two winning items. The Pickaquoy Centre kindly donated two books of five ticket visits to attend the cinema for the winning pieces. Many congratulations to Molly and Diane. Thank you all!

The calendars will be available in the very near future, a good ‘*Stronsayfied*’ Christmas present to send away!

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THANK YOU

On September 27th 2013, all who attended the Stronsay Games Club, played their first games of pool on the new full size pool table (see photographs below). We would like to say a huge thank you to the Stronsay Development Trust for the funding received and to everyone who supported our own fund raising efforts with 'Bag The Bruck' and the dancing evenings. We all worked together, adults and children alike to raise funds, keeping our beaches clean and helping many learn to dance. All healthy exercise!

Our children can now improve their skills and gain valuable experience on the full size table before entering any future competitions. We adult volunteers can also enjoy a game! Thank you for your support.

The Stronsay Games Club



COMMUNITY FUND GRANT APPLICATION UPDATES

At the board meeting held on Wednesday 19th June the following grants were also awarded:

- £1,000 to Stronsay Games Club towards a new pool table for the Community Hall
- £375.00 per pupil, not exceeding £4,500, to Stronsay Parent Council towards the school trip to Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre
- £8,677.00 to Stronsay Development Trust for legal fees and correspondence costs

Note: The Trust's website is in the course of being upgraded. Once that is completed a full list of all the grants awarded to date will be accessible on the new site.

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

HALL EVENTS

- **Saturday 2nd November** - Bonfire Night. Bonfire and fireworks display at 7pm prompt
- **Saturday 7th December** - Christmas tree lighting at 7pm
- **Tuesday 31st December**—Hogmanay Dance 10-12

Note: under-16's must be accompanied by an adult (18 or over) who is responsible for them.

STRONSAY STITCHERS

Thursday 28th November, Church Hall, 7 - 9.30pm

Refreshments available

£2.00 per person, everyone welcome

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

 **Craft Sale** 

taking the stress out of Christmas gift-shopping

Saturday 9th November
Fish Mart Cafe, Stronsay, 1 – 5pm
Refreshments & bakes available



Professional Jewellery Polishing Demonstration by Marion Miller

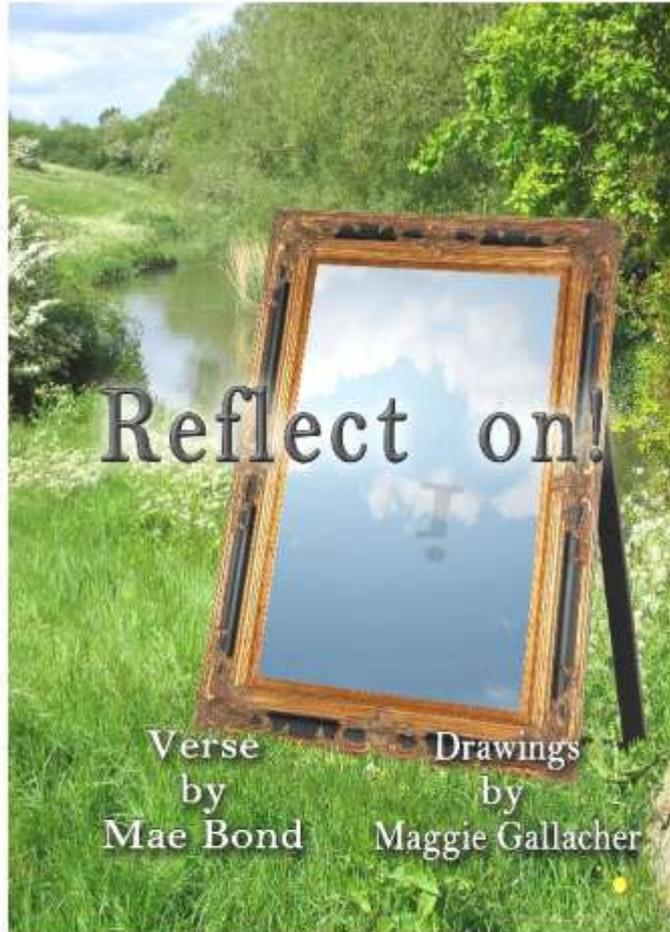
Return your jewellery to its former glory - getting rid of scratches, tarnish and dirt will make gold and silver jewellery look like new!



Bring your jewellery along for a free evaluation.

10% off commissions taken on the day. Basic repairs also available

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



*Copies available from
Olivebank and Ebenezer Stores*



All Proceeds from sales of this book will be shared between:

Highland Breast Centre
Raigmore Hospital, Inverness

maggie's
People with cancer
need places like these

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

MONDAY 4 November

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.

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

The cutoff date for items to be included in the next edition of the *Limpet* is on the front page

Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page

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	13 Dec 2013 and 28 Feb 2014
Rubbish collection	Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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

JIM HOLLAND HAULAGE—DELIVERIES

Catalogue deliveries made on Tuesday and Friday only.
Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE [LIMPET](#)

Send an email to stronsaylimpet@btinternet.com, phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 10:30 & before 21:00, please!) or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*. Details of the deadline for the next edition are on the front page

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