

# Fetlar

GARDEN OF SHETLAND



*Exploring the coastline of Fetlar by Kayak*

## Welcome to the Fetlar Community Newsletter June 2011 edition

### Latest News..



**999** not a number often called from Fetlar thankfully, but recently, a fire in a contractors JCB meant a call was made to bring out the local Retained Fire Fighters. The fire had been tackled initially by the contractors using a hose from a nearby house. It was soon extinguished by the local Fire Service.



Thankfully there was no one in the digger when it took fire and no one was hurt.

### **A warm welcome**

To Bill, Mandy and Jonty who have recently moved to Fetlar and are currently staying in Gambligarth while they refurbish Mid House at North Dale.

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# A peerie taste of Fetlar - 17th to 19th June

## Friday 17th June

10.45 - 5pm **Fetlar cafe** open, offering a range of delicious food focusing on dishes including local Beef, Lamb and Pork. Dishes planned are restit mutton soup, Steak pie, Hot pot, Chicken curry and sweet and sour pork.

11.30am - 3.30pm The Guided walk on Archeology with Chris Dyer, has regrettably had to be **cancelled**

1pm - 4pm **RSPB Guided walk focusing on local wildlife** starting from Funzie loch car park. Bookings Tel 01957 733246 or 07721 918764

Cost £2 RSPB members £5 non members

## Friday evening

7.30pm - 11pm Under 18's **disco with Kaleidoscope**. Admission £1.00 free burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

## Saturday 18th June

11am - 2pm **Climbing with Climb Shetland**. booking essential as number of places very restricted. A good standard of fitness is required. For more details and to book Tel Pete Sawford on 07771 825342

11am - 7.30pm **Fetlar cafe** will be focussing on local seafood and offering a chance to try traditional shetland dishes such as crapin, alongside more modern dishes such as fish pie fish lasagna and traditional and thai style fish cakes. We also hope to have queen scallops, gravadlax and a selection of other fish but all dishes are subject to availability. The hall bar will be open from approx. 1pm.

2pm - 5pm **Guided walk on Geology** with Robina Barton. starting from the geowall at Funzie. Bookings to 01595 694688 cost - free



2pm **Fetlar festival of film** starts with a screening of 'Lowrie dines at Hillsook' followed by Shetland Moving Image Archive Group, showing a selection of old Shetland films. (see back cover for full details)

## Saturday evening

**Fetlar Cafe** open, last orders are 7.30pm

There will be an informal **music session at the hall** with local musicians and anyone who fancies a tune.

## Sunday 19th June

**Fetlar festival of film** will resume on Sunday from 11.30am approx. and will be showing films through until 7pm. For further details see back cover for details remail [robert@fetlar.org](mailto:robert@fetlar.org)

Noon - 3pm **RSPB Guided walk focusing on local wildlife** starting from Funzie loch car park. Bookings Tel 01957 733246 or 07721 918764 £2 rspb members £5 non members

Noon - 3pm **Fetlar cafe** will be serving a carvery lunch, bookings essential.



Carvery £11.50 Adults, £7 bairns, under 5 free  
Soup of the day £3 , pudding - £3

Bookings for Carvery are highly recommended, to book please Tel 01957 733369

Tea, coffee and cakes available from 3pm to 4pm.

## Transport

As well as the dial a ride, there will also be a 16 seat minibus available to offer not only an additional ferry pick up service, but also to provide transport around the island, on all the three days. If you are visiting and would like to make use of the minibus service, prior notice would be helpful especially for larger groups. Tel 01957 733369

## Craft and Produce

For anyone with crafts or produce to sell the Cafe is an excellent outlet and this weekend should prove a great opportunity.

# Fetlar Growing and Composting Project

Members of the group visited Northmavine to view the "hard shell" polytunnels which are being made there. These were thought to be perfectly suitable for use on Fetlar. They are currently confirming locations prior to submitting a funding application.

## Campsite

The Council have recently completed some minor upgrades to the interior of the building at the campsite including work to the shower areas and new surrounding to sinks.

## Fetlar Cafe



The cafe opened on the 9th of May and has been running daily since then.

It is open 7 days a week from 11am to 4pm Monday to Friday and from 12 to 4pm on Sundays. New to the cafe for this year are Paninis. (pictured left) Available in both plain or herbed varieties.

The Cafe will be open extended

hours and will be offering an extended menu for the "peerie taste of Fetlar" event. Please see page 2 or [www.fetlar.org](http://www.fetlar.org) for more details

## Pier and breakwater

The contractors are getting ahead well with the job and initial materials have already arrived ahead of workers from the Malakoff who will be building the berthing facility.

## Fetlar School

The school is due to reopen fully after the summer holidays. Paul is due back in mid August from his year away among the penguins on the Falkland islands. He will take up his role as principal teacher from August. I'm sure he'll be delighted as he reported that they were starting to get snow.

## Phalaropes

The red necked phalaropes are back again, these rare UK visitors were first sighted around the 22nd of May. Hopefully the measures taken by the RSPB in cooperation with local crofters will see them back for many years to come

## Properties Available

### Houll, Fetlar



Contact :

Dowle, Smith & Rutherford

Tel 01595 695583

[www.d.s.r.co.uk/property/houll.htm](http://www.d.s.r.co.uk/property/houll.htm)

### Daa Haa, Funzie



Contact:

Tait & Peterson Solicitors

Tel 01595 693010

<http://www.tait-peterson.co.uk/property/funzie/funzie.htm>

### Gibbs House, Aith, Fetlar



Contact:

Laura Baisley on 01957 702016

Further properties are likely to become available. Please check the website [www.fetlar.org](http://www.fetlar.org) for updates to property availability or phone the Development Worker on 01957 733369

## Articles for the newsletter

Do you have an article or pictures that you would like included in the next newsletter due out in August? If you do please contact Robert at the Development office. We would love to hear from you

# Fetlar Festival of Film

As part of a peerie taste of Fetlar. Fetlar festival of film will be showing a range of films over the Saturday and Sunday.

## **Saturday starting at 2pm**

The festival opens with the film Lowrie dines in Hillsook (Cert U). Based on the story by Joseph Gray it was made by Yell Film and Video Group as a project.

This will be followed at approx. 3.15 by Shetland Moving Film Archive with a selection of Shetland films from last century. Rovedehorn - a 13 minute film recalling the Norwegian Government's gift of a car ferry to Shetland. Including footage of the ferry's visit to Yell. From 1936 a 9 minute silent film on sheep dipping. A 15 minute 1945 silent film on sheep shearing, spinning and carding as well as knitting of the wool. Shetland scenes from 1956, 11 minutes, including a man making cowskin rivlins, fishing in Lerwick and Skerries lighthouse.

Then a 15 minute break followed by:  
The Fair Isle - A nineteen minute amateur film from 1951 detailing the work of the Fair Isle Bird Observatory, the mail boat, the

laboratory, bird trapping, ringing, catching fulmars, etc. Up Helly Aa festival 1949. A silent film 6 minutes long. Vikings of Shetland - A ten minute film from 1969 with sound. Finishing with - Snowy Owls of Shetland - In 1967 the first breeding record of snowy owls was recorded in Fetlar. The RSPB decided to mount a 24 hour guard and this film is a record of that highly successful operation. A 9 minute film with sound.

## **Sunday- starting 11.30am**

Starts with the Pixar Film - Toy Story 3 (Cert U)

1330 approx. The Edge of the World (Cert U) made by Michael Powell and filmed mainly on Foula in the 1930's

1500 approx. The Kings Speech (Cert 12), multi oscar winning British film by director Tom Hooper

17.10 approx. Local Hero (Cert PG) the timeless classic made by Director Bill Forsyth  
Finish time approx 1900.

There will be no fixed charge for the films but donations are welcome.

## **WHATS ON IN FETLAR**

Saturday night social at the hall from 9pm every week.

A Peerie Taste of Fetlar - A range of events from 17th -19th June, see details below

Saturday 2nd of July Fetlar Dog Trials - contact - Isla Thomason on 733202

Saturday 6th August Hnefatafl World championships - contact Peter Kelly

looking for whats on info for the whole North Isles, contact the community Work office for inclusion on their mailing list or online at <http://www.shetland.gov.uk/communitywork/northisles/>

## **Fetlar Development plan**

An update to the existing plan is currently being undertaken. If there is something that you feel should be included in the new plan please get in touch with Robert at the Development office as soon as possible.

There will be a public event to review the draft of the revised plan in the not to distant future. Details of the meeting will be posted locally.

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