

# REW Community Newsletter

'The Review'

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## Community Association Winter Dance

Saturday February 17th  
Rousay Community Hall  
7.30 for 8pm



£6.00 Adults / £2.00 Kids  
Curry Buffet & Bar  
Live Music by The Gablos



## ROUSAY BRIDGE CLUB

Meeting as usual every Monday night at the School 7.30pm

As always, **WE WELCOME NEW PLAYERS**

SO ~ whether you want to learn from scratch, or have played in the past and just need a gentle push to start playing again - **GET IN TOUCH**

Contact numbers for the Club are: Sheena (821 222), Doreen (821 223) or Joyce (821 377)

(By the way if you can play, there is bridge at the Triangle Club on Wed mornings.)



## What's On



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

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, The Taversoe, 8pm

### Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>

→ Knitting & Crochet, The Craffthub, 11am - 1pm

**PRE-BOOK**

### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>

→ REWGCC Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am

→ Bingo, The Pier, 2pm - 4pm

### Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>

→ Knitting & Crochet, The Craffthub, 11am - 1pm

**PRE-BOOK**

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>

→ Winter Dance, Rousay School, 7.30pm for 8pm

### Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

→ Mobile Library Van

→ Knitting & Crochet, The Craffthub, 11am - 1pm

**PRE-BOOK**

### Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

→ Blide Trust Needle-felting Workshop, The Craffthub, 11.30am - 1pm **PRE-BOOK**

→ Blide Trust Mindfulness Workshop, The Craffthub, 1.30pm - 2.30pm **PRE-BOOK**

### Every Monday

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

→ Bridge, Rousay School, 7.30pm

### Every Tuesday

→ Boxercise, Rousay School, 7.15pm (7pm for absolute beginners & refreshers)

### Every Wednesday

→ Triangle Club, Church Centre, 10am-1pm

→ Art Club, The Craffthub, 3.20pm - 4.30pm

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 7pm

### Every Sunday

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am



## Snooker Club

2018 Snooker Club fees are due £30

New members always welcome.



To subscribe, or to send in articles for the next edition of the REW Community Newsletter ('The Review'), please contact the Editor:

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**Write:** Howdis Meadow, Rousay, KW17 2PR

**Deadline:** **27 February 2018 (5pm)** - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

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**The Taversoe**  
01856 821 325

**Advanced Notice**

**Classic Cocktail Party**

Saturday March 3rd from 7.30pm

Classic Cocktails

Canapé Nibbles

Posh Frocks & Men's Ties



**Taversoe  
InnQUIZition**



Tuesday  
February 6th  
@ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper

**Special Refuse Collection**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

To book, call Orkney Islands Council  
(873535).

**Rousay Community Association  
Community Rooms Bookings**

Community Rooms must be booked in advance. Failure to book may lead to the room you require being unavailable.

To book for your function, contact Sally:

Telephone: 821 383

Mobile: 07522 647 794

**Winter Opening Hours**

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED\*

Wednesday - 5pm to 11pm\*\*

Thursday & Friday - 12pm to 2pm & 5pm to 11pm\*\*

Saturday - 12pm to 11pm\*\*

Sunday - 12pm to 10.30pm\*\*

Food served daily from

12pm to 2pm & 5pm till 9pm (Wed-Sat) and 7.30pm (Sun)

\* The bar will be open on the first Tuesday of the month for The Taversoe InnQUIZition.

\*\* If the bar is empty at 9pm we reserve the right to close early.

**Orkney Mobile Library**



Visits to Rousay & Egilsay in 2018:

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Current schedule:

Rousay School	9am - 9.50am
Hurtiso	10am - 10.45am
Wasbister	11am - 11.45am
Frotoft	12pm - 12.45pm
Rousay Pier	1pm - 1.15pm
Egilsay	1.30pm - 1.40pm



**Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau**

Next Rousay outreach visit: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, 11:30am to 2:30pm, in the Church Centre.

We are there to advise on any issue. To make an appointment or arrange a home visit, please contact 01856 875266 no later than Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

# Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

## Community Update: February 2018

### Getting Online for the Over Fifties

This helpful free service has been set up to encourage and help our 'slightly older folk' to get online. The main focus of the club is to offer a friendly service where Clare Daintith will help you with any issues, big or small on iPads, Hudls, Kindles, Smartphones, any other tablets and general laptop usage.

If anyone would like some IT Support in their own home, so you can keep in touch with family and friends or to set up internet banking and any other online issues please give Clare a call on 01856 821287.

Clare will be setting up a monthly drop-in computer club at the Manse with refreshments and baked goods and the internet. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Clare know. Dates are still to be confirmed and will be advertised in The Review.

Here's some of our current funds and projects. For more information, please contact us.



#### Educational Bursaries

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 2017/18 only. Up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period).

#### Wellbeing Grants

This grant scheme covers 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).



#### Free Swim Sessions

Free swim sessions for all residents at Pickaquoy Pool, Kirkwall, **if you do not have an Active Life membership**. Contact us to get a swim card.



#### Here2Help

Regular help with a range of household tasks, at a rate subsidised by the Trust.

Contact Age Scotland Orkney direct:

Telephone: 01856 872438 (Gillian)

E-mail: [gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk](mailto:gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk)

#### Car Club

Our electric car is available to book from as little as one hour or as long as you need.

Application Forms, FAQs, & T&Cs on our website or contact us.



### 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 training/event/payment due date, whichever is earliest, as well as a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date. This is to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

**The next two Board Meetings are planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

#### Contact Us

Telephone: 01856 821 229

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

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



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



**Office Drop-In Times:** 10am to 12 noon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - contact us 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.

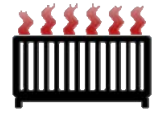
#### Directors:

John Garson (Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Treasurer), Hilary Byland, Christina Cox, Carole Maguire, Bryan Milner, Eric Shortland, Alan Odling & Gill Wigley. Mark Hull is a co-opted director.

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Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

***DIVERTING UNUSED RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO AFFORDABLE HEATING***

For more information or to join the project contact us:

Phone: **01856 821277**

Email: **info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk**

Alternatively, learn about our progress on **Facebook** by searching **Heat Smart Orkney** and on the web at **www.rewdt.org/HSO**



**Dog Agility**



I'm hoping to set up Dog Agility courses this year. This fun activity will not only keep us owners fit, but combine great quality time spent with our beloved pets. Age and size is no barrier as we can all partake in this Activity.



You don't have to own a dog as I'm sure one could be borrowed for fun games and competitions.

Anyone who would be interested in these classes, please let me know. Please Google "Agility courses" and view what it involves...Fun! Fun! Fun!

Contact Trish



**THE PIER SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**  
2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

**"PRIZE BINGO"  
IN AID OF THE  
TRIANGLE CLUB**

Tea, coffee and cake at Coffee Morning prices - The Pier Restaurant

All Welcome

The Triangle Club is hosting a Prize Bingo session to raise funds for its upcoming events. Come along and give your support.

Prize Bingo in aid of the Triangle Club

Come along and join in the fun

Books cost £3 for 5 games

Raffle donations would be greatly appreciated and all proceeds go to the Triangle Club.

(Please give to Ann or bring on the day).

**TRIANGLE CLUB**  
Saturday 10 February 2018

2 p.m - 4 p.m

The Pier Restaurant



**Allotment Association**

Plots are available now and the equipment is still available for hire. For information about the allotment plots, poly-tunnel plots or equipment hire, please contact Ian on 07879 496686.

Happy gardening.



# THE CRAFTHUB

Community Interest Company



## FEBRUARY – Opening times

**Mon – Fri**

**11am to 3.30pm (from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

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**Every Monday – Coffee Mornings**

**11am to 1pm**

£2 per session

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**Every Wednesday – Art Club**

**3.20pm to 4.30pm**

All children welcome £3 per session  
including materials and refreshment.

(Under 5s accompanied by a parent/carer)

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## WORKSHOPS

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

**BLIDE TRUST – second of four workshops**

**Needle-felting** | 11.30am to 1pm (Free Lunch)

**Mindfulness session** – 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Everyone welcome

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February | 11am – 1pm

**Knitting & Crochet – Tips and Techniques – Murray Stewart**

£10 per session (REWDT fund 80%) Refreshments and materials included

Beginners and intermediates welcome

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**Coming in March!!!**

6 week spinning course

6 week Amigurumi course

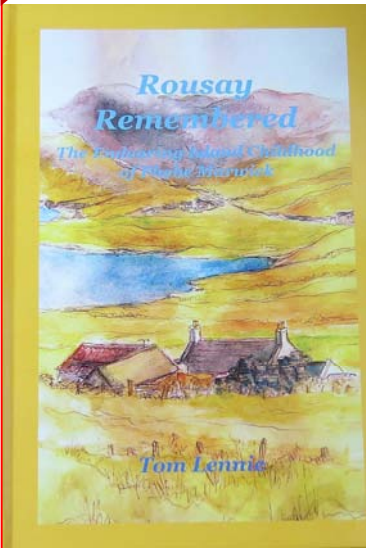
Let us know if you're interested - places get booked fast!

Booking essential for all workshops – please phone for more details

We'd also love to hear your ideas for future workshops



## New Publication



We are really delighted to be able to offer this book

A captivating insight to years gone by. Life seen through the eyes of a young Rousay girl, her family and friends in the inter-war years

Rousay Remembered - Tom Lennie –  
*The endearing Island Childhood of Phebe Marwick*

Phebe's stories were collected, arranged and edited by her son, Tom, who lives and works in Edinburgh

Hardback – lavishly illustrated with drawings and photos £12.50 | 148 pages

**Please check our website for upcoming workshops and events**

For up to date information on opening times and to book workshops  
please visit - [www.crafthuborkney.co.uk](http://www.crafthuborkney.co.uk)  
email: [crafthub@btconnect.com](mailto:crafthub@btconnect.com)

phone: 01856 821455  
go to our Facebook page



## ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Inter-Islands Ferry Passenger Tickets between Egilsay, Wyre & Rousay

REWGCC is continuing the trial scheme offering a book of passenger ferry tickets for inter-island use on the MV Eynhallow between Egilsay, Wyre & Rousay. The scheme is open to permanent residents on the three islands providing free passenger travel, which can be used for visits to the GP, shop, functions, etc., all encouraging inter-island activities.

To be considered for an allocation of inter-island tickets, please provide the following information:

Name and address  
Category i.e. Adult, Junior, OAP/Concession

Applications should be forwarded by no later than 5pm on Friday, 9 February 2018 to:

Mrs Emma Soames,  
Clerk to Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council,  
Broland,  
Rousay,  
KW17 2PR  
E-mail: [rewgclerk@gmail.com](mailto:rewgclerk@gmail.com)

ActiveLife  
More people, more active, more often



ActiveIslands  
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## ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

(01856 821 443)



Keep up to date with our official  
Facebook page and groups:  
"Rousay Healthy Living Centre"  
"Rousay Fatburn Extreme"  
"RHLC Buddy System"  
"Rousay Boxercise"

### Opening Hours

#### 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 \*  
Wednesday 18:45 - 19:45 \*\*  
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

## BOXERCISE®

**TUESDAYS @ 7.15pm**

(7.00pm for absolute beginners  
and those wanting a refresh)

**Rousay Community School Hall**

Free for ActiveLife &  
ActiveIsland Members

50p for Budget Members

£4.25 Standard Session Fee

*Boxercise is a fun, fast-paced exercise  
class incorporating techniques of boxing  
Participants must be a minimum of 16yrs old*

## FATBURN EXTREME

**Rousay Community School Hall**

**Sunday 11am & Wednesday 7pm**

**FREE - ActiveLife & ActiveIslands**  
**50p - Active Budget Members**  
**£3.50 - Non Active Members**

Yoga



**Yoga  
&  
Tai Chi**  
**Included in  
ActiveLife &  
ActiveIslands**

Tai Chi



## Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

It was good to get a rest over Christmas and New Year. I think all of us councillors feel the break has given our batteries a chance to recharge in preparation for the difficult challenges we face in 2018, particularly the budgetary ones.

We had a seminar on this very topic just before the holiday, and other meetings I've attended since my last "Letter" include a members' forum, a members' political session, the Empowering Communities Steering Group, and Orkney Ferries Board.

A big question mark still hovers over the Council's request to the Scottish Government for ferry funding, the outcome of which will have an impact on the money available to us for running all of our council services. Below is my reply to the Scottish Government Minister for Transport & the Islands, Humza Yousaf, which I mentioned in my last "Letter".

### Councillor Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday, Orkney KW17 2BN

E-mail: [stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@council.orkney.gov.uk)



Mr Humza Yousaf, MSP  
The Scottish Parliament  
EDINBURGH  
EH99 1SP

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Humza,

Why are we being excluded from the fairer Scotland?

Thank you for your reply to me dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, in which you studiously avoided addressing my question about where, exactly, my ward constituents and I fit into the Scottish Government's "fairer Scotland".

To be clear about where my council ward is: it comprises all the Orkney Islands to the north of the Orkney Mainland, thirteen of which are inhabited (and not one of which is linked by a road).

I believe we need to revise the notion that the islands in my ward are served by an "internal" ferry service, somehow separate from the rest of the Scottish network. The Orkney Ferries routes are the first and last lifeline links in a chain of vital transport connexions. The services between Kirkwall and Sanday, Tingwall and Rousay, or Pierowall and Papay are no more "internal" than the services between Barra and Eriskay, Eigg and Muck, or Mull and Iona, all of which enjoy Scottish Government financial support denied to the islands of my ward.

Our ferry crews are not part of the Scottish Government's "fairer Scotland", either. You will be aware that RMT members at Orkney Ferries have balloted for industrial action. The fragile communities of my ward will suffer from such action, but I fear this will have little impact on the political games being played out at Holyrood.

Following my first letter, I had hoped you would have reconsidered your responsibilities and striven to get OIC's request for ferry funding into the draft budget. As Minister for Transport and the Islands you are responsible for all Scottish islands, not only those in areas that have elected members of your own political party.

Meanwhile, I am left, along with the other five Orkney councillors representing wards with islands, in the impossible position of expecting colleagues to support drastic cuts in all of Orkney's council services in order to cover the cost of merely maintaining the (as measured by the Scottish Government's own routes & services methodology) less-than-adequate lifeline transport provision our ward constituents are totally reliant upon.

In your ministerial role, what urgent action will you take to rectify this discriminatory situation, the perpetuation of which, in a civilised, democratic society, is utterly unacceptable behaviour for a party in government?

Yours sincerely,

It would appear that Humza is still on *his* break, because I have yet to receive a response from him. On the other hand, I heard from our MSP, Liam McArthur and MP, Alistair Carmichael (to both of whom I had sent copies) within a few days.

If you have access to the Internet, the link <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/sp/?id=2017-12-06.12.0> will take you to a transcript of the *Ferry Services (Fares and Funding)* debate moved by Liam McArthur on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. It makes very interesting reading and shows the breadth of support for our cause in the Scottish Parliament. The "double act", reprimanded by the Deputy Presiding Minister, was Humza Yousaf and Derek Mackay (Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Finance & the Constitution), who were clowning around while Jamie Halcro Johnston was speaking. Such antics make me seriously question the calibre of these two government front-bench politicians, who currently wield so much power over the lives and livelihoods of all of us in the North Isles. In fact, I question whether either of them is fit for purpose!

One of the get-outs from funding our ferries the Scottish Government is consistently deploying is the idea that our inter-island ferries are "internal", somehow separate from the rest of the Scottish ferry network. In my letter above, I suggested we need to revise this notion: "The Orkney Ferries routes are the first and last lifeline links in a chain of vital transport connexions. The services between Kirkwall and Sanday, Tingwall and Rousay, or Pierowall and Papay are no more "internal" than the services between Barra and Eriskay, Eigg and Muck, or Mull and Iona, all of which enjoy Scottish Government financial support denied to the islands of my ward."

As those most directly affected by the ferry funding issue, I urge North Isles residents and island organisations to put additional pressure on the Scottish Government by writing their own letters to Humza Yousaf, Derek Mackay and First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday

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"Letter from School Place" is available for downloading at [lfp.pbworks.com](http://lfp.pbworks.com)

