

# ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE REVIEW

MARCH  
2010

**Internet  
Edition**

**Steal a March on Shapinsay.  
Get your Tattie-in-a-Bucket  
in February!**

Collection point at the school on  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February,  
between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Egilsay and Wyre residents please  
phone Shelagh on 821 283

Anyone who cannot attend on  
Sunday please 'phone to make  
arrangements.

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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**Tuesday, 2nd.**  
- Taversoe Inn QUIZition at  
8.00 p.m.  
- OIC Special Collection.

**Friday, 5th.**  
- WAGS 8.00 p.m. at The  
Pier.

**Sunday, 7th.**  
- Service at the Church  
Centre, 11.30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 9th.**  
- SWRI , 8.00 p.m. at the  
School, all ladies welcome.

**Sunday, 14th.**  
- Service at the Church  
Centre at 11.30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 16th.**  
- Community Association  
AGM, 8.00 p.m. at the  
School. ALL WELCOME.

**Wednesday, 17th.**  
- Flensburg group Report.

**Thursday, 18th.**  
- Parent Council, 2.15 p.m.  
at the School  
- Mobile Library.

**Saturday, 20th.**  
- Service at the Church  
Centre at 11.30 a.m.  
- RNLI Mr. & Mrs. at the  
School, 8.00 p.m.

**Sunday, 21st.**  
- Rousay Gun Club at  
Quoy Grinnie, 2.00 p.m

**Sunday, 28th.**  
- Service at the Church  
Centre at 11.30 a.m.

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**CHURCH SERVICES**  
At the Church Centre  
**11.30 a.m.**

Everyone Welcome  
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Sunday 7th. March  
Local  
+++  
Sunday, 14th. March  
Local  
+++  
Saturday, 20th. March  
David Fidler  
+++  
Sunday, 28th. March  
Local  
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**COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION**

The Secretary and Treasurer of  
the Community Association  
will both be standing down at  
the AGM being held on Tues-  
day, March 16th. at 8.00 p.m. at  
the School. We would like to  
appeal to anybody who would  
like to get involved and help the  
Association continue through  
the next few years, to attend the  
AGM and volunteer to help.  
The Association is responsible  
for the Rousay Review and  
many of the major social events  
taking place on the island.



### ROUSAY GUN CLUB

The 2010 League is now under way and the next shoots will take place on Sunday, the 28th. **February** at 2 p.m. at Quoy Grinnie **AND** Sunday, the 21st. March at 2 p.m. at Quoy Grinnie.

If you would like to try Clay Pigeon Shooting, please contact Michelle on 821 420.



### ROUSAY S.W.R.I.

'Thank You' to Bob Trigg for his interesting talk with slides and video clips on his trip to Borneo. The exotic flora and fauna were spectacular and his clips of 'sounds of the jungle' all added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 @ 8 p.m.** in the Community School. WAGS to entertain the SWRI, with Nibbles and Wine to follow.

#### Competition

Bowl of bulbs  
Drop Scones (3)

#### PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council meeting will be the AGM and will be held on Thursday, the 18th. March, 2010 at 2.15 p.m. at the School. All parents are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings or to add items to the Agenda. If you would like to do so, please contact Michelle on 821 420.

#### TAVERSOE InnQUIZition

Tuesday, March the 2nd. @ 8 p.m.

Fun Quiz  
Italian Supper  
Free Entry  
Snowball Jackpot

#### LOOKING FOR A HOME

A family with 2 young girls are looking for property to rent in Rousay. A 2-3 bedroomed property, (furnished, part-furnished or unfurnished., it doesn't matter).

Please contact James or Elaine on  
01856 711 333

#### NEW EGILSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Egilsay Community Association have just launched their new website. It is early days and we will be adding to the site all the time so please visit it now and again to catch up with our news. The website was set up with the assistance of Orkney Communities and can be accessed through their website or by entering Egilsay Community Association into your web browser.

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/EGILSAY/>

#### FOR SALE

Lightweight metal frame single bed and mattress. All for £30  
Contact Erica on - 07719 355 330  
**Buyer must collect**

#### FREE ITEM

Snow chains, virtually unused, suitable for small car going free -- 'phone 821 286



The WAGS are at the Pier on Friday 5th.

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



By the end of February the Affordable Warmth Project should have already rolled out to 57 homes out of a potential 119, across the 3 islands. Based on this achievement we are hoping this part of the project will be finished at the beginning of April. Things are go-

ing well, with all homeowners and those in the private rented sector, being offered grant assistance under the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target scheme. Those who have had a visit, and have less than 150mm of insulation in their loft, should have received an offer from Keep Orkney Warm to top up their insulation to the minimum recommendation of 270mm.

We have also received permission from Orkney Islands Council and from Orkney Housing Association Ltd. to carry out energy audits in their houses in the pier area and indeed the Pier Houses should have been audited by the beginning of March.

All 40 Owl Monitors are in use in homes, and I will have to start retrieving the first "wave" in the next week or so, so that they can be handed on to the next homes. Inevitably, I will need to return to a number of homes to install these monitors after the audit visits, as the speed of return of the monitors after one month is unlikely to keep up with the quicker pace of audit visits in March.

Our other Powerdown projects, (Community Gardening, Carbon Neutral Transport and Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), are due to be presented to the Climate Challenge Fund panel this week. We just have to await the outcome. If you would like further information on any of the Powerdown projects, please call me on 821 420.

Michelle Koster  
Community Powerdown Officer  
Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre



### **REWG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council hold approximately 6 meetings per year. All of these meetings are held in public, and members of the community are more than welcome to attend and watch proceedings.

If you would like anything discussed at any of these meetings, please feel free to contact any members of the Community Council directly, or through our clerk. (Diana Compton)

So that all members of the community are kept up to speed with the latest news from the Community Council, I have created some web pages, within [www.aroundrousay.co.uk](http://www.aroundrousay.co.uk)\*

I will endeavour to have these updated at regular intervals, particularly after meetings, so as to make sure everyone is aware of what we are doing and discussing.

For anyone unable to access the website, I will try and put regular updates within the Rousay Review, alternatively please feel free to contact me and I can discuss and/or send print out of web pages.

Thank you, Richard Tipper, Chairperson to Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

\* Please note, [www.aroundrousay.co.uk](http://www.aroundrousay.co.uk) is not affiliated with the REWG Community Council, and as such, any views expressed on the website may not necessarily be those of the Community Council as a whole.

## ROUSAY, EGILSAY AND WYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST NEWS

### *Community Turbine*

As you've probably heard through the local media, the Trust was successful in our bid to the Big Lottery Fund for a grant to make this project possible. We have been awarded over £400,000 towards the cost of the Turbine, its installation, and various related costs. This is on top of over £100,000 we have secured from the Scottish Government, and is a huge step towards making the community-owned turbine a reality. Although we're not there yet, we can make definite plans now. Watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent ballot, whichever way you voted, it's important that we know how people feel about the project. The results were as follows:

Total ballot papers distributed: **199**

Total ballot papers returned: **136**

Total for the project: **109**

Total against the project: **26**

Spoiled papers: **1**

Two envelopes were received by VAO after the deadline, and were not counted.

### *The International Class*

Hopefully most of you have had the chance to spend some time in the company of the International Class of Students from the University of Flensburg, Germany. The class are truly international with 11 students coming from the following 10 countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Columbia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Nepal, Peru, Venezuela, and Vietnam.



All are Energy professionals in their home countries who are studying for a Masters degree in Sustainable Energy Systems and Management at Flensburg. The final part of their course requires that they conduct a field investigation into a "real-world" issue whilst being hosted within a community in Scotland. This year they are in Rousay as part of being hosted in Orkney.

They are gathering information from us to allow comparison of the relative cost of transport and freight for the lives of those living in an outer and inner isle community and the mainland. On Monday the 1st. of March they will move on to Eday for two weeks but plan to come back to Rousay on the 17th. to give us a presentation on what they have found. Look out for Posters to confirm time and venue.

## **REWG Trust News Continued.....**

### ***Recruitment and staff***

Anne Grieve has completed her fixed term post as Community Development Worker and we all wish to thank both the funders and her personally for all she has done and been able to achieve over the last year; not least of all her central role in our Big Lottery application, the success of which completes her 100% record of funding applications whilst in post.

The Trust's are still in the process of recruiting a new Community Development Officer post on a job-share basis. Christina Cox from Egilsay has been appointed for two days a week. She comes to the job full of enthusiasm, and you're sure to be hearing from her soon. There is also a second ½ - one day post which we hope to have filled in the next week or so. Michelle still continues in her role as Powerdown Officer, and we are delighted to welcome Diana Compton as our new minutes clerk.

### ***2010 Rousay Lap***

The date for this year's event has now been proposed as the 28th. of August We hope to build on last year's success to make this a regular fixture in people's calendars and to get kinder weather this year! More details to follow.

## **PUBLIC BUS SERVICE ON ROUSAY**

A public bus service is now operating every Thursday, between 7.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m., on the island of Rousay. This is an ideal opportunity for going to the shop, Post Office or Ferry Terminal, or for just visiting friends, etc. - all for the price of a standard bus fare! Holders of concessionary cards are entitled to free or discounted travel, as applicable.

Booking is essential, and must be made by telephoning 821 360 by 7.00 p.m. the Wednesday before travel.

For full details and prices for this service, please visit:-

[www.aroundrousay.co.uk/bus](http://www.aroundrousay.co.uk/bus)

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVER(S) STILL WANTED FOR THE TRIANGLE CLUB**

to take Members to and from the Triangle Club in the yellow bus on Wednesdays. This amounts to about one hour mid-morning and one hour mid-afternoon every three or four weeks. We are looking for relief drivers, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please Phone Corinne on 821 244



## **ROUSAY REVIEW READERS**

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Then please send your house name and email details a.s.a.p. to the Editor, and help us to help the Community.

[news@rousay.org.uk](mailto:news@rousay.org.uk)

*P.S. Thanks to those who have already sent in their email addresses for the Internet Edition of the Review.*

*It is especially appreciated by the delivery team who are out in this dreadful weather.*

## FROM EGILSAY TO ETHIOPIA

Chris of Warsett is leaving home on the 9<sup>th</sup>. March to trek in the Simien Mountains, Ethiopia.

This trip is billed as 'not for the faint hearted' and is far from the regular tourist trails. Guides will take our group to the Simien Mountains Massif in the Northwest corner of Ethiopia, rising to the highest point Ras Dejen at 4620m. The West Plateau is bounded on the North and East by a massive escarpment many kilometres long and over 1000m. high in places and is cut along its length by deep gorges.

We will trek through the Simien Mountains National Park which is primarily a wildlife sanctuary for endangered species such as the Gelada Baboon and Walia Ibex. The summit is challenging, followed by a tough ridge trek topping several 4000m. peaks on route ending in a near vertical descent of 900m. down the 'Devil's Staircase' to reach Lamo, one of the most beautiful locations in the Simiens. The trek will take place over several days mostly at altitude over 3000m. We will be wilderness camping and taking whatever weather the Simiens can throw at us.

**I am taking part to raise money for CANCER RESEARCH UK.**

If you would like to support me on this challenge, information on how to donate can be found by going to my Charity webpage - <http://www.justgiving.com/egilsaytoethiopia>

Thank you for your support,  
Christina Cox.



**RNLI**

A "MR. & MRS." COMPETITION will be held in the SCHOOL HALL on Saturday the 20th. MARCH at 8 p.m. Supper (hot dogs and burger rolls). BYOB if wished. Adults £4.00 - 12 and under £2.00. RAFFLES in aid of the RNLI.

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### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

There will be an EASTER EGG HUNT on SUNDAY 4th. APRIL at 3 p.m. with Teas, Cakes and Raffles, and an Easter Bonnet and Easter Card Competition. Adults £3.00

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### **ADVANCE ADVANCE NOTICE**

to all you RAFT BUILDERS. This year's WATERSPORTS will be held on Saturday the 24th. JULY, a month later than usual.

[www.AroundRousay.co.uk](http://www.AroundRousay.co.uk)

As some of you may be aware, the above website has been in operation for over two years.

It advertises the islands of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre, listing local amenities, events, news, etc. **Back numbers of the Rousay Review are also archived on the site.**

If anyone would like any information added or events publicised, please feel free to contact us - Telephone/Fax: 821 360 or E-mail:-

[kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk](mailto:kayleigh@aroundrousay.co.uk)

### **STOP PRESS**

The Rousay Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust Website is now up and running. This has been created with the help of Orkney Communities and can be accessed through the Orkney Communities website or by entering Rousay Egilsay and Wyre DevelopmentTrust in your web browser. There will be regular updates posted to the site so please check it out now and again:-

[www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/REWDEVTRUST](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/REWDEVTRUST)

**All items for the April Review should be sent to Ian Glen at Hanover, Sourin by the 25th. March, 2010. Ring 821 427 or email: [news@rousay.org.uk](mailto:news@rousay.org.uk)**