

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE REVIEW

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RHS TATTIE-IN-A-BUCKET COMPETITION

Join in the fun and see who can grow the heaviest crop of tatties in a bucket for the Rousay Horticultural Society Annual Show on August, 1st.

Seed tatties and buckets can be picked up from the Rousay School on Sunday 8th March, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

If you still have a bucket from last year, take along a note of the number on the side and you can use it again this year.

Anyone unable to make it to the school, phone Shelagh Grieve on 821283.

DARTS TOURNAMENT

"Pier Restaurant Cup"

Players interested in competing in this second Darts Tournament being held at the Pier Restaurant on March, 21st. Please turn up and sign in before 8.00 p.m. on the night.

CHURCH SERVICES

Everyone Welcome

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World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 6th

2.15 p.m. in the Church Centre

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Saturday, March 21st

11.30 a.m. Service

Rev. T. Hunt officiating

This will be followed by the A.G.M.

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ROUSAY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Rousay School Parent Council will be held on Thursday, 5th March, 2009 at 2.15 p.m. at the school. All parents are welcome. If there are any items you would like added to the Agenda at Parent Council Meetings, please contact Michelle Koster on 821 420

Philately will get you Nowhere

In the last Lecture in this series taking place at the School at 8.00 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, 18th March, Dr. Jeff Stone takes a light-hearted look at the World of Stamp Collecting.



In aid of
RNLI
funds.

"CALL MY BLUFF"

in the

SCHOOL HALL

at 8.00 p.m. on FRIDAY
March, 6th

Raffles.....Supper
Adults £3.50 ... U 12's £1.50

The WHIST DRIVE last month
raised £61.00

CAN YOU HELP

Before Edwin took ill someone gave him a small piano-key accordion to clean up and re-tune but he can't remember who. If you are that person, or you know about it, would you please contact Itha.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH



Tuesday, 3rd.

- OIC Special Collection

Thursday, 5th.

- Parent Council Meeting at the School - 2.15 p.m.

- Community Association AGM & Meeting. 8 p.m. at School.

- Mobile Library visits.

Friday, 6th.

- World Day of Prayer Church Centre - 2.15 p.m.

- "Call my Bluff" at the School - 8.00 p.m.

Proceeds to the RNLI

Sunday, 8th.

- Collect your Tattie-in-a-Bucket from the School between 2 & 4 p.m..

- Gun Club Ladies' Day afternoon at Hammerfield from 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 10th.

- SWRI 8.00 p.m. at School
- Innquization at Taversoe 8.00 p.m.

Saturday, 14th.

- Land's End to John o'Groats. Gym all day

Sunday, 15th.

- Gun Club Quoy Grinnie

Wednesday, 18th.

- "Philately will get you nowhere" - School @ 8.00

Saturday, 21st.

- Church Service 11.30 a.m followed by A.G.M.

- Darts Tournament at the Pier at 8.00 p.m.

- St.Patrick's Day at the Taversoe.

Tuesday, 24th.

- Innquization at Taversoe 8.00 p.m.



THE ROUSAY GUN CLUB

We would like to introduce ourselves as a newly formed, constituted Gun Club which has applied for affiliation to the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA).

With our origins in the Rousay Clay Shooters, the aim of our Club is ... *“To foster and encourage the support of clay shooting; to arrange and organise practice shoots; to arrange matches and competitions both among members and affiliated clubs; and to improve the standard of all forms of shooting among members with an aspiration to have a Rousay Gun Club Member represent Orkney in off-Orkney competitions.”*

At our Inaugural meeting, Billy Kemp kindly agreed to be our President, with Rolf Soames nominated as Chairman. The Gun Club has a CPSA qualified Safety Officer, Rich Koster, who has conducted Safety Audits of the grounds we shoot over, and we have applied for appropriate insurance cover from Towergate TLC.

We would now like to invite new shooters to come and join us, and are planning a Ladies Only Day on Sunday, 8th. March, at 2 p.m. at Hammerfield, and an Open Day on Sunday 10th May where a donation will be made towards the Rousay School Play Park Appeal for each gun who comes along. At these events it doesn't matter if you have never held a shotgun before, come and give it a try! You will receive tuition in the safe handling of a shotgun and how to aim at, and hopefully hit a few targets!

Our next Sporting Shoot will be held at Quoy Grinnie on Sunday 15th. March - once again come and join in! MK

ROUSAY GYM OPENING HOURS

Supervised Times

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| Monday | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. |
| (Wednesday Buddy System 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. non-supervised) | |
| Thursday | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Saturday | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. |

Buddy System Times

Hours: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. weekdays during school terms, plus Wednesday nights (above) in line with badminton.

Please note that if no-one arrives during the 1st. hour we will close at 15 minutes past the second hour.

Anyone who requires any help or advice should pop by during a supervised session when there will be an advisor on hand.

Queries? Tel: Jo Inkster 821200
Co-ordinator
Rousay Healthy Living Centre

POKER LEAGUE

With one week to go, Russell has won the league. However it is all still to play for, as there are still two seats at the final table up for grabs. The top 3 players from Rousay can go on to play for the Orkney poker League Trophy, so Russell takes one seat leaving two. This means that as we go to press Jock, Ian and John all have to do well on the last night, as there is only one point separating them.....

SCORES

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| Russell Marwick | 27 |
| Jock Bodmin | 21 |
| John Garson | 20 |
| Ian Donaldson | 20 |
| David Farquhar | 13 |
| Mark Hull | 12 |
| Robert Mainland | 12 |
| Patrick Maguire | 11 |
| Alistair Munro | 10 |
| Richard Munro | 7 |
| Ricky Marwick | 5 |
| Kirsty Garson | 5 |
| Angus Firth | 2 |



ROUSAY SWRI

Last month's Meeting was a little unusual as it was the second of the Season to be open to all-comers by special request, as the topic for the evening - "*Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency*" had struck a chord with many Islanders anxious to get up-to-date with all the recent developments in this field. This resulted in another good turnout to hear the presentation by Brian Noakes, who illustrated his very interesting and informative talk with reference to a wide variety of practical examples using equipment which he had brought for discussion and display, such as solar panels; a solar tube; an air-source heat pump; plug-in energy meters; etc. The topic sparked lots of questions, and the resulting discussion and development of ideas made many reflect on their own personal situation with respect to energy use and conservation. Switching on the tumble drier now takes on a new dimension!

The next Meeting will be held in the
Community School on the evening of
Tuesday, March 10th. at 8.00 p.m.

There will be a Demonstration by Mimes Manson of
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the ancient art of Japanese Thread Balls.

Competitions

- 1) Easter Card
- 2) Bowl of Bulbs



WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP

LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS CHALLENGE

Following the recent success of the Blind Date evening, which raised £200 for the Rousay School Play Park Appeal, the next fund-raiser by the Women's Activity Group and friends, is one of the greatest journeys of our nation Land's End to John o'Groats - a total of 1.407 kilometers!

In conjunction with Rousay Healthy Living Centre, the WAGs and friends are planning to walk, run, row, cycle, cross country ski or skate the great distance on the gym machines during the 4 weeks leading up to Easter, and seek sponsorship to go towards the Play Park Fund.

Our journey commences at 10 a.m. and lasts until 6 p.m. on Saturday, 14th. March, when entry to the Healthy Living Centre for participants on that date will be **free!**

Everyone who has completed a Healthy Living Centre Induction is welcome to come along and join in either on the day, or at the usual Supervised Opening Times or during the Buddy System hours - it will be good to see you!

Sponsorship forms are available at the Healthy Living Centre or the Taversoe. We aim to finish as quickly as possible, with a final "push" on Easter Saturday, if necessary.

If you are approached for sponsorship, please be supportive, it's an awfully long way, and it's for our own bairns!

DEVELOPMENT TRUST NEWS

Community Powerdown Officer

We are now recruiting for this post. It will be for 20 hours per week for a minimum of 2 years, and will largely be based in the community, although some outside travel is expected. Key responsibilities will be working as part of the Powerdown consortium to identify, develop and deliver projects to help sustain and develop the community and economy whilst also reducing waste and CO² emissions across our three islands.

Salary will be £9,000 per year. For an application pack or to discuss the post in detail, contact Anne (821283), Bryan (821235) or Mark (821225) or e-mail rewdevtrust@yahoo.co.uk.

Kingarly Turbine Project–Progress and Lottery Fund Changes

The project has made good progress, has all permits in place, is now finalising land agreements and is waiting for a formal grid connection offer. Changes in the way the Big Lottery are appraising and funding projects mean that our final Lottery bid was not submitted this month on its own, as expected. Instead, a new proposal by the Lottery and Community Energy Scotland proposes that a decision will be made at the next committee which should guarantee us similar funding, as part of a total ring-fenced fund for turbine projects across Scotland. Although this last minute change is frustrating for all those who have put a huge effort in so far, after close consideration of the changes, we think that the new situation will not disadvantage us. This proposal should mean that we get similar levels of grant, it reduces the risk of refusal and we are still likely to have a decision either way in April.

Energy Audit and Fuel Poverty Survey

Thank you to everyone who filled in their Home Energy Check forms; the return rate was excellent. The statistical information will assist the Trust in future projects and the Energy Agency will also provide a free report containing useful information to each household that completed a form. If you haven't filled in your form yet – it's not too late, and if you need a replacement form please contact Anne on 821283 or e-mail: rewdevtrust@yahoo.co.uk.

Website

The Trust's website is under construction – watch this space for the address.

Fairtrade

Fairtrade fortnight runs from 23rd February to 8th March this year. The Trust is working on gaining Fairtrade Island status for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre, and petitions are now in place around the islands for you to show your support.

Road safety on the Leean and at Blossom Quarry

The Community Council is working on improving road safety on the islands, and the Trust is trying to assist by gathering anecdotal evidence of "accident blackspots". Areas of particular interest are the stretches of the Leean that do not yet have crash barriers, and the corner next to Blossom Quarry and the sculpture. If you have ever experienced an accident or near miss in these areas or are particularly worried about another spot, please contact Anne on 821283.

Peat Roads

There has been some discussion about restarting domestic peat cutting given long-term rising fuel and energy costs. The Trust is looking into the possibility of repairing the peat roads on Rousay, to get at least tractor access back to banks. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in this, both those whose access needs improvement and those whose land the roads cross.

Finally, the Board and Community Development Worker would like to express their thanks to Michelle for all her hard work in the past 18 months, and wish her well for the future.

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CLERK TO THE ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST BOARD

We are looking for a Clerk to assist the REW Development Trust Board.

Responsibilities for this rôle include attending the Board meetings, (normally once a month), and the taking and distribution of minutes and associated papers. A small remuneration is available. If anyone is interested in taking on this rôle, please contact Bryan Milner on 821235

FOR SALE

Small Desk & Bookcase for sale. For viewing, or for more details, contact Frances at Glebe Cottage (821 340). Either or both can be yours for a suitable donation to the Triangle Club.

SURGERY HOURS (821 265)

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| Monday | 0900-1230 | |
| Tuesday | 0900-1130 | 1630-1830 |
| Wednesday | 0900-1130 | 1730-1930 |
| Thursday | CLOSED | |
| Friday | 0900-1130 | 1530-1730 |
| Saturday | 0900-1130 | |
| Sunday | CLOSED | |

WANTED



Aged, but still “young” farmer seeks plough and topper to keep his field under control! If you have an old/spare/unused or discarded plough or topper you want to get rid of for a modest sum, please contact Ian at Hanover to discuss a deal. Ring 821 427 or drop by for a chat.

DRAMA CLUB

Interest has recently been shown in re-establishing the Rousay Drama Club. Will anyone who would like to join, or just get further information, please ‘phone Carole on 821 234

TAVERSOE HOTEL

INNQUIZITIONS

Will be held on Tuesday, 10th. & Tuesday, 24th March, starting at 8.00 p.m. FREE ENTRY.

Food available. Snowball Question.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY AT THE TAVERSOE

There will be a special Celebration of St. Patrick’s Day on Saturday, 21st.



Wear green to be served, and with the Luck of the Irish we hope to be open late!



ROUSAY POST OFFICE HOURS (821 352)

| | A.M. | P.M. |
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| Monday | 0900-1100 | 1400-1500 |
| Tuesday | 0900-1100 | 1400-1500 |
| Wednesday | 0900-1000 | Closed |
| Thursday | 0900-1100 | 1400-1500 |
| Friday | 0900-1000 | Closed |
| Saturday | 0900-1000 | Closed |
| Sunday | Closed | |

**IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES OR IF YOU NEED AN
AMBULANCE TELEPHONE 888 000
BUT FOR FIRE, POLICE OR COASTGUARD CALL 999**

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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. The contracts are for a three year period.

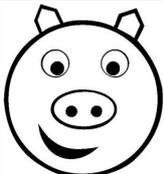
Brinian Kirkyard, Rousay
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Scockness Kirkyard, Rousay
St. Magnus Kirkyard, Egilsay
St. Mary's Kirkyard, Wyre
Wasbister Kirkyard, Rousay
Westside Kirkyard, Rousay
War Memorial, Egilsay
War Memorial, Rousay

The necessary forms are available from the Community Council Clerk:-

Mrs. Jackie Montgomery
CCLO
Orkney Islands Council
School Place
Kirkwall

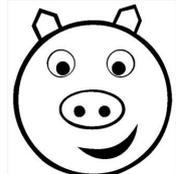
Phone: 886 354 e-mail: jackie.montgomery@orkney.gov.uk

Tenders should be forwarded to the Clerk, at the above address, in a sealed envelope marked "Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Grasscutting Tender" before **Friday, 27 March 2009.**



FOR SALE

Locally reared free range pork in whole; half; or quarters.
Cut up ready for bagging.
'Phone Jim Craigie on 821 303 (Egilsay)



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