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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

'The Review'

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RNLI District Challenge

at The Taversoe
on 12th March
at 7.30pm for 8pm

Paddy is Quiz Master

Supper & Raffles

If you would like to take part in a team for your district please get in contact with any of the ladies in the committee.

Usually a good laugh, so come and watch if you don't want to be in a team.



The next meeting of the SWI will be at 8pm on Tuesday 8th March at the School, when, in a change to the programme, Carey and (possibly) Robert will tell us of their recent trip to the other side of the world.

The competitions will be A Collage of Any Medium and A Winter Photo.



At the Church Centre

World Day of Prayer

Sunday 6th March

11.30am

Service prepared by
the ladies of Cuba

All welcome



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.

What's On at a Glance

Tuesday, 1st

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Friday, 4th

→ Jewellery Workshop, Crafhub, 11.30am-4.30pm

Sunday, 6th

→ Service (World Day of Prayer), Church Centre, 11.30am

Tuesday, 8th

→ SWI Meeting, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday, 10th

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

Saturday, 12th

→ RNLI District Challenge, The Taversoe, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sunday, 19th

→ St. Patrick's Day, The Taversoe, 8pm

Thursday, 24th

→ Mobile Library

Sunday, 28th

→ Easter Sunday Buffet Lunch, The Taversoe, 12.30pm

Thursday, 31st

→ Singing Group, The Crafhub, 8pm

Every Monday

→ Monday Coffee Morning, Crafhub, 11am-1pm

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

→ Children's Art Club, Crafhub, 3.15pm-4.30pm

Every Sunday

→ Young Crafters of REW, Crafhub, 2pm-4pm

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

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From the community
For the community



Mobile Library
Visits Rousay & Egilsay
Thursday 24 March



**Orkney Citizens
Advice Bureau**

We will be making an outreach visit to Rousay on 24th August. We will be in the Church Centre from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

We are there to advise on any issue. To make an appointment or arrange a home visit, please contact 01856 875266 no later than Friday 19th August.



**Get Energized and Shake
Off Those Winter Blues**

Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

1st hour is energy exercises and starts at 3:15
2nd 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



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this.

Rousay Circle Dance

Thursday, 10 March

Church Centre
11.15 - 2 pm
Shared lunch

Donations to Christian Aid



"It is our nature to dance by virtue of the
beat of our hearts, the pulse of our blood..."

Robert Fulghum

Singing Group

Thursday 31st March

8pm

The Crafhub



Rousay and Wyre Ladies Lifeboat Guild

AGM of the Rousay and Wyre Ladies Lifeboat Guild will be held on APRIL 18th in the SCHOOL HALL at 8.00pm (please note change of date).

Come and join please as we could do with new members

Events at The Taversoe

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday March 1st @ 8pm

Free Entry
Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper



Mothering Sunday

Special Lunchtime Menu
Sunday March 6th
Please Call to Book a Table
Tel: 821 325



St Patrick's Day

Saturday March 19th 8pm
Guinness, Green Beer, Irish Stew
Fancy Dress Optional



Easter Sunday

Buffet Sunday Lunch
Sunday March 28th 12.30
Please Call to Book a Table
Tel: 821 325



Advance Notices for April

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday April 5th @ 8pm

Free Entry
Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper





The Craithub c.i.c.

MARCH 2016

CRAFTHUB NEWS

MARCH MADNESS - During March there will be a sale at The Craithub, with many stock items reduced to make way for new season stock. Pop down to **The Craithub** today to pick up a bargain. We are now ready to receive all the new stock that our crafters have been busy making through the winter months.

SPRING RAFFLE Tickets for the new Spring Raffle are now available. The prize is a painting kindly donated by our resident artist Sheila Scott. Pop along today to purchase your tickets to have the chance of owning one of Sheila's works of art.

NEW CRAFTERS - Directors would like to welcome 2 new crafters to **The Craithub**, Debbie Evans and Trish Tew, who both crochet hats, jackets and bags. We now have 70 crafters exhibiting their art and crafts at **The Craithub**, all still with connections with Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre. If you have creative skills and haven't yet got involved, come along to share your talents.

Volunteers Needed - **The Craithub** is looking for volunteers to help in the shop, if you have an hour or two to spare, pop down to have a chat, full training will be given. You can have a regular slot or even if you can only cover occasional shifts, all offers will help out to support our community asset **The Craithub**.

RAMP UP THE RED - Thanks to all those who supported the Ramp Up The Red event. We raised £60 for the British Heart Foundation.

WORKSHOPS IN MARCH

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 Craithub**.

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP – This workshop has been very popular, with all participants enjoying learning basic watercolour techniques. The final session will be on Sunday 6th March at 11am-1pm at **The Craithub**.

SPINNING WORKSHOP – The Spinning Classes will continue in March on Wednesdays from 11am – 1pm at **The Craithub**.

JEWELLERY WORKSHOP – One Day Jewellery Workshop on Friday 4th March at **The Craithub** from 11.30am - 4.30pm. £35 for the day including materials and refreshments.

* COMING UP IN APRIL *

Laldie Haans Craft Festival – Over the weekend of 29th April - 1st May there is a Craft Festival with many workshops taking place all over Orkney. At **The Craithub** there will be workshops to make Patchwork Bags, String Art Pictures and printing with Jeanne Bouza Rose. Leaflets and booking forms available soon.

Continued overleaf...

The Crafhub C.I.C. (continued...)

The Young Crafters of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

The Young Crafters of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre is a group for the secondary school kids (years S1-S6). One of the purposes of the group is to provide a forum for the teenagers to explore art, craft and trade skills in a social environment.

Although in its early stages, we have nine regular members and are calling to any S1 – S6s that would be interested to come along. From 6th March, the group will meet on Sunday afternoon 2.00pm – 4.00pm at The Crafhub. If you live on Egilsay or Wyre and would like to join us please contact me and I can arrange for the group to be moved to a Saturday until the Sunday boats start running again.

The group is run for the teenagers by the teenagers and will teach them business skills as well as creative skills.

I would also like to ask if there are any residents on the three islands that have a craft that they are willing to share with the teenagers please give me a ring as another of the purposes of the group is for the residents to pass down their crafts to the next generation so that traditional crafts won't fade away.

The teenagers in this group are enthusiastic and will soon be creating beautiful arts and crafts, which will be available in The Crafhub. All profit made from these will go back to the teenagers who will control their own finances.

The Crafhub has applied for several grants to get the teenagers the materials they need to start producing their crafts so watch this space for regular updates!

Sarah Odling - 07415 411836

MARCH OPENING TIMES

During March The Crafhub will be open Monday – Friday 11am - 3pm

e-mail : crafthub@btconnect.com

website : www.crafthuborkney.co.uk



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

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SILAGE BALES
AVAILABLE**

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ON 821303

WEYLAND,
EGILSAY

Mid Victorian Strongbox
Very heavy
Two keys
24"X 14" x16". £100



Wooden high back chair £65
Three bar stools £15



Quoykot. Roger.
07745235820.

Brown Corner Sofa with free cushions £200

Large ornate mirror £80

**Job lot of mixed glasses and
crockery, mugs, plates, bowls, etc.** £10

Tel. Trish 07712341450





Demand Side Management (DSM)

With huge thanks to Mark Hull and his team at Community Energy Scotland, the application to the Local Energy Challenge Fund was submitted on time. The next stage is to give a presentation in Glasgow to make our final bid for this project to the funder.

Brinian Playpark

As the construction of the play park continues, the Trust requests that everyone keep away from the site during this construction 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.

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 our staff outwith these hours, please call to make an appointment.

Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

For a grant application form, please go to our website or contact the Office.

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 23 March; Wednesday 11 May; Wednesday 29 June; Monday 15 August; Wednesday 5 October; Saturday 12 November (AGM); Wednesday 7 December.

Free

Child Swim Sessions

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.

REWDT Car Club

Our electric car is available for booking through our Car Club. For rates and information, and to book the car, please go to our website or contact the Office.

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.

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 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: 01856 872438
E-mail: gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk

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Letter from School Place

Our budget has now been set, and without any increase in council tax. Because the Scottish Government threatened to “bundle” their sanctions (amounting to a potential penalty of £1,709,000!), the amount we would have had to increase council tax by to bring any money at all into the Council would have been more than 22% (far exceeding my calculation in last month’s *Letter*)! This is something we could not justifiably inflict upon the people of Orkney. Given the Scottish Government’s reduction of £4,788,000 in our funding, there have, of course, had to be some increases in charges (Ferry fares excepted) and cuts in spending, but we have striven, after numerous discussions and briefings, to make these as painless as possible. At the Special Policy & Resources Committee meeting for setting the budget, I sought, and was given, assurance that the cuts will not undermine the values and priorities of our Council Plan (*Wur Plan*). Nevertheless, an amendment was brought forward, which I supported, to increase funding to the voluntary sector by 1%. At the subsequent Special General Meeting, I supported a further amendment to retain our early-intervention nursery nurses. Many people ask if we haven’t reached the “rainy day” which we should be using our oil money for. I fear that what we are seeing today is merely a drizzle compared with what is to come. Incidentally, in the last ten years our Strategic Reserve Fund has contributed some £64.9 million to council services and capital projects, so it is not as if we don’t make use of it already.

At the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting we approved a revised staffing policy for primary schools for implementation from August 2016. This policy is designed to help improve the pupil/teacher ratio, provide some flexibility for head teachers in relation to class structure planning, and build in capacity for new enrolments taking place after the start of the school year. This is particularly helpful for our smaller schools.

Headmistress of Shapinsay School, Emma Clements was invited to attend the meeting to receive congratulations herself and on behalf of her staff for the outstanding result her school achieved in the Education Scotland & Care Inspectorate joint inspection last September. They were rated “excellent” for “learners’ experiences”—a very rare accolade indeed, believed to be one of only two “excellents” awarded across the whole of Scotland!

I participated in a meeting at which Orkney Ferries had invited representatives from the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council to discuss concerns about the winter timetable for the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre ferry. This was a good example of the Council’s value “working with communities” being put into practice, and I congratulate Orkney Ferries for engaging with the community in this way. One concern, however, that we still don’t seem to be able to resolve (and this was discussed too at the subsequent Ferry Services Consultative Forum meeting) is the matter of books of discounted tickets for children being issued solely for named individual children. This is something I am going to keep working on, and I would appreciate Isles community councils, development trusts and residents engaging themselves in the process as well.

At a meeting of the Community Development Fund Sub-Committee I was pleased to be able to support an application from the Stronsay Community Play Park Action Group to upgrade the Ward Hill Play Park. As I pointed out at the meeting, there are playparks scattered all over the Mainland, but this is a luxury we don’t enjoy in the Isles (where most playparks are separated from each other by a long sea journey) so each one needs to be good.

I succeeded at our Policy & Resources Committee meeting in persuading the majority of councillors to support my wish that the item on island registration services be discussed in public. I had already engaged with officials on this issue at an early stage (see November’s *Letter*) and was subsequently overwhelmingly backed up by the many who contributed to the public consultation. As a result, island registrars are going to be retained—a good news story that the public was entitled to hear (it even made it onto Radio Scotland!).

We resumed consideration on what OIC could do for the Syrian refugees. It is unlikely, however, that any will be settling in the Isles, as it was admitted in the meeting that, although some islands have housing available, access to services is inadequate. I did not let this pass without comment, as you may have heard on the audiocast.

Other meetings I have attended this month include: a pre-meeting for Education, Leisure & Housing and my monthly “catch-up” with the Executive Director; Magnus 900 Working Group; Cultural Fund; House Build Programme Board; Air Services Consultative Forum; Centre for Nordic Studies Working Group; Sanday Community Council; Stronsay Parent Council, and Westray Parent Council.

I shall be going to Eday for their community council’s meeting on the 16th March.

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



If you read the February 2016 issue
of *Living Orkney*, you’ll know what this is!

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

New Member Elected

The members would like to welcome Mrs Carole Maguire as the newly elected member to the REWGCC.

REWGCC Meeting – 16 April 2016 @ 10.15 a.m.

The REWGCC meets on Saturday, 16 April 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.

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

The purpose of this consultation is to give the CC 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/2015/07-07-2015/110_App4_WinterServicePlan201516.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.

Winter Ferry Timetable 2016/17

Please see the separate details regarding the matter and timetable.

Any requests for financial assistance or points to be brought to the attention of the CC need to reach the Clerk no later than 14 April 2016. Clerk's contact details:

Email: rewgcc@btinternet.com and addressed to the REWGCC c/o Mrs Compton or send to Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT or contact your local representative.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE REWGCC IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR

- Hire of late boat for Burns Night
- The C.I.C. Craithub
- Bag the Bruck 2015
- Island of Orkney Brochure – 2015
- Vermin Eradication Scheme
- Brinian Kirkyard Fence
- Joint project with REWDT – Repair to the Rousay War Memorial Wall and repairs to Egilsay War Memorial
- Orkney Creative Hub
- Rousay Horticultural Society – travelling costs for judges
- Assistance with cost of school trip
- Orkney Island Games Association
- Firework displays on Egilsay & Rousay
- Rousay SWI – Travelling costs for the baking show on Mainland
- Armistice wreath
- Rousay Primary School – Support with the purchase of Christmas Presents
- Egilsay Community Association – Assistance with purchase of a defibrillator

Projects still awaiting action: - Repair of some of the dykes around the Kirkyards (stone purchased by the CC), noticeboard replacements and inter-isles ferry fares.

REWGCC
Supplement



VERMIN ERADICATION GRANT SCHEME

PURCHASE OF RAT POISON

Good news!

The members of the REWGCC have reviewed this scheme and agreed to fund the project for another year.

They have set up a grant to assist with the purchase of rat poison for the eradication of vermin and the grant is available to all residents within our community council area.

Successful applicants can claim up to 50% of the net cost (excluding VAT), up to a maximum of £50 in one financial year (April 2016-March 2017).

To claim this grant send your name, address and receipted invoice to:
Mrs Diana Compton, Clerk for the REWGCC,
Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT
who will then arrange payment.

Bag
the
Bruck

Bag the Bruck 2016

Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th April 2016

Every year hundreds of volunteers throughout Orkney mainland & the isles do their bit to clean their parishes of the debris that inevitably accumulates, particularly after the winter storms, on beaches, loch sides, ditches, etc. Community Councils can support local groups and charities who participate in the clean up by sponsoring them.

This year the event is scheduled to take place over a nine day period, extending from Saturday 16th until Sunday 24th April 2016.

If your group is interested in applying for sponsorship, an application must be received by the Clerk prior to the event date.

Send your request to the:-
REWGCC, c/o the Clerk
at email: rewgcc@btinternet.com
or to: Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT.

Should any groups/individuals wish to help over this weekend, they are asked to contact bagthebruck@gmail.com

Bags, gloves and health and safety information will be provided the week before the clean-up weekend.
(The CC does not organise the supply of cleaning equipment).

Winter Ferry Timetable 2016/17

Orkney Ferries is looking to make changes to the Winter Ferry Timetable for 2016/17 for Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre. This has come about due to a 'Briefing Notice' issued by the MCA relating to the 'hours of work/hours of rest' for the crew of the MV Eynhallow.

Angus, John and Rachael met with representatives of OIC and Orkney Ferries (OF) at the beginning of February and turned down the proposals put forward by OF. Since then another draft timetable has been put forward (see overleaf for your attention) and the members have declined this, asking that representatives from OF and OIC come to Rousay to meet with the CC within the next 2 weeks.

The REWGCC would be grateful if you could look at the timetable and provide feedback to the members listed below so they can gauge the feeling of the communities when arguing the RE&W case.

The members of the REWGCC are Angus Firth (Chair), John Garson (Vice Chair), Chris Cox (Egilsay Rep), Rachael Harris (Wyre Rep), Carole Maguire, Eric Shortland and Richard Tipper or you can send comments to the REWGCC c/o the Clerk at email: rewgcc@btinternet.com and she will pass these on to the Chair.

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Ro-Ro Service

Winter Timetable Effective from 26 September 2016 until 6 May 2017

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rousay	dep	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650
Egilsay	dep	0710	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710B
Wyre	dep	0730	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730B
Rousay	dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745
Tingwall	dep	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820
Rousay	dep	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850
Egilsay	dep	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910B
Wyre	dep	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930B
Rousay	dep	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945
Tingwall	dep	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
Rousay	dep	1055	1055	1055	1055	1055	1055
Tingwall	dep	1130	1130	1220	1130	1130	1130
Rousay	arr	1155	1155	1245	1155	1155	1155
Rousay	dep	1315B	1315A		1315A	1315A	1315B
Egilsay	dep	1335B	1335A		1335A	1335A	1335B
Wyre	dep	1355B	1355A		1355A	1355A	1355B
Rousay	dep	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410
Tingwall	dep	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445
Rousay	dep	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520
Wyre	dep	1530A	1530A	1530A	1530A	1530A	1530B
Tingwall	dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605
Rousay	dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635
Egilsay	dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655	
Wyre	dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B
Rousay	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730
Tingwall	dep	1805	1805	1805	1805	1805	1805
Rousay	arr	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830
Rousay	dep	1835A	1835A	1835A	1835A	1835A	1835B
Wyre	dep	1845A	1845A	1845A	1845A	1845A	1845B
Egilsay	dep	1905A	1905A	1905A	1905A	1905A	1905B
Rousay	arr	1920A	1920A	1920A	1920A	1920A	1920B

A On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings by 1700 on the day before travel, except for travel on the 1805 service from Tingwall to Wyre and Egilsay which can be booked until 1200 on the day of travel.

B On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings for this service by 1700 on Friday. In the event of urgent bookings being required after this time please contact the Kirkwall Office on 01856 872044 for details, up until 1200 on Saturdays.

NOTES

All vehicle bookings **MUST** be made through the Tingwall Office, except as in **B** above.

Vehicles **MUST** be available for boarding **fifteen minutes** and passengers five minutes before departure times.

There is a connecting bus service between Kirkwall and Tingwall for most of these sailings - contact Stagecoach.

All cancellations must be made by 1700 on the day before the intended date of travel or charges may be incurred.

Volunteers Needed for Poppies Display

Dear Volunteer,

VAO has been approached by Orkney Islands Council to support a recruitment drive for volunteers who will help care for the spectacular display of ceramic poppies to be installed at St Magnus Cathedral in the spring.



It follows the recent announcement by 14-18 NOW, the UK's official arts programme for the First World War centenary, that Poppies: Weeping Window will go on display at the Cathedral from 22 April to 12 June 2016 to commemorate 100 years since the Battle of Jutland.

Orkney Islands Council is working with Voluntary Action Orkney to recruit Volunteer Hosts to help out during the poppies' time in Orkney.

"We are looking for friendly, outgoing people who can spare some time to help us look after the poppies while they are in our care," said Karen Greaves, the Council's Head of Leisure and Lifelong Learning.

"The volunteers will be on hand to welcome visitors, answer questions and provide information."

"This will be a wonderful opportunity to talk to and interact with the people who come to see the poppies – and to share in their thoughts and reflections as they experience what will be a very moving tribute to those who lost their lives during the First World War."

Full training will be given and the Volunteer Hosts will be supported by Cathedral staff.

Poppies: Weeping Window is from the installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red – poppies and original concept by artist Paul Cummins and installation designed by Tom Piper – by Paul Cummins Ceramics Limited in conjunction with Historic Royal Palaces.

The installation was originally at the Tower of London in 2014 where 888,246 poppies were displayed, one to honour every death in the British and Colonial forces of the First World War.

At the Cathedral, Poppies: Weeping Window will be open seven days a week from 9am to 8pm, and volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

- 9am to 1pm.
- 1 to 5.30pm.
- 5.30 to 8pm.

The aim is to have a minimum of two volunteers covering each shift. The artwork will be in Orkney for several weeks and volunteers are welcome to take part in one or more shifts.

If you would like to volunteer and be part of this unique opportunity, or find out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Fraser Devine or Rob McGregor at VAO. Phone 01856 872897 or email enquiries@vaorkney.org.uk

