



# The Review

Rousay's Community Newsletter

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## Swelkie

The Space, Rousay

Fri 10th April

Doors - 7:30pm

Music from 8:00pm

An evening of traditional music and songs  
from across Scotland and Northern Europe

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**RNLI Easter Egg Hunt**

Donations to RNLI welcome

Sunday 5th April 2026  
11am

at Rousay Community School  
All welcome!

Tatties and buckets for the Rousay Horticultural Society's 'Tattie in a Bucket' competition will be available to collect at the same time.

Let Alice M or Zoë F know if you can't make it, but would like a tattie/bucket. If you still have your bucket and are not competing this year, please return it to us.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

in the  
**SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**WORK DAYS**  
March 1, 15, 29  
April 12, 29  
1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Bring rakes and garden tools**

THE SPACE, ROUSAY  
SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026 2PM

*a double bill*

IAN HAMILTON FINLAY

# concrete as an ART form

The Boat in the Writing Room (*film*)

Finlay – Jandl – Satie (*performance*)

*The Boat in the Writing Room: retracing the origins of Stonypath, Little Sparta*

Written and presented by Alistair Peebles | Directed by Michael Lloyd  
flyingfilms & Brae Editions, 2025

*Finlay – Jandl – Satie*

Performance by Florian Kaplick  
Piano, spoken word

Admission Free

Donations Appreciated | Proceeds to the Little Sparta Trust  
Interval | Refreshments | Q&A



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## LADIES BADMINTON



WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS

School Hall from 7pm

There will be a cost of £1 to go  
towards the hire of the hall.

We have racquets should you need to borrow one.

## ROUSAY LADIES SPORTS

Throughout April we'll be  
playing Unihoc or Floorball

This is an indoor team sport similar to  
hockey, played with lightweight plastic  
sticks and a hollow plastic ball or puck.

Come join us at 3pm on Sundays.





**Rousay Community Association SCIO**

**Notice of AGM**

**Friday 24th April 2026 at 19:30  
in the Rousay School, Community Room**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes from previous AGM
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Constitution Amendments (if required)
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Upcoming Events
8. Matters Arising
9. AOCB

**ALL CURRENT KEYHOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO ENSURE YOU CAN  
CONTINUE TO BE A KEYHOLDER.**

**Keyholder fire panel training must be renewed annually, so a refresher will take  
place following the AGM.**

Please contact us at the address below if you have any queries:

[rca.scio@outlook.com](mailto:rca.scio@outlook.com)

**Chair: Branwen Bourn**

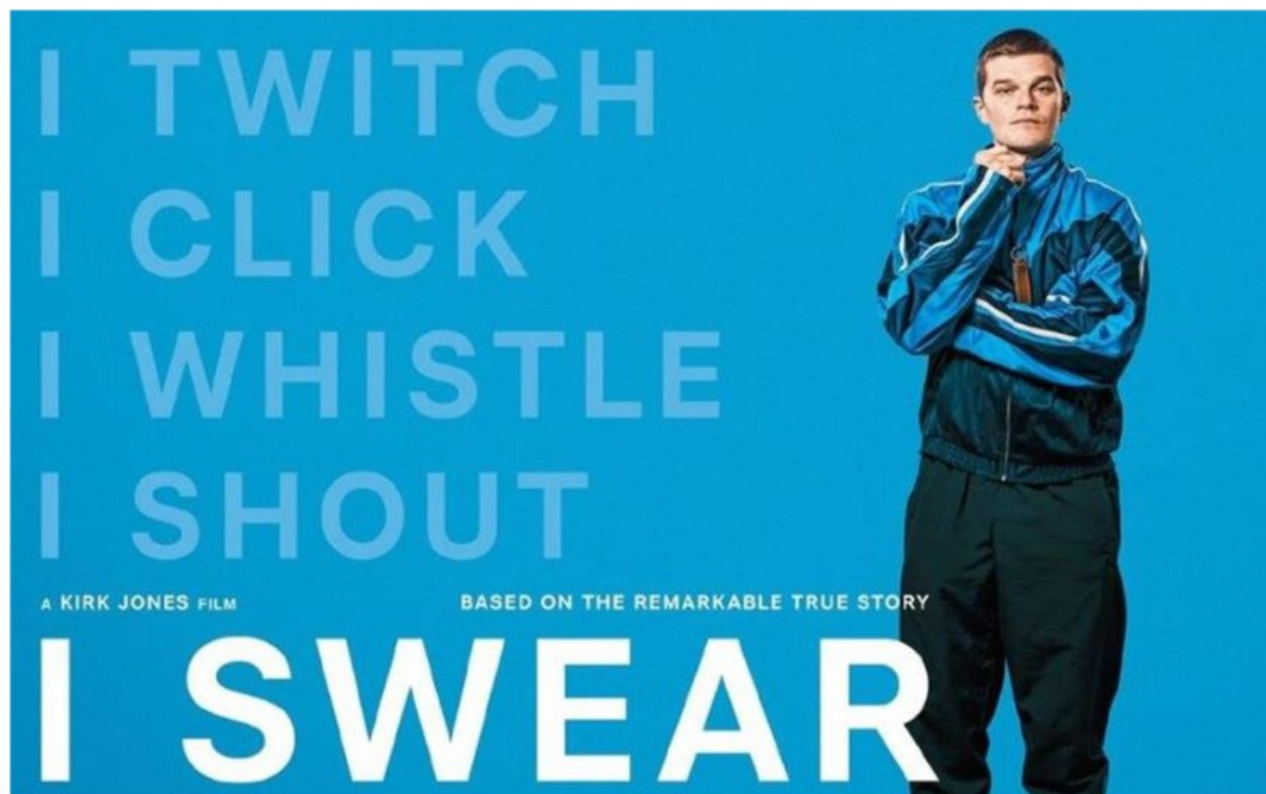
**Vice Chair: Zoë Flaws**

**Treasurer and Booking Clerk: Carey Mainland**

**Secretary: Alice Mainland**

# ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



Diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome at a young age; John Davidson struggled with a condition few people had witnessed or understood.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Rousay School - 8.00pm**

**Cert 15 - 2 hrs**

**Warning:** This film likely contains bad language.

# CRAFTHUB



# AGM



**THE SPACE, ROUSAY**



**SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2:30PM**

Doors open 2pm

Refreshments will be available

There will be the opportunity to discuss and view the Development Plans for both the inside and outside areas of The Space.

[info@crafthuborkney.com](mailto:info@crafthuborkney.com)



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*The SWI is holding an **Open Meeting** on **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** in the **Rousay Community School** at **8pm**.*

*Our guest speaker is PhD student Corinna, who is working on the place names of Eday, Stronsay and Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre. She is studying how places are named, pronounced and the elements that make up that name.*

*Come along to find out more about her research and what she has made of some of the place names of RE&W.*

**Competitions: -**

1. 50-word synopsis of your house name.
2. Bere Bannock.

*Raffle tickets on sale and refreshments provided.*

*Donations on the night.*

*Look forward to seeing you there.*



Tri▲ngle  
Club

# APRIL

**Join Rousay Triangle Club every Tuesday  
from 11am to 2pm in the  
Rousay School Community Room**

**\*NOTE NEW LATER START TIME\***

You don't have to stay for the full day, there are several options to suit everyone's needs and time pressures. We would love to see more people enjoying the Club, in whichever way they can! Everyone and all ages welcome.

**Option 1: Coffee Morning, £3**

Join us from 11am for tea or coffee and biscuits and have a catch up with friends or even meet new faces!

**Option 2: Lunch Special, £7**

Join us at 12.30pm to enjoy a warming veggie soup and sandwich lunch, followed by tea & a homebake. A selection of veggie and meat sandwiches are available.

**Option 3: Full Experience, £7**

Come along from 11am for coffee, biscuits and a chat, option to join in with board games of your choice from 11:30am and enjoy a warming soup and sandwich lunch at 12.30pm, followed by tea & a homebake.



It is essential to let Alice Mainland know each Sunday if you would like lunch for catering numbers:

07552387109 / [alicemnln@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemnln@btinternet.com)

# CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE

## APRIL EVENTS 2026

06, 13, 20,  
27  
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### Pop-up Cafe

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

08, 15, 22,  
29  
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### Musical Wednesdays

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

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### Swelkie - Folk Trio

Doors open 7:30pm, performance starts at 8pm  
Bring your own refreshments. Donations on door

11  
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### Ian Hamilton Finlay - Film & Music

2pm to 4:30pm "Concrete as an ART form"  
Film followed by live music  
Refreshments available

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APR

### Stitch Sunday

2pm to 4pm  
Join us to learn how to use & make the most of your sewing machine.

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### Musical Sunday

2pm - 5pm once a month  
Free music & singing group for all ages & abilities.

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### Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

10:15 - 11:45

26  
APR

### CRAFTHUB AGM

Starting at 2:30pm  
All welcome





**From April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Rousay Pier Store is open every day.**

**Mon-Sat: 9am to 5:30pm**

**Sun: 11am to 4pm**

Over the winter months, the REW Heritage SCIO have added some new exhibits to the Store.

Come and see what's new!



## **ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION**

### **OIC Special Collections for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre**

The next REW Special Collection will take place as follows:

- Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online at: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/our-services/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/special-refuse-collections-households> or by calling 01856 873535.

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

**£2 bus journeys  
in  
Orkney**

Single fares capped at £2 for  
12 months. Ends March 2027.  
Conditions apply.



**April offers**

**Full Facial**

Double cleanse, steam, exfoliate, mask, massage  
and moisturise.

£40.00

Save £10.00

**Mini Facial and Back Massage**

£50.00

Save £10.00

**Deluxe Pedicure**

File and shape, cuticle removal, hard skin removal,  
foot soak and scrub, foot mask, moisturise and  
massage.

£30.00

Save £10.00

For more information or to book an appointment  
please call [07731428809](tel:07731428809)

*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
<i>Relax and unwind with these soothing treatments to ease aches and reduce tension. Choose from Aromatherapy or Swedish Massage.</i>	

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





# ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

## 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.**

\* We may close early if the gym is empty of session users half an hour before the advertised close time.

## BUDDY SYSTEM

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

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



Please check out our various Facebook pages for updates:

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

## ROUSAY GROUP X CLASSES

**WHAT KIND OF CLASSES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SEEING ON THE ROUSAY HLC SCHEDULE?**

**HAVE YOU SAY IN THE POLL AVAILABLE AT THE GYM OR SEND US AN EMAIL OR MESSAGE US VIA FACEBOOK.**



### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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

If you have recently become an Active member please could you contact us to arrange a brief gym safety induction.

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

**Tel: 01856 821 443**

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

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*An epistle of sanity in an increasingly insane world.*

We have set our council tax increase for the financial year 2026/27. The rise will be 6%. Council tax generates 9% of OIC's income (11% if you take out the ferry funding). We agreed to draw on our reserves up to £20,000,000, which will cover 13% of council expenditure. Our rationale is to try to maintain services and quality of life rather than make cuts. And although our council tax level approximates to the Scottish average, we continue to strive to be an above-average local authority.

You have probably noticed that the part-time, light-controlled 20mph speed limit signage around Isles schools has been removed. This was necessary for safety reasons owing to significant defects having been identified with the supporting poles. In order to maintain road safety, a road traffic regulation order was issued in *The Orcadian* of 5<sup>th</sup> March to temporarily implement permanent 20mph speed limits in these areas. As I made clear from the very start of my campaign for Isles children to be afforded the same road safety standards around their schools as children elsewhere, I prefer permanent limits (as in the left-hand photo) over part-time ones (as in the right-hand photo), so I hope these will be retained in the long-term.



Permanent 20mph speed limit outside an English village school in 2015



Part-time 20mph speed limit outside an Orkney island school in 2024

At this juncture, I would like to take the opportunity to quash the fake news that has been circulating in the Isles that agricultural vehicles are not permitted to drive through permanent 20mph zones. This is completely untrue. The only restriction applying to agricultural vehicles in 20mph zones is that their speed must not exceed 20mph, the same restriction that applies to any other vehicle. I request the originator of this rumour please to desist from spreading misinformation which only serves to undermine safety for everyone on our island roads.

Meetings I have attended in Kirkwall this month include: a budget-setting consolidation seminar, the Policy & Resources Committee meeting where we actually set the budget, and the General Meeting at which we ratified our decision; pre-meeting and meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board; a joint transport meeting with members of North Ronaldsay and Papay community councils about Phase 2 of our Ferry Replacement Programme; and a public sector reform briefing session.

In the Isles, I participated in person at the meeting of Sanday Community Council.

I was invited to Shapinsay's "Community Get-Involved Day" at which residents and guests worked on the island's Local Place Plan and contributed through workshops their ideas on social life, community, regeneration, local economy, housing, future sustainability, community facilities, and recreation. These workshops gave me the opportunity to learn more about the needs and aspirations of the islanders and to proffer some of the knowledge and experience I have of other island communities in the North Isles ward. There were stands set up in the school hall for drop-in sessions, and Shapinsay Community Council kindly allowed me a corner of their table for one of my own (see the photograph on the right), where I was able to converse with ward constituents on matters concerning them, pass on my contact details, hand out "MyOrkney" cards, and distribute copies of my *Letter from School Place*.

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

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*Letter from School Place* is also available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)



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