



Work is now well underway on the new breakwater and pier at Hamars Ness

Welcome to the Fetlar Community Newsletter March 2011 edition

Fetlar Pier and Breakwater - its underway !

Contractors FLJ are making impressive progress on the new breakwater at Hamars Ness. the breakwater already extends around 120m seawards and although not yet at full height is now beginning to offer the ferry some shelter.



Above- Josie Simpson cuts the first turf at the new breakwater and pier project.

The target completion date of the end of the year appears realistically achievable at the current rate of progress. The construction was started in earnest on the 13th of december

2010 following a turf cutting session by Chairman of the SIC Development Committee and Chair of Fetlar Working Group Josie Simpson. Only minutes later after the official party had cleared the site, work began.



Above - All systems go ! Under direction of contractor Frank Johnson, work on excavating the site begins.

Latest News

LEADER funding has just been approved for Shetland Telecom to run a Next Generation broadband trial in Fetlar. The three year trial will result in homes and businesses in Fetlar getting speeds of about 25Mbps over a wireless network.

For all the latest exclusive information why not also consider signing up for the newsletter from Between Weathers, the film due to be shot mainly on Fetlar, this summer. www.betweenweathers.com

News from Paul Gill in the "Deep Sooth"

It has all been go here at 52 degrees south. Since arriving in August 2010 I have been quite busy down in North Arm. We even made a Christmas film with Goose Green school. It was rather like being in Fetlar except with more pupils to work with!!



250000 penguins on Salisbury Plain, South Georgia

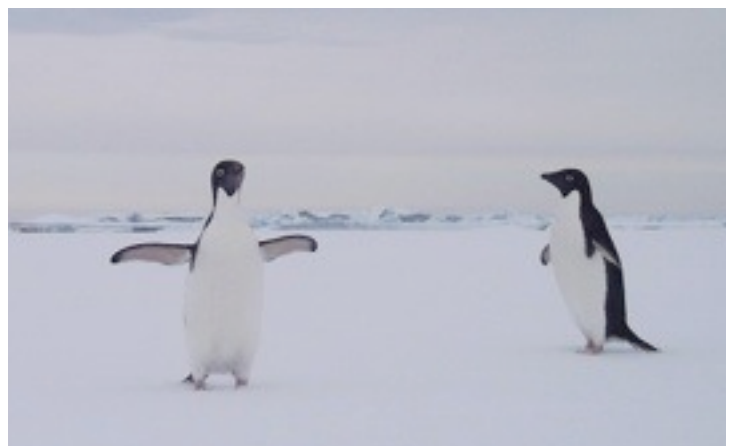
As it is now approaching the end of summer, I have just enjoyed my long summer holiday. It was odd to spend Christmas in the sun & I enjoyed going on holiday to Antarctica & even South Shetland.



ice seal - seen on a RIB cruise on its own iceberg. Sadly, we didn't land on South Shetland due to high winds and a lack of a breakwater & berthing facility!



Hopefully this won't be a problem in Fetlar from next year!"



*Top - We landed by RIB where the ship couldn't berth
Middle - Adelie penguin on an iceberg
Bottom - Old whaling station in South Georgia
Left Bottom - Seals -playing about 8 feet away*

Fetlar Growing and Composting Project

Following the Community Consultation a sub group of Fetlar Developments are looking at the views of the Community and will be developing a new project to take forward. If you are interested in helping, please look out for details of meetings which will be posted locally in the shop.

Gateway Housing Project

The potential site for the new Gateway Housing Project has been confirmed following the consultation process with the community as the field adjacent to the Fire Station. This and the site at Tresta were both very close in levels of support.

Community Office offers support to local groups

The North Isles Community Office, based in Mid Yell Leisure Centre, provides free support to community groups to help them develop community projects and apply for funding. The two community work officers, Julie Thomson and Helen Bradley, are planning to make a visit to Fetlar on Saturday the 9th of April to meet some of the Fetlar community and to provide some more information on the sorts of help that are available. They will be at the Fetlar hall between 1pm and 4pm to answer any questions that folk might have and to provide advice. They're looking forward to meeting any new folk and hope to see you there!

Fetlar cafe



For the 2011 season we are again hoping to run the cafe from mid May until the end of August. Fetlar Developments is looking for people who would be interested in working in the cafe for the

summer. All staff at the

cafe are required as a minimum to hold a basic food hygiene certificate, training may be available if required. A sound practical knowledge of food preparation is required, as is the ability to work unsupervised. If you are interested in full or part time work please get in touch with Marie Hallam.

Properties Available

Gibbs House, Aith, Fetlar



Contact:

Laura Baisley on 01957 702016

Houll, Fetlar



Contact :

Dowle, Smith & Rutherford

Tel 01595 695583

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>

Please check the website for updates to property availability www.fetlar.org

Brough Lodge Trust

Before repair works begins in April, Brough Lodge Trust are aiming to have a salvage squad remove any items or artifacts on the weekend of 19th/20th March. This was originally planned for earlier in the year but had to be cancelled due to the weather. they would welcome all volunteers from Fetlar and further afield to help with this under the supervision of professionals.

WHATS ON IN FETLAR

Every Saturday night - Dancing at the hall starting at 8pm

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

Saturday 19th March Dance night at the hall with Yell dance club

April 30th Shetland Folk festival concert at the hall - tickets available from the Shetland Folk festival Committee <http://www.shetlandfolkfestival.com/> or Tel 01595 694757

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

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/>

“A peerie taste of Fetlar” Taking place between Friday 17th and Sunday 19th June 2011, will be made up of a collection of small events and activities which will give anyone visiting a little flavour of the island. As well as showing off our excellent local produce it will give visitors a chance to explore the islands wonderful wildlife, extensive Archeology and fascinating Geology, accompanied by experts in each field. Providing a rare opportunity to access such rich experiences of all three in a single weekend.



The hall will be the focal point for the weekend with locally themed meals available everyday over the three days. On Friday the guided walks are likely to begin but this is yet TBC. At night an under 18's disco is planned for the hall

On Saturday there will be walks and at night an informal music “session” is planned for the hall following on from

either a BBQ or a “Specials” night at the cafe depending on weather etc.

On the Sunday there is a Carvery lunch planned along with a craft fair /farmers market. Making use of our new projector and screen it is planned to hold a mini festival of film on Sunday with a wide mix of old and new productions, with something hopefully to attract all age groups. A draft

programme is being circulated locally with the newsletter for feedback and possible additions. If you want to know more or would like to get involved, contact Robert at the Development office. More detail soon on www.fetlar.org



www.fetlar.org - Online Shop

FDL will be opening an online shop on the website in the very near future. Initially stocking books and CD's with a local flavour it will also offer an opportunity to local craft workers to sell online. If you would be interested contact Robert at the Development office

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