The Review
Rousay's Community Newsletter
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Rousay Regatta

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August

Rousay Pier and Pier Restaurant

Saturday Morning

1000 - 1200 Children's Raft Building (all materials supplied)
1030 - Wyre race 1
1130 - Wyre race 2
1230 - BBQ Lunch

Bar Open 12- Late

Saturday Afternoon

1400 -1800 Children's raft race and Crabbing
Taste and Try - Paddle Boarding, Skiff Rowing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Keel Boat sailing and much more…
All ages welcome
Kirkwall Lifeboat Visit

Saturday Evening

Prize giving and revelry
Music, Dancing with Bar & Stovies - Pier Restaurant

Sunday Schedule

1100 - 1300 Round Wyre Race
1400 –1600 More Taste & Try on request

Everyone very welcome, with or without a boat!

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ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE HERITAGE

Swandro Dig Open Day
Sunday 03 August 2025
09:30 to 16:30

Come along for a fun iron age day with our re-enactors, Keith & Alan, taking us back in time with how life was long ago.

Made possible with Heritage Fund

Swandro-Orkney COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGY TRUST

Please park at the Midhowe cairn/broch car park.
Thank you.

Rousay Horticultural Society

Annual Show 2025
Sunday 3rd August

SHOW OPENS
2.30pm

PRIZE GIVING
3.30pm

Raffles

Tea & Cakes

Tattie-in-a-Bucket

FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES

CRAFTS

BAKING

PHOTOGRAPHY

CHILDRENS SECTION

Entry on show day
£3 for adults, children FREE

All exhibits to be entered on Saturday night at Rousay School between 7pm and 8.30pm

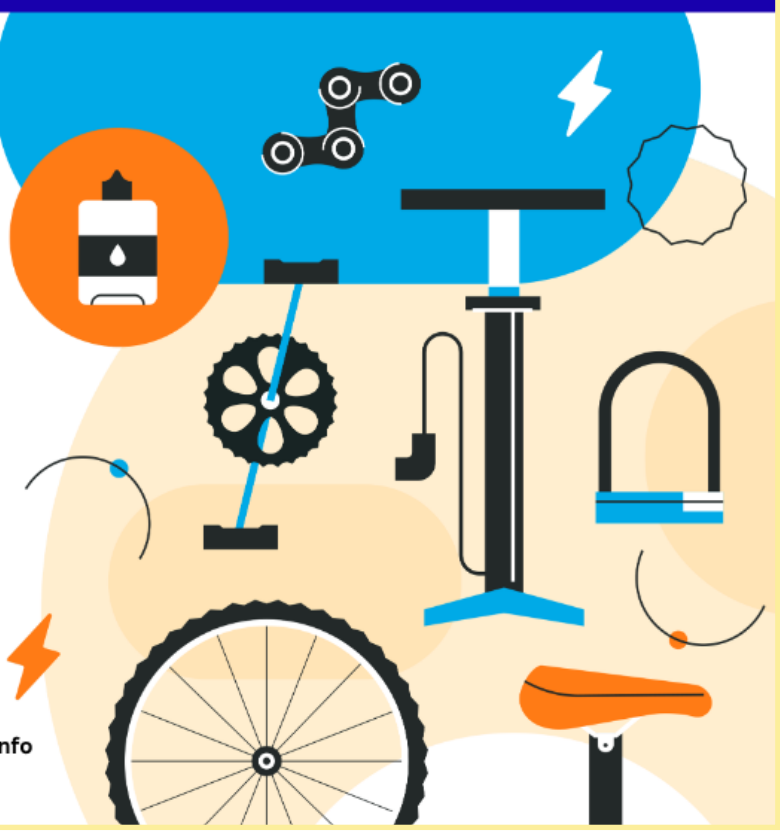
bike clinic

Is your bike feeling a bit tired? Drop in for a free bike health check and learn how to carry out pre-ride inspections

No need to book!

The Cabin
Rousay Pier
Sunday 17th August
12pm - 3pm

email murray.stewart@hitrans.org.uk for more info



Special Refuse Collection

The next Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Special Refuse Collection will take place during the week beginning **11th August 2025**.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted, you can apply online via the Council's Website at https://www.orkney.gov.uk/our-services/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/special-refuse-collections-households/ or by calling Customer Services on 01856 873535.

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

Crafthub at The Space

August dates

Pop-up Café, every Monday

11:00 to 15:00

4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

** THAW attending the Café on 11th **

REWDT Events:

contact them for further details and to register interest

Textile Workshop

with Rosalind Johansson

Tuesday 19th August 11:45 to 16:15

Rousay Lap

Saturday 23rd August

Registered in Scotland No SC052087

Registered Office: The Space, Rousay KW17 2PU

Info@crafthuborkney.com

OSCR Scottish Charity Regulator www.oscr.org.uk Registered SCIO SC052087

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

There's quite a lot going on with the Trust just now, and we'll try to keep you updated. The first thing to remember is that the Rousay Lap is happening on Saturday 24th August, starting at 12.00 — we hope to see you there! More details of the Lap and other Trust activities in the attached notices.

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSES

Work to build two affordable houses for the community has finally started at Johnstons Road, after several years of planning. The contractors were keen to make use of the fine weather we had been having and, as I write, they have already completed most of the preliminary ground preparation. We apologise for noise and dust caused by the work, which is all for a good cause.

Job Vacancy Website Service

If you are looking for work, or if you are looking to give someone some work, you can now let people know via the Trust website. This is a free service: just contact Julie: info@rewdt.org or by phone. If you would like to refresh your CV, we can help with that too!

Funding Support for Rousay

The Scottish Land Fund has awarded the Trust with some money to help us buy land between the Pier and the old corral pit. The land will be developed over several years and may include small commercial and business premises, a boatyard, safer access and sheltered moorings for boats.

PIER RESTAURANT—Start Again! Now that we have cleared the pollution from the Pier Restaurant, we can plan for bringing it back into use. There used to be an active Task Force of local volunteers who helped with planning and managing the building. If you would like to join the restarted Task Force to continue this valuable work, please let us know: lloyd@rewdt.org or phone: 821229

DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Textile Workshop

with Rosalind Johansson

Free Wellbeing Quilting Workshop for REW residents.

Shorelines Studio Quilting Workshop
Tuesday 19th August
11.45am to 4.15pm
At The Crafthub at the Space

Light Lunch, bakes and drinks included
No previous experience needed.

To book a place email nicky@rewdt.org or phone 821229

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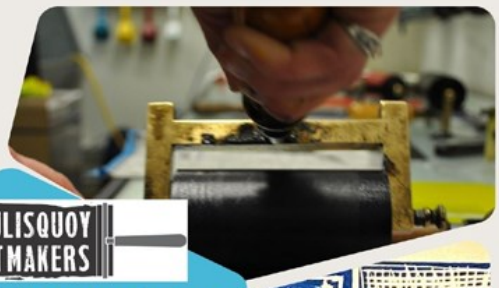

SOULISQUOY PRINTMAKERS

Printmaking Workshop
'Light, Land & Sea'

Thursday 4th or Saturday 6th September
at The Space
11am-3.30pm (with 30 minute break)

A leisurely introduction to relief printmaking through basic lino cut, taking inspiration from the local environment.

Suitable for both beginners and those with some experience.

All materials provided – bring a pinny!
Workshop led by Carol Dunbar

Refreshments provided by The Crafthub

To book a place email nicky@rewdt.org or phone 821229

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THAW

Thaw Orkney at The Crafthub at The Space Pop Up Café on Monday 11th August

Come along between 11.30 and 2.30 to find out about Thaw's new service in REW!

THAW Orkney are trialling a new property repair and upgrade service after receiving SSEN Community Benefit Fund funding.
This is targeting a small number of ferry-linked isles including Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre.
As part of this service Thaw aim to:
- Carry out assessments of property conditions and offer a wider range of energy support
- Support households in accessing funded work, including SSEN funds, for repairs and energy efficiency upgrades.
Assessments are open to any household, however greater levels of funded work will typically be available for those households on lower incomes or high levels of fuel poverty.

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Saturday 24 August

Race starts 12 Noon

Urgently Needed
Volunteer Marshals for the day
£10 island gift voucher
(Nicky's shop or Taversoe)
for all Marshals.
Come and join in the fun.

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust
info@rewdt.org Tel 01856 821229

Rousay Lap Donations

At the Peedie & Rousay Laps we always collect donations to give to REW groups and this year, once again, we invite our community groups to come forward for us to share these donations with.
The groups must be prepared to have their members help us on the day, either with registration, at the finish line or as marshals.
Please let us know if you would like to receive the donation of funds by emailing info@rewdt.org ASAP thanks.

REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups June 2025

21 Well-being Grants

1 General Grant

3 Community Activity Grants

2 Education & Skills Bursaries

1 Community Fund Grant

Total amount awarded in June:

£ 10,358.00

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE

MV SHAPINSAY - LATE EVENING SUMMER SAILINGS

Orkney Ferries are pleased to offer three late sailings over the summer period for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

FINAL LATE SAILING OF 2025

SATURDAY AUGUST 9th *

EVENING SAILING TIMES

Depart Rousay 22:00	Egilsay and Wyre - on request **	
Depart Tingwall 22:35	Depart Rousay 23:10 **	Depart Egilsay 23:40 **
Arrive Rousay 23:00	Depart Wyre 23:20 **	Arrive Rousay 23:55 **

* August 9th - Orkney County Show Day

** On request sailings must be booked & paid for in advance with Orkney Ferries either over the phone or online

Stagecoach have arranged for the 7E bus to Birsay - Dounby, which departs the Kirkwall Travel Centre at 22:00, to add a diversion to Tingwall to drop passengers to the boat.

Ted & Mandy's Garden

Raising monies for Loving Homes Dog Rescue

Saturday 13th September from 10.30am

Parade of Dogs

Judges:
Chris Dannan
&
Special Guest Judge

BBQ from 12.30pm

15 Fun Classes to enter

£2 for each entry

Have a go Agility available

Have a go Hoopers available

Fun Classes to include:

£2 per class

Best Puppy

Prettiest Bitch

Handsomest Dog

Golden Oldie

Best Trick

Best Rescue

Shortest Ears

Longest Ears

Waggiest Tail

Best Junior Handler

or 6 classes for £10

Fancy Dress

Dog most like its Owner

Dog Judge most likely to take Home

Best Sausage Catcher

Best in Show

For more information

please contact either:

Kate - 07931 124664 or Carolyne - 0797 9711222

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Saltfishforty concert. It was a lovey night and we raised £490-50 for the music group funds. Many thanks to REWDT and Rousay Community Association for the support and Carey and everyone who helped out to make the evening such a success.

Rousay Parent Council

We would like to thank everyone that came to
our family fun day on June the 29th.
We raised nearly £900!

Thanks go to REWDT, Community Association,
all those that gave raffle prizes, volunteers with their time
and lastly those that came to support us.

ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE - AUGUST

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.

HLC updates can be found on our various Facebook pages

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

(July 7th to August 19th)

Additional Supervised Sessions
Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 12.00 - 1.00pm

BUDDY SYSTEM

(resumes Tuesday August 20th)

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

ActiveIslands ActiveLife

MEMBERSHIPS

Full details: 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 gives you access to the gym and Group X Classes. Budget £1 per session.

GROUP X CLASSES

Due to low numbers we will be taking a summer break from our Group X Classes.

WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

—— *150th Issue* ——

The 150th issue of my *Letter* is perfectly timed to report on the 75th North Isles Sports, which took place in Sanday on the day of the summer solstice. This year, competitors and spectators came from Eday (after a long absence), North Ronaldsay, Sanday, Stronsay, Westray and Papa Westray. (One day I hope to see Papa Stronsay compete in the tug o' war and maybe teams sent from the inner North Isles.) The weather was changeable during the day, but remained clement, apart from the fog that prevented the North Ronaldsay folk getting home. Well done to Westray for winning the Primary Cup, Schools Cup, Junior Relay Quaich, Senior Relay Quaich, Challenge Cup and Millennium Cup; to Sanday for winning the junior netball, senior netball and junior football; and to Papay for winning the senior football. Congratulations to Boys' Champion Tristan Hoque, Girls' Champion Lizzie Harcus, Men's Champion Conner Harcus, and Women's Champion & Best Adult Millie Dennison. And well-pulled to Stronsay for winning the tug o' war. (And bravo to my bees, who kindly refrained from swarming until the following day !) You can find a wealth of information about the previous 74 North Isles Sports in Roderick Thorne's 340-page "*75 Years of Orkney's North Isles Sports*" (price £15). My fellow North Isles councillor, Heather Woodbridge (N Ron) won joint bronze in the women's high jump, but no member of the Clackson family competed in the 75th, however Frideswide Clackson's past glories, along with those of a host of others, are detailed in Rod's well-illustrated and informative book.

On midsummer morning, I landed at a foggy Sumburgh Airport (photograph above) for a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board that afternoon in Lerwick. One thing that came up at the meeting was the poor response so far (only 45%) for postal vote re-applications for UK parliamentary elections. If not renewed, these expire in January! It will also soon be time for this year's annual electoral register household canvas. Make sure to complete it. **Don't lose your right to vote !** You never know when an election may be sprung on you (from community council by-election to snap general election).

Our last General Meeting before the summer recess saw a disgraceful denial of democracy. Cllr James Moar's notice of motion requesting earlier cutting of roadside verges was unable to be considered thanks to 8 councillors refusing to vote for the necessary suspension of standing orders (which requires a two-thirds majority). This is the first time our longest-standing councillor (Cllr Dr Steven Heddle) has known such a vote be used to block open debate in the Council chamber. Shameful!

Other meetings I attended before our recess included: a special Policy & Resources Committee meeting concerning delivery of our Strategic Housing Investment Plan; and seminars on the Orkney World Heritage Site Programme and on Flotta Oil Terminal decommissioning. I went to the Shapinsay Community Council meeting, and later I arranged to meet the Deputy Harbour Master at their ferry slip on the Kirkwall side with some of the community councillors to discuss parking issues there.

As you are no doubt aware, there have been some other games going on in Orkney (also nicely timed for this 150th issue). I took part in a civic reception with dignitaries from the participating islands and was able to talk over with the Faroese Prime Minister Aksel V Johannesen my idea of establishing some cultural linkage between their island of Sandøy and our island of Sanday. He promised to pass some material from me on to the island's municipalities. The Faroese team came top of the medal table in the XXth International Island Games, and the Faroe Islands will be hosting the next Island Games in 2027.

Other council business I undertook during the councillor recess was to travel to Thurso for a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (on which I represent OIC).

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

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

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MARKING 50 Years 1975 - 2025 | ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

Letter from School Place

Well, I'm in — and on first preferences alone, so there was no doubt this time. A big thank you to all who voted "1" for Clackson! But whether you voted for me or not, I am now in School Place to represent you. You can drop me a line at: West Manse, Sanday, Orkney KW17 2BN or at the Council Offices, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1NY. My council e-mail address is: stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk.

At the time of writing this, I am still in the throes of "induction", which means I'm spending a lot of time away from home in Kirkwall. We have had our first statutory general meeting, and a new convener was elected, Dr Steven Heddle. Like me, Steven has a PhD in physics, so he should be able to tackle anything!

I have been placed on the following committees: Policy & Resources; Education, Leisure & Housing, and Licensing. I've also been appointed to the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board, and I'm OIC's representative on the University of the Highlands and Islands Foundation.

I plan to attend community council meetings and parent council meetings from time to time on your island, so look forward to seeing you then.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson

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First ever "Letter from School Place" as it appeared in the Stronsay Limpet