

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre



REVIEW



January 2016

Electronic Edition



The next meeting of the SWI will be at 8pm on 12th January at the School.

Helen Castle will be giving a talk on her recent trip to Colorado, and why she is going back this year.

Competitions are 'Clever Use of an Old Christmas Card' and 'A Knitted Article for a Child Under 2 Years'.

Rousay Circle Dance
Thursday, 14 January
Church Centre
11.15 - 2 pm

Shared lunch
Donations to
Christian Aid



New Year
- New Dance!

Rousay Gun Club
Rousay Gun Club will hold an AGM on Saturday 30th January at 4pm at The Pier Restaurant. All 2014/2015 members and interested parties are welcome. Please contact Michelle on 821420 or Rolf on 821227 for further details.



Live Music

January 4th there will be live music at Pier Restaurant from 2pm till 5.30pm.

Everybody is invited to come and listen or take part if you wish this is always a good end to the festive season before folk go back to work.

Look forward to seeing you there and have a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Services
at the Church Centre
11.30am

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| Sunday 3rd Jan. | Local |
| Sunday 10th Jan. | Local |
| Sunday 17th Jan. | Local |
| Sunday 24 Jan. | Local |
| Sunday 31st Jan. | Local |

All welcome



The Pier Bar

The Pier Bar would like to wish everybody a prosperous new year. On Thursday the 21st January the Pier Bar is holding an evening of BINGO commencing at 7-00pm. Anyone requiring transport to and from the Pier Bar please contact Trish or Steve by the 18th January on 821359 to arrange a free pick up.

As of the 1st January 2016 the Pier Shop is open from noon till 2-00pm and 4-30 until the Bar closes except Wednesday when during the winter we will be closed. If you require anything outside of these times please knock at number 3 opposite when we will be only too pleased to open and serve you.



What's On at a Glance

January 2016

Sunday, 3rd

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Monday, 4th

→ Live Music, The Pier Bar, 2pm-5.30pm

Tuesday, 5th

→ InnQUIZition, The Taversoe, 8pm

Sunday, 10th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

→ Teenage Club (meeting), The Craffhub, 2pm

Tuesday, 12th

→ SWI, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday, 14th

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

Sunday, 17th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Thursday, 21st

→ Bingo, The Pier Bar, 7pm

Saturday, 23rd

→ REWGCC, Church Centre, 10.15am

Sunday, 24th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Thursday, 28th

→ Mobile Library Van

Saturday, 30th

→ Rousay Gun Club AGM, The Pier Bar, 4pm

Sunday, 31st

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

→ Curries, The Taversoe, 12.30pm

Every Monday

→ Monday Coffee Morning, The Craffhub, 11am-1pm

Every Tuesday (wef 12th January)

→ Rousay Tai Chi Chuan, Rousay School, 3.15pm-5.15pm

Every Wednesday (wef 13th January)

→ Art Club, The Craffhub, 3.15pm-4.30pm

Every Saturday (wef 9th January)

→ Weekly Bridge Sessions, Rousay School, 2pm-4pm



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan



New classes will start every Tuesday from 12 January 2016 at the School.

1st hour is energy exercises and starts at 3:15
2nd hour is the Tai Chi Form and starts at 4:15

£2.50 per hour, come for one or both.

All ages and abilities welcome.



www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi
Thanks to REW DT for part funding this



The Rousay Tai Chi Group would like to thank the REW DT board for agreeing to part fund the classes for a second year, and to wish the directors a very Merry Christmas.

Weekly Bridge Sessions



will resume
Saturday 9th January
2 - 4pm

Rousay Community School
New players will be made
very welcome and help to
get started is available.

Mobile Library



The Orkney Mobile Library van
will next visit Rousay & Egilsay on
Thursday 28th January 2016.

The Taversoe

Remembrance Sunday

A huge thank you to all who attended the buffet
We raised £82.50 for The Poppy Appeal



Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday 5th January @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper

January Honeymoon

The Taversoe will be closed most of January
We will be open on Tuesday Jan 5th at 6.30pm for the
InnQUIZition
and every Sunday at 7pm for the Poker League.
We will resume regular opening again at 6pm on
Friday January 22nd



World Curry Buffet

Curries from Around the World
Sunday 31st January at 12.30
Please ring to book a table
Taversoe 821 325 / Carole 821 234



The Taversoe

Winter Opening Hours

(commencing 6pm Friday 22nd
January 2016)

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED*

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday - 11am
to 2pm & 5pm to 11pm**

Saturday - 11am to 11pm**

Sunday - 12 noon to 10.30pm**

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

* We will be open at 6.30pm on the 1st
Tuesday of each month for The
Taversoe InnQUIZition

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

Advance Notices for February

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday 2nd @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper

Valentines Menu

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th
Please ring to book 821 325

Chinese Buffet

Sunday February 28th at 12.30
Please ring to book a table
Taversoe 821 325





The Craffhub c.i.c.

Happy New Year to all our Crafters and Customers

CRAFTHUB NEWS

Thank you to all those who came along to our Mince Pies and Mulled Wine event in December. Over 50 folk came along to enjoy the festive atmosphere, purchasing their Christmas gifts locally from **The Craffhub**.

December business was brisk, with Craffhub Christmas Boxes proving very popular for gifts, as well as other local handmade crafts.

Local children (and some adults)!! enjoyed their visit to Santa Claus at **The Craffhub**. The Christmas Raffle was drawn at the end of this event, many thanks to all the crafters who donated prizes for the raffle.

WORKSHOPS/Meetings IN JANUARY

New Teenage Club

Open Meeting for all Secondary children (S1 onwards - 12+) and their parents to discuss a new group starting in the New Year, exploring arts and crafts (traditional and modern) covering the interests of the group. Come along on Sunday 10th January at 2pm to find out more.

Monday Coffee Morning - Every Monday from 11am - 1pm. £2 a session - from Monday 11th January 2016. All welcome.

ART CLUB - Children's Art Club every Wednesday, starting Wednesday 13th January from 3.15pm - 4.30pm at **The Craffhub**.

NEW - WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP - Joesph Hewes is tutor for a new 6 week block of Beginners Watercolour sessions, starting on Sunday 24th January from 2-4pm. The cost will be £60 including refreshments. A list of materials needed for the course will be provided. Still spaces available, please contact Hilary on 821400 to book.

SPINNING WORKSHOP - Spinning Group starts again in February 2016.

The Craffhub shop will be Closed during January

If you need anything please contact Hilary on 821400 and we will open up for you.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Ramp Up the Red Event

Saturday 6th February at 2pm - 4pm. Proceeds to The British Heart Foundation.



email: craffhub@btconnect.com

website: www.craffhuborkney.co.uk



REWDT Car Club

If you are rushing off to the January sales in search of a bargain, did you know that even after the free period ends on 31/12/15, use of the REWDT Car Club's Nissan Leaf, will be at a very competitive price. For example, if travelling to the Mainland, a 9 hour lease costing £15.75 plus a return ferry ticket from REWDT, costing £13.60 = **£29.35**. Of course, Car Club car leases of less than 9 hours will save even more!

Brinian Playpark

The Trust has now received planning permission from OIC to build a playpark at the bottom of the allotment site in Brinian. The equipment is starting to arrive and the groundworks have been completed. The fence will be erected in January and the playpark built as soon as the weather allows in January. Unfortunately for those of you who have seen the site, it is a bit waterlogged and therefore the site will not be open to the public until it is in a fit condition to allow for play.

New Year Closure

The office will re-open on Monday 4 January.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date.

This is to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The following meetings are planned (any changes to these will be published on our website):
Wednesday 20 January; Wednesday 9 March; Wednesday 11 May; Wednesday 29 June; Monday 15 August; Wednesday 5 October; Saturday 12 November (AGM); Wednesday 7 December.

Office 'Drop-In' Times

Our 'Drop-In' times are usually 10am to 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - it is better to telephone first, if you wish to come in, to check we are not out on Trust business.

Free Child Swim Session

Under-18s in full-time education and resident on Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre are entitled to free swim sessions at the Pickaquooy Centre Swimming Pool, funded by the Trust. Contact us for a Free Swim Scheme Card.

Free Rechargeable/Solar-powered Lanterns

The Trust has purchased rechargeable/solar-powered lanterns for Islands View Surgery to distribute to vulnerable members of the community.

If you feel that you qualify, please contact the Nurse (821 406) or Anne (821 265) at the Surgery.

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 Gillian Skuse at Age Concern Orkney - telephone 872438 or e-mail gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk

Rousay Wi-Fi Centre

The Wi-Fi Centre is fully operational within Rousay School.

If you have any issues with the Centre, please get in touch with the Office.

Contact Us

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E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Website: www.rewdt.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rewdt 

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**John Reed,
Lower Hammerfield**

We would like to thank all the people who sent cards, messages, offers of help & letters, and all who braved the awful weather to attend his funeral on December 23rd.

It showed us how valued John was to the community he lived in, and it has helped to ease the grief of this totally unexpected loss.

Thank you also for the generous donations to the Fishermen's Mission. £280 was donated.

Sheila, Jim, Elouisa & Maria



Calendars - Do us a favour

I do not deny that there are some nice new calendars out there for 2016. I especially congratulate Alex Leonard on his 2016 Giddy Limit "Book Club" calendar. However, why do the calendar producers insist on indicating only the first year a calendar is suitable for? In these days of recycling, upcycling, downcycling etc., surely they could do us the favour of also displaying the future years for which the calendar is still valid—in the case of 2016 (a leap year beginning on a Friday): 2044, 2072, 2112, 2140, 2168, 2196 (enough to take us through this century and the next).

Because 2016 is a leap year, there are not many old calendars from this and the previous century available for reuse—in point of fact, only four.

The first is 1904, a year in which the Russians tried provoking war with Great Britain by attacking a fleet of British trawlers at sea between Orkney and Denmark. Nothing seems to change very much, does it? ... except perhaps prices. In 1904, a dozen eggs typically cost 8d, a stone of potatoes 6d and a gallon of beer 1s 4d. (For the benefit of the young folk who don't remember LSD: £1 = 20s and 1s = 12d.) Nowadays we can expect to pay in the region of £2 for 12 eggs, £4 for 14 lb of tatties and £20 for 8 pints of beer.

Another calendar that can take pride of place on the wall once more is the bonny baby calendar of 1932—the year of Orkney's first baby show. Were you one of the winners? Or maybe a member of the Fotheringhame family retained a 1932 calendar in recognition of the patenting of a new magnetic maritime compass invented by Sandayman, Captain Andrew Fotheringhame.

1960 was a royal year, in which not only was Prince Andrew born, but HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited Orkney, even venturing out to Stronsay and Westray. A few calendars must have been kept as a souvenir of these events.

The most recent year to be calendrically identical to 2016 is 1988. It is possible some 1988 calendars were saved by ornithologists, marked with the dates a Pallas's rosefinch (*Carpodacus roseus*) was spotted in North Ronaldsay—the first ever seen in Britain. The visit of that one bird prompted 250 birdwatchers to visit the island!

Don't forget to safely store away your 2015 calendars to bring out again in 2026.

Stephen Clackson
West Manse
Sanday



**Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre
Development Trust**

Director Vacancies

Do you want to make a difference to your community?

REW DT currently has two director vacancies on our Board.

If you would like to be involved in the distribution of the funds received from our community turbine, e.g. projects, grant funding, etc., we would be happy to hear from you.

The Board usually meets around 7 times a year.

If you want more information, please feel free to contact me, or pop into the Office, and Michelle and Helen will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Richard Tipper
Chair

**Vermin Eradication
Grant Scheme
Purchase of Rat Poison**



The members of the REWGCC have agreed to set up a grant to assist with the purchase of rat poison for the eradication of vermin.

This grant is available to all residents within our community council area and successful applicants can claim up to 50% of the net cost (excluding VAT), up to a maximum of £50 in one financial year. (In this instance Oct 2015 – March 2016.)

To claim this grant send your name, address and receipted invoice to:
Mrs Diana Compton, Clerk for the REWGCC, Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT who will then arrange payment.

The members of the REWGCC will review this grant annually and advise the community of any changes.

Letter from School Place

At our Policy & Resources Committee meeting, as reported in *The Orcadian* I sadly failed to get support from fellow councillors to opt for the cheaper, more robust and less-maintenance-intensive alternative for a sea wall for Kirkwall and thereby free-up some funding for flood-prevention measures in other parts of Orkney, e.g. Whitehall Village.

I was invited to attend the official launch of the UHI Archaeology Institute at Orkney College. The Institute is unique in Scotland, as it combines teaching, academic research, and commercial applied research and consultancy. At the launch we had the opportunity to view some the research that is going on there. As a beekeeper, I was particularly interested to find this includes prehistoric apiculture.

At a special Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting to which I was invited, a report on current Strategic Transportation Appraisal Guidance (STAG) projects was considered, including the one assessing our inter-island air and ferry services. Part 2 of this study, to produce an up-to-date picture of the factual position, should be ready to report by the spring, after which (I quote) "the consultants will produce a detailed 30 year 'route map' for future service development and investment in assets". Given the sheer cost of replacing our ageing fleet, at a subsequent special Policy & Resources Committee meeting, we have agreed to ask the Scottish Government to transfer the responsibility for the funding of our inter-island ferry services to Transport Scotland's budget.

"Magnus 900" is a working group I am on for celebrating the 900th anniversary in 2017 of the martyrdom of St Magnus. As the site of the martyrdom, I am particularly keen to get Egilsay closely involved in the events.

At the Licensing Board, I was pleased to propose the granting of a premises licence to Sinclair General Stores in Sanday and to support the same for the J.C. Tulloch store in Pierowall.

The Shapinsay tree lighting on the 4th Dec gave me the opportunity to congratulate Headmistress Emma Clements in person on the exceptional inspection report received by Shapinsay School. The weather for the lighting, however, was inclement, so while the school's P7s went outside to light the tree, the rest of us remained inside (reminiscent of the lighting event I mentioned in last month's *Letter!*). I gave a short talk on how the Christmas tree custom was started in Germany by someone from Britain but it took over 1100 years to get back here. After which, the children sang and then we enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine. The following evening I was at Sanday's tree-lighting.

As OIC's rep on the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, I went down to a meeting at the new Inverness College Beechwood Campus, of which we were given a tour. It bears a remarkable similarity to other new academic buildings I have seen lately, so I suspect the same architects are being used for all of them.

I was pleased be able to be at Sophie Turner's award presentation in the Council Chamber. It is good to know that the medieval tradition of masonry will be continuing at our medieval cathedral once Colin Watson retires.

Other meetings I have attended this month include: a North Isles ward group meeting, Monitoring & Audit, a meeting with Liam McArthur MSP about our intra-island air service, a civic dinner in honour of Bill Spence (recently retired as Honorary Norwegian Consul to Orkney), Constitutional Reform Working Group, Change Programme Board, a couple of seminars and an Islands Summit engagement event.

I hope that as many people as possible took part in the review of home-based registrars in the Isles. I came across some statistics from 100 years ago showing 34 births, 5 marriages and 33 deaths in the North Isles for the **quarter** ending 30th June 1915. Kirkwall, in comparison, had on only 12 births and 25 deaths. Nearly a century later in the **year** 2014 Kirkwall registered 158 births compared to the North Isles 6, and 151 deaths compared to 23! It just shows how centralised Orkney has become—a trend we need to resist.

I congratulate Sanday runner, William Sichel on achieving all the goals of his five-year plan in just three years. Sadly, I cannot report the same success for Orkney Islands Council's five-year plan. Maybe William should come and give us a training seminar!

I would like to wish everyone a prosperous 2016, but the announcement from the Scottish Government of a £5 million cut in Orkney Islands Council's annual allocation means £227 less for each man, woman and child in Orkney for the services we provide to them. Although it is the Scottish Government that has imposed the cut (despite the cash increase they received from Westminster), they are fully aware that the blame will be put on us when the level of services we deliver has to suffer. Something worth bearing in mind at the election next May.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
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ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The representatives of the REWGCC are: Mr Angus Firth, Ms Chris Cox, Ms Rachael Harris, Mr John Garson, Mr Eric Shortland and Mr Richard Tipper.

**The members of the REWGCC would like to wish
you all a very Happy New Year.**

Postponed REWGCC meeting arranged for 23 January 2016 @ 10.15 a.m.

The postponed meeting from the 5 December will take place on Saturday, 23 January 2016 @ 10.15 a.m. in the Hall at the Rousay Church Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings. The February meeting is still scheduled to take place as planned.

Consultation Document

Winter Service Plan 2015/16 – Cut-off date 1.5.16

The purpose of this consultation is to give CC an opportunity to monitor the Winter Service Plan 2015/16 and provide comments for our specific area at the end of the winter period.

A copy of the Winter Service Plan 2015/16 can be found on the Council website at [http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Committees-and-Agendas/Council-Meetings/2015/07-07-2015/110 App4 WinterServicePlan201516.pdf](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Committees-and-Agendas/Council-Meetings/2015/07-07-2015/110_App4_WinterServicePlan201516.pdf) and can be referred to for reference over this winter.

Comments need to reach members by mid-April 2016 so they can advise the Clerk who will return remarks by 1.5.16 to OIC. Any comments submitted will be taken into consideration for the Winter Service Plan 2016/17.

Any requests for financial assistance or points to be brought to the attention of the CC need to reach the Clerk no later than 5 February 2016. Clerk's contact details:

Email: rewgcc@btinternet.com and addressed to the REWGCC c/o Mrs Compton or send to Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT.



Refuse Collection

OIC Refuse Collection is as normal over the festive period:

Thursday 31st December

Marion's Shop

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| Thursday 31st | 11am-1pm | 2pm-5pm |
| Friday 1st | Closed | |
| Saturday 2nd | Closed | |
| Sunday 3rd | Closed | |

Then as usual



M.V. Eynhallow

There will be no sailings on the following dates:

Friday 1 January
Saturday 2 January



All other sailings per schedule.



Tingwall Office

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| Thurs 31 Dec | 0830-1300 & 1400-1600 |
| Fri 1 Jan | Closed |
| Sat 2 Jan | Closed |
| Sun 3 Jan | Closed |
| Mon 4 Jan | 0830-1300 & 1400-1600 |
| Tues 5 Jan | 0830-1300 & 1400-1730 |

Rousay Public Bus

The public bus service will operate as normal (every Thursday) over the festive period:

Thursday 31st December



REW Development Trust



The office will re-open on Monday 4 January.

The Crafhub



Closed all of January
(except for Coffee Morning & Workshops)

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| For Sale Ikea retro metal double bed frame 25.00 Tel Trish 821 424 | For Sale A few bales of straw Big and small Bigland 821 244 |
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Julia Peace retires at the end of this term after more than 30 years working at the Rousay School. The community would like to say a huge thank you for the dedication and care that she has shown over the years.



Julia received a gold watch and other gifts at the Christmas concert. This was done quietly to spare her blushes. But we would like to send thanks and love to Julia and wish her all the best for her future.

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Thank You

I would like to thank the community for the lovely gifts and good wishes marking my retirement.
A big thank you also the children for the beautiful bunch of flowers.
Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Julia Peace X



Rousay Community Association

Community Rooms
must be booked, in advance,
for use through the booking clerk on
821 383 / 07522647794.

Failure to book may lead to the
room you wish being unavailable.

Rousay Community School

As part of this year's School Improvement Plan, we feel it is time to review our Vision, Values and Aims, which were last reviewed in 2010.

It is important that the Vision, Values and Aims of our school reflect what learners, parents, school staff and the community want for our learners. We would appreciate your comments on the current Vision, Values and Aims, and any suggestions on what you would like to see included in the new Vision, Values and Aims. Comments and suggestions can be placed in the box at the school reception or emailed to:

admin.rousay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk.

Thank you for your help.

Current Rousay School Vision, Values and Aims

Our vision, values and aims reflect those of the Education Service, but are also specific to Rousay School. They were revisited in August 2010, in consultation with pupils, parents, staff and the wider community. Our mission statement, voted for by pupils in September 2010 is "Learning for Life".

Vision

In order to achieve, our learning community is a happy, healthy, caring environment where: everyone shares their talents; curiosity, activity, creativity and ambition are nurtured, and everyone has a sense of belonging.

We value:

- Tolerance
- High standards
- Enthusiasm and enjoyment



Working together

- Our independence and ability to use our initiative
- Respect and responsibility
- Listening and learning
- Developing confidence and self-esteem

Aims

In order to enable our children to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors in our community, we aim to:

- Enable everyone to reach their individual potential in a safe, supportive, yet challenging environment with the highest expectations for all.
- Foster a sense of responsibility through the promotion of positive behaviour, self-discipline, self-motivation and independence.
- Take account of the views of pupils, parents and staff so that everyone is actively involved in the learning and life of the school.

All items for the February 2016 Review **must** be received by
The Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Wednesday 27 January 2016, 5pm.**
Any articles received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed to be accepted for inclusion.



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