

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre



REVIEW



March 2014

Electronic Edition

Rousay Community Association

AGM for Rousay Community Association will be held on Monday 10th March in the GP room at the school. This is a plea for assistance and for people to show commitment to the association.

Unfortunately, the number of members are falling away and if we don't recruit enough new members then the Association is going to come to an end. Please come along and help support your community.



Tuesday 11th March 2014

Games and Quiz Night (Speaker arranged cancelled)

Refreshments served

8pm at the Community Hall

Competitions

1. A bowl of bulbs
2. A photograph of a Rousay event

Mobile Library

The Orkney Mobile Library van will next visit on Thursday 20 March.



Rousay Circle Dance

Thursday, 13 March
Church Centre
11.15-2 pm

Shared lunch
Donations to Christian Aid

Everyone welcome

Services at the Church Centre

11.30am

Sunday March 2nd	Local
Saturday March 8th	Roy Cordukes
Sunday March 16th	Local
Sunday March 23rd	Local
Sunday March 30th	Local

All welcome

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday March 4th

Fun Quiz 8pm
Snack Supper
Snowball Jackpot (£154)

What's On at a Glance

March 2014

Sunday, 2nd

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Tuesday, 4th

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Sunday, 8th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Monday, 10th

→ Rousay Community Association
AGM, Rousay School

Tuesday, 11th

→ SWRI, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday, 13th

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

Saturday, 15th

→ "Pop Up" Night, The Pier Bar,
7pm for 7.30pm

Sunday, 16th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
→ Sunday Roast, The Taversoe,
12.30pm

Monday, 17th

→ Crochet Taster Session,
The Craffhub, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday, 19th

→ Drawing Taster Session,
The Craffhub, 10am-12noon

Thursday, 20th

→ Orkney Mobile Library Van
→ Springing Singingling Ladies,
The Craffhub, 8pm

Sunday, 23rd

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Wednesday, 26th

→ Rousay Allotment Association,
Church Centre, 8pm

Thursday, 27th

→ Springing Singingling Ladies,
The Craffhub, 8pm

Sunday, 30th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Pier Bar Opening Times:

Monday	4.30pm to 11pm
Tuesday	4.30pm to 11pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	4.30pm to 11pm
Friday	4.30pm to 11pm
Saturday	3pm to 11pm

“POP UP” Night

A “Pop up” night is being held on Saturday 15th March.
7pm for 7.30pm.

In order for the Chef of the evening to cater for the correct number of diners,
please can you let Carolyne know if you will be attending.

Tel: 01856 821 359

The Taversoe

Winter Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday - 12 noon to 2pm
& 5pm to 11pm

Saturday - 12 noon to 11pm

Sunday - 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen last orders Wed-Sat 9pm & Sun 7.30pm

If the Taversoe is empty at 9pm we will close

Food Service

If you'd like to come in for food we would love to see you.
We would very much appreciate it if you could give us a
quick call first so we could prepare and arrange
additional staff if required.

Many thanks, Carey

Taversoe - 821 325

Sunday Roast

March 16th 12.30pm

Traditional Roast Lunch

Booking much appreciated

Tel: 821 325

Sharpening Service



Kitchen knives and tools need a
regrind and sharpening
Call Vince on 821 430

Small knives • Large knives • Scissors
• Lawn mower blades (flymo type) •
Wood chisels • Garden shears

Springing Singing Ladies



Thursday 20th March
&
Thursday 27th March

8pm, The Craffhub



Meditation

Tuesdays
10.15
General Purpose Room
Rousay School

All welcome



The Craffhub c.i.c.

CRAFTHUB NEWS

Thank you to all those who joined the fun down at The Craffhub last month for the charity fund raising event Ramp Up the Red. An amazing £132.20 was raised with donations and profit from sales for The British Heart Foundation.

The Craffhub website is now almost there, with PayPal links being set up to facilitate payment for online orders. www.craffhuborkney.co.uk If there are any crafters who wish their products to be included on the website, please contact me by email craffhub@btconnect.com

NEW STOCK

The Craffhub now has lots of new stock in. Beautiful gemstone necklaces, knitwear or a batik bag would make a perfect local hand made gift for Mothers Day. Pop along to take a look.

EASTER RAFFLE

Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet? The Craffhub Easter raffle - £1 a ticket. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win a Sheila Scott original painting.

ART CLUB

Art Club takes place at The Craffhub on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 – 4.30pm for children aged 4 – 11 years old. All welcome. £2.50 a session including refreshments and materials.

CRAFTERNOON

Crafternoon takes place at The Craffhub on Friday afternoons from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Come along to learn new skills and share ideas. All welcome. £1 a session including refreshments.

NEW WORKSHOPS AT THE CRAFTHUB

2 new workshops are planned for March at The Craffhub. Learn a new skill. Beginners or advanced welcome.

The first is a Crochet Taster Session on Monday 17th March, 2 – 4pm - £5 including materials and refreshments. Tutor – Shelagh Grieve

The second is a Drawing Taster Session on Wednesday 19th March, 10 – 12 noon - £5 including materials and refreshments. Tutor – Joseph Hewes

Phone Hilary at The Craffhub 821455 for further information or to book your place on these workshops.

MARCH OPENING HOURS

During March The Craffhub will be open as follows :-

Monday- CLOSED

Tuesday - 1.30 – 4.00pm

Wednesday -1.30 – 5.00pm

Thursday -1.30 – 4.00pm

Friday -1.30 – 4.00pm

Saturday + Sunday – CLOSED



With Funding From Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust

Rousay Allotment Association



Allotment news

The weather at last is starting to be more settled and allotment members are starting to prepare for the new growing season.

Allotment meeting

There will be a meeting for all allotment plot holders and associate members on Wednesday March 26th at 8pm at The Church Centre. If you are a member please try to attend as important decisions need to be made for the coming season.

Pots

We have a large quantity of second hand pots available at the allotment, as well as other items for sale such as seed trays, cloches, sticks etc. Prices available on request.

Compost

Compost is available in large bags, which can be kept and refilled. If you are an associate member of the Allotment Association you can take advantage of the compost. The large bags are £15 each including £5 for cost of bag, which you can return for refill. Delivery can be negotiated, phone me for details.

Equipment Hire

Members can hire the equipment from the Allotment Association. The prices are as follows:

Rotovator	£10 a day plus fuel used	If you require someone to do the rotavating for you this will be £10 an hour for the man.	
Strimmer	£2.50 an hour plus fuel	Trailer	£10 a day or £2.50 an hour.
Shredder	£10 a day	including a 15m extension cable, goggles and collection bag	

To book hire for any of the equipment contact Hilary on 821400

Happy gardening!



Orkney Connect

Further to the information that we made available in The Review last year about improving broadband provision. We have now completed trials of our distribution network and are pleased to announce that we are going to be able to offer broadband services to properties on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. We are in the process of building our network and the first connections will be available in the next couple of months. We will be covering all areas later in the year.

Broadband packages start at £19.99 per month and will be available anywhere, even where other suppliers are unable to offer services.

If you would like to sign up now, or to be notified when services become available in your area please visit our website and register www.orkneyconnect.com



*From the community
For the community*

Swimming Pool Feasibility Study

We have appointed consultants ('Alan Jones Associates') to conduct a feasibility study on the possibility of building a swimming pool and leisure complex (the joint-second-place project identified from our Community Survey). We will soon be sending a survey to the community, and we hope that you will help us to assess demand for this project by completing this short survey.

Infrastructure and Innovation Fund (Under CARES)

The Development Trust has been awarded £39,075 to test technology to introduce a new electrical demand when our turbine is being curtailed. We are now working on getting a feasibility study carried out so that we can put this in place as soon as possible, as the project has a very tight timescale.

RSPB Summer Festival

The Trust is currently working with the RSPB to hold a summer festival on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre, on 14-15 May.

The festival's activities will include guided tours with expert wildlife guides. For more information on the festival, go to www.orkneynaturefestival.org

Community Broadband Fund

BT has finally announced the post codes where they will be putting super fast broadband. We now know that this will not include Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre.

However, with that news comes the support of the Community Broadband Fund. Information we have started gathering will go towards submitting an application for funding, but the more information we can get, the better our application. Therefore, if you are yet to complete the broadband speed form, please will you do so as soon as possible. We are already inviting tender applications for a technical study into what infrastructure we will need to be able to provide superfast broadband across our islands.

The form can be found on our website under 'Current Projects', and then go to 'Superfast Broadband'. Alternatively, please contact the Office for a form.

'Preferred Contractors' Wanted

A position(s) has arisen for preferred contractor services working for Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust.

Duties will initially include general maintenance of the Community Garden at Rousay Community School to include fixing fences, painting fences and the shed, mending the poly-tunnel, deck cleaning, maintenance and common area weeding of the school garden.

Other duties may include general maintenance at the Rousay Allotment Association site in the Pier area (including repairs to the poly-tunnel); and any other future project sites, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Suitable candidates must be able to attend the Development Trust project sites on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre to perform these and other tasks.

No formal qualifications are required but the successful applicant will be expected to complete manual work outdoors. Necessary training can be provided if more complex tasks are required.

The successful contractor(s) will be paid upon receipt of invoices, within 30 days of the date of receipt. This position is 'ad hoc' and therefore the successful applicant will be registered as self-employed.

The successful contractor(s) can expect to earn an hourly rate of £10.00 per hour (please note the Development Trust is not VAT-registered).

For more information and an application form please:

- call the REWDT offices on 821 229, email info@rewdt.org
- or visit the website at www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 5pm on Friday 14 March 2014.

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, where 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

Telephone: 01856 821229

E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Website: www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rewdt 

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Letter from School Place

A new record on shortness of meetings was achieved at the Special General Meeting on the new hospital, which was all over in less than three minutes. I hope Kyle Brown (from Sanday), who was in the public gallery on work experience with Radio Orkney, did not get the impression that all Council meetings are like that (if only!).

At the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting (wearing my Sanday Community School hoodie*), I voiced my concerns over underspends in education. If a budget has been set, there is nothing virtuous in the department not spending it, especially when schools are under pressure from the introduction of the Curriculum for Excellence and the need to obtain resources for the new examination system.

A seminar was held on the issue of lengthening the weekend at home for Isles' KGS pupils. It is a difficult circle to square, with many knock-on consequences. The various options will soon be going out for consultation. The same afternoon, I was given my own personal tour of the new Papdale Halls. They are splendid accommodation, far better than any I experienced at university.

At a special Policy & Resources Committee meeting on the setting of the 2014/2015 Council budget, I collaborated with Cllr Russ Madge on an amendment requesting, among other things, additional funding for the internal ferry and air services. We ended up being in a minority of two! We also supported Maurice Davidson's and Owen Tierney's amendment to scrap a £65,000 cut to the ferry budget, but that garnered no support from other councillors either.

At our normal Policy & Resources Committee meeting, I advocated that OIC should provide a "special collection" for postal votes to give voters longer to consider who to vote for (and candidates longer to canvass them). It was agreed to look into this in time for the General Election in 2015.

Along with community council transport reps from the North and the South Isles, I attended the Inter-Isles Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forums. In line with the public's preference, it was agreed to base next year's refit timetable for the outer North Isles on the draft made widely available before the meeting (which itself was based on the two-boat timetables used during the dispute last year). An attempt is also going to be made this year to improve the signage at Kirkwall pier.

"Your Islands Your Future" has now been published and was distributed in The Orcadian of the 13th February. For those of you who don't read The Orcadian, copies are available on request from OIC. Public events will be held in the coming weeks. All Isles' community councillors have been invited to attend a meeting specially for them on the 3rd March, held at a time to fit in with the transport links. (At my request, OIC will cover the community councillors' travel expenses, and they'll get lunch.) You are encouraged to contact them with any of your thoughts and ideas to raise at the meeting. Other ways you can contribute are:

- via email to: ourislands@orkney.gov.uk
- using Twitter [@islands2014](https://twitter.com/islands2014)
- by post to: Our Islands Our Future, OIC, School Place, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1NY

This month I have attended Sanday's community council meeting, but couldn't make it to North Ronaldsay's (because of the short notice) and had to miss Shapinsay's because it was rescheduled. Bad weather prevented me getting to Stronsay's parent council meeting, but I did go to Sanday's.

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

* Hoodies from other Isles' schools also welcome – size provided on request

Rousay War Memorial

Quotes are requested for the following work to be carried out on the Rousay War Memorial, for this the centenary year of the First World War.

- Lightly clean memorial and paths to remove algae, moss and debris, being sure not to damage the stonework. Biocides are unlikely to be required.
- Fill cracks in cement (on pedestal, path and boundary wall) using a mix of similar colour and hardness. Where larger repairs are required consider casting sections in situ.
- Repoint stone boundary wall using lime mortar.
- Remove vegetation from boundary wall, ensure wall is clear of debris to allow adequate vegetation.
- Repaint cast-iron boundary railings.
- Ensure entrance gate opens easily.

Quotes to arrive no later than Saturday, 29 March 2014, addressed to the:-

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council
c/o Mrs D Compton
Clerk
Midgard
Rousay
KW17 2PT

Egilsay War Memorial

Quotes are requested for the following work to be carried out on the Egilsay War Memorial, for this the centenary year of the First World War.

- Repoint carefully with lime mortar where necessary, using a carefully chosen mix.
- Carefully remove lichen, moss and grass, being sure not to damage stonework.
- Re-lay surrounding base, ensuring that there are adequate foundations to prevent subsidence, and adequate drainage arrangements to prevent water collecting (which leads to vegetation growth).
- Repair or relay cement paving.








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Special Refuse Collection

Tuesday 4th March 2014

To book domestic bulky items for collection, please contact Orkney Islands Council (873535).

<p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Little yellow steam cleaner Cleans carpets and all other types of floor</p> <p align="center">£30</p> <p align="center">Call 821 344</p>	<p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">'P' reg. Ford diesel Auto SleeperDuetto campervan</p> <p align="center">Phone: 821 221</p>	<p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Various kids bikes</p> <p align="center"></p> <p align="center">Bigland 821 244</p>
<p align="center">Things for Sale</p> <p align="center">Oval dining table & 6 chairs - £50</p> <p align="center">Computer desk- £10</p> <p align="center">Folding Canvas garden chairs NEW - £5 each</p> <p align="center">HP printer - £10</p> <p align="center">2 x telescopic fishing rods with reels - £10 each</p> <p align="center">3 x wooden kitchen stools - £5 each</p> <p align="center">Bar ceiling light with 4 halogen spot lights - £5</p> <p align="center">Call Wendy on 372</p>	<p align="center">Free to Collect</p> <p align="center">Silver colour TV stand with Glass shelf</p> <p align="center">Karen 821 498</p>	<p align="center">Free to Collect</p> <p align="center">Double Mattress</p> <p align="center">Good Condition</p> <p align="center">Paddy 821 234</p>
	<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Very large picture</p> <p align="center">£10</p> <p align="center">Tel. 821 424</p>	<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">20 garden gnomes needing new home</p> <p align="center">£20</p> <p align="center">Tel. 821 424</p>
<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Porcelain light shade x 2</p> <p align="center">£25</p> <p align="center">Tel. 821 424</p> <p align="center"></p>	<p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Half size fiddle, £25</p> <p align="center">Three seater cream settee, £45.00</p> <p align="center">Tel. 821 424</p>	
<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Large amount of 3x2 ft. Wooden mounted canvases</p> <p align="center">Ideal for painting on for the budding artist.</p> <p align="center">Also 2x2 ft canvases.</p> <p align="center">Tel. Trish 821 424</p>	<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Immaculate condition white wooden blinds x 5</p> <p align="center">Width 78.5 x2, plus 58 cm wide x 2, one 55cm wide</p> <p align="center">Tel. Trish 821 424</p>	<p align="center"></p> <p align="center">For Sale</p> <p align="center">Child's wooden rocking horse</p> <p align="center">£15</p> <p align="center">Tel. 821 424</p>



LONDON MARATHON 2014

On Sunday 13th April just 8 days before my 58th birthday I will be taking part in the London Marathon

My aim - to finish in one piece!!!

I am raising funds for Cancer Research UK
Every penny is truly appreciated and if you wish to donate please go to my fundraising page

www.justgiving.com/Christina-Cox2013

Many, many thanks

Christina Cox

TV Documentary

Egilsay Community Association received the following request via our website -

Glasgow based Timeline Films makes the television series Grand Tours of Scotland for the BBC. This year, we are producing a series of island "Grand Tours" and would like to visit Orkney, and Egilsay in particular.

As part of the series research, I was wondering who I could speak to about life on the island: what it's like to live in a small community, and the secret of Egilsay's survival when so many other islands have been evacuated. It would be good to speak to someone who also has a knowledge of island history, culture and traditions.

I would be very grateful if you could me in touch with anyone who would like to contribute to our programme.

Best Wishes,
Paul Murton, Producer/Director
Timeline Films, 16 Woodside Crescent, GLASGOW, G3 7UT
0141 255 0525
paulmurton@timelinefilms.co.uk



We have already been in touch with Paul and provided some contacts but if anyone has any information that would be helpful or would like to talk to Paul direct please contact via the above otherwise please drop me an email christinacox21@hotmail.com

Many Thanks
Christina Cox

All items for the April 2014 Review should be received by
The Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Thursday 27 March 2014, 5pm.**

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