



Fetlar's electric minibus arrives on the island

Welcome to the Fetlar Community Newsletter Late Summer 2013 edition

Fetlar on TV

Fetlar featured significantly in a BBC country file feature focussing on Shetland. Malcolm Smith from the RSPB was featured promoting their work with the red necked phalarope and Brydon Thomason from Shetland Nature took the crew in search of otters.



Peter Kelly explained the game of Hnefatafl, with some help from a few passing vikings ! The episode aired on the 14th of July.



Peter Kelly takes on Ellie Harrison at Hnefatafl.

Electric minibus

We finally took delivery of our new electric minibus at the end of June. It went to work in July following a period of driver training. the minibus can carry 8 passengers and a driver. It also has full disabled access with space for up to 2 wheelchair passengers.



Visiting Yachts

A visiting yacht enjoying the new berthing facility at Hamars Ness



Fetlar Fun day, a great day out despite the Mist and the powercut ! There was a good turnout both for the walks as well as the activities and demonstrations at the hall.



Huge thanks must go to the SSE engineers who had been battling to remedy faults over Shetland. They got the power on just in time for the evening entertainment, with young at heart Shetland band, Country Rok. Thank you!



Fetlar street cafe !

The fine days during the summer have allowed the cafe to offer "al fresco" dining on occasion!



Hnefatafl World championships

A good turnout of 10 youngsters contested the Junior Championships, with a modest turnout of 4 players for the Adult Championships. There was close competition and fortunes swung back and forth during the round robin style format.

in the adult tournament Amanda Caukwell from Fetlar secured the adult tournament by just a single point. In the Junior competition there was a draw, Ramsay Beattie of Dunrossness and Duncan Burgess of Quendale sharing the honours. the winners are pictured with Peter Kelly, Chairman of Fetlar Hnefatafl panel the organisers. this year the Tournament was sponsored by US company - Sources and Methods Games, who are developing their own variant of the game and incorporating the "Fetlar rules".



Ramsay, Peter, Amanda and Duncan

New Firefighter qualifies.

Sally McIvor recently completed her training as a retained firefighter. Hopefully the local team will be up to full strength soon.



Watch leader, Pete Sawford, Sally McIvor & Team Leader Nic Boxall

"Poly crubs" one step closer..

We are now in the final stages of securing a lease for the polcrubs. As soon as that is completed we will be submitting funding applications for the project

More info on polycrubs at www.nortenergy.co.uk



Polycrubs have a hard twin wall polycarbonate "shell" and use recycled pipe from salmon farms.

Another new house on Fetlar - It could be you...

Peter and Janet Kelly's house gets underway. Bridgette and Colin Thomason's house, completed earlier this year can be seen in the distance. They have also used the firm of Robertson and Read, who have a long association with Fetlar.



Properties Available

For further details on these and any newly available properties visit

www.fetlar.org

Braeside



3 bed cottage with wonderful views out over Papil loch and Wick of Tresta. Also included is the tenancy of a substantial croft.

<http://www.fetlar.org/croft-house-and-assignation-of-tenancy-of-a-croft>

Tresta Cottage



Fully modernised and extended traditional 2 bedroom cottage currently run as a 4 star self catering business. Up to 100Ha of land and buildings available by separate negotiation.

<http://www.fetlar.org/tresta-cottage>

Various crofts and building plots

Midhouse croft approx 14 acres, tenanted.

Aith croft approx 11 acres with portal frame building, tenanted.

Gibb House croft approx 24 acres, stone byre, tenanted.

The Ness croft approx 40 acres, owner occupied.

For further details on the crofts please visit the website.

<http://www.fetlar.org/various-crofts-and-building-plots>

New Fetlar business starts up

Greg's Bespoke Kitchens has been set up by Gregor Klimczyk who has been working for the last few years on the extensive sympathetic restoration of Leagarth House on Fetlar. He now brings the same quality of workmanship and attention to detail into the new business.

<http://gregsbespokekitchens.co.uk>



Do you have a house for sale or rent or a building plot on Fetlar?

If you do, then we can offer you free advertising on our website at www.fetlar.org. Including links to any other online advertising you have.

Please contact Robert at the Development office for details.

With only a few weeks of the 2013 season remaining, the Interpretive has had a good year. There have been regular demonstrations by local craft makers in particular Joanne Bell who has been regularly demonstrating Carding, Spinning and Weaving. Joanne has a number of beautiful crafts on sale but her Shetland ponies or "Russy foals" are fantastic !



Joanne giving a spinning demonstration



Having a go at weaving

Our trial provision of card facilities has helped the sales of craft items and is likely to be extended into next season and beyond. Helping to support our local craft workers. Thanks to grant assistance from Shetland Islands Council we have also been able to offer some additional facilities to visitors such as the new large screen TV showing local footage from years past.

We have also been fortunate to have the current holder of the Guinness world record for "oldest message in a bottle" on display. Courtesy of Andrew Leaper.

We are planning to have electric vehicle charge points in soon and are also planning an open day in early November featuring local crafts which would make great Christmas presents.

Winter clubs and activities

With the nights drawing in, various clubs are starting up again.

Friday nights at 7pm for Badminton

Saturdays from 9pm for the club bar

Film nights will also be starting very soon, as will the Youth club.

For details of whats on check the website at <http://www.fetlar.org/whats-on>

Saturday November 2nd Craft fair at Fetlar Interpretive Centre and at Fetlar hall there will be a car boot/table sale with teas and lunches available in aid of Youth Club

What to look out for in forthcoming issues..

A feature on Bridgette on Colin and Bridgette Thomason's new house at Vealzie, which we had hoped to bring you in this edition.

A special feature on the refurbishment of Leagarth house

Round up of the 2013 Birding and wildlife season

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