

STRONSAY LIMPET

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LIMPET—DECEMBER EDITION

Please note that the December edition of the Limpet will be published on Thursday 18th December, one week earlier than usual. The deadline for anything to appear in the December edition is 7pm on Sunday 14th December.

PATRICIA HAY (NEE RICHARDSON)

Patricia would like to get in touch with anyone who remembers her. Her grandmother was Jessie Chalmers and her mother was Ella Chalmers. Her grandfather was the master shoemaker on Stronsay. Her mother's sister was Margaret (Peggy) Chalmers and brother James Chalmers who died in 1944, aged 27.

If you or your family knew Patricia or her family please contact the Limpet.

STRONSAY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Updated Stronsay telephone lists are now available from Stronsay School. We suggest a £1.50 donation per list. We are raising funds for Cancer Research, a charity chosen by our class.

Thanks! Upper Primary.

CONTACTING THE LIMPET—NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Don't forget that the Limpet's email address has changed!

It is now editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk

STRONSAY SCHOOL

'Book Fair' Friday 28th November at the school hall 2-3:15pm

The next edition of the [Limpet](#) will be published on Thu 18 Dec. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on Sun 14 Dec. Contact details on back page

STRONSAY KIRK—HARVEST FESTIVAL 2014

(Photographs by Roger Neville-Smith)



A fine display of fruit & veg plus other traditional Harvest items



Even the window sills were decorated



After the service all the produce was packed for distribution to elderly islanders

STRONSAY BONFIRE 8th NOVEMBER



First in competition was The Rocket Man by Johny Smith, runner up Maxine



THE EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

The Empowering Communities Project is being progressed to investigate opportunities for local communities to participate in the design and delivery of a number of services currently provided by Orkney Islands Council (OIC). A pilot project is being taken forward in consultation with Community Councils, other community groups and partnership agencies including Highlands & Islands Enterprise.

Two pilot areas, Papa Westray and Stronsay, have been selected to participate in the first stage of the project. The pilot project will be assessed over a three year period, with the potential to roll this out in other areas as it develops.

This innovative partnership between OIC, Community Councils and others could bring many benefits to island communities including:

- new employment opportunities;
- increased sustainability;
- improved access to locally-based services; and
- the potential to develop skills within the local workforce.

The project should also deliver significant efficiencies across Council Services.

The majority of Orkney's Community Councils currently maintain kirkyards for OIC and this project will see Community Councils involved in shaping and delivering a range of other Council services. The type of services that Community Councils could become involved in will require ongoing community consultation, but could include:

- road maintenance;
- pier operations and maintenance;
- upkeep of core paths;
- airfields;
- refuse and recycling;
- transport; and
- property maintenance.

There will be an opportunity for Community Councils, Development Trusts, Community Associations and other local groups to play a part in the project. This will build capacity and will foster close and more effective working relationships. Each group may play a different role but collectively they will enhance the sustainability of their community. Local input could provide a new way to support and empower communities across Orkney, developing services which are more responsive to local demand, while also creating a more efficient means of delivery for the Council.

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In Stronsay, as part of the Empowering Communities project OIC along with Stronsay Community Council have progressed the refurbishment and upgrading of the Fishmart and the contract for these works have now been awarded and the contractor will be on site soon.

In Papa Westray the Community Council identified maintenance required on stiles within the core path network. The work was organised under the Empowering Communities project and a local contractor was awarded the contract. On completion of the maintenance on the stiles the labour and materials were funded by OIC.

It is anticipated that an Island Link Officer will be appointed in each of the pilot island areas in January 2015. As part of the Democratic Services team this post is being established to develop and support the project at a local level.

If you would like any further information of the Empowering Communities Project please contact:-

Councillor Stephen Hagan, Chairman, Empowering Communities Member Officers Working Group: –
stephen.hagan@orkney.gov.uk

Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council:– jackie.montgomery@orkney.gov.uk
karriz.baird@orkney.gov.uk

LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

In 86 years, Sanday has never won the Parish Cup. At the Sanday Harvest Home, Jocky Wood proffered advice on how a change of goalie could make all the difference. He suggested recruiting Malcolm Lennie's prize-winning Suffolk yowe, Killer Queen. She'd be strategically directed back and forth across the goalmouth with Neigarth's vegetables, and encouraged to leap up to the crossbar to deflect the high shots by Rosemary Newton's fruit scones spread with Sanday Honey. I fear this might be sending a lamb to the slaughter — particularly if my bees take exception to this use of their honey!

At Westray's community council meeting, drink-driving continues to be an issue -- a matter of concern on other islands too. A problem we have in the North Isles is a lack of a police presence in the form of special constables. In the whole of the ward there are only four, and half of those are on Papay! I have been in touch with the police commander for the Highlands & Islands, and, as a result, he is looking into running a recruitment campaign specifically for the Isles, with training requirements tailored to the area. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in applying to become a special constable, there is information on Police Scotland's website at: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/recruitment/special-constables/>

I was one of three councillors to attend the Orkney Youth Conference. It was a shame that the bad weather and cancelled ferry sailings prevented pupils coming in from the Isles' Junior Highs. I sat in on several of the workshops, learning, among other things, a lot I didn't know about the Young Scot Card and its uses, for example, that it makes you eligible for some free journeys on Orkney Ferries (weather permitting!). I am a great fan of Alex Leonard and his "Giddy Limit" cartoon strip in The Orcadian, so I was delighted to join the workshop in which he taught us how to draw "Davo". You can see my attempt, below:



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At the UHI Foundation meeting in Inverness, the Deputy Principal thanked me for the loan of my doctoral bonnet as a temporary UHI doffing cap at the Orkney graduations, and its use was formally acknowledged in the Orkney College report presented to the College Management Council. I have also been busy on the College Management Council's Quality Working Group. At the Education, Leisure & Housing meeting I voted in favour of free school meals for all nursery pupils, but it was defeated by one vote on an amendment by the convener. I shared Cllr John Richards's relief that the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) had not gone under the originally-proposed title of Strategic Housing Investment Target ...

Somebody asked me how many of the meetings I attend are confidential. The short answer is any meeting (or part of a meeting) that is not explicitly open to the public. (The general meetings of the Council and committee and sub-committee meetings are open to the public except for items containing information exempted from publication by virtue of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.) Meetings falling into this category that I've participated in this month are those of the Change Programme Board, the Members' Forum, and Staff Appeals Committee; a video conference with the Scottish Air Ambulance Service, and our 2nd budget-setting seminar. I am, however, allowed to report from the first of these the launch of a public survey, which, among other things, is hoping to gain an improved understanding of the ways in which the public wishes to engage with the Council, and to gather ideas for service improvements. It can be found online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OICChangeProgramme>

This month I have also attended a meeting of the Human Resources Sub-Committee, and the annual joint meeting of the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum.

On the 10th December I shall be in Shapinsay for their community council meeting.

The festive season will soon be upon us, so I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday
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OLD CALENDARS THAT CAN MAKE A COMEBACK IN 2015

Happy will be the folk who heeded my thrifty tip back in in 2010 and put away their 2009 calendars for redeployment in 2015. But for those who missed (or ignored) this advice, all is not lost, as there are calendars from other years that can come to your rescue and save you all the effort and expense of purchasing new ones.

This year we have been commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. Perhaps you found a 1914 calendar to put in an exhibition marking the event. Well, now you can bring it home again and hang it on your wall for the whole of 2015.

Maybe the Skea family of Sanday kept a calendar from 1970, the year Margaret Skea of North Myre celebrated her own centenary. If they did, they can use it again (potentially for the sixth time).

Staying on Sanday, 1903 (another year calendrically identical to 2015) saw the passing away of the radical Rev Matthew Armour, the first of three Orkney councillors to bide (to date) at the West Manse.

And on the subject of councillors, in 1942 the Secretary of State for Scotland opened new council offices at 6 Broad Street, Kirkwall (where "The Reel" is now situated). Far fewer bureaucrats could fit in that building than occupy the current council offices at School Place! Those were the days ... well worth having kept a calendar for.

Of course, back then School Place was still a school, renamed "Kirkwall Grammar School" by the Education Committee in 1931. That year's calendar is also valid for 2015.

There are two years significant to St Magnus' Cathedral whose calendars can be re-used next year: 1925, when the two skeletons discovered during restoration work were identified to be those of St Magnus and St Rognvald, and 1987, the building's 850th anniversary. Both Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty The Queen Mother visited Orkney for the anniversary celebrations, as did King Olav V of Norway, so many people are bound to have kept a calendar from that year. And there are surely plenty of calendars around from 1953, saved as a souvenir of Her Majesty's coronation.

Other suitable calendars are those for 1959, the year Orcadian poet, novelist and translator, Edwin Muir died, and 1981, a decennial census year in which Orkney's population was found to have increased for the first time in the 20th century.

How many connoisseurs kept a 1998 calendar to go with their Highland Park bicentenary whisky? Bring both out for the New Year!

And at Hogmanay, when you take down your 2014 calendars, do not forget to store them away in a safe place to use again in 2025.

Stephen Clackson
West Manse
Sanday

VANISHING LADY

By Ellie from Newfield

She's the mistress of disguise
Now cloaked in an eerie mist,
Moving around at liberty
Whilst every grass blade is kissed.
Of course she's many disguises
Very often all worn the same day.
But she's a mind to caress at her leisure
And this is such a perfect way.
How she loves to hug those valleys,
Cleansing all within her sight.
Or she's draped across the high grounds
In sheer gossamer of misty white.
Like a cushion of candy floss
Yet always without your reach.
She's silent in this mood swing
But still so willing to teach.
Beasts in the meadows graze on,
Unaware they are wrapped in her arms
Enfolded, it would seem, in her blanket.
She's a lady of so many charms,
It's almost as if she's healing,
Soothing you might say.
Needing to offer some comfort
For the thrashing of yesterday.
For then she was stormy and wild,
Blowing herself to full swing.
Unpredictable, as is her character,
For who knows what next she might bring.
But in the mist she's wearing now
In the silence that is pure gold
Is she soothing us, our bruises?
She delivered us, ten fold.
Mother Nature is dressed for caring
In misty cloak of soothing balm.
A blanket of angel hair
She dons in the need for calm.
Like a bride in a floating veil
Passing through the churchyard
Lingering only for moments
Whilst portraying a serene façade.
Having caressed the hilltops at leisure
And leaving the valleys below.
In your disguise of Vanishing Lady
I'm left wondering "Where did you go?"

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GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS, THANKS

THANK YOU

From Jean de la MOTHE

(wife of the Late Dr. Michael J de la MOTHE 1925-2014)

I wish to thank our friend Leo Martini-Brown, of Waterhall, Stronsay, for inviting us to share his home and his ever unfailing help with Michael during his illness and support following Michael's death.

I also thank those on Stronsay who sent cards and letters to me.

I thank the Catholic clergy of Stronsay for uplifting visits and the Catholic clergy in Inverness, where Mike and I worshipped.

Last of all I thank my beloved husband for 46+ years of very happy marriage, having met Michael 50 years ago when I became his secretary.

Those we love do not go away they walk besides us everyday. R.I.P.

Jean de la MOTHE, Waterhall, Whitehall, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AS
(01857 616332)

THANK YOU

At last - final total! Cheques for £640.90 sent to both Macmillan cancer support and Friends of Anchor. Thank you once again to everyone who supported "coffee at Cleat" this year xx

FOR SALE

Large plot of land at Hescombe, Stronsay for sale with full planning permission, beautiful views over Mill Bay. Additional land available by separate negotiation.

Tel 01857 616306

FOR RENT

3 bedroom cottage for rent early December, oil central heating, large garden, no smokers, pets only by negotiation.

Tel 01857 616306

Private adverts (sales, wants, greetings)

Up to 25 words - £1.. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.

Thank you notices are FREE!

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES



ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk

In addition to all your favourites, NEW SOAPS are out!

“Rain Fresh Fields” ~ “Shoreline Wildflowers” ~ “Pumpkin Soap” ~ “Rosehip Delight”

A selection of soaps are available to buy in Stronsay
at Ebenezer Stores, Stronsay Post Office & from the house by arrangement only please.

NEW FOR CHRISTMAS

Vanilla, Frankincense and Mistletoe Soaps.

and

Vanilla Body Balm and Frankincense All Over Balm.

Presented in lightweight, attractive aluminium 50ml jars these balms will make the perfect accompaniment to any soap gift this Christmas, or indeed any time of the year. Balms work to help protect, nourish and moisturize your skin to bring back balance against the things in life that affect our skin such as harsh winter weather, sun, pollution, stress, work, age.

Available from 12th November

Please note last date for Christmas orders on my website is 5th December

STRONSAY ARTWORKS

Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;
Limited edition prints, greetings cards and
postcards which are available for sale at lo-
cal shops, Post Office, Hotel, B&B's and
the Fishmart. Commissions taken.

Phone 01856 870075

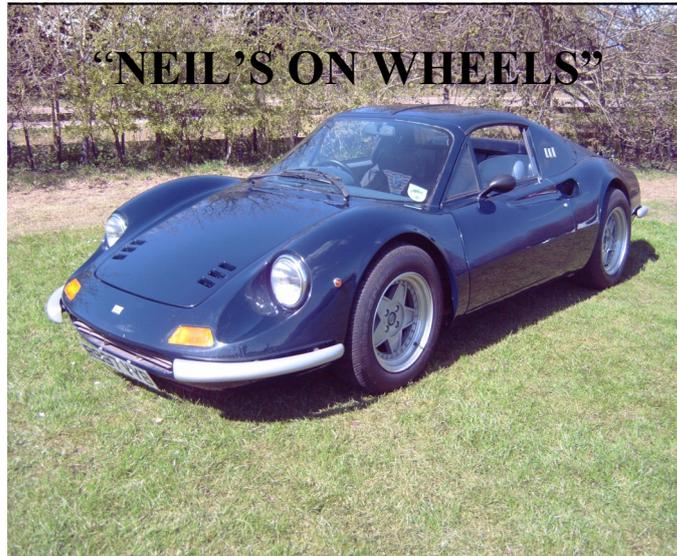
<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

Email jennystone001@btinternet.com

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



- 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



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

KIRK NEWS

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated:

- 30th November - David Bowen
 - 7th December - Martin Prentice (communion)
 - 7th December at 7pm - Carols by Candlelight
 - 14th December - Sunday Club Christmas Service
 - 14th December in the afternoon - Sunday Club Party
 - 21st December - David Bowen
 - 24th December at 11.30pm - Christmas Eve Service - David Bowen
 - 25th December at 11am - short Christmas Day service
 - 28th December - David Bowen
- 2015
- January 4th - David Bowen
 - January 11th - Mike Erdman
 - January 18th - David Fidler
 - January 25th - Viv Erdman

The kirk St Andrews Sale will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted and can be handed in to the hall that afternoon from 2-3pm.

STRONSAY SCHOOL BLOG

We would like to remind everyone about the Stronsay School Blog which has been up and running for a few months now. The Blog shares some of Stronsay School's highlights through pictures and articles as well as other relevant school information. You can access the blog at <http://stronsay-jh.blogspot.co.uk>. We hope you find the site interesting.

STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The group will take a break in December due to the dark afternoons but will meet again on Wednesday February 4th at 3pm. It would be really good if a few more folk could join us. Why not make it a NewYear resolution? We are a very friendly group and not at all intimidating.

Please speak to Shirley if you want any more information.

S.O.S. Christmas Card Delivery

Drop off your Christmas cards in our special post boxes; at the shops, the school or at the community hall.

**17th December
is your last
postage date.**

**Donate
as you post:
20p per card
Local post only!**

S.O.S. Santa Float!



Saturday 20th December 2014

Leaving Jim's Yard at 7pm prompt.

**Come and meet Santa after in the
Stronsay Hotel.
There will food and plenty of music.**



GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



**CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING**

**SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2014
AT THE HALL
AT 7PM**

ADULTS: £4 CHILDREN: £2

ENTERTAINMENT

SUPPER – SANDWICHES, PIZZA

MINCE PIES

TEA, COFFEE AND MULLED WINE

BAR OPEN

EVERYONE WELCOME!

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY COMMUNITY PLAYPARK ACTION GROUP

Stronsay Community Playpark Action Group's (SCPAG) AGM was held on Thursday 13th November. To date, almost £5,000 has been raised and the group is in the process of applying to OIC for a lease. This will be considered by the council in February, as well as applications for further funding happening early in the year. Monsterplay's design was chosen as the preferred one at the public vote in July and it is still hoped this will become a reality in the future. The group would like to thank Viv Erdman for the continued use of the shop porch and everyone in the community who has donated or helped in any way over the past year.

Thank you all!

M Dennison

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



HOGMANAY DANCE

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2014

IN THE HALL

10pm TILL MIDNIGHT

ADULTS: £3

CHILDREN: £1

EVERYONE WELCOME!

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

supervised sessions

These times will run up to the Christmas break.

MONDAY	3.45-5.45
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	3.45-5.45
THURSDAY	3.45-5.45
FRIDAY	3.45-5.45
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Buddy system by request

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

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

Inductions by appointment only

Andy - 616277, Julie - 616335 or Tracey - 616350

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449



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

STRONSAY STITCHERS

Thursday 27th November
Church Hall 7pm - 9.30pm

GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (continued)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

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

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!

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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 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	13th December and 28 February
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 Wednesday and Friday only.
Large items will be delivered on Saturday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE [LIMPET](#)

Send an email to editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk, 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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