



The Bluemull sound ferry - one of the best places in Shetland to see Orcas. This was one of a pod of 5 seen on 8th July

Welcome to the Fetlar Community Newsletter July 2010 bumper edition

Fetlar is famous!

Following a press release by HIE, Fetlar received a very high media profile last month. The 45% population increase in a little over a year appeared to capture the imagination of various publications. Articles appeared in; The Times, Herald, Scotsman, Daily Express and even the Sun. STV also did a short feature on the evening news.

Fetlar School

It is with a great deal of sadness that we say goodbye to Paul Gill our schoolteacher. The good news is that he may only be away for a year and will hopefully be back in summer 2011, when the school primary department reopens. Paul is taking up a temporary post in a small school in the Falkland Islands. The school is at North Arm on East Falkland.

Visit By Tavish Scott MSP

Tavish Scott MSP for Shetland will be visiting Fetlar on Tuesday the 3rd of August. He will be holding a public surgery at the hall between 6 - 7pm. Alternatively he is prepared to visit you at home. Notices are also up around the island.

Pier & Breakwater

The Environmental Statement for the Pier and Breakwater is available for public viewing at the Development office. There is also a Non-Technical Summary available, which makes slightly lighter reading. The project seems on track, albeit with some delays, however it should still start in time to secure the ERDF money.

Fetlar Museum Trust

The AGM will be held on Wednesday the 28th of July at 1830 in the Hall club room. Everyone is welcome and a good turnout would be appreciated. New Trustees are required to secure the future of the Interpretive Centre. Even if new Trustees were able and willing to put in a year or two it would be a great help. If you know of anyone with Fetlar connections who may be interested please let them know about the meeting. They can contact the Secretary Robert Thomson for more information. If sufficient Trustees cannot be found at the meeting or very soon after, it is possible the Centre may have to close.

Fetlar a hotbed of housing refurbishment.

A lot is going on in the housing market in Fetlar just now, especially as three properties are currently undergoing various levels of refurbishment and extensions. We hope to bring you updates on these along with any new developments in future editions. There are currently five properties either on the market or likely to be on the market within the next 12 months. At least one new build is planned.

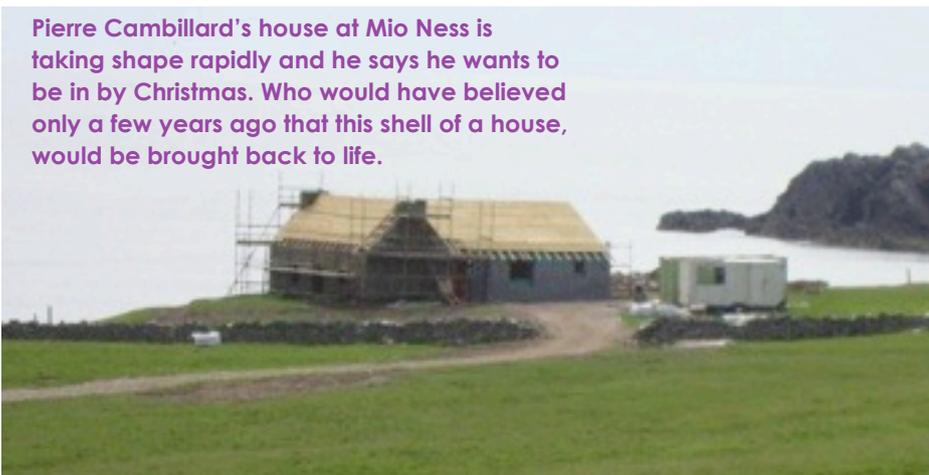
Leagarth - Signs of progress in this long and complicated refurbishment. The end result will no doubt be very impressive



Looking a little forlorn at the moment, but Roger Smith is working hard to bring "The Knowes" back to life.



Pierre Cambillard's house at Mio Ness is taking shape rapidly and he says he wants to be in by Christmas. Who would have believed only a few years ago that this shell of a house, would be brought back to life.



Houses For Sale

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

Da Haa, Funzie Fetlar



Contact:
Roger Brimacombe T- 01957 733353
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Fetlar Campsite

Neil Watt and Magnus Malcomson from the SIC were recently in Fetlar to look at costing potential upgrades to the campsite. We hope to hear back from them shortly.



Fetlar Growing and Composting Project

There has been considerable interest shown in growing more produce on the island. Both for own use and on a semi commercial basis. In order to best gauge everyones opinions, a public meeting will be held at the hall on Wednesday 21st July to discuss the best way forward.

The options given are for discussion only and to promote debate. The benefits given are not exhaustive and should be taken as a starting guide. It is up to you how things go forward. Please take time to consider what you feel would be best for yourself and the island as a whole

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<p>Making the island Self sustaining. Growing enough vegetables and fruit to be self sufficient as an island</p> <p>Impact: Gives the island a high degree of food security. Reduces the amount of food and other compostable waste going to landfill considerably. Would produce enough for all current residents and make allowance for future residents by having some spare capacity and by planning for future expansion as population grows. Offer significant opportunities to grow for resale and/or for use in locally made products. Possibilities for employment. Possibilities for funded training Setup cost will be significant.</p>	<p>Community allotment scheme based on the project presented to the Climate Challenge Fund</p> <p>Impact: Give the island partial food supply security. Reduce the amount of food and other compostable waste going to landfill considerably. Give a number of current residents the ability to grow their own food. No or very limited opportunities for producing for resale. No employment opportunities Training schemes could be arranged. Less cost than option 1</p>	<p>Do Nothing</p> <p>Impact: Offer no significant increase in the island food security Most of the islands compostable waste would continue to go to landfill. Only people with current access to land could grow their own food. Contribution to developing the island - nil. Cost to implement - none.</p>

A public meeting will be held at 1945 on Wednesday the 21st July at the hall to consult anyone interested on how we should move forward. A good attendance is requested

Fetlar Developments Ltd - Membership

Membership of the company is open to any resident of the island of Fetlar. There is no membership fee. The Directors would like to encourage as many islanders as possible to take up their right to membership.

Any islanders who would like to become a member of the company but who have, so far, not done so, please complete a membership form and return in to the Development office. A membership form has been included with Newsletters mailed out to residents. If you have any queries speak to Robert at the Development office or any of the Directors.

Fetlar Cafe - specials night Saturday 24th July 7.30 - 8.30
 featuring Home made Pizza or baked tatties with fillings



Hnefatafl World Championships

The 3rd Hnefatafl World Championships will take place at Fetlar Hall on Saturday the 31st of July 2010, starting at 1130. This year a new trophy will be presented to the winner who will also become the 4th Grand Master of Hnefatafl.

The trophy has been made and will be presented by last years World Champion, Tim Millar. Tim a glass sculptor has made the trophy specially and it will remain in Fetlar on display in the Interpretive Centre, inscribed with the winners names. All junior entrants to the tournament will be given a board, a set of pieces and a set of rules to take away. As usual the game played will be speed Hnefatafl, with the amount of time for moves strictly limited. It will be guided by the sounding of a gong, intensifying the game and encouraging aggressive play!

Hnefatafl Grand Master Peter Kelly and his wife Janet deep in thought during a game. Could Janet be a budding Grand Master? The signs look promising as she recently beat Peter in a practice match?

B4 Films

Jim reports that everything is going very well and the film is generating huge amounts of interest. They have had very good responses to the script from the actors they have approached. He says everyone seems captivated by the story. I'm sure we all look forward to seeing him on his next visit.

Fetlar Cafe Jobs

Fetlar Cafe is looking for staff during the month of August. A basic food hygiene certificate is required but training can be arranged. Please get in touch even if you can only do odd days. Contact Marie Hallam if you are interested.

HIE Survey

HIE would appreciate if anyone who has not so far returned there recently received questionnaire could do so in the near future. We appreciate that everyone is experiencing questionnaire overload, but if you could manage to fill this one in it would be helpful.

Newsletters by email

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email either instead of or in addition to the printed one please send an email to robert@fetlar.org. Format will be PDF.

Tree Planting

The tree planting at the burn of Houbie has started. However there is still a fair bit to do. James McKenzie and some others from Shetland Amenity Trust will be in Fetlar on Friday the 23rd July. They are hoping to be in from around 3pm and you are welcome to go along and help from then. However any one interested in helping who can't make it earlier, should meet them at around 1815 down at the burn, where they will demonstrate how and where the trees should be planted. This will of course all be weather dependent and they may possibly only be in at 5pm as they have work to do earlier in the day in Unst.

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