

Remembrance

Based on the current guidance from both Scottish Government and the Orkney Islands Council, especially concerning focal point gatherings and social distancing, the format of this year's Act of Remembrance at the Rousay War Memorial will be amended as follows.

The wreaths will be placed and the silence observed at the war memorial by a small party at 11am on the 8 Nov. Households are invited to join in by observing the silence at home.

Individual households are then invited to visit the memorial to conduct individual acts of remembrance during the remainder of the day, the poppy crosses normally placed alongside the wreaths will be available during this time.

Should any crosses remain by the end of the school day on the 9 Nov Janet and the school children will visit the memorial to place them.

Finally, as it is possible that the current restrictions may change in the interim, this action taken now will ensure that the Rousay community continues to remember their fallen.



Beat the Blues with the Beatles and / or Burns!

Song share and have a laugh.
Singlinger meet online via Zoom
Thursdays 8pm
Contact Frances for more info
roebuckfrances@gmail.com



🏰 Early Church 🏰

Ponder Praise Pray
Sundays 9am using online Zoom
Contact Frances for more information
roebuckfrances@gmail.com
Glebe 821340 / 07850064093
www.freshexpressions.org.uk



November 5th Bonfire and Fireworks

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Annual Firework and Bonfire Night will not be able to take place this year

We Apologise to all those who normally look forward to and attend the event

Rousay Community Association

November 2020

The Taversoe

01856 821 325

Remembrance Curry



Thank you for your orders.

Deliveries will be between 12.00 & 12.30 for Brinian & Frotoft, and 12.30 & 1pm for Sourin & Wester



Music Bingo

Fortnightly Sundays

7pm via Zoom - ID: 889 6723 6706

November 1st, 15th and 29th

The Taversoe



Take-Out

Available by pre-order for collection or delivery.

Assigned time slots for collection to assist in social distancing.

Please wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser for collections.

At least 24hr notice appreciated. Many thanks and stay safe.

Current Menu Options:

Battered Fish

Wholetail Scampi

Chicken Dippers

Baikie's Chip Shop Patties

The Taversoe InnQUIZition



The Taversoe InnQUIZition

Wednesday November 4th
8pm via Zoom

Zoom ID: 898 3626 6893

Notices on "The Taversoe" Facebook Page



The bar and restaurant will remain closed. As of yet I have no dates to re-open either.



The Taversoe on Facebook - InnQUIZition & Music Bingo



Dog Socialisation/Training

Gauging if there would be any local interest in Eleanor McBeath coming to Rousay for some dog socialisation/training classes.

Please contact Julie 821 269 if you would be interested.

Due to covid-19, classes will most probably take place outside whilst adhering to social distancing rules.

Wanted

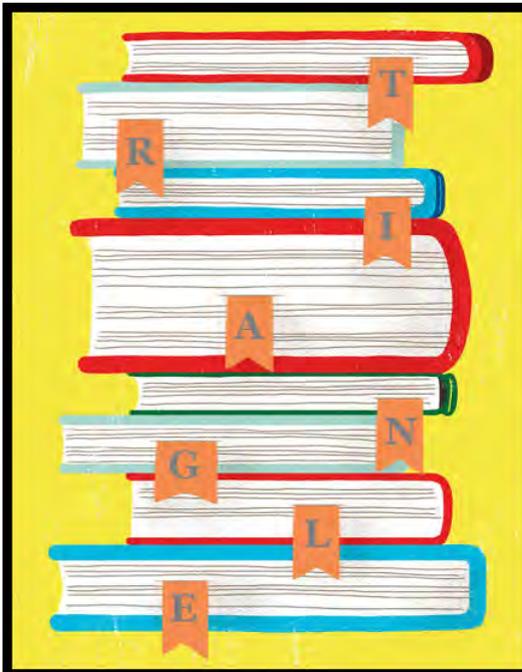
Hi - is anyone currently selling or thinking of selling their car - please give me a call as mine was written off recently and I need a replacement.

- anything considered -

Mike Topham Ivy Cottage

07729 616 530

matoppo@outlook.com



The Triangle Club

Online Book Club

The Triangle Club (following consultation with Bobby-Jean Miller) are looking at the possibility of starting an Online Book Club.

Printed Books and E-Books will be available

Online Group Meetings

I-Pads or E-Readers could be made available for members use

If you would be interested please contact Julie Morgan by phone on 821 269 or email at tommyjulie@yahoo.com



This year the school will not be holding a Children in Need fundraiser in order to avoid the handling of large quantities of coins due to COVID-19.

However, it is very easy to donate directly to Children in Need this year by visiting their website:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

We ask that you please do not drop off any cash donations to the school and thank you for your understanding. We hope to continue our regular Children in Need fundraising next year.

Response to the anonymous letter

To the person or persons (I have sight of three different styles of handwriting on various envelopes!) who recently sent unsolicited mail to households within our community, we say this to you: How dare you, how dare you send (anonymously at that) unsolicited propaganda to members of our community clearly designed to incite hatred and cause stress and anxiety to many households who would have wondered why they are being dragged into your petty arguments. We can only imagine what some members of our community would have felt when they opened the envelope that arrived on their door step this week, wondering if they had been specifically targeted.

You should be ashamed of yourself - is your life really that sad and empty that you feel the need to inflict your misery on everyone else? Do you really have nothing else going on in your life that you choose to spend what time you have stirring up conflict and hatred? Any accountability you thought you may have had (which must have been very little if you felt the need to send the "mail shot" anonymously) has just vanished. It was a despicable and cowardly act; if you wish to engage in discussion with the community, then at least have the courage to stand up and be counted and not hide behind faceless propaganda.

You obviously have no concern for the wellbeing of the community that you presumably wish to be part of, and in reality you are not concerned about the answer to the "statements" that you presented; after all, any educated, grown-up person would have in the first instance asked the Trust what they are up to? I believe your sole intention was to create animosity and conflict within our community, and for that you should be thoroughly ashamed of yourselves.

If you could remove your head from the sand you may notice that the world is a different place to what it was at the start of this year, and holding any person or group to account for what they may or may not have been planning at the start of this year is unrealistic.

Furthermore, in the survey that you enclosed, you chose to highlight that 110 people wanted a permanent home for The Craffhub, and whilst this is a sizeable proportion, it wasn't the top item; more people (111) wanted a small refreshment area which clearly stated that "this may not be run by the Craffhub", and the top item (112) was a convenient location for hiring the Electric car, so if we adopt a "first past the post" argument, it would be turned into a carpark and that would be all. Regardless of this, that survey had a number of valid ideas within it and my understanding of that survey wasn't a "winner takes all" but rather an indication of the various things the community as a whole, at that time, wanted to see on the site of the old restaurant, and groundwork for more detailed consultation should the community vote in favour of the purchase.

I am sure over the coming months there will be plenty of "debate" over what should and shouldn't happen on the old Pier Restaurant site, but can I ask that this is done in a grown-up, mature manner - there is nothing wrong with a healthy debate and people showing passion for their views, but if you are going to spend your life full of hatred and resentment, ask yourself this: is it really worth it? People will always have disagreements and different views, but there really is no need for such animosity and ill feeling.

At the end of the day we all choose to live within our community, and from a personal point of view we would rather the community that we choose to live in wasn't filled with so much hate.

Richard & Fiona Tipper, Howdis Meadow, Rousay

Allotment
Association

Allotment Association

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



REWIRE Ltd. Update.



Meeting our current and future needs

Productivity at the turbine for the past 3 months, together with reported energy diversion from the HSO project is:

<u>2020/21</u>	Actual Productivity (kWh)	% Productivity (against 37% target)	% Curtailment (against 7% expectation)	HSO Diversion (kWh) <marginal curtailment only>
July	230,536	34.43%	19.3%	TBC
August	152,137	22.72%	27.5%	TBC
September	296,718	45.79%	10.1%	751

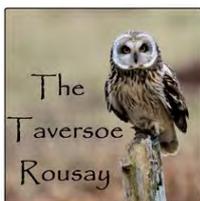
A productive month for REWIRE Ltd. Long may it continue! :-)

The average productivity so far this year is 35.87%, and curtailment at 15.77%. This is not looking too bad going into the windier winter months, so fingers crossed for another good generating season!

For the last financial year (ending March 2020), productivity averaged at 43.46% - which is our second highest since curtailment began. Curtailment last year was at an average of 18.34%, our second lowest. This undoubtedly had a lot to do with our financial results and long may it continue!

However, the news on that front right now may not be so great. SSE are expecting EMEC to begin commercial trials of tidal generators at their site on Eday. They have 4MW fixed grid connection (REWIRE Ltd. has a 0.9MW turbine).

This may well have an adverse effect on the generators within the ANM system, particularly those in zone 1, which is where our turbine is located. At present we are unsure how this will affect our production, but it is definitely something we will need to consider when planning for REWIRE Ltd.'s and the REW DT's financial future. We will keep you all informed of our progress.



**Calling all Self-Isolators
Or
Anyone Isolating/Working from Home**



Anyone self-isolating due to the COVID-19 circumstances including working from home, is entitled to a free 2 course meal once a week provided by Carey at The Taversoe.

We have this offer up until the end of December 2020.

We have been able to provide this because the REW DT has agreed to fund the continuation of the offer.

Thanks go out to Development Trust for funding this.

To book your meal, please contact Julie either by email or telephone:

Triangle.club60@aol.com or 01856 821269

Update

How to contact us

Our office is currently closed to visitors. Our staff are still working, but are not always in the office. The office e-mails, post, and phone messages are being picked up most days and the staff will respond as soon as they are able to. Thank you for your patience in such difficult times. Stay safe.

REWDT & REWIRED

For REWDT & REWIRED, please either e-mail info@rewdt.org or leave a message on 821 229.

Heat Smart Orkney

For Heat Smart Orkney, please e-mail info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk or leave a message on 821 277.

Anonymous Letter - NEW

We are aware that a letter from an anonymous source is currently circulating on Rousay, Egilsay, and Wyre, suggesting that the Trust is planning to move our offices into The Pier building. We currently have no plans to move our office into The Pier building. On the contrary, the premises is currently closed to access as it is deemed unsafe. As part of the re-development at The Pier, there will be a community consultation process, and no plans or work will be started until this process is complete.

As a number of residents raised concerns, including vulnerable residents, we contacted the Police for advice, who have asked for the letters to be collected, to aid their investigation. If you still have your copy of the anonymous letter, please can you drop the letter and envelope off at our Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Pier - NEW

The Board are pleased to announce that Alan Jones Associates have been appointed as consultants for the Community Engagement activities planned within our 3-island group regarding The Pier project.

His team have extensive experience in delivering consultation and engagement methods working with a wide range of community groups. This is the start of a collaboration and he and his team are looking forward to developing plans and engaging with the community.

EGM Update - NEW

In March this year, REWDT received a request from 11 members to hold an EGM. Due to Government restrictions and the advice from OSCR (the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator), REWDT were informed that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we must not hold a public meeting at that time. In the period since then, we hoped that the restrictions would be lifted sufficiently to enable us to host a face-to-face meeting with our members, but unfortunately it has become apparent - and increasingly so over the last few weeks in particular - that this does not look likely in the foreseeable future.

As some of you will know, our Board has recently been conducting Board meetings using video conferencing software ('Zoom'), and following a trial of its features, we are pleased to advise that we will be holding the EGM on Saturday 5th December, via Zoom. We will shortly write to all of our members to confirm the details. We recognise that there is no real substitute for face-to-face meetings, but we are also keen to ensure that the EGM can be held as it has been requested by the requisite number of members.

As we know that some members may not be familiar with Zoom, we will be holding some informal 'technical' sessions in November so that members can trial the software ahead of the EGM, so please look out for details of these.

Message from the Well-being Co-ordinator

Hi All,

I just wanted to give you all a little update on what I have been doing over the last couple of months. Some of you will have seen posts on our Facebook pages, however, some of you may not have done.

Firstly, the well-being project has received the go ahead that all well-being co-ordinators are now allowed to offer help to all individuals over the age of 18, where previously we were limited to over 65s only. This really is great news.

I have been working with "life changes trust" on their dementia dog project, attending webinars and zoom meetings which have been productive. There have also been numerous webinars and zooms through the time to change mental health campaign that I have been attending, these have provided me with some great ideas for the future.

I have a lot of ideas for group activities moving forward, we just need to wait and see what the future holds regarding Covid regulations. Fingers crossed we can get back to a bit of "normality" before too long. I would like to thank those who attended the "let's zoom" chat.

If anybody has any queries or ideas, they would like to put forward to me please do not hesitate to get in touch.

If there is something you need help with, even if you feel it maybe something out of my remit, still get in touch as I can always signpost you to someone who can help.

Kind regards,

Alice Foulds

Well-being Co-ordinator

My hours of working are:

Wednesday: 9am-1:30pm

Thursday: 9am-2pm

Friday: 9am-1:30pm

Email: alice@rewdt.org

Phone: 07948 466 380

Updates

Free Rechargeable Lanterns

The REW DT has provided Islands View Surgery with a small number of lanterns for our more vulnerable residents. Please contact the surgery if you feel you would benefit from having one of t

Crossroads Carers & Here2Help

If any resident would like to use Crossroads Carers or would like further information, please feel free to contact Gill at our office (821 229 or gill@rewdt.org) in the first instance. For Here2Help, please contact Gillian at Age Scotland Orkney (01856 872438 or gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk).

Covid-19 Support

We are continuing our Covid-19 funding support, including the packing and delivery costs of groceries delivered by Marion's Shop and Rousay Deliveries, as well as the delivery costs of The Taversoe's weekend take-out meals. We are also continuing to fund The Triangle Club's weekly 2-course meal from The Taversoe. We also continue to supply PPE free of charge, which can be collected from the phone box at Rousay Pier.



Wellbeing 100

The Rousay Healthy Living Centre has re-opened. Any resident who wishes to use their Wellbeing 100 grant to pay for gym sessions is welcome to apply. Note that this is only available to residents who have not already used up their Wellbeing 100 grant in this financial year.

Our Current Grant Funds:

Broadband; Child Ferry Tickets; Driving Lessons; Education; Wellbeing 100

Ready to apply to one of our grant funds?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Office is closed, and staff are working predominantly from home. We are currently encouraging electronic grant applications. Application forms for grants are available on our website (www.rewdt.org) and can be filled in, signed, and returned to us electronically (grants@rewdt.org), however, if you would prefer an application form to be posted out to you instead, we will happily do so. Please call and leave a message on 01856 821 229 or email grants@rewdt.org

All applications to the above Grant Schemes must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the training or first well being activity takes places, and a minimum of **two weeks** before payment is due, to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for **Wednesday 18th Nov. 2020 & Saturday 12th Dec. 2020.**

Telephone: 01856 821 229

Website: www.rewdt.org

General E-mails: info@rewdt.org

Grants E-mails: grants@rewdt.org



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Directors:

John Garson (Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Vice-Chair), Carolyne Tunbridge (Treasurer),
Carole Maguire, Alison Mainland, Mark Hull (co-opted) & Peter Roebuck (co-opted).

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



Rousay Healthy Living Centre

Opening Times

Monday

19:00 - 19:45

20:00 - 20:45

Tuesday

19:00 - 19:45

20:00 - 20:45

Thursday

19:00 - 19:45

20:00 - 20:45

Saturday

16:00 - 16:45

To book please phone **01856 821 443** during session hours or leave a message.

Phone **07746 489 973** (Carey)
or **07856 073 768** (Bobby)
between 10am & 4pm or send a text.

Alternatively you can email us at
rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

User Guidance

- Please do not enter any of our facilities if you are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been in a contact with another symptomatic person.
- Booking is essential for all sessions.
- Please arrive on time and leave the facility immediately after your activity/workout. If you arrive late to your session access may be refused.
- We ask customers to adhere to physical distancing in our facilities and we are implementing maximum of 3 users per session for the safety of all.
- Please utilise the hand sanitising points when entering and exiting the centre.
- Please arrive in your workout attire, as there is no access to changing areas.
- Please follow signage within the facility.
- It is a mandatory requirement to wear a face covering when entering and moving around our facilities.
- No personal towels are to be used, please use the blue roll provided.
- Please bring your own full water bottle.
- Bands, Pilates balls, yoga and exercise mats are not available.



ActiveLife & Activelands Subscriptions

We are delighted to confirm that The Pickaquoy Centre will reopen on Monday November 2nd. Any ActiveLife or Activelands subscriptions will be reinstated, with the first payment will be debited from your designated account on November 2nd 2020. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch at: memberships@pickaquoy.com

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place (currently West Manse)

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Reporting on what your councillor is doing virtually and really as the Covid-19 crisis continues

To keep up to date with the latest Council news and Covid-19 information as it pertains to Orkney, please check OIC's website at <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/> . Don't forget also to read *The Orcadian* and listen to *BBC Radio Orkney*.

For business support, telephone 01856-886666 or e-mail business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk .

For Orkney Ferries information see <http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/> or ring 01856-872044. For inter-island flights see <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/T/internal-air-services.htm> or ring 01856-872494 / 873457.

NHS Orkney has information at <https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information> .

For Covid-19 testing telephone 01856-888211. For OIC's Homelessness Service ring 01856-873535 or 07921-582962.

The Scottish Government's guidance is located at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/> .

The "R number" represents the average number of new infections caused by a single infected individual. It is a measure of the rate of spread of an infection through a population. Importantly, the value of R depends on human behaviour, hence my recent letters to the press condemning our Council Leader's reckless statements about the Covid-19 containment policy.

Westray Golf Course may claim to have the UK's longest hole (738 yards, par 6), but here at Sanday's West Manse we have what is believed to be Scotland's shortest golf course. Appropriately (or ironically), its sole hole is dedicated to Charles Russell Clayton Ross, Baron of Biggar, who once played it whilst visiting his aunt, the late Mrs Binkie Bell of West Langamay.



The tee to the first (and last) hole at midnight at the winter solstice

In a seminar on Orkney's bus services, I advocated that Orkney Ferries (renamed "Transport for Orkney") take on the running of Orkney's buses as a first step towards achieving integrated transport for our islands. Although efficient integrated transport systems are normal all over the continent, it seems to be a step too far for the collective Orkney Islands Council mindset.

Our Policy & Resources Committee (P&R) went on all day until nearly 6 pm! Reiterating my point that the North Isles Ward possesses 48% of the coastline of Orkney and therefore deserves 48% of Orkney's Crown Estate Scotland revenue funding (see July issue of my *Letter*), I did not support OIC's Climate Change Officer post being financed from this fund, but I did support £15,000 from that fund being awarded to Shapinsay Development Trust towards its Island Housing Project.

The Special General Meeting to appoint a new chief executive (for which we were suitably spaced-out in the New Phoenix Cinema) was the first meeting since "lockdown" that we have actually attended physically. It went on for even longer than the abovementioned P&R meeting—over 11 hours! And after due deliberation, we decided not to appoint any of the candidates.

It has taken two years, but at last, at the Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting, it was announced that my suggested new comments/compliments/complaints card (see picture below) is soon going to be issued. I have managed to arrange that complaints will still be able to be made via e-mail without the rigmarole of registering on "My Orkney" (although this option will be available too, along with phoning and writing), and also in person (once normal times return) at the island link offices.

At a Special General Meeting about the Islands Growth Deal, I expressed my extreme concern that the proposed Orkney-specific projects disproportionately benefit the Stromness & South Isles Ward (the Council Leader's ward)—a concern that was elaborated upon further by Cllr Heddle. Unfortunately, commercial confidentiality limits what we are able to reveal publicly.

Other meetings I have attended virtually this month include: a members' session with the Chief Executive; Eday CC; Papay CC; a meeting between councillors and our senior management team; Orkney Ferries Board; Westray CC; a ward meeting of the three North Isles councillors, and Stronsay CC. I was also interviewed on BBC Radio Orkney about the Island Games.

Community council meetings coming up: North Ronaldsay; Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay; Sanday, and Shapinsay.

Congratulations to Heather Woodbridge on her election. She has usurped me as the youngest of the North Isles councillors!

Keep well and carry on,

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday

stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

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

How to make a Comment, Compliment or Complaint

Online My Orkney www.orkney.gov.uk/feed-back

Email complaints@orkney.gov.uk

In person Visit either of our Customer Service Offices at Council Offices, Kirkwall or Washhouse Building, Stromness Or your local Island Link Office

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