

EGILSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter March 2017

YOUR ISLAND YOUR CHOICE (YIYC) – FUNDING

Egilsay Community Association were successful in their application to YIYC for
Travel and Welfare Fund
Enhancing the profile of Egilsay Amenity

This means that we can allocate £200 per household to help with travel costs. This applies to the 8 permanent residential properties on Egilsay

- Weyland
- The Manse
- South Tofts
- Midskail
- Whistlebrae
- Warsett
- Cott
- Kirbist

Each household has a maximum of £200 that can be used for travel expenses in Orkney (this is in addition to inter-isle passenger tickets available through the Community Council and the books of passenger tickets allocated by Egilsay Community Association)

If you would like the Association to purchase a book of 20 vehicle tickets (up to 5 metres) on your behalf please give a member of the committee your name and vehicle registration. All other travel expenses will be reimbursed on receipt of **proof of payment**. Claims can include, ferry tickets, taxi fares, bus fares.

The remainder of the grant is being used to purchase items for the community association and to cater for several large groups of visitors that are expected this year.

LIAM MCARTHUR SURGERY 6TH APRIL 2.45 TO 3.15PM

Liam McArthur MSP will be holding a surgery on 6th April – Everyone welcome – no appointment necessary – just drop in

MAGNUS 900

April 15th – The event on Egilsay has been widely publicised and further details of this and subsequent events can be found on the www.Magnus900.co.uk website – here is a summary of the event being held on Egilsay

Saturday 15 April

Re-enactment of the martyrdom of Magnus (Please note this event is now full due to ferry capacity- if you would like your name to be placed on a reserve list please [contact us](#))

We begin the weekend with a special opportunity to visit to the island of Egilsay, the place of Magnus' martyrdom. The visit will begin with a short moment of prayer at the St Magnus memorial cairn before volunteers lead a re-enactment of the martyrdom. Guests are invited to participate in the script in support of either Magnus or Hakon whilst the Mayfield Singers perform a number of special musical elements at St Magnus Church. If you would like to play a part in the event then find out more by contacting Ragnhild.Ljosland@uhi.ac.uk at the Centre for Nordic Studies.

The Egilsay community will be providing light refreshments and there will be the opportunity to have a go at some viking inspired games and to further explore the island.

Important event information:

- Ferry departs Tingwall 08:40 and returns to Tingwall at 14.30
 - These events are free of charge however Ferry tickets must be booked and paid for in advance by calling Orkney Ferries on 01856 872044 (Tingwall – 751360) stating 'Magnus 900'
 - Please note ferry tickets are very limited
 - Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing
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If anyone is available and can lend a hand on the day – please just come along – your help will be much appreciated.

ST MAGNUS CHURCH TRACK

A contractor from Rousay has been appointed to resurface the Church track – this will take place in the next couple of weeks in preparation for the first visitors.

The top will be scraped off and new chippings laid

In order to get this done quickly there may be a short period of inconvenience – just so everyone is aware

We have been successful in getting funding from OIC and the Community Council to enable this to happen

BAG THE BRUCK

Egilsay Community Association have applied to take part again in 'Bag the Bruck' 2017
This will run from **Saturday 22nd April to Sunday 30th April** inclusive

This is a good opportunity to clear rubbish that has been washed up on our shore over the winter, clear ditches and bale wrap from fences.

If anyone would like a few bags for their 'own patch' just let a committee member know and we'll get some bags to you.

We have requested 'bag the bruck bags' and these will be sent out in the next couple of weeks

WEBSITE DETAILS

Just key in Egilsay Community Association to your web browser

This is the full Egilsay Community Association website

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/EGILSAY/>

This is the main source of information for Egilsay and the website is updated regularly (this helps the association save on printing costs) – so please check regularly for updates.

Best Wishes and Happy Easter to the Egilsay Community.
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