



The new pier and breakwater, nearing completion at Hamars Ness

Welcome to the September 2012 Fetlar Community Newsletter

The whole community was shocked by the very sad news that Neil Coufts had suddenly passed away. Neil as well as being a full time crofter, was heavily involved in almost all aspects of the Community and was Chief coastguard for the island. He was always willing to help out friends and neighbours, as well as finding time to do all sorts of jobs for the various organizations he was involved with. He will be sadly missed by us all. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Marie and rest of the family.

Champion Shetland pony breeder, Isla Thomson achieved an almost unparalleled success at the recent Unst Show. Having gained the Junior, Senior, Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion awards as well as a host of other prizes. Well done Isla !



Isla with Supreme Champion "Burnside Mystic"

Pier and Breakwater

By the time you get this the Pier should be very near final completion. A completion certificate has to be applied for and the project will have to be signed off by Capital project staff, which hopefully will all happen soon. So far there is no word of an official opening date.

Adeline Coufts who has been in care on Unst for some time now, sadly has recently passed away. She will be a great miss to the Community. Our condolences go out to all her family.

Flying High - Peter and Kim Dixons new venture Fetlar Aerial Photography has literally taken off ! See page 3 for details.

Between Weathers - following the recent Shetland Times article, Jim Brown has been in touch to confirm the film is still going ahead and he says it is now "*bigger than first planned*". He went on to say "*I choose Fetlar a long time ago to be the mythical Island of Fustra. That has never and will never change. I fell in love with it the first time I drove off the Ferry. Please let everyone on the Island know that I will be back soon and I am looking forward to sitting down with everyone.*"

Clubs & Activities

Zumba

Every Friday night at the hall from 6pm. Suitable for most, just take it at your own pace. cost £1 per session

Get Crafty

At Fetlar Interpretive Centre every Sunday from 12.30 - 4pm. No charge just bring along some materials and join in. Biscuits always welcome !

Badminton Club

Every Wednesday night from 7pm. Small charge to cover hall hire. Starting up again soon.

Book Group

Meet monthly to discuss, books, plays, poetry and other literature. Please contact Katy on 733784 for details of next meeting.

Pirates Night

On Saturday the 25th of September at the hall.

Funding success.

Fetlar developments application to the Village SOS scheme has been successful. We have been awarded just under £29,000 for the Fetlar Tourism Development Initiative.

Mexican Night

Gathered at the hall, they could have passed for relations of Pancho Villa, a group of sombrero wearing, hombres, many sporting impressive mustaches, reminiscent of the great revolutionary himself. Accompanied by a number of exotically attired señoritas, who added a dash of glamour to the proceedings. They had all congregated for a great night of feasting, Tequila and cocktails and a very successful night it was ! More photos online at <http://www.fetlar.org/gallery>



Fetlar Aerial Photography



A new initiative to document and rediscover the island of Fetlar and promote it worldwide.

Aerial photography will be via Kite or KAP (Kite Aerial Photography), ground based photography - HDR (High Dynamic Range) photography, panoramas etc.

We will also be shooting video, mainly time-lapse and will include these in multimedia presentations which will be put on to DVD and Blu Ray discs.

We intend to conduct our Fetlar survey over 4 years and four seasons, the purpose is not just to 'bag' the best shots but to understand the area and get a feel for all our sites. Your help and anecdotes about the places we visit would be gratefully received, please use the contact form on our website.

We really do need your help with place names.

We use OS 1:25000 maps with 3D software which allows us to 'fly' over the landscape in simulation before we arrive at a site. We also have the capability to model the length of shadows and direction for latitude and time of year, enabling us to plan in advance which sites would be productive and at what times.

A great deal of testing and prototyping is necessary and this further delays shooting, but hopefully we will have the time to complete the survey.

The Fetlar Aerial website is maintained not only to showcase our work but as an ongoing journal of the day to day progress of the project. We also act as a node in a very small network of other KAP practitioners and aim to share and motivate. The website will also serve as a compiler and receiver of information.

We have forged a contact with Tim Janis for our project music and through him we have access to his vast fan base in the United States.

Tim Janis

With millions of albums sold, five National Public TV Specials, and 10 Billboard Charting CDs, composer Tim Janis has worked with some of the top artists in the music and entertainment business -- from Paul McCartney, Billy Joel, and Ray Charles, to George Clooney and James Earl Jones.

Composer, musician, conductor and arranger Tim Janis is a story of a deep belief in the power of creating music that can heal and bring peace on a global level. His music has traveled a long and interesting journey into becoming a global healing force. This musical force has traveled to such diverse places as the hallowed ground of Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City, Africa, China, Eastern Europe, the United States and numerous public television specials, enthraling a legion of fans.

Tim's lush, gorgeous pieces have been dubbed "music with a mission". He has performed and recorded in South Africa with Sinikithemba, an all-female, all HIV-positive choir that spreads a unifying message in the midst of Africa's AIDS crisis. He has also, in conjunction with the U.S. State Department, brought his music to Eastern Europe as a gesture of goodwill and philanthropy. Shortly thereafter, Tim and actor George Clooney collaborated on the "Beautiful America" public television special. This special raised over two million dollars in donations during its broadcast.

Tim then brought his musical message to Mainland China with a series of concerts, and back to Africa later in 2005 in collaboration with the humanitarian organization Church World Service for Kenya's School Safe Zones Project. The goal of this project is to improve primary school education in Africa.

Tim has agreed to allow us to use his music in our video's or presentations without limitation which is an impressive gesture, not only that but his staff are now circulating details about our initiative throughout his fan base in the United States. He is thinking of visiting Fetlar sometime in the future.

Our website is at <http://www.fetlaraerial.com>

Thanks to Fetlar Aerial Photography for submitting this article to the Fetlar newsletter

Properties Available to purchase on Fetlar



West Manse, Tresta - 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

For the latest details of all property for sale or rent , please visit www.fetlar.org

Upcoming features on housing in the Fetlar newsletter later this year -

New pier and breakwater - the opening.....

We plan to do a feature on the newly refurbished Leagarth.

We hope to also show you inside Fetlars first new house for many years.

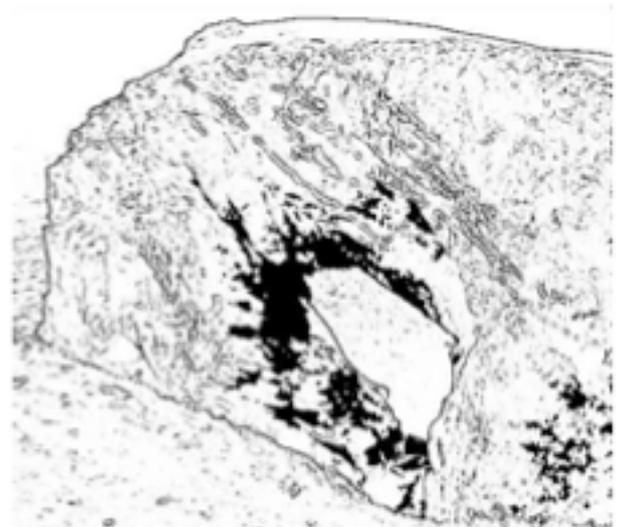


RSPB Sabbatical Volunteers -

John Kenyon and Julie Redrup, pictured, with some of their handiwork, in the newly created Fetlar Interpretive Centre garden.

For the first part of their 4 week stay, they were joined by their children Amy and Jade and Julie's Mum Judith, who all helped out. During their stay on Fetlar, as well as creating the garden at Fetlar Interpretive Centre, they undertook and made illustrated maps of all the main walks on the island, making note of points of interest and adding superb hand drawn illustrations. An example of one of these illustrations is shown bottom right.

This information will be collated and made into maps, by the RSPB, which will be available for next season. They have accomplished a lot in their short stay and we would like to extend a huge thank you to them for all their efforts.



Golden Wedding - Peter and Janet Kelly were married 50 years ago on the 8th of September 1962. They are currently away visiting family and celebrating their Golden Wedding. Their son has kindly sent on these photos, one their wedding day and the second taken recently.



Community 8 'o'clocks Tuesday 18th September 7 - 9pm All welcome

Tea &
Coffee



Fetlar cakes
& fancies

During the evening we will be seeking the communities views on: -

The growing/allotment project now we have a site identified. Including setting up of a steering group to manage the project

Community use of the minibus, including a decision on the graphics to go on the vehicle.

Reviewing a draft of the Development plan advised by the November 2011 consultation.

Where we will be looking reviewing the information contained and updating with views expressed on the night. The aim is to have a revised plan available within 6 weeks.

Fetlar Developments Ltd - membership

There is no charge for membership of FDL, which is open to anyone resident on Fetlar. By joining you will be showing your support for the work of FDL in developing Fetlar. **We are also seeking members who are willing to stand as Directors.** Forms and Further information are available from the Development Office, If not included with this newsletter.

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