



Fetlar Schools very own version of "Clyde"

Welcome to the Fetlar Community Newsletter, Summer 2014

Fetlar News

Congratulations to Sarah and Martin on the birth of their daughter Kaitlyn.

Fetlar Sheep Dog Trials

The fetlar Sheep dog trials took place on the 23rd of August. See the report and pictures on page 7.

Fetlar Aerial

Since taking delivery of their new drone earlier this year, Fetlar aerial has been posting some amazing images and videos on their website. See pages 8 & 9.

North Atlantic Sessions

"For the love of Folk"

A brilliant new showcase of the finest of Shetland's folk and roots musicians. With performances in both Sandwick and Fetlar See back page for more information.

Fetlar Fun Day

Despite the misty conditions an encouraging turnout of 17 made it to the start of the fun run. The RSPB activities were also well attended and the day was rounded off by Country Rok in the evening

Another new house for Fetlar

Peter and Janet Kelly have recently moved into their new house at the Herra. This is the second new build in Fetlar in the last 18 months. See page 11

In addition Kyle and Claire Sylvester's restoration of the house at Feal has brought new life to a very neglected old property.

Fetlar Commonwealth Celebration Week

Fetlar's Commonwealth celebrations began during the fun day and then continued until the 2nd August. For full details see full report starting on page 2.

New monthly minibus service

FDL are to begin trialling a monthly minibus service to the Doctor/Dentist on the first Wednesday of each month starting on Wednesday 3rd October. Going out on the 1050 returning at 1500. You should contact the surgery in Midyell for an appointment. Three appointments will be kept open until Monday night for Fetlar residents. To make your appointment and FDL to book the bus. If you have any questions contact the Development Office. This is a pilot project and will be kept under review.

Fetlar Fun Day



This years Fetlar Fun Day this year was in part a precursor to the following weeks Commonwealth Celebrations and included the Commonwealth Fun Run as part of the days activities. The Fun Run was one of the first of the days activities to get going, starting from the shop at 12noon, with 17 people of all ages and abilities and several dogs taking part. Everyone who finished got a commemorative certificate and a Fetlar commonwealth celebration medal badge.

The RSPB had invited people to join them on a 2 hour guided walk to experience the best of Fetlar's wildlife starting at Tresta, which attracted a good number of participants. From 1pm the RSPB put on fun and games at Tresta beach. Included in the activities were stone painting and rock pooling.



From 1pm Fetlar makers group were at the hall giving demonstrations of spinning, carding, knitting and weaving. They also had a number of finished items on show. Their activities attracted a lot of interest with a good number of people 'having a go'.



In the evening, Nic and his team put on their usual excellent chip suppers at the hall, which were very welcome after the days activities. Country Rok then took to the stage at around 9pm with their usual lively mix of country, rock and shetland dance music, keeping the crowd entertained until the small hours.

Top - The fun runners get going
Above - RSPB presence at Tresta Beach
Left - Fetlar makers group

Fetlar's Commonwealth Celebrations



On Monday the 29th July, Fetlar's Commonwealth celebrations got into full swing. Each day during the week we featured a different Commonwealth Country or Territory and offered a chance for people to try the National dish of each country. We had photo slide shows, multimedia displays, printed information and where possible items from the country. Our aim was also to make contact with at least one individual or group in each country by video link.

We had specially commissioned jigsaws to be completed each day and then framed to form a legacy of the event. However these only arrived on Thursday, due to a delay with delivery. We were however able to secure some alternatives for the first three days.

Fetlar School put in a massive effort for the event and produced an amazing amount and quality of information for the venue. This included a sketch of their tapestry, which at that time, was on display at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

On the big screen, at the hall, the Glasgow games were shown live for the whole event. We had also planned a number of outdoor activities.

The main one was a week long treasure hunt/geocaching event, which involved placing boxes of flags from every Commonwealth games participating country all around the island, in their approx. relative positions. Medal badges were awarded for activities.



Our featured Countries & Territories from left - Canada, Jamaica, St Helena, Ghana and Malaysia

On Monday it was **Canada** which was the featured country, with "Poutine" the dish on offer. Michael Hughson originally from Fetlar but now living in Canada was home with his family and kindly provided a number of Canadian items for us to display and some delicious goodies for visitors to sample. We did manage to make contact by Skype with a lady originally from Yell now living in Ontario who had gone to some effort for the occasion with Canadian flags on the wall and sporting an impressive Canadian hat ! Unfortunately our Seabird Safari was abandoned because of the poor weather.



On Tuesday it was the turn of **Jamaica** to be the featured country. Jamaica was a favourite of the school children because of a certain Usain Bolt! The national dish of Ackee and Saltfish was well received. While we did not manage to get a video link in place but we did find a live streaming radio station, which played all day. Again poor weather hindered any outdoor activities, except for the hardy !



Above - a group hard at work on the Jigsaw on Tuesday. Left - only a small part of the material produced by Fetlar School. Below - enjoying lunch on and browsing displays on St Helena day.



Below - "Clyde" seems to be delighted with his St Helena fish cakes and pilau rice



On Wednesday we featured the British overseas Territory of **St.Helena**. We had amazing support from many people on St.Helena, both in planning and on the day itself. The community owned Saint.fm radio station even produced a special feature about the creation of their community radio station which was streamed live on the day. A recording of this will be available on the website shortly. There were copies of the islands two newspapers to read and a lot of information about the island including details of its new airport which is under construction.

We had a very interesting video conference with a group of people from the island and we hope that there will be further developments following that. The national dish served was St.Helena fish cakes with pilau rice which was enjoyed by everyone.

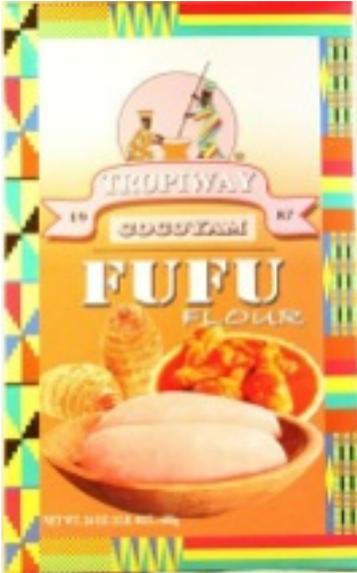


On Thursday the featured country was **Ghana**. We were glad to be able to benefit from existing links established through teacher exchanges between Ghana and the North

isles. Ghanaian teacher Francis Ackah Mienza Christian agreed to help link up via Skype. With only a very tenuous wifi signal and a laptop,

he took us on a tour through a Ghanaian village, showing us where people lived and worked, showing us examples of the vegetables used in making the Fufu which we were serving, along with a spicy stew, as the National dish. Traditional Fufu requires an awful lot of work to pound the yams or plantains into a state suitable to make Fufu, we took the easy option with a ready prepared Fufu flour !

Thankfully the weather improved enough to encourage more teams to take part in the treasure hunt. We also managed to run our Commonwealth duck race which was a massive success with lots of people taking part.



Our final featured country was **Malaysia**. We had live streaming from a radio station in Malaysia, but due to a number of factors, including the time difference, we didn't manage

a video link. The national dish of Nasi Lemak was available to try. While parts of the dish were lovely, the anchovies and tamarind sauce were definitely an 'acquired taste'. The better weather

saw more teams taking part in the treasure hunt, which was certainly, by far the most popular outdoor activity of the week. As the deadline for completing the search loomed, teams were all chasing around the island trying to find the elusive boxes containing the flags.



Above - the Malaysian flag flies proudly outside the Fetlar Hall. Right - two of the medal winning teams in the treasure hunt

Saturday the 2nd of August was the final day of the celebrations. During the day, teams were out on the treasure hunt looking to increase their totals, which would decide what colour of medal they received.

The evening brought the largest celebration of the week, with around 150 people gathering at Fetlar Hall, for a fantastic evening of music and food from around the Commonwealth. The evening was kicked off by local musicians **Joe Jamieson** and **Maurice Henderson** on fiddles, with a selection of Fetlar and Canadian Tunes. They were followed by drumming group **Aestaewast** who performed drumming routines and singing from various parts of the African continent and the Caribbean.

The buffet was then served. It is still being spoken about as one of the best that has ever been seen locally. Caterers Jill and Lesley had excelled themselves. Using fantastic mainly local produce they had prepared a mix of traditional and new, exciting dishes from other Commonwealth countries, striking a great balance such that it was enjoyed by all.

Following the buffet **Andy Ross** entertained with music from his native Zimbabwe as well



Above - Joe Jamieson and Maurice Henderson kick off the evening.
Right - the impressive buffet
Below - dancing to the "Bluemelts".

as the unofficial New Zealand National Anthem - Pokarekare Ana and also some other favourites such as "Yellow Bird". It was then the turn of David Marsh who finished of that part of the evening



with a selection of Australian tunes.

The evening was rounded off by the Bluemelts who quickly filled the floor with their energetic brand of Ska and funk. Featuring a number of their own songs, as well as many popular covers.

The whole event was funded by the Lottery Celebrate fund with additional contributions from FCC and fundraising. However it could not have happened without the help of the many volunteers who have of their time so freely to ensure the event was a great success. A huge thank you to you all.



Fetlar Sheepdog Trials 2014

The Fetlar sheepdog trials were held recently on Saturday the 23rd of August, a good number of handlers entered with 26 entries in the open class.

The results were; **Limit class** 1st Ogilvy Brown and Chip, Yell, 49 points out of 60, 2nd Sandy Fraser and Jan, Cullswick 48/60. 3rd Ogilvy Brown and Molly 31/60.

Junior class was won by Kelvin Williamson and Gift, Lunna 40/60.

Doubles class was 1st Andrew Nicolson, Ollaberry with May & Fleck, 64/110, 2nd Ogilvy Brown with Jed & Rab 55/110.

The Open class was won with an excellent run from Jerry Ramsay and Cap from Ollaberry scoring 97 points out of 100, 2nd David Murray and Ali, North Roe 93/100, 3rd Gareth Clark and May, Yell, 90/100.

The Championship was 1st David Murray and Ali 105/110, 2nd Jack Ridland and Vic, Skeld 89/110 and 3rd Jerry Ramsay and Cap 89/110.

Judging was done by Brydon Anderson from Fetlar. The committee would like to give a big thank you to everybody who helped on the day and of course to the competitors for making the trip up to Fetlar.



Prizewinners L/R Jack Ridland, Jerry Ramsay, Gareth Clark, Andrew Nicolson, Ogilvy Brown, Elaine Read, David Murray, missing from the photo is the junior winner Kelvin Williamson (Photo - Shane Painter)

Fetlar Developments Ltd Membership

FDL was set up by the community to develop projects on the island. Full membership is open to anyone over 18 who is a Fetlar resident. Recently additional classes of membership were introduced, Junior membership, for residents aged between 12 and 17 and Associate membership (non voting) for anyone out with the island with an interest in supporting the work of FDL. Membership in all categories is currently free. If you are interested in becoming a director please get in touch. Membership forms and are available from the Development office, contact details are given on page 12.

Fetlar Aerial Photography

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Tresta

Summary of Sites Visited:-

St.Rognvalds Broch / The Heog

The Broch of Houbie

Feal Burn to Skutes Water

Feal Burn Mills - Final

Haltadans - Preliminary

Halliarra Kirk - Final

Sna Broch – Preliminary

Tresta

3D Computer Models Constructed

The Broch of Houbie

Sna Broch

Halliarra Kirk

Videos [You Tube submissions]

“Summer Flights in Fetlar” 2:36

“All that Remains” – Broch of Houbie 3:11

“Smorrastanes to the Broch of Houbie” 3:55

“Sna Broch – Preliminary Survey” 5:53

“After the Rain” 6:24

“Tresta in September” 8:00

Timings in minutes and seconds, all music soundtracks courtesy of Tim Janis Music

Assemblage of Data and Submissions to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland RCAHMS

58 Images submitted to RCAHMS where no previous aerial photography of sites existed.

Library of 90+ books and rising, in computer format and indexed for instant retrieval. Currently negotiating with RCHAMS for facsimiles of texts under research licenses.

Increasing historical map coverage from RCAHMS (data back to 1880), Anquet Maps & Google Earth.

Presence on Academia.edu for submission of papers and exchange of ideas with notable academics in the fields of Island Studies, Archaeology, Folklore Studies etc.

Scenic Photos

Ongoing and incidental

Website

Fetlaraerial.com - Number of Visitors so far 40397

Immediate Future Survey Plans

- Snap of Isbister special project with Dr. Andrew Jennings, University of the Highlands & Islands]
- Gallow Hill – University of Vienna
- Fiddlers Crus
- 3D Model & Aerial Photos of SOLI
- Homestead Project [Next Season] photography and 3D models of all Fetlar ruined homesteads using data from June Owers survey MS (subject to licensing from RCAHMS)
- Finnie Girt (Funzie Girt)
- Vord Hill
- Further work on Sna Broch
- Ferry Terminal & Daaey
- The Clett

Ongoing Research

Papar, Picts, Vikings, Finns & Trows – island identity based mainly upon the work of Dr.Adam Grydehoj.

Integration of Fetlar folklore with Stith Thompsons folk motif index.

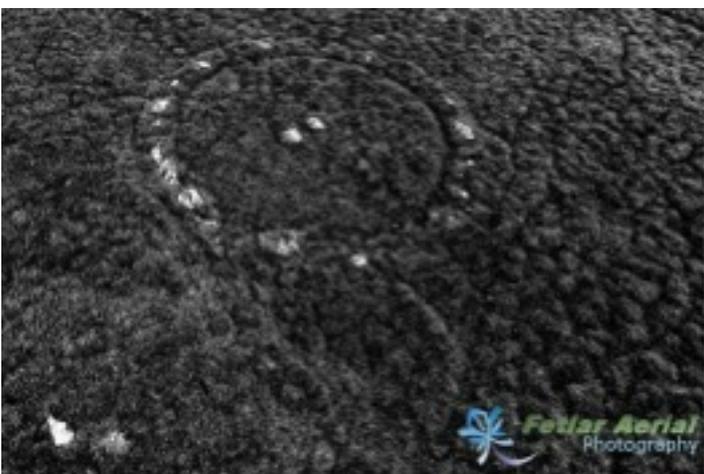
Halliarra kirk Altitude 5m above site



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Haltadans



Technical

We are now able to conduct programmed 'waypoint' flights enabling us to conduct 'missions' to sites with pin point accuracy. This speeds up the survey and allows us to conduct missions at up to a third of a mile distance whilst maintaining full control of the camera. With an optional ability to take over the flight to manual control or conduct emergency automatic return to base. Thanks to Adobe's Creative Cloud we now have all of Adobe's professional software at our disposal, together with a large number of plugins.

Our ability to conduct LIDAR style imaging and our 3D modeling is improving in leaps and bounds, and thanks to 'Sketchfab' these models are available for interaction on our website (depending on the availability of your own computing power).



Screenshot Broch of Houbie Computer Model

We will be seeking funding next season, and reorganizing Fetlar Aerial structure. We will also (hopefully) undergo full professional UAV licensing, allowing Commercial work to be undertaken.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT fetlaraerial.com for **more details, video's, anecdotes and movies.**

Fetlar Interpretive Centre News



Our dual Electric vehicle fast charge point is now live and we hope to get a sign up very soon. We are registered with "charge your car" and have guest tags available if you don't have your own.

During the Commonwealth Celebrations, we began inviting visitors to indicate

which country they were visiting from by placing a small flag on our world map. This has been popular and is something we intend to keep going.

Another similar project is to use another similar map to show the location of all the known ex Fetlar residents again on a large world map. We also hope to have an accompanying book and invite people to add information.

We also have a number of other exciting projects under developments, including a revamp of our website.

The Interpretive Centre is open daily up to the end of September. It is then open on demand during October 2014. We are hoping to have another open weekend later in the year to encourage you to come along and get lovely locally made items for Christmas presents. More details will be available locally.



Part of the map showing visitors home countries.

Brough Lodge Trust - update

The wind and watertight phase of the restoration of Brough Lodge is now complete with the turrets being reinstated on the flat roof. Two new trustees have also appointed; Mark Donaldson, owner of the Sumburgh Hotel and Steven Sheard, who has extensive experience in the textile sector.

To determine how best to meet one of their objectives. The Brough Lodge Trust (BLT) recently invited members of the Shetland community to a workshop focusing on developing a sustainable approach to secure hand knitting skills via a tutorial programme with school children. Twenty one stakeholders participated in the World Cafe™ event held on August 16, 2014 at the Fetlar primary school.

Some significant announcements are to be made in October. In the meantime you can access the website at www.broughlodge.org

New builds and restorations

Peter and Janet Kelly's new house at the Herra, near Tresta is the second new build on the island within 18 months. They moved in recently and are enjoying their new home with the lovely views across Papil Water.



Kyle and Claire Sylvester's restoration of the house at "Feal" is now almost complete and has brought a breath of new life to a previously badly neglected property. It is another sign of the active regeneration on the island.



Before

After

The Lodge at Leagarth has also been undergoing fairly significant restoration and the picture show the lodge in the foreground with the previously restored Leagarth in the background.



Properties Available

Visit - www.fetlar.org

Braeside

3 bed cottage with wonderful views out over Papil loch and Wick of Tresta. Also



available is the tenancy of a substantial croft.

<http://www.fetlar.org/croft-house-and-assignation-of-tenancy-of-a-croft>

Ninian



Three / four bedroom, detached house with separate garage / studio, set in around 1/2 acre. The property enjoys magnificent panoramic views. Offers over £110,000

<http://www.d-s-r.co.uk/property/saint-sunniva-skete.htm>

Various crofts and building plots

Four crofts, all with a building plot, are now available for sale on Fetlar.

Mid house - North Dale

<http://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale/property-44478439.html?premiumA=true>



Business for sale

Gord - Shop, Post Office, B&B and Cafe with attached accommodation.



Full details on www.fetlar.org

Conceived by group of talented Shetland Musicians, including Maurice Henderson, Lois Nicol and Lewie Peterson, Fetlar Developments were delighted to be able to assist in facilitating this amazing event. Bringing together the finest of Shetland's folk and roots musicians in existing and new collaborations. The two concerts at The Carnegie Hall in Sandwick on Friday 19th July and Fetlar hall on Saturday 20th were both sold out. Both audiences were treated to different but equally amazing evenings of music.

The Fetlar concert in particular focussed on new collaborations developed during the event. The audience were also treated to a surprise guest artist in the form of Chris Drever, who as well as doing a solo slot also joined in with several other collaborations.

An audio visual record of the event is being prepared and will be available later in the year. Consideration is already being given to a follow on event in 2015.



Pictures from the events at Fetlar on the left and Sandwick on the right

United World College Visit

A group of young people aged 15-18 from all over the world visited Fetlar in early August as part of a short course on Rural and Sustainable Development with the United World College. Their main areas of interest were our Renewable energy and community broadband projects. During their visit they were given a tour of the island including a run in the electric minibus. Following lunch at the hall, they were given a presentation on FDL's current projects. This was followed by a Q&A where they were able to ask more about our projects and about the general topics of island development and sustainability. They were

a very intelligent group of young people, including a few real characters ! They were keen to ask plenty of questions, which we hope were all answered to their satisfaction !



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