



# REW Community Newsletter

'The Review'

December 2017

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**Be Safe  
Be Seen**

An important message to all walkers and cyclists - if you are not wearing high visibility clothing, you won't be easily seen in the dark!

For your safety this winter, please make sure you are visible to drivers!




**CHRISTMAS  
OPENING  
TIMES**

*Look inside!*



## What's On

- Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>**  
→ Afrayedknot, The Craffthub, 11.30am-2.30pm - **PRE-BOOK**
- Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
→ Mince Pies & Mulled Wine, The Craffthub, 2pm-4pm
- Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Tai Chi, Rousay School, 3.15pm-5.15pm  
→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm
- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Christmas Crafts Workshop, The Craffthub, 7.30pm-9.30pm - **PRE-BOOK**
- Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Introduction to Amigurumi Crochet, The Craffthub, 11.30am-2.30pm - **PRE-BOOK**
- Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Special Refuse Collection  
→ Tai Chi, Rousay School, 3.15pm-5.15pm  
→ SWI, Rousay School, 8pm
- Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Christmas Concert, Rousay School, 2pm  
→ Yoga, Rousay School, 3.30pm-5pm
- Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Mobile Library Van
- Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Yoga, Rousay School, 3.30pm-5pm
- Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>**  
→ Christmas Service, Church Centre, 7.30pm

## YOGA - why not give it a try to see if it suits you?

Two FREE taster sessions are offered.



Dates: 13/12 and 20/12.

Time: 15.30-17.00.

Place: the School.



Bring a mat and a cosy blanket or jumper.

If you want to know more, phone Mary (Yoga teacher) on 850 267 or Eivor on 821 286.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**"Mr Humbug Sees the Light"**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**  
**at the School**  
**All welcome.**



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

### Christmas Eve Service

*A service of readings and carols.*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
December,  
7.30pm,  
Church Centre



### Every Monday [closed for Christmas]

→ Coffee Morning, The Craffthub, 11am-1pm

### Every Tuesday

→ Boxercise, Rousay School, 7.30pm

### Every Wednesday

→ Triangle Club, Church Centre, 10am-1pm

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 7pm

### Every Sunday

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am

To subscribe, or to send in articles for the next edition of the REW Community Newsletter ('The Review'), please contact the Editor:

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**Deadline:** **27 December 2017 (5pm)** - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

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*From the community  
For the community*



The Taversoe  
01856 821 325

### Remembrance Sunday

A huge thank you to everyone that came to The Taversoe following the memorial service on Remembrance Sunday. We raised £90 for the **Poppy Appeal**.



### Taversoe InnQUIZition



Tuesday December  
5<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper



### Taste & Try Evening

12<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm

Rousay School

Competition:  
Best wrapped gift

Advance Notices in January:

### Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 8pm  
(Second Tuesday in January)

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot



### January Closure

The Taversoe will be closed from the New Year until Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, when we will resume our regular winter opening hours.

However during this time we will be open from 7pm on the following evenings: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> (Poker), Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> (InnQUIZition), Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (Poker), and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> (Poker).**

### Winter Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED\*

Wednesday - 5pm to 11pm\*\*

Thursday & Friday - 12pm to 2pm & 5pm to 11pm\*\*

Saturday - 12pm to 11pm\*\*

Sunday - 12pm to 10.30pm\*\*

Food served daily from

12pm to 2pm & 5pm till 9pm (Wed-Sat) and 7.30pm (Sun)

\* We will be open at 6.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month for The Taversoe InnQUIZition

\*\* If The Taversoe is empty at 9pm, we reserve the right to close early

### Ladies who sing in the Hub

Have had regular Thursday evening sessions during the autumn. We will be "ad-hoc" during winter.

Phone Frances 07850064093 for more information.



### Orkney Mobile Library

Next visit:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

### Special Refuse Collections

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

To book, call Orkney Islands Council  
(873535).

### Services

At the Church Centre

11.30am

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Local

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December Local

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December Local

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December Local

All welcome.

HLC

# FATBURN EXTREME

Rousay Community School Hall  
Sunday 11am & Wednesday 7pm

**FREE - ActiveLife & ActiveIslands**  
**50p - Active Budget Members**  
**£3.50 - Non Active Members**



# BOXERCISE®

**TUESDAYS @ 7.30pm**  
Rousay Community School Hall

*If you have not been to Boxercise before it would benefit you the arrive at 7.15pm to run through some of the basics before the class*

**Free for ActiveLife & ActiveIsland Members**  
**50p for Budget Members**  
**£4.25 Standard Session Fee**

*Boxercise is a fun, fast-paced exercise class based on the techniques of boxing  
Participants must be a minimum of 16yrs old*



## Rousay Healthy Living Centre and the Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

### ActiveIslands

ActiveIslands gives access to facilities and activities on **ROUSAY**  
Annual individual membership £150.00  
Annual family membership £210.00

### ActiveLife

ActiveLife gives access to the Orkney Mainland and all  
Healthy Living Centres, on the Mainland and the Islands  
Annual individual membership £234.00  
Annual family membership £354.00

The REWDT board have agreed to pay up to 80% of  
the ActiveLife and ActiveIslands annual membership fee  
under their Well Being Grant Scheme

**Please ensure you apply to the REW DT Grant scheme  
before subscribing to ActiveLife or ActiveIslands**

Once you receive your letter confirming the award, you can  
apply for membership of the scheme you are interested in

The REW DT has an arrangement with OIC to check the extent of the use of memberships purchased  
using REW DT grant funding but will need residents' permission to get this information from OIC



## ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

### Supervised Session Hours

Monday 19:00 - 21:00 \*  
Tuesday 19:00 - 21:00 \*  
Wednesday x x x  
Thursday 19:00 - 21:00 \*  
Friday x x x  
Saturday 16:00 - 17:00  
Sunday x x x

\* The gym closes at 20:15 if empty

### Buddy System Hours

Monday 08:30 - 17:30 \*  
Tuesday 08:30 - 17:30 \*  
Wednesday 08:30 - 17:30 \*  
Thursday 08:30 - 17:30 \*  
Friday 08:30 - 17:30 \*  
Saturday x x x  
Sunday 10:45 - 11:45 \*\*

\* During School Terms

\*\* During Rousay Fatburn Extreme



Keep up to date with our  
Facebook page and groups:  
"Rousay Healthy Living Centre"  
"Rousay Fatburn Extreme"  
"Rousay Boxercise"



### For Sale

Thomas' Vauxhall Astra

£50

Contact Sally or Evan 821383

### Wanted

Does anybody have any old shelves they'd like to sell? Or any old timber that I could use to make bookshelves?

If so please call Richard on 07954 107997 or e-mail richard.irvine@open.ac.uk



### A big 'Thank You'

The Rousay & Wyre Guild would like to thank everybody for their kind generosity when supporting the Eynhallow 30<sup>th</sup> and Pier Restaurant birthday celebrations.

£670 has been passed to the Guild.

We would also like to express our thanks to the Egilsay Community Association who raised £50 from the Collection Team and £80 from the RNLI box.

Everybody's generosity is ensuring the Guild has a great 2017.

Thank You



## Fundraising Report

Rousay Primary School pupils raised

**£56.28** from Market Garden sales,  
**£14.30** from Telephone Directory sales  
**£46** from Bonfire Night  
and  
**£27** for Children in Need-  
thanks to everyone who donated and  
purchased from us!

A special thank you to the  
Egilsay Community Association, who  
donated **£50** to our School Fund.



### Poppy Appeal



A total of **£207.21** has been sent from the school to the Poppy Appeal this year.



The money raised was from:

\* Collection tins at various outlets on Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre  
**£117.21**

\* Taversoe Curry Buffet **£90.00**

*Thanks to all who contributed*





## Rousay Healthy Living Centre

### Christmas OPENING HOURS

Thursday 21st: Gym 19:00-21:00  
 Friday 22nd: CLOSED  
 Saturday 23rd: CLOSED  
 Sunday 24th: FBX -11:00  
 Monday 25th: CLOSED *Christmas Day*  
 Tuesday 26th: Boxercise -19:30  
 Wednesday 27th: FBX -19:00  
 Thursday 28th: CLOSED  
 Friday 29th: CLOSED  
 Saturday 30th: CLOSED  
 Sunday 31st: FBX -11:00  
 Monday 1st: CLOSED *New Years Day*  
 Tuesday 2nd: Boxercise -19:30  
 Wednesday 3rd: FBX -19:00  
 Thursday 4th: Gym -19:00-21:00  
 Friday 5th: CLOSED

Regular hours resume on Saturday 6th

The Gym will be open for the buddy system during Boxercise and FBX



### Post Office

The post office will be closed 24th, 25th, 26th December, and 31st December, 1st and 2nd January, and please note that on Wednesday 27th Dec and Wednesday 3rd Jan the office is only open for the hour (9 to 10 am).

Holders of electricity top up keys please ensure you have sufficient top up to cover 24th - 27th December and again over the New Year closure 31st to January 3rd.

**VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL, FOR  
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR**

### The Taversoe

#### Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve - Noon till 10:30pm \*  
 Christmas Day - Closed  
 Boxing Day - Closed  
 Hogmanay - Noon till 12:00am \*  
 New Years Day - CLOSED  
 January 2nd - CLOSED

Fri 22nd - Open as usual\*\*  
 Sat 23rd - Open as Usual\*\*  
 Sun 24th - Christmas Eve - Open till 10.30pm\*\*  
 Mon 25th - Christmas Day - CLOSED  
 Tue 26th - Boxing Day - CLOSED  
 Wed 27th - Open as Usual\*\*  
 Thu 28th - Open as Usual\*\*  
 Fri 29th - Open as Usual\*\*  
 Sat 30th - Open as Usual\*\*  
 Sun 31st - Hogmanay - Open till 12.00pm\*\*  
 Mon 1st - New Year's Day - CLOSED  
 Tue 2nd - CLOSED

\*\*If the bar is empty at 9pm we reserve the right to close early.

### Tingwall Office



Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	0830-1300 & 1400-1730
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Closed
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	0900-1300 & 1400-1700
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	0900-1300 & 1400-1700
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	0900-1300 & 1400-1700
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Closed
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	0830-1300 & 1400-1730





## The Craffhub

Closing for Christmas  
from Tuesday 19 December



## Rousay Primary School

Last day of term:  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Back to school:  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018



## M.V. Eynhallow

There will be no sailings on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January, and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January .

All other sailings as per timetable.



## REWDT

Closing at 4pm on  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December,  
re-opening Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



*Warm greetings to our neighbours and their families  
this Christmas and into 2018.*

*From Peter, Frances, James, Natasha and young Lyra too.*

## The Review

January 2018 edition

Deadline for articles:

**5pm, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**



**Liz & Ed wish all their friends  
in Rousay a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FROM RICHARD, CLEA,  
AND JAMES AT 5 PIER HOUSES!**



*The Taversoe Wishes You  
a Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year*

*In place of sending Christmas cards,  
this year The Taversoe has made a  
donation to the Triangle Club*

*Season's Greetings to all my friends in  
Rousay. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year.*

*Jenny Mainland*



*Happy Soplstice, and Yule Tide Greetings to Friends and  
Neighbours here on Rousay, on Egilsay, and on Wyre.  
I hope you will all have the kind of holiday which gives  
you pleasure...and that 2018 will be kind to you.  
Sincerely,  
Wendy (Wasdale)*



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

from THE CRAFTHUB

Community Interest Company



## DECEMBER Opening

Monday to Friday 11am to 3.30pm

Closing for Christmas from Tuesday 19 December 2017

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## MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2pm – 4pm

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New Stock for Christmas

Christmas Hampers

New designs from Sourin Textiles

*Festive fun for all the family*

*Santa - £2 per child*

**RAFFLE £1 per ticket**

**Lots of lovely prizes – pop in anytime and get your ticket**

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### COFFEE MORNING

Every Monday – Coffee Morning 11am – 1pm

£2 per session

### CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

All children welcome aged 3 to 11 years

3.20pm to 4.30pm

£3 per session including materials and refreshments

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### WORKSHOPS

#### **AFRAYEDKNOT – Mark Cook**

**Christmas Wreaths** – *Very popular courses run by Mark using discarded rope found on Orkney beaches*

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 11.30am – 2.30pm

Cost of the Course £40 including materials and light refreshments

#### **INTRODUCTION TO AMIGURUMI CROCHET – Murray Stewart**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 11.30am to 2.30pm

Cost of the course £40 including materials – lunch can be provided for £5 extra



**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS workshop - Hilary Byland**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Come and join us for some festive cheer, make a Christmas decoration, or 'why knot' come and decorate your wreaths

Cost of the Course £40 including materials and light refreshments

***REW residents pay £8 – 20% of the total cost of all courses  
the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT***

**2018**

**COFFEE MORNING - starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**BLIDE TRUST – second of four workshops**

**Mindfulness - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Times to be confirmed**

Propagating in the polytunnel (talk)

FREE



***If you are interested in any of the workshops please contact us as soon as possible so we can register your interest and book your place.***



**Wishing everyone a Wonderful Christmas  
and a Happy, Peaceful New Year**

For up to date information on opening times and workshops  
please visit - [www.crafthuborkney.co.uk](http://www.crafthuborkney.co.uk)  
email: [crafthub@btconnect.com](mailto:crafthub@btconnect.com)  
phone: 01856 821455  
go to our Facebook page



## Merry Christmas

The directors and staff would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Office Christmas Closure Dates

To honour our lease agreement, the REW DT & HSO Ltd offices will be closed at 4pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## AGM

Thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> October. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

Special thanks go to Peter, Stacey & Michael from THAW who gave an interesting presentation on the new affordable warmth THAW project, WellBeing Orkney. REWDT are supporting this project to ensure there is resource for our needs in REW. You may have seen the THAW referral form in the Housing Needs Survey a couple of months ago, and we are also inviting referrals to them in our full Community Survey, co-ordinated by Emma Soames. We really want to emphasise the importance of their work, and what it can bring to anyone who is feeling the cold at home, particularly now that winter has arrived. You can contact THAW directly on 878388 or call the DT Office for further details.

## The new board of directors

Every year, one third of all REWDT directors stand down, as do all co-opted directors appointed by the Board during the year. This year, we had five directors apply for re-election, and two new members apply to become REWDT directors. All seven were voted onto the Board at the AGM.

Our new Board comprises: John Garson (Chair), Clare Daintith (Vice-Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Treasurer), Bryan Milner, Eric Shortland, Hilary Byland, Carole Maguire, Stuart Sailor, Christina Cox, Gill Wigley & Alan Odling. Mark Hull has also been re-elected as a co-opted director.

The Board would like to welcome Gill & Alan as our new directors; to thank Diana Compton who stepped down at this year's AGM; thank Bryan for his time as Chair; congratulate John and Clare on their positions; and extend our many thanks to all the REWDT, REWIRED Ltd & HSO Ltd volunteer directors for their continued hard work and support.

## 2016/17 Accounts

The Board is still waiting for the draft accounts from our accountants, once received and Board-approved, these will be available for all to see.

## Fuel at Rousay Stores

The Trust is working with Rousay Stores to reduce fuel costs in REW. Contact Alan or visit the Shop for more details.

## Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks

Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks have sent a copy of their Marine Licence between Rousay and Westray to the Office. The notice advertising the application and the public consultation period of 28 days was published in The Orcadian on 9<sup>th</sup> November. They have asked the REWDT to make this document available to members of the public at The Manse, until 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. If you would like to read this document, please contact the REWDT Offices, to arrange a convenient time to call in.

## REWDT Car Club

The Car Club Car is available for booking for as little as 1 hour (only costs £2.50) or for as long as you need (a whole day, 24 hours, is only £18.00).

Full details, including application forms, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Terms and Conditions are available from the Trust's Offices, or from our website.

## Free Swim Sessions

The DT is offering free swim sessions for all residents at the Pickaquoy Pool in Kirkwall. If you would like to take up this offer **and do not have an Active Life membership**, you must have a valid swim card. Please contact us for more information on how to get your free swim card.

Ask us for more information on the following things the Trust offers:

REWDT  
Free  
Swimming  
Sessions



### Free rechargeable/ solar-powered lanterns

Distributed by Islands View Surgery. Contact the Nurse (821 406) or Anne (821 265) at the Surgery.

Orkney  
age Scotland Here2Help

Traditional home help service - regular help with a range of household tasks, at a subsidised rate.

**Grant Schemes**  
General Grants,  
Driving Lessons,  
Educational Bursaries,  
and Wellbeing

### Car Club

Contact us  
to join!



## Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

- General Grants
- Bursaries (*for nationally recognised qualifications only*), up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period)
- Driving Lessons (*via a recognised driving school - this funding will be available for 2016/17 only*), up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period)
- Wellbeing (*this covers all sporting, craft, art and other non-certified learning and general wellbeing courses/workshops/events*) and *is for individuals and groups, up to 80% or £500 (maximum of £1,500 in any 5-year period)*

For a grant application form, please go to our website or contact the Office.

All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the training/event/payment due date, whichever is earliest, as well as a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date. This is to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The next Board Meeting is planned for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## Contact Us

Telephone: 01856 821 229

E-mail: [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org)

Website: [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)



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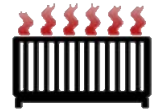
**Office Drop-In Times:** 10am to 12 noon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - contact us to arrange an appointment outwith these times  
**Free Wi-Fi access** (plus access to a laptop and printer) is available to use at the Trust Office during office drop-in times.

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Registered Office: The Manse, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PR





Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

***DIVERTING UNUSED RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO AFFORDABLE HEATING***

For more information or to join the project contact us:

Phone: **01856 821277**

Email: **info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk**

Alternatively, learn about our progress on **Facebook** by searching **Heat Smart Orkney** and on the web at **www.rewdt.org/HSO**



## Heat Smart Orkney Ltd. (HSO Ltd.)

### Director Vacancies



HSO Ltd has two vacancies on their Board of Directors.

Do you want to make a difference to your community?

Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

If you would like to be involved in this exciting and high-profile project to use the curtailed power from the Community 900kW turbine to reduce fuel poverty on our isles, we would be happy to hear from you. If you want more information, please feel free to contact the staff who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Closing date is Friday 05 January 2017 at 5 p.m.

Registered Office: The Manse, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PR.

Telephone: 01856 821229. E-mail: info@rewdt.org

## Rousay Stores Ltd.

### Opening Hours

Monday (\*) - 11.00 – 17.30

Tuesday – CLOSED

Wednesday (\*) – 11.00 – 17.30

Thursday 11.00 – 17.30

Friday – 11.00 – 17.30

Saturday – 11.00 – 14.00

Sunday – CLOSED

**(\*) PLEASE NOTE DUE TO FERRY TIMES IT MAY BE NEARER 11.30**

- Fresh and frozen products available.
- Gas, Coal, Peat, Wood, Petrol, Diesel.

- Order and delivery service available.

- Save yourself the ferry and transport costs come and see me.

- Egilsay and Wyre Ordering Service Available – Collect from boat.

- Always Happy To Help –

- Any Questions please contact -

Alan direct – 01856 821365, Mob / Text – 07415411834

Follow us on Face Book.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS.**

### New Fuel Prices

*As a vital service to the islanders and to continue to provide a quality service, working with the support of the REWDT we are able to provide Petrol & Diesel at a much cheaper rate which is in line with town prices.*

*Please ask for more details.*



From the community  
For the community



*From the community  
For the community*

## Getting Online for the Over Fifties



This is a very helpful free service which has been set up to encourage and help slightly older folk to get online. The main focus of the club is to offer a friendly service where Clare Daintith will help you get online. This can involve many issues, big or small on iPads, Hudls, Kindles, Smartphones, any other tablets and general laptop usage.

If anyone from Rousay Egilsay and Wyre would like some IT Support in their own home, so you can hit the online shopping for Christmas, keep in touch with family and friends or to set up internet banking and any other online issues please give Clare a call on 01856 821287.

Clare will be setting up a monthly drop in computer club at the Manse with refreshments and baked goods and the internet. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Clare know. Dates are still to be confirmed and will be advertised in the Review.



### Sail into the New Year with an old calendar

Remember the halcyon days when governments were willing to fund vessels for Orkney's internal ferry fleet? Did you save a 1990 calendar to commemorate the arrival of the new *Earl Sigurd* and *Earl Thorfinn* and the departure of the old *Orcadia*? Or, indeed, did you save a calendar to celebrate the *Orcadia* coming into service in 1962? If you did, never mind that the current Scottish Government refuses to cough up the cash for new ferries, because at least you won't be needing to cough up any cash for a new calendar for 2018.

King George V was the first British monarch to send congratulatory telegrams to centenarians, as he surely will have to Barbara Peace in 1923 (born Wilson at Skail in Sanday). She celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in England, so maybe the relatives remaining in Orkney retained that year's calendar as a consolation. If they still have it, it can be a consolation again, as they won't now need to purchase a 2018 one.

The King started this telegram tradition in 1917, the same year as he came to Orkney to view the British Grand Fleet in Scapa Flow—an event worthy of preserving a calendar for. Hang it on the wall in 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the interning in Scapa Flow of the German High Seas Fleet.

If it's the Second World War you are more interested in, the 1945 calendar stored among your "victory" memorabilia can be brought back into use again in 2018. So can the souvenir 1951 "Festival of Britain" calendar.

Suffering from Brexit blues? Then find the 1973 calendar you put away to mark the UK's accession to the EEC. We may be leaving now, but that calendar will be good for 2018.

Calendars from the last year of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (1900) and the first year of the 21<sup>st</sup> (2001) can adorn the sideboard in 2018, as can calendars from 1906, 1934 and 2007 (which anyone heeding my advice back then will have kept).

1979 was the year Orkney overwhelmingly voted against a Scottish Assembly. Given that UK governments have been more generous with funding our ferries than Scottish ones, maybe you want to put that calendar back on display in the New Year.

Don't forget to hang onto your 2017 calendar for reuse in 2023.

*Dr Stephen Clackson  
West Manse  
Sanday*



### Rousay Post Office

#### Opening Times

Monday	9am-11am	2pm-3pm
Tuesday	9am-11am	2pm-3pm
Wednesday	9am-10am	
Thursday	9am-11am	2pm-3pm
Friday	9am-10am	
Saturday	9am-10am	



### Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Last session before Christmas will be Tuesday 12th December. Until then every Tuesday at the School as normal.

1<sup>st</sup> hour Energy Exercises at 3:15  
2<sup>nd</sup> hour Tai Chi Form at 4:15

£2.50 per hour, come for one or both.

All ages and abilities welcome.



[www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi](http://www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi)



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this.

### Triangle Club

January is 'Get to know you month'



If you have time to spare and would like to meet and chat to people come along to the Triangle Club.

We have need of volunteers to help with setting up or just participating in the games to make up groups for scrabble and cards as well as assisting with outings.

We meet on Wednesdays at the Church Centre on Rousay between 10a.m. & 1.00p.m.

Pop along and talk to the Co-ordinator, Ann Strickland who will be pleased to hear from you.

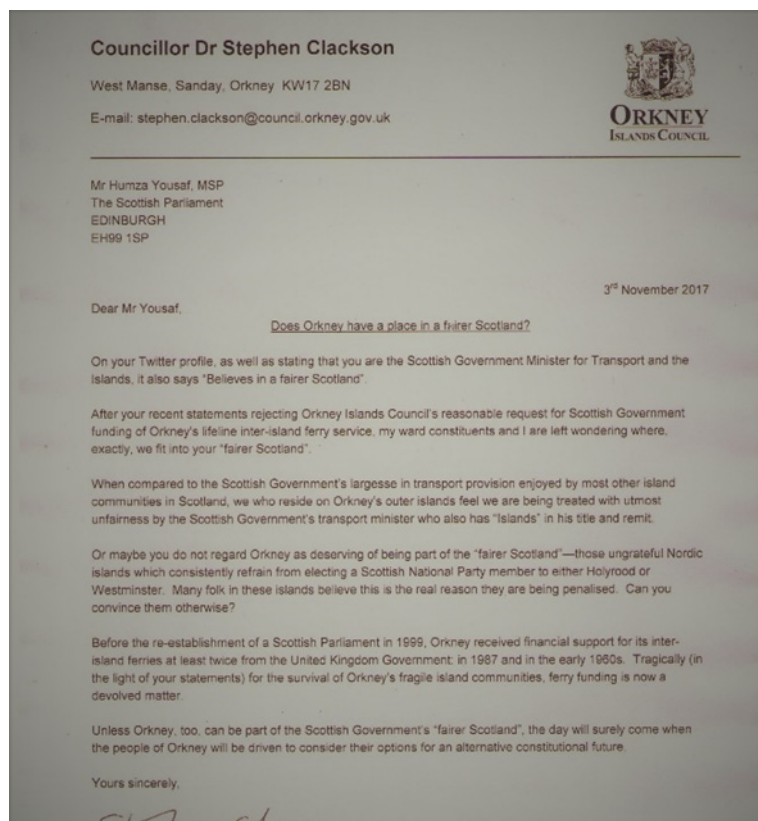


### Building the Guy

"The children and Young People of Rousay worked together to create this amazing guy which took centre stage of the bonfire on the 5th of November 2017. Not only that they all assisted with the food for the evening which went down a treat!"

## Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

In regard to his statements about not funding our ferries (contradictory to his claim to “believe in a fairer Scotland”), I wrote to the Scottish Minister for Transport and the Islands, Mr Humza Yousaf, copying the letter (see below) to each of the political party leaders in the Scottish Parliament and to our own MSP and MP, among others. This was reported in the 9<sup>th</sup> November issue of *The Orcadian* (page 3), following my interview on the subject with BBC Radio Orkney broadcast on “Around Orkney” on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



Although I have received acknowledgements from the offices of some of the party leaders, and a substantive response from Alistair Carmichael MP, I have yet to hear from the Minister himself. I would urge members of the North Isles' public to write their own letters to Mr Yousaf, because the situation for us in the North Isles is going to become dire without the same level of financial support that the Scottish Government is generous enough to lavish on other island groups in their so-called “fairer” Scotland. Agriculture, commerce, food supplies, healthcare, education—all depend on our life-line ferry service.

I have found the last month somewhat “education rich”, with me attending meetings of the Orkney College Management Council (including a self-evaluation workshop); the College Management Council Quality Sub-Group (to which I was recently appointed); the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, plus a meeting with the Director of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy (in my role as OIC's representative on its leadership board). At the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, I enquired, now the University has been granted research-degree-awarding powers, whether academic dress has been designed for the new degrees (e.g. doctorates). I was informed it has been, and my suggestion that an academic-dress identification leaflet be produced for those attending graduation ceremonies was met with enthusiasm.

Other meetings I have been to include: members' sessions (including a political session with our constituency MSP, Liam McArthur); a briefing session on the *Islands Deal*; a seminar on general data protection; a meeting of the Orkney Health & Care Committee, and a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee which concluded its business in only 4 minutes!

It was good to get back into the swing of community council meetings again with attendance at both Sanday's and Shapinsay's, and I was in Stronsay for the AGM of their development trust. In Sanday, I was also involved in the HMIE inspection of Community Learning and Development.

Scottish Natural Heritage gave councillors a presentation on the Orkney Native Wildlife Project, which is concerned with the eradication of stoats from Orkney. On the 20<sup>th</sup> November, I was featured in *Holyrood* magazine's “Politicians & their Pets” with our pet polecat ferret, Haze. She is kept safely indoors, well away from the native wildlife and non-native poultry (though, actually, she prefers to eat pork!).



Stephen