



**BONFIRE NIGHT &  
FIREWORK DISPLAY  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER ONWARDS



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



# STITCH SUNDAY

Crafthub @ The Space Rousay



2-4pm November 2nd

Build your confidence using a sewing machine.

Learn how to use the different feet and stitches on your machine.

Mini projects each month

Bring your machine and all accessories including the manual. Threads and fabrics if you wish.

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## Rousay Act of Remembrance

This year the Rousay Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 9th November.

The short service will commence at 1045 just in front of the memorial and all are welcome to attend. Wet weather clothing is advised.



Rousay Community  
Association SCIO hosts

**ROUSAY HARVEST HOME**

✧ ✧ **DINNER AND DANCE** ✧ ✧  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

£12.50 for Adults, £5 for Under-16s,  
Under 5s free

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES**

**Menu: Selection of cold meats, clapshot,  
veg, gravy / vegetarian & GF options**

DOORS OPEN FROM 6:45PM,  
DINNER SERVED AT 7:30PM

**Speaker: Robbie Firth, Langskaill  
RAFFLE DRAWN AND SUPPER AT 11PM**

Dance to the  
**Craig Mainland Dance  
Band**



The  
Craig Mainland  
Dance Band





**November**

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

Come along for a coffee and chat, or  
stay to play fun games and enjoy a  
warming £7 soup and sandwich lunch,  
followed by tea and homebakes.

All welcome, there is no age limit!  
You **must** let Alice Mainland know  
each Sunday if you plan to stay for  
lunch for catering purposes!  
[alicemnlnd@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemnlnd@btinternet.com)



### **Rousay SWI AGM**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, **11th November 2025** at **8.00pm** in the Community Room at The School.

For our AGM business, please consider who you would like to nominate for the positions of **President** and **Secretary**.

Following that, **Ian Barker** will join us to speak about: **"Working with Women Farmers in less Developed Countries"**

#### **Competitions:**

1. A firework inspired craft
2. A Farmhouse Cake

# ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



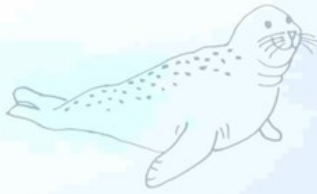
Five years on, an expedition braves isolated equatorial regions to extract DNA from three massive prehistoric creatures for a groundbreaking medical breakthrough. What could possibly go wrong?

**Saturday 22nd November**

**Rousay School - 8.00pm**

**Cert 12A - 2 hr 13 mins**

Optional silver collection for funds



# Rousay Sailing Club

## AGM

Friday 28th November 2025

At The Pier Restaurant

7:00pm til 8:00pm

Bar opens after formalities

All members & interested parties welcome

Hear all our news and share your ideas about Club activities in 2026.



# Rousay Sailing Club Social Evening

**At The Pier Restaurant**

**Saturday 29th Nov 25 @ 7:00pm 'til late**

**Local Music/Bring your own instruments**

**Entrance is Free with Bar & Supper**

**Everyone welcome**

***We look forward to seeing you there.***



# CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

03,  
10,  
17,  
24

### Pop-up Cafe

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

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### Monday Music

Monday 7pm to 10pm.  
Free music & singing group for all ages  
& abilities.

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NOV

### STITCH SUNDAY

2pm to 4pm First Sunday of the month  
Monthly sessions learning how to make  
the most of your sewing machine.  
Bring your machine with all accessories  
and manual as well as threads.

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NOV

### Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

10:15 - 11:45,  
Sunday apart from 9th & 16th

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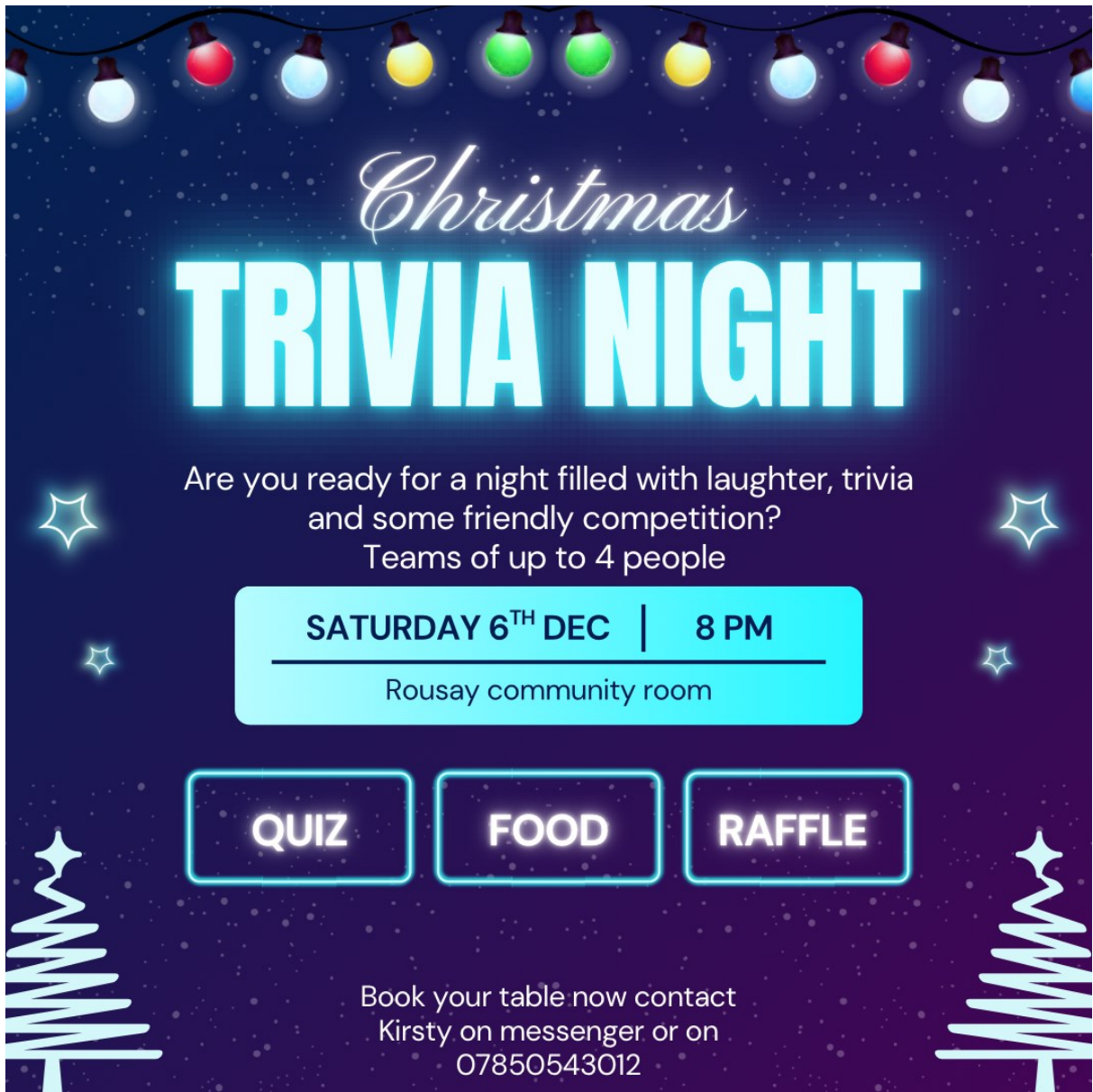
### ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday 2pm to 4pm

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**Morning Prayer**  
Sundays between 09.00 and 10.00.  
At The Pier Cabin  
For more information please contact Frances Roebuck



*Christmas*  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Are you ready for a night filled with laughter, trivia  
and some friendly competition?  
Teams of up to 4 people

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC | 8 PM**  
Rousay community room

**QUIZ**   **FOOD**   **RAFFLE**

Book your table now contact  
Kirsty on messenger or on  
07850543012

## 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](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)



# ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

## NOVEMBER 2025

### SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING HOURS

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

### SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty  
No buddy required

The Thursday evening Supervised Session will now start at 6.30pm.

\* 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

(during school term time)

**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"



ActiveIslands



ActiveLife

### MEMBERSHIPS

Full details: [www.pickaquoy.co.uk/activelife](http://www.pickaquoy.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

**FATBURN**  
EXTREME

**BOXERCISE**

FATBURN - MONDAY @7.15pm / BOXERCISE - TUESDAY @7.15pm

Tel: 01856 821 443

Email: [rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)



# 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](mailto:info@rewdt.org) website: [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)

## REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups September 2025

- 4 Community Group Activity Grants**
- 3 Well-being Grants**
- 3 Education & Skills Bursaries**
- 1 Education Related Travel Grant**
- 1 General Grant**
- 1 Driving Lessons Grant**
- 1 Emergency Stay Grant**



Total amount awarded in September:

**£ 9,797.20**

## Kids Afternoon @ The Picky!

**Packed lunch required as cafe will be closed**

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov**  
09:50 meet at Rousay Pier  
14:45 ferry home

**Please confirm attendance;  
[rachel@rewdt.org](mailto:rachel@rewdt.org)**

Get ready for a fun afternoon packed with laughter, inflatables, and classic games!

**\*Under 5's to be accompanied by adult please**

# 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  
 hcpc 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](mailto: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](mailto:Nicky@rewdt.org) or phone 821229



**ISLAND WELLBEING PROJECT-REW**  
 a partnership project



## Winter 2025/26

### WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

#### *Upcoming Activities*

To reserve a space email [nicky@rewdt.org](mailto:nicky@rewdt.org)

**Xmas Wreath Making Workshop**  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30-13.30

**Advanced Photography Workshop**  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at The Space,  
 09.30-16.30

**Fabric Lampshade making workshop.**  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at The Space,  
 11.30-14.00

*Coming up in New Year, look out for more details coming soon!*

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



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## Yoga Sessions!

Come and join us for yoga with **Lisa Croft**

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

Dates: 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November

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

**Community Green Room, Rousay School**

Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nicky@rewdt.org)



# TAVERSOE EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 2025

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>31 OCT</b> HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS 7PM BAR 7-11PM	<b>1 NOV</b> STAR GAZING 8PM BAR 5-11PM	<b>2 NOV</b> POKER 7PM BAR 5-11PM
<b>7 NOV</b> CHIPPY 5-7PM BAR 5-11PM	<b>8 NOV</b> HARVEST HOME CLOSED	<b>9 NOV</b> POKER 7PM BAR 5-11PM
<b>14 NOV</b> BAR 5-11PM	<b>15 NOV</b> BINGO 7PM BAR 5-11PM	<b>16 NOV</b> POKER 7PM BAR 5-11PM
<b>21 NOV</b> CHIPPY 5-7PM BAR 5-11PM	<b>22 NOV</b> LIVE MUSIC BAR 5-11PM	<b>23 NOV</b> POKER 7PM BAR 5-11PM
<b>28 NOV</b> MURDER MYSTERY 7PM BAR 5-11PM	<b>29 NOV</b> BAR 5-11PM	<b>30 NOV</b> POKER 7PM BAR 5-11PM

**BINGO**  
Night

Bingo nights at the Tav  
good craich and dodgy calling!

**SAT**    **07.00-10.00 PM**    **15 NOV**

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**THE TAVERSOE**

**MURDER MYSTERY**

EVENING

Everyone's suspect!

FRIDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, EVIDENCE FOLDERS AVAILABLE FROM 7PM

RSVP TO BILLWITH TEAM NAMES

# Help your family and friends make the switch to Digital Voice

## What's happening?

By January 2027, the old analogue landline network will be completely switched off, and replaced by new digital landlines which work using broadband. For BT customers, the new home phone service is called Digital Voice.

This information aims to help you support your loved ones through the switch. For most people, the switch will be simple – but some older customers or those with additional needs might need your support in preparing for the change.



Phone numbers won't change.



Over 99% of existing phone handsets work with Digital Voice – and set-up is easy.



The switch won't cost you a penny.



There's extra support if you need it

Free engineer visits, back-up solutions to use in power outages, and our customer support team is always on hand.

## Start the conversation today

### Will my landline still work in a power cut?

BT provides power backup devices for free to those who need them most, and they're available to buy for others.

### Is there anything better about Digital Voice?

Plenty. Clearer calls and enhanced features like scam call protection, voicemail and 3 Way Calling.

### Is it hard to switch?

For most people, it's simply a case of unplugging your phone from the socket on the wall and plugging it into the broadband hub.

### Do I really need an engineer visit?

BT offers free engineer visits for anyone needing extra support. You just need to book or confirm the appointment.

### Do I need broadband to keep my phone?

No. BT will offer a dedicated landline service. You'll continue to use it in the same way you do today.



For more information, visit  
[bt.com/connected-together](https://bt.com/connected-together)



# 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 councillor, shortlisted "Community Champion", corporate parent ...*

Six years ago, I brought up the problem of what our care-experienced youngsters are supposed to do with their stuff when they leave their care home to go away to study. Without storage facilities back in Orkney, they have to take their entire worldly estate with them wherever they go. In my [Letter](#) at the time (Sept 2019), I said I'd been told "OIC is looking into this." I am gratified to say that when I asked again at our recent Policy & Resources Committee meeting (P&R), we were informed that such assistance is now being provided. If any care-experienced person wishes to contact me about any aspect of the support they are receiving from the Council, please do not hesitate to do so—I am, after all, as a councillor, your corporate parent.

Also at P&R, I was in full agreement with the recommendation not to progress implementation of an overnight visitor levy. All along, because of the significant number of Orkney residents travelling within Orkney for whom it would be appropriate to be exempted from such a charge, I've felt it would be unreasonable to burden our accommodation providers with the additional bureaucracy and responsibility of policing who would be required to pay and who not.

On our British Sign Language Local Plan, I asked if the BSL courses being delivered at KGS and Stromness Academy could also be rolled out to our junior high schools. I was told this is planned, along with Makaton and Sign Supported English.

In the item on Orkney Health & Care's revenue expenditure outturn, there was a lot of discussion about our reliance on agency staff because of the perennial difficulty in recruiting that we are experiencing (a nationwide problem). An idea I have been floating around amongst colleagues is that OIC should set up its own agency, which would not only serve us but would be a facility for other local authorities to outsource to, thus solving our recruitment crisis and providing OIC with an additional income stream at one stroke. I am not sure whether the provisions of the *Orkney County Council Act 1974* would permit us to do this, or whether we'll have to wait until the Scottish Government grants local authorities "General Power of Competence".

The Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council, whose meeting I attended virtually, was presented with the figures for the income OIC derives from dues paid by visiting cruise liners. For the 2024/25 financial year, this came to £4,690,626.04 divided into £3,620,845.54 harbour dues, which can only go towards harbour-related expenditure, and £1,069,780.50 passenger dues, which are paid into the County Fund. (The County Fund arises from the provisions of the aforementioned *Orkney County Council Act 1974*. I won't go into legal and financial detail, but, in terms of this Act, money from this fund may be used "for any other purpose which in the opinion of the Council is solely in the interests of the county or its inhabitants.")

Back in May, I wrote a letter supporting Egilsay Community Association's application for funding from the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the Community Centre and adjoining schoolhouse. I am delighted they have been successful in their application.

It was reported to the Monitoring & Audit Committee that, during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, OIC received 327 compliments and 150 complaints (over twice as many compliments as complaints!). I sought reassurance that those members of staff who are complimented are made aware of the fact, and I am pleased to say that we were told that they are.

I attended a seminar on the proposed designs for the 3 new ferries to serve Eday, Sanday, Stronsay & Westray—updated to incorporate key points and suggestions made by the public during the recent consultation events. And I was invited to sit in on a Special Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting at which it was unanimously decided to approve the general design arrangement and commence the procurement process for building them. As I said at the latter, this is a big step towards transforming our ferry fleet into one fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, however we are already a quarter of the way through that century! We will have to rely on continuing support from the Scottish Government to see this project through to realisation.

We welcomed to Kirkwall our colleagues from Orkney's "parallel universe" (Shetland) to join us for a Valuation Joint Board meeting and training session. It's always a grand opportunity to exchange experiences from our respective domains.

The Sport & Leisure Member/Officer Working Group meeting I attended was dedicated to our swimming pools. Refurbishment of the swimming pools and other recreational facilities in the North Isles was one of the priorities I listed in my 2022 manifesto.

At the Sanday School Parent Council meeting, I was shocked to learn how few of the Outer North Isles pupils were able to participate in the 4-day instrumental course in September in Kirkwall owing to lack of accommodation provision. If your child has been affected by this, please could you get in touch with me (contact details below). I don't want any child left behind.

Other meetings I attended before the start of our short autumn recess included a budget-setting seminar, a meeting of Sanday Community Council, and a General meeting of the Full Council (which, at just under 6 minutes, was the shortest I can remember; the longest, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, was about 17 times as long, taken up with fanciful notions of self-determination).

In the presence of Orkney's Lord Lieutenant, I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of OIC at the HMS Royal Oak memorial at Scapa and drop a bouquet of flowers over the wreck in the Flow (see photograph below) for the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the battleship by the German submarine U-47. I am often asked to do this on behalf of the Council because of my family connection, as my Uncle Ronald was one of 835 who went down with the ship on that fateful night 86 years ago.

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

West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

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available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)

