

December 2018

What's On this month in Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

Tree Lighting

Friday 7th December

Outside Rousay Heritage Centre, in the garden.

Starts at 6pm for carols from singing ladies & kids.

Tree lighting is at 6.30pm, followed by soup, tatties, mulled wine & mince pies.

All donations in aid of Rousay Primary School



Saturday 1st December

→ Christmas Preview, The Crafhub, 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 2nd December

→ Candle Making Workshop, The Crafhub, 11.30am - 3pm

PRE-BOOK

Tuesday 4th December

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, The Taversoe, 8pm

Wednesday 5th December

→ Festive Fun Workshop, The Crafhub, 11.30am - 3pm

PRE-BOOK

Friday 7th December

→ Tree Lighting, Rousay Heritage Centre, carols at 6pm & tree lighting at 6.30pm

Saturday 8th December

→ REWG Community Council, Rousay School, 10.15am

Sunday 9th December

→ Mince Pies & Mulled Wine with Santa, The Crafhub, 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 11th December

→ SWI Games Night, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday 13th December

→ Christmas Concert, Rousay School, 2.15pm

Friday 14th December

→ Orkney Mobile Library van visits Rousay & Egilsay

Sunday 23rd December

→ Rousay Cinema: The Muppet Christmas Carol, Rousay School, 3pm

Monday 24th December

→ Christmas Eve Service, Church Centre, 7.30pm

Friday 28th December

→ RNLI Curry Night, The Crafhub, 5pm

Regular Events

Every Monday

→ Coffee Morning, Crafhub, 11am - 1pm

→ Bridge, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Every Tuesday

→ Yarn & Yap Drop-In, The Crafhub, 11am - 1pm

→ Boxercise, Rousay School, 7.15pm (7pm for beginners or to refresh) (no class 25th)

Every Wednesday

→ Triangle Club, Church Centre, 9.45am-1pm

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 7pm (no class 26th / 30th)

Every Thursday

→ Coffee Morning, The Crafhub, 10am - 11am

→ Kids Christmas Baking, The Crafhub, 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Every Friday

→ Rainbows & Brownies, Rousay School, 3.10pm - 4.30pm

→ Teenage Social Group, The Crafhub, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Every Sunday

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am

Coming Up

Friday 11th January

→ Parent Council Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am

→ Book Club, The Crafhub, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 25th January

→ Burns Supper, Rousay

Friday 22nd February

→ Traditional Dance Class, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Triangle Club Xmas Card Deliveries

Last date for post: **Tues 18th December**
 Boxes at shop, tav, pier and club
 Cost: 30p per card

Christmas Eve Service

Readings and Carols
 At 7.30p.m.

On 24th December
 At the Church Centre

Come and sing your favourite Carol
 Everyone welcome



Runners and walkers must give motorists a chance to see them and not just a bobbing torch!

Be Safe Be Seen



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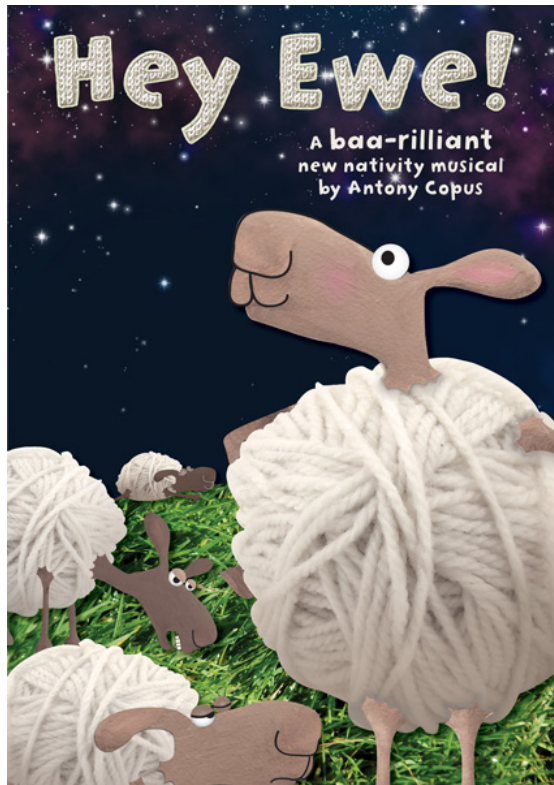
Deadline for next issue: **Thursday 27th December, 5pm**

Please note: late articles are not guaranteed to be included.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT



THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

2.15PM £2 ENTRANCE FEE

ALL WELCOME SILVER COLLECTION



The Rousay Cinema
returns for a
matinee performance of



Showing at the school on Sunday
December 23rd at 3.00pm.

Silver collection.

Coming in January:
The Children Act
(Saturday 15th, 8pm)

Orkney Mobile Library

Next visit to
Rousay & Egilsay:

Friday 14th December



Games night and finger buffet!

Competitions:
Wrapped Xmas gift
&
Mince Pies

Tuesday 11th December, 8pm
Community Centre



In aid of RNLI funds

Curry Night in the Crafhub on
Friday 28th December at 5.00pm

Adults 6.00.
Under 12's 3.00.

Raffles
BYOB

Everybody welcome.

The Taversoe - 01856 821 325



Opening Hours

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



Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED
Wednesday - No Food Service
Thursday & Friday - 12-2pm & 5-8pm
Saturday & Sunday - 12-8pm



Taversoe Curry Buffet

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Sunday Curry. We put £120 towards the Poppy Appeal fund xx



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



The Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday December 4th @ 8pm

Free Entry
Snowball Jackpot currently £170+
Light Snack Supper

* The bar will be open from 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month for The Taversoe InnQUIZition



Merry Christmas to you all. I will not be sending Christmas cards this year, instead The Taversoe will make a charity donation



ADVANCE NOTICE

The Taversoe will be open for reduced hours. No food will be served (unless by special arrangement). The bar will open from 6pm on Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights.

My Favourite Thing to Make for Dinner is a Reservation

Weekly Bridge

Mondays
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Community School



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Tai Chi will restart in January 2019

Details to follow in the January Review

If you are interested in coming to a class, or for more information about Tai Chi generally, please call Helen on 821410



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this programme



www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi

ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Harvest Home

Many thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who made last months Harvest Home so successful, and to The Gablos for their wonderful music.

Our next event will be the Burns Supper on Friday the 25th of January 2019.

We hope to see you all there.





THE CRAFTHUB Community Interest Company

The Pier, Rousay

CONTACT : crafthub@btconnect.com or phone **821359**

Collect your 10% Voucher

To use on any single purchase during December



LOYALTY CARDS

now available
drop in any time to collect yours!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

NEW Christmas stock including Home Made Crafthub Christmas Chutney, Mince Pies, Mincemeat, Christmas Puddings and Christmas Cakes



DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY



Sat 1st Dec – Christmas Preview 2pm – 4pm – Wine and Nibbles

Sun 9th Dec – Mince Pies + Mulled Wine with Santa (£2 a child) 2pm – 4pm

Merry Christmas to all our crafters and customers



Coffee Mornings

Monday – 11am to 1pm
Thursday – 10am to 11am
Coffee and Cake £3.00



Book Club

Next meeting
Friday 11th January 2019 - 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Teenage Social Group

Every Friday 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Except last Friday in month – Traditional Dancing

All Welcome (£1 Upwards)

Yarn & Yap Drop-in

Crochet, Knitting, Spinning - Murray Stewart
Every Tuesday 11am to 1pm - £3



Kids Christmas Baking

6 weeks for £6

Every Thursday
3.15pm to 4.30pm



WINTER OPENING

Monday to Friday
11am to 3.30pm
(Thurs 10am)
Tea, Coffee, Cakes
Light refreshments

CLOSED

Tuesday 18th December 2018
until Monday 7th January 2019

Check website for coffee mornings and drop-in sessions



DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

Candle Making

Sunday 2nd Dec 11.30am to 3pm

Festive Fun

Wednesday 5th Dec 11.30am to 3pm

Cost of each workshop is £30 including materials & refreshments REW residents £6 -

REWDT pays 80% - lunch £5 extra

Book Now



Please check our website www.crafthuborkney.co.uk for opening times, upcoming workshops and events or go to our facebook page





This year the pupils held a **Coffee Morning** to raise money for **Children in Need**, and paid **£2** to wear their pyjamas to school!

Thanks to everyone who attended- we raised **£152.06** for **Children in Need!**

100% of all proceeds raised go directly to BBC Children in Need



School Fund Fundraising Report

Rousay Primary School
pupils raised:

£176.50 from The Egilsay
Sponsored Walk & Raffle,
£14.50 from Telephone Directory sales,
£77.98 from Bonfire Night

Special thanks to the Egilsay
Community Association for their
generous donation of **£100!**

Thank you to everyone who
donated and purchased from us!



100% of all money raised goes directly
to the Rousay School Fund to help pay
for trips and materials for the pupils

Poppy Appeal



A total of **£235.74** has been sent from the school
to the Poppy Appeal this year.



The money raised was from:

* Collection tins at various outlets on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre. **£110.74**

* Taversoe Curry Buffet **£125.00**



Thanks to all who contributed

100% of all proceeds collected go directly to the Poppy Appeal

Allotment Association

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

For information about the allotment plots, polytunnel plots or equipment hire, please contact Ian on 07879 496686.



Your Island Your Choice 2



Do You Have a Project Idea That Benefits a Rousay Group or the Community?

If so, contact Helen at the REW DT – we want to ensure the £5,563.00 allocated to Rousay is used to benefit our community. We would like to hold a meeting in January to share all ideas with the community as the applications have to be voted on in February.

Last year VAO secured £2,300.00 of funding for every Orkney island for the community to come up with one or more projects for the community to vote on which would go forward under this funding grant award.

This year VAO has asked the REW DT & the REW&G CC to support sharing of the information for this funding award and the process, including the voting to get a successful project or projects achieved. VAO this year have secured £5,563.00 funding for each island. Projects need to come under one or more of the following themes, if you have an idea, and are not sure if it matches the themes below, please speak to Helen at the DT offices (or Chris for Egilsay's plans) to see how your project idea can be taken forward: -

- Digital Connectivity
- Work and the local economies
- Housing and communities
- Getting around
- Influence and engagement

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

The upcoming meeting for the Community Council is 8th December at 10:15 at the School.



1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies were in attendance at the service on the 11th of November along with serving and ex military, and Army Cadets.

We'd like to thank all those who took part in the poppy stones activity with 17 making their way back to the cenotaph prior to the service. If you see any more out and about please bring them down.

Very proud of the young ladies in how they represented girlguiding in a positive way.

We are looking forward to more community events and activities in 2019!

Many thanks
Emma (Brown Owl) and Hazel (Snowy Owl)

Marion's Shop

Large jar mincemeat £1

Fresh fruit Hampers £5

Merry Christmas

Cheese & biscuits Hampers £6.

6 mince-pies £1

Fletts meats at Mainland prices.

Lots & Lots of fresh fruit & veg.

Marion's Shop

Gin, Whisky & Vodka £14.49
Wines from £5 a bottle
Special rates on selected cans
All available at Marions Shop.



RCA

Rousay Community Room 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 Carole:
Telephone: 821 234
Mobile: 07779 724 260

For Sale

Large selection of Stone Garden Ornaments.....

Ideal Xmas Presents.....

Contact Trish..821487

Budhas

Tractor and Trailer large planters

Animals.

Large Urns

Bird baths

Japanese pergodas lanterns

Feel free to pop by



For Sale

Single mattress,
6ft 3ins X 3ft.

Very good condition,
hardly used.

Offers

821 350



Free

Small garden cultivator

Tel Roger 07917345735



Christmas Greetings

Wishing everybody in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 I am not sending cards again this year, I will donate to Triangle Club instead.
 From Itha

Peter, France, James, Natasha and growing Lyra send much love to you all this Chistmastide
 and all the very best for 2019!
 Supporting Age Scotland this year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from Sarah, Chris and Alice

Wishing all friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, from Jenny.



Rousay Post Office



Monday 24 Dec	9am - 11am	2pm - 3pm
Tuesday 25 Dec	CLOSED	
Wednesday 26 Dec	CLOSED	
Thursday 27 Dec	9am - 11am	2pm - 3pm
Friday 28 Dec	9am - 10am	
Saturday 29 Dec	9am - 10am	
Sunday 30 Dec	CLOSED	
Monday 31 Dec	9am - 11am	2pm - 3pm
Tuesday 1 Jan	CLOSED	
Wednesday 2 Jan	CLOSED	
Thursday 3 Jan	9am - 11am	2pm - 3pm
Friday 4 Jan	9am - 10am	
Sat 5 Jan	9am - 10am	



Tingwall Office

Christmas Opening Times



Friday 21 Dec	0830 – 1300	1400 - 1730
Saturday 22 Dec	Closed	
Sunday 23 Dec	Closed	
Monday 24 Dec	0830 – 1530	
Tuesday 25 Dec	Closed	
Wednesday 26 Dec	Closed	
Thursday 27 Dec	0900 – 1300	1400 - 1700
Friday 28 Dec	0900 – 1300	1400 - 1700
Saturday 29 Dec	Closed	
Sunday 30 Dec	Closed	
Monday 31 Dec	0900 – 1300	1400 - 1700
Tuesday 1 Jan	Closed	
Wednesday 2 Jan	Closed	
Thursday 3 Jan	0830 – 1300	1400 - 1730





The Crafthub

CLOSED

Tuesday 18th December 2018
 until Monday 7th January 2019



 **HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE** 
CHRISTMAS OPENING

Buddy System - School Closed
Friday Dec 21st until Monday Jan 7th



Last Scheduled Supervised Session
of 2018 - Thursday Dec 20th
First Scheduled Supervised Session
of 2019 - Saturday Jan 5th



We plan to open for a few additional supervised sessions during the school holidays. No set dates as yet. Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for details.



FBX - No Class Dec 26th or 30th



Boxercise - No Class Dec 25th or Jan 1st



M.V. Eynhallow Sailings

No sailings on the following dates:

Tuesday 25th December
Wednesday 26th December
Tuesday 1st January
Wednesday 2nd January

All other sailings per timetable.



REW Development Trust 

Closed from Thursday 20th December,
re-opening Thursday 3rd January.



The Taversoe
Christmas Opening

Christmas Eve - 6pm to Close
Christmas Day - Closed
Boxing Day - Closed
Thu 27th to Sun 30th - 6pm to Close
Hogmanay - 6pm to Midnight
New Years Day - Closed
Jan 2nd - Closed



REW DT Christmas Office Closures

The office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Thursday, 20th December, re-opening Thursday 3rd January. For Heat Smart Orkney emergency enquiries, please phone **07395 778 785**. For REWIRED turbine issue reporting, please call **07425 012002**.



The Directors & Staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2019.

AGM - A Thank You

For all the many people that came to our AGM, thank you for coming along and sharing your thoughts and ideas for the future of the Development Trust. Thanks to the 9 members who applied to be directors, the members vote resulted in the following members being on the new REWDT board: -

John Garson (Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Vice-Chair), Bryan Milner, Eric Shortland, Hilary Byland, Carole Maguire, Christina Cox, Clare Daintith & Alison Mainland. Mark Hull is a co-opted director.

Land at Trumland

The Scottish Land Fund application has been successful.

This funding will cover the purchase of the land and legal fees and separate funding has been sourced from HIE to cover 60% of the new Project Officer costs. The REWDT will cover the balance of these costs and a new Ranger Position. The Project Officer role will cover the management of and research into the exciting subprojects as voted on by you. These sub projects are; creating environmentally safe accessible walkways to allow access to the new viewing points and picnic areas, the provision of public toilets at Saviskaill beach and the possibility of using the land to enhance digital connectivity.

The Ranger post will involve looking at the control of invasive species and the promotion of the land and everything it has to offer. The REW DT will be holding an open day in January to share the project ideas, answer any questions you may have and let you know about the 2 job opportunities this project will create. Watch this space for details.

Does Your Organisation or Community Group Need Financial Support

Why not let the REW DT support you in finding external funding opportunities and then help you with your grant application. If you would like to speak to staff about this offer, please contact the office. Alternatively, Megan McEwen from VAO in Kirkwall also offers to support community groups with finding funding opportunities.

Aspiring Community Fund Project

A project that will be starting soon is the **Community Led Care** project. HIE have been awarded funding from the Aspiring Communities Fund with a small amount of match funding from the DT.

This project will support the employment of a new Community Well-Being Co-ordinator, who will work with residents on RE&W wanting various types of support in their homes. VAO are the leading project partner and ourselves, alongside 4 other Development Trusts who are involved with the project.

VAO are currently recruiting both a Project Officer and Project Admin Officer to work out of their Kirkwall office coordinating the project across the 7 islands. Once these posts are in place, we will be working with VAO to recruit the RE&W Community Well-Being Co-ordinator position, which will be advertised here in the Review, on our website and Facebook pages.

More information to follow soon.

REW DT Website

We apologise for the continuing issues with our website not working correctly. This is being addressed now with the creation of a new and improved, user friendly website. This may take a little while, so we ask you all to be patient with us. If you need information or forms, please let the staff know at the office and they will be happy to help.

Idea for a New Car Driving Service

One of our residents has asked the REW DT if it is possible to provide a car driving service using the electric vehicle. The idea is to have a pool of volunteers preferably PVG registered, who could hire the car and drive mainly but not exclusively the older residents who do not have access to a car, to appointments both on REW and Mainland Orkney. The car hire would be paid for by the resident, not the driver.

If you would like to volunteer, please let Helen know in the office, we would like to discuss with all those who offer their help, how this service could be managed successfully.

Stone Chippings

Bryan Kemp is still delivering chippings to REW. Bryan & Davey are about half way though the 24 properties awaiting chippings. Bryan or Davey will be in touch directly with residents who have been notified of their award regarding delivery and spreading dates. Please be patient, we will get to you as soon as we can.

Computers & Printers for residents to use

The REW DT has donated two older laptops and two printers (previously used on DT projects, now cleaned with updated Microsoft programmes installed) to the Craithub for any residents to use free of charge during their opening hours. The computer and printer are also still available for use at the DT offices at the Manse again only during office opening times.

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 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.

Shredded Paper - Great for Composting

The REWDT office has, from time to time, bags of shredded paper, which can be used for composting.

If anyone would like a bag, please let the office know and we can arrange for you to collect when available.



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

Community Update: December 2018

Here's some of our current grant schemes and projects. For a grant application form for an educational bursary, driving lessons, well being grants, or our general grant fund, 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.



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

Well Being Grants

This wide-ranging grant covers sporting, craft, arts, and other non-certified learning and general well being courses, workshops, and events. It also includes Orkney Islands Council's ActiveIslands and ActiveLife memberships. This grant scheme is open to both individuals and groups.



Car Club

Our electric vehicle is available for hire for as little as 1 hour (£2.50), or for as long as you need (24 hours costs £18).

Book the car online, where you will also find our Car Club FAQs and T&Cs, or call the Office.



Learning to drive?

Apply for a bursary for up to 80% of the cost of lessons (a maximum of £500 per financial year).



Apply for an **educational bursary**, for up to 80% of the cost. A maximum of £500 (adults) & £100 (children) per financial year.

Nationally-recognised qualifications only.



Opening Hours

Our 'Drop-In' times are Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 10am-3pm. Outside of these hours, the inner door to the Manse may be locked. Thursday & Friday is by appointment only; this is to allow staff dedicated time to complete their work, without distraction.

Occasionally, all of the staff are away from the office on DT business, so if you wish to speak to us, it is always better to phone first, to make an appointment.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for
Wednesday 16th January 2019
& Saturday 23rd February 2019



Free Wi-Fi access (plus access to a laptop and printer):
 10am to 12 noon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).
 Contact us to arrange an appointment outwith these times.

Telephone: 01856 821 229

E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Website: www.rewdt.org



Facebook: www.facebook.com/rewdt

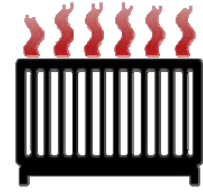
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Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

DIVERTING UNUSED RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO AFFORDABLE HEATING



AND THE VERDICT IS.....



IT WORKS!!!!!!

We are delighted to announce that all 72 of our project households are up and running, and thanks to the data that you have been providing us, we are able to confirm that the **Heat Smart Orkney** project concept works!

We have successfully diverted curtailed energy from the Rousay turbine into hot water cylinders and storage heaters which have produced low-cost heating into participating homes, tackling fuel poverty while experimenting with cutting-edge technology .

This has allowed us to keep the Rousay turbine generating electricity and earning money where in the past it would have been stopped during periods of marginal curtailment -based on the average yearly curtailment figures from our turbine since it was commissioned in 2011, **the HSO project has the potential to earn the turbine an additional £52,000 per year**, which can be used directly to the benefit of the participating households and the residents of REW, and will continue to earn money for the project's duration-all thanks to the patience and participation of our project households....and for that,

WE THANK YOU!!!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS CONTACT INFORMATION:

The **HSO** Office will be closed from Thursday, 20th December, re-opening on Thursday, 3rd January.

Should you have an emergency with your **HSO** equipment during this period, please phone **07395 778 785**.

BEST WISHES FOR A **MERRY CHRISTMAS** AND **HAPPY NEW YEAR** FROM THE **HEAT SMART ORKNEY** TEAM

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place *Reporting on the work of your councillor in Orkney and beyond*

November 2018

Councillors and island community council transport reps attended workshops held by the consultants preparing OIC's outline business case to present to the Scottish Government on improving our inter-island transport. This covers both the air and ferry services and how together they can be brought up to the Scottish Government's own standards for transport connectivity. I have requested that a ro-ro ferry service to North Ronaldsay be included in the business case, as reliance on a lo-lo service is unprecedented anywhere else in Scotland.

Orkney College student residences have been exercising me this month. At the Orkney College Quality Working Group meeting, I requested that provision of student accommodation be included as an area of development in the *Orkney College UHI Evaluative Report & Enhancement Plan* before it is submitted to Education Scotland. This clearly falls under the quality indicator "wellbeing, equality and inclusion" where it concerns students from the outer North Isles, who cannot easily travel back and forth daily to attend courses. Unfortunately, ferry disruption due to bad weather led me to miss the workshop on student accommodation, but I e-mailed in my views, which are that affordable student residences in Kirkwall (within reasonable walking/cycling distance of the College, the Institute of Northern Studies, the town centre and the harbour) are needed to jointly serve:

- 1) Students from the Isles (ineligible to stay at the Papdale Halls) undertaking both FE and HE courses at Orkney College, and also apprentices from the Isles;
- 2) Students from outwith Orkney, primarily undergraduates and postgraduates, studying at Orkney College.

I learnt at the UHI Foundation meeting I attended as OIC's rep that the UHI has funded student residences at Inverness College (150 rooms), in Elgin for Moray College (40 rooms), and in Dornoch for North Highland College (40 rooms).



**Student residences for Dornoch (<https://www.urbanrealm.com/news/6019>)
Doesn't Kirkwall also deserve such accommodation for Orkney's students?**

At the Orkney College Management Council meeting, my proposal that our two student reps be given full voting rights was supported, but because the College Management Council is a sub-committee of OIC, this still faces the hurdle of being passed at the next Policy & Resources Committee meeting.

Other meetings I have attended include: members' sessions, part of the Community Council Conference, a seminar on the *National Improvement Framework Improvement Plan*, a meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, a North Isles ward meeting with the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure, and (in Inverness) a meeting of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board.

We have now begun the difficult budget challenge process to see how we can match the Council's spending to its income and resources—a balanced budget being a legal obligation. Our income depends to a great extent on what Government Scotland is willing to give us. Will it, for example, again provide the crucial additional funding to support our inter-island ferries? As for any cuts, I am determined that nobody will be able to accuse OIC of being punitive, mean-spirited and callous (accusations levelled this month by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty & Human Rights at the UK Government's austerity policy and its attitude to the most vulnerable in our society).

And so, with Christmas coming, I join with Tiny Tim (not the American falsetto singer and ukulele player) in saying: "God bless Us, Every One!"

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

You can download "Letter from School Place" from lfsp.pbworks.com





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE (01856 821 443)

Opening Hours

Supervised Sessions

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 will close at 20:15 if empty

Buddy System

Term Time Buddy System

Monday	08:30 - 17:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 15:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday	08:30 - 17:00
Friday	08:30 - 15:00
Saturday	x x x
Sunday	11:00 - 12:00 **

** During Rousay FBX

Unfortunately the Buddy System hours may be subject to change.

We will publish any changes on our "RHLC Buddy System" Facebook page.

We apologise for any inconvenience.



WEDNESDAY 7pm & SUNDAY 11am
ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HALL



TUESDAYS @ 7.15pm
(7.00pm for absolute beginners and those wanting a refresh)

ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HALL



Keep up to date with our official Facebook pages

"Rousay Healthy Living Centre"
"Rousay Fatburn Extreme"
"RHLC Buddy System"
"Rousay Boxercise"



MEMBERSHIPS

ActiveLife Monthly rates

Individual - £19.99 & Family - £29.99

ActiveLife Annual rates

Individual - £239.88 & Family - £359.88

ActiveIslands Monthly Rates

Individual - £12.50 & Family - £17.50

ActiveIslands Annual Rates

Individual - £150.00 & Family - £210.00

Budget Rates (conditions to qualify)
50p per activity/class/gym session

Full details: www.pickaquoy.co.uk/activelife

FESTIVE OPENING

School Closed - No Buddy System
Friday Dec 21st until Monday Jan 7th

Last Scheduled Supervised Session of 2018 - Thursday Dec 20th
First Scheduled Supervised Session of 2019 - Saturday Jan 5th

We plan to open for a few additional supervised sessions during the school holidays. No set dates as yet. Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for details.

FBX - No Class Dec 26th or 30th

Boxercise - No Class Dec 25th or Jan 1st