ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE REVIEW

The Rousay Firefighters

invite you to a:

Charity It's a Knockout



7pm 1st August

Westness Farm Football Pitch

Teams of up to 6, with at least 3 adults. (To be entered by telling a firefighter before 19:00 on the 30th July)

Followed by a

Barbeque & Barn Dance

B.Y.O.B. Late boat to Egilsay and Wyre (leaving 1:30am from Rousay pier)

Entrance free, but all donations gratefully received

2009 RHS Annual Show and Tattie-in-a-Bucket Weigh-In

Saturday 1st August, Rousay Community School

Open to the public 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. Refreshments available all afternoon

Prize-giving at 4.00 p.m.

Entries for the Show accepted Friday 31st, July 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

Anyone needing help getting entries to the school contact 821 225

Tattie-in-Bucket Weigh-In 12.00 to 3.00 p.m.

Tattie buckets can be labelled and left at the school on Friday night or taken in on the Saturday by 3 p.m. (the earlier the better). Please remember to bring along two strong bags to take the tatties and soil away in.

Remember this year the RHS are donating 50p for every entry to the Rousay Community Play Area, and Egilsay and Wyre are eligible to win the District Shield for the first time.

AUGUST 2009

Internet Edition

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Saturday, 1st.

- Rousay Horticultural Show 2.30 to 4.00 p.m. in the Community School

- Charity "It's a Knockout", Bar-B-Q & Barn Dance. 7.00 p.m. at Westness Farm Football Pitch

Sunday, 2nd.

- Gun Club 2 p.m. at Quoy Grinnie

Tuesday, 4th.

- InnQUIZition. 8 p.m. at the Taversoe

Friday, 7th.

- WAGS Pirates @ The Taversoe

Saturday, 8th.

- County Show

Monday 17th.

- Ice Rink set-up at School

Thursday, 20th.

- Mobile Library visits

Saturday, 29th.

- Rousay Lap

Sunday, 30th.

- Gun Club 2 p.m. at Quoy Grinnie

CHURCH SERVICES

Everyone Welcome

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Every Sunday in August at the Church Centre at 11.30 a.m.

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2nd. August 9th. August - M. Prentice 16th. August 23rd. August - David Fidler

30th. August

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ROUSAY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Play Area

The Parent Council would like to thank everyone who has fund-raised for, or have so generously supported fund-raising for the new play area. Over £2000 has already been raised locally, and an application to the OIC Community Projects Scheme has been successful with an award of 20% of total costs up to £8,800. The existing play equipment is very close to being condemned, and the cost of installing new equipment is high, so we are trying to push ahead with further fund-raising and grant applications. When funding bodies consider applications such as ours they want to see a good local contribution to the project, so we hope that people will continue to support the fund-raising efforts. Anyone wanting to raise money for the play area while taking part in the Rousay Lap can contact Dianne Hull (821 225) or Anne Grieve (821 283) for a sponsorship form or can make a donation when they enter.

Ice Rink

The Parent Council has arranged for the mobile Ice Rink to come to Rousay, and it is being set up in the playground on Monday 17th August. It is quite a big job to install, so help from parents and volunteers would be very gratefully appreciated.



THE ROUSAY GUN CLUB

The next Sporting Shoots will be held on Sunday 2nd August and Sunday 30th August, both at

2 p.m. at Quoy Grinnie. The North Isles Shoot grows ever closer and takes place on 12th September in Eday. Rousay Gun Club are again going to send a team and will be holding a few practice shoots in the lead up to the North Isles Shoot. If you would like to take part please contact Michelle on 821 420.



The RNLI ladies and friends went to Wyre on Sunday 18th. for the afternoon.

The weather was beautiful, and some walked the shore and others went to the Castle and churchyard, finishing up at the Community Centre where the Wyre ladies had organised Bingo, guessing games, quizzes and raffles - also a very welcome cup of tea with tasty sandwiches, scones and cakes.

On the road back to the boat we went to the Mill to see Racheal's veg garden.

The sum of £145.00 was collected. We would like to thank the Wyre ladies very much for such a lovely afternoon.

TAVERSOE InnOUIZition

Tuesday, 4^{th.} August, at 8 p.m. General Knowledge Quiz Snowball Jackpot Chinese Supper

Please note that the Taversoe will be CLOSED during the daytime on Tuesday, 18th, August, but OPEN again for the evening at 6.30 p.m. as usual.



PIRATES @ THE TAVERSOE

WAGS Fancy Dress Friday, August 7^{th.} Come Along & Shiver yer' Timbers

STRAWBERRY TEA

The ladies of the Church would like to thank everyone who came along to enjoy the Strawberry Tea, and who helped to make the afternoon a success.

The sum of £331.50 was raised.

ROUSAY GYM SUMMER OPENING TIMES

Supervised Hours

 Monday
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

 Tuesday
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

 Wednesday
 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

 Thursday
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

 Saturday
 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The gym will be **CLOSED** for:

Rousay Show Day

Dounby Show Day

County Show Day

Sat 1st August

Thur 6th August

Sat 8th August

During the school holidays, (Monday 27th June to Friday 14^{th.} August inclusive), Buddy System times will be as follows:-

Mon. 3rd Aug 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. 10th Aug 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fri. 14th Aug 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Usual rules apply

We would like to thank Anne Grieve, Rousay Development Trust Officer, for committing to being in the school building during these hours therefore increasing the availability of the gym.

SUMMER SPECIAL OFFERS

During the months of July and August, annual or saver card holders can bring a teenager (14-19 years) FREE.

Summer Induction Offer Induction and 5 Visits for £20

ICE RINK 17th August - 7th September

Skates will be available during all gym supervised hours. Why not bring your kids and exercise while they skate or warm up in the gym before you skate! Please ask a member of staff in the gym.

To book an induction please speak to an advisor at the gym or for more information contact Jo Inkster Tel. 821 200

ORKNEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

COUNTY SHOW

8th. August, 2009

MEMBERSHIP BADGES (£5) & ENTRY FORMS

Now available from Angus Firth 821 200



FOR SALE

Hens and chicks

'Phone 821 278

A BIG THANK YOU FROM EGILSAY

To all who came and supported our Summer Dance on the 11th. July.

It was a great evening, thoroughly enjoyed by

Sunday was definitely a little fuzzy around the edges!

We enjoyed having you here and hope to see you again soon.

WANTED

Does anyone have a TV they don't need? Required for the volunteers' accommodation at the Onziebust RSPB Reserve on Egilsay, as the last one has finally bitten the dust. Please ring Barry on 07818-805294

IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES OR IF YOU NEED AN AMBULANCE TELEPHONE 888 000

> BUT FOR FIRE, POLICE OR COASTGUARD CALL 999

Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council News

MARCHES & PARADES IN ORKNEY

will shortly be subjected to an increase from 7 to 28 days notice. However, traditional processions may be exempted from this requirement., (e.g. Armistice Processions, Riding of the Marches, Pipe Band and Gala-Parades, etc.) If you know of any such events in our area please let the Community Council Clerk know before Thursday, 13th. August, 2009.

CONSULTATION LICENSING (Scotland) ACT 2005

The liquor licensing system in Scotland is changing, and on the 1st. September 2009 licenses issued under the old 1976 provisions will cease on that date. The Orkney Islands Council Licensing Board would appreciate if the Community Council could comment on its "Licenses Overprovision Assessment". Relevant papers are available from the Community Council Clerk, to whom responses should be returned before Thursday, 13th. August, 2009.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERK

Ian Glen, Hanover 821 427 Email: ianglen@ianglen.com

DRAFT 3 VILLAGES URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION

The draft version of the Dounby, Finstown & St. Margaret's Hope Masterplan is open for consultation between the 13th. July and the 4th. September, 2009. Copies can be accessed on www.orkney.gov.uk.

PLANNING APPLICATION FEES FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It has recently been confirmed that planning application fees for applications where the Community Council is the applicant, remain at half the normal application fee.

THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CONVENTION

wants to meet with women living in Scottish Islands to discuss issues which are important to them and have a direct effect on their lives. More details of a meeting at the Kirkwall Hotel on Thursday, $10^{\rm th}$. September from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. can be obtained from the Community Council Clerk.



In the next Review I hope to be able to tell you the dates of talks/presentations from Orkney Energy Agency which will cover energy saving ideas, energy efficiency and a demonstration of the thermal imaging camera. For August I can tell you that there will be a Powerdown Stall at the Horticultural Show on Saturday 1st August,

where there will be information and leaflets relating to Scottish Hydro's Better Plan Energy Monitors, as well as information about the Energy Saving Trust's Energy Assistance Package, tips on how to Save Energy, Money and the Environment, energy games, facts and figures. My counterpart from Shapinsay, Nickie May will also be on hand to help and I hope to be able to go through the plans for the Affordable Warmth project and Community Gardening project I have been working on for the past couple of months. If you are unable to make it to the show, and would like information on any of these, please feel free to call me on 821 420, or call the Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre on 0800 512 012. Michelle Koster.



A SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR BIRDS ON ROUSAY, EGILSAY and WYRE

Barry & Rebecca O' Dowd (RSPB Wardens, Onziebust and Trumland)

There are many more sand-eels around this year after a decade of poor years and this has really helped the declining bird species which depend on them for feeding their young. There may be a number of reasons why the sand-eels have declined but evidence points to warming seas as a key one. Last winter was very cold and northerly winds through the Spring may have kept water temperatures low, helping the fish. Arctic terns (Pickie ternos), guillemots, razorbills, and puffins are at last raising good numbers of young but Kittiwake numbers are now very low. The Arctic Skuas (Scooty allans) should be having a better year also as they depend on pirating fish from the Pickie Ternos, the dramatic chases over the water must be one of the greatest acrobatic displays in the bird world. The Bonxies are the great bullys and will even bring down gannets in an effort to get them to disgorge their last catch. Farmers will be pleased to know that Bonxies are also a major predator of Greylag geese, taking around half the young on the moorland breeding sites in Orkney.

The Short-eared owls have been much in evidence this year, at least 4 pairs on Rousay and a pair on Egilsay, the first known breeding record here. No Orkney voles on Egilsay, so maybe they focus on the abundant rats. Hen harriers on Rousay started the season well with up to 5 females and 3-4 males, but most nests failed for one reason or another and only one nest has young. Historically harriers have done poorly on Rousay as there has been a shortage of males, possibly due to game-keepers on the Scottish and English mainland persecuting them on their wintering grounds. The females largely over-winter in Orkney. One pair of peregrines fledged a chick and Red-throated divers have chicks on most of the small lochs.

Wading birds continue to do very well on Egilsay; numbers of snipe, curlews, oystercatcher, redshank and lapwing are over double that recorded when the RSPB first came here in 1996. Surveys on low-intensity farmland on Wyre also revealed high wader numbers. I wish it was as good news for the Egilsay corncrakes, we have had a poor year with only one calling male (and presumably a female or two) on the Island. There are only 17 calling males recorded on the whole of Orkney this year so it may be matter of luck whether they find the ideal habitat we manage here after returning from Africa each Spring. Last year we had 4 calling birds with 21 on Orkney. Local folklore has it that the Corncrakes declined once the RSPB came to Egilsay, incorrect, the fact is that numbers here and on Orkney have been very low since the 1980's. This followed a rapid decline in the 1970's - 80's, coinciding with greater intensification of farming in Orkney, particularly the change from late-cut hay to silage. Habitat creation in the Hebrides has increased the population there, so we hold out the hope that they will proliferate once they find us!

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

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Introduce the

'ROUSAY LAP'

CYCLE | RUN | WALK



13.11 miles on a unique circular route around the island

SATURDAY, 29^{th.} **AUGUST 2009 - 12:00 start**

Registration on the day 11:15 - 11:45Free Entry - Donations to Rousay Play Park

email: Rousaylap@yahoo.co.uk for entry forms and details or pick them up in person from Trust Directors, Cycle Orkney and Gorn Sport

If coming across from the Mainland, please phone Tingwall (01856 751360) 24hrs in advance to book ferry

All items for the September Review should be sent to Ian Glen at Hanover, Sourin by the 25th. August, 2009. Ring 821 427 or email: news@rousay.org.uk