

Fetlar

GARDEN OF SHETLAND



Josie Simpson declares the new pier and breakwater open !

Welcome to this bumper special December edition

Fetlar Communities 90+ year wait for a viable harbour, officially ended on Saturday 1st December at 1pm, when past North Isles Councilor Josie Simpson, formally opened the new pier and breakwater facility at Hamars Ness. Despite forecasts of snow, the day was fine and sunny, albeit rather cold.

The main contractor, Frank L Johnson (Shetland) Ltd, and sub contractor Malakoff Ltd have completed the project to a very high standard and under budget. The total project was completed for £2.55m, £0.11m under the original budget of £2.66m even with the addition of a 40m extension to the breakwater.



Fetlar crewed ferry mv Geira, dressed overall, for the occasion

Funding for the project came principally from Shetland Islands Council with approx. £300,000 provided by the European Regional Development Fund.

The community would particularly like to thank the contractors and John Williamson of the

SIC's Capital Programme Service, who ensured the quality and cost effective delivery of the project.

Prior to the opening, officials and guests were given a tour of Fetlar, by Fetlar Development Worker Robert Thomson. Following the opening, there was a gathering at Fetlar hall, where speeches were made by SIC Convener Malcolm Bell, Josie Simpson and Chair of Fetlar Community Council, James Rendall. This was followed by an excellent lunch, as well as tremendous entertainment, from the very talented Fiddle Attraction. The day was rounded off with a dance in the hall to Alan Nicolson's band. Robert Thomson Fetlar Development Worker commented "This new facility will offer Fetlar numerous economic opportunities; in fishing, aquaculture and tourism, as well as providing a very sheltered berth for the Fetlar crewed ferry. It is we believe the last inhabited island in Britain to get a working pier."

The pier may even feature in a movie. Jim Brown from B4 films, recently confirmed that the primary location for his film will be in Shetland and Fetlar's role as the mythical island of Fustra. Sending his congratulations to the community on the completion of this facility, he noted that "quite a lot of the film takes place at the pier". For the latest on the film visit the [Between Weathers](#) website.



A birds eye view of part of the crowd gathering prior to the opening



A hardy group of Islanders, Contractors and Councillors and Officials on the new pier, with the Geira in the background



Left to right- SIC Convenor Malcolm Bell, North Isles Councillor Robert Henderson, Skipper of Geira Jimmy Thomason, Principal Contractor Frank L Johnson, Retired Councillor Josie Simpson, Fetlar Development Worker Robert Thomson, SIC Project Manager John Williamson & North Isles Councillor Gary Cleaver.



SIC Convenor Malcolm Bell addresses the crowd at the hall



New Fetlar resident Mike Foggarty, is interviewed by a reporter from BBC Radio Shetland. Also picture is his partner Marie Painter and their children Thersa, Shane, Joshua and Aaron.



Eunice Henderson and Fiddle Attraction kept everyone entertained during the afternoon.



Fiona Farquar from SIC Transport and event organiser, with John Williamson and Kay Foster from SIC's Capital Programme Service



Anyone for the Lancers ! The day was rounded off with a lively dance in the evening to Alan Nicolson's dance band



"Atween Braakwaters"

Was the title of this year Christmas film extravaganza by Fetlar Primary school.

Around 50 people crowded into the club room at the hall to watch the premiere of the much awaited film.

Many of those attending, entered into the spirit of the occasion by dressing to impress.

It was indeed a memorable night with a red carpet and even a security guard, with guest list, on the door !

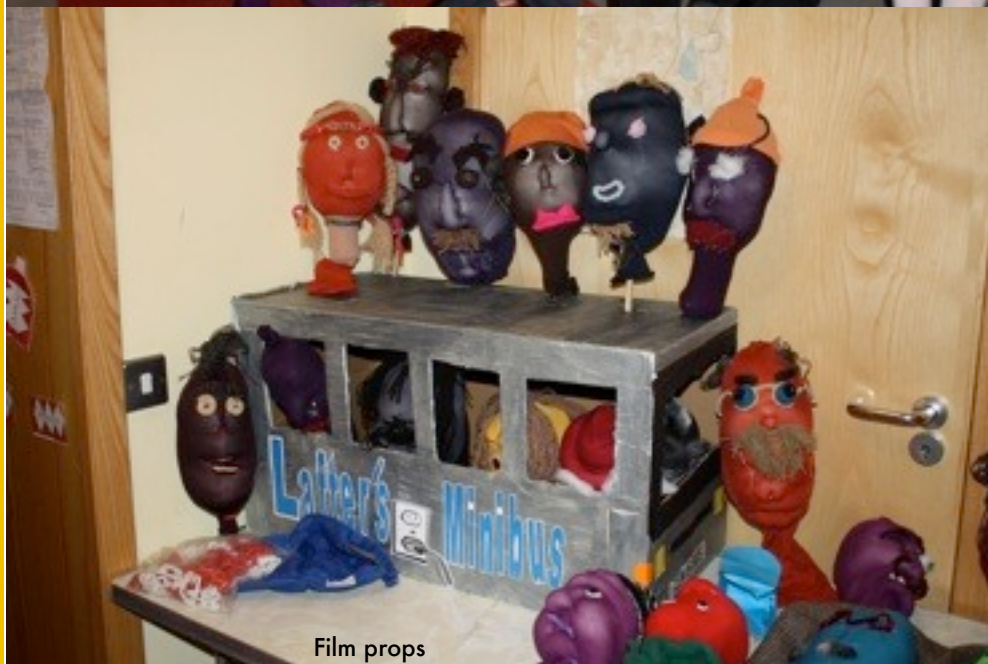
A trailer for the film can be found at <http://youtu.be/bag26O15s8M>

DVD's are available from Fetlar school for £5 plus p&p, with all monies raised going towards a school trip. If you'd like a DVD, email fetlar@shetland.gov.uk

More photos are available on the website www.fetlar.org



The principal teacher and pupils from Fetlar primary school



Film props

More Film premiere photos.



Just checking !



Principal teacher Paul Gill and Head teacher Maggie Reyner pose on the red carpet



Following the film, the annual childrens Christmas party had been organized at the hall. There were plenty of delicious goodies to eat and party games to keep everyone entertained.

Father Christmas made an appearance complete with a large red sack, full of presents for all the children.

Recent arrivals bring population up to 79 !

A warm welcome to Mike Foggarty, his partner Marie Painter and their four children, who arrived at the beginning of October, they are pictured on page 4. Their arrival brought the Primary school role up to 7, with a further 2 children attending Nursery.

Also to our very latest arrivals, Elaine Read and her partner Hazel Kent who arrived at the end of November, a warm welcome. They will be taking over running of the Strand croft.

Fetlar Tourism Development Officer

Following on from interviews held on Wednesday this week, Kyle Sylvester has been offered the post. He will be starting work in the new year. He was awarded the post ahead of stiff competition. The interview panel noted the very high general standard of applicants and would like to thank all those who were unsuccessful for taking the time to apply

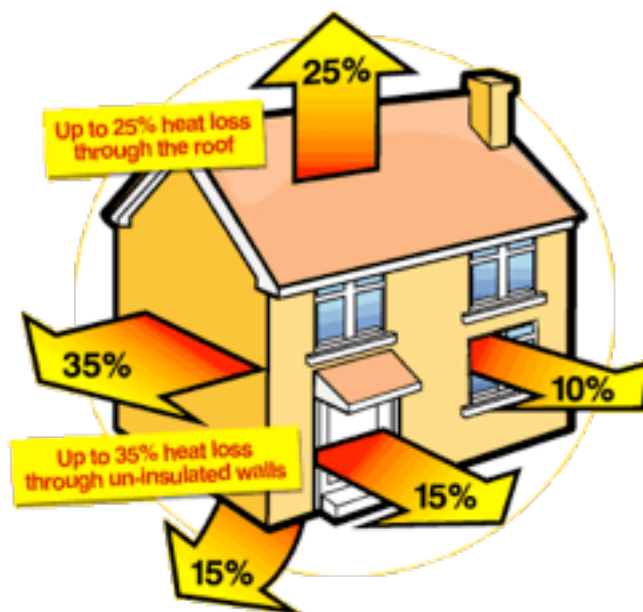
In our next edition - due February 2013

A feature on Fetlar's first new house for many years.

Intern appointment

Rhona Jackson will be joining FDL in January for a three month contract, sponsored by the Adopt an Intern scheme. She will be assisting with developing a press pack and additional information for the website.

FREE Home insulation



There are still, up to 100% grants available for wall and loft insulation. Contact Shetland Heatwise Tel 01595 696508 for more info.

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 sally.mcivor@shetland.gov.uk

Another 4 bed property at Vealzie will be available in January , please visit www.fetlar.org

Pier photos are courtesy of Brydon Thomason
www.shetlandnature.net

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.

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