



STRONSAY LIMPET

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ORKNEY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

EVENTS ON STRONSAY 2nd-4th SEPTEMBER 2011

FRIDAY at The Fishmart.

1900hrs 'A NATURALISTS'S VIEW OF SEA SERPENTS' – Adrian Shine who has spent nearly 40 years investigating Loch Ness, reveals a new theory of the old stories of strange creatures in the sea.

Followed by a short concert by Amelia, Josephine and Tilly.

A fine selection of food is available to purchase whilst they play.

SATURDAY at The Community Hall.

1100hrs 'A HOUSE OF STRAW' a talk from Nick Morrison who has built his own modern home from straw bales in Orkney!!

1230-1330hrs A buffet lunch will be served.

1930-2030hrs 'LAKES AND MOUNTAINS AND CENTURIES OF WINE-MAKING' – Dr Edvard Kobal, the Director of the Slovenian Science Foundation, introduces Slovenia and its traditions, with an accompanying wine-tasting.

2100hrs 'THE BIG QUIZ'

Come along and find out who has the brains on Stronsay !! £1.00 per player with Prizes, Raffle, Soup and Sarnies.

SATURDAY at the Fish Mart

1400hrs : 'PIPEFISH AND PILCHARDS' – how new types of fish are moving towards Orkney waters in changing sea conditions, by Professor Jon Side of ICIT, Stromness.

Followed by a walk and history tour of the Fishing Industry of Stronsay.

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The next edition of the [Limpet](#) will be published on Thu 29 Sept. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Sat 24 Sept. Contact details on back page

SUNDAY at the Community Hall

1100hrs—‘45,000 YEARS OF MUSIC’ – It was found in a cave, made from a bone of a cave bear, and it’s the world’s oldest musical instrument. Slovenian archaeologist Dr Bostjan Odar tells the story – and plays a replica!

1400hrs ‘SINGALONG WITH MR BOOM’ – the one-man band from the Moon, with his lampshade hat, touches down on Stronsay, with songs for very young earthlings and others of the family who they bring along with them. You too can be a pixie, a crocodile or an elf – or do the Solar System dance! .

SUNDAY in the Community Greenhouse

1230hrs. You are invited to a local produce PICNIC at the Community Greenhouse.

Please support this fun and educational weekend.

Both the Stronsay Hotel and Fishmart will be open normal times to supply food and refreshment.

All events are subject to alteration due to unforeseen circumstances but every effort will be made to keep to this programme.

Any questions please contact Tony Withers, Community Development Officer on 01857 616300 or by email on cdostronsay@btconnect.com

SEE YOU THERE !
Stronsay Development Trust.



AN OPEN LETTER FROM REV DR JENNIFER GRAHAM

Dear Friends,

After much deliberation, I have concluded that it is time for me to have a change of ministry. After six and a half years of living here in Stronsay, serving the Stronsay and Eday congregations, this has not been an easy decision to make and Robin and I will find it difficult to say goodbye. You have been such a welcoming, supportive community, and I am so grateful for the numerous ways that you have let me share your lives, and for the ways that you have helped shape mine in so many positive directions. I have been, and always will be honoured to have served here as your Minister.

Stronsay will forever be a very special place to both Robin and me, not only because this is where we celebrated our wedding, but because this is where we have both been made to feel so at home. So many of you have become friends and like family to us, too, and we will miss you.

We will be here until the end of September and hope to be able to say goodbye to many of you in person. We will then be moving into our house outside Berwick-Upon-Tweed, which we will call home for the immediate future. We'd be very glad to welcome Stronsay guests to our new home, and we certainly hope to return as guests to the island from time to time, too.

We both wish you all the very best life can bring you.

May God bless you and keep you till we meet again.

Rev Jennifer and Robin Graham

STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011

Thank you to all those who attended the Development Trust open meeting in July. Many of the points that you raised have been taken on board within the written plan or as actions for ourselves in taking the plan forward.

We hope to have the finished plan ready to post to members by mid September at the latest. It will also be published on the community website and a copy will be available in the Post Office.

The minutes of the open meeting will be on the website and also hung on the usual notice boards.

Julia Crocker, Chair, Stronsay Development Trust

The points raised by the attendees of the meeting are listed below.

Group 1 - Economy

- Good that the Community Wind Turbine is on schedule.
- A published list of Board of Directors of the Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd is asked for.
- Anthony Withers is doing an excellent TDO job with five islands working together. Build on this cooperation for future projects.
- There are differences of opinion regarding the Enterprise Zone. An assessment of demand needs to be done following on from the feasibility study.
- Fuel poverty – a wish for consultation to continue.
- Investigate in a tourism project. A ranger is needed!
- Insulation for solid walls – let local employees get trained.
- Investigate start up support for private enterprise – rules and criteria.
- Investigate possibility for co-operatives – “local facilities”.
- Stronsay needs businesses which can be formed and then employ further local people – encouragement for local islanders.

Group 2 – Youth, Culture, Heritage and Environment

- Sheltered housing is needed.
- Recycling centre – good plan, but what does that involve?
- More explanation and clarification of proposals.
- Wish for the Trust to be more open.
- Wish for an open meeting to discuss problems as discussed at the AGM.
(The next open meeting is planned for summer 2012 unless a significant number of members request one earlier, so please write or e mail any problems to the trust via the chair.)
- A youth drop in centre could affect the current youth club negatively, but opens up to other possibilities.
- What would a ranger do (role description)?

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Group 3 – Infrastructure and Housing

- Liaise with school/sports groups. Work closer with community groups, Stronsay Community Council and the Stronsay Community Association. Financially support all community groups.
- Better communication. User friendly website, regularly updated. Ask for community contributors.
- Offer different levels of sheltered housing. Live in warden and community lounge.
- Gateway house – needs more investigation and discussion.

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE **INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN OUR SPONSORED SLIM**

Stronsay Healthy Living Centre is organising a ‘sponsored slim’ to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support here in Orkney. Why not join us? This event will start at the end of August and run for 12 weeks. If you want to lose weight but need an incentive, this is for you. Get into that new dress/jeans in time for Xmas! Look and feel great! You don’t need to be a gym member to take part but if you decide that you want to become a member we will give you a FREE induction. We will also give you all the encouragement you need as well as advice on exercise and diet (but only if you want it)

INTERESTED?

Telephone us on STRONSAY 616449 for more details/ register your interest/obtain a sponsor form. You can also pick up a sponsor form from the healthy living centre by calling in during any one of our public sessions. 18’s and over only please!

(If you have any concerns about your health or your ability to diet/exercise we recommend that you discuss these with your doctor before taking part in this event)

1924

August

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Friday — August 1st.

"While the souls of men are dying for a little bit of love,
While the children, too, are crying for a little bit of love,
Stand no longer idly by; you can help them if you try,
Go then, saying, Here I am, with a little bit of love."

Mr Robert Learmonth. Bay, Stronsay.

Saturday — August 2nd.

"Hog's lard and bee's wax
Makes a very good plaster,
The more you try to rub it off,
It sticks on all the faster."

James Chalmers. Oddie, Stronsay.

Sunday — August 3rd.

"God's benison go with you
And with those,
That would make good of bad,
And friend of foes."

Mrs. Twatt. Odness, Stronsay.

Monday — August 4th.

"What! you're tired and broke and beaten,
Why, you're rich — you've got the earth,
Yes, if you're a tramp in tatters,
While the blue sky bends above,
You've got nearly all that matters—
You've got God, and God is love."

Mrs Smith. Kirbester, Loanhead, By Edinburgh.

Tuesday — August 5th.

"But weel may the boatie row
And lucky be her part,
And lightsome be the lassie's care,
That yields an honest heart."

P. Heddle. s.s.Wearsider, Newcastle.

Wednesday — August 6th.

"East, West : Hame's the best."

T.F. Heddle. s.s.Wearsider, Newcastle.

Thursday — August 7th.

"A shilling has bought us many a man
Who has served his country well,
But this I give towards a book,
I hope will freely sell."

Mr B. Ellis. Thornes Lepton, N. Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Friday — August 8th.

"This man is freed from servile bands,
Of hope to rise or fear to fall;
Lord of himself though not of lands,
And having nothing, yet hath all."

Mr Clyde J.B. Johnston. 15 King Street, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

Saturday — August 9th.

"Don't look for the flaws as you go through life;
And even when you find them,
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
And look for the virtue behind them."

— Ella W. Wilcox

Malcolm Nicolson, Jr. Elwick, Shapinsay

Sunday — August 10th.

"The Bible, that's the Book, the Book indeed,
The Book of books,
On which who looks,
As he should do, aright, shall never need
Wish for a better light
To guide him in the night."

Miss B. Croy. Millbank, Stronsay.

Monday — August 11th.

"A little more kindness, a little less creed,
A little more giving, a little less greed,
A little more smile, a little less frown,
A little less kicking a man when he's down,
A little more 'we,' a little less 'I',
A little more laugh, a little less cry,
A little more flowers on the pathway of life,
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife."

"Omega." Stronsay.

Tuesday — August 12th.

There's a kindness in His justice
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty."

Mrs John Millan. Clayquoy, Stronsay.

Wednesday — August 13th.

"He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is
more happy who can suit his temper to any circumstances."

Mrs Lizzie S. Work. Lodge, Stronsay.

Thursday — August 14th.

"To sum up all, be merry, I advise,
And as we're merry, may we still be wise."

David W. Corse. Hazelbank, Stronsay.

Friday — August 15th.

"Be not unto yair love too kind,
For the more you shew, the yai'll find."

J.M. Stronsay.

Saturday — August 16th.

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your
thoughts."

Miss A.J. Maxwell. Dale, Stromness.

Sunday — August 17th.

"The thoughts which come from the heart of a man — these are
the wealth of a man." — Burmese Proverb.

E. Fotheringhame. South Schoolhouse, Stronsay

Monday — August 18th.

"Patience, commonsense, and time
Make possible impossibility."

Rebecca Brown.

Tuesday — August 19th.

"The great highroad of human welfare lies along the old
highway of steadfast well-doing."

Mr Jas. Miller. The Castle, Stronsay.

Wednesday — August 20th.

"Time is flying, flying, flying,
Oh, how swiftly by,
Like a waterfall that's rushing,
Or a fountain ever gushing;
Hourly, daily, weekly, yearly,
Rapid as the lightning nearly,
Do the moments fly."

Mrs Marcus. Dogtoo, Westray.

Thursday — August 21st.

"Trouble's a ton, or trouble's an ounce,
Trouble is what you make it;
But it's not the fact that you're hit that counts,
But only—how did you take it."

Mabel Tulloch. 19 Yeaman Place, Edinburgh

Friday — August 22nd.

"When your down in the mouth,
Think of Jonah —
He came out all right."

Wm. Sinclair. 15 Cathcart Place, Edinburgh

Saturday — August 23rd.

"If happiness have not the seat,
And centre in the breast,
We may be wise or rich or great,
But never can be blest."

Mrs John Muir. 14 Old Scapa Road, Kirkwall

Sunday — August 24th.

"Beautiful hands are those that do,
Work that is earnest, brave and true,
Moment by moment the whole day through."

John Muir. 14 Old Scapa Road, Kirkwall

Monday — August 25th.

"Guard well thy thoughts;
Our thoughts are heard in heaven."

Mrs Chalmers. The Castle, Stronsay

Tuesday — August 26th.

"Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it,
Plan for more than you can do, then do it,
Hitch your waggon to a star,
Keep your seat, and there you are."

Lillie Miller. Hunton, Stronsay

Wednesday — August 27th.

"Once to every man and nation,
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of faith with falsehood,
For the good or evil side."

Isabella Cooper. 4 Lady Menzies Place, Edinburgh.

Thursday — August 28th.

"There never did and never will exist anything permanently
noble and excellent in a character which was a stranger to the
exercise of resolute self-denial."

R. Miller. Hunton, Stronsay.

Friday — August 29th.

"Keep the kettle steamin' fou,
I may sune look in on you,
Jist tae hae a hearty crack
And tae bring the auld times back."

Robina Caithness. Greenquoy, Stronsay.

Saturday — August 30th.

"Be faithfull, and active, and earnest,
In idleness never sit down;
The better the dark cross you carry,
The brighter will sparkle your crown."

J.B. Cooper. Dale, Stromness.

Sunday — August 31st.

"To shed one ray of truth on fear-filled earth,
To speak one loving word to outcast man,
In one lone heart to bring new hope to birth,
Are aids to God in His redemptive plan."

Rev. J. Nivison. U.F. Manse, Eday.

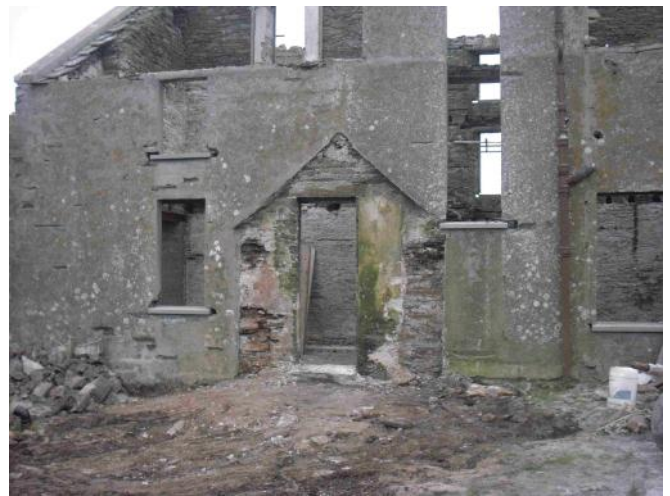
THE OLD MANSE—PROGRESS REPORT

Progress has been ongoing at the Manse. We now have a few rooms plastered, I must admit Paul Williams has done a fantastic job. I thought the erection of the porch was worth a mention too.

Yvonne & Steve



Old porch before demolition



Old porch after demolition



Original tiled porch floor going back in



New porch with temporary door. The hole left above the door is for a piece of sandstone to be inserted after it has been carved.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

(Or, Vent Your Frustration Loaf)

Once upon a time, many years from now and only a few moments ago, I found myself in the middle of a VERY BAD MOOD. Not just your typical 'I'm fed up with everything, I'm going to run away into the garden and eat onions' variety but a real howler; the kind that is almost painful in its pressure cooker intensity, where the top of your head is a lid which must be bolted down firmly before it threatens to detach itself from the rest of your skull as takes off into outer space.

Unfortunately, there is no handy way of getting rid – no convenient means of bunging this toxicity into a bin bag to be disposed of on a Monday morning or down to the recycle to be disposed of with satisfying tinkle as the glass hits the bottom of the container. I had already done the housework; my usual therapeutic release (well, as much as I was prepared to do anyway), and the peaceful island scene I was trying to convey onto canvas did not require violent red flames, thunderous black cloud or jagged bolts of white-hot lightning.

For no other reason than that it was a chore needed to be done, I began to make a batch of bread. I really got into the kneading process, gave it everything I had, pressing the dough down to the work top before turning it over. Shakily, my arms as muscular as over-cooked spaghetti, I put the tray of well battered and bruised loaves in front of the fire to prove before clanging it into the oven to bake.

Thinking that I had probably ruined them, and not really caring much about it, I took what I'd assumed to be flattened dough out of the oven baked to hard-pan boomerang consistency, and accidentally turned out the best bread I had ever made. It was light and fluffy and mealy; the miracle being, in retrospect, that it was not aerated, Swiss cheese style, by the time I was finished with it.

So. Perhaps your boss is giving you gyp, with no sign of let-up (although, if you are self-employed this could be problematical). Maybe your best-beloved said something to you that was completely unjustified (you think). Or possibly you just got up that morning in that generally hacked-off mood known as 'getting up out of the wrong side of the bed', seeing no reason in changing your tune.

Then, never mind the postbag; try the above named recipe. It's not so much a case of making you feel better, as a way of depleting your energy to a point where a rotten mood is just too much effort. Ten minutes of kneading may not seem like a long time, but by the time you have reached your seventh minute you will be watching the clock every thirty seconds since the last time you looked.

I could write down an actual bread recipe, but that would be an insult to those already well practised in the art, and for those who haven't made their own yet it's easy enough to get what you 'knead' (geddit? har, har) from recipe books, internet etc. (In other words, I couldn't be bothered). Just add fury!

Of course, my new chilled-out personality has no need of such measures. Why, I only made two dozen loaves last week....

HISTORY OF HESCOMBE (concluded)

By James D Cooper

In later years Patrick had a town house in Shore street Kirkwall where he lived with his unmarried daughters. He died in Kirkwall in 1796, the two remaining daughters Barbara and Helen then returned to live at Airy.

By this time Charles Soar was tenant of Airy and the Fea sisters had told him that they intended to leave Hescombe to him in their will for the help he had given their father. After a time Soar got impatient and asked the Fea sisters to give him Hescombe now rather than wait and they appeared to be quite happy to do this. Helen, the last sister died at Airy in 1818 and was buried in the Fea family cemetery at Stove.

The Fea sisters left their estate - which included Airy and all the farms up the Everby road as well as the house in Kirkwall - to the Stronsay school. The income was to be used to send clever children from Stronsay and Eday on to school in Kirkwall. This was known as the Airy Mortification and was managed by the school board or school managers at that time. On one occasion the managers decided that all the farms up the Everby road had to drain their land. Each farm had to put in twenty two yards of drain every day, it had to be dug to a depth of three feet and coupled, that is, to set in flat stones like an inverted V with smaller stones alongside to hold it all together. Each evening Mr Robert Miller, Coweshouse, who was clerk to the school managers had to go and inspect the work. If not done properly or not to the correct depth it had to be done over again

Charles Soar was now owner of Hescombe and tenant of Airy but in a few years he found himself short of money so in 1828 he wrote the following letter to Mr James Denison, North Myre Sanday:

10th May 1828

Sir

As I am presently much distressed for money, both to pay off certain debts of rather a large amount, as well as the balance of rent for Airy. Which I owe the trustees of the late Misses Fea, and beg to remind you of our former discussion on the subject of my embarrassment and request you will have the kindness to advance me the Sum of One hundred and seventy pounds Sterling for which I shall pay you interest annually at the term of Lammas at the rate of Five per Cent and with a view to your complete security in respect of repayment of the Principal as well as the regular payment of the interest at the rate and annual term as aforesaid, I hereby oblige to grant you due Heritable Bond over the lands of Hescombe in Stronsay containing a power to you to receive and dispose of the Kelp made from the shores of that farm and shore of Airy and I also oblige myself to grant a Renunciation in your favour of my power and those of my Heirs or assignees, to secure the farm of Airy as contained in the lease I hold for said farm, and shall bind myself in such Renunciation of my power to subject, to divest myself of all right of subject except to yourself alone, it being understood that if ever I am necessitated to sublet and you inclined to accept of the farm of Airy you shall allow me the sum of twelve pounds Sterling annual rent in addition to what my lease bears.

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If you will be pleased to advance me the foresaid sum I request you will let me know as soon as possible and you may also write to Mr Mitchell your man of business in town to draw out and engross the Bond and also my renunciation of subject in your favour and to expend whatever may be necessary of legal form in the transaction for the expense of all of which I shall hold myself responsible. Your answer therefore in writing declaring your willingness to advance me the money will be obliging and shall bind me to fulfil my terms of security offered in this letter

I am

Sir

Yours Respectfully Charles Soar

Sunday 10th May 1828

Sir,

I have today received your letter of this date requesting from me the loan of One hundred and Seventy pounds Sterling which I hereby promise to accommodate you with in a few days on the terms and conditions therein expressed

I am

Thomas Alexander

For Mr James Dennison

Note that both letters were written on the same day [Must have been before the days of Royal Mail] and I would guess that both were written by the same lawyer.

By 1833 no interest or loan had been repaid. James Dennison was now blind but lodged a protest in Kirkwall Sheriff Court and Hescombe had to be sold.

In 1836 it was sold at a roup in Edinburgh and was bought by William Balfour of Elwick [Shapinsay].

In 1839 it was sold to Wiliam Balfour Junior of Elwick who sold Hescombe to William Balfour of Trenabie [Westray] in 1843.

In 1847 it was sold to George Craigie Balfour of Trenabie who left his estate to his wife in his will. She divided up the estate among her family and gave some of their land in Stronsay to her third son William George Balfour of Trenabie.

By 1869 William George Balfour was also bankrupt, with debts of over £4,500 a large sum at that time and part of the estate including Hescombe was again for sale.

LOCHIE – THE STRONSAY BAKER

By John Laughton

David Marwick, or as he was better known, “Lochie”, was a member of a large family who lived in a small house near to a loch at Carness, hence his nick name, “Lochie” which stuck to him during all his life. The flu’ in his early days was rife and a lot of that family died as a result.

David was a baker to trade for the most of his life, although he did work at any job when the occasion arose. He was in Sanday for a time as a baker then moved on to Stronsay where he was employed by Thomas D Miller who had a baking business. He was a good baker and his loaves and cookies were excellent. The cookies took the form of a circle with 7 or 8 and liberally sprinkled with sugar. The kids loved them and they were called “Sheep’s heads”.

My mother and the family moved down from Holland Farm to a house in Whitehall Village called “The Bungalow”. It was here that Lochie started to court mother. One night when in the Bungalow the Fiddler boys who lived close by thought they would play a prank on Lochie, so they quietly slipped up to the front door and tied it with rope. Time came for Lochie to go home to his digs as he had to start work at 4 or 5 next morning. Of course he could not get out as the door was firmly tied up. A whispered conversation took place between him and his mother and he decided to make his exit through the front window. He was a small man and he managed this.

As time went by in the courtship Lochie popped the question and a date for the forthcoming wedding was arranged. They were married in the Stronsay Church and Lillian was best maid and Jim Turfus was the best man. Mother had an organ and this played by one of the Fiddler boys to provide music at the reception in Jubilee Cottage, where the family had moved down from the Bungalow.

Now came the question of ordering up the bridescake. There must have been some misunderstanding between them as Lochie ordered a bridescake from Kirkwall and mother asked the Fiddler boys to bake one. So the end result was two bridescakes for this wedding.

Back to the Fiddlers. One of the oldest members called Carl was a very distinguished man and he chose to go to sea, becoming a captain on the deepsea ocean going oil tankers. He saw war service during the Normandy beach landings in the second World War and also on the Russian Convoys, no Sunday School picnic. During his travels he got a monkey and he took it with him where ever he travelled. He also had a motor bike and of course this was also on the tankers so he would get the bike on the road and the monkey also went with him, perched on the petrol tank.

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One day back in Stronsay the Fiddlers who were good bakers had baked some fancy cakes and placed them in a cupboard. The monkey had been watching all what was going on and when the coast was clear he helped himself - one bite out of each cake! When the Fiddlers saw what had happened they were furious and gave the monkey a good thrashing.

Lochie had rented accommodation in Kirkwall at 10 Queen Street so it was decided they would flit into town. 10 Queen Street had no water supplies in the house and no toilets. There was however a water pump not far away in the street and this was used to do all the necessary duties of the household.

Mrs Marwick put in an application to the Council for one of their houses and was successful in getting one in the Quadrant at number 20. The flitting was completed on a very windy day.

Lochie continued as a baker during those days and one early morning on his way to work a hurricane of force with gusts of over 120 mph swept through the islands. Lochie had to dodge past loose slates cascading off the house roofs. The Good Lord kept him safe from all these dangers and made it okay to his place of work. He baked to various firms, R. Garden Ltd., George Arthur and finally Groundwaters where he finished his baking years.

The story goes George Arthur had toothache one day so he went to Davie Dunnett to get it removed. Try as he could Davie could not get the offending tooth out, so he said to George "I will have to get you on the floor, get my knee on your chest and pull it out that way". And so this is what happened. What a nightmare experience I'm sure and no dentist chair either!

During the war the B.S.T. was doubled up to 2 hours supposed to save on daylight. Lochie being a baker had to start work at 4 or 5 in the morning and with this additional 2 hours it meant his work day would have to be 2 or 3 a.m., very heavy going. He would of course have to catch up on his sleep so would lie down in the afternoon. Us kids were given strict orders not to make any noise as he was sleeping. This was difficult as the writer was a keen accordionist and loved to play the Scottish Dance Music. One day down at Sinclair's Music Shop the famous musician Jimmy Shand taught the writer how to play the bass end of the accordion. The tenor side was no problem as he had been at piano lessons and that took care of that. Jimmy demonstrated a Hohner piano accordion to the writer, playing "Under the Double Eagle March" with all the bass accompaniments. Jimmy of course was a button accordionist and on the strength of this he sold the writer the accordion for £40 and was always grateful to Jimmy for his intuition. Later on the writer's musical life he purchased the music sheets of "Under the Double Eagle" and "the Old Comrades", beautiful German marches they are. When in Stronsay this would be requested by fellow musicians to be played.

Back to Lochie. He was quite agile for a fairly old man and one thing he did before leaving the house, 20 Quadrant would be to give a tap dance. After that he was off on his usual walk around Scapa.

Well done, Lochie!

STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 23 August—Friday 14 October

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| Monday | 10.30-12.00 | 4-5.30 |
| Tuesday | Buddy | 4-5.30 |
| Wednesday | 10.30-12.00 | 4-5.30 |
| Thursday | Buddy | 6.30-8.00 |
| Friday | 10.30-12.00 | 4-5.30 |
| Saturday | Closed | 2-3.30 |
| Sunday | Closed | Closed |

Buddy system operates Monday to Friday
from 8am—last session of day.
Please enquire for further details.

Remember GYM 'N' SWIM still runs Thursday evenings.
Cost for both activities is £4 and just £3 for concessions!

COLLEAGUES!

By Ellie from Newfield

Twenty years old and well-travelled
With a knowing look in her eye.
Has a repertoire of adventures
But thought plain to a mere passer-by.
Her sailing days are long over,
From Shetland she sailed to our Isle.
Well spent was the pound that she cost me
For she's bought me many a smile.
Old "Shetty" is one in a million
And together we seemed to grow old.
She stands in the field so unsteady
And has to "come in" from the cold.
A mother she's many times over
And I confirm she's one of the best.
We've worked well together, I think,
And now we're needing a rest.
Should I lean on the gate she'll come to me,
Her walk now slow and unsure.
And we'll stand each side of the gateway
In a silence that says so much more.
Just one ewe in a flock of many,
All of them characters of charm.
Twenty years we've worked together
Slow and steady and calm.
If treasure was measured in trust
I'd have more than a gold clock,
For these years as a shepherdess
Was made richer by my well-loved flock.

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PRIVATE SALES, WANTS & GREETINGS



A VERY HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

to Sinead fae Mum, Dad, Sean, Magnie, Max 'n Shandy.

Also hello to Phone Granny in Voe who enjoys her Limpet every month xx

SUNNYSIDE-available for long term let

from late 2011/early 2012. Oil central heating, 3 double bedrooms, sittingroom, kitchen, utility room, bathroom. Large garden, garage also available. Absolutely NO smoking.

Pets by negotiation.

If you are interested please phone 616306 or write to Michael & Sheena Cooper, Sunnyside, Stronsay KW17 2AJ

Business adverts

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONSAY FISHMART CAFÉ

Opening times

| | Breakfast | Lunch | Tea |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Monday | Closed | 11.45 – 2.30 | 5.00 - 6.00 |
| Tuesday | 9.00 – 10.00 | 12.00 – 2.30 | 5.00 – 7.00 |
| Wednesday | 8.30 – 10.00 | 12.00 – 2.30 | 5.00 - 6.00 |
| Thursday | 8.30 – 10.00 | 12.00 – 2.30 | Closed |
| Friday | Closed | Closed | 5.30 – 7.30 |
| Saturday | 9.00 – 10.30 | 12.00 – 2.30 | 5.30 – 7.30 |
| Sunday | 10.15 – 2.00 | | 4.00 – 6.00 |

The Fish Mart opening times remain the same as last month. Please contact us on 01857 616339 with any special requests or menus.

Verity & Viv

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INSTANT PHOTOS

Passport, visa, travel pass, driving licence,
gun licence, etc.

Personalised birthday, Christmas & get well
cards with your own special message or
photograph.

Business/Invitation cards.

You name it! Tell me what you want & I'll
supply it.

Call Bill Miller on 616420

STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

CLIFTON

Selling books, maps, gifts, craft supplies
and local craftwork

Open every day except Monday

12.00 to 5.30

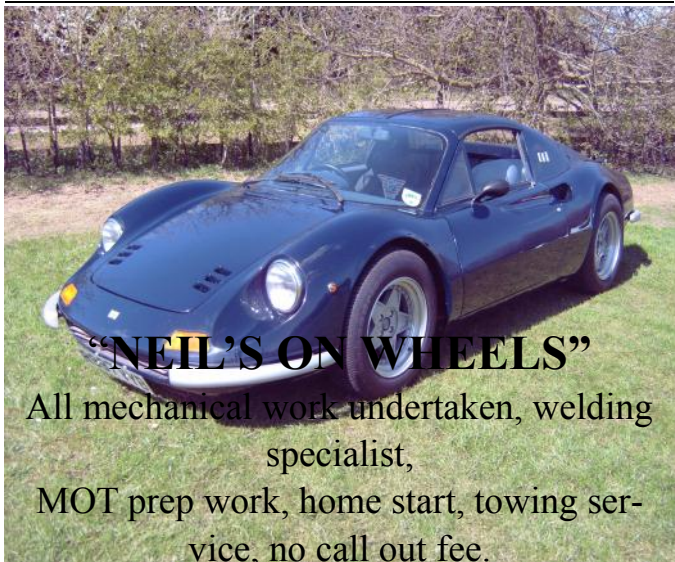
telephone Julia 616434.

www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk

STRONSAY ARTWORKS

Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;
Limited edition prints, greetings cards and
postcards which are available for sale at lo-
cal shops, Post Office, Hotel, B&B's and
the Fishmart. Commissions taken.

Phone Jenny on 616475



“NEIL'S ON WHEELS”

All mechanical work undertaken, welding
specialist,
MOT prep work, home start, towing ser-
vice, no call out fee.

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

STRONSAY RENEWABLE ENERGY LIMITED

TURBINE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT – 2 JOB VACANCIES

Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd. (SREL) is seeking to employ two Stronsay residents as part-time turbine technical assistants to be the first line of response in maintaining their wind turbine's performance and operation. The technical assistants will be guided by the site manager and will work to a mutually agreed rota to ensure that technical support is always available.

The successful applicants will be good communicators and effective team players who are able to work unsupervised. Ideally candidates will be available to commence employment in mid October 2011

All necessary training will be provided and this may involve travel off island.

Basic salary £2500 per annum plus £10 per hour call out with reasonable expenses reimbursed in accordance with SREL expenses policy.

Main role and responsibilities:

- Carry out monitoring of the turbine's performance and operation, creating and maintaining digital records via SCADA software on the portable computer provided.
- Maintain a digital link to the turbine throughout the work rota period, via the portable computer equipment and mobile phone provided, to afford the ability for remote re-sets.
- Attend the turbine at short notice to supervise access for authorised personnel and to perform manual re-sets as necessary.
- Climb the internal turbine ladder when required.

Please contact Julia.crocker@btinternet.com for an application form or write to the address below. CVs will not be required but satisfactory references will be required prior to commencement of employment.

Closing date for applications **Monday 26 September 2011**. Interviews planned for week commencing 3 October 2011.

Registered Office: Clifton, Stronsay, Orkney KW17 2AR

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NHS recommended sites

Free and easy to use

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

TUESDAY 30th AUGUST

Council Houses: 9.00am-11.00am

Stronsay School: 11.30am-2.00pm

Stronsay Kirk: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Stronsay School: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Mobile library schedule http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm

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>

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

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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USEFUL INFORMATION

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

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

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| 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 | Friday 16 September |

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| Doctor | 616321 | Castle Bird Reserve | 616363 |
| Nurses | 616480 | Balfour hospital | 01856 888000 |
| Medical emergency | 01856 888000 | Hydro | 0800 300 999 |
| Registrar | 616239 | All water enquiries | 0845 601 8855 |
| Hall bookings | 616446 | Kirkwall Library | 01856 873166 |
| Post Office | 616278 | Kirkwall Police | 01856 872241 |
| Companions | 616261 | Vets: | |
| Kirk | 616311 | Flett & Carmichael | 01856 872859 |
| Stronsay Hotel | 616213 | Northvet | 01856 873403 |
| Fish Mart Hostel | 616339 | Dentists: | |
| Olivebank | 616255 | Great Western Rd | 01856 879683 |
| Ebenezer stores | 616339 | King Street | 01856 875348 |

Golgotha Monastery: phone 616210, email contact@the-sons.org

HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET*

Send an email to ricardian@btinternet.com, phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 or write to *The Limpet*, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR

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