

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE



December 2012

Electronic Edition



FILMS

In the Green Room at Rousay School
All welcome to the following film showings:

TED on 1 December at 8 p.m.

BRAVE on 2 December at 3 p.m.

MAGIC MIKE on 2 December at 8 p.m.

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS on Christmas Eve at 3pm

Taversoe
InnQUIZition

Tuesday December 4th

Free Quiz 8pm

Light Snack Supper



Christmas Concert

Rousay Primary School's Christmas Concert, 'Cinderella & Rockerfella' is on Monday 17th December at 2.15pm.

Everyone welcome.



Children in Need

Pupils and staff at Rousay Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to all who gave their support during our recent fundraiser for Children in Need. We raised a grand total of **£228.10**.

Sunday Lunch The Taversoe

December 2nd till 2pm

If you would like to reserve a table
please call 821 325

Booking not essential but much appreciated

What's On at a Glance

December 2012

Saturday, 1st

- REWG Community Council Meeting, Church Centre, 10.15am
- Communion Service, Church Centre, 3.30pm
- Alistair's Birthday Party, Pier Restaurant, 7pm
- Film Showing ('Ted'), Rousay School, 8pm

Sunday, 2nd

- Sunday Lunch, The Taversoe
- Film Showing ('Brave'), Rousay School, 3pm
- Film Showing ('Magic Mike'), Rousay School, 8pm

Tuesday, 4th

- The Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Tuesday, 11th

- Special Refuse Collection
- SWRI Meeting, Community Hall, 8pm

Thursday, 13th

- Ladies who Singaling, The Glebe, 7pm

Sunday, 16th

- Curry Night & Races, Pier Restaurant, 5-8pm

Monday, 17th

- Christmas Concert ('Cinderella & Rockerfella'), Rousay School, 2.15pm

Tuesday, 18th

- Secret Santa, The Taversoe, 7.30pm

Wednesday, 19th

- Christmas Service, Rousay School, 2.15pm

Thursday, 20th

- Mobile Library
- Ladies who Singaling, The Taversoe, 8pm

Monday, 24th

- Film Showing ('Arthur Christmas'), Rousay School, 3pm
- Christmas Eve Service, Church Centre, 7.30pm

Rousay Horticultural Society News

Rousay Horticultural Society 2013 Show

Next year's show will take place on Saturday 17th August, a later date than normal. The show schedule will be available early in December at www.aroundrousay.co.uk with paper copies available later in the month.

2012 Show Report

The Rousay Show took place this year on Saturday 4th August with entries judged by Mrs Anne Linklater, Mrs Ester Shearer, Mrs Anne Poke, Mr Bryan Taylor and Mrs Kathleen Taylor. Following afternoon teas, RHS President Shelagh Grieve welcomed a good turnout of visitors to the Show, and announced the winners, with prizes being presented by the student minister.



Special Prizes and Trophies 2012

Tattie-in-a-bucket: Winner of the Grieve Tankard was Ingrid Murray with a crop of 3lbs 13.7oz., second place and under-16 winner of the Cormack Cup was Annie Mainland (3lbs 9.9oz), and in third place was Robert Cormack (3lbs 6.4oz).

Textile Crafts: Best exhibit and winner of most points in section- Shelagh Grieve.

Handicrafts: Best exhibit- Helen Castle, most points in section- Frances Roebuck.

Baking: Best exhibit and most points in plain baking- Nick Gould, Best large cake- Clare Daintith, Most points in section- Nick Gould.

Dairy and Preserves: Best exhibit and most points in section- Marie Gallernault.

Vegetables and Fruit: Best exhibit- Angus Firth, most points in section- Zoe Flaws.

Flowers: Cut Flowers- Best exhibit- Muriel Marwick, Most points- Eivor Cormack. Floral Art- Best exhibit and most points- Muriel Marwick. Best flowering plant- Wendy Baulch. Most points in section- Muriel Marwick.

Children: Best exhibit Pre-school- Mollie Flaws, Best exhibit P1-3- James Daintith, Best exhibit P4-7- Annabella Daintith, Most points primary section- Ewan Flaws, Best exhibit and most points secondary section- Alice Mainland.

Visiting Children: Best exhibit- Jessica Cormack.

Visiting Adults: Best exhibit- Eva Sam.

Overall Prizes: Most points in Traditional skills- Erica Flaws. Individuals who won most points for their district: Wester- Shelagh Grieve, Brinian- Zoe Flaws, Frotoft- Kathryn Marwick, Sourin- Frances Roebuck. Most points overall in Show- Frances Roebuck. District with most points- Wester.

Marion's Shop

Winter Opening Hours

Monday	12pm - 1pm	2pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday	Closed	
Wednesday		2pm - 5.30pm
Thursday	11am - 1pm	2pm - 5.30pm
Friday		2pm - 5.30pm
Saturday		2pm - 5.30pm
Sunday	Closed	

Rousay Public Bus - Service Update

A big **thank you** to all of our customers, who have helped to make the service a continued success.

We are currently working on the possibility of extending the current service, to meet some ferries on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays (e.g. 7am-10am & 4pm - 7pm), in addition to our Thursday service (7am - 7pm).

If you think that you would be interested in using an extended service, we would be delighted to hear from you (821 360), as we look to develop the service according to demand.

a christmas message

I don't know if you are the type of person that rushes and is always in a hurry. By nature I am like that, but over the years I've learnt to slow down a little, and the benefits can be enormous.

I remember a few years ago deciding to attempt something that I'd never done before, and that was from the 1st December I would slow down, and not be caught up with all the rush and bustle of Christmas.

Looking back I believe I was successful. I didn't rush, I even drove the car more slowly, and what a blessing it was.

Let me give you one example. I was in the queue at Marks and Spencer's. There were about fifteen people in the queue, and so I decided to pass the time just chatting to the person in front of me.

By the time we were about to be served this dear lady had poured her heart out to me, and as she left she said, "Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to me. I feel as though a heavy burden has been lifted from my shoulders. Have a happy Christmas."

I never saw that person again, but I was thankful to God for allowing me to help someone who needed so much to talk to someone and lighten the load.

As I reflected on this, my mind went back many years to a song that was sung by George Beverley Shea, the baritone singer in the Billy Graham Crusade where I had become a Christian. The first line says this;



*If I can help somebody as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
If I can show somebody he is trav'ling wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
If I can bring back beauty to a world up-wrought,
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught,
Then my living shall not be in vain.*



I wonder if this Christmas we can make a point of helping someone in need. But let's not leave it there. Let's help someone find the real meaning of Christmas.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, he had a message to give them, and it's the real message of Christmas. For we read in Luke 2v11 these words, "Do not be afraid, I bring you GOOD news of GREAT joy that will be for ALL people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." There is the real meaning of Christmas, it's all to do with Christ. It's all to do with God sending His Son into this world to be our Saviour. To do something that we could never do, and that is to save us from the penalty and power of sin in our lives.

I finish with the words from that lovely carol, "In the bleak mid winter," which says this;



*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what can I give Him – I give Him my heart.*



Rev David Brown (locum)

Church Services at the Church Centre

Saturday 1st December
Communion Service
3.30 Rev. Andrea Price

Christmas Eve Service
7.30pm
A service of Readings & Carols

All Welcome



Christmas Service

At the School

2.15pm

Wednesday 19th December

Rev Andrea Price

Ladies who Singaling

(for want of a better name)

At the Glebe,
Thursday 13th December, from 7pm

Ladies who Singaling

will be at the Taversoe
Thursday 20th December, 8pm onwards

Come and join us for some seasonal songs

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Islands View Surgery

Monday	24 th Dec	09:00 - 12:30 & 16:30 - 18:30
Tuesday	25 th Dec	Closed
Wednesday	26 th Dec	Closed
Thursday	27 th Dec	09:00 - 11:30
Friday	28 th Dec	09:00 - 11:30 & 16:30 - 18:30
Saturday	29 th Dec	Closed
Sunday	30 th Dec	Closed
Monday	31 st Dec	09:00 - 12:30 & 16:30 - 18:30
Tuesday	1 st Jan	Closed
Wednesday	2 nd Jan	Closed

Normal opening hours resume on Thursday 3rd Jan

Royal Mail Deliveries

Monday 24 th Dec	Normal Deliveries
Tuesday 25 th Dec	No Deliveries
Wednesday 26 th Dec	No Deliveries
Thursday 27 th Dec	Normal Deliveries
Friday 28 th Dec	Normal Deliveries
Saturday 29 th Dec	Normal Deliveries
Sunday 30 th Dec	No Deliveries
Monday 31 st Dec	Normal Deliveries
Tuesday 1 st Jan	No Deliveries
Wednesday 2 nd Jan	No Deliveries

Normal deliveries resume on Thursday 3rd January



The staff at Islands View Surgery would like to wish everyone, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

The Taversoe

Christmas Opening Times
&
Secret Santa



Monday 24th - Christmas Eve - Closed
 Tuesday 25th - Christmas Day - Closed
 Wednesday 26th - Boxing Day - Open @ 5pm
 Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th - Open as Usual
 Monday 31st - New Years Eve - Closed
 Tuesday 1st - New Years Day - Closed
 Wednesday 2nd - Opening as Usual

Rousay Gym

The gym will be closed from 22nd December to 5th January inclusive.



Rousay Public Bus Service

The bus will operate as normal over the festive period:



Thursday 27th December
Thursday 3rd January



Please book your seat by 7pm the day before travel.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our customers a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Marion's Shop

Monday 24 th Dec	12pm - 1pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 th Dec	Closed
Wednesday 26 th Dec	Closed
Thursday 27 th Dec	2pm - 5.30pm
Friday 28 th Dec	2pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 29 th Dec	2pm - 5.30pm
Sunday 30 th Dec	Closed
Monday 31 st Dec	12pm - 1pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 1 st Jan	Closed
Wednesday 2 nd Jan	Closed
Thursday 3 rd Jan	Closed



Normal Winter Opening Hours resume on Friday 4th January.

Refuse Collections

Orkney Islands Council's weekly refuse collection will continue as normal over the Christmas & New Year period.

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

The office will be closed on Friday 21 December, re-opening on Monday 7 January 2013.

Rousay Post Office

Royal Mail

Last Posting Dates for Christmas Delivery

Wednesday 12 Dec	Standard Mail
Monday 17 Dec	Second Class
Wednesday 19 Dec	First Class
Friday 21 Dec	Special Delivery



Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Tingwall Office

Friday	21 st Dec	08:30 - 17:30
Saturday	22 nd Dec	Closed
Sunday	23 rd Dec	Closed
Monday	24 th Dec	08:30 - 16:00
Tuesday	25 th Dec	Closed
Wednesday	26 th Dec	Closed
Thursday	27 th Dec	08:30 - 16:00
Friday	28 th Dec	08:30 - 16:00
Saturday	29 th Dec	Closed
Sunday	30 th Dec	Closed
Monday	31 st Dec	08:30 - 16:00
Tuesday	1 st Jan	Closed
Wednesday	2 nd Jan	Closed

Normal opening hours will resume on Thursday 3rd January 2013.

M.V. Eynhallow Sailings

Monday	24 th Dec	Sailings as normal
Tuesday	25 th Dec	No sailings
Wednesday	26 th Dec	No sailings
Thursday	27 th Dec	Sailings as normal
Friday	28 th Dec	Sailings as normal
Saturday	29 th Dec	Sailings as normal
Sunday	30 th Dec	No sailings
Monday	31 st Dec	Sailings as normal
Tuesday	1 st Jan	No sailings
Wednesday	2 nd Jan	No sailings

Normal sailings resume on Thursday 3rd January 2013.



Secret Santa

Tuesday December 18th

Bar Open from 6.30pm

Present Swop @ 8pm

Eggnog, Mulled Wine, Christmas Nibbles

Christmas Messages

Michelle and Richard Koster have once again donated to Cancer Research UK rather than send Christmas cards this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John, Kirsty, Andrew and Isla are not sending out Xmas cards in Rousay again this year. So we will take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2013.

We will make a donation to Rousay School Parent Council.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Friends and Family.

Love from Danny and Erica xxx

Warm Regards for a Joyful CHRISTmas and Happy 2013 from ALL the Roebucks!

Local Christmas Card Deliveries

The Triangle Club will be delivering Christmas Cards again this year.

Collection boxes will be at various places on Rousay.

Deliveries will be made throughout December. The last card collection will be on **Saturday 22 December**.

Donations to The Triangle Club.



As we will not be sending any local Christmas Cards this year, **Corinne and Stewart** would like to wish everyone

Season's Greetings

From all at **Bigland**

We will also make a donation to the Triangle Club.



Rousay Allotment Association



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
ROUSAY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Site completion jobs

The external fencing on the north end of the polytunnel has now been completed. This should hopefully protect the polytunnel from any damage this winter. The rabbit fencing has been started, to be completed soon. The drainage job will also be done when the digger becomes available and the ground is dry enough to work on.

Community Tree Day

On Sunday November 18th there was a community tree maintenance get together at the allotment site. It was great to see a few folk turn out to spare an hour. Thanks to Helen, Will and Jock who attached carpet squares at the bases of the trees to protect them as they grow and planted some new trees to fill the gaps. Homemade soup and bread was enjoyed!!

Seed Tatties

The Allotment Association are planning to do a bulk order for seed tatties next year from Shearers. Catalogues will be available in the New Year. If you would like a copy of the catalogue when it is available, please contact me, or Helen at the Trust office and we will send you a copy.



If you need more information about the Rousay Allotment Association call Hilary Byland - 821479

Happy gardening!



SUPPORTING OUR HEROES

Fundraising for the Scottish Poppy Appeal

Poppy Appeal

The total amount collected this year in
Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre was £162.60.
Thanks to all who contributed.

The Taversoe's Remembrance Sunday Buffet

A huge thank you to all who attended
We raised £21 towards the Poppy Appeal



Tuesday 11th December

Winter birds of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Talk and slide show
By Izzy from R.S.P.B.

OPEN MEETING All Welcome

8pm at the Community Hall

Collection for R.S.P.B.

Competitions

1. 3 Mince pies
2. Handmade Christmas Tree Decoration

Marion's Shop & Filling Station

Orders are invited for Pot Grown or Cut Christmas Tree. Five species are on offer, and prices are the same as at William Shearer's. The only difference is, your order will be here when you want it.

Similarly, orders are invited for poultry, meat joints and game from the wide choice offered by Flett's of Stromness.

Full details of Christmas trees and Flett's offers are available in the shop.

Don't forget, the shop has Polish Coal, Caithness Peat and Calor Gas in store.

As usual, wines, spirits and confectionery are all competitively priced, selected to meet popular demand.

For example: Botany Creek Wines are £2.50 each; and ALL Wolf Blass wines are £6.49

Regular spirits are all on offer at £12.49 each.

And Highland Park, and Scapa Whisky, are on offer at very special prices.

Fancy a chocolate?

After 8's £2.50

Celebrations £2.60

Lindt Lindor

Roses

Quality Street

Heroes

All at £3.00 each

And, there are special offers on pet foods available from limited stocks.

Book Sale at Marions Shop

Owing to the generosity of several customers, a large selection of books (many in "as new" condition) are available at "give away" prices.

All proceeds from sales to be given to the Red Cross.

A Day to Remember for Rousay School pupils

I should like to thank all those who contributed towards the cost of 4,000 bluebell bulbs and special thanks also to all pupils at Rousay Primary School who helped plant the bulbs on Friday November 2nd 2012.

Ann Chapman



The Taversoe

Opening Hours 2013

Bar Opening Times

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED*

Wednesday to Friday - 11am to 2pm / 5pm to 11pm**

Saturday - 11am to 11pm**

Sunday - 12 Noon to 10.30pm**

Restaurant Opening Times

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED***

Wednesday to Friday - 12 Noon to 2pm / 5pm to 9pm

Saturday - 12 noon to 9pm

Sunday - 12 Noon to 7.30pm

* First Tuesday of the month the bar is open at 6pm for the InnQUIZition

** We may close at 9pm if the building is empty

*** If you would like to book a table on Monday or Tuesday night, please give us a call and we will do our best to accommodate you

Rousay Gym Opening Hours

Supervised Sessions:

Mon 7pm-9pm
Tue 7pm-9pm
Thur 7pm-9pm
Sat 4pm-5pm

Please note we will close quarter past the second hour if there is no-one in.

Buddy System 08:30-17:30 weekdays school term.

During badminton- Wednesday and Sunday.

Please contact Badminton Key Holder, Mark Hull to confirm availability.

The gym phone no longer takes incoming calls.

To speak with an advisor please contact:

Paddy Maguire on 821 234

Jo Inkster on 821 200

Or pop past the gym during supervised hours.

Special Offers

Buy a Saver Card (choose your own start date) for a Christmas gift and receive 10% off a second card for yourself.

Free refreshers and mini programmes to help get you back into the routine of exercise.

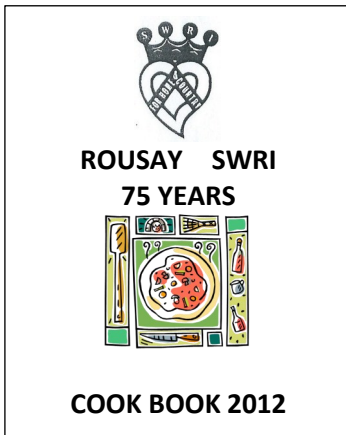
Christmas Closures

The gym will be closed from 22nd December to 5th January inclusive.

Coming Soon in January

Massive Orkney-wide Man Versus Woman Lunar Challenge

PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFTS



The SWRI have compiled a cook book of favourite recipes to commemorate 75 years of the Rousay branch of the SWRI. At only £2 they would make an ideal Christmas gift for family and friends.

Phone the SWRI Secretary on 821479 to order copies.



Vacancy Piermaster (Rousay)

7.4 hours per week

Temporary, for up to 6 months

£9.36 per hour

Closing Date:
Friday 14 December 2012

To apply, go to:

[www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/
orkney](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/orkney)

Or, telephone 873535 for an application pack.



Mobile Library

Next visit:
Thursday 20th December

Driftwoodorkney

UNIQUE HAND-MADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Semi-Precious Gemstone

Bracelets - £8

Semi-Precious Gemstone

Earrings - £4



Wine Glass Charms £3.50



Baby Ugg Boots

Various colours
and sizes - £15



Snuggly Booties - £5

Fingerless Wrist

Warmers - £10



To order call 821479 or 07940719621

Hand-made in Rousay, Orkney hilary@hbyland.wanadoo.co.uk

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Turbine Productivity Report (from our trading subsidiary REWIRED Limited)



During October	Average Since October 2011
44.84% of its rated capacity	43.26% of its rated capacity

As you will see, we have exceeded our annual productivity target of at 37% on which our financial model is based.

The turbine was subject to 63 hours downtime during November, following a lightning strike in the early hours of Sunday 18th. The Turbine Responders dealt with the failure, securing extensive assistance from SSE, our electrical contractors, and BT Private Circuit Team.

With the regeneration of the 2MW turbine on Burgar Hill (following 6 months without blades), we have started to see more curtailment during November. We will be monitoring this closely during the coming winter months.

Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

The Board would like to encourage individuals and organisations/businesses to consider if they have a funding need that would meet any of our Development Plan targets (see our website for further information). If you do, please think about applying for a grant or loan from the Trust to cover these costs.

In addition to this, The Board has agreed to fund an Annual Bursary Fund for those wishing to partake in education, training or development courses during the 2012/13 academic session. This is for support towards the training costs only, on vocational or development courses, or for professional qualifications. Please contact the Trust Office for more information and a Grant Application Form, or download a form from the website at www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust

All grant applications must be received at least one week prior to the board meeting, in order to be discussed at that meeting. Please contact Helen in the Office for dates.

Clubs/Groups

We received a number of names from people interested in the clubs and groups as suggested in our recent Survey, and we have decided to extend the deadline until the New Year.

Therefore, if anyone is interested in being part of one of these groups, please can you let us know, before 14 January 2013, which group(s) you are interested in joining or finding out more about. Contact Helen at the office either by phone, email or dropping in (see overleaf for contact details). The most popular suggested groups/clubs were: -

Music/Singing Group	Golf Group
Swimming Group	Traditional Dance
Kayaking	Riding Lessons
Cycling Club	Dry Stone Walling Course
Zumba/Keep Fit Class	Archery
Bowls	Running Club
Orienteering/Climbing/Walking Club	Tai-Chi Club
Arts Society	

Helen will then inform all interested parties of who wants to be part of a particular group and you can then arrange to meet to take this forward, and perhaps even apply to the Trust for a grant to get your group going.

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST *continued...*

Broadband Next Generation Access

We are working on this project along with Shapinsay and Westray Development Trusts, and have now received the feasibility report, which looked at improving the broadband speeds across our islands. The Board is looking at the options given in the report, and we will be researching funding opportunities to cover the costs of implementing this project. We are working closely with OIC & HIE (Highlands and Islands Enterprise) on this long-term project, and will keep you all informed on our progress.

Rousay Wi-Fi Centre

The Trust would like to apologise for the delay in this centre opening but we have had a few issues with regard to the Broadband signal strength in the General Purpose Room at the school. With thanks to OIC, we have now agreed to relocate the telephone line into the GP Room itself and BT should complete this transfer during December. The Trust would like to offer our thanks to Jo Inkster at the Healthy Living Centre for her kind offer of housing the hub in the Gym.

Our Staff

Michelle Koster (Grants Officer) and Hilary Byland (Director) attended a Highlands & Islands Enterprise conference on behalf of the Trust last weekend in Inverness. We were very proud to be the only Orkney Development Trust to be asked to give a presentation at not only one, but two sessions during the first day.

Helen presented via Skype to 60+ delegates about the PQASSO quality standards that the Trust is currently introducing to all of our working procedures. We hope to gain the quality standard award by the end of next year. We were asked to present this as we are very advanced in this process.

Michelle & Hilary gave a presentation on 'How Communities Spend the Revenue they Generate'. This included information relating to the reserves and operating expenses that are necessary for a turbine project of this size, the Community Survey that was conducted last summer, and the 'Grants and Bursaries Funds' that the Trust is currently operating. Details about the survey, grants and bursary funds can be found on our website. Feedback we received has shown that all presentations were well received at the conference.

Other Services the Trust can offer

If you require documents to be scanned or printed and cannot do this yourself, contact the Trust on 821 229 and if we can help you we will. A charge of 11p per black & white sheet, and 18p for colour printing, to cover paper and ink costs. Larger print orders will incur increased costs.

If you have old/used ink cartridges or old mobile phones that you no longer want, please bring them into the Office and we will recycle them for you. Any funds raised will go to *Orkney Zero Waste*.

Thank You!

The directors and staff of the Trust would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the many members of the community who have supported us and given up their free time by volunteering to help with our different projects over the last 12 months. There are too many of you to list here, but we are very grateful for all of your hard work and kindness.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The directors and staff of the Trust would like to wish all of our islands' residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2013. Please note the office will be closed on Friday 21 December 2012 and will not re-open until Monday 7 January 2013.

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST *continued...*

Comments, Ideas or Suggestions

If anyone has any comments, ideas, or suggestions for the Trust, please feel free to come in to the Office at The Manse, give us a ring, or drop us an e-mail.

Trust Office Drop-In Opening times are Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 noon, but if these times do not suit you, please telephone and make an appointment and we will try to accommodate you.

If you require Trust public documents i.e. Board meeting minutes, a copy of our Development Plan and/or Survey Report, in a larger font or Braille, please contact the office and we will endeavour to get this to you in a format you can easily read.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Tipper



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For the community*

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Community Passenger Ferry

Following a clear community mandate (Community Survey, June 2012), the Trust has now initiated the Passenger Ferry Project. Our aim is to implement the service late spring / early summer 2013.

Over the last couple of months, the Trust has reviewed community passenger ferry services both in Orkney and the Western Isles, attended meetings with other interested groups, sought clarification on the terms and conditions of the Big Lottery funding and approached boatyards to source and provide options for suitable vessels.

Several business options have been discussed, and although no firm decision has yet been made, one option has emerged that fits both the Trust's aims and the Big Lottery terms and conditions:

REWDT will purchase a suitable vessel that will remain a Trust asset. It is anticipated that an invitation to tender for the service will be issued, and the vessel leased to an experienced operator, who will be responsible for the operational activities of running a pilot service for a period of 2 years. The requirements of the service are to provide 'out of hours' journeys to complement the existing service provided by Orkney Ferries, and is likely to include a combination of scheduled and on-demand sailings for inter-island and isles-to-mainland journeys.

A Development Trust subsidy may be made available during the pilot phase to cover essential overheads.

While the project is still at an early stage, and before final decisions are made and a vessel is purchased, the Trust wishes to talk to any experienced operators within the community that may have an interest in either providing this service, or assisting with sourcing and purchasing a suitable vessel.

This a real opportunity that will bring direct benefits to the community, in line with the Trust's aims of enhancing the quality of life for our community, by providing flexible transport options and employment opportunities.

Interested parties are invited to submit outline proposals in writing to the Trust office by Monday 14 January 2013, allowing more detailed discussions to take place early in the New Year.



Active Places Fund

People across Scotland can benefit from the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The Scottish government has a £10 million Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund now open for applications for grants of up to £100,000 to build or improve sport and recreational facilities.

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are now available to help build or upgrade local facilities. This project could help get various clubs/groups started or have their current facilities improved.

The Scottish Government wants people - young and old - to get more active, and to benefit from, and be inspired by, the Commonwealth Games.

Application and guidance notes are available from www.sportscotland.org.uk/Activeplacesguidance

The first round of applications should be submitted by 1st February 2013.

This is an exciting opportunity for funding in our community, and the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust is keen to offer its support to clubs and groups who would like to submit an application to this fund. Contact the office on 821 229 if you require any help with your application.

Letter from School Place

It's hard to believe that I've already been half a year at OIC. That's the first 10% of my tenure! In that time, apart from serving on the committees I've been appointed to, I've managed to sort out a few ward issues, attended some community council meetings and (when invited) parent council meetings, and been involved in developing the Council's five-year plan. (Although my Orkney Bank suggestion was rejected by most other councillors for the plan, as you will have seen in "*The Orcadian*", Councillor Jack Moodie has brought the idea back to the Investments Sub-Committee, so the idea is still alive.)

The next thing we councillors have to come to a collective decision on, is how to set the Council's budget for the coming year, and where to implement the cuts imposed on us. As long as Orkney is so reliant on the money we receive from the Scottish Government (which is still less per head of population than what they give to Shetland and the Western Isles), then the outlook is not good. If the people of Orkney are to continue to enjoy the current level of services, OIC can no longer afford to live off "benefits" - it is time the Council got on its bike and looked for work (which brings us neatly back to the Orkney Bank idea).

This last month, I had my first excursion on council business out of Orkney - to the University of the Highlands and Islands Foundation meeting in Inverness. It was encouraging to hear that the students are getting together their first "University Challenge" team. At the moment, it will be just the one team, but I did suggest the UHI could enhance its chances of winning by doing what London, Cambridge and Oxford do and sending a team from each of its constituent colleges.

It is good to be able to meet colleagues from other parts of Scotland in the course of one's council duties, and to hear their views on issues. When we hosted our Shetlandic counterparts on the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, I was surprised to learn from them, that, having set up our Constitutional Working Group, OIC is further ahead with considering the implications of Scottish Independence and possible alternative arrangements than SIC is.

I was invited to speak at this year's Sanday Harvest Home. It was heartening to see so many folk turn out for it, particularly as quite a few harvest homes elsewhere in the county have had to be cancelled owing to lack of interest. However, I don't think I'm ready to make a career out of after dinner speaking quite yet.

Together with four Kirkwall councillors, I had an interesting afternoon at Kirkwall Grammar School, conducting a surgery for the pupils and participating in a Modern Studies class for the 5th and 6th years. It is frustrating that many issues the kids brought up are beyond the direct control of OIC. I took the opportunity in the class to...

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...instigate discussion about the school's timetable and the possibility of a late start on Monday mornings. Needless to say, most isles' pupils support this idea, as it means they could stay at home on Sunday nights. I think I put school homework into perspective when I showed the class the 859 pages of reading for our latest Policy & Resources committee meeting!

Well, Christmas will soon be upon us, and it puts me in mind of Isaiah Chapter 9, Verse 6 (as written in the Authorised Version).

Merry Christmas to all of you, and let us hope for a prosperous New Year.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

Rousay Community Association

Rousay Harvest Home Rousay Community Association would like to thank all the people that helped make the Harvest Home a great event this year. Your presence and help was very much appreciated.

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

Please find below items that have come to the attention of the members this month and which you might be interested in. If you have any comments, contact the members of the REWGCC: Mr Angus Firth, Mr Mark Hull, Ms Chris Cox, Ms Vanessa Garrett, Mr Richard Koster, Mr Eric Shortland and Mr Richard Tipper.

Points of Interest

Community Council Meeting 1 December 2012

The Community Council meet on Saturday, 1 December 2012 at 10.15 a.m. in the Hall at the Rousay Church Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view proceedings. The first item on the agenda will be the presentation from Ms Bignall (RSPB).

Presentation by Ms A Bignall (RSPB) on Enjoy Wild Orkney

There will be a brief presentation from Ms Bignall regarding the above project which aims to help people, the local community and tourists to get more from Orkney's wonderful wildlife.

Jubilee Ash Trees

We have been informed that the ash trees planted as part of the Jubilee planting came from a reputable nursery (who don't import stock) and the nursery was found to be clear of ash die-back at its last inspection, so the chances of ash die-back disease being present are negligible.

However, the community has been asked to keep an eye open in their areas for any signs of infected trees and there is a good guide to the symptoms which can be found on the Forestry Commission website:

www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth under 'Ash dieback disease' (*Chalara fraxinea*).

Your Views Count

Scottish Water has launched a major consultation encouraging customers to help shape the future of water and waste water services in Scotland between now and 2040. They are interested in your views regarding future charges and the balance between how much they should be investing to further improve services.

By having your say you can help them to make the right decision to shape the future and continue providing high quality water and waste water services. To find out more visit the website www.scottishwater.co.uk/yourviewscount

Cut off date for comments is the 12 February 2013. The final business plan for 2015-20 will be published in October 2013.

Consultation Document

These documents are available to be viewed by the public and if you have any comments please contact the members above.

Verge Maintenance Specification 2013 (Cut off date 14 December 2012)

Opportunity to provide comments on the verge maintenance undertaken this year as well as giving consideration to possible alterations to the plan for 2013. This document can be viewed on the Orkney Islands Council website.



Curry Night & Races

Pier Restaurant
Sunday 16th December
5pm - 8pm

Adults £6
Primary School Children £3

Raffle
(Each member please take a raffle)

For Sale

Peugeot 206 X-reg
Taxed and tested until March 2013

£450 ONO

Please contact Erica on
07719355330 for further details

For Sale

ELECTRIC 'FLAME EFFECT'
STOVE HEATER

Black, stands 21" high,

Hardly used.

£49 ONO

Tel. Bridget on 821462

HENS FOR FREE

8 x assorted colour hens
& 1 x large black cock
(can be split up)

Ring 821 367



For Sale

1000 Spanish natural slates, all pre- holed.

Contact Danny on 07919335744

FREE to good home

Cross trainer/clothes horse



TV Cabinet



Contact Zoe on 821 454.

For Sale

Heatrae Sadia Unit

212 litres

£1,000 new! Sensible offers please

Grundfos Central Heating Water Pump

In great condition

£225 new, will accept £90

New Wilo Water Pump

£50

Large Red Multi Fuel "esse"

In great working order

£250

10 Paving Slab Moulds Antique Slab Style

£70

New Cream Tiled Fire Surround with

Matching Hearth

£50

Contact Trish (821 424)

Special Refuse Collection

The next collection of items will be on

Tuesday 11 December.

Items must be pre-booked by telephoning

Orkney Islands Council on 873535.

All items for the January 2013 Review should be received by
The Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Thursday 27 December 2012, 5pm.**

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