



# **STRONSAY LIMPET**

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## **CHANGES TO THE *LIMPET***

Because of forthcoming increases in postal charges the price of a postal subscription to the *Limpet* will be increased to £20 for 12 editions. This increase will affect all new and renewed subscriptions taken out on or after Sunday 1st April 2012.

In a further effort to reduce production costs the printed version of the *Limpet* will henceforth contain black & white photographs at a reduced size. The online version of the *Limpet* will contain photographs in full colour and at a larger size.

You will notice that this month's edition is much larger than usual thanks to the input from the *Limpet*'s correspondents; it would have been invidious to hold over several excellent items just for the sake of a few pages so this is a one-off, special, "bumper" edition. Stronsay residents—PLEASE consider whether you really need a printed copy!

Your feedback on these changes and any other *Limpet*-related matters would be appreciated. Contact details are on the back page of every *Limpet*.

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## **RADIO ORKNEY VISITS STRONSAY**

Andrew Learmonth from Radio Orkney visited Stronsay a few weeks ago and recorded interviews with John Holloway, John Stevenson, Gaynor Smith & members of the Silver Darlings, David & Ellie Harrison, and Bruce Fletcher. The interviews were broadcast on Radio Orkney's "Parish Pump" programme on 8 March and are available to listen to on-line or download from <http://soundcloud.com/radio-orkney/stronsay-final> for about 4 weeks.

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## **STRONSAY PARENT AND TODDLER**

We are holding Easter events this April

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1:30-3pm**

Arts & Crafts for 0 to primary

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6-8:30pm**

Easter event including table top

Sale and fun for kids

See notices on a notice board near you

or contact Katy for more info 616317

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on Thu 26 April. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by Wed 18 April. Contact details on back page



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**When: 8 May 2012**

**Place: Stronsay Community Hall**

**Time: 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.**

A light supper will be served.

*Everyone is welcome.*



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## **YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**

### **JOIN THE BOARD OF THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT TRUST!**

If you are entitled to be a member of the Development Trust have you thought about standing for election as a director/trustee to help us work towards a sustainable future for Stronsay? All ages, skills, experience and interests are welcomed and all contributions add up – even if you don't have a lot of time to spare.

The election of Directors will be held at the  
Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8 May 2012.

All the board directors are volunteers and we have up to 8 vacancies.

Nomination forms are available from Olivebank, Ebenezer Stores, Stronsay Arts and Crafts and the Post Office or you could phone me on 616349. The deadline date for nominations is Sunday 1 April.

Lisa De Geer  
Company Secretary  
Fagerheim, Stronsay  
KW17 2AR

## **THE TURBINE IS TURNING AND EARNING.**

The last piece of the jigsaw is nearly in place; the SCADA equipment, which monitors the turbine performance, is due to be installed very soon. Meanwhile Tony Withers checks the meter reading on a regular basis and confirms that Stronsay has excellent wind!



At the end of the financial year in August we should have a good idea of how much money can be gift aided to the Stronsay Community Fund – so how are we going to decide how to use it?

The Development Trust has been to several workshops and also met regularly to discuss and agree the policy and process which will be clearly explained to everyone on the website and in leaflets by November 2012.

Of great importance: The Trust will be fair and transparent and all funds uses will be publicised.

We envisage that small grants of £1000 or less can be awarded by the Trust board at its meetings, giving a quick and frequent way to get financial help to community groups, or to support events.

Larger amounts of grant will go to an awards committee first who will make recommendations to the board.

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The Community Development Officer will play no part in decisions and will act as guide and mentor to applicants, helping with the forms and also suggesting other possible routes for funding.

As a charity – the Trust will have to agree on the final decisions

Not forgetting that any member of the committee or Trust board who has a close connection with the applicant(s) will need to say so and exclude themselves from the process.

Would you like to be part of this awards committee?

- At least four members from the community (not SDT Trustees)
- Meeting 4 times a year
- Serving on the committee for 2 years
- Making recommendations to the Trust
- Seeking more information from the applicant(s) if necessary
- Supported by an administrator and advisor, Julia Crocker, who will have no role in the final decision making.

I would love to hear from anyone who could spare time to form this important group.

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## **OUR TAG RUGBY**

Tag rugby is a version of rugby for young people and it is non-contact. You wear a belt with sticky tags and the other pupils try and take one of the tags as they run past. Every May we take part in the Tag Rugby Festival in Kirwall.

Bruce Ruthven came for one week and Liam Sharpe has been in Stronsay for the last four weeks helping to improve our Tag Rugby skills. On the first week we practised passing the rugby ball to each other. On the second week we played rats and rabbits knowing everybody's different skills. On the third week we practised hand eye coordination. On the fourth week we played rugby basketball and on the fifth week we practised our passing for the Tag Rugby Festival. Jude gathered up some of the Upper Primary thoughts about the rugby:-

- Jude – rugby basketball was fun
- Erynn – Playing rat and rabbit was exciting
- Josie – It was all wicked
- Sonya – It was awesome
- Charlie – It was all fun
- John – Playing mini tag rugby was fun
- Lewis – playing rugby basketball was fun
- Jack – rugby basketball was sweet
- James – rugby basketball was cool
- Molly – rugby basketball was fun
- Rebecca – I really enjoyed improving my skills in rugby.

My favourite bit was the game when we all have a rugby ball apart from the catcher and you run to the opposite wall and try not to get tagged!

A big thank you to Liam and Bruce for helping us, we are looking forward to playing at the Festival

Upper Primary

*(Photograph on next page)*





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*Tag rugby*

## **TAG RUGBY VISITS**

Comments from Lower Primary pupils:

- Joe- I liked trying to get the ball in the hoop
- Masamba - I liked doing the competition
- George- I liked doing the competition
- Mikey - I liked doing the competition
- Fraser - I liked everything
- Erik - I liked everything
- Aimee - I liked having fun and taking part
- Elle - I liked the competition
- Eoan - I liked everything
- Elizabeth - I liked stadium ball the best
- Joshua - I liked stadium ball the best
- Matthew - I liked when we threw the ball up clapped and then caught the ball
- Aiden - I like playing rugby



## **RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS**

No sooner had I finished last month's piece when a small party of Bean Geese - quite rare on Stronsay - were discovered feeding close to a flock of Greylags on land at Boondatoon on 15th February (see photo). Another single flew over Castle on 22nd. Far rarer, but of unknown origin, was a Bar-headed Goose seen by Patrick Shearer, and later photographed (see below) by school-teacher Antoine Pietri in the Airstrip area. Bar-headed Goose is an Asian species - famous for crossing the Himalayan Mountains (including Everest) during migration, and a small number of feral birds - probably escapes from wildfowl collections - now breed in Western Europe.

Several Iceland Gulls and the occasional - noticeably bigger - Glaucous Gull have been seen, and the Waterworks Pond has attracted the almost annual Spring parties of Tufted Ducks and Coot - about twelve of each. A few Shelduck - mainly pairs - have also been seen from several sites. A lovely grey adult Hen Harrier has been seen by several people, including Brian and Christine at Cliffdale, and Margaret and Brian Crowe at Scoulters, and Kath and Norman at Dale have seen both Sparrowhawk and Peregrine Falcon. There seemed to be an influx of Robins around the end of February, and the first Pied Wagtail was seen on the fence alongside The Mill on 1st March - just about a week early for the species here. Kate Work reported the first singing Skylark in early March by which time over twenty Whooper Swans had taken up residence on the Meikle Water. Most appeared to be 'paired up' and it was interesting to see 1-3 ducks swimming around the upended Swans, dabbling at the detritus stirred up from the loch bottom by the long-necked Whoopers.

Most of the wintering Redwings and Fieldfares had left for the northern breeding grounds by early March and there were other indications of Spring migration in the shape of a tired female Goosander, asleep on the water in Mill Bay on 5th and the arrival of several Lesser Black-backed Gulls. A Goldcrest arrived in the Castle garden on 17th March - the last day our wintering Dunnock was seen. It is amazing that many of the small birds that winter here move off to their breeding grounds further north just as spring migrants begin to arrive from the south. Meadow Pipits are now flooding back to their breeding sites after wintering further south.

An interesting sighting in the drive at Millburn Cottage on 18th March was a large black and yellow Bee.

John Holloway



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Male Stonechat with black head and bright rufous body. None recorded so far this year, but worth looking out for along the roadside fences in early Spring



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The Bar-headed Goose among Greylags at Huip (long-range photo by Antoine Pietri).



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Meadow Pipit - now returning to their  
breeding sites on the island (photo by  
Hayden Holloway)



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Bean Geese at Boondatoon - darker-necked and somewhat smaller  
than Greylags

## **SCOTLAND'S ISLANDS JOIN UP CONCERT**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of March, “Stronsay’s Silver Darlings” and Emily Bourn travelled to Kirkwall to play at a concert in the King Street Halls, funded by Scotland’s Islands and arranged by Gemma Mc Gregor, the Youth Music Forum coordinator. Gemma’s aim was to bring island players together to perform Orkney tunes at a concert. She visited seven islands, Stronsay, Westray, Sanday, Hoy, Rousay, North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray, where she and other tutors taught children as young as five years old to play some fantastic Orkney foot tapping tunes!

On Saturday afternoon, the isles players gathered in the King Street Halls to play the sets for the first time lead by Douglas Montgomery. Without playing together before, the large group managed to create a brilliant sound, ready for the concert at night. At five o’clock a wonderful spread was laid on by the guide ladies for tea. Many people said the soup was very tasty, as were the sandwiches, pizza and biscuits. After tea everyone had just enough time to get changed and spruced up for the concert, emotions were high and everyone was looking forward to showing off the musical talent in Orkney.

Robin Nicolson was compere for the evening, Owen Tierney was the sound man and Chris Giles managed the lighting. To kick off the concert the group of fifty isles children and adults played *The North isles waltz* by Freeland Barbour and *The Stronsay waltz* by Jim Chalmers. They then went on to play *Ronnie Aim’s Compliment’s to Jimmy Craigie of Rousay* by Ronnie Aim and *Jimmy O the Bu’s Polka* by J. Spence then *Maggie Watsons farewell to Blackhammer* by Jimmy Craigie.

Stronsay’s Emily Bourn took to the stage with Jack Kirkpatrick on guitar and Graham Simpson on drums, she sang her song *Fate*. The large audience was in for a treat, as she then did another two new songs on her own, whilst playing guitar. After Emily’s performance, “Stronsay’s Silver Darlings” played. They started off with a Shetland tune called *Golden days* then into *Bonnie Lass o’ Fyvie*. To follow they played a tune called *The Westray love song* written by Johnny Rendall, an uncle of Nana Peaces who saw action in World war one. He wrote the tune whilst in the trenches. To finish up, two sets of fast, good going tunes were played, which were warmly received.

Other fantastic acts from various places in Orkney played throughout the night, ‘us Stronsay folk’ were very privileged to hear them. Jake and Bea Watson played lovely duets. “No soond”, consisting of Matthew Wilkinson, Alice Tait, Connor Malloy, Ewan Coltherd, Catriona Ward and Jack Kirkpatrick, played well arranged sets which got everyone listening carefully. “Westray Aaks” (Jake Hutchison, Jordan Drever, Steven Drever and Megan Bain) played some foot tapping tunes, then Megan and Aileen Bain sang two songs, with beautiful harmonies, accompanied by Jake on guitar. Iona and Oscar Spence from Hoy played a waltz together then they were joined by “Hadhirgaan” who played another five sets which really entertained the audience, our own Lauren Caithness played with “Hadhirgaan”.

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To round off the concert the large group of fifty isles children and adults joined “Hadhirgaan” on the stage, it was very cramped and some fiddlers got a bash with a bow in the face but the atmosphere was so fantastic it didn’t matter! Together they played *Mrs Violet Eunson* by Davy Eunson, *Dancing Waves* by Davy Eunson, *The Deerness Two Step* by Davy Eunson, *Scapa Flow* by J. Johnstone and *The Deerness Reel* by W. Lennie. The audience were very appreciative and a great night was had by all.

This concert brought together Orkney’s finest young musicians and future musicians from the isles who don’t often have the chance to be part of a large group. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved.

Jacqui Smith



## **SURF AWARDS**

Tony Withers and Julia Crocker represented Stronsay at the SURF\* awards on 21 February – and ate an excellent dinner!

Also pictured are Alan Manzie from Shapinsay, Mark Hull the Chair of Community Power Orkney, Michelle Koster from Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. Alex Neil MSP made the presentation.

Each year SURF and the Scottish government celebrate and share examples of innovation and excellence in day to day community regeneration activity across Scotland.

Representing Development Trusts who have worked together to progress their individual island wind turbines plans, the Community Power Orkney group was the winner in the Partnership category for 2011.

The judging panel agreed that Community Power Orkney is a great model of partnership working across disparate island communities in Orkney. They also recognised that these fragile islands can now create a sustainable economic base for the future from their wind turbine revenue.



(\*SURF = Scotland's Urban Renewal/Regeneration forum - subsumed into Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network)



## **JRSO 2011-2012**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 Yvonne Scott came out from the mainland to do the primary 7s JRSO( Junior road safety officers) training. She showed us a film, gave us puzzles and lots more. Soon after that we did our first JRSO session, we all took different classes and planned what we were going to do with them. We did a session every Wednesday, we either went in their class room or the hall, and did a number of activities. On the third planning session we made our display in the main corridor. On our last session we did an all classes event in the hall. We drew out a road and we made traffic lights and road signs. We all really enjoyed ourselves!

By Molly, James, Rebecca and Jack



## **STRONSAY “SAVE OUR SCHOOL” CONCERT.**

The Stronsay “Save Our School” committee held a variety concert in the Stronsay Community Centre, on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, compered by young Jacqui Smith and Keith Holland, who both did an excellent job.

It was standing room only, as it got off to a great start, with the Stronsay Silver Darlings performing some excellent, foot tapping music, which we have now come to expect from this very popular group of talented musicians.

This was followed by Carole Cotterill, unaccompanied, singing “Summer Time” from Porgy & Bess by Gershwin. Unfortunately for Carole, she was accompanied in her second song by a very, very “Busy Busy Bee” in the form of Mike Holland, suitably attired, and strutting his stuff, to the great amusement of the audience, and poor Carole, who was consumed by fits of laughter all through the song.

David Bowen then entertained us with a monologue from “Under Milk Wood” by Dylan Thomas.

The Stronsay Singers, conducted by Bruce Fletcher, then enthralled us with four harmonious pieces by Mozart, Thomas Morley, Sir Edward Elgar, and King Henry VIII.

This was followed by the “The Bairns”, accompanied by Don Peace on keyboard, and Mike Holland on guitar, singing “Puff The Magic Dragon”, and “The Runaway Train”. The natural enthusiasm, and unwitting actions of the bairns had the audience in stitches.

A jolly old farmer called Brian Crowe then joined the bairns, and gave us a highly entertaining version of “Old Macdonald Had A Farm” with props, appropriate to the breed of animal, being waved in all directions. Full marks to the bairns, and Brian, for their enthusiasm and entertainment value.

A break then followed with the S.O.S. Committee handing out delicious cakes and drinks to all the audience, and a very entertaining raffle draw took place with Andrew Fraser shouting out the numbers, ably assisted by members of the pupil council. Raffle prizes were kindly donated by businesses from the Mainland and some were donated by the local community.

The second half commenced with a suitably attired “Lizzie”, who looked a wee bit like Bill Miller, having a phone-in conversation with Ken Bruce of Radio Two, discussing life as a crofter’s wife, and life on Stronsay in general. This was warmly received by the audience.

Ten year old Joanne Rendall, accompanied by Keith Holland on guitar, then surprised us all with her amazingly grown-up performance of “Rolling In The Deep”, and “Galway Girl” which went down extremely well with the audience.

Rebecca Fish then performed two beautiful pieces on the harp, an unusual instrument for Stronsay, which was again, well received and applauded by all present.

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Mike Burger, accompanied by Bruce Fletcher on keyboard, then entertained us with two delightful songs by Mozart and Giordani which, again, were warmly received.

We were then entertained by Roger Neville-Smith, to a highly amusing monologue by Marriott Edgar, and made famous by Stanley Holloway, entitled “Albert an t’ Lion” which was about a little boy being eaten by a lion while visiting the zoo.

Following on, we had Tilly Martin with Josephine and Emilia De Geer singing, firstly, “Dark Island”, followed by the Andrews Sisters song, “Shoo Shoo Baby”. Both songs were performed in a very professional way and were warmly applauded.

The concert ended with a selection of foot tapping tunes played by, Jacqui Smith on fiddle, Diane Smith on cello and Keith Holland on guitar. They were then joined by Ingram Shearer on the mouth organ and Mike Holland on mandolin, and played “Lara’s Theme”, “Teddy Bear’s Picnic”, and “Shove The Pig’s Foot a Little Further Into The Fire”. This was all enthusiastically received by the very appreciative audience, and ended a great concert, where “variety” was certainly the name of the game.

Congratulations must go the S.O.S. Committee, Gaynor Smith, Wilma Holland, Arna Cooper, Kate Worrall and Viv Erdman for making this concert possible. A lot of hard work went into this, and they would like to thank everyone who participated in any way to make this such a success. After all expenses were paid, they raised £584.07, which will greatly assist them to provide little extras for the school bairns.

A professionally produced DVD will be on sale at a later stage and it will be well worth a look.

Bill Miller, Glenmanna, Stronsay.

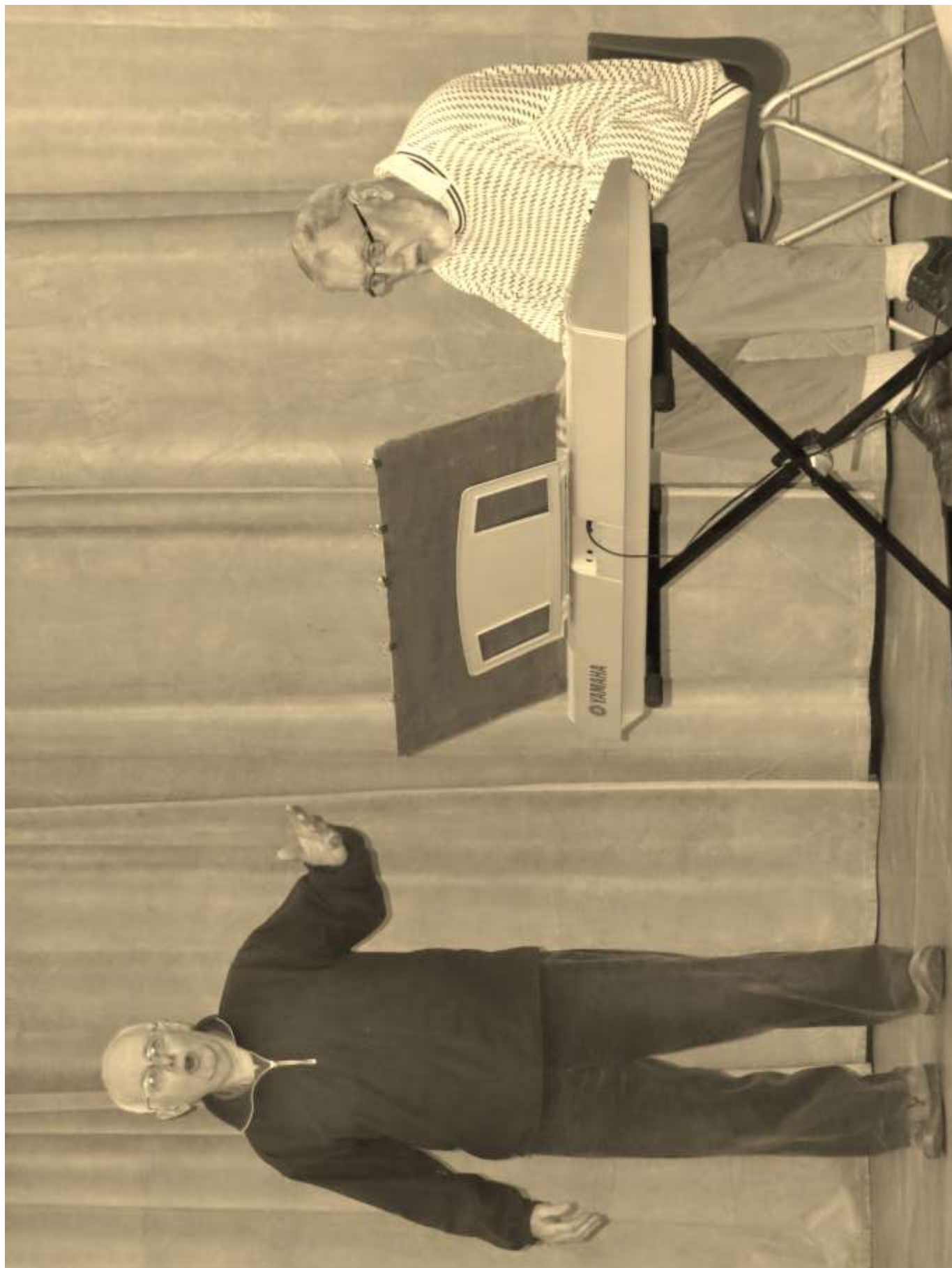
*(Photographs on following pages. Please note—all photographs were taken by Ian Cooper at the Friday rehearsal, hence the decidedly “casual” attire of the performers!)*



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*Tilly and Josephine*





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*Mike & Bruce*



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*Kevin*





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*Rebecca*



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*Jacqui & Joanne*





*The Bairns with Brian (and the “coo”) plus Don & Mike*



*The Stronsay Singers  
Jenny, Carol, Marilyn, Mairi, Marion, Tilly, Madeline, Brian, Roger, David & Bruce*

## **BLOW AWAY GARDENING TIPS**

Spring has not progressed as my book demands so most of my work this last month has been under cover. I started with peppers sown into a margarine pot, filled with expensive peat-free compost, lovingly watered and arranged on my heated tray. I should have spotted one of the mutineers eyeing me up because, in the second it took to find packet number two, the cat had sprung onto the tray and catapulted the contents through a perfect arc, to land in a pair of Wellington boots. It is alleged that I muttered a rude word more than once.

Better luck with my Moroccan Cress which the catalogue described as a fast germinating delicious early salad, resistant to aphid attack and trench foot. Can't go wrong; early germination in two days but no sooner up than the simulated desert conditions took them out proving that the Eden Project has not yet been fully established.

Moving on to the Community Greenhouse I raked in some black compost and considered if it was warm enough to sow directly into the soil. I can not find my soil thermometer and needed to improvise. In the surgery I have discovered a flashy electronic machine of uncertain vintage and checking my temperature it read 98.4 and under that "alive... probably". So with the apparatus hidden under my coat, I visited my plot, probed the soil and cautiously pressed the red button. After twenty seconds the display came to life and read "55 degrees - severe hypothermia - wrap in tin foil and heat in oven at gas mark 2". Perhaps my mother's advice will be better; sit in the soil and if comfortable it is time to sow. Problem is that I can not remember whether this was to be done fully clothed or not.

Time to close, I think before my imagination gets out of control. Happy gardening.

Roger Neville-Smith

8 March 2012

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The minutes of all meetings of the Stronsay Development Trust are available online at <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/SDT/library.asp>

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# **STRONSAY'S NATURAL LARDER**

## **PART 1**

By Marion Macleod

There are many plants that grow in the wild that can be eaten safely and are actually quite tasty! Some are even considered garden weeds.

In future issues of the Limpet I will introduce an edible plant provide some information, history and recipes. All recipes are tried and tested.

### **Ground elder-*Aegopodium podagraria***

One of the most hated garden weed as it is almost impossible to get rid of. It spreads under the ground by rhizomes (an underground stem). The tiniest bit of rhizome will start spreading and it is extremely invasive.

Surprisingly it was actually introduced to Britain by the Romans as a pot vegetable. An alternative way of keeping it under control is to eat it. Pick only the tender shoots and leaves as they appear in early March. Once leaves are bigger and flowers appear they are not so tasty. The young leaves taste very similar to spinach if not even nicer.

### **Recipe**

Pick off any stalks and wash thoroughly. Boil up enough water to cover and put the leaves in. Boil for about half a minute (steamer also works). Quickly drain off the water, add a knob of butter, a squeeze of lemon and a sprinkle of salt. Serve immediately! Very tasty!

### **Enjoy!**

Warning! In order to avoid accidental poisoning eat only plants and mushrooms you can positively identify. Always refer to a field guide.



## STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE



### Supervised session times for April 2012 including Easter Holidays

	<b>am</b>	<b>pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Buddy	4-6
<b>Tuesday</b>	11-12	Buddy
<b>Wednesday</b>	Buddy	4-6
<b>Thursday</b>	Buddy	7-8
<b>Friday</b>	Buddy	3.30-5.30
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed	Closed
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Closed

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16&17 year olds must be with an inducted member who is over 18 or at a time when a fitness advisor is on duty.

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## **TIME FOR A CHANGE — VOTE FOR *STEPHEN CLACKSON*** **AT THE O.I.C. ELECTION**

It was great to have met so many of you when I came to Stronsay canvassing in mid-March, and I thank you for your warm reception. For those I missed, please allow me to give you a bit of background about myself.

I have lived in Sanday for nearly twelve years, and for almost nine of those years I have served on the island's community council (at different times as planning rep., transport rep. and chairman), where I successfully negotiated with SSE the generous wind-farm community benefit fund that Sanday now enjoys. I have also served on the island's school board and parent council, and I represented North Isles schools on OIC's Parental Involvement Strategy Group. Other voluntary community activities I am engaged in are the Scouts and mentoring young people for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

My primary source of income is our family's technical translation business—and being self-employed gives me the flexibility I shall need to meet my OIC obligations. I am also a member of the ground crew at Sanday Airfield, and I sometimes do supply teaching in science and maths (however, if elected to OIC I will be legally obliged to resign from these positions). At earlier stages of my life, among other things I have been a scientific researcher at Aberdeen University and a software engineer in Germany. My PhD is in physics. On our small agricultural holding, we have a flock of mixed poultry and keep bees. (With many thousands of bees in each hive, that gives me the greatest head of live-stock on Sanday!) I am married with four children aged 9 to 16.

### **If elected to OIC, I will**

- strive to stay in touch with the issues, concerns and aspirations of the people of the North Isles ward;
- endeavour to get services fairly distributed among the North Isles;
- promote co-operation between our diverse island communities where they have common interests;
- work to defend Orkney's interests in its dealings with Edinburgh, London, Brussels and big-business.

I am standing as an independent candidate and do not belong to any political party.

On the ballot paper, I hope you will consider putting me as your **FIRST** choice.

Vote "1" for Stephen Clackson!

STEPHEN CLACKSON

clackson4northisles@gmail.com

*Promoted by Dr. Stephen Clackson, West Manse, Sanday, Orkney KW17 2BN on behalf of himself.*

## **NIGHT SHIFT!**

By Ellie from Newfield

It was always taken for granted  
And you were raised in the certainty  
Twas implanted in your childhood  
Learned at your mother's knee.  
"The wise old owl", they said,  
"A clever old bird to be sure."  
Often portraying a teacher  
With brain cells by the score,  
Donning the black-tassled hat  
The tree of knowledge being his roost.  
A companion to all in wizardry,  
Giving all learning a legendary boost.  
So then, why does he mess with my cat?  
Hunting in the same stretch of wood,  
Both of them "night time creatures",  
Both in pursuit of blood.  
Why, in his age-old wisdom  
Does he not swiftly retreat?  
Being wise may well be desirable  
But craft is the skill to beat.  
Craft is her very essence  
From whisker to well-kept claws.  
And the copse at the croft her hunting ground.  
As is all of the great out-doors.  
Will he know in his infinite wisdom  
That she is marking his card.  
Portraying the nonchalant female  
Is just one of her many facades.  
Two fearless night-time stalkers  
Beyond the croft as its folk soundly sleep.  
Flickering, crispy embers  
Settle down while losing their heat  
And the hunters working the copse  
Raise a scream from a fallen prey.  
For it's laid in Mother Nature's hands  
Who will see the light of day.  
Above, the man in the room looks on  
For he never misses a thing.  
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Discretion being his thing.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

to Juliette who was 16 on 18th March

With love from all the family xx

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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)**

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**

All mechanical work undertaken, welding specialist,

MOT prep work, home start, towing service, no call out fee.

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

HOME: 01857 616454

### **ORKNEY STAR ISLAND SOAP**



Real soap made by hand with care in Stronsay. In our Orkney range we have Orkney Bere barley bran - seaweed with sea salt - clay with the Stronsay Beast stamped into each bar. Favours for weddings or special occasions are done on commission only. Please ring for details.

Available from our online shop and locally at Olive Bank and Stronsay Arts & Crafts.

Tel: 616281.

Email: [info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk).

Web: [www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk](http://www.orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk).

### **STRONSAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP**

Stronsay and local craftwork  
Orkney books, cards, gifts, photos and more.

Summer Hours start 3 April 2012

Open 6 days a week; Tuesday through to

Sunday 12.00 to 17.30

Tel. Julia on 616434

[www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk](http://www.stronsayartsandcrafts.co.uk)

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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*

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### **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*



### **COMPUTER SERVICES**

Advice, Internet connection issues, Web-  
site design, Hosting, I.T. Training and  
much, much more.

Contact Neil @ Schoolbrae, 616317

e-mail: [enquiries@gb-en.eu](mailto:enquiries@gb-en.eu)

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

### **RNLI**

The Stronsay Branch of the R.N.L.I. would like to thank all who attended the S.O.S. function on 27th January, and despite a poor turnout, we managed to raise the excellent sum of £333.00. A big thank you to all who donated raffle prizes, purchased our soup and sandwiches (A bargain at £3) and helped in any way to support our brave lifeboat crews

Bill Miller, Secretary.

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### **STRONSAY STITCHERS**

**Please make a note for your calendar – as of this month (March) our meetings will be held on Thursday and not on Friday evenings. This month's gathering will**



**be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Hall from 7pm-9.30pm.**

You can bring cross stitch projects, quilting, spinning, crochet, sewing, embroidery, mending, rug hooking, knitting, weaving or UFOs (un-finished objects) to name but a few. It's a great opportunity to get to grips with that old project that's been lurking in a corner for ages or start up a new one. You'll find us supportive, enthusiastic and tolerant (when it goes wrong!); bringing together a collective wealth of experience and knowledge.

We are an informal group that meets on the last Thursday of every month. You can come for as long or as little, or even as often as you like. A donation of £2.00 per session towards heating & lighting is all we ask and there will be tea, coffee, biscuits (or the occasional home bakes if we're very lucky!).

So, if you feel like it, pack your stuff, bring your equipment and come along on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Church Hall, from 7-9.30pm.

We'll look forward to seeing you then!

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### **“GENUINE DRAFT” VISIT STRONSAY**

Stronsay Community Centre on Saturday 28th April

£5 entry, mixture of music

Check out their facebook page!

Tell all your friends

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### **STRONSAY PARENT AND TODDLER**

We are holding Easter events this April

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1:30-3pm**

Arts & Crafts for 0 to primary

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6-8:30pm**

Easter event including table top

Sale and fun for kids

See notices on a notice board near you,

or contact Katy for more info 616317

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## **ORKNEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

**WED 30 MAY**

### **APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau will be visiting Stronsay on Wednesday May 30th at the Community Centre (Carpet Room) from 12:30 to 4:30pm. We are here to advise on any issue. If you would like to make an appointment to see one of our advisers or to arrange a home visit please telephone 01856 875266 no later than Friday 25th May

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## **ALISTAIR CARMICHAEL MP**

### **SURGERY—TUESDAY 10 APRIL**

Alastair Carmichael MP will hold a surgery on Tuesday 10 April in Stronsay Community Centre 12:00—12:45.

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## **HOY HALF MARATHON**

I will be taking part in the Hoy Half Marathon on 17th June

Fundraising for Friends of ANCHOR

Sponsor forms around the island and (hopefully) online

Any donations much appreciated!

Mairi Dennison

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**STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chairperson: Ian Stevenson, Grindalea, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ. Tel: 616256

Clerk: Colin McAlpine, The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT. Tel: 616446

**GRASS CUTTING TENDERS**

**2012**

Stronsay Community Council hereby invites tenders for the following contracts. Details and application forms are available from the Clerk and must be returned by Friday 13th April 2012:

- Maintenance of Bay Burial Grounds
- Maintenance of Village Burial Ground
- Grass cutting at St John's Viewpoint
- Grass cutting of Picnic Site at Ayre of the Myers
- Grass cutting of Village Area - Royal Bank to Strynie
- Grass cutting at Stronsay War Memorial
- Grass cutting of area behind 7 & 8 Council Houses

Please note that as there are separate contracts for each of the above listed areas, it is possible to tender for them individually.

Colin McAlpine,  
Clerk to Stronsay Community Council,  
The Hill,  
Stronsay,  
KW17 2AT.  
Tel: 616446

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**BAG THE BRUCK**  
**(Beach Cleaning Event)**

**2012**

**SATURDAY 21st APRIL & SUNDAY 22nd APRIL**

Anyone wishing to take part in this worthwhile event should contact Susan Ferguson, Burness Cottage, Burness Road, Firth Orkney KW17 2ET. Phone 01856 761230, email [susan@burness.force9.co.uk](mailto:susan@burness.force9.co.uk)

Susan will provide gloves, bags & health and safety information.

Any groups wishing to apply for sponsorship by the Community Council for this event must notify the clerk in writing by Friday 13th April 2012.

Colin McAlpine,  
Clerk to Stronsay Community Council,  
The Hill,  
Stronsay,  
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**COFFEE AT CLEAT**

The total from "Coffee at Cleat" on Saturday 17 March currently stands at £860 and there are still some donations to come. About 50 folk came along for coffee and many more folk who were unable to come sent donations, thanks also to everyone in Kirkwall and Westray who bought raffle tickets - Anne had quite a haul of prizes to lug home to Westray! The money will be split between "Friends of ANCHOR" (ANCHOR is the group that raises money for the ward where David Stout is currently undergoing treatment) and "The Anthony Nolan bone marrow register" (see the advert in this edition of the *Limpet*). The £60 raised from earlier sales of beetroot chutney will be sent to Macmillan.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported us in any way and to Linda, Doris, Anne & Aimee who helped keep everyone supplied with coffee/tea & raffle tickets! See you all next time!

Sheena

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Next visit:

**TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2012**

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](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/mobile2_timetable.htm)

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>

Check new library opening times

[www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/opening.htm#NewHours)

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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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### **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***

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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 . . . . . ?

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Doctor . . . . .	616321
Nurses . . . . .	616480
Medical emergency . . . .	01856 888000
Registrar . . . . .	616239
Hall bookings . . . . .	616446
Post Office . . . . .	616278
Companions . . . . .	616261
Kirk . . . . .	616311
Stronsay Hotel . . . . .	616213
Fish Mart Hostel . . . . .	616339
Olivebank . . . . .	616255
Ebenezer stores . . . . .	616339

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Castle Bird Reserve . . . .	616363
Balfour hospital . . . . .	01856 888000
Hydro . . . . .	0800 300 999
All water enquiries . . . .	0845 601 8855
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
Earls Palace . . . . .	01856 872958

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Golgotha Monastery: phone 616210, email [contact@the-sons.org](mailto:contact@the-sons.org)

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

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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”  
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