

STRONSAY LIMPET

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SHIRLEY MACDOUGALL

(nee THOMPSON, FORMERLEY COUPLAND)

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Shirley MacDougall was born in Hull, East Yorkshire to Milly and Harry Thompson, their eldest child. She was a small child of five or so when the war started in earnest and some of her earliest memories were of the air-aid sirens sounding out and sitting in the bomb shelter listening to the commotion above. She was an only child until she was sixteen when her sister Susan came along. She really loved helping to look after her baby sister and although she left home to start nurse training when Sue was five, they both have lovely memories of those years. Sue remembers Shirley as the quintessential elegant and glamorous older sister and, indeed, it is true to say she remained elegant and glamorous all her life, a woman of wit with an occasionally acidic sense of humour.



She had two really important relationships in her life that together spanned fifty years. She met David Coupland at a dance in Beverley, East Yorkshire, and only danced with him to do a friend a favour! However he fell in love with her and not the friend. They married and she began the life of an army bride and wife. She didn't want to wait until she finished her nurse training before she had her children, Alison, Grant and Vanessa who were born with only three years between them. At the time of Vanessa's birth they were living in Dover Castle (where the army had quarters. Shirley remembered well pushing Vanessa in her pram down hundreds of steps from the castle to the town And hundreds back up again. No escalators then!

Alison and Grant were born in Germany and then the family went to Aden (now South Yemen in the Middle East) where the British Army was stationed at the time. Family memories of that

in the Middle East) where the British Army was stationed at the time. Family memories of that time include afternoons on the beach, Shirley glamorous in sunglasses, bikini and cocktail dresses at the mess - but also of terrorist attacks, a rocket going through the top of the block of flats and a sense of danger.



The family later settled in York. Shirley worked part time doing nights at The Retreat, a private hospital which was originally, the first asylum (offering refuge for people with mental health problems and fro other social misfits rather than a workhouse) While at home she would wear long flowing skirts and shawls, rather exotic, like a hot-house flower, a fashion she continued Stronsay. She was also one for taking a bit of a risk at times, taking the opportunity to travel to ride pillion on a friends motor whenever she could. Right at the end of the seventies Shirley met Colin MacDougall, her partner, friend and husband for the rest of her life. Together Colin and his 'Lassie' embarked on new adventures. They ran a shop in Grimethorpe, South Yorkshire right through the miners strike before moving to the Lake District where

Shirley worked at the Windermere Manor Rest Home. Her standards of care were high and she completed her NVQ qualification

In April 1995 Shirley and Colin moved to Orkney and settled in Stronsay. Shirley was working as a Care Attendant when she was diagnosed with cancer three years ago. It was a long journey for her but she remained strong, dignified, caring of others and positive throughout. Sustained by her husband, family and her faith.

Shirley died in the MacMillan Unit of Balfour Hospital on July 21st 2006.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sheena & Julia will be holding their annual MacMillan Coffee morning & evening

On Friday 29th September at Sunnyside.

Come along and help raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Tea, Coffee, Sales Table & Raffles.

Any Donations Very Gratefully received.

Morning 9.30 till 11.30am

Evening 7.00 till 9.00pm

We won't be sending individual invitations this year so please accept this invitation to come along Donations can be left at anytime.

SURGERY HOURS

Monday-Saturday Open Surgery

9.30-10.30

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday

4pm - 5.pm by appointment

Repeat Prescription collection times Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 1.30 - 4.30pm

KIRK NEWS

Patchwork and Quilting Class Informational Evening to determine interest, with displays of quilts, projects, patterns, and demonstration of basic tools. Friday, 15th September 7:30-9:30 p.m. Moncur Memorial Church Hall Led by: Eunice Bourn (Newbigging)

Would you welcome this opportunity to learn a new craft or develop skills you already have? This could turn into a series of classes or simply occasional gatherings, depending on interest in the island. Come along for an evening of demonstrations, fellowship, coffe/tea.

> Interested children and youth are most welcome For more information please phone: Eunice 616230 or Jennifer 616311

LOCAL BUSINESSES & ADVERTS

GOING AWAY?

Do you need someone to look after your animals at your house?

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Passport, visa, travel pass, driving licence, gun licence, etc.

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Bill Miller 616420

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e-mail hfazak@btinternet.com
Letter:- Lower Leaquoy

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. Tel. Jenny 616282

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Stainless single sink
Left or right drainer with mixer tap
New £35
Pretty Pine Shelf with electric lantern
(hangs under) £12
4 Spotlights on white rail plus spare bulbs
New 2 sets £14 each
Pair of new Alice Collins needle cord trou-

of new Alice Collins needle cord trousers with lycra beige size 14 cost £32 sell for £15 Tel Cliffdale 616492

FOR SALE

GUANO (bird droppings)
from the Old Manse ,approx 50 years old
High in Nitrates, Naturally Organic
Ready bagged in sacks £1 per sack
Contact Steve or Yvonne 616375

GALA

TENT, TRAMPOLINE AND BBQ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE BBQ £5 TRAMPOLINE £15 AND MARQUEE £25 FOR 3 DAYS HIRE TEL. CORA 616463

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please note that with immediate effect the following charges will apply for the use of the Stronsay Slaughterhouse:

Cow £20

Pig £15

Sheep £5

USEFUL NUMBERS

DOCTORS	616321/308	B&B CLESTRAIN	616340
NURSES	616453/232	B&B AIRY	616372
HYDRO	0800300999	CAMPING BARN	616314
BALFOUR HOSPITAL	01856888000	COMPANIONS	616307
DENTIST KING STREET	01856875348	GALA	616463/339
VET - FLETT & CARMICHAEL	01856872859	REGISTRAR	616239
VET - NORHTVET	01856873403	FISHMART	616386
KIRK	616311	HALL BOOKINGS	616446
STRONSAY HOTEL	616213	POST OFFICE	616217
MAURICE'S	616255	SPECIAL CONSTABLE	
EBENEZER STORES	616339	STRONSAY LIMPET	616375/453

USEFUL INFO AND DATES

POST OFFICE TIMES- MON & THURS 9am-4pm TUE, WED, FRI & SAT 9am-1pm RE PLACEMENT BIN BAGS TEL: 01856 873535
SUNDAY SERVICE AT THE KIRK SUNDAY 11am
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIER HEAD. - DAILY MASSES 7am SUNDAY 9am
NEXT SPECIAL RUBBISH COLLECTION 12th October CHARGES NOW APPLY
UP TO 3 ITEMS FREE 4-6 ITEMS £20 7-FULL PICK UP LOAD £45

QUIZ Answers start with the Letter B

- 1. In boxing weights, what comes between flyweight and featherweight?
- 2. What name is given to the crime of marrying for the second time while a first marriage is still valid?
- 3. Who said 'I shall hear in heaven'?
- 4. In which city are the headquarters of the European Union?
- 5. What kind of grass provides the staple diet of the panda?
- 6. In which TV show did Pamela Anderson play Jessica Parker?
- 7. With which London market would you associate fish?
- 8. What name is given to a male rabbit?
- 9. Which war was fought in South Africa between 1899 and 1902?
- 10. What is the study of the science of plants known as?

ANSWERS NEXT ISSUE

August answers. 1. Artichoke 2. Archdeacon 3. Ambergris 4. Aquamarine 5. Arkansas 6 Ambush 7. Adonis 8. Atacam, located in Chile 9. Armpit 10. Aurora

The Stronsay Development Trust is supported in its activities by Orkney Enterprise, Orkney Islands Council, Communities Scotland, The Crofters Commission and Orkney Community Planning Partnership.

GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY COMPANIONS

RESTARTS ON THE 18th SEPTEMBER FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JEANO 616307

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ON BU LINKS

For more info phone Mike on 616345

WOMENS GUILD

Fun night for all September 19th 7.30 in Church Hall Refreshment to be served

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

AT THE HALL 8-10PM
OVER 10's WELCOME COME ALONG
AND HAVE SOME FUN PARENTS CAN
YOU ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE
PICKED UP BEFORE 10pm

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

EVERY THURSDAY AT 9.30am-11.00am IN THE HALL

STRONSAY FISHMART

Cafe, Hostel & Interpretation centre. Hostel open all year round. Hot meals, light snacks, home bakes, teas, coffees

Refreshments.

SUMMER OPENINGS

MON: 11:30 - 14:00 & 16:00 - 18:00

TUES: CLOSED

WED: 12:00 - 14:00 & 16:00 - 19:00

THURS: 12:00 - 14:00 & 16:00 -19:00

FRI: 12:00 - 14:00 & 16:00 -19:00

SAT: 12:00 - 14:00 & 16:00 -19:00

SUN: 10:30 - 19:00

Special occasions catered for by arrangement Tel 616386

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New reduced rate £5 per hour for room up
to £15 max plus £5 for DISCO equipment. A
DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Now available to hire.

Badminton £2 per hour + hydro
Table tennis £2 per hour + Hydro
Snooker £2 per hour + Hydro
All equipment provided
Adult supervision (over 18) must be present
During hire. Any damage must be paid for to
book. Please note that any groups or
individuals hiring the Hall require their own

hiring the Hall require their own Public Liability

Please claim your lost property from the Hall as if unclaimed it will be sent to charity CONTACT COLIN ON 446

STRONSAY SINGERS

RESTARTS 11th SEPTEMBER ALL WELCOME BRIAN CROWE 616464

LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT 26th SEPTEMBER
WHITEHALL 9am - 11am
SCHOOL 11.30-14.00
GORRIES 14.30-16.45
SCHOOL 18.30-20.00

SWIM POOL OPENINGS

TUE PRIVATE HIRE 6.20-7.00pm
(Booked in advance)
OCTOPUSH 7.00-7.40pm
PUBLIC 7.40-8.20pm
WED PUBLIC 7.00-7.40pm
PUBLIC 7.40-8.20pm
ADULT LANE 8.20-9.00pm
THURS SWIM CLUB (for more info on this contact SHEENA 616306)
POOL PHONE NUMBER 616288

NANA' SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

A WEDDING IN THE ODINESS BARN in 1911

As this wedding was in December a lot had to be done to get everything ready in time. First the barn loft had to be thoroughly cleaned and this was not easy as being winter the cattle had to be looked after and that meant feeding them straw etc. With plenty of willing helpers with shovels and brooms the loft was soon all ready next the seating had to be arranged around the loft and that was planks of wood resting on wooden fish boxes then covered with clean washed Hessian sacks (no plastic in those days). Anyone with a spare table gave it, also dishes, cutlery etc and white table cloths so it all began to take shape. Then inside the Rev. Brownlea & Family farm kitchen at Odiness the boss James Twatt was keeping them Minister Stronsay 1885-1920 all on the go as this was his late wife's niece who was getting



married and she had been with them since she was fourteen years old working in the kitchen being in charge of the cooking and the dairy work. Pork and old hens had all to be cooked ready for slicing, also oat cakes, bere bread, scones etc and also the wedding cake. Ale had been brewed and was all ready in bottles for drinking afterwards on the wedding day. At five o'clock the minister Mr Brownlea, his wife and three children (two boys and a girl) arrived in their pony and trap so they were escorted into the loft. Next the couple to be married came in together with their best maid and best man. As the bridegroom came from Westray his parents, two brothers and sister with her husband were all there so with all the brides relations it was a big gathering of happy people. After the marriage ceremony they all sat down at the tables and the helpers came from the kitchen with hot mashed potatoes and turnips with good gravy so with the sliced pork and chicken it would have been a good meal. The cake was then cut and handed around with cups of tea. The minister then said that he and his family had enjoyed the meal but would now go home and leave them to the dancing. It was frowned on at that time for the minister or his wife to dance!! When this couple (my parents) had their golden wedding at Clayquoy Jean Wood (nee Brownlea) sent them a letter what a thrill it had been for her to be at that wedding seeing the bride and best maid in their lovely dresses with fine white knitted shawls on their shoulders and how angry that she had been not being allowed to stay to see the dancing. That same white shawl my mother wore was used at my sister and brothers christening and also at mine later in 1920. The Hessian sacks I had mentioned before had many uses around the house as they were made into aprons to cover your skirts when doing your chores eg washing, working in the harvest field etc. My granny in Westray even had a bed quilt made with sacking in between cotton print and it looked good and wore well as constant washing made the Hessian soft and pliable. The aprons were called secky brats and some even had a pocket, all home made of course. I never wore a sack apron but have made a rag rug with Hessian for the backing

NANA IS WRITING FOR US EVERY OTHER MONTH FOR WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL.

HOWEVER THIS LEAVES US WITH A SPACE ON ALTERNATE MONTHS. LAST MONTH WE RECEIVED A POEM FROM SEAN COOPER WHICH WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED. IF ANYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN PRINT PLEASE SEND IT TO US AT THE USUAL ADDRESS OR EMAIL IT. DON'T BE SHY SHARE YOUR STORIES OR POEMS WITH OTHERS

"I Must Down To The Sea Again" by Dr George McKay

By Friday, catches on the grounds were as usual falling off. At this time there was practically no fishing carried out on the inshore grounds at the weekend allowing almost forty eight hours for the shoals to recuperate and replenish themselves. Friday marked the end of the working week, a few hauls then home reasonably early to port. On the way home the boat was thoroughly cleaned, the cabin washed and swept, the net checked for small repairs and everything made ready for the following week. After the fish had been landed and sold and the boat tied up, his father went to the fish selling office to settle up for the week. All the small inshore boats worked on a similar system -the gross value of the catch for the week was totaled up, the weekly running expenses -the fish salesman's commission, harbour dues, fuel oil, food - deducted, then the remaining money split - fifty percent to the boat, fifty percent to the crew. The boat's share covered the cost of repairs, refits and fishing gear and dividends to the boat owners. The crew's share was usually divided equally between all crew members, the skipper sharing equally with the deck hands. On this occasion, however, there was a further complication which would remain for the next six months. As he was classified as a learner he was paid at half the rate of the experienced crew. Settling up was the last thing to be done on Friday afternoon. All was open and above board and the settling sheet displayed openly on the cabin table for any crew member to inspect - something they rarely if ever did such was the degree of trust. It was with great pride that he accepted his first ever pay packet stuffed with real money (plastic cards and credit transfer still in the undreamt of future). There, nestling inside the sealed brown envelope was the fabulous sum of eight pounds eight shillings (£8. 40 in decimal notation), A mere pittance in present day terms but in these far off days almost the equivalent of the average working man's weekly wage and worth at present day rates, probably, the equivalent of two to three hundred pounds - riches indeed. Later that evening his father drove in to Aberdeen to collect his mother from hospital and they were now together again as a family. Over the rest of the summer the weekly cycle of work rolled on. From memory (rather suspect at a distance of more than forty years) it was not a very successful summer. In the previous few summers whiting and haddock had been plentiful on the offshore banks along with hake, a much more valuable fish. His first summer at sea was mainly one of relative scarcity, moving over the distant grounds in search of elusive shoals. On shore, at the weekends, his time was spent with his friends, also trainee fishermen enjoying for the first time the ability to control their own fortunes. It is interesting looking back to consider the relatively innocent pursuits, subject, however to parental disapproval, compared to the modern frenetic craze for entertainment (is this simply the standard lament of old age - O tempora ,0 mores) Most of their free time was spent in various cafes either in their home town or the neighbouring one across the river gorging on ice cream, coca cola and listening to Living Doll by Cliff Richards on the juke box which every self respecting cafe had as standard. The sun always seemed to have shone, the weekends short, but always keen and eager to return to sea on the Monday morning to rejoin the hunt. Even at this early stage small improvements were being made, both in the fishing gear and the navigational equipment. In the wheelhouse navigational aids were minimal - a compass, an echo sounder which recorded the depth of water and by the heaviness of the trace the type of sea bed - sand, mud or rock - on specially treated moistened paper. Along with this information it was also possible to pick up shoals of fish in the shallower waters as a distinct echo on the trace. About this time, however, Decca navigator was starting to make its presence felt in the bigger offshore boats. Although slow to start with, this was in fact the first intrusion of the electronic age in position finding at sea. Based on war time stations, now in commercial ownership, a precise triangulation of electronic signals could be simply read off a series of gauges in the wheelhouse to establish a precise position in most conditions. As always in such a traditional industry there was opposition to such new fangled gadgetry - how could anything like this provide more accurate positioning than the time honoured landmarks -especially on the inshore grounds? However time was to prove that it could and as an additional bonus could be relied on in fog, rain and bad visibility, but unfortunately, not around dusk and dawn. Slowly but surely the Decca became standard equipment. At about the same time changes were occurring in the fishing gear itself. Slowly the cotton twine of the old seine net gave way to synthetic fibres - much stronger and virtually rot proof. Even the design of the net itself was no longer sacrosanct. The old style seine net which was originally designed mainly to catch plaice in the shallow water was being replaced by a trawl design which stood higher from the sea bed and gave better mesh closure effectively improving the harvesting ability of the net, especially for the slightly higher swimming haddock and whiting. Slowly, ever so slowly, their catch rate improved and with it their earnings. Over the next few years the seasons and their rewards varied but on the whole things looked favourable. Their fishing grounds were familiar haunts mainly enclosed within a sector enclosed by a quadrant extending twenty miles north from the harbour to ten or fifteen miles east. In this area it was usually possible to locate some shoals in their season. Rarely did they work to the west of the port, this being the preserve of the next village along the coast. Thus he spent his adolescence gaining in strength, endurance and knowledge of his chosen profession.

DORIS & NAINES KITCHEN

SCOTCH PANCAKES

4oz Self raising flour 2 level tbsps sugar 1 egg 1/4 pint milk Put flour and sugar in a bowl and break egg into it.

Add half the milk and beat till smooth. Add the rest of the milk and beat until bubbles rise to the surface.

Heat a griddle or heavy bottomed pan until the fat is hazing, wipe the surface with a piece of kitchen paper.

Spoon in batter and cook on one side, when bubbles appear turn over and cook for a further ½ to 1 minute or until golden brown

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

" SO WHAT'S THE LATEST ON THIS HYDROGEN BUSINESS THEN?"

OLIVEBANK

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YOUR FUELS INCLUDING
COAL, DROSS, SMOKELESS
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COMPETITIVE PRICES STOCK UP FOR
WINTER
MAURICE WILLIAMSON 616255

STRONSAY BIRD REPORT

John & Sue Holloway

Wheatears are present in good numbers now and are very easy to see - the majority of the birds feeding along the island roads, their white rumps and black & white tails very obvious as they fly up onto roadside fence-posts. Most of those present are returning south from the breeding grounds in Greenland - an amazing journey for such a small bird. An injured bird found by Sue Fairbrother outside the Post Office was taken into care and released back at the Bird Reserve the same evening.

A few other small migrants have arrived recently, including Willow Warblers - the most likely warbler to be seen in island gardens at this time of year - and a few Whinchats and Garden Warblers have been recorded. Both the albino Shag and the white Redshank reported last month are still present and the Bu Loch is now alive with waders - mainly Dunlin and Ringed Plover-and returning Teal. 2 Little Stints and a Curlew Sandpiper have also been seen there in the last week. Many waders are now present on farmland - particularly in recently (late) cut fields - the vast majority being Golden Plover, with at least 3,000 birds on the island. Any large flocks (400 plus) of medium-sized birds flying over the island from now until next spring are likely to be of this species. There have been several sightings of young Pheasants (very similar to Corncrakes until their tails develop!) from several sites including along the Airy Road, and Ross Goodwin's saw and videoed a juvenile Corncrake which had just had a bath in his garden pond at Southbank! The footage is probably the best ever obtained anywhere of this very secretive species.

Sightings of early singles of Whooper Swan, Goldcrest, and Robin are reminders that autumn is not far away although as with last month the weather is as yet telling us otherwise.

(Norman Kent has recently seen a Convolvulus Hawk-moth on the honeysuckle at Dale; a Sexton Beetle was found inside 'Castle' in mid-August, and the current warm southerly winds have brought many Red Admiral butterflies to the island).

Martian Misinformation

NASA Science News for August 25, 2006 Contrary to a wide-spread report, Mars did not look as big as the full Moon on August 27th. In fact, the red planet would have been almost invisible to the human eye.

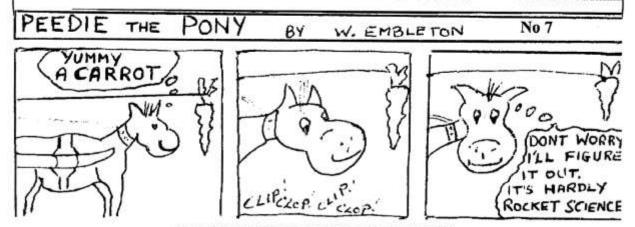
The waning three quarter Moon is still a spectacular sight as it rises in the south east soon after sunset and has been very orange seen through a hazy atmosphere. The closer the moon the higher the spring tide at full and new Moon. See:- http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/devon/5326154.stm

Binoculars will show craters and mountains on the Moon. These are not easily seen at full moon but at other times if one looks at the terminator (the boundary of the lit and unlit part of the moon) the long shadows cast make these Features stand out.

A SPOT OF FOLKLORE: September's full Moon is usually called the Harvest Moon, but not this year. By definition, the Harvest Moon is the full Moon closest to the autumnal

equinox. This year's equinox falls on Sept. 23rd and the full Moon closest to that comes on October 7th. The 2006 Harvest Moon will have to wait until October.

Dennis Proudman.



STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

If not, is it because you know little about the Trust and what it is there for?

It's not surprising if this is the case. When the Trust was set up in 2004, there was plenty of information available about its purpose and structure. The Development Plan, "Harvesting the Wind", based on views from the community, was published in April 2005. Since then though, apart from occasional updates on progress, the AGM and irregular public meetings, we have given ourselves little publicity.

To refresh the memories of those who were in on the 'ground floor' and, perhaps, to help inform those who have moved to Stronsay since those early days, here are a few key points:

- in common with other Development Trusts in the Highlands and Islands, we were set up to lead the regeneration of our community
- we are supported in our work by a number of partners, amongst whom are Orkney Enterprise, Orkney Islands Council, the Crofters' Commission, Communities Scotland, Orkney Community Planning Partnership, and other valuable sources of funding and advice
- in 2004, Stronsay was given Initiative-at-the-Edge status, which put us firmly at the centre of the national
 initiative to develop areas of Scotland which are considered fragile and in need of help in creating a sustainable future for themselves
- apart from maintaining one funded salaried post (our Local Development Officer, William Caithness), all the
 work of the Trust is carried out on a voluntary basis by its Directors and those who serve on the sub-groups,
 concentrating on specific areas of work

since its inception, the Trust has achieved a number of its goals (see Update in July's Limpet). It is now seeking to review its activities through the island survey.

SDT cont'd

The Trust is a membership organisation. Our membership is important to us, because it visibly demonstrates the support we need to achieve our goals. As a community-based organisation, everything we do rests on the creativity and energy of *all* who live on the island. While the community is consulted on the projects we undertake on its behalf, it is our membership which ultimately decides on major issues in the management of the Trust, such as our intention to make the Trust a charity. From our membership we draw the 15 Directors who implement policy and steer the organisation towards its goals. Externally, it is important to potential funders for our projects to know how many of the community have made a visible commitment to guiding the work of the Trust.

There is no liability attached to membership apart from, in the event of the Trust being wound up (which we fervently hope will never happen!), each member would be liable to pay £1.

At the time of writing, we have 78 members representing 30% of all those in the population over the age of 18. We would like to set our sights high and see this percentage doubled by the end of the year. So, if you are a permanent resident, over 18, and not yet a member, please think about it. Any Director would be happy to discuss it with you and all Board Meetings are open to the public. A membership form is attached if you decide to join: this should be returned to me at Lower Millfield, Stronsay, KW17 2AG.

We very much look forward to welcoming our new members.

Juliet Durrant Secretary On behalf of the Board of the Stronsay Development Trust

For further information, you can access the Trust website at:

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/SDT

and Initiative-at-the-Edge at:

www.initiative-at-the-edge.org.uk

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I wish to become a member of the
Stronsay Development Trust.
I am over the age of 18 and a permanent resident of Stronsay.
I understand that becoming a member entitles me to vote at the AGM or any EGM, and this entitlement valid only while I am a resident of Stronsay.
I also understand that in the event of the company being wound up that my personal liability to the Trust winot exceed £1 (one pound sterling).
I consent to my personal details being kept by the Trust, and understand that the Trust will not pass these a third party unless it seeks my specific permission to do so.
Full name, address and telephone number:
email address
Signature Date signed

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