

# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **OPENING HOURS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES OVER CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY**

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## **OIC COLLECTION OF REFUSE**

Normal collection days - Tuesday 27 December and Tuesday 3 January.

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## **STRONSAY HOTEL**

**CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY DURING REFIT TIMETABLE**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Saturday 31st December – Hogmanay Dance (See page 35)**

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL**

### **AT THE BLUE DOOR 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Stronsay Swimming Pool have 'The Blue Door' in Kirkwall from 23rd until 28th January 2017. We will be available at the Manse to receive donations on Saturday 14th January from 10am until midday. Sorry, NO electrical items and please make sure that all donations are bagged or boxed securely.

Thank you, Stronsay Swimming Pool Committee.

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 26 January**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 22 January**. Contact details are on the back page. The *Limpet*'s website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

**STRONSAY BUSINESSES**  
**OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY**

Date	Olivebank	Ebenezer	Post Office	Hotel	Surgery	Fish Mart	Craftship Enterprise
<b>Thu 22 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—midnight	Open	11 am—3pm	Closed
<b>Fri 23 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—1am	Open	11 am—3pm	Closed
<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—1am	Closed	11 am—3pm	Closed
<b>Sun 25 Dec</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Midday—2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Mon 26 Dec</b>	Closed	10am-noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Tue 27 Dec</b>	Closed	10am-noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Wed 28 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	10am-4pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—11pm	Open	11 am—3pm	Closed
<b>Thu 29 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—midnight	Open	11 am—3pm	Closed
<b>Fri 30 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—1am	Open	11 am—3pm	Closed
<b>Sat 31 Dec</b>	8:30am-6:30pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	8pm—1am	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Sun 1 Jan</b>	Closed	Noon-1pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Mon 2 Jan</b>	Closed	10am-noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Tue 3 Jan</b>	Closed	10am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Wed 4 Jan</b>	10am-2pm	7:30am-7:30pm	8:30am-noon	5pm—11pm	Open	Closed	Closed

**ORKNEY FERRIES—CHRISTMAS & HOGMANAY**

There will be no sailings on Sunday 25 and Monday 26 December 2016 or on Sunday 1 and Monday 2 January 2017.  
DON'T FORGET—the refit timetable begins on Sunday 8 January 2017!

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# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - 10 DECEMBER

Photographs by Roger Neville-Smith



## YOUR ISLAND, YOUR CHOICE

A report on the meeting held on Tuesday 6 December by Roger Neville-Smith

I was not able to stay until the end of the Tuesday evening meeting and did not attend the drop in session on Wednesday. Despite my concern it was actually quite well attended.

The point was to explore the needs and aspirations of Stronsay as part of the Orkney outer isles locality. The visitors went through the survey which several people had completed and brief discussion took place about each area. There was a keen discussion which remained constructive throughout the evening. There was an opportunity to bid for some/all of a £2k (per island) grant for contribution to a project which will improve life for the residents. A report will be written following the meeting and I hope that island representatives were found so that further communication can be included. I hope a version of the report will be shared with us all. No momentous decisions were taken but the meeting was part of a process of listening to island residents. We all agreed that we need to grow our population, increase sustainability, improve job opportunities and enhance our island experience for visitors.

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*(A letter from Steve Haskins who is moving to Stronsay next month. If you wish to contact Steve please do so via the Limpet's editor)*

We are Steve & Sharon Haskins who along with Aaron (Sharon's 15 year old son) and Flash (our 18 month old Basset Hound) will be moving to Stronsay at the end of January. This will be a challenging move with the distance involved, not least of all because Flash doesn't travel well. When it comes to travel sickness he is of Olympic standard. He does have the most beautiful, melodic voice though when he's trying to break out of a moving car!

I would be extremely grateful if anyone can give me some idea of work on the island. I have for a number of years worked in the timber packaging industry, making wooden pallets, packing cases, etc. I also have experience of the building trade although more general than a specific trade. Many years ago, probably more than I'd like to admit, I did summer work on a small farm. I've also done work ranging from bus driving to egg collecting so I'm happy to try my hand at anything.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. We are really looking forward to settling on the island and meeting everybody. Until then I'd like to wish you all a great Christmas and New Year.

I can be contacted via the Limpet's editor (contact details on the back page of every Limpet).

## STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE

Happy Christmas to Government Scotland and thank you for the present. I know we shouldn't be looking a gift-horse in the mouth and it's the thought that counts and all that, and at least it's only a drop of 2.25% and not 3.9% like last year, but it still represents a further £1,500,000 cut in our financial allocation on top of the cut we had last year. (NB: Under the *Scotland Act 2016*, income tax powers have now been fully devolved to Holyrood, and it'll be interesting to see how Govt. Scot. chooses to use these powers.) We councillors will soon be getting a series of briefing seminars on what all this actually means in terms of setting our budget for the forthcoming financial year. It has already been announced that we will be permitted to raise council tax by up to 3%. I'd like to hear what the public feels about this as a way of raising funds to support our council services.

The Policy & Resources Committee agenda included our budget principles for 2017/18 and our medium term resource strategy. The report on the latter identified an estimated funding gap of £12 million over the next five years. It was recommended that "the recent public engagement exercise, 'Balance the OIC Budget' [the online budget simulator], will be integrated with existing processes to assist the budget setting process from 2017/18 onwards, as budgets are reconfigured in line with local priorities and reducing funding levels". It was recognised that an additional contribution from the Strategic Reserve Fund "could be required in order to defer baseline budget savings required to bridge the funding gap".

As part of his official visit to Orkney, Chinese Consul General Pan Xinchun (潘新春) made a presentation to councillors. I asked about support for Chinese language education in Orkney (奥克尼), and he spoke about the possibility of setting up a Confucius Institute (孔子学院) hub here. I steered clear of suggesting Orkney be twinned with the Spratly Islands (南沙群岛).

As Vice-Chair of Education, Leisure & Housing, I was on the selection panel for the new post of Head of Education & Improvement. The remit of this position is: service performance and improvement, parental engagement, learning and teaching, professional development, ICT for schools, and employability and youth employment. The successful applicant was James Wylie, a Service Improvement Officer at OIC. I have arranged to meet with James early in the new year to talk about his rôle vis-à-vis the North Isles junior high schools.

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Other meetings I have attended included: a Members' Forum meeting (where councillors get together for free discussion away from School Place); a presentation from the Flotta Terminal management team; a seminar on the Kirkwall Townscape Heritage Initiative; a special Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting on the new air services contract; a meeting of the High Cost / Extraordinary Care Arrangements Group; a "catch-up" with the Executive Director of Education, Leisure & Housing; a joint OIC, NHS Orkney and Integrated Joint Board budget seminar; meetings of the Licensing Subcommittee and Licensing Board, and an open evening at the Warehouse Buildings in Stromness. In the Isles, I have been to meetings of the Sanday Community Council and Stronsay Parent Council. I chose to miss the grand Kirkwall tree-lighting, St. Lucy procession and Convener's reception in order to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies with island folk at the Sanday Christmas tree lighting. (As a consolation, I got to try on one of the Halberdier's uniforms—see below.)

The last General Meeting of 2016 was dominated by the ladies and gents in the chamber discussing the provision of public conveniences in the centre of Kirkwall—how, having a slash in our funding, we could avoid being caught short spending a penny we don't have—and finally passing a motion to reopen the St. Magnus Lane toilets. I didn't bring it up at the meeting, but I have wondered if there might be scope for an alternative on-demand "Uber"-style service, where householders make their facilities available to paying customers via a smartphone app. Perhaps we could pilot such a scheme in the Isles ...?

**Transport:** I believe it was a Stronsay schoolboy who many years ago defined an island as "a piece of sea with no water in it". The North Isles ward is unique, being the only local authority ward in the country to consist solely of discreet islands. The sea not only defines us, but presents us with transport connectivity challenges both within the ward and without. Planes and ferries currently provide us with bad connectivity between our respective islands and barely adequate connectivity with the Orkney Mainland. The recent Inter-Island Air & Transport Study commissioned by OIC has unequivocally demonstrated that according to Government Scotland's own *Routes & Services Methodology* we are under-provisioned, and it is on this basis that OIC has requested Government Scotland to fund our internal ferry fleet (like they fund ferries in other parts of Scotland). For the moment, I am supporting this approach, provided the outcome corresponds at least to the enhanced level of service suggested by the consultants. However, I must introduce a disclaimer here: Improved transportation links are no guarantee of improved prosperity, sustainability or the survival of our island communities, since small island economics are complex.

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Turkeys and other poultry ordered to spend the festive season indoors (under article 6(1) of the *Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006*) will be allowed outside again at Epiphany (at 5 pm), provided, of course, they escaped being eaten for Christmas dinner.

2016 has been a year of extraordinary political events. With the council elections coming up in May, let's see what 2017 will bring ...



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## NORTHERN ISLES' SPORTS 1949-1999

The Limpet has been given a pamphlet entitled “50th Anniversary 1949-1999 Orkney’s North Isles’ Sports held on Sanday June 11th 1999”. Here are two entries which mention Stronsay. On the next page is a copy of a list of previous winners.



Francis Williamson, Stronsay, the first athlete to win the individual Cup for three years in a row (1962-1964), photographed in 1999. Without the full 1959 records, it's not possible to be sure that his listed victories are complete, but he won the Mile at least 10 times, and had another 13 or more victories in the 440 and 880.

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This photograph is simply titled “Stronsay’s 1996 Tug o’ War men”

© Roderick Thorne, Nearhouse, Sanday

For the first twelve years, island teams competed for the Isles' Cup. From 1961, a Cup was also awarded to the best male all-rounder; and from 1965 to the best female as well.

Individual male  
Champion

Individual female  
Champion

1961 from 1949 to 1961 inclusive, juniors were	F. Ward (SA)(boy)	
1962 under 18. From 1962, the junior category	F. Williamson (ST)	
1963 became school pupils, with a leaving age	F. Williamson (ST)	
1964 of 15. This changed to 16 in 1975.	F. Williamson (ST)	
1965	E. Rendall (W)(boy)	T. Drever (W)(girl) and M. Lennie (SA)
1966	G. Harcus (W)(boy)	B. Ward (SA)(girl)
1967	J. Scott (SA)(boy)	B. Ward (SA)
1968	S. Seatter (W)(boy)	M. Lennie (SA)
1969	D. Drever (W)(boy)	B. Ward (SA)
1970	J. Bremner (E)(boy)	E. Seatter (W)(girl)
1971	A. Drever (W)(boy)	S. Robertson (SA)
1972	I. Brown (SA)(boy)	M. Brown (SA)(girl) and E. Seatter (W)
1973	N. Drever (W)(boy)	A. Drever (W)(girl)
1974	C. Stout (ST)(boy) and N. Drever (W)(boy)	M. Harcus (E)

From 1975, individual awards were made for best all-round girl, boy, man and lady. Prior to that, under-18's could participate in adult ('Open') events as well - thus gaining additional points; this explains why so many youngsters were champions.

Champion schoolboy Champion schoolgirl Men's Champion Ladies' Champion

1975 T. Stout (ST)	R. Harcus (SA)	D. Lowe (E)	M. Brown (SA)
1976 W. Drever (W)	R. Harcus (SA)	A. Drever (W)	M. Williamson (ST)
1977 W. Drever (W)	A. Fergus (W)	A. Drever (W)	R. Harcus (SA)
1978 E. Rendall (W)	L. Rendall (W)	A. Gray (SA)	R. Harcus (SA) and K. Towrie (SA)
1979 R. Williamson (ST)	L. Rendall (W)	A. Gray (SA) and W. Drever (W)	R. Harcus (SA)
1980 D. Slater (SA)	I. Carstairs (SA)	S. Wilson (SA)	L. Rendall (W)
1981 J. Stevenson (ST)	B. Dearness (SA)	J. Rendall (W)	I. Carstairs (SA)
1982 P. Bews (W)	A. Harcus (SA) and B. Dearness (SA)	B. Harcus (SA)	I. Carstairs (SA)
1983 J. Rendall (W)	I. Towrie (SA)	B. Harcus (SA)	I. Carstairs (SA)
1984 M. Drever (W)	S. Leslie (W)	B. Harcus (SA)	L. Harcus (SA)
1985 M. Drever (W)	S. Wenham (SA)	J. Scott (N. RON)	A. Harcus (SA)
1986 I. Rendall (W)	S. Halcro (W)	J. Scött (N. RON)	M. Rendall (W)
1987 S. Rendall (W)	S. Halcro (W)	B. Harcus (SA)	M. Rendall (W)
1988 J. Thomson (W)	S. Halcro (W)	B. Harcus (SA)	M. Rendall (W)
1989 P. Sinclair (SA)	L. Hewison (W)	F. Stockton (SA)	M. Rendall (W)
1990 I. Rendall (ST) and J. Miller (ST)	L. Wilson (SA) and M. Rendall (W)	B. Harcus (SA)	S. Halcro (W)
1991 J. Miller (ST)	P. Wilson (SA)	B. Harcus (SA)	L. Brown (nee Rendall)(W)
1992 S. Rendall (W)	P. Wilson (SA)	B. Harcus (SA)	L. Brown (see 78/9) (W)
1993 S. Rendall (W)	R. Hewison (W)	B. McCracken (W)	P. Wilson (SA)
1994 G. Dennison (ST)	H. Rendall (ST)	A. Cockram (E) and D. Costie (W)	P. Wilson (SA)
1995 T. Schofield (SA)	K. Smee-Giles (W)	A. Cockram (E)	P. Wilson (SA)
1996 M. Leslie (W)	K. Michie (W) and L. Miller (ST)	A. Cockram (E)	P. Wilson (SA)
1997 N. Cramsie-Smith (ST)	K. Michie (W)	A. Cockram (E)	S. Tulloch (W)
1998 C. Rendall (W)	K. Michie (W)	A. Cockram (E)	P. Wilson (SA)

## LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

2016 has been one of the best years for unusual sightings here on Stronsay, with 4 species new to the island - Wood Duck in January; Sharp-tailed Sandpiper in July, Pine Bunting in October, and Saker Falcon in December. And the year is not over yet!



*‘Pine Bunting on the fence at Linksquoy – a major UK rarity and the first record for Stronsay’*

The Pine Bunting was seen briefly in mid-October at Linksquoy and identified later from the single image obtained (see photo). There were several other singles of this very rare species in the UK around this time. The area hosted another major British rarity a week later – this time just across the road on the Holin Farm fence (see photo) – a Pallid Harrier which we approached with caution in the car and managed to obtain an amazing series of photographs (see below). Being discovered on what was a Sunday morning - and long before the service in The Kirk - we had ample time to study the bird, which eventually flew off towards Airy and was never seen again.



*‘Pallid Harrier opposite Holin Cottage – just the second island record’.*  
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Four Stonechats were seen in late October – two along the road between Eastbank and Gorie’s which were seen on and off until late November, and two different birds, seen a few times near the Matpow Loch well into November. 6 Greenland White-fronted Geese (40-50 or so used to winter on the Meikle Water annually prior to the Greylag Goose invasion) were in the field alongside The Reserve on 27th October, and Sheila at Helmsley reported a flock of 40 or so Barnacle Geese flying over the Village next day. As if to prove how unpredictable bird sightings can be, Sue flushed a Woodcock as she left the Community Greenhouse to walk home to Castle on 29th, and after 400yds came across an Isabelline Shrike among the umbelifers by the roadside – just the second island record! Woodcock are completely unpredictable and among several sightings in early November, Hazel and Norman saw one rise from the dry crusty margin of the Slurry Lagoon at Airy Farm on 3rd. Another surprise around this date was a party of 3 Goosanders on the Bu Loch. There were three – all rather brief – sightings of single Waxwings between 7th and 20th. Postman Andy had a great surprise during his round on 14th – 3 Short-eared Owls close together on roadside fence-posts.

Although migration is virtually over for most species by November it can be an exciting month for the keen birdwatcher, and this year did not disappoint with further sightings from a very diverse list of habitats – a Dabchick on the Matpow Loch; 15 Snow Buntings on the Lower Whitehall beach; a Lesser Whitethroat in the garden at Dale Cottage; a scattering of Greenfinches polishing off what remained of the Rose-hips in several gardens; a Water Rail out in the open below the big Sycamore tree at Sunnyside – with a Merlin on the nearby stone dyke; a party of 4 Long-tailed Ducks (see photo) for several days on the Bu Loch (they are more often found on the open sea); a Buzzard - flying over, and the most exciting find of all - discovered by Leslie Miller on 29th – a Snow Goose among one of the Greylag flocks – in a field of plain grass! This bird has been present well into December (see photos). Single Chiffchaffs (possibly the same bird) have been seen at Linksquoy and Dale in late November/early December. It is a sign of the generally mild weather that this tiny insectivorous species is still present so far north!



*‘Three – of the four – Long-tailed Ducks on the Bu Loch in late November’*

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*'The Snow Goose among a flock of Greylags near Windbreck'.*



*'In flight the black outer-wing of the Snow Goose is a good field-mark'*

December this year certainly began with a bang when a Saker Falcon was seen well for about 30 seconds as it hunted in the area between Castle, Lower Samson's and the Fire Station, before disappearing over the hill towards Dale. This large falcon was roughly Peregrine size, but had slimmer, more flexible wings; a slimmer, more tapered body, and noticeably much longer tail; a rather insipid mousy-brown mantle (back and inner-wings); very strongly dark-streaked whitish underparts with pale flanks and vent area, and an almost all-white head with some small pale fawny-coloured 'smudges'. Viewed from behind, the white rear crown showed some narrow black flecking, which together contrasted strongly with the mantle colour.

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One big plus was the lack of ‘jesses’ on this bird. Falconers invariably apply jesses to captive falcons and the lack of these is a good indication that the bird was a genuine ‘wanderer’, most probably from the breeding grounds in Western Asia. There have been several sightings of a bird of this species -perhaps the same bird - up the east coast of England and Scotland during November and into December this year.

Thanks once again to all who have contributed their own sightings to us throughout the year. We always try to contact anyone who might be interested enough to see any of the unusual birds we come across, and if we make no effort to flag you down as we are peering across a loch or into a sycamore tree, please assume we have not seen anything of interest!

**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers.**

**John & Sue Holloway**



***‘Robin preening on a barbed-wire fence festooned with sheep’s wool in front of a pink-wrapped bale at Airy Farm October 2016’***

(Photo: Copyright John Holloway. )

# STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION

## PHOTOGRAPH FOR LAST MONTH'S COMPETITION



- ◆ Last month's winner was the enigmatic "Pirate from Rowsam" with *"Sheila's burger van!"*

Other entries were:

- ◆ Sheila Burger *"Royal Mail have sent the new sorting office—where do you want it?"*
- ◆ Barbara Deavin *"The "glamping" holiday turned out to be something of a disappointment."*
- ◆ Stephen Clackson with *"Eight wheels on my waggon, and I'm not rolling along..."*

Now try your hand at the this month's photograph on the next page.

**STRONSAY LIMPET—CAPTION COMPETITION**  
**PHOTOGRAPH FOR DECEMBER’S COMPETITION**



Suggested caption *“The delivery of hot tar & scalplings was taking rather longer than had been anticipated”*

Can you do better? Answers to the editor ([editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk)) please by 7pm on Sunday 22 January.

## **IN THE BAG!**

By Ellie from Newfield

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a man  
For I've been left on the shelf.  
I don't care what he looks like  
But I want one all to myself.  
Don't bring me one that's blonde  
As they get dirty too quick;  
Be a devil and just surprise me,  
You go ahead and pick.  
No hairy chests if you please,  
No mummy's boys at all.  
Not any that's on the thin side  
And not any that's over-tall.  
Well, it's as I said  
Any man will do  
But, just to play it safe,  
You'd better bring me two.

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## **ASK THE CHILDREN!**

By Ellie from Newfield

What is this Christmas Spirit?  
To your fellow man, good will.  
This magic you can almost touch,  
That even the word can thrill.  
Children with radiant faces  
Awake long before the dawn.  
Excitement is making them busy,  
They don't even snuffle or yawn.  
The turkey is already cooking,  
A feast is waiting within  
While the wine is chilling quite nicely,  
Let the celebrations begin!  
They wonder is Santa now home  
As they lay down their heavy heads,  
Wrapped in warm cozy duvets,  
Seems so long since they rose from their beds.  
So we ask "What is Christmas Spirit?"  
As sleep is just moments away.  
Better ask the children  
But maybe not today

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## ***SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS***

### **THANK YOU**

Alison, Wendy, Chris, Rob, Gaynor, Tracey and Mike would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support following the sad loss of their Mum, Mary, Fairhill, Stronsay.

Heartfelt thanks to the professional doctors and nurses in HDU and The Assessment and Rehabilitation Ward. To Rosalind, Roger, Katrina, Shirley and Maxine for their wonderful care and support of Mum. To Viv who drove Mum in the ambulance to the helicopter and to Doug, Jane and their team for quickly organising the airfield for the helicopters arrival. Sincere thanks to John Corse and Sons for their professionalism, Tammy for her superb flower arrangements, Walter, Leslie, Raymond, Bruce, Harald, Mark, Jude, Mike, the Moncur Memorial Kirk Committee, David Bowen for his beautiful service, Jennifer for her amazing ability for reading and Evelyn, Richard, Debbie and Chris for their delicious food. These wonderful people made it possible to say a very sad but dignified farewell to a wonderful Mum, Sister, Granny and Great Granny.

Thank you for the kind donations which amounted to £555.50 in memory of Mum to be shared between the Stronsay Moncur Memorial Kirk and the Assessment and Rehabilitation Ward Comfort Fund.

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### **THANK YOU**

Mike, Wilma, Alice, Keith and Jack would like to thank everyone for the cards and messages of sympathy they received following the recent sad loss of their dearly loved Mum and Granny.

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### **ODD JOBS**

Odd jobs, gardening, window cleaning  
No job too small  
Call Tony on 616357

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### **WORK WANTED**

Anything considered! Please contact James Hannant (age 21) on 616454

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Local sales, wants, etc are free!

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## ***SALES, WANTS, GREETINGS, THANKS***

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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The Limpet's editor and his cat send greetings to all readers of the Limpet wherever they may be and wish them a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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Flora and Butch wish all their friends and neighbours in Stronsay A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Chris & Debbie would like to wish all our family, friends and customers a very merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous New Year

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Paul & Charlie Williams wish all their friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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To all our friends and acquaintances in Stronsay, may you enjoy yourselves and have a happy, healthy and peaceful 2017.

Best wishes to you from Pam and Ken - the occasional caravanners!

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Tony and Maxine Piper family wishes that everyone on Stronsay have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We will be giving a donation to charity instead of sending Christmas card this year.

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Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year  
Leslie and Louise, Haygam

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Murdoch from Holin wishes all on Stronsay a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

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The management & staff at Olivebank wish all their customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year..

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Wishing everyone a very good festive season and all the best for 2017.  
Simone.

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A big`thank you' to all my lovely pantomime friends for all the fun and laughter you have given me over the past few months.  
Fairy Bowbells X

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## **GREAT BRITAIN STAMPS FOR SALE**

<u>Face Value</u>	<u>Nr of Values</u>	<u>Nr of Stamps</u>	<u>Postage Face Value</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>
4 - 9P	6	639	£53.42	£40
10 - 19P	10	650	£89.89	£70
20 - 29P	9	281	£67.81	£50
30 - 39P	10	227	£77.52	£60
40P - £10	16	111	£70.56	£58
Europe €	1	33	£34.65	£26
TOTAL	52	1941	£393.85	£300

The half pence is ignored

The stamps are mint, original gum

The majority in each section are commemoratives and mainly singles but a few gutter pairs.

These are all decimal and all valid for postage.

Why not come and view. Only one of each (or total) for sale

Leo MARTINI-BROWN

Waterhall

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



### **THE STRONSAY FISH MART 2016 CHRISTMAS MENU** **THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER TO** **FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER.**

We are pleased to launch our festive evening menu. For all bookings and enquiries please contact Evelyn on 616401 during our opening times. Bookings only.

- Starters £4.00
  - ◆ Soup and homemade loaf
  - ◆ Breaded Grimbister cheese with cranberry sauce
  - ◆ Paté, oatcakes and onion chutney
- Mains £10
  - ◆ Gammon or roast turkey with roast potatoes, roast vegetables, stuffing, gravy, sausages in bacon and brussel sprouts
- Puddings £4.00
  - ◆ Cloutie duff and custard or cream
  - ◆ Cheesecake with cream or ice-cream
  - ◆ Sticky toffee pudding with cream or ice-cream

We will be closed on the 25th 26th and 31st Dec 2016 and 1st January 2017. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. During December the café will be open during the day as usual

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES



Happy Christmas and a successful 2017 to all our customers.

A special thank you to Simone, Hazel and Rosalind for making the crafting workshops so enjoyable

IDEAS for next Christmas ?



Craftship Enterprise will be running more workshops on 14th and 15th January. The cafe will reopen in April with a new menu but with some of the old favourites.

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **Storehouse B&B Christmas Celebrations**

#### **Starters**

Deep fried Russell's cheese served with salad, home-made mini bannocks with cranberry sauce.

Salmon and prawn roulade served with dill sauce and salad.

Creamy carrot and parsnip soup served with star croutons.

#### **Main course**

Traditional turkey dinner served with seasonal vegetables, roast and boiled tatties, stuffing, pigs in blankets & gravy.

Rolled, stuffed loin of pork served with seasonal vegetables, roast & boiled tatties, pigs in blankets, gravy & apple sauce.

Roast beef marinated in red wine, served with seasonal vegetables, roast and boiled tatties and pigs in blankets.

Vegetarian option: Chestnut and roasted vegetable pie.

#### **Sweets**

Meringue duo, berries & Cream and chocolate & nuts.

Cloutie dumpling served with marmalade ice-cream/cream.

Black forest roulade served with cream.

Cheese board with crackers, selected fruit and chutneys.

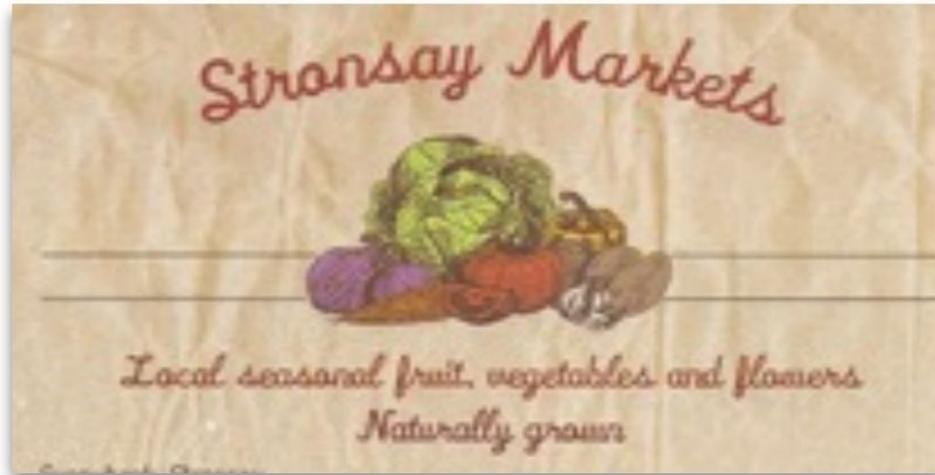
Relax after your three course meal in front of a cosy fire enjoying a complimentary, Tea, Coffee, mulled wine/dram and a freshly made mince pie (party bags for children) and share in the Christmas atmosphere that Storehouse B&B provides. Three courses, Adult £20 Children £10. Bookings only, from 1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> December. (only 12pm-4pm on 24<sup>th</sup>)



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## LOCAL BUSINESSES

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*New business, a mini market garden, set up in late 2015 at  
Sunnybank, Stronsay*

*Currently supplying mixed salad leaves, some winter vegetables and  
bedding plants. There will be more as the season progresses.*

*I will supply a list each week with availability*

*Please look at my Face book page "Stronsay Markets" or  
send me an email "[stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I will put you  
on my mailing list*

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **JOHN DUNNE GARDEN SERVICES**

- \* General Garden Maintenance
- \* Window Cleaning and Guttering Services

- \* Reasonable rates
- \* Quick and professional

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Tel: 616247

### **The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast Logie Easter, Kildary IV18 0NZ**



Dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and six miles from Invergordon, the Old  
Ensuite Double and twin rooms

**Telephone : 01862 842357**

**Website : [www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk](http://www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk)**

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **STRONSAY HOTEL—TAKEAWAY MENU**

Phone 01857 616213

Six days a week (Tuesday- Sunday) 5pm to 9pm

**NOTE—closed Monday AND Tuesday during refit timetable**

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

5pm to 9pm

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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 874723

<http://www.jennystoneart.com>

Email [jenny@jennystoneart.com](mailto:jenny@jennystoneart.com)

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### **DRIVING TUITION**

Patient and friendly learner driver tuition with Richard. Including Pass Plus for passed drivers. To book lessons call 616268 or 07789104861. Or message my Facebook page 'Drive 2 Stay Alive'. Lesson times are very flexible to suit you, and lessons start and finish at your chosen address.

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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

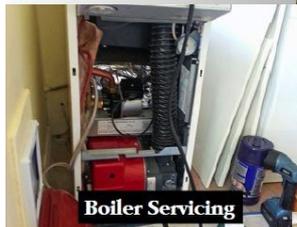
HOME: 01857 616454

### **Ebenezer Oil Heating Services**

Oftec trained engineer



**Oil Tank Installation**



**Boiler Servicing**

Oil boiler servicing,  
repair and replacement



**Boiler Installation**

**& Commissioning**

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

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

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**

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



Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG, UK

Tel: +44 01857 616281

Email: [info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk)

Web: <https://www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk>

Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap/>

Two new festive soaps launching at the Stronsay Winter Craft Fair on Sat 3rd December. “Aurora” – celebrating the merry dancers with a lovely Lemongrass, Sandalwood & Frankincense fragrance. “White Magic” – with the deeply sensuous, warming fragrance of Patchouli, Sandalwood & Amber.



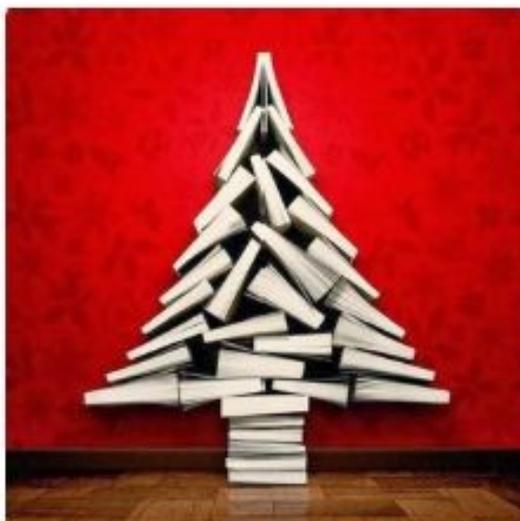
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**GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

**A Merry Christmas to all our  
readers.**



**Our next meeting will be our  
Christmas/New Year social on  
Wednesday January 4th  
7.30pm at School Brae**

**when we will discuss “Little Women”  
and what we’ve been reading over  
Christmas.**

**Please bring something to share**

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### **NORTH ISLES LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME UP- DATE.**

Hello,

The North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS) is an ongoing programme which is being coordinated by a steering group led by Orkney Islands Council. The LP Scheme is one of the main grant programmes offered by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). NILPS was originally conceived as an idea back in 2014 after the success of the Landscape Partnership Scheme based around the Scapa Flow area between 2009-2012 (<http://www.scapaflow.co>). Consultation events were held on the North Isles towards the end of the year with their findings used as a basis for submitting the NILPS round 1 application.

The steering group found out that the round 1 application had been successful towards the end of 2015 and were given permission to commence the round 2 (development) stage. This stage started back in April. The main work since then has involved various studies being undertaken by consultants. These have focussed on the North Isles' Historic Environment, Heritage Trails, Landscape and Seascape, Tourism, and Biodiversity. The studies are a requirement of the HLF process and will help identify the unique elements of the North Isles to demonstrate the area's eligibility for receiving a LP Scheme grant.

The studies will also help develop the initial project ideas identified back in 2014 and help inform potential projects to include in the round 2 application. The application will be submitted to the HLF towards the end of August 2017. We anticipate a decision being made around November/December 2017. If approved, NILPS would look to commence in early 2018 and run until 2022.

The studies will involve the identification of provisional walking and cycling trail for each island. Thanks to all of you who provided feedback to our consultant during the process. Further discussion around the proposed trails will be taking place soon as we look to incorporate a key trail for each of the populated North Isles into the scheme.

A Landscape and Seascape Study will involve a survey of the landscape and seascape of each island, outlining recommendations in response to the threats and opportunities posed in Isles distinct characteristics.

A Visitor and Marketing Study is also underway. As well as identifying priority projects for delivery in the North Isles during NILPS, the study will identify priority themes and produce a marketing strategy. The study will involve engagement with local tourism stakeholders and groups on the North Isles as well as collecting information on people's trips to the North Isles. People living on the North Isles are welcome to participate in the survey. Please follow this link to complete it - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/visitorkneynorthisles>

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Finally, a Biodiversity Study is also commencing. The study is being led by Nature Watch Orkney and will identify the wildlife and natural places that give each island its unique identity, and show how these form the character of the North Isles and its marine area. This will involve collating all the existing data about the species and habitats that occur in the North Isles. Also, a questionnaire asking for opinions about the most important wildlife features on your island has been produced. Please follow this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GNYBKQ2> If anyone would like to put forward suggestions, please contact Tim Dean and Anne Bignall via [naturewatchorkney@hotmail.com](mailto:naturewatchorkney@hotmail.com)

I do realise that the various processes involved in the HLF process have led to periods of activity and then inactivity. Unfortunately this is unavoidable as our application goes through the HLF system of review and assessment. I also note that your community has recently been inundated with people from out with your islands carrying out various studies, and that this will continue until the end of the year. I can only thank you for your patience and reiterate that these studies are an essential requirement of our ongoing HLF bid. The studies will also allow us to produce a strong application to the HLF, which will be submitted in August 2017. The studies will, once complete, be made available to the local communities. It is hoped that the various studies will provide information of interest and benefit to local groups.

I am now slowly starting to get around some of the islands (as time allows). A big thank you to those I have visited so far for your time. I do intend to try and arrange more visits in the future but as time moves rapidly on during this phase it is proving more difficult (August 2017 submission is getting closer and a lot of work to do behind the scenes!) However, if anyone has any queries regarding the ongoing development phase or about NILPS in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will be only too happy to assist.

Best regards,

Alister.

Alister Brown

Development Officer – North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme

Development and Marine Planning, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall KW15 1NY

T: 01856 873535 ext. 2814 (Kirkwall) / 01856 873535 ext. 3041 (Stromness)

E: [alister.brown@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:alister.brown@orkney.gov.uk)

**The NILPS Development Phase is being supported by the following organisations**



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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Ian Cooper

Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

## **North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme Stronsay's Draft Trail Proposal Community Responses Invited**

A recent Heritage Trail and Active Travel study was undertaken on each of the 10 Northern Isles. The overall aim of an active travel network is to identify and assess path routes to the built heritage, natural heritage sites and key functional destinations within each of the 10 islands, to enable local community and visitors to the islands to explore the diverse and culturally important history of the islands and enjoy the natural beauty of the landscape.

The consultants have produced a draft trail for each island and Stronsay's proposed trail is attached along with a few questions members of the community are invited to answer.

Your input will help the consultants to develop the trail and firm up the draft proposals.

Please forward your response by **FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2017** either

- by email to the Stronsay Island Link Officer [stronsaycommunitycouncilclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:stronsaycommunitycouncilclerk@btinternet.com) or the consultant [jane.dixon@ironsdefarrar.com](mailto:jane.dixon@ironsdefarrar.com)
- in writing to Stronsay Island Link Officer, Island Link Office, Fish Mart, Stronsay KW17 2AR or Jane Dixon, Ironside Farrar Ltd., 111, McDonald Road, Edinburgh EH7 4N.
- by telephone to 01857 616446
- or by visiting the Island Link Office between 10am and noon on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday

All responses to the Island Link Officer will be included in a joint response to be sent to the consultants.

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer  
17 December 2016

*(Ed: copies of this covering letter, the trail itself and the questionnaire are available via the Limpet website [www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk](http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk) or from Stronsay's Island Link Officer—contact details above)*

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### **North Isles Landscape Partnership: LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE CHARACTER STUDY: RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

#### **North Isles Landscape Partnership**

The **Landscape and Seascape Character Study** is part of the **North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS)**, an ambitious projects that relates to the North Isles' **natural, cultural and built heritage** and whose ultimate aim is to improve **sustainability of island communities**.

**Projects** delivered through the Landscape Partnership Scheme will include **capital works, training, interpretation and community engagement**.

NILPS is part funded by the **Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)**. Applying to the HLF It is a two stage process and we are currently in the second stage. Stage 2 will be submitted to the HLF in August 2017. If successful, selected projects will be taken forward to implementation over a 4-year period starting in 2018. There is more information available at: <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/D/north-isles-landscape-partnership-scheme>

#### **Local Landscape and Seascape Character Study**

The **Local Landscape and Seascape Character Study** forms the basis for the **Landscape Conservation Action Plan**, a crucial part of the HLF application. The study will describe the character of the **landscape, coasts and seaways** and the **value** of these places to **communities** and to society at large. The study will contribute to developing a diverse range of **projects** aimed at **protection of natural and cultural heritage** and **strengthening the North Isles communities**.

#### **This questionnaire**

It is **ESSENTIAL** that the **Landscape Study** has **local community input**. We need to develop an understanding of how **you** perceive and value **your** landscape, coasts and surrounding waters. This questionnaire is one way of gathering such information. Your input will help strengthen the case for your island receiving Heritage Lottery Fund money to run the Landscape Partnership Scheme in the future.

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### **Questionnaire**

Please complete as much of the questionnaire as you can and return it to your **village shop** or to your **Development Trust**. The survey can be completed on line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XG7XNQJ>

The closing date for the questionnaire is **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**.

### **Contact**

The **landscape study** is being undertaken by **David Graham** of Craignish Design. Please contact David if you wish to discuss the Landscape Character Study: T: 01852 500576 [dg@craignishdesign.co.uk](mailto:dg@craignishdesign.co.uk)

The **Landscape Partnership Scheme** is being coordinated by Alister Brown at **Orkney Isles Council**;

T : 01856 873535 [alister.brown@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:alister.brown@orkney.gov.uk)

**Alternatively, please see your local Community Council or Development Trust.**

*(Ed: copies of the questionnaire are available from the island's shops or you can complete the questionnaire online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XG7XNQJ>)*

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## **LOOKING FOR TEXTILE INSTRUCTORS**



Stromsay Junior High School is pleased to announce that it has received funding from the Stromsay Development Trust to offer textile courses in Stromsay. We are now looking for instructors from within the community who would be interested in leading a four- to six-week course. If you would like to apply, we would encourage you to submit a brief description of your qualifications/experience in the area of textiles, an outline of your proposed class, dates you would be available to lead the class, and your hourly rate. We have already received forms from those who would like to learn Beginning Sewing, Intermediate Sewing, and Patchwork, but we would also consider offering other courses. For more information on resources that might be available or if you have other questions, please contact the school office: 616 246. Deadline for applications is Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. Applications can be brought to the school or sent by email to [admin.stromsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:admin.stromsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)

*Reminder: School office will be shut from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec-4 January.*

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



# **HOGMANAY DANCE**

**SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**IN THE HALL**

**10PM TILL MIDNIGHT**

**ADULTS: £3 CHILDREN: £1**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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# SOS Stronsay Calendar 2017

On sale now in  
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Olivebank at £5 each.

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

### **STRONSAY PARENT COUNCIL**

Chair: Gaynor Smith, Vice Chair: Marion Miller,

#### **NOMINATIONS INVITED**

Nominations are invited to fill three vacancies that have arisen for Parent Representatives to join the Stronsay Parent Council.

Parents may be nominated by one other parent (but not their partner) for election to the Parent Council.

Following nominations there will be an election providing there is a greater number of nominees than Parent Representative places.

If you have a child currently attending Stronsay Junior High School then you are eligible to both nominate and stand as a Parent Representative.

The aims of the Parent Council, which meets once a term, are:-

- to work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school which is inclusive of all parents;
- to promote partnership between the school, its pupils, all its parents and the wider community;
- to work in conjunction with the school to develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils;
- to identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

Nominations close at noon on TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017 and should be forwarded to The Clerk to Stronsay Parent Council, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT.

If you require more information then please do not hesitate to contact any of the following Parent Council Parent Representatives: Gaynor Smith, Marion Miller, Maxine Piper, Shirley Whiteman.

Colin McAlpine  
Clerk to Stronsay Parent Council  
1 December 2016

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

**Changes to supervised session times.**

**From Monday 11th April 2016**

All Supervised Sessions will run from 4.30 pm to 6.30.pm

MONDAY	4:30—6:30
TUESDAY	Buddy system
WEDNESDAY	4:30—6:30
THURSDAY	4:30—6:30
FRIDAY	4:30—6:30
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 or Julie - 616335

Gym during supervised sessions - 616449

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### **STRONSAY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

.The group's next meeting will probably be some time in March 2017. Keep an eye on the Limpet for the date.

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### **FIBROMYALGIA**

Do you suffer from fibromyalgia? There is a local Facebook group just for you.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463333273823206>.

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

### **KIRKWALL MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS TO STRONSAY**

**Monday 23 January 2017, Monday 20 March 2017.**

Council houses 0845—0945

School 1000—1200

Kirk 1230—1500

Fish Mart Café 1515—1730

For full details visit the library's website

<http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobiles.htm>



### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - from 7pm-9.30pm, Church Hall**



### **STRONSAY SPINNERS**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Church Hall, from 11am to 3pm. Lunch: please bring your own. Refreshments will be available. £2.00/person**

*Learn the basics or get back to spinning in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. All levels very welcome, from beginners to more experienced. Bring your own wheel, equipment & something to spin if possible. If not, we have a spare wheel, a few drop spindles & plenty of fleece. If you'd just like to come for a "taster" that would be great.*

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## **STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE**

*Updated July 2016*

### **Monday**

Public session 6.30-7.10

Adult lane 7.10-7.50

### **Thursday**

7-7.40 Private Hire (pre-booked)

7.40-8.20 Private Hire (available for booking)

### **Saturday**

Private hire 2-2.40

Public session 2.40-3.20

### **Swim club**

Wednesday Beginners and developers 3.30-4.10

Thursday A and B squad 3.30-4.30

To enquire about Private Hires, phone Elsie on 616238.

To enquire about Swim Club, phone Sarah on 616406 or Andy 616277

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## **POOL CHARGES**

### **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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### **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 616238.

Services at 11am unless otherwise stated. A crèche is available for children aged 9 and under

- Dec 22nd - Children's Christmas Party at 2pm
- Dec 24th - Watchnight service at 11:30pm
- Dec 25th - David Bowen  
2017
- Jan 1st - David Bowen
- Jan 8th - Sunday Club

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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 pool all at £3 per hour plus hydro. All equipment provided.

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For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.

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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES, etc**

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri . . . . .	08:30—12:00
Sat . . . . .	09:00—12:00
Sun . . . . .	Closed
Post collection times . . . . .	07:30, Monday to Saturday
Bank day . . . . .	Tuesday
Replacement bin bags.. . . . .	Contact Island Link Officer in the Fishmart
Sunday service at the Kirk . . .	11 am (see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5">http://tinyurl.com/pj7xtg5</a> )
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Next Special Collection . . . . .	27 February 2017
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