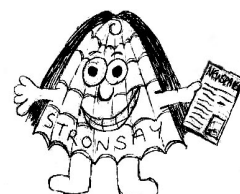


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WREN'S NEST IN THE COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE



A few weeks ago Andy Whiteman found a wren's nest in the barrel strawberry planter that he has in the community greenhouse and two weeks ago he saw that the nest contained some eggs. The wren manages to get in and out through a small gap under the lid but hides in the greenhouse when there are any people around. She must not have been off the nest for too long because on Sunday 25 May Andy discovered that four of the eggs had hatched. They appear to be doing well and the adult seems to be vigilant in caring for them.

The next edition of the [*Limpet*](#) will be published on Thu 26 June. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 22 June. Contact details on back page



Community Fund Grants

The Board of Directors of Stronsay Development Trust wishes to advise all members of the community that as a result of the high level of curtailment currently being imposed by Scottish and Southern Electricity on the generation of electricity by the community turbine, the amount which the turbine company, Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd, is able to gift-aid to the Community Fund this year will be greatly reduced.

As a consequence the Board regrets that it is unable at present to consider any further applications for grants from the Community Fund. Should the situation improve the community will be informed.

Carole Cotterill
Chair
Stronsay Development Trust

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STRONSAY FISH MART - UPDATE

As you may have heard on Radio Orkney and read in 'The Orcadian', Stronsay Community Council has been successful in its application to the Big Lottery's 'Coastal Communities Fund' and has been awarded £80,000 for upgrading the Fishmart. This means that, together with funds previously awarded from Orkney Islands Council's 'Community Development Fund', we at last have the funding to upgrade the Fish Mart. The main priority is to get the property insulated to a high standard and have a 'fit for purpose' heating system so that the building can be heated economically. Plans also include having en-suite facilities in the bedrooms, upgrading the self-catering kitchen area and providing a comfortable lounge area, all more in keeping with what is expected by modern day 'hostellers'. The aim here is very much to encourage more visitors to the island and not compete with existing businesses - it was pointed out to us that the Fish Mart was in an ideal situation to encourage hostellers as it was only a stone's throw from the ferry, there was a pub across the street and a shop 50 yards up the road! The café area is to be upgraded to be a more comfortable area and the kitchen made a more 'user friendly' facility. In addition, there is to be an office area formed that will be suitable for use when the 'Empowering Communities' initiative goes ahead.

Due to space limitations, there won't be room to display all the items previously on show in the museum area and this will probably have to be restricted to small wall displays and interpretation boards. With this in mind, many of the artefacts in the museum were on loan and if you would now like them returned to you please contact Colin McAlpine, the Community Council Clerk, at The Hill. If you are happy for them to be retained for future display then they will be boxed up and put in storage meantime. The Stronsay Development Trust does hope that, if money can be sourced in the future, they will be able to facilitate a heritage centre for the island and many of these artefacts would then be able to go on display once again.

The Fish Mart has to be completely emptied next month (June) so that it is ready for work to start once a contractor has been appointed. If you have any dry and reasonably secure storage space that you would be willing to make available for storage of some of the items out of the Fish Mart then it would be hugely appreciated! Again, please contact Colin McAlpine if you are able to help.

Ian Cooper

NEEDS OF OLDER PEOPLE IN STRONSAY

Earlier this year, as a start to the Trust's 'Housing for the Elderly' project, Caron Jenkins from Age Concern Orkney and Kasha Jarosz of the Connecting Communities Project (Voluntary Action Orkney) were asked by Stronsay Development Trust to look at what local people felt were the needs for the older residents in Stronsay.

It was arranged that Caron and Kasha would come out to Stronsay for the day on 29th April and would hold two focus groups, one in the morning with carers, homecare staff and health professionals and another in the afternoon with older residents. Karen Stevenson, the Service Manager from Orkney Health and Care also accepted an invitation to attend and supported at the focus groups and at the public meeting in the evening.

The focus groups were centred on discussion about what is currently available in Stronsay and what people think they want/need for future provision. Both focus groups were well-attended and the discussion was wide-ranging.

In the evening there was a public meeting at the Community Centre when presentations were given by Caron and Kasha and Olivia Tait from Crossroads Orkney. These were followed by a session for residents to provide information of everything currently available on Stronsay and ideas of what is required for the future by asking them to sit in small groups and discuss and stick post-its onto prepared flipcharts on the walls around the room – an exercise which was enjoyed by all over refreshments.

The whole event has produced a wealth of information which has been gathered together by Age Concern into a comprehensive report. It is intended that the feedback from this report will form the basis of a wider community consultation across the island. Copies of this report will be sent to all who attended the focus groups and open meeting and will be made available on line, in the shops and in the post office.

Thank you very much to all who attended the focus groups and/or the meeting in the evening and provided such excellent feedback.

Carole Cotterill

Chair, Stronsay Development Trust



RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

There was an interesting mixture of migrant species recorded in late March and early April including a Hawfinch - first seen by Doris at Airy Cottage on 27th March and what appeared to be the same individual turned up in the Castle garden next day (see photo). This uncommon but very striking species has become an almost annual visitor to the island in recent years. The bird can inflict nasty wounds with its huge bill if handled.



'The Hawfinch in the garden at Castle - taken from the kitchen window.'

Several other more common breeding species in the UK were recorded during the same period, including Dunnocks, Robins, and Chiffchaffs - none of which breed here on Stronsay. All were almost certainly birds heading towards the breeding grounds in Scandinavia etc., blown off course by the SE winds around that time. The number of Dunnocks was exceptional, with two together recorded at Dale, Osen and Helmsley. 3 Dunnocks in any one day would be considered a good count for the island as a whole but as ever it is very difficult to assess accurately the number of birds present on an island the size of Stronsay! A beautiful male Ring Ouzel was seen at The Grind and a sprinkling of Fieldfares and a few Redwings were also present in early April. A colourful selection of small migrant species arrived on 10th April, mainly Blackcaps and Robins along with a few Goldcrests and a single Lesser Whitethroat, the latter seen and photographed by Christine and Brian at Cliffdale.

By the time we arrived back from holiday in early May a second Ring Ouzel had been seen - by Alison at Breck, and a male Pied Flycatcher had been seen at both Breck and Osen in the first few days of the month. A welcome sight for ourselves shortly after arriving home was a Great Spotted Woodpecker in our vegetable garden (see photo) - now in Summer plumage and looking much smarter than those seen in Autumn last year. This same bird was seen at several sites in early May, including Lower Millfield, Olivebank Stores, and regularly at Leoquoy where Fran Miller had put out fat-balls, but the most striking occurrence was at Grindalea where Richard and Wendy heard what they thought was a visitor to the house tapping vigorously on their front door. They hastily opened the door only to find that the 'visitor' was not of human form at ground level - it was the woodpecker, 10ft up, hammering on the wooden fascia board at the edge of the roof in its desperate search for food.

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'Great Spotted Woodpecker in the Castle garden'

A real surprise on the Blan Loch on 6th May was a pair of Garganey which were seen on and off for a few days but were very hard to find. A lovely male Ruff with a white head was also seen there that day but infuriatingly was only seen on this one occasion - fairly typical of some Spring migrants during their rush to get to the breeding grounds. A second drake Garganey was seen on the Matpow Loch on one occasion around this time (see photos).



'The pair of Garganey on the Blan Loch'

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'Drake Garganey at Matpow'

The second half of May has so far been rather cold - only briefly reaching the 15c (and easterly winds) which are vital for bringing big numbers of migrants to the island and as a result there have been very few unusual sightings. An Iceland Gull (2nd year bird) was in the freshly ploughed field near the Hescombe corner briefly on 16th (see photo) and two Mealy Redpolls were at Sunnyside - along with a Spotted Flycatcher - on 18th. There were a handful of Spotted Flycatchers towards the end of the month, and another Mealy Redpoll in the Reserve drive on 22nd. Mike at Linnabreck heard a Cuckoo calling on 20th - firstly at Clestrain and later towards Midgarth.



'Another very short-stayer - the Iceland Gull near Hescombe'.

A complete surprise at Bomasty Bay on 21st - very close to the low wall along the roadside - was a party of Sanderling in almost the identical spot to those which featured in the March Stronsay Limpet. It is just possible that they were the same birds - but now with very different colouration, all now showing the rich golden-brown tones of summer plumage on the upperparts and head (see photo). It is worth comparing this month's photo with that which appears in the March issue when the birds (in Winter plumage) are basically silvery-grey and white.

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'Sanderling at Bomasty Bay May - very difficult to find on the small boulder beach'

There are unprecedented numbers of Sand Martins around this summer. Along with the 2-3 pairs which nest near The Bu and our own 2-3 pairs at Castle, a colony of what appears to be at least 6 pairs have taken up residence in the sandy cliff-face near Mill-bank. It is not unusual to see 15 or so birds in the air at one time and they regularly cross the road between the Mill and Holin Cottage. Smaller and shorter-tailed than Swallows the birds are basically brown on the upperparts and white on the underparts - with a brown breast-band.

The only female Pied Flycatcher of the Spring so far has been at Dale on 23rd May (see photo below by Norman Kent).

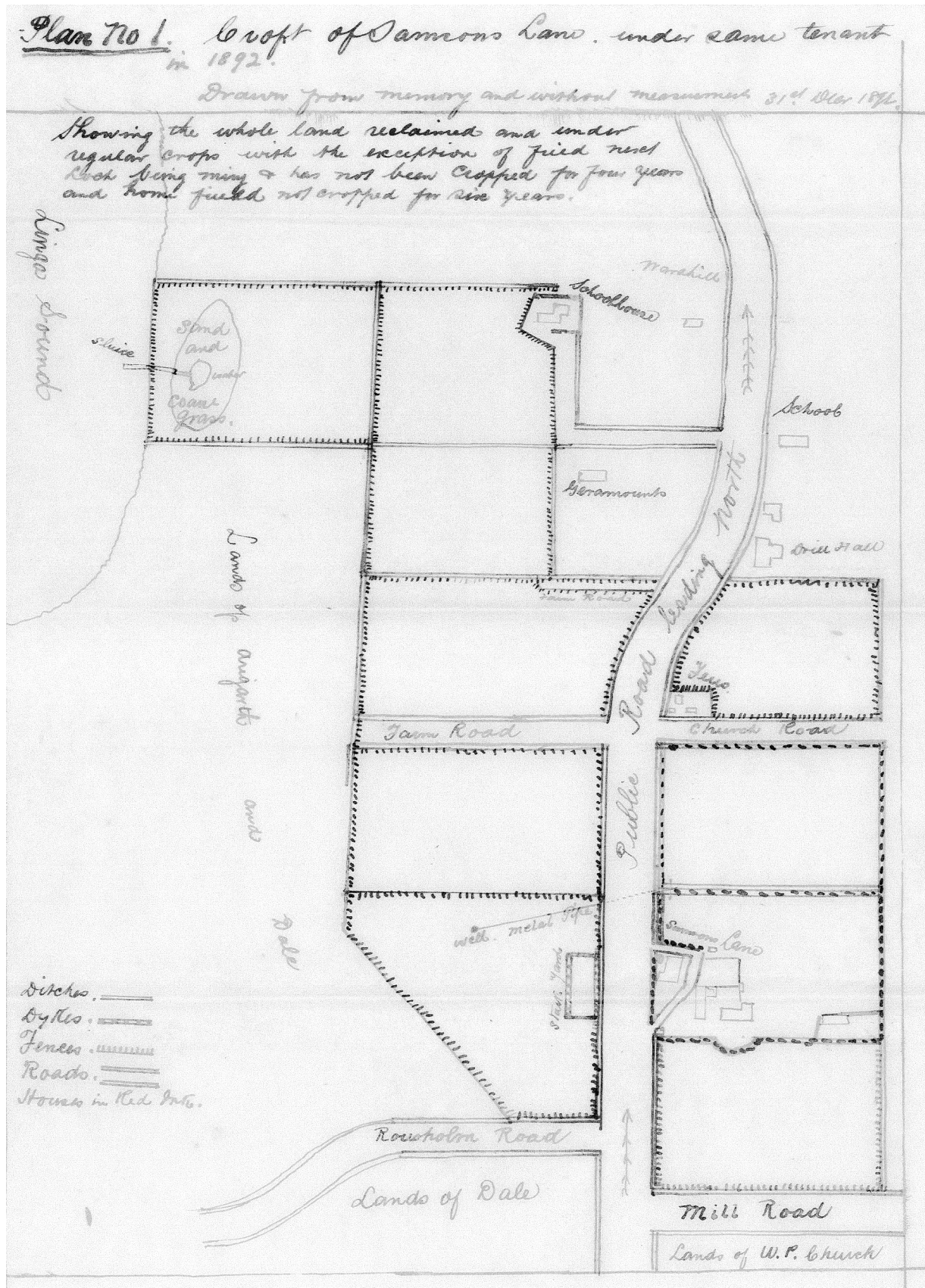


Thanks for all the calls

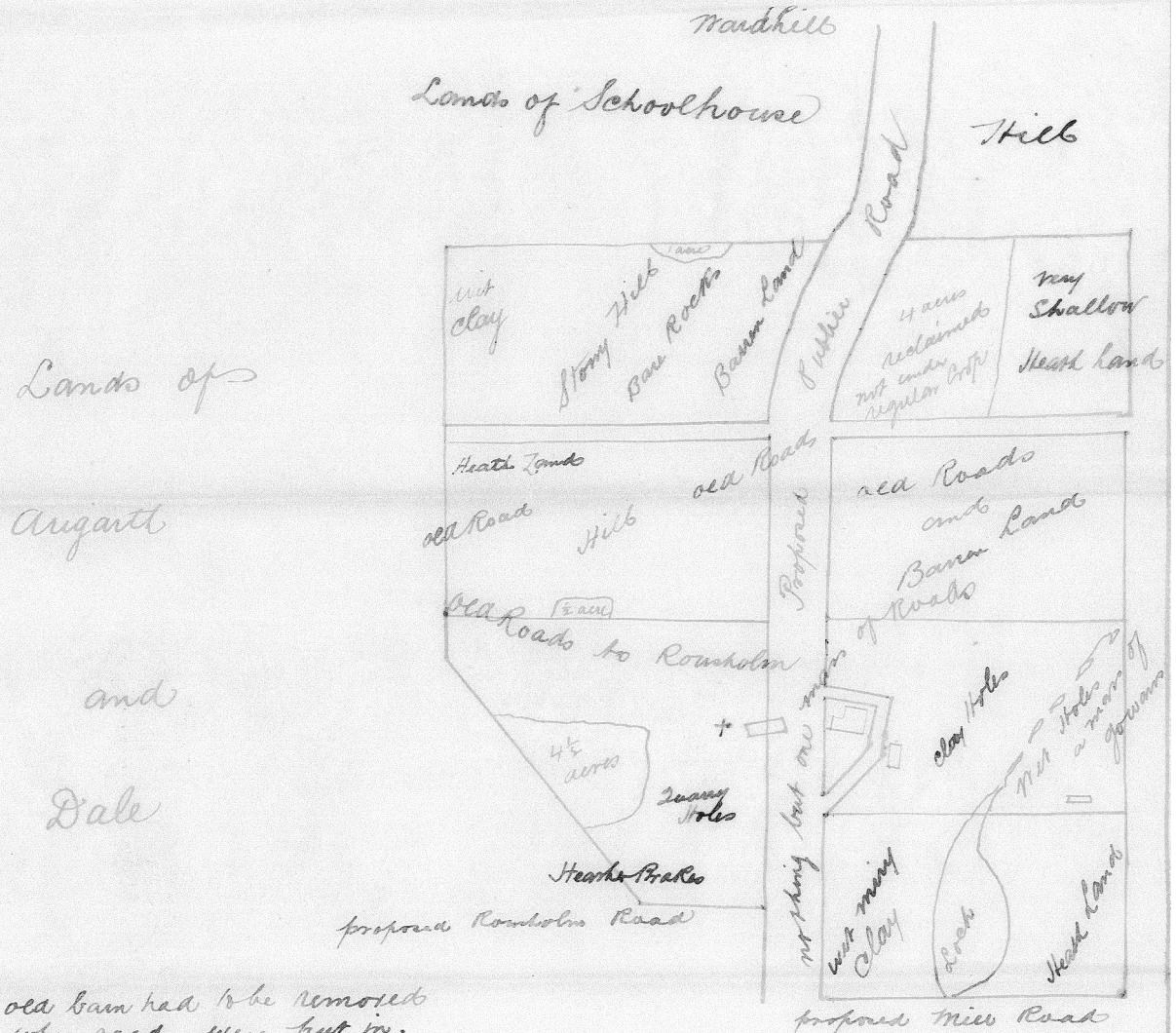
John & Sue Holloway

SAMSONS LANE

Julie Andrew & Don Peace have kindly allowed The Limpet to copy some fascinating 19th century documents concerning Samsons Lane. The documents are quite fragile and not always easy to read, particularly after being copied. Here are two maps of Samsons Lane. More documents will be published in the coming months.



Plan No 2. Croft of Samson Lane, Stromay, at entry of
John Meid, as tenant in 1852
drawn from memory and without measurement. 31st Decr 1892.



+ old barn had to be removed
when roads were put in.

Note. The Parks and Roads were laid off
by plough lines only. No ditches were
cut, no dykes or drains.

The Mill Road & Roundabout Road were
laid off at subsequent periods.

The red ink shows the arable land
at entry. also houses.

EBENEZER STORES—MYSTERY SHOPPER

It was very strange! For several mornings, when I unlocked the shop, I found items knocked off the shelf and toilet rolls knocked over. Bubbles, the cat, had not been in the shop over night, and we don't have a dog. What was it?

Then last Saturday there was even more mess, with packets of dry cat food also on the floor. Was it the ghost of Ebenezer Stores?

When we looked closely by the back door to the shop we could see little footprints. There were no tail marks so we knew it wasn't a rat. When we noticed that Bubbles' food bowl was licked clean, but it too had foot marks in it we realised that the mystery midnight shopper must be a hedgehog. Mike then spotted her in the storeroom.

We think she came in when the back door was open and couldn't get out again. She has been released in my veggie plot where she will hopefully eat plenty of slugs and snails.

Viv Erdman



BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS MAY 2014

Having missed the deadline last month, I am back on target again, unlike my gardening. Most of my free time has been spent on getting Sunnybank ready for our flit, so the gardens have been neglected. Orkney winter, although mild has taken a long time to leave us so it was great to see the lambs going out last month and this month, the cows are allowed to enjoy the beautiful green grass after their interment. Everything is ready to grow like crazy and the downpour we have just enjoyed has prepared the weeds for their first serious take-over bid.

The challenge and enjoyment of growing keeps gardeners busy working with the adverse conditions. Throughout winter it is cold, dark, usually wet and blowing up gales. As the ground warms up and early crops dare to show themselves, predators start to take over. Pheasants graze on the onion and garlic shoots and rabbits nibble at almost anything that is green and a human has planted. So docken and dandelion are untouched while cabbages and bedding plants are delicacies for fast demolition by Peter Rabbit and his hungry siblings. I started making a list of things that rabbits do not eat - so far it is short. Potatoes.

As I write, the Chelsea Flower Show is being televised and it is reassuring to be reminded that we live in a parallel universe to the south of England. They refer to "keeping flowers back" so they have perfect blooms while here, any bloom, any time is a bonus. City gardens, vertical gardens and chromium water features are all alien creations to be installed on a neighboring planet.

The garden I will nurture at Sunnybank has a historic reputation of being very well laid out and admired. Sadly, over the past 18 months it has been abused and neglected but things will change. I have two beds dug for vegetables and have planted most of my potatoes - I prefer to use prompts from Don Peace rather than reading astrological predictions or tea leaves. So as the year(s) progress and before I am too frail to move, the gardens will become an horticultural adventure playground. Someone mentioned flying pigs?

I hope this summer, all gardeners will have, whether from the armchair or crawling round with soggy sore knees, bountiful growth and enjoyment

Roger Neville-Smith

22 May 2014

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

I hope everyone had a happy Easter. On Easter Sunday, my wife (who played the keyboard), her visiting aunt and I attended an agape meal in the community wing of Sanday School. This is the first time such a thing has been tried in Sanday. It is a communal religious meal distinct from communion, dating back to the Early Church. The word agape (pronounced /ə'ga:peɪ/) derives from the classical Greek ἀγάπη meaning brotherly love. Members of the congregation were tasked with bringing different food-stuffs for the meal, and some of them were also involved (in a lay capacity) in the preaching. One of the short sermons expressed the hope that the world will learn to live in peace, starting in our own small communities where we should endeavour to get on with one another. A message surely all of us will endorse.

My contribution to the agape meal was honey. My bees are now very busy collecting pollen and nectar to feed their expanding brood. I have been clearing the debris from the floor of my hives to send to SASA (Science & Advice for Scottish Agriculture) for checking for disease. So far all my samples have been clear. It is important for as many Orkney beekeepers as possible to do this in order to corroborate our assertion that Orkney is free of Varroa, essential evidence if we are to convince the authorities to grant statutory protection to Orkney's bees. (See the last but one "Letter from School Place".)

At the conclusion of the latest ordinary General Meeting, a further Council photograph was taken, this time including the officials as well. This was the last General Meeting at which our long-serving Director of Education, Leisure & Housing, Leslie Manson was present (or photographed). The next General Meeting, a special one, was to select his successor. Our choice was Wilf Weir, who will be leaving his post as Head of Education, Policy & Resources at Aberdeenshire Council to take up his new position this autumn. Leslie served OIC for 37 years, sixteen of them as Director of Education, missing Dr Hugh Marwick's record in that office by only a few months.



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Speaking of long service, I attended a memorable evening of nautical conversation and sea shanties at the Orkney Sailing Club to celebrate the centenary of the Norwegian sailing training vessel, the “Statsraad Lehmkuhl” (above). There was a fine buffet, crowned by a commemorative cake baked and iced with a sculptured picture of the ship by Sue Spence. Sue's husband, Lord Lieutenant Bill Spence noted how the arrival of the ship in Orkney each year seems to coincide with the arrival of the good weather. He presented specially engraved whisky glasses to the crew as souvenirs of the event. My own souvenir was Kaptein Seidl's lapel badge of the ship, which he gave me to use as a pass to board her next time she docks in Kirkwall.

Receptions are the least onerous of the councillors' duties, so I attended another one, this time at the inaugural lecture of Orkney College's Professor Jane Downes, entitled "Archaeology of Sustainability". It was a very accessible lecture, and explained the famous Easter Island statues (*moai*) in terms of ritualisation in the face of ecological disaster. At the end of the lecture, I asked if archaeologists of the future might be looking back at the remains of Orkney's wind-turbines in the same way!

Staying with the historical theme, I was at the official opening of Sanday's new Heritage Centre. Community Council Chairman John Dearnness delivered a detailed speech on the development of the Centre. There was a good turnout of around 100 people, who were able to enjoy a good spread before going inside to browse the exhibits.

A number of ward constituents have requested information on the bow doors (or “visors” as they are technically known) of the Earls and when they will be functioning again. I have been in touch with Orkney Ferries, who say they are doing all they can to get approval for a solution as quickly as they can so they can resume normal business as soon as possible.

I attended North Ronaldsay's Community Council meeting on such a gloriously sunny day that at the Bird Observatory I was served my dinner outdoors on the veranda! Other meetings I have been to include a seminar to review OIC's standing orders, Stronsay Development Trust's AGM, and a UHI Foundation meeting in Inverness. In the coming month, I shall be staying at home for Sanday's community council meeting (17th June) and going out to Westray for theirs (23rd June), and I'll be in Stronsay again for their parent council AGM. If anyone wishes to speak to me while I am on their island, please get in touch.

This month marks the passing of two years of my term of office ----- three more to go!

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson, West Manse, Sanday

stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

A V.I.P.

By Ellie from Newfield

“Better root out those boots, lass,
‘cos snow is on its way tha knows”
Me granddad used to say.
And you could be fairly certain
That snow would very soon fall
And that no matter how hard I tried
I couldn’t smell snow at all.
“Teck thee brolly lass, tha’ll need it on’t way back”
Whilst the sky was a clear azure blue
He’d hand me a pac-a-mac.
And, as sure as eggs is eggs,
It would surely soon pelt it down
And I’d arrive home later, almost half drowned.
A wise old man was granddad,
He could even see through walls.
“Go back and wash thee neck” he’d say,
“Tha’s not looked at soap at all.”
Early every morning he’d leave for a hard days toil,
Sometimes I’d hear him go
So he’d say his boots were in need of oil.
Grandad, who’d find a fortune
In coppers behind my ears.
My own, personal magician,
The hero of my childhood years.
He’d my total admiration
When his teeth came out in his hand;
Then he’d chase me around the table,
Those teeth snapping away on command.
Half a crown he would give me
To “save for a rainy day”
So I’d ask him “When will that be?”
And he’d say he couldn’t say.
While of course I knew he’d know
And that I needn’t worry,
For when it was on its way
He’d just hand me that faithful brolly.

©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.

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TAKE AWAY MENU

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Homemade sausagemeat pie plus chips	£4.95
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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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Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;
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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

***The
ADHOC Players
Drama Group***

Present....

‘Baby with the bath water’

Saturday 31st May 2014

In the Hall at 7.30pm

Adults £6

Children (16 and under) £3

Raffle, Supper & 100 Club Draw

**Musical entertainment and Bar
open after**

ALL WELCOME

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

KIRK NEWS

Services and Sunday Club are held each Sunday at 11 am, all are very welcome to attend. During June the services are conducted by :-

- 1st June - David Bowen
- 8th June - Mike Erdman
- 15th June - Martin Prentice
- 22nd June - David Scott
- 29th June - David Bowen

We look forward to Rev Alastair Gray and his family coming to the Manse for 2 weeks in early July when Alastair will lead worship on the 6th and 13th.

The Kirk Sale will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 14th June at 7.30pm. This will include the usual sale of plants. The hall will be open from 2 - 3pm when donations for the sale will be gratefully accepted.

The Kirk is in the Blue Door in August. Again, donations will be much appreciated. These can be stored in the Manse until nearer the time.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING 2014

“On the first Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb 'early in the morning'“

With Easter being late this year it was an ideal opportunity for an early morning Easter service at St. John's view point. At 7:30am Mike, Viv and Jude left the church to walk to the view point. We were soon joined by Sarah, Ben (who had been up all night at a sleep over!) and Connie the dog. As we walked past School Brae, Neil, Katy, Bethan, Josie, Georgina, Malachi, Tiberius and Faraday also joined the walk. We all arrived at St. John's at about 8:15am, where Dave and Ruth Bowen and musicians Simone and Gaynor were waiting for us. We sang Easter hymns, prayer and read from the bible about the first Easter morning. After this it was time to return to the church hall where Anne-Maree and Bill Embleton joined us for a breakfast of fruit juice, cereal, Hot Cross Buns and tea and coffee.

We all had a wonderful time, God gave us beautiful weather, and we will do it again another year.

Many thanks to Simone (it was the first time she had played her accordion out of doors) and Gaynor for the music.

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STRONSAY'S ORKNEY NATURE FESTIVAL CRAFT SALE

Orkney crafters would like to say a big thank you to everyone who visited and supported the craft fair. We would also like to thank all the stall holders and all the people who helped setting up and putting away. The Festival day in Stronsay was a great success and we would like to say another big thank you to Anne-Maree Carter for all the lovely food, John Holloway for his valued contribution and last, but not least, to organizer Anne Bignall, RSPB and the Stronsay Tourist Group.



GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Adrian Miller, Blinkbonny, Stronsay KW17 2AF. Tel: 616354

Clerk: Colin McAlpine, The Hill, Stronsay KW17 2AT. Tel: 616446

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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR RESTORATION WORK ON THE STRONSAY WAR MEMORIAL.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- RELAYING THE CONCRETE PATH SURROUNDING THE MEMORIAL
- REPOINTING
- CLEANING THE MEMORIAL STONWORK
- RE-PAINTING THE LETTERING AND EMBLEM ON THE MEMORIAL PANELS
- CLEANING AND REPAINTING THE MEMORIAL'S CHAIN RAILINGS AND POSTS

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2014 AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED "TENDER ENCLOSED".

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND AN APPLICATION FORM PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK.

Colin McAlpine

Clerk to Stronsay Community Council

6th May 2014

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Stronsay Airfield

Relief Airfield Attendant/Rescue and Fire Fighting Crew (Ref: ORK002479)

Hours are offered on an as and when required basis

£8.66 per hour (Including Distant Islands Allowance)

A shift allowance will be paid for unsocial hours worked where appropriate

Applications are invited from self-motivated individuals who can provide, on a relief basis, cover for holiday and sickness absence when requested and available. A condition of this post is that you will be resident on Stronsay as you will be required to respond at short notice and during evening/weekends.

Duties will include airfield attendant, rescue and fire fighting services while receiving and dispatching flights to the Island Airfield. The service includes baggage handling, preparing and if necessary operating the fire tender, maintaining apron control, keeping the airfield building clean and tidy, operating the phone/radio transmitter, inspecting runways and airfield in general. In an emergency you will provide rescue and fire fighting and first aid services as required.

A full current driving licence is required.

For an informal discussion about this post please contact Malcolm Parsons, Airfield Superintendent/Technician on telephone (01856) 873535.

Further information is available from, and online applications can be made through www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/orkney

Alternatively, contact Customer Services for an application pack at Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NY, tel: (01856) 873535 or e-mail: customerservice@orkney.gov.uk

Closing date: Monday 9 June 2014

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BUMBLEBEE GROUP

Many thanks to all the people who bought bee-food plants at the Craft Fare on Saturday 17th. Hope the plants all grow well.

Thanks also to Simone and all the Craftie's for their welcome and help.

Hopefully there will be some longer info in next months Limpet, but meanwhile here's a bit more useful stuff for all you bumblebee supporters.

Rugosa, fuschia, dandelion, and thistles all have flowers that feed bumbles, so please keep the flowers for as long as you can.

Some bees nest in long grass so would you please leave your long grass until the end of the bee season. If the grass is cut where there's a nest the nest will be lost.

Thanks again to all for all the support and enthusiasm.

Leonora

STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Many thanks to all those who attended and/or helped in any way with the recent Quiz Night. The final amount raised was £255.50.

The NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday 11th JUNE at 3pm (revised date due to work commitments). No decision on subject matter so any ideas welcome, please feel free to contact me beforehand.

Shirley (Tel 616438)



STITCHERS

Thursday 29th MAY

&

Thursday 26th JUNE

Church Hall 7 - 9.30pm

Refreshments, £2.00 per person please

We're an informal, friendly group of people who meet up once a month to do our own projects, chat, share knowledge & experience, learn from and support each other. We ask each person for a contribution of £2.00 towards heating & lighting and offer tea, coffee, biscuits. Anyone is very welcome - you can bring any kind of craft work or unfinished project, providing it is suitable for doing in the Hall - it doesn't have to be "stitching".

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL

The current timetable is:

Monday

7.20 - 8pm public session

8 - 8.40 adult lane

Wednesday

3.20 - 4pm Beginners, developers and c squad

7 - 8pm B squad

8 - 9pm A squad

Thursday

7 - 7.40pm private hire

7.40 - 8.20pm public session

Saturday

2 - 2.40pm private hire

2.40 - 3.20pm Public Session



Crossroads Orkney have been contracted to provide an additional new service on a 12 month pilot basis only, funded through the Change Fund, to offer direct care and support to people who are living on their own and do not have a carer to provide support. This new service is available on Sanday, Stronsay, Westray, Hoy and Shapinsay. This is to meet the needs of people for care and support where there has been an unpredictable increase in their care needs and generally to be delivered as part of a short term/unplanned package of care in conjunction with other services.

This is a new service for Crossroads Orkney whose core business is to provide respite services as support to carers of people with support needs. Please make referrals directly to **Crossroads Orkney** by contacting **Olivia Tait** at the Travel Centre, West Castle Street, Kirkwall KW15 1GU, on **870500** or email to carers@crossroadsorkney.co.uk

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

TUESDAY 3rd June

Council Houses—9.00am - 10.00am

School—10.15am - 12.00pm

Kirk—12.30pm - 3.00pm

Fishmart—3.15pm - 5.30pm

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>

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, Wednesday, Thursday	8:30—12 and 1—3
Friday	Closed
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 Friday 1 August
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	101
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 11am & before 9pm, 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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