



The Rousay SWI meets on
Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 8pm
in Rousay Community School

The guest speaker, Carole Maguire, will give a talk about
"A Career in Pharmacy "

Competitions

1. Easter nest with chocolate eggs
2. Tablet

Refreshments provided and raffle tickets on sale

We look forward to seeing you there!

ROUSAY LADIES SPORTS



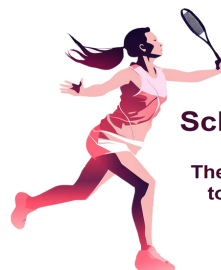
No Ladies' Sport on Sunday April 6th
Sunday 13th with Nicky Milne @ 11.30am
Netball Practise Sunday 20th @ 3.00pm

KGS Netball Trip

Sunday April 27th
10.10am to Tingwall, 2.45pm return
Experience a 3/4 size court
Open to any ladies from Orkney
Sweet Nibbles by Brinian Bakes.



LADIES BADMINTON



**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS**

School Hall from 7pm

There will be a cost of £1 to go
towards the hire of the hall.

We have racquets should
you need to borrow one.

Remember to join our Facebook group
for regular updates and notices.

www.facebook.com/groups/694694749470451

SOULISQUOY PRINTMAKERS



Isles Printmaking Road Show April 2025

Mon 7 Hoy
Scapa Flow Visitor Centre
Tues 8 Shapinsay
Community School
Wed 9 Westray
Community School
Thurs 10 Sanday *Heilsa Fjold*
Fri 11 Rousay *Craft Hub*

Friday 11 April Rousay Craft Hub

10.30am-12.30pm Families suitable for those 5 years and above.

NB Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

1.30-3.30pm For those 16 years and over.

Sessions free but booking essential

**Further details and bookings made by emailing
studio@soulisquoy.co.uk**



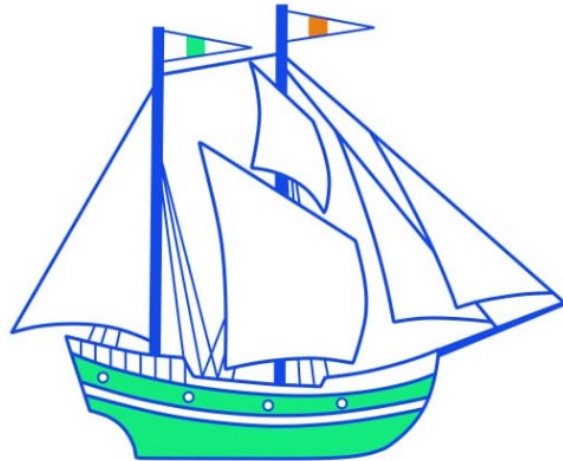
Isles programme funded with support through the Youth Arts Open Fund administered by YouthLink Scotland on behalf of Creative Scotland and funded by the Scottish Government

Soulisquoy Printmakers Ltd is a registered
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Registered Office: c/o Buckquoy, Harray,
Orkney, KW17 2JS

Thinking Ahead Programme
subsidised by Creative
Scotland Extended
Programme Fund



Rousay Sailing Club & Youth Group



Are pleased to announce another fun afternoon of junk boat building and racing for children of all ages.*



Sunday 13th April, 2 - 4pm



All children welcome

To be held at the community rooms, Rousay School.
All materials provided, plus snacks, drinks and

PRIZES!



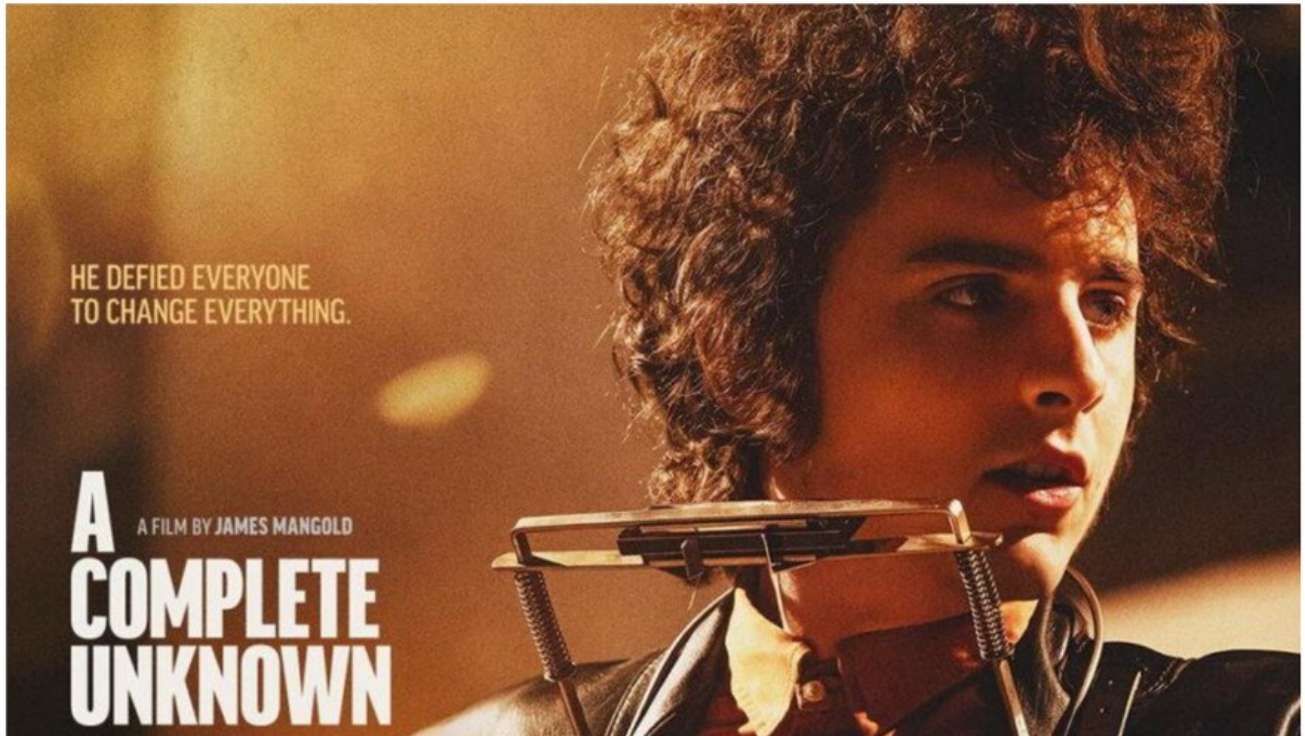
Please kindly confirm your attendance before the day by contacting Rachel (07738857538), or Peter (peter1roebeck@gmail.com)



*Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



In 1961, an unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and forges relationships with musical icons, culminating in a ground-breaking performance that reverberates around the world.

Saturday 19th April

Rousay School - 8.00pm

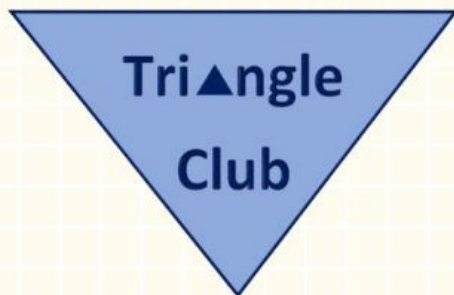
Cert 15 - 2 hrs 21 mins

Optional silver collection for funds

The poster features a background of various colored Easter eggs (pink, yellow, purple, white) and two RNLI flags. The text is in blue and black. There are illustrations of a basket of tatties and a yellow bucket.

RNLI EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday 20th April 2025
11am
at Rousay Community School
All welcome!

Tatties and buckets for the Rousay Horticultural Society's 'Tattie in a Bucket' competition will be available to collect at the same time. If you still have your bucket and are not competing this year, **please** return it to us.



Advance Notice of *AGM*

TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025, 10:30AM
IN ROUSAY SCHOOL

All welcome to hear about the club,
our future plans and AGM business.



*NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED TO
ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB!*



**Rousay Community Association SCIO
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.**

**Keyholder fire panel training must be renewed annually, so a refresher will take
place following the AGM.**

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



The Craffthub @ The Space

April Dates

Pop-Up Cafe 11am to 3pm

Dates - Monday 7th, 14th & 28th

Note: Monday 21st no pop-up cafe

**Thursday 3rd April - 7.30 - 10pm - Barry Nisbet and Miriam
lorwerth - bring your own refreshments - donations at the
door**

THE SPRINGBANK VOYAGE (see posters)

**Friday 11th April - Solisquoy printmakers (See posters for
session guidance and times)**

**Sessions are free but booking essential by emailing
studio@solisquoy.co.uk**

**Sunday 20th April - 1pm - 4pm Easter Eggstravaganza
for seasonal raffle, fun and treats**



Everyone Welcome



Tri▲ngle
Club

Join us on Tuesdays
in the Rousay School
Community Room
from 10am to 2pm
for fun games, coffee, a chat and
an optional £7 soup & sandwich
lunch, with tea & homebakes.

**PLEASE NOTE: The lunch price will
increase to £7 from 1st April.**



**PLEASE LET ALICE MAINLAND KNOW EACH
SUNDAY IF YOU PLAN TO COME FOR LUNCH
FOR CATERING PURPOSES.**

New Activity Planner

Hello! Delighted to share the Youth Activity Planner for 2025-26... shaped by the brilliant ideas and suggestions you guys offer. Thanks so much for contributing to what looks to be a great year ahead 😊

Further information about the location and timings for each activity will be shared each month in the Review and on REWDT Facebook page. As always if there are any questions or feedback, please get in touch.



Lego Club

Huge thanks to the volunteers who have offered to help out with Lego Club, in order to keep it going. Rousay Primary School will send out updates on when the next block will be after the Easter break.



Calling Adult Helpers!

We would like to collate a list of adult helpers who would be willing to assist with trips and activities throughout the year.

Please let me know if there are any activities listed that you may be interested in supporting, so we can try to plan child:adult ratios, where required.

Many thanks for your continued support.



ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2025 – 2026

APRIL

13TH - DRY BOAT
RACING

MAY

4TH - 18TH RSPB NATURE
FESTIVAL
4TH - HEN HARRIER
CRAFT SESSION
12TH - HEN HARRIER
EVENT

MAY CONT'D

BOOK BUG - 2ND,
16TH & 30TH

JUNE & JULY

JUNE 12TH - 18TH
ORKNEY ISLAND GAMES

SUMMER FAMILY
TIME!

AUGUST

24TH - BIG FAMILY
PICNIC

BOOK BUG - 22ND &
29TH

SEPTEMBER

21ST - PAINT BALL

BOOK BUG - 5TH, 19TH &
26TH

OCTOBER

25TH - KGS TRIP TO
HOY

31ST - HALLOWEEN
EVENT

31ST - BOOK BUG

NOVEMBER

16TH - PRIMARY SCHOOL
PICKI DAY OUT

BOOK BUG - 14TH & 21ST

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PANTO!
AVAILABILITY TBC

BOOK BUG - 12TH &
19TH

JANUARY

16TH - BOOK BUG

18TH -
ZUMBA/FITNESS

FEBRUARY

BAKING - 15TH

BOOK BUG - 6TH & 13TH

MARCH

29TH - BAG THE BRUCK

BOOK BUG - 6TH, 13TH &
27TH



The Taversoe

CBS

The CBS are delighted to welcome Bill Brown, from Blackhammer, as the new tenant at The Taversoe. Bill hopes to open the doors very soon and we wish him the best of luck in his new venture!

The CBS will continue to offer support, in order to make the project a success.

Look out for more updates coming soon...

≡ Welcome ≡



Beauty by Han Han

Prices from

Hands and Feet	
Gel Polish (High shine, Chip free polish. Lasting up to 2 weeks)	£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
Relax and unwind with these soothing treatments to ease aches and reduce tension. Choose from Aromatherapy or Swedish Massage.	
Tinting	
Eyelash	£12
Eyebrow	£ 6
Eyebrow and Eyelash	£18
(Patch test required)	

Prices from

Facials	
Full Facial - 1 Hour	£30
Mini Facial - 30 minutes	£26
Waxing	
Brow/eyebrows	£ 8
Lip	£ 5
Chin	£ 8
Nose	£ 8
Underarm	£ 8
Forearm	£11
Full Arm	£15
Back	£10
Full Leg	£23
1/2 Leg	£16
Bikini	£12
Full Leg and Bikini	£20

Call Hannah on 07731 428809
to book an appointment





The REW Heritage SCIO is in the process of printing a tourist map of Rousay like the new map on the outside of the Rousay Waiting Room/Heritage Centre building by the Pier.

We would like to hear from anyone who has a business and would like the location added to the map so tourists and other visitors to Rousay can see where they are located.

If you would like your business or holiday let to be on the map, please email the business name, brief details and any opening times etc. to info@rewdt.org ASAP but before the end of April, if at all possible, please. We will get these added on and displayed in the waiting room.

Also, this event is happening soon, if anyone is interested in going.

Orkney's Energy Heritage Drop-in

Contribute to Orkney's energy story at this drop-in event!

Working together to find out where energy heritage is located & valued, so we can better understand & protect it for the future.

Stromness Museum
5th April 2025

11:00 - 14:00

Activities for all:

- Add your energy story to our map!
- Make your own wind turbine!

Event Entry:
The event is being hosted at Stromness Museum. You can gain free entry if you are attending the drop-in event.

Drop-in anytime between 11 and 2.

No Need to book, just come along!
Enquiries: ORCA@uhi.ac.uk Tel: 01856 569345

This project is funded by: 

 **ORCA**
Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology

 **UHI** | Archaeology Institute | Institiud Arc-eòlais

 **STROMNESS MUSEUM**



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

Company Registration No: SC318527 Charity No: SC040407

REWDT, The Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney KW17 2PU Tel: 01856 821229

email: info@rewdt.org website: www.rewdt.org

New Staff at the Trust

Our new Estate Manager, Hannah Shell, started work at the end of March. She will be working with you to draw up a long-term community management plan for the Trumland Estate. Her family farm in South East Scotland and she has been working for Natural England as a lead advisor helping farmers with agri-environment schemes. Julie Akid, who most of you already know, will be working in the Trust office to help out with all those important but often unseen tasks that any organisation needs to get done. A warm welcome to both Hannah and Julie.

Apologies

Our internet connection at the Cabin was cut off by building work on Egilsay. We have been able to find an alternative supplier at short notice and we hope to be back online by early April. Meanwhile, apologies for any breakdown in communication that resulted from this.

Save the Dates...

REW DT AGM & Roadshow

31 May 2025

at 09:30 for the Roadshow

**Including stalls with info &
support for RE&W Residents**

& at 11:00 for the AGM

**Hear about our last year and
news of our future projects.**



Peedie Lap

15 June

2025

Rousay Lap

23 August

2025



REW DT Office Opening Hours



Mondays to Wednesdays — 09:00 to 12:30
Afternoons and all day on Thursdays & Fridays
by appointment only.
Please pop in to find out more about what we do.

Learn how to MAKE A CUBBIE

Free mini course with
Alex Wright
Rousay Community School
09:30 to 16:00

Please bring your own
lunch. Tea and coffee will
be available.

Saturday 12 April 2025



Places are limited. please book with helen@rewdt.org
by 8th April to secure your place.



Grants 2025-26

Funds open 1st April 2025



Well-being 250

Up to £250 per resident, funding activities that improve well-being, can include a set of 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, £100 travel costs and £100 accommodation costs.



Driving Lessons

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



Medical Support Equipment

Funding up to £500 for equipment to support a medical condition.



Emergency Stay

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



Community Activity

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



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

REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups February 2025


- 5 Fuel Grants
- 4 Well-being Grants
- 2 Community Group Activity Grants
- 1 Education & Skills Bursary



Total amount awarded in February:
£ 3,275.00

REW Digital Ferry Vouchers Drop In Session


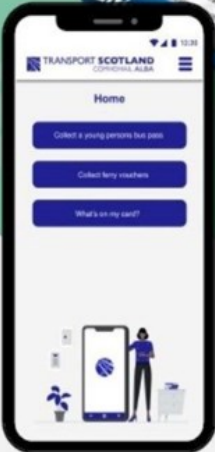
If you need help to load your digital ferry vouchers then pop in and see Nicky on Wednesday 9th April between 10-12am at the Pier Cabin




We are a help spot for getting your digital ferry vouchers

- Do you get concessionary ferry vouchers through the National Concessionary Travel Scheme?
- Do you need help adding vouchers to your saltirecard? You might also know this as your bus pass, National Entitlement Card or Young Scot card.
- Or do you need help checking your vouchers?

We can help you here!
Bring your card and we can help you.



more about concessionary ferry vouchers





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
20th May 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 250 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



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE - APRIL

SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING HOURS

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 Term)

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

MONDAY 7th to TUESDAY 22nd

Additional Session Times
 Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm,
 Thursday 12.00 - 1.00pm

* 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.



MEMBERSHIPS

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

If you have recently become an Active member please could you give us a quick email on the address below to arrange a very brief safety induction.

ActiveLife & ActiveIslands gives you access to the gym and Group X Classes. Budget £1 per session.

GROUP X CLASSES



Monday @ 7.15pm



Tuesday @ 7.15pm

SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

No Boxercise on Tuesday 1st, or FBX on Monday 7th

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A regular report from your councillor, representing all communities in the North Isles.



Ute and I were delighted to accept an invitation to visit one of the smaller communities in the North Isles Ward and spend a day with The Sons of The Most Holy Redeemer on Papa Stronsay. We enjoyed a tour of the island and of the monastery and were made to feel most welcome. It is impressive everything that The Sons have achieved in the quarter-century their order has been present on the island, and all that they currently do and have planned for the future. I am familiar with many aspects of their daily life from the experience I had living in the Iona Community before Ute and I got married. Here we are in the refectory.

At our General Meeting nearly three-quarters of councillors ratified the 15% rise in council tax agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee. This is high, but it follows a spell of many years during which the Scottish Government forbade any council tax rises. Had we been able to make incremental increases year on year, it is unlikely we would be in our current "cost-of-service-delivery crisis" (as Council Leader, Heather Woodbridge put it). This increase equates to an extra £3.95 per week per household living in a Band D property. Although our council tax increase is higher than that of most other councils in Scotland, it has to be borne in mind that we started from a lower base. Furthermore, it costs more here to provide services, both because, being a small authority, we cannot take advantage of economies of scale, and, owing to our geography, we have to carry the burden of extra transport and delivery costs, and, don't forget, OIC provides services few other councils need to, such as island airfields and harbours. On top of this, the Scottish Government underfunds us compared with the other two island authorities: it gives Orkney £266 less per head of population than it gives Shetland and £644 less per head than it gives the Western Isles. And in order not to have to make major cuts in services under these constraining conditions, we have been drawing on our reserves unsustainably. It was never expected that a council tax rise of this magnitude would be a popular decision. Nevertheless, the public told us it was willing to pay higher levels of council tax in order to protect council services. Of the 1,077 folk who took the trouble to respond to the "Our Budget Challenge" survey and make considered contributions, 47% said they'd be willing to pay increases of either 15% or 20% (while 40% expressed preference for a 10% increase). I recognised the initial shortcomings in this survey (see [Issue 143 of my Letter](#)) but it was redeemed by the way the results were analysed. Nobody (including councillors) likes paying extra tax, but our decision was a carefully considered one based on all the information before us, and it was made for the right reasons in the hope that it will give us some protection against making drastic cuts in services and severe council tax increases going forward. In setting our budget, I am pleased that we were able (as Isles residents requested in the survey) to avoid levying charges for pupils to stay at the Papdale Halls to attend extra-curricular activities, charges for Hall placing requests, and charges for our black rubbish bags. (For the record, my nationally-set combined councillor and Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board Depute Convener salary will be rising by less than 6%.)

It will not have escaped the notice of those engaged in Orkney's agricultural economy that at the same General Meeting councillors approved a Notice of Motion protesting how the UK Government's budget will affect our farming communities.

Some other meetings I have attended this month included the usual confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive, a Special General Meeting, and a meeting of the House Working Group to discuss how to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Orkney Islands Council in May. Virtually, I attended a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group as OIC's representative.

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

West Manse, Sanday

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

Photo credit: Brother Augustinus

