



# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## Isabella Margaret Peace Miller

Peace as she was known to all her friends, and she had many, was born at Briarlea, the home of her grandparents on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1943. Peace was the second child of Leslie and Elizabeth Miller who were living at Holland farm where Leslie worked as a ploughman. As was the custom at the time Elizabeth returned to her parents home for her delivery. The family lived on at Holland for several years, moving to a wooden house at Gesty, before moving to Felsquoy which her father had bought. This was home to the family, now increased to three children by the addition of a younger brother, until 1961 when her parents returned to Briarlea to look after her grandparents whose health was failing.



Peace attended the South School until she was twelve when she went to the Central School. On leaving school she worked at home and on the farm, supplementing this with domestic work on the Island. This led on to her becoming a home help, possibly the first to hold such a post on the Island a position she held until her retirement at age 60. She married Walter Miller in 1969 and moved to Clestrain Cottage. Following her marriage she frequently returned to Briarlea to help her elder brother Irvine on the farm. Irvine had been her companion/chaperone when she attended her first dance at the age of 12, something which developed in to a life long passion. Peace attended local dance classes and enjoyed encouraging new comers to learn the traditional dance steps, something which has shown its rewards in the superb spectacle of the dance floor at the local dances being crowded with dancers of all ages, all knowing the intricate steps of the old and not so old dances.

After her retirement from domestic employment Peace worked in the village shop, something which continued until shortly before her final illness took its untimely toll. She was, despite her increasing disability, able to dance at her adopted son Leslie's wedding to Louise. She was extremely moved by Leslie's biological brother's decision to include the name Peace in his baby daughter's name when she was born a



short time before the end. This showed the love and respect she engendered in all who came to know her. Peace died in the Macmillan Unit at the Balfour Hospital on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October after a fairly short but rapidly progressive illness. Stronsay will be a poorer place in her absence.

Peace is survived by her husband Walter, her elder brother Irvine, her younger brother Jim, her son Leslie and daughter in law Louise

G.McKay

### **Ernest Cooper 1921 - 2007**

Ernest Cooper was born in the parish of Holm on 1st August 1921, the youngest of four boys. Both his parents were from Stronsay, but had moved to New Holland, Holm some fourteen years earlier.

In 1922 the family bought the farm of Cleat and moved back to Stronsay. Five years later they bought Odiness, where Ernie moved with his parents and brothers leaving an uncle and an aunt at Cleat.

Ernie went to the South School until he was eleven years old, then moved to the Central School and got a Shetland pony as his school transport.

After leaving school he worked at Odiness taking over the

farm when his father retired. Ernie married Iris Williamson from Castlehill in October 1959. Ernie attended Church regularly and became an Elder in 1975. Ernie was the chairman of the local branch of the National Farmers Union for two years, a keen supporter of the local Hall and Community Association acting as their treasurer for many years.

Failing health forced Ernie to retire and he moved to Kirkwall with his wife Iris in 1983.

He worked for a time as quality controller at a fish factory and used to joke that he got his first pay packet at the age of 62.

Ernie and Iris always enjoyed having visitors and meeting new people. Both became active members of the East Church. Ernie was a keen Liberal and also enjoyed watching Aberdeen play football on TV.

Ernie did not have good health in later years and sadly died at the Balfour Hospital on 22nd October 2007



Jim Cooper

### **Jim celebrates 50 years as a Mason**

Stronsay Freemasons held a special meeting on 14th November, in honour of Worshipful Brother James Brodie Sinclair who was celebrating fifty years as a member of Lodge Kildinguie No. 1381. Assisting in the celebrations was Brother Eddie Cooper who has been a lifelong friend of Jim, and who conducted Jim through his initiation ceremony on 13th November, 1957. Brother Eddie himself celebrated fifty years in the Lodge back in January, 2006, and has held every office apart from that of Right Worshipful Master. In presenting Jim with the Grand Lodge of Scotland Jubilee Certificate, the current Right Worshipful Master, Brother Bill Miller, spoke of Jim's devoted service to Freemasonry in general, and Lodge Kildinguie in particular.



He has held every office in the Lodge, and was Right Worshipful Master from 1970 until 1973, and again in 1979. In March 1983, on the 50th anniversary of the consecration of Lodge Kildinguie, as Grand Chaplain of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Orkney and Zetland, Jim conducted the re-dedication service of the Lodge in a most professional and sincere manner. In total, Jim has held office for some 48 years, and is presently Chaplain of the Lodge, an office he has held since 1984.

**Wear It Pink Fundraising event for Breast Cancer Research**  
**Held at the Stronsay Hotel on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2007.**

The bar was dressed in pink swags and banners, pink balloons were hung in every available place, and pink tea lights formed the centre of the pink table decorations. Like all well planned events, part one of the quiz began slightly late. A quick ring of the brass bell signified the start of the quiz. Ten teams took part and most had given themselves pink related team names. The first question was read and brains kicked into gear. Forty-nine general knowledge questions later everyone was ready for a well-earned break. Particularly me as by this time I was beginning to show signs of voice strain, having had to repeat so many of the questions, so many times, owing to one team in particular suffering from selective deafness. You know who you are! Part two, also fifty questions followed, and then eventually papers were swapped for marking.

While totals were being checked, supper (kindly provided by several generous volunteers) was served, and we also took this opportunity to complete the Name the teddy competition (courtesy of Anne-Maree) and to sell raffle tickets. The £2 donations were also collected from anyone Wearing it Pink. Some wore more than others (pink that is) and it was great to see so many folk willing to take part. Thanks for your help Yvonne.

The winning team known as The Builder's Bums were awarded their prize money of £20, and very generously gave it back to be donated to the charity.

Tony was a real sport and agreed to have his hair and beard dyed pink, subject to a sufficient amount of cash being collected in the tub. He then proved himself a real hero by matching that amount out of his own pocket!

Thanks must go to Angela for providing the brilliant T-shirts and to Anne- Maree for making the lovely cake for the raffle.

I completely lost count of the number of great raffle prizes and cash donations that were given, both by people that were there on the evening and also by those that could not make it to the event. I was really chuffed with the positive reaction and support shown by everyone.

**Stronsay Community Council**

Clerk: Pat Wilcox Shamrock Lea Stronsay      Tel: 616353

The Community Council is considering offering a service to island residents to dispose of unwanted household goods. Slips have been made available in local shops for completion by residents, and your responses will assist members in establishing the level of interest in this service before pursuing it further. A small charge may be made for the service.

Please note that this service would be for the disposal of household goods ONLY.

Thank you.

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**STRONSAY R.N.L.I. RAISE £473 AT HALOWE'EN PARTY**

The Stronsay Branch of the R.N.L.I. held their annual Halowe'en Party, Fancy Dress, and Bring & Buy Sale in the Stronsay Community Centre on Wednesday 31st October.

Miss Laverie, Headmistress of the Stronsay School, opened the party and urged everyone to dig deep in their pockets to raise as much money as possible to support our brave lifeboatmen.

Despite the nasty weather, a large number of locals turned up, and their generosity resulted in £473 being raised for this worthwhile cause.

The kids had a great time "dookan for apples", finding the "nail in the bale", and taking part in other competitions.

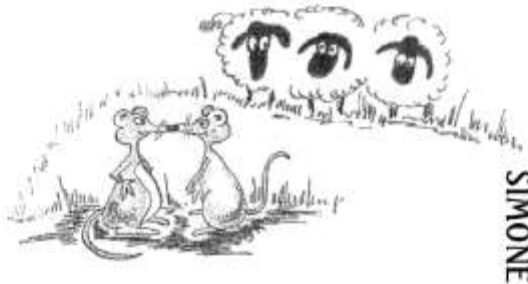
A few "neepy lanterns" were on show, and the kids really put a lot of hard work into the fancy dress, as can be seen from the picture. Ian and Arna Cooper were the judges, and theirs was not an easy task.

On behalf of the Stronsay Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make this a success.

The R.N.L.I. are holding a National S.O.S. day on Friday 25th January, 2008, and we are hoping to organise a function to celebrate that, so we look forward to your further support on that day.

Thank you once again. Bill Miller, Secretary of R.N.L.I. Stronsay.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**



**"WHO LET THE SHEEP IN?"**

**STRONSAY FOOTPRINTS**

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EXPLORING, DISCUSSION  
CONTACT

BOB TATESON, POLICE HOUSE, TEL: 444  
OR

JENNIFER GEROGGE, THE MANSE, TEL: 311



**SURGERY TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**

**DECEMBER**

24th NORMAL SURGERY  
25th & 26th EMERGENCY COVER  
27th & 31st NORMAL SURGERY

**JANUARY**

1st & 2nd EMERGENCY COVER



**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JIM COOPER WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME TO HIS RECENT BIRTHDAY PARTY AND HELPED RAISE £234 FOR MS

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"Gaynor would like to thank parents, members of staff at the Stronsay school and most especially all the children who took part in the music group performance at the recent concert. Also to Janice who couldn't take part but who put in a great deal of time sorting out music for the children. Heartfelt thanks to all."

**STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**  
**Charitable Status**

The Board is very pleased to announce that the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator has granted the Trust charitable status. There is no doubt that this new status will be of great benefit in, for example, applying for grant funding.

We are very grateful to members for their patience and support during the long process of application.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS PAGE WILL BE IN COLOUR IN THE LIMPET NEXT MONTH SO IF YOU HAVE ANY PLEASE LET US HAVE THEM BY THE 10th DECEMBER UP TO 30 WORDS FOR A £1**

**WANTED.**

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**LIBRARY** NEXT VISIT TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER

**THE VARIETY CONCERT HELD ON SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER IN AID OF THE CHURCH FABRIC FUND**

The organisers Bill & Belle Embleton, wish to thank the families of Peace Miller & Ernest Cooper for their co-operation towards the performance, everyone who performed on stage with such enthusiasm, all those who helped in a multitude of other ways and of course all those who made up the audience, just over £300 was raised.

**'Thank you all'**

It seems to have been a great success.

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| BALLOON   | LADDER     |
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| ELEVATOR  | ROCKET     |
| ESCALATOR | ROPE       |
| FUNICULAR | SPACECRAFT |
| GLIDER    | STAIRCASE  |
|           | TREETOP    |

The decision was now made to attempt to tow the net and its unknown burden towards the shore some ten miles distant. The engine was put on ahead and slowly they started to limp homewards. Soon they were overtaken by another boat on her way to port. A call on the radio explained their position and the skipper of the Golden Bells made the offer that although there was nothing that he could do at this stage in the tow, he would go in, land his catch and come out to stand by them and offer any help once they had dragged the unknown object in towards shallower water where it would once again rest on the sea bed. This offer of help was gratefully accepted and the slow progress continued. It took two or three hours to cover the next few miles before finally the burden hit the sea bed. The boat was now stopped, a new roller put in place and the weight again taken on the winch. It was immediately obvious that the object was still in the net. At this stage the Golden Bells, who had now arrived back on the scene offered to shoot a circle of rope around their gear and, hopefully, being a bigger and more powerful boat, be able to help in lifting their gear. This was duly accomplished and soon the strain eased from their own gear as the other boat started to take up the weight. The warps were now thrown off the winch and cut and passed to the Golden Bells who now had full control of the operation. At last her skipper reported that he had the bridles of the net up but could do nothing more. The decision was then taken to tow the net to the harbour until it again grounded and hopefully be able to lift it with a crane. The Golden Bells now proceeded at almost full speed in an attempt to put as much lift as possible on the gear and headed for home, with their own boat following in her wake. Just as the Bells entered the entrance channel of the harbour it was obvious that she came to a sudden halt then surged ahead again. Finally the object had hit the shallow sea bed again, cut through the restraining net and now lay resting somewhere close to the harbour entrance. The immediate worry was that it would obstruct the entry channel but this did not seem all that likely. The first thing was to get their injured crewman home and checked out. Fortunately he had sustained no serious injury and within a week or so returned to sea.

The following morning, before the town was astir, the remaining three crew members were back on the boat. Slowly they sailed out of the harbour entrance in flat calm conditions and crystal clear water to search for yesterdays obstruction. The first thing they noticed, just inside the outer point of the entrance pier was a flat piece of metal. It was obvious that this alone could not have caused the problem. As they slowly cruised out past the lighthouse his other uncle, glancing overboard, suddenly shouted and pointed downwards. The boat was stopped and there lying on the sea bed was the complete fuselage, minus wings and tail but with the engine folded back into the cockpit, of an R.A.F. jet. At least now they could see what had caused all the problems of yesterday. The wreckage was well clear of the entrance channel and was therefore left alone. A report was made to the appropriate authorities and they were later visited by members of the Royal Navy who responded in time honoured fashion "Oh, well done, chaps. We will send divers down to identify and probably lift the wreckage"

Divers were sent down and the plane identified and buoyed. It was confirmed that the plane had crashed while on exercise from the nearby base at Lossiemouth in the nineteen fifties, The pilot had bailed out but unfortunately his parachute failed to open. His body was later recovered by one of the boats fishing the area a few weeks later. The buoy the divers attached remained visible for some time but during the course of the ensuing winter gales finally disappeared No attempt was ever made to recover the wreckage and as far as I am aware it still lies close off the harbour entrance.

2007	UK last posting dates	2007	International Airmail
Friday 14 December	Standard Parcels		South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa,
Monday 17 December	Second Class	Friday 7 December	Middle East, Asia, Far East (except Japan), Australia and New Zealand
Thursday 20 December	First Class		
Friday 21 December	Special Delivery™ Saturday guarantee	Monday 10 December	USA, Canada, Japan and Eastern Europe
Saturday 22 December	Special Delivery™	Thursday 13 December	Western Europe* (please see overleaf)

<b>HARVEST HOME 2007</b>
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What do you get if you cross two Coopers with a McArthur

A barrel of Laughs

For all those that can remember those anecdotes of last Saturday evening, well done they will be worth the retelling. For those that weren't able to attend you have my sympathy, you missed a treat!

We are grateful for all the hard work and organisation that went into this year's harvest home. The food was a tasty plate of various meats or vegetarian loaf with vegetables which had to include potatoes, mashed, as is the tradition. Where would Stronsay be without potatoes! I am told the sweet was equally good and I even got a word of sympathy for my apple that I bought along to do something for my blood sugar count. There followed tea and coffee with short bread. Our hunger more than satisfied, we turned our chairs in order to concentrate on the front table and the speeches.

Ian entertained us with some amusing tales, all carefully noted down (by him if the bits of paper were anything to go by) if you want the details. He also reminded us of the challenges of the last year which as usual included what the weather can do to help and hinder the harvest. From all accounts it appeared to be close to a draw with the farmers winning on points. The worst possible effects of the foot and mouth outbreak south of the border seemed to have been kept in check by the Pentland Firth and sense seems to have prevailed this time for an outbreak occurring so far away. Having reminded us of the years developments for the agricultural community Ian introduced the main speaker for the evening Liam McArthur MSP.

It would be impossible to recount all the stories we were entertained with, although the confusion between blue tongue and blue tooth did amuse me. I also had sympathy for the pit bull, should matters concerning a certain bear get out of hand. Concerns about the UK and national government's differences were quietly alluded to for us to ponder on.

Mike Cooper gave the vote of thanks and a story concerning a ram that did not usually move too quickly. He then welcomed Don & Co for the dance.

The community broke into instant action and the tables set up for our feast were quickly removed. The stage, which never ceases to amaze me for its simplicity and effectiveness, was soon set up and the dancing began ably led for us by Mike Holland.

To me this is another sort of harvest home. Everybody knew the dances and was prepared to join in. Little children, in the arms of parents and friends, whirling around the floor, ensuring that the tradition will continue. Our local MSP must be congratulated for the way he and his family joined in.

Conversations about the coming year went on during and between dances giving the whole evening a true community feel.

Being a wimp of a Sassenach I left just before I turned into a pumpkin at midnight. I'm told the festivities continued into the wee small hours (as normal).

Our thanks are due to all those who made this wonderful event possible.

David Bowen



**STORMY NIGHT by Christine Richings.**

It was a very cold November night the wind was howling around the limpets standing stone home and waves were splashing all about. Hailstones were coming sideward like missiles trying to knock great granny and grandad limpet from their home. Grandad limpet cast a weary eye in granny limpet's direction to see if she had been woken as well.

It had been a horrible stormy night and as daylight began the moon could still be seen high in the sky the first of the sun's rays began to stretch across the bay the wind had slowly eased and the new day looked to be much calmer. As usual after a storm great granny and great grandad limpet went for a roam along the shore near to their home. Several young limpets were knocked off their rocks and were making their way home a bit bruised and shaken. A mother seal was heard calling to her pup she had lost in the night she was frantically bobbing up and down looking far and wide.

The mermaids had come ashore their hair in tangles having a job to comb them out. In the distance an orange and white bundle could be seen wriggling about on the beach. No one seemed to know what it could be and all were really frightened. They sent the mother seal in the direction of the bundle where she could hear faint cries coming from it. She soon recognised the cry and on close inspection she found her pup but so tangled in old net she could not get it free. She swam back to the little group of mermaids asking for help. The mermaids wriggled up the beach to the bundle finding razor shells they soon had the pup cut free. As a thank you the mother seal took the mermaids deep under water to the seals grand palace where they dined on the finest of meals in a cave that sparkled with beautiful jewels of every size and colour.

**QUIZ**

1. In the Bible , who was swallowed by a whale?
2. Who Sid James play in the film 'Carry On Cleo'?
3. In Greek Mythology, which Titan carried the world on his shoulders?
4. Which Americans stage coach company was founded in 1852?
5. With which other island does Trinidad form a republic?
6. What colour accompanies red on the Spanish flag ?
7. Which female first name is also the capital of the Italian region of Tuscany?
8. Which former American President acquired the nickname 'the comeback kid'?
9. Which 1974 film spawned four sequels and starred Charles Bronson as a vigilante ?
10. In 1982, General Galtieri of Argentina ordered the invasion of which islands ?
11. Who was Canada's Prime Minister from 1968 to 1979 and again from 1980 to 1984?
12. In Thunderbirds, what is the surname shared by Virgil, Scott, Alan, Gordon & John?
13. The annual Promenade Concerts are held inn which famous British building?
14. What nationality is racing driver Michael Schumacher?
15. What is studied by a linguist?
16. What is Wimpy's favourite food in the Popeye cartoons?
17. Which pantomime character married Alice Fitzwarren and became Lord Mayor of London?
18. What did Jesus turn into wine at a wedding in the village of Cana?

ANSWERS BELOW

1. Jonah 2. Mark Antony 3. Atlas 4. Wells Fargo 5. Tobago 6. Yellow 7. Florence 8. Bill Clinton 9. Death Wish 10. Falkland Islands 11. Pierre Trudeau 12. Tracy 13. Royal Albert Hall 14. German 15. Languages 16. Hamburgers 17. Dick Whittington 18. Water



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Stronsay School Nursery and Primary are doing a Christmas card enterprise project. They will be selling them at the book fair on the 26th of November. **Please** support our project and even if you have bought some Christmas cards already please still come and support us.

**MORE INFORMATION BELOW**

### -BOOK FAIR & ENTERPRISE AFTERNOON AT STRONSAY SCHOOL

MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 1.30 - 3.30

EVERYONE WELCOME

BOOKS TO SUIT ALL AGES, FROM CHILDREN TO ADULTS

FOR SALE ALL MADE BY PUPILS - CHRISTMAS CARDS - CANDLE HOLDERS -

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES - HOME BAKES

BOOK PROFITS GO TOWARDS BUYING NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS.

OTHER PROFITS GO TOWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

### THREE GRADUATE FROM ORKNEY COLLEGE THIS YEAR

We have included two in this issue, and the third next month.

Charlie Richings attended College for three years, studying mixed farming. He attained an SVQ level 3.

Charlie was working at Holland Farm when he decided to start College, he then moved to Airy Farm to enable him to finish. He would like to thank everyone who helped him complete his course

Craig Weaver attended College for one year and attained SVQ level 2 in mixed farming.

He would like to thank Housbay for putting him through College.



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After presenting Jim with his jubilee certificate, Brother Bill called on Brother Eddie Cooper to present Jim with a suitable gift from the Lodge members, as a token of their gratitude and esteem for his devotion to the Lodge. In reply, Jim thanked all present for their kind words and the nice gift, and went on to say that in his 50 years as a freemason, he had made many life-long friends, some no longer with us, but these memories and friendships could never be erased or replaced.

The photograph shows Brother Bill Miller presenting Brother Jim with his jubilee certificate. After the meeting, a wee glass or two was raised in honour of Jim, and he went home a happy and contented man.



## Latest Bird News

Although generally considered a 'dull' month as regards the weather, November can be an excellent month for birdwatchers, and with easterly winds forecast for a few days around 20th we can still expect a few surprises from mainland Europe, even this late in the year - hopefully Waxwings, Woodcock, Long-eared Owls, and perhaps Redpolls. All likely candidates to cross the North Sea in November - and all likely to be seen around dwellings.

Late October brought a few surprises with several sightings of Jackdaws, including 4 at Dale, 15 at Russland, 38 flying past Castle, and an injured bird found by Eddie Cooper at Ward Hill. This bird regularly comes for food on the lawn. There were a few sightings of Woodcock around this time, including one seen by Leslie Miller in the Banks drive, although most were flushed accidentally from gardens. Kath Kent had good views of a Jack Snipe at Dale on 25th when 12 Brambling also arrived there, and on the same day, a tired Firecrest was discovered sunning itself in the Silage Clamp at Coweshouse in the early morning sunshine. A Yellow-browed Warbler - the last of the year - spent three days in the Lower Millfield/Castle area from 28th-31st October, arriving on the island the same day as a number of Fieldfares and Redwings. A party of 8 Bean Geese flew over The Reserve the same day. Up to 8 Greenfinches have been seen feeding on the rose-hips at Castle, with others elsewhere, and a few small parties of Siskins have been seen - all in late October

A few Blackcaps lingered into early November as usual but had left before the violent storm of 8th, the day a Little Auk was seen flying across the road near Beechwood, driven off towards Burgh Head by the 60-90mph wind.

A pair of Stonechats feeding along the edge of the Bu Loch close to the road near Springwell on 12th November may well stay around the area for some time - weather permitting! A party of 7-8 Reed Buntings have taken up residence on The Reserve this winter but with no reeds in the area the birds have taken advantage of the stems of the several clumps of Pampas Grass in the Castle garden on which to perch. 3-4 Chiffchaffs have been recorded in mid-November - two of these seen by Leonora and Agnes at Hescombe. All were pale 'eastern' types, probably from Western Russia or beyond - perhaps from the same breeding area as the Yellow-browed Warblers?

The Matpow Loch is well worth scanning for duck species at present as there have been regular sightings of Mallard, Teal, Wigeon, Pintail, Tufted Duck, Goldeneye and Long-tailed Duck, and occasional sightings of Gadwall and Scaup there. Also keep an eye out for Hen Harriers which can regularly be seen feeding in the Kirk/Northbank/Dale area.

'One that got away' recently was an American Buff-bellied Pipit seen well but briefly on just one occasion in The reserve drive in late October. All part of the enjoyment of birdwatching!

John & Sue Holloway



Janet watched in horror, as first one, then another, and eventually, all the ponies cantered off after Pete. Now, she was behind them, with the other supervisors, not knowing quite what to do. To give chase would make the ponies go faster. She would have to get past them.

She left the other supervisors to follow, then turned Shady into the trees that edged the bridle path. She set off at a canter, but the ponies were getting away. She pushed Shady into a reckless gallop, knowing she had to stop this foolishness. She could hear the shrieks of some children, who had obviously lost control of their ponies. Janet's idea was to get ahead of the ponies, and back onto the bridle path, in the hope of stopping what was now a headlong gallop. If she didn't stop them, the ponies would reach the road, which could lead to disaster. Shady drew level with the slower ponies. Janet caught a glimpse of them through the trees. She was happy to see all the ponies still had a rider, and some of them were finally slowing down, partly due to their rider's efforts, but mainly due to tiredness. She kept going; knowing that the other supervisors weren't far behind. As Janet galloped on, she was getting more and more concerned. She knew the road wasn't far. She was just catching up with the leading bunch of ponies when she heard it. There was a high-pitched scream, followed by a series of shrieks, then, eventually, silence. By the time Janet reached the scene, her heart was in her mouth. She didn't know what to expect. Nothing could have prepared her for what she found. Pete was calmly grazing a grassy bank, while Jessica sat on the ground, fuming. "Beastly pony," she raged at Janet. "He stopped dead. I'm going to see that my daddy has him shot. He's dangerous." Hearing this, the children whose ponies had kept up with Pete leapt to his defence. "How dare you," shouted Laura, one of Pete's loyal fans. "It's your fault. I bet it's your fault your own pony's lame, if that's the way you treat him." "So what?" shrieked Jessica. "He's my pony, I do what I like. My daddy paid for me to ride this nag, so I did what I wanted. My daddy'll make Mr Jones have him shot. He will. I'll make him." Janet climbed off Shady and made her way over to Jessica, hoping to calm her down. "Now then, Jessica," she started, in a no-nonsense voice. "That's a dreadful thing to say. Pete's never done anything like this before. Now, tell me, are you hurt?" "Off course I'm hurt," raged Jessica. "You'd be hurt if your nasty, common pony had stopped dead, and you'd flown off over his ears." One or two of the other children were crying now. The shock of the headlong, uncontrolled gallop had scared them, although everyone except Jessica had stayed on their pony. Now, poor Pete was in trouble again. It was too much.

Just then, Janet held up her hand, and told everyone to listen. When they did, they heard the sound of traffic, coming from close by. "Jessica, I know why Pete stopped," she said. "Now, I want you all to get off and lead your ponies, and follow me. You too, Jessica, you're not really hurt. Get hold of Pete, and come with us." Jessica was about to argue, but something in Janet's tone of voice made her think again, and obey. One by one, the children followed Janet and Shady around the bend, and there, just a few yards away, was the road. Fast traffic was whizzing by. Janet let them have a good long look, and then she turned to Jessica and asked, "What would have happened if Pete hadn't stopped?" Jessica looked shocked. She'd never been forced to face up to her foolishness before, and swallowing her pride wasn't going to be easy. Suddenly, she burst into tears, and, burying her face in Pete's mane, she sobbed, "I'm sorry Pete, I'm sorry everyone. I didn't mean to be so beastly. I'll tell my daddy that Pete saved my life." Everyone breathed a sigh of relief. Pete had been saved again. Slowly, everyone remounted, and rode slowly back to the riding school. They would have their picnic in the tack room.

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We hope to have two more reviews for next month.  
Hope you enjoy reading them

### MY BOOK AND FILM PROJECT 10/10/07

Harry Potter is a work of fiction where Harry goes to a school where magic is taught but that is not the end! A beast is running wild petrifying the children. Will he stop it?

Harry Potter was written by J.K Rowling, is published by Bloomsbury and costs £5.99. Amazingly 77,000,000 copies have been sold worldwide and even more amazing it was published on 2 July 1999 and was published in America 1 day before my birthday. It was edited in Britain by Cliff Rite and in America by Mary Grandpre who gave it 341 pages. Cliff Rite gave it 251 pages.

The story is centralised around Harry and then Ron and Hermione because Hermione always has a spell or potion and Harry needed Ron to get to school. A character you could mention is Tom Riddle.

Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets is about a boy who finds he is a wizard. This being his 2<sup>nd</sup> year he finds out about the Chamber Of Secrets and tries to stop the beast before it kills, but does he?

It is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person. It is a very descriptive book and I would say the audience is about 9 years to any age.

I would say Harry is the type that would stand up for anyone yet Malfoy is a very shallow character. Hermione is extremely smart and Ron is the type who would stand by his friends. The book is something I could put down but I am not a fan of reading. My favourite character is Dobby because I always like that.

Harry potter is available in American and British. It probably has special effects. It is directed by Chris Columbus they made it on a budget of 100,000,000 but spent 878,988,482. Music was done by John Williams a few of characters are Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and many more .The film was rated PG.

The film lasts 161 minutes. Many toys were made. I would say stunt doubles were used. So over all it was a good film.

I preferred reading because the book was a lot more descriptive.

By Kevin Kent

### **Pirates of the Carribean.**

Pirates of the Caribbean is a fictional story, Captain Jack Sparrow is the main character and some others are Will Turner and Elisabeth Swan. The place where it was set was on a pirate's ship.

This book is based on a screen play written by Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio. It's adapted in to a book by Irene Trimble. It was published in 2006 by Parragon books. It has 34 chapters and 158 page , It is part of a three film series. It has done well. The price is £3 and 99p.

I read this book last year in 2006. It took me one whole week to read it. I saw the film first and then read the book. Jack, William, Mrs Swan and Gibbs are the main characters. Jack is strange and unusual and sometimes very funny. William is smart and brave. Mrs Swan is kind of strong but brave and not a coward. Elizabeth, William and Jack all fight Davy Jones crew. Davy has dark eyes and very long tentacles and he has a very strong beastie. Will's connection to Elizabeth is that they're in love so they get married but Lord Beckett breaks in and stops the wedding.

Will gets arrested so does Elizabeth so Lord Beckett asks Will to act as our agent so Will finds Jack and asks for the compass but Jack asks Will to find the key so they went to see a lady called Tia Dalma and found out where the key was. Elizabeth handcuffs Jack to the mast of the boat and the crew get off the boat into the little boat and left Jack to die. On the pirate ship is the main setting in the olden days and at the sea. It's got a lot of speech and also description. I think the book would be aimed at 9 years old and up.

I thought this book was a very entertaining book, it was very funny as well. My favourite character would definitely be Jack Sparrow. I liked the part when Captain Jack was attacked by Davy Jones.

Disney is the film company of pirates of Caribbean. I thought that Gore Verbinski did a very good job of directing the film. He got the right people for the job. Pirates of the Caribbean is classified as a 12.

They began to make it on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2005 and was released on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2006. It starred Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom. Johnny Depp had previously starred in Edward Scissorhands, while Keira Knightley appeared in Bend Sinister like Beckham. Orlando Bloom was starring a role in Troy and Lord of the Rings. It sometimes comes with subtitles and is available in different languages.

It's last 1 hour and 3 quarters long. One of the soundtracks is called "The Medallion Calls". The film was very successful and there was a lot of merchandise (top trumps, toy swords and guns, toy figures and toy ships).

There is a lot of action in it. For e.g. Jack, Will and Norrington have a big fight on a wheel. Yes it has stunt doubles because Jack falls off a cliff.

It was magnificent and exciting because it was very humorous.

It has also been available on DVD and video. Pirates of the Caribbean has done well so they made a PS2 game called Pirates of the Caribbean: World's End. It has lots of special effects and one of them is the wheel.

I normally prefer watching the film than reading the book. I also prefer watching Pirates of the Caribbean the film than reading the book. I prefer the film because I like watching it on a DVD player.

By Jamie Williams

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Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 11 a.m. A **special Nativity worship service** led by the children of the church. This hour-long service, which will include carols and readings, will move everyone from one scene to another, through the church and hall, to help participants young and old better experience the different events of the Christmas story. All children who come along that day may put on a costume and find a place in the Nativity play.



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