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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

The Review

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**m.v. Eynhallow 30th Birthday
& Lilley's Construction Reunion**

Friday September 8th
Music @ The Taversoe
Bring down an instrument for some tunes to ready you for the weekend

Saturday September 9th
Dance at the Rousay Community Hall - 7:30pm
Music by the Stronsay Band and The Gablos
Stovies & Oatcake Supper
Adults - £6 / Children under 16yrs £2
RNLI Raffle

Late boat
12:45am to Egilsay & Wyre
(booking required - 01856 751360)
1:30am to Tingwall

Sunday September 10th
Yacht Race - Starting at Noon
Sponsored by the RNLI & the Rousay Small Boat Owners Association
Volunteer crew members welcome
Weather permitting the Life Boat will be at the Rousay pier
Afternoon BBQ at The Pier Bar
with music until the last boat (5:30pm)

Well done to all 145 participants in this year's Rousay Lap Half Marathon - finish line photos are available to view on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AroundRousay) AroundRousay.co.uk

What's On

- Sunday, 3rd**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Tuesday, 5th**
→ Taversoe InnQUIZition,, 8pm
- Friday, 8th**
→ m.v. Eynhallow 30th Birthday (Music), The Taversoe
- Saturday, 9th**
→ m.v. Eynhallow 30th Birthday (Dance), Rousay School, 7.30pm
- Sunday, 10th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
→ m.v. Eynhallow 30th Birthday (Yacht Race, BBQ & Music), from 12pm-5.30pm
- Wednesday, 13th**
→ Children's Art Club, The Crafhthub, 3.20pm -4.30pm
- Friday, 15th**
→ Service, St. Mary's Chapel, Westness, 11.30am
- Wednesday, 20th**
→ Children's Art Club, The Crafhthub, 3.20pm -4.30pm
- Sunday, 24th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Every Monday**
→ Coffee Morning, The Crafhthub, 11am-1pm
- Every Wednesday**
→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 7pm
- Every Thursday**
→ Big Singling Singin', The Crafhthub, 8pm
- Every Sunday**
→ FatBurn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am

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Deadline: 27 September 2017 (5pm) - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

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From the community
For the community



Taversoe InnQUIzition

Tuesday September 5th @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper



Advance Notices for October :

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Tuesday October 3rd @ 8pm

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Light Snack Supper



Chinese Buffet

Sunday October 8th at 12.30pm

Please give us a call if you would like to book a table

And if you have any suggestions for other buffet themes please let us know



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

** There will not be a Tai Chi class on Tuesday 5 September, all other Tuesdays the class will start at 3:15 **

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.



SUNDAY @ 11am

Starting September 6th

WEDNESDAY @ 7pm

ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HALL

30 MINUTES TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF

FREE FOR ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERS

£3.50 PER CLASS NON-MEMBERS

50p FOR BUDGET MEMBERS



Services

At the Church Centre

11.30am

Sunday 3rd September Local

Sunday 10th September Local

Sunday 24th September Local

All welcome.

Service



Service at St Mary's Chapel,
Westness,
on Friday 15th September
at 11.30am.

All warmly welcome.

September Big Singling Singin'

Every Thurs Eve during September!

Craft Hub

20.00 > Not too late.

All ladies welcome.

Also...

Kids Sing Too!

A couple sessions this month.

Look out for notices.

Frances o' Glebe

821340 / 07850064093 for more info.

Tommy's photo and artefact collection

The Triangle club would like to say a big thank you to all, and to everyone that donated gifts for raffles, cakes and sandwiches.

This event was very well attended, young and old.

Most of all to Tommy for his display, £500 was raised.



Hydraulic hose repairs

Available from
Danny Hall

Call 07919335744

For Sale

02 Agila

A few faults, but still running

£50

Can throw another one
in same colour for spares

Bigland 821 244

For Sale



Transit van
No MOT but reliable Isle van £350

2005 Renault Megane
Again reliable Isle car £295

Four Ikea white cubed units
with inserts £20.00 each

Full size stone horse's head £75.00

Contact Trish 821 487



Notes from Rousay Growers

Those who bought Erigerons from us, will find that these excellent border plants will form neat clumps which can be left undisturbed for many years. Given an open site, not swamped by hardy Geraniums, they require little attention.

Propagation can be by division, or from basal cuttings. The latter can be removed with some care, at any time.

Like Lupins, Erigerons should be dead-headed. Dead Geranium flowers can be sheared off.

ROUSAY
Community School
A BIG THANK YOU

...to everyone who supported the Market Garden over the summer by purchasing produce and watering the polytunnel.

Your help allows us to raise money for the Rousay School Fund!





Orkney Mobile Library

Next visit: **Thursday 19th October**



Calling all members young and old.

It's our 80th Anniversary and we are having a meal at The Taversoe on the 17th September.

All are invited and we look forward to seeing members from the past and present.

If you are interested please contact Julie for more details on 07947999683 or tommyjulie@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you.



ORKNEY
ISLANDS COUNCIL

ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Supervised Session Hours

Monday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Tuesday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Wednesday	x x x
Thursday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Friday	x x x
Saturday	16:00 - 17:00
Sunday	x x x

* The gym closes at 20:15 if empty

Buddy System Hours

Monday	09:00 - 17:00 *
Tuesday	09:00 - 17:00 *
Wednesday	09:00 - 17:00 *
Thursday	09:00 - 17:00 *
Friday	09:00 - 17:00 *
Saturday	x x x
Sunday	10:45 - 11:45 **

* During School Term Times

** During Rousay Fatburn Extreme



Summer Opening Hours
(until Sunday September 24th)

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

Food served daily from
 12pm to **5pm** (Mon),
 12pm to 9pm (Tue-Sat),
 and 12pm till 7.30pm (Sun)

Booking for meals is highly advisable and much appreciated- 821 325

Dinner Reservations

**My Favorite Thing
To Make For Dinner Is
RESERVATIONS**

Although the summer is starting to wind down the dining room can still be quite busy. To avoid disappointment, we would kindly ask you to consider making a reservation should you wish to come in for a meal. Many thanks for your understanding, Carey - 821 325

Winter Opening Hours
(commencing Monday September 25th)

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED*
 Wednesday to Friday -
 12pm to 2pm & 5pm to 11pm
 Saturday - 12pm to 11pm
 Sunday - 11am to 10.30pm

*The bar will open at 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month for The Taversoe InnQUIZition. If the bar is empty at 9pm, we reserve the right to close.

THE CRAFTHUB

Community Interest Company



*****September Open Daily*****

Until the last Sunday boat

11am to 5.30pm

The Crafthub is a social enterprise run as a Community Interest Company (C.I.C.) limited by guarantee to ensure that the profits and assets are used for the good of the community. The overall aim of a social enterprise is to cover costs in the long-term and put the majority of any profits back into making a difference to the community of the 3 islands.

We have now been in business for 5 years, continuing to develop our aims as set out in our Mission Statement :-

To encourage, facilitate, empower and aid the development of creativity in a collaborative community space, improving health and well-being of residents from the local community of our 3 islands.

To provide a vibrant, inspiring social craft hub, a platform for the local community to share skills and talents, exhibit and sell their art and crafts.

We are now looking for new Directors to join us to become part of the team and be involved with developing new ideas. If you're interested we'd love to hear from you.

In June and July over 40 local crafters sold products through the Crafthub benefitting our community and the local economy.

The Directors also welcomed new Rousay resident Murray Stewart as a crafter and volunteer. Murray has created a selection of hand-spun yarn, knitted & felted garments and head-band knitting kits for sale.

NEW ARTWORK

We have new artwork from Diana Merrick, Julian Milner & Annabella Daintith and Ingrid Grieve - come and have a browse in the Crafthub Gallery

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE SOUVENIRS

Pottery, Fridge Magnets, Keyrings, Tote bags and more ...

Christmas stock will soon be on its way and we can arrange to post items to an address of your choice – just let us know at checkout.

COFFEE MORNING

Every Monday – Coffee Morning 11am – 1pm

CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

All children welcome aged 3 to 11 years
3.20pm to 4.30pm - Wed 30th August, 13th September 20th September
£3 per session including materials and refreshments



We are taking bookings for the following workshops – they have limited spaces and fill up quickly so please get in touch as soon as possible to book your place.

DEVELOPING PASTEL TECHNIQUES - workshop

Tuesday 19th September – 11.30am to 3.30pm

Cost of the course including all materials and light refreshments is £30 (lunch can be provided for £5 extra)

REW residents pay £6 – 20% of the total cost - the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

If you missed Diana Merricks workshop last month or if you would like to develop this technique – come and join in.

AFRAYEDKNOT – Mark Cook

Make a Turks Head Doorstop

Saturday 21st October – 11.30am to 2.30pm

Cost of the course including light refreshments £40

REW residents pay £8 – 20% of the total cost - the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

A further workshop for November (Christmas Wreaths) date to be confirmed.

OIL PAINTING – Ingrid Grieve

Beginners & Intermediate

Tuesday 10th October and Saturday 4th November – 11.30pm to 3pm

Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments £40

REW residents pay £8 – 20% of the total cost – the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

VIKING JEWELLERY – Heather Croy

Viking Jewellery

Friday 13th October – 11.30am to 4pm

Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments £40 (lunch can be provided for £5 extra)

REW residents pay £8 – 20% of the total cost – the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

COMING SOON Developing watercolours, Christmas Crafts, Lino printing on fabrics, Amigurumi crochet - *If you are interested in any of the workshops please contact us as soon as possible so we can register your interest. Once dates are confirmed we'll let you know and confirm your booking.*

For up to date information on opening times and workshops please visit - www.crafthuborkney.co.uk

email: crafthub@btconnect.com

phone: 01856 821455

go to our Facebook page



'Noust Garden' opened at Wyre Pier

It is heartening to report news of a small community event held on Wyre recently. The island currently has only 8 full-time residents but this tiny population was boosted 7 fold with almost 60 folk attending the opening of the "Noust Garden" at the pier on Saturday 12th August. This small plantation with semi-circular dry-stone seating, bushes, planters and windbreaks has been created in memory of Bridget Woodford of Rusness, Wyre who died suddenly aged 57 on 15th January 2016. It had long been her ambition to tidy up the island and make the pier area more welcoming & pleasant for both visitors and locals alike so a small group of her family & friends on Wyre decided to develop this idea and carry it forward in her name.

Edwin & Itha Flaws gifted a small area of land adjacent to the Wyre pier on which Johnny Peace constructed the stone seat and, around this, planting areas were created ready to be filled with the plants & bushes brought over by her family, friends and work colleagues on the opening afternoon. Sandwiches, cakes and light refreshments were provided along with gardening tools and folk of all ages from Rousay, Egilsay, the Mainland and further afield planted their gifts in Bridget's memory and helped us to celebrate the garden opening. The numbers that attended, many of whom brought plants with them, is testimony to her popularity amongst a wide cross-section of the local community and evidence of how many lives she touched in the 30 years she had lived here. The Noust Garden is a fitting legacy for a woman who loved nature and in it will grow plants & bushes that flower at different times providing food for insects, bees and birds throughout the year. The windbreaks & curved stone seat with its arms open to the sunset, will provide pleasant shelter for folk to sit and watch for the ferry. Indeed, even prior to being finished, it has already been utilised by passing kayakers (who spotted it from the sea), tourists visiting Cubbie Roo's Castle and the ferry crew for a cuppa after completing their weekly exercises.

Huge thanks to those inspired musicians who brought their instruments along (including accordions & guitars) and played for the crowd whilst they worked on the garden. Thanks are also due to the organisations behind the 'Your Island, Your Choice' initiative who granted the initial funding, followed by the REW Development Trust who provided further financial support (amongst other things) for the final touches and the REWG Community Council who also contributed support in kind. Finally, thank you to all who attended and made the day so special and whom we hope will return on occasion to sit in the garden as it grows & flourishes over the coming years.

Rachael Harris 21-8-17





Rousay Horticultural Show Report 2017

The Rousay Show took place on Saturday 5th August with entries judged by Mrs F. Mitchell, Mrs K. Petrie, Mr Bryan Taylor and Mrs K. Taylor. Sadly Mrs A. Poke and Mrs E. Slater were unable to attend. Following afternoon teas, RHS President Shelagh Grieve welcomed a reasonable turnout of visitors to the show, and announced the winners, with prizes being presented by Maggie Drosso.

In the tattie-in-a-bucket competition, winner of the Grieve Tankard was George Muirhead with a crop of 5lb 0.8oz, second place was Ingrid Murray (4lb 13.9oz), and in third place was Freda Murray (4lb 5.8oz). There were no under-16 entries so the Cormack Cup was not won.

Winner of best exhibit in textile crafts was Alison Mainland. Winner of the best exhibit overall in handicrafts were Kate and Molly Friel. Awarded the Archer Clouston Crystal Bowl for most points in handicrafts was Helen Castle, and the RHS Quaich for most points in textile and handicrafts was awarded to Alison Mainland.

Winner of the best exhibit in plain baking went to Kayleigh Tipper. The Garson plate for the person with most points in plain baking was won by Shelagh Grieve and the RHS Rolling Pin for the most points overall in baking went to Alice Mainland.

Winner of best exhibit in preserves went to Helen Castle, and Marie Gallerneault was awarded the RHS Clock for the most points in dairy and preserves and as it is her 3rd year in a row of winning, Marie keeps the clock.

Winner of the Ronald Mainland Cup for Best Onions was Kayleigh Tipper and Jo Inkster won the best exhibit in vegetables and fruit. Ian Donaldson won the longest carrot and most points in potatoes winning the RHS Quaich. The person with most points in the vegetable and fruit section was Ed Firth, winning the Shearer Cup.

Best exhibit in cut flowers was won by Eivor Cormack, also winning the RHS Tankard for most points in cut flowers. Best flowering plant, winning the Ritchie Tray, was won by Liz Firth and the Fairley Salver for most points in floral art as well as the RHS Tankard for most points in flowers. The Clark Shield for most exotic plant also went to Liz Firth.

Most points in primary went to Ewan Flaws who was awarded the Primary Cup. Most points in secondary went to Kate Friel, winning the Hulme Cup.

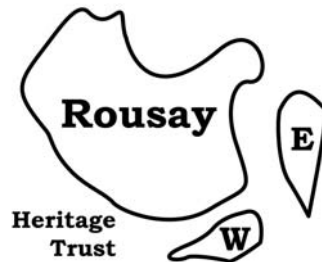
We had no visiting children or adults.

Mainland Salmon Quaich for most points in traditional skills was won by Angus Firth.

The individuals with most points in their districts were; Wasbister – Shelagh Grieve, Brinian – Alice Mainland, Sourin – Kayleigh Tipper and Frotoft - Eivor Cormack.

The person with the most points overall in the show, receiving the Flett Shield, was Shelagh Grieve.

The district with the most points this year, winning the District Shield, was Wasbister.



Summer of History

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Land and Sea: Exploring Island Heritage, Past and Present

Photos and further information on the project's activities can be found on www.rewdt.org/gallery/

Rousay's Summer of Archaeology culminated in a host of activities along the west shore during July. Excavations were carried out at the coastally eroding site at Swandro and at Skaili farmstead. Together, the work at these sites aims to explore the remarkable deep time represented along the shore; from the Neolithic, Iron Age, Pictish, Viking and Norse periods to the 19th century clearances. Work at these sites framed a series of community activities and workshops including test pit excavation at Skaili, training placements for Rousay residents, metalworking workshop, bones and environmental workshop, experimental archaeology, and open days at the two excavations. Over the month, the sites received hundreds of visitors from Rousay and all over the world.

Excavations at Skaili farmstead were undertaken within the middle two weeks of July. The results of the geophysical survey in 2015 showed potential earlier features below the present 18/19th century farmstead. Subsequent test pits in 2016 identified several earlier structural phases below the farmhouse, including a wall with two outer stone faces and midden core, which is likely to date to the Norse period. The site represents a small 'farm mound' where successive phases of building, levelling and rebuilding give rise to a low mound.

The aim this season was to establish the extent and character of the farm mound, and the depth, quality and date of any deposits and structures in order to better understand the site for more detailed investigation. A line of 1m by 1m test pits at 10m intervals were excavated in two transects across the mound. The natural underlying glacial till was located at the northern, western and southern edges of the mound helping us to define the extent of surviving archaeology. In the centre of the mound, deep stratified deposits were found. These are likely to be over 2m in depth. Post-medieval deposits were found to overlay a distinctive Norse horizon. Norse pottery, fish bone, shell midden and elaborate red sandstone mouldings were found in the earlier horizons. The moulded red sandstone is significant, indicating high status buildings in the area during the late medieval period, and may help provide insights into the ornate red sandstone fragments nearby at The Wirk and on Eynhallow. Evidence for metal working, in the form of iron slag, has also been recovered from Skaili. Significant assemblages of animal bone, fish bone and pottery from the 17-19th centuries were also recovered. These will help us understand farming and fishing practices during the last few hundred years.

To the north of the farmhouse, a small trench across a former 19th century barn was reopened and extended, showing the external wall footings and internal flagged floor. The building was demolished between 1840 and 1882 during a time when the farmstead was cleared and ceased to operate. In addition, a small evaluation trench across a suspected field boundary to the south of the barn was reopened from last season and completed. This contained a stone-lined drain and midden enhanced soil, indicating that earlier buried structures could be widespread at the site. Indeed, all of the earthworks that fell within one of the test pits contained structural remains such as walls.

Over the two weeks, Skail received nearly 150 visitors, with 70 visitors over the test pit weekend. Several local children helping dig the test pits. Overall the season was a great success; helping raise the profile of the island, opening up the site to so many folk and increasing our understanding of the Skail and Westness story.

The project has received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Stories, Stones and Bones grant and additional funding from the OIC Archaeology Fund and REW DT.



LOTTERY FUNDED



Rousay Lap 2017

The directors & staff would like to say a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help with or who participated in this year's Lap. A full review and the results and photos will be posted soon on the REWDT website (see Gallery section) and a shorter report will be in the next Review.

Stone Chippings Scheme

It is anticipated that the laying of the chippings (for those applicants who requested this) will be completed by the end of October. The contractor will be laying the chippings at 21 of the 33 households awarded as well as delivering chippings to many homes, all of which will take time. The October deadline will allow the contractor to hire the specialist equipment for as short a period as possible, keeping costs to the Development Trust to a minimum. The Trust has informed the contractors of the houses that have been awarded chippings and he will contact you directly to arrange a convenient time to deliver and/or lay the chippings. Please be patient, if you need further information, please contact the office.

Allotment Association

Plots are available now and the equipment is available for hire.

Membership fees are now due and are still at the same rate as last year at £5.00. This allows you to access the hiring of the various gardening equipment held at the site and to rent a plot for the year, if desired. To become a member or re-new membership please see Helen at the DT offices.



Plots are available now for both the allotments site (at £20 a year, including use of a shed) and the poly tunnel (at £10 a year). To rent a plot please see Helen (at the DT) or Ian (821 428).

Equipment Hire available: -

To book the hiring of equipment, please see Ian on 07765 585052.

Happy gardening.

Rotovator	Strimmer	Shredder	Hedge Trimmer	Lawn Mower	Trailer
We have both a large and small rotovator available: £10 per day, plus fuel	£10 per day or £2.50 per hour (if preferred), plus fuel	£10 per day	£10 per day or £2.50 per hour (if preferred)	£10 per day	(Needed for the safe transport of the large rotovator and the lawn mower): £10 per day

REWDT Car Club

The Car Club Car is available for booking for a little as 1 hour (only costs £2.50) or for as long as you need (a whole day, 24 hours, is only £18.00).

To become a member of the Car Club

- You need to be aged over 21 and under 75 years old and have held a license for at least 2 years. Drivers over 75 will be referred to the insurers.
- You can not have been convicted for a serious driving offence
- You need to have a full EU driver's licence with a maximum endorsement of 6pts. Non-EU license holders will need to be referred to the insurers.

Application forms, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Terms and Conditions are available from the Trust's Offices, or from our website. Now that the paper copy of driving licences are no longer valid, applications should be accompanied by details of your driving record which can be obtained from the DVLA website at www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence. If you need help with obtaining this, just contact us on 821229.

For rates information and to book the car, please go to our website. If you have any questions, please phone the office for information.

REWDT

Ask us for more information on the following things the Trust offers:



Free rechargeable/ solar-powered lanterns
Distributed by Islands View Surgery. Contact the Nurse (821 406) or Anne (821 265) at the Surgery.

Orkney Here2Help
Traditional home help service - regular help with a range of household tasks, at a subsidised rate.

Grant Schemes
General Grants, Driving Lessons, Educational Bursaries, and Wellbeing



Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

The funding this year is split into the following categories:-

- General Grants
- Bursaries (for nationally recognised qualifications only), up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period)
- Driving Lessons (via a recognised driving school - this funding will be available for 2016/17 only), up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period)
- Wellbeing (this covers all sporting, craft, art and other non-certified learning and general wellbeing courses/workshops/events) and is for individuals and groups, up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period)

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.

Board meetings planned for 2017:

Saturday 23rd September

Monday 6th November

Monday 4th December

The Annual General Meeting is planned for Saturday 7th October.



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Office Drop-In Times: 10am to 12 noon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - contact to arrange an appointment outwith these times



Free Wi-Fi access (plus access to a laptop and printer) is available to use at the Trust Office during office drop-in times

Directors: Bryan Milner (Chair); John Garson (Vice-Chair); Kayleigh Tipper (Treasurer); Hilary Byland; Chris Cox; Diana Compton; Clare Daintith; Mark Hull; Carole Maguire; Eric Shortland; Stuart Sailor

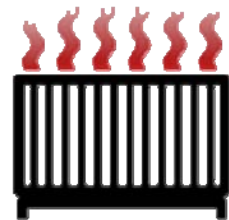
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ROUSAY BRIDGE CLUB invites YOU



to exercise your "LITTLE GREY CELLS" this Autumn and Winter

Bridge is **FUN! SOCIABLE! and GOOD FOR THE BRAIN!**
WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS.

SO – if you are wanting to learn from scratch, or if you've played in the past and just need a gentle push to get back into it., ..please get in touch...Club members can help to get you started but once you have the basics, **Dave Higgins** (of Dounby Bridge Club) has kindly offered to come over now and then to help us improve our playing.

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

THE WEEKLY SESSIONS AT THE SCHOOL

CANNOT START IN SEPTEMBER AS PLANNED .

Sheena and Doreen cannot attend until late October BUT IF ANYBODY WANTS TO PLAY BEFORE THEN please ring Joyce on 821377 and she'll try to get a four together.

(We need to decide if Saturdays are the most popular time, or if an evening session would suit some people better,. So please let someone know your preference before the end of October so we can book the school accordingly . Contact numbers are Sheena (821222), Doreen (821223) or Joyce (821377))

By the way if you *can* play, there is also BRIDGE played at the Triangle Club on Wednesday mornings.



Rousay Stores

*Informally Known as -
Big Al's*

Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11am – 5.30pm

Sunday – 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday – Closed

- Lots of fresh and frozen products available three days a week.

- Order and delivery service available.

- Save yourself the ferry and transport costs come and see me.

- Always Happy To Help -

Contact Alan direct – 01856 821365, Mob / Text - 07415411834, or

Follow us on Face Book.

ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Council Elections

Community Council elections are held every four or five years following Local Government elections.

The Community Councils help to administer Orkney Islands Council funds at a local level. These funds are used to support community projects, voluntary groups, tourism ventures, kirkyard maintenance and community halls.

The Orkney Community Council system has been recognised by the Scottish Government as a model of best practice in community empowerment within Scotland for the way that Community Councils are involved in decision-making and this success is due to the dedication of the individuals involved.

Any individual aged 16 and over may stand for election for the Community Council representing their home address, providing they are on the Electoral Register.

The Nomination Form can be obtained from the Community Council Clerk or downloaded from <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council/Elections/CC-Election-2017/Community-Council-Nomination-Form-2017.pdf> Candidates need to complete and return the nomination form by **5pm on Monday 4 September 2017**.

The election is carried out by postal ballot with ballot papers due to be issued on Monday, 11 September 2017 and returned no later than **5pm on Monday, 25 September 2017**.

It is hoped that members consider standing for re-election and feel free to share nomination forms with any individuals who are also interested in standing for election.

The Scheme of Orkney Community Council – 2007 and the Code of Conduct for Orkney Community Councillors can be found on the following links:

http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council/Community-Councils/Scheme_for_Orkney_Community_Councils.pdf

http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Democratic-Services/Code_of_Conduct_April_2012.pdf

Charity Thanks ('CRY')

A sincere thank you to all those folk who attended the 'Free Stuff Charity Shop' pop-up event on 29th July at the old Pier Shop on Rousay and who donated so incredibly generously to the Orkney Heart Screening, The Alan Bain Memorial Fund (a local subsidiary of Cardiac Risk in the Young – 'CRY'). Thanks to everyone for making the afternoon such fun and to Sarah at the Pier Restaurant who allowed me to use the adjacent shop. The final tally raised exceeded all expectations, totalling an utterly unbelievable £502 which will be handed over to Nancy (Gibson) Wilson to help towards the £10,000 they must raise every year to bring the mobile scanning unit to Orkney. Well done everyone!

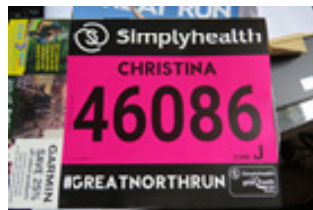
Rachael Harris, Wyre





We are dedicated to improving the quality of life and chances of survival for young cancer patients aged 13-24. We fund and build specialist units in NHS hospitals and provide dedicated staff, bringing young people together so they can be treated by teenage cancer experts in the best place for them.

On 10th September I'll be crossing the start line of the Great North Run (and hopefully the finishing line 13.1 miles later!!) This is my 4th Great North Run and most likely the last.



This time I am taking part to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust - 28 specialist units offering specific help to teenagers, young adults and their families across the UK including Glasgow and Edinburgh serving Scotland.

Without the work of Teenage Cancer Trust, young people with cancer can be treated alongside children or elderly patients, isolating them when they most need support that's appropriate for their age group. Different challenges come with having cancer when you're young and teenagers can feel frightened and alone. Having treatment can mean they miss out on all the normal things you do when you're young – hanging out with friends, playing sports and having fun.

Teenage Cancer Trust want to give control back to young people to enable them to access the best cancer support and care, in the way they want it and won't stop until every young person in the UK has access to brilliant cancer care and support that's right for their age group.

Anything you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christina-cox8>

Chris x



London Marathon Finisher 2014

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

At the last General Meeting of the Council before the recess, I voiced my scepticism about awarding the "Freedom of Orkney" posthumously, because once anybody from any time in history becomes eligible, we are confronted with a plethora of deserving candidates to choose from. (As an example, to put up against the proposed Dr John Rae, I suggested Magnus Erlendsson, Earl of Orkney, who 900 years ago gave himself up to be martyred to secure peace for the islands, and ever since has been an inspiration to Orkney art, culture, literature and music.) Interestingly, the legal basis for making the award available to deceased persons would also permit the award being bestowed on fictional characters, such as the world-famous Kirkwallian, William MacDougal (immortalised in "The Simpsons" as Groundskeeper Willie). 2019 is the 30th anniversary of the first season of "The Simpsons". Wouldn't it be wonderful to see an Orkney-themed episode where Willie comes to Kirkwall to receive his award ...

During the recess, I drove to Germany with the family, where I used my German fishing licence for the first time since I passed the exam to obtain it over 17 years ago. On account of being away, we were unable to enter any of our geese, ducks or chickens into this year's Sanday Show, which unfortunately left the number of poultry entries somewhat paltry.

Councillors were invited by Repsol-Sinopec to the Flotta oil terminal to celebrate 40 years of operation. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, followed by an interesting and informative tour of the facility, and then a plaque was unveiled by our MP, Alistair Carmichael to mark the occasion. The expectation is that the terminal will remain in service, providing jobs for local people and revenue for OIC, until around 2030. Below is a picture of me viewing one of the terminal's workshops.

Scot Govt Minister for Transport & Islands, Humza Yousaf has announced the roll-out of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) to the Pentland Firth ferry routes, which should lead to dramatic reductions in fares for both vehicles and passengers. This is excellent news, however, despite dropping in on our Air Services Consultative Forum meeting and hearing first-hand from our community council transport reps all about the shortcomings in our inter-island transport provision, he is still unwilling to make any commitments concerning our internal ferries. This leaves OIC responsible for an aged fleet, and, compared with the Scot Govt-financed services enjoyed in the rest of Scotland, under-provisioned routes, higher fares and less-well paid crews. Our last hope is that the Scot Govt Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Constitution will be more sympathetic to our plight.

Other meetings I have attended since my last "Letter" include: a members' priority session, KGS Parent Council, a joint NHS Orkney & OIC seminar, a touching *Magnus 900* performance by the pupils of Eday School, the AGM of the Orkney Ferries Board, training on the role of the audit committee, a members' briefing, a presentation by Historic Environment Scotland, Change Programme Forum, Ferry Services Consultative Forum, and a presentation by the Kirkwall BID.

I've been to the final meetings of the current Stronsay Community Council and Sanday Community Council before the elections in September. Nomination forms are now available from community council clerks, from OIC, for downloading at <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Council/C/community-council-elections-2017.htm>, and I am leaving forms on the ferries, too. (NB A different system operates in Eday, Papay and North Ronaldsay, which does not require the lodging of nomination papers.) To stand, you need to be aged 16 or over and on the electoral register for your island, and your nomination will need the signature of one witness, who must also fulfil these criteria. The **deadline** for the return of the nomination forms is **5pm on the 4th September**. The election is by postal ballot only, with ballot papers due to be issued on the 11th September along with a reply-paid envelope. These need to be returned to Orkney Islands Council no later than 5pm on the 25th September. Do think about standing. It is always good for there to be a contested election because it enhances the democratic legitimacy of a community council if the public has had a say on who the members are. Remember, for the first time, 16- and 17-year-olds are also eligible to stand (as well as to vote). Don't be put off standing just because you stay at the Papdale Halls during the week—community councils can, if necessary, meet on Friday evenings and on Saturdays.



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"Letter from School Place" is available for downloading at lfsp.pbworks.com

