



# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## Long Service Medal Presentation

Members of the Stronsay Fire and Rescue Service and their partners had a night out at the Stronsay Hotel on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to mark the occasion of Firefighter Ingram Stout having completed twenty years in the Fire Service. In addition to the local firefighters, Orkney's District Officer Group Manager Dave Clark also made the journey out to Stronsay to join in the celebrations.

After a lovely meal provided by Carol and her helpers, Watch Manager Ian Cooper spoke of Ingram's time in the Fire Brigade (now the Fire and Rescue Service) and the changes that had taken place over the last twenty years. The most important changes Ian recounted were the gradual changes from training once or twice a year to the present weekly training sessions, the building of a new Fire Station and the provision of a purpose-built Light Fire Appliance. Perhaps the most significant change was more recently when the station was upgraded to allow us the use of Breathing Apparatus when fighting fires and, more recently, when the Stronsay Fire Station was again upgraded to become a retained unit where the duty systems, training, pay and of course the dreaded paperwork were all changed to be on a par with the larger stations such as Kirkwall and Stromness. On a more humorous note, Ian also recounted the time when Ingram was training in heat and smoke at the Training School in Invergordon and came out of the firehouse with his ears singed and supposedly looking and smelling just like crispy bacon!

Group Manager Dave Clark then spoke of the commitment and dedication needed to reach this milestone of twenty years service to the community before reading out a citation from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> acknowledging this service. On behalf of the Firemaster he then presented Ingram with a Long Service and Good Conduct medal in recognition of his achievement. After some persuasion, Ingram replied briefly that he had enjoyed the last twenty years, feeling he was doing something worthwhile, enjoying the 'crack' and, latterly, enjoying the pay too!

After the completion of this more formal part of the evening, a very relaxed and enjoyable time was had by all with some quizzes, logic tests and finally music and song provided by Mike Holland and Dave Clark.

A reminder – on Stronsay, as everywhere else, if you ever need to call out the Fire and Rescue Service, then all you have to do is **DIAL 999**.

I Cooper



## “DISTANT WATERS” by Dr George McKay

The first net was dragged up dripping from the sea and there under the surface could be seen the silver sheen of herring. They had struck it rich. Now at last he was taking part in something he had heard about for so long- a genuine team effort as together they hauled the nets aboard - haul, shake to release the herring from the meshes, then shake aft to spill the freed herring on to the deck. There on the deck the bunker lid was already open and the herring were disappearing down a chute where one of the crew waited with an aluminium box. The box was filled by opening a sliding door at the end of the chute, then closing it to cut off the silvery stream of herring when the box was full. The full boxes were then stacked and tightly jammed in the empty fishroom ready for the market. Meanwhile, back on deck, the excitement was growing. Ten nets had now been retrieved and instead of becoming less the quantity of herring in the nets was increasing. Now they were reaching the longed for "cran per net". (A cran was the standard measure of herring - four baskets or six boxes-weighing around four hundred-weights or two hundred kilos)

Herring Fever  
It brings nae pain this strange disease,  
But, man, its hard to thole.  
The only cures a cran the net  
Or else a sax fit hole.

Now the weight of herring lying above the net as they were shaken loose was hampering the operation. It was time to turn the net- bring the cork rope forward and the foot rope aft- so that the majority of the herring hung down from the net. This made cleaning the net easier and hauling faster. Daylight was now well in and still they hauled and shook. Everyone and everything was covered with the fine silver scales. Occasionally the skipper would shout out "Speak to them, lads".

To be answered in the time honoured cry "Swim up, you Silver Darlings". As they hauled on towards the end of their nets the quantity of herring became less. No one was too bothered, they all knew they had a good catch safely down, boxed and stowed in the fishroom. With two or three nets still to haul the cook was released from his solitary confinement by another crew member. He re-appeared with a basin and started to select forty or fifty of the best herring he could find then disappeared towards the galley with them. As soon as the last net was aboard they could relax. The skipper was back in the wheelhouse and the boats head, now considerably lower in the water, turned south for home. Already the smell of fresh herring, rolled in oatmeal and fried, was drifting around the boat. The swell was behind them, no need to put the canvas cover over the nets as there would be no waves pouring over the deck. The deck and wheelhouse quickly washed down, much easier when the scales were still wet, oilskins washed and hung up, then down to the cabin for breakfast- fried herring and oatcakes- washed down with mugs of tea. Then set the watch for a twenty hour sail back to their mainland port.

By mid afternoon they were well into their journey. They had all had a few hours sleep, been fed again and were now ready to tackle the last part of the days work. Due to the fairly heavy haul this morning, the nets still contained a few herring and mackerel which could not be shaken out like the herring. The nets were pulled from the pile, forty on to one side deck, forty on to the other. All remaining fish and bits of fish were carefully picked from the nets and any holes in the net pulled to one side for repair. Failure to clean the nets carefully would result in the rich, oily fish rotting quickly with a risk of overheating and damaging the nets. Also once they reached harbour the planks at the base of the net pile could be lifted allowing easier access to the boxes offish waiting for discharge. Now, apart from the two watch keepers, they were free to relax for the next eight or ten hours until they reached their home port. To him this was probably the most enjoyable time of the whole trip, homeward bound with a good catch, reasonably assured of a good price. A successful culmination to the hunt, the satisfaction of being part of a successful team, a deep sense of satisfaction rarely to be achieved in any other form of employment that he would experience once he had left the fishing industry.

In the early dawn they slipped quietly in to port and up to their berth. The town was quiet-most people asleep, but already on the quayside the first of the daily workforce were arriving- ships runners from the fish salesmans office, night watchmen, a few buyers from the fish merchants to gain an early preview of the expected landings for the day. A sample of the catch was loaded into a small basket and taken by the mate to the sale ring to be sold by auction. Within the next hour lorries started to appear at the boats side, the fishroom was opened up and discharging started. The herring, packed in six stone boxes (approximately thirty five kilos), were hoisted up three boxes at a time to the waiting lorries. Landing proceeded smoothly until the inevitable argument got up, prompted by one of the buyers of the catch that the quality did not match the sample. This was a fairly frequent complaint, sometimes justified, more often a ploy to reduce the price or to extort a few boxes of herring free- a form of moral blackmail by the more unscrupulous buyers. After a bit of heated haggling honour was satisfied and discharging proceeded smoothly. .

After two hours the fishroom was empty and the serious business of cleaning up began. The fishroom was hosed down with a mixture of salt water and detergent, the bilges pumped dry and air allowed to circulate in the fishroom. On the pier lay a pile of empty boxes from which the fish had been emptied into buyers containers. These had to be washed and scrubbed clean. Any boxes which were taken away full were returned, washed and then stowed back in the fishroom. The nets which lay neatly piled on the sidedecks were hauled down into the net pile above the fishroom and the boat generally tidied for the weekend. An advance on the wages was distributed evenly among the crew - full settlement of wages on herring drifters only took place every six weeks and then it was time to catch the bus home. The first distant water trip was over.

Next month Distant Waters Again

### Stronsay Bird News

The albino Shag last seen in Odiness Bay in November reappeared very close inshore opposite Minerva in early March, and Clive Martin reports seeing the bird regularly from Papa Stronsay around that time. Several Mealy Redpolls were seen in late February and early March - Robbie Rendall and Brian Crowe reporting the first singles - with a party of 15 or so at Dale. Early Woodcock; Mistle Thrush, and Stonechat were all seen before the end of February and a Goosander was in the Mill Stream briefly on 26th - just the fourth island record.

A Tree Sparrow - just the third island record - discovered at Dale on 1st March, is still present there, feeding quite happily among the bigger House Sparrows. The first Pied Wagtail was seen on 8th March - right on cue - but very few other migrants were recorded until a few Goldcrests arrived in late March. Shelduck had arrived in good numbers by this time and a party of 6 Gadwall were seen several times on the Bu Loch. An Iceland Gull was seen from Castle on 27th March and a Wood Pigeon was at Dale on 29th & 30th. A Siskin was in the Castle garden on 30th by which time the island was alive with Curlew - mostly migrants held up in the bad weather - but very few Golden Plover. Virtually all the over-wintering Robins had left the island by the end of the month by which time Linnets were beginning to appear in their usual breeding 'grounds' - the island's fuchsia hedges.

Margaret Crowe saw the first (two) Wheatears on 1st, and Jim Cooper reported 1-2 Goldcrests in early April when a few Redwings heading for the northern breeding grounds arrived on the island. Many hundreds of Golden Plover were present in the Airstrip area, the majority in full summer plumage with black bellies and gold-spangled upperparts - well worth looking for in the fields of short grass. Several Redwings arrived in the south end of the island on 11th April when the party of 15 Whooper Swans were still present at Airy. It will surely not be long before the swans head off for the breeding grounds in Iceland. Several Rooks - very uncommon on the island - have been seen in early spring, including a party of five between Ellerslie and Castle.

The fine weather on Friday 13th (!) brought Wheatear and Chiffchaff to the Reserve area - a sure sign that spring is here! More Wheatears arrived on Saturday and the species is often seen along the roads, perched on fence posts, or flying low along the tarmac when the black & white rump and tail area is very conspicuous. This is also a good time of year to see divers around the island, with several Red-throated and Great Northern generally present in Mill Bay - often quite close inshore. Red-breasted Mergansers are also present in Mill Bay now, and a few Long-tailed Ducks which have not yet left for the breeding grounds in Iceland are still to be seen. Another bird well worth looking for is the (almost) albino Redshank which has been seen in the Bu/Blan Loch area several times in early April.

#### LATE NEWS

Adult Little Gull at Matpow also Stone Curlew (2nd island record) flying past Matpow on Sunday 15th 6pm.

John & Sue Holloway



A TALK ON HOUSES AND LAIRDS IN STRONSAY      final part

But on the credit side we have now a much higher standard of living. Take for instance the old age pension. First it came out it was FIVE SHILLINGS!!! This is a subject in itself. To sum up we have seen remarkable changes in this period.

Now to young men in farms to-day I say, Feed your land, Feed your livestock and you won't go far wrong.

After a day's harvesting some of the workmen when at tea in the farmhouse kitchen were discussing the price of the wild white clover. On overhearing the conversation the lady of the house remarked "Well a pound will not go far". One man r\*plied "No Madam not in these times"!!!!

About this time the gramophone came in. You bought different records to play the tunes. We owned one. -Harry Lauder's tunes were very popular. A retired couple, Mr & Mrs Robert<sup>1</sup> Miller, lived in Hill House and these tunes were a great source of delight to them. He developed cancer but nothing could be done about that at that time and he suffered badly before he died.

Some of the married workers owned a milking cow and the wife made butter and cheese. But when the calf was born it had to go to the employer in lieu of the cow's keep on the farm.

On a farm the size of Holland they needed a lot of cattle. They went out and bought cattle from all the farms that had ones to sell. The employers on larger farms did no manual work, there was usually a grieve. This man would allocate the work, each man getting up at six o'clock and doing the work required. If he was a horse man he had to dress, groom and give feeds of bruised oats and at night time they spent about an hour doing the same again. I would say people were fairly contented and happy. There were lots of dances in the hall or barns at different farms.

On Sundays the churches were well attended, the preachers giving long sermons. On Sacrament Sunday there was a mid day break. Work on a Sunday was cut to a minimum - anything that could be left until Monday was left, quite a difference from the present day!!!

At this time big sailing ships were going downhill. It was time for the steam ships to take over. They could get to a port on a certain date and please customers.

It was in the year of 1890 that a sailing ship "Festina Lente" lay to<sup>1</sup> the south west of Torness, coming ashore on Torness. The men launched a boat and came ashore but one man was lost. The ship broke up on- the rocks and pieces of her timbers have been washed up for years. It was during the spring of the same year that the barn at Holland was burnt to the ground. The rafters used on .the new barn which stands to day were from that self same sailing ship - the Festiria Lente.

You can see the remains of another ship the "Olga" which came ashore on the Crock Sands between Housebay and Holland and parts of it can still be seen buried in the sand. I would say about 50 or 60 years, ago a big steamer went ashore on the south side of Auskerry but all attempts to get her off failed. She was said to be going to ports in South America with an assortment of very trifling goods. In both these cases all the men were saved. <sup>The</sup> steamer concerned was the "Hastings County".

Then we had the loss of the St Rognvald which ran aground in Odiness Bay coming from Shetland. All aboard were saved including a Shetland pony which swam ashore.

The St Rognvald lay aground most of the summer eventually breaking up during the storms. As a boy I remember the "Edinmore" - a sailing ship - going ashore on Papa Stronsay. It was during the summer time that she went aground and she lay quite safe for a good while. She was eventually bought from the Insurers by a Kirkwall man who took everything of value out of her. She broke up when the winter storms came. One of the items in her was marbles so we had plenty of them to play with as boys. Some of the people who lived at the Station managed to get some good furniture out of her before she was taken over by the insurance!

**LIMPET's KITCHEN**  
**EASY MADE SALMON PATE**

4oz (100g) can of red or pink salmon.  
Squeeze of lemon juice  
2oz butter  
3tbsp creme fraiche (or sour cream / greek yoghurt )  
Salt & pepper  
Pinch cayenne pepper  
1tsp mustard or horseradish

**METHOD**

Remove skin & bones from salmon. Place fish & any liquid from tin in food processor with lemon juice blitz for a few seconds until smooth. Add butter, cayenne, mustard (or horseradish) , salt & pepper, blitz again. Spoon into individual ramekins or a larger dish.

Cover with a layer of melted butter and chill.

(can be made several days in advance and kept in fridge.)

Alternatively substitute salmon with other oily fish such as, mackerel, tuna, kippers etc

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

**The magic moving post box.**

Once there was a post box if you wanted to post a letter in it you never knew quite where to find it for one day it would be on the main road but the next day it had moved around the corner. Just when you thought you knew where it would be it would move back again. One day Mrs Perkins had a surprise for when she pulled her curtains on Monday morning she found outside her living room window the post box when the postman came to empty the letters out he said it could not possibly stay there as people were afraid to post letters there as it was in someone's garden. So he tried to move it but he could not he asked several people who had come to post letters to help him but alas they could not move it either. Then the postman said perhaps we could push it over, as it's only on grass this they did manage to do. They rolled it up the path but could not get it out of the gate. Just then Mrs Perkins called out it's such a hot day and you all look so tired would you like to come in for a cup of tea. When they all came out what a surprise the post box had moved back around the corner. The postman scratched his head Mrs Perkins scratched her head all the people waiting to post letters scratched their heads. No one knew the secret of the magic moving post box.

By Christine Richings

**QUIZ CREATURE COMFORTS**

1. What is the worlds largest lizard?
2. Who rode an eight - legged horse called Sleipner?
3. What is the name of Long John Silver's parrot in *Treasure Island*?
4. What has an Octopus got three of, that humans have only one?
5. Which common household pet is descended from the wild cavy?
6. Which mythical beast became part of the Royal Coat of Arms for the first time in 1603?
7. What name is given to a female ferret?
8. Which species of snake is also called the hamadryad?
9. What is the young of an otter called?
10. Which mammals belong to the chiroptera order of mammals?

ANSWERS BELOW

1. Komodo Dragon 2. Odin, the King of the Viking Gods 3. Captain Flint 4. Hearts 5. Guinea Pig 6. The Unicorn. It was a 'supporter' of the coat of arms of James VI of Scotland and was incorporated into the Royal Coat of Arms on his accession to the throne. It has remained ever since 7. Jill 8. King cobra 9. Whelp 10. Bats.

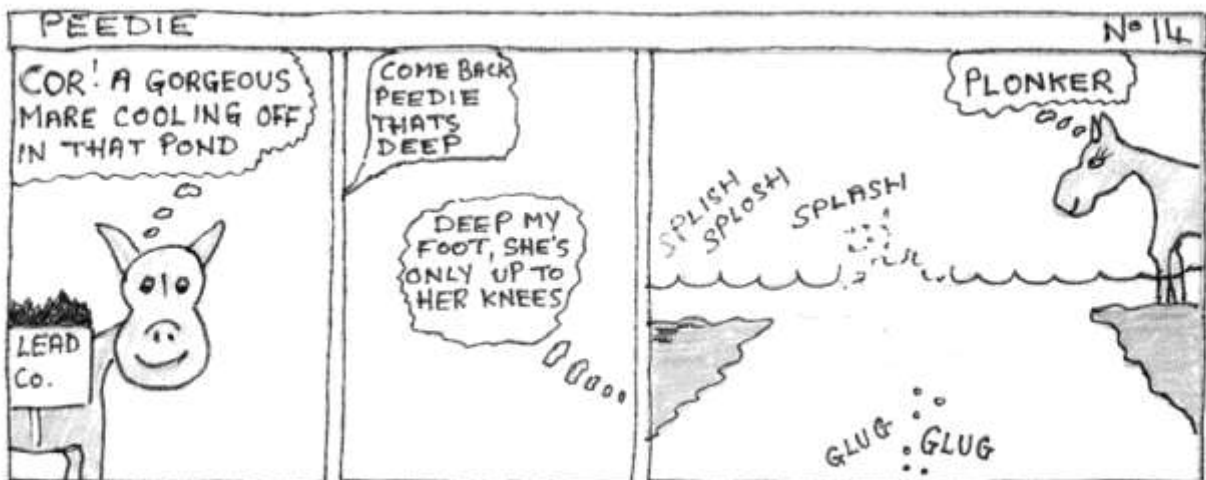
**STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT  
TRUST  
DRY STONE DYKING AT LOWER  
MILLFIELD**

The weekend of 24-25 March saw the second dry stone dyking course run in Stronsay. Five attendees – Mike Burger, Dave Fernley, Paul Glaze, Val Lucas and Leo Martini-Brown – spent two days learning



about the techniques of dyking and building sections of dyke, with their tutor, Brian Omand. The course was organised with the help of Orkney Training Group and funded by RSPA and the Stronsay Development Trust. During the previous course, two years ago, two old pennies were found buried in the stones – one dated 1899 and the second 1915 – and an even earlier one turned up this time with a very young Victoria's head on it and a date of 1863.

J.Durrant





**PETE THE PONY** by **LINDA SPENDLEY** Part three

“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.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

SIMONE

“CAN’T SEE THAT IT’S GOT MUCH TO DO WITH THE MONTH’S WEATHER - MORE LIKE ONE O’ THOSE GM EXPERIMENTATIONS.”

- AIRY
- BLAST
- BLOWING
- BLOWY
- BLUSTER
- BREEZE
- CURRENT
- CYCLONE
- DRAUGHT
- GALE
- GUST
- HURRICANE
- MISTRAL
- MONSOON
- PUFF
- SIROCCO
- STORMY
- TEMPEST
- TORNADO
- WHISPER
- WINDSWEP1
- WINDY
- ZEPHYR

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from all your family  
Mary Middleton***

**(70 years young on the 29th of April 2007)!**

**May it keep you ever happy when the lonely hours appear,**

**To know that our Love for you keeps you ever near.**

**Time cannot destroy our memories and the passing years will not erase,**

**The tenderness and kindness we see in your loving face.**

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**We will cherish you always and honour your courage,**

**We know what sacrifices you made, "Just to manage,"**

**You were patient and forgiving and gave us room to grow,**

**You gave us values and cheered us when we were sad and low.**

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**We owe you more than just thanks or "well done"**

**We owe you all of our lives and Love, ( and then some )!**

**Because you really are Our One and Only**

***Very Special Mum***



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## LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT MONDAY 24th APRIL  
check shops for times and places

## STRONSAY SINGERS

MONDAY'S 7.30pm at the HALL

## FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

### CLUB

FRIDAY NIGHT 8.00 TILL 10.00

ENTRANCE £1

COME ALONG FOR A FUN FILLED  
NIGHT AIR HOCKEY TABLE,  
POOL TABLE, PLAY STATION 3 SING  
STAR, SNOOKER, JUICE, CRISPS AND  
SWEETS AVAILABLE

**YOUNGSTERS SHOULD BE PICKED  
UP BY 10pm AT THE LATEST**

## SWIM CLUB

The Longhope Gala is to be held at the  
Kirkwall Swimming Pool on Saturday  
12th May. Swim club still on a Thursday  
night at the pool, usual times. Any more  
information from Sheena 616306

## STRONSAY GALA

### ADULTS Baking

Lemon Curd  
Fatty Cutties  
Cheese & onion pie  
with shortcrust pastry  
6 pieces of plain toffee  
//  
Pot plant  
Dressed medium  
teddy bear  
Emroidered pillow  
case  
Knitted scarf

### MENS BAKING

Any baked cake  
**Children 5 - 16**  
**years**  
Toffee apples  
Rock cakes  
Gingerbread men  
Desk organiser  
**Pre School**  
Picture  
**All children under**  
**16**  
Best dressed hand  
made scarcrow, any  
size

## MOTHER & TODDLER Meets every

Thursday 9.30 until 11am

All pre school children welcome

For more information phone

Sarah 616406

## COMPANIONS

Monday 2pm all welcome

For more info phone Jean on 616307

## LINKING YOU TO LOCAL LEARNING

There is now help on hand in Stronsay for  
adults wanting to brush up on English, Maths  
& Basic Computer Skills

Improve these and your confidence within  
the comfort of your own community.  
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Confidential.

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## 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

**BUSINESSES CONT'D**

HAIRDRESSER  
VICKI WILL BE IN STRONSAY ON  
SATURDAY 21st APRIL AT  
THE STRONSAY HOTEL  
FOR BOOKINGS  
PLEASE TELEPHONE 07903773679

**WOMEN'S GUILD**  
Guild meeting on 24th April at 7.30pm  
Open meeting  
Speaker Captain Bennett  
from the Salvation Army.  
Tea, Coffee will be served

**GREETINGS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MANY HAPPY RETURNS  
LOUISE FOR 25th  
LOVE AND BEST WISHES  
FROM PEACE & WALTER  
X X

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
SHANNON FOR MAY  
LOVE FROM  
LOUISE LESLIE & CASSY  
X X X

LOUISE  
HAPPY 37th BIRTHDAY  
MUCH LOVE  
STEVE, YVONNE, CRAIG & JODY  
X X X X

**ADVERTS**

**FOR SALE**  
IKEA HANGING CHAIR - BLUE  
WITH CEILING BRACKETS  
AS NEW £15  
PHONE JODY 616375

**FOR SALE**  
POWER DEVIL SELF DRIVE PETROL  
LAWNMOWER  
BRAND NEW, NEVER BEEN OUT OF  
THE BOX (COST £180+)  
OFFERS  
PHONE LESLIE 616283

**FOR SALE**  
SMALL CHEST FREEZER  
GOOD WORKING CONDITION  
OFFERS  
PHONE LESLIE 616283

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
SHANNON FOR 9th MAY  
MUCH LOVE FROM  
GRANNY & GRANDAD  
X X

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOUISE  
LOVE FROM  
LESLIE, CASSY & SHANNON  
X X X

SHANNON  
HAPPY 12th BIRTHDAY  
LOTS OF LOVE  
UNCLE STEVE, AUNTIE VONNIE,  
CRAIG, JODY & THE GIRLS  
X X X X X X X

**SCHOOL NOTICE**

Stronsay School would like to remind everyone that after the Easter holidays, some pupils will be starting to travel to and from school on foot or by bicycle. If you are a road-user, please ensure you take extra care on the roads. Cyclists are reminded about the importance of wearing a helmet and making sure their bike is in good working order. Could we also ask that dog-walkers keep their pets on a lead at times when children may be getting on and off the school bus. Thank you. Mairi Maciver

**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

<b>DOCTORS</b>	<b>616321/308</b>	<b>B&amp;B CLESTRAIN</b>	<b>616340</b>
<b>NURSES</b>	<b>616453/232</b>	<b>B&amp;B AIRY</b>	<b>616372</b>
<b>HYDRO</b>	<b>0800300999</b>	<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>01856873166</b>
<b>BALFOUR HOSPITAL</b>	<b>01856888000</b>	<b>COMPANIONS</b>	<b>616307</b>
<b>DENTIST KING STREET</b>	<b>01856875348</b>	<b>GALA</b>	<b>616463/339</b>
<b>VET - FLETT &amp; CARMICHAEL</b>	<b>01856872859</b>	<b>REGISTRAR</b>	<b>616239</b>
<b>VET - NORTHVET</b>	<b>01856873403</b>	<b>FISHMART</b>	<b>616386</b>
<b>KIRK</b>	<b>616311</b>	<b>HALL BOOKINGS</b>	<b>616446</b>
<b>STRONSAY HOTEL</b>	<b>616213</b>	<b>POST OFFICE</b>	<b>616217</b>
<b>MAURICE'S</b>	<b>616255</b>	<b>SPECIAL CONSTABLE</b>	<b>616216</b>
<b>EBENEZER STORES</b>	<b>616339</b>	<b>STRONSAY LIMPET</b>	<b>616375/453</b>

### 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 ONTHURSDAY 10th MAY**

**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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