



The long wait for news about our applications for funding from the Climate Challenge Fund is now over and we have heard that our Community Gardening project was successful in gaining £69,185 of funding. This means that our accessible Community Garden adjacent

to Rousay School and our allotment site near to the houses at the pier can proceed. Our first stage is to procure the necessary land and employ a Community Gardener/Project Co-ordinator to assist with the development of this project as there is now a great deal to do in a relatively short time. We will begin with the ground works, fencing, purchase of materials, water and power connections followed by the 'retail therapy' of purchasing all the necessary tools, implements, sheds, and the two polytunnels to get the gardens up and ready for planting. We will also be getting an allotment society together in the next couple of months. We realise this means we will be into the summer months but we have had to wait for the news of the funding before progressing this project in any way at all.

Unfortunately we weren't successful in securing funding for the Carbon Neutral Transport project, or the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) project. We will now be looking at alternative ways of progressing these projects either through low/no cost means or by seeking alternative funding.

Not getting the RRR funding means that we won't be able to fund the composting bins for each household, as mentioned during our house visits as part the Affordable Warmth project. However, for those of you who are still keen to get a compost bin, Waste Aware Scotland sell bins at a subsidised rate of £8. Simply follow the links to "Buy your compost bin" on www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk or call 01786 468 248. We will also be arranging for the Master Composting Team to visit the islands as part of the Community Gardening project for advice on composting.

The Affordable Warmth Project is about to enter its next phase. We have visited 100 homes across the 3 islands. Of these, 8 homes have been referred for Stage 4 of the Energy Assistance Package which could qualify them for improved insulation measures and a central heating system; 32 homes have elected to proceed with insulation top-ups from Keep Orkney Warm and 75 homes are taking part in the Owl Electricity Monitor loan scheme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have participated in this part of the project. Saving on the cost of our fuel bills is important for all of us. If you have not taken up the opportunity of a full energy assessment, including thermal images, for your home and now feel you would like to do so, please contact me on 821 420.

Last week saw announcements from the Scottish Government that the Home Insulation Scheme would be rolled out to include the whole of Orkney. This could mean that insulation top-ups may be provided for free and I will be meeting with the Energy Savings Trust during the week commencing 26th. April to find out how we can use this to our benefit in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. It may mean another round of form filling, but we'll have to see how it pans out.

Also last week the Scottish Government announced a new Boiler Scrappage Scheme which will launch on 24th May. This will provide up to 5,000 households in Scotland with working "G-rated" boilers with a voucher worth £400 off the price of a new, modern Energy Saving Recommended (ESR) boiler. Changing to a new efficient boiler could mean a savings of around £235 on the heating costs of per year for a 3 bed house. For more information visit the Energy Savings Trust website or call 0800 512 012.

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AMBULANCE TELEPHONE 888 000
BUT FOR FIRE, POLICE OR COASTGUARD CALL 999**

ROUSAY, EGILSAY AND WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Are seeking a

Part – time Community Gardener / Project Co-ordinator

From 1 June 2010 to 31 March 2011

To help deliver their Powerdown Community Gardening Project.

This new vacancy has arisen for a temporary part-time Community Gardener / Project Co-ordinator to support the Community Powerdown Officer in the delivery of the Community Gardening Project. This project is funded by the Climate Challenge Fund and the post will involve practical work in establishing an accessible Community Garden. The role will include establishing fruit and vegetable plots in raised borders and a polytunnel on land adjacent to Rousay Community School and to facilitate other aspects of the project by providing advice and support through interactive open days for the community, school, and a new allotment group to be set up near to Rousay Pier. Applicants should have knowledge and experience of horticulture, experience of communicating effectively with people at all levels and be keen to be involved in community development.

The job holder will need to be flexible, highly motivated, work with minimum supervision and be based on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. Appropriate Health and Safety training will be provided. The successful applicant will be subject to Disclosure Scotland checks.

The post is funded for an average of 15 hours per week at a rate of £15 per hour, although flexible seasonal working will apply.

For an application form and job description please contact Michelle Koster on 01856 821 420 or email rewpowerdown@yahoo.co.uk or visit our website at

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust

Deadline for applications is the 7th May. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 24th May.



LOST

I have lent out a comedy DVD about Potato Delivery Men starring Johnny Vegas and I cannot remember who has it. Please could you give it to me on the boat. Cheers, Bob.

TAVERSOE InnQUIZition

Tuesday, May the 4th. @ 8 p.m.

Free Quiz
American Supper

YOUTH CLUB

Dates for May:- 10th., 17th., 24th. and 31st.

FRESH CUT PORK

Cut to your needs, (Boned & rolled or bone in). ¼, ½, or whole; chops, sausage, etc. at £4.20 per kilo (£1.90 per lb.) Phone Colin on 821 372 or mobile 07518 104 170

FOR SALE

20' Wooden boat, inboard engine, needs TLC. Comes with mooring. £200 / Compressor s/h £75 / B&D Bench grinder, £40 / Pedestal drill, £100 / Air tools, ½" gun, sockets, etc. £65 / Air Tools, Spray gun & Kero gun, £20.

For further details 'phone Colin on 821 372



“WE’RE GETTING HITCHED”

Matt & Gill of WigleyWoo are getting hitched on 31st. July, 2010 and would like to extend an invitation to everyone on the islands to attend if they so desire. Friends & relatives of residents are also welcome.

The Ceremony will take place @ 4 p.m. at Midhowe Broch.. Party 'till late/early at the same venue.

Help us to celebrate this special day.



RE-DEPLOYMENT OF HEADTEACHER TO ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Following the resignation of the head teacher, Alison Mainland, at Rousay School, Orkney Islands Council is re-deploying the head teacher from Flotta School into this position. Redeployment will take place at the beginning of the new school session in August 2010. This re-deployment brings many positive aspects, particularly the chance to have an effective hand over from the current head teacher to the new one.

Freida Napier, currently the head teacher at Flotta, is an experienced teacher and head teacher who has worked in Orkney for the last 2 years. She was the successful candidate in a rigorous recruitment and selection process just last year for head teacher of Flotta Community School. Freida came to Orkney from London where she gained a wealth of experience as a class teacher in challenging inner city schools, with particular knowledge and skills in support for learning needs. An active member of the management team, and parent council of a successful school, she was also leader of Literacy, PSHE, Maths and Science. Freida gained the head teacher qualification and was mentor for student and newly qualified teachers

From Shetland originally, Freida is familiar with island life, and has the experience of headship in two 'peedie' island schools in Orkney. Freida is an effective head teacher who is familiar with Orkney, the high expectations for children's education and is in a good place to continue the improvements as recognised by HMIe in their recent follow through report for Rousay. Freida recently bought a home in Kirkwall, where she appreciates being close to family, especially her two nephews. Excellent transport links to Rousay, means Freida will probably continue to commute to work.

Freida is delighted to have been offered the post as head teacher in Rousay and looks forward to meeting the pupils, parents and community over the next few weeks. This will give everyone the opportunity to begin to get know one another and air potential concerns. Given that this is a considerable change for everyone, it is important to do everything possible to make sure there is a smooth transition.

Orkney Islands Council would like to convey their gratitude and thanks to Alison Mainland for her dedication and commitment to the school and community of Rousay where she has been head teacher for a significant number of years. In this time, Alison has been involved in the extension of the school premises to the current learning and community environment which has enhanced the facilities for all users. She has also led the school through the inspection from HMIe and the then subsequent recent follow through inspection where the school was highly praised for the improvements in the last 2 years. We would like to wish Alison well in the future.

The Parent Council thought it would be useful to point out that as an employer, Orkney Islands Council can not legally require a head teacher to live in a particular place. The excellent transport links to and from Rousay allow staff to commute either way and with this staff have the flexibility of choosing where to live.

Another issue relating to the length of the day that a head teacher works was discussed and for clarity teachers have a contractual obligation to fulfill a 35 hours week but all of the hours do not need to take place at the school. If teachers wish to undertake some of their work in relation to planning and preparation at a time and place of their choosing then they can do so.

There will be an informal opportunity to meet Frieda Napier on the afternoon of Friday 28th May at Rousay School. The school will confirm details nearer the time.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either the school or myself.

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ROUSAY GUN CLUB

Rousay Gun Club are celebrating their hat trick of grant support with news that they have been successful in their bid for £9,700 from Awards for All Scotland for their Improving Performance and Safety project.

At the beginning of their project Rousay Gun Club was awarded £200 from the Rousay Community Association and £500 from the Community Council to go towards the project and we are very grateful to them both for their support in the early days.

The money has already been put towards 3 new electronic traps, and will fund 3 members of the club to be trained as Safety Officers. The aim of our club is to represent Orkney in off-Orkney competitions. These new traps, and the training, will mean we can continue to train and improve our performance as individual guns throughout the year.

The Club would all like to express their thanks to each of their funders. "Our success shows that, no matter how small an organisation is, there is support out there to help get the group started. We are ever grateful to Russell and Kathryn Marwick for the use of Quoy Grinnie as a shooting ground, but also to Alan Grieve for the continuing loan of his trap."

The club will be holding their annual Open Day at the beginning of June and look forward to welcoming all those interested in clay pigeon shooting to have a go and see the new traps in use. The next league shoot will be held on the 16th.

May at 2 p.m. at Hammerfield. They are also looking forward to this year's North Isles Clay Pigeon Shooting competition, due to be held in Stronsay. If you would like to try clay pigeon shooting please contact Michelle on 821 420.



ROUSAY, EGILSAY and WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST NEWS

At the AGM held on Saturday, 24th April, the following directors were (re-)elected to the Board of the Development Trust:-

Dave Basford	(Treasurer*)
Wendy Baulch	(Vice-chair*)
Maureen Flaws	
John Garson	
Mark Hull	
Bryan Milner	(Chair*)
Eric Shortland	
Rolf Soames	
Richard Tipper	
Jack Woodford	

[* (re-)elected at the board meeting immediately following the AGM]

Now that we have our Community Development Officers, (Christina Cox and Michelle Koster), in post, regular updates of the Trust's activities will appear in this *Review*, (as Michelle has been providing for our Powerdown projects).

During May, amongst various other ongoing activities:

- an anemometer mast, for recording wind data, is to be erected on Kingarly Hill;
- we expect to complete the planning applications for the 6 kW turbines for the community halls on each island;
- we expect to make progress with arranging the loan of over £1 million that is needed, in addition to the grants of £570,000 that we have already obtained, for the 900 kW community wind turbine;
- we shall be advertising for a part-time Turbine Development Officer, for whom we have just received funding, to be the locally based person working under a Project Manager who will manage the similar projects in other Orkney islands as well as our own project.

Bryan Milner (Chair)



R.N.L.I.

Don't forget the **TREASURE HUNT** followed by FISH & CHIPS, on **Sunday the 2nd. MAY** starting from THE PIER at 3 p.m. £2.00 per person. Followed by Fish & chips at THE RESTAURANT from 5 p.m. onwards. Adults £6.50, Children £3.00 Please book in advance.

ELEMENTARY HYGIENE CERTIFICATE

At the recent Community Association Emergency General Meeting, the need for all Community Groups using any of the kitchen/cooking facilities at the Community School, to conform to Health & Hygiene standards, was discussed at some length. In order to ensure that all user Groups are up-to-date with the latest standards and regulations relating to public health and hygiene, a Course will be held on the 10th. May, at the Pier Restaurant, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., leading to the award of an Elementary Hygiene Certificate. All Community Groups whose activities include the preparation of food for public consumption, should nominate a representative to attend this Course. Nominations and further details are available from Itha on 821 239 or 359.



ROUSAY S.W.R.I.

A 'big thank you' to Billy Jolly for his impromptu session of jokes, stories, music and songs. This followed his talk on preparing, curing and cooking fish with some hints on chutney and jam making. A good time was had by all.

Our next meeting is on **11th May 2010** with visits to **Feolquoy** and **Westness House**. Members are asked to meet at Feolquoy at **8 p.m.** and to arrange to car share, as limited parking available at both sites.

Refreshments will be provided by Mrs. E. Cormack.

WANTED

Family looking for rented accommodation on Rousay. A 2 or 3 bedroomed property if possible - although 3 would be better as we have 2 young daughters. May consider Egilsay or Wyre as well. If anyone can help, please contact Elaine on 01856 711 333.

Dear All,

Back safe and sound from Ethiopia. Please visit my webpage for a brief update and a few photos - for anyone interested in a more comprehensive update please let me know.

<http://www.justgiving.com/egilsaytoethiopia>

Many, many thanks to all of you who have made donations to Cancer Research UK -as always very much appreciated
Kind Regards. Chris (Cox)



WAGS Fancy Dress

Science Fiction / Fantasy
All welcome to an extraordinary evening at the Pier Restaurant
Friday, May the 7th.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER

Shifts in: bar work/waiting on, housekeeping, ironing. Experience not essential. If you are interested in any of these and would like to know more please pop in or give me a call
Carey @ The Taversoe, 821 325

All items for the June Review should be sent to the Editor, Ian Glen, by the 25th. May, 2010. Ring 821 427 or email: news@rousay.org.uk

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