


CORRECTED ERROR IN SURGERY OPENING HOURS

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WISHING ALL LIMPET READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CHRISTMAS AND HOGMANAY ARRANGEMENTS

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Mon 23 Dec & Mon 30 Dec. Please put bags out ready for collection by 9am. Thankyou

<u>OPENING HOURS</u>					
DATE	SURGERY	EBENEZER	POST OFFICE	OLIVEBANK	HOTEL
Mon 23 Dec	Normal hours	07:30-19:30	08:30-12:00	08:30-18:30	Closed
Tue 24 Dec	Normal hours	07:30-19:30	Closed	08:30-18:30	16:30-01:00
Wed 25 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	12:00-14:00
Thu 26 Dec	Closed	10:00-12:00	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fri 27 Dec	Normal hours	10:00-14:00	08:30-13:00	10:00-13:00	16:30-01:00
Sat 28 Dec	Normal hours	09:00-19:30	08:30-13:00	08:30-18:30	16:30-01:00
Sun 29 Dec	Closed	10:00-13:00	Closed	Closed	16:30-00:00
Mon 30 Dec	Normal hours	07:30-19:30	08:30-12:00	08:30-18:30	16:30-00:00
Tue 31 Dec	Normal hours	07:30-19:30	Closed	08:30-18:30	16:30-01:00
Wed 1 Jan	Closed	10:00-12:00	Closed	Closed	18:00-00:00
Thu 2 Jan	Closed	10:00-16:00	Closed	Closed	16:30-00:00
Fri 3 Jan	Normal hours	07:30-19:30	08:30-12:00 & 01:00-15:00	10:00-13:00	16:30-01:00

The next edition of the [Limpet](#) will be published on Thu 30 Jan. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 26 Jan. Contact details on back page



Community Fund Grants

- £4,500 has been granted to Moncur Memorial Church towards their new church organ.
- £120 has been granted to RSPB towards wild life tours on Stronsay with John Holloway and Katy Norbury during 2014.
- £4,500 has been granted to Business Initiatives Stronsay for the administrative costs relating to the build of the Enterprise Zone.
- £18,500 has been granted to Stronsay Development Trust towards capacity funding.

Fuel Poverty Grants from Stronsay Community Fund

39 fuel poverty grants of respectively £150 have now been paid.

Educational and Skills Training Bursaries from the Stronsay Community Fund

Five educational bursaries of £1,000 each have been granted in December.

Amendments of Stronsay Development Trust's Articles of Association

To help all members to understand the proposed amendments of the Articles of Association, Stephen Philips from Burness, Paull and Williamson LLP came and spoke at an open meeting on the 25 November 2013. The meeting was facilitated by Meghan McEwen from Voluntary Action Orkney and everyone had the opportunity to ask questions.

An EGM to vote on the adoption on the amendments of the Articles of Association will be held at the beginning of 2014.

Stronsay Development Trust wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Stronsay Healthy Living Centre wishes all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!
We will be closed over the holiday period from Monday 23rd December and will reopen Monday 6th January 2014.
See you in the New Year !

GERAMOUNT SURGERY

RHONDA SCANLAN

As some of you may know, Rhonda Scanlan is finishing work with Stronsay surgery on 26/12/2013 and taking up new post on Rousay and West mainland. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her all the best in her new position. During the vacancy period, I will be working some extra hours and there will also be some nurses coming over from the mainland to cover my days off. We will all do our best to maintain the standard of nursing care during this time, but if anyone has any concerns please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss these.

SURGERY TIMETABLE DURING REFIT TIMETABLE

During the period of refit timetable the day for the doctor's weekly visit to Eday will change to a Monday. Therefore, the timetable for surgeries during this time is as follows:

- Mondays - No GP surgeries
- Tues-Fri - Open morning surgery 9.30-10.30 (no appointment needed).
- Saturday mornings - 9.30-10.30 Urgent appts and KGS pupils.
- Afternoon surgeries by apt - Tuesdays 2-2.30, Weds-Fri 3.30-4.30.

Notices to this effect will also be displayed in the shops and PO in due course.

NEW PRESCRIPTION SYSTEM

We would like to thank you all for your help and tolerance whilst the new prescription system has been settling in. Although, so far, all our repeat prescriptions have been dealt with by Sutherlands, anyone wanting to use Boots as their preferred chemist can do so. Please inform us when you order your medicines if you wish the prescription to be sent to Boots.

Thank You.

Shirley Grummitt

Community Nurse, Stronsay, Orkney

01857 616480

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS AND A SUMMARY OF BIRDS SEEN ON THE ISLAND IN 2013

There is very little new to report since the last edition of *The Limpet*, which is not surprising given the generally very mild conditions so far this Winter. The one very short cold snap had very little impact on the island's birdlife but two or three Ivory Gulls - which breed in the high Arctic regions - arrived in the UK, including a juvenile on Orkney Mainland. The only Stronsay record of Ivory Gull we know of was of one seen by Jim and Fran at Banks over twenty years ago. This bird - a pure white adult - was typically feeding on the beached carcass of a dolphin. It was also typically tame and allowed approach to within a few feet! The juvenile bird (white with black spots) currently on Mainland Orkney in Evie, has been present for several days, feeding on a beached whale carcass.

Brief Summary of the Year

2013 has been yet another excellent year for unusual bird sightings and once again we are left wondering just how much we must miss, given that so many of the rarities were discovered in totally fortuitous circumstances!

Surprises are always the best however and the first of the year was a white Gyrfalcon seen at several sites in the first three months, while at Castle, the wintering Blue Tit was present until late March. An amazing find on 18th March was a Chaffinch of the race 'africana' at Kirkhall - the same day as one arrived in S Armagh! Norman & Kath Kent found a Goosander on the Matpow Loch in mid-April and the next island 'rarity' was a Hawfinch found on the roadside verge near Southbank in early April, with a second bird found by Butch and Flo at Seaview the following day. Another was in the Castle garden next day. Several Red-backed Shrikes were seen in late Spring but the most spectacular find was a Bee-eater near the South School where it spent several days. A new species for the island was seen briefly on 3rd and then again on 4th June - a Black Kite, mobbed by a Short-eared Owl over the Rothiesholm Moor.

A few Barred and several Yellow-browed Warblers were seen in Autumn when another real surprise was a Common Crane flying in from the east at Cleat on 5th October. Two major rarities arrived on 20th October during a spell of SE winds and torrential rain - a Black-eared Wheatear and a Siberian Meadow Bunting - and yet again at Cleat! A Grey Wagtail was at Airy next day and a Great Grey Shrike at Whitehall Farm on 22nd. Just 3 Waxwings were seen in late Autumn when another Hawfinch was found, and at least two Great Spotted Woodpeckers were present, singles seen at several sites - including the Ro-Ro Pier!

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Some of the surprises of 2013:



Not rare - but a surprise to see two Whooper Swans, swimming gracefully, close to the road at the Blan Loch in February



A chance visit to Kirkhall in March and there, in the drive, was this 'africana' (African) Chaffinch - just the 5th or 6th record for the UK.



A real surprise for Wendy and Dennis from the window at Linkshouse in May - a Red-backed Shrike perfectly framed by the by the flowering currant hedge.

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The fabulous Bee-eater near the South School - found during a morning walk by visitors George and Betty Winslow. A species they had never seen before.



The flycatcher in The Manse garden in late September - still not specifically identified!



An unconcerned Arctic Tern next to the road in late September - photographed from the car at 6ft range. We were more surprised than the bird!

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The small loch at Gorie's seldom attracts wildfowl - so this Long-tailed Duck there in late September was another real surprise.



This Merlin, photographed in mid-October, was probably the same bird seen by the Minibus group the following day - the highlight of the trip!

And talking of Minibus Trips we have just heard that funding has become available and the proposed 5 minibus trips around the island will take place, beginning sometime in the new year depending on birds/weather. Look out for posters in the island shops or ring us at Castle 616363.

A very big thank-you to all who have helped us in 2013. Happy Christmas and best Wishes for 2014.

John & Sue

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU LETTERS

By Roger Neville-Smith

Dear Mary

Thank you so much for the partridge in a pear tree. I have not had any success with fruit bushes while living at Windybank due to the inclement weather. As soon as the gales blow over I will be out side looking for a suitable place. The partridge, who I have called Speedy, is looking anxious but is holding onto his branch with grim determination. Best wishes from from your loving nephew Grimshaw

Dear Mary

It is only the second day of Christmas and I have received another present from you. Sadly the gale did not ease and Speedy was last seen going like his name towards Muckle Water. The pair of binoculars will be useful when I venture out to look for him. All the best this festive season, Grimshaw

Dear Mary

I can not believe it! I had just returned from my fruitless walk in search of Speedy when I saw the back of Jim's lorry - he had left a crate at the door. So there to celebrate the third day of Christmas were three fancy hens. They just loved scratching the ground where I really must plant the tress. Mabel and Minnie are now in a rapidly constructed coop to get away from Bracken. You may remember I told you about the dog and her interest in wild life. Well Maureen is not going to join us next Christmas. Thanks for your generosity. Love Grimshaw

Dear Mary

Now then, I do not remember saying to you that I plan to become a farmer. How am I supposed to look after four pet sheep. They have already pushed through the fence and eaten my entire broccoli crop. I have done my best to keep Bracken away from them but her eyes keeping rolling and she is drooling in a disturbing way. I have put last years present, "Dogs are naturally vegetarians" into her basket and hope this takes her mind off her blood lust. I am sure your intentions were good. Love Grimshaw

Dear Mary

So far, the last five days have been busy, what with patrolling the sky for Speedy, feeding the hens and repairing fences so that the sheep cause no more damage. My delight rapidly faded after the delivery of five suckling calves. Usually when opening a present I expect to find instructions but these calves have obviously eaten them. They are far too peedie to manage outside so I have spent the day emptying the byre, laying on water and phoning round for some help. Recycled Iron Brew bottles and fingers from surgical gloves made feeding bottles where a revolting paste of milk and corn flour has been consumed by the famished quadrapeds. Cecil the largest is now groaning in pain so I may have to call the vet. My farm is now complete and am grateful for no more additions. Grimshaw

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Dear Mary

I have not managed to get to A&E because the ferries and planes are off. The enthusiastic calves have broken out of the byre and the sheep are singing Ba Ba black sheep. I told them that will only encourage Bracken but they take no notice. There is a fierce east-westerly blowing and a plague of greylags have taken over the air strip. The sixth day of Christmas is a bad day for anything. I guess my arm will heal. I also know nothing about laying geese so six was an unwelcomed surprise. I have few friends left here so please, no more gifts. Grimshaw

Dear Mary

Postie delivered seven aeronautic pheasants today. I do not need anymore animals and can not keep up with the sheep who have broken into the house and are warming themselves by the fire. I am looking out the recipe book you sent when I first left home "Several things to do with a dead pheasant". I plan to eat them before they ravage my spring planting. If you have anymore bright ideas, sit on them! Grimshaw

Dear Mary

I am beginning to dread the arrival of any wheeled vehicles to Windybank but today I was pleased to find 8 rolls of fencing wire. I presume this is to mend the enclosures and restore the sheep to the field. I have been on the phone to Mainland for stabs, staples and tools. When the snow melts I will get to work assuming that I have not been hospitalized before. No more animals, I beg you. Grimshaw

Dear Mary

I woke this morning to find nine goats on the lawn, I presume another of your jokes. Most appear to have bursting udders but at least one is a Billy. By mid morning, one had its horns tangled up in the rolls of fence wire and the shrubs are being taken out at an alarming rate. I have spent 4 hours milking the ladies and have collected it in the bath, being the only place that is big enough. One of the cats has already fallen in while trying drink it. I think I will need to go on medication soon. Grimshaw

Dear Mary

After I tried to get some sleep, which was difficult due to the geese also being in the house, I was woken by a knock on the door. Ten young women dressed in quaint old fashioned clothes introduced themselves as milking maids. Thankfully they had each brought a bucket and stool so I set them in pursuit of the goats. I am looking at last-minute-holiday-bookings to see if I can escape this mad house. Grimshaw

Dear Mary

The doctor says I have a chronic stress disorder and advised me to reduce my live stock. I could not agree more. Eleven tanks of Salmon smolt was not what I am needing right now! I have no ponds, feed or experience. I have put some in an old bath and slipped the rest into the ditches. You can not drive me insane that easily; you will not inherit my grandmothers china teapot. Grimshaw

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Mary

You cruel deranged witch. I thought if I kept the lights out and lay under the table, no one would know I was at home. I peeped out from time to time and at mid day I saw twelve out-sized lama. The sheep have gone berserk and are away in a distant field, the maids are all demanding a minimum legal wage and SEPA have phoned me about a reported freak influx of land salmon. You can have the blessed teapot, just do not send me anything for as long as I live.

Grimshaw (New resident of Brimskin's Home for the Pleasantly Deranged)



Stronsay's Christmas tree is buffeted by the recent high winds
(Photograph by Roger Neville-Smith)

GAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM PERPETUAL CALENDAR **PURCHASING**

In 2014 we in North Britain will have the chance to decide whether or not what hath been joined together should be put asunder. But before you rush out to buy your “Scottish Independence Referendum Year” calendar, did you save the one from the year of the Scottish Devolution Referendum? If you did, you are in luck, because the 1997 calendar is valid for 2014, as is the calendar from 2003, which saw referendums in nine European countries on joining the EU. And so is the one from 1975, when the UK held a referendum on leaving it.

How many Orkney Liberals held on to that 1975 calendar, to celebrate Jo Grimond calling for home rule for Orkney should the UK break up? “We don’t want centralisation in Glasgow or Edinburgh any more than in London” he said. Maybe he was reusing an old 1969 calendar when he wrote those words, and remembered that was the year Orkney ceased to have an independent police force (the start of a process which led ultimately to today’s Police Scotland — with its HQ less than 40 miles from both Glasgow and Edinburgh).

When pondering these things, don’t confuse 1468 (Orkney’s impignoration to Scotland) with 1486, the year Kirkwall was granted its royal charter by James III. Although calendars from neither of these years can be reused in 2014, the one commemorating the quincentenary (in 1986) of the latter event can.

Speaking of events, many people will have saved the aforementioned 1969 calendar as a souvenir of the first moon landing (mankind’s giant step towards independence from Earth). Now you can bring it out into the sunlight once more.

There are plenty of calendars from independence years that can grace your wall in 2014: 1913, when Albania’s independence was recognised by the Treaty of London; 1919, when the Treaty of Rawalpindi saw the departure of Afghanistan from the British Empire; and, of course, 1947, with The Partition and independence for Pakistan and India; not to mention 1958, when Guinea declared its independence from France.

1930 and 1941 calendars can also be deployed again, as can the one from 1902, the year Scotland’s other (and better) bard, William Topaz McGonagall passed away. Had he still been with us, he would undoubtedly have penned a poetic gem about the Scottish Independence Referendum.

Don’t forget to put your 2013 calendar safely away, for whatever the outcome of the referendum (unless we adopt a new revolutionary calendar, such as the French used from 1793 to 1805), you will be able to use it again in 2019.

Stephen Clackson

MUSIC BOX!

By Ellie from Newfield

Where have been, my friend?
For here you are at last,
Old acquaintance that you are
From the not-so-distant past!

Little music box
As soft as a ball of wool
Bright as a brand new button
For no-one could think you dull.

You wear it well I'd say
That waistcoat of distinction.
What a travesty it would be
Should you ever border on extinction.

Iconic little treasure
Famous for those flame-coloured feathers,
Scarlet red upon your breast
As you flit amongst the garden's heathers,
The perfect music box
Singing in seven octaves.

What a joy you are
As you brighten the greyest of days.

For such a tiny creature
You deliver a belting tune.
I am a captive, willing audience.
To be fair, I would say, I croon.

Mother Nature's music box
In her wisdom must favour you
For maybe even she
In winter-time can feel blue.
How she must delight
In your lilting melodies
For even the garden's blackbirds
Are seemingly spell-bound in the trees.

The garden may be sleeping
On a botanical standby
Whilst from these evergreens
You sing a lullaby.

Charming Robin Redbreast
Winter's colourful boy.

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Always a welcome in my garden
May you always fill it with joy
It seems to me each season
Holds a jewel among its days
Robin Redbreast music box
Worthy of our praise.

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OFTEC TRAINING

As many of you already know I have just spent two weeks down in Cornwall on a course qualifying me to install, commission, and service pressure jet and vaporising oil burners and oil storage tanks.

The first week of the course was designed for people like myself with little or no experience and mostly covered the environmental and safety aspects of oil installations and theory of installations. For this time I was on my own as three other candidates cancelled at the last moment. This was great for me as it meant I had one to one tuition! The first two days of the second week was mostly taken up with practical training followed by three days of assessments. As OFTEC stipulates that registered technicians need to be re-assessed every 5 years there were four others on the course for this week.

When I receive my certificates for the training centre I will apply to OFTEC (oil firing technical association) for registration on their Competent Persons scheme which will allow me to commission and certify new installations for the environment agency as well as receiving technical help and updates.

I should hopefully have all the test equipment I need and be able to start work by the New Year but in the meantime please contact me if you would like your oil appliance serviced or repaired.

Call me on 616339.

Mike Erdman

GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS



SEASONAL GREETINGS

Wishing all Stronsay residents a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year,
from all of us at St. Johns.
Shirley Grummitt & family

Roy, Cora & Rhoda wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy New
Year.

Norman, Hazel, Leah and Molly would like to wish their friends and family a Happy
Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Jonas, Lisa, Emilia & Josephine

May the festive season bring us good cheer and may 2014 be a really good year.
Simone

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year
Bruce & Maureen Fletcher (& Surrey!)

A BIG THANKYOU FROM A MAIDEN IN DISTRESS



to Jacob Martin and to the members of the Stronsay fire brigade who turned out to help
keep the flood waters out of Ebenezer Stores earlier in December.

Private adverts (for sale, wanted, birthday greetings etc)

“Thank you” notices are FREE.

Up to 25 words - £1.00. 25 word advert with photo - £1.50. 25 to 50 words - £1.50 and so on.

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THANK YOU

Great news!!! Stronsay Parent and toddler group were second in the Bank of Scotland Community Fund awards. We will receive a whopping £3k towards upgrading the community play park. Big thank you to Gail King for nominating us, to all that voted and to all that helped me with the application.

Marion Miller

THANK YOU

Iain & Angela (Johnston) would like to thank everyone who has visited or given cards/presents on the arrival of their baby daughter Freya Isabella, born 21 October 2013 weighing 6lb 2oz.

Freya is the first grand-daughter for Maurice & Sheila and Ron & Julie, and 8th great-grandchild for Margaret & Jim.

FOR SALE

- 2 single beds (spare beds, hardly used) with memory foam mattresses
- 1 black Fama sofa
- 1 small (seats 4) glass dining table (John Lewis)
- 4 acrylic and metal dining chairs (John Lewis)

Reasonable offers please.

Contact 01772 634841 or 07895337123

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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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”

All mechanical work undertaken, ECU/
ABS/airbag diagnostic testing, welding
specialist, MOT prep work, home start,
towing service.

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.orkneystarsoap.co.uk.

Tel: 01857 616281.

Many thanks for your tremendous support and custom throughout this year.
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Orkney Star Island Soap.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Hand crafted on Stronsay
Large range of candles
Soy & Bees wax Christmas scent
Online or on display at schoolbrae
Orkneycandlelight.co.uk

ATTENTION!

Problems with oil fired boilers, range cookers, room heaters or oil storage tanks?

Call Mike
616339
See page ???

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

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

Email jennystone001@btinternet.com

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



Stronsay Games Club

Santa float

Saturday 21st December 2013

Leaving Jim's Yard at

7pm

**Collection for the Stronsay Play Area Action Group
Letters can be given to Santa in the Stronsay Hotel
later**

Everyone Welcome!

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Support Our School



Variety Concert

The SOS Committee members are organising a Variety Concert for Saturday 15th March 2014. Please contact any of the committee members below by January 31st 2014 if you would like to take part.

Andy Rose 616277

Sarah Evans 616266

Marion Miller 616354

Wilma Holland 616345

Viv Erdman 616339

Gaynor Smith 616412



GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Thanks to everyone who has replied. I am planning to hold the inaugural meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 3pm, in the Community centre hall. Light refreshments will be provided and a warm welcome is extended to everyone, including relatives / family / carer's. This first meeting will be an open agenda to gauge the sort of format folk will want the meetings to take, but can also include general discussions around various issues people may have. I will put posters up in the shops and PO nearer the time.

Nurse Shirley Grummit



Stronsay Calendars, displaying the photographic and artistic talents of our young folk, are now available in our local shops!

STRONSAY STITCHERS

Having a wee break, so no stitchers in January.

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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 KIRK

The kirk has a new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Moncur-Memorial-Church-Stronsay/544105695670980>.

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/STRONSAYKIRK> is the kirk's website which is under new management.

Time of service: 11.00 am every Sunday. Everyone warmly welcome.

- Sunday 22nd December - Sunday Club
- Sunday 22nd December - Sunday Club party in the afternoon
- Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 pm - David Bowen - Watchnight Service with the Silver Darlings
- Wednesday 25th December at 11 am - Mike Erdman
- Sunday 5th January - David Bowen
- Sunday 12th January - David Bowen
- Sunday 19th January - David Fidler
- Sunday 26th January - Mike Erdman

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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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

HALL EVENTS

- **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.

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits:

MONDAY 13th JANUARY, 10th FEBRUARY, 10th MARCH, 7th APRIL & 19th MAY

Council Houses: 9—10

Stronsay School: 10:15—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!

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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

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

Post collection times	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Replacement bin bags.	Telephone OIC (Technical Services) on 01856 873535
Sunday service at the Kirk	11 am (see http://tinyurl.com/kvk5gfp)
Our Lady's chapel, pier head	Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am
Next Special Collection	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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