



*Fetlar hall was busy all day during the auditions for "Between Weathers"*

## Welcome to the Fetlar Community Newsletter October 2011 edition

### Its our 10th edition !

**Since the last newsletter** our population has increased again. A warm welcome to Katy Jackson, Michelle, Dion & Nicole Blackburn, Ray and Laura Nicholls and a warm welcome back to our teacher Paul Gill after a year away in the Falkland Islands. This brings our population up to 72 with another family of 4 due towards the end of this month.

**Fetlar Development plan**, we are planning an 8 'o' clocks for **Saturday 22nd October** when we hope lots of you will come along and help advise on what your priorities are for Fetlar.

Of course there will be a fabulous Fetlar 8 'o' clocks with Soup and bannocks, as well as tea and fancies. Doors will open from around 6.30 and we hope to get finished buy around 9.15 when the bar will be open. There are more details on page 3.

**Bob Leaper** our long serving postie has finally retired after many years of dedicated service. We all wish Bob well for a long and enjoyable retirement, and a promising, fledgling movie career !

As well as Bob we would also like to congratulate islanders Rachael Boxall, Isla Thomason, Sarah & Jade Smythe, Mandy Caukwell, & Christian Houghton on successfully auditioning for parts in

the movie Between Weathers. Visit [www.betweenweathers.com](http://www.betweenweathers.com) for all the latest news on the movie.

### Fetlar has been on TV !

The one show was on Fetlar during July to catch up on Fetlar's progress since they were last here four years ago. They were also following the auditions for The film Between Weathers which is to be shot on Fetlar next year, all going well. Presenter Dominic Littlewood hosted the two features on BBC1's the one show which were shown last month. Since the show there has been a considerable increase in enquiries about Fetlar.



*Dom Littlewood and BBC film crew outside audition room*

Fetlar is probably the first location in the North Isles to offer 24/7 access to drinks and snacks !  
The vending machine located at Hamars Ness waiting room is proving very popular with everyone

## HANDMADE IN FETLAR

*Calling all knitters, stitchers, spinners, weavers, painters, jewellers, carvers, quilters, sculptors, artists, card-makers...*

**We would like to expand the quantity and range of crafts that we sell at Fetlar Interpretive Centre for next season. We will also be increasing the amount of display space available for craft sales within the Centre. So this is an early call to all craft makers in Fetlar to start thinking ahead about what items you might wish to make to offer for sale in the Centre for the 2012 season.**

Having a strong local Fetlar identity is important to craft-makers and craft-buyers alike, so we will be promoting craft sales under the name of **HANDMADE IN FETLAR**. Traditional and contemporary craft items are welcome.

Fetlar Interpretive Centre's 2012 season starts on 1st May. Ideally, craft items should be ready for submission towards the middle / end of April 2012 to give us enough time to prepare our sales displays before we welcome our first visitors of the new season.

Four good reasons...

- The maker sets his or her own price for items. The price you wish to charge is your decision.
- You tell us the price you would like to receive for each item. Fetlar Interpretive Centre then adds a modest commission to each price. The ticket price shown and charged to customers in Fetlar Interpretive Centre includes this small commission. Each craft item sold then earns its maker the full price that he or she set, plus the added commission included in the ticket price generates a little income for Fetlar Interpretive Centre.
- Craft items are accepted on a 'sale or return' basis, so that items that do not sell can be returned to their maker at the end of the season.
- Don't be shy! Selling your crafts could be a good way of earning some extra income. If you have not sold your handcrafts before, why not start by offering some items for sale through Fetlar Interpretive Centre?

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## FETLAR MAKERS' GROUP



There are a lot of creative people in Fetlar who are involved in making all kinds of arts and crafts and I wondered if anyone would be interested in getting together in a Fetlar Makers' Group? I was thinking of something quite informal where we might get together, say once a month, to meet up, chat, support each other, show our works in progress, perhaps share skills and maybe even work on one or two joint projects.

If this sounds like the kind of thing you might be interested in, please contact Katy on 01957 733284 or e-mail: [katyjackson@btinternet.com](mailto:katyjackson@btinternet.com).

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# "Poly crubs" for growing

We are seeking funding for at least an initial few on the industrial estate near the firestation. Please contact Robert if you have not expressed an interest before.

More info on polycrubs at [www.nortenergy.co.uk](http://www.nortenergy.co.uk)



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

## Everyone on Fetlar is cordially invited to a Community 8 'o' clocks on Saturday the 22nd October

I hope you will all accept this invitation as it will be a great chance to meet everyone for a natter and perhaps the odd fancy !

Over the course of the night we would like to get your views about the future path for Fetlar's development as we have already achieved or are close to achieving some of the things we set as priorities such as the pier and breakwater.

There will be a splendid 8 'o' clocks we soup, bannocks and flesh as well tea, coffee and fancies.

There are a number a number of topics which I hope can be discussed during the night, such as ferry provision and timetables as well as housing, transport, entertainment and all the other things required for day to day life. The hall will be open from around 6.30 and from 7 pm, you can, if you wish, join small group discussions. These will run in short sessions which will allow you to take part in at least 4 different ones during the evening

I have asked a few people to come along to help stimulate discussions and to note down your comments. All going to plan Paul Gill, Hannah Eynon (the new development officer from Unst) Frances Browne from Community work office and also hopefully Julie Thomson will be there on the night.

Katy Jackson manager of Fetlar Interpretive Centre and Pierre Cambillard from Brough Lodge Trust will also be there so you can discuss there respective plans for the future.

I hope you will all try to come along at some point, even if you can't get earlier - just come for your 8 'o' clocks. We hope to clue up around 9.15 when the hall bar will be open. I look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd - Robert

### 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](http://www.fetlar.org). Including links to any other online advertising you have.

Please contact Robert at the Development office for details.

## Properties Available

### Gord, Houbie



A rare chance to purchase an established business as a going concern. Incorporating a house, B&B, Shop and Post office, with potential for a cafe. For details please contact the vendor direct. Tel 01957 733227

### West Manse, Tresta



Set within a mature walled garden and only a few minutes walk from the beautiful Tresta beach this large, listed, period property offers significant potential. It has in the past operated as a B&B. Tel 07810 653275 or email [sallymcivor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallymcivor@hotmail.co.uk)

### Daa Haa, Funzie



Comprises a dwelling house, several outbuildings and large tenanted croft. Contact: Tait & Peterson Solicitors Tel 01595 693010 <http://www.tait-peterson.co.uk/property/funzie/funzie.htm>

For further details on these and any newly available properties visit [www.fetlar.org](http://www.fetlar.org)

# Wildlife review

**How did the phalaropes do this year?** This summer you had 16 of these stunning little waders breeding 'on your doorstep'. Thankfully, numbers are steadily increasing since they hit a worrying low in 2007. The Shetland cattle that have been grazing have probably helped. Since the cattle went into the mires we've recorded increases in breeding phalaropes, lapwings, redshanks and curlews too.



One of this year's young phalaropes - fledged and ready to head south for the winter (*by Malcie Smith*)'

**American visitors flock to Fetlar!** Autumn (like spring), is a time when birds are on the move. The strong westerly winds this September have carried a few rare birds with them all the way from North America. Among them was a grey-cheeked thrush – a rare visitor to Britain. It is a tiny thrush, not much bigger than a wheatear that breeds in Canada. Other more common American visitors in Fetlar this September were; a pectoral sandpiper and several American golden plovers.

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

#### Tai Chi

Intermediate/ advanced classes take place at the hall on Monday evenings. A new beginners class could be started if there is enough demand, please contact Kim Dixon if you are interested.

#### Badminton club

After many years without any badminton being played on Fetlar a club will be starting soon watch local shop/ website for details. All ages and experiences catered for.

#### Dancing

Scottish country dancing come along on Saturday nights at 8pm. the club goes to visit the club on Yell from time to time and holds larger dances over the winter with other dancers traveling in to Fetlar.

**Film club** we hope to be starting soon with a film club. Days and frequency of showings to be confirmed but there should be a film on at least every fortnight. Watch out for more information coming soon.

**Saturday the 22nd October** A date for your diary. Fetlar Developments would like to invite all residents of Fetlar to an 8 'o' clocks at the hall.

#### In the new year...

**Fetlar Interpretive Centre** has a collection of video shot on Fetlar. They are currently starting a process of digitising the collection. Sometime in the new year they will be doing a couple of movie nights showing a selection of these on the new big screen. Watch the website and local shop for details of dates and times once confirmed.

#### Aerial photos

We have managed to obtain a number of Aerial photos of the island, taken during May and September this year. Most of these are now on the website. Many thanks to Ollie Gall of Lerwick for kind permission to use these.



**Fetlar Community Council** would like to remind all dog owners to clean up after their dogs in any areas where members of the public are likely to walk. Please remember that some roadside verges are regularly used as footpaths. Since there are no dedicated waste bins in Fetlar for this purpose, we have been advised from the Environmental Health Dept that it is ok to 'bag-it-and-bin-it' using your home refuse black bags. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbourhood clean.

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