



Christmas TRIVIA NIGHT

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

SATURDAY 6TH DEC | 8 PM

Rousay community room

QUIZ

FOOD

RAFFLE

Book your table now contact
Kirsty on messenger or on
07850543012

Advent Prayer

0900 to 10.00

Sunday 7th and 14th at Pier Cabin.

For more information contact Frances 07850 064093



STITCH SUNDAY

Crafthub @ The Space Rousay

2-4pm December 7th

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 Primary
School and Nursery
Presents

“The Nativity News”

All welcome

Friday 12th December
2pm and 7pm

2pm Dress Rehearsal: Egilsay and Wyre residents
and Rousay residents who prefer not to come in the evening

7pm performance will be followed by tea, coffee and home bakes



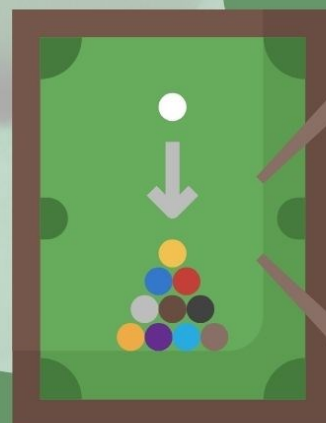
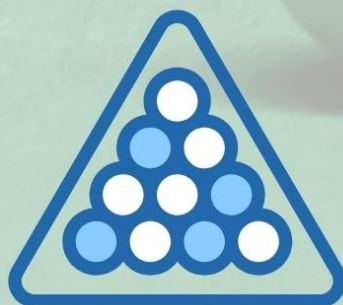
A farewell to the Snooker Club... for now!

To celebrate 35 years of
the Snooker Club, we are
holding a Knock Out
Singles event!

Friday 12th December
from 6pm

at the Rousay Snooker Hall,
Wasbister

Members Only



ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



The Muppets put their spin on this much-loved Christmas classic.

Saturday 13th December

Rousay School - 8.00pm

Cert U - 1 hr 25 mins

Optional silver collection for funds

Coming January 17th: The Ballad of Wallis Island



JOIN CRAFTHUB FOR A

Christmas
CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER
2pm -4:30pm @ THE SPACE

FREE FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK

CRAFT TABLES - Book a in advance for £5

SANTA VISITING ABOUT 3:30pm

RAFFLE at 4pm

ALL DONATIONS GOING TO THE RNLI



Tri▲ngle
Club

Triangle Club Christmas Party.

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Join us in the Community Room at Rousay School for a pre-Christmas get together!

Enjoy a cold buffet-style Christmas lunch, followed by a festive pudding, plus fun games, mulled wine and mince pies!

£10 per person

All welcome but you must let Alice Mainland know by Wednesday 10th December if you would like to come along.



PIER RESTAURANT FESTIVE BAR OPENING

The Pier Restaurant bar will be re-opening for a few nights over the festive period!

Join us for a drink to get you in the festive spirit!



Friday 19th December
Saturday 20th December
Wednesday 24th December
from 6:30pm to 11pm
and
Wednesday 31st December
from 6:30pm to 1am

UNDER-18S PERMITTED

UNTIL 9PM

**THE BAR WILL BE STAFFED BY
VOLUNTEERS MEANTIME**



CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE

DECEMBER EVENTS

01,
08,
15,
22

Pop-up Cafe

Every Monday 11am to 3pm
Come and enjoy some food & a natter
Hot drinks, soup with scone or bread
and homebakes.
No cafe on 29th, back January 5th.

DEC

Monday Music

Monday 7pm to 10pm. 1st and 8th only
Free music & singing group for all ages
& abilities.

07
DEC

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.

07, 14
DEC

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

10:15 - 11:45 7th and 14th only.
Restarting January 11th.

14
DEC

Christmas Celebration

Sunday 2pm to 4:30pm
Food Drink, Raffle, Santa, Craft tables
Raising funds for the RNLI





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 and 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:
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

*The cards will then be delivered in plenty of time before Christmas!
Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.*





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Merry Christmas



FESTIVE PERIOD OPENING

FINAL SUPERVISED SESSION OF 2025
TUESDAY DECEMBER 23rd 6.30-8.30pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24th TO FRIDAY JANUARY 2nd

FIRST SUPERVISED SESSION OF 2026
SATURDAY JANUARY 3rd 4.00-5.00pm



SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Monday 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday 6:30-9:00pm

Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

A Merry Christmas to you all.
Carey, Kate, Murray & Paddy



Gym updates can be found on our various Facebook pages:

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

BUDDY SYSTEM

(during school term time)

Mon -Thur 9am to 4pm

Friday 9am to 3pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday December 22nd to
Friday January 2nd 2026

ROUSAY GROUP X CLASSES



FATBURN - MONDAYS @7.15pm
LAST CLASS OF 2025 - MONDAY 15th
FIRST CLASS OF 2026 - MONDAY 5th



BOXERCISE - TUESDAYS @7.15pm
LAST CLASS OF 2025 - TUESDAY 16th
FIRST CLASS OF 2026 - TUESDAY 6th

Tel: 01856 821 443

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



Christmas Greetings

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2026

Diana and Alan Compton send Christmas greetings to all and wish you health and happiness for 2026.

We will not be sending cards but will make a donation to charity.



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

**Sending our best wishes for the festive season
and into 2026 to all our neighbours and friends.
From all the Roebucks.**

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: 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, 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



Community Transport Trips for December and the New Year

Trips to Town	Trips to Marion's Shop
Thursday 4 th Dec	Friday 12 th December
Thursday 18 th Dec	Friday 16 th January
Thursday 8 th Jan	Friday 30 th January
Thursday 22 nd Jan	
Bookings and cancellations	
If you're not already on the fixed passenger list for the above and wish to join, please give at least 3 working days notice by emailing transport@rewdt.org or telephone the office on 01856 821229. The same applies to cancellations.	

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE
Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry Podiatrist
HOME VISIT SERVICE
 Treatment of a variety of foot problems
 hcpc Registered

Gemma Reid, Podiatrist
Tuesday 20th January 2026

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

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



Wellbeing
Lampshade Making Workshop
with Layla's Craft Corner
Friday 30th January
11.30 to 14.00 at The Space, Rousay
To book a place email Nicky@rewdt.org

Free workshop for REW residents, age 16yrs+
Drinks and bakes will be provided by The Crafthub



Layla's Craft Corner

Lampshade Making

Workshop

Learn how to handmade and take home a truly unique lampshade to brighten up your space.

Get creative and have fun. No experience necessary.

Fuel Grant Closes
28th February 2026

REWDT Fuel Grant 2025-26

£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.



THE TAVERSOE

Following an inspection by the environmental health people at OIC, the Taversoe will need some additional work to bring it up to the standard required. This means we will have to close the Taversoe while we plan and carry out the work that needs to be done. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Meanwhile, the Pier Restaurant is being prepared for occasional openings over the holiday period. Look for separate information on other pages.

Recently moved from Lincolnshire Wolds

seeking employment opportunities on the Island from January 2026.

Just completed a 15 year service within the NHS as a qualified accredited Clerk of Works construction Inspector with numerous other qualifications from Asbestos, Health & Safety, passive fire protection. I can offer my services as a time served qualified Carpenter/Joiner but any helping hand or handy man work will be undertaken. Written Quotes or hourly rates available prior to any works.

Our son who is 20 years of age is also looking for any labouring opportunities on the island from December 2025. Hayden has references should any be required.

Please contact Stenbister, Rousay.

Mobile number 07939146082, 07835777651. Diane & Andy Hind.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that came out to turn on the tree lights at the heritage centre. Terrific singing from all and very generous donations of £81.70 for Rousay School. Thanks again to those that donated cakes and to those that donated their time in setting the tree up. Thanks to the community council for the donation towards the cost of the tree. Merry Christmas!





BONFIRE NIGHT

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Bonfire & Fireworks event on 5th November. Thank you to the REWGCC for kindly funding the fireworks and to REWDT for the use of the site. A huge thank you to Bob, Branwen, Carey, Ian, Jo I and John for all their help organising and running this event. Thank you to the Rousay School children & staff who provided an amazing Guy, delicious refreshments and cleaned the site following the event.



Rousay School thanks the Community for their donations on Bonfire Night- we raised **£136.15!**

100% of all money raised goes directly to the Rousay School Fund to help pay for trips and materials for our pupils

Thank you 

Thank you so much to the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council for funding the repainting of the Rousay War Memorial lettering. I think we can all agree it looks much better and more cared for. Thank you!

Alice M



Rousay Harvest Home Thank You

Thank you to everyone for making the 2025 Harvest Home such a successful night! It was fantastic to see over 100 people for the meal and everyone enjoying the music and dancing.

Thank you to Angus for being MC and Robbie for the great speech. Thanks to REWDT for the Community Group grant.

A huge THANK YOU to the following hard-working people who ensured the night was a great success:

Alice, Alison, Bob, Branwen, Carey, Carole, Catherine, Courtney, Eric, Gill, Grant, Hannah, Jo B, Kate, Laura P, Lisa & Nicky J
And thank you to Craig and Sinclair for the amazing music.

Our next event will be the Burns Supper on 24th January - more helpers needed to ensure these events continue!

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

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December offers



Mini facial and back massage

£50.00

Save £10.00

Back facial and back massage

£50.00

Save £10.00

Full body massage

£40.00

Save £10.00

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

LGiU/CCLA Councillor Awards 2025 issue.



Sadly, neither Cllr Scott (shortlisted "Lifetime Legend") nor I brought back trophies from the LGiU/CCLA Councillor Awards ceremony held on 5th November at the City Chambers in Glasgow, nevertheless, by way of consolation, we did each receive a finalist's certificate (see photo below) in recognition of our being shortlisted. I was informed that the "Community Champion" category, for which I had been shortlisted, is always the most popular and that this year they had a great many nominees to draw up the shortlist of four from, so I needn't feel too disheartened. This year's winner in this category was Cllr Jan Brown of Argyll & Bute Council. I congratulated her and mutually commiserated with Cllrs Lois Speed (Angus) and Duncan Cumming (East Dunbartonshire), the other two contenders in this category. One of the great benefits of attending the event was getting the chance to speak to top councillors from other areas and find out what they are doing for their communities. I wish OIC councillors in general had more opportunity for such interactions. Sometimes I feel OIC can be a bit insular, which, even though we are an islands council, we don't need to be. A photograph of the Clackson contingent at the ceremony is shown above. Some of the other contestants not only had family and friends with them (like Cllr Scott and I did) but were also supported at the ceremony by fellow councillors and officers from their respective local authorities. More photographs from the Councillor Award ceremony can be found at <https://lgiu.org/events/cllr-awards/cllr-awards-2025-the-winners-scotland/>

After the Councillor Awards ceremony, I stayed on in Glasgow to attend the meeting of the Scottish Councils' Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS), also held at the City Chambers (photos of which I included in [Issue 148](#) of my *Letter*).

Other meetings I have attended this month include, in Kirkwall: confidential members' briefings; a seminar on our Learning Estate Investment Programme; planning training (specifically for large-scale developments where the whole council is involved in the decision, not just the Planning Committee); a seminar about the use of mobile devices in schools; a meeting of the Sport & Leisure Member/Officer Working Group on Active Schools & community sports; and a seminar on public sector reform. A 'flu-like bug prevented my attending the UHI Orkney graduations, an event I very much look forward to each year.

Out in the Isles, I went along to a meeting of Stronsay Community Council (which was filmed by Hazel Falck who is making a documentary about community energy and democracy). The aforementioned 'flu-like bug scuppered my planned Shapinsay visit, but I hope to be flying out to North Ronaldsay on the 1st December for a meeting of their community council.

Outside some Isles' schools there have been problems with the functioning of the lights on the 20mph signs, and these are being addressed. I have been making enquiries about how the timing of the lights can be set so they come on outwith the school day for after-school activities and community events, for example. The initial approach should be made to the respective school's headteacher, who can then arrange through the education department to have the times programmed into the central management system at School Place.

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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