

# Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

# REVIEW

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"We are sure that everyone in the community would like to join with us in the Community Association to extend our warmest thanks and best wishes to Ian and Chris Glen for their hard work in bringing us the monthly Review for the past few years. We appreciate their commitment and wish them both well.

We would also like to welcome Kayleigh as our new Editor and wish her all the best in this, her first issue, and for the future. Welcome aboard, Kayleigh!"

Michelle Koster

## Future Health Care Vote

The result of the recent postal vote on future health care is now in, with 70% of votes returned by the 22 December deadline voting in favour of Option B, which was for a GP-Community Nurse model for Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay. This is similar to what is already in place in our community, but involves recruiting a permanent, resident GP for our islands, although he or she would spend two days each week working in the Heilendi Practice in Kirkwall - our Community Nurse would provide the cover while the GP is working on the mainland. Emergency/Out-of-Hours Care will be assisted by trained 'second responders'.

In total, 123 voting slips were returned by the deadline. Two votes received after the deadline were not counted. Option A received 30% of the votes.

Option B was due to be presented to NHS Orkney's 'Corporate Management Team' on 18 January, but we are yet to hear the outcome of this meeting. It is now in the hands of NHS Orkney to implement this model; We trust that NHS Orkney will implement this preferred model, not only for the benefit of our community, but also from their own financial perspective.

Richard Tipper  
REWG Community Council Chairperson

## Accommodation

Economy B&B with Rick, Barbara and kids in Brora, within easy reach of the ferry.

From £15 per night.

Telephone: 01408 621371  
E-mail: barbara.cass@btinternet.com

## Community Council Meeting

The Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council meet on Saturday, 5 February 2011 at 10.15am in the GP room at the Rousay Community School. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings.

## What's On

### Tuesday 1st.

⇒ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8.00pm

### Thursday 3rd.

⇒ Mobile Library

### Friday 4th.

⇒ Burns Supper, School, 8pm start

### Saturday 5th.

⇒ REWG Community Council Meeting, School, 10.15am

### Monday 7th.

⇒ Youth Club

### Saturday 12th.

⇒ Church Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

### Sunday 13th.

⇒ SWRI Lunch, The Taversoe, 12.30pm for 1.00pm lunch  
⇒ Kids' Movie Afternoon, School, 2pm (younger children) & 3.30pm (older children)

### Monday 14th.

⇒ Youth Club

### Saturday 19th.

⇒ REWDT & REWIRED Board Meetings, School, 10.15am  
⇒ Church Service, St. Mary's Chapel, Westness, 11.30am  
⇒ Generation Game, The Restaurant, 8.00pm

### Sunday 20th.

⇒ Rousay Gun Club (League Shoot), Quoy Grinnie, 1.00pm

### Monday 21st.

⇒ Youth Club

### Saturday 26th.

⇒ Church Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

⇒ 'Burke and Hare', School, 8pm

### Monday 28th.

⇒ Youth Club

## Rousay SWRI

A big thank you to Paul Sharman for his interesting, illustrated talk on the 'Jaresh Hinterland Survey'.  
The SWRI raised £47 for the Orkney MacMillan House during the evening.



Just a quick note to remind members who returned their menus that  
lunch has been booked at the Taversoe for Sunday 13 February 2011.  
Please meet in the bar at 12.30pm for 1pm lunch.

The SWRI would also like to thank everybody who came along and supported the Christmas Bazaar.

The SWRI raised £89.35; RNLI approximately £80.00; Triangle Club £165.00; and Youth Club/Blue Peter Appeal £149.53.

The winner of the "How many blankets has Marion crocheted?" competition was: 1st George Muirhead; 2nd Muriel Marwick The answer was **264**. If anybody has unwanted wool, Marion would be happy to receive it.

The **Orkney Library** has a new online reading group. They will put the books on the mobile bus for us and we can then read them at our own pace and then enter our review online.

### ***At Home with Faber***

An online reading group offering people of Orkney the chance to read and discuss the best in new and classic fiction from Faber and Faber. They supply the books and you tell them what you think about them on the blog. No meetings, no deadlines, no hassle. If anyone would like to get involved,

email: [reading.group@orkneylibrary.org.uk](mailto:reading.group@orkneylibrary.org.uk) or telephone Stewart on 01856 873166

Here is a link to the Faber and Faber blog site: <http://athomewithfaber.blogspot.com/>

### **GENERATION GAME**

at THE RESTAURANT  
on FEBRUARY 19th at  
8.00pm

Hot dogs and burger rolls.

£5.00 per person

Raffles



### **Church Services**

in Church Centre, 11.30am

Saturday 12th Feb      Quinennial visit

Saturday 26th Feb      Martin Prentice

Everyone welcome.

### **Church Service**

Service at  
St Mary's Chapel, Westness,  
on Saturday 19 February  
at 11.30am.

All welcome.

## **VISIT OF CRUISE LINER**

Rousay is getting a visit from "*THE SPIRIT of ADVENTURE*", a small liner with a capacity of 350 people on Friday 27th May. She is due to anchor at approx. 7am and leave again at approx. 5.30pm.

The RNLI have been asked to do snack type food for them, this will be at Taversoe and the Restaurant. We are asking for volunteers to help us that day at both places it will probably be shift work. If you are able to lend a hand for a few hours that day please let Jill (293), Shelagh (283) or Itha (239) know.

For the same day we plan to have a craft exhibition in the Heritage Centre and also small gifts, cards etc for sale in the craft shop. If anybody has things to display or for sale please contact Itha.



# Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust



## UPDATES ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

### Development Plan

A draft of the Trust's revised Development Plan will be presented at the next REWDT board meeting on 19th February 2011. This will take into account all of the information received from the community at the Open Day, from the recent Community Survey undertaken by Highlands and Islands Enterprise [HIE] and from communications from members of the community to directors or employees.

The Development Plan will be reviewed by the Board and, once any amendments have been agreed and incorporated, the Development Plan will be published.

### Community hall turbines

We are getting close to the proposed installation of the 3 x community hall turbines and soon as we have final confirmation of dates from B J Rendall these will be made available.

### Broadband and Wi-Fi access at Community Halls

We have recently secured funding for the installation of Broadband wi-fi at each of the community halls. The funding provides for installation, phone and broadband fees for a year, the provision of a laptop and printer in each location as well as training for those who would like it. It is hoped that both residents and visitors will benefit from using the facilities.

This project is in its early stages and there are still a few administrative t's to be crossed and i's to be dotted. As soon as we have a date for installations these will be published.

### Company Office at the Manse, Rousay

Because of the increasing number and complexity of projects, and of the related administration and accumulation of key documents, the Trust (together with its subsidiary REWIRED) has rented two rooms on the first floor of the Manse [Church Centre] on Rousay for a company office. This will also facilitate more effective liaison between Trust employees who currently all work from home.

A broadband BT hub [which will provide wi-fi access throughout the building] is to be installed and a grant has been obtained to purchase necessary furnishings and fittings. The office should be up and running quite soon and regular opening times, during which members of the community can phone or just drop in, will be arranged.

### Affordable Warmth

See the separate Powerdown item in this Review.

### Community Turbine project on Kingarly Hill

See the separate REWIRED item in this Review.

*Regular updates about the Trust will be posted at the usual communication points including the REWDT web site [www.orknycommunities.co.uk/REWDEVTRUST](http://www.orknycommunities.co.uk/REWDEVTRUST), community notice boards and the Eynhallow.*

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## AFFORDABLE WARMTH PROJECT

In these cold mid-winter months, now is the ideal time for those of you who have them installed to get yourselves reacquainted with your OWL Energy Monitors. Along with everything else in these straitened times, the price of electricity is on the increase (from 6 – 8%). Every single unit you use is going to cost more so keeping an eye on your monitor is even more important. Remember that it's there to assist you in identifying where you might be able to make small (or even big) changes to your pattern of consumption that will help you save money.

*If any of you discover that your monitor is blank, try changing the batteries in either or both the receiver or transmitter (which is attached to the cable adjacent to your meter).*

**Problems? Contact Rachael Harris (Assistant Powerdown Officer) Tel: 821 367**

Many of us are awaiting our insulation installations from RDI Services, following the Home Insulation Scheme survey carried out by our own John McInnes. Unfortunately neither John nor the Development Trust is in any position to influence RDI Services with their installation timetable. It seems we are all at the mercy of the delays they seem to have experienced during the recent bout of bad weather. However, it may help our combined cause if those of us waiting to hear from RDI Services were to contact them to find out when they are due to come.... Their telephone number is on the letter you should have been sent from RDI Services.

## REWIRED Limited

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### Kingarly Hill community wind turbine

The turbine project is still on target, despite news about the Feed in Tariff payments (FiTs) – the Scottish Government's highest level of payment to renewable energy producers – not being available for projects that have had government grant funding. Thankfully, the Big Lottery now intends to make its £400,000 grant available to the Trust, over 5 years, for approved projects that would have been funded by income from the turbine. Net income from the turbine itself will, however, now be reduced in the early years of operation because of our having to repay an additional £400,000 borrowed via a commercial loan. These changes in funding arrangements will have implications for the Trust's revised Development Plan.

We have now entered into an invitation to tender process, and are hoping to announce the successful contractor for building the access track to the turbine very shortly.

You may have seen activity on the hill before Christmas, with the completion of successful topographical survey and soil and geology surveys. We were the people in the reflective jackets, trudging up the hill in the snowstorms!

We are a fully funded project and we are still planning on a September 2011 commissioning date.

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Islands Renewable Energy Development Limited (t/a REWIRED) is a company limited by shares and a wholly-owned trading subsidiary of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust  
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# Burns Supper and Dance



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Rousay School  
 Adults £8 and Primary School Children £4  
 The Haggis will be piped in at 8pm  
 Dancing to the Woods Family Band



## Rousay Gun Club



The 2011 shooting season is now off to a resounding start and the Gun Club has already welcomed 3 new members to our numbers, including our first non-Rousay resident. Mellissa Thomson from Eday had joined our Club to help with her training for the Island Games in June, at which the two Michelles (Cook and Koster) will also be representing Orkney.

The next League shoot will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Quoy Grinnie at 1pm.  
 If you would like to try clay pigeon shooting, please contact Michelle on 821420.



### Islands View Surgery

Office Opening Times

Monday	0900 - 1230	
Tuesday	0900 - 1130	1630 - 1830
Wednesday	0900 - 1130	1730 - 1930
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	0900 - 1130	1530 - 1730
Saturday	0900 - 1130	
Sunday	Closed	

Telephone: 01856 821265

### ORKNEY PLUMBING SERVICES

Call Andrew  
 01856 876998  
 07824382513

### Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday February 1st 8pm

Free Entry  
 Curry Supper  
 Snowball Jackpot

### Youth Club

To be held on the following dates throughout February:  
 7th. 14th. 21st. 28th.

If you would like to receive your Review via e-mail,  
 and get it faster than the paper copy, then e-mail:

[kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk](mailto:kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk)

And you will be added to the mailing list.



The date for the  
**REGATTA**  
 this year is 25th JUNE

# FILMS

We have a licence to show movies in the green room at the School now and intend to show some in February:

We are showing films for kids again on Sunday 13th February.

The first to start at 2p.m. which will be suitable for all ages.

A second film will then start at 3.30p.m. and will only be suitable for older kids.

Details of the films will be on a poster nearer the time.

There will also be a movie showing on Saturday 26th February.

*Burke and Hare* (cert. 15) is the name of the film and the showing will start at 8p.m.

Details will be on a poster nearer the time.



## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library next visits Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre on Thursday 3 February.

Last year we held a competition for people to make a pony to display at their road end etc., and visitors voted for the winner. This year we are making it a **VIKING THEME** anything to do with Vikings this is to tie in with the Viking festival that is to be held in Wyre on Sat 16th July (THE TALL SHIPS weekend). Again to be made of stuff lying around.

More details and dates of display at a later date.



## “Housing in the Isles”

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Event



Does your island need:

...more housing?

...less housing?

...better quality housing?

...housing to attract new people to your community?



There will be a Workshop on Friday 4 February, 12.00pm-5.00pm, at the School, giving you the opportunity to have your say.

There is no need to book - just turn up and tell us what you think the key housing issues for your island are.

All items for the March 2011 Review should be sent to the Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Friday 25 February 2011**.

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