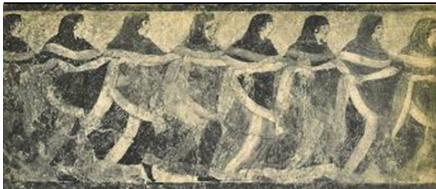


Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre REVIEW

 July 2014

Electronic Edition



Rousay Circle

Thursday
3rd July and 31st July
11.15 – 2pm
Church Centre

Shared lunch
Donations to Christian Aid

*To dance is to
be out of yourself;
larger, more beautiful,
more powerful.*



Service

at St Mary's Chapel,
Westness

Friday 11 July at 11.30.

All very welcome.

Rousay Triangle Club AGM

1.30pm on 23rd July 2014

at

Rousay Church Centre



Mobile Library

The Orkney Mobile Library
van will next visit on
Thursday 10 July.



Services for July in the Church Centre

Sunday 6th July, 11.30am
Local

Sunday 13th July, 7.30pm
Songs of Praise
Rev Roy Cordukes
Come and sing
your favourite hymn

Sunday 20th July, 11.30am
Local

Sunday 27th July, 11.30am
Local

Everyone welcome



Meditation

Tuesdays
10.15-11.15

During school break
venues may vary

Silence is not an absence but a
presence. Not an emptiness but
repletion - a filling up.

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday July 1st
Fun Quiz 8pm
Free Entry
Snack Mexican Supper
Snowball Jackpot £190



What's On at a Glance

Tuesday, 1st **July 2014**

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Thursday, 3rd

→ Rousay Circle, Church Centre,
11.15am - 2pm

→ What's in my Midden?, Midhowe car
park, 11.30am - 3pm

Friday, 4th

→ REWDT Swimming Pool Trip

→ What's in my Midden?, Rousay
School, 11.30am - 5pm

Sunday, 6th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Monday, 7th

→ Little General, Midhowe car park,
11.30am - 3pm

Tuesday, 8th

→ Little General, Midhowe car park,
11.30am - 3pm

Thursday, 10th

→ Mobile Library Van

Saturday, 12th

→ REWDT Swimming Pool Trip

→ Billy's Retirement, Taversoe, 2.45pm

Sunday, 13th

→ Songs of Praise, Church Centre, 7.30pm

Sunday, 20th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Wednesday, 23rd

→ RTC AGM, Church Centre, 1.30pm

Friday, 25th

→ REWDT Swimming Pool Trip

Sunday, 27th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Saturday, 29th

→ REWDT Swimming Pool Trip

Thursday, 31st

→ Rousay Circle, Church Centre,
11.15am - 2pm

Every Monday

→ Crochet Workshop, Craffhub, 2-4pm

Every Tuesday

→ Meditation, 10.15am - 11.15am

Every Wednesday (from 9th July)

→ Summer Holiday Art Club, Craffhub,
10am - 12 noon

The Taversoe

Summer 2014

Bar Opening Times

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

Food Served

Monday - Noon to 5pm*
Tuesday to Saturday - Noon to 9pm
Sunday - Noon to 7.30pm

*Should you wish to book a table on Monday evening please call and we will do our best to accommodate you
If the bar is empty at 10pm we reserve the right to close

July 18-21st

Carey will be away July Friday 18th until July 21st inclusive.
The Bar and Restaurant will be open normal hours.
We would appreciate if those wishing to eat could call to book.
Telephone 821 325



Strawberry Teas

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Strawberry Teas such a success - the ladies who baked the delicious cakes and those who served the tea and donated the raffles, those who helped put out the tables and clear away and all the folk who came and enjoyed the afternoon.

A grand total of £375 was raised for the Rousay Church.

Wanted

Does anyone have a baby bath and high chair that they are willing to lend from 28th July to 11 August?

Please phone Shelagh
821 283



Rousay Gym Supervised Hours

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

(if the gym is empty at quarter past the second hour we close)

Buddy System 08:30-17:30 Weekdays School Term

Additional Buddy System to cover part of the School holiday closures:

2nd July-18th July, weekdays 09:00-11:00

These sessions will be at the discretion of the School Janitor and will operate under normal buddy rules. Many thanks to Sally for enabling the gym to be available during this time.



If sessions prove popular it may be possible to provide similar sessions in the future.



Birthday Thanks

Edith Gibson would like to thank everyone who sent her lovely cards and gifts on her 90th birthday.

A big thank you to the Triangle Club, for the surprise party, and to all who made my day so special.

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Have a look at our Facebook page for the latest news and events:

www.facebook.com/AroundRousay

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

Notice

The Clerk for the REWGCC will be unavailable to deal with requests from the local community for the next three months. If you have any issues please contact Democratic Services direct or speak to your CC representative. Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact for OIC: - Democratic Service's Manager
Community Council Liaison Office
Orkney Islands Council
Council Offices
School Place
Kirkwall
KW15 1NY

A Happy Retirement to our Postman

The members of the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council would like to thank Mr Billy Kemp, our Postman, for his 36 years in the role and wish him a happy retirement from all his customers. His knowledge and helpfulness will be missed. The members would also like to express their own good wishes and hope he has an enjoyable time.



Come Celebrate the Occasion

All who would like to come along to mark the occasions of Billy's retirement, are invited to gather at the Taversoe Hotel on Saturday, 12 July 2014 at 2.45 for 3 p.m.



Thank You



Diana & Alan Compton (Midgard) would like to thank the person/s who left a bottle of wine on their door step on the 12 June 2014. As it was a windy day there was no label attached when they returned home, so unable to thank you personally. This gift was greatly appreciated.



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

The views and opinions expressed by individual directors and/or members of staff - past and present - do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board as a whole.

Official REW Development Trust news and information will always be announced through the Trust's official channels.

Richard Tipper
Chairperson
REW Development Trust



*From the community
For the community*



Stone Chippings Scheme

This Scheme has now closed to applicants. The board of directors are reviewing the applications against the agreed budgets, and all applicants will be contacted soon with details of their allocation, and anticipated delivery date.

Potential New Community/Business Centre

Following feedback from the survey into the potential for a swimming pool in Rousay, together with the responses in our 2012 community survey, comments and feedback from residents indicated a desire for a community facility which could be used as a community/business centre. This has encouraged the Board of the Development Trust to consider exploring the possibilities of the development of the site at Windbreck, at the bottom of the Turbine Access Track.

If the Development Trust were to construct a business and community centre at this site, we would like to hear from clubs, groups, businesses and individuals who would be interested in utilising accommodation provided by and for the community in a new, purpose built facility.

Please e-mail info@rewdt.org expressing your interest. Please note an expression of interest does not constitute a commitment at this stage.

Summer of Sports

The Trust has been successful with our grant application to BIG Lottery's 2014 Communities Fund, for £2,000 towards the costs of this year's Rousay Lap and to also offer all residents the chance to try out various sports that are currently not available on our islands.

For July, we are putting on free trips to Kirkwall & Stromness swimming pools. This includes the ferry crossing, a hire bus, and entry to the pools. Please see our poster on the next page, for more information.

Watch this space, and look out for posters advertising future sporting activities including exercise classes, traditional dance classes, and a Clay Pigeon Shooting taster day (in partnership with Rousay Gun Club).



Broadband

To assist domestic households who may seek to improve their broadband connection speeds, the Board have agreed to put aside a £2,000 fund, to meet the installation costs of faster broadband solutions, up to £199 per household until the end of March 2015. A grant application form can be found either on our website or by contacting the Office.

Grants, Loans and Education Bursaries

Grant/loan application forms are available to download from our website, or alternatively please contact the Office.

Starting an educational course? The Trust offers bursaries for training courses and qualifications. Application forms are available to download from our website, or please contact the Office.

Here2Help

The Trust currently provides a subsidy towards the cost of Age Concern Orkney's **Here2Help** service.

If you would like more information on this service, please contact Caron Jenkins at Age Concern Orkney - telephone 872438 or e-mail caron@ageconcernorkney.org.uk

Wi-Fi Centres

Our Wi-Fi centres at Rousay School, Egilsay Community Hall, and Wyre Community Hall are fully operational. Wi-Fi broadband access is available, together with a laptop computer and printer.

Office 'Drop-In' Times


Our 'Drop-In' times are usually 10am to 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It is better to give us a call before you come, to check we are not out on Trust business.

Contact Us

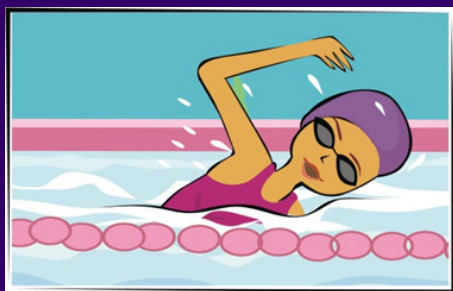
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Free Swimming Pool Trips

Friday July 4th - Stromness Pool
(swimming available from 13:30 to 15:30)

Saturday July 12th - Pickaquoy Centre Pool
(swimming available from 12 noon)

Saturday 19th July - Stromness Pool
(swimming available from 13:30 to 15:30)

Friday 25th July - Pickaquoy Centre Pool
(lane swimming available from 13:00,
general swimming available from 14:00 to 15:30)

Meet at Rousay Pier at 11:05 in time for the 11:15 ferry to Tingwall where a bus will take you to the pool and bring you back again in time for the 16:05 ferry back to Rousay.



To book your place please either e-mail Helen on helen@rewdt.org or phone the office on 821229



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What's in my Midden?

Free Event on Rousay

Archaeology's rubbish! A two day event on Rousay looking at ancient middens from the abandoned 19th century farms of Skaill and Brough. Help Orkney College UHI archaeologists sort and analyse the midden and discover what it can tell us about crofting life on Rousay.

Thursday 3rd July 2014 11.30am—3pm

Westness coastal walk

Join archaeologists on a tour of the spectacular archaeology along the coast at Westness and visit the ruins of Brough and Skaill farm. Artists will be with us throughout the day to help record and remember everything we see and do in creative ways. The day ends with a visit to the on-going excavation of a Neolithic chambered tomb at Swandro. The walk is quite physically demanding and involves walking down/up a relatively steep hill and over uneven coastal terrain. Meet at Midhowe car park for the start of the walk, and please note there is no facilities for its duration.

Friday 4th of July 2014 11.30am—5pm

Activity day in the school hall

Join us in the school hall for a day of archaeology and art activities, talks, and afternoon tea. Sort and analyse farm midden and help archaeologists piece together what life in the croft was like by studying the rubbish people left behind! Hear and see more about crofting life from the Orkney crofting museum. Discover more about Rousay's place names in a talk by Dr Sarah Jane Gibbon (at 3pm), and share stories and memories over afternoon tea.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please bring your own lunch and dress weather appropriate!

A free bus service is available for the event. Pick up from Rousay pier at 11.15am both days, drop off at Rousay pier 3.10pm (Thurs) and 5.10pm (Friday).

Contact alison.keir@uhi.ac.uk / 01856 569 347 for more info.



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Surveying the Landscape of the Little General

Free Event on Rousay

A two day event on Rousay investigating the legacy of the land clearance for sheep farming. Join Orkney College UHI archaeologists and local artists to discover and survey features in the clearance landscape at Quandale.

Monday 7th July 2014

and

Tuesday 8th of July 2014

11.30am—3pm

Meet at Midhowe car park

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

This event takes place outdoors and involves walking over uneven ground. The area under investigation is located in the fields adjacent to the main road. Those attending are advised to dress weather appropriate and wear sturdy shoes. Please bring your own packed lunch and note that there are no facilities nearby.

A free bus service is available for this event. Pick up from Rousay pier at 11.15am, drop off at Rousay pier 3.10pm.

Contact alison.keir@uhi.ac.uk / 01856 569 347 For more info.





The Craffhub C.I.C.

CRAFTHUB NEWS

The Craffhub has welcomed 2 new crafters last month. Sales are brisk, with lots of tourists around, enjoying our islands. *Sourin Style*, the Rousay Primary children's jewellery venture is proving very successful with folk buying their unique jewellery at The Craffhub. Have you popped in yet to see the *Sourin Style* display?

Max Fletcher, one of our crafters has brought in some new mounted photographs, including some of his new northern lights shot from earlier this year. Definitely worth a look!!

The Craffhub now has a wide selection of greetings cards for all occasions, from several of our crafters - Bridget Woodford, Chris Cox, Clive Temple, Joseph Hewes, John Vetterlien and Wendy Carroll. No need to travel to town, just pop along to The Craffhub.

WORKSHOPS AT THE CRAFTHUB

Crochet Workshop on Mondays, 2 - 4pm - £5 a session including materials and refreshments.
Tutor - Shelagh Grieve

Summer Holiday Art Club - During the Summer Holidays there will be Holiday Art Club on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 12 noon starting Wednesday 9th July. All children welcome aged 4 upwards. £5 a session, including all materials and refreshments. Any visiting children to Rousay are also welcome - please telephone The Craffhub to book your place.

PAPER MAKING - During August we are hoping to run a paper making workshop for adults. This will be in the evening, possibly one or two sessions, to explore how to make your own paper, which is unique and has many uses. Please telephone The Craffhub if you are interested in attending this class.

If anyone has any ideas for crafts or skills they would like to try or improve, contact The Craffhub and we will look into more workshops over the coming months.

Phone Hilary at The Craffhub 821 455 for further information or to book your place on these workshops.

SUMMER OPENING HOURS

The Craffhub will be open every day 11am – 5.30pm every day.



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Letter from School Place

There is no doubt that we do not receive the same level of ambulance cover here in the North Isles as is taken for granted in other parts of Scotland. Tragically, this has led to an unnecessary fatality, and for this reason I attended two meetings (one private, one public) in Stronsay with representatives of the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS). The importance of these meetings was highlighted by the fact that all three North Isles councillors were present. Unfortunately, Liam McArthur MSP, who was to have chaired the public meeting, was grounded in Kirkwall by fog, emphasising, perhaps, to the SAS reps one of the realities of living here in the North Isles. At both meetings I brought up the issue of the "Golden Hour", the crucial 60 minutes in which if appropriate medical care can be provided there is a much greater chance of saving critically injured patients and stroke and cardiac arrest victims. The SAS reps confirmed that on mainland Scotland road-based ambulances work to the target of reaching the patient within 8 (eight) minutes. By comparison, the fastest response the air ambulance helicopter has been able to achieve to Stronsay is 2 hours! Obviously, we cannot expect an 8 minute response time, but we must be guaranteed the Golden Hour. Our suggested solution to the SAS is an additional "bolt on" service of a fixed-wing aircraft based in Kirkwall. If necessary, I would support OIC working in partnership with the SAS to provide this. Finance should be no obstacle. This is not an area where we should be scrimping and saving money: this is about saving lives.

I went along to the "launch" (if that's the correct terminology for a terrestrial vehicle) of the new Sanday bus by ultra-distance runner, William Sichel (like me, a regular bus passenger). The Sanday bus service is operated by the Sanday Enterprises Community Interest Company, a subsidiary of the Sanday Development Trust. The new vehicle is a 14-seater with plenty of luggage space and a wheelchair lift, and it has been described as ushering in "a new era of public transport in Sanday".

Folk who travel with their cars into town may have noticed that the island signs at the head of each vehicle lane at Kirkwall Harbour have been fitted to taller poles to make them more easily visible when you join the queue at the back. I requested this a while back, and I have passed on thanks on behalf of all of us that this improvement has now been made.

At the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting, I was less than content with some aspects of the findings of the joint Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate inspection of KGS and the Papdale Halls (particularly the quality of care and support at the latter) and I voiced my feelings accordingly. I look forward to the next report being much better. Meanwhile, nobody can fault the excellent report Orkney College UHI (on whose management council I sit) received from Her Majesty's inspectors.

The opportunity to get my Union Jack waistcoat back out of the wardrobe arose when the First Minister came to launch (if that's the correct terminology for a prospectus) "Empowering Scotland's Island Communities", the Scottish Government's response to "Our Islands Our Future". It addresses most of our requests and adopts our concept of "island proofing", but disappointingly the promises it contains are all dependent on a "Yes" vote in September, even though most of them concern already-devolved matters and could be enacted now. I was not the only invitee to find it poor that no opportunity was provided for questions. Not that this hindered the intrepid Cllr Davidson, who appeared at the Copland's Dock opening ceremony sailing in an Orkney yole flying a banner with the question: "Alec beuy whars wer new ferries fur North - Sooth Isles. SNP isles get the lot." I don't know if he got an answer. Also I missed out on the distribution of free saltire badges—probably on account of my waistcoat.

Speaking of saltires, congratulations to the secondary pupils of Sanday School (ably assisted by teachers Mrs Butler and Dr Dixon) for winning the Junior Saltire Award for their "Fin" wave electricity generator. Once again demonstrating how our Isles' Junior High Schools are able to compete with the best at the national level, and win. They also collaborate, allowing my younger son to catch his first brown trout when pupils from Sanday joined Stronsay School pupils on a fishing trip to Korbister Loch organised by *pêcheur extraordinaire* Antoine Pietri.

I am pleased to say that Cllr Moodie's North Isles fixed links have been rejected by the Development & Infrastructure Committee (obviously they were convinced by my song!) and we are now "island-proofed" for the foreseeable future.

A potential threat to "island-proofing" in another sense is a recent planning application by a major national retailer. They deny they are planning to operate a home delivery service to the Isles, however, were they to change their mind, this could have a serious impact on our island shops. On the other hand, about half the ward constituents who have communicated with me about the matter have said they would welcome home deliveries. Given this demand, maybe island development trusts and local retailers should be taking pre-emptive action by getting together to see how home delivery services could be economically provided locally.

Other meetings I have attended in the last month include a "catch up" with Liam McArthur MSP, Licensing, Stronsay Parent Council and Sanday Community Council. I shall be out on Westray on the 23rd June for their community council meeting, and enjoying the Eday Gala Fun Day on the 6th July. If anyone wishes to see me while I am on their island, please get in touch.

The Council recess runs from the 14th July to the 22nd August inclusive. The next Inter-Isles Air Services Consultative Forum and Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings will be held on Tuesday 26th August, so if you have any transport issues please make contact with your community council transport rep well before then.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

West Manse, Sanday

stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk



Become a
REWIRED
director

REWIRED Limited manages the community turbine, which is the main source of income for the Development Trust. We are looking for an additional director for the REWIRED board.

If you would like to help to keep an income flowing into your community and can spare an hour or two, just five or six times a year, or would like to know more about becoming a director, please contact Michelle Koster (Turbine Manager), at the Office (821 229).

Surgery Opening Times (Tel.: 821265)

(Note: the Doctor will not always be present or available during these hours)

Monday	9:00-12:30	16:30-18:30
Tuesday	9:00-11:30	
Wednesday	9:00-11:30	17:30-19:30
Thursday	9:00-11:30	
Friday	9:00-11:30	16:30-18:30

If you require medical assistance in an emergency, please phone **999**. If you require urgent medical advice, and cannot wait until the surgery is open, please contact the Balfour switchboard on **888000** and ask them to page the Rousay GP.

If you need to order medication when the surgery is closed, you can leave a message on the answering machine, or e-mail us on **ork-hb.gp38084-rousay@nhs.net**

Please be as specific as possible about which medications you require, to prevent delays in ordering.

The Nurse is on Rousay Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She can be contacted directly on 821406.

Road Casualties June/July

PLEASE, would drivers be extra careful during the coming weeks when driving between approximately Cubbie Roo and the Rousay School, especially the straight stretch of road from Bellona down to the school where vehicles not uncommonly reach speeds close to 60 m.p.h.!

A large colony of Common Gull nest behind Bellona every year and the young birds are frequently to be found using the road to practice their lift off skills! In 2013, 23 of these young birds were flattened into the tarmac by passing vehicles. Other casualties included Oyster Catcher and larger gulls.



Thank you.
John Vetterlein (Springfield)
For the RSPB and others.

All items for the August 2014 Review should be received by
The Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Sunday 27 July 2014, 5pm.**

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