



BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORK DISPLAY



Tuesday 5th November
at the Windbreck Site
(bottom of the turbine road)

Bonfire Lit - 7pm

Firework Display - 7:30pm

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
BY ROUSAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN, WITH A
COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL
FUNDS**

Donations of
firewood welcome!

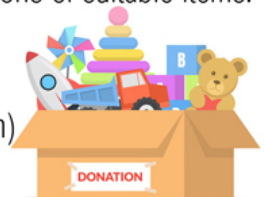
Contact
Branwen Bourn
(07379372169)

Perhaps time for a pre-Christmas clear out?

If so Homestart who are in the Blue Door from 18 - 23 November would welcome donations of suitable items.



These can be dropped off at Trumland Farm
or at the new Home Start Office in Finstown (old hairdressers' salon)
or collection can be arranged with Carol Rae 07545374029



REMEMBRANCE DAY
10 NOV 2024
Community Lunch

After the Service of Remembrance,
Community Hall, Rousay Community School
Cost: £12 Adults £6 Children

Please contact Kate or Vivian
if you would like to attend
Reservations will close
7 Nov 24

Mains: Lasagne or
Mac Cheese
Sweets: Crumble or
Bread & Butter Pudding
Soft drinks, tea and coffee

Kate: 07931 124664

katewilden@hotmail.com



Rousay Sailing Club

AGM

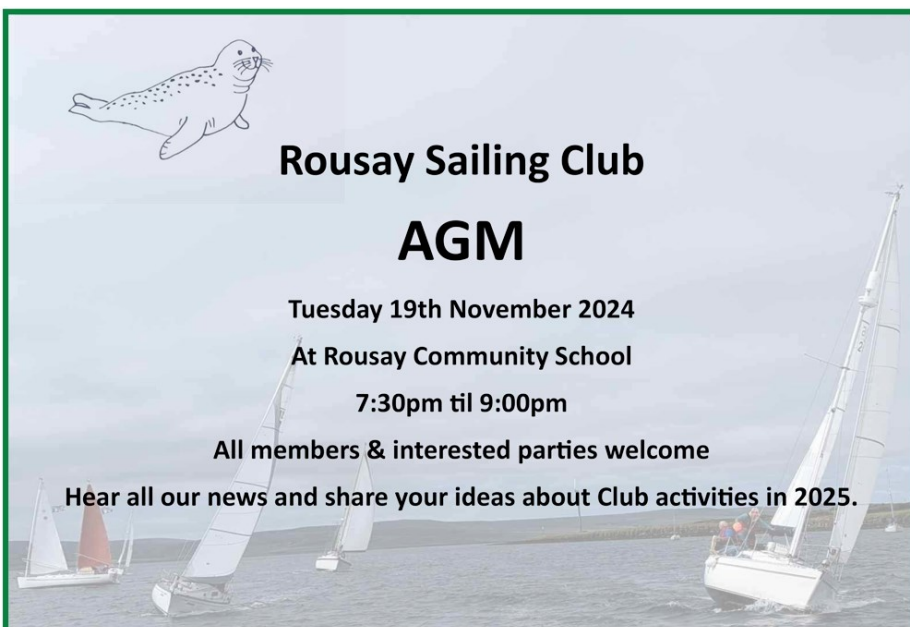
Tuesday 19th November 2024

At Rousay Community School

7:30pm til 9:00pm

All members & interested parties welcome

Hear all our news and share your ideas about Club activities in 2025.



FREE TRADITIONAL DANCE CLASSES

Another chance to brush up on some dances to get ready for the Rousay Harvest Home!

Come along to the Friday night monthly dance classes with dance tutor, Mabel Besant (from Hoy).

**Next Class - Friday 8th November
From 7:30pm to 9:30pm**

(including a break for tea and cake!)

In the Hall/Community Room at Rousay School

All fitness abilities and ages welcome - children are warmly invited too!

See you there!

Please register your interest with Alice Mainland, to help gauge numbers!

alicemnld@btinternet.com



Rousay Sessions

An informal Music and Singing Group

Drop in on Thursdays 19.00 to 22.00

At the Pier Cabin

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November

More information from Frances Roebuck 07850064093

Rousay Community



Association SCIO hosts

ROUSAY

HARVEST HOME

DINNER AND DANCE

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024

£12.50 FOR ADULTS,

£5 FOR UNDER-16S, UNDER 5S FREE

MENU: SELECTION OF COLD MEATS,

CLAPSHOT, VEG, GRAVY / VEGGIE OPTION

DOORS OPEN FROM 6:45PM,

DINNER SERVED AT 7:30PM



Speaker: Colin Flett - Orkney NFUS Chair

RAFFLE DRAWN & SUPPER AT 11PM

DANCE TO

THE CRAIG MAINLAND

DANCE BAND

The

Craig Mainland
Dance Band





Tri▲ngle
Club

The Triangle Club is temporarily moving to the Community School, while the Taversoe is changing owners.



We will meet on



**Tuesdays in the
Community Room
from 10am to 2pm**

for fun games, coffee, a chat and a £6 soup & sandwich lunch, followed by tea & homebakes.

all welcome

Please let Alice Mainland know each Sunday if you plan to come for lunch for catering purposes.



Rousay SWI AGM

**Tuesday 12th November 2024 @ 8 p.m.
in the Rousay Community School.**

Following the AGM our speaker for the evening is Clare Allison
talking about the work of the Blide Trust.

Competitions

1. Photo of a pet
2. 6 Truffles



Refreshments provided and raffle tickets on sale.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre Advent Prayer Group

Sundays 0900 to 10.00

10th, 17th and 24th November

At the Pier Cabin

More information from Frances Roebuck 07850064093

Dog Sports Activities

We will continue to train in November, all are welcome. Timings will be a bit different, please see below for information. Ted has continued to offer his beautiful garden for us to train on.

What: Dog Sports activities (Hoopers, Agility)
Where: Ted & Mandy's garden
When: Sundays, weather dependant
Timings: 12.30pm – 1.30pm By appointment only
1.30pm – 2.30pm All welcome
Cost: £5 per session per dog (50% of monies will be donated to Loving Dogs Home)

Kate will provide equipment, support and training. Please contact 07931 124664 if you would like more information.

Please note that there will be no training Sunday 10th November.

West of Orkney Windfarm

Drop-in community information event

You are invited to join the West of Orkney project team to find out more about the project and how our proposals might affect Rousay.



The Craffhub @ The Space

Thursday 28th November

2.30pm to 7.30pm

Please join us for a chat and a hot drink.

More information can also be found on the West of Orkney Windfarm website at www.westoforkney.com

Rousay parent council would like to thank the following for helping make the Halloween disco happen:

Ian for the loan of the disco
 Denis and Isla for epic DJ-ing
 Rousay Community Association for the hire of the school
 Tesco for the biscuits and juice
 REWDT for supporting us with a community grant
 Parents for jumping in and assisting where needed

We raised £35 in donations - thank you!

Rousay Parent Council
 Invites you to our tree lighting

At Rousay Heritage Centre

30th November at 5pm
 Lights turn on at half 5

Refreshments and singing

Donations welcome towards fundraising projects

Beauty by Han Han

While the Taversoe changes owners
 Beauty by Han Han will be based at

The Space.

Offering the following treatments

Manicures /Pedicures

Gel Polish

Waxing

Brow and lash tinting

Massage

Facials

Spray Tans

For more information or to book an appointment please CALL

[07731428809](tel:07731428809)



Beauty by Han Han

Prices from

Hands and Feet

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| 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

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| 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

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

Prices from

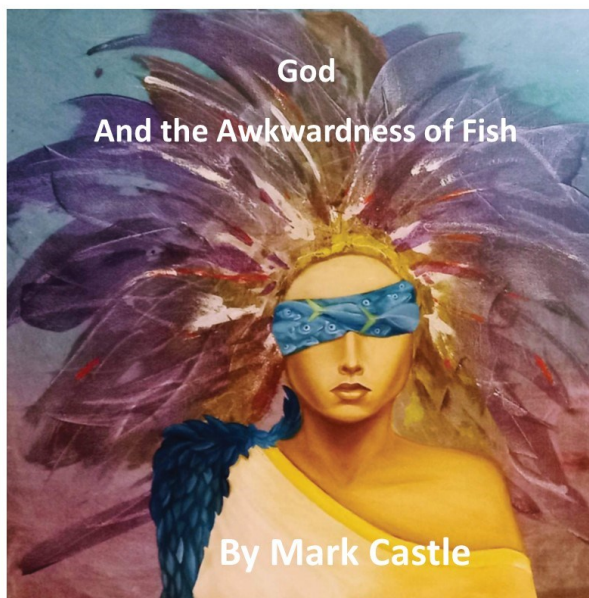
Facials

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

Waxing

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| 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



God
 And the Awkwardness of Fish

By Mark Castle

New Book by
 Local Writer
 £10.00
 Available from
 Rousay Shop,
 Rousay
 Post Office,
 The Orcadian
 Bookshop,
 Kirkwall
 And very soon
 on Amazon.

The Crafhub @ The Space

Autumn / Winter Dates for your Diary



NOVEMBER

Monday 4th | 11am-3pm Pop Up Cafe

Monday 11th | 11.30am-3.30 pm Pop Up Cafe

Saturday 16th | 11am-1pm Drop-in Christmas Pottery Workshop

Sunday 24th | 11am-2pm - *Childrens Christmas Bunting & Decorations Workshop

Monday 25th | 11am-3pm *Pop Up Cafe

DECEMBER

Monday 9th | 11am-3pm *Pop Up Cafe

Sunday 15th | 12 Noon-4pm *Mulled Wine & and Mince Pies*

Monday 16th | 11am-3pm Pop Up Cafe



Festive holidays | closed from 17 Dec 24

Re-open Monday 13th Jan 25 - Pop-Up Cafe

- help us decorate 'The Space' for our Christmas Event on Sunday 15th December—Childrens Bunting & decorations Workshop on Sunday 24th Nov or join us at 'Bunting Corner' during Pop up Café days Monday 25th Nov & Monday 9th Dec



info@crafthuborkney.com



School Playpark update from Rousay Parent Council (RPC)

October 2024

Over the last few months RPC have been working hard to secure funding and get quotes for the installation of a new park at the school, which has been very dilapidated and often off limits to the children for some time. This has been very much an uphill struggle.

Recently however, we have been given the opportunity to be part of a bulk install of playparks across Orkney, in a collaboration between OIC and Scotplay, the equipment supplier. This was offered earlier in October 2024 and is due to occur in **February 2025**. As a result, we have been asked, at extremely short notice, to pull together funding as per our application to OIC in 2023. In order to be able to take advantage of this bulk installation, we need to be in a position to put in an equipment order by no later than **13th November 2024**, by which point we need to have sufficient funding agreed, to cover the cost of the equipment, delivery and installation. The quote from Scotplay for this work is in the region of **£50,000**. In addition to this there will be further costs for the repair of gates and the disposal of the materials from the old play equipment, which we intend to source locally. Overall, we are looking at an estimated total figure in the region of £51,000-£53,000.

There is up to £25,000 match funding available from OIC. Therefore, if we can raise another £25,000, by early November, we will definitely be able to go ahead and order the play park and take advantage of the offer of February installation. If we miss the 13th November order deadline, then it will likely be at least another year before we can get a new play park at the school. We are hopeful to be awarded £7,500 each from REWDT and REWGCC, we also have £2,500 of our own funds to put towards the park, which is a stipulation of the award from OIC. Therefore, currently we have a likely total of £17,500 (£35,000 with OIC match funding). We have also put in applications with other funding bodies (Lottery and Scottish Sea Farms), but we do not know if we will find out the outcomes of these in time for putting the order in. **In short, if we could secure another £7,500 of funding by 12th November, we could definitely go ahead with ordering the playpark and have it installed in February. If you are a local business, or individual and would like to offer financial support toward the playpark, we would love to hear from you. Please email us: reparentcouncil@gmail.com by no later than 12th November, thank you!**

The new playpark (see images on the next page) has been designed with input from the local children and new equipment will come with a **20-year guarantee** and will require minimal maintenance. Equipment has been chosen to suit a range of ages and abilities and is designed to be as inclusive as possible. All nursery and primary age children on the islands will have regular access to the playpark. Younger and older children and those visiting friends and families will also have access to the park outside of school hours and during the regular community events that are held at the school. The playpark will be suitable for children up to 14 years old.

This is an excellent opportunity to provide a top-quality playpark for the school and the island at large, particularly those without easy access to Brinian playpark. If we are unable to take advantage of the February bulk installation, then it will likely be at least another year before we will have a similar opportunity, by which time costs are likely to have once again increased. Therefore, we are extremely keen to take advantage of this excellent opportunity while we have the chance. We hope that you feel that this is a worthwhile cause and that you are willing to support us.

Many thanks

Julia Cussans, Chair
Emma Fawcett, Vice Chair
Emma Soames, Treasurer
reparentcouncil@gmail.com



Children's Designs

Examples of the children's designs



Proposed new play park



Trail Timer (freestanding)

The Trail Timer gives the child a time limit to carry out their challenge!

Additional Items



Loudspeaker

Children will be amazed they can talk to each other through Loudspeakers from different ends of the playground using the same principle as the clas...



Shop Counter Panel

Children can open their own shop, library or post office with this Shop Counter Panel.



Log Train

Children will love to take a ride on the Log Train and pretend to drive their friends around the park.



Play Station PS3 & one
PS4 games, free to a
good home.

PS3 Games

- Heavy Rain
- Skyrim
- Ashes Cricket 2009
- F1 2013 + F1 2012
- Colin McRae Dirt2
- 2012 Olympics
- Tiger Woods PGA Tour 14
- FIFA 13, FIFA 14, FIFA 15 & FIFA 18

PS4 Game – Horizon Zero Dawn (unopened)

All games are free, please collect from
Gowsterie. A donation to Cancer Research
would be appreciated but is not essential.

Please contact Helen on 07879 686509.

REWG Community Council

The next Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council meeting will be
30th November 2024 at 9.15am at Rousay Community School

Research on Private Water Supplies

Heather Anderson, a researcher at the University of Stirling is investigating private water supply quality in Scotland. She is particularly interested in how users of private water supplies perceive the quality of their water and how effective the current support is for improving private supplies.

An online survey has been created for anybody who currently has (or has previously had) a private water supply. She is looking for around 50 responses and anybody who completes the survey will be given the chance to enter a prize draw to win £25 supermarket vouchers.

Access the survey via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/4LvZqeU64J>

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

What is the digital phone switchover?

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and January 2027 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones, telecare and health devices will need to be compatible.



How will it affect me/what do I need to do?

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers and businesses, this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider (for example, Vodafone or BT) **should contact you before the switchover** to check in and discuss what you need to do to make sure any reliant services you may have aren't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect.

The change may be as simple as plugging your phone into a broadband router rather than the phone socket on the wall, or you may be given a new router to do this.

Please note that your provider will move you to a digital service before January 2027. If you care for a vulnerable person, please keep an eye out for correspondence notifying of a switch over date.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your telecoms provider directly.



Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and/or use a telecare device connected to a phone line?

If yes, then please contact the Telecare Team at Orkney Islands Council.

Tel: 01856 873 535. Extension 2635

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

Other Devices

If you have other devices connected to your phone line that you may have purchased, such as alarm systems, you might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible.

If you are unsure about how a device in your home or business might be affected, it is recommended you contact the equipment supplier or device manufacturer to find out whether it will remain functional on a digital phone line.

People who use health monitoring or telecare devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work.

Key Points To Remember

If you have any queries or have no means of making emergency calls **you need to contact your communications provider.**

If you have a telecare alarm please contact the telecare team at Orkney Islands Council: 01856 873 535 Extension: 2635

Check with the appropriate equipment manufacturers if you have any other devices supported by your existing telephone line (such as intruder alarms) to check it will work digitally.

Most telecare alarm providers will have upgrade plans, if your phone line has or is due to an upgraded by your communication provider let them know.

In a Power Outage

Digital landlines cannot carry an electrical power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. If you have a mobile phone this can still be used, but if you've no other means of calling the emergency services your telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls.

Scams

There have been incidents reported of scammers contacting vulnerable users in relation to digital migration.

Communication providers or telecare services will never call you to ask for money.

Contact is usually by letter and charges are only applied to normal invoices. If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a caller, just hang up and call your communications or telecare provider to report the incident, using a trusted phone number, such as the one on the bill.





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

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

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!



ActiveIslands



ActiveLife

MEMBERSHIPS

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



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

—reaching out to North Isles' residents of all ages.



Since my last *Letter*, I've been present at both ends of Orkney's educational spectrum, from attending the *UHI Orkney Graduation & Celebration of Achievement* at St Magnus' Cathedral as a member of the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (photo below left—with my worthy auld pal, Cllr John Ross Scott), to accepting an invitation (accompanied by Cllr Thomson) to Shapinsay School to talk to the primary pupils about Orkney Islands Council and being a councillor. Whilst there, we enjoyed a *World School Milk Day* lunch (photo above), and the pupils showed me around their playpark and demonstrated their gymnastic skills on the climbing frame. I would welcome invitations from other schools to meet with and talk to their pupils.

At our Policy & Resources Committee meeting, the investigation of the feasibility of a visitor levy was discussed. I brought up some of the potential challenges that accommodation providers have already made me aware of, and I also sought reassurance that it would be possible for Orkney residents travelling within Orkney to be exempted from paying such a levy.

I've also been to a Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting, yet another budget & finance seminar, and a General Meeting, and we welcomed colleagues from Shetland Islands Council to meetings of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board. I was one of a group of councillors selected to meet His Majesty's Inspectors of Education carrying out a "thematic" inspection on local authority approaches to supporting school improvement. At short notice, I attended a GovScot/Openreach drop-in on the R100 fibre rollout in the North Isles. Work is advancing rapidly in the larger islands, and I've been apprised of how superfast broadband is being implemented in Papay, but I don't see much progress on bringing it to North Ronaldsay, Egilsay or Wyre.

If you keep poultry (or most other birds) and have not already registered them, the deadline is the end of November.

Finally, well done to my son Wulfric, who has cycled all the way from Sanday to Land's End in Cornwall via John O' Groats. He's been present at both ends of the island of Great Britain. So I must add another photograph (below right).



Stephen

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

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