

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE

REVIEW



January 2012

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Ferry Tariff Review Questionnaire & Consultation on Charging for Telecare Services Questionnaire

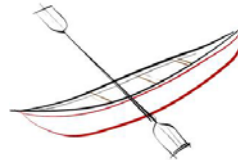
Residents of the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre communities are reminded that the cut off date for the return of the completed forms to Orkney Islands Council is 4 January 2012. If you have not already returned the forms could you please drop them in at either the Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre post offices or Marion's shop by Thursday 29 December, so that the Clerk to REWGCC can arrange for their collection and return to Orkney Islands Council. Alternatively, send completed forms direct to Orkney Islands Council, or complete the online questionnaires.

LOST: ALUMINIUM CANADIAN-STYLE CANOE

The canoe was near the shore of Wasbister Loch by the graveyard but vanished after the recent 100+ mph winds. It probably blew into the loch and sank but just possibly blew somewhere on land.

If you spot it, please phone 821 235.

Thank you in anticipation. Bryan Milner.



What's On at a Glance January 2012

Tuesday, 3rd.

Meditation, Church Centre, 9.45-11am

Saturday, 7th.

Church Service, Church Centre

Tuesday, 10th.

Meditation, Church Centre, 9.45-11am

Craft Class (Felting)

SWRI Open Meeting, Rousay School, 8pm

Saturday, 14th.

Church Service, Church Centre

Tuesday, 17th.

Meditation, Church Centre, 9.45-11am

Craft Class (Bobbin Lace)

Thursday, 19th.

World Dance, Church Centre, 11.15am - 2pm

Tuesday, 24th.

Meditation, Church Centre, 9.45-11am

Craft Class (Crocheting)

Wednesday, 25th.

Rousay Allotment Association AGM, The Manse, 8pm

Tuesday, 31st.

Meditation, Church Centre, 9.45-11am

Craft Class

Alterations?

Trousers too long?

Need a zip in your boiler suit?

Skirt hem come un-stitched?

Buttons falling off your coat?

Curtains too long?

Any sewing projects considered

Ring Wendy on 821 372 anytime

Poppy Appeal



The total amount collected this year on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre was
£204.43

Thanks to all who contributed.

The Taversoe InnQUIZition

There will be
no InnQUIZition in January.

ORKNEY FERRIES LIMITED



Carriage of Un-accompanied Young Persons Policy

This policy will take effect from Sunday 1st January 2012

- 1.1 The Company will not accept for travel on board any Company operated vessel any un-accompanied young person under the age of twelve years.
- 1.2 Any person under the age of twelve years must be accompanied by an adult whilst travelling on any Company operated vessel, an adult for these purposes being any person at least sixteen years old.
- 1.3 Exceptions will be made for children aged eleven where travel has been arranged by the Council's Education, Leisure and Housing Services, and where the express consent of the Marine Services and the child's parents/legal guardians has been obtained by the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing Services prior to travel.

Blue Badge

From 1 January 2012, the cost of obtaining a Blue Badge from Orkney Islands Council will rise to **£10**. Please contact the Council for more details.

FOR SALE

Small Hay Bales

Telephone Bigland (821 244)

Welcome Pack

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust is putting together a Welcome Pack for new residents to our three islands. Part of this pack will be a list of the goods and services available to the three islands. If you provide goods or services locally and would like us to include your information, please can you let Helen Castle know as soon as possible (by the 20th January 2012 at the latest), what it is that you can do/supply i.e. plumber, gardener, builder, caterer, etc. and your preferred contact details i.e. home phone, mobile, email address, etc. We only want this section to be a list and so we do not need to know precise details of what services, etc. you can provide just the broad outline. Thank you.

FOR SALE

Half a hole; I dug too much.

Buyer collects!

Ted
(Caravan by The Manse)

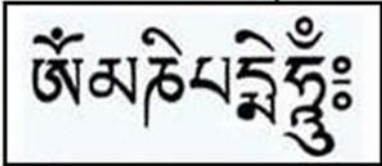
Follow Scottish Water's Winter Code and be prepared for winter!

Scottish Water has launched its winter campaign to encourage customers in communities across Scotland to follow their Winter Code - **protect** your pipes, **be prepared** and **heat, insulate** and **protect** your home.

Visit www.scottishwater.co.uk/responsibility to find winter information, films and advice and your pipework responsibilities.



Hard copies of this information has been displayed in various places.



MEDITATION

The group meets every Tuesday at the Church Centre, 9.45 – 11 am.

Everyone is welcome. Give it a try and learn how to calm your mind and live more connected to the real world.

£2.50 towards cost of hall and donation to Orkney Friends of Palestine.

The Review...

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SWRI

Tuesday 10th Jan, 8 o'clock, at the Community School



An Open Meeting

Liz & Ed Firth *A Trip to Canada*

Competitions:

1. Bonniest Bell Ornament, 2. Favourite Starter Recipe (just the recipe)



WORLD DANCE

The next meeting of the Rousay Dance group is on Thursday, 19 January at the Church Centre, 11.15 – 2 pm.

Shared lunch.

Donations
to Christian Aid.

Everyone welcome – even men!

Just come along and watch.

Craft Classes

Craft classes resume on Tuesday 10th January *Felting*

Tuesday 17th January *Bobbin Lace*

Tuesday 24th January *Crocheting*

Tuesday 31st January *Needle felting??*

Come & join us when you see a craft you would like to learn or bring your own favourite craft along.

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust



TURBINE REPORT

For those still unaware, we are pleased to announce that the 900 kW turbine on Kingarly Hill is now commissioned and has been operational for nearly two months at time of writing [Dec 20th]. During this first period there has been a normal period of snagging and bedding down, but also significant real production.

During its first 28 days of operation, the community turbine on Kingarly Hill fed 400 MWh [megawatt-hours] of electrical energy into the grid. This is 400,000 kWh or what we ordinarily refer to as Units of electricity. During this initial period the turbine had few stoppages but still produced, on average, 67% of its maximum rated output of 900kW – an outstanding performance.

Since this early “honeymoon period” we have had some issues. For the turbine to be able to produce electricity and pass it into the grid network, it must not only be windy but **all** of the following conditions must also be met:

- the RPZ [Renewables Priority Zone] grid network has to be fully functioning;
- the dedicated BT telephone link with the Kirkwall power station must be working or the turbine is automatically switched out from the grid;
- there must be a mains electricity supply **into** the turbine.

Unfortunately, during the next weeks, one or more of the above conditions were **not** met for much of the time. There were initial problems of reliability with the BT line. Then a lightning strike put the whole of the RPZ network out of action across Orkney. It then transpired that SSE's electronic equipment connecting the turbine to the grid had also been damaged by the lightning strike. Further lightning strikes damaged BT equipment and then, the following week, extreme winds brought down Rousay power lines; causing a power outage to the whole island. Also, in an unrelated incident, the total BT cable to Sourin failed.

Though we were not expecting so many at the same time, we were told to expect all these types of issues as part of the normal challenges of operating a turbine. Despite all these events, the turbine has actually still produced a further 250-odd MWh of electricity in this second month; a figure almost exactly on target for the average projected monthly production in our business plan.

We should like to thank our own employees [Michelle as Turbine Development Officer plus Jess and Richard as Turbine Responders], Mark [a director and CES officer for Orkney] and Norman [for SSE] who, in conjunction with staff from Enercon [the turbine manufacturers], Scottish and Southern Electricity and BT, spent many hours, often in extreme conditions and at inconvenient times, identifying and rectifying all these problems. We have learnt a great deal over this period, but are very much hoping to return to a more stable situation in the coming weeks.

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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Rousay Allotment Association and School Gardens



Allotment news

Work has now taken place inside the polytunnel to level the ground, backfill the edges and apply a matted covering to the ground to control weeds. There is a central path and plots are marked out. Unfortunately the polytunnel frame has suffered some storm damage, so temporary reinforcement inside the tunnel has been erected, hopefully to hold until the better weather returns in the New Year. Then we can redesign the ends of the frame to withstand our Orkney weather!



I have attended a course of lectures to gain knowledge and information about growing in polytunnels in Orkney, which have proved interesting, with lots of relevant information to share with members at meetings next year.

The AGM for the Rousay Allotment Association will be held on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 8.00pm at The Manse. It is hoped that all existing members are able to attend as we will be forming a committee to plan next years' meetings. If you enjoy gardening then why don't you become an associate member for £5 a year, enabling you to attend meetings, hire equipment and share knowledge. Come along to the AGM and join us. There will also be seed catalogues available for you to order from at the meeting.

There are still some plots available at £20 a year for a double plot (less than 40 pence a week) or a polytunnel plot at £10 a year.

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!



Public Meeting

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre
Community Council

10.15am, Saturday 4 February 2012
at Rousay Community School

Do you feel communities should have some say in how Council Houses in their areas are allocated?

Staff from the Council's Housing Division are coming out to give a brief presentation on Local Lettings Initiatives which allow communities to have some input into the lettings process, and are keen to hear your views.

They will also touch upon the Local Housing Strategy 2011 - 2016, which is currently out for consultation.

The Taversoe

Bookings

If you would like to come in for dinner during January and February please could you **book** a table. Mom and Dad are away so I will need to arrange extra staff to help me out.

Thank you for your understanding. Carey @ The Taversoe, 821 325.

Services

in January

in the Church Centre

Sat 7th Jan Martin Prentice

Sat 14th Jan David Fidler

Everyone Welcome

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

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