

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE REVIEW

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ADVANCE NOTICE

NHS Orkney will be holding a further open public meeting on Monday, 13th September at 7-30 p.m. in the Community School.

Work has been ongoing to consider the options that were discussed at the meeting held on the 12th July. An invitation to attend and a further consultation document will be sent in due course to all households registered with the practice.

As was previously arranged, return transport will also be provided for residents on Gairsay, Wyre and Egilsay following this meeting.

THE ISLANDS OF ORKNEY 2011 INFORMATION & TRAVEL GUIDE Request for Amendments

Arrangements are currently being made for the production of the 2011 Islands of Orkney Brochure.

In order that the brochure correctly reflects the services which are to be available during 2011, business operators and interested parties are asked to contact their local Community Council Clerk to make/delete an entry or to ensure that the detail of their existing entry in the brochure is accurate.

There is a very strict deadline for submission of amendments, therefore, you are advised to contact your Community Council Clerk as soon as possible.

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council Clerk contact details are:

Mrs. Diana Compton, Midgard, Rousay. Telephone: 01856 821 496. email address: rewgcc@btinternet.com

Deadline for amendments is Friday, 30th. September, 2010.

SUNDAY SERVICES At the Church Centre

Everyone Welcome
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Sunday, 12th. September,
11.30 a.m.

Rev. Graeme Brown
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THE ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

meet on Tuesday, 7th. September at 7.30 p.m., in the GP room at the Rousay Community School. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings.

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 2nd.
- Mobile Library.

Friday, 3rd.
- WAGS at The Taversoe.

Tuesday, 7th.
- REWG Community Council meeting, 7.30 p.m. at the school.
- Taversoe Inn QUIZition at 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, 12th.
- Service at the Church Centre, 11.30 a.m.

Monday, 13th.
- NHS Orkney meeting with residents, 7.30 p.m. at the school.

Tuesday, 14th.
- SWRI meeting, 8.00 p.m. at the school.

STOP PRESS

Runners and riders report that a great time was had by all on this year's ROUSAY LAP...

Full details will appear in the next edition of the Review...

DEVELOPMENT TRUST NEWS

Recent appointments

Rachael Harris has been appointed to the part-time post of Assistant Powerdown Officer taking over aspects of the Powerdown work that Michelle Koster did not have the time to do when she took on the role of Turbine Development Officer. Rachael commenced work at the beginning of August.

Helen Castle has been appointed to the part-time post of Company Secretary to both the Trust and its wholly owned trading subsidiary REWIRED Limited. Helen commenced work on August 26th.

Kingarly Hill community wind turbine

There have been two important recent developments with respect to this project.

On August 18th, the Development Trust's board of directors, after detailed consideration of the available options, unanimously agreed to recommend to the board of REWIRED that they proceed with the Co-operative Bank for the £1.2 million commercial loan required for the turbine.

The directors of the REWIRED board subsequently accepted this recommendation;

On August 20th, the working group comprising the Chairs and Turbine Development Officers from each of the five trusts who are all at the same stage with their community wind turbines (Eday, Hoy, Shapinsay, Stronsay and ourselves) unanimously agreed which of seven tenders for the overall joint management of the turbine projects should be accepted. Three of the bidders, all from within Orkney, were short-listed and were invited to make a presentation to inform the final decision. Further details will be made available when the deal is signed and sealed.



In August I started work as the new Assistant Powerdown Officer, in which role I am to assist Michelle in completing the Affordable Warmth project and continue to develop the Reducing Waste and Carbon Neutral Transport projects. As both of the latter unfortunately did not receive funding, (despite all Michelle's hard work on the applications), it is down to me to find creative ways of moving them forward with either no funding or to seek alternative funding from other sources. I am currently working on a transport questionnaire which I hope will help us identify areas where we might work together as a community to start reducing our carbon footprint in relation to local transportation. Once I have had some instruction in the use of OWL monitors, I will be coming to visit those of you who still have them and passing on monitors to anyone who still requires one. Due to other commitments this is now likely to take place during October so I look forward to seeing some of you then. Meanwhile, if you want to talk to me about any of the projects we are working on, you can give me a call on 07900 440 971.

Rachael Harris

The Community Garden Project.

Despite appearances work continues apace with both the Allotment and Community Gardens. I have been embroiled in the administration of funds which has absorbed a considerable amount of time. This means that I have had no significant amounts of cash with which to acquire equipment or to get ground works carried out. The bits of work which have been done have only been carried out due to the beneficence of a few individuals and we must all thank them for it.

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Hopefully I will be in receipt of cash funds in the very near future and then each of the projects can proceed apace. In the meantime, I have been working concurrently on the Allotments policy and constitution with the intention of setting up an association to carry on the management of the site after this initial batch of funding has jumped started the process. These are early days, but as soon as there is anything solid to report I'll let you know via these hallowed portals.

Please remember that I am here as the Community Gardener and able to answer questions about your gardens and indoor plants if you have any. You can contact me on by e-mail on: wigleywool@btinternet.com or phone on 821 293. If you fancy calling round to the house at Wigleywool please phone first to avoid disappointment since I am usually out and about. Take care, and I'll see you about, Matt.

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

3 x 6kW Community turbines

Egilsay - We now have agreement from the board of the RSPB for the Egilsay installation and a lease agreement is being drawn up between the RSPB and Egilsay Community Association.

Wyre - wayleave agreement currently being drawn up.

Rousay - wayleave agreement currently being drawn up.

All three turbines now have funding drawn down and B J Rendall are now programming the works schedule.

OPEN DAY - Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre development plan 2010 - 2011

The proposed date for a community open day is Saturday, 23rd. October, 2010 at Rousay School. Date and times will be confirmed and more information will follow in the October Review. A mailshot to each household nearer the time will outline the details of the event, a summary of the 2007 Development Plan and the next steps to produce our 2011 Development Plan. The Open Day is an opportunity for all members of the community to share their views with the Directors and staff of the Development Trust and have direct input to the future plan. Everyone is welcome - Trust members and non-members alike and we look forward to seeing you there.

ROUSAY LAP 2010

By the time you read this the Rousay Lap 2010 will have taken place - A full report will be in the October review.

Speak up for Rural Scotland

This Scottish Government are requesting public responses to this initiative.

The consultation paper and how to respond can be obtained from the page 'SPEAK UP' on our website SPEAK UP FOR RURAL SCOTLAND www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust

The main topics covered are: Rural economics; Multi purpose land use; Renewable Energy; Empowering communities; Sustaining rural communities; Infrastructure and services.

The aims and objectives complement those of the Development Trust and the more responses the Scottish Government receive the more likely it is that small communities such as ours can move forward in a collaborative partnership to a sustainable future.

HIE Survey Results

The results from the recent Survey have been published and can be found on our website under News Headlines - Survey Results or HIE survey Results [left hand side page tab]

www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust



ROUSAY S.W.R.I

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday,
the 14th. September at 8 p.m. at the Rousay Community School.

Liz & Eddie Firth will give an illustrated talk on their recent
trip to New Zealand.

This is an Open Meeting and all are welcome.

Refreshments to follow.

Competition

Quilling
Bonniest Ear Rings

Mr. and Mrs. WIGLEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY

Well what can we say?

It isn't often that we are lost for either words or some succinct phrase but it would seem that marriage does that to you. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and help we have received from all our friends both old and new.

It is impossible to highlight any one particular person or group, except maybe that very special group of Rousayians, but to be honest not even that covers it since we have had help and best wishes from all quarters.

Suffice it to say that we are ecstatic at the realisation that we have joined an island of friendly and accepting hedonists who know how to help people live and we feel the richer for it.

So! More of it for everyone please, and remember "To Friends and Friendship." May they last for ever!

Mr. and Mrs. Wigley (aka) Matt and Gill, with a X (to be shared equally amongst you).

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



If you are from the Islands and are reading this, but do not have your own copy of the Rousay Review, or know someone else in the same position, then please let me know.

You can receive a paper copy if you let me have your home address, or you can get a copy by email if you send me your email address.

Details at the end of the back page of the Review.

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

ROUSAY HORTICULTURAL SHOW REPORT 2010

The Rousay Show took place on Saturday, 7th August with judging by Mrs. L. Louttit , Mrs. M. Manson, Mrs. E. Shearer, Mr. E. Hutchison and Mrs. A. Hutchison.

A good crowd turned out to view the exhibits and the tattie-in-a-bucket weigh-in before enjoying afternoon teas. President Shelagh Grieve then announced the winners, and prizes were presented by Alison Mainland. Many thanks to all who supported the show, and to those who donated prizes.

Special Prize and Trophy Winners-Textile Crafts: Best exhibit- Shelagh Grieve, Most points overall- Shelagh Grieve Handicrafts: Best exhibit- Anne Kovachich, Most points- Jackie McInnes and Anne Kovachich. Special prize to Charlie Cass for his 'Wastabster' Chair, and to Ellie Cass for her design for the RHS logo. Baking: Best loaf or rolls- Liz Firth, Best large cake- Rose Andrews, Most points in plain baking and in baking overall- Anne Kovachich. Dairy and Preserves: Best eggs- Jackie McInnes, Best exhibit- Zoe Flaws, Most points overall-Shelagh Grieve. Vegetables & Fruit: Best tatties- Dave Basford, Best herb – Nick Gould, Best exhibit overall- Zoe Flaws, Most points overall- Ronald Mainland. Flowers:-Best Annual – Muriel Marwick, Most points in cut flowers- Doreen Taylor, Best pot plant - Tommy Gibson, Most points in floral art- Doreen Taylor, Best exhibit in floral arrangements- Doreen Taylor, Most points overall- Doreen Taylor. Children and Visitors: Most points primary school pupil- Douglas Hull, Most points secondary school pupil- Ellie Cass, Most points by visiting child- Alec Marwick, Best exhibit visiting adult- Janette Fitch Bentley.

Overall Prizes: Most points in traditional skills- Anne Kovachich, Most points scored for district- Shelagh Grieve for Wester, Zoe Flaws for Brinian, Kathryn Marwick for Frotoft, Anne Kovachich for Sourin, Jackie McInnes for Egilsay. Most points overall in show- Anne Kovachich.

Once again Wester were winners of the district shield with 266 points , followed by Sourin with 211, Brinian with 108, Egilsay with 102 and Frotoft with 79. Taking into account district populations, points per head of population were approximately 7 for Wester, 4 for Egilsay, 3 for Sourin, 2 for Brinian and 1 for Frotoft.

Tattie-in-a-Bucket competition.

This year's Tattie-in-a-Bucket competition saw a marked improvement in eights from last year. If only Radio Orkney had been in attendance this time round! Forty-eight bucketloads were weighed on the day, with weights ranging from 11 and ½ ounces right up to 7 lbs, 13.3 ounces. That winning weight was from 10-year-old Annie Mainland, keeping up a grand family tradition. Annie also had the heaviest individual tattie, weighing in at an impressive 1 lb and ½ ounce. In second place was Katy Murray (Annie's mother) and in third was Ingrid Murray (Annie's aunt). Theirs were three of the last six buckets weighed. Were those last few hours crucial? What is the family secret? Annie, of course, also took the prize for the under-16 age-group, with Mollie Flaws coming second with 2 lbs. 15 ounces, and Jordan Basford in third with 2 lb. 11.5 ounces. The future of tattie-growing on the islands seems secure...

Thank you to everyone who took part, and we look forward to weighing your tatties again next year. Special thanks to the helpers, Douglas and Duncan Hull (and Mark), and Elaine Gregg, without whom the weighing would have taken a lot longer.

TAVERSOE WINTER OPENING HOURS

From week starting Monday, September 27th. the Taversoe will be closed on Mondays & Tuesdays. Full winter hours will be published next month.

FOR SALE

Pine dining tables & chairs: 1x6 seater; and 2x4 seaters. Previously used as dining furniture @ The Taversoe

Call Carey on 821 325



WANTED !!!

Piano lessons for Annie Mainland,
aged 10!

LOCALLY PREFERRED

Contact by day: 821 354
Contact by night: 821 354

THANK YOU !!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would just like to say how much I enjoyed all the Rousay Mares around the island; all so different and all so creative.

I don't know whose idea it was but I do hope it will become an annual event. Perhaps it will be a way of getting tourists to the island for a special Rousay Mare competition day or something - perhaps to raise money for some favourite cause?

Anyway, as I have been away a lot this year I didn't make one, but I promise to do so if it is run again next year, and several other people have said the same.

So, CONGRATULATIONS to all of the entrants this year, and please do it again next year!!

Joyce Moore.

FREE - YOU PICK UP

Large settee (seats 3-4)
and 1 arm chair.

Blue removable covers.
Good clean condition.

Please call 821 215 after 6pm.

TAVERSOE InnQUIZition

Tuesday September 7th.
8 p.m.

Snowball Jackpot
Thai Supper

No Taversoe InnQUIZition in October
The Taversoe will be closed that week

WAGS Swop Shop

Friday September, 3rd.
A clear out of your unwanted
clothes, toiletries, bits & bobs



All ladies welcome.

8 p.m. @ The Taversoe

FOR SALE

One 3ft mattress £15;
one 2ft 6ins mattress £10;
one storage heater 40ins wide £40;
one storage heater 20 ins wide £20.

Phone 821 283.

**All items for the October Review should be sent to the Editor,
Ian Glen, by the 25th. September, 2010. Ring 821 427 or
email: ianglen@ianglen.com**

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