



ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE REVIEW

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ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Maintenance of Kirkyards and War Memorials

on

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Tenders are invited for this year's maintenance contracts for the nine sites on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre:

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: **Bob Trigg, Trumland Cottage KW17 2PU**

Phone: 821 314 e-mail: rewcc@aol.com

The deadline for applications is Saturday 24th March 2007 and the contracts will be awarded at the next Community Council meeting on Saturday 31st March.

Please note that all contracts are subject to funding being received from OIC.

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Council LOCAL ELECTIONS – MAY 2007

A limited number of booklets and information sheets detailing the forthcoming local elections, including the boundary changes have been received by the Community Council. These have been placed around the island and further copies are available from OIC in Kirkwall.

OIC representatives will be present at the Pier Restaraunt from 9-10 am on Saturday 31st March to answer any questions.

Due to the Church Centre not being available.

2007 Tattie-in-a-bucket competition

Come and collect your tatties and buckets on
Sunday 18th March, 2-4 pm,
at the Church Centre
(Or phone Shelagh 821283)

SURGERY TIMES CHANGE

Monday morning surgery will be **09:00 - 12:30** no Monday afternoon (**4-5pm**)
The rest of the week is unchanged

Mother care Urban Detour 3 wheeler pushchair for boy or girl - big wheels for countryside and uneven paths. Suitable from birth to 3 with fleecy snuggler and raincover. £25.Call 821386.

Free 2 computers
Windows 98
Sally 821 383

Free to good home Zanussi fridge 821244

Chris's 'trek Patagonia' Cancer Research UK

With just six weeks to go I thought I'd give you a little information on the trek and an update on fundraising.

Patagonia is one of the world's most unspoilt and beautiful trekking regions, stretching down from the Andes into a myriad of glacial fjords and islands in the south. Our group of 18 will be wilderness camping for 6 nights and trekking for between 8 and 10 hours a day through the Torres Del Paine national park. We will witness spectacular glaciers along beautiful lakes before heading into the heart of the Torres massif. The park is a haven for many species of flora and fauna, including the biggest population of condors in the Americas.

Although it is impossible to predict world weather patterns, it is likely to be quite windy and cold. Apparently the beauty of the weather in the Torres Del Paine region is that it changes quite rapidly and often you really will experience four seasons in one day.

I knew I came to live in Orkney for a reason!

Together we have raised a fantastic **£3520!** This really is wonderful and has certainly spurred me on with my training efforts which consist of 5 hours a week in the gym (10Km a session on various equipment) and up to 6 hours walking a week.

My heartfelt thanks to all who have supported me

Chris x

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Council

Business Meeting will be held at the Pier Restaurant on Saturday 31st March at 10.15 a.m. due to the church Centre being unavailable.

Do you want Broadband? Do you want an improved telephone service?

At the beginning of January the Deputy First Minister, Nicol Stephen, announced that the Scottish Executive would put £5 million into those telephone exchanges which have "Reach" problems - i.e., those where customers are too far away from the exchange to get a Broadband signal. Jim Wallace indicated in The Orcadian that funding could only be considered on a demand basis. You may have read in the Orcadian at the end of last year that many of the Wester residents have already raised the issue of the lack of Broadband in remoter communities with Jim Wallace, Alister Carmichael, and BT. The universal responses have been that our exchange suffers from the Reach problem. In short, our exchange needs further investment before more of our homes can have Broadband access. With the SE elections due later this spring, what better time to let our MSPs know that we want a slice of that £5 million for the telephone exchange serving our community. If you would like to join us in lobbying the Scottish Executive and BT, please contact Michelle Koster on 821420.

SWRI
Tuesday 13th March
8 p.m.

Church Centre
John Muir From The Talking
Newspaper

Competitions: -

- 1) A Bowl of Bulbs
- 2) A Photograph of Spring

Old Windows and Doors

The Church Centre & Manse are having the windows & doors replaced soon. Anyone interested in the old ones please contact Liz Firth with offers on 821477 after Feb 28th (the doors and windows must be collected immediately they are taken out)

In aid of RNLI funds

Car Treasure Hunt followed by old-fashioned Orkney tea (bannocks, scones, cheese and cakes etc.) On Sunday 11th March at 2-30 for 3 o'clock start from the Restaurant round the island finishing back at the pier. Treasure hunt 1.50 per adult. Tea 3.00 per person 14 and over. Kiddies 2.00 A fun family day out please come and support your lifeboat.

Rousay Clay Pigeon Shooters

The Rousay Clay Pigeon Shooters have met on a regular-ish basis, holding their first shoot before Christmas. They have now shot 4 times, at Quoy Grinnie or Hammerfield, with kind permission from Russell Marwick and Rich Koster. Shoots have been attracting a core of 7 regular guns, with scores improving each week. New methods have been trialled including mounting the gun to the hip, and remaining seated whilst shooting, and all under the watchful eye of a CPSA registered Safety Officer. Current scores are as follows:

	Shoots Attended	Overall Score (max 200)	Average Score per round
Billy Kemp	4	85	21.3
Jacko	4	89	22.3
Michael Taylor	3	78	26
Rich Koster	4	94	23.5
Rolf Soames	4	89	22.3
Michelle Koster	3	61	20.3
Jamie Marwick	3	98	32.7

The first meeting of the Rousay Clay Pigeon Shooters - Learners turned out to be an all Ladies shoot. The 9 learners had varying levels of skill and experience and, whilst a few had shot before, this was the first time many had handled a shotgun. After an important lesson in gun and shoot safety, a few tips regarding the jargon used and what happens once on the "stand", the new guns tackled a 25-bird shoot. Everyone managed to hit something and the feeling of support and well wishing made the chilly afternoon a truly memorable one. As clay pigeons were hit, the cheers and congratulations resounded across Wester. The feeling of being part of a team was extended to Rolf Soames, working the traps, and Rich Koster for his patient instruction. By the end of the day, with a real sense of achievement, everyone agreed that they wanted to have another go.
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Shoots take place at present for both experienced guns and learners. For further details contact Rolf on 821227 or Rich on 821420.

For Sale

LDV 400, T-reg
(1999)
17 seat Minibus
Taxed April 07,
Tested July 07
Open to offers
Phone Richard 821360

Rousay Community Association AGM

The Community Associations AGM will take place at the Pier Restaurant at 8 p.m. on Thursday 29th March Due to the Church Centre being unavailable

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY LECTURES

ANTARCTICA

The second of this winter's talks will take place on Wednesday 14th March at the Church Centre starting at 8pm. Simply entitled 'Antarctica', it will be presented by Andy Alsop. Admission is free and tea and biscuits will be available.

FOR SALE

Computer desk with racks for keeping your CD-ROMs etc. In good condition £25.00 come and view 4 Johnston's Rd. 821 239