

Fetlar

GARDEN OF SHETLAND



Welcome to the December 2011 Fetlar Community Newsletter

Sad news

Every one was deeply saddened to hear that Angela Coutts had passed away at the weekend. Angela was a real Community Champion, being very actively involved in all aspects of Community life. She will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go out to Peter and to the rest of the family.

New residents

Welcome to Kyle, Claire, Maddy & Eden Sylvester who arrived a few weeks ago and also to Andy and Claire Cook who have just arrived at Da Haa. They are expecting a new arrival in the next few weeks, which will take our population up to 80. Our school role is now up to 4.

Festive season events

The Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday the 24th of December from 4.30 pm. The usual Community gathering will take place on the 31st. The Auld Folks Christmas Dinner will be held in the new year. Date to be confirmed.

Fetlar Badminton Club

The club meets on Wednesday and Friday nights from 7-9pm also available are darts, Table tennis and pool. All welcome.

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Despite not holding a championships this year the Fetlar rules are being widely accepted by online players and we hope to have them on the website in the very near future.

Looking back

While compiling this newsletter I was looking back over previous editions. In the Christmas 2009 edition, we were welcoming James & Sarah Smythe and their family and also Frances Hurley who was moving into Stanetaft. It is difficult to believe that was just two years ago! In the March 2010 edition, we were hoping that the contractor would start on the pier in June, with the project to take around a year. In the November edition we announced the contract had finally been awarded, it is now only a few months from completion. In the same edition there was also an article on Joe Jamieson's 80th birthday party which was a fantastic event and will no doubt be fondly remembered for many years to come ! Fetlar has come a long way in the past few years, but we have a long way still to go to achieve our goals. Here's to a busy 2012.

Fetlar School's animations go International!

Fetlar School this year is collaborating with the children in East Falkland. They jointly developed an animated film the "Tale of the trees". Each group has their own soundtrack to the movie featuring local people from each place. The Southern hemisphere Premiere was on the 14th of December and the Northern hemisphere one took place a few days later on the 16th. It was, as usual, a brilliant effort by the school and we look forward to many more in future. DVD copies are available from Fetlar school priced £5.00. For more details visit www.fetlar.org/news

Housing

New houses are starting to spring up. Colin and Bridgette's foundations are in and they hope to have builders on site in the new year. Monte Brinsley is moving ahead quickly with his plans for building a house at Gardie. All going to plan the Lamonds will also be getting their plans for Baelagard on paper soon.

These new builds, along with some houses being refurbished, could easily see us increasing the population to over 90 within the next 1-2 years. However, after that there will be a challenge to get more housing here. Lets hope our Gateway housing project is successful.

Development plan

Following the consultation I am drawing up a draft of the new plan which will be available for comment in early 2012. Thank you to everyone who came along to the 8 'o' clocks and so enthusiastically contributed to the discussions and also to those who have contributed since. There will be a public meeting in January where the draft plan can either be approved or final changes agreed.

Fetlar Makers group

The group had their first meeting on the 12th and there was a good turnout. No doubt we will hear much more from them over the coming months.

Christmas Services in the Chapel.

24th Dec Carol Service 3pm.
24th Dec - Midnight Mass 11.30pm
26th Dec Boxing Day Sung Mass 0945
31st Dec Watch Night Service 11.30pm

Cafe 2012

Are you interested in working in the cafe in the summer season of 2012? If so, please register your interest with Robert at the Development office. More details will be available in early 2012.

Properties Available

Gord, Houbie

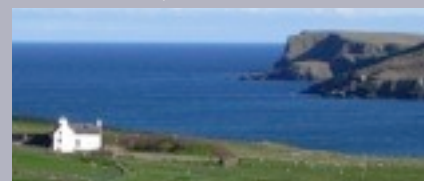


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Christmas Holidays

The development office will be closed from 22nd December reopening on 5th of January 2012.