

May 2019

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

saltfishforty
 traditional and original music from Orkney

ROUSAY CONCERT
SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019
The Space
 Doors 7.00 for 7.30pm start

Tickets £10 adults / £5 children
 For reservations: fishwives@outlook.com / 07919 923421 / find us on facebook

saltfishforty.co.uk

MEET THE AUTHOR!

ROUSAY BORN AUTHOR MAY FAIRBAIRN
 WILL BE TALKING ABOUT HER AUTOBIOGRAPHY

NEEPS, HORSES AND PARCELS

COME ALONG AND MEET THIS REMARKABLE LADY

MAY 4TH 2-4PM

ROUSAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS FOR CANCER RESEARCH WELCOME

To submit an article, or to subscribe, please contact The Editor:
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 Deadline for next edition: **Monday 27th May, 5pm**
 Please note: late articles are not guaranteed to be included.

- Saturday 4th May**
 → May Fairbairn Book Talk, Rousay School, 2pm - 4pm
- Tuesday 7th May**
 → The Taversoe InnQUIZition, The Taversoe, 8pm
- Friday 10th May**
 → Rousay Parent Council Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am
- Saturday 11th May**
 → Saltfishforty Concert, The Space, 7pm for 7.30pm start
- Thursday 16th May**
 → Gardening Afternoon, Rousay School, 1.30pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 22nd May**
 → Gill's Meet & Greet (REWDT), The Taversoe, 10.30am
- Thursday 30th May**
 → Orkney Mobile Library visits Rousay & Egilsay
- Friday 31st May**
 → Book Club, The Crafterthub, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 → Rousay Accordion Weekend (first day)
- Weekly Activities**
- Mondays**
 → Coffee Morning, The Crafterthub, 11am - 1pm
 → Bridge, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
- Tuesdays**
 → Yarn & Yap, The Crafterthub, 11am - 1pm
 → Rousay Tai Chi Chuan, Rousay School, 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Energy Exercises) & 4.15pm - 5.15pm (Tai Chi Form)
 → Boxercise, Rousay School, 7.15pm (7pm for absolute beginners or to refresh)
 Last Boxercise session: 14th May
- Wednesdays**
 → Triangle Club, Church Centre, 9.45am-1pm
 → Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 7pm
- Thursdays**
 → Coffee Morning, The Crafterthub, 10am - 11am
 → IT Digital Help, The Crafterthub, 11am - 1pm
- Fridays**
 → Rainbows & Brownies, Rousay School, 3.10pm - 4.30pm
 → Teenage Social Group, The Crafterthub, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Sundays**
 → Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am
- Coming Up**
- Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June**
 → Rousay Accordion Weekend
- Saturday 8th June**
 → Peedie Lap (5K), Starts from Rousay Pier at 12pm
- Thursday 27th June**
 → St. Magnus Festival: Kaptan Trio, The Space, 7.30pm - 9pm
- Friday 28th June**
 → Rousay Parent Council Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am
- Saturday 29th June**
 → REW&G CC Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am
- Saturday 20th July**
 → Charity Summer Fête & Dance, Rousay School
- Thursday 25th July**
 → Orkney Mobile Library visits Rousay & Egilsay
- Saturday 3rd August**
 → Rousay Show Entry Evening, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9pm
- Sunday 4th August**
 → Rousay Show, Rousay School, Show opens 2.30pm (prize-giving at 4pm)

May 2019

The Taversoe

01856 821 325



Opening Hours (commencing Monday May 6th)

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



Food Service Hours (commencing Monday May 6th)

Monday 12pm to 5pm
Tuesday to Saturday
12pm to 9pm
Sunday 12pm to 8pm



The Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday May 7th 8pm
Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper

The summer is fast approaching and The Taversoe is getting busier every day. As dining room space is limited I would kindly ask you to consider making a reservation to avoid disappointment should you wish to come in for a meal.

Many thanks for your understanding, Cxx

My Favourite Thing to Make for Dinner is a Reservation



**THE 2019 ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE!**



The new directory is now available for purchase at the School, the Shop, and the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Post Offices for £2.50 per copy.

100% of all proceeds go to the Rousay School Fund



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

1st hour Energy Exercises at 3:15
2nd hour Tai Chi Form at 4:15
£2.00 per hour,
come for one or both.

All ages and abilities welcome.



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this programme



www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi



Volunteers Needed

Rousay Community School

will be developing their Market Garden again this year

We will be holding a gardening afternoon
to tidy and weed the garden
on

Thursday 16th May 2019

1.30pm – 3pm

**Any help much appreciated
(rewarded with tea and cake!)**



Allotment
Association



Allotment Association

Polytunnel plots are all taken, but we still have 3 outside plots available if anyone is interested, and the equipment is still available for hire. This year's plot fees are now due (for those that have not already paid) and you will be getting an invoice in the post very shortly.

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



*From the community
For the community*

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 Laura:

Mobile: 07884 041 901

E-mail: lar.06@hotmail.co.uk

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau has an outreach visit to Rousay:

28th August 2019

11.30am to 2.30pm

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 22nd August, thank you.

A fun-packed event celebrating all things Accordion and Orcadian

Rousay [★]accordion WEEKEND

Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June 2019
ROUSAY, ORKNEY



TUTORS: JAMES GRIEVE · KAREN TWEED · ELLEN GRIEVE

A musical, cultural and
historical experience based
in the unique location known
as the 'Egypt of the North'

Tickets: £80 · Ages 5 years - 12 years: £50 · Under 5 years: free

**Workshops, dance, talks, walks, sessions, New Accordion Tune Competition
Pop-Up Accordion Museum and more...**

 For more information/tickets visit us on Facebook or call 01856 877178 / 07415 456307
www.jamesgrievemusic.com/rousay-accordion-weekends



MAY @ The Craffhub c/c

The Pier Rousay 01856 821359
Craffhub@btconnect.com

MAY OPENING

MONDAY

11AM TO 5.30PM

TUESDAY

11AM TO 5.30PM

WEDNESDAY

11AM TO 5.30PM

THURSDAY

10AM TO 5.30PM

FRIDAY

11AM TO 5.30PM

6.30PM TO 8.30PM

(TEENAGE SOCIAL GROUP)

SATURDAY

11AM TO 5.30PM

SUNDAY

11AM TO 3.30PM

WORKSHOPS COMING UP

WITH MURRAY STEWART

SPINNING

SEA GLASS JEWELLERY

Look out for posters
with further details

BOOK CLUB Friday 31st May

1.30pm to 3.30pm

COFFEE MORNINGS –

Every Monday 11am to 1pm

Every Thursday 10am to 11am

YAP & YARN – EVERY TUESDAY

11am to 1pm

IT DIGITAL HELP –

THURSDAY

11am to 1pm

SUMMER SEASON
We could do with a hand
if you can spare an hour
or two over the summer
pop in and have a chat
we'd love to see you



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



CHARITY SUMMER FÊTE

Saturday 20th July 2019

Summer Fête

Dance with The Gablos

Stalls, games, food & music!

More details to follow soon!



Rousay Horticultural Society

Rousay Show 2019

We've got carrot seeds and tubes for all children to have a go at growing the longest carrot!

Strawflower seeds and pots are also available for all Primary School children.

Contact Kayleigh if you require seeds/pots/tubes (e-mail: kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk)

Islands View Surgery The Surgery will be **CLOSED**

on

Monday 6th May

If you require medical assistance in an emergency, please phone **999**.

If you require urgent medical advice, and cannot wait until the surgery is open, please contact the Balfour Hospital Switchboard on **888 000** and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.

Surgery Opening Times

GP present on Monday and Friday mornings, and until 14:10 on Wednesdays.

Monday	09:00-13:00	
Tuesday		14:00-18:00
Wednesday	09:00-11:00	16:00-18:00
Thursday	11:00-15:00	
Friday	09:00-11:00	16:00-18:00

Message from Dr Kirk

As some of you may already be aware, my time in Orkney has come to an end. Elaine and I have decided to return to the Borders where we will be closer to our five daughters and to our young grandchild. It certainly wasn't an easy decision to make and I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome over the last few years. I am sorry I did not get the chance to say goodbye to you all individually, but did not want my departure to distract from the focus of your medical care.

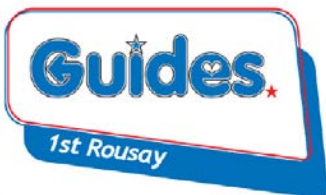
I am tremendously proud to have had the opportunity to be your doctor over the last few years. It has been a hugely rewarding chapter of my career and I will cherish memories of the wonderful people I have met on your beautiful islands.

I wish you all well for the future and leave confident that I am leaving you in the best of hands. Take care.

Dr Jonathan Kirk

Guides is coming to Rousay!

For girls aged 10 – 14



Current Brownies can move over automatically however for new members please register here

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Orkney Mobile Library
Visits to Rousay & Egilsay in 2019:

30th May
25th July
19th September
14th November



For Sale

KVS Moravia Solid Fuel Cooker with back boiler (British Racing Green) plus one small radiator and one towel rail to use with it.

£750.00 buyer collects.

Phone 821 410 if interested.

For Sale

Citreon Dispatch Diesel Van 2005
MOT until August
Fair condition
Good tyres
Slight engine fault

£100

Tel. Edwin 821 357 or 07849652689



Hydraulic hose repairs & Hydraulic oil in stock

Available from Danny Hall

Call 07919 335 744

Available shortly from Rousay Growers

Vegetable plugs, flowers, herbs, young shrubs and 4-5 foot trees.

Enquiries to: 821 365

ROUSAY THANKS



YOU



ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Following the recent AGM
I would like to welcome
our new office bearers:
Julie Morgan - Vice-Chair
Carolyn Tunbridge - Secretary
Laura Polson - Treasurer

Thank you, Carole Maguire - Chair

Project Updates from Gill

BT Broadband Study

REWDT are looking into the provision of Broadband on our 3-island group. BT, as one of the possible providers, have requested that if anyone is interested in a community broadband project, could they please provide their details. If you would like to be involved, then please just phone or e-mail me (gill@rewdt.org).

Please note, this is just an initial survey, and any other potential providers will be requested to tender for this possible project.

2019/20 Grants Scheme

The new grant forms and procedures are up and running. As a reminder, the Well Being 100 grant can be used for all well being activities including workshops at The Craithub, not just for fitness-based classes or gym membership.

Meet & Greet

This month's Meet & Greet will be held at **The Taversoe** on **Wednesday 22nd May** at **10.30am**. Please feel free to pop along and have a chat or complete any grant application forms.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Office Cleaner Vacancy

The REW DT is looking for a reliable office cleaner to work 2 x 1.5 hour shifts each week cleaning the REW DT offices and when required the electric vehicle.

The pay is £9.00 per hour.

If you are interested, please contact the office with your details and experience as a cleaner.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Email: info@rewdt.org or phone: 821 229

Closing date for the post is Wednesday 8th May

Rousay Lap Half Marathon



The Rousay Lap Half Marathon will be on **Saturday 31st August**.

We look forward to seeing you there either taking part, or as a volunteer Marshal, or just to cheer participants on at the finish line.

If you are able to be a volunteer Marshal for the Lap, please let Helen know.



Thank you.

Community Led Care Introduction from Sarah Foulds

I have recently been appointed the Well-being Co-ordinator for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre and would like to give you an introduction about my new role.

Firstly, the role was developed following research that was undertaken in 2018 into community led care on the non-linked isles of Orkney – ‘Enhancing well-being in our islands’ communities’- the project hopes to facilitate access to activities and services designed to enhance well-being. Funding has come from the Aspiring Communities fund with support from the European Structural Fund.

The project is primarily aimed at folk 65 and over and those on a low income, it is about promoting access to health and well-being services and identifying the gaps in the provision of these services.

I will be looking to encourage new initiatives with community groups and businesses to help meet the gaps and help promote well-being.

My aim is to facilitate choice and ownership of services for individuals accessing services. The services should fit around the individual not the individual fitting around the service.

I am hoping to engage with as many people as possible, this may be through workshops or community groups.

I may not be able to resolve all the issues that will come up, but I will do my best to sign post people in the right direction in accessing appropriate support.

I will be based at The Manse, you can phone me on 821 229 or email sarah.foulds@rewdt.org to arrange a visit.

I am looking forward to working with you all and enhancing the well-being of the islands.

Sarah Foulds



Free Wi-Fi access

(plus access to a laptop and printer):

Monday: 10am to 3pm
Tuesday: 10am to 3pm
Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

If you need to use the Wi-Fi and/or the laptop and printer outwith these times, you will need to make an appointment with staff, who will be as accommodating as possible.



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

Contact Gillian at
Age Scotland Orkney direct:
01856 872438
gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk

Car Club

Hire our electric car from as little as £2.50 for 1 hour, or for as long as you need (e.g. 24 hours costs £18).



Book the car online or via the Office.

Car Club FAQs and T&Cs are available online.

Shredded Paper for Composting

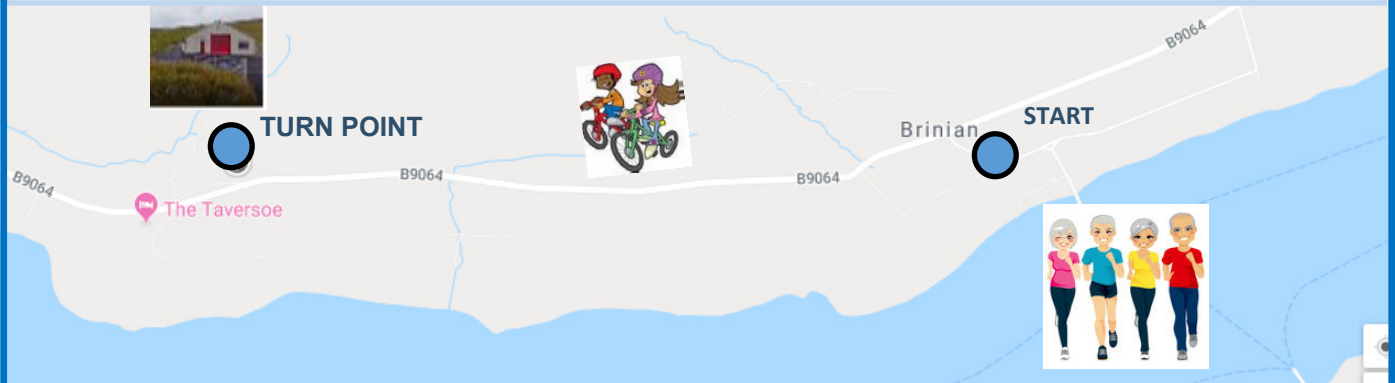
We occasionally have bags of shredded paper available for composting. If anyone would like a bag, please contact the Office.



SECOND ROUSAY 5K PEEDIE LAP

8th JUNE 2019

ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME!



Run or walk from the top of the

Pier Road to the Fire Station and back

Under 12s permitted to cycle if accompanied by an adult

PLUS...ROUSAY FIRE STATION OPEN DAY!



Have a look around the Rousay Fire Station
and see the fire engine!



FREE ENTRY - DONATION TO RNLI

STARTS 12 NOON

REGISTRATION 10:00 – 11:45

To book a ferry in advance, phone 01856 751360

Tingwall to Rousay - 8:40 & 10:40

Rousay to Tingwall - last boat at 17:30

Further information and entry forms email info@rewdt.org or phone 01856 821229



Meeting our current and future needs

REWIRED Limited (our trading subsidiary) Turbine Productivity Report

During 2018/19

Average Curtailment 2018/19

38.7% of its rated capacity

24.22%

Jan-Mar 2019

50% of its rated capacity

11.23% curtailment

There have been no maintenance issues (just curtailment affecting productivity) recently. However, with turbines not producing at both Burgar and Hammars hill, our curtailment levels may not stay at the levels shown above in the future. Hopefully any extra curtailment will be taken up by the HSO project and benefit those households involved.

We are on target to exceed our average annual productivity of at least 37% on which our financial model is based.

If you have any questions about the work of REWIRED Ltd., please let me know on laura@rewdt.org



Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

Director Vacancies

HSO Ltd has a vacancy on their Board of Directors.

Do you want to make a difference to your community?

If you would like to be involved in the moving forward, running & management of this exciting HSO project (using the curtailed power from the Community 900kW turbine to reduce fuel poverty on our isles), we would be happy to hear from you.

The board usually meets around 4 or 5 times a year and only when necessary.

If you want more information, please feel free to contact the staff who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Closing date is Friday 28 April 2019 at 5 p.m.

Registered Office: The Manse, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PR.

Telephone: 01856 821229. E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Our Current Grant Schemes

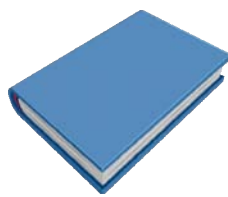


Well Being 100 Fund

Apply for 100% of the cost of well being activities, including Active Islands/Life memberships.



A maximum of £100 per person, up to 31st March 2020.
Open to adults & children.



Educational Bursary

Apply for up to 100% of the cost of a nationally-recognised qualification.



A maximum of £500 (adults) & £100 (children in primary/secondary education).



Driving Lessons

Apply for up to £500 towards the cost of your driving lessons with a qualified instructor.



A maximum of £500 per applicant.



Child Ferry Tickets

Apply for one book of 50 ferry tickets for children (5-18, in full-time education).

General Grants

Looking for funding which doesn't fit into one of our specific grant funds?
Individuals and groups are also welcome to apply for funding from our 'General Grants' fund.

Ready to apply?

To obtain an application form, please ring or call into the office. Completed forms can be sent in either on paper, or electronically to grants@rewdt.org

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, to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for Saturday 4th May & Wednesday 5th June 2019.

Does Your Organisation or Community Group Need Financial Support?

Why not let 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.

Opening Hours

Monday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Tuesday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Wednesday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Thursday	<i>By appointment only</i>
Friday	<i>By appointment only</i>

Please feel free to call in with any queries, advice, or grant applications during drop-in times. Outside of these hours, the inner door to the Manse may be locked, 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.



Telephone: 01856 821 229
General E-mails: info@rewdt.org
Grants E-mails: grants@rewdt.org

Visit our website:
www.rewdt.org



facebook.com/rewdt

Directors:

John Garson (Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Vice-Chair & Acting Treasurer), Christina Cox, Clare Daintith, Angus Flaws (co-opted), Mark Hull (co-opted), Carole Maguire, Alison Mainland, Bryan Milner, Eric Shortland.

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

April 2019

An attainment report came before the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee (ELH) preceded by an education attainment seminar. A recent ranking in the national press of Scotland's state-funded schools (based on the Scottish Government's figures) has placed Kirkwall Grammar School 231 out of 339, with 28% of its school-leavers achieving 5 Highers or more. (Stromness Academy was placed 79, with 44% of its leavers achieving 5 Highers or more.) For comparison, the extreme ends of the scale are occupied by Jordanhill School, Glasgow with 83% and Northfield Academy, Aberdeen with 7% respectively of their leavers achieving 5 Highers or more. However, the editorial in the *TES Scotland* of the 5th April questions the value of league tables based solely on raw examination data, "which can obscure deficiencies and remarkable stories of success." As the only North Isles councillor on ELH, I would welcome parents' comments on the quality and standard of education they feel their children receive at KGS or at any of our North Isles schools.

Notably, the same report on child poverty in Orkney came up at both the aforementioned Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting and the meeting of the Orkney Health & Care Committee (OHAC). The highest level of child poverty in Orkney is to be found in the North Isles ward at 28%! The next highest is Stromness & the South Isles at 19%, while in other areas of Orkney the levels are in single figures. Clearly, there must be a significant isles factor involved here, and I suggested at the OHAC meeting that the Child Poverty Working Group we are setting up consider tailoring its own analytical evidence-gathering framework to suit Orkney's situation, rather than relying solely on the guidance handed down by the Scottish Government. In the presenting of the report, the question was asked: "Are people in poverty respected in Orkney?" The sad fact is, from conversations I have had with members of the public, it appears that the answer is "No"! There is a shocking lack of sympathy for families suffering financial hardship, and I implore our communities to become much more empathetic. With the setting up of this working group, I hope a start on this is now being made at OIC.

The Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting was a short one at which we approved the internal audit strategy for 2019-20. Included in this strategy is a review of the methodology that was employed in the recent programme of burial ground safety inspections and subsequent actions. Also, the audit will review the arrangements with Firefy Energi and the process followed for the awarding and payment of grants under HEEPS ABS (Home Energy Efficiency Programmes for Scotland – Area Based Scheme).

Other meetings I have attended this month include a Local Government Boundary Commission review, and, outwith Orkney, a special meeting of the UHI Foundation at the UHI Executive Office in Inverness.



Dr Clackson at the University of the Highlands & Islands Executive Office

It was supposed to happen on the 29th March, then the 12th April, and now we are in a "Schrödinger's Brexit" in which the cat box could be opened anytime between now and Hallowe'en—or not. For the event of a "no deal" Brexit, the UK Government has formulated a contingency plan it is calling "Operation Yellowhammer". Why "Yellowhammer"? Is it to prepare us for a ration of "a little bit of bread and no cheese"?

Happy Easter!

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

You can download "Letter from School Place" from lfsppbworks.com



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 19:00 - 20:00 **
Thursday	08:30 - 17:00
Friday	08:30 - 15:00
Saturday	x x x
Sunday	11:00 - 12:00**

** During Rousay FBX

The Buddy System relies on the goodwill of the school staff. Due to staff shortages the hours may occasionally need to be amended at short notice. On these occasions we would appreciate it if you could make sure you are ready to leave the school promptly to ensure mainland staff can catch return boats home.

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

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding

FATBURN EXTREME

**WEDNESDAY 7pm & SUNDAY 11am
ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HALL**

BOXERCISE

TUESDAYS @ 7.15pm

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

**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!
MAY 7th & MAY 14th**

ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HALL



YOUR VOICE... If you have any suggestions for services provided by the RHLC, from equipment to classes to music, and all in between we'd love to hear them



ActiveIslands



ActiveLife

CHARGES

Please note there will be a price increase on **ActiveLife** memberships from Monday April 1st.

Monthly Individual - £22.50

Monthly Family - £32.50

The **ActiveIslands** and the Budget memberships will remain unchanged.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Full details: www.pickaquoey.co.uk



Keep up to date with our official Facebook page and groups:

"Rousay Healthy Living Centre" "Rousay Boxercise"

"Rousay Fatburn Extreme" "RHLC Buddy System"

