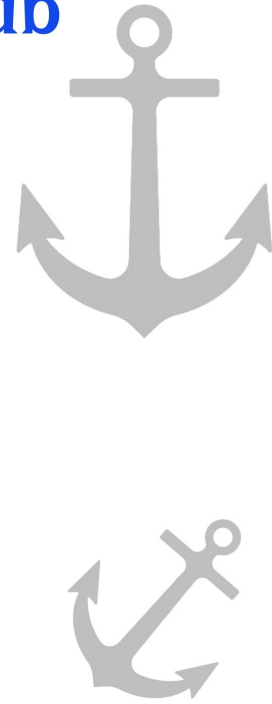




Rousay Sailing Club & Lego Club



Are pleased to announce a fun afternoon of junk boat building and racing for children of all ages.*

Sunday 14 April, 2 - 4pm

All children welcome

To be held at the community rooms, Rousay School.
All materials provided, plus snacks, drinks and

PRIZES!

*Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.

ALISTAIR CARMICHAEL MP

will hold a

SURGERY

on

**TUESDAY
APRIL 2nd 2024**

in

**ROUSAY SCHOOL
(GP ROOM)**

3.30 pm – 4.15pm
(No appointment needed, just drop in)

"Early Church" Prayer

Sundays 0900 to 10.00

At the Pier Cabin

More information from
Frances Roebuck 07850 064 093

Isles Special Collection Rota - Rousay

Week Commencing: **6 May & 5 August 2024**

To have domestic bulky items uplifted, apply online via OIC's website: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm> or call 873535 to book.

Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.

Rousay Sessions

An informal Singing and Music Group
Drop in on Wednesdays 19.00 to 22.00
At the Pier Cabin
All welcome

We will be organising day time sessions
in due course so keep an eye on
the community notice boards!

And if you would like to borrow
or learn an instrument please let us know

More information from
Frances Roebuck 07850 064 093

Supported by REW Development Trust

ROUSAY LADIES SPORTS



SUNDAY @ 3pm

We're currently
focusing on netball.
Learning the rules,
the passes, the fouls.
All ladies welcome.
Hope to see you there.



**BADMINTON
Thursday
Evenings**

School Hall from 7pm

There will be a cost of £1, to go
towards the hire of the hall.

We have racquets should you need to borrow one.



www.facebook.com/groups/694694749470451





Come along and be creative! Interactive creative sessions

Friday 5 April Rousay Community School
Explore the possibilities of clay with Kerriane Flett

10am-12.30pm Family workshop

(NB children must be over 5 years and accompanied by an adult max 2 children per adult)

1.30-4pm Sessions open to those 11 years and above

All Sessions are free but Booking Essential

To find out more and to book a place
email: carol.dunbar@pierartscentre.com



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Supported by the Orkney Local Action Group
Community Led Local Development Fund 23-24



The Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney
www.pierartscentre.com | Tel: 01856 850209
Tuesday-Saturday 10.30am-5pm | FREE



The Pier Arts Centre is a registered Scottish Charity No SC014815

Freebie Fridays!!

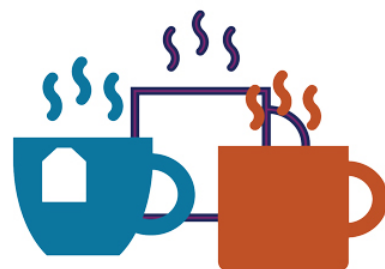
Pop-in Coffee Morning held by the Triangle Club

**Every Third Friday of the month, 10 am to midday
In the REWDT Cabin at the Pier, Rousay**

Free Tea, Coffee and Cakes

**All Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre
residents welcome**

With bookable REWDT eV vehicle on Rousay and
Interisland ferry tickets for Egilsay & Wyre available





SWI Visit to Kirkgate Gardens,
Sunday 7th April 2024.

The SWI is invited to visit Kirkgate Gardens (Trish's home) on Sunday 7th April 2024, from 1.30pm onwards to view a spring garden in Orkney. (Please bring your wellies and coat as we will be walking around.) Limited parking - please car share if possible.



This is an opportunity for the ladies of Egilsay & Wyre to join us. Please contact Sheena on 821222 to discuss.

Refreshments provided.

There is no competition or raffle at this event and our visit replaces our meeting on Tuesday 9th April, at the school.

We look forward to seeing you.

APRIL 2024 *The Taversoe* **01856 821 325**



CLOSED ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY.
OPEN FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Friday Evenings
6pm to 11pm

Saturday and Sunday
12pm to 11pm



Like our Facebook page
"The Taversoe"

The Taversoe



Take-Out

Available Friday & Saturday Evenings

Our takeout service will continue throughout April

Collection or Delivery
24hr Notice Required

The Taversoe InnQUIZition



General Knowledge Quiz
THURSDAY APRIL 4th
8pm @ The Taversoe

£££ Snowball Jackpot £££



Join our Facebook group
"Taversoe InnQUIZition"

Lunch Served at the Weekends Only 12-2.30pm / Dinner Served Fri, Sat & Sun 6-9pm

Evening Meal Reservations Essential / Last Food Orders at 2.15pm & 8.45pm

If the Bar is empty of customers at 9pm we will close The Taversoe for the night.

The Taversoe - Rousay - Orkney - KW17 2PT / www.taversoehotel.co.uk / taversoe@hotmail.com / 01856 821 825

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



The story of J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.

There will be a 10-15 minute break halfway through the film



Saturday 20th April
Rousay School - 7.30pm
Cert 15 - 3 hrs

Silver collection for funds

FREE

Gents and ladies Raleigh pedal bikes, adult size.

Some rust on chains and brakes and tyres
will need attention.

Yours to make safe and usable.



Call 821496



Rousay Community Association SCIO

AGM 2024

Saturday April 20th at 10.30am
Rousay Community School - GP Room

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS AGM
3. CHAIR'S REPORT
4. TREASURER'S REPORT
5. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS (if required)
6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
7. UPCOMING EVENTS
8. MATTERS ARISING
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

If all current keyholders (or club representative) could be present or send their apologies it would be much appreciated.

All Rousay residents are welcome to attend.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us:

rca.scio@outlook.com



The easiest way to contact
the RCA SCIO is via email:

rca.scio@outlook.com

For all enquiries, including
bookings at the school facilities.



Islands View Surgery, Rousay

Tel: 01856 821 265

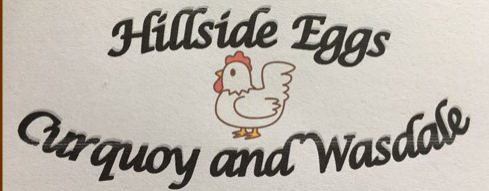
Email: ORK.rousaysurgery@nhs.scot

The Surgery will be **CLOSED** on Monday 1st April

Opening Hours

Monday	09:00-13:00
Tuesday	13:00-17:00
Wednesday	09:00-13:00
Thursday	13:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-13:00

In an emergency, or if you have an urgent medical problem that cannot wait until the Surgery is open, please contact the Balfour Switchboard on 01856 888 000 and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.



Hillside Eggs
at the end of Hillside Road
and outside the school
£1 for six mixed eggs.

Thank You

Julie, Tom and Billy would like to thank everyone who came to the Celebration of Life for Celia and Gerry Knibbs on the 16th March. It was a wonderful send off for them both.

Thank you to Carey, Carol and Alice for all the food and drinks they supplied, everyone said how yummy all the food was.

Donations for Cancer Research are at £335 plus gift aid.

Thank you to everyone xx



Invitation to the Ladies of Egilsay & Wyre

The Rousay SWI would like to extend a warm welcome to the ladies of Egilsay and Wyre and invite you to our SWI meetings.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Rousay Community School. (Please check Review for changes to the schedule). You would have to get yourself to Rousay but we have members happy to put you up overnight so you can attend.

We are looking to gauge interest so please contact Sheena (Rousay SWI President), on 821 222 and we can look at getting this set up.

Thank you.

STAFF

WANTED

**WE ARE RECRUITING CASUAL STAFF
FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.**

**IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WORKING
AT THE TAVERSOE, BE IT FOR ONE SHIFT A
FORTNIGHT OR SOMETHING MORE REGULAR,
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.**

**TO FIND OUT MORE YOU CAN GIVE ME A
CALL ON 01856 821 325, SEND AN
EMAIL TO TAVERSOE@HOTMAIL.COM,
OR POP IN FOR A QUICK CHAT.**

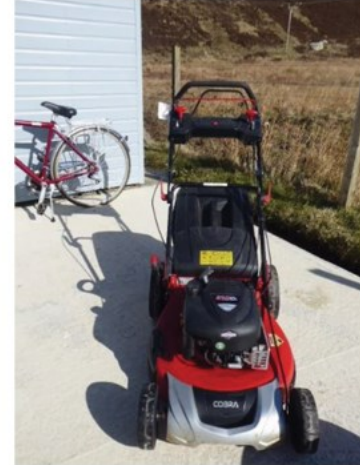
MANY THANKS, CAREY

Lawnmower for Sale

COBRA self-propelled lawnmower,
22ins cutting blade, petrol driven.
Serviced this year.

List price when purchased £460,
selling for £150.

Includes operator's manual.



Call 821496

Beauty by Han Han

Prices from

Hands and Feet

Gel Polish <i>(High shine, Chip free polish. Lasting up to 2 weeks)</i>	£27
Manicure	£20
Pedicure	£25
Manicure with Gel Polish	£32
Pedicure with Gel Polish	£35
Gel Removal	£15
or £10 with re-application of Gel Polish	

Massage

Full Body Massage	£50
Back, Neck and Shoulder	£28
<i>Relax and unwind with these soothing treatments to ease aches and reduce tension. Choose from Aromatherapy or Swedish Massage.</i>	

Tinting

Eyelash	£12
Eyebrow	£ 8
Eyelash and Eyebrow <i>(Patch test required)</i>	£18

Prices from

Facials

Full Facial - 1 Hour	£50
Mini Facial - 30 minutes	£28

Waxing

Eyebrows	£ 8
Lip	£ 5
Chin	£ 8
Nostril	£ 8
Underarm	£ 8
Forearm	£11
Full Arm	£15
Back	£10
Full Leg	£23
½ Leg	£16
Bikini	£12
Full Leg and Bikini	£30

Call Hannah on 07731 428809
to book an appointment





Homemade cakes,
traybakes,
cupcakes, biscuits
and more, made to
order
(min 4 days notice).



Contact Alice Mainland for more
information or order enquiries:

07552387109

brinianbakes@hotmail.com

Hello
April



RETIREMENT

I AM STILL LOOKING FOR AN INTERESTED
PARTY TO TAKE OVER ROUSAY TOURS.

THE BUSINESS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH OR
WITHOUT THE MINIBUS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT
MORE WHY NOT JOIN ME ON ONE OF MY
APRIL TOURS FOR A FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE
OF WHAT THE BUSINESS ENTAILS.

PADDY

07786169364

PATRICK_MAGUIRE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

For Sale

Brand New Katsu 80 cm convex road mirror
that I ordered by mistake

£40 ono

Grant Mainland
07833 454 792





www.rewdt.org

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

REWDT, The Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney KW17 2PU Tel: 01856 821229 email: info@rewdt.org



Getting to grips with the new bikes!

E-Bikes

Our fleet of new electric bikes will be arriving this month. Some will be allocated for visitors and managed by Trumland farm, the balance will be available for residents to trial and hire on a longer term.

Full details will follow on our next e-newsletter.

**REWDT Grants awarded to community members
and groups - February 2024**

32 Fuel Grants

2 Medical Support Equipment Grants

2 Well-being Grants

1 Community Group Grant

1 General Grant



Total amount awarded in February: **£8,478.00**



- **1st April** - 24/25 grant launches (see separate page)
- **17th April** - REWDT Board meeting
- **4th & 18th April** - Kirkwall Dial-a-rides
- **16th April** - Podiatry visit
- **25th May** - REWDT AGM

Rousay Youth Clubs

We will be having a break for the Easter holidays!

Youth Clubs will restart on

Wednesday 17th April and Sunday 21st April.

Primary Youth Club (P4 (age 8+) to P7)

- Wednesdays, 3pm-4:30pm

Secondary Youth Club

- Sundays, 11am-1pm

At the Rousay School

All welcome!



Office

Our staff man the office **9-12.30 Mon-Wed**, and by appointment outside these hours.

The community room is available for booking, and can be used for remote working or group activities - get in touch to find out more.



For help getting your digital ferry concessionary vouchers please call us on 821229 or email nicky@rewdt.org

We are a help spot for getting your digital ferry vouchers



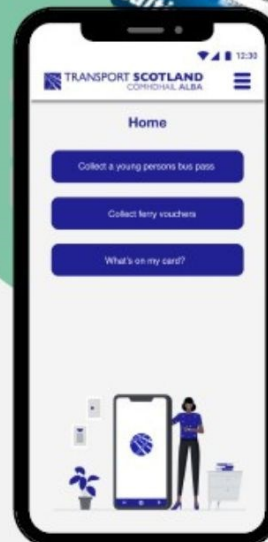
Do you get concessionary ferry vouchers through the National Concessionary Travel Scheme?

Do you need help adding vouchers to your saltirecard?

You might also know this as your bus pass, National Entitlement Card or Young Scot card.

Or do you need help checking your vouchers?

We can help you here!
Bring your card and we can help you.



more about concessionary ferry vouchers



Grants 2024-25



Well-being 200

Up to £200 per resident, funding activities that improve well-being, can include a book of passenger ferry tickets to travel to well-being activities on Mainland Orkney.



Education & Skills Bursary

Funding up to 90% of course fees, up to £750 per resident.



Community Activity

Funding of up to £1,000 to support community groups and individuals to organise and run community group activities and events.



Driving Lessons

Funding driving lessons for residents, up to a maximum of £750.



Emergency Stay

Funding of up to £100 for accommodation costs due to flight or boat being delayed or cancelled.



There is also a General Grant Fund available for all other grant funding requests.

If you would like further information or to apply, please get in touch

Spring Dance - Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the Spring Dance with Mabel Besant on 23rd March. Everyone danced so well, showing off their skills from the classes, and a great night was had by all!



Thank you to Mabel for coming from Hoy to give tuition, advice and help to the Rousay dancers and for calling the dances on the night.

A special thank you to Craig and Sinclair for the incredible music, which kept folk on the floor for every dance. And for all their help setting up and clearing away.

Thank you to Alice and Alison for the delicious supper and all the preparation, organising and cleaning! And Carey, for all your help with the event.



We will hopefully be holding dance classes with Mabel again next winter - watch this space!

(Thank you to the REW DT for part-funding this event and for funding the winter dance classes)





PRIDE in ORKNEY

***Do you want to show your support for
Orkneys local LGBT+ community?***

help out with our community project!

BUNTING BONANZA

***make some bunting or flags for pride month
any skill level any medium any pride flag
so long as it can be hung up and taken down.***

***if you have some window space let us know
and we will get you some decorations.***

***email prideinorkney@gmail.com for more
information or message us on our Facebook page***

***We have a drop off at Mind On in Kirkwall
open 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday***





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

APRIL 2024

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

MONDAY 7 - 9pm

TUESDAY 7 - 9pm

THURSDAY 6 - 9pm

SATURDAY 4 - 5pm

If there are no gym users at 15 minutes past the last session hour start time the RHLC will close early.

BUDDY SYSTEM HOURS

(during school term time)

Monday to Friday

9.30am to 3.00pm



Monday @ 7.15pm



Tuesday @ 7.15pm



MEMBERSHIPS

Full details: www.pickaquooy.co.uk/activelife

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April 1st to April 12th

EASTER HOLIDAY DAYTIME SESSION TIMES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP - "RHLC BUDDY SYSTEM"



The REWDT Well-being 125 grant is available to residents. It can be used towards the cost of ActiveLife/Activelands. Please ensure you apply to the REWDT for their Well-being 125 Grant before subscribing to ActiveLife or Activelands.

Tel: 01856 821 443

Email: rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Orkney's only regular councillor newsletter—reporting back to North Isles Ward constituents since 2012.

Like the whole of Orkney, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of long-standing BBC Radio Orkney presenter, Dave Gray. In the days immediately following his death, it was somewhat spooky still to hear his voice making the safety announcements on the ferries, which, in a sense, immortalises him, as does his Orcadian dialect recording for the MRI scanner at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Dave had remarkable insight into the political machinations at School Place, and he agreed with many of my own observations over the years. As a councillor, it could be a bit of an ordeal being interviewed on air by Dave—he could give you quite a grilling! In the March 2021 edition (*issue 442*) of *The Sanday Sound*, there was a role reversal when he was the interviewee "In Conversation with Ute". This interview with him can be found at this URL: <https://clackson.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Sanday-Sound-442-Dave-Gray.pdf>.

Having received a sufficient level of funding from the Scottish Government, at our General Meeting we ratified a decision not to raise the council tax level for the forthcoming financial year. However, apart from those entitled to the council tax "Isles" discount exception of 50% for maintaining employment that I defended last month (see [last month's Issue](#)), a surcharge of 100% will now be applied to second homes. Our General Fund revenue budget for 2024/25 has been set at £112,424,000. Up to £20,000,000 will be drawn from our Strategic Reserve Fund.

There was considerable discussion about discontinuing the tradition that we stand to speak at General Meetings. I supported maintaining the tradition (embarrassingly forgetting to stand myself!), but the amendment was defeated 11 to 9. My previous suggestion, that we circulate a bottle of port around the chamber during General Meetings (in the clockwise direction, of course), was regrettably not included in the amendment. You never know, had it been, it might have made all the difference!

Orkney has been allocated £20,000,000 by the UK Government through its Levelling Up Fund. Although Kirkwall is named specifically, it has been confirmed that the money can be used over a wider geographical area, so I hope to see some of it used in the North Isles. The fund, which is for capital projects, will be spread over 10 years, and, as I understand it, a board will need to be set up involving the community to determine how the money will be disbursed. We await further details.

I attended a talk, hosted by the Orkney Heritage Society, by Howie Firth to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the *Orkney County Council Act 1974*. This Act is what has enabled us to build up our Strategic Reserve Fund. Howie explained how the council at the time had the foresight to work with the oil industry to come up with proposals of mutual benefit and then apply political persuasion at Westminster. Howie suggests, by analogy, we should be doing the same now vis-à-vis the renewable energy industry. A recording of the talk is available on-line at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GDV9_TWKSQ.



Some excellent and impressive work was on display at the exhibition *Perspectives—Orkney's Recent Art Graduates* at the Pier Arts Centre (see photograph above) alongside which was a showcase of the work of senior school pupils from KGS and Stromness Academy. Among the exhibitors, I recognised a few names from the North Isles. What talent we have here!

I travelled to Inverness to participate in a meeting of the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation at their new HQ at UHI House on the Raigmore Hospital campus (see photograph below), and on the evening of the following day I was in Thurso for a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group. I am OIC's representative on both of these organisations.

Other meetings I have attended this month include a special Policy & Resources Committee meeting, meetings of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, a seminar on the ferry replacement programme (which I had to leave before the end of so I could catch a ferry), and a seminar on our local transport strategy (which I had to leave early in order to take transport south).

Since my last [Letter](#), I have been to community council meetings in person at Sanday and Eday, but an attempt to attend Papay's virtually by "Teams" failed miserably.

Clr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

Letter from School Place is also available on-line at clackson.info

