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# Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

The Review

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On behalf of all the Family,  
I would like to thank everyone  
for their kind thoughts and wishes  
after the sudden passing of Bridget.

She will be missed by many.



Thank you all.



Jack.



## ROUSAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 31st May 2016 Orkney will host the national commemorative event for the Battle of Jutland and on 5th June 2016 local events will take place to commemorate the loss of HMS Hampshire and Secretary of State for war Lord Kitchener.

As part of these events schools in Orkney have been asked to produce a piece of work to be displayed during these events at various venues in Orkney.

Rousay School are doing a whole school project looking at WW1 in Rousay, people who left Rousay to fight during the war, where they lived on Rousay, where they travelled to and the effects of war on life in Rousay.

We would like to gather as much information as possible so any information community members can provide would be greatly appreciated. Information can be dropped off at the school, passed on to pupils or staff or emailed to [admin.rousay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:admin.rousay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)



Thank you for your help.

To subscribe, or to send in articles for the next edition of the newsletter, please use the following contact details:

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**Deadline:** 27 February 2016 (5pm) - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

## What's On at a Glance

### Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>

→ Ramp Up the Red, The Craffhub, 2pm - 4pm

### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>

→ SWI, Rousay School, 8pm

### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>

→ Circle Dance, Church Centre, 11.15am - 2pm

### Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>

→ Service for Lent, St. Mary's Chapel, 11.30am

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

### Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>

→ REWGCC Meeting, Church Centre, 10.15am

### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>

→ Mobile Library

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

→ Chinese Buffet, The Taversoe, 12.30pm

### Every Monday

→ Coffee Morning, The Craffhub, 11am - 1pm

### Every Tuesday

→ Tai Chi Chuan, Rousay School, 3.15pm - 5.15pm

### Every Wednesday

→ Art Club, The Craffhub, 3.15pm - 4.30pm

### Every Sunday

→ Teenage Club, The Craffhub, 11am - 12 noon

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From the community  
For the community



### Mobile Library

Visits Rousay & Egilsay  
Thursday 25 February



### A Service for Lent

at St Mary's Chapel, Westness,  
on Friday 12 February at 11.30 am.

All welcome.



The next meeting of the **SWI** will be at 8pm on 9th February at the School when Max Fletcher will be speaking about *'From Westminster Abbey and a Royal Wedding, to Wester and Rousay Remembered. An illustrated talk on a lifetime in photography.'* This will be an open meeting so all are welcome.

### Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

1<sup>st</sup> hour is energy exercises and starts at 3:15

2<sup>nd</sup> hour is the Tai Chi Form and starts at 4:15  
£2.50 per hour, come for one or both.

All ages and abilities welcome.



[www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi](http://www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi)



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this.

### Rousay Dance Circle

Thursday, 11 February

11.15 - 2 pm

Church Centre

Shared lunch

Donations to Christian Aid

Informal, fun!

Everyone welcome



### Services

at the Church Centre, 11.30am

Sunday 7th Feb. Local

Sunday 14th Feb. Local

Sunday 21st Feb. Local

Sunday 28th Feb. Local

All welcome



The RNLI members would like to say a big

### Thank You

to everybody who has contributed, donated and supported their events.

Curry Night and raffle (27.12.15) raised £335.30

Thank you to the Pier Bar for hosting this event.

&

Sweet or Savoury Sunday including donations and raffle (24.1.16) raised £177.00

### Events at The Taversoe

#### Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday February 2nd @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper



#### Valentines Menu

Saturday 13th (Dinner) & Sunday 14th (Lunch)

Please ring to book 821 325



#### Chinese Buffet

Sunday February 28th at 12.30

Please ring to book a table

Taversoe 821 325



#### Advance Notices for March

#### Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday March 1st @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper



#### St Patrick's Day

Saturday March 19th 8pm

Guinness, Green Beer, Irish Stew



# ST MAGNUS – 900<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

During 2017 Orkney will mark the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Magnus. Orkney Islands Council is developing an Orkney wide cultural programme of events, activities, performances, education and research to celebrate St Magnus and explore the contemporary relevance of the Magnus story today. We are encouraging groups, individuals and communities to help develop this programme and would like to hear from anyone with ideas, small or large for a project or event to help us mark this significant year.

Please contact: Antony Mottershead, Arts Officer

antony.mottershead@orkney.gov.uk or call 873 535 Ext 2406

## For Sale

### 2002 Ford Fiesta Ghia

74k miles MOT'd till July 2016.  
Mint condition reliable car.

£550

Contact Trish 821 424 for viewing



Due to a tidy up of the shed we have the following up for sale.

**Galvanised ATV trailer** with rear ramp, 6'x4' with a new 1 inch ply wooden floor comes with an extra set of unused off road wheels and tyres . £450.ono

**2 Hayter lawnmowers** can be seen running. £20 each.

**Mig welder** 150 amp can be seen working with new speed circuit board £75. ono

**Two oil drums** clean last used for heating oil delivery. Free to collect.

Richard 821 420



**Antique Robert Burns wool rug** 60.00

**Bed throw and pillow shams**  
few weeks old cost 40.00. Looking for 20.00

Trish 821 424



### 02 Ford Fiesta Ghia

74k and MOT'd till July  
Nice clean car 550.

Contact Trish 821 424



### Large coal bunker

40.00



### Renault Megane

90k MOT end Jan.  
No advisories.

Nice isles car 450.

Contact Trish 821 424



### Concrete Block Back Weight for a tractor

Weights about a ton

Offers

Bigland 821 244



## **Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council**

The representatives of the REWGCC are: Mr Angus Firth, Ms Chris Cox, Ms Rachael Harris, Mr John Garson, Mr Eric Shortland and Mr Richard Tipper.

### **REWGCC Meeting – 20 February 2016 @ 10.15 a.m.**

The next REWGCC meeting will be on Saturday, 20 February 2016 @ 10.15 a.m. in the Hall at the Rousay Church Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings.

### **Consultation Document**

#### **Winter Service Plan 2015/16 – Cut-off date 1.5.16**

The purpose of this consultation is to give CCs an opportunity to monitor the Winter Service Plan 2015/16 and provide comments for our specific area at the end of the winter period.

A copy of the Winter Service Plan 2015/16 can be found on the Council website at <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Committees-and-Agendas/Council-Meetings/2015/07-07-2015/I10App4WinterServicePlan201516.pdf> and can be referred to for reference over this winter.

Comments need to reach members by mid-April 2016 so they can advise the Clerk who will return remarks by 1.5.16 to OIC. Any comments submitted will be taken into consideration for the Winter Service Plan 2016/17.

### **Ferry Service Winter Timetables for 2016/17**

The CC has been asked to choose between two options for the winter ferry timetable 2016/17 by Orkney Ferries for Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre without first discussing with the members and residents. The CC is requesting consultation with Orkney Ferries, Orkney Islands Council and the CC/communities it represents. The members will keep residents posted on the outcome.

Any requests for financial assistance or points to be brought to the attention of the CC need to reach the Clerk no later than 5 February 2016. Clerk's contact details:

Email: [rewgcc@btinternet.com](mailto:rewgcc@btinternet.com) and addressed to the REWGCC c/o Mrs Compton or send to Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT.

## **ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MAINTENANCE OF KIRKYARDS AND WAR MEMORIAL ON ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE**

Tenders are invited for the ground maintenance contracts for the nine sites on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre for a one year period.

Brinian Kirkyard, Rousay  
Glebe Kirkyard, Rousay  
Scockness Kirkyard, Rousay  
St Magnus Kirkyard, Egilsay  
St Mary's Kirkyard, Wyre  
Wasbister Kirkyard, Rousay  
Westside Kirkyard, Rousay  
War Memorial, Egilsay  
War Memorial, Rousay

Forms are available from the Community Council Clerk:

Mrs. Diana Compton

Midgard, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PT

Tel:- 01856 821496 E-mail:- [rewgcc@btinternet.com](mailto:rewgcc@btinternet.com)

Tenders should be forwarded to the Community Council Clerk, at the address above, in a sealed envelope marked 'Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Ground Maintenance Contract' before the deadline date of Friday, 19 February 2016.

### **Wanted**

Fert spreader

Any type, as long as working.

Thanks

Sarah 311

### **Rousay Community Association**

Community Rooms must be booked, in advance, for use through the booking clerk on 821 383 / 07522647794.

Failure to book may lead to the room you wish being unavailable.



## The Crafhub c.i.c.

### CRAFTHUB NEWS

The Directors of The Crafhub wanted to share the sadness felt by the passing of Bridget Woodford, who died suddenly last month. We send our condolences to Heather, Stuart and Jack Woodford and the family at this very sad time.

Bridget was a Founder Director of The Crafhub and one of the key people in the early days of us setting up, offering her many skills and time to the project.

As a crafter she continued to supply us with her varied designs of cards and books that she illustrated so beautifully, depicting Orkney wildlife and nature so accurately. Her work was very popular with both locals and visitors alike. Bridget held an exhibition of her work last year in Stromness, which was well attended, with another planned for later this year.

Bridget will be sorely missed by so many folk, with her cheerful smile and helpful nature, she gave so much to so many, such a loss to our community.

### RAMP UP THE RED

Join us At The Crafhub

on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm – 4pm

to support The British Heart Foundation

Games, Raffle and Nibbles

proceeds to the charity for all 'red items' sold

### WORKSHOPS IN FEBRUARY

#### New Teenage Club

Following 2 initial meetings this newly formed group will take place on Sundays from 11am – 12 noon. More news from them next month.

**Monday Coffee Morning** – Every Monday from 11am – 1pm. £2 a session – All welcome.

**ART CLUB** – Children's Art Club every Wednesday from 3.15pm – 4.30pm at The Crafhub.

**WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP** – Joseph Hewes is tutor for the 6 week block of Beginners Watercolour sessions continuing throughout February on Sundays from 2-4pm.

**SPINNING WORKSHOP** – The new 6 week block of Spinning Classes will start on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 11am – 1pm.

#### \* NEW JEWELLERY WORKSHOP FOR MARCH \*

Due to requests from participants at the jewellery workshop during the Summer of Arts last year we have booked Heather Croy to come back for the day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The cost will be £35 for the day including materials and refreshments.

All residents of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre can apply for a bursary from Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust to cover 80% of the cost of these courses (providing they are eligible).

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. Collect your bursary forms from The Crafhub.

**The Crafhub shop will be open in February during workshops and classes**

If you need anything out of these times please contact Hilary on 821 400 and we will open up for you.

e-mail : [crafthub@btconnect.com](mailto:crafthub@btconnect.com)

website : [www.crafthuborkney.co.uk](http://www.crafthuborkney.co.uk)



## Marion's Shop & Filling Station

This is the only shop on the island.

Licensed to sell petrol and alcohol, the Shop retails dry as well as other wet fuels.

The Shop also retails fresh and frozen products, canned and dried foods. And canned and dried foods for cats and dogs.

All products are sourced locally from accredited suppliers (i.e. those registered with the OIC Environmental Health Department).

Comestibles from kitchen table amateurs are never offered for sale. And, although the sale of teas, postcards and ice-creams is contentious when neighbours can be beffared [sic] a policy of avoidance is preferable.

However, local craft items will be re-introduced. A Handling Charge of no more than 10% will be requested. Teas, et cetera, will not be offered.

### Letter from School Place

It has been a miserable start to the year, with some extreme weather conditions which are predicted to become commonplace conditions in the future. Members of my own family had some adventures getting back to Orkney from Scotland, what with cancelled ferries and flooded railway lines. Eday's pier was seriously damaged by sea surges, and Sanday's water was threatened by stormy conditions stirring up the silt in Bea Loch necessitating tankers of water being sent out by Scottish Water to supplement supplies. And, of course, there have been power cuts, damage to property, influenza.... It is the custom in Switzerland for each household to store ample stocks of food, fuel etc. for an emergency. A commonsense New Year's Resolution for us islanders to keep, I think.

Our last formal meeting of 2015 was a Special General meeting on our response to the Scottish Government's consultation on provisions for a future islands bill. The aim of the consultation was to seek views on plans for giving more power and protection to Scotland's islands, the intention being that these will help shape the development of a Scottish Parliament bill allowing the islands to build a more prosperous and fairer future for their communities. A draft of our response can be found on the OIC website.

We have had several budget briefings to try and thrash out how we are going to manage the £5,000,000 cut to our funding by the Scottish Government. Moray Council has considered raising its council tax by 18%. The trouble with this solution is that the Scottish Government will now impose a penalty on them for breaking its "council tax freeze", which means their council tax is having to be raised by more than would otherwise be necessary. In the case of Orkney, a 10% increase in council tax would collect approx. £751,000 extra from taxpayers, but the Scottish Government would then take away £243,000 in penalty from us, leaving us with only £508,000 extra for the budget. Any increase up to 3.3% would bring in no extra money to the Council, even though it would increase the financial burden on our council tax payers. OIC is still working with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) to encourage the Scottish Government to give us a better settlement.

I participated in a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) development options workshop at Scapa with consultants Peter Brett Associates. Their work will consider the internal air and ferry network and associated infrastructure and the needs of the communities moving forward. I particularly stressed the point that the "needs" absolutely have to include the need for economic growth and increase in island populations; otherwise our future transport system could lock us into the status quo. As part of the consultation process, the consultants will be engaging initially with island transport reps followed by community consultation in May.

Other meetings I have attended this month include: my monthly "catch-up" with the Executive Director of Education, Leisure & Housing, an Empowering Communities Working Group meeting (with very positive reports back from the pilot islands of Stronsay and Papa Westray), a community council meeting on Papa Westray, a meeting of Sanday's parent council, and licensing meetings.

Speaking of licensing, do you remember our decision to reject an application for a bookmakers in Kirkwall containing fixed-odds betting terminals (Letter from School Place March 2014 & May 2015)? Well, MSPs on Holyrood's Local Government & Regeneration Committee have now called for a ban on such gaming machines. Their inquiry found "local authorities felt powerless to stop the spread of fixed-odd betting terminals". Not Orkney!

I wish to congratulate Mrs Rosemary Newton, who has returned to Sanday from Buckingham Palace with an MBE medal (which she kindly showed me) "for services to outdoor education and to the community in Orkney". It is great when members of our communities receive such recognition for all they have contributed. In fact, anyone can nominate somebody to be considered for such an award, and details on how to do it can be found on the UK Government webpages. The important thing is that the nomination has to be submitted while the nominee is still active. I suspect a lot of otherwise deserving cases slip through the honours net because folk only think about nominating them after they have retired.

In the coming month I shall be attending a meeting of Sanday Community Council and going to Stronsay and to Westray to attend meetings of their respective parent councils.

Look out for me in next month's issue of *Living Orkney*, where I shall be the "Weel Kent Face". That should brighten up everybody's February!



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson  
West Manse, Sanday  
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk



## Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

**Community Update**  
**February 2016**

### **New Trust Directors**

The director vacancies have now been filled and the Board would like to welcome Alan & Sarah Odling onto the Board of Directors.

### **Trust Office Opening Times**

As advertised, the office 'drop in' opening hours are Monday to Wednesday 10:00 to 12:00. Due to current work pressures, outside of these times the inner door of the Manse will be locked. Should you need to speak to staff outside of these hours, please telephone for an appointment.

### **REWDT Car Club**

The Car Club Car is now available for booking. For rates information and to book the car, please go to our website. If you have any questions, please phone the office for information.

To join the Car Club, visit the website at [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org) or call the Office on 821 229.

### **BIG Lottery Fund**

The Trust has now completed the spend of the £400,000 BLF award that was granted 5 years ago to help us achieve a number of social outcomes. Most recently we have completed 9 projects working with 49 different stakeholders, suppliers and contractors. BLF money over the last 5 years has been used in the following projects: -

The elements permitted by BLF in the development of the 900kW Wind Turbine

Part funding the 3 x 6kW community hall turbines on REW

Part funding of the School play park and more recently the new play park at Brinian

EV Car Club Car

The Heat Smart Orkney Project

Refurbishment of the war Memorials here on Rousay and on Egilsay

Affordable Warmth project

Community Garden projects both at the School and Allotment Sites

Feasibility studies on the Swimming Pool and Water Taxi

All residents survey questionnaire in 2012

Rousay Lap

Community Space Solution project

As well as funding to help with staff costs and resource the delivery of these projects. Many of which have become part of the everyday experience of living in our community.

### **DSM**

Installation has begun into the six shortlisted trial households and we await the final connections of these households to the controllers at the 900kW turbine. This work is helping us prepare our application to the Local Energy Challenge Fund which is due for submission on 12 February.

### **Brinian Playpark**

The construction phase of this project is currently ongoing, and the Trust requests that everyone keep away from the site during this phase, and remain away until the Trust is sure it is safe to enter. We will let you all know when all the work is complete, and the park is safe to use. Thank you.

### **Do you qualify for a free rechargeable/solar-powered lantern?**

Following the unmitigated success of the offer of the free solar/rechargeable lanterns, the Trust has approved the further purchase of lanterns, which has now arrived, and are with the surgery for distribution. If you feel that you qualify, please contact the Nurse on 821 406 or Anne on 821 265.

### Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date or training event. This is to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The following meetings are planned (any changes to these will be published on our website): Wednesday 9 March; Wednesday 11 May; Wednesday 29 June; Monday 15 August; Wednesday 5 October; Saturday 12 November (AGM); Wednesday 7 December.

#### Office 'Drop-In' Times

Our 'Drop-In' times are 10am to 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Outside of these times, the inner door of the Manse will be locked. Should you need to speak to staff outwith these hours, please call to make an appointment.

#### Free Child Swim Session

Under-18s in full-time education and resident on Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre are entitled to free swim sessions at the Pickaquoy Centre Swimming Pool, funded by the Trust. Contact us for a Free Swim Scheme Card.

#### Free Rechargeable/Solar-powered Lanterns

The Trust has purchased rechargeable/solar-powered lanterns for Islands View Surgery to distribute to vulnerable members of the community.

If you feel that you qualify, please contact the Nurse (821 406) or Anne (821 265) at the Surgery.

#### Here2Help

The Trust currently provides a subsidy towards the cost of Age Concern Orkney's **Here2Help** service.

If you would like more information on this service, please contact Gillian Skuse at Age Concern Orkney - telephone 872438 or e-mail [gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk](mailto:gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk)

#### Rousay Wi-Fi Centre

The Wi-Fi Centre is fully operational within Rousay School.

If you have any issues with the Centre, please get in touch with the Office.

#### Contact Us

**Telephone:** 01856 821229

**E-mail:** [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org)

**Website:** [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/rewdt](http://www.facebook.com/rewdt) 

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#### The Taversoe

##### Winter Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED\*

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday - 11am to 2pm & 5pm to 11pm\*\*

Saturday - 11am to 11pm\*\*

Sunday - 12 noon to 10.30pm\*\*

Kitchen last orders Wed-Sat 9pm & Sun 7.30pm

\* We will be open at 6.30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month for The Taversoe InnQUIZition

\*\* If the Taversoe is empty at 9pm we reserve the right to close

#### Here2Help Service

Age Concern Orkney are looking to recruit permanent Home-Help Workers for our Here2Help Service in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre.

Here2Help is a Domestic Service, designed to support people to live independently in their own home by offering services such as cleaning, cooking, laundry and shopping.

We are looking for individuals who can work regular hours and access to a vehicle is essential.

**For further information and an application pack please phone 01856 872438 or e mail [office@ageconcernorkney.org.uk](mailto:office@ageconcernorkney.org.uk)**

Age Concern Orkney, 46 Victoria Street, Kirkwall  
Working in partnership with Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust

**Closing date: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm.  
Interviews will be held later in the month.**

Here2Help employees are subject to a PVG check  
Charity No. SC007638

**AGE** Orkney  
*Concern*