



STRONSAY LIMPET

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"Dare to Wear It Pink" **Fundraising Event for Breast Cancer Campaign**

The "Dare to Wear It Pink" fundraising event took place in the Stronsay Hotel on Friday 31st October when Stronsay folk once again showed generous support for this very worthy charity. The Wearing it Pink challenge was embraced in varying degrees by all but a few, and those few were made to pay dearly for their mistake!

The main event of the evening was the quiz, won by Ian and Arna Cooper and Ingram and Doris Shearer, collectively known as "The Dunderheids". Many thanks go to them for returning their winnings to donate back to the charity.

"Fill in the Missing Word" competition sheets had been on sale in local shops and thank you to all who purchased them. All correct entries were placed in a hat and the lucky winner was Mairi Dennison. Damian Stout was delighted to win the pink jigsaw – shaped cake, expertly made and generously donated by Anne - Maree Carter. While supper was enjoyed, raffles were drawn and competition results announced. Thanks to all who provided food for supper.

Finally it was time for the auction! The first item, a one off design, was a large pot portraying an illustration of the Stronsay Monster. This had been very kindly donated by Andrew Appleby of Fursbreck Pottery. Sadly, the reserve price was not reached, so the decision was made to re-auction the item at a future event, with proceeds of course going to Breast Cancer Campaign.

The second item for auction was a beautiful silver pendant, very aptly enamelled in pink, which had been very generously donated by Sheila Fleet in Kirkwall. Following a great amount of friendly rivalry, the final bidder was Ingram Stout and thanks go to him for his generosity.

Raffle prizes had been generously given by supporters both on and off the island and all helped to boost the sale of raffle tickets on the night. Thanks to Yvonne for helping to sell tickets.

A huge thank you to those who were unable to be there, but have made cash donations, and last but not least thanks to Carol and Al for allowing us to hold the event at the hotel.

A TOTAL OF £388.37 WAS RAISED



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AND STANDS APPROX. 26cm TALL.**

**PLEASE DIG DEEP AND MAKE A GENEROUS
BID FOR A CHANCE TO OWN THIS NEVER TO BE
REPEATED ITEM.**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Sheena and Julia held their annual coffee morning (and evening) in aid of Macmillan cancer support on Friday 17th October. Both sessions were well supported with approx 50 people coming along. As it was held in the school holidays this time lots of the children were able to come too. A sales table, competitions & raffle along with many generous donations from near and far brought the total this year to a fantastic £645.77. Sheena & Julia would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gives so generously to this worthy cause, all money raised stays in Orkney. See you all next year!

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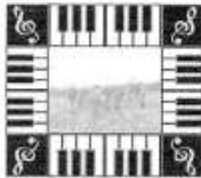
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**SCHOOL RAISE £110
FOR CHILDREN IN
NEED**



On Friday the 14th of November, the school held a fundraising afternoon for C.I.N 08. In the morning there was a talent contest, from dancing and singing, to magical acts. The overall winner was Mr Deerness who entertained us with his great singing and guitar skills. Second prize was taken by a duet from John and Keith who sang 'Ring of Fire'. In the afternoon there was xbox competitions, sing star, sales tables, quizzes and face painting. Everybody had a fun filled afternoon, and truly enjoyed themselves. We raised £110 and we would like to thank everyone who contributed.





Stronsay Community Council



Don't miss this important opportunity

Orkney Energy Agency, Keep Orkney Warm, Community Energy Scotland are being hosted by Stronsay Community Council and Stronsay Development Trust

**Evening raffle and fun events at Community Centre 7.30
Tuesday November 25th**

Plus staff from Orkney Energy Agency, will be in attendance for consultation all day on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th.

AFFORDABLE WARMTH survey – Complete the HOME ENERGY CHECK for a chance to WIN.

Numerous high value prizes decided by raffle ticket issued to every form returned on the night (forms can be returned by proxy for entry into draw) or during the day of the 25th to the community centre.

- Prizes donated by:
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STRONSAY R.N.L.I. RAISE £624 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 Friday, 31st October. Committee Member, Breda Miller, opened the party by thanking everyone for attending, and urged them to dig deep in their pockets to raise as much money as possible to support our brave lifeboat crews. Reasonable weather brought out a large number of locals, and their generosity resulted in £624 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. Several imaginative "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. Jennifer George and Carwin Miller 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 30th January, 2009, and we are hoping to organise a function to celebrate that, so we look forward to your further support on that day. The total raised for the RNLI in Stronsay in 2008, was £3,236-17, so thank you all very much for your outstanding generosity.

Bill Miller, Secretary of R.N.L.I. Stronsay.



QUIZ

1. What is the name for a group of toads?
2. Martinique, Grenada, Dominica, St Lucia & St Vincent are collectively known as what?
3. In mythology, who are Aglaia, Euphrosyne & Thalia?
4. Name two of the four countries that collectively made up the Barbary Coast ?
5. Who is the Greek God of flocks and shepherds ?
6. What is the term for a group of ferrets?
7. What is a simple story with a moral known as?
8. What name was given to the three wars fought between Rome & Carthage ?
9. Which Cornish engineer developed the world's first practical steam carriage, in 1804?
- 10 What was the Loan Ranger's horse called? **ANSWERS BELOW**

1. Knot 2. The Windward Islands 3. The Three Graces 4. Any two from Algeria, Libya, Tunisia & Morocco 5. Pan 6. Las Vegas 7. Parable 8. Puntic 9. Richard Trevithick 10. Silver

UPDATE ON THE MANSE

This month was an exciting one for the Manse project. On November 3rd the first of 4 loads arrived from RTC in Elgin, this consisted of wall panels, I beams, and numerous other parts of the kit. The second delivery followed on the 10th November, this had the rest of the wall panels, roof trusses, sarking board and felt for the roof. Thanks goes to Jim Holland who bought the kit out promptly, without much notice. We have decided as the weather is not ideal, to store the kit for a while at Holland farm, in their new shed.

Thanks to Tony and Dawn for this. The unloading was not as bad as feared as Eoin of the Bu worked brilliantly with his handler and got the job done in no time. Thanks Eoin. The windows are also almost finished, so we now have most of the materials ready, all we need now is the weather. Steve & Yvonne.



**Dr G McKay
Geramont, Stronsay
18/11/08**

Christmas and New Year holiday arrangements

Due to the fact that Christmas and New Year fall on the Thursday and Friday this year there is unfortunately going to be a prolonged period without surgeries. I would propose therefore that the surgery will be closed on Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th and 1st and 2nd January. There will however be a surgery on both Saturdays starting at 11am for one hour.

Change to surgery times

Due to the fact that weather conditions make access to Eday difficult during the winter I have decided to spend the whole day on Thursday in Eday. This will obviously mean there will be no surgeries on Thursday until further notice.

Peedie Stories from The Past Bill Miller Glenmanna. 01857-616420

From the Kirk Session Records of 1801.

John Skethway, Session Clerk and Schoolmaster for forty eight years, died on 1st December, 1801, aged eighty-two years and eight months. He was appointed Session Clerk on 2nd January, 1753, and in March, 1782, was appointed Society Schoolmaster with a salary of £5 per year. He had taught in school without salary for nearly thirty years before.

Note: The descendants of this man lived in St Salvator, near Mount Pleasant, Stronsay, and his son Scollay Skethway was Session Clerk and an elder of the church for many years.

From the Kirk Session Records of 1804.

“Reverend Mr Anderson, Ordained Minister of Stronsay and Eday from September, 1779, died at the Manse of Stronsay on Monday 29th January, 1804, after a severe illness which lasted five weeks. He was buried within the Established Church, under the Ministers Seal, on the West side of the pulpit, on Saturday, 4th of February”.

Question - Is he still there?

If anyone can elaborate on the above story, please give me a call.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY Have you ever served in the armed
forces?**

Would you be willing to have your name listed as a potential candidate to lay the wreath at a future Remembrance Day Service?
If so, please pass your details to the clerk at the above address.

George's Story Cont'd

They lay drifting slowly in the calm deep waters of the sea loch, slitting open the bellies of the fish, removing the intestines which were thrown overboard to the delight of the attendant gulls, the eviscerated fish thrown into the appropriate basket which when full was thoroughly washed, allowed to drip dry then lowered into the fish room to be packed in ice. Thus the routine was established for the rest of the week until Thursday morning when the fish were landed straight on to the market, covered in extra ice to await the evening sale, the boat hastily tidied, a quick shave and shower then ready for the journey home.

Daft home made poetry by Bill Embleton. No 4
Loads – sound familiar ?

Dirty table coasters and a crumb caked bread bin
bought at a boot sale on a rain soaked day,
in a truck filled with toilet rolls,
felt nails, a double bed,
firewood, Tuppa ware and a cheap bale of hay.

With salad cream and Nivia, from a shop in Orphir,
driving to the ferry in the pouring rain.
Boxes full of tinned milk,
sugar, bread and tea bags,
corn flakes, curry powder and rice – long grain.

Here comes the Varagen, pulling in to Stronsay,
skirting round the bouys in the wind whipped foam.
With it's cargo of haulage trucks,
tractors and trailers,
motor cars and passengers, all bound for home.

As you may have already heard Stronsay Development Trust has been successful in its planning application for a community wind turbine on Rothiesholm head. This is indeed good news but is only the first step along quite a long road. The next big task will be applications for funding and only when we have the finances in place can we make a start on the project and organise open evenings and presentations. Meanwhile if you should have any questions please contact our Local Development Officer, William Caithness on 616469

**LINDA & HEATHER HAVE NOW MOVED TO
GERAMOUNT AND AT THE MOMENT WE ARE WAITING
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THE STRONSAY NURSE**

LATEST BIRD NEWS. John and Sue Holloway

Once again Autumn migration brought an amazing variety of species to the island, with birds still arriving well into November. SE winds in mid-September gave rise to a big influx of common species - a real treat for migrant-watchers - with many of the birds turning up in the island's gardens. Highlights of early autumn were a Greenish Warbler on 17th, and a Wryneck on 31st August, and regular visitor Keith Cutting found the island's first ever Great Crested Grebe in Mill Bay on 4th September. Among the commoner species present in the first half of September was a very early Yellow-browed Warbler - a species which breeds no nearer than Western Russia!

George and Betty Winslow discovered a Tree Creeper - just the third island record - in the garden area behind Morven on 15th September, and Sheila & Mike Burger came across the same bird at Helmsley next day. What possesses such a small woodland species to cross the open sea is a real mystery. A Common Buzzard was seen on 22nd and a Red-breasted Flycatcher spent several days in the Odiness Garden later in the month. The only Rosefinch records were typical - two different singles on The Reserve, on 26th & 28th respectively. 9 Whooper Swans arrived on 28th and a Grey Plover - very rare here - arrived next day and may still be present in the Matpow area.

Margaret Crowe found the first Snow Bunting of the Autumn on 3rd October and there were major surprises on the following two days - firstly a Barn Owl at Holin Cottage, followed by a Grey Phalarope close inshore at Bomasty Bay. 4 Goldfinches were seen on 17th October by which time over 200 Whooper Swans were on the island and several Long-tailed Ducks in Mill Bay. An unexpected find off The Reserve on 29th October was a Pacific Diver - the North American equivalent to our Black-throated Diver. Yet another major rarity - there are only 2-3 previous records for the U.K.

The first Waxwing of the autumn was found in Dan and Jess Robinson's garden at Ossen - also on 29th October - after which, birds were seen at many parts of the island, including 18 in the garden at Castle on 6th November. SE winds in early November brought another influx of late migrants including another Red-breasted Flycatcher - this time at Sunnybank; a Woodcock, and two flocks of Snow Buntings - 100 or so in the stubble at Hunton and a smaller party in the stubble at Dale - both flocks easy to see from the public road. Leonora discovered two Blackcaps and a Goldcrest at Hescombe on 7th and Hazel saw a Woodcock at nearby Airy on 10th. A Woodcock was in the Castle garden that day and yet another unexpected find there later in the day was a beautiful - if rather elusive - Firecrest which was seen on and off until 12th. An Arctic Redpoll was found among the huge flock of Twite & Linnets at Dale on 12th, and at 11.15pm that night a Long-eared Owl was seen on a fence-post between the Mill and the Kirk, lit up in the car headlights. During the 13th a very obliging Waxwing delighted many visitors (and staff!) at Olivebank where it vied with the shop chickens for apples on the lawn outside for much of the day. Yet another surprise on 14th (but on a typical date for the species) was a Black Redstart on The Reserve.



Good numbers of Pied Flycatchers were recorded in Sept. 2008 This One in the Dale garden was seen And photographed by Norman Kent

Record numbers of Grey Phalaropes were seen in the U.K in Autumn. 2008. This bird was close inshore at Bombasty Bay on 5th Oct where three were seen together on 29th.



Waxwings delighted observers across the island in late Autumn, with many birds attracted down to rose-hips. This bird at Ossen on 29th Oct was the first to be seen and was typically tame

Although the commonest bird of prey across much of the UK. the Kestrel (Moosey- hawk) is far less likely to be seen on the island than the similar Merlin.

This Kestrel was found and Photographed by Jennifer at The Manse where it perched Obliginglly on the porch roof



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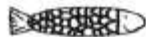
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AVE ATQUE VALE by Dr George McKay

At this time of year - early summer - shoals of prime quality haddock appeared in the shallower waters inshore. However they appeared only during the dusk, darkness and dawn hours, replaced during the daylight hours by small unmarketable fish such as gurnard. This made for quite pleasant working conditions - four hauls during the course of the night then back to port for several hours sleep before landing the catch for the evening market, dinner, then out to start all over again. Due to their observance of the Sabbath tonight's work would be cut by half. Their fishing grounds tonight lay about one and a half hours from the harbour. As soon as they arrived on the grounds the work started, the old familiar routine but with a new crew and on a different boat. However, he was experienced and adaptable and quickly fitted in to the routine. By the time the net was brought to the surface the first glimmer of dawn was breaking. The cod end held about half a ton of haddock - of a much better quality than he had been accustomed to working with at home. The next haul - the daylight haul produced about double that then the boats head was pointed for home. There to the east the sun was now fully up, lighting up a landscape from science fiction. Away to the north was the rounded prominence of Cape Wrath. Running south from the cape was an unbroken line of reddish cliffs, except where the white sands of Sandwood Bay shone in the middle distance. Behind the cliffs rose mountains - mountains of all shapes and sizes, dominated for him, at any rate, by the volcanic looking cone of Ben Stack. Nowhere in all this magnificent wilderness did there appear to be shelter for a single vessel, far less a busy fishing port. Slowly as the coast approached, the entrance to Loch Inchar opened up, a wide, clean, easy entrance offering a safe haven in almost all weathers. Up the loch they sailed, attended by their retinue of gulls, as they cleaned and washed and packed the last of their catch in ice in the fish room. The deck was tidied, washed down, the hatches secured as they entered the harbour and came alongside the pier. The cook already had the bacon and eggs frying, the kettle boiling for tea or coffee. Breakfast was quickly dispatched, up on deck for a quick look around at the sheltered, natural harbour they were in, then down to bed for a few hours untroubled sleep. By the late afternoon it was time to get up and shift the boat back to the fish market. The fish derrick was rigged, the hatches opened and the catch quickly winched ashore to be displayed on the market floor in wooden fish boxes each containing about fifty kilos offish, sorted by species and size. Empty boxes were taken aboard, then back to their berth at the main pier. By this time the aroma of mince and tatties was drifting from the galley and it was time to do justice to the cooks efforts, before relaxing for an hour or two prior to starting the next nights work. Time to visit the mission, next door to the fish market, run by the Royal National Mission To Deep Sea Fishermen where a welcome shower and a cup of coffee was always available. This institution was one of great comfort and support to fishermen working away from home. A Christian foundation, whose beginnings in the mid nineteenth were to relieve the appalling conditions on the North Sea sailing trawlers, it stood as a credit to a non aggressive form of Christianity. No stranger or fisherman in need was turned from the door, no alcohol was permitted on the premises but no one the worse for excess turned away. No lectures on misbehaviour, simply a friendly arm to support or shoulder to lean on and in times of tragedy a friendly presence to comfort those left behind. Would that all Christian denominations and institutions could copy so well the teachings of their Leader. Soon sailing time arrived and they slipped quietly from the bustling port out into the sea loch, lit by the westering sun slowly starting to sink towards the western horizon. Now there was time to contemplate the true magnificence of the setting. The croft's clinging to the hillside, surrounded by their patchwork of tiny green fields, all enclosed by the heather, bracken and bare rock of the surrounding country. Down the loch they sailed, passing on their starboard side the Ministers Point (or Mannies Pintie - minister being a taboo word on a boat), dividing Loch Inchar from Loch Clash - the site of the old wooden piled jetty where the port had started some thirty years earlier. Across Oldshoremore bay with its gleaming white sands and past Eilan Ron where the grilse (young salmon) ran in vast numbers heading towards the Rhiconnich river and the flies of retired colonels at the head of Loch Inchar. Many ended their journey here in the narrow channel between the island and the mainland, enmeshed in nets set illegally by boats on their way to sea until the policing authorities became too vigilant and another source of income dried up. Now they were out into the open Minch. To the south the peaks of the Black Rocks - small rocky skerries, some covered at high tide - were visible in the middle distance. Then to the north the rounded, uninhabited island of Bilgay merging with the cliffs south of Cape Wrath as they sailed further out. An hour or so later they were back on the grounds they had left earlier that morning to recommence the hunt. On they worked through the soft twilight of the midsummers night, until by sunrise they had a good catch on board, some already cleaned, washed and packed in ice in the fishroom, the rest packed in boxes awaiting processing. By the time they reached the entrance to Loch Inchar they had still some quantity offish to clear.

" Lest We Forget "



Gunner James Groat
Royal Garrison Artillery

Name. James Groat

Rank. Gunner / Bombardier No. 368074

Regiment. Orkney, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Born. 10th July, 1891, at 14, Wilkie Place, Leith, Edinburgh.

Killed in Action. 3rd June, 1918, in France / Belgium, aged 26 years.

Parents. John Groat and Anne Croy.

Address. Windbrake, Stronsay.

George was born in Leith, and was an only child, his mother having died when he was two years old.. His father brought him back to Stronsay ,and prior to the war, like George Logie, he was a joiner with James Chalmers of Sandybank. They must have joined the Royal Garrison Artillery almost at the same time as their army numbers are only 15 apart. Again, like George Logie, his theatre of war was France & Belgium. James was the father of the late Jacky Groat, and grandfather of Hilary, David and Elinor, formerly of Millbank, Stronsay.

Bill Miller.

" Lest We Forget "



Name. George Logie
Rank. Gunner No. 368089
Regiment. Orkney, Royal Garrison Artillery, 225th Seige Battery.
Born. 25th February, 1893, at Huip, Stronsay.
Died in Action. 22nd April, 1918, in Somme, France, aged 25 years..
Parents. William Logie and Jean Brass.

Address. Odiness, Stronsay.

George was the youngest of four children all born at Huip, and prior to the war, was a joiner with James Chalmers of Sandybank. My Late mother, Maggie Miller, nee Rendall, lived next door to the Logie family at West House, Odiness, and she remembered George as a nice generous young man who always gave her a penny when he came to visit his parents at their home. She was six when he died, and often spoke about the day the telegram arrived informing his parents that he had been killed in action, and recalled the utter grief of his poor mother. He served in France and Belgium.

Goerge's nephew and namesake, George William Logie was killed in the Second World War. The above photograph was given to me by George's niece, Jean Crichton, nee Logie, of Stromness. George is buried in Boves West Communal Cemetery, Somme.

Bill Miller

THE DAY VIKINGS CAME TO TEA.

One day when mum opened the door she let out such a terrible roar
The day the Vikings came to tea

There were three of them in all mum was short and dad was tall
Squeezing in from behind a boy with hair long and blond

Come in sit down take of your coats mum's voice quivered as she spoke
It was a silly thing to say they didn't have coats on anyway

Come in come in she shut the door with a sigh of relief
What if the neighbours had seen good grief

Mum thought I'd invited them it was plain to see
But it was not me who'd invited them to tea

I took the boy upstairs to my room his face was thin and full of gloom
But a smile soon came, as I got out my Nintendo game

He held it tightly in his hand but things did not go to plan
Pressing all the buttons he set of the alarm
Now things were far from calm

He dropped it at once and dived under my bed
And in the panic hit his head
Try as I might he would not come out so I game mum a shout

She was not having an easy time everything was far from fine
She'd switched on tele for a treat and the Vikings had run out in the street

As she was trying to get them back in Dad turned up with Uncle Jim
I'll take control now dear he said you go lye down on the bed

It was uncle Jim who finally succeeded Teas ready he pleaded
Out from under my bed the boy crept down the stairs he leapt

Mum and I followed close behind in the dinning room what would we find
What a relief they had all three sat down not at the table though on the ground

Dad and uncle were handing them plates
They did not want sandwiches but started with cakes
Their manners were far from good but this we completely understood

I was enjoying every minute when dad got his camera out this was the limit
Everything was now going well until he tripped and fell

The camera's flash filled the room with light
Our Viking visitors took off in fright
We never ever saw them again such a terrible shame

But we will never forget the day we always like to say
The Vikings came to tea.
By Christine Richings.



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