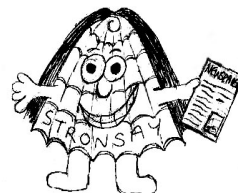


# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **PROPOSALS FOR A 30MW WIND FARM ON ROTHIESHOLM HEAD**

A printed copy of this proposal will be distributed with the printed copies of the July edition of the Limpet.

It is also available to read online or download at

<http://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/NorthWindAssocLtdDraftV5.12.6.15.pdf>

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## **STRONSAY SURGERY**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AT STRONSAY SURGERY**

From 27<sup>th</sup> July - 24 August there will be a reduction in reception and administrative services. We will do everything possible to cover this

- Please continue to phone for prescriptions, appointments or queries between 9 & 12 Monday - Friday (these calls will be answered by an admin person in Kirkwall)
- The phone will be diverted to Balfour Switchboard outwith 9-12 who will contact the GP for urgent issues.
- Please only contact the surgery by telephone during this time and not by email.

We apologise for any inconvenience during this time and appreciate your support with this.

Dr Roger Neville-Smith

Dr Rosalind Fisher

Shirley Whiteman

Maxine Piper

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## **STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

Barbara Deavin (teacher at Stronsay school) is hoping to reinstate the Friday night games club at the Community Centre. She needs some trusty volunteers to help her for approximately two hours on a Friday evening. If, for instance, ten people volunteered they would only need to do a "duty" once every ten weeks. If you're interested please ring Barbara on 305.

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## **POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS JUNE - AUGUST**

During the summer, the Post Office will continue to be open

Monday – Saturday 8.30 -12 and 3 -6

There might be occasional half day closures as I don't have cover at present.

These closures will be widely advertised in the shops, on the Limpet's Facebook page and on the Limpet website

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

## RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS

The hoped-for influx of Crossbills after the three birds at Osen last month did not arrive – but there is still time, and the warm SE winds predicted for the end of July may yet do the trick.

As ever there were very few surprises throughout late June and July but a pair of Siskins were seen in the hawthorn hedge opposite the Dale Quarry on 3rd July. Other migrants recorded were all waders – a single Bar-tailed Godwit at Houseby in late June – the same day as a Black-tailed Godwit was seen at the Matpow Loch, and 3 Bar-tails at Dale in mid-July. A party of 6 Dunlin has been present on the Matpow Loch for some time where the tern colony seems to have failed this year, just a single juvenile having been recorded among the 100 or so adults that have been in the area throughout the summer. A few Whimbrel have arrived from the North-East – including three flying in off Mill Bay and over Park Cottage on 24th.

Bird of the summer has been a female Montagu's Harrier, which we have seen at several sites. It is clearly smaller and 'lighter-looking' than Hen Harrier, with narrower wings and a longer and 'narrower' tail than that species. (It may still be around, one was recorded on Mainland Orkney in late Spring). Our last sighting was at Eastbank, where the bird's small size was evident as it perched on a fence-post close to the road. Unfortunately it was being 'mobbed' by a Hooded Crow and flew off towards Holland, showing the white patch on the rump which was smaller and less obvious than that of Hen Harrier.

More waders should arrive during the coming month, and many will be found feeding among the gulls and Starlings in the freshly-cut silage-fields – the biggest numbers being present during and immediately after both cutting and clearing. Among the local breeding species (Curlew and Oystercatchers in particular) Golden Plover and both species of godwit could be present. This is a great time for viewing these 'waders' as they seem almost oblivious to us humans during the feeding frenzy.



*'This House Sparrow, seen several times at Airy, has an inordinate amount of chestnut-colouration around the head and 'bib'*

*(another photograph on next page)*



*‘Ringed Plovers breed in good numbers here in the open – generally an area of small pebbles and sand close to the shore.’*

# **SHEEP SHEARING COURSE ON STRONSAY**

## **27TH/28TH JUNE**

Luckily we had a taste of summer for our sheep shearing course. Well, perhaps the sheep might not have been too excited about this since the poor souls each had to endure a "slightly" longer shearing time due to us being absolute novices. But most of them were quite cooperative.

First day we got a theoretical introduction in the morning, enough to make us (me anyway!) a bit scared whether we would be able to use the machines without the sheep coming to harm.

Then it was hands on: this is really hard work! And it seems to be an art to know in which order you shear the different parts of the sheep.

After the first day most of us were absolutely exhausted and now I know how many muscles I have because I could feel every one of them.

On the second day we had spiritual assistance when three monks joined us. Luckily one of them (I hope he forgives me that I have forgotten his name) had some experience in shearing otherwise we would have never managed to get them all done that day. I must admit that I was glad we only had 4 machines so I could give my back some rest the second day.

Although some of us did really well (in particular Andy and Leah) the instructor could only award the wool board certificate to one participant, that's him in action:



We all still have a lot to learn to feel confident although I've seen some pretty impressive facebook images of Leah and Andy very successfully shearing their pet sheep at home shortly after the course.

A very big Thank You to the Stronsay Development Trust for funding this course and also to Don and Julie who allowed us to practise on their sheep and put up with all of us for 2 days.

It was a great experience!

*(more photographs on next page)*





# **STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST AGM ELECTIONS 2015**

(personal view of attendee Leo Martini-Brown)

At the July 2015 AGM the Chair Carol Cotterill read out Article 84 which governs the procedure to be followed for a full member to be validly elected as an Elected Director of SDT. 3 of the candidates had provided some written biographical detail available at the AGM.

The two representatives from Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) (non members of SDT) reported back to the Chair the results and commenced reading out the names of those elected, but without giving any vote. I objected and the Chair (wrongly in my opinion) allowed the members present to decide that they would only hear the number of “Yes” votes given to each candidate. Earlier in the AGM Valerie Stone-Lucas had protested that the Articles had not been amended and that the Chair had recognised that the use of “No” votes was not the Stronsay way. Some years ago I was the first to lose by the “No” exceeding the “Yes” by one vote in an SDT director secret count election.

Raymond Dennison (immediate past director) was re-elected top the poll again with 24 votes (down from 53 only 2 years ago). David Bourn-Fernley (an ex Vice-Chair) returns to the Board with 16 votes. The immediate past Chair Carol Cotterill gained 15 votes (down in 2 years from 33), the Davidsons (mother and son) joined the Board for the first time with 14 and 15 votes. Valerie Stone-Lucas (immediate past director) gained 12 votes (down from 18, 2 years ago). The decline in membership from about 90 to 70 only partly explains the lower AGM attendance and votes.

The VAO reps declared that Valerie had not been elected. Candidates need 51% to succeed. The number of NO's was not given. At least 12 must have voted against Val – which we are expected to accept on trust (just as in some dodgy states elsewhere!).

Transparency surely requires that

- (a) the number of proxy votes be declared prior to the vote
- (b) that the number of ballot papers issued is declared
- (c) that yes and no votes are shown – which will also show the number of abstentions by calculation.

The present voting process needs improvement at the very least.

# **RESPECT**

By Ellie from Newfield

Better the devil you know  
I've often heard it said.  
And here at the croft it's true,  
Where flocks of birds are fed.  
For it's home to many a sparrow  
Who mostly take it for granted.  
Taking great delight  
In unearthing seeds I have planted  
And those darling, tiny wrens  
"flitting" around at their leisure,  
Most charming of garden companions  
Bringing endless pleasure  
Whilst the collared doves remain shy  
And appear to be rather proud.  
How I would love to 'cuddle' one  
But it wouldn't be allowed.  
Of all these resident birds  
Who seemingly muddle along  
It's the blackbirds that bring on a smile  
Whilst delivering their melodious song.  
This copse is their home-land it seems,  
Sanctuary in a wooded haven,  
For it's there they seek shelter  
Should there be a passing raven.  
It's a noisy little spot  
As they have always plenty to say  
So imagine my surprise  
When you could hear a pin drop that day.  
This strange and sudden silence  
Incurred by a shape in the sky.  
Respect for a higher order I think  
As a hen-harrier passes by.

You ©*Helene Harrison*



## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



### **CAFÉ OPENING TIMES**

#### **AUGUST**

#### **CLOSED MONDAYS**

#### **TUESDAY-FRIDAY 8.30-4.30**

Hot Drinks & Home Bakes 8:30-11.30  
Lunch Menu 11.30-2 (last food orders 1.45)  
Hot Drinks & Home Bakes 2-4.30

#### **SATURDAYS: 10-4.30**

Hot Drinks & Home Bakes 10-12  
Lunch Menu 12-2 (last food orders 1.45)  
Hot Drinks & Home Bakes 2-4.30

#### **SUNDAYS: 10-4.30**

Hot drinks & home bakes 10-12.30  
Lunch Menu 12.30-4.30 (last food orders 4)

Thank you to all who have come along to the café during its first fortnight—we've really enjoyed seeing the Fish Mart fulfilling its purpose for both locals and visitors again. While it is our vision to have the place open seven days a week, until we've got another person in place to help support that vision, we'll be taking a day off to recharge our own batteries. Since every day has been just about equally busy, we've decided to try closing Mondays in August and see how that works for everyone. As we continue to supplement the equipment and gain in experience, we'll be adding items to the menu. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and feedback. Jennifer and Robin

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU**

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tues - Sun)

16.45 to 20.00

Homemade lasagne + chips	£5.95
Homemade sausagemeat pie + chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken curry + rice or chips	£5.95
Homemade chicken masala curry + rice or chips	£6.50
Homemade chicken & veg pie + chips	£6.50
Breaded haddock + chips	£5.50
Breaded wholetail scampi + chips	£6.50
2 sausages + chips	£3.00
2 fish fingers + chips	£2.80
“Stronsay Beast Burger” + fries	£4.50
“Stronsay Cheese Beast Burger” + fries	£5.00
Portion of chips	£1.30
Half portion of chips	£0.80
Portion of cheesy chips	£2.10
Half portion of cheesy chips	£1.10
Portion of onion rings	£1.20

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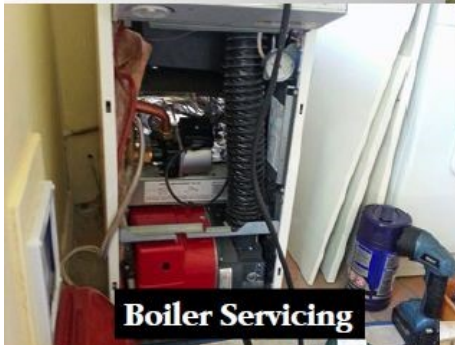
## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

# **Ebenezer Oil Heating Services**

Oftec trained engineer



**Oil Tank Installation**



**Boiler Servicing**

Oil boiler servicing,  
repair and replacement



**Boiler Installation**

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

**& Commissioning**

**Tel 01857 616339**  
**ebenezer@stronsay.org**

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

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### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**

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



Hand-made soaps and balms available online and in Stronsay from Ebenezer Stores,  
Post Office & Isles View (by arrangement only please. Tel: 01857 616281).

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### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**



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

### **STRONSAY BOOKWORMS**

**Thursday September 10th 7.30pm**

Meet at Ruth's house. Peedie Hoo. Tel: 616435

Our Summer reading is  
*The Secret Garden*  
By Frances Hodgson Burnett



Come and join us if you've read the book or just fancy a natter about reading.  
Everyone welcome.

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### **KIRK NEWS**

With the new sound equipment in the Church it is now possible to record the services. If you are unable to get along to church each Sunday and would like to get a copy of the service week by week please give Elsie a phone on 616331.

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated. The Sunday Club is taking a break over the summer but a crèche is available for children aged 9 and under

- July 26th – Mike Erdman
- August 2nd – David Bowen
- August 9th – David Bowen
- August 16th – Mike Erdman
- August 23rd – David Bowen
- August 30th – Mike Erdman

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## **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**



**Support and friendship  
for families**

**Home-Start Orkney**

Home-Start is the UK's leading family support charity and [Home-Start Orkney](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/homestartorkney) has been on the go for over 14 years. The scheme was recently awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to develop the service to the outer isles. To provide the service we will train volunteers who then offer support in the family home to parents of young children who are experiencing difficulties. Perhaps a parent is struggling with isolation, post-natal depression, or would just benefit from a couple of hours of practical or emotional help once a week to assist with parenting skills or improve their well-being.

Volunteers will have parenting experience and will be provided with training, out-of-pocket expenses and on-going support from the co-ordinators.

For more information please contact Elsie Cooper at [elsie@homestartorkney.org.uk](mailto:elsie@homestartorkney.org.uk) or go to the Home Start Orkney website <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/homestartorkney>.

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### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 5th at the usual time of 3pm in the Community Hall. Any ideas / topics for discussion at this meeting, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Shirley.

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

#### **THURSDAY 30th JULY- CANCELLED**

Due to hectic schedules and holidays

Sorry to disappoint!

Next one: Thurs 27th August as usual.

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

**ALISTAIR CARMICHAEL MP**  
**LIAM McARTHUR MSP**

will hold a

SURGERY

on

WEDNESDAY  
19 AUGUST 2015

in

STRONSAY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
12.45 – 1.30 pm

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### **BLUE DOOR EVENT**

SCPAG (the playpark group) has the Blue Door from 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, to help raise more funds. We are seeking volunteers for the following:

- helping to load boxes at the manse on the evening of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August (for transporting to Kirkwall on Friday)
- helping to load and unload boxes in Kirkwall (NB it is County Show weekend)
- helping out in the shop at any point during the week
- providing home-bakes/raffle prizes

Any help would be greatly appreciated – please contact Mairi on 616238

(If anyone has any further donations of goods for the shop, please bring them along, packaged securely and sealed in boxes, between 7 and 9pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, to the manse. Donations/baking etc. can also be dropped off throughout the week of 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August at the Blue Door in Kirkwall. Many thanks!)

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**GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

**STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**  
**supervised sessions**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Buddy system</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>3.45-5.45</b>
<b>SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY</b>	<b>Buddy system by request</b>

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

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

We are looking for more volunteer overseers (formerly keyholders!) to help with the smooth running of the swimming pool.

Please contact Mairi (616238).

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## **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.

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**STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

**For July and August**

<b>MONDAY</b>	7.00—7.40 7.40—8.20	Public session Women only
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00—7.40 7.40—8.20	Private Hire Men only
<b>SATURDAY</b>	2.00—2.40 2.40—3.20	Private Hire Public Session

Private hires are pre-booked. Additional private hires may be available – phone 616331.

No new lifeguards to be trained at the moment. Anyone wishing to be trained once the programme restarts please let Andy (616277) or Sarah (616406) know

**STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL CHARGES**

**From Monday 23rd February**

**Public Sessions**

- Adults (16 and over) £2.40
- Children £1.20

**Private Hires**

- 40 minute session - £15
- 60 minute session - £20

**Swim Club**

Children will be offered 10 week blocks which can be paid up front (non-refundable)

- 40 minute sessions - £16 block booking; £2 per session
- 60 minute sessions - £20 block booking; £2.50 per session

**Men only and Women only Sessions (16 and over)**

Block booking of 10 sessions over a 12 week period (non-refundable)

- £24 block booking
- £3 per session

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

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

**Tuesday 11 August**

Council Houses 9 - 10

School 10.15 - 12

Kirk 12.30 - 3

Fish mart 3.15 - 5.30

Mobile library schedule [http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles\\_Mobile\\_2015.pdf](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/assets/Isles_Mobile_2015.pdf)

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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### **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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### **STRONSAY FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

**(SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 1)**

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## ***USEFUL INFORMATION***

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Monday to Saturday 8:30—12 & 3-6 (See notice on page 1)  
Sunday Closed  
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 Mass 11.30am (weekdays), 9am (Sundays & Holy-days)  
Next Special Collection . . . . . 7th August  
Rubbish collection . . . . . Tuesday (bags out ready by 9am)

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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>	

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

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Send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto: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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