

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE REVIEW



February 2012

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Burns Supper



Friday 3rd February, at Rousay School.

Be there at 7.30 for 8pm start.

Supper, followed by dancing to *Kirkjuvagr Ceilidh Band*



What's On at a Glance

February 2012

Friday, 3rd.

- Open Assembly, Rousay School, 2.15pm
- Burns Supper and Dance, Rousay School, 7.30 for 8pm start

Saturday, 4th.

- REWG Community Council Meeting (inc. OIC Housing Presentation), Rousay School, 10.15am
- Church Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Tuesday, 7th.

- KGS School Week Review Meeting for Parents of KGS Pupils, Rousay School, 2.15pm
- Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

Saturday, 11th.

- Music Night, Pier Restaurant, 9pm

Tuesday, 14th.

- SWRI Open Meeting, Rousay School, 8pm

Thursday, 16th.

- Rousay Dance Group, Church Centre, 11.15 - 2pm
- Mobile Library visits Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Saturday, 18th.

- Church Service, Church Centre, 11.30am

Saturday, 25th.

- Ash Wednesday Eucharist, St. Mary's Chapel, Westness, 11.30am

◆ Every **Monday**: Yoga, Church Centre, 12.15pm

◆ Every **Tuesday**: Meditation, Church Centre, 9.45 - 11am

◆ Every **Tuesday**: Craft Class, Rousay School, 2.30 - 4.30pm

◆ Every **Sunday**: Poker League, The Taversoe, 7/7.30pm

Open Assembly

Friday 3rd February, 2.15pm, Rousay School

A presentation of foul weather gear for the kids from *Northern Isles Salmon*.

All welcome.

REWG Community Council Meeting

The Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council meet on Saturday, 4 February 2012 at 10.15am in the Community Room at the Rousay Community School. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings.

Staff from the Council's Housing Division will be attending to give a brief presentation on Local Letting Initiatives and are keen to hear your views.

Craft Class Special

Tuesday 31st Jan 1pm-3 pm
Carlyn Kirkness Needle Felting

Craft Class Sessions in February

Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Feb (Any Craft)

Bring along your knitting, crocheting, bobbin lace, felting or try spinning. There is always someone there to help.

Enjoy a cup of tea & a chat
Everyone Welcome

2.30-4.30, Rousay Community School

MISSING CANOE FOUND

Bryan's canoe has been found, on the shores of Wasbister Loch, below the Wasbister School House.

Many thanks to Jo



Yoga

YOGA starts again on Monday 30 Jan. at 12.15 at the Church Centre.

MV Eynhallow

The girls and boys on the boat would like to thank the many people who gifted us with fine festive fayre again this (oops, last) year.

Overwhelmingly generous. Thank you.

Church Services

Church Centre, 11.30am

Sat.4th Feb. Martin Prentice
Sat 18th Feb. David Fidler

All welcome

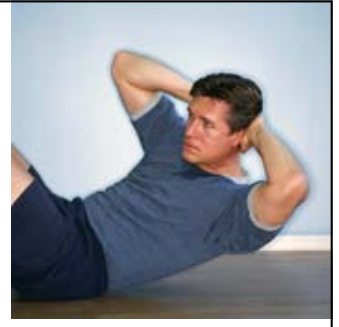


Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Ash Wednesday Eucharist, at St Mary's Chapel, Westness, on Saturday 25 February, at 11.30am. All welcome.



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Let's All Get Fit For February

Feeling a bit sluggish after the festive season?

Would you like to carry your shopping or pick up your children without aches and pains?

Are the poppers popping on your boilersuit?

Or perhaps you have a favourite outfit you would like to fit into again?

Whatever your goal we can help and **"*30 MINUTES IS ALL IT TAKES"**!

£30 for eight visits and a **"30 MINUTES IS ALL IT TAKES"** tone and trim program to fit your personal needs.

The program is a short workout designed to help you with tasks associated with daily living and to kick-start your activity levels. It should be completed over 4-6 weeks and we hope you will decide to continue on longer so you will receive a free update on your program and 10% off a Saver Card (expiry dates apply).

Please contact a Fitness Advisor to find out more.

Tel. Jo Inkster, 821200. E-mail: rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

Or pop by the gym during supervised hours.

If you have just bought a Saver Card, please speak to an Advisor for details about obtaining the program alone.

*Regular participation is required for optimum results.

Rousay Healthy Living Centre Opening Times

Supervised Opening Times

Mon 7pm-9pm
Tue 7pm-9pm
Thur 7pm-9pm
Sat 4pm-5pm

Buddy System 7am-5:30pm weekdays school term and during badminton sessions on Wednesday and Sunday

SWRI Open Meeting

Tuesday 14th February

8pm, Rousay Community school

Display of Old Objects & Antiques Road Show
with Neil Leask & Chris Gee

Competition 1. Valentine Card
2. Favourite Antique



Rousay won the "Race To Lapland"!

In fact, we were the only gym to complete the race, coming in 2 days ahead of schedule. Well done to everyone who took part. Special thanks to Paddy and Carole Maguire, Bob Trigg and the "baby sitters"!

The Taversoe

February Holiday Closure

The Taversoe will be closed from Wednesday 8th February, re-opening as usual on Wednesday 22nd February.

The bar will be open @ 6.30pm on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th for the Poker League. (There will be no food service on these Sundays. Well, maybe ice-cream sundaes!)

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust



The Trust as a source of funding for developments within the community

Now that the Kingarly Hill turbine is in place, visibly turning and generating income, many members of the community are beginning to think seriously about how this income might best be used. Indeed, we have had several provisional enquiries about whether the Trust might be able to help fund a variety of different projects.

These enquiries are very welcome but we have had to respond to them all in a similar way by drawing their attention to the following two points.

Firstly, we do not, as yet, have any disposable income from the turbine;

[This is because REWIRED, the Trust's trading subsidiary, has to accumulate a reserve to cover six months "mortgage" payments to the Co-operative Bank. In addition, it is also prudent to accumulate a reserve fund of six months basic operating expenses. Fortunately, we are able to divert our project underspend towards these reserves. Our first loan repayment is due at the end of March and as with most loans the payment will be mainly the interest rather than the capital]

Secondly, the board of directors is currently in the process of setting up the procedures by means of which funding for projects of benefit to the community can be applied for and, if successful, awarded.

[These procedures need not only to be fair and transparent but also to take into account a large number of matters of detail. We made considerable progress towards setting up such procedures at the December board meeting and, as a result of further work since then, anticipate further progress at the January 28th board meeting. Once this process is complete, we shall do all we can to ensure that every member of our community is made aware of exactly how the system works. We shall also provide whatever help and advice is needed to applicants to ensure that their application has the best possible chance of being accepted.]

In the meantime the only money available to the Trust is from the Big Lottery grant that we were originally given to help fund the turbine itself. Government regulations prevented us from using this grant directly to fund the turbine though we were able to deploy it towards preparatory work, e.g. the purchase of land at Windbreck needed for access to the site. The remaining money has to be spent to achieve the outcomes [other than funding the turbine itself] that we specified in our application for the grant. Many of these have already been achieved [e.g. significant progress towards reducing fuel poverty, the introduction of the community gardens at the school and allotment site and the installation of 6 kW wind turbines for the community halls on all three islands]. The Board will be carefully examining, at its January meeting, what still has to be achieved with the remaining funds, to meet the requirements of the Big Lottery.

Turbine Report

Very briefly, after an outstanding performance over the first 28 days and then a succession of problems during the second 28 days, the turbine has again performed well, with no major problems, over the third 28 day period. Our SCADA, enabling remote access of information from and diagnosis of any problem with the turbine, is now installed. This greatly helps our turbine responders in their work.

Regular updates about the Trust will be posted at the usual communication points including the REWDT web site www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/REWDEVTRUST, community notice boards and the Eynhallow.

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Message from Stephen Clackson about postal voting and the OIC election

2012 marks not only the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens, the centenary of Scott's tragic expedition to the South Pole, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it is also the year of the next local government elections - when we can elect the OIC councillors we believe will do the best for us. I shall be standing again for the North Isles ward at this election, and hope, with your support, to become one of those councillors.

Postal-only voting has now been introduced in the outer isles, which means you need to complete and return the "Application to vote by post" form, unless you wish to travel to the Mainland to vote. Because postal votes have to be sent in before the actual polling day (3rd May 2012), the outer isles candidates have less official canvassing time available than in the past. This is why I have started canvassing already as a prospective candidate.

When I stood at the 2007 election, to my regret I never managed to canvass in Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre, although I subsequently visited all three in August 2008. I have yet to set foot on Gairsay. If you have not met me in person, you may know me through my correspondence in *The Orcadian* or my "Dr. Clackson Digresses ..." articles published in *Living Orkney* last year.

Do you feel Rousay, Egilsay Wyre and Gairsay have been well represented at School Place in the last four and a half years? Have all the current North Isles councillors been in touch with the needs of your communities and their problems? Have they been listening to the concerns of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay folk, and, more to the point, have they been acting on them? I would welcome hearing your views.

In the meantime, do not forget to get your postal voting application sent off, so that you will be able to cast your votes from the comfort of your own home.

STEPHEN CLACKSON

(Prospective OIC candidate)
West Manse, Sanday

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Rousay World Dance

The next gathering of the Rousay Dance group is on

Thursday, 16 February
at the Church Centre

11.15 – 2 pm

Shared lunch

DONATIONS TO CHRISTIAN AID

A wonderful way of maintaining flexibility and fitness.
Our emphasis is on fun, not perfection. Beginners welcome.

FREE RAYBURN

Rayburn 360 k/D oil fired central heating cooker in excellent condition FREE to anybody prepared to pay the cost of removing from site and disconnecting from cylinder circuit. The central heating circuit has already been disconnected.

Phone Ann on 821 338 or John on 821 305.

Rousay Allotment Association and School Gardens



Allotment news

The inaugural meeting for the allotment association took place on Wednesday night. It was attended by 9 folk, including 2 new members, thanks to those who came out on a blustery night! A small committee has been formed, myself being the Chairperson, Claire Daintith offered to be Secretary and Helen Castle the Treasurer. If anyone else would like to join as committee members we would welcome your support.

It was decided that the association will stay affiliated with the Development Trust as there are several benefits, including insurance cover.

Alistair Munro was mentioned for successfully growing tatties on his plot last season. Others are now ready and keen to follow his example!

Some ideas for meetings were discussed, including an Any Question session with experienced Rousay folk supporting gardeners new to Orkney, Rousay Open Gardens and trips out to the mainland to Happy Valley and the glasshouses at Birsay Tea Rooms. Dates to follow.

It was suggested that we put a notice board inside the polytunnel to advertise events, share knowledge and seedlings/plant swaps.

The shed will also be opening soon to buy pots, compost and nutrients etc. Details next month.

I have reported to the Development Trust that we need to address the issue of getting water on site for watering in the polytunnel and that we seem to have a drainage issue at the top road end of the site. I am also waiting for decisions to be made on the best solution for strengthening the polytunnel ends. Hopefully we can resolve these issues over next month.

There are still a few plots available at £20 a year for a double plot (less than 40 pence a week) or a polytunnel plot at £10 a year. Or become an associate member for £5 a year and benefit from being able to hire the equipment.



If you would like to offer to be on the committee, or need more information about the allotment association, give me a call. Hilary Byland - 821446

Please contact Rousay Allotment Association c/o REWDT, The Manse, Rousay, KW17 2PR to reserve your space or become a member.

Happy gardening!



Music Night

With Supper

Saturday 11th February, 9pm
At the Pier Restaurant

All welcome to come along
and enjoy a fun and entertaining evening of music!

Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday, February 7th

Fun Quiz @ 8pm
Snowball Jackpot
Curry Supper

FOR SALE: DVDs, PC Games, Music CDs...

Breck are having a clear-out, with a selection of DVDs, PC Games, and Music CDs available for just 50p per item.

Come and have a look in the box by the front door at Breck. Please put your money in the honesty box (and remember to make sure that the front door is shut!).

 **LINDSAY'S** 
LOVE TREATS
 for **VALENTINES**

Big heart choc milk or white choc: £3.50

Big Champagne Bottle, large doubled: £6.00

All tied in a bouquet with red ribbon.

Give your loved one a treat this Valentines with Lindsay's Love Treats!!!

48-hour notice prior to Valentines required. Thanks.

Telephone 821 407



"Nothing in all creation is so like God as silence."
 MEISTER ECKHARD (c.1260-1329)

MEDITATION

Every Tuesday
 at the Church Centre
 9.45 – 11 am

Meditation can be a spiritual or a secular practice. We are open to both. There is scientific evidence that it slows down brain waves – from alpha to theta, which enables us to deal with life's stresses better, and enhances enjoyment of life.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

£2.50

Tommy's Photos on the Big Screen!

"Some Old, and Some New"

Thursday 1st March, 7.30pm,

at the Church Centre

Entry and Supper: £4

For the Triangle Club funds.

All welcome for a fun and interesting evening.



WANTED

Double or King-Size Bed Frame

Telephone Angela, 821 432

WANTED

Heavy-duty Chain that will pull up to half-a-tonne.

Contact Sean (821 407)

WANTED

Scrap materials, fabrics, interesting/unusual objects, etc.

The pupils at Rousay Primary School are looking forward to having a **PlayPod** in their playground, and they are looking for suitable things to put in it.

A *PlayPod* is an excellent way of encouraging children to 'learn through play' and to be creative whilst having fun, by using different objects and materials during playtime. For example, using scrap materials to create a new musical instrument, and lots more possibilities!

If you think that you have anything suitable for the pupils' *PlayPod*, Rousay Primary School would be delighted to receive it. Contact the School (821 226) for more details.

**Small Job
 Minutes Clerk**

A vacancy has arisen for someone to take minutes of meetings for the Rousay School Parents Council.

The Parent Council has agreed to pay £30 per meeting, with approximately 6-8 meetings per year (meetings are only during school term-time).

Anyone interested, please apply to:

John Garson (Chairperson), before 29th February

All items for the March 2012 Review should be sent to
 The Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Monday 27 February 2012, 5pm.**

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