

# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **CLUB ITEMS—APPARENT LATE DELIVERY**

Please bear in mind that just because you receive a text or email saying that your item has been signed for or delivered does not mean that it was Jim Holland who signed for it or delivered it. The item may have been signed for by Streamline on Orkney mainland or even in Aberdeen and thus it can be several days before Streamline deliver the item to JBT in Kirkwall. This apparent delay can lead to disappointment and confusion for customers on Stronsay but please be assured that as soon as an item arrives at JBT it will be picked up by Jim and brought to the island.

Vicki

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## **SCREEN MACHINE RETURNS TO STRONSAY**

Screen Machine, Scotland's mobile cinema, will be returning to Stronsay on Monday 29 September 2014. There will be two screenings: 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

Ginnie Atkinson, Director of Regional Screen Scotland, which runs the Screen Machine, said: "Following our visit at the end of April, we're delighted to be returning to Stronsay. We're still working on the programme and will let you know in advance which films we will bring. But I'd like to let all the children on Stronsay know that there will be a film for them!"

Look out for more details in next month's Limpet, and for Screen Machine posters appearing around the island.

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## **COFFEE AT CLEAT**

Provisional date Saturday 20 September. Fund raising for ANCHOR and Macmillan. Please look out for more information in the shops.

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

# STRONSAY SCHOOL NORTH ISLES SPORTS TEAM 2014



## **BIRD REPORT—AUGUST 2014**

A surprise find in late July was a female Chaffinch, first at Mt Pleasant and then at Castle a day or so later. The species does not breed on Stronsay so it had certainly 'flown across the sea' to get here, unlike the juvenile Sedge Warbler in the Castle garden at the same time which was almost certainly a local breeding bird - perhaps from Scouters.

A nice selection of waders were seen on and off at both the Bu and Matpow Lochs in early August, including several Ruff - one a moulting male (see photo below).



*'Moulting adult male Ruff at the Bu Loch'*

A juvenile Little Gull was at the Matpow Loch briefly on 2nd August, when a surprise find by David at Osen was a very early Goldcrest.

A Pied Flycatcher spent two days in the Airy garden on 5th-6th, when two Green Sandpipers, a Common Sandpiper, several Ruff and a Little Stint (see photo below) were all present for a short time at the Matpow Loch. A Barred Warbler arrived at Cleat after easterly winds and rain on 9th but it was a week before any further migrants were found - both in the Airy garden in a cold NW wind on 16th - a Sedge Warbler and a Willow Warbler.



*'Little Stint at Matpow - the smallest of the waders seen here'*

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A Peregrine Falcon was seen two or three times around 20th and the first Hen Harrier of the Autumn was seen by Elspeth near the South School - also on 20th!

The most striking bird of the Autumn so far was the Wood Warbler seen by Jim at Cleat Cottage - again on 20th August - and again in strong, cold NW winds. The Wood Warbler was seen again by JH next day when SH heard - and saw - a singing Chiffchaff in the Castle garden. There is currently a big 'gathering' of crows in the Russland area - virtually all 'Hoodies' - but at least one is a Carrion Crow which posed on the adjacent fence-stab to one of the Hooded Crows as we drove past, giving us the opportunity to 'snap' the pair together. (See photo).



*'Hooded Crow (left) and Carrion Crow near Cleat'*

The recent NW winds have brought several Wheatears to the island - all big 'Greenland-types' and here's hoping that the mainly easterly winds forecast for the coming week materialise (unlike the prediction of last month!) and bring a long-awaited early-Autumn fall of migrants from continental Europe to the island.

Thanks again for all the calls and help - we hope to arrange another 'Minibus-trip' in the next week or so.

John & Sue Holloway

## LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

“The summer is ended, and we are not saved” (Jeremiah 8:20). And the new council year is about to commence!

Not that there weren't a few matters to attend to during the council recess. For example, I attended a meeting with Liam McArthur MSP about our air ambulance service, and initiated an improvement to the door stop at Loth Pier waiting room.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August, we turned out our lights at the West Manse between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. to join in the national moment of reflection on the Great War. H.G. Wells is attributed with describing this conflict as “the war to end war”, however, seeing how little the human race has learned over the intervening century, I consider a quote by George Santayana to be more pertinent: “Only the dead have seen the end of war.” It is also worth remembering another saying by him: “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

It was good to meet visitors from other North Isles at the Sanday Show. For the first time since geese have been shown at the Show, the Clackson family had to face competition. And the competition won the best goose/gander trophy! Well done, Drew. Nevertheless, we won other poultry prizes and had successes in the Industrial Section, although not (regrettably) for this photograph, entered by wife, of me back in my Sanday Airfield fire & rescue days:



The new term at School Place will be getting underway with a training day for the Licensing Board, followed by the Inter-Isles Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings, to which Isles' community council transport reps are invited.

Views are currently being sought from Isles residents on the internal air and ferry services. Paper copies of the survey have been, and still are, available on board the Earl Sigurd, Earl Thorfinn and Varagan, and also from the inter-island check-in desk at Kirkwall Airport. The survey can also be completed online via this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/nbe8tf6>

or you can contact OIC's transport team by e-mailing [transport@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:transport@orkney.gov.uk) or telephoning 01856-873535. The results of the survey will be fed into work with the Scottish Government to analyse the current ferry provision, as well as into the Council's own air and ferry study. The deadline for responses is 3<sup>rd</sup> September, so I would urge everybody who has not already done so to put in their ha'penny's worth. No use complaining later, when we are burdened with a service nobody wanted.

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On the subject of deadlines, there are some associated with the forthcoming Independence Referendum:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – date by which you must be registered to vote;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – deadline for applying for a postal vote, or for cancelling a postal vote should you wish to vote in person;
- 18<sup>th</sup> September – polling day and date by which postal votes must reach the Counting Officer (by 10 p.m.).

Our local Electoral Registration Office is at 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall KW15 1NX (in the door on the cathedral side of The Reel and up the stairs), telephone number 01856-886350, e-mail [ero@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:ero@orkney.gov.uk) .

The new term has already started for Orkney's schools, and I am sorry to say, at the time of writing, that the promised Wi-Fi access to the Internet at the Papdale Halls is not yet operational. Let me reassure the Isles' KGS students staying there that I am on the case.

If you are in town on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, why not go along to the opening lunch of the Orkney Science Festival at the Town Hall, where, among other local fare, you will be able to savour Sanday Honey, produced by the busy bees at the West Manse.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson, West Manse, Sanday [stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

# **CHINA TEA IN YORKSHIRE**

By Ellie from Newfield

A Yorkshire lass was me grandma,  
Sheffield steel flowed through her veins.  
Though small and petite in appearance  
She needed no help with life's reins.

Granddad simply adored her  
"Worth all the tea in China", he'd declare,  
"For a body such as thee grandma  
Is extremely rare."

I would say she was wise  
In the way women so often are,  
For nothing got pas me grandma  
Prompting granddad to say "Radar."  
He fairly towered above her  
Powerful and strong was he  
Yet grandma was his rock,  
Well, naturally!

Security oozed from her being  
Whilst she held life by the horns.  
This seemingly gentle woman  
Baking bread as each day dawns.  
Her Yorkshire Puddings were perfect,  
As light as a will-o-the-wisp,  
Except of course for the crusts  
Which were naturally golden and crisp.  
No wonder granddad adored her  
As we children did too.

For never was there a problem  
When she didn't know what to do.  
Many years have now passed  
Along with that water under the bridge.  
The bakeries now make the bread,  
It's a modern privilege  
And as I often do

Look back on times gone by  
I remember those wonderful days  
With a heart-felt nostalgic sigh.  
And I can envisage grandma  
At her table shelling peas  
Whilst granddad is in the orchard  
High up the ladder pruning the trees  
And back through time I will hear  
The very words she'd say  
"Aye lass, mind on, he'll break his  
Bloody neck one day.

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND** **SOAP**

[www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk)

New season's soaps now ready – Green Wave & Kelp, Island Chamomile 100% olive oil and lots more. Available from Olive Bank, Ebenezer Stores, Stronsay Post Office and my online shop.

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### **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](mailto:jennystone001@btinternet.com)

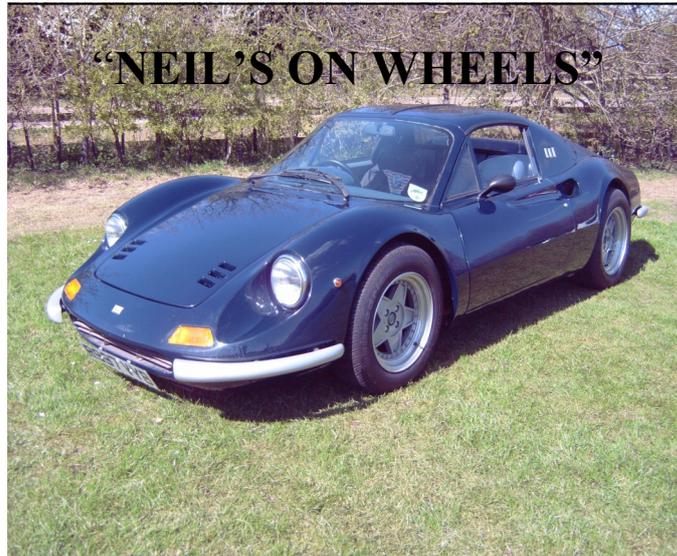
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#### **Business adverts**

Up to 25 words - £1.50. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.  
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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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**Oil Boiler Servicing**  
Call Mike on 616339



A boiler that is serviced regularly  
is an efficient boiler  
and will save you money

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP**

We were pleased to welcome June Bacon from the Balfour diabetic department to our meeting on 6th August and the meeting was well supported. We found the talk very interesting and informative, and there was opportunity for us to ask questions. June talked about all aspects of diabetes care including diet, lifestyle, foot care and eye screening.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st October at 3pm. We hope to see as many people as possible there.

Thanks,  
Shirley.

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAYPARK ACTION GROUP**

The quiz night and supper event held on 16th August in aid of PPAG raised approximately £160 for group funds. The evening was well supported, with about 50 folk making up 10 quiz teams. Congratulations to Rosalind, Roger, Bill, Jennifer, Robin and Rebecca as the winning team, with Ian, Arna, Doris and Ingram's team coming a close second.

Thank you for all the donations to the raffle, which rounded off a very successful evening.

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### **NORTH ISLES LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP**

As part of developing the stage 1 bid for the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, a workshop will be held on Thursday 16th October to help inform the themes and aspirations of the potential scheme. Further details of the visit will be provided closer to the time, however if you have any queries please contact Alan Muir on 01856 873535 (extension 2516) or by email [Alan.Muir@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:Alan.Muir@orkney.gov.uk)

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### **KIRK NEWS**

Huge thanks to all who donated items for The Blue Door in support of the kirk. Also thanks to Jim and Murdo and those who helped load and unload the lorry, and to those who helped out at the shop. The amazing sum of £3,208.04 was raised.

Services for September:-

- 7th September - David Fidler
- 14th, 21st and 28th September - David Kellas

## GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



A force to be reckoned with, older adults, will be celebrating national and international Day of Older People on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. If you are 55+ and want to meet with your peers to share your experience and to learn few useful tips about growing older in Orkney, you are kindly invited to join us at the **Full of Life Orkney Festival**. We, Age Concern Orkney, Age Scotland and Connecting Communities Project – Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO), will be there from 10am (the official start is at 11am) till 2.30pm and we will have a delicious lunch prepared by young folk from the Connect Project

There will be a line-up of interesting speakers including Age Scotland and Orkney Health & Care and time to do practical sessions: like strength and balance exercises, Thai chi, or to discuss such issues as healthy eating, planning for the future, and lots more!

This event is made possible thanks to the Connecting Communities Project (funded by the Change Fund), Age Concern Orkney and supported by Age Scotland, Scottish Health Council, Orkney Isles Preserves and the Barony Mill.

If you are thinking about coming, please register as soon as possible by:

- Going online at the Growing Older in Orkney website [www.goio.co.uk](http://www.goio.co.uk) (Full of Life)
- or
- by phoning Kasha on 872897 or Caron on 872438.

***We really look forward to seeing you all there on 1<sup>st</sup> October!***

# ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

## **Orkney Islands Council**

### **Development & Infrastructure Committee**

Would like to invite the residents of Stronsay to an Open Meeting on:  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
in the Community Room  
(exact time to be confirmed, but planned for 15:30 – 17:30)

The meeting will provide the opportunity for an informal exchange of ideas between residents and councillors on local topics, and allow islanders to raise issues relevant to the Committee's remit.

The remit of the Committee includes:

- **Economic Development & Regeneration**
- **Bus, Air & Ferry services**
- **Roads, Bridges, Street Lighting**
- **Waste Collection**
- **Burial Grounds**
- **Planning, Countryside Access**

**GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

**STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
would like to invite you to a Stronsay**

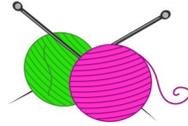
# Autumn Craft Sale



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Stronsay Community Halls**  
**1 pm - 5 pm**  
**Refreshments and bakes will be on sale**

**SUPPORT  
HANDMADE**

## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***



### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

Reminder

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August ~ Church Hall 7pm - 9.30pm

Tea, coffee, biscuits ~ £2.00

Stitchers as usual but with a difference. Stitchers will you bring along any items you no longer want to keep such as fabrics, needles, hooks, sewing cottons, silks, yarns, buttons, patterns, books, dyes etc. to our crafter's bring & share evening! Items will be available throughout the evening so you can help yourselves. Anyone who has a craft interest is welcome to come along even if they don't usually attend Stitchers. Donations will be gladly received in exchange for goods and will go to the RNLI.

### **AND NEXT MONTH...**



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Church Hall 7pm - 9.30pm

Tea, coffee, biscuits £2.00

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 HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE** **supervised sessions**

The gym can be accessed throughout the day if you have a 'buddy' to go with.

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4.15-6.15</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>4.15-6.15</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>4.15-6.15</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>4.15-6.15</b>
<b>SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

A code is required, please speak to one of the team if you have any questions

Inductions by apointment only

Andy - 616277, Julie - 616335 or Tracey - 616350

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

The pool is closed until further notice because of building work

**CROSSROADS**  
**Caring**  
*for* **Carers**  
**ORKNEY**

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](mailto:carers@crossroadsorkney.co.uk)

## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)***

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

#### **MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

Council Houses	8.45am - 9.45am
School	10.00am - 12.00pm
Kirk	12.30pm - 3.00pm
Fishmart	3.15pm - 4.45pm

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2\\_timetable.htm](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm)

Kirkwall library contacts - 01856 873166 or [general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours)

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### **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

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### **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.

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## ***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 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kvk5gfp">http://tinyurl.com/kvk5gfp</a> )
Our Lady's chapel, pier head . . . . .	Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am
Next Special Collection . . . . .	?
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 <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a>	

### **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](mailto: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

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS TO *THE LIMPET***

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12 editions for £20.00 including P&P

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