

Fetlar

GARDEN OF SHETLAND



Fullsceilidh at full speed, keeping everyone entertained at the recent Community celebration event

Welcome to the May 2010 Fetlar Community Newsletter

Latest news

Fetlar's population keeps on rising! A warm welcome to Les & Joanne Bell who are currently moving in to Peerie Leagarth.

Other housing news

Several properties are soon to come on the market. Gibbs house, Houll and South Dale are all expected to be available later in the summer or early autumn.

Celebration event

This was a great success with almost 120 people attending. A great night was had by all. It was a real chance for many to catch up with family they hadn't seen for a while. A great deal of thanks must go to Maurice and the rest of Fullsceilidh as well as Brendan Scollay for the excellent music. Many thanks to everyone else who helped.

Care Jobs

Two part time Social Care Jobs - Care at home, are currently being advertised on the councils website www.shetland.gov.uk/jobs

The jobs are based in Fetlar but would also require hours to be made up in Yell or Unst. Closing date for applications is 28th May.

Fetlar Website and Webcam

In the fairly near future we hope to get a webcam installed very probably at the hall by Promote Shetland. This would be accessible from a number of different places including the new Fetlar website which is moving along and should be complete in the next few months. If you have any photos or information which would be suitable for the website please get in touch with the development office.

The Cafe at the hall is now open for the 2010 season. The Crofters special is back by popular demand and this year we will be doing conventional toasties as well as home made ice creams and sorbets in a range of flavours. A number of "Specials" nights are planned as well as Sunday lunches which will be available on selected dates. Keep an eye on the shop and hall noticeboards for details. Opening hours 11 - 4 Mon - Sat and 12 - 4 Sundays.

Dial - a - ride resumes

This service has now started again on the island and James who is doing the driving has asked me to remind you of the booking procedure. Bookings should be made 24 hours in advance by calling 01595 745745 by 5pm weekdays on the day before. Out with office hours bookings can be made direct with James on 733378

Try to use and promote the service to as many people as possible to ensure that we are able to retain it for future years. The costs are very modest and of course the service is free to OAP's

Fetlar Brochure

Copies of the new Booklet are available from the Cafe, Interpretive centre or development office. They are also being distributed to various tourist operators and accommodation providers.

Brough Lodge News

Funding for the project to make the building wind and watertight has now been secured. Shetland Amenity Trust will be carrying out the work which is due to start later this year.

B4 Films

They are due to take the script to the Cannes film festival this month in a bid to secure the funding for the film. Their plan is to shoot here in September but this still has to be confirmed. We await updates with interest.

Fetlar Interpretive Centre

Fetlar Interpretive Centre is looking for part time and occasional staff to man the Centre until a full time custodian is appointed and also to cover for days off, holidays etc, once the full time appointment has been made. If you feel you may be interested even for the odd day please get in touch with either Colin Stewart on 733301 or with Robert on 733369.

Main Issues Report

There will be a drop in session hosted by the Planning department on Tuesday 25th May from 1 - 4pm at the hall. This will allow you to find out more about the Main Issues Report which is dealing with updates to the local plan, and covers such things as where developments should be located and whether a levy should be placed on all new build houses. Further details at www.planshetland.org or call along the Development office

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

Rory Tallach is organising a planting at the burn of Houbie and is looking for volunteers to help. It will probably be over a weekend with date to be confirmed. If your interested leave your details with Robert at the Development office.

Climate Challenge Fund

We were extremely disappointed not to have been successful in any of our bids for funding from this source. We have been unhappy from the start with their methodology of working out qualifying carbon emission reductions. We will be writing a letter of complaint both to them and the Scottish Executive who set the scheme up. Thank you to everyone who sent FDL letters of support.

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