

STRONSAY LIMPET

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DRAMA IN MILL BAY

Last week the Norwegian-registered yacht ‘Innana’ came into Mill Bay to shelter from the bad weather. Observers on Stronsay were concerned for the safety of the yacht’s occupants because her sails appeared to be damaged and the sea, even in Mill Bay, was quite rough so they contacted the Coastguard and the Coastguard helicopter from Shetland was called out. When it arrived and hovered over the yacht the two people on board assured the helicopter’s crew that they were not in distress and did not require any assistance so the helicopter returned to Shetland.

The photograph below (taken by John Holloway) shows the helicopter approaching the yacht; the breakers at the entrance of Mill Bay give an indication of how bad the weather was at the time. John Stevenson took the ‘Hopeful’ out to check whether the yacht’s occupants needed any supplies and was assured that they were OK.



THE MAGIC SHOW

By Stronsay School’s lower primary

On Monday 21st September the Lower primary went on a trip to Dounby school to see a Road Safety Magic Show. We all went to school, then Maurice and Sheila collected us and took us to the pier. We waited with Jennifer, Colin and Mrs Dennison until the boat came.

On the boat we ate our packed lunches and coloured some pictures. When we got to Kirkwall we got on a bus to go to Dounby. The bus had lovely comfy seats. When we got to the Dounby School they were waiting for us so the show could start.

ORKNEY FERRIES—REASON FOR EARLY REFIT

(Eoin Stevenson, Community Council chairman, has received the following information from Orkney Ferries)

There is a new set of marine regulations that are applicable to the three Outer North Isles vessels from the 1 July 2010. Having worked with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) over the last eighteen months an agreed list of modifications to the vessels has been generated – all of which must be completed by the 1 July 2010 deadline in order for the vessels to continue trading as Ro-Ro Vehicle Passenger ferries.

These works required modifications that can only be carried out at refit ie: with the vessel out of service, and having considered the normal refit works and the agreed works it was determined that each vessel's refit would have to be extended. This extended refit cannot be handled within the normal nine week refit period between January and March, therefore one vessel will be at refit in late 2009 with the other two being at refit at the beginning of 2010. The first vessel's refit will be from 15 November 2009 to 12 December 2009, with the other two following on starting 10 January 2010 and completing on 7 March 2010. During these periods the Outer North Isles service will be operating a refit timetable using two vessels. During the period 12 December 2009 to 10 January 2010 all three vessels should be in operation (with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and 2 January as been the norm for many years). If any vessel returns before the completion date ie: it's extended refit is completed early, the Outer North Isles service will return to a three vessel operation and timetable.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING

Sheena, Sean and Lauren's coffee morning and evening in aid of Macmillan cancer support on Friday 16th Oct has raised to date approx £420, although donations are still being received so we will bring you a final total next month. Julia was unfortunately unable to attend this year due to other commitments but we're hoping she will be back next year! We (Sheena and Julia) began raising money for Macmillan in 2000 with a 20 mile walk along with Yvonne Harcus. Later that year we held the 1st coffee morning at Sunnyside, since then we have raised in the region of £3900 for this worthy cause. This would not be possible without all the faithful supporters who come along every year and donate so generously! Many thanks to you all! Hope to see you again next year! Thanks also this year to Sean and Lauren who worked so willingly to make the event possible, I couldn't have done it without you!

Sheena

FROGS IN STRONSAY—A RESPONSE

By Ellie at Newfield

I would like to reply to James who spotted frogs on the Crofters Hill. He is quite right, there are young frogs residing in "Little Water" and the ditch across the hill. These frogs were brought to the "Wild Life Centre" in Stronsay school by Mr Tateson who put them in the pond in a frog-spawn state. When he retired the frog-spawn was in the process of hatching, it contained very small baby frogs, tadpoles and spawn. Ugh!

My grandson, Joshua, on Mr Tatesons's retirement arrived home clutching a jam jar full. He wanted to put it in my garden ponds but in the end we put them into "Little Water" and they have thrived. The oldest ones I think will be two years old, depending on the year of Mr Tateson's retirement, and their identity I think would need Mr Tateson or someone at the school to confirm.

But frogs have been seen before this, we saw a huge one in the ditch many years ago, but not a common sight before this year. Also I believe the village has a few frogs in their back gardens, secretly leaping around. Ugh!

So, frog's legs for tea next year!!

FROGS IN STRONSAY—ANOTHER RESPONSE

Leonora (Hescombe Cottage) thinks that it is not a frog but a common toad. When she gets back from her holiday she will write a short item about toads for *The Limpet*.



**IF THEY GET AWAY WITH IT, THEN WE MIGHT ALL GO
FOR THE WINTER BREAK OPTION!**

JOHN HOLLOWAY—BIRD REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Yet another completely unexpected and major UK rarity was seen on five or six occasions between 24th September and 8th October, first at Bomasty where it was seen rocketing across the bay - and lastly near Holin Cottage where it had a mid-air skirmish with a (much smaller!) juvenile Peregrine Falcon. The bird - a 'dark-phase' Gyrfalcon - was very different to the dozen or so 'white-phase' (Greenland) Gyrs recorded here in the last 20 years, the whole of the upperparts being the colour of pale dried estuary mud. All the sightings by ourselves and our visitors were of the bird in flight but one lucky observer who was staying in Whitehall at the time, inadvertently flushed the bird from the cliff at the Mermaid's Chair in Mill Bay early one morning and enjoyed the best view of all! The bird's occurrence is even more interesting than the Greenland birds' as it almost certainly originated from further away in Arctic Canada, arriving in Orkney around the same time as the Sandhill Crane on S. Ronaldsay which recently featured in the national news.

Thousands of Pink-footed Geese were seen flying over in late September when three small parties of Brent Geese stopped off for a rest on their journey south during West/North-West winds. A few Snow Buntings and one or two Mealy Redpolls were also seen about this time, and the first Yellow-browed Warbler was discovered at Dale after a calm night on 5th October. South-East wind and rain overnight worked their magic on 9th-10th October, when new arrivals in Leonora's sheltered garden at Hescombe included several Goldcrests, two Blackcaps and two Chiffchaffs - one of the latter a bird of the 'tristis' subspecies from Siberia (see photo below). Whilst photographing the Chiffchaffs we were amazed to discover yet another species creeping about among the bushes - a Blyth's Reed Warbler - just the third island record. This bird was not so obliging as the Chiffchaff but we did manage one reasonable shot of it through the kitchen window thanks to Leonora's hospitality. The photo is 'rear-on' but shows the main features of what is - fairly typically of rare warblers - a very drab species! (See photo below) Other birds recorded that day included a Ring Ouzel and the first Fieldfare of the Autumn. More birds were discovered next day including a Yellow-browed Warbler in the garden at Airy, hundreds of Redwings, and over 50 Goldcrests. Many Swallows were still hanging on prior to their journey south and the Little Gull was seen on and off in Mill Bay. The first Long-tailed Ducks, a Goldeneye, and a Black-throated Diver were discovered by visitor Bob Wilson in mid-month, and a few Bramblings were seen - again in island gardens. A Dunnock spent the afternoon in the garden at Castle on 15th - the first record for the year! Two Greenfinches were at Dale on 17th followed by a party of 10 at Holin Cottage on 19th, when a beautiful Goldfinch - quite a rarity on Stronsay - was discovered feeding on weeds in the Castle drive. A huge contrast between this brightly-coloured bird and the sombre-plumaged Dunnock of 15th! Even more spectacular - and well worth looking out for was the flock of 100 or so Snow Buntings seen flying over Airy and Odiness farms on 19th, the birds probably feeding in barley stubble nearby.

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More birds have arrived in this week's South-East winds, including a Woodcock at Sunnybank - a species that may be found sheltering in the vicinity of buildings and gardens at this time of year. This snipe-like species is very easy to identify, being larger than a pigeon, long-billed, and a deep rusty chocolate-brown colour, often clattering up into the air at very close range. Every sighting is a surprise!

- Including the one in the Castle garden on Friday morning, shortly after a Black Redstart was discovered at Odiness. Hundreds more Fieldfares, Redwings and Blackbirds along with a few Brambling and Blackcaps also arrived the same day.
- And another Woodcock, this time at Dale during yet more SE winds on Saturday which also brought another 'Siberian' species to the island - a Dusky Warbler - in an overgrown garden. The bird was seen briefly for 30 seconds or so before diving into deep cover. It was not seen again in several subsequent visits to the site. Dusky Warbler is a rare but notoriously secretive species - the sighting encapsulating the excitement and frustration of ornithology.
- And as if to prove that we are not entirely obsessed with sightings of birds here at Castle, one of our regular visitors from Edinburgh penned the following tongue-in-cheek lament into our Visitors Book:

Everything within these Castle walls, as usual very good,
but one thing on this island trip, did dampen down my mood,
Disappointment on the ferry when coming from the sea -
they'd taken down the Water Tower - a landmark dear to me!

Oh islanders of Stronsay, did it really have to be?
You've taken from the skyline - your isle's identitee!

Tam Cranston, Edinburgh.



The Blyth's Reed Warbler in the Hescombe garden - a typical brief view!



A 'Siberian' Chiffchaff - also in the garden at Hescombe!

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Just a wee update on what is happening with the art project, which on the surface is admittedly not much!!

The meeting held at the hall on 21st September went very well: lots of constructive feedback was given, by young folk and adults alike, which was what we wanted. We now have a much better idea of what the format for the artwork will be, and there were plentiful and imaginative ideas for the artists to work with. Many thanks to all who attended – we were very pleased that so many made the effort to come out on such a wild autumn night.

Applications for funding have gone through, and we are now just waiting for results. Already we have received very generous donations from two sources – enough to get the project started, which is all that's needed at present. We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the Stronsay Community Council and the Orkney Childcare Partnership for your prompt and generous response to our appeal for funding – much appreciated.

All we are waiting for now is the disclosure process for the volunteers who will be working directly with the children/ young people taking part in the project. This process is well underway, and once it is in place we can get going!

An apology is due to the young folk of Stronsay attending KGS, and to the children and parents of the children starting nursery this year – I did not remember to include either group when asking all those who wanted to take part in the project. I have put a notice up at the Papdale Halls of Residence and if there are any parents of the children attending nursery who think they might want to take part you can get in touch by phone (616 475) or by email (jennystone001@btinternet.com).

Many thanks again to all those who have contributed so far to getting this project going.

Jenny

DO YOU RECEIVE THE LIMPET EVERY MONTH?

If you live on Stronsay and your house doesn't receive a regular copy of *The Limpet* just give your name & address to Ebenezer Stores, the Post Office or Olivebank and a copy will be there for you on the last Thursday of each month. If you prefer to receive a copy by post then you can take out a postal subscription, details are on the back page of every edition of *The Limpet*.

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

The clocks have gone back, the kids are back at school, the nights are drawing in and the weather is turning decidedly wintry. Now you CAN find the time to visit the gym, can't you? No matter what the weather you can manage to improve your fitness whether it be just gentle mobilising, exercise for weight loss or training to run a marathon.

We are here to help YOU achieve YOUR goal!

HLC opening Mon 26th Oct-Tues 22nd Dec 2009

	am	pm
Monday	10-12	3.45-5.45
Tuesday	buddy	6-8
Wednesday	buddy	3.30-5.30
Thursday	buddy	6-8
Friday	10-12	3.30-5.30
Saturday	closed	2.30-4pm
Sunday	closed	closed

The buddy system is back in operation, so organise a time to meet up with a friend. It makes it so much more pleasant and quite often you will have the gym to yourselves during the day. Just like a private gym!

Just try to avoid 12 – 1pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays due to a school booking.

In addition to the usual range of saver cards we are now offering 5 visit cards for £13.75 making each visit just £2.75 therefore saving 45 pence on a normal session price. Remember as well you only pay half price if you qualify as a concession.

Any questions please ring 616449 to speak to Julie or Tracey



CUT YOUR ENERGY USE WITH THE HELP OF AN OWL!

Yes this is actually possible! Only that the OWL is not bird it's a wireless electricity monitor. The OWL meter fits on your mains electricity cable and then sends a signal of your energy use to a small monitor that you can place anywhere in your house. It then gives you a reading every 30 seconds of your electricity use in either KWH or in actual money.

It is an excellent way of monitoring how much electricity different appliances or lights use and will undoubtedly make the user much more energy efficient.

There are 20 monitors available for use by Stronsay residents on a 6 weekly loan period. You can get help to install it and also to monitor your use if you so wish.

To get one phone Marion (Community Powerdown) on 616354

They have proved very popular and several are already out on loan so phone **right away!**

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Nigel Durrant, Lindsay Flett, Reverend Jennifer George, Colin McAlpine and Viv Erdmann for contributing to the box of local produce for the winner of the Local food Survey.

Also acknowledgments to the funders: The Climate Challenge Fund

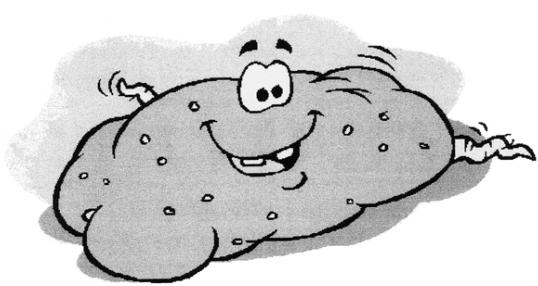
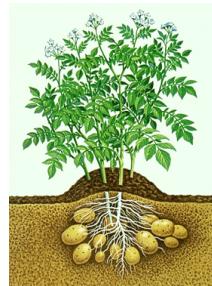


The delighted winner Fran Miller can be seen with her produce box below.

TATTIE EVENING COMMUNITY HALL

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER (after Bonfire) AT 8 pm.

Come and enjoy a fun evening of everything potato.



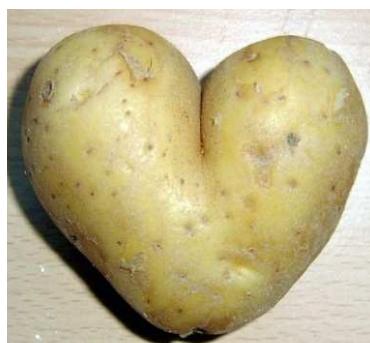
This includes:

- Tattie Buffet (A range of delicious dishes based on potatoes)
- Quizzes and competitions for children and adults alike.
- A display of local varieties

Please see separate posters on what's happening during bonfire night.

(Entrance for bonfire night adults £2.50 children £1.00)

All welcome!



COMPETITION!

Who can make the funniest potato?

Using a tattie perhaps of a funny shape make it look like the funniest thing you can think of. An animal, a human face or anything else.....

Bring your creation with you on the night for judging and prize giving.





A LETTER TO STRONSAY FROM TONY WITHERS, THE NEW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

I am highly delighted to have been selected as the new LDO despite stiff competition from other candidates who had applied. I hope my tenure will prove positive and show tangible results that justify the faith shown in me!

My basic role is to assist the community to help themselves to develop projects that are of social/economic benefit to our community. This means reporting to and working at the behest of The Stronsay Development Trust and its sub groups. This however is not exclusive and my time is available to all on Stronsay or anyone wishing to move here and enhance our community.

One thing has become abundantly clear to me over the last few weeks, is the huge amount of work that has been done by the Trust and my predecessor Mr William Caithness. Just coming to terms with the sheer amount of paperwork needed to secure funding for the Turbine project has opened my eyes as to how much has been achieved on this alone. I admit to having had like others, a few doubts about what had been achieved to date but now these doubts have been blown away by the reality! Years of hard work go into major funding projects and the efforts of mainly volunteers should be recognised, as every bit of funding requires an enormous amount of time and energy to secure.

You can contact me directly on my dedicated phone line 616300 or email me at passagemaker@tiscali.com or by post to Tony Withers, SDT LDO, Woodlea, Stronsay, Orkney KW17 2AR.

I hope you will be patient with me while I find my feet and I promise to keep you informed of my progress via the Limpet. Each issue I will keep everyone informed as to developments and a 'Tip of the Month' feature which aims to give advice on some money and community saving ideas.

Cheers, Tony.



TONY'S TIP OF THE MONTH.

Support your Island Business!

We all like to bag a bargain and like others I often shop in Kirkwall to save money but we all should remember the old adage ‘use it or lose it’. By supporting the Stores, Post Office, Bank, Builders, Craft Shop, Fish Mart and Hotel etc, we safeguard these essential island services. And lest we forget they provide a living and/or employ many of our number. Saving a bob or two now may spell disaster in the long run. I for one don’t fancy having to go into town to buy everything because they have gone out of business. Sourcing our needs from Kirkwall and beyond is a fact and necessity of life here, but how about checking first if an island business can supply you with what you need, as they will try to accommodate whenever they can. The convenience they provide would be sorely missed especially by those who rely on them—and that is all of us by the way! Whenever possible buy local and if you want a better service tell them what you would like them to improve on and if they can they will do so. Rural Communities who have lost these services through lack of support die. Must go as I need cigs, bread and the Orcadian!

NEWS FLASH FROM TONY!!!!

You may be interested to know that for a limited time only Energy Saving Scotland are offering an interest free loan on home renewables. So if you’re looking at putting something up like a turbine or solar panels / energy efficient heating system or insulation you could get a grant for 30% and a loan for the other 70%!!!

For more info go to <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland-Welcome-page/At-Home/Grants-and-offers/Energy-Saving-Scotland-home-loans> or to this slightly shorter but case sensitive URL <http://bit.ly/cLDyx>

THE PLOT THICKENS

Further to the article in last month's Limpet about the suspicious death of Betty Stevenson in 1837, I have been contacted by Mary Scollie of Kirkwall, formerly Mary Shearer of Stronsay, and she has kindly sent me an article from a Caithness newspaper about the incident which reads as follows:

"Woman Drowned – On Tuesday 13th inst., the body of a woman, named Stevenson, was found at the watermark on the shore-side of Rousim, Island of Stronsay, Orkney. It appears to be doubtful whether she was drowned or not, and the circumstances of the body's being interred without the usual examination having taken place, prevents our being enabled to say anything conclusive on the subject. We lament to state, that a suspicion of foul play attaches to an individual in that quarter. The unfortunate woman had formerly had a child, and was also pregnant at the time of her death. The circumstance has created considerable excitement in Orkney, greatly heightened owing to a post mortem examination not having taken place. The propriety of strict enquiry into cases of the kind by medical men, as well as the necessity of taking recognitions by the authorities, are both so palpable, that we consider it unnecessary to dwell upon it. Indeed, such is the feeling upon this subject, that without scrutiny into the matter, public opinion is not likely to be satisfied" – From a correspondent.

Judging by that article, the death was highly suspicious, and there was criticism of the fact that the authorities did not look into the matter properly.

Colin Stevenson of Buckie, formerly of the Bu, Stronsay, recalls being told that a local man was suspected of being involved in the death and that he had left Stronsay shortly afterwards never to return. There was also talk about his boots being taken away to Kirkwall to be examined by the authorities, but the investigation never reached a satisfactory conclusion.

Quoy Ollie was situated on the left side of the road, about 100 yards East of Mingro.

Bill Miller.

ROBERT JOHNSTON CHALMERS

The following poem was written by Robert Johnston Chalmers, who was born on Papa Stronsay in 1898, and was a cousin to the late Ralph Fotheringham of Minerva, Stronsay. Robert fought in the First World War, and returned to Stronsay where he lived with his wife and seven children at No. 12, Station. He later moved to Aberdeen where he died in 1980. He lost his first born son Robert at Dunkirk in 1944, and this poem is about the horrors of war and the loss of his son. I obtained the poem from a niece of the dead soldier, Carolyn Watson Crisp, who visited Stronsay earlier this year.

Bill Miller.

Exile's Reminiscences

By Robert Johnston Chalmers 1898 – 1980.

Scene 1

I stood on the shores of Caithness, and gazed across the firth
To the mist-enshrouded Orkney Isles, the islands of my birth.
Cradled so near the water's edge with murmuring waves below,
The seagull's cry was my lullaby, Oh ! it seems so long ago.

“Breathes there the man...”, how true I thought, as in fancy I roamed again
Barefooted on the sandy beach, or looked out o'er the main
As if expecting there to see, a Viking rover heave in sight,
With shields along her side arrayed, all glistening in the failing light.

Scene 2

But lo! the scene has changed, and we've got enemies from afar,
Our peaceful isles are threatened, the hun has gone to war.
The “Terrier” boys had shouldered arms, and taken up their posts
The “Contemptibles” had gone across, to meet the mighty hosts.

Then south across the firth we went, without a backward glance,
To join the regiment of our choice, and do our bit for France.
The weary years of war dragged on , the German hordes were smashed,
“The war is won” – so we were told, “The Kaiser's hopes are dashed”.

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Scene 3

Then back to Orkney once again, Wi' a "Sooth lass" for a wife,
To settle down and make a home, so far removed from strife.
The children came along in time, to bless that happy home,
There'd never be another war, they'd never have to roam.

They grew and played among the rocks, as their father did before,
"Come oot o' that, thoo'll weet thee feet", it's their granny at the door.
The first born sailed his model yacht, or plied his line and fly,
At the helm of the motor boat, "Please Dad ! give me a try".

Scene 4

Then came September '39, we hear the P.M.'s voice,
It's war again- "It's evil things", alas we have no choice.
Again the young men took up arms, on land and air and sea,
They fought and bled and died out there, that we might still be free.

From Humber to the Dunkirk beach, from Iceland to Freetown,
without complaint on every sea – he did not let us down.
Like thousands more he gave his life, when at last his ship went down,
Like thousands more – all heroes too, but then he was our own.

Scene 5

Fain would I sail to Stromness pier, on a calm and moonlight night,
With distant music, was ever Venice, such an enchanting sight.
Or Kirkwall Bay on a summer eve, to watch the sun go down,
Soft colours round the skyline, and the spire above the town.

Or the house the bairns were born in – perhaps there's laughter in it still,
While the Wheel of Destiny keeps turning, all according to his will.
To the kirkyard where the old folks lie, near the sheltered sandy bay,
I'll come again to meditate, some day – perhaps, some day.

DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY No 14

by Bill Embleton

RINGS GALORE

I have a flair for making rhyme of any mortal thing
A bloke at work laid on a bet, he would stump me with a ring
‘Make a poem about a ring’ he challenged me that night
‘If you can’t, you buy the drinks and dust you’ll have to bite’

A ring, I wrote, is usually round, some may be made of gold
To be worn on the fingers of people young or old
Expensive rings have diamonds or other precious stone
Some cheaper rings have fake gems that poor people own

Wedding rings, engagement rings, eternity rings and dress
Some are very beautiful, while others look a mess
A type was used in days gone by, to put a seal on things
Others were worn by messengers, as gain admission rings

We have boxing rings, bull rings and onion rings
Curtain rings, ear rings and such
Rings round the planet of Saturn
An awaited phone ring that means so much

So you see when you’re on about rings
There is plenty to write of by heck
When I show him this in the morning
He’ll probably ‘wring’ my neck

THE STORM

By Christine Richings.

The wind was howling and waves were crashing on the shore in St Catherines bay. The limpets were stuck firmly to their rocks. Piles of sea weed had collecting along the tide line the first of the winter storms had arrived. Usually at some point in the day when the tide was low the limpets would come out and play but today was just too rough. Rain was coming sideways at them hitting their shells so hard it stung it seemed to be trying to knock them off the rocks. The birds were enjoying the stormy weather they were doing aerial acrobatics using the strength of the wind to glide hardly using their wings they moved through the sky at speed. Gannets dived into the sea for their food wings folded back they dropped like darts and disappeared then flapped their wings hard to get back into the air again up from the rough sea. Others gulls swooped down towards the sea twisting and turning almost touching the very tip of their wings along the water. Big black clouds were in the sky and darkness soon came the limpets felt really fed up. As they went to sleep they hoped that the next day would bring better weather. When morning came they awoke to the sound of someone calling far away in the distance at first, then as the calling got nearer several voices could be heard. They seemed to be searching for someone. The tide had gone out the wind had eased thankfully the storm had passed the sun was just peeping out from white fluffy clouds its rays were warming the limpets it felt lovely, it was also warming someone else nearby. The wind had blown down a fence and a spring pet lamb called Daisy had gone missing from a nearby farm it had wandered for some time along the shore wet tired and lost it had found shelter under the grassy banks at the top of the shore near to the limpets home. It let out such a loud baa when it heard familiar voices making all the limpets jump and hide in their shells. Oh what excitement for the family when the lamb was found it was cold, wet and hungry but otherwise well and followed its owners readily back home for some breakfast.

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LIMITED PRINT

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DARLINGS 2010 CALENDAR

Ideal Christmas present

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CRAFTS SHOP

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Price Reductions

Paperbacks up to 25% off October and November

Rowan Scottish Tweed 50g now £3.75
(r.r.p. £5.75)

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£9.25 (r.r.p. £11.25)

Open Thursday to Saturday 10.00-6.00 pm.
Tel 616434

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Available only from Olivebank

Ministry approved free range eggs from
The Hill

Production site ref: 1UK335SCO

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Private adverts (for sale, wanted, birthday greetings etc)

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Adverts for the next (November 2009) edition of *The Limpet* must be placed by Saturday 21 November
Contact details for *The Limpet* are on the back page

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FOR SALE

6 double radiators of various sizes

Phone Michael 616306

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY KIRK—LIFT TO CHURCH?

Would you like a lift to church during the winter months? We would be more than happy to organise the Ambulance, which is also meant to be used by the wider community, to come by for you on Sundays, to take you to the service and back home again. If you would like to be added to the list of passengers, please let either Jennifer George (616311) or Elsie Dennison (616331) know as soon as possible.

STRONSAY GAMES CLUB

FUNDRAISING—BBC's CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Notices will appear in the shops with more details nearer the time.

This is an open night and everyone is welcome to come along
(under 10's must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GUY FAWKES BONFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER—STARTS AT 7pm PROMPT

ADULTS £2.50, UNDER 16'S £1.

Make a Guy and bring it along to the Judging of the Guy competition-lots of prizes!
Bonfire, firework display, raffles, glow sticks for sale
Supper of mince haggis and clapshot
Followed by Tattie evening

ORKNEY'S WOODLAND PROJECT

TALK BY JENNY TAYLOR

TUESDAY 10 NOV AT 7:30pm IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

All welcome

FREE admission

FREE tea/coffee etc

Hosted by Stronsay Footprints (new members always welcome)

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Special event coming up? Why not hire the disco equipment with rotating glitter globe and pulsating coloured lights for only £5 plus room and hydro charge? A DJ from the Hall list must be used.

Also available for hire: badminton, table tennis and snooker all at £2 per hour plus hydro. All equipment provided.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

For details and booking contact Colin on 616446.

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB

Friday night 8pm until 10pm

Entrance £1

Come along for a fun filled night

Air hockey table

Pool table

Play station 2

Nintendo WII & Sing Star

Snooker

Juice, crisps and sweets available

KEYHOLDERS NEEDED!

Can you spare one evening every month? At the moment there are not enough keyholders for the swimming pool to open regularly. Full training will be given.

Please contact Yvonne on 616375 for more info.

EVENING CLASS

“Singing techniques” - tutor Michael Lee

Previous experience not necessary

Ability to read music not essential

All you need is enthusiasm. Join a friendly group of people every Monday at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Autumn session (10 weeks) commenced Monday 21 September.

Please contact Brian Crowe on 616464 for more info

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit—Monday 23 November (Refit timetable)

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am

Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm

Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Kirkwall library contacts - 01856 873166 or general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk

Kirkwall library website - <http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk>

Kirkwall library online book catalogue - <http://212.219.208.10/TalisPrism>

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dr Mackay's Retirement

The Community Council are making a collection for Dr Mackay's retirement. Please place your donations in the boxes provided in local shops and Post Office. Thank you.

Pat Wilcox (616353)

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Monday, Thursday 08:30—16:15
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday . 08:30—12:00
Saturday 09:00—14:00

Post collection times 07:30, Monday to Saturday
Replacement bin bags. Telephone OIC (Technical Services) on 01856 873535
Sunday service at the Kirk 11 am
Our Lady's chapel, pier head Daily Masses at 7:30 am and every Sunday at 9 am
Special Collection dates 03 Dec and 05 Feb (2010)

Doctor	616321/308	Castle Bird Reserve	616363
Nurses	616225/232	Balfour hospital	01856 888000
Registrar	616239	Hydro	0800 300 999
Hall bookings	616446	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Post Office	616217	Kirkwall Police	01856 872241
Companions	616307	Vets:	
Kirk	616311	Flett & Carmichael	01856 872859
Stronsay Hotel	616213	Northvet	01856 873403
Fish Mart	616386	Dentists:	
Olivebank	616255	Great Western Rd	01856 879683
Ebenezer stores	616339	King Street	01856 875348

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