



## Rousay Triangle Club

EVERY TUESDAY

Tri▲ngle  
Club

FROM 10AM TO 2PM

AT THE TAVERSOE



JOIN US FOR FUN GAMES, SOCIALISING  
AND A 2-COURSE LUNCH!



## Coffee Afternoon!

Pop-in Coffee Afternoon held by

The Triangle Club

on Friday 17th May 2024

at The Pier Cabin

from 2pm to 4pm



All welcome for a cuppa, cake & chat!

Contact Alice Mainland

([alicemnln@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemnln@btinternet.com)) if you

need transport to the venue

(Donations welcome)



Commencing Thursday May 2nd

CLOSED ON MONDAY & TUESDAY

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
3pm to 11pm

Saturday and Sunday  
11am 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 May 2nd  
8pm @ The Taversoe

£££ Snowball Jackpot £££



Join our Facebook group  
"Taversoe InnQUIZition"

Lunch Served at the Weekends Only 12-2.30pm / Dinner Served Wed, Thur, 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.

We are still looking for bar/wait staff for the summer. Can you help out? Feel free to give me a call.

The Taversoe - Rousay - Orkney - KW17 2PT / [www.taversoehotel.co.uk](http://www.taversoehotel.co.uk) / [taversoe@hotmail.com](mailto:taversoe@hotmail.com) / 01856 821 825

# Learn how to MAKE A CUBBIE

A free mini course with  
Neil Leask of  
Orkney Museums

Rousay Heritage  
Centre

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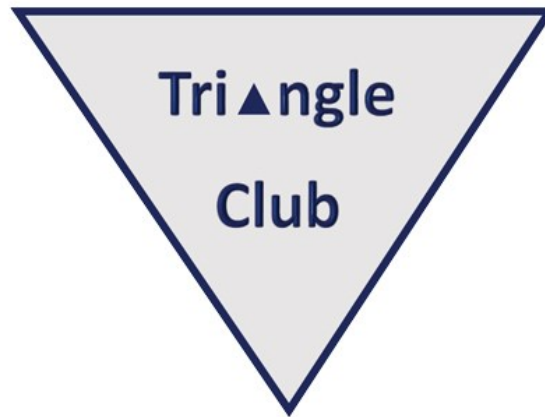
(Bring your own lunch please –  
however, food and drink not to  
be consumed in Centre )

Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024



Limited places so booking is essential with [alex.wright@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:alex.wright@orkney.gov.uk)





## **The Triangle Club AGM 2024**

**14/05/2024 13:30am at the Taversoe, Rousay**

**All welcome**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM.
3. Chair's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Constitution Amendments (if required).
6. Election of Office Bearers.
7. Future Events
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date of next meeting.

# ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



When people in Littlehampton – including conservative local, Edith, begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.

**Warning – this film contains much swearing.**



From the community  
For the community

Community Group Kickstart



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Rousay School - 8.00pm  
Cert 15 - 1 hr 40 mins

**Silver collection for funds**

### Rousay Sessions

An informal Singing and Music Group

Drop in on Wednesdays 19.00 to 22.00  
At the Pier Cabin  
1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May  
Then it's folk festival time!

All age and abilities very welcome.

Supported by REW Development Trust

More information from Frances Roebuck 07850 064 093



### Rousay Church of Scotland

Service led by Rev. Elinor Gordon

on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

at 3.15 pm

in the GP room, Rousay School

followed by tea, coffee and homebakes.

**All welcome – see you there!**

## REW Community Council

### ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. Any financial requests or items for the agenda should be with the clerk no later than Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Contact the Clerk: [rewgclerk@gmail.com](mailto:rewgclerk@gmail.com)

#### Morning Prayer

Sundays 0900 to 10.00  
5th, 12th and 19th May  
At the Pier Cabin

More information from Frances Roebuck 07850 064 093



The SWI would like to offer a big **'thank you'** to Trish for allowing us to visit her home for the April meeting and everyone had a fun time.

#### **REMINDER**

There is **no** meeting in May as members are visiting Costa SWI, and presenting a programme on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Look out for details of our June meeting to be held in the Cabin at the Pier.

Tri▲ngle  
Club

W E L C O M E

The Rousay Triangle Club would like to welcome their  
new Co-ordinator, Alice Mainland!



She will be planning lots of activities and some trips for members over the next few months - watch this space! Please contact Alice with any queries about the Triangle Club: [alicemnld@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemnld@btinternet.com)

# ROUSAY LADIES SPORTS



With a slight drop in numbers, the longer daylight hours and a generally busier schedule for folk going forward we're looking to review Ladies Sports for the summer.

We plan to run the sessions (both netball and badminton) throughout May, but do keep an eye on our Facebook group for updated information.

Our planned trip to the mainland is still in the works, so fingers crossed we'll get there.

If anyone has any ideas/suggestions (possibly outdoor sports) for the coming months feel free to share them with the group.



Community Activity Grant



[www.facebook.com/groups/694694749470451](http://www.facebook.com/groups/694694749470451)



www.rewdt.org

# Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

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



Our two community vehicles

## Dial-a-Ride

We are pleased to announce that our popular dial-a-ride service will continue into 2024, and be expanded with the addition of our new 8 seat electric people carrier.

The service is offered on Rousay every Mon & Wed, and to Kirkwall the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

**Scottish Land Fund**  
Iomhas Fearainn na h-Alba

Delivered by THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

Part of HIE

Funded by Scottish Government

**Scottish Land Fund - Stage 2 Funding Approved**

**01** **02**

We're excited to share that we've received a Stage 2 grant from the Scottish Land Fund for two projects on Rousay. £267,948 will go towards acquiring the Taversoe Hotel, and £262,188 for purchasing the old Manse.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- **2nd & 16th May** - Dial-a-ride Kirkwall
- **14th May** - REWDT drop in session Egilsay community centre
- **25th May** - REWDT AGM
- **27th May** - Pampering Session
- **1st & 2nd June** - photography workshop
- **9th June** - Peedie lap

**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**  
Funding up to 90% of course fees, up to £750 per resident and £100 travel costs.

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

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

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

www.rewdt.org/grants grants@rewdt.org 01856 821229

**REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups March 2024**

- 3 Well-being Grants**
- 1 Education & Skills Bursary**
- 1 Community Group Grant**
- 1 Medical Support Equipment Grant**

**Total amount awarded in March: £ 871.48**



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre  
Development Trust

# 2024 AGM

**Saturday 25th May**

Doors open 9.30, AGM 11.00  
Rousay School Community  
Rooms

This years AGM will follow last years format, with a community 'showcase'. We will be inviting our local groups, along with organisations from the wider Orkney area, to show off the great work being done and provide information for REW residents.

The doors will open at 9.30am, and the 'formal' AGM will take place from 11am. Refreshments will be provided.

[rewdt.org](http://rewdt.org)



Development  
Trusts Association  
Scotland



# Rousay Horticultural Society

The RHS Annual Show will be held on  
**Sunday 4th August 2024**

**at the Rousay Community School.**

Thank you to everyone who collected  
their Tattie in a Bucket in March!

Some tips for growing your tattie:

- Fill your bucket with about 5-10cm of soil/compost
- Bury your tattie in the soil
- Gradually add more soil as the tattie shoot grows and water regularly, as needed.



RHS wish you the best of luck and are  
looking forward to seeing your entries.  
Please bring your tattie (in the bucket)  
along to the entry evening on  
Saturday 3rd August,  
from 7pm to 8.30pm.





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](mailto:brinianbakes@hotmail.com)

HELLO  
MAY

Blondies!



## Rousay Community Association SCIO

The RCA held their AGM on Saturday 20th April.

Office Bearers were elected as follows:

**Chair:** Branwen Bourn

**Vice Chair:** Zoë Flaws

**Treasurer + Booking Clerk:** Carey Mainland

**Secretary:** Alice Mainland

Many thanks to retiring Chair and Treasurer Carole Maguire  
and Julie Morgan for their hard work on the committee .

Look out for all our future events -  
help from ALL keyholders will be required.

For easy contact with the RCA SCIO please use email:  
[rca.scio@outlook.com](mailto:rca.scio@outlook.com)

**All items are free to a good home.**

We would appreciate a donation to a charity of your choice,  
if you take something.



Pancake Iron - needs seasoning  
Otherwise, excellent condition  
Makes great pancakes



Fire Iron set - Black  
All in good condition



Sausage Maker and two sizes  
of vegan skins  
  
Very easy to use



Stove top coffee maker, makes excellent  
percolated coffee. I just do not have a solid  
hob anymore.

Excellent condition.



Pressure Cooker, excellent condition, works on  
any hob (Best check if you have an induction  
hob, but works on all others).



Excellent condition stove top skillet. Cooks steaks,  
salmon fillets etc really well. I don't have a solid hob to  
use it on anymore.

Excellent condition

I'm having a kitchen clear out - anything not taken will go to a Kirkwall charity  
shop. If you want something please contact Helen on 07879 686509 or email on

[helencastle91@gmail.com](mailto:helencastle91@gmail.com)



**ORKNEY 2025**

## **Volunteer Sign Up Sessions**

### **Be a part of history: Volunteer for the International Island Games 2025**

The International Island Games is coming to Orkney next year from 12 - 18 July and we need 700 volunteers to make it happen!

If you'd like to join us and volunteer at this fantastic event, you can find the application form on our website: [www.orkney2025.com/volunteer](http://www.orkney2025.com/volunteer)

**Don't like completing forms?** Pop along to our office at 2 West Tankerness Lane, Kirkwall and we'll complete it for you.

Sign up at our office from 10am-2pm, on the first Friday of every month:

**Friday 1st March**  
**Friday 5th April**  
**Friday 3rd May**  
**Friday 7th June**  
**Friday 5th July**



**Ready to be  
part of something  
incredible**





# ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE MAY 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.pickaquoy.co.uk/activelife](http://www.pickaquoy.co.uk/activelife)

Some RHLC prices have been increased. Please check in centre signage for details.



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

**Tel: 01856 821 443**

**Email: [rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)**

### Triangle Club

The Triangle Club would like to thank Rousay SWI for their kind donation of £46 which was from their open club in March.

Thank you x



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

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*Orkney's only regular councillor newsletter—reporting back to the folk of the North Isles since 2012.*

*The winter is past and the flow'rets are springing,  
They are freed from the grasp of a hard, icy hand;  
Sweetly warble the birds, 'tis the time of their singing;  
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.  
Who can choose in the sadness of winter to stay?  
O awake, ye beloved ones, arise, come away!*

Clearly inspired by the *Song of Solomon 2:11-13*, these lines are from *The Winter is Past*, the first of the *Sunday Revival Hymns*, published in Edinburgh in 1861 for "the members and adherents of the Sanday Free Church Station by one of their deacons"—assumed to be the folklorist Walter Traill Dennison (1825-1894). Despite a promising start to this month, the flow'rets were soon in the grasp of a chilly, rainy and windy hand. (T.S. Eliot maybe had a point when he opened his modernist poem *The Waste Land* with "April is the cruellest month"! I have heard starlings warbling (no doubt publicly announcing their intention to build a nest under my car bonnet), but whereas the turtle [dove] may frequently be heard in the unhappy Holy Land, its voice in Orkney is limited to that of the few migrant individuals which end up here each year.

After my meetings of the UHI Foundation in Inverness and the Dounreay Stakeholder Group in Thurso (see [last month's Letter](#)), the weather cut me off from Orkney for two days on the other side of the Pentland Firth.

For the first time in my experience, there was no "Education" at our Education, Leisure & Housing Committee meeting. Under "Leisure", we agreed to a short-life member/officer working group being set up to consider the findings of a consultant-led review into the provision of sport and leisure services across Orkney. The group will comprise 21 members, of which 4 will be respectively representing each of the Isles (North & South) swimming pools (representation of which I wholeheartedly approved). Cllr John Ross Scott and I have also been appointed to this group, which will be meeting over the summer.

We did get some "Education" in the Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting in the form of a rather poor internal audit report on Kirkwall Grammar School. Staffing issues seem largely to have been to blame.

I went along to the Stromness & South Isles Ward by-election count (see photo below by Ross Cunningham). This is the first election count I've ever attended—not being a candidate myself making it undaunting. Congratulations to Janette Park on her win, which brings the number of female councillors on OIC up to one third (33%). For comparison, 22% of Shetland Islands Council are women, and only 7% of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. 52% of the population of Scotland comprise women and girls.

I was at a rather "robust" development trust AGM. I have been around long enough, and have been to the AGMs of enough island development trusts (indeed I was once a trust director), to be aware of some of the pitfalls that trusts can drop into if they are not careful. One of these is not assessing proposed projects adequately in order to identify at an early stage potential dis-benefits to sections of the very community the trust exists to serve. And related to this, is not properly engaging the public and local businesses in partnership and utilising their expertise and local knowledge to help resolve issues and seek solutions. Development trusts have an enormous responsibility towards their respective communities. They have access to funding and tax relief not available to any local business, and, as such, a development trust has the power to skew an island's economy in not-necessarily favourable ways. An exemplar of good practice in community engagement in decision-making is Westray Development Trust's *Project Evaluation Group*, which involves a number of island residents who are not trustees of the Trust.

Professor Peter Higgs died on the 8<sup>th</sup> April. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2013 after the existence of the fundamental sub-atomic particle he'd predicted in 1964 (now known as the *Higgs Boson*) was confirmed 49 years later using CERN's Large Hadron Collider. In 2018, a prize was inaugurated in his name, sponsored by the Orkney International Science Festival, to be presented each year to the best science student at Kirkwall Grammar School. (In May 2021, my younger daughter received a 2020 runners-up medal.) Professor Higgs visited Orkney and KGS in both 2015 and 2017.

Congratulations to Professor Donna Heddle, founder and director of the UHI's internationally-renowned Institute for Northern Studies, on her election to Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (an honour Professor Higgs also held). Fellowship (FRSE) is conferred upon people judged to be "eminently distinguished in their subject". Primarily based at UHI Orkney (formerly Orkney College), Professor Heddle's recognition is indicative of the high calibre of academics associated with OIC's college, and OIC should ensure that it appreciates, values and supports them. It would be unforgivable to lose them.

At the Policy & Resources Committee meeting, I requested that we proactively push for the geographical area benefitting from "Kirkwall's" Levelling Up money to include the whole of Orkney. In the item on our British Sign Language Plan, I suggested BSL be taught in our schools to a level to compensate for the depleted selection of foreign languages nowadays on offer.

Other meetings in which I have participated, in this unusually un-busy month, include: a seminar to do with the Scapa Flow deep water quay; members' briefings with the Chief Executive; and a meeting of Sanday Parent Council. In May, I am booked to travel to Shapinsay and to Papay to attend their respective community council meetings in person, and I shall be taking up the invitation to come along to the REWDT Community Showcase.

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

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**Letter from School Place** is also  
available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)  
(Be aware that my SSL certificate is awaiting renewal.)

