

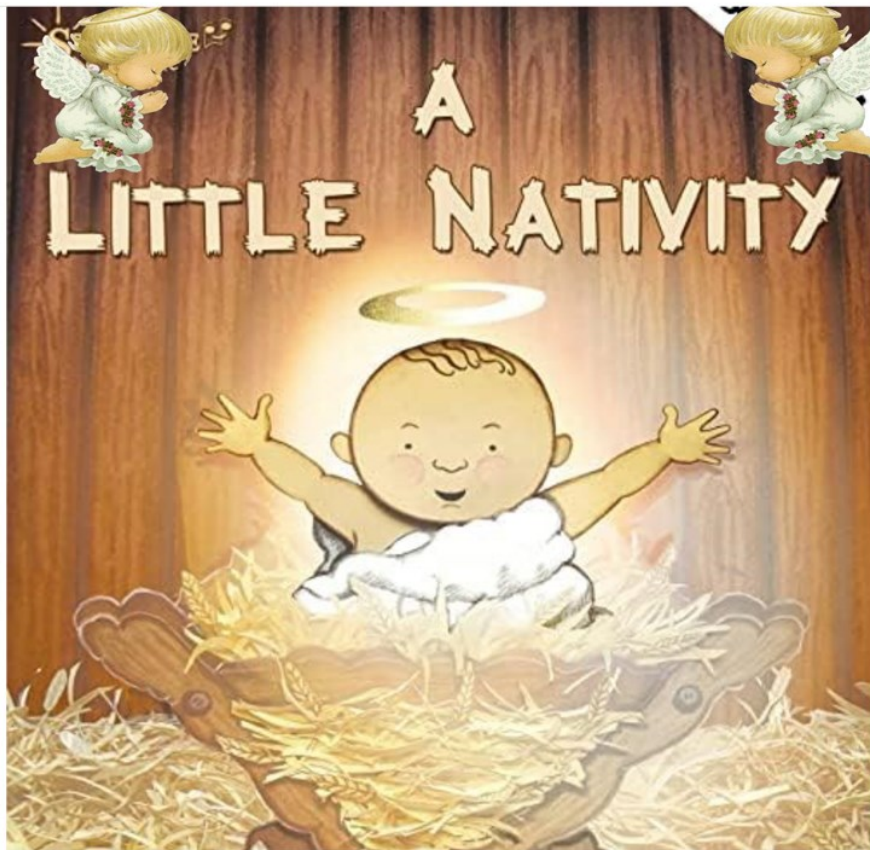


The Review

Rousay's Community Newsletter
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT



FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 7-8PM

ALL WELCOME!

SILVER COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL FUNDS
MINCE PIES & REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW



Cooke

SCOTLAND

PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXISTING FISH FARM: KIRKNOUST, ROUSAY

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT

Rousay Primary School

Wednesday 4th December 2024 from 12-2pm and 6-8pm

Cooke Scotland will be holding a pre-application consultation event regarding a proposed re-development of the marine fish farm at Kirknoust, Rousay.

Representatives from Cooke Scotland's Environmental Team will be available at the engagement event to provide information and answer questions about the proposed development.

www.cookeaquaculturescotland.com

Saturday 7th December - 8pm - Community Hall at the school

Quiz Night

Raising funds for Rousay School

Are you ready for an evening filled with laughter, trivia, and a little friendly competition?



Homemade Curry served in the interval

Teams of 4 - £10 per team.

BYOB

Raffle

Please contact Kirsty **07850 543 012** or on Messenger by 1st December to reserve a table



Join us for **mince pies**, tea, coffee and soft drinks

The invite is open to **members and non-members**

Please **bring a £5 wrapped gift** for a Christmas gift swap! Feel free to **dress festively**.

We would love to see you there

**** As parking will be limited, please car share ****

The Crafthub @ The Space



December Dates



Monday 9th Dec - 11am to 3pm
Pop-Up Cafe

Sunday 15th Dec - 12 Noon to 4pm
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Monday 16th - Dec 11am to 3pm
Pop-Up Cafe



Everyone Welcome

The poster features a green and white knitted sweater pattern with small red hearts scattered throughout. At the top, there are holly leaves and red berries in the corners. A blue inverted triangle at the top center contains the text 'Triangle Club'. The main title 'Triangle Club Christmas Party!' is in a bold green font. Below it, the date and location are in black. The event details and price are in black, and the phrase 'all welcome' is in red cursive. The bottom section contains registration information in black, also framed by holly leaves and berries.

Triangle
Club

Triangle Club Christmas Party!

Tuesday 17th December 2024

in the Community Room at Rousay
School.

Join us for a pre-Christmas party, with
games, mulled wine and a cold
buffet-style Christmas lunch, followed
by a festive pudding!

£10 per person.

all welcome

You must let Alice Mainland know
by **Wednesday 11th December** if
you would like to come along.

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



An angel is sent from Heaven in this Christmas classic to show a depressed George Bailey what life would have been like had he never existed.

Voted best film ever by Dave Lister of Red Dwarf.

Saturday 21stth December

Rousay School - 8.00pm

Cert U - 2 hr 10 mins



Silver collection for funds

There might be mince pies and mulled wine or cider too.



Tri▲ngle
Club



Rousay Christmas Card Delivery

As in previous years, the Club will be delivering local Christmas cards.

There will be post boxes in the Rousay School, Marion's Shop & The Pier Cabin.

50p per card

Please put your cards and money in a little bag, before posting into the letter boxes.

LAST DATE FOR POSTING:

16th December 2024

The cards will then be delivered the week before Christmas!

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Charlie and Ben warmly invite you to

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE with EUCHARIST

which will be held at

WESTNESS CHAPEL, WESTNESS HOUSE

on Monday 23rd December, 3.30pm

with tea and cake afterwards

please email charlie@charliemccormick.com,
or message 07425 115647 if you would like to come, thank you

CHRISTMAS



Coffee morning

Film show with Ellen

19th December at 10.30am

At Rousay Primary School

All money for School funds



**ADVENT PRAYER AT THE PIER CABIN
SUNDAYS AT 09.00 TO 10.00
1ST, 8TH AND 15TH DECEMBER.**



**ROUSAY SESSIONS AT THE PIER CABIN
FOR INFORMAL MUSIC AND SINGING
EVERYONE WELCOME
THURSDAYS BETWEEN 19.00 AND 22.00
5TH, 12TH AND 19TH DECEMBER.
MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FRANCES 07850064093**



Rousay Church of Scotland
Service led by Rev. Susan Brown
on Saturday 7th December 2024
at 3.15 pm
in the G.P. Room, Rousay School
followed by tea, coffee and homebakes.
All welcome – see you there!



Tri▲ngle
Club

The Triangle Club will meet on
the

3rd, 10th & 17th December

in the Rousay School

Community Room

from 10am to 2pm

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

We will then have a two week
break, returning on

7th January 2025!

Merry Christmas!

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

Beauty by Han Han

Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Thank you to all my customers for your
loyalty and support.



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





Christmas Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

*Diana and Alan Compton send Christmas greetings to all and wish you health and happiness for 2025.
We will not be sending cards but will make a donation to charity.*



Seasons Greeting
to all our neighbours
from The Roebuck Family.
And Best Wishes for 2025!



Ro Roberts
Wishes
All friends and neighbours
A Merry Christmas
And a very happy New Year



Alistair and Muriel wish you
a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.



ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Thank you so much to everyone who supported our
Bonfire & Fireworks event.

The weather was perfect for a great display, with
many thanks to the REWGCC for kindly funding the
fireworks and to REWDT for the use of the site.

A huge thank you to John Garson, Ian Donaldson,
Bob Trigg, Carey Mainland, Darren Akid, Jo Inkster
and Branwen Bourn for all their help.

Thanks to the Rousay School children and staff who
provided an amazing Guy, delicious refreshments
and cleaned the site following the event.

ROUSAY HARVEST HOME

A huge thank you to everyone for making
the 2024 Harvest Home such a success! It
was brilliant to see over 100 people for the
meal and the floor full of dancers all night!

A massive THANK YOU to the following
people, it would not have been the night it
was without you:

Carey, Branwen, Alison, Alice, Laura, Ellie,
Bob, John, Grant, Kate, Peter, Frances,
Ewan, Angus, Eric, Tom, Sam & Courtney,
And of course Craig, Sinclair and Eddie for
the fantastic music.

See you for the Burns Supper on 25th January!

Update from Scottish Water – Winter Tips and Support

Scottish Water is urging householders and businesses in Orkney to ensure their water pipes are protected from cold weather this winter and help minimise the risk of bursts and damage to property. Proactive measures including the relocation of two water tankers to Orkney Mainland have also been taken due to the potential for warmer weather, which in turn can cause bursts on the network.

The best protection against frozen pipes is warmth, so if possible, Scottish Water recommend leaving heating on a low setting, or having it come on a few times throughout the day while temperatures are low.

If a pipe is already frozen, turn off your water supply at your stop valve and open all cold taps to drain the system. Do not open your hot taps as if you have a hot water cylinder it could collapse.

You can try to thaw out your frozen pipes with a heated cloth wrapped around any frozen sections. Never apply direct flame to the pipes or try to thaw them by turning on your heating.

If you are in any doubt about what to do, or if frozen pipes have caused a burst or leak, please contact a licensed plumber.

For more information on frozen pipes, including helpful videos and resources, please see: <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Your-Home/Campaigns/Winter-Wrapped-Up> .

If you would like to receive updates by text message during service interruptions in your area, please provide your details at the following page: <https://customer.scottishwater.co.uk/alerts/> .

If you require immediate additional support, this can be done by visiting <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk>, or calling 0800 0778 778. If you require additional support for future incidents, you can also sign up as a Priority Services Customer via the website link.



Poppy Appeal

A total of **£121.99**

has been sent from the school to the Poppy Appeal
this year from collection tins at various outlets
on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre



Thanks to all who contributed

100% of all proceeds collected go directly to the Poppy Appeal



Rousay Community School would like to thank the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust for their generous support which allowed our P6 pupils to participate in activities delivered by the OIC Outdoor Education Team in October.

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.



Taversoe Community Update

We are thrilled to share that thanks to the dedication and hard work of the CBS volunteers;

- We are now officially a registered Community Benefit Society.
- Our legal teams have been busy finalising agreements between the REW Development Trust, CBS, and the tenants, and these are nearly ready to be signed.
- The new tenants are eager to get started, bringing with them plenty of enthusiasm and exciting plans.
- As we move to a Landlord/Tenant model, some upgrades to the Taversoe's facilities and services will be needed to comply with current regulations.
- Soon, we'll also be launching our share offer—an opportunity for you to be part of this exciting journey and its future success.



We look forward to updating you further,
and wish to thank the Community
for its ongoing support.

Contact us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TaversoeCBS/>



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE DECEMBER 2024

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES



Saturday December 21st - Supervised Session 4 - 5pm
Monday December 23rd - Supervised Session 7 - 9pm
Tuesday December 24th - Supervised Session 7 - 9pm
Wednesday December 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED
Thursday December 26th - BOXING DAY - CLOSED
Saturday December 28th - Supervised Session 4 - 5pm
Monday December 30th - Supervised Session 7 - 9pm
Tuesday December 31st - Supervised Session 7 - 9pm
Wednesday January 1st - NEW YEARS DAY - CLOSED
Thursday January 2nd - Supervised Session 6 - 9pm
Saturday January 4th - Supervised Session 4 - 5pm
Monday January 6th - Supervised Session 7 - 9pm

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

MONDAY 7 - 9pm
TUESDAY 7 - 9pm
THURSDAY 6 - 9pm
SATURDAY 4 - 5pm

BUDDY SYSTEM HOURS

Monday to Friday
9.30am to 3.00pm
Last Day - Friday December 20th
First Day Back - Monday January 6th



Monday @ 7.15pm



Tuesday @ 7.15pm

CHRISTMAS PERIOD GROUP X CLASSES

There will be no Group X Classes on:

Dec 23rd (FBX), Dec 24th (BOX), Dec 30th (FBX), & Dec 31st (BOX)

Classes will resume as normal from Monday January 6th.

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Reporting back on the exploits of your councillor both at home and abroad.

The SNP Scottish Government's former *Business Ambassador for Scotland*, erstwhile member of the *GlobalScot* business network, and recipient of an honorary doctorate from Robert Gordon University has won a second term as President of the United States of America. This bizarre scenario (far stranger than fiction) puts me in mind of the title of the 1926 novel* by Orcadian author Joseph Storer Clouston (1870 – 1944)! I am so thankful I live in a monarchy.



Luggage lockers in Germany. Orkney should have them too.

During our "mini-recess" coinciding with the school October holidays, I went to a family gathering in Germany. (The photo below was taken at the Rock*Pop Museum in Gronau in Westfalen.) It is instructive as a councillor to compare local services abroad with ours at home. For example, railway stations in Germany have luggage lockers (see photograph above) which would suit our ferry waiting rooms at Kirkwall perfectly. These ones were manufactured by Locktec (www.locktec.com/en/).

At the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, we learnt that North Ronaldsay School received a satisfactory report from His Majesty's Inspectorate. I congratulated Mrs Mackenzie at the meeting, and say well done to everyone else involved. Following a parent's representation to me, I enquired whether Pickaquoy Centre facilities are made available to pupils staying at the Papdale Halls. The Committee was told this is currently being looked into.

At the Monitoring and Audit Committee meeting, we were informed that in the year 2023/24 OIC received 329 compliments compared to 192 complaints. These figures demonstrate that we must be doing more right than wrong, which is reassuring.

Councillors were treated to several seminars this month, on topics as diverse as the Community Development Fund, harbour infrastructure, and SSEN's interconnector project. We also had a joint finance presentation from the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA) and the Improvement Service at which "islandness" was a significant theme. I also dropped into a drop-in session on the Orkney Community Wind Farm Project, which included a poster on the proposed Faray turbines.

Other meetings I have attended since my last [Letter](#) include: an Orkney Health & Care briefing session; a catch-up with the Council Leader; confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive; a First Responders meeting (you may have seen my comments on the policy of the Scottish Ambulance Service in *The Orcadian*, 24th October); and meetings of the Constitutional Reform Consultative Group and the UHI Orkney (formerly Orkney College) Stakeholder Group.

Although fog nearly thwarted my attempt to fly to Papa Westray to attend their community council meeting, this time it did not succeed.

I wish all readers of my *Letter* a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr 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



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* "The Lunatic in Charge"





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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

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

REW Development Trust is looking for help. We need a Communications Assistant to keep our website updated, to post on Facebook and to compile and distribute this newsletter. We will pay £20 an hour, and there will probably be 10 hours work a month, on average. If this work sounds appealing and you are a competent user of social media platforms, and if you can navigate your way around presenting text and pictures in an engaging way, then we would like to hear from you. Contact Lloyd@rewdt.org for more information.

The contractors RSK have been working at the Pier Restaurant recently. They are happy with the clean-up progress in the Lounge, and are now concentrating efforts on the ground beneath the old gable wall. Meanwhile, they have briefed us on finishing off the clean-up, capping off the sample boreholes, backfilling the excavations, taking the final air samples and packing up the remaining equipment.

There has been considerable interest in the job of Community Estate Manager, and we hope to be conducting interviews of candidates in early December. The job will focus on working with neighbours to ensure better access to the hill ground of Rousay, protect and improve the peatlands and blanket bog, and encourage greater biodiversity.

And from the REWDT Youth Worker, Rachel, news of activities for young people:

Group Work:

Monday—Lego Club 2-4pm at Rousay Primary School

Wednesday - KGS group 4:30-6pm @ The Pier Community Cabin. Sessions available on 4th, 11th & 18th December. Rachel can help with lifts home; please let her know in advance.

Active Schools

Poppy, Freida and Delphi have kindly volunteered to be on the school committee and will collaborate with Active School co-ordinator, Kirsty Spence and Rachel, in order to increase the schools engagement with sports.

The list of sports identified by the pupils are basketball, dodgeball, badminton, tennis, gymnastics and football. Looking forward to working with the children to engage with this exciting opportunity!



Rousay Visiting Podiatry Service

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist



HOME VISIT SERVICE

Treatment of a variety of foot problems
hcpc Registered

Gemma Reid, Podiatrist, is
next in Rousay on Tuesday
21st January 2025

Clinic Appointments are in the Small
Community GP meeting room at Rousay
School.

Community Transport is also available
and can be booked once you have an
appointment time by emailing
transport@rewdt.org or telephoning
07591 341670

Home visits can be arranged.

Appointments are £35 payable direct to Gemma at
the time of your appointment. The REWDT
Wellbeing 200 Grant can also be used to fund
appointment cost- terms apply.

To book an appointment or to find
out more please email
Nicky@rewdt.org or phone 821229



a partnership project


REWDT Winter Fuel Grant

The REWDT Winter Fuel Grant is now open for applications!

- £150 funding available to **ALL** households affected by the current cost of living.
- An additional £150 payment is available to households adversely affected by current high energy costs or who meet one of the following conditions: a) Senior Citizen b) Long Term Illness c) Disability d) Low Income e) Live Alone f) Children Under 18.

Payments will be made directly to the applicant's electricity account or to their pre-pay 'top-up' key card.

For more information, or to apply, please visit our website www.rewdt.org/grants , email grants@rewdt.org or call the office on 01856 821229.







REWDT Fuel Grant 2024-25


£150 grant funding open to ALL REW households affected by the current cost of living.

An additional £150 funding open to those households adversely affected by high fuel costs or who meet certain criteria.

Further information and T&Cs can be found on our website or get in touch for more information.

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

 Pier Cabin, Rousay
drop in Mon-Wed
9am-12:30pm





**Free
Pampering
and Wellbeing
sessions**

**January and February 2025 dates now available!
Monday 27th January and Monday 24th February-
appointments between 4pm and 8.30pm**

**New venue- Now at The Space with Beauty by
HanHan**

Choose one Free 30 Minute Treatment:

Mini Manicure

Mini Pedicure

Facial

Back, neck & shoulder massage

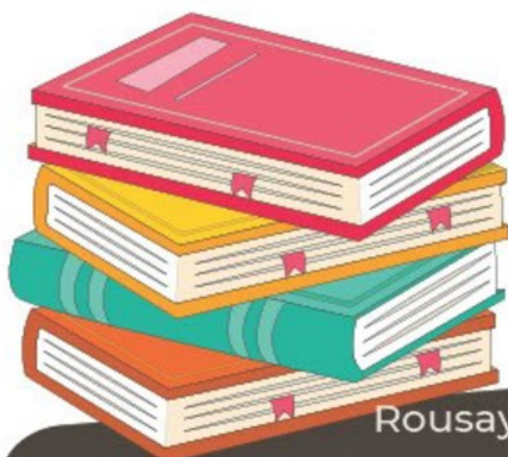
**Includes foot passenger ferry travel for Egilsay & Wyre residents
Community Transport also available if required**

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



Funded by the Communities Mental Health &
Wellbeing fund from VAO & Scottish
Government!





Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

**The Sharing Shed is open again
after a fresh coat of paint!**

**Open every Monday, Tuesday &
Wednesday morning.**

**Donations welcome again, especially
household items if you have any you no longer
need.**

We cannot accept electrical items at present.

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 clothes, books, games, household
items and much more available.

All items are FREE to take away
to re-use or repurpose, come and take a look!



Electric Bike Scheme

We've now reached the end of the first tranche of e-bike hires! We have five e-bikes and 11 residents took part, each hiring a bike for around a month.



The scheme has had good feedback and people are keen to potentially take part in a longer term hire scheme, so we are now looking at this.

In the meantime, we are opening up another period of short term hire for anyone who wants to take part who hasn't yet had the chance to do so, or who would simply like to re-hire for a month or so.

We appreciate that people are likely to get less use of the bikes over winter, but there should still be days (hopefully!) when people can get out and about and enjoy the fresh air. Contact Christine Briggs at transport@rewdt.org or on 07591 341670 for more information about hiring an e-bike.

Oil Tank for Sale – Good Condition

Sealed bid item for sale, if you would like to purchase this oil tank, please submit your bid in writing in a sealed envelope marked on the outside 'Oil Tank'.

The closing date for this sale is Friday 13 December.

The single skin oil tank is sold as seen. If you wish to see the item prior to submitting a bid it is located at The Manse.

