

# ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE



# REVIEW



February 2013

Electronic  
Edition



## Youth Badminton

Beginner/Intermediate  
For ages S1 and up

Sundays 3.00- 4.00

We may not be available to hold this every Sunday, so please contact Dianne (821225) before coming along for the first time.



## Calor Gas Cylinders

To ensure continuity of supply, please return empty cylinders to the Shop.

Urgently required are empty 47kg, 19kg, 4.5kg and 3.9kg containers.

## What's On at a Glance

### February 2013

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

→ Sunday Lunch, The Taversoe, 12.30 - 2pm

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

→ Craft Co-operative Project Meeting, Rousay Heritage Centre, 2pm

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

→ Rousay Gun Club AGM, Curquoy, 3.30pm (shoot at Brendale at 1pm)

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

→ SWRI Meeting, Rousay School, 8pm

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

→ Rousay Allotment Association Meeting, Church Centre, 8pm

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

→ Valentine Panto, Rousay School, 8pm

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

→ Chinese Buffet, The Taversoe, 12.30 - 2.30pm

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

→ REWGCC Meeting, Church Centre, 10.15am

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

→ Mobile Library visits Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

**Every Tuesday**

→ Meditation, Rousay School, 10am - 11am

## Sunday Lunch

The Taversoe  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
12.30 - 2pm

If you would like to reserve a table please call us on 821 325

Booking not essential,  
but much appreciated



## Mobile Library

Next visit:  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February



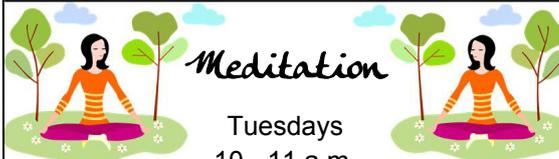
## Wanted

A cheap bike with stabilisers for the Nursery Class, suitable for a child age 4.

Contact Kathryn Marwick at the School (821 226) or at home (821 278).

## Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Free Quiz 8pm Start  
Light Snack Supper



## Meditation

Tuesdays  
10 - 11 a.m.

GP Room at Rousay School



## Circle Dance

Thursday 7 February, 11.15am - 2pm  
Church Centre

Shared lunch

Donations to Christian Aid

Everyone welcome

## Valentine Panto

Saturday 16 February  
Community Hall  
8.00pm

Adults £5.00  
Primary Children £2.50

Buffet  
Raffles



# ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MAINTENANCE OF KIRKYARDS AND WAR MEMORIALS ON ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE

Tenders are invited for the maintenance contracts for the nine sites on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre for a three-year period.

**Brinian Kirkyard, Rousay**  
**Glebe Kirkyard, Rousay**  
**Scockness Kirkyard, Rousay**  
**St Magnus Kirkyard, Egilsay**  
**St Mary's Kirkyard, Wyre**  
**Wasbister Kirkyard, Rousay**  
**Westside Kirkyard, Rousay**  
**War Memorial, Egilsay**  
**War Memorial, Rousay**

Forms are available from the Community Council Clerk:  
 Mrs Diana Compton, Midgard, Rousay, KW17 2PT  
 Phone 01856 821496 E-mail: [rewgcc@btinternet.com](mailto:rewgcc@btinternet.com)

Tenders should be forwarded to the Clerk, at the above address, in a sealed envelope marked "Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Grass Cutting Tender" before the deadline date of Thursday, 21 February 2013.

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| Sculptors<br>Weavers<br>Wood Turners   | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Craftspeople Knitters Spinners</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>Craft Co-operative Project</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting for all those interested in being involved in this exciting project</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>At the Rousay Waiting Room/Heritage Centre</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone Hilary on 821479 or 07940 719621<br/>for more details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Premises now secured for Spring 2013</p> </div> | Potters<br>Jewellers<br>Designers<br>Artists |
|  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Rousay Gun Club</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Notification of the<br/> <b>2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b><br/>                 To be held at<br/>                 CURQUOY<br/>                 at 3.30pm on<br/> <b>SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">There will be a shoot beforehand at<br/>                 Brendale at 1pm</p> |   |  |
| <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Painters Photographers Writers</p> </div>  |   |  |

**For Sale**

LEC Fridge/Freezer for sale - £50.

2 years old, immaculate condition, good working order.

Height 540mm. Width 500mm. Depth 540mm

Free Delivery

Phone Max: 821 458





## Lenten Service

Lenten Service at  
 St Mary's Chapel, Westness,  
 on Friday 22 February  
 at 11.30 am.

All welcome.

# ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

## Turbine Productivity Report (from our trading subsidiary REWIRED Limited)



| During December              | Average over the past 12 months |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 46.99% of its rated capacity | 41.05% of its rated capacity    |

A Broadband failure at the turbine has impacted on our ability to monitor the turbine productivity remotely over the past few days. BT was called out to confirm the telephone line was operational, but router problems delayed the fix for longer than we had hoped. The turbine also had its quarterly routine maintenance visit on 21<sup>st</sup> January, when the *Enercon* engineers came to the island, and all is working well.

### Water Taxi

The Development Trust has met with interested parties to discuss what type of vessel to purchase and what extra equipment/facilities etc. this vessel should have. Once we have the required specifications we will submit these to the boatyard to establish the overall cost of the vessel. The next step is to develop and produce a Business Plan to submit to the Big Lottery in preparation for release of funding. Once we have secured agreement with the Big Lottery, we will be in a position to place an order for the build. As soon as this stage is underway, we will start work to develop the business model and operational activities. We are always happy to hear your views, and anyone who is interested in discussing the operation of this service should contact Chris at the Development Trust.

### Broadband Next Generation Access

We are working on this project along with the Shapinsay and Westray Development Trusts, and have now received the feasibility report, which looked at improving the broadband speeds across our islands. The Board is looking at the options given in the report, and we will be researching funding opportunities to cover the costs of implementing this project. We are working closely with other Development Trusts within Orkney, OIC & HIE (Highlands and Islands Enterprise) on this long-term project, and we will keep you all informed on our progress.

### Landlord Green Appliance Scheme

The Scottish Government launched a new scheme on 13th December 2012 to provide financial support to Private Sector Landlords. The new scheme is a Landlord Green Appliance Scheme, whereby Private Sector Landlords can gain a grant for replacing an existing appliance with a new energy efficient one.

Eligible appliances include: fridges, freezers, fridge-freezers, dishwashers and washing machines. The grant value will depend on the appliance being replaced and the efficiency rating of the new one purchased.

To apply, please contact your local Energy Saving Scotland advice centre on 0800 512 012. For full details on the scheme, including eligibility requirements and measures, please visit [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/greenappliance](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/greenappliance)

Landlords can also claim a voucher up to the value of £500 through the Scottish Government's Green Homes Cash-back Scheme. This scheme provides you with financial support to implement energy efficiency measures recommended in your Energy Performance Certificate (EPC), like loft and cavity wall insulation. If you don't have an EPC, you can claim up to £100 to get one done. Other energy efficiency measures are also covered by this scheme, so to find out more call 0800 512 012 or visit the Energy Saving Trust website. [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/GreenHomesCashback](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/GreenHomesCashback)

In addition to this, the Green Homes Cash-back scheme criteria has been widened for Private Sector Landlords so that they can access the £500 grant for replacing their existing boiler with a new one. The same criteria for the cash back scheme will still apply; so the new boiler must be recommended in an EPC or Green Deal assessment and the property must have appropriate insulation levels (where possible).

Please note these offers are valid now and until 31st March 2013, but funds are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

# ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST *continued...*

## Rousay Wi-Fi Centre

The Trust would like to apologise for the delay in this centre opening, but we have had a few issues with regard to the Broadband signal strength. BT has now relocated the telephone and broadband lines into the GP Room at Rousay School. Once the necessary checks have taken place, we will be able to publish times when the public can access this facility.

## Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

The Board would like to encourage individuals and organisations/businesses to consider if they have a funding need that would meet any of our Development Plan targets (see our website for further information). If you do, please think about applying for a grant or loan from the Trust to cover these costs.

In addition to this, The Board has agreed to fund an Annual Bursary Fund for those wishing to partake in education, training or development courses during the 2012/13 academic session. This is for support towards the training costs only, on vocational or development courses, or for professional qualifications. So far, the Trust has completely funded, or in some cases, part-funded, the following types of training: Applied Music Degree; Day Skipper Training; Environmental Studies Degree Modules; Transport Managers CPC Course. If equipment and/or travel/accommodation costs are a barrier to you starting a course, the Trust will consider contributing towards these costs under a separate application. Please contact the Trust Office for more information and a Grant Application Form, or download a form from the website at [www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/rewdevtrust)

All grant applications must be received at least one week prior to the board meeting, in order to be discussed at that meeting. Please contact Helen in the Office for dates.

## Other Services the Trust can offer

If you require documents to be scanned or printed and cannot do this yourself, contact the Trust on 821 229 and if we can help you, we will. There is a small charge of 11p per black & white sheet, and 18p for colour printing, to cover paper and ink costs. Larger print orders will incur increased costs.

If you have old/used ink cartridges or old mobile phones that you no longer want, please bring them into the Office and we will recycle them for you. Any funds raised will go to *Orkney Zero Waste*.

## Comments, Ideas or Suggestions

If anyone has any comments, ideas, or suggestions for the Trust, please feel free to come in to the Office at The Manse, give us a ring, or drop us an e-mail.

Trust Office Drop-In Opening times are normally Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 noon, but if you wish to speak to us, it is always better to telephone first in case we are out on Trust business. If these times do not suit you, please telephone and make an appointment and we will try to accommodate you.

If you require Trust public documents i.e. Board meeting minutes, a copy of our Development Plan and/or Survey Report, in a larger font or Braille, please contact the office and we will endeavour to get this to you in a format you can easily read.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Richard Tipper*

Chairperson



*From the community  
For the community*



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## **Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council**

Please find below items that have come to the attention of the members this month and which you might be interested in. If you have any comments, contact the members of the REWGCC: Mr Angus Firth, Mr Mark Hull, Ms Chris Cox, Ms Vanessa Garrett, Mr Richard Koster, Mr Eric Shortland and Mr Richard Tipper.

### **Next Meeting 23 February 2013 @ 10.15 hrs.**

The Community Council meets on Saturday, 23 February 2013 at 10.15 a.m. in the Hall at the Rousay Church Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and view the proceedings.

### **Points of Interest**

#### **Coping with Emergencies – Building Community Resilience**

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning for Community Groups. Disruptive challenges like extreme weather, flooding or power failures happen and not just in winter. In many places in Scotland, Community Councils and other groups have shown that they can play an important role in supporting communities when emergencies like this happen.

If you are interested in taking action to help prepare the community to cope with emergencies, then the information you need to make a start, and some advice for those already involved is available at: [www.readyscotland.org](http://www.readyscotland.org)

#### **Consultation Documents**

These documents are available to be viewed by the public and if you have any comments, please contact the members above.

#### **OIC Council Plan 'Our Plan 2013-18' Draft for engagement. (Cut off date 8 February 2013)**

The Council's priorities for the next five years and its plan for meeting these priorities are now available to view in draft form. The plan sets out 7 key priorities for the current Council and they are:-

- \* Care and support for those who need it.
- \* Promote successful, thriving communities.
- \* Housing to meet the needs of Orkney's people.
- \* A low carbon Orkney – renewables, energy opportunity.
- \* Orkney's transport networks.
- \* Orkney's economic development.
- \* What we need to do – which relates to how the Council will be dealing with legislative changes.

The draft plan is available to view on the Council's website ( [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk) ) and follow links. Paper copies are available at the One Stop Shop in Kirkwall, the Stromness Cash Office, Orkney Library and the Stromness Library.

#### **Free event to help Orkney Community Groups claim Climate Challenge Fund cash for community projects**

Community groups across the Orkney Islands are invited to a free event on Thursday 7 February to learn how Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) grants from the Scottish Government of up to £150,000/yr could fund their community projects.

The event, at the St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall (11am-3pm & 6pm-8pm) has been organised by Keep Scotland Beautiful in partnership with Orkney Islands Council, Energy Saving Scotland Advise Centre, Highlands and Islands and the Scottish Government.

14 projects from Orkney are among the 550 projects across Scotland who have already received over £44 million of CCF funding to reduce carbon footprint and make community improvements.

To be eligible for CCF funding groups must be community-led, operate on a not-for-profit basis, prove they can achieve measurable cuts in their carbon footprint within their neighbourhood, and leave a sustainable legacy in the community.

For further information on the event, please see the events page of Climate Challenge Fund website <http://ccf.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/events.aspx> or for queries email [tim.mullens@ksbscotland.org.uk](mailto:tim.mullens@ksbscotland.org.uk)

CCF funding is available until March 2015.

#### **What type of project would help your community?**

(Projects to help reduce the carbon footprint of the community)

- \* Community building energy efficiency improvements
- \* Energy efficiency advice
- \* Lower carbon transport options
- \* Creating community growing space

## Letter from School Place

My 2013 Council duties commenced with a seminar updating us on the ballast water exchange issue. The computer model has been refined, and it all sounds very reassuring. However, I do not trust computer models if there is no supporting experimental evidence that their predictions are reliable. Without this, they are simply the modern equivalent of the horoscope.

The Constitutional Reform working group has now held its first meeting. We have been charged with investigating the implications of Scottish independence (should this come to pass) and considering in advance of this what alternative constitutional arrangements might suit Orkney better. (From a report in the 18<sup>th</sup> January issue of "The Shetland Times", it seems our northern neighbours will be doing likewise.) It is alarming to think that the Scottish Government has made no commitment to maintaining local authorities after independence. The police and fire services are already being centralised. Could all local services go the same way?

The draft of OIC's next five-year plan, "Our Plan" is now available for the public to comment on, and I would urge you all to do so. On page 6 you will see a list of "Our Values". Note particularly: "promoting equality and fairness". We have to make sure that this applies to the provision of services to the North Isles. For example, consider the fairness of the current ferry refit timetable.

I am pleased to say that a Sanday resident has risen to the challenge and drawn up a proposal for an improved Outer North Isles' ferry timetable. I have submitted this to the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure, and it is going to be discussed in February. As a regular user of the ferries, I have first-hand experience of the shortcomings of the timetable and of public dissatisfaction with many aspects of the service. But don't just sit back and be dissatisfied - let's hear your ideas on how it can be improved!

Snow and blizzards did not prevent me flying to Papay's recent community council meeting, and I am due to sail to Stronsay's on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. (Ironically, in this instance the ferry refit timetable is helpful - enabling me to travel directly from Loth to Whitehall.) I went to the parent council meeting in Westray earlier this month, and had a brief tour of the school. I shall endeavour to attend parent council meetings if I am kept informed of the dates.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson



S.W.R.I.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013

 **Green and Grey Jungles**  
(Costa Rica and New York)  
Talk and slide show

By Bob Trigg

### OPEN MEETING

All welcome to come along and join us  
to share an interesting evening  
Refreshments served

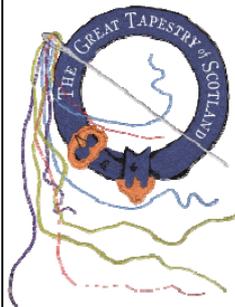
**Collection for Cool Earth**  
(Charity chosen by Bob)

8pm at the Community Hall

### Competitions

1. Favourite savoury dish
2. Valentine verse for a card

Members are reminded to bring along  
finished Fish and Chip Beanie Hats and  
jumpers.



*The Great Tapestry  
of Scotland*  
is a unique project to stitch the entire  
**Story of Scotland**  
from pre-history to modern times

**The Great Tapestry of Scotland** is the brainchild of one of Scotland's best-known writers, Alexander McCall Smith. The 44 Scotland Street author, together with historian Alistair Moffat, and with the artistic talents of Andrew Crummy (not to mention stitchers from all over Scotland!), form a team set to produce one of the world's longest tapestries through one of the biggest community arts projects ever to take place in Scotland.

For more information about the tapestry and the stitches that can be used, go to [www.scotlandtapestry.com](http://www.scotlandtapestry.com)

**The Great Scottish Tapestry is coming to Rousay!!**

**It will be here for 3 weeks from 29<sup>th</sup> January until 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

This is an exciting opportunity for YOU to enjoy the experience of being part of an extensive Scottish sewing community. You do not have to be an experienced stitcher, just have an hour to spare to come along and join in a session. We would like as many folk from Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre to get involved and do a few stitches at a time that suits them.

To enable me to arrange for the School Community Hall to be available for sessions please contact me as soon as possible on 821 479 or 09740 719621 if you would like to get involved, letting me know when suits you best during the day and which days.

So far the tapestry will be at the Tuesday afternoon craft sessions on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and 12<sup>th</sup> Feb from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

# Rousay Allotment Association



## Allotment meeting

All members are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at The Manse at 8pm. We welcome any new ideas to improve the allotments, and wish to discuss a few issues, including plans for developing the allotment site and the way forward with site maintenance. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

## Polytunnel News

Thanks to Rose and Tiny for reporting a tear in the tunnel during the storms in December. Jock volunteered to repair the damage above the door at the shore end. He has strengthened the frame with extra wooden struts and new polythene, which has so far withstood the winter winds.

All plots have been tidied up over the winter, with folk enjoying winter cabbage and leeks, which grew well in recycled tonne bags.

## Site Maintenance

The drainage job will be completed soon, ready for the spring. This should allow plots to drain more quickly so folk can get started earlier this year. We are hoping to gain permission to use the now disused Scottish Water Board bore hole, which will enable us to have running water on the site. More news on this soon.

## Reminder

Now is the time to spend a while cleaning seed trays and pots ready for the new season. It is important to wash pots thoroughly to prevent disease and promote healthy plants.

## Compost

The compost was very popular last year so I will arrange for a new load to be delivered next month. New prices will be advertised in the March Review. If you do not have an allotment but would like to take advantage of this and other benefits, why not join as an associate member, only £5 a year.

## Bulk Seed Orders

We are still waiting for the Tattie Seed catalogue from Shearers, but it should be with us soon! If you would like to take advantage of ordering your seed tatties in bulk, or would like to share seeds, there may be a discount and we will arrange to collect them for you. Just let me know if you need to see the catalogue asap and I will be in touch when it arrives.

## Equipment Hire

I have set up a maintenance schedule for the machinery and the rotovator has been serviced over Christmas ready for the new season.

If you wish to hire the equipment the cost will be £10 to hire the rotovator plus £10 an hour for the man plus fuel used. The strimmer will be £2.50 an hour plus fuel used. The trailer is available at £10 a day or £2.50 an hour.

To book hire for any of the equipment contact me on 821 479.

If you need more information about the Rousay Allotment Association call Hilary Byland - 821479



Happy gardening!

### For Sale

A 5ft Pool table -  
in good condition - £100

A Reebok Cross trainer  
(greatly under used!) - £80

Tel : 821 342 / 821 354



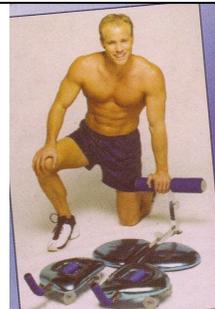
The Taversoe  
Sunday February 17th  
12.30 - 2.30pm

If you would like to reserve a table  
please call us on 821 325

Booking not essential,  
but much appreciated

### Free to good home

"Total Tiger"  
total workout  
exercise equipment



In very good condition with the instruction  
video etc. "for abdominal, back, chest,  
biceps, triceps, quadriceps, and hamstring  
muscles"

*It's 3 pieces of equipment that you use on  
the floor and they pack into a flatish  
box. ring and ask about it if you want it, or  
it'll get thrown out.*

Tel. 821 377

### Wanted

Pig weaners, female

A pair of breeding young goats

Contact Lindsay / Sean 821 407

## The Taversoe

### February (Carey Holiday) Opening

February 1st - 14th

Monday-Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday-Friday - The Taversoe will be closed during the daytime

Opening in the evenings at 5pm

Saturday-Sunday - Open as usual

Regular opening hours will commence Friday February 15th

### The Taversoe

### Winter/Spring Opening Hours

(effective until May 1st 2013)

### Bar Opening Times

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED\*

Wednesday to Friday - 11am to 2pm / 5pm to 11pm\*\*

Saturday - 11am to 11pm\*\*

Sunday - 12 Noon to 10.30pm\*\*

### Restaurant Opening Times

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED\*\*\*

Wednesday to Friday - 12 Noon to 2pm / 5pm to 9pm

Saturday - 12 noon to 9pm

Sunday - 12 Noon to 7.30pm

\* First Tuesday of the month the bar is open at 6pm for the InnQUIZition

\*\* We may close at 9pm if the building is empty

\*\*\* If you would like to book a table on Monday or Tuesday night  
please give us a call and we will do our best to accommodate you



Lindsay's

## Valentines

Choc Hearts

Large choc heart!  
Milk/Plain/White choc

All tied up in a nice Bouquet  
with red/gold ribbon

£2.50

## SNOOKER

2013 snooker memberships  
are now due, £20

Pay Angus or leave in club.

All items for the March 2013 Review should be received by  
The Editor, Kayleigh Tipper, by **Wednesday 27 February 2012, 5pm.**

Telephone/Fax: 01856 821 360 E-mail: [kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk](mailto:kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk)

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