

Welcome to the Christmas 2009 Fetlar Community Newsletter

Latest news

Welcome to James, Sarah, Jade and Imogen who have arrived and have moved into No 7, after what could be described as an eventful journey!

Welcome also to Frances who is in the process of moving into Stanetaft

Nurses post

Interviews have taken place and we await confirmed news of the new appointment.

Fetlar Brochure

We will be reprinting an updated version of the Fetlar brochure early in the new year. If you have contributed anything or if you have something new which should be included. Please contact Robert with any updates. Robert will also make contact all major contributors directly.

Festive frolics at the Hall

The Christmas party will be held on the 30th of December. The usual Community gathering will take place on the 31st. The Old Folks Auld Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday the 9th January.

Climate Challenge Fund Bid

Fetlar Developments Ltd would welcome letters of support from individuals or organizations either on or connected with Fetlar, in support of their application to the Climate Challenge Fund. The "Green Fetlar" project seeks funding to provide Community Allotments using a large Keder Greenhouse, an Electric Minibus for community transport and a short term post to coordinate Carbon and energy reduction measures on the Isle. Letters to the development office by the 8th of January 2010 at the very latest please.



Fetlar Developments needs a logo. Peter and Kim Dixon have been working on a range of ideas and I have also contributed a few. We would welcome your views on the options which will be included with this newsletter. Please return the slip provided to tell us if any of them meets your expectations, or not as the case may be.

Fetlar's answer to Ardman animations?

Wallace and Gromit didn't have a look in when compared with the latest production from the Fetlar School. "Ellisneedsa snooze" is their interpretation of a Christmas classic. Planned, filmed and edited by the Staff and pupil(s) at the Fetlar school, with help from both the Foula and Baltasound, primaries as well as visiting teachers. With an original score composed by Ellis and featuring voice overs from almost everyone on the island it is a model of Community involvement. The standard of this production is a marked improvement on previous years and is a credit to all involved. Copies of the DVD are still available. It's a real film for a day or a night between weathers.

Tai Chi, Zhan Zhaung, QiGong

This class is proving very popular and appeals to the young and old alike - there are still spaces to join, the exercises are slow but beneficial. Many people have reported that they have a very good nights sleep after the session! Tai Chi - has both physical and mental benefits. If done regularly, it improves muscle tone, flexibility, balance, and coordination, QiGong - we use to warm up and it's also an energy giving exercise and Zhan Zhaung is a series of standing exercises - Yes! You can increase your energy by standing still! I combine all three to give an overall energy giving session. Every Weds at 7-8pm in the hall - £1.

Kim Dixon Call on 0131 208 1597 for more information or email me:118322@gmail.com

Brough Lodge News

Pierre Cambillard has been in touch with an update on Brough Lodge Trust. Brough Lodge Trust will have a fundraising evening with Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, at the Alliance Francaise of Glasgow, Jan 19. A French Celtic harpist will play to start the evening.

They have also received funding from the SIC and AHF for a new website which is to be built by nb communications in the first quarter of next year.

Additional private finance still has to be raised to allow the wind and watertight phase to be completed. Packages of support are already in place from the SIC and Historic Scotland.

A weblink for an article on the Alliance Francaise website

is http://www.afglasgow.org.uk/spip.php?article504

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.

Bio-diversity Action Plan

A team including Rory Tallack, James Mac Kenzie from SAT and Kelda Hudson from the SIC visited Fetlar recently and along with some Fetlar residents including Brydon Thomason and Peter Kelly, the group visited a number of possible sites for planting. Rory will be contacting the Community with their proposals in the early part of the new year.

Christmas Holidays

The development office will close on Tuesday 22nd of December reopening on Tuesday 5th of January I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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