



ROUSAY SAILING CLUB'S DANCE WITH

THE GABLOS

29TH OF MARCH

7.30PM

AT ROUSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BAR

RAFFLE

SUPPER

EVERYONE WELCOME



£5 FOR NON MEMBERS

UNDER 16 £2.50

UNDER 5 FREE

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



After his home is conquered by the tyrannical emperors leading Rome, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum and must look to his past to find strength to return the glory of Rome to its people.

Saturday 15th March
Rousay School - 8.00pm
Cert 15 - 2 hrs 28 mins

Optional silver collection for funds

Tri▲ngle
Club

The Triangle Club will continue
to meet on Tuesdays
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.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO LUNCH
served on Tuesday 4th March, but the
Club will be open for tea, biscuits &
games.**

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



The Craffhub @ The Space

March Dates



POP UP CAFE - Every Monday

11am - 3pm

Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st



AGM

Saturday 8th - 3.30pm

Everyone Welcome

SPRING BUNTING Workshop

Sunday 23rd - Drop-in

Anytime 11am to 3pm

Everyone Welcome

DATES FOR DIARY - April

Thursday 3rd - Evening Event

Barry Nisbet - The Springbank

Voyage

Sunday 20th - Easter Event

More Info to follow

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🎵 ROUSAY SESSIONS 🎵

An informal music group for all ages and abilities.

At The Pier Cabin

Thursdays from 19.00 to 22.00

March dates 6th, 13th, 20th 27th

More information contact Frances 07850 064 093

Lent Prayer

Sunday mornings between 09.00 to 10.00.

At The Pier Cabin

More information contact Frances 07850 064 093



Admin Support Role



An opportunity has come up for an admin support worker for 15 hours a week @ £14.00 per hour, starting April 2025.

This role will cover admin work for the REW DT office including grants admin and admin connected with projects, primarily the Taversoe.

Please send us your CV and a covering letter saying why you would be perfect for this job by

Friday 14 March @ 5 p.m.

Either in our post box or via email to info@rewdt.org



The Rousay SWI meets on
Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 8pm in the Rousay Community School

Lisa Croft will give a talk about Horticulture.

Competitions

1. Spring themed bake
2. Spring flowers

Refreshments provided and raffle tickets on sale

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the
Kirkwall Lifeboat in memory of Sallie Dagnall.
You raised £270.
from Caroline, Rosie and family.



TAVERSOE CBS UPDATE



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Following the recent & unexpected withdrawal of our prospective tenant The Taversoe CBS are pursuing contract management options with a minimum intent to open:

- The Public Bar
- The Kitchen for community takeaways + guests
- Guest rooms
- As a facility for community groups or Births, Marriages, Deaths

REWDT are committed in their support, alongside the CBS, to make this a reality for the 2025 season. However, the ability to achieve these community based objectives, either in part or in full, will be dictated by the support & engagement received from the community.

The intent is to open as above ASAP but this could take a more limited form initially, depending on the support received.

The primary goal is still to recruit a tenant, which will be actively pursued. The CBS remains in the positive position of having a premises which meets required letting standards & possess the pre-prepared legals, which will enable a quick handover to a tenant when the opportunity arises.

As we consider and move forwards with these options, positive community support will be paramount. We are looking to create a list of residents or otherwise interested in any of the below positions:

- **General Manager (Full time or 50:50 shared role)**
- **Housekeeping**
- **Kitchen Staff**
- **Admin/Clerical Support**
- **Bar Staff & Waiting Staff**
- **Maintenance Staff (Indoor +\or Outdoor)**

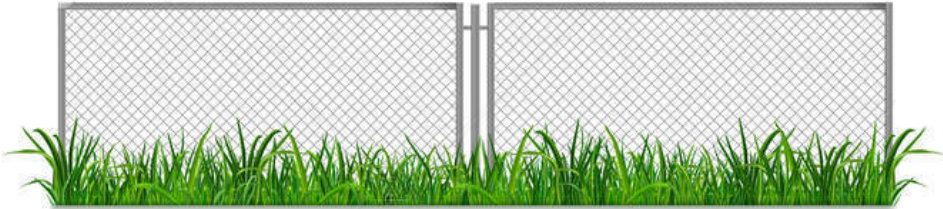
It is envisaged these will be flexible, paid positions & all interest will be considered.

On site accommodation is available for the positions of Manager or Chef.

To find out more about any of the positions or to register your interest, please email: taversoecbs@outlook.com and a member of the volunteer group will contact you. Please include a contact number in your email. Thank you!

**We are looking to replace
the old fencing at Sinyan**

**If you could help please contact
Carole or Paddy on 01856 821234**



NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Building Cleaning

We're hiring relief cleaning staff to clean Rousay School.

ORK06890 Relief Cleaner, as and when required
£14.04 per hour (including Distant Islands Allowance)

Duties will include a range of cleaning activities including the use of powered cleaning equipment to ensure the premises are kept in a clean and hygienic condition.

For an informal discussion about the above post please contact Caroline Petrie, Service Manager (Building Cleaning), or Melissa Sutherland, Building Cleaning Officer Tel: (01856) 873535 ext. 2733 or 2740.

Further information is available from, and online applications can be made through
www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/orkney

Please note that interview expenses and/or relocation expenses are not payable for this post.



Come and join our Garden Gang!

We need help in our Community Garden

No experience required, all volunteers of any age and ability are welcome

If you are interested in helping us with digging, planting, and/or gardening advice, please email the school at :

admin.rousay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

or give us a phone on 821 226

We welcome any donations of leftover seeds, compost and garden resources as well!

Thank you for helping our pupils learn about the joy of growing plants!





**Rousay Community Association SCIO
Advance Notice of AGM
Friday 25th April 2025 at 19:30
in the Rousay School, Community Room**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes from 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. AOCB

**ALL CURRENT KEYHOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO ENSURE YOU CAN
CONTINUE TO BE A KEYHOLDER**

Please contact us at the address below if you have any queries:

rca.scio@outlook.com

Chair: Branwen Bourn

Vice Chair: Zoë Flaws

Treasurer and Booking Clerk: Carey Mainland

Secretary: Alice Mainland



ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS AND KEYHOLDERS.

It is a requirement of the Orkney Islands Council that we keep records of the number of individuals attending clubs, meetings, events, etc.

The keyholder is required to sign in on every occasion, therefore we would like the keyholder for each club or event to note in the signature column of the visitor log the approximate number of attendees when they leave.

Below is an example with "KH - 6" in the signature line to indicate the keyholder and six people attending.

VISITOR SIGN IN SHEET

Date	Visitor's Name	Reason for Visit	Time In	Time Out	Signature
27.02.25	Carey Mainland	Ladies Badminton	18:55	21:10	KH - 6

This will apply to all events, including weekly clubs and private parties.

We understand that not everyone remembers to sign into the Visitor Log, especially for larger events, but hopefully with this system we will be able to keep more accurate figures going forward.

UPDATE OF OUR RECORDS

PLEASE COULD ALL CLUBS AND KEYHOLDERS MAKE CONTACT WITH THE RCA TO ENSURE THEIR CONTACT DETAILS ARE ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE.

PLEASE COULD ANYONE WITH KEYS THAT ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED RETURN THEM TO US.

RCA.SCIO@OUTLOOK.COM



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING

MONDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*
TUESDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*
THURSDAY 6.00 - 8.30pm*
SATURDAY 4.00 - 5.00pm

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty
No buddy required

BUDDY SYSTEM **

(During School Terms)

Monday to Thursday

9am to 4pm

Friday Only

9am to 3pm

Should the Buddy System need to finish early due to school commitments we will do our best to let you know.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Additional supervised sessions will be advertised on Facebook

* If the gym is empty of users we will close at the slightly earlier time of 8pm.

** You must have a "buddy" with you during these times. Please do not use the gym whilst you are alone.



Active Islands



Active Life

MEMBERSHIPS

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

If you have recently joined us please could you email us on the address below to arrange a very brief gym safety induction

GROUP X CLASSES

FATBURN
EXTREME

Monday @ 7.15pm

BOXERCISE

Tuesday @ 7.15pm

SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A regular report from your councillor who is determined to combat bullying and to defend democracy.

The Education, Leisure & Housing Committee was presented with the Care Inspectorate's report following their inspection of the Papdale Halls of Residence in August last year. I was alarmed and dismayed to read that a few of the young people staying there had said they'd experienced bullying by other young people. (I am also dismayed that it takes external inspectors to reveal that this behaviour is going on.) As I said at the meeting, the Halls accommodate young people ranging in age from 12 to 18, none of whom should be exposed to any form of bullying, and they have the right to feel safe in what is essentially their home during the week. Indeed, such a right is enshrined in Article 3 of the United Nations' *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, which the Council has been promoting through its programme of "Rights Respecting Schools" accreditation. Most pupils staying at the Papdale Halls and their parents are my ward constituents, so if any of you have concerns about the level of service you are receiving there (or the level of any other OIC service you receive), do not hesitate to contact me about it.

The results of a compulsory review of polling districts and polling places came up at the Policy & Resources Committee meeting. Changes made back in November 2011 (six months before I became a councillor) removed all polling stations from the Isles, and for all practical purposes compelled the Isles electorate to vote postally whatever their preference. I have grave concerns about this enforced voting by post on 3 counts: 1) You are obliged to vote before the political campaign has ended; 2) There is a risk of coercion by other household members to vote in a certain way when you don't have the security of secrecy offered by a polling booth; 3) You are reliant on the reliability of the Royal Mail, which has been lacking in some Isles of late. Consequently, I tabled an amendment (seconded by Cllr Thomson) for there to be a thorough review of restoring polling places in the Isles, but it was defeated 13 votes to 7. There is not really any further I can take this, as only 3 responses to the public consultation were received from the Isles (and one of those was mine!) so we can only assume that the Isles electorate is happy either to vote postally or to do a day trip to the Pickaquoy Centre, with no option to vote in person on their own island. Cost is cited as a reason for the closing of the polling stations in the Isles, but I say, given the current state of politics in the world, we have to value democracy not put a price on it.

Other meetings I have attended since my last [Letter](#) include confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive, a budget-setting consolidation seminar, a meeting of Sanday Community Council, and an extra Policy & Resources Committee meeting. A family bereavement meant I had to be away in Germany for some time. Ute and I appreciate the expressions of condolence we have received.

The First Minister's announcement of a £5 million grant towards the Scapa Deep Water Quay Project (yet to be approved by councillors) was headline news in the 13th February issue of *The Orcadian*. You may have read my comment on page 7: "I wish that during his visit Mr Swinney could have found the time to take a ferry to one of the outer North Isles, where I am sure he would have been shocked by the dilapidated state of the linkspan control huts. Given the parlous state of the equipment controlling our linkspans, I would rather he'd offered his £5 million towards upgrading our existing lifeline harbour infrastructure." I hope the members of the Scottish Government read *The Orcadian*.

There does appear to be some good news on the ferry front, with the Scottish Government agreeing to increase the yearly revenue funding of Orkney's inter-island ferries to £28.8 million and to provide £2 million of capital funding.



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



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