

STRONSAY LIMPET

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SCHOOL PLAY A HIT!!!!!

Food glorious food and a spoonful of sugar, along with a few other musical master pieces is how 'The Rocky Monster Show' exploded onto the stage.

Children ranging in ages from 5 to 15 all played a part in entertaining the Stronsay masses for two nights at the end of May and what a brilliant couple of nights it was, with singing from all the school pupils including solo performances from Nattie Campbel Scott Howells and Tilly Martin mixed with live music from carefully selected and amazingly talented youngsters of all ages, and stages of learning including Sean Cooper on the accordion, Janet Holland, Lauren Caithness and Leanne Stout on the cello. Alice Holland, Jody Weaver, Alison Fraser, Juliette Peace, Jacqui Smith and Tilly Martin on fiddle. It really was amazing to see just how talented the young people of Stronsay and it goes to show that with the right encouragement and support our island is very much gifted in the arts.



The Rocky Monster show was the highlight of the night with Sean Cooper, Leanne Stout, Ocean Miller, Nattie Campbell Scott Howells, Emoly Bourne and many, many more displayed amazing acting skills. The comedy moments mostly being added by Courtney Peace, Jenna Stevenson and Duncan Brown who were for want of a better phrase, absolutely brilliant managing to

make the entire audience of every age laugh until they could laugh no more. Entertainment also came in the form of 'Boy Band' Wet Wet Dry performing a rewritten version of 'Love Is All Around' and also the 'Superbs' singing 'Ladylove'.

To finish we had a solo performance by 'ELVIS' aka Keith Holland!!!!

The amount of time and effort all the children and staff at the school and everyone else who helped, made the two nights what they were do deserve a big thank you and well done for all they did, because without these people none of this would have been possible.

The costumes were stunning and very fitting for the show, all well assembled as was the face painting done by our local artist Jenny Flett. A big thank you must go out to George McKinley and Chris Giles for all their hard work to get the show up and running. A big thanks also to all the people that helped with scenery. And may the next one be just as good if not better.



Revision of the leaflet, 'Stronsay – Where The Magic Never Ends'

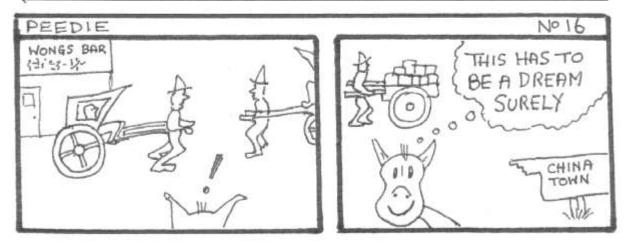
The Stronsay Development Trust's sub group for Amenities has been looking at the leaflet 'Stronsay – Where The Magic Never Ends', checking that the information is accurate before re-printing and circulating to the boats, shops, Visit Orkney and Visit Scotland tourist information centres.

We have learned that Visit Orkney will carry the leaflets and include B&B accommodation details in their booklets only if the information is supported by the B&B and Hotel Quality Assurance Rating – that's the 1 to 5 star grading and classification scheme. This could mean that Stronsay accommodation providers might choose not to advertise on this leaflet.

Importantly however, there may be other service providers on the island who have changed or have set up since the leaflet was first produced so this is a **plea to all readers**. If you wish to advertise your Stronsay business or service - free of charge - on the leaflet, could you please complete the form below and hand it in to Sue at the Post Office **before the end of July**.

With thanks - Julia Crocker, Clifton. Sue Fairbrother, Post Office.

YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TEL NO. (SORRY - CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS)	SERVICE OR BUSINESS NAME – EXACT WORDS THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE ON THE LEAFLET	CONTACT DETAILS THAT YOU WANT PRINTED



Part Two

On their next trip it was decided to change their fishing grounds slightly. Early in the season herring tended to be found to the north and west of Shetland. These were mainly large good quality herring. As the season progressed they became scarcer and smaller herring appeared in quantity to the east of the islands. It was here they were now bound. All day on the Monday he had been in agony with toothache as they sailed north. Unable to sleep, unable to eat, he was utterly miserable. The night's work passed in total misery. Again they had no luck on the Monday night and headed for port - this time Lerwick. A few hours run took them in to the great natural harbour behind the island of Bressay but he could not enjoy the magnificence of the scenery due to his pain. To add to his discomfort it had now started to rain, rain like it only could in the islands - steady clouds of drizzle which soaked through everything, even oilskins. As soon as the boat was tied up he was on the pier and straight up into a strange town, enquiring where he could find a dental surgery. For the first time in his life he walked into a dentist's surgery with no fear or apprehension. He explained his problem and in next to no time was back on the street, the offending tooth extracted and totally pain free for the first time in forty eight hours. He suddenly realised that he was ravenously hungry as he had not eaten for almost two days. He made a beeline for the boat where he was still in time for breakfast then into bed for a few hours sleep. Such was his introduction to Lerwick. By the time dinner was ready he had caught up with his sleep, the rain had passed and he could start to take an interest in his surroundings. They were lying alongside a long concrete pier. To the north about half a mile distant lay the island of Bressay, enclosing a large sheltered expanse of water divided on the south side by several bays. Here the town of Lerwick rose steeply from the harbour. All around was activity. Close by lay numerous fishing vessels, herring drifters from the South, local drifters including one of the old sailing drifters, the Research, now converted to diesel power but still retaining her beautiful, distinctive lines, seine netters and several foreign boats. These were mainly Norwegian, grey painted, broad beamed, seaworthy looking boats engaged in various forms of fishing - some long lining for dogfish, some engaged in whaling. On the guays to the east and west of the harbour were cargo vessels and ferries, the small inter island ferries and the larger ferry - the St. Clair - which often passed them at night, all lights blazing as she plied her route between Aberdeen and Lerwick. The town itself looked interesting, the houses built close to the quayside and in one area, to the east, the gable ends of the houses actually jutting into the sea. There was still time to explore the immediate area of the harbour as they were not due to sail again until later that evening. Up into the main shopping area, the Roost, a quaint, narrow thoroughfare paved with massive slate slabs but no pedestrian pavement. Here pedestrians and cars vied for space. Here, there were shops aplenty, cafes, bars, hotels and as in most larger ports a Fisherman's Mission. Here, however, memory fails. Was it a new building or was it still in an older building up in the main street. The years wreak their havoc with memory and he can no longer be certain. There is certainly a vague memory of an old building but this is overlaid with visions of a new building down by the harbour. Be that as it may, the welcome extended was always the same, somewhere to enjoy a snack, sit and watch television, play snooker or table tennis and generally relax in a pleasant atmosphere. Soon sailing time came around and it was time to leave for the fishing grounds. Down the sheltered water they sailed. Now he had time to look at his surroundings, the gently sloping coast of Bressay gradually rising to high cliffs once they had passed the small lighthouse of Kirkabista, then the sheer, awe inspiring mass of Bard Head facing the open sea. To the north of this, the small island of Noss terminating in another awe inspiring sea cliff, Noss Head, surmounted by its lighthouse, its sheer face home to thousands of sea birds, wheeling, screaming in the thermals or clinging precariously to the ledges and galleries on its exposed face.

INTER - ISLES AIR SERVICE

Saturday flights – Do you want to lose them? Are you aware of the proposal to withdraw Saturday flights serving Stronsay and Sanday starting on the 28th October this year (apart from during the ferry refit period)? Are you aware of the other changes to the air timetable that are being mooted? For information on the proposals, please contact: Naomi Coleman, Head of Transportation, OIC, Kirkwall KW15 lNY; E-mail: naomi.coleman@orkney.gov.uk and let her know of any concerns you have about the proposals as soon as you can. Please copy any correspondance to your own transport rep. or to me. Thanks. Dr. Stephen Clackson (Acting Transport Rep. for Sanday) West Manse, Sanday E-mail: stephen@clackson.com

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THE HUNTER by R.F.KENT

Softly falls the leaves of Autumn, gently falling in the forest, Catching beams of sunlight turning golden for that moment. Silently stood the hunter, listening to the forest singing, to the whispering trees above him, to the symphony of the woodland, all around and with in

him

From the tree line at a distance came forth Neka leader of the herd of red deer

Proudly strode he from the forest, with his head of antlers wider than the hunters arm stretch tall he stood in the sunlight, From behind him there was movement

And came forth his doe Narma with a fawn beside her, cautious gentle loving mother. Nearer from the forest tree line came Narris, tall he stood a true contender for the leader of the dear herd, head held high he stood gazing firmly all around him envious of tall strong Neka.

Slowly then the hunter lifted up the bow of yew wood softly slowly lifted up he bow of yew wood with an arrow from the ash tree pulling back until the bison sinew touched his lips at full stretch, loosed he then the ash arrow with its feathers from a goose wing, strait and true flew the arrow striking in the heart striking deep and striking true, hardly had the buck dear felt the impact when a second arrow entered cutting off the life flow letting the once proud row buck stumble downward. From the forest tree line loped the hunter swiftly, kneeling down beside the dicing row buck placed his knife upon the life vain cutting deep he let the life flow quicker from the wounded dear. Lifting up his eyes skyward quietly he sang the song of lamentation to the great spirit giving thanks for the life of the row buck and asking that the wounded spirit be given space in the land that is for ever, placed he his finger in the darkening life blood pressing it to his for head as a sign of sadness for the death of the row buck. Softly fell the leaves of Autumn touching gold in the sun beams.

LIMPET KITCHEN

FOR THOSE HOT SUMMER DAYS!!

Home - made lemonade or limeade.

This really is very quick. It's all put into a blender, passed through a sieve and that's it!

Orangeade can also be made but half the quantity of water should be replaced with orange juice for a really rich flavour.

2 whole lemons or 3 limes, chopped (including the pith and peel)

4 tablespoons caster sugar 600ml (1 pint) water

Blitz all the ingredients to a puree in a liquidizer and then push through a sieve. More sugar may be added for a sweeter finish. This can now be chilled and served on ice. A quick and very refreshing drink is born!

QUIZ 6 YOUNG AT HEART

- 1. Who was the youngest elected president of America?
- 2. Which US astronaut ,who landed on the Moon in 1972, made more flights than any other?
- Which Mormon leader spent two years as a missionary in Britain from 1839-1841?
- 4. In which country was the group of reformers called the Young Turks found in 1865?
- 5. Who was Britain's youngest prime minister of the 20th century?
- 6 In 1844, what new organization for young men was led by George Williams?
- 7. How old was Nelson when he joined the British Navy in 1771?
- 8. How old was Charles Kennedy when he was elected, making him Britains youngest MP?
- 9. The writings on which ancient stone were decoded by Thomas Young?
- 10. Which 20th -century cartoon strip was created by Chick Young? ANSWERS BELOW

9. The Rosetta Stone. 10. Blondie

John F. Kennedy 2. John Young 3. Brigham Young 4. Turkey 5. Tony Blair
 The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) 7. He was 12 8.23

FOOD HYGIENE'S A WINNER ON STRONSAY!

Thirteen Stronsay participants took part in a recent Food Hygiene course on the island, organised by the Stronsay Development Trust, funded by Go4Volunteering, and led by Anne Hill from Orkney College. The three youngest are particularly to be congratulated on receiving their Elementary Food Hygiene Certificates, and they are rightly proud of their achievement.



Lorraine (16) is thinking of an immediate benefit: "The course was good for me as I work in a cafe'", and Lauren (11) can see its potential. "I'm pleased I passed as I may have a job that needs it in the future". Courtney (13) was equally enthusiastic in summing up her reaction to attending the course: "It was a good opportunity and I'm glad I grabbed the chance to do it!"

KIRK NEWS

The Prayer Request Box described in a previous Limpet has now been attached to the pillar by the entrance to the church car park. If any of you have a person or situation for which you would like to have someone in the church pray, you are encouraged to leave a note in the box. You may be as detailed or anonymous as you like and all requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

A Church Picnic, sponsored by the Church Guild, will be held on the church grounds on Sunday, 15th July from 2 p.m. All are invited to come along for food and fun. There will be races and games for the children.

A PAGE OF YOUR OWN

PETE THE PONY by LINDA SPENDLEY

Part five



Holly saw the sense in this. She didn't really like getting wet. Then she thought about Pete "Mum, what about Pete?" she asked. "Do you think he's alright in the rain?" Lynn laught "I'm sure he won't melt, but if you're worried, go and see if you can catch him and take h in. I'll be out in a minute."

Holly collected the head collar and set off for the paddock. Pete wasn't in sight, which was unusual. He was usually watching for company. Holly called him.

"Come on Pete, come in out of the rain." Pete didn't appear. Suddenly, she saw him. "Oh, no," she gasped. "He's in the orchard."

Pete was standing under a tree, his head between his knees. He didn't look well! Holly ran over and put on his head collar.

"Come on Pete," she cried. "You shouldn't be in here." Pete dug in his heels, and refused move. Holly didn't know what to do. "Oh, please, Pete," she wailed, "come in out of the ra I'm sure you'll feel better." She tugged and tugged on the lead rope.

Eventually, Pete made the effort and started moving. Holly was relieved. As she got near t gate she met her mum.

"What's happened?" she asked.

"Pete was in the orchard," cried Holly. "Those boys must have left the gate open. I think has tummy ache from eating too many apples." Holly burst into tears. "Don't cry Holly said her mum. "He'll be all right, I'm sure. It's lucky you came out when you did. Come (we'll get him into his stable. Dad will know what to do." Between them, they persuad Pete to walk the short distance to his stable. By the time they got there, Pete already looked bit better. Tom came round

the corner just as the sad procession made its way into the stable. "Whatever is the matter he said, as he saw the sad face "It's Pete," said Holly, "he got into the orchard, and now he not well." "Poor Pete," said Tom. "Let's take a look." He ran his hands over Pete's tumm; and then led him up and down. Pete did look sad.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"THEY RECKON IF CERTAIN HUMAN BREEDS CAN EAT THE STUFF, SO CAN THEY."

Next issue out AUGUST all adverts & events by 10th August please

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Stronsay Bird News

John & Sue Holloway

A very obliging Cuckoo took up residence in the Dale Quarry area in late May where it was seen at close range by several people, and Jim Holland reports hearing the bird call several times in the early morning at Mill-fiekL. There were also several sightings of unusual ducks in late May including single pairs of Garganey and Gadwall, and three drake Goosanders were seen flying in off the sea above Odiness on 25th. An Iceland Gull and several Whimbrel were recorded the same day and towards the end of the month Brian and Christine Richings discovered a huge single brood of 21 Shelducks - all the same size. This species has fared particularly well this year with early broods recorded from all parts of the island.

SE winds at the end of the month brought a good selection of migrants to the island gardens and over the next few days at least ten Icterine Warblers were seen - including two together at Breck - and six or seven Red-backed Shrikes. A Rosefinch and a female Redstart were seen on 30th and a Turtle Dove and several Spotted Flycatchers were seen around this time. 3 Swifts flew over Dale on 3rd June with another at Airy on 17th. The only full summer-plumaged Red-backed Shrike of the spring was in the Castle garden on 8th June.

In Mill Bay two pairs of Sand Martins have bred successfully on The Reserve along with Rock Dove and Oystercatcher, and the number of Arctic Skuas in the area has been the highest ever although this is probably due in part to the generally NE winds which tend to bring fish - including sand eels on which terms feed - into the bay. As a result Gannets have fed regularly in the bay during the last few days and there have been several sightings of 'shoaling' on the surface by fish just off The Reserve. A few parties of auks have also been seen feeding in the bay during early June - yet another unusual sighting in Mill Bay and another indication of higher than usual numbers of fish.

A bird worth looking out for at present is a Little Gull which has been seen at several sites on the island including the Matpow Loch although the bird does seem to feed more on the flat bare-earthed newly-sown fields. This gull is tiny, even when compared to Common and Black-headed Gulls and tends to fly around hawking for insects before settling back on the ground.

Thanks to all who have sent in records and in particular to Norman Kent for last month's photograph of the Tree Sparrow. Opposite is a photograph of the Little Gull which has been present on the island for some time.



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