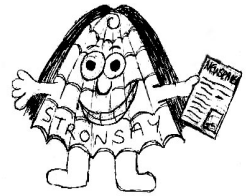


# STRONSAY LIMPET

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## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

The November edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thursday 25 November. It will be the last edition of the *Limpet* before Christmas and therefore your last chance to advertise your Christmas event(s); remember that advertising for local organisations and charity events is FREE! Why not send Christmas greetings to your friends who read the *Limpet*, it will only cost you £1 for up to 25 words.

The cut-off date for items to be included in November's *Limpet* is Saturday 20 November. Contact details for the *Limpet* are on the back page.

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## **THE FUTURE OF THE LIMPET**

Each month just over 200 copies of the *Limpet* are printed and distributed; about 55 copies are sent to postal subscribers and the rest go to householders on Stronsay via the local shops. The cost of printing and distributing the *Limpet* is just over £2,000 per year and is subsidised by the Stronsay Development Trust. Individual colour photographs are particularly expensive to reproduce so from now on you'll find all the colour photographs together on pages 1 and 2 with links to the articles that can be found later in the document. One "green" idea to reduce costs is to make the *Limpet* available as a document (in PDF format) on the internet. If you would be happy to forego your printed copy and view the *Limpet* on the web please contact Bruce Fletcher at [ricardian@btinternet.com](mailto:ricardian@btinternet.com)

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Photographs to accompany article on page 9



*5 weeks ago; 120 grms, 4" long.  
'Hotchi' warming-up on his hot-water  
bottle*



*'Hotchi' 5 weeks later;  
720 grms, nearly 9" long*

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Photograph to accompany article on page 4



*Eco Club - the children proudly showing off some of their produce.*

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Photographs to accompany John Holloway's article on pages 5 & 6



*Long-eared owl*



*Mealy Redpolls*



*Great Grey Shrike*



*Red Kite & Great Black-backed Gull*



*Waxwing at Lower Millfield*



### **NEW POWERDOWN OFFICER**

Marion will be on maternity leave for the remainder of the project. Stronsay Development Trust is delighted to welcome Simone Kirk as the New Community Powerdown Officer. Simone is looking forward to making the most of the project until its end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2011. Simone can be contacted on 616303 and would be delighted to hear from anyone in the community regards ideas for the last few months of the project.

### **HOME INSULATION SCHEME**

As many will have noticed the Home Insulation Scheme (HIS) has arrived in Stronsay.

The Home Insulation Scheme is Scottish Government funded and delivered by the Energy Saving Trust.

Clive Martin working for the Energy Savings Trust has been knocking on household doors to find out who is eligible and get them signed up. If your home is suitable, you will be offered cavity wall and loft insulation at a specially negotiated price or even free of charge to certain eligible householders.

You could also be offered loft top-up insulation free of charge, irrespective of the size of your loft.

And if you need additional support to install insulation, for example your loft cleared or scaffolding, HIS may be able to help with that too.

Clive will be getting around all Stronsay households but if you for some reason think you have missed out please contact Simone who will ensure you get a visit.

Powerdown would also like to offer after care support. For example if you are unsure on what happens next or need help with any paperwork, again please get in touch with Simone.

Remember that HIS is only running until December so make the most of it!

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## **ECO CLUB**

Last session of the season for Eco club was held on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. The children have now harvested what they can before the winter but they have plenty of things that will keep growing over the winter. Autumn planting garlic, onions and sprouting broccoli that will be ready in spring are all things to look forward too. Eco club will start again in February/March but this will be announced nearer the time.

On the last session we learnt all about identifying trees. Which might not be so useful in Stronsay (yet!) but Marion had collected various tree seeds on the Scottish Mainland for all to plant so by next spring there will hopefully be some little saplings to plant out.

It has been great that the children have enjoyed the sessions so much. A big “Thank you” to all the parents who religiously have been dropping off and picking up their children on Tuesdays. Also a special “Thank You” to those who have helped during the sessions. Pam’s and Elspeth’s input have been especially valuable.



## **JOHN HOLLOWAY'S BIRD NEWS FOR OCTOBER.**

*(all photographs are on page 2)*

We have often speculated as to what is the most sensible and productive way to bird-watch on the island and there seem to be four basic choices: 1) Go for a long walk covering as wide a variety of habitat as possible. 2) Choose what appears to be a good site and watch it all day. 3) Drive round aimlessly and hope something comes into view. We have tried all three and the latter comes out on top almost every time - way above the rest. Walking invariably flushes many birds from the area, often resulting in frustratingly short rear-on views, and although staying in one place can often be good it reduces the number of potential species due to limited habitat, whereas the third method without doubt results in more close sightings and a wider variety of species - all birds are less frightened of vehicles than people! This is borne out by the number of unusual birds we have come across during short drives to visit friends and relatives etc. and a short trip to the shop and back in mid-October produced a Buzzard, a Long-eared Owl, and a Mealy Redpoll. How lucky we are on Stronsay, as there can be very few places in the UK where a trip to the shop can give rise to more interesting species than a visit to the local nature reserve!

As usual, the most interesting recent sightings during the last month have been of similar ilk - a Hawfinch was discovered as I took non-birder friends for a run round the island on 29th September, and a Great Grey Shrike flew out of the rose bushes at Millburn Cottage as I went on an errand on 10th October.

SE winds in late September brought an excellent variety of species - mainly woodland birds - to the island, including two Yellow-browed Warblers (of Russian origin). We had reports of many Robins, and even more arrived during early October with at least 2-3 in most gardens. Blackcaps too have been present in good numbers - again 2-3 per garden over much of the island.

A big fall occurred on 30th when another Yellow-browed Warbler was found - this time at Slap. Rothiesholm was the place to be that day with Redstart and Pied Flycatcher among the migrants between Slap and Breck, and 2 Spotted Flycatchers were by the shore at Bomasty along with 8 Siskins at Ossen. Many Chaffinches and Brambling arrived that day - the majority feeding in the unharvested crops at Dale and Northbank. Huge numbers of Song Thrushes were on the island around this time - all migrants, as the species only breeds here on rare occasions. Virtually all had moved on before mid-October. A Marsh Harrier was seen at Dale several times in early October and Alison found a Long-eared Owl at Breck. What was probably the same bird was found at Ossen by Paul and seen later by Patrick and Agnes at Millgrip. This may have been the bird we discovered roosting in an island garden on 14th & 15th (see photo).

Early October was an excellent period for birds of prey with Kestrel, Merlin, Sparrowhawk and Hen Harrier seen on The Reserve on 3rd, when Ian Cooper discovered a Red Kite at Midgarth - accompanied by a Great Black-backed Gull (see photo). A Marsh Harrier was at Dale next day. Both of these two rare migrants to the island were seen on and off for a few days in the Dale/Matpow area although in spite of much searching not by ourselves. Such is birding!

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Many Siskins were seen in early October with the odd Whinchat and Stonechat and there was a huge fall on 9th - again in SE winds - involving many hundreds of Blackbirds. An indication of the number of species present could be seen at Simone's partly constructed house in the Airy Road that day: 5 Robins, 4 Goldcrests, 3 Song Thrushes, 2 Chiffchaffs, 2 Redwings, several Meadow Pipits and a Dunnock were all feeding within a few yards of the building, the Goldcrests even searching for insects on the scaffolding around the house. More Robins were seen on 10th - including at least 15 at Slap, and a Lesser Whitethroat was at Bomasty. Bird of the day however was on The Reserve - a Great Grey Shrike - which spent a short time in the drive at Millburn Cottage then in the Castle garden (see photo).

A few Fieldfares were seen in mid-October and the first Mealy Redpolls were seen at Dale where there was a major surprise on 12th in the barley stubble - a total of over 50 Lapland Buntings. There have been unprecedented numbers of the species in the UK this Autumn. A few parties of Whooper Swans were seen flying in around mid-month, 6 Barnacle Geese were seen on 13th, and a Common Buzzard (rare here) was seen along the Airy Road on 14th. Golden Plover numbers had increased markedly and the odd Swallow was seen until the recent cold snap drove most of the small migrants off to warmer climes. Arrivals during this colder weather were (typically) more redpolls - including four Mealy Redpolls at Sunnybank on 19th (see photo), and a Waxwing at Dale on 20th.

There have been a few sightings of Waxwings in the northern isles recently and many of redpolls (Mealy and Arctic) - all potential garden birds on Stronsay! Thanks once again for all the calls.

John & Sue Holloway

PS: ...and right on cue within minutes of me finishing the Limpet Piece we received a phone call from our neighbours at Lower Milkfield to say that two Waxwings had just arrived arrived and were eating the apples put out by Juliet and Nigel in anticipation! This one posed perfectly for the camera in the mid-day sunshine



## **MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **FROM TONY WITHERS LDO.**

I am pleased to announce that good progress is being made towards the Community Turbine Project. Our contractors have visited the site and inspected the route to Rothiesholm. They included representatives all the way from Germany with Enercon who will supply the turbine. Also in the party were representatives from Heddle Construction, our groundworks and road team, Northwind Associates our project management team and finally a consultant from Fairhursts our civil design management team who oversee Health and safety issues on site. The visit proved very useful and it is planned to start construction of the track road and foundations in February! Which means we our turbine will be the first to be started amongst the four other islands in our group.

In next months Limpet I will explain the role and structure of the Trust's subsidiary called the Stronsay Renewable Energy Company. It is a social enterprise that will construct and run the turbine on behalf of the Trust and I will show how SRE Ltd will benefit the community for years to come.

As everybody will know by now the BBC Autumn Watch team are amongst us and will be filming our wonderful wildlife for the whole country to see. The trust hopes that this exposure will put Stronsay firmly on the map and see an increased number of visitors sharing our beautiful home. We also hope that this will help the Carter family in their exciting new venture in constructing a fantastic new purpose built 3 star B&B in Whitehall. I am sure the whole community wishes them every success!!

Work progresses on the Enterprise Zone and Haulage feasibility study following a successful meeting with Eday Co-Op who are now onboard with our proposals, it is hoped we can move forward once concerns expressed by members of the community are addressed. I intend to put in for planning permission for the Zone very shortly and those affected will be notified accordingly. We thank the Community Council in advance for agreeing to put the planning permission in on our behalf, the cost of which will be met out of the feasibility grant we were awarded by the Lottery.

Just a reminder that should you require any assistance from me I can be contacted Monday to Friday preferably by email on [cdostronsay@btconnect.com](mailto:cdostronsay@btconnect.com) (or on 01857 616300) as I am usually away twice a week either at Community Power Orkney turbine meetings or other community business in Kirkwall.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Tony Withers.

# **STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**



## **Supervised Sessions Mon 25<sup>th</sup> October – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2010**

	AM	PM
Monday	10—11.30	4—5.30
Tuesday	Buddy	7—9
Wednesday	10—11.30	7—9
Thursday	Buddy	7—9
Friday	10—11.30	4—5.30
Saturday	Closed	1.45—3.15
Sunday	10—12	Closed

Please note we will be CLOSED on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> October due to the OIC consultation meeting on that night.

We hope these new times suit most people, we know they are limiting - that is why the buddy system exists. Find a friend to go with and you can go any time during school opening hours. We are also currently looking at ways the buddy system can be extended out of school hours.

We have also attempted to work in with the swimming pool opening times. When you drop the kids off at the pool use this hour to go to the gym, some 'me' time perhaps. Because.....

- You're already there
- It saves time and fuel running back and forth
- It reduces your carbon footprint
- It's good for you
- The only thing stopping you is YOU!

Please also take note of up-coming events advertised in this issue of the Limpet. The Chocolate Challenge - an inter-island competition. Let's have a good response and effort from Team Stronsay!

And our Open Day. Please come along and have a good time.



## **A PRICKLY PROBLEM!**

*(see photographs on page 1)*

During the summer months, usually in the late afternoon or early evening, we often saw a large hedgehog making its way down the long track leading to the house, or walking through the adjoining field, in fact it became quite a familiar and welcome sight. Sadly about two months ago we found what was almost certainly the same hedgehog, flattened on the roadway near the end of the track.

About a week or so later we glimpsed a very young and small hedgehog curled up in the middle of the same track, obviously very weak and near death. More in hope than expectation we collected the baby hedgehog in a cardboard box and brought it home wondering whether or not it could possibly survive. We placed it - still in the box, indoors in the warm, with a small helping of dog-food in a bowl. It showed little interest at first, but then Margaret put a little of the food on her finger, which 'Hotchi' - as he is now known, proceeded to lick off. This exercise was repeated over the next 24 hours, to great effect, with 'Hotchi' showing increasing appreciation and by the following day was feeding himself. It became a full-time job keeping his bowl filled in line with his appetite!

When he first arrived Margaret contacted the Tiggywinkles wildlife hospital, details obtained through 'Google' on the internet. They proved very helpful, offering useful advice on the correct diet and necessary care best suited to a baby hedgehog. There is a saying that 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating' and 'Hotchi' certainly confirmed this, for from an initial weight of 120 grms on arrival, and only just over 4" long, he now weighs in at 720 grms, at nearly 9" long

This is an astonishing six times his original weight, over a period of about 5/6 weeks. As well as staple dog-food, meaty never fishy, he enjoys the odd helping of banana, with a few dried meal-worms thrown in, and he drinks a lot of water. He really enjoys the best nursing care- must be the equivalent of BUPA in the hedgehog world, with initial regular visits from Sister Margaret every 4 hours, which included the middle of the night, plus a re-filled hot-water bottle every 4 hours, topped-up food bowl and change of bedding etc. The patient has made good progress and is now well in excess of 600 grms, the minimum recommended weight for hibernation. The plan is to provide him quite soon with a 'hedgehog house' suitable for hibernation, positioning it somewhere sheltered in the garden or in an outbuilding.

He suffered one minor blip during his recovery, a tummy problem necessitating a course of antibiotics from the vet, which we trust will cure the problem. Once through the winter 'Hotchi' will be released into the big, wide world. We just hope that he keeps off the road!! By the way, hedgehogs really are very prickly – the prickles don't bend and they are like needles! OUCH!!!!

Silly old Brian!

## **FREE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

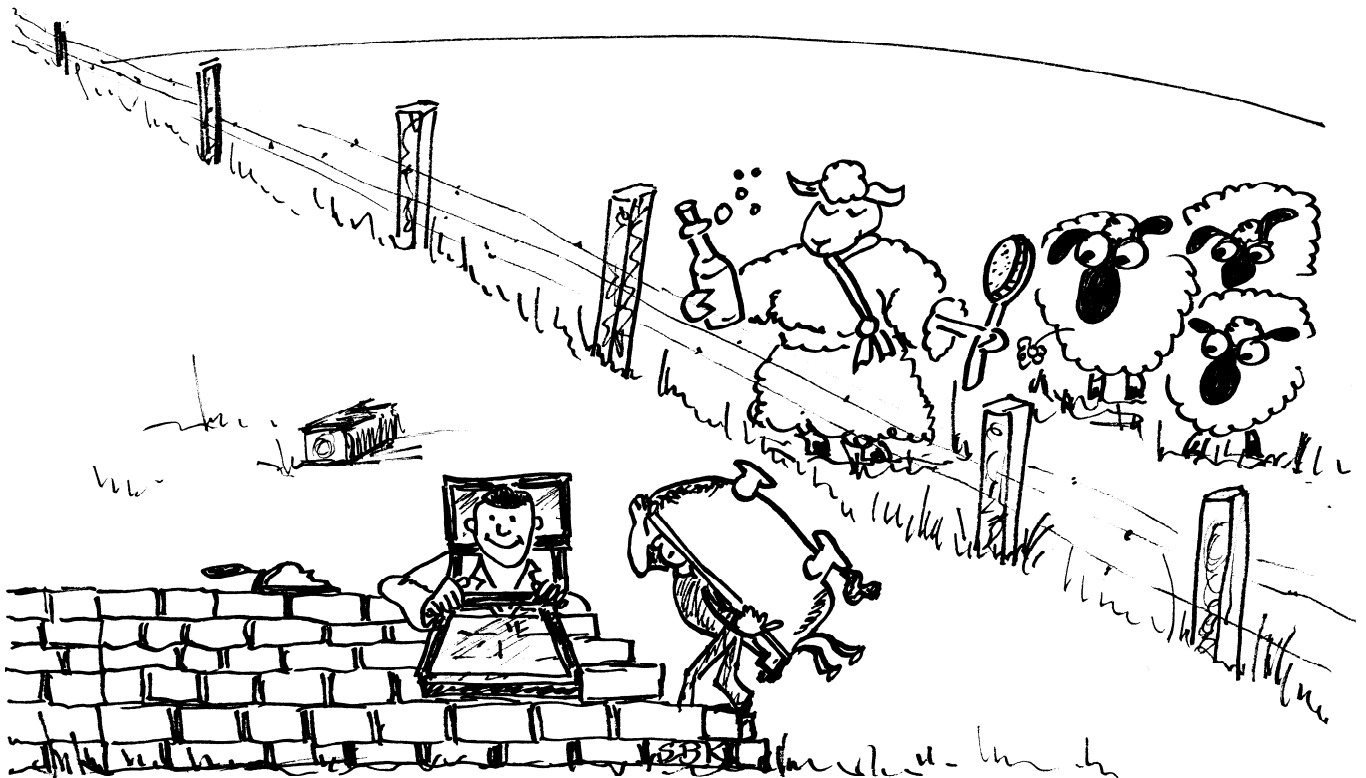
### **SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2010**

Date(s)	Days	Duration	Workshop title	Venue
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**“That’s what you might call wishful thinking!”**

# **THE ILL-FATED LESLIES OF FAIR ISLE/STRONSAY**

By Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay

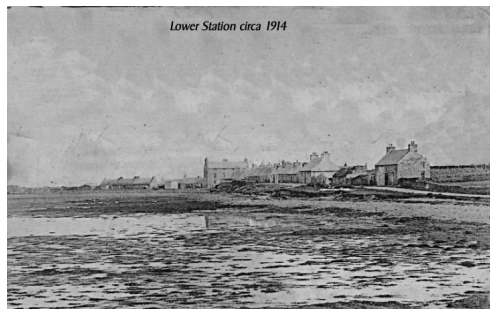
Stronsay has been involved in the fishing industry for hundreds of years, but it was not until 1816 with the arrival of Samuel Laing of Papdale, that the industry really took off, and Stronsay became an extremely important and successful fishing port.

The Laing family of Papdale in Kirkwall were landed gentry with estates throughout Orkney, and as far away as the West Indies. On the death of Robert Laing in 1803, the area then known as North Strenzie or Strynie, and now known as the Whitehall Village area, passed to his son Malcolm, and Papa Stronsay was owned by another son, Gilbert.

Samuel, who was the youngest son, managed to get a contract with his brother James to supply him with fish for his estates in Jamaica, and so it was that in 1816, the Stronsay herring fishing industry became properly organized, and went from strength to strength.

Within a few years, hundreds of boats were fishing out of Stronsay and herring curing stations were springing up along the shorelines of Stronsay and Papa Stronsay.

The industry was very labour intensive and housing was needed to accommodate the workers and their families. Several cottages were built for the fishermen at the north-east end of the island and this became known as “The Station” or “Lower Station”. This attracted quite an influx of families from Fair Isle. They were all experienced fishermen who were looking for an opportunity to improve their way of life, and they jumped at this chance of moving to Stronsay, with employment and housing guaranteed.

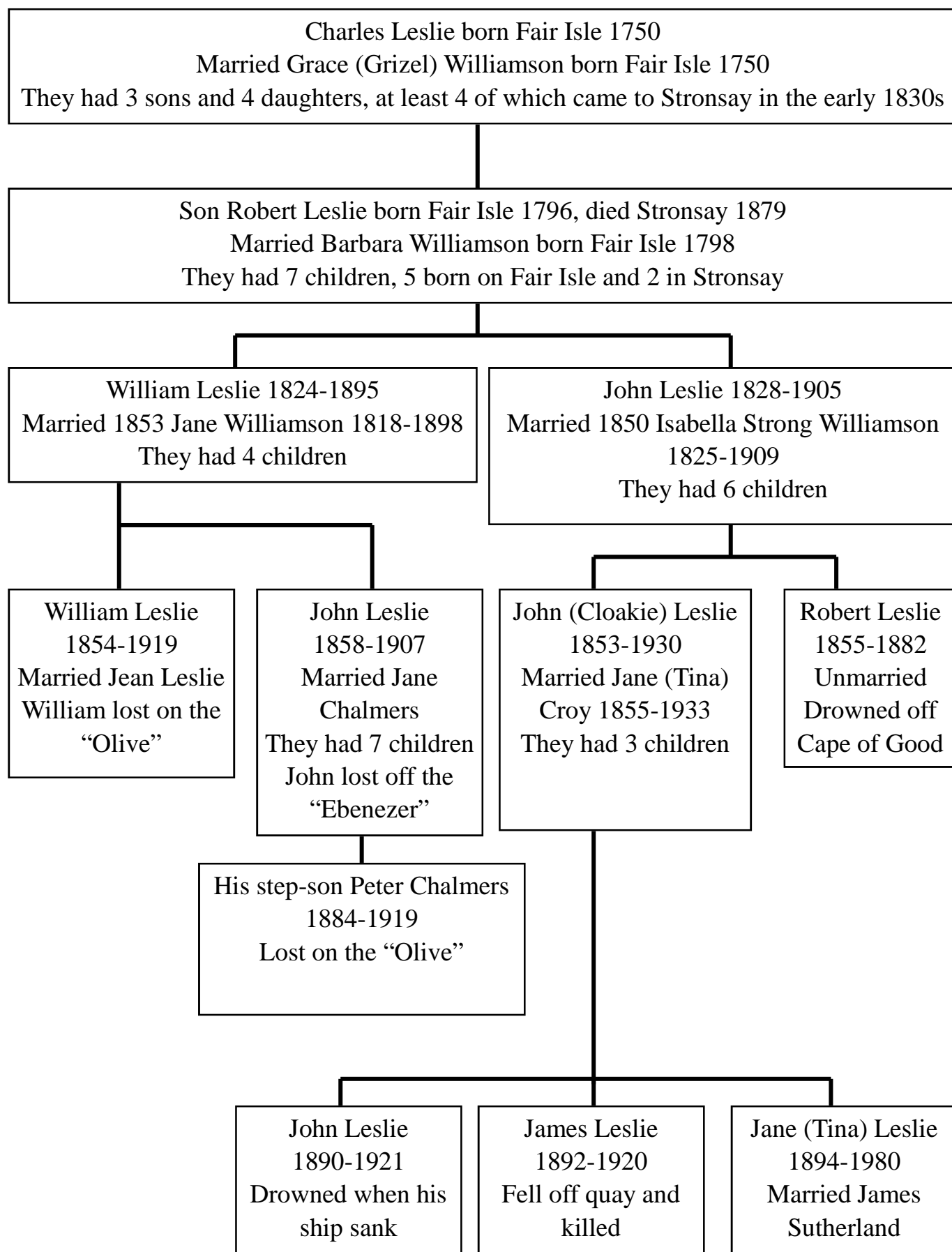


Some of the families who came and settled in Stronsay were Williamsons, Irvine's, Stouts, Eunsons and Leslies, and it is a brief history of the Leslies that I will now attempt to tell you.

To navigate your way through the branches of the Leslie families, it will be necessary to study the family tree on the next page.

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## The Ill-Fated Leslies of Fair Isle/Stronsay—Family Tree



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Charles Leslie and Grace (Grizel) Williamson were both born about 1750 in Fair Isle, where they married and raised 3 sons and 4 daughters. At least 4 of their children moved to Stronsay, one of them being Robert Leslie born in 1796, and married to Barbara Williamson who was born in Fair Isle in 1798. They had 7 children, 5 born in Fair Isle, and the last two born in Stronsay in 1835 and 1843, and all the children were brought up in Stronsay. The oldest two sons were William and John, and it is of their family fishing disasters that I now write.

William was born in Fair Isle in 1824 and came to Stronsay with his parents in the early 1830s. In 1853, in Stronsay, he married Jane Williamson who had also come to Stronsay from Fair Isle. They had four children including William Leslie born 1854, and John Leslie born 1858. Both men eventually became fishermen, and in April, 1896, they purchased the Lossiemouth smack Ebenezer, a 60 feet, 2 masted, 37 ton vessel, crewed by six men and a boy. After a few years of successful fishing, they built a house at The Station, and named it Ebenezer. (Now Ebenezer Cottage). In 1889, John had married Jane Chalmers of Cauldhame, Stronsay, and they lived with their seven children and John's step-son Peter Chalmers, in Ebenezer.

On August 22nd, 1907, while fishing off Fair Isle, and setting the main sail of the Ebenezer in rough sea conditions, the gaff fell on the deck, knocking John overboard.

This was witnessed by his brother William who was the skipper, and his step-son Peter. Despite a desperate attempt to save him, their efforts were in vain. He was 48 years old and left a widow and seven children ranging in age from 17 down to 4 years, the youngest being Lizzie Anne, who I will mention again later. My father, John Leslie Miller, was named after the unfortunate John.

William Leslie continued fishing with the Ebenezer until the outbreak of the First World War. He had built the house Verdun where he lived with his wife Jean Leslie, and they had no children. It would appear that during the war, William had teamed up with John's stepson, Peter Chalmers, who had become a shareholder of the "Olive" owned by John Stout and Willie Williamson. Willie was married to my great-aunt Mary Miller, and they lived at No. 9, Station, where the nun, Sister Olympiada now lives.

The Olive was a 66 ft. Zulu of 39 tons and had a crew of six. She was built in Portessie in 1906 by J. McIntosh Boat builder.

On 1st July, 1919, the Olive sailed away from Stronsay heading for the fishing grounds, and was never seen again. The weather conditions at the time were good, and the consensus of opinion at the time was that she had been blown up by a mine. The crew consisted of Willie Williamson, William Leslie, Peter Chalmers, all from Stronsay, and David Flett from Finstown, W. Muir from South Ronaldsay and Andrew Wilson from Fair Isle. None of the bodies were ever recovered.

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Peter Chalmers lived at The Station with his wife Kitty Reid from Westray, and their four children, the youngest two being just 2 years old and 3 months old respectively.



William Leslie 1854 - 1919



Peter Chalmers 1884 - 1919  
Was lost with the crew of the fishing boat "Olive" which struck a mine off Burgh Head.



Willie Williamson

Mary Miller

*(To be concluded in next month's Limpet)*

*Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay.*

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## **A POEM**

By Christine Richings

Oh raging Sea,  
Oh bubbling foaming cauldron,  
Reflecting skies as grey as slate,  
Consuming spears of silver light,  
Oh wrath of howling winds,  
Delivering destructive, tempestuous,  
Sea fever.

# **THE BLACKBERRIES AND THE BARLEY!**

By Ellie from Newfield

The garden is changing her colours again,  
She's favouring brown and red.  
And all because it's that time of year when Autumn raises her head;  
The blackberries are hanging in clusters, black as in pure ebony;  
While apples a rich, rosy red wait invitingly on the tree.  
Harvest time has arrived in the North as Autumn lays claim to maturity.  
A good harvest for our farmers and, of course, a store for security.  
Just like a squirrel's hoarding of nuts for those winter weeks ahead  
We must also look to the future and be sure of our daily bread.  
So, as the barley bows to the wind  
With that well-formed golden head,  
The combine is making ready and the farmers are long out of bed.  
While in the copse around my croft  
There's a whisper of "Tuck-me-up-tight"  
For the "tender" sleep in the winter months  
Until the spring is well within sight.  
So three cheers for those every-greens, I would say  
Who shelter the tender so well  
While keeping the undergrowth fertile  
In readiness for the gay blue-bell.  
Just another season in Orkney, as the cycle continues to turn.  
But neither Mother Nature or our farmers  
Can sit back as there's a living to earn.  
So keep those wellies stood at the ready  
While attending the Harvest Ball.  
The bellies of Britain are well satisfied  
As our barley was slain, you may recall,  
So raise up your glass to the Barley Corn  
Before you're away to your bed,  
As it's for this very purpose that  
He bowed his sacrificial head

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# **DAFT HOMEMADE POETRY BY BILL EMBLETON**

(Number 30)

## **Strugglin to rite**

Am not gud at spelin, so fore me its a strane  
to keap riteing my cilly rime.  
The computor spel chek's gon wonky agane,  
It now hapins awl the time.  
Mi luvly wife is keepin me rite,  
Hur spelins much betta than mine.  
With owt hur help it wood be a site  
Butt it seams to be turnin owt fine.  
I mite hav it fixt bi Novembur, Bruce,  
if thiss wil do til then.  
Butt if yu deam the wurk as no uce  
Al try and do it agane

## **Wontin to go awl Modin**

I dont no wats up with the misses  
cos its a luvly howse wiv got.  
Its coverd in wall to wall lino,  
An indor toylit, the lot.  
Mind not much rume for our mangil  
cos the pos tub gets in the way.  
The skullrys to small to stor them  
mite hav to giv them away.  
She wonts to go awl modin  
And by a washin mashine  
A grate big coller TV  
and its no gud me maykin a seen.  
Shees goan to get a fone in,  
A fridg, velvit curtins and such.  
I sed "dont be daft" and startid to laff,  
Its goan to cost ower much.  
"Am determind", she sed, "to get them."  
She wonts wat hur naybors hav got  
I sed wy not get a new man as wel  
to help hur pay for the lot.  
I thort that wud get hur awl woreed  
and fourget abowt byin the stuff.  
But she sed, ok al get a new man  
and stormed owt the dor in a huf!



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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

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### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** **14 NOVEMBER**

Service in the kirk at 11am followed by  
a short Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at 12 noon  
led by Rev David Bowen

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### **“TOUGH TIMES” MEETING ON STRONSAY** **THU 28 OCT AT 7pm AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Orkney Islands Council is holding a public meeting in Stronsay on Thursday 28 October at 7pm at the Community Centre.

The meeting will be attended by the OIC Convener Stephen Hagan and Chief Executive Albert Tait. It's one of 20 meetings taking place over the next few months in each of the areas covered by Orkney's 20 community councils, giving the public the chance to have their say on the Tough Times—Tough Choices facing Orkney Islands Council.

“We expect our grant from the Government in Edinburgh to be cut by between £9 million and £18 million in total over the next three years,” says Council Convener, Councillor Stephen Hagan. “For OIC that means an unprecedented package of cuts—with an inevitable impact on the jobs and services the Council provides

“That's why it's so important that we discuss the best way forward for OIC with people across Orkney.

“It is important to stress that no decisions have been made by the Council—that will happen in February next year.”

If you can't get to the meeting then you can email your views and ideas to [toughtimes@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:toughtimes@orkney.gov.uk) or write to Tough Times, Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NY.

Meeting dates and the recent Tough Times—Tough Choices mailshot are available on the OIC website at [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

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**HALLOWE'EN PARTY**

**SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER**

**7:30pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Fancy Dress / Bring & Buy Sale**

Lots of competitions

Nail in bale

Mystery parcel

Raffles

Quizzes

Dookin for apples

Neepy/Pumpkin lanterns

Hallowe'en cake

Mixed tombola

Fancy dress—under fives, six to eight, nines and over, and best group

Gifts required for raffle, tombola and bring and buy sale. Thank you

All proceeds to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Hall open from 5pm for sales goods etc

*W Miller, Secretary*

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**STRONSAY'S SILVER DARLINGS**

**CD LAUNCH**

Stronsay's Silver Darlings extend a warm and welcome invitation to everyone to help celebrate the launch of their second CD "Reelin' 'Em In!".

Come and enjoy the celebration at the Stronsay Community Hall from 1.30pm onwards on Sunday 14th November 2010 with special guests, live music, presentations and refreshments. CDs will be available at the special launch price of £10, along with Stronsay's Silver Darlings 2011 Calendars, framed photographs, key rings and 'fridge magnets. See you there.

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Stronsay's Silver Darlings are pleased to finance the travel costs for three pupils to attend the Orkney Schools' Orchestral Course in Kirkwall from 1-4th November 2010.

We wish them every success.

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**SHEENA, SEAN & LAUREN**

**WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU**

To everyone who supported out recent coffee day

In aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

The fantastic sum of £524.38 was raised

Thank you—see you next year (hopefully at Cleat!)

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**STRONSAY SCHOOL**

Make a note of these dates in your diary:

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 November—"OLIVER"

Monday 29 November—Annual Book Fare and open day at the school

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**POLICE SURGERY—STRONSAY COMMUNITY HALL**

Orkney's North Isles Police Officer Constable Torquil Macleod is intending to hold a 'Surgery' at the Stronsay Community Hall at the following times and dates:

Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> - 10.30 to 12.30

and

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 13.00 to 15.00

He would like to extend an invitation to the residents of Stronsay to meet with him and have an opportunity to discuss matters of concern or interest.

He would also like to hear from any resident who might consider either themselves or other individuals to be suitable for the role of a Special Constable. The role of Special Constables in the North Isles communities has proven to be vital on many previous occasions and their contributions with other agencies have also been invaluable.

Should you be unable to attend but would like to speak with Constable Macleod, please telephone Kirkwall Police Station on 01856 872241.

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**STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

**OPEN DAY**

**SAT 27 NOVEMBER 10am—4pm**



Fancy your chances at a fitness challenge?

Think you can beat the rest?

Just how fit are you really?

Stronsay Healthy Living Centre would like to invite you to an open day.

Come and test your strength and fitness and win cash prizes.

This is to be a non-profit making event so the more people taking part the more the prize fund will be!

This is open to everyone over 12 years old.

A fit to participate declaration will need to be signed.

Strength challenge for over 16's only.

Children under 12 welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

**Free Admission**

**£1 entry for each individual challenge**

**Refreshments available**

**Strength challenge**

**Rowing Event**

**Burning Calories Challenge**

**Know your fit facts quiz**

Saver cards on special offer on the day and for the week after event

5% off 10 visit saver cards

10% off 25 visit saver cards

15% off 50 visit saver cards

**Hope to see you there**

*(see next page for the "Chocolate Challenge")*

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**STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**  
**CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE**  
**STARTS MONDAY 25th OCTOBER**

Every mini chocolate has a calorie count

For eight weeks we will be trying to burn those calories off and depositing them in a bin

**This is an inter island challenge and we need to show the others who's the best**

So if you've not been for a while or you're a regular and think you can help us just pop along to a supervised session or use the buddy system and fill the bin

The challenge starts Monday 25th

At the healthy living centre

Show your support

See you there

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**SAT 6 NOVEMBER—7pm at the Community Hall**

**Guy Fawkes bonfire and fireworks**

Competition-lots of prizes for the best "guys", supper of mince, haggis and clapsnot, lots of glow sticks for sale

Admission adults £2.50, under 16's £1

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**CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**

The CAB will be visiting Stronsay and holding sessions in the Community Centre (Carpet Room) from 9-30am to 3-30pm on the following dates

Wed 10th Nov

Wed 6th Dec

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit - **Tuesday 9 November**

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](mailto:general.enquiries@orkneylibrary.org.uk)

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

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

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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.

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### **FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES CLUB**

Ages 10 or over only

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

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## ***USEFUL INFORMATION***

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### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30—12
Tuesday	Closed
Thursday	8:30—12 and 1—3
Saturday	9—12

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

Next Special Collection . . . . . 17 Sep, 26 Nov & 04 Feb 2011

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Doctor . . . . . 616321

Nurses . . . . . 616480

Medical emergency . . . . 01856 888000

Registrar . . . . . 616239

Hall bookings . . . . . 616446

Post Office . . . . . 616217

Companions . . . . . 616261

Kirk . . . . . 616311

Stronsay Hotel . . . . . 616213

Fish Mart Hostel . . . . . 616263

Olivebank . . . . . 616255

Ebenezer stores . . . . . 616339

Castle Bird Reserve . . . . 616363

Balfour hospital . . . . . 01856 888000

Hydro . . . . . 0800 300 999

Kirkwall Library . . . . . 01856 873166

Kirkwall Police . . . . . 01856 872241

Vets:

Flett & Carmichael . . . 01856 872859

Northvet . . . . . 01856 873403

Dentists:

Great Western Rd . . . . 01856 879683

King Street . . . . . 01856 875348

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12 editions for £10.00 including P&P

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Contact Bruce, details above

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