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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

'The Review'

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BIRDS ON ROAD - ROAD USERS PLEASE TAKE CARE.

PLEASE, would drivers be extra careful during the coming weeks (late May to early July) when passing between approximately **Cubbie Roo** and the **Rousay School**, especially the straight stretch of road from **Bellona** down to as far as **Quoys**.

There has been a marked increase in traffic along this stretch of road in recent years. It is not uncommon during the daytime between the hours of 8 am and 7 pm for there to be as many as **one** vehicle every **two minutes**: on occasions we have recorded some 100 vehicles in 4 hours!

A large colony of Common Gull nest behind **Bellona** every year and the young birds are frequently to be found using the road to practice their lift-off skills! Other birds frequently to be found on or near the road include Oyster Catcher and larger gulls.

In 2013 there were 23 birds squashed into the tarmac.

Thank you.

John Vetterlein
(Springfield)
For the RSPB, SNH and others.



Orkney Ferries Ltd – Tingwall Office

Orkney Ferries is looking for
Relief/Holiday Cover for the Tingwall Office.

If interested, or for further information please contact either
Fraser Murray or Lorraine MacDonald, tel: 01856 872044

What's On at a Glance

Sunday, 1st

- Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Chinese Buffet, The Taversoe, 12.30pm

Tuesday, 3rd

- Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Sunday, 8th

- Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Tuesday, 10th

- SWI, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday, 12th

- Craithub Peedies, The Craithub, 11.30am
- Rousay Circle Dance, Church Centre, 11.15am-2pm

Saturday, 14th

- Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Monday, 16th

- Rousay Community Association AGM, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday, 19th

- Mobile Library Van
- Bingo, The Pier Bar, 7.30pm

Sunday, 22nd

- Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Sunday, 29th

- Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Every Monday

- Coffee Morning, The Craithub, 11am-1pm

Every Wednesday

- Drop-in Spinning Workshops, The Craithub, 11am-1pm
- Children's Art Club, 3.15pm-4.30pm

Every Sunday

- The YCREW, The Craithub, 11am-12.30pm

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Deadline: 27 May 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 19 May



**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.

**Rousay Community Association
A.G.M.**

Monday 16th May, 8.00p.m.
in Rousay School GP room

Could all members of the committee please attend. Anyone who wishes to come and join us is welcome.

Services

at the Church Centre, 11.30am

Sunday	1st May	Local
Sunday	8th May	Local
Saturday	14th May	Roy Cordukes
Sunday	22nd May	Local
Sunday	29th May	Local

All welcome



The next meeting of the SWI will be at 8pm on Tuesday 10th May at the school, when we will be welcoming Anne Hill from Orkney College, who will be telling us about a recent trip to the Falkland Islands.

The competitions will be An article from a 12" x 12" piece of material; and Something at least 90 years old. We also ask members to come with ideas of where they would like to go for the SWI trip in July, as the Garden Trail isn't open this year.



**Get Energised this
Spring with Tai Chi**

Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

1st hour Energy Exercises at 3:15
2nd hour Tai Chi Form 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, 12 May
Church Centre
11.15 - 2pm



Shared lunch
£5 donation to Christian Aid

Informal, fun. Beginners welcome.

"Dance helps us unwind, de-stress and introspect."
Terence Lewis

Events at The Taversoe

Chinese Buffet



Sunday May 1st at 12.30pm
This will be our last buffet before the summer
Please call to reserve a table
Taversoe 821 325

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday May 3rd @ 8pm
Free Entry
Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper



Advance Notices for June:

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday June 7th @ 8pm
Free Entry
Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper



News from the Pier Bar



Just a quick note to say that this month's BINGO will be on Thursday 19th May. Eyes down at 7-30pm.

Also, we will not be open from Wednesday 25th May until 11am on Tuesday 31st.

Summer opening times will be 11am to 11pm every day from Monday 2nd May until end of Summer (date to be confirmed).

For Sale

TV Cabinet



Height: 135; Width: 112; Depth: 64

In very good condition

Any offers

Ring Ian 821 428

Garden Shredder £30

Portable Barbecue £20
plus 3 bags of charcoal & lighting fuel

16 Paint Brushes £1 each

Ice-Cream Maker £2

Garden Aerator £2

Aftercut Lawn Mix 50p

Contact Jenny

2 Sun-room type cane chairs

Very good condition and clean
with very comfortable cushions
£25 each or £40 for the pair



To view, contact Joyce 821 377



3-Piece Suite

2 Large Armchairs and 3-Seater Sofa
Dusky brick red colour
Cushion covers removable and washable
Very comfortable settee - long enough to sleep on
£100 O.N.O.

To view, ring Joyce 821 377

Play Equipment

Old double swing, old metal slide,
2 springies and long plastic slide
available for sale.

Swings, springies and metal slide are
from the old play park at the school.
Plastic slide was extra to new play park
and has never been used. Sold as seen.

Closed bid for each separate item
to be with me (Zoë) by 15th May.
From Rousay School Parent Council



The Crafthub c.i.c.

**MAY 2016
CRAFTHUB NEWS**

SPRING RAFFLE - LAST CHANCE Pop along today for your last chance to purchase your tickets for our Spring Raffle that will be drawn on Monday 9th May at Coffee Morning. The prize is a painting kindly donated by our resident artist Sheila Scott.

Felting Fun - Lots of folk enjoyed exploring needle felting last month, with Art Club and YCREW joining together in the Easter Holidays and the adults also having a felting workshop.

Treasure Trove in Scotland - Thanks to all the folk who came to the talk about Treasure Trove by Dr. Natasha Ferguson. It was a very interesting topic and well received.

Laldie Haans Craft Festival - Last weekend The Crafthub took part in this festival which was a great success. Our workshops were full, with 10 folk enjoying Woodcut Watercolour Printing with Jeanne Bouza Rose on Friday and on Saturday folk learnt how to make a patchwork bag and explore String Art with Sarah Odling. Over 40 different art and craft workshops took place all around Orkney and on Sunday Hilary took all the Rousay contributions to an exhibition of all the art and craft at The Standing Stones Hotel. Well done and thank you to all those who took part to make this such a success.

Sketch Book Project During May Joseph Hewes will be introducing a Sketch Book Project at Art Club and YCREW to encourage our children and young folk to develop their drawing skills. Make sure you are at these clubs every week to take part in this new project and collect your sketch book. Thanks to Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council, who have funded this project.

NEW GROUP - CRAFTHUB PEEDIES - There will be a meeting on Thursday 12th May at 11.30am for all parents and carers of Under 5s on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre to discuss a new group to be formed with funding from The Big Lottery. Come along to find out more. If you are interested but unable to attend let us know.

**ONLY 4 more likes to reach 200
Go on Facebook today to help us reach our target in May!!**



WORKSHOPS IN MAY

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, Age 5 plus

THE YCREW – 12+ Young Crafters on Sundays from 11am - 12.30pm - £2.00 a session, bring along your own art and craft

SPINNING CIRCLE – Drop in Spinning Workshops on Wednesdays from 11am - 1pm £3 a session

The Crafthub *continued...*

***ADVANCE NOTICE – KEEP THIS DATE FREE ***

Sunday 26th June

**Come along to Celebrate with Us
“Happy 3rd Birthday The Crafthub”
More details next month**

MAY OPENING TIMES

During May **The Crafthub** will be open 7 days a week 11am - 5.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: We are now able to take most debit and credit card payments for over £15 at The Crafthub

e-mail : crafthub@btconnect.com website : www.crafthuborkney.co.uk



St MAGNUS
INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL and **the space**, Rousay

are proud to present

SIROCCO WINDS

Friday 24 June 8pm at **the space**

This young ensemble presents an eclectic selection of music for flute, clarinet and bassoon, ranging from Beethoven to Mozart to contemporary arrangements of folk tunes.

Enjoy coffee, tea, and home bakes directly after the performance, generously provided by the Rousay chapter of the Scottish Women's Institute and supported by the Rousay Community Association.

Tickets available on the door: £1 for children, £6 for adults
Performance lasts approximately one hour

Surgery Office Opening Times

(Tel.: 821265)

(Note: the Doctor will not always be present or available during these hours)

Monday	9:00-12:30	16:30-18:30
Tuesday	9:00-11:30	
Wednesday	9:00-11:30	17:30-19:30
Thursday	9:00-11:30	
Friday	9:00-11:30	16:30-18:30

The Surgery will be CLOSED on Monday 2nd May.

If you require medical assistance in an emergency, please phone **999**. If you require urgent medical advice, and cannot wait until the surgery is open, please contact the Balfour switchboard on **888000** and ask them to page the Rousay GP.

If you need to order medication when the surgery is closed, you can leave a message on the answering machine, or e-mail us on: ork-hb.gp38084-rousay@nhs.net

Please be as specific as possible about which medications you require, to prevent delays in ordering.

The Nurse is usually on Rousay on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She can be contacted directly on 821406. If you would like to talk to a Nurse outwith those days, please phone the Dounby Nurses on 771540.

If you have any over-the-counter or prescription medication that is out of date or that you no longer need, please hand it in to the surgery so that we can dispose of it safely for you.

The Taversoe

Summer Opening Hours (Commencing Monday May 9th 2016)

Monday 11am to 5pm*

Tuesday to Saturday - 11am to 11pm**

Sunday - 11am to 10.30pm**

* If you would like to eat on a Monday evening please give us a call and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

** Kitchen last orders

Tues to Sat 9pm & Sun 7.30pm

Thank You

I would like to thank the skippers and crews MV Eynhallow management and staff, residents of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre, also friends and neighbours on Mainland Orkney for the lovely gifts and good wishes marking my retirement.

Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Olive Kemp

Food Bank

The Kirkwall Food Bank has packs of fleece blankets and torches that are free to all OAPs and referred vulnerable people. If you are not an OAP to claim your free pack you will need to be referred by the GP. Contact the Food Bank for more information.

Helen Castle

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.

REWDT Year of Learning

The Trust is pleased to offer the first course under our 'Year of Learning' programme - an Adults Emergency First Aid course. The course is free for residents to attend, but spaces are limited, and will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact the Office to book your space. We are also in the process of arranging a young persons' first aid course, to run during the summer holidays. More courses to come over the next few months - watch this space for details.

Heat Smart Orkney - Funding Success

At the time of going to press, the DT is still engaged in the due diligence process to secure the £1.2 million award made to us by Local Energy Challenge Fund. As soon as we have further information we will let you know.

Brinian Play Park

You can see that the play park is coming together with the fencing going up; we still need to get the surfacing laid as the weather dries up into the Spring. 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 the playpark will be opening. Thank you.



REW DT's Year of Learning Programme



FREE Adults Emergency First Aid - SCQF 6

Date: 2 June 2016

Time: 09:00 to 15:30

Venue: Church Centre

Aims:

The 1 day Emergency First Aid course enables a first aider to address a wide range of emergency illness and injury situations with confidence in a prompt, safe and effective way.

Qualification:

SQA Unit: Emergency First Aid in the Workplace. This unit meets the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 in respect of Emergency First Aid at Work



For further information and to book a place, please contact the REW DT Office on 821 229 or e-mail info@rewdt.org

Appropriate clothing must be worn as you will be taking part in practical demonstrations.



In partnership with
University of the
Highlands and Islands
Orkney College



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust *continued...*

Wi-Fi

Free wi-fi internet access is available in the Trust Office, during office opening hours. If you need to use the internet and/or laptop and printer outwith these times, please call to make an appointment with staff, who will try to be as accommodating as possible.

Free Adult and Child Swim Sessions

The Trust is offering free swim sessions to all residents at the Pickaquoy Centre Pool in Kirkwall. To apply for your free swim card, please contact the Office.

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.

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.

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

Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

The funding this year is split into the following categories:

- General grants
- Bursaries (for nationally-recognised qualifications only)
- Driving Lessons (via a recognised driving school - this funding will be available for 2016/17 only)
- Wellbeing (this will cover all sporting, craft, art, and other non-certified learnings and general wellbeing courses/workshops/events, and is for individuals and groups)

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

Contact Us

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Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

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

REWGCC Meeting – 14 June 2016 @ 7.30 p.m.

The REWGCC meets on Tuesday, 14 June 2016 @ 7.30 p.m. in the Hall at the Rousay Church Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings.

Clerk on leave

Please note that the Clerk will be unavailable from the 22.5.16 - 1.6.16 if you have any concerns or issues requiring attention, please speak to one of the Community Council members or contact Democratic Services at Orkney Islands Council.

Any requests for financial assistance or points to be brought to the attention of the CC need to reach the Clerk no later than 12 June 2016. Clerk's contact details:

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

Trial Project: Inter-Islands Ferry Passenger Tickets between Egilsay, Wyre & Rousay

The REWGCC is looking to trial a scheme offering a book of 20 journey passenger ferry tickets for inter-island use on the MV Eynhallow between Egilsay, Wyre & Rousay.

The scheme, if adopted, would be open to permanent residents on the three islands providing free passenger travel and encouraging inter-isles activities, visits to the GP, shop, functions, etc.

To gauge the uptake for this scheme, the members would be grateful if you could forward the following information to the Clerk, who will report back to the Community Council at the meeting on 14 June 2016.

- * Name of the person requiring a book of tickets;
- * Status i.e. adult, junior, OAP/Concession; and
- * Contact number.

Following the meeting the Clerk will update residents on the member's decision.

Contact details:

Mrs D Compton, Clerk for the REWGCC,
Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT
or rewgcc@btinternet.com
Please supply the information by 31.5.16

Volunteer Required

The REWGCC has been asked to identify a person based on the island who is interested in marine animal rescue and would be willing to attend call-outs.

Is that you!!

A one day training course is provisionally planned in Orkney for Saturday 11 June 2016 to which the volunteer would be expected to attend. No specialist skills are required however, you would be expected to have an average level of fitness and be comfortable standing in seawater (part of the course is practical and involves the group lifting a rubber whale/dolphin in simulated rescue.) The Clerk is in the process of obtaining further details and hopefully can discuss this matter with any interested parties.

Please put your name forward to Mrs D Compton, Clerk for the REWGCC at rewgcc@btinternet.com or in writing at Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT by the 20 May 2016.

(The members will have the final say!)

Letter from School Place

Our Easter recess provided a welcome break from Council duties in Kirkwall, giving me time to catch up on pending tasks on my at-home list. Among these was to archive the nine-year's-worth of Sanday Community Council papers I accumulated as a community councillor before becoming an OIC councillor. Going through them was a bit of a trip down Memory Lane, but, disappointingly, this lane passes through a landscape still largely unimproved by progress. I came across a response to a consultation undertaken in 2009 entitled "10 Year Isles Vision". Among the island-specific suggestions were:

- Establishment of "outworker" offices
- Affordable business units
- Sheltered residential facilities for elderly residents
- Broadening of the school curriculum (particularly in science and foreign languages)
- Establishment of adult education and life-long learning facilities
- Identification of areas to be kept free of housing and industrial development

Although tentative steps are being taken in the right direction (and destinations reached on some islands), there are only 3 years left in which to realise this "10 Year Vision"!

Whole-Orkney-relevant requests which have still got nowhere included:

- Orkney-based air ambulance
- OIC-owned *Orkney Power Company*
- *Orkney Bank*

And interesting ideas still on the shelf:

- Development of ship refit facilities in Orkney (to refurbish our own ferries)
- *Orkney Brains Trust* as an independent advisory body to OIC etc.

I regret to report that my "cunning plan" to secure extra funding for our mobile library has been unsuccessful. Given the interest shown by prominent authors in the matter (see, for example, *The Guardian*, 17th March), I wrote to J.K. Rowling asking her if she might be interested in sponsoring the service. I received a reply (complete with 1st class, "Harry Potter" postage stamp) from her secretary informing me that the Orkney Mobile Library Service does not fall within the guidelines of Ms Rowling's charitable trust. Does anybody have any other imaginative (and hopefully more successful) solutions to suggest?



Sabhal Mòr Ostaig – Can you pronounce it?

My travels this month have taken me to Rousay for a meeting of the Rousay, Eglisay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council and to Sleat on the Isle of Skye to attend, on behalf of OIC, the UHI Foundation Conference at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the UHI's Gaelic-speaking college. One of the things we learnt at the conference was how to pronounce Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

Proper policing is something which is always of concern to those of us who live in the Isles. Police Scotland now has an online public survey facility accessible at www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts to allow you to tell them what is important to you.

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