

# STRONSAY LIMPET

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY LIMPET 3 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THAN TO START OFF THIS MONTH WITH OUR NEW COLOUR LASER PRINTER, AS YOU CAN SEE IT PRINTS LIKE A DREAM. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THE HELP WITH RAISING FUNDS, ESPECIALLY Mr MALCOLM GREEN WHO MATCH FUNDED US

# STRONSAY'S SILVER DARLINGS





Sunday the 4th of May saw Stronsay's Silver Darlings playing to a varied audience, this being their first public performance,

it was a very exciting time for them. The players seventeen in all, aged from nine to sixty plus in years played a variety of tunes including, Scotland the Brave, The Thistle of Scotland, Hoy Tune and Smedens, and newly composed tune written by Gaynor, called The Philmary Holland Waltz had its debut.

The instruments played consisted of three accordions, four cello's, an acoustic guitar, bass guitar, banjo, keyboard, tin whistle and six fiddles.

Folk began arriving for a 1.30 start and many remained for the entire repertoire. Tea, Coffee, juice and a large variety of homebakes were for sale at a very reasonable price. Bill Miller from Lodge Kildinguie presented Stronsays Silver darlings with a cheque for £250, for which he had negotiated from the Orkney Masons. A large raffle was drawn with lots of good prizes to be won and a variety of quizzes to tax the brain, all while enjoying excellent music.

The Silver Darlings have a date at the end of June for recording their debut album. They are also taking part at the open stage event at the Orkney Folk festival on the 24th May.

Good Luck to them and many thanks to everyone who helped them to raise over £500 that day

# REPORT OF MEETING ON STRONSAY/EDAY MEDICAL COVER 15 May 2008

35 residents attended the meeting called by Dr George McKay to explain and discuss a proposal he had made to NHS Orkney (NHSO) regarding joint medical cover for Stronsay and Eday. George explained that the GP on Eday would be leaving the island on 31 May, leaving residents there with no permanent GP cover. He had taken the proactive step of putting to NHSO a proposal which would offer Eday his presence at surgeries on two afternoons a week (approximately 10 hours): he had identified a fast boat and experienced crew to take him to Eday, and he would return on the evening ferry to Stronsay. Medical cover on Eday for the rest of the week would be provided by a very experienced practice nurse, supported by George and known to him and with whom he felt he could work very well. On Stronsay, in his absence, Linda and Margareth would cover for him, always able to contact him by phone or via a video link. He reported that at a meeting on Eday, attended by about 30 residents, there had been a unanimous vote supporting the proposal. George then invited questions and comments from the floor.

Strong feelings were expressed by some residents that this model could only reinforce NHSO's perceived view that medical cover in some of the isles could be provided by a community/practice nurse. It was felt that Stronsay should continue to fight for the retention of a dedicated GP. There was general agreement that this should be the case, particularly in view of the fact that George would be retiring in about 18 months. However, the view was expressed that such an arrangement, if it worked, might pre-empt an attempt by NHSO to make this decision for Stronsay: the patient caseload would be increased to approximately 500, which seemed (although not confirmed by NHSO) to be a figure justifying the services of a permanent GP. George suggested that, even if the proposed model was accepted, the community should meantime continue to express its strong views on retaining a GP.

Concerns were raised about the amount of time George would be absent from the island. Linda pointed out that he already spent some days away from Stronsay on training courses, etc. In answer to a question about the level of training that she and Margareth had received, she confirmed that both had received the necessary training and that, with George's back-up, both had confidence in dealing with issues such as administering prescribed drugs and calling in the Air Ambulance if appropriate.

There was a discussion about NHSO's apparent difficulty in recruiting GPs for the isles, which could be a situation arising when George retires, even if his proposal was accepted. Residents agreed that it should be possible to involve the community more in the recruitment process. Regarding these concerns, George told the meeting that he was keen to explore the possibility of taking on a partner or associate who would then be in a position to fill his post when he went. George was surprised to hear that an article in The Orcadian that day appeared to suggest that the proposal had been agreed upon. He stressed that nothing had yet been "signed and sealed", and was puzzled as to how this inference had been made by the press. To date, he had only had a series of meetings with NHSO and Eday residents to discuss the proposal.

It was suggested that George called for a vote on whether the proposal was acceptable to residents. The view was expressed that it would currently be a good and pragmatic compromise for both Stronsay and Eday, and on a show of hands a large majority showed their support for George in positively pursuing the idea.

The medical team then invited residents to raise ideas for improvements in the service offered. From the surgery's perspective, George asked that morning surgery hours should be respected: he found the half-hour between 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. very valuable for consultation with other medical professionals and for reviewing cases. One resident requested that the process of collecting repeat prescriptions be reviewed, to avoid anyone doing so having to wait their "turn" in the waiting room. The team recommended that patients collecting prescriptions should simply wait in Reception where Katrina would find them, and requested that prescriptions should only be collected between 9.30 a.m. and noon and 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Juliet Durrant

Recent Bird Sightings John & Sue Holloway

There was a good mixture of uncommon migrants in late April, including Great Tit, Ring Ouzel, and Stock Dove, and winds from an easterly quarter for much of the last four weeks, several other unexpected species have been seen: 2 Siskins found by Raymond at Holin; Blackcap and Lesser Whitethroat discovered by Hazel at Airy; 2 Pied Flycatcher; a male Redstart; several Jackdaws; a few Chiffchaffs and at least ten Spotted Flycatchers – the latter exclusively in island gardens where they have been able to find enough insects during what has been a rather cold period of weather – have also been seen.

The lack of rain has meant that most migrants moving north have been able to reach the breeding grounds in Scandinavia etc but there have been a few surprises - a Velvet Scoter in Mill Bay and a Bean Goose at The Bu on 20th May. A big concentration of Sanderling on the Mill Bay beach over the last few days is unusual but no doubt due to the recent NE winds which bring small invertebrates etc into the area on the tide. These birds will soon leave for the high arctic nesting grounds.

Bird of the period was without doubt the male Rustic Bunting seen briefly in The Reserve drive on 14th May – the first island record in spring.

With more easterly winds forecast – and rain later in the week – it is well worth keeping an eye open for something unusual in the island gardens – the combination of SE winds and rain invariably brings big numbers of birds to the island.

Three Glaucous Gulls were seen during the period by a number of observers.

Many thanks to all who have alerted us to their sightings.

**Housing Survey** 

Many of you will have received a housing survey questionnaire during May from OIC. You are urged to complete this and return it in the envelope supplied because its our opportunity to show what the accommodation issues are and steer the planning for housing on Stronsay. You do not need to give your name and address. If you have **not** had a form to complete.

Please let William Caithness our Local Development Officer on 616220 know.

# WIN a PRINTER and support the Archaeological Dig!

Naomi Woodward and her team will be coming back to Stronsay in September/ October to continue their work and the Development Trust is going to support them by funding their accommodation. We shall be holding a raffle during the summer and one prize will be a brand new Brother DCP-150C scanner, printer. If you are able to donate other raffle prizes please bring them to Clifton, Whitehall Village.

#### FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

One large, dark wood, oval drop leaf table. Please arrange to collect.

John 616466

# PETE THE PONY LEADS THE PARADE by LINDA SPENDLEY

"That's all right," said Lynn, cheerfully. "We'll manage. You and I can muck out, and Holly can help with the grooming."

By the time Lynn and Holly arrived, Tom was halfway through the mucking out, and he was horribly hot and sweaty.

"Thank goodness you're here," he said. "This is taking longer than I thought. If we don't hurry, we won't get the ponies in before dark."

"Right," said Lynn, as she rolled up her sleeves. "Let's get on with it."

As Lynn joined Tom in forking dirty straw out of the stables, Holly started to scrub out the food and water buckets. She was only seven, but very keen to help. She knew clean buckets were important, and it was something she could manage all by herself.

Soon, all the stables were clean, and there was a bucket of fresh water in each one.

"We'd better get the ponies in from the field, now," said Tom. "If we stop to get their food ready, we'll never find them in the dark."

They each took a head-collar, and set off to find the ponies. They'd heard the sounds of rattling buckets, and were all standing at the gate. First, Tom found Pete, and put on his head collar. He handed the lead rope to Holly, and told her to lead him to his stable. There was really no need to catch another pony. They were keen to get in out of the cold, and they all followed Pete and Holly into the stable yard.

Lynn held open the door to Pete's stable, and Holly led him inside. Then, one by one, the other ponies went into their own places. They all knew where to go, so the whole job only took about twenty minutes.

"Now for some feed," said Tom. He gathered up the buckets and headed for the feed store. As he switched on the light, an awful sight met him. The store was empty. Not a single bag of feed.

"Oh, dear," said Lynn. "What shall we do? We'll never get a delivery at this time of night."

Tom looked at his watch. "I'll make a phone call," he said. "I know the feed merchant. I shoe his daughter's horses. He might help."

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# **Buffet Lunch**

Sunday 8th June, 2008, at 12.30 pm. in the Stronsay Community Centre.

Soup

Hot & Cold Meats

Vegetarian Dishes

Salads

Tea & Coffee

Drinks available at the bar

Raffles

Home Produce Stall Sales Tables

Souvenirs

Quizzes

Hampers etc.

A professional hairdresser will be available to do mons haircuts and ladies trims for £5 per head. All money raised to go to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The Kirkwall Lifeboat will be arriving at the Stronsay Pier at 12 noon, and will be open for inspection. The Minister will be conducting a short service on the pier at 12.15 pm, to which you are all invited.

Please support this worthwhile cause.

W. Miller, Secretary

#### CANOE FOUND IN LEASHUN!

In April 1887 Mr Stevenson a tenant on the farm of Holland wrote a letter informing a Mr J Cursiter of a find of an ancient boat that had been discovered in the sand at the Loch of Leashun by a farm worker.

Leashun then covered around 80 acres and lay 500 yards south of the farmhouse of Holland It was thought that during Viking times the loch formed the head of the bay and in the 1880's was a 40 foot expanse of sand and latterly has been eroded to what it is today.

During the 1880's pipes were laid to drain water from the loch, it was at this time that the remains of the canoe were found, all that was showing was a small piece of wood projecting from the sand and on closer examination it was found to be the remains of a vessel.

The length was 13' 9" x 2' 5" wide approximately 7" deep and between 1½" & 3" thick. Although severely damaged it was recognisable as a canoe, it is thought that the canoe had been there since either the Loch was the head of the bay or was and 'oyce' in which boats were sheltered.

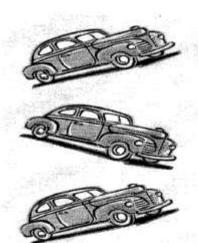
The canoe was found 130 yards from the 'ere', it was exceedingly well made even though it was broken in many places and the gunwale was missing completely. A careful search of the sand in the surrounding area failed to yield any other relics nor did it provide any more information as to how the canoe got there.

The boats were laid up in the oyces at the back of the eres some of which are still used today. Photo's were taken before the boat was removed to the back of Mr Cursiters garden in Kirkwall and treated with salt to help preserve such an interesting relic.

(We haven't been able to track down the photo's as yet but if we do we will print them at a later date. We have been unable so far to find any further information concerning the canoe, but would love to know more so if you can help with this story or any other please contact us. Also more information on the definitions of ere & oyce would be useful.

Eres pronounced air, splelt ayre as in Ayre of the Myres

Oyces usually found at the back of an ere





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#### CATHOLIC MASS

Fr Ronald Walls, resident in Kirkwall. Fr Walls, whose family comes originally from Sanday, intends to celebrate Mass at regular intervals in Stronsay, as he has already begun to do in Sanday.

See shops for more details

#### FRIZZLES ADVENTURES.

Frizzle was a small white hen who's feathers were like the frills on a cancan dress. She was a very proud hen and liked to strut about the garden on tip toe pushing her chest out and keeping her head held high showing off her bright red comb. The other hens that lived in the garden had long since gone and she would happily wander about the boarders amongst the flowers without a care in the world. She shared her corn with families of sparrows and would only object should greedy starlings arrive. Then she would chase them away trying to peck them. After having her fill of corn she would wander onto the garden patio and peck around under the rabbits hutch hoping to find an extra special crumb or two that may have dropped from the rabbits dish. Her favourite food was home made cake and she would stand for hours outside the back door of the house pruning her feathers and calling now and again hopping to attract someone's attention. On sunny days the owners of the house used to like to eat in the garden and as they sat at the garden table having their meal she would come running and sample almost anything Ice cream, banana, apple, tomato, potato, pasta and drink coffee or fizzy drinks out of a small cup put down especially for her. She would try most food on offer and would try to fly up onto the table if it was something that she especially liked. Her feathers being so frilly were no use for flying any distance at all and she would flap about franticly but she would still land with a bump on the grass below. Each day she would sit on her nest and try as hard as she could she would only manage to lay a few eggs, being a very old hen she sometimes got rather mixed up as some mornings would pass her food by and climb up to the back of the garden seat and crow her chest would swell her neck would lengthen and when a crow came it took all her strength not to fall off onto the lawn. Late one afternoon when pruning herself ready for bed under her favourite bush she looked up and to her horror she was not the only person under the bush that day a large black cat had joined her. He was crouched ready to pounce not looking friendly at all alarmed she let out a high pitched stream of clucks running as fast as she could towards the house not looking back she screeched again her head forwards her chest puffed out trying to look twice her size she tore on to the patio past the rabbit hutch not daring to look behind to be met by her owners who had heard all the commotion and had come out to see what was going on they could clearly hear that something serious was wrong they walked down the garden just in time to see the large black cat disappearing over the garden fence. Frizzle felt frighten and despite her favourite treat could not convince herself that the danger had passed and decided that what was left of the day should be spent under the rabbit hutch near to the house. When night time approached she made a quick dash the short distance to her chicken house and only settled for sleep when she heard her owners close the chicken house door.

QUIZ

By Christine Richings.

1. In which 1966 film did Raquel Welch play a cave woman?

2. Which singer had a hit with 'The Night Has a Thousand Eyes'?

- 3. What three figure number is the American equivalent for the British emergency telephone number 999?
- 4. Which FA Cup winner played a car thief in the film 'Gone in 60 Seconds'?

5. How many thieves did Ali Baba face?

- 6. What is the minimum age requirement for an American President?
- 7. If you suffer from triskaidekapaphobia, of what are you afraid?
- 8. Who directed the 1956 film 'the Ten Commandments'?
- 9. Who composed the violin concertos 'The Four seasons'?
- 10 Which film featured a motor cycle gang called 'The Black rebels'? ANSWERS BELOW

8 Cecil B De Mille 9 Vivaldi 10. The Wild One

1. One Million Years BC 2. Bobby Vee 3. 911 4. Vinnie Jones 5.40 6.35 7. The Number 13

Instead of heading for home they headed inshore to an area of sandy bottom between rocky ground on either side. Here the tide ran strongly and the sea bed lay a mere one hundred and twenty feet below the surface. Even though they were only about two miles distant from the grounds they normally worked the fish here were completely different. Plaice and medium sized cod made up the bulk of the fish on this ground-rarely soles or haddock. Because of the shallower water, the stronger tidal stream and the restricted area available for fishing they had to reduce the length of warps they would use. The net would remain the same - a net mace of synthetic fibre, extremely strong and virtually rot proof compared to the old cotton seine nets that had been in use when he had started sea seven years before. The design of the net had also changed and although it was still fished in the seine manner it was in fact a modified trawl. (The main difference between trawling and seining was that the trawl was towed at an even speed by the boat and the mouth of the net never closed - being kept open by a pair of otter boards forced outwards by the vessels movement through the water while the seine net closed around the fish which it had surrounded). This particular net was the first of the type they had used and was now several years old but in reasonable state of repair. They were also headed in to grounds prohibited by fishery law. Fishery law had always been a vexed question. Although the government agencies, backed by their tame scientific advisers, could quote reams of statistics to prove that fishing within the three mile limit would ruin the industry through depredation of spawning and nursery grounds this was more a political than scientific argument. Indeed one fisherman had been heard to argue that as usual the law was a complete ass - that a twelve or even twenty mile limit should be imposed and all fishing OUT WITH this area banned in the interests of conservation. The next four decades were to prove his wisdom in no uncertain terms. The reason for a three mile limit appears to be lost in the mists of time. At one period it was claimed as territorial waters on the understanding that the coast was safe from attack by warships armed with cannon from this distance. This then seems to have been accepted as a reasonable bench mark to apply when trawling and later seining started to disrupt the traditional grounds of the line fishermen. On top of this there was also, again to protect the traditional line fishery, a ban by Britain on British boats trawling within the confines of the Moray Firth in a line from Duncansby Head to Rattray Head. This could not, however, be imposed on foreign vessels as this would have been incompatible with International law. Thus every winter a fleet of Belgian trawlers appeared, towing up and down the Southern Trench about five miles off the coast. This rarely caused any friction with the local fleet as the waters of the Trench were generally too deep for successful

seining. Additionally the concept of protecting nursery grounds was fairly suspect as, with one important exception, no immature fish were ever found in these waters. The exception was in Autumn when massive shoals of immature plaice appeared in the mile of sandy sea bed adjacent to the south coast of the Moray Firth. However these were rarely fished for as they were well below marketable size and if they were pursued it was usually with a wide meshed cod end to allow the immature fish to escape. A further argument against this spurious protection order was that plaice was one of the few fish to survive being dragged up from the sea bed in the net and have a reasonable chance to escape alive when thrown back in the sea. Almost all other fish perished, something only too apparent when fishing the offshore grounds for smaller haddock and whiting. Never the less they were now headed into illegal territory and a sharp look out had to be kept for the Fishery cruiser. Unlikely to be on patrol today though, they would still most likely be enjoying another day or two of holidays. At normal times of the year an excellent bush telegraph system was in operation when a minimally coded message was passed from fleet to fleet by wireless giving the position, speed and course of the cruiser. Now they were ready to start again. The dahn was heaved over and the gear shot out to the north west, up to the edge of the hard ground known as the Kirk, so called because its position corresponded with where the church in New Aberdour closed behind the east end of the Red Head of Pennan. The net was run out and they returned to pick up their dahn. On these restricted inshore grounds the whole operation took about one hour and soon they were heaving home the closed gear. They had been towing before the wind and now with most of the engines power diverted to drive the winch the boat was being dragged backwards into the slight swells throwing up spray as her rounded stern hit the waves.

# WARNING WILL KITE FLYERS PLEASE KEEP AWAY FROM OVERHEAD CABLES A FEW INCIDENTS HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED YOU COULD BE KILLED!!!!

#### Moncur Memorial Church Spring Sale

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Plants, sale items, homebakes, tombola/bottle stall and quizzes. Donations of sale items gratefully accepted between 2-4 p.m. in the Community Centre.

#### INFORMATION WANTED

A VARIETY OF TOOLS (TWO DRILLS & A CLAW HAMMER) HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM CROWANNA DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL.

ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT PC. ALISON McLENNAN AT KIRKWALL POLICE STATION ON 01856 872241

#### COMMUNITY CENTRE

Is pleased to announce new double glazing units have been fitted to the main hall, the carpet room & the kitchen. It is anticipated that the hall will be decorated when the colour has been chosen. Any one willing to help with the decorating please contact Colin on 616446 or Ian on 616256.

Unfortunately due to increased costs Bar prices have had to be raised.

#### ORKNEY FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION

is running markets on Kirkwall pier on five dates when larger liners are expected in Orkney all day. The Stronsay Development Trust will register for one 'Stronsay' stall that could be used to sell a collection of crafts and other products from Stronsay, if there is demand.

The dates are June 2nd, June 20th, July 10th, August 2nd and August 7th

A large vehicle, tables, chairs and setting up and taking down stalls will be required, as might overnight stays.

Please contact Julia on 616434 if you are prepared supply a vehicle, crafts or help with set up a stall on any of the dates and we can then decide which days might be feasible.

Anyone interested in having their own independent stall can get further information from Heather Croy on 01856 741274

# GROUPS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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#### STRONSAY SINGERS

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NEXT VISIT Tuesday 3rd June Village 9.15 - 11am School 11.30 - 2pm & 6.30-8pm Gorries 2.30 - 4.30pm

#### FOR SALE

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CROSS STITCH OR NEEDLECRAFT MAGAZINES £1 FOR A BUNDLE OF TEN PHONE ARNA 616322

#### ST MAGNUS FESTIVAL ON TOUR

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 4pm AT MONCUR MEMORIAL CHURCH THE OXFORD SINGERS CHORAL GROUP PAY AT THE DOOR

#### REDHOUSE PLANTS

SHRUBS, PERENNIALS & BEDDING PLANTS NOW FOR SALE. ORDERS STILL BEING TAKEN FOR VEG. & BEDDING PLANTS. PLEASE CONTACT GIL or LINDSAY TEL: 616377

#### WANTED

Somewhere dry to store wooden flooring, for maybe 18 months. Please contact Yvonne or Steve on 616375

#### STRONSAY SLIMMERS

I am delighted to say that the total amount raised for Breast Cancer Campaign as a result of the recent sponsored slim is an amazing £1211.00!

A huge thank you to all who took part, both slimmers and sponsors.

#### **Stronsay Community Council**

Clerk: Pat Wilcox Shamrock Lea Stronsay

Tel: 616353

Need to dispose of a scrap vehicle?

Here's what to do: 1 Request the relevant form from the Community Council Clerk
2. Complete the form and pass it with your payment to haulier when vehicle is collected

from you.

3. Your payment will be refunded to you by OIC on their receipt of relevant signed paperwork from the haulier. cost of a single journey for car Stronsay/Kirkwall (currently £15.05)



# LOCAL BUSINESSES & ADVERTS

### Stronsay Fish Mart Summer

# ★ Opening Hours

Cafe, Hostel & Interpretation Centre

MONDAY	12.00 - 2.00	4.00 - 6.30
TUESDAY	CLOSED	
WEDNESDAY	12.00 - 2.00	4.00 - 6.30
THURSDAY	12:00 - 2:00	4.00 - 6.30
FRIDAY	1000	4.00 - 6.30
SATURDAY	12.00 - 2.00	4.00 - 7.00
\SUNDAY	10.30 - 2.00	4.00 - 7.00

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#### " Lest We Forget "





Name.

George Irvine STOUT

Rank.

Private No. 5/12230

Regiment.

9th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, The Pioneers.

[Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's]

Born.

23rd April, 1897, at 13, Station, Stronsay.

Died of Wounds.

4th July, 1917, at Flanders, aged 20 years.

Parents.

John Forbes Stout and Jane Leslie.

Address.

Whitehall Village, Stronsay.

Prior to the war, George was a fisherman and deckhand, and a brother to the late lock Stout, Baker in Whitehall Village. The following is from a newspaper article: "Informaction has been received by the relatives of Private G. Stout, Seaforth Highlanders, of his death from wounds received in action. Private Stout who was a native of Stronsay, aged 20 years, joined the army in January, 1916, and in March of the same year, was drafted to France. Prior to joining the Colours, he was a hand on the tug "Jim McAusland". Writing to his sister, Mrs Wylie, a nursing sister says, " Dear Mrs Wylie, -Your brother, Private G.I. Wylie, was brought in with many others, badly wounded, but was able to ask me to write to you. He suffered much pain, but was very brave through it all, and although everything was done for him, I'm sorry to have to tell you he died early next day. I know it's very hard, and all my sympathy goes out to you, but could you see the sufferings of others who are maimed and blind, I think you would realise how much easier it is to die than live. He was a brave soldier, and died a hero. Up to the very end he was brave. He gave his life for his country - a martyr's death - and what more could one wish for! God give you courage friend, courage, and strengthen you to bear this sorrow. His last thoughts were with you, and I think he was happy to die". An Officer of deceased's Company writes " Dear Mrs Wylie, - It is with the deepest regret and sympathy that I have to write to you of the death of your brother, Private 12230, G. Stout, Seaforth Highlanders. Your brother was wounded in action on 2nd inst., and passed away in hospital on the 4th. His remains were buried yesterday in the British Cemetery here. A party from his own platoon were present at his burial, and a cross will be raised above his grave. This Battalion mourns the loss of an excellent soldier, his company, that of a friend. As time wears on, and this sore gradually closes, it will be a source of great comfort to you to know that your brother has died such a noble death for such a great cause. That God be with you in this your great bereavement, is the wish of the officers and men of B. Company, who join with me in offering you their sincerest and most heartfelt sympathy".

Mrs Wylie has also received from Lord Derby, an expression of the sympathy of the King and Queen in her loss. George is buried in Grave I. C. 30, Coxyde Military Cemetery, De Panne, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Bill Miller.

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And I suppose Archibald for

Name.

Archibald Reid.

Rank.

Lance Corporal / Acting Sergeant. No. 5/9203.

Regiment.

2nd Batallion Gordon Highlanders

29th Brigade, 7th Division.

Born.

23rd August, 1892, Whitehall, Stronsay.

Killed in Action. 5th October, 1917, at Broodeseinde, Ypres, aged 25 years.

Parents.

William Reid & Betsy Cooper.

Address.

Red House, Stronsay.

Archie was one of five brothers who served in the First World War. The others were John who was wounded at Neuve Chapelle but survived, David who was a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, father of David, Albert, etc., Samuel, also a Gunner in the same company, father of Fiona, Archie, John, etc., and James, late of Sandybank, father to the late Pat and Fernlith.

There is no known grave for Archie, but his name appears on the War Memorial at Tynecot, Belgium, on Panel 135-136.

Bill Miller.

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