



STRONSAY LIMPET

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A Gift for the Fishmart Interpretation Centre



Daniel Home
Second Engineer - Merchant Navy

<u>Name</u>	Daniel Home
<u>Rank</u>	2 nd Engineer.
<u>Service</u>	Merchant Navy
<u>Born</u>	26 th September, 1913, Runthall.
<u>Lost at sea</u>	24 th July, 1943, aged 29 years.
<u>Parents</u>	Daniel Home & Mary Chalmers.
<u>Address</u>	Runthall, Stronsay.

Danny was from a family of six which included the late John Home who was a merchant in Stronsay. Danny served his time as an engineer in Kirkwall and ran away to sea in 1937 against his mother's will, and joined the Blue Star Line. He also sailed with the White Star Line before joining the Hogarth Shipping Company as second engineer. He served on several ships including the Ionic Star, Afric Star, Celtic Star, and Pacific Star. He was on a brand new ship called the Fort Chicotin which was carrying iron-ore from Rio de Janeiro to Britain when it was torpedoed in the South Atlantic. Danny had actually finished his tour of duty that day, but had stayed in the engine room to pass on his knowledge to a young apprentice engineer who had recently joined the ship. When the ship went down, Danny, a fellow engineer, and two apprentice engineers, were the only four who were lost. He was to have married a girl from Aberdeen at the end of that trip.

His sister, Marian McDougall, who lives in Kinloss, remembers that on her 16th Birthday, 7th August, 1943, a man from the Seaman's Mission in Aberdeen, arrived at their home in Kinloss, with the sad news that he had been lost at sea. He is survived by his sister Marian, and a brother Jim who resides in Cannon Bridge near Dingwall, and they have kindly supplied the photograph and information about Danny. His father, who served in the 1st World War, came to Stronsay from Peterhead to work in the herring fishing, and was involved in the coaling of the herring drifters with David Chalmers of Stronsay. **Danny built the model of the St. Sunniva**, which was a passenger, mail and cargo ship, which plied between Leith, Aberdeen, and Lerwick. This ship hit rocks on Mousa, Shetland, in thick fog on 10th April, 1930, and started to break up in the heavy swell. The passengers took to the lifeboats and rowed safely to the lee shore of Mousa. The ship was a total loss.

Danny's brother Jim has kindly donated the model to the Stronsay Fish Mart Interpretation Centre.

A Happy Day for Dr Jon & Eleanor

Here are some photographs from their Wedding Day . As you can see the day was bright and sunny and even reasonably warm. This was a surprise for the 27th of January. They were very pleased that all the guests managed to find their way to the register office and they all managed to park nearby. After the ceremony the whole party went to their new house and by using benches, plastic garden furniture and so on we were able to have everyone sit down for a meal. They originally planned to serve it hot but on the day it turned out as melon, cold roast beef with Salade Provencale and wedding cake for pudding. There was olive bread to eat with the beef, a good combination. Naturally there was champagne to drink. Eleanor's son, Peter, works in an hotel in London and was an absolute demon at opening and serving it. Not a drop wasted in unnecessary fizz. As a result everyone had plenty and that made for a convivial luncheon. Most of the guests had journeys to make and went quite soon after the meal. The new built in dishwasher came in very useful and, by way of honeymoon they went to the cinema to see 'The Last King of Scotland'. Some experience. Guaranteed to give a sleepless night. Two days later Eleanor's furniture came from the flat and they have been sorting ever since. They did try to have a few days break in a local hotel but they were all full. Who would have thought Carlisle would be so popular in February. I suppose Valentine's Day was only five days away. Some people clearly start early. They are going to Buxton at the beginning of March for a music week end. Eleanor is singing and Jon is playing. The choral work is Mozart's Requiem and we are looking forward to it. We wish Jon and Eleanor every happiness for the future



Jon & Eleanor
at the Registry
Office



By the time the last net was brought aboard, three hours later, the weather had changed. Cloud now covered the sky and rain fell steadily. The wind was slowly rising from the north west. Now the decision had to be made as to how to spend the rest of the day until time to start again later that evening. The nearest harbour was two or three hours sailing time distant and lay at the end of a rocky sound. Fortunately one of the older crew members had been in before and knew the passage well so it was decided to put in to Walls for the day. The deck was washed down, all the gear neatly stowed, oilskins removed and down to the cabin for tea oatcakes and cheese, the watch set and for the lucky ones two hours sleep.

Soon they were approaching the coast. A grey, unfriendly, rock bound coast this morning. Heading straight for the humpbacked island of Vaila, in through Vaila sound and in to the small pier at Walls. The cook was already busy and the aroma of bacon drifted through the boat adding urgency to the task of mooring up to the pier. A further interruption, a visitor pedaling furiously down the pier on his bicycle - the harbour master to collect the harbour dues- and then to breakfast. A slow leisurely breakfast lingering over a cigarette and mugs of tea while old George, the skippers father, produced an enormous coloured handkerchief and a tin of Old Guard snuff. A pinch in each nostril, deeply inhaled, the tin offered round and refused, a few minutes of total relaxation. Assistance to the cook to wash and dry the dishes then freedom to explore a new land.

Now at last there was time to look around. The rain had stopped but it was still overcast and grey. They lay at the end of a T shaped jetty in a land locked bay. At the top of the pier was a shed - the store house for the Foula ferry which sailed from here to Foula, weather permitting. A road ran along the side of the bay with a few scattered houses and at least two churches, all immaculately kept. In the bay lay several small boats on their moorings, totally different from the small boats at home in design - much more pointed fore and aft, reminiscent of the Viking longships of long ago-beautiful seaworthy little boats. Two or three of the crew set off to walk to the village Post Office and shop. There on the counter was a great spread of newspapers. He picked up two of them and took them to the counter.

"Sorry" said the shopkeeper "these are the Sunday papers (today was Tuesday). They have just arrived and they are all ordered".

Such was his introduction to village life in the remote parts. After chatting to the shopkeeper for a few minutes they made their way back to the boat. So much for the romance of the distant lands. However there was still Lerwick to be visited on some future occasion. Lerwick where there were shops, cafes and so rumour had it a massive oversupply of girls as most of the young men were away at sea-whaling or sailing.

The rest of the day passed slowly waiting for time to sail again for the fishing grounds. Little to do in the way of day to day repairs as this was the first trip after a seasonal overhaul. In the galley Sammy, who used to be a cook in the officers mess in the Royal Navy, was kept busy preparing meals for ten men. However, in keeping with all the best fishing boat cooks he never appeared to be under stress. No hysterical outbursts, no dashing about he simply got on with the job in hand. When, occasionally, his galley became overcrowded with crew members in to warm themselves or to make an extra mug of tea or coffee he would assert his authority simply and firmly,

"One galley, one cook"

and evict the onlookers. His ability to produce well cooked, tasty meals on time made him worth his weight in gold. At last it was time to sail. Out through Vaila sound and she started to lift to the swell rolling in from the north west - straight from the far reaches of the North Atlantic. The long lazy swells presented no problem to a boat of this size. Gently she raised her head to them, a shower of spray blasting aft to rattle against the wheelhouse windows. Sufficiently powered to handle easily in this type of weather, not overpowered to drive her nose deep in the oncoming swells she ploughed her way to the fishing grounds. Then a repeat of last nights performance, the nets streamed out in their two mile line, her head brought up to the wind and waves and she rode easily to her drift.

All too soon it was time to start hauling again. A mug of tea, then in to the boots and oilskin gear then out on deck. The wind had died during the night and now only the long rolling swells were left as evidence of last nights storm.


PETE THE PONY by LINDA SPENDLEY Part two

"Why isn't Pete here?" asked Holly. "I thought I was going to ride him."

"You will," said Lynn, "but as well as learning to ride, I want you to learn to look after him. One day, perhaps you'll have a pony of your own."

Holly was thrilled. She'd do anything if she could have her own pony.

"First, catch your pony," said Lynn, as she handed Holly a head collar. Together they went to the paddock to find Pete. He loved company, and it only took a few minutes for Lynn to show Holly how to put on the head collar, and they were heading for the stable.

"Now the saddle?" asked Holly, impatiently.

"Not yet," answered Lynn. "First we brush him, and clean out his hooves. Then we're ready. I'll show you today, but you can help tomorrow."

Holly watched while her mum brushed Pete's coat until it shone. She was alarmed when Lynn lifted Pete's feet to clean them, but Pete was used to it, and behaved beautifully. As she worked, Lynn explained the importance of what she was doing.

"If he's dirty, the saddle and bridle might rub, and cause sore spots, and if you leave a stone in his hoof, he'll go lame. Now do you see why it's important?"

"Oh, yes," said Holly. "I wouldn't like it if Pete got hurt."

At last, they were ready. Lynn had just checked that Holly's hard hat was in place when Tom arrived.

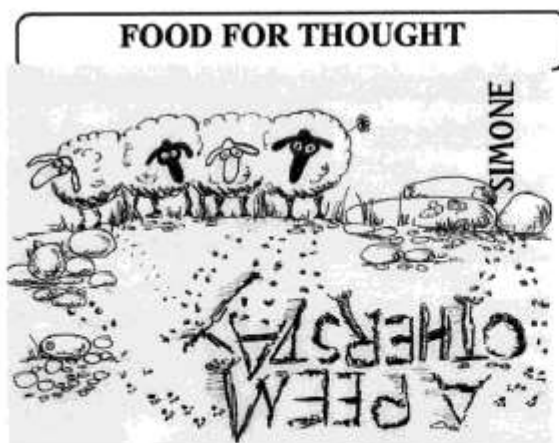
"Just in time," said Lynn. Turning to Holly, she said, "dad can hold Pete while I help you mount." It was hard the first time, but eventually Holly was on!

Tom led Pete around the lawn while Lynn helped Holly get her balance. She showed her how to hold her reins, and how to keep her feet in the stirrups. All too soon, the first lesson was over.

"Tomorrow's another day," said Lynn. "We don't want Pete getting tired do we?" Holly was disappointed, but she didn't want Pete to be too tired to do it again the next day.

When they'd taken off Pete's tack, Holly led him into his stable because it was time for his tea.

Next month Pete's Holiday



"WILL WE EVER GET THE HANG OF THIS TEXTING?"



BAKEWARE	KNIFE	SKILLET
COLANDER	LADLE	SPATULA
CROCKERY	PLATE	SPOON
CUTLERY	POTATO PEELER	WHISK
FISH-SLICE	ROLLING-PIN	WOK
FORK	SAUCEPAN	
FRYING-pan	SIEVE	

A TALK ON HOUSES & LAIRDS IN STRONSAY ...cont'd

During the winter months two men looked after the cattle, feeding them with turnips, straw and bruised oats. This was the time to get the cattle fattened up for sale in Kirkwall or Aberdeen. The cattle had to walk to the pier, some of them were absolutely exhausted after walking the long distance from Holland farm.

The married families' on the farm stayed very well, the young unmarried's were always on the move getting to know the different employers. The wages at this time were. about £8.00 in the half year. A must with them was to own a watch. These watches being of very good quality lasted a long time. I don't know what they cost but I'd imagine they were fairly expensive.

After a bit the black polled cattle came in and took over to a great extent. I will not go over the different breeds here in Stronsay at the moment - they are too numerous to mention but I think you all know what I consider best!

Then we had our sheep. As to the' different breeds - they are not so much different from first I remember but they have had their ups and downs in number. I would think at the present time it is below average.

First I remember hens were a must on small farms. I have carried many a basket of eggs to the shops. In a way they were a form of barter. The shop keeper stated his price. In most cases you got groceries for the eggs. They were a weekly income on the smaller farms and for a long time did well but as feeding meats got dearer, overheads rose sharply and we can see the results to-day in the very small numbers kept. Except for eggs I would say we are supplying more and more foodstuffs from our farms but fewer and fewer people are on the farms which I am sorry to, say that I regret.

To be cont'd

Stronsay Footprints

a new group on Stronsay

Are you interested in local history or archaeology? Do you enjoy being outdoors, walking and exploring remote places? Are you worried about what our modern lifestyle is doing to the natural environment? Do you think history can help us plan for the future? Do you enjoy learning new facts and discussing ideas? Do you want to help the children and young people of Stronsay take an interest in these things?

If so, you might like to come to the launch of a new group called Stronsay Footprints.

Stronsay Footprints came together from two separate directions. Eunice Bourn & Jennifer George were thinking about a local history and archaeology group. Bob Tateson was planning an outdoor school trip and was looking for ways to raise money to lower the cost of the trip. He was advised that there was more chance of getting a grant from the Lottery Fund if the application came from a group rather than from the school. So the two ideas came together.

How the group develops from here depends on who joins and what particular interests they have. We have written a constitution that is broad enough to cover a wide range of activities and interests.

If you are interested, or just curious, come along to the Foundation Meeting in March. We will put up adverts in the shops giving the exact date & time.

ADVERTS, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A General Apology to the Community

In recent days it has been brought to my attention that some of the words I spoke at Willie's funeral have caused ill-feelings among his family and others of you who were there, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize and ask for forgiveness. It is not always easy to choose the words that are meant to describe a person's character or life experiences, and it seems that in this case I managed to choose the wrong ones. I want to make it very clear to everyone that I certainly was not told by any member of the family to say what I did. I alone am wholly to blame. Any anger or hurt that is felt should be directed at me - it would not be fair to direct it at any other person in this place. I hope you will believe me, though, when I say that it was certainly not my intent to cause offence in the first place, and I have indeed learned a few things as a result of this experience. I also hope for the future that if any of you are hurt or angered by something you hear me say or see me do, you will find a way to speak to me about it, so that the ill-feelings can be brought out into the open and dealt with, so that, hopefully, things can begin to be put right again. Thank you. Jennifer

I was recently invited for a meal
The Boss some friends and the wives as weel'
We went back home to Midgarth Farm
For a dram or two and a right good yarn
I have worked there for 40 years or more
And chapped me finger building dyke, it's sore
A variety of jobs I must say
From building houses to making hay
Now I must thank the late Sam and Ian
For employing me that long, times just fleeing
Over the years we've doubled the coo
To Ian and Arna for the gift, a big thank
you Robbie

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19 inch Monitor £50 Exercise Bike.
Indoor Static, total body workout, monitor
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31st March , 8pm start
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Cash Prize
Massive Raffle, prizes from Ortak, Sheila
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In aid of the secondary school S1 to S3
summer trip to Scotland

TABLE TOP SALE AT THE SCHOOL

TUESDAY 13th MARCH
HOME BAKES, TEAS, COFFEES, RAFFLES BOTTLE STALL
DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL
PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN ITS FOR THE CAMPING TRIP TO SCOTLAND FOR
THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN MAY

QUIZ Nicknames

1. What is the name of the bear who lives in Nutwood?
2. What name is given to a female bear?
3. Which animated bear was voiced by Phil Harris in the film *The Jungle Book* ?
4. After whom is the teddy bear named?
5. What is the name of Yogi Bear's girlfriend?
6. What name is given to the headdress worn by soldiers of the Guards Division?
7. Who created the character of *Paddington Bear*?
8. What species of bear is named after an island in the Gulf of Alaska?
9. Who played the title role in the 1993 film *Jack and the Bear* ?
10. Who was the author of *Winnie the Pooh*?

ANSWERS BELOW

1. Rupert the Bear 2. Sow 3. Baloo 4. Theodore Roosevelt 5. Cindy
6. A bearskin 7. Michael Bond 8. Kodiak bears 9. Danny De Vito 10. A.A Milne

**STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST
BOARD MEMBERS**

Following the Annual General Meeting, and a subsequent Board Meeting, the Board now consists of:

Malcolm Addison	Jennifer George (co-opted)
Ian Cooper (Vice-Chair)	Cora Goodram
Julia Crocker	Colin McAlpine
Brian Crowe	Leo Martini-Brown (Treasurer)
Juliet Durrant (Secretary)	Sinclair Scott (co-opted)
Mike Erdman (Chair)	Damian Stout
Sue Fairbrother	Eoin Stevenson

William Caithness works with the Board as the Local Development Officer.

**LIMPET's KITCHEN
COUNTRY EGGS**

1 oz Butter
1 Onion
4 oz Chopped Bacon
2oz Chopped Mushrooms
1½ lb Mashed Potatoes
£ Hard boiled Eggs
3 oz Bread Crumbs

Melt butter in a frying pan add onion, bacon & mushrooms fry gently until cooked.
Meanwhile mash tatties and chopped eggs
Together, season well.
Mix all ingredient together then shape into egg shapes, dust with flour, coat with beaten egg role in breadcrumbs then deep fry until golden

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Cafe, Hostel & Interpretation centre.
Hot meals, light snacks, home bakes,
teas, coffees

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Friday; 5pm-7pm
Saturday; 5pm-7pm
Sunday; 12pm-2pm
5pm-7pm

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LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT MONDAY 27th MARCH
check shops for times and places

STRONSAY SINGERS

WE ARE DESPERATE FOR MORE SINGERS TO JOIN THE GROUP, ITS VERY INFORMAL AND GOOD FUN PLEASE COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A TRY. CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE MONDAY'S 7.30pm at the HALL

STRONSAY YOUTH CLUB

OPEN NIGHT!!! On Friday 23rd March From 8pm til 10pm (no admission charge) We will be having raffles, sales table and competitions in aid of "Orkney Association of Youth Club Clubs".

Come along and have a game of darts, pool, snooker, sing star PS2, dance mats PS2, air hockey etc. etc. There will also be tea, coffee & biscuits.

EVERYONE WELCOME - PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US (Under 10's must be accompanied by a parent) Any donations very gratefully

Received - please give to Sheena or hand in on the night. **THANKS**

DARTS

Grand final of Darts in the Community Centre on Saturday 17th March

Select 1 v Farmers 1

At 8pm PROMPT

Also Challenge Cup, Junior Darts, Euchre Raffles, Supper & 100 Club

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THE LIMPET WITH POEMS, CARTOONS, AND INFORMATION. KEEP IT COMING. YVONNE & HEATHER

MOTHER & TODDLER Meets

every Thursday

9.30 until 11am

All pre school children welcome

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A DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Now available to hire.

Badminton £2 per hour + hydro

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All equipment provided

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present

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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.

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VET - FLETT & CARMICHAEL	01856872859	REGISTRAR	616239
VET - NORTHVET	01856873403	FISHMART	616386
KIRK	616311	HALL BOOKINGS	616446
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UP TO 3 ITEMS FREE 4-6 ITEMS £20 7-FULL PICK UP LOAD £45

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