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THE DECEMBER EDITION OF THE *LIMPET* WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

The cut-off date for items to be included in this edition is Wednesday 14 December. This will enable me to get the *Limpet* printed in time for the publication date which is a week earlier than usual so that the December edition of the *Limpet* will appear before Christmas. The January 2012 edition will appear as usual on the last Thursday in the month - 26 January.

GERAMOUNT SURGERY CHRISTMAS AND HOGMANAY OPENING TIMES

Sat 24 Dec surgery morning for urgent problems

Sun 25th Dec closed

Mon 26th Dec closed

Tues 27th Dec closed

Wed 28th Dec surgery usual times

Sat 31st Dec surgery morning for urgent problems

Sun 1st Jan closed

Mon 2nd Jan closed

Tues 3rd Jan closed

Wed 4th Jan surgery usual times

Please check that you have enough medication for the holiday season, ordering early if required.

The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thu 22 Dec. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Wed 14 Dec. Contact details on back page

LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS

As hoped, the SE winds worked their magic again and as soon as last month's bird report was e-mailed to Bruce, visitors George and Betty Winslow discovered a Great Grey Shrike at Mt Pleasant on 24th. There was a lovely Black Redstart in the road near Breck next day, along with four Jackdaws found by Kath and Norman at Dale, and 2 Snow Buntings found near Roadside by Jim Miller (Banks). Next day was one of the best ever in Autumn, beginning with a Pied Wheatear along the road between The Kirk and The Mill (see photo) - sadly only present for a few minutes - followed by a Waxwing feeding on the Reserve's rose-hips. Brambling and Mealy Redpoll were seen at Castle but better was still to come with first two Yellowhammers at Bomasty, followed by a Yellow-browed Warbler in Whitehall Village. A Water Rail was seen in the Mill Stream later in the day, over 40 Jackdaws were found at Dale, and there were Blackbirds and Robins everywhere – all freshly arrived from the continent, brought to Stronsay by the SE winds. As often happens, many of the unusual species had soon moved on and could not be found next day.

4 Black Redstarts were seen on 27th and there were two fantastic sightings on 28th - first a juvenile Pomarine Skua close to the road by the Bu, followed by a female Pallid Harrier feeding on a dead rabbit in the road on the Mill Brae (see photo). Both birds were seen at very close range but the skua soon drifted off to the west and the harrier also flew off after several short bouts of frantic eating. One interesting feature of the harrier was that in spite of the huge number of rabbits which can be seen on the island's roads at any time of year, there are no records of the very similar Hen Harrier eating carrion. It seems - as with many birds of prey - that Hen Harriers need to take live prey while this may not be the case with Pallid Harriers, and interestingly, the only photo of a female Pallid Harrier (on the ground) we have found on the internet, is feeding on carrion. The rabbit on Mill Brae had been run over earlier in the day so was certainly not killed by the Pallid Harrier.

Many Whooper Swans arrived in late October and there have been good sized parties on both the Meikle Water and the Matpow Loch since. 5 Barnacles were at Linkshouse on 29th and 54 at Sunnyside next day. A Common Buzzard was at Dale and Jim Work saw two Wood Pigeons together at Daisybank on 30th - a rare sight indeed on Stronsay!

On 1st November there were 20 Red-throated Divers; several Great Northern Divers, Red-breasted Mergansers and Long-tailed Ducks, and a single Slavonian Grebe in Mill Bay, with a Little Gull and a juvenile Arctic Tern feeding close inshore, while around the open farmland there were hundreds of Fieldfares, Redwings, and Blackbirds. A Ring Ouzel was in the Castle garden on 4th and yet another Black Redstart was seen - this time (reflecting the good weather at the time!) on the roof of the Kirk and the adjoining Kirk Hall! Several Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps lingered on, with a male Blackcap reported in their garden by Butch and Flora at Seaview.

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. A few Woodcocks were seen in early November - peak time for the species - including one in the Airy garden (see photo) and another seen by Bill Miller near Minerva. A Long-eared Owl was seen at Sunnybank on 11th and another - possibly the same bird - at Dale later in the day. A very elusive Great Grey Shrike which took up residence in The Reserve area - terrorising the local sparrows - from 15th-17th was seen several times but frustratingly disappeared for long periods. (See photo).

Another surprise find in mid-November was a Canada Goose among a party of Greylags discovered by Kath and Norman at Dale. The bird appeared to be a genuine wild migrant.

There have been a few recent sightings of Snow Buntings – including 150 at Odiness (mostly males) and 40 near Mt pleasant - a species well worth looking out for. Flocks generally feed in stubble fields (over 200 of them on Stronsay!) but may be met with along the shoreline – the area around the old lifeboat slip is traditionally a good spot to see them.

Thanks to everyone for their calls. John & Sue Holloway



'Pied Wheatear—near The Mill. A blurred image - taken through the windscreen - but sometimes it's all you get!



'Pallid Harrier - a major rarity and Stronsay's first. Record numbers of the species have been seen in the UK this year.



Woodcock, perfectly camouflaged in the garden at Airy. Photo taken through the sitting-room window.



'Great Grey Shrike in the Castle drive. Once again taken through the car windscreen.



PUBLIC MEETING
STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
7.30PM MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2011
STRONSAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Do you feel communities should have some say in how Council Houses in their areas are allocated?

Staff from the Council's Housing Division are coming out to give a brief presentation on Local Lettings Initiatives which allow communities to have some input into the lettings process, and are keen to hear your views.

They will also touch on the Local Housing Strategy 2011—2016, which is currently out for consultation.

ECO CLUB END OF YEAR PARTY

On Friday the 4th of November we had a craft party to celebrate the last Eco Club session of the year. We carved our own home grown pumpkins into scary faces and made some other innovative things with natural materials. Afterwards we feasted on sweets and played a scary story game with the pumpkin lanterns lit. The candle light created a great atmosphere in the fading light.

We have enjoyed a great year at Eco club with activities ranging from Bag the bruck to a day trip to Happy Valley. The children's plots at the greenhouse have seen plenty of produce harvested. We started this year with sprouting broccoli in March and finished in October with pumpkins, sweetcorn and onions. In between that we have grown lettuce, peas, potatoes and tomatoes.

We wish to thank all those who helped out, the children for being so interested and inspiring and of course the parents for bringing the children to all the sessions.

We will be back in the springtime when the light returns.

Best wishes for the Christmas and the New Year!



SOS

At a recent meeting held by the SOS (Support Our School) committee it was decided to show the benefits of our past years fundraising events. We held a Sundae Sunday, worked with the school to have mugs made with the children's names on, produced and sold Stronsay maps designed by Bill Miller, a table top sale and we also 'Bagged the Bruck'. These funds are held in the Parent Council account and the SOS Committee control the distribution of them.

Upper Primary pupils filled out an application form for funds to buy new floor cushions for their quiet corner and for a new game called Catch ball. The Lower Primary obtained funding for new Lego. Apparently this has been played and played and played with! Also Secondary pupils applied for a whiteboard, rubber and pens and for mirrors for their new social area.

We are in the process of trying to organise a concert for March 2012 and your support for this will be much appreciated. Please watch out in our local shops for notices.

Below are pictures of pupils with items purchased thanks to your support!

Thank you.

Madeleine Martin has recently resigned from the Parent Council and the SOS Committee and we would like to thank her for her help and support.

Arna Cooper, Wilma Holland, Viv Erdman, Kate Worrall and Gaynor Smith (SOS Committee)



70TH BIRTHDAY BASH.

Ingram would like to thank Doris and all the family and friends who made his birthday so special - the best ever!

Thanks especially for all the cards and gifts. Thanks also to Gaynor, who wrote him his tune called, "Ingram O' Airy's Moothie", and to the "Silver Darlings" who played so well. Thanks also to the rest of the musicians, the bar staff, and everyone who helped.

Special thanks to Audrey for baking the delicious birthday cake



Donations to Alzheimers Scotland totalled £336.00.

ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP

Simone is pleased to announce the official launch of her home-based handmade soap business. After many months of trials and getting “clued up” about cosmetic business practice, at long last this is it.

I would like to offer many thanks to all friends and family for their support and encouragement along the way, in particular to those who bravely tried my first soaps. There appeared to be no reports of mysterious rashes, and there were even requests for more, so I took these to be promising signs indeed!

I've always liked real handmade soaps and was intrigued by the whole soap-making process, which I had never tried until last year. My very first attempt was just a plain affair made with lard and a few drops of essential oil, but it turned out to be surprisingly good. Since then I have moved on and all my soaps are made from vegetable oils, all my recipes passed by an independent chemist as required by EU legislation.

I use the traditional cold process method, to produce pure soap with nothing taken out and equally important, nothing put in that you can't pronounce! If, like me, you're rather fed-up with commercial soaps, gels and whatnot, or find them a bit harsh and drying on your skin, then perhaps you'll fancy trying out a bar of Stronsay soap for a change and who knows.....you might be back for more!

Soaps will be available at Olive Bank and Stronsay Arts & Crafts Shop as well as online at: www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk from 25th November 2011.

HOPE FOR THE OLDIES!

by

Mary Druce

Alphonsus was a geriatric limpet
And painfully aware of getting older.
His life had been quite dull and uneventful
(He'd spent it all just clinging to a boulder).

So one day he decided he had better
Do something great before he ceased to be;
Before the time when he would lose his foothold
And shrivel up and drop into the sea.

Alphonsus vowed he would become an athlete,
And checked himself into a limpet gym.
The other younger, cocky little limpets
Made rude remarks, and laughed and sneered at him.

But Alf stuck to his guns (and to his boulder);
He practised hard, and then he practised more.
The tidal waves grew rough, and ever colder,
But Alf knew just what he was striving for.

Then, when the limpet postman brought a letter,
The limpet lads no longer called him names.
'Dear Alf,' it said, 'delighted to inform you -
You've qualified for the Old Limpet Games.

(Discovered on the internet - apologies to Bill Embleton!)

A POEM FROM JOHN HOLLOWAY:

This poem first appeared in the 'Fair Isle Times' weekly newspaper which I was involved with for some time in the early 1980s. Perhaps the thoughts of a Fair Islander regarding the impact oil had in Shetland over a twenty year period. The 'Gardline' mast referred to was a small transmitter - similar to a CB aerial - near the North Lighthouse, a fix for ships surveying the sea in the area. It should be said that in spite of all the fears regarding oil pollution there has been very little impact on the wildlife of the region.

(John and Sue ran the Fair Isle Shop from 1977-1983)

They're searching for oil up in Shetland.
They're sounding all over the sea.
Though the ocean is vast
they're surveying it fast,
while the crew count their wages I stand here aghast -
all Fair Isle gets from it is one 'Gardline' mast.
It doesn't seem justice to me!

They're drilling for oil up in Shetland.
They're taking the oil from the sea.
And as well as the oil
and the scars on the soil,
The wages they earn brings my blood to the boil -
two hundred a week for a few hours of toil.
A quarter of that would do me!

They're pumping the oil up in Shetland.
They're sucking the oil from the sea.
As they dredge the earth's core
for a few barrels more -
a million tons worth at least from each bore
but all we see here is what's washed up ashore.
And that hardly benefits me!

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They're working for oil up in Shetland.
Far more work on land than at sea.
There's great sprawling camps,
brand-new Ro-Ros and ramps,
they work through the night by the light of the lamps.
Some are even too tight to pay National Health Stamps.
It seems rather greedy to me!

They're wooing the girls up in Shetland.
Just pop in to Lerwick and see.
The girls all get dated,
(some wish they had waited).
In no time at all they are married and mated.
Is that what they mean when they say 'Oil-related'?
It's all rather foreign to me!

They're using the oil up in Shetland -
the stuff they've just pumped from the sea.
Still it hasn't come far -
not Kuwait or the Shah.
Yet all we get here are a few lumps of tar -
and you can't even thin that to use in a car!
Still not that that matters to me!

They're shipping the oil up in Shetland.
Big tankers are crossing the sea.
As I watch them pass by -
with a tear in my eye.
I sit and I ponder then ask myself 'why?' -
all those Tysties and Puffins and Guillemots die.
Those tankers look guilty to me!

They've used all the oil up in Shetland.
The oil that they took from the sea.
That's the end of the game,
now their life-style seems tame.
They all made a packet – and some even fame.
But out here on Fair Isle life goes on the same.
And that's most important to me!

1924

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Saturday — November 1st.

*"The quality of mercy is not strain'd;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes."*

T. Chalmers, Post Office, Stronsay.

Sunday — November 2nd.

"What is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

In Memory.

Monday — November 3rd.

*"When Thou, O Lord, shalt stand disclosed
In majesty severe,
And sit in judgement on my soul,
O how shall I appear?"*

Miss Margaret Swanney, Milltown, Stronsay.

Tuesday — November 4th.

*"Oh, teach me more of Thy blest ways,
Thou holy Lamb of God,
And fix and root me in Thy grace
As one redeemed by blood."*

Mrs Miller, Newbigging, Stronsay.

Wednesday — November 5th.

*"Life is mostly froth and bubble
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own."*

Peter Maxwell, Taaphall, Ferry Road, Edinburgh.

Thursday — November 6th.

*"Always eat when you are hungry,
Always drink when you are dry,
Always close your eyes when sleeping,
But don't stop breathing or you'll die."*

Mr Richard Johnston, 15 King Street, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

Friday — November 7th.

"After all, the most natural Beauty in the world in Honesty and Moral Truth."

Mrs Miller, Millbank, Stronsay.

Saturday — November 8th.

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Miss C.H. Pringle, 139 Roxburgh Street, Kelso, Roxburghshire.

Sunday — November 9th.

"My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Miss Jeannie Smith, Airy, Stronsay.

Sunday — November 10th.

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best dividends."

Mrs Thomas, Capetown, South Africa.

Tuesday — November 11th.

*"Don't 'Cry for the Moon'
But rather 'Hitch your wagon to a Star.'"*

Mrs David Chalmers, Norton, Stronsay.

Wednesday — November 12th.

*"Life is a simple melody, you and I
Two threads that mingle as the needles ply."*

E.S. Brown, 28 Westfield Street, Glasgow.

Thursday — November 13th.

"Pride and poverty are ill met but often seen together."

W.P. Drever, Stronsay.

Friday — November 14th.

*"The man that on his noble brow
A sunken fife blows
Countries scorn hath, he enthralled
With their chateaux, lands and hinds."*

William Tait, Midgarth, Stronsay.

Saturday — November 15th.

*"There is a spell woven by restless seas
A secret charm that haunts our island air,
Holding our hearts and following everywhere
The wandering children of the Orades."*

Mrs Tonkins, "Stronsa," Park Grove, Barry, South Wales.

Sunday — November 16th.

*"Around the upright man there is drawn a wide circle of peace,
within which the arrows of evil soon cease to fall."*

A saying of M. Maeterlinck, the Belgian Poet

Monday — November 17th.

*"Love had he found in huts where poor men lie,
His daily teachers had been woods and rills
The silence that is in the starry sky,
The sleep that is in among the lonely hills."*

Miss Joan M Johnston, Yeldabreck, Southside, Birsay.

Tuesday — November 18th.

*"God's in His heaven,
All is right with the world."*

Sinclair Robb, Fort William, Canada.

Wednesday — November 19th.

*"Wouldst thou be happy?
Take an easy way,
Think of those around thee,
Live for them each day."*

Mrs Miller, The Castle, Stronsay.

Thursday — November 20th.

*"Our will of themselves are weak, but anchored in the will of
God they are strong."*

Mrs J. E. ... 59 Balfour Street, Leith.

Friday — November 21st.

"Never trouble trouble, till trouble troubles you."

Mrs J.W. Reid, Whitehall, Stronsay.

Saturday — November 22nd.

*"God gave all men all earth to love,
But since our hearts are small,
Ordn'd for each one spot should prove,
Belov'd over all."*

—Kipling

Miss B. MacLachlan, Fort William, Canada.

Sunday — November 23rd.

*"Moody and Sankey's Hymns must have been a great bond
between the English-speaking race, for we used the Hymn-book
everywhere."*

— The late Sir John Kirk on his visit to Canada.

Monday — November 24th.

"Better the ill we know than those we know not"

Peter Twatt, Village, Stronsay.

Tuesday — November 25th.

*"Never anything can be amiss
When simplicity and duty tender it."*

B. Chalmers, Post Office, Stronsay.

Wednesday — November 26th.

*"Three little rules we all should keep
To make life happy and bright,
Smile in the morning, smile at noon,
And keep smiling at night."*

Margaret P. Chalmers, Rosebank, Stronsay.

Thursday — November 27th.

*"Whatever we do in Africa to-day, a thousand years hence there
will be Africans to thrive or suffer for it."*

— Mary Kinsley.

Friday — November 28th.

*"Behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own."*

— Lowell.

Saturday — November 29th.

*"But pleasures are like poppies spread -
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed;
Or like the snow falls in the river,
A moment white, then melts forever."*

J.R. Sutherland, North Schoolhouse, Stronsay.

Sunday — November 30th.

*"Not a flower that the Master gathers,
Ever closes or withers away,
But sweeter still and fairer grows,
In the light of His full day."*

Tom Rendall, Waimate, New Zealand.

Compiled by Reverend Alex Skene, Stronsay Minister 1922 - 1928.

RNLI HALLOWE'EN SALE & PARTY

The Stronsay branch of the R.N.L.I., held their annual Hallowe'en bring & Buy Sale and Fancy Dress party in the Stronsay Community Centre on Saturday evening, and despite the fact that the weather was rather nasty, we were delighted with the large crowd who attended to support this worthwhile cause. The sales goods were soon snapped up by the eager crowd, and several quizzes and other competitions kept the locals busy, with the more adventurous children having a hilarious time "Dookan for Apples". The kids did us proud with their assortment of ghoulish, scary costumes, and imaginative pumpkins and "neepy lanterns". Thanks to all the parents who made the effort to dress up the kids. It gets more exciting each year. The judges, Christine Ritchings and Agnes Stevenson had the unenviable task of choosing the winners. After everyone had had supper, served up by the hard working committee members and other very welcome helpers, the raffle tickets were drawn, and a large amount of raffle prizes were handed out to the lucky winners. A big thank you must go to all who contributed in any way, and helped to raise the magnificent sum of around £429.20.



THE CURLY DODDIES OF STRONSAY (concluded)

By WJ Laughton

In the field of Leeshan was a quarry filled with water and this was to provide drinking water for the cattle. The quarry was called the Dungeon Quarry and the name of it filled us kids with dread. All those high walls round the fields were built by returning ex-servicemen from the Boer War to provide them with work.

When the Laughton family were at Whitefields, no doubt named after the white clover, my father William Laughton died and he was only about 49 years old, a big blow to the family. He died from cancer and duodenal ulcer of the stomach. So the family had to leave our house and get somewhere else to stay. Mother found accommodation in the Whitehall Village, a house called the Bungalow. There was an old schooner called the "Hebe" and was used by the local coal merchant, Davie Chalmers. It was tied up at the New Pier in its day to supply coal for the drifters during the fishing days before the Second World War. The "Hebe" leaked a lot and required to be pumped out regularly. Normie Chalmers would be hired for this job and I would give him a hand, no doubt more in the way than anything else. Anyway now and again I would get the princely sum of sixpence for my efforts and I thought this was great. A lot of money in those days for a young boy when money was hard to come by. So the first thing I bought was more penny Cadbury chocolate bars from the local merchant, WP Drever, no good for the teeth.

Mother bought Lillian, the oldest daughter, a bike called the Fairy Cycle which was seldom used by her. However, I started to use it and although I had nobody to help me I decided to go it alone. I would take the Fairy Cycle to the top of the brae leading into the Village, jump on and let the cycle roll down the brae. The inevitable happened and I fell off onto the road, cutting my knees and bleeding them. That was enough for me and I would run into the house howling! Next day I was at it again with the same result. I was determined to master the bike, so eventually I did do this after many a lander!

When living in Aberdeen at the Bridge of Don I would be cycling regularly to the city centre to my office work. This would be a round trip of 8 or 9 miles when the weather was dry. It wet it would have to be the bus. At the weekends I would get the old Raleigh Superb cycle, which was quite heavy, and cycle to Banchory, going through the very scenic route of Royal Deeside and passing Balmoral Castle away down to the left. That would be a round trip of about twenty miles. However, I got my eyes on Braemar which was much further out. So I kept my eye on the weather forecasts and when a large high pressure area was shown I decided to go one Sunday morning at 9am. I had my packed lunch with me and off I set complete with camera all packed into my saddle bag. I had a rest at Banchory for a meal and then set off again and passing through two towns on the way. I arrived at Braemar around 2pm and had my main meal there and another good rest. Braemar was close by so I took a snap of it too.

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So now for the return journey. The roads were quite quiet and made for pleasant cycling and enjoying the scenery which was beautiful. More rests at Banchory and off again. On the way into Aberdeen there was a statue of Rob Roy, quite visible on the left-hand side. Then on through familiar Union Street which was fairly quiet on Sunday evening then home, a round trip of about 125 miles arriving back at 10pm approximately. Another meal and then off to bed.

Up again at 7am for breakfast and get ready for work before the rush hour traffic to the city centre. To avoid most of this I would take the Esplanade road at the seaside and then reconnect with George Street again to mingle with the heavy rush hour traffic which I was well used to.

After the day's office work it was on the saddle again, cycle through the heavy rush hour traffic and home, well satisfied with my weekend travelling. I would have been in my early fifties in those days and in good form for the demands of these long cycle runs.

WATER CART ON STRONSAY

By Morris Pottinger

Carrying water to the cattle was always a task in summertime on farms in Stronsay. And everywhere else too. On Whitehall a horse and a water cart was used, as on most farms I would think.

Filling it was a laborious task, sometimes with buckets from a pond, sometimes from a water tank at the farm, sometimes from a burn. In this photograph from Orkney Archives Tom Pottinger of Whitehall, my father, is pumping and filling the water cart at the well at the end of Goar Field next the Ayre o' the Myers. The well was just outside the field dyke and inside the Myres. Whitehall Village water supply came from there too via the Windmill pump and the Reservoir half way up the road to Whitehall Farm. Goar has a field of turnips growing in the background, the time of year probably August by the turnip leaves.

The steading and old farm house of Whitehall before it was "improved" is in the left side far back.

The photograph was probably taken by George Flett our father's his brother-in-law though I am guessing on that one. George was a keen photographer and August was also Uncle George's time for their holiday from Edinburgh.



STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Opening Times

Up to Friday 23rd December 2011

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.

YOU CAN NOW BUDDY AT WEEKENDS!

Please enquire for further details.

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

*****Lapland Challenge to start soon*****

XMAS OPENING

CLOSED Sat 24th Dec to Tues 27th Dec (inclusive)

OPEN 10-12noon 28th, 29th & 30th Dec

CLOSED 31st Dec to Tues 3rd Jan (inclusive)

TEL:616449

DIRT DODGER!

By Ellie from Newfield

You must stay out of his garage
For himself is having a fit!
It seems that everything he touches
Is very often covered in - "it".
Now as you know, he's a patient man
But in this you go too far.
Could you not just delay the action
And politely miss his car?
He's convinced you do "it" on purpose,
Earning a prize for the best shot,
And, you birds that of a feather that stick together,
Happy he is not!
You know it burns his paintwork.
Haven't I told you enough?
So cut him some slack, just hold back
For he's led a life that's tough.
And while I appreciate your marksmanship,
Giving credit where it's due,
And that himself as a moving target
Would be tempting from your point of view.
And even though it's a regular "bird thing"
In which you all compete
You're doing yourself no favours.
Try convincing him that you're sweet.
"In the garage is now a gun"
I'm merely repeating what he said.
It contains a deserving prize
For the next one that aims at his head.
I'm aware it's a call of nature
And a penny must be spent
And that with a sigh
It falls from the sky
But it isn't heaven-sent!
So the garage is out of bounds
For that was the final straw,
When he place his hand in the message
You had left in the open drawer!

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



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ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP



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Tel: 616281

Email: info@orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk

Web: www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk

STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP **CLIFTON**

Winter opening days are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from 12.00 to 17.30.

Cards, Candles, Crafts and many gifts for Christmas

Coming soon..Stronsay soap
Thank you to the many artistic and nimble fingered Stronsay producers of fine goods for the shop.

Tel: Julia 616434

Business adverts

Up to 25 words - £1.50. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.

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

Up to 25 words - £1.00. 25 word advert with photo - £1.50. 25 to 50 words - £1.50 and so on.

Adverts for the next (December) edition of the *Limpet* must be placed by Wednesday 14 December

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

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 ARTWORKS

Original paintings of Stronsay Landscape;
Limited edition prints, greetings cards and
postcards which are available for sale at lo-
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the Fishmart. Commissions taken.

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Business adverts

Up to 25 words - £1.50. 25 word advert with photo - £3. 25 to 50 words - £3 and so on.

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GREETINGS, PRIVATE SALES & WANTS

GREETINGS

John and Madge send season's greetings to all who know us.

EMILY BOURN

singing

in concert

for the launch of her

debut album

“FATE”

At

Stronsay Community Hall on

Saturday 17th December

starts at 9pm

doors open 8.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Followed by

HENRY'S 18th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Fancy Dress

Buffet & Bar

EVERYONE WELCOME

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GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tree lighting on Saturday 10th December

Hogmany dance Saturday 31st December

More details in shops nearer the time

STRONSAY GAMES CLUB

The Stronsay Games Club would like to thank everyone who supported us at our 'Toastie and Hot Chocolate Night'. The grand total raised was £120. Thank you all.

STRONSAY SWIMMING POOL

AN APPEAL FROM THE POOL COMMITTEE

The Pool needs to raise some money. Fortunately we've been offered the funds raised at "The Blue Door" in Kirkwall for the week beginning Monday 9th January 2012. All we have to do is send in items for inclusion in the shop. So, have a clear out before (or after) Christmas and help raise funds to keep the Pool open.

We will be storing items at Knugdale (opposite the Post Office) so if you have any items please ring Sarah on 616406.

Thanks in advance, Yvonne and the Pool Committee.

[FREE HELP FOR DEPRESSION](http://www.onlinehelpfordepression.org.uk/)

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NHS recommended sites

Free and easy to use

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit:

TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER

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>

Check new library opening times

www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours

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

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	25 November 2011, 3 February 2012

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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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO *THE LIMPET*

You can send a subscription to a friend or relative for a birthday present?

12 editions for £15.00 including P&P

Please make cheques—UK banks only—payable to “Stronsay Development Trust” (UK only. Non-UK subscriptions, please ask for a quote) Contact Bruce, details above

The Stronsay Development Trust, a Scottish Charity SC038888

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/SDT>

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