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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

The Review

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ROUSAY GARDEN PARTY

Rousay Community Association & RNLI
12.30pm July 2nd at Trumland House



Competitions

Fanciest Hat - Design a Rousay Flag

Games

Tug-of-War - Chicken Wanging - Egg & Spoon

BBQ



What's On at a Glance

- Saturday, 2nd**
→ Garden Party, Trumland House, 12.30pm
- Sunday, 3rd**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Sunday, 10th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Thursday, 14th**
→ Mobile Library
→ Rousay Circle Dance, Church Centre, 11.15am - 2pm
- Saturday, 16th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Sunday, 24th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Wednesday, 27th**
→ Rousay Triangle Club AGM, Church Centre, 1.45pm
- Sunday, 31st**
→ Service, Church Centre, 3.30pm
- Every Monday**
→ Coffee Morning, The Craffthub, 11am-1pm
- Every Tuesday**
→ Rousay Tai Chi Chuan, Church Centre, 3.15pm-4.15pm
- Every Wednesday**
→ Spinning Circle, The Craffthub, 11am-1pm
- Every Thursday**
→ Craffthub Peedies, The Craffthub, 2pm-3.15pm
- Every Sunday**
→ The YCREW, The Craffthub, 11am-12.30pm

Orkney Inter-Island Transport Study

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Public Engagement Meeting

(Held on Monday 27th June 2016)



If you were unable to attend the Public Engagement Meeting, but would like to view the study and have your say please go to:

<https://www.hitrans.org.uk/Documents>

and look at the study for Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre.

At the end of the study a link will take you to the online survey.

Deadline for responses is the 22 July 2016.

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 July 2016 (5pm) - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

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From the community
For the community



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.

Services at the Church Centre

Sunday 3rd July, 11.30am
Local

Sunday 10th July, 11.30am
Local

Saturday 16th July, 11.30am
Roy Cordukes

Sunday 24th July, 11.30am
Local

Sunday 31st July, 3.30pm
Roy Cordukes

All welcome



The next meeting of the SWI will be the trip to the Craft Trail workshops and galleries in South Ronaldsay on 9th July. We will meet at the 10:05 ferry and have booked a minibus from Tingwall to take us out for the day, returning for the 18:05 ferry home again. We have booked lunch at The Sands Hotel and have been asked to let them know by 6th July what everyone would like to eat, to avoid unnecessary delays when we arrive.



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan Summer Break Information

Mike the tutor is having his summer break but if anyone, who has been before, would like to join us for practice sessions, they are most welcome.

Every Tuesday at the Church Centre
Starting at 3:15
For an hour - £2.00

We look forward to seeing you.

Mobile Library

Visits Rousay & Egilsay
Thursday
14 July



Please could those members, who would like to come along, let Liz know by calling 821477, or Michelle on 821420, by 4th July, and we can let you know what's on the menu.

Events at The Taversoe



Advance Notices for August:

Taversoe InnQUIZition

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Tuesday July 5th @ 8pm
Free Entry

Tuesday August 2nd @ 8pm
Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper

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Light Snack Supper

Rousay Circle Dance

Dances from around the world



Thursday, 14 July
Church Centre
11.15 - 2pm



Shared lunch
£5 donation Christian Aid

"On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined."

Byron

Rousay Triangle Club

AGM

1.45pm on Wednesday 27th July 2016

at

Rousay Church Centre



The Crafthub c.i.c.

JULY 2016

CRAFTHUB NEWS

3RD BIRTHDAY PARTY - The Directors would like to thank everyone who joined us last Sunday to celebrate our 3 years of The Crafthub. It was lovely to see so many folk, local families and crafters, as well as Crafthub friends from the Mainland and further afield. We had such fun, with guest appearance from The Rousay Drawing Group who captured the event in sketches. Plenty of food, drink and chat!! Thank you all for your continued support over the last three years, don't forget to pop in again soon to spend your 10% discount voucher. See the photos and sketches on Facebook and the website.

Orkney Fine Meat Company - We are delighted to announce that Brian's meat products are back in stock at The Crafthub. At present we have the Peedie Platter, the Taster Platter and Pastrami. If you have not tried some before, why not treat yourself this week.

NEW IN!!!

With the Summer Season in full swing we have a number of new products exclusive to The Crafthub including the **Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Teatowel, Eynhallow and Taversoe Tuick Soaps**, all ideal for gifts to send south.

NEW!! CRAFTHUB PEEDIES - The NEW Crafthub Peedies Club has now started for parents, carers and Under 5's on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm - 3.15pm. All welcome, including visiting families to Rousay. £2 a family including materials and refreshments. For more details please contact Hilary at The Crafthub - 821455

ALSO NEW!! - CRAFTHUB PEEDIES ACTIVITY BAGS - The Crafthub Peedies Activity Bags are now available for all families to borrow, including visiting families to Rousay. The bags include Fiction and Non-fiction books, Games and Soft Toys on a variety of themes for all children from 2 - 11. Funded by The Big Lottery. **IDEAL TO KEEP THE KIDS OCCUPIED IN THE HOLIDAYS...POP IN FOR YOUR BAG TODAY.**



LOTTERY FUNDED

Go on Facebook today to keep in touch with Crafthub news and updates



WORKSHOPS IN JULY

Monday Coffee Morning – Every Monday from 11am – 1pm. £2 a session – All welcome, informal chat or bring along a craft.

SUMMER ART CLUB – Children's Art Club - Age 5 plus - dates to be confirmed for July - check Facebook for information

THE YCREW – Every Sunday from 11am - 12.30pm - 12+ Young Crafters - £2.00 a session, bring along your own art and craft. Visitors welcome.

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

PEEDIES CLUB – Every Thursday from 2pm - 3.15pm - Parents, Carers and Under 5's - £2 a session. Visiting families welcome. **Please phone in advance if possible.**

DRAWING WEEKEND – Join Joseph Hewes for a weekend of Landscape Drawing on Sat/Sun 16th/17th July, 10am-5pm both days. The cost will be £55, grant funding will be available. For more information contact Hilary at The Crafthub. **BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY.**

*** COMING UP ***

HAND-MADE PAPER WORKSHOP – Diana Merrick will be back in August with more techniques in paper-making.

INGRID GRIEVE OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP – Learn techniques of using water based oil painting with Ingrid Grieve later this summer.

JULY OPENING TIMES

During July **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

Rousay Healthy Living Centre

We are delighted to announce that Carey Mainland is now not only a fully qualified Fitness Instructor but also a certified Fatburn Extreme Instructor. Look out for free taster sessions later in the year and see our Facebook page for updates.

Summer Gym Opening Times

Supervised Sessions

Mon- 7pm-9pm

Tue- 7pm-9pm

Wed- (from 13th July) 3:30pm-4:30pm

Thur- 7pm-9pm

Sat- 4pm-5pm

Please note we will close at quarter past the second hour if no one is in the gym.

Summer Holiday Buddy System by kind permission of S. Norquoy:

Weekdays Monday 27th June-Wednesday 13th July 9am-11:00am.

Please be ready to leave the building AT 11:00 prompt.

Discounts on Saver Cards throughout July.

Contacts

Jo Inkster 821200

Paddy Maguire 821234

Carey Mainland 821325

Or via our Facebook page. Rousay Healthy Living Centre



REWDT Year of Learning

Young Persons Basic Life Support & First Aid day course

See separate advert. There are still a couple of spaces left; please contact Helen in the Office ASAP, as the course is on **18 July 2016**.

The Trust would like to hear what courses you would like us to put on. So far, the following suggestions have been put forward, but currently numbers of attendees interested are low (with the exception of the Basic Food Hygiene course).

- ISOH Working Safely
- Undertaking Risk Assessment
- Hydraulic Nozzle Course
- Working at Height Awareness
- Manual Handling & Ladder Safety
- Abrasive Wheels
- Safe use of pesticides
- Basic Food Hygiene (planned for September/October, date to be confirmed)

Please register your interest in the above, or forward any other ideas to Helen in the Office.

Courses will be cancelled if the minimum numbers required are not reached.

Rousay Lap

This year's Lap will be held on Saturday 27 August, starting at 12 noon. Entry forms are now available either online or from the Office.

Again, the Trust will be asking for volunteer marshals; if you would like to help out, please contact Helen in the Office.

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

New we have had some more clement weather (at the time of writing of course), we are pleased to see the ground works progressing.

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.

Rousay Lap 2016

Saturday 27 August 2016

Would you be interested in being a Volunteer Marshal for this year's Rousay Lap?



Marshal Points

1) Rousay Community School, 2) Cogar, Wasbister, 3) Midhowe Broch Car Park & 4) Layby at Taversoe

Vouchers

All marshals will be offered a £10 voucher each for either The Pier Restaurant, The Taversoe, The Craithub or Marion's Shop.

Interested?

Please contact Helen in the Office as soon as possible - telephone 821 229.



REW DT's Year of Learning Programme



FREE Young Person's Basic Life Support & First Aid

For 10 to 18 year olds

Date: Monday 18 July 2016 Time: 09:30 to 12:30 Venue: Church Centre

Aims: The half day Basic Life Support & First Aid course enables young people to address a wide range of emergency illness and injury situations with confidence in a prompt, safe and effective way.

Course Information: Young Person's Basic Life Support and First Aid covers

- The Role of a First Aider
- Definition of Age Groups
- Medical Problems (Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, seizure)
- Choking
- Bleeding
- Practical Assessment
- 'DR ABC'
- Unconsciousness
- Burns
- Confidentiality



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.

Course Tutor - Philip Carberry (Safe Isle Services)



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 offers 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): Monday 15 August; Wednesday 5 October; Saturday 12 November (AGM); Wednesday 7 December.

Contact Us

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Website: www.rewdt.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rewdt



Directors: Richard Tipper (Chair); Danny Daintith (Vice-Chair); Clare Daintith (Treasurer); Hilary Byland; Diana Compton; John Garson; Mark Hull; Carole Maguire; Alison Mainland; Bryan Milner; Alan Odling; Sarah Odling; Kayleigh Tipper

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Heat Smart Orkney

Project Officer and Assistant

Following the successful application for funding to the Local Energy Challenge Fund, REWDT have set up a new wholly owned subsidiary, Heat Smart Orkney Ltd (HSO), and are now seeking to recruit a Project Officer and Project Assistant to deliver the project for the benefit of the community.

The HSO Project Officer will be responsible for the community launch of the project through a series of launch events, marketing and publicity. The post holder will recruit interested households primarily in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre, with a target of 100 homes participating in the project after 1 year, and increasing on that number in subsequent years with an overall target of 300 homes in total after a 5 year period.

The HSO Project Assistant will be the first point of contact for members of the community and will be expected to demonstrate high levels of customer service when dealing with the day to day queries our customers may have. All customer contact will be recorded in a bespoke database, which the post holder will be responsible for maintaining.

Applicants should be able to work as part of a team, have experience of communicating effectively with people at all levels and be keen to be involved in community development. The job holders will be polite, self motivated, enthusiastic, flexible, work with minimum supervision and support the aims of the Development Trust. Appropriate training will be provided. The successful applicant may be subject to Protecting Vulnerable Groups checks.

The Project Officer post is funded at a rate of £12.50 per hour for 35hrs/wk; and the Project Assistant post is funded at a rate of £10.00 per hour for 28hrs/wk. Both posts will be for an initial period of 2 years. Post holders will be expected to work from the Trust's Offices at the Manse, Rousay.

For an application form and job description please contact the Trust's Offices on 01856 821229 or email info@rewdt.org or visit our website at www.rewdt.org

Closing date for applications is 3.30pm on Monday 25th July 2016

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Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

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

REWGCC Meeting – 20 September 2016 @ 7.30 p.m.

The REWGCC meets on Tuesday, 20 September 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.

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

The REWGCC has recently been approached by a number of island residents regarding the possibility of discounted ferry tickets being made available for travel between the three islands.

At the meeting on the 14.6.16 the members discussed this issue and decided to finance a trial scheme offering books of inter-isles ferry passenger tickets between Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre to the permanent residents of these islands who, following several adverts in the REW Community News expressed an interest in this matter.

If you missed out this time but would like to be considered, and are a permanent resident of Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre please supply the following to the Clerk by the 31 August 2016:-

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

The members will discuss this matter again, at the meeting to be held on the 20 September 2016 and make a decision as to whether to continue funding this initiative.

Any requests for financial assistance or points to be brought to the attention of the CC need to reach the Clerk no later than 10 September 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



St MAGNUS
INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL

Kira and the St Magnus International Festival would like to thank everyone who came out to see Sirocco Winds on 24 June at **the space**-the musicians enjoyed performing and meeting everyone!

Very special thanks to the following people - without their help, this event would not have been such a success:

Graham Fellows, Zoë Flaws and the Rousay Community Association,
Liz Firth and the Women's Institute,
Robert Mainland, Tommy Gibson,
The Taversoe, Sally Norquoy,
and Carlyne & Andy Tunbridge.

Many thanks for your generosity :-)

Thank You!

Thankyou all for Cards and Kindness shown to the Roebuck family following Sybil's death.

Frances Roebuck O' Glebe

Thank you to all of our neighbours on Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay for your kind and generous words, gifts and best wishes as we prepared to start our new life on the Orkney mainland.

From the Brunt family

Dates for August

Kids Holiday Club

at Church Centre
Thurs 18th and Fri 19th

Look out for posters nearer the time.



Orkney Heritage Society Summer Evening trip to Eynhallow



Monday 18th July 2016

(subject to weather conditions)

With Historic Scotland Rangers, Orkney College UHI Archaeologists, and RSPB

Depart Tingwall 7.15pm Depart Eynhallow 10.15pm

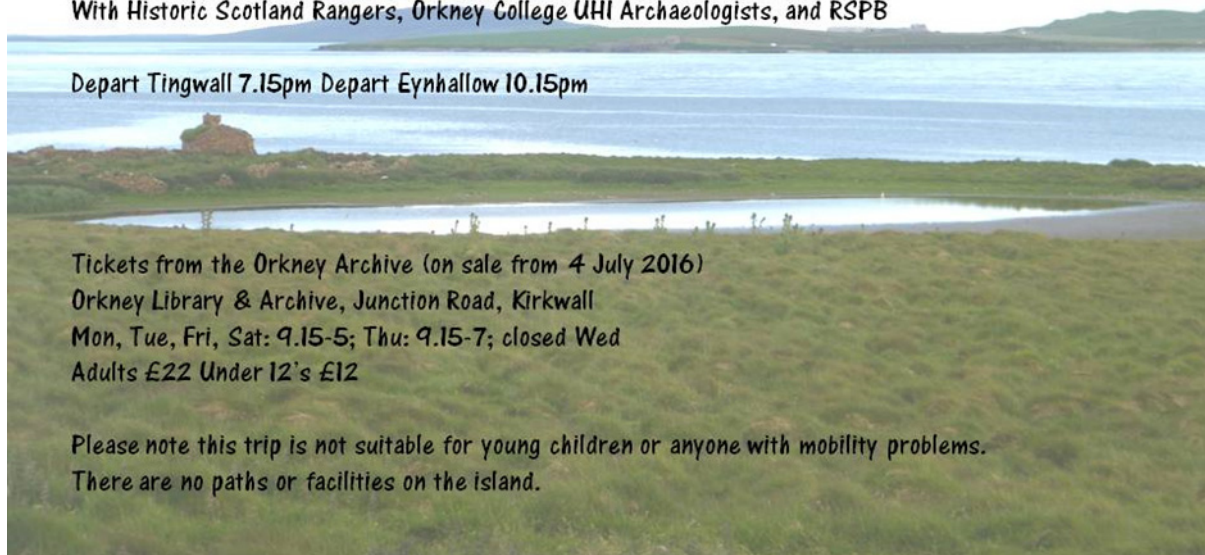
Tickets from the Orkney Archive (on sale from 4 July 2016)

Orkney Library & Archive, Junction Road, Kirkwall

Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat: 9.15-5; Thu: 9.15-7; closed Wed

Adults £22 Under 12's £12

Please note this trip is not suitable for young children or anyone with mobility problems.
There are no paths or facilities on the island.



Surgery Opening Times

(Tel.: 821 265)

Note: a Doctor will not always be present or available during these hours.

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| Monday | 9:00-13:00 | |
| Tuesday | 9:00-11:00 | 15:15-17:15 |
| Wednesday | 9:00-11:00 | 17:30-19:30 |
| Thursday | 9:00-13:00 | |
| Friday | 9:00-11:00 | 16:30-18:30 |

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 Nurse Practitioner.

Changes may be made to these opening hours as we settle into the new system, and we will do our best to publish them in advance.

To avoid delays in receiving medication, whenever possible, please order early in the week.

For Sale

Perennial Plants



Geum belle bank
Heuchera purple palace and firestorm
Cosmos
Margaritas
Cardoon
Aquilegia
Perfumed wallflower
Many more
Just pop into **Quoyostroy**



Large electric treadmill

With built-in socket for iPod/music

Contact Trish

821 487

07712 341 450



Simpsons

Dartboard Cupboard

£20

Contact Trish 821 487



New short phase

ceramic sink

£25

821 487

Letter from School Place

The eyes of the world have been on Orkney this month for the Battle of Jutland centenary commemorations. Along with fellow councillors and representatives from our island communities, I attended the remembrance service in St. Magnus Cathedral (as you may have seen on telly). Camron Dowell's moving rendition of "Lonely Scapa Flow" had a particular poignancy for me because the Flow is the final resting place of my uncle—a casualty of the Second World War. The following evening, my younger son and I accepted an invitation from the Naval Regional Commander for Scotland & Northern Ireland to a reception and combined Royal Marine and Federal German Naval Band concert at the Picky. I also attended Sanday's own Battle of Jutland events, and we flew the Deutsche Bundesflagge from the West Manse flagpole to welcome ehemaligen Konteradmiral Heinrich Schuur and Professor Klaus Wellershoff. The former is the grandson of the flotilla commander of the B98, parts of which lie aground in Lopness Bay. A few days later, I took the opportunity to join P7 and S1 pupils from Sanday School when they went to see the ceramic poppy display and did a tour of the cathedral. When we reached the memorial to HMS Royal Oak, I told them about how she saw combat at Jutland in World War I and was sunk, along with 834 men and boys, in Scapa Flow at the start of World War II—prompting the construction of the Churchill Barriers. By far the best tribute the people of the world today could pay to the fallen of both world wars would be not to be fighting each other anymore.



Wreath laid by the Princess Royal



Wreath laid by the President of Germany

At a seminar I attended on rubbish recycling, feedback from Shapinsay and Westray on the alternate weekly collection was very positive, however, owing to Government Scotland's cuts to local authority funding, it looks like we are going to have to put its roll-out to the other isles on hold for the time being. At another seminar, we were told about an online budget simulator, with which, in due course, members of the Orkney public might be able to have their own stab at setting the Council's budget!

The Education, Leisure & Housing Committee has approved The Orkney Play Area Strategy, and I'd welcome any comments the public (especially the young users) may have on our play parks in the North Isles. At our Policy & Resources Committee meeting I was appointed OIC's representative on the Leadership Board of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy, a "long-term programme that aims to transform the engagement of our young people with science, technology, engineering, mathematics and digital (STEM/D) disciplines" across the entire Highlands & Islands region.

Reports on the progress being made at empowering our communities on the pilot islands of Stronsay and Papay were presented at the meeting of the Empowering Communities Member/Officer Working Group. I got to see first-hand some of the good things happening in Papay when I flew there for the official opening of their Kelp Store Heritage & Craft Centre. Thank you RNLI ladies for the wonderful spread you laid on for us visitors. Papay has also been chosen to host a joint working pilot between two schemes aimed at tackling fuel poverty and improving energy efficiency: HEEPS:ABS and HEEPS:WHS.

Letter from School Place *continued...*

I enjoyed a grand day (and another fine spread) in Westray at the North Isles Sports. Congratulations to our hosts for being overall champions and to Sanday for winning the Schools Cup. It was good to meet competitors and spectators from Stronsay, Papa Westray and North Ronaldsay, too. Maybe Eday and Papa Stronsay will send teams next year.

Other meetings I have attended include those of the: Change Programme Management Board, Westray Parent Council; Orkney College Management Council (at which we were given a presentation on the work of the Agronomy Institute); High Cost/Extraordinary Care Arrangements Group; a pre-meeting of Education, Leisure & Housing; Westray Community Council; Monitoring & Audit; Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council; and a discussion on the mobile library petition.

I have been asked what OIC is doing about Orkney's digital connectivity. The Convener informs me that the UK Government has responded to Council lobbying with a promise of a universal service obligation for digital communications of 10MB/s, and Government Scotland has committed to superfast broadband to all premises by 2021. However, we are not complacent and continue pressing at COSLA and the Convention of the Highlands & Islands for successive tranches of funding targeted to areas of lowest coverage so that improved services are faster and arrive sooner.

On the 27th June I shall be back in Rousay and on the 28th in Sanday for isles engagement events on the Inter-Island Air & Ferry Transport Study. The last General Meeting before the recess starts will be on the 5th July.

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

P.S. There have been some quite extensive problems with the Council's e-mail system lately, so if you have e-mailed me and not received a reply, please try again.

The Taversoe

Summer Opening Hours

Monday 11am to 5pm*
Tuesday to Saturday - 11am to 11pm
Sunday - 11am to 10.30pm

Food served Daily from 12pm

Kitchen last orders Tues to Sat 9pm & Sun 7.30pm

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

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 to book being unavailable.

Rousay Public Bus

Every Thursday, 7am-7pm

To book, call 821 360.

Work continues on finds from Swandro , Rousay

Since the excavations finished at an exciting point last summer, work has continued on processing the material from the site at Swandro, Rousay, in the projects post-excavation lab in Bradford. Nicole Burton (Bonnie to her friends) , Joe Dwyer-Moore and Shannon Liddle have been busy over the winter months, going through the records and sorting the finds. Joe, Bonnie and Shannon are placement students, gaining archaeological work experience in their third year before returning to their final year of study in September. They have been working hard drawing up plans of the site, processing and sorting the material retrieved from the on site sampling. These soil samples typically contain charred cereal grains and other plant remains, as well as small bones from fish, bird and small mammals; the sort of material difficult to pick out with the naked eye during normal excavation.

The discoveries from last season include the bones of a cat, found in the disturbed upper fill of the passage to the Neolithic chambered cairn. When excavated it was thought these bones might have been from Iron Age activity around the tomb, but a recent exciting discovery suggests they may be Viking in date. Whilst sorting through the samples with the students, archaeologist Bobby Friel spotted a tiny coin. Further research has shown this is a small coin (known as a 'styca') of Eanred, the king of Northumbria who reigned from 810-840 AD. This coin is most likely to have arrived in Orkney in the ninth century in the possession of a Viking, quite possibly one of those early Viking settlers who were buried in the famous Westness cemetery, just a few hundred metres along the coast.

Last summer, Bobby Friel and Lindsey Kemp were engaged on digital methods of imaging, using photos taken from a remotely operated camera on a pole or carried by a helicopter drone to produce a mosaic of photographs. These images provide an important record of the archaeology of the fragile intertidal beach, especially as at times there was a narrow window around the low tide in which these lower deposits could be worked, so this relatively speedy method of recording proved to be a real asset.

Dr Andy Wilson, like Steve Dockrill and Julie Bond a member of the University of Bradford's School of Archaeological Sciences, is a leading researcher in the digital visualization of archaeological material ranging in scale from human skulls and small artefacts to whole sites. Last summer he brought a range of 3D scanners to Orkney, He and his colleagues have been working hard on processing the data recorded by these instruments. They have produced an amazing 3D record of the chambered cairn, which can be turned and viewed from any angle. Sadly, when compared with the excavation results of 2012 this new digital record of 2015 demonstrates the fragility of the archaeology. The sea has taken much of the outer casement walling of the chambered cairn. The area of the beach containing the eroding Chambered Cairn illustrated the damage caused by the sea. Despite being carefully reburied the difference in three years is very worrying and really draws attention to the fragility of the archaeology under the storm beach and the need to gain as much data as we can before it is gone for ever.

Andy presented his exciting findings in Orkney in the spring to a number of experts in landscape archaeology at a meeting in Kirkwall organized by Ingrid Mainland, Mark Edmonds and Dave Cowley.

Julie Bond and Steve Dockrill would like to say thank you to the people of Rousay for their continuing interest and support; the team plan to be back this summer to continue work on the site.

