



STRONSAY LIMPET

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William Alexander Cooper May 1921 - January 2007

Willie Cooper was one of the best known inhabitants of Stronsay. Despite his indifferent health in his latter years he was a familiar sight about the island, always happy and with a cheery greeting for all. He was born at Housebay on 19th May 1921 where his father worked as a farm servant. His parents, John and Roberta (Shearer) had five children of whom Willie was the eldest. The family moved to Airy in 1927. He went to the South School until age 14 when he started work at Airy. In July 1939 he joined the army where he was attached to an Artillery battalion guarding Scapa Flow Unfortunately, I have been able to find out little about the middle part of his army career, except that he appears to have retrained as a machine gunner. In June 1945 he embarked on a troopship from Greenock bound for India. He duly arrived in Bombay late July, By this time hostilities in the Far East were almost at an end. He was sent to



Malaya as part of the force who oversaw the Japanese surrender there. He returned to Britain and was released from the army April 1946. On his return home he worked for a short spell on the Mainland before resuming his previous employment at Airy. His father took over the farm of Rusland in 1948 where Willie joined him. Willie married Cissie Chalmers in 1960 taking over Rusland when his father retired and moved to Freehall. They had no family and Cissie died 1988. Willie retired in 1992 and moved to Freehall (although he remained known as Willie 'o' Rusland) where he spent his remaining years.

Although he had no children he remained deeply attached to his brothers and sisters and enjoyed his role as favourite uncle to their children. Despite his failing health (he and all his brothers and sisters suffered from Farmers Lung-a fungal infection caused by spores from damp hay) he remained active during his retirement growing some vegetables and visiting friends. He was a life long devotee of Scottish and Country music (played at increasing volume as his hearing deteriorated) and usually enjoyed with a glass of whisky. Despite being fond of his dram, alcohol remained for Willie a servant and never his master. He always had a cheerful greeting for everyone and was well known for his encouragement to the youth of the community, especially if they showed an interest in following a farming lifestyle

Willie died suddenly and peacefully at his home in the early hours of Wednesday 10th January. Stronsay is the poorer for his passing as yet another of the links to the olden days is severed. However he is fondly remembered by all who were privileged to meet him

Dr G. McKay



This month marked the passing of one of nature's gentlemen - Willie Cooper.

Willie would pop into the pub almost every day after watching the ferry come and go. He would enthral myself and others with his tales and memories of Island life as a small boy, a teenager and his subsequent early experience of Army life. He remembered his comrades and where they came and what they got up to! "They were some boys" he would say, with that sly little grin.

Willie was delighted to recount his tours around 'YORK-SHIRE' in awe at the beauty of the Dales and amazed at the distance he traveled and the sheer number of people. His descriptions so accurate they amazed me and made me smile, the good things that filled his life - most of us take for granted.

Although Willie suffered privations in his life, which thankfully not many of us alive today have experienced or ever will, it did not dent his spirit. His love of life, his love of horses, the land and his fellow man shone through so much it was almost palpable.

In all the time I knew Willie and sadly that was not long enough, I never heard him utter a bad word about anyone. He talked at length of his surviving family with deep affection. So much so I knew them well before I met them. Always a special word for his 'Bonnie Lassies' that cared for him in his latter years.

Yes Willie Cooper was ALL sweetness and light to all who knew him and the world will be a darker place without him.

It was a honour and a privilege to have known you Willie and we will miss you greatly
Allen (Stronsay Hotel).

BARBARA (Baba) SHEARER nee COOPER September 1917 - January 2007

Baba (as she was affectionately known) was born at Millgrip, Stronsay on the 29 September 1917. She went to school in Kirkwall when she was 14 and planned to be a teacher. However instead she went on to work as a secretary at Orkney Egg Packers at Ayre Mills.

She met Thomas Anderson Shearer, a weaver, and married in 1937 living in Kirkwall when war broke out in 1939. When Tom was called up Baba returned to Stronsay with her eldest son Pat, to live with her brother James and uncle, William Cooper at Millgrip where her second son Ingram was born. In 1947 after the war Tom and Baba and their



Baba last Year



Baba in 1940's

two sons moved back to the mainland to live in Grimbister and Davies Brig in the parish of Firth. It was here that her other sons Stuart and David were born.

The weaving trade declined in the 1950's so the family moved back to Stronsay in 1958 to farm, initially at Fleura (which Baba loved as it was a friendly close knit community with several houses within walking distance which was a ideal as transport was not always available for socialising. Baba used to help with the harvest home and enjoyed visitors and visiting) until In 1961 they

moved to Clestrain to farm and then from there in 1979 Tom went back to weaving which took them to Clifton in the village. In 1988 they moved back to Kirkwall where Tom worked at weaving for three more years until he retired to Bridge Street Wynd.

Although her early years were spent on Stronsay, circumstances took Baba away. She has now returned to Stronsay which has become her final resting place, the place that she always called home.

KIRK NEWS

The Elders and Congregation of the Kirk believe that God wants us to serve the community of Stronsay whenever that there is a need, and that one of the ways we can do this is through praying for others. Through conversations with people we have realised that sometimes people have needs that they would like us to pray about, but do not know how to ask.

We decided to place a post box outside the Kirk on one of the gateposts. If anyone has anything that they would like us to pray about, please write it down and put the note in the box, or give it to a regular church attendee. This request can be as detailed as you like, or brief and anonymous as you prefer. God knows the details anyway.

We will then promise to pray for those requests for a week or longer if you ask us to, believing that God answers prayers.

We would also like to celebrate with you if you would like to offer prayers of thanks or tell us how prayers have been answered.

I hope that this is clear, but if you have any questions, please ask me or Jennifer or any other member of the congregation.

Thanks Viv

Hi, Heather

First let me thank both yourself and Yvonne for all the hard work you put into the Limpet well done! It is an informative and useful magazine, rather addictive sometimes with Dr George's Distant Waters, and Linda's Pete the Pony, great stuff.

I enclose an untitled poem I wrote several years ago, if you think it worthy perhaps you would include it in the next edition of the Limpet. It may give comfort to someone who feels lost as we all do at some point in our lives. Thank you once again for what is becoming a much loved Limpet.

It may not be the rude awakening of a trumpets call to arm's,
That pierces the mind, shattering the warm thoughts of slumber,
Like starlings rising from their roost into the cold light of dawn.
But he will call.

It may not be that through the eyes of some distant child, ravaged
By hunger and near to death, you see the sudden strength, that puts
all the strengths of man to shame, leaving you excluded by the enormity of his love.
But he will call

It may not be like a dawn that comes up slowly, sending gentle
colours reaching out to each dark fold of mother earth turning them
into golden pools of light, reaching up to turn the hills to a blaze of glory
that sets the heart singing and feeds the hungry soul with all the majesty, and beauty.
But he will call

And when he calls you feel your soul within singing with the great
joy of his touch, lifting you up until for one brief moment, one
flicker in the liquid crystal of time you are at one with all living things,
so small in the order of life, yet enormous within, his loving embrace.

R.F.Kent

“DISTANT WATERS” by Dr George McKay

As a novice he was last in his group of three men to take an active part in shooting the gear. This gave him time to watch carefully so that when his turn came he could step forward and seamlessly take his turn in the team. First the end of the net made fast to the messenger rope and the end tied to the buoy, held by a man at each side of the net, facing towards each other, were cast into the sea. The gentle speed of the boat through the sea caught the gear and started to drag it out. Before weight could be put on the net the two men, whose job it was to shoot the first five nets, pulled loose rope and net from the pile and payed it overboard. This could be done in either of two ways - by simply pulling with the hand nearest the pile, transferring to the hand nearest the boats side, and while the first hand moved back to pick up more net, cast the net from the hand nearest the boats side into the sea- all in a continuous movement. A more elegant method was to pull several lengths of rope and net, feed them into the hand nearest the sea and throw. The work proceeded smoothly, each man being spelled after five nets, the cook keeping a sharp lookout for the spliced eyes and heavy shackles which joined the coils of messenger rope and pulling up some slack rope as they came on deck to make sure that they were well clear of the fine meshes making up the net. At either side one of the crew who was waiting to take his turn at the nets stood close behind the man who was shooting to pass the stoppers over his head to allow the messenger rope and the buoys free access to the sea. For two miles they sailed slowly on leaving a trail of buoys floating on the surface behind them - the only visible sign of their passing. At last the final net was gone. A further length of messenger rope was payed out, secured with a rolling hitch by the rope which would attach the drift to the boat, the boats head brought up into the wind, the propeller stopped. Aft behind the galley the small mizzen sail was hoisted and sheeted tight allowing the boat to lie with her head close to the wind. All that now remained was to drift with the wind and tide for two or three hours through the grey luminosity of the Simmer Dim. The engine was stopped and silence descended. Two men were left on watch, the rest going down to the cabin to catch an hour of sleep before the heaviest part of the work would begin. He found it difficult to sleep without the steady beat of the engine. As the boat rolled gently the timbers creaked, a loose bolt rolled somewhere above the deck head, all around him snores and coughs. Unable to sleep he got up, dressed and went on deck. It was a beautiful morning. Already to the north east the first pink of approaching dawn was showing. Around them were the lights of other herring drifters lying at their nets and on the far horizon the pyramid of Foula.

Soon the watch keepers were calling out the sleeping crew. The kettle was boiling for a mug of tea. The engine rumbled into life and one by one the crew appeared on deck dressed in oilskins. The messenger rope was led through the roller in the rail at the bow of the boat and taken to the drum of the winch. The cook had taken up his position in the small cramped cell of the leader box. Here he would remain for the next several hours, alone, coiling the heavy tarred rope neatly down into the leader box ready for the next night - surely the most unenviable job of all. Across the front of the wheelhouse and stretching to both rails a net was rigged on a horizontal pole to catch herring shaken from the nets as they were retrieved. Now the first net was coming up to the boat drawn by its stopper tied to the messenger rope. The stopper was untied and the end of the net brought aft, cork rope aft, foot rope forward and passed to the crew now standing ready. Everyone had their own starting position which would change round by one place every five nets hauled. One man stood on the foredeck to lift the stopper over the roller and untie it. One stood at the rail hauling the foot rope, one further aft at the rail hauling the head rope and in the net hold one at each rope and three in the centre of the net. Slowly the boat was dragged ahead by the messenger rope and as the weight slackened on the net it was dragged from the sea and stowed in the net hold. Lady Luck had not smiled on them this time. A few herring hanging from the meshes of the net but mainly just empty meshes. The few fish were quickly shaken from the net - a co-coordinated slow lift up and sharp downward shake by the five men standing in the net hold shook the fish loose to lie on top of the net, then a quick shake aft for them to drop on the deck.

Part four next month


PETE THE PONY by **LINDA SPENDLEY** **Pete's Holiday**

Pete the pony was having a well-deserved holiday. He'd been worked too hard at Mr Jones' riding school, and he'd got very tired. Mr Jones, who was a greedy man, would rather have got rid of Pete than given him a holiday, but the children who loved Pete had talked him round.

It was Tom, the blacksmith, who'd explained to the children why Pete was so tired, and it was to Tom's house that he went for his holiday. Tom lived in the country with his wife Lynn, and his seven-year-old daughter Holly. They loved Pete, and were enjoying looking after him.

For the first week, Pete spent his days lazing in the paddock and his nights in a big shed that Tom had turned into a stable. After a week, Tom and Lynn decided it was time for Pete to have some gentle exercise. Holly had always wanted riding lessons, and Pete was perfect for the job. He was gentle, kind and obedient.

Before she married Tom, Lynn had been a riding teacher, so Holly was a lucky girl. Her first lesson was to be on Saturday, and she could hardly wait.

Saturday arrived. Holly was excited. She wouldn't get her lesson until after lunch, so that Pete could go out in the paddock for a while, to eat, and stretch his legs. After lunch there was no stopping her.

"Come on, mum," she said. "I want to get on Pete's back."

"Slow down, Holly," answered Lynn. "First things first."

"What do you mean?" asked Holly. "You put on the saddle and bridle and we can start."

"I see you've got a lot to learn," answered Lynn. "Come on, I'll show you." Holly followed her mum to Pete's stable.

Next month Part two

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SUDOKU

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Puzzle**

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NANA'S SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

From approximately the late 1920's until 1945 the farms of Holland, Kirbuster and Housebay along with the island of Auskerry belonged to Henry Maxwell. As there was a huge flock of sheep in Auskerry mainly of a North Ronaldsay breed (norleys they called them). It was abig undertaking in the summertime when they all had to be clipped, dipped and sorted out for selling so every available man had to be ready for that day.

On the chosen day the two boats, Nowlan and Mayflower were loaded with wire netting, stabs and nails etc. As a pen had to be erected to catch the elusive sheep and with everyone on board including two women to do the catering they were ready to leave The Pow, Housebay.

As this would be in the early morning and with good weather the sail across would have been quick and once they landed at the pier in Auskerry it would be the start of a busy day. While some of the men started to put up the fence the others were away around the island to round up the sheep who by this time were getting very excited with all the unusual work going on around them. When they got about 200 in the pen the clipping began and went on until 12 noon when all stopped for a good lunch prepared by the two women.

The late Eddie Peace always told an amusing story about his first attempt at clipping in Auskerry. He had picked a ram and got him turned over ready to start and was doing fine until he came too close to the rams head, when suddenly the ram turned and got away leaving half his ear behind, much to Eddies shame and dismay. After that he was sent to help pack fleeces but said he managed better at the next clipping. (No wonder the ram was in a hurry).

In the afternoon all the sheep were dipped in the tank which was alongside the dyke at the lighthouse, then there was the sorting out of the ones to be taken back to Stronsay for selling so in all it was a really busy day and everyone would be glad to get back to (The Pow) again and home.

This was a yearly event and went on for many years. After 1945, which was the year that Housebay, Holland and Kirbuster changed owners.

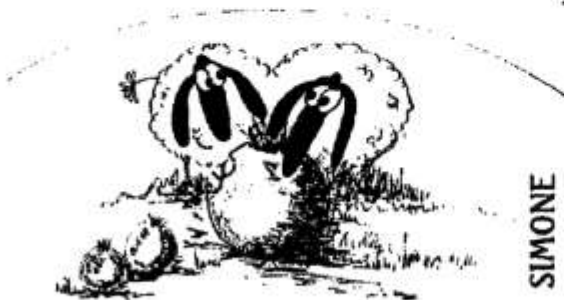
Holland to William Work. Kirbuster to Peter Stevenson and Housebay to James Chalmers who had Auskerry and still kept on a flock of sheep which would have been a larger breed. The photo is of the 'Auld House' in Auskerry which was occupied by a shepherd in spring at the lambing time or sometimes ones burning



Photo is of peat's at the dyke, dated approx 1930

NANA PEACE

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



SIMONE

"HAPPY VALENTINE."

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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I am thinking about writing a booklet covering 100 years of life on Stronsay - from around 1900 because that will mean that some 1901 census material could be used. So far my plan is to include various topics like: Work - changes in fishing, farming, crofting, crafts, the pub, shops etc Development of Whitehall

Village, The church, World Wars 1 and 2 ,Customs - cradle to grave: birth, weddings and funerals, Social life, Shipwrecks, Famous 'characters'

If Limpet readers have any old documents/photos they could lend me or could write or talk to me about their memories then please get in touch. It would be a BIG help to have real histories to include - anything personal only printed with permission and all contributions would be gratefully acknowledged.

Progress and possibly questions (if I get stuck) will be posted on the Limpet. Many thanks
Julia Crocker

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Stronsay Development Trust AGM/EGM - 28 February 2007 - Advance Notice The Trust's AGM will be held on the above date at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, followed by a short EGM. Full details will appear on notice boards during the next week.

STRONSAY BIRD REPORT by John & Sue Holloway

With no really severe weather in January and early February it was no surprise to find that at least three Sandwich Terns had over wintered, and that many Oystercatchers had returned to the island much earlier than usual. A few early Shelducks were also seen in January and the Dabchick was seen regularly in the Waterworks Pond well into February. There have been regular sightings of Hen Harriers (at least four different birds, including an adult male) in the Dale/Northbank area, and Margaret Crowe has recorded several sightings of Peregrine hunting Rock Doves in the Scoulters area. A Sparrowhawk has been seen a few times and Merlins almost daily.

A few Fieldfares have over wintered and an influx was noted during the recent cold snap on the Scottish Mainland. Recent singles were seen at the Post Office by Sue Fairbrother and on The Hill garden wall by Colin McAlpine. These Thrushes are slightly bigger than Blackbirds and are instantly recognisable, having grey heads; mainly yellowish bills; dark spotted golden washed breasts; grey rumps, and black tails.

Robins have over wintered although most will leave in late March/early April and a party of 5-6 Chaffinches have been attracted into the Dale garden regularly to feed on bird seed. 24 Barnacle Geese were seen near Cleat on 23rd January, and the 'white' Redshank first seen in late summer 2006 turned up again at the Blan Loch in late January. This bird is well worth looking for in the area, and can generally be viewed easily from the road. As with the flocks of wintering Curlew etc. In the fields and ducks on the island lochs, the majority of birds can be viewed far better from the confines of a vehicle.

The 2006 Stronsay Bird Report booklet is now in print and we are in the process of dispatching the first batch of copies to subscribers. Due to an unexpected jump in demand this year we shall be printing a second batch shortly so please let us know as soon as possible if you would like further copies. The cost is £5 to islanders and £6 (inc p&p) to postal subscribers. Thanks to everyone who sent in sightings during the year. This really does help to make the report a community effort.

The Limpets Special Night

It was a very dark night the stars were twinkling brightly in the sky the moon was casting a silver path across the sea onto great granny and granddads standing stone home. The young limpets had gathered there from all around the stronsay coast as tonight was a very special night the mermaids were sitting ready on the rocks holding harps ready to play the seals were gathered on the beach on linga holm ready in fine voice.

Everyone was waiting for the special moment they were all looking towards the north. They were just beginning to think that tonight may not be the night when magically the sky lit up with lights in shades of green, purple and white the mermaids started to play their harps the seals sang out across the bay the young limpets danced the night away. Granny and granddad limpet were tightly tucked up in their shells and slept right through the night and did not hear a sound.



Written by Christine Richings.

QUIZ

All answers begin with letter A

1. Who was the only English king to be known as 'the Great' ?
2. Name the hill in Athens on which the Greeks built the Parthenon Temple?
3. Which Norwegian explorer led the expedition to the South Pole in 1911 ?
4. Who was the King of the Huns, who almost captured Rome in 452?
5. What do the initials ANC stand for?
6. Which Egyptian city, named after a Greek conqueror, had the greatest library in the ancient world ?
7. Which South American country was led by General Galtieri between 1976 and 1983?
8. Who was the second person to walk on the moon, in July 1969?
9. Against which country did the US launch Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001 to destroy the Al Qaeda network?
10. By what other name was Mustafa Kemal, the founder of modern Turkey, known?

1. Alfred 2. Acropolis 3. Roald 4. Attila 5. African National Congress 6. Alexandria 7. Argentina 8. Edwin E ('Buzz') Aldrin 9. Afghanistan 10. Ataturk

Stronsay Outreach Centre Open Days

Stronsay Outreach Centre will be open to the public on Thursday 22nd Feb and March 1st. Come along to the school in the evening and find out about the adult learning opportunities available on Stronsay.

Many Stronsay folk are probably aware that there is a video-conferencing unit at the school and that Bob Tateson is the 'Outreach Co-ordinator'. There is however much more to Stronsay Outreach Centre than the video-conference unit. It is a gateway to a huge range of adult learning opportunities offered by Orkney College, The University of the Highlands and Islands and other further education establishments.

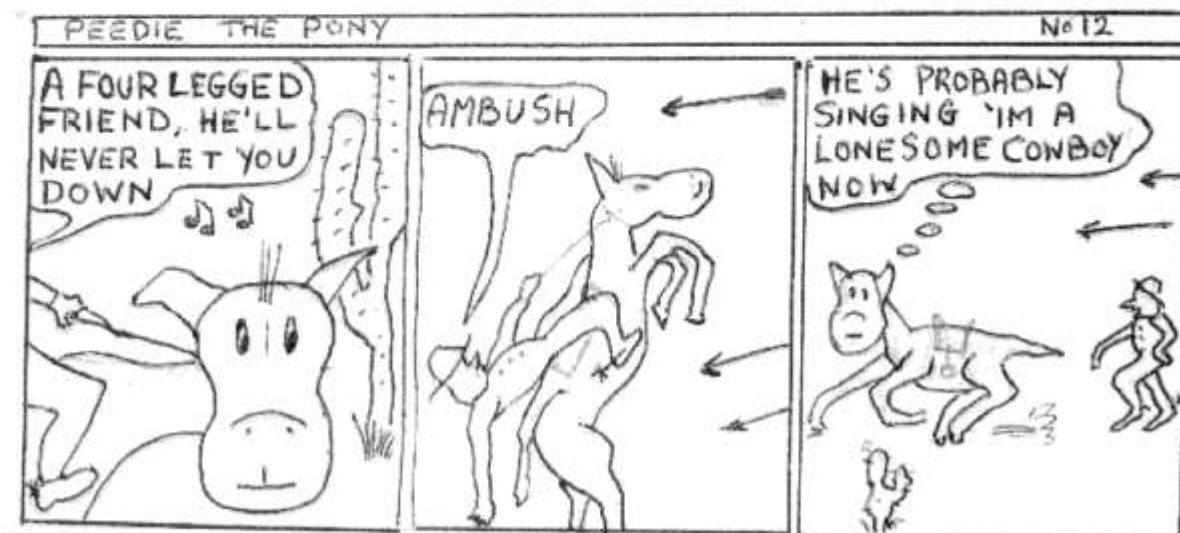
The Outreach Centres began back in 1999 when Harvey Johnston of Orkney College in collaboration with OIC Education Department, Orkney Enterprise and a Scotland wide organisation called ADAPT-LINK created Outreach Centres on all the North Isles plus Hoy and South Ronaldsay. Each centre was provided with a computer & printer, a fax machine, a video-conference unit and one 'fast' ISDN telephone line. An Outreach Co-ordinator was appointed for each centre. The idea was to provide facilities for adults who wanted to study but did not have the technical set up at home. The co-ordinator was also to be the first point of contact between potential adult learners on the Isles and Orkney College Open Learning Centre.

As it turned out, most folks at this time were buying their own computers and connecting up to the internet at home, so the one facility that was unique to the Outreach Centre was the VC unit. As some of you will recall the first video conferences had jerky pictures, poor sound and sometimes never worked at all!

Times have changed and we now have a much better VC unit although it must be admitted it is still not 100% reliable. In the next couple of years there should be further technical improvements to VC.

Open Learning means much more than video conferencing and Orkney College/UHI offer courses in everything from Norwegian to Navigation and Child Care to Computing with beginners 'taster' courses up to university degrees. The courses may involve book work, online learning, home study, attendance at college or tutorials via VC. For two Thursdays Lorna Hirst, the Orkney College Open Learning Centre Tutor will be on the VC and you can talk to her about open learning. The Stronsay co-ordinator Bob Tateson will also be there.

Don't be afraid to come along and just ask questions you don't have to join a course or even have a particular subject in mind. We hope to see you.



The Limpet has been given some documentation written by William Spence, formerly of Lower Millfield., by Mr Ingram Shearer who thought it might be of interest to our readers.

A TALK ON HOUSES AND LAIRDS IN STRONSAY

starting with the FARM OF HOLLAND

by William Spence Lower Millfield, Stronsay

HOLLAND is situated in the south end of Stronsay, the land extending roughly to five hundred a'cres, the house itself is magnificently built and looks very lovely indeed. The stone for the house came from a quarry about a mile away called the "Steb Hill". The house looks out to the south west, overlooking Auskerry, Copinsay and the lands of Deerness. The land of Torness stretches to 110 acres is down to pasture now for grazing cattle but "I believe was under the plough at one time. There is a loch down towards the sea. It was very large at one time but the bankment was dug down and a pipe laid down to drain the water into the sea continuing to do so up to the present day.

The land under cultivation is made up of thirteen different fields, namely: Outertown, 'Inganoust, Areby, Kirkyard field, Sougathers, Lee Shun, Viggie, Quoyblakes, Norquoy,,Brecks, Greenwall, Sound, Arsquoy. There are also three fields which now no longer form part of Holland, Newbigging, Sillerha, Muera.

The land is mostly level and quite flat ranging from good black earth to some clay soil. -At one time it grew mostly oats which were shipped away but that is no longer the case. Barley is grown now, most of it used on the farm for feeding purposes. The surplus is sold out of the island.

The first people I remember in Holland were the Stevensons, who originally came from Westray. William Stevenson was twice married, with nineteen children in all. I don't remember much about the older family but I went to school with the younger family. I can still picture William Stevenson going past to church in his four wheeled phaeton as they called it. He was married to a Caskey a daughter of the Minister in the old kirk. She was a very pleasant woman and much respected. I saw her a lot at that time as I was doing casual work at Holland.

As a boy I was fascinated with the steam engine driven by a coal fire which I believe used about 100 tons of coal in the year.

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The man feeding the mill had two people, one on the right and one on the left, cutting the bands and keeping the strings, the lower barn was filled up first, two men hand tying and building it tightly in different rows in the barn. There 'were two carters working at the stacks, one putting a load on at the stack and the other unloading at the barn. A great number of mice to be seen in the last stack to be threshed. Once threshed down the straw was built in big stacks and used in early feeding in winter. To get these big threshings done men were called in from the small farms in the district.....To be continued

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Commissions taken. Tel. Jenny 616282

PRIVATE ADVERTS, SALES
OR GREETINGS UP TO 25 WORDS £1,
25 WORD ADVERT WITH PHOTO £2, 25
TO 50 WORDS £2 AND SO ON.

LOST AND FOUND FREE
CHARITY FUND RAISING ADVERTS
FREE TO BE PLACED BY 10th MARCH-
TEL YVONNE 616375 OR HEATHER
616453. EMAIL hfazak@btinternet.com
Letters to Lower Leaquoy.

WHITE KNIGHT ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Stronsay & Eday
Fully qualified Electrician (16th Edition)
For all your electrical installations /test & in-
spection. Plumbing and Electrical /
Mechanical Machinery.
Maintenance & repair work also undertaken
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Specialising in rendering, harling & internal
plastering (skimming) Walls & ceilings. Also
tiling & laminate floors. All building works
undertaken, plumbing and electrics also.

Contact Paul at Fernside 616443

WANTED USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Instead of throwing away your used printer
ink cartridges how about passing them on to
the Limpet. We are collecting them for
"THE DOGS TRUST"

They recycle them to raise money for dogs in
their care. Its in a good cause and won't cost
you anything but a bit of time

LOCAL BUSINESSES & ADVERTS CONT'D

FOR SALE

Small Calor Gas Space Heater £50
Two Pine Wall Units One for Plates
 39inW x 34inH x 6inD £15
 One for saucepans & jars with shelves &
 four small draws under
 4ftW x 2ft 10in x 7inD £25
Smoke machine for parties as new £8
Frazer 5ft Topper as new £550
 Phone 616492

FOR SALE

Large Desk (1.6m) cherry effect laminate.
 £40.00 Tel 616267
5 Steel land Rover wheels, all with nearly new
 tyres. £190.00 Tele 616267
Dell PC, Pentium 4 2.00 GHz. 768mb RAM,
 20GB HDD, CDRW, Keyboard & mouse.
 Windows XP Professional, Office 2003
 No Monitor. £175.00
 Tel 616267

GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

MOTHER & TODDLER Meets every
 Thursday 9.30 until 11am
 All pre school children welcome
 For more information phone
 Sarah 616406

LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT
 MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

Friday Night 8pm Till 10pm
 Entrance £1

Come along for a Fun Filled Night
 Some of the children will be competing
 for Stronsay against other Orkney youth
 clubs at a "fit 4 it" sports event in Dounby
 in April. If any businesses or individuals
 would be willing to sponsor this event
 please contact Sheena 616306 or
 Yvonne 616340

DARTS & EUCHRE

17th Feb 8pm start at the Hall
 Kids Darts, 100 club & Raffle
 Licensed Bar & Supper served

Stronsay Outreach Open Evenings

Thursday Feb 22nd & Thursday March 1st
 7pm to 9pm At the school
 Come along and see what is on offer.

SCHOOL VALENTINE DANCE

Friday 16th February
 Raffles, supper served
 50p for kids
 £2 for adults
 Help to raise funds for Secondary 1-3's trip to
 Scotland

STRONSAY SINGERS

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE
 Monday Evenings at the Hall
 Tel Brian Crowe

COMPANIONS

Monday 2pm at the Hall
 For more info phone Jean on 616307

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

Public Liability

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

CONTACT COLIN ON 446

LIMPET'S KITCHEN

COOKED APPLE CHUTNEY

1 lb ONIONS
 1 lb SULTANAS
 1 lb COOKING APPLES
 3 lb BROWN SUGAR
 2 pts VINEGAR
 ½ TEASPOON SALT

Peel and chop the onions and apples
 Boil together for 30 minutes before adding
 the sugar.

Continue boiling for a further 1 ½ hours

Wash jars and place in a warm oven to dry.
 When dry cool then fill with chutney cooling
 mixture

UNCOOKED APPLE CHUTNEY

1 lb DATES
 1 lb RAISINS
 1 lb COOKING APPLES
 1 tsp SALT
 1 lb ONIONS
 1 lb SOFT BROWN SUGAR
 1 pt VINEGAR
 1 tsp GROUND GINGER or GROUND
 CLOVES

Chop dates , slice apples & onions.
 Mix all ingredients together and stand for 3
 days. Stirring occasionally.

Then continue as before with jars

THANK YOU'S GREETINGS AND BIRTHDAYS

THANK YOU

Ingram and Stuart Shearer and families
 would like to thank everyone in Stronsay for
 their letters, cards & phone calls.

Thanks also to Rev. Jennifer George for her
 comforting service, Walter & Leslie, Jeano &
 her helpers at the hall & Maurice for the kind
 use of his mini bus.

Thanks to all who gave generously at the fu-
 neral which raised £342 for the Smiddy brae,
 Dounby comfort fund.

JOHN
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 ALL THE BEST

STEVE, YVONNE ,CRAIG & JODY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANDAD
 LOTS OF LOVE FROM
 CASSY & SHANNON
 XX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD
 LOTS OF LOVE FROM
 LESLIE & LOUISE
 XX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 UNCLE WALTER for the
 20th FEBRUARY
 LOVE FROM ELIZABETH
 X

JODY
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVE FROM
 AUNTIE LOU, UNCLE LESLIE,
 CASSY & SHANNON
 XXXX

JODY
 HAPPY 14th BIRTHDAY
 LOTS OF LOVE
 MUM, DAD & CRAIG
 XXX

JODY
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 LOVE FROM
 NAN & GRANDAD
 XX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JODY
 LOVE FROM
 HEATHER & LINDA
 XX

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE LIMPET

6 MONTHLY @ £4.50 & 12 MONTHLY @ £9.00 AVAILABLE, WHICH INCLUDES POSTAGE AND PACKING FOR FRIEND OR FAMILY LIVING AWAY.

WHY NOT SEND A SUBSCRIPTION TO A FRIEND OR RELATIVE FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

IF YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION IS HAVING AN EVENT OR THERE IS ANYTHING GOING ON WHY NOT TELL US SO WE CAN TELL STRONSAY. NO EVENT IS TOO SMALL OR INSIGNIFICANT, WE ARE TRYING TO GIVE OUT LOCAL INFORMATION BUT CANNOT DO IT UNLESS YOU TELL US.

HAVE YOU GOT A STORY OR A POEM OR OLD PHOTO'S OF STRONSAY TO SHARE, DON'T BE SHY. IF SO **PLEEEASE** CONTACT YVONNE 375 OR HEATHER 453 OR EMAIL US ON hfazak@btinternet.com OR BY LETTER TO LOWER LEAQUOY.

USEFUL NUMBERS

DOCTORS	616321/308	B&B CLESTRAIN	616340
NURSES	616453/232	B&B AIRY COTTAGE	616372
HYDRO	0800300999	LIBRARY	01856873166
BALFOUR HOSPITAL	01856888000	COMPANIONS	616307
DENTIST KING STREET	01856875348	GALA	616463/339
VET - FLETT & CARMICHAEL	01856872859	REGISTRAR	616239
VET - NORTHVET	01856873403	FISHMART	616386
KIRK	616311	HALL BOOKINGS	616446
STRONSAY HOTEL	616213	POST OFFICE	616217
MAURICE'S	616255	SPECIAL CONSTABLE	616216
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 DATE TO BE ARRANGED

UP TO 3 ITEMS FREE 4-6 ITEMS £20 7-FULL PICK UP LOAD £45

Calendar Advert

We are hoping to produce a Limpet calendar for next year to raise funds for the paper. If anyone has any Stronsay photo's past or present we would love to hear from you (if your photo is included we will give you a free calendar when they are produced) Heather & Yvonne

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