



FUNDRAISING CAR WASH

Friday, 20th September 1:30-3pm



We will be raising funds for outings and books.

Gates open from 1.30 to 3pm, and all children will be involved. Please help us spread the word and tell neighbours and friends.

No need to book, just drive in and wait! Donations will be collected on the day.

See you there!



LADIES BADMINTON



CONTINUING UNTIL THE END OF

SEPTEMBER ON

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

FROM 7PM ONWARDS

IN THE ROUSAY SCHOOL HALL

£1 FEE TOWARDS HALL COSTS

SEE YOU THERE!

SEPTEMBER 2024

The Taversoe

01856 821 325

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The Taversoe



Take-Out

The Taversoe InnQUIZition



Our Final Quiz

General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday September 5th
8pm @ The Taversoe
£££ Snowball Jackpot £££

SNACK SUPPER (LIKE OLD TIMES)

CLOSED ON MONDAY & TUESDAY

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
No Lunches on Weekdays
Open from 3pm to 11pm

Saturday and Sunday
Serving Lunch & Dinner
Open from 11am to 11pm

Available Friday & Saturday Evenings

Our takeout service will continue in September

Collection or Delivery
24hr Notice Required

There will be no evening meals served on Sunday 29th of September

Please could folk call, email, or stop by to settle any outstanding accounts

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 10pm we will close The Taversoe for the night

The Taversoe - Rousay - Orkney - KW17 2PT / www.taversoehotel.co.uk / taversoe@hotmail.com / 01856 821 325

We're back from our hols!



The Rousay SWI meets on **Tuesday 10th September**, at 8pm in the Rousay Community School.

Our speaker for the night is Fiona Mitchell, who will give a talk on **'Weaving in Peru.'**



Competitions

1. Woven article (purchased or made).
2. Bring along a bean recipe that we can scan and send to members.

Refreshments provided and raffle tickets on sale.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tri▲ngle
Club

The Triangle Club
is restarting on
Tuesday 10th September!

Join us on the
10th, 17th and 24th September

at The Taversoe
from **10am to 2pm**
for fun games, coffee, a chat
and a two course meal.

** all welcome **

We have lots of games to play:
Bridge, Scrabble, Dominoes, Up Words,
Cribbage, Rummikub ...
or please bring your own and teach us!



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: The Space - Rousay
Date: Sunday 22nd September 2024
Time: 1pm to 3pm
Contact: info@crafthuborkney.com



Simply scan this QR code with your phone
to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.
It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.



Scan me to
donate

Headline Partners

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19431_Poster2

The Crafthub SCIO will be holding their annual fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support
Sunday 22nd September 1pm to 3pm @ The Space - all welcome.

Donations welcomed for Tea/Coffee and Cake

Raffle at 2.45pm

Donations for raffle prizes welcomed - please see Morag Potter or Christine Briggs (Rousay) Chris Cox (Egilsay, Wyre)

We look forward to seeing you

The Crafthub Team

ROUSAY LADIES SPORTS

#YES
She Can



We'll be restarting our Sunday sessions in October
Keep an eye on our Facebook group page for updates

Rousay Horticultural Society

AGM

Rousay Horticultural Society A.G.M.

Tuesday 17th September @ 1930
In the GP room @ Rousay Community School

New members welcome!

Rousay Gun Club

AGM on 7th September

at the

REWDT cabin @ the pier 10:30am

New members welcome
Office bearers to be elected



Rousay Community School would like to thank the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust for their generous support which allowed our P7 pupil to participate in activities delivered on Hoy by the OIC Outdoor Education Team in April.

Pupils who attend learn many outdoor skills, experience the value of teamwork, and challenge themselves; all important values which will follow them throughout their lives.



*From the community
For the community*



ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCIO

Please could all groups and clubs email us to update their contact details, and provide the names of their committees and keyholders. Remember you can make bookings for the school hall, the community (green) rooms and the GP room by emailing us on the address below.

rca.scio@outlook.com



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

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

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 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



Free Pampering and Wellbeing session



September date now available to book:

Monday 23rd September- appointments between 4pm and 8.30pm

Choose one Free 30 Minute Treatment:

Mini Manicure

Mini Pedicure

Facial

Back, neck & shoulder massage

Includes foot passenger ferry travel for Egilsay & Wyre residents

To book your free place email nicky@rewdt.org or phone 821229

Scything and Meadow Management

A Free Practical Workshop at Warsett, Egilsay

Friday 6th September 2024

Instructor Doug Gooday runs scything courses across North East Scotland

- Setting up an Austrian scythe
- Movement and technique
- Mowing practice
- Sharpening in the field
- Maintenance and peening the blade

The session will also look at using green hay as another restoration & improvement technique. We'll collect seeds.



Ferry Times:

0820 from Tingwall, 0900 from Wyre and 0910 ferry from Rousay to Egilsay. Return ferry departs Egilsay at 1655.

Please note- There is a 1 mile walk to/from Egilsay Pier to Warsett.

Please bring your lunch & refreshments

To book a place please email Nicky@REWDT.org

Many thanks to Chris Cox who owns and manages the wildflower areas at Warsett.



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Art for Wellbeing Workshops with Samantha Gray

Free Art Workshop for REW residents.

The last Art Workshop date is on Sat 14th Sept- 11.30-14.30.

In the Community Room at Rousay School.

Drinks and bakes provided

No artistic skill needed!

Designed for all adults, no matter your skill, Samantha's art workshop help you discover the creativity within you. Come along to a session and enjoy getting into the flow of creativity with no stress or pressure to create a final piece. Each piece will be unique & created mostly with inks & pens. Acrylic inks by design are hard to control and part of the fun is watching them run and drip!

To book a place email

nicky@rewdt.org

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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

The Sharing Shed is open every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning!

The sharing shed is in the Old Shop at the Pier Restaurant site and is open when the REWDT office is open, 9am to 12.30pm Mondays to Wednesdays.

There are lots of games, clothes, books, household items and much more available.

Pop in and have a look and see if there are items you can make use of. All items are FREE to take away to re-use or repurpose.

You can also leave any items you wish to donate on the donations table in the Sharing Shed.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept electrical items at present



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Hello,

It is never easy to write about yourself. However, here we go!

Having recently moved to Rousay with my partner and daughter, I have been appointed as the Youth Support Worker at REWDT. I have been fortunate to work with children in a variety of settings and am delighted to have the opportunity to continue to work part-time, with children and families here.

I hold a BA Childhood & Youth Studies and am working towards certification in Animal Assisted Play Therapy, that specialises in ethical canine intervention and reciprocal relationships. I have 3 family dogs (Duke, Roddy and Tiana) that each have brow personalities and individually are well suited to a variety of social interactions and learning opportunities. I hope to invite them to partake in our activities, from time to time, if this is something that would be of interest.

In terms of shaping group activities and individual support, I welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have, in order to enhance wellbeing opportunities and inclusion for the children and youngsters of our three islands. You can reach me via email: rachel@rewdt.org

Finally, to those whom my family and I have already met - a big thank you for making us feel so welcome and we look forward to meeting everyone in due course.

Warm regards,

Rachel





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

September 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

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 3.00pm

During School Term Time



MEMBERSHIPS

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

Group X Classes

WILL RETURN IN OCTOBER!

If you'd like to know what the classes are:

FATBURN EXTREME

FBX is a fixed 20 minute, maximal intensity workout with no dictated rest periods. The sessions are comprised of body weight exercises (eg. push ups, squats, lunges). You'll work as hard as you can for the full 20 minutes, resting when you need to!

BOXERCISE[®]

Boxercise is a circuit class based on the movements and training concepts used in boxing. Everyone is welcome whatever their age and athletic ability, so it's perfect for beginners. A great class that's empowering and fun. We do not punch people, just pads!



The REWDT Well-being 200 grant is available to residents, and can be used towards the cost of ActiveLife/ActiveIslands. Please ensure you apply to the REWDT for their Well-being 200 Grant before subscribing to ActiveLife or ActiveIslands.

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

—connecting with constituents of the North Isles ward.

The 31st July marked the actual 50th anniversary of the enactment of the *Orkney County Council Act 1974* (on which Howie Firth gave a talk back in February, see [Issue 134](#)). Curiously, it came into force after the first elections to the County Council's successor, Orkney Islands Council (see [Issue 136](#) and [Issue 137](#)). I was disappointed to see that neither of these significant Orkney "Milestones" featured in in the Kirkwall Flower Arrangement Club's 50th *Flower Festival* at St Magnus' Cathedral. It would have been interesting to have seen what sort of displays they would have inspired! The 1974 *Act* remains in force to this day, and it is hoped its provisions might provide the precedent that OIC needs to exert some control over the imminent wind-energy bonanza and to set up a structure that will lead to the developments benefiting everybody in Orkney. Below is a parable I wrote, as a cautionary tale, 19 years ago, back in 2005 (originally for the newspaper *Orkney Today*, hence the title).

THE VILLAGE AND THE GOLDMINE — A parable for Orkney today

by Stephen Clackson

Once upon a time there was a beautiful village with a fine village green – the envy of the district. On the edge of the green was an inn which thronged throughout the year with all the visitors that came from far and wide to admire the village.

One day an important-looking man arrived at the inn and asked to see the village elders. They met him that very evening at the inn.

"I am a prospector," said the man. "I would like to construct a goldmine on your village green. As you will know, gold is essential for the economy, and with my goldmine your village will be making an important contribution to the nation's prosperity."

"We would all be extremely proud," declared one of the elders, "to know that our village was contributing to the prosperity of the nation." Another of the elders had some doubts: "I don't want to sound selfish," he said hesitantly, "but will the goldmine actually benefit the village in any way?"

"Of course!" boomed the prospector. "If the nation becomes more prosperous then we all benefit. However," he announced, looking the elder in the eye, "I can also offer employment to some of the villagers, as I shall need labourers to dig the mine." The elders nodded sagely and looked pleased with themselves.

The prospector ordered a round of drinks, and they all signed the charter he had prepared.

The goldmine was soon finished, and carts arrived every day from a distant town to carry the gold away to the bullion market. In the inn, the labourers who had dug the mine played cribbage and dominoes to stretch out the time it took to drink the little ale they could now afford. They were the only customers. The mine had spoilt the green, and nobody came to admire the village any longer.

One day a stranger arrived at the inn. "We don't get many visitors these days," said the innkeeper. "Trade is bad in the village at the moment," he continued, "and we have trouble making ends meet." The stranger looked puzzled. "But isn't that a goldmine outside?" he asked. "Aye," replied the innkeeper, nodding towards the charter on display on the wall. "We're right proud that our village is contributing its bit towards the prosperity of the nation – and the mine created jobs for these labourers here when it was being built."

The stranger read the charter carefully. "Did none of you realise how valuable gold is?" he questioned. "That prospector must have been sharp – somehow he managed to convince your elders to sign the whole lot over to him! If the village owned the mine, all that gold would be yours to sell, not his. You'd all be rich by now – and the nation would be prospering just as much. Instead, your elders allowed this prospector to walk in, destroy the asset that brought trade to the village and seize for himself another that none of you appreciated the true value of."

The innkeeper looked out of the window. Suddenly he saw the goldmine in a whole new light. The stranger was saying nothing they could not have worked out for themselves. But for the village, it was now too late.

It has been a strange summer, if you can call it summer. I don't normally indulge in eschatology, but with 77 whales beaching on Sanday (the letter numbers of the word CHRIST add up to 77), our bees behaving bizarrely, and 3 times 3 consecutive days without eggs from our poultry, I must admit to scouring the *Book of Revelation* in case these events were a portent of the end of days. Whereas the somewhat cryptic verse 1 of chapter 13, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy," could feasibly be interpreted as a pod of whales coming ashore, there is no mention of either bees or poultry.

Speaking of poultry, the Clackson family did fairly well at the Sanday Show this year, winning the trophies for both *Best Duck/Drake* and *Best Goose/Gander*. I understand that one of our poultry rivals is planning to attend, prior to the next Sanday Show, a course at an "escuela taurina" in Spain, although that's in connexion with one of his exhibits of the bovine variety.

I finished off the recess and started the new School Place term by getting out to some of the other North Isles: North Ronaldsay to attend a transport meeting, and Stronsay and Shapinsay to be present at their respective community council meetings. At School Place, I attended a confidential members' briefing, I was at the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings, and I undertook a very interesting whole day of site visits to sport and leisure facilities on the Mainland.

Drop-in events have been arranged as part of the public consultation on the draft *Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan*. Two are remaining to be held in the North Isles: 24th Sep (11 am – 7 pm) at Heilsa Fjold, Sanday; and 3rd Oct (11 am – 6.30 pm) at The Höfn, Westray. If you are in town on 19th Sep between 2 & 7 pm, you can attend the event at the Pickaquoy Centre. You can also see the *Plan* online at orkney.gov.uk/marine-plan-consultation and, if you wish, submit a consultation response there.

Stephen

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Letter from School Place is also
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