

**What's On this month
in Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre**

**ROUSAY
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

*Burns
Supper*

**Door
6.30pm
7.30pm
Dinner**

**Friday 24th
January**

Music from the
**Craig
Mainland
Band**



**REW
DEVELOPMENT**

Sunday 5th January

→ Worship, Church Centre, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 8th January

→ Rousay Community Association Meeting, Rousay School, 7.30pm

Friday 10th January

→ Weight Club, Islands View Surgery, 4.30pm

→ Traditional Dancing Class, Rousay School, 7.30pm

Monday 13th January

→ Quilting Workshop, The Crafterhub, 11.30am - 3.30pm **PRE-BOOK**

Tuesday 14th January

→ SWI Meeting, Rousay School, 8pm

Wednesday 22nd January

→ Gill's Meet & Greet (REWDT), Triangle Club, 12pm - 12.30pm

→ Well-Being Drop-In Session (REWDT), Triangle Club, 12pm - 1pm

Friday 24th January

→ Burn's Supper, Rousay School, doors open 6.30pm for dinner at 7.30pm

Saturday 25th January

→ Rousay Cinema: Green Book, Rousay School, 8pm

Sunday 26th January

→ Scones On Sunday, Church Centre, 3pm

Wednesday 29th January

→ Selbro, Triangle Club, 10am - 1.30pm

Weekly Activities

Mondays

→ Coffee Morning, The Crafterhub, 11am - 1pm

→ Boxercise, Rousay School, 7.15pm ('newbies' start at 7pm)

→ Bridge, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Tuesdays

→ Yarn & Yap, The Crafterhub, 11am - 1pm

Wednesdays

→ Triangle Club, Church Centre, 10am-2.30pm

Thursdays

→ Coffee Morning, The Crafterhub, 10am - 1pm (not on 2nd Jan.)

→ Kettlercise, Rousay School, 7.15pm (starts 16th Jan. onwards)

Fridays

→ Lunch Club, The Crafterhub, 12pm - 2pm (not on 3rd January)

→ Rainbows, Brownies & Guides, Rousay School, 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Sundays

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am

Coming Up

Tuesday 4th February

→ Rousay Cinema: Hobbit (Part I), Rousay School, 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th February

→ The Taversoe InnQUIZition, Tha Taversoe, 8pm

Tuesday 18th February

→ Rousay Cinema: Hobbit (Part II), Rousay School, 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd February

→ Rousay Cinema: Joker, Rousay School, TIME TBC

Tuesday 3rd March

→ Rousay Cinema: Hobbit (Part III), Rousay School, 7.30pm

Sunday 12th April

→ RNLI Easter Egg Hunt, Rousay School, 2pm - 3pm

Dancing Classes

Come to the School Hall on Friday January the 10th at 7.30pm to have great fun doing dancing.

It's **FREE** and lots of fun. Please let's see you there.



Jan. 2020

The Taversoe

01856 821 325



Bar Opening Hours

Monday - Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - Sunday - 6pm to 11pm*

* If the bar is empty at 9pm we reserve the right to close early

Food Service

There will be no food served, unless by special arrangement

There will be no InnQUIZition in January 2020

The next Quiz is on WEDNESDAY February 5th 2020

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the American South in the 1960s.

Saturday 25th January
Rousay School - 8pm
Cert 12A - 2 hr 10 mins

Silver collection for funds

Coming February 22nd: Joker



RNLI LADIES LIFEBOAT GUILDS

Scones on Sunday
on Sunday 26th January
3.00pm at CHURCH CENTRE.

We would like to welcome you all there for a nice cup of tea/coffee and scones of all flavours.



SWI Meeting

Talk from Lucy Gibbon, Archivist

Competitions:

Bonniest Cup & Saucer
Wildlife Photo

Tuesday 14th January, 8pm
Rousay Community School

5th January
New Year

Worship @ Church Centre
11.30 ~ 12.30



ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents its inaugural

WINTER SERIES



Part I: An Unexpected Journey: Tuesday February 4th

Part II: The Desolation of Smaug: Tuesday February 18th

Part III: The Battle of the Five Armies: Tuesday March 3rd

All films will be shown at the Rousay School starting 19:30

Followed by the Lord of The Rings Trilogy in March - April
Silver collection for funds

Track Repairs

I require somebody to undertake some repair work to the track at Braes. This will involve laying, levelling and compressing chippings, a good supply of which I have located close to the house. To discuss the details, please 'phone 821338 or 821305.

Thank you.

Ann Chapman
Braes.

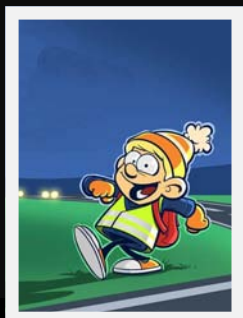
ORKNEY FERRIES

ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE SERVICE

Due to hydrogen work scheduled on MV Shapinsay in week commencing 6 January, the MV Eynhallow will serve the REW route over the period 5-12 January 2020.

As the prohibition notice is still in force in respect of bridge visibility, the vessel will be unable to ship any vehicle that restricts visibility. This is nominally 3.1m. Vehicles presenting themselves for travel over this period may be measured for accuracy. Orkney Ferries regrets any inconvenience.

Be Safe



Be Seen

For your own safety,
please wear reflective clothing
if you are out walking in the dark!

Special Refuse Collection

Items too big for normal refuse collection can be collected through Orkney Islands Council's Special Refuse Collection.

The next Special Refuse Collection on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre is as follows:

Tuesday 10th March 2020

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted, please contact Orkney Islands Council (873535) as soon as possible, and at least 2 days prior to the collection date. Payment for uplift must be made to Orkney Islands Council prior to collection.

Survey on Consultations

Hi all,

I am a student at Heriot Watt University and I am conducting a research project looking at methods and opinions of consultation. I would really like to send out a survey to people living in Orkney to determine the public opinion towards consultations. I am interested in understanding people's experiences into how effective consultations have been and would like to capture a wide range of opinions for everyone living in Orkney. Copies of the survey are available directly from me, or the online survey is located [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZWvRx5BVegVoVKUMMbV1PM77dZ3QaMoSZ-xXyVGHw8pwjbg/viewform?usp=sf_link) (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZWvRx5BVegVoVKUMMbV1PM77dZ3QaMoSZ-xXyVGHw8pwjbg/viewform?usp=sf_link). The survey would take approximately 15 – 20 minutes to complete. I recognise that completing surveys can take time and I would, therefore, be grateful if people could complete as many questions as possible.

Please let me know whether you have any questions or would like to chat at all.

Best wishes,

Alice

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The Triangle Club

The Triangle Club would like to say thank you for your Christmas Card Donations. The fab amount of £155.66 was raised, so thanks again.

The Triangle Club is open to anyone, young or old, and rest assured you will be made welcome, so we look forward to seeing you any Wednesday from 10am to 2.30pm if you would like to come for a cuppa, lunch and a few games.

Message from Islands View Surgery

Anne, John and Maggie would like to wish everyone a very healthy, happy and peaceful New Year and to thank everyone for all the support last year, it is very much appreciated by us all.

The weight club will recommence on Friday the 10th of January at 4.30pm for all those who wish to return and new members are always welcome!

Have a good New Year and Thank You to everyone again.

Christmas Carol Service

The collection taken at the Christmas Carol Service for the benefit of the Orkney Malawi Partnership was **£93.50.**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the day.

The Directors & Staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Office Hours

The Office will re-open on Monday, 6th January.

For REWIRED turbine issue reporting, please call **07425 012002**.

New Director

Following our AGM , the Trust would like to welcome Shelagh Grieve to the board, with both Carolyne Tunbridge & Carole Maguire being re-elected.

The Pier

The Trust has agreed with the owners to complete the purchase of the building on 6th January 2020. Our Sub-Group is looking at the various options for changes to the building to convert this into a Community Hub and will be sharing these options with the community in the New Year (date to be confirmed).

Trumland Project Update

Trumland Project Officer

The directors and staff would like to thank Rachael for her hard work and enthusiasm during her time with the REW DT this year, Rachael has now left our team and we wish her well for the future.

Following our recent recruitment exercise for this post, we are delighted to let you all know that we have recruited Ellie Roberts as our new Project Officer. Ellie will work with Gill on the Trumland Land & Rural Housing projects, as well as grant applications and our other projects and funding applications. Ellie will be starting full-time (35 hours per week) from Monday 6th January.

Trumland Land Project

We are still working with our solicitors and the owners regarding the purchase of this land. The purchase is going through, albeit very slowly, and the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) who are providing 100% of the purchase price and purchase fees, are being kept informed to ensure the funding is still available. Rachael has been working with the RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage and the North Isles Landscape Partnership representatives on various footpath ideas to link different areas of the land without damaging the peatland and in an environmentally friendly way.

Project Manager Update from Gill

Rural Housing Fund

The cost of the potential housing at Johnstons Road was discussed at the most recent Board meeting. At this time it was decided that the decision to continue with this project would be deferred for a further 12 months. This will give REWDT the opportunity to seek a further mandate from the community on this project. It is hoped that in the New Year the residents will be consulted and their views sought regarding the specific costings involved in this proposal. In the meantime, if anyone has any queries, please feel free to contact any of the Board Directors or myself at the office.

Changing Lives Funding

Earlier in December we were successful in obtaining £14,843.00 in grant funding, for a new Dementia Project aimed at supporting residents and their carers.

A series of new activities are being planned, to be hosted in various locations around the island, and we are currently working on the details.

If you would like to be involved or would like to hear more, please contact Sarah Foulds on 07756939413, she's looking forward to hearing from you.

Meet & Greet

Thank you to all those who have attended the Meet & Greets over the last 12 months. I appreciate your thoughts and comments.

My next one will be on Wednesday 22nd January at the Triangle club, 12.00 – 12.30. Please feel free to pop along for a chat about any of the ongoing projects and a cuppa.

I will also have grant application forms with me, including the Wellbeing 100 forms. So if you fancy gym membership, an arts and craft course, or your community group needs financial assistance, please just ask.

Hope to see you there.




Free Wi-Fi access

(plus access to a laptop and printer):

Monday: 10am to 3pm
 Tuesday: 10am to 3pm
 Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

If you need to use the Wi-Fi and/or the laptop and printer outwith these times, you will need to make an appointment with staff, who will be as accommodating as possible.



Regular help with a range of household tasks, at a rate subsidised by the Trust.

Contact Gillian at
 Age Scotland Orkney direct:
 01856 872438
gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk

Car Club

Hire our electric car from as little as £2.50 for 1 hour, or for as long as you need (e.g. 24 hours costs £18).



Book the car online or via the Office.

Car Club FAQs and T&Cs are available online.

Shredded Paper for Composting

We occasionally have bags of shredded paper available for composting. If anyone would like a bag, please contact the Office.



WELL-BEING ON ROUSAY, EGILSAY AND WYRE

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you have all had a good Christmas. Our thoughts are with those who have had to spend their first Christmas and New Year without loved ones and for those who do not have family close by. I would also like to acknowledge all of those good friends and neighbours we have around the islands that have supported one another not just through Christmas and New Year but all year round, thank you.

Up and coming wellbeing events for the month of January are:

22nd January Drop in session at The Triangle Club 12.00 - 13.00

29th January - Selbro visiting The Triangle Club 10.00 -13.30

Selbro will be providing support and advice to those who struggle to manage with their daily living tasks, whether it is through disability, ill health or age related. They also have a wide range of equipment that can be utilised on long term loan if that is what is needed. Anyone can pop along for further information and speak to Ruth, Selbro's occupational therapist.

There has been some funding secured from Creating Better Lives in Orkney that will be utilised in setting up events such as a memory café or information workshops to help support those with a dementia diagnosis or those who may be supporting someone with dementia or simply just someone who is interested in learning about dementia. So, watch this space for updates throughout the year and if anyone is interested in helping out at any of the events please let me know.

This link may be of interest to some of you <http://www.salt-box.co.uk/wellbeing-resources.html>

If you have any ideas or suggestions relating to enhancing wellbeing please get in touch.

And finally...I will be starting a REW Wellbeing Facebook page in the New Year which will have all kinds of information about enhancing well being around the islands so look out for that too.

Sarah Foulds

Well-being Co-Ordinator

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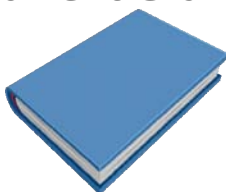




Well Being 100 Fund

Apply for 100% of the cost of well being activities, including Active Islands/Life memberships. A maximum of £100 per person, up to 31st March 2020. Open to adults & children.

Our Current Grant Schemes



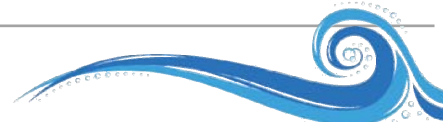
Education & Training

Apply for up to 100% of the cost of a nationally-recognised qualification. A maximum of £500 (adults) or £100 (children in primary/secondary education).



Driving Lessons

Apply for up to £500 towards the cost of driving lessons with a qualified instructor.



Child Ferry Tickets

Apply for one book of 50 ferry tickets for children (5-18, in full-time education).

Ready to apply to one of our grant funds?

To obtain an application form, please give us a call, or come into the office. Completed forms can be sent by paper, or electronically to grants@rewdt.org

All applications to the above funds must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the training or first well being activity takes places, and a minimum of **two weeks** before payment is due, to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

Other Grants

Looking for funding which doesn't fit into one of our specific grant funds?

Individuals and groups are also welcome to apply for funding from our '**General Grants**' fund.

Call our Project Manager, Gill, to discuss.

Completed applications to our General Grants fund must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the Board meeting at which your application will be considered, so please allow enough time to complete.

**The next two Board Meetings are planned for
Wednesday 15th January 2020 & Wednesday 18th March 2020.**

Does Your Organisation or Community Group Need Financial Support?

Why not let REW DT support you in finding external funding opportunities and then help you with your grant application. If you would like to speak to staff about this offer, please contact the office. Alternatively, VAO in Kirkwall also offers to support community groups with finding funding opportunities. Tel. 01856 872897.

Opening Hours

Monday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Tuesday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Wednesday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Thursday	<i>By appointment only</i>
Friday	<i>By appointment only</i>

Please feel free to call in with any queries, advice, or grant applications during drop-in times.

Occasionally, all of the staff are away from the office on DT business, so if you wish to speak to us, it is always better to phone first, to make an appointment.

Telephone: 01856 821 229
General E-mails: info@rewdt.org
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Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Relating the life and opinions of your councillor in the world of politics

December 2019

The General Election has happened, purdah is over, and councillors are now free again to express publicly their opinions on party politics. My own psephological interpretation of the results is that the voting trend was largely anti-Labour rather than pro any other party (the SNP representing the main left-wing alternative to the Labour Party in Scotland). Interestingly, this outcome vindicates the validity of my, as yet untried, "wrong answer" (for want of a better name—suggestions on a postcard, please) voting system. (Disappointingly, in 2018 it was rejected for trial by the University of the Highlands & Islands at their next rectorial election.) In my voting system, on the ballot paper the voter places a cross next to the candidate or candidates whom they would NOT like to be elected. (Just like at school, a cross is put next to the **wrong** answer(s)!)

The beauty of the "wrong answer" system is that every vote counts and simultaneously every voting motivation is catered for:

- If you support one candidate strongly you put crosses next to the rest;
- If you are against a particular candidate, but otherwise don't mind who gets in, you put a cross only next to that candidate;
- If you wish to give a chance to a couple of candidates, you place your crosses next to all but them;
- If you wish to register a protest "no-confidence" vote, you place crosses next to all of them;
- Finally, if you'd be happy with any of the candidates, you put no crosses at all (and so don't even need to turn up to vote).

The candidate who wins is the one who gets the fewest crosses, i.e. the one that the fewest voters object to (the candidate the majority is content with). What could be a fairer voting system than that? (It is intriguing to consider how the course of history might have been different had my system been used in Parliament for Theresa May's "indicative votes" earlier this year.)

Nevertheless, Jo Swinson (Leader of the Lib-Dems) losing her seat does demonstrate how the current "first past the post" system used for general elections to the Westminster Parliament is a much more democratic one than the "additional member" system (with its party lists) used for Scottish Parliament elections (and in many European countries). If you cast your mind back to May 2016, you will remember that Kezia Dugdale (Leader of Scottish Labour) was defeated in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency yet still managed to gain a seat in the Scottish Parliament through the Labour Party list for the Lothian Region. It was the late Tony Benn (Labour) who warned us that the people must always have the power to vote a candidate out (a power we retain at general elections thanks to the result of the "forgotten" referendum of 2011).

Meanwhile, back at Orkney Islands Council, at the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, I was pleased to be told that (after continual lobbying from me) data relating to the turnover of temporary staff at OIC will now be presented to councillors (albeit at the Human Resources Sub-Committee rather than as a "recruitment & retention performance indicator" at service committees). A report on our climate-change duties prompted me to ask if any carbon impact assessment had been made of OIC's use of IT and the Internet. We were told that at present such an assessment is not a Scottish Government stipulation. For the item on requesting Scottish ministers to call in planning applications related to OIC's Community Wind Farm Project, I supported the amendment that OIC should itself determine such planning applications (just as we do for OIC's schools, council houses, etc.). However the amendment was defeated 12 votes to 7. During discussion on the Kirkwall Surface Water Management Plan, it was pointed out how important it is that internal house flooding is reported to SEPA, for, without such records in the Flood Register, Scottish Water will be unaware of the need to prioritise the affected areas for flood-prevention.

Other meetings I have attended in Kirkwall this month include a meeting of the Orkney Ferries Board, the General Meeting, a seminar on housing in the countryside, and an Integration Joint Board development session. I have also met with OIC officials to discuss the recent review of insurance arrangements for community schools and cover for community associations using school premises. In the Isles, I went to the Sanday Development Trust AGM, and I enjoyed the Sanday Christmas tree lighting event. Before Christmas, I still have a members' session, a meeting of the Digital Strategy Consultative Group, a budget meeting and a Special General Meeting to go to.

A Councillor Privacy Notice, explaining how we councillors use your personal data, can be found on the OIC website at:

https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Council/Councillors-and-Committees/Councillors_Privacy_Notice.pdf

I would now like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in the North Isles a

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy 2020 !**



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West Manse, Sanday

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You can download "Letter from School Place"
from lfsp.pbworks.com





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

January 2020

01856 821 443

Opening Hours

Supervised Sessions

Monday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Tuesday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Saturday	16:00 - 17:00

* The gym will close at 20:15 if empty

Buddy System

Term Time

Monday	08:30 - 17:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 17:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday	08:30 - 17:00
	19:00 - 20:30**
Friday	08:30 - 16:00
Sunday	11:00 - 12:00***

** During Kettlercise

*** During Rousay FBX

We will publish any changes to the above hours and any additional hours of opening on our Facebook pages

FATBURN EXTREME

SUNDAY 11am

ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HALL

POW! BOXERCISE®

Monday Nights

7.00pm Newbies/7.15pm Class Starts

Remember Boxercise & FBX are open to anyone over 12 years old



Starting 7.15pm
Thursday January 16th
Rousay School Hall

WELCOME!

In the New Year Bobby will join the RHLC team, she is keen to get started and we wish her a warm welcome

Our standard Opening Hours will resume on Monday January 6th



Keep up to date with our official Facebook pages

"Rousay Healthy Living Centre"
"Rousay Fatburn Extreme"
"RHLC Buddy System"
"Rousay Boxercise"



HAPPY NEW YEAR

