



TRADITIONAL DANCE CLASSES

WITH MABEL
BESANT FROM HOY

Do you want to brush up on some Orcadian and Scottish dances?
Or maybe you are new to the island and want to learn before the Harvest Home!
Come along and join the fun, all welcome!

Friday 24th October 2025

From 7:30pm to 9:30pm

**(including a break for
tea and cake)**

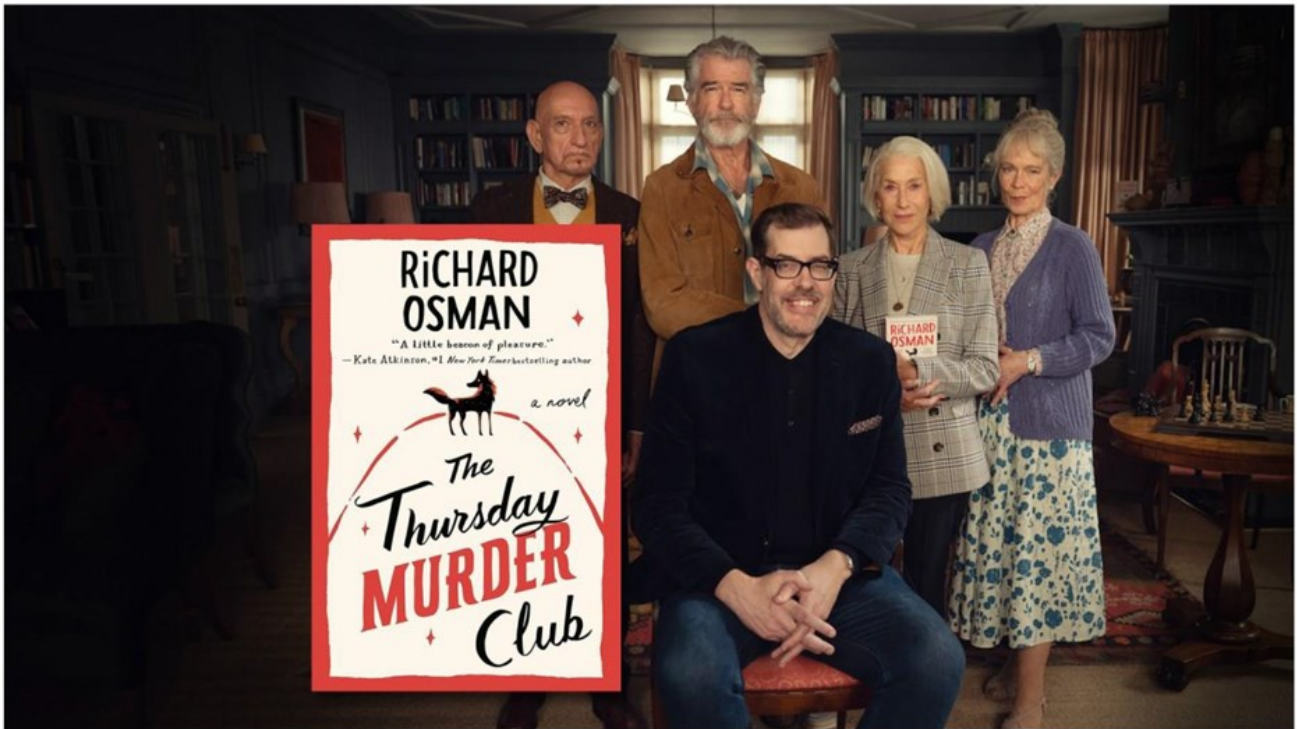
in the Rousay School Hall

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST WITH ALICE MAINLAND
TO HELP GAUGE NUMBERS
ALICEMNLND@BTINTERNET.COM**



ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



Four irrepressible retirees spend their time solving cold case murders for fun, but their casual sleuthing takes a thrilling turn when they find themselves with a real whodunit on their hands.

Saturday 4th October
Rousay School - 8.00pm
Cert 12A - 1 hr 58 mins

Optional silver collection for funds

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



A gothic tale of obsession between a haunted young woman and the terrifying vampire infatuated with her, causing untold horror in its wake. (2025 Release.)

Saturday 25th October

Rousay School - 8.00pm

Cert 15 - 2 hr 12 mins

Optional silver collection for funds

November's film - Jurassic World: Rebirth (Cert. 12A)



Rousay SWI
OPEN MEETING (for all)

Will take place on **Sunday 5th October 2025**
at **11.45 am** (for about an hour)
in the Community Room at The School

When we will welcome
Elaine Grieve
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney,
who has kindly agreed to visit Rousay
to talk to us about her role

There will be a collection
for the Blide Trust

**** Everyone is welcome ****

Monday Music 19.00 to 22.00
at The Space Rousay

A free informal music and singing group for all ages and abilities

October 6th

More information contact Frances Roebuck 0785006409

Also point of contact for use the Community Grand Piano
(Supported by REW Development Trust and Craffhub)

CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE

OCTOBER EVENTS

**06, 13,
20, 27
OCT**

Pop-up Cafe

Every Monday 11am to 3pm
Come and enjoy some food and a natter
Hot drinks, soup with scone or bread and
homebakes.

**06
OCT**

Monday Music

Monday 7pm to 10pm , only one this month
Free music & singing group for all ages &
abilities.

**05
OCT**

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Sunday 10:15 - 11:45 Only one this month.

**12
OCT**

STITCH SUNDAY

Sunday 2pm to 4pm
Start of monthly sessions learning how to
make the most of your sewing machine.

**15
OCT**

HALF TERM WORKSHOP

Wednesday 2pm to 4pm

**25
OCT**

IAN HAMILTON FINLAY CENTENARY

Sunday 2pm - 4pm
Pier Art Centre event celebrating IHF
centenary



Tri▲ngle
Club

October

Rousay Triangle Club meets
every Tuesday from 10am to 2pm
in the Rousay School Community Room.

Join us for coffee, a chat, fun games
and a £7 soup and sandwich lunch,
followed by tea and homebakes.

All welcome, no age limit!



You **must** let Alice Mainland know
each Sunday if you plan to stay for
lunch for catering purposes!
alicemnlnd@btinternet.com



Pier Store Winter Opening Hours

The trustees of Rousay Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO are delighted that the newly renovated Pier Store, with its display of heritage objects, has been so warmly welcomed by residents and visitors alike

The daily opening and closing of the building, which is necessary for insurance purposes, is managed on a voluntary basis, mainly by the Mainland family.

With much smaller numbers of visitors from the end of September until the beginning of April, **the display will be open at weekends only [Saturdays 9-5.30, Sundays 11-4] from October-March.**

This will also provide the opportunity to improve the displays in the light of suggestions that have been received and also to rotate the display of the heritage objects currently in our possession.

Missing Canoe

An aluminium Canadian-style canoe, used by our grandson Magnus and his mother Diana when they visit us each May and August, has gone missing.

It is normally kept alongside the track down to Wasbister Loch, on the side opposite the cemetery.

Since being blown into the loch a few winters ago, it has been kept upside down, close to the ground, in thick vegetation, on the other side of, and close up, to the stone dyke. This August, however, it was nowhere to be seen.

If anyone knows anything about its whereabouts we should be grateful if you would let us know.

Jackie and Bryan email: everybist@gmail.com Tel: 07734752704

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2026 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/our-services/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/special-refuse-collections-households/> if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book.

Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date.

Please note: Any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the **Wednesday prior** to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed** and will be held over until the next available collection date

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Infrastructure and Organisational Development on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 10 November 2025, 12 January 2026 and 9 March 2026

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

ROUSAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

2026 Schedule

Now available with the

October Review!

YAY!

GET PLANNING YOUR FABULOUS ENTRIES

FOR THE 2026 ROUSAY SHOW!





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

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES

Due to reduction in driver availability, we will not be able to respond to on-demand transport requests for the foreseeable future, until we are able to find more drivers. However, our scheduled services remain unaffected, information on which is shown on the next page for services from now till the New Year.

We have just been awarded funding for a new van to add to our fleet—the new van can take a wheelchair, which could be a huge benefit to some in our community. However, if we do not get additional people willing to be drivers, we may not see the full benefit of having these vehicles.

Drivers get paid for their time, and can be flexible about the number of trips they do. If you would like more information about becoming a community transport driver, please contact the Trust. Local community groups can borrow the van from the Trust on a self-drive basis for events or activities. Contact us for more details.

REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups August 2025



- 11 Well-being Grants**
- 2 Education & Skills Bursaries**
- 2 Community Fund Group Grants**

Total amount awarded in August:

£ 4,178.20



Community Transport Scheduled Runs Oct – Dec 2025

Town trips run on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Ferries: 10:05 ferry out/14:45 return

Trips to the island shop (Nicky's) run fortnightly on Fridays between Town Trips. To book, email Transport@rewdt.org or call/text 07591341670. The only cost is a foot ferry fare.

About the Service

Residents without household transport (temporarily/permanently) who struggle to get about independently are eligible, though others may join if seats available.

The bus has 7 passenger seats and offers home pick up where possible. Help with bags is provided, on return, if requested.

Trips to Town (fortnightly)

We cannot follow personalised schedules, there are specified drop off/pick up points

On arrival, drop-off in town at the car park near the post office

Optional pickup from Gunn Street car park at 12:45pm

Bus will depart Tesco car park at 2:00pm. We politely ask that passengers be on board by 1:55pm prompt

Trips to Nicky's shop (fortnightly)

Pick up from home around 2pm (times may vary depending on numbers) and return home once passengers have finished their shopping

Trips to town dates	Trips to Nicky's shop dates
Friday 3rd October Thursday 16th October Thursday 30th October (extra trip, 5 Thurs in October) Thursday 6th November Thursday 20th November Thursday 4th December Thursday 11th December Thursday 15th January Thursday 29th January	Friday 10 October Friday 24 th October Friday 14 November Friday 28 th November Wednesday 17 th December Friday 9 th January (TBC if driver available) Friday 23 rd January
<p>Festive period availability</p> <p>With apologies, between 18th December/14th January (inclusive) there will be no transport services</p> <p>There will be no transport booking facility available from 17th December with services resuming on 12th January</p> <p>A Trip to Nicky's shop on 9th January may be possible if we can get a driver. We will confirm closer to the time.</p>	

REW DEVELOPMENT TRUST Rousay Visiting Podiatry Service

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist

HOME VISIT SERVICE

Treatment of a variety of foot problems
hpc Registered

Gemma Reid, Podiatrist
Tuesday 4th November
2025

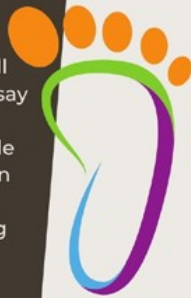
Clinic Appointments are in the Small Community GP meeting room at Rousay School.

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



Yoga Sessions!

Come and join us for yoga with

Lisa Croft

**Hatha Yoga- Tuesdays 17.30 to 18.30
in the School Hall**

Dates: 21st & 28th Oct, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November

**Chair based Yoga- Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.15
(followed by refreshments, except 5th Nov)**

Community Green Room, Rousay School

Dates: 22nd & 29th Oct, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November

No experience needed, all adults (16yrs+) welcome
Please wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket/ large towel and a scarf or tea towel with you and a yoga mat if you have one.

No need to book- just turn up!

For more info email nicky@rewdt.org



Winter 2025/26 WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

*Hold the date!
Times and venues to follow*

**Wreath Making Workshop
Thursday 4th December (2 hours)**

**Advanced Photography Workshop
Saturday 7th February (All day)**

Coming up in New Year

**Fabric Lampshade making workshop,
date TBC (half day)**

**Soulisquoy Printmakers Workshop
January 2026, date TBC**

Look out for more details for each event
closer to the dates.
To reserve a space email
nicky@rewdt.org

Taversoe Inn Winter Activities

The Taversoe will open throughout the winter for the local community. Come along to the Taversoe on Friday 10th October, 5-7pm to see what's on offer, and to let people know what you'd like to see happen at the Taversoe. It's your pub, so have your say.

Community Car Club

The Car Club LEAF is being repaired for its MOT test. You will be able to book it again as soon as it is fixed and ready to go. Please check the booking page on the website for updates.

TAVERSOE OCTOBER EVENTS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1	3rd October Open 5-11pm Pizza and Chippy Available 5-7pm	4th October Open 5-11pm	5th October Open 5-11pm
	10th October Open 5-11pm	11th October Bingo 6pm onwards	12th October Open 12 - 2pm Roast Lunch - Hebridean Lamb & Roast Beef Vegetarian Option Available Please Book
WEEK 2	17th October Open 5-11pm Pizza and Chippy Available 5-7pm	18th October Open 5-11pm	19th October Open 5-11pm
WEEK 3	24th October Open 5-11pm	25th October Open 5-11pm	26th October Brunch 9am-12 Please Book
WEEK 4			

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN PARTY – FANCY DRESS – FROM 7PM ONWARDS



SSEN Regional Community Benefit Fund:
Repair and Retrofit Pathway

A new property repair and upgrade service
for the ferry linked isles in Orkney.



Click the link in the description to register your interest!

THAW Orkney has received 'Community Benefit Fund' funding from SSEN to:

- Offer a wide range of energy advice and support.
- Carry out assessments of property conditions.
- Support households in accessing funded repairs and energy efficiency upgrades.

If you'd like to register your interest in a property assessment and find out if any funding is available for your household, follow this link to fill in our short form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sWTt1nQhYw>

Assessments are available for all households, but THAW funding will be limited to households in fuel poverty. External funding eligibility will be explored for all households.



For Sale

Call Helen on 07879 686509 if interested.

3500l water storage tank. Lid hatch is slightly damaged but closes OK.

Any reasonable offers considered.

Buyer to collect from Gowsterie, Rousay.



**BONFIRE NIGHT &
FIREWORK DISPLAY
Wednesday 5th November
at 7pm
at the Windbreck Site
(bottom of the turbine road)**

DONATIONS OF FIREWOOD WELCOME!

PLEASE LEAVE ANY WOOD AT THE
BONFIRE SITE FROM
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER ONWARDS



COLLECTION FOR ROUSAY SCHOOL FUNDS
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT
ALL TIMES AT THIS EVENT



SAVE
THE
DATE!

ROUSAY HARVEST HOME

Saturday 8th November 2025

*Dinner & Dance to the
Craig Mainland Dance
Band*



Rousay Community
Association SCIO SC051808



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*
TUESDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*
THURSDAY 6.00 - 9.00pm*
SATURDAY 4.00 - 5.00pm

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty
No buddy required

* We will shut early if the gym is empty of users half an hour before the advertised close time.



Updates can be found on our various Facebook pages:

BUDDY SYSTEM

Mon -Thur 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 3pm

Should Mrs Ferguson be unable to remain open till 4pm due to school commitments we will do our very best to inform the buddies as soon as we can on our Facebook group.

"Rousay Healthy Living Centre"
"Rousay HLC - Group X Classes"
"RHLC Buddy System"



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 give you access to the gym and Group X Classes. Budget £1 per session.

ROUSAY GROUP X CLASSES

BOXERCISE

FATBURN
EXTREME

KEEP AN EYE ON FACEBOOK FOR UPCOMING CLASS DATES.

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Beauty by Han Han

Prices from

Hands and Feet

Gel Polish <i>(High shine, Chip free polish. Lasting up to 2 weeks)</i>	£30
Manicure	£25
Pedicure	£30
Manicure with Gel Polish	£40
Pedicure with Gel Polish	£45
Gel Removal	£15
or £10 with re-application of Gel Polish	

Massage

Full Body Massage	£50
Back, Neck and Shoulder	£30

Relax and unwind with these soothing treatments to ease aches and reduce tension. Choose from Aromatherapy or Swedish Massage.

Tinting

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

Facials

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

Spray tanning

from £25

Waxing

Eyebrows	£ 8
Lip	£ 5
Chin	£ 8
Nostril	£ 8
Underarm	£10
Forearm	£11
Full Arm	£15
Back	£10
Full Leg	£25
½ Leg	£18
Bikini	£15
Full Leg and Bikini	£30

Call Hannah on 07731 428809
to book an appointment



Beauty by Han Han Gift Voucher

Beauty by Han Han



To: _____

From: _____

Amount £ _____

Expires _____

Call Hannah on 07731 428809 to book an appointment

**Pamper Party
(For the adults)**

Foot spa and polish
Or
Foot spa and massage

Hand spa and polish
Or
Hand spa and massage

Do your own face cleanse and mask

Party bags

Bring your own bubbly and food

2 hour party time
Upto 4 Adults
Over 18's

**Deluxe Pamper Party
(For the adults)**

Choose one half hour treatment

- ✦ Mini facial
- ✦ Back, neck and shoulder massage
- ✦ Manicure
- ✦ Pedicure

Do your own face cleanse and mask
Or

Hand scrub and mask

Party bags

Bring your own bubbly and food

2 hour party time
Upto 4 Adults
Over 18's

Sparkle Pamper Party

Nail polish or stickers
Foot soak and polish
Face gems
Glitter tattoos
Decorate wand and crown
Cake and mocktail
Party Bag

Age 4 - 9 years old
2 hour party time
Upto 4 children

Sparkle Pamper Party

Nail polish or stickers
Foot soak and polish
Face gems
Glitter tattoos
Face masks
Cake and mocktail
Party Bag

Age 10-15 years old
2 hour party time
Upto 4 children

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A report from your "shortlisted" councillor.



The Union Flag flies at half-mast over the Council Offices on the day of the funeral of HRH The Duchess of Kent.

A drawback of living in Orkney is a lack of integrated transport. The timetables for different modes of transport seldom match up conveniently—and sometimes very inconveniently. At the autumn Internal Transport Forum meeting, my suggestion to try out using artificial intelligence (AI) to design our timetables was not met with any enthusiasm from the Council's transport officers or from the chairman of the Forum. Considering the publication in June of the UK Department of Transport's *Transport Artificial Intelligence Action Plan*, I was somewhat surprised and disappointed, as AI would be ideally suited to weighing up parameters such as community wishes, speed of vessels, and crew working-time restrictions, and coming up with the optimum solution. I hope we will reconsider giving AI a go.

I attended an update on our Ferry Replacement Programme. Residents of the four larger outer North Isles are having the chance at public meetings to view the plans for some of the proposed new ferries and make comments. Having come this far, I pray our hopes won't end up being dashed upon the rocks of excuses for not taking the project further.

At the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, we were presented with the Care Inspectorate's report on their inspection in May of the Papdale Halls of Residence. There has been an improvement since their last report, when they found that a few of the young people staying there had said they'd experienced bullying by other young people (see [Issue 145 of my Letter](#)). This time they reported that "Almost all young people felt safe ..." If any of my ward constituents, pupils, parents, and others, have concerns about bullying of any kind at any of our council-run institutions, please get in touch with me. We were also presented with the Care Inspectorate's report on their inspection of Westray JHS Nursery in April, and I was pleased to be able to congratulate the headmistress on their three "very good" grades. I got another chance to congratulate everyone concerned, when I attended Westray School's Parent Council meeting, which also gave me the opportunity to be shown first-hand some of the maintenance and repair issues around the school and to report back on them.

Although confidentiality prevents my giving details, at the meeting of the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (formerly Orkney College Management Council), I gained further convincing evidence of the potential our college has, if allowed, to help fulfil my vision for tertiary education in Orkney that I outlined in a letter to *The Orcadian* back on 15th March 2018. (You can link to the letter here: <https://clackson.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Orcadian-15-March-2018-p39-scaled.jpeg>.) I hope one day the resistance shall be overcome and this vision will be realised, as, apart from all the other obvious benefits, it could contribute greatly to Orkney's economy and sustainability. A starting point would be for OIC (which owns the college) to invest in providing suitable student accommodation.

Other meetings I have attended since my last [Letter](#) include a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee, a seminar on food security in Orkney given by Prof Tim Lang (who authored a report on food security for the National Preparedness Commission)—this gave us food for thought, and a seminar on our Regional Marine Plan and Fish Farming Spatial Guidance.

Finally, as you may have seen in the media, I have been shortlisted for the LGiU's *Community Champion* award (LGiU stands for Local Government Information Unit). Orkney is represented twice, as my colleague Cllr John Ross Scott has been shortlisted for the *Lifetime Legend* award. I don't need to know who nominated me; they'll know who they are, and I am very grateful to them for the recognition. The award ceremony will take place at the City Chambers in Glasgow on 5th November.

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



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