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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

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JUNE 11th 3-5pm

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What's On

Thursday, 1st

→ Singlinging, The Craffthub, 8pm

Sunday, 4th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Monday, 5th

→ ENJO Demo, The Craffthub, 9am-11am

Tuesday, 6th

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Sunday, 11th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

→ Strawberry & Cream Teas, The Manse, 3pm-5pm

Thursday, 15th

→ Singlinging, The Craffthub, 8pm

Friday, 16th

→ Archaeological building survey (open afternoon), Skail/The Wirk, Westness

Saturday, 17th

→ Treasure Hunt, The Pier, 3pm

→ Fish & Chips, Pier Restaurant, 4.30pm

Sunday, 18th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Tuesday, 20th

→ Alison McNeill & Sasha Savaloni, The Space, 7pm

Sunday, 25th

→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Thursday, 29th

→ Orkney Mobile Library Van

→ Singlinging, The Craffthub, 8pm



TREASURE HUNT

Saturday June 17th

The Pier @ 3pm
£5 per vehicle

Followed at 4.30pm by Fish & Chips
Fish & Chips must be pre-ordered at the Pier Restaurant

To subscribe, or to send in articles for the next edition of the newsletter, please use the following contact details:

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Deadline: 27 June 2017 (5pm) - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

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From the community
For the community



Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday June 6th @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper



Advance Notices for July:

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday July 4th @ 8pm

and

Tuesday July 18th @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper



Flaming June Singling Sessions

Thursday 1st 15th and 29th at the Craft Hub from 8pm
All ladies young and old welcome to join in the fun



ENJO Demonstration

If you are concerned about chemicals used in the Home and place of work environments Miriam Frier will give a talk and demonstrate ENJO products.

It is claimed that these clean using only a squirt of cold water!

Come with your questions!!

Monday 5th June
9 - 11am at The Craft Hub
(stay on for the coffee morning!)



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

1st hour Energy Exercises at 3:15

2nd hour Tai Chi Form at 4:15

£2.50 per hour,

come for one or both.

All ages and abilities welcome.

13 June will be the last class with Mike

After this date we will still be meeting every Tuesday to practice, all very welcome

Call Helen for details - 821 410



www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this.

Orkney Mobile Library



Next visit:

Thursday 29th June

Services

Church Centre

11.30am

Sunday 4th June Local

Sunday 11th June Local

Sunday 18th June Local

Sunday 25th June Local

All welcome.

CRAFTHUB

Community Interest Company



***** June Open Daily*****

11am to 5.30pm

VOLUNTEERS

Shop cover

The tourist season has started and we are coming up to our busiest time of the year. If anyone would like to do a couple of hours now and then to help us out it would be very much appreciated. Volunteers have access to free Wi Fi, Tea, coffee, biscuits and an opportunity to meet visitors from all over the world.

Directors

If anyone would like to join the Crafthub team as a director we'd love to hear from you.

Every Monday – Coffee Morning 11am – 1pm

Every Wednesday - Children's Art Club - 3.15pm - 4.30pm

We have a selection of craft books and holiday reading -
you can either bring a book to swap or make a small donation to CLAN

We are taking bookings for the following workshops – they have limited spaces and fill up quickly so please get in touch as soon as possible to book your place.

CROCHET & KNITTING TECHNIQUES – Shelagh Grieve

6 weeks starting Friday 09 June 1pm to 3pm

Beginners & Intermediate welcome

Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments £15 per session

REW residents pay £3 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

DRAWING WORKSHOP – Joseph Hewes

Saturday 27th May, 3rd June 10th June – 11.30am – 1.30pm

Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments £15 per session

REW residents pay £3 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

AFRAYEDKNOT – Mark Cook

This is a half-day course planned for Sunday 11th June – 11.30 to 2.30pm

Hand knotting - a traditional technique - an exciting new workshop to explore using rope found on Orkney beaches. If you have any rope you have already collected Mark has said bring it along with you.

Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments £40

REW residents pay £8 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

PASTEL TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP – Diana Merrick

One Day course Tuesday 8th August – times tbc – places limited to 8 so please contact us early if you are interested.

Cost of the course including light refreshments £40

REW residents pay £8 – 20% of the total the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT



...and for later in the summer

MID-WEEK WALK n' DRAW – Joseph Hewes – dates to be confirmed

OIL PAINTING – Ingrid Grieve - dates to be confirmed

VIKING JEWELLERY – Heather Croy - dates to be confirmed

If you are interested in any of the summer workshops please call us as soon as possible so we can register your interest. Once dates are confirmed we'll let you know and confirm your booking.

For up to date information on opening times and workshops

please visit - www.crafthuborkney.co.uk

email: crafthub@btconnect.com

phone: 01856 821455

go to our facebook page

Look out for our new flyer and adverts in the new Craft Trail brochure and Islander magazine – 2017



Research on Working Culture and Cultural Resilience

My name is Christofer Johnson, and I am an American Folklorist from The Ohio State University. I am staying at the Trumland Farm for the next few months studying Orcadian working culture and cultural resilience, music, and storytelling.

I am interested in talking to fishers, farmers (and fish farmers), ferry workers, small business owners, retirees, and anyone working in the tourist or service industry about their work.

I hope to collect stories about how life and work on Rousay used to be, how it is now, and thoughts on how things might change going forward. The ultimate goal of my project is to foreground local people and local voices in a discussion of how Orcadian culture and the local economy has changed/is changing as the world becomes ever more connected and globally integrated.

If you are interested in participating in this research, please don't hesitate to contact me at details listed below. Interviews typically last around an hour and are generally informal. I will work with your schedule – I would be happy to talk over a pint, over tea, at a job site, or wherever suits you best.

With that in mind, I would also be more than happy to accompany you to a job site and pitch in as-needed. I want to get a sense for the kind of work that is done on Rousay, and first-hand experience is often the best teacher.

The planned finished product will be an ethnographic manuscript on Orcadian culture published by The Ohio State University Press, which I intend to make available to the Kirkwall library in hardcopy form and to study participants in digital form (ebook/PDF). Depending upon the quality/content of interviews, I am also considering putting together a short audio story/podcast on Orcadian culture to be featured on the Ohio State University Center for Folklore Studies webpage (to see other material we have highlighted in the past, feel free to visit <https://cfs.osu.edu>). Stories and interviews remain the property of interviewees, and as such at the completion of the study I will make all materials available to Rousay residents.

Contact:

Email — Johnson.5402@osu.edu * Phone — +1 803 646 9068 * SMS/Text — 07432214239

Also feel free to stop and chat if you see me out and about!

First 10 Years - Anniversary of the REW DT

The Trust has now been officially operational for 10 years and to celebrate all of the things we have achieved we have put together a small leaflet identifying all of the projects we have worked upon. This will soon be posted, along with a short paper giving more information on each project, to every household in RE&W. If you do not receive a copy or would like additional copies, please let us know.

Stone Chippings Scheme

The Stone Chipping Scheme awards have now been approved and letters have been sent to all applicants. We are now in the process of liaising with the supplier, Brian Kemp Haulage, regarding delivery. Those who have received an award letter will be contacted either by the Development Trust or by Brian Kemp Haulage directly. Please do not contact either Brian Kemp or the REW DT unless it is to provide additional delivery information after you have been informed of your delivery date. The laying of the chippings will not necessarily be in the same week as delivery. We will keep you all individually informed.

Allotment Association



Plots are available now and the equipment is available for hire.

Membership fees are now due and are still at the same rate as last year at £5.00. This allows you to access the hiring of the various gardening equipment held at the site and to rent a plot for the year, if desired. To become a member or re-new membership please see Helen at the DT offices.

Plots are available now for both the allotments site (at £20 a year, including use of a shed) and the poly tunnel (at £10 a year). To rent a plot please see Helen (at the DT) or Hilary (821 400).

Equipment Hire available: -

Rotovator	Strimmer	Shredder	Hedge Trimmer	Lawn Mower	Trailer
We have both a large and small rotovator available: £10 per day, plus fuel	£10 per day or £2.50 per hour (if preferred), plus fuel	£10 per day	£10 per day or £2.50 per hour (if preferred)	£10 per day	(Needed for the safe transport of the large rotovator and the lawn mower): £10 per day

To book the hiring of equipment, please see Hilary (821 400).

Happy gardening.

Ask us for more information on the following things the Trust offers:



Free rechargeable/ solar-powered lanterns
Distributed by Islands View Surgery. Contact the Nurse (821 406) or Anne (821 265) at the Surgery.

Orkney Age Scotland Here2Help
Traditional home help service - regular help with a range of household tasks, at a subsidised rate.

Grant Schemes
General Grants, Driving Lessons, Educational Bursaries, and Wellbeing

Car Club
Contact us to join!



New Community Survey Researcher Post - Tenders Welcome

The Development Trust is now in a position to ask the community for their input to help it to determine what the Trust should develop now, and during the next five years. The results from this survey will feed into the Trust's new 5 Year Development Plan.

An opportunity has arisen for a Researcher to contact households in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre to gather information, collate, analyse and to present findings to the Board of Directors and to help present the headline information at the Development Trust's Annual General Meeting due to be held in October 2017.

Tender applicants should have experience of communicating effectively with people at all levels. The post will be on a self-employed basis and the applicant must be polite, self-motivated and enthusiastic and be based on Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre.

The post is funded by the Development Trust and applications must include a breakdown of their costings including hours per week, number of weeks needed, sundry expenses (i.e. postage) and mileage. The Development Trust is looking for tender applications in the region of £6,000 and will expect all residents to be contacted.

Timescales – Closing date for this post is 14th June 2017. The initial findings from the survey will be ready for 15th September 2017 with the final draft ready for board approval by 6th November 2017.

If you would like more information before submitting an application, please email info@rewdt.org

If you think you could provide this service within the timescales and budget, please submit your tender in a sealed envelope, clearly marked 'Researcher Post' with a summary of your experience and how you would complete this role, to the REW DT Offices at The Manse, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PR.



Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

For a grant application form, please go to our website or contact the Office.

All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date or training event. This is to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

Board meetings planned for 2017:

Wednesday 21st June
Monday 6th November

Saturday 19th August
Monday 4th December

The Annual General Meeting is planned for Saturday 7th October.

Contact Us

Telephone: 01856 821 229

E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Website: www.rewdt.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rewdt



Office Drop-In Times: 10am to 12 noon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - contact to arrange an appointment outwith these times



Free Wi-Fi access (plus access to a laptop and printer) is available to use at the Trust Office during office drop-in times

Directors: Bryan Milner (Chair); John Garson (Vice-Chair); Kayleigh Tipper (Treasurer); Hilary Byland; Chris Cox; Diana Compton; Clare Daintith; Mark Hull; Carole Maguire; Brian Noakes; Eric Shortland; Stuart Sailor

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Surgery Opening Times (Tel.: 821265)

GP present on Monday and Friday until 11AM, and all day Wednesdays.

The times below are the hours when the office is staffed.

Monday	9:00-13:00	
Tuesday		14:00-18:00
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	16:00-18:00
Thursday	11:00-15:00	
Friday	9:00-11:00	16:00-18:00

If you require medical assistance in an emergency, please phone **999**. If you require urgent medical advice, and cannot wait until the surgery is open, please contact the Balfour switchboard on **888000** and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.

The surgery computer system is being upgraded, with the work beginning on Thursday 1st June. We may not have access to patient records that day, or on Friday. If you need prescriptions, please order no later than Wednesday 31st May. We will also not be scheduling non-urgent appointments for Thursday or Friday, just in case we cannot access records.

Practice Meetings

The surgery staff has a meeting on the first Wednesday of every month, between 10 and 11AM. This means the phones will not be answered during this time. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as we can. If it is an emergency, please follow the instructions above for paging the Nurse Practitioner.

Collecting Prescriptions

Whenever possible, please try to collect these during scheduled opening hours, when Dispensers/ Reception staff are in the office. If you are unable to come during opening hours, please let us know, and we will make other arrangements.

If you use our advance ordering system, please note that we would prefer that you phone ahead so that we can have your prescriptions ready, as we may be busy when you arrive.

Annual Reviews

We are moving to a system of reviewing people annually in the month of their birth. We are working our way through reviews of people who are overdue, but if you have a long-term medical condition (for example Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, etc.), and think it may have been more than a year since you were reviewed, please contact the surgery. This applies even if your birthday is months away, or has recently passed.

Hospital stays

Please remember to contact the surgery when you are released from hospital. We are not usually told by the hospitals, so we rely on patients letting us know themselves. If you have been given a letter, please bring it along, or ask someone to do it for you. This is especially important if any changes have been made to your medication during your stay. Thank you.

Aberdeen flights

Flybe/Loganair has decided not to offer the 10:40 flight over the summer months. This means that the only flights available for getting to Aberdeen are at 07:30, 14:40 and 17:20. Please bear this in mind when making or rearranging hospital appointments.

Blood Pressure checks

Our Nurse Practitioners are now offering a drop-in service for Blood Pressure checks during certain times. If you have not had your blood pressure checked recently, or have never had it checked, please come along to the Surgery between **2PM and 4PM on Tuesdays** or **4PM and 6PM on Fridays**.

The Nurse Practitioners will do their best to be available during those times, but bear in mind that if they have to attend an emergency, they will have to leave. If you are making a special trip, we would advise phoning ahead to check, otherwise just pop in when you're passing.



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Supervised Session Hours

Monday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Tuesday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Wednesday	x x x
Thursday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Friday	x x x
Saturday	16:00 - 17:00
Sunday	x x x

* The gym closes at 20:15 if empty

Buddy System Hours

Monday	08:30 - 17:30 *
Tuesday	08:30 - 17:30 *
Wednesday	08:30 - 17:30 *
Thursday	08:30 - 17:30 *
Friday	08:30 - 17:30 *
Saturday	x x x
Sunday	10:45 - 11:45 **

* During School Terms

** During Rousay Fatburn Extreme



Summer Opening Hours

Monday 11am to **5pm**
 Tuesday to Saturday - 11am to 11pm
 Sunday - 11am to 10.30pm

Food served daily from
 12pm to **5pm** (Mon),
 12pm to 9pm (Tue-Sat),
 and 12pm till 7.30pm (Sun)

Booking for meals is advisable
and much appreciated

Rousay Stores

*Informally Known as -
Big Al's*

Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11am – 5.30pm
 Sunday – 2pm – 4pm
 Tuesday – Closed

- Lots of fresh and frozen products available three days a week.
- Order and delivery service available.
- Save yourself the ferry and transport costs come and see me.

- Always Happy To Help -

Contact Alan direct – 01856 821365, Mob / Text - 07415411834, or
 Follow us on Face Book.

Rousay Heritage Trust

The Rousay Heritage Trust is to incorporate the Wyre Heritage Society and to take over responsibility for looking after the Wyre Heritage Centre and its archive of heritage material.

Contact between Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre and the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme [NILPS] regarding proposed initiatives across our three islands is also being co-ordinated by the Rousay Heritage Trust.

Because of the above developments, the Rousay Heritage Trust has now become the **Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Heritage Society** or, locally, simply **the Heritage Society**. [The use of the word "Society" rather than "Trust" is to reduce the possibility of its being confused with the Development Trust.]

The proposed initiatives, for which discussions are on-going and the NILPS is currently preparing the second stage of its application for Lottery Heritage funding, include:

- Improving the signage and way-marking of "Heritage Trail" sites and footpaths on all three islands;
- Making the Wyre Heritage Centre fully weather-tight, including re-roofing, to ensure that it remains structurally sound for the foreseeable future;
- Significantly updating and enhancing the Heritage Centre Waiting Room on Rousay; [Voluntary labour on the part a number of Heritage Society trustees has already smartened up the inside of the building somewhat to make it more friendly and attractive for visitors and local people alike.]
- Providing safe car parking, plus a picnic table and an information board, at the viewpoint and sculpture site, at highest point of the public road between the Leann and the Sourin Brae.
- Employing a part-time research assistant to work with local residents to develop and enhance the heritage archive of written, spoken and visual material.
- Securing an indoor area in which to house domestic and agricultural heritage artefacts.

Should the ongoing discussions and the NILPS bid for funding be successful, these initiatives will commence in the spring of 2018.

Bryan Milner [Chair, REW Heritage Society]

REW HS – Update for the REVIEW



LOTTERY FUNDED

2017 Summer of History Programme.

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Land and Sea: Exploring Island Heritage, Past and Present.

Some of you may have seen locally the press release for this project award. Here in the Review, on the REW DT Facebook page and on their website we will be advertising the various activities as they are finalised. For now here is some information...

Rousay Heritage Trust has teamed up with archaeologists from the University of the Highlands and Islands Archaeology Institute, Orkney College, and the University of Bradford (with support from the REW DT) to bring a vibrant summer of archaeology to the islands. The project builds upon the excavations at Swandro and Skail farm over the last few years to investigate long-term environmental and societal change in Rousay and the development of the Westness Estate. This year, activities will have a Viking theme as we commemorate the 900th year of the martyrdom of St Magnus and celebrate the Viking sites and links to Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. This includes excavations at the Viking/Norse farm at Skail and surveying the Norse houses at Swandro.

REW HS

The project will include opportunities for the local community to get involved, learn some new skills and contribute to the unfolding story along the Westness shore. A survey team from Historic Environment Scotland are recording the buildings at Skail in June, with opportunities to come and learn about built heritage. The project will be working with the Rousay Community School next month and two training placements are available for islanders over the summer. There will be a host of workshops and open days for all, including an archaeological building survey at Skail, experimental archaeology and even a boat trip around the islands.

The project has received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Stories, Stones and Bones grant and additional funding from the OIC Archaeology Fund.

Dates for the diary:

13-16 June: Archaeological building survey at Skail and The Wirk, Westness with Historic Environment Scotland survey team. Open afternoon on 16th June. Visitors welcome.

10-23 July: Excavations at Skail farm. Test pit weekend 22-23 July. Volunteers and visitors welcome.

3-28 July: Excavations at Swandro coastally eroding site. Open day dates available soon.

Archaeological training placements: two places for islanders available for excavations at Skail.

Plus for July the planned activities at Swandro, will include an earthwork survey of the Norse houses. The survey will produce an interpretive hachure plan of the surviving earthworks and exposed stone work.

Contact The Archaeology Institute for details on how to take part:

studyarchaeology@uhi.ac.uk tel: 01856 569225



LOTTERY FUNDED



Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

Next Rousay outreach visit: 23rd August 2017, 11:30am to 2:30pm, in the Church Centre.

We are there to advise on any issue. To make an appointment or arrange a home visit, please contact 01856 875266 no later than Thursday 17th August.



Calling all members young and old.

It's our 80th Anniversary and we are having a meal at The Taversoe on the 17th September.

All are invited and we look forward to seeing members from the past and present.

If you are interested please contact Julie for more details on 07947999683 or tommyjulie@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Orkney Heritage Society's

Annual evening excursion to Eynhallow
Tuesday 4th July

(reserve date Wednesday 5th July)

Meet at Tingwall ferry at 1900 hours.

Return approximately 2230.

Tickets are £25 each (£15 for under 16s)

Available from the Orkney Heritage Society website from 1st June.

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/ohs>

Please note there are no facilities at all in the island.

Outdoor clothing and stout shoes are essential.



A chance to get involved in the battle against fuel poverty



FUEL Poverty in Orkney is the worst in Scotland and isles – like Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre – are amongst the most affected by it.

Over the past 15 months the Tackling Household Affordable Warmth (THAW) Group in Kirkwall's Victoria Street has been at the forefront of the drive to overturn that damning statistic by enabling energy efficiency works, worth over £500,000 to be progressed in over 400 Orkney households.

Now, with the assistance of grants from businesses, benefactors and community organisations on the isles and the Orkney Mainland, the group is trying to formulate a bid that could bring in an additional £340,000 work over the forthcoming year.

THAW will hold its 2nd AGM in Kirkwall Town Hall on June 15th at 7pm when they will explain their plans for the year ahead and be pleased to hear the views of those in the North Isles who are interested in fuel poverty as well as those who have benefitted from the work undertaken so far.

The guest speaker at the event will be Di Alexander – the man appointed by Scottish Ministers as the independent chair of the Scottish Rural Fuel Poverty Task Force who also chairs the Highlands and Islands Housing Associations Affordable Warmth Group.

THAW Chairman Robert Leslie said: “Di Alexander has been championing the case to treat areas such as Orkney differently when it comes to energy efficiency programmes aiming at bringing affordable warmth to folk, as the issues we face are not the same as those in urban areas of the Central Belt. His message – backed by many working to tackle fuel poverty in the Highlands and Islands – is starting to be listened to. I would encourage folk to come and hear it for themselves.”



Thank You from the RNLi

The Rousay & Wyre Guild would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported them this year.

Thanks to your generosity we raised:

£107 from the Whist Drive

£40 from the Burns Night

£62 Easter Egg Event

£254 Blue Bell Teas -

(through individual donations, donation box, raffle, plant sale, artists)

£246 In Memoriam – M Carr Silent Auction

Thank you to the Pier for allowing us to use their venue and to Eivor & Robert Cormack for opening up their garden to us, so that everyone could enjoy the blue bells, and to everybody who has given up their time, provided food, prizes and participated in the events.

Thank You

North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme - Development Phase Update – No. 6

Hello,

As I write this update on the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS) we are in mid-May. The main development with NILPS since the last newsletter was the meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) at the end of April. The meeting went well and they were pleased to see how the scheme and associated projects are being developed. However, based on the work still to be done the submission date has been pushed back until mid/end of October. From my own perspective this allows more time to complete the required works as part of the NILPS submission to the HLF and is generally welcome. It will impact very slightly on the timescales of the scheme, as a decision on the application will now be made in February 2018 as opposed to November/December 2017. However, in order to allow time to produce all of the documents required the slight change to timescales will not impact massively on the 5 year programme.

As the development phase is now over the half way mark, the majority of the project studies are completed. There are still a few to be done, whose details are highlighted below:

- The additional works to the Historic Environment study, coordinated by my colleague Tom Hunter, is nearing completion. We have acquired a local surveyor (Billy Groundwater) to do some surveys and costs for us as we develop projects further.
- The contract for the Monitoring and Evaluation of NILPS has recently been awarded to Resources for Change (www.r4c.org.uk/index.html). A workshop will be held on the 18th May with North Isles representatives present. Notes on the outcome of this workshop will be available in due course.
- The Branding, Graphics and Website Development for NILPS have been awarded to Resolve Creative (www.resolve-creative.co.uk), in conjunction with NB Communications (www.nbcommunication.com/locations/orkney). The branding of LP Schemes is deemed very important, with the development of a logo and associated graphics one of the main outputs from this exercise. Although the final works are to be discussed, we anticipate the consultants will look to actively engage with local communities and (possibly) the local schools during the process of developing the identity for the scheme.

With regard to project briefs, these have now been developed. If anyone would like a copy of the full project briefs please get back to me and I can send them on. My contact details are shown at the end of this update.

So, despite the additional time, my priority will still be to produce the LCAP as well as developing the projects we intend to deliver under NILPS during the 5 year scheme. Further information is available at the following link - <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/D/north-isles-landscape-partnership-scheme.htm> Thank you again for your continued participation. I will continue to work with local groups to develop the project briefs into fully written-up and costed projects.

Best regards,

Alister Brown (Development Office - North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme)
Development and Marine Planning, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY

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E: alister.brown@orkney.gov.uk

The NILPS Development Phase is being supported by the following organisations



For Sale

SEP two wheeled 11HP four-stroke tractor.

Complete with professional 90cm rotary grass cutter and 90cm Rotavator.

Everything very lightly used, just suffering from surface rusting.

Used less than 100hrs, cost £2300, best offer over £750 secures.

Please call 821351 to make an offer or to arrange to view.



For Sale

Clothes Rail
Chrome.

On wheels with
basket shelf top.

Sturdy.

£35.

Tel. Jackie 07917345735



DELICIOUS MEDJOUL DATES

from
PALESTINE
are again available

250 g £3.50, 500 g £6.00, 1 kg £10.00

email: everybist@gmail.com

or

ring: 821235 / 874250

[but we're away May 27th to June 4th, inclusive]

Wanted

Assistance in Trumland House Gardens for the summer, some gardening experience essential.

Working hours are 9-5 Monday to Friday,
but part time / hrs to suit will be possible.

Telephone Elaine on 821 322
AFTER 5.30 p.m. please.



Wanted

Second hand bicycle
in the £100-130 range
(I don't really care about condition).

Christofer Johnson
(staying at Trumland Farm
for the next few months)

Email: Johnson.5402@osu.edu
Phone: +1 803 646 9068
SMS/Text: 07432214239

Garden Matters

Rousay Growers can offer the following for sale:

- Alpine plants for the rockery, path and border edges, and suitable dykes
- Cotoneaster: an evergreen ground cover for poor soils. Used to stabilise slopes, and to cover unsightly areas.
- Tall plants provide colour and can suppress weeds. Lupinus and magenta flowering geraniums are suitable subjects.
- Hebe and potentilla require very little, or no, maintenance and make attractive features near gateways.

Visit Essaquoy to see the displays.
Phone 821 276 with enquiries for Marion and/or Chris.



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Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place



The Council Offices at School Place, Kirkwall

I am indebted to the 197 voters who placed me 1st on their ballot paper, beholden to the 118 people who put me 2nd, obliged to the 103 individuals who made me their 3rd choice, grateful to the 26 souls for whom I was their 4th preference, thank the 15 who gave me a 5, am appreciative of the 17 persons who wrote a 6 next to my name and the 14 who marked me 7th, and acknowledge the 39 folk who ranked me at number eight. Which means, after all the calculations, transfers and exclusions, I got back in with 321,921,919 votes—such is the crazy Single Transferable Vote system (the blame for which lies with the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004).

Since the election, councillors, both old and new, have been solidly undergoing full-on “induction”, in which we are lectured about our roles and responsibilities, governance, council structures, services and committees, standards and ethics, etc., etc.

On the morning of Tuesday 16th May, following the blessing of the new Council by the Revd Fraser Macnaughton, we held our first proper meeting, the Statutory General Meeting, at which Harvey Johnston was appointed Convener (now a purely ceremonial role) and James Stockan the Leader (a political role). Chairs of committees and certain other appointments were also decided at this meeting. I have been appointed to the board of Orkney Ferries Ltd, am staying on the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, and I am expanding my portfolio of council experience with a seat on the Orkney Health & Care Committee. I was unopposed to continue as OIC's representative on the UHI Foundation and on the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board and to represent the Council on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances and the Dounreay Stakeholder Group. Unexpectedly, I was also appointed to the Council of Society of Friends of St Magnus Cathedral.

Like every other councillor, I am on the Policy & Resources Committee, and I am back (as the only North Isles councillor) on the Education, Leisure & Housing and Monitoring & Audit committees. In the afternoon after the Statutory General Meeting, a special meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee was held, at which appointments were made to sub-committees and working groups. I have been re-appointed to the Constitutional Reform Member/Officer Working Group and to the Empowering Communities Steering Group. I have also been placed on the Digital Strategy Member/Officer Working Group. Given my Isles, academic, cultural, scientific and IT backgrounds, I believe my appointments maximise the opportunities for me to apply my strengths in the new Council. In the interests of openness and transparency, the traditional, painted-over “Quality Street” tin used to collect our voting slips at meetings where secret ballots are taken has been replaced with a glass goldfish bowl.

It was a pleasant change, the next day, to get out of School Place and attend the Norwegian Constitution Day events and take part in the Tog, at which I got to carry an (albeit small) Norwegian flag in the procession. The next day it was back to “induction”, which will continue almost up until the end of May.

Last year, following initial discussions at a Sanday Parent Council meeting, I persuaded OIC to offer the former Harbour Master's House at Kettletoft to the Sanday community before putting it on the open market. I am pleased to say it has now been purchased by the Sanday Development Trust, who will be renovating it to become a “gateway house” for the island.

I have set up a dedicated website at ifsp.pbworks.com where the current issue and back numbers of “Letter from School Place” are available for downloading.

Here's to the next five years ...

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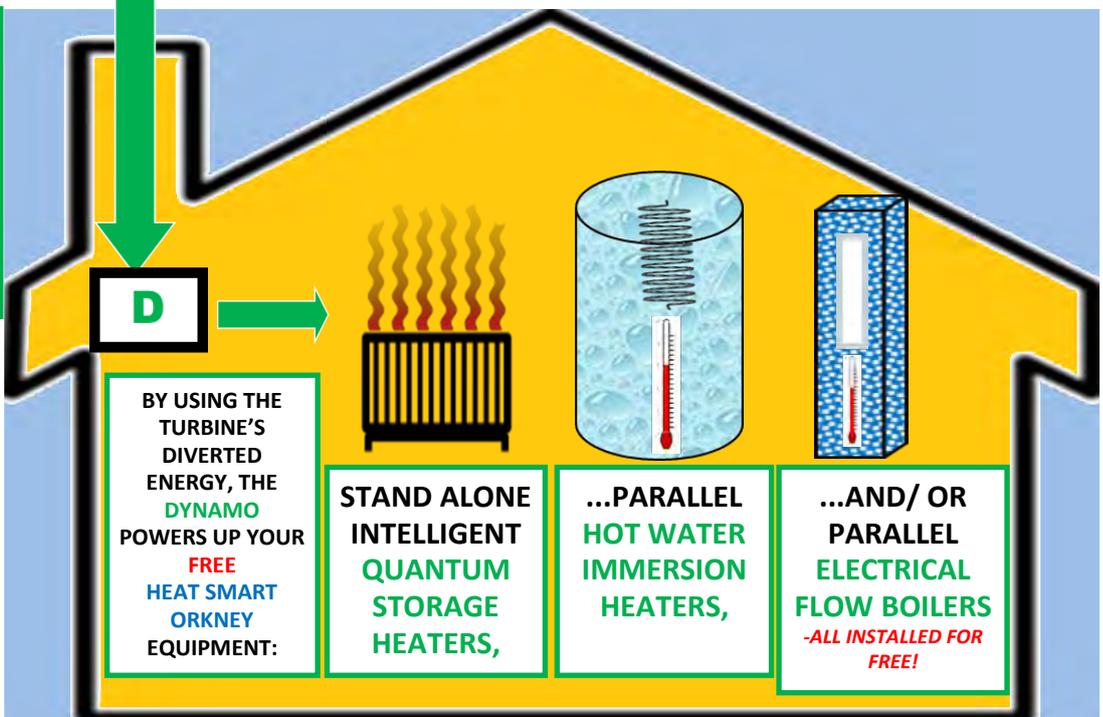


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