

MATT & GILL'S WEDDING

Since our last foray into the hallowed portals of 'The Review' we have been bombarded by questions regarding our forthcoming 'DAY' so we have decided to allay some fears and answer a couple of questions by vent of another foray.

If we may again extend our invitation to any who feel the need to help us celebrate our wedding day. We are doin' the deed on the 31st July at 4.00 p.m. down at the Midhowe Cairn. The ceremony will be followed by food at about 5.30 or 6.00 p.m. and then dancing from 7.00 p.m. until the wee small hours.

The whole event is to take place in a Marquee pitched just west of the Cairn building at Midhowe by kind permission of Russell and Katheryn Marwick. Access to the event can be had via the middle road from Westness farm again by kind permission of Russell and Katheryn. There will be plenty of room for parking very close to the tent, but if folk are keen on walking down from the road then please feel free but be mindful that there is actually very little parking at the official parking area. We will be clearly marking the way to and from the cairn from the road just above Westness farm, hopefully this will deter any temptation to 'Off Road' on Russell's grass. Please be mindful that we are only able to use Midhowe because of the courtesy shown to us by Russell and Katheryn.

The venue will be fully equipped with a bar, toilets and electricity, we are planning to have a hog roast but there will be plenty of food for vegans and vegetarians in addition to other omnivorous selections, there will be other attractions in which revellers may participate.

We do not have a wedding list since we don't need any more ephemeral bruck to clutter our already cluttered space, but thanks for asking, just bring yourselves.

In addition to the hitching on the Saturday we thought that it would be nice to hold the postponed Gun Club open day on the Sunday at Quoygrinnie that's the 1st of August, this is ostensibly to use up any food left from the day before (if there is any) and will start at about 2 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

So, hope to see you all there, we will be the two nervous looking people at the front, I'm telling you this because we will be dressed up and you might not recognise us,

Regards,

Matt and Gill

HEN PARTY

Calling all ladies of the islands- I am having a bit of a get together on Wednesday 28th July. I have planned a boat trip (weather permitting) early that evening with spaces for 12 people - or a couple of trips if numbers increase. Then, afterwards from 8 p.m. at the "White Suite" Trumland Farm. A light buffet and snacks will be provided but please feel free to bring a bottle (or several). If you fancy the boat trip and want to book a place please ring me 821 293 -otherwise hope to see you sometime that evening.

Gill

**IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES OR IF YOU NEED AN
AMBULANCE TELEPHONE 888 000
BUT FOR FIRE, POLICE OR COASTGUARD CALL 999**

RETIREMENT

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the very generous gifts and cards I received on my 'retirement'. I was completely overwhelmed and almost rendered speechless! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching in Rousay, and have been fortunate to have worked alongside great teaching and support staff. I terminate my post in August, 24 years since I first took up the post of Head Teacher in Rousay. I now look forward to having more time to look after my home and family, as well as pursuing my neglected hobbies.

I wish Freida, the rest of the staff and pupils all the best for the future, and I am sure that everyone in Rousay School will continue to be hard-working, healthy and above all, happy.

Alison.



ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSV Action Earth Campaign (2010)

2010 is the **International Year of Biodiversity**. CSV's Action Earth campaign wants to empower people to take action in their community. To do this, we have grants of £250 to give to groups of volunteers who are carrying out practical environment projects in Scotland.

Our **SNH Biodiversity Awards** of £250 are available for practical conservation projects that improve or create habitats for wildlife or assist in the protection of Scottish species. Projects have included wildflower meadow planting, pond renovation, woodland clearances and wildlife area creation. Grants can be used to purchase plants, tools and materials or to cover volunteer expenses.

Please go to www.actionearth.org.uk for more information. You can download application forms or apply online. We do hope that you will be able to participate in the campaign which runs until 31st July 2010. If you have any questions about the campaign or any planned project please contact:

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ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Christina Cox, the Trust's Community Development Officer, report as follows:-

3 x 6kW COMMUNITY HALL TURBINES – The planning application for the Egilsay Turbine has been granted subject to conditions. A meeting with RSPB officers is planned early next week to discuss wayleave agreements. We await planning confirmation for Wyre and Rousay. Further updates will appear on the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre website orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust under Projects / Community Halls Renewables.

ROUSAY LAP – The second Rousay Lap is due to take place on Saturday, 28th August. More details will follow and our website will be updated regularly - orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust you will find the 'Rousay Lap' information by clicking the tab **Rousay Lap 2010**. You can now view information, map and profile of the course.

If anyone would like to help out on the day by setting out the course, marshalling, assisting with registrations and finishing times, soup and sandwiches, etc. just let a board member know.

Entry forms will be available from various locations including **Cycle Orkney** – Tankerness Lane and **K T Sports Intersport** – Albert Street – Kirkwall. You can also request entry forms by contacting Rousaylap@yahoo.co.uk or download them from our website orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust and clicking the tab **Rousay Lap 2010**.

HIE BASELINE DATA – you will recently have received short questionnaire commissioned by HIE. Thanks to all of you who have already completed and returned the survey. If you have not received or completed a survey yet; it is not too late!!! You can download a survey or complete online by going to our website www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust

Please take time to complete this form as we will use the data to complement our revised Development Plan. Your views really are important

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW – Many of you will remember that in 2007 after a consultation and prioritisation exercise we produced our first Development Plan for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre.

With many projects now under way it is now time for a review. We are planning to hold an informal open day in September, (date to be confirmed). The Development Trust will provide information on projects in progress and everyone is invited to share views and ideas. We will also be running a competition for a logo and a marketing slogan. Think Tesco – 'every little helps' or Guinness- 'good things come to those that wait'

To find out what we're all about and check up on project progress check out our website www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/devtrust



You may have seen the Keep Orkney Warm van on the islands or parked at the Rousay pier overnight, so you'll know that the insulation installations are well under way. By the end of June, 13 homes should have had insulation top-ups! John and Davey have also made a start, emptying the first lofts and storing loft contents safely. Please remember that if you do have stuff in your loft, we can help you get this down and stored and will be in touch as your own installation draws near.

We were notified of the details of the new Home Insulation Scheme by Changeworks, the operators of the Energy Savings Scotland Advice Centre (ESSAC), on 17 June, which heralded a swift recruitment exercise by the Development Trust, as we were given 5 working days to appoint a new Energy Adviser. Many thanks to all those who showed an interest in this post. John McInnes was appointed in the role and is now away for 3 weeks training in Inverness and

Edinburgh before commencing house calls across Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre on the 19th July.

The Home Insulation Scheme is open to all householders to provide a top-up of your loft insulation, free of charge if you already have some loft insulation, irrespective of the size of the loft. If your home is council or housing association owned, the Home Insulation Scheme people will make the local authority or housing association aware that the property needs insulation. Cavity wall insulation also forms part of the Home Insulation Scheme, and John will have more details when he comes back. For further information visit www.homeinsulationscheme.co.uk or the Energy Savings Trust website or call 0800 512 012. Of course, if you have just had Keep Orkney Warm round, you probably won't need anything further!

For those who have entered into an agreement with Keep Orkney Warm, where you need to make a contribution towards the insulation installation, you now have the choice of either continuing with that agreement, or to cancelling that agreement and waiting for a free insulation top-up through the Home Insulation Scheme. This should be in September/October time and well before the winter months set in. If you want to chat it over or need further information, please get in touch.

Matt Wigley, our Community Gardener and Project Co-ordinator for the allotment site and community garden at the school has this report ...

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN THINGY. (News from the ethereal Potting Shed.)

If any of you have dared to brave the weather you may have noticed that work has started on the Community Allotments adjacent to the west side of Pier houses. Further work will be carried out within the next week or so with the intention of allowing the plots to be let as soon as possible. Additional work to complete this section of the project will then be completed around the 'Allotmentees' as various criteria are met vis-a-vis planning permissions and funding. Letters regarding the rental of the plots will be received by the tenants of the housing trust very shortly.

In addition to the open plots we will be providing protected plots inside a large polytunnel. Permission to erect this has been sought and we will hopefully be getting the go ahead soon. A nice twist to this is that we have managed to source a larger tunnel than was first planned which will enable us to widen our initial brief to encompass residents away from the pier who are after a bit of hassle free tunnel space within a helpful community setting - "lets share the burden folks!"

Work on the community garden, which is to be sited at the school, will be started during the long summer break with the intention of having the heavy and disruptive work out of the way before the new term starts. Again, there are a few more backroom bits and incantations which need to be performed before work proper can begin.

Most projects of this type can be likened to the swan swimming on the lake, the top bit is serene and seemingly motionless but underneath the legs are moving like hell, we have had to do an awful lot of background work to get stuff moving but things are on their way.

See you about. Matt.

If you would like further details on the Powerdown Projects please contact Michelle on 821 420 or check out our website on

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust



ISLANDS OF CHANGE

Rousay Primary school pupils have been given a kit of hand held Global Positioning Systems and a digital camera as the last part of International Polar Year and is part of a large American-funded project entitled "Islands of Change". Schools in Barbuda (West Indies) inner New York City and Iceland are also joining in this project under the NABO (North Atlantic Biocultural Organisation) banner. Nine other kits have been given to Orkney schools. These kits can be used to record the historical, cultural and environmental heritage of the islands. Julie Gibson, Orkney's County Archaeologist stated: "Making and using maps to record our heritage is key to understanding past landscapes. I am looking forward to receiving a lot of new info from the kids". A quick demo was given by Dr Ruth Maher who is working with the Gateway team and follow up support is planned through Orkney College archaeology department with the help of colleagues in NABO.

Gateway to the Atlantic Project 2010

A field school combining staff and students from America, Bradford UK, and Orkney College is underway again in Rousay, under the NABO umbrella see <http://www.nabohome.org/>. This year the main excavations will be at South Howe broch, close to the Mid Howe chambered cairn and at Swandro, thought to be an Iron Age house site nearer to Westness. (Access down the usual path from the car park and then along the shore). The plan is to rescue information from coastally eroding sites enriching understanding about Iron Age life and society in Orkney and beyond to the wider North Atlantic.

Everyone is cordially invited to take a run down and see what's being discovered as it happens. There will be people on site Saturday through to Wednesday each week until about the 13th of July. A range of techniques including geophysics and examination of soil is being taught and applied to the sites. The first of the surveys is at Rinyo, behind Bigland, where the famous Neolithic village first dug in the 1930's will be subject to a magnetometry survey, at last it should be possible to tell how big the village is, and if there are other parts to it.

The team are particularly grateful to the Marwick and Tipper families at Westness and Bigland for their support for the work on their land.

Rousay Archaeology Day is on Saturday 10th July:

Experts will be on hand to talk about the Gateway project, including Steve Dockrill and Julie Bond from Bradford University. There will also be guided tours and demonstrations of some of the science behind the digging. Demonstrations in a marquee at the Westness site, will include:-

Ingrid Mainland – what can we learn from animal bones?

Dave Lawrence – a human bone expert "Dead men do tell tales!"

And not to forget some Living Archaeology: The internationally renowned **TimeZone Vikings** have been lured off course on their way to Shetland for the summer, to come to Rousay for the day. They will be exhibiting and making objects in the ancient way. Tony Sherratt says "We are bringing a lot of stuff with us for people to play with. Visitors can try spinning, grinding, making cords with a lucet, using a niddy noddy, ancient drilling, rope making, wick making. There will be a lot of other exhibition items they can handle.

"The Gateway to the Atlantic Project".

There will be a talk by Steve Dockrill, and others on Wednesday, 7th July 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the School. This will be a first report of findings, followed by a discussion about the future. All welcome.

Sponsors include Orkney Islands Council; Leader funding; Bradford University, City University of New York, Orkney College and NABO.

REW Development Trust News

Assistant Powerdown Officer (Part Time)

Hours: 10 per week Salary: £10.00 per hour

The Trust's Powerdown Officer (PDO) has recently been appointed to the additional new post of Turbine Development Officer (TDO) to work half-time on the installation of the 900 kW Community Wind Turbine Project.

The current PDO will retain overall control of our Powerdown initiative but will need to work fewer hours in this role. As a result, a vacancy has been created for an Assistant Powerdown Officer role to assist her for the remainder of the Powerdown initiative, which ends in March 2011.

The person appointed will be involved with and should aim to take responsibility for much of the day to day running of the following ongoing Powerdown activities:

- The Affordable Warmth project
- The Community Transport project
- The Re-use/Re-cycling/Waste Management project

The first project has substantial additional funding and is well advanced, but needs seeing through to completion. The latter two may require exploration of further opportunities for funding and have some no and low cost tasks needing to be completed.

For a full job-description and application form contact:

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Closing date: Friday 2nd July 2010 (5pm)

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ROUSAY GUN CLUB

The Annual Open Day on Sunday 20th June was rained off...or fogged off, anyway. Matt Wigley is planning an alternative...

The next league shoot will be held on Sunday 11th. July at 2 p.m. at Quoy Grinnie. If you would like to try clay pigeon shooting please contact Michelle on 821 420.



EGILSAY SUMMER DANCE

SATURDAY 3rd JULY
7pm at the Community Hall

Music by Hullion
Traditional Dancing
Buffet - Bar - Raffle
Adults £8 - Under 13s £4

Late ferry leaves Egilsay at 1.30am after the Dance

Returning to Wyre, Rousay, Tingwall
To book Ferry phone Tingwall Office 751 60

EVERYONE WELCOME
Look forward to seeing you there!

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/EGILSAY

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Surplus to requirements. Large, floor-standing Konica 3331 photocopier, in reasonable working order. Contact Rousay School to view, or for more details.

PORK FOR SALE

Available now 1/4, 1/2, whole pigs.
Butchered to your own requirements.
Traditionally bred.
Phone Colin on 821 372

STRAWBERRY TEAS

A grand total of £320.50 was raised at the Strawberry Teas. Thanks to all who came to support this effort, & to all who contributed to making the afternoon such a success.

ROUSAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who collected Tesco vouchers for our school. The total number we received was 4,415. An order has been placed for the following items:- Litter picker, Hippos for Loos, Double Oven Gloves, Plastic Measuring Jug, Digital Scales, Sports Timers, Hear Myself Sound Phone, Central Heating Thermometer and Kid K-NEX Discovery Building Set. This is a great boost to our school equipment.

WAGS - SWOP SHOP

Early Notice for September WAGS night. A chance for the Ladies to empty their wardrobes of clothes they may never wear. Swap Shop Night will be the first Friday in September. All ladies welcome. More info next month.



FOR SALE

Triple door pine wardrobe for sale. Hanging space is double wardrobe size with a double rail, the other third is shelved. In good condition. £50. For further details contact Ingrid on 821 342

TAVERSOE InnQUIZition

Tuesday, 6th. July 8 p.m.
Free Quiz & Snowball Jackpot

All items for the August Review should be sent to the Editor, Ian Glen, by the 25th. July, 2010. Ring 821 427 or email:

news@rousay.org.uk

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