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A Fun Weekend

On Saturday I went to Ander's party. I ate a lot of sweets and we played games. Luca won the cereal box game and the pillow game. We played musical statues and me and Grace won. It was a tie!

On Sunday I went for a walk to Bunes with dad. We went down to the rock pool bit. It was fun but a bit scary as the waves were enormous. After that we went to the beach and I made a raft out of wood. I fell off the raft and into the water. It was so refreshing and roasting hot (joke).

Harris (8)



Butteries

I like eating butteries. They are a kind of bread that is buttery of course, and salty and basically yumminess! In Argentina there is a kind of cake that uses the same kind of dough as butteries and butteries come from Aberdeen. The ones in Argentina have brown sugar on the top and are called torta negra which is black cake. Don't think they are all black, it is just they are black on top with brown sugar.

Luca (7)



The Best Bits of My Weekend

This weekend Grace came home so we wanted to visit lots of people, plus since Ander was sick on his birthday he had a very late birthday party. It was epic! There were loads of sweets and popcorn and since Grace was there we got to play with her! We played upstairs as well as doing a lot of party games. We also went to see Anne because it was her birthday. We stayed there until it was time for the birthday party at Houll.

That night I got my Christmas presents that I'd ordered off Amazon. I got some new books, one of which I'm nearly done! I also got a fibre optic lamp that is very cool! Since it was the weekend I could stay up later than usual so we played Robo Rally which takes at least two hours! A new series of star wars started so we watched that until 1 o'clock!

We went for dinner with Jen at Taft. We had spag ball and said hello to Fly. She was very happy to get lots of belly rubs!

During the weekend Grace and I played badminton with Jen. Grace is doing a walk every day of the year this year so she walked back to Shirva after we were done and I got a lift off Jen. But when we got back we saw how good the waves were so Jen and I went to see them at South Light. They were huge and I got to take a pictures with Jen's camera. Then we went back. After a bit, we played Wing Span which Grace won. We also played Dominion which I won! I had a great weekend. I hope you did too!

Freyja (10)

Thank you for your submissions to my caption competition from last week – here are the best!

"It's so hard to wag my tail at 80" **Robert**

"Limp sock, no wind; last seen August 1999"

"When it turns to green the plane will come"

"Dave, you shouldn't have drunk that shrinking fluid" (*F I Times editor's favourite!*)

"I used to remember what that orange thing was called!"

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Da Week Dat's Awa

Friday, was that sun or am I hallucinating a memory? I remember there was no rain but not much wind, as I got washing out on the line for the second time this year but it didn't move much! But getting it out still felt like an achievement! A first for Tingwall: the plane was iced! An hour's delay meant I could take the dogs for a walk around the loop, something I do a lot more rarely these days. The first plane came - 100kg of mail! But that is not all, same again still at Tingwall, Alan says, to come in on the afternoon plane. Andrew goes to Skerryholm to replace the cable between the sheds - one happy Grandad by the end of the day! My afternoon was taken up sorting and delivering all the mail. Another first, I had to deliver it two goes as it would not all fit in my car! If Amazon used appropriate sized boxes then maybe it would have fitted in one go! Brodie spends the afternoon at Setter playing with Granny.

Saturday, Brodie goes to his first birthday party! The weather was horrible so the perfect day to go to Houll for Ander's belated birthday celebrations. Brodie shows off his newest learnt skill of clapping, cheering all the other kids on playing the cereal box game! We had a great afternoon and Brodie crashed out straight to sleep when we got home! Andrew does the skip round in the morning. He has been kitting-out the skip round trailer with new reversing lights and 'caution I'm taking up the road' lights. People who have been blinded on the other side of the island by his LandRover lights will know Andrew likes lights! So this is your warning about these new lights!

Sunday, Andrew meets Robert at the electricity shed to finish up changing the high pressure fuel pump. I make Andrew stay home in the afternoon so we can tackle bits around the house. More space is created in the house but won't be long before rubbish is everywhere again! I blink and Brodie needs to go up a clothes size (cannot believe he is 1 next week!) so I put clothes which are too small into the loft and took down new clothes to wash for him to wear. Andrew also took down from the loft a baby toy tool box equipped with baby toy pliers, spanner, hammer, screwdriver and drill and also some trucks. Not sure whose these were once upon a time, but thank you because they are perfect for Brodie! We go to Setter for Sunday tea. Grandad supplied lobster for starter and a chicken to roast for main. Don't suppose many people can say they have eaten lobster before they are 1 year old - one of the great things about growing up here!

Monday, I am back to work at the school as the Clerical Assistant so I drop Brodie off at Granny's and I head to the school for the morning. The plane brings mail so my afternoon is spent doing that. Andrew worked on the pier removing damaged concrete kerb sections and pinning rebar ready for concreting. Years ago a massive barge hit the pier breaking bits off. He also goes to BT to get some peoples' broadband back on.

Tuesday, the first lambs of 2023 are born! Harriet has always been a special sheep so only fitting she decides to have her lambs



in January - not planned! She was a hand reared caddy who has never seen herself as a sheep. She was born a month before I got any other caddies and she was not impressed when they started to take over her pen. She refused to play with them and when she grew up and moved to live with other sheep, she refused to mingle with them either! So it makes sense that she did not want to share her maternity ward with anyone and get all the attention for herself. Dad has a love/ hate relationship with her we'll say! The boat sails and brings back mail so that's my afternoon. Andrew is back to repairing the pier all day.

Wednesday, no planes as it's too windy, so Brodie and I take advantage and have an indoor day and just play and chill all day. I make meatball shakshuka for tea which was a new recipe and I will be making it again. Andrew goes to the lighthouse to do 'dreaded' windows. "These windows are the worst windows to put in". The windows that came are too big so proving a big job to replace. They are having to cut and chisel the window ingoes and sills to make the gap wide enough for them to fit. The Northern Lighthouse Board are doing up the accommodation below the tower at the South Lighthouse which FIBS are helping with.

Thursday, a good day for planes. The current Lower Leogh artist residency guest, Mavis, leaves today so I collect her and take to her to the plane. My weekend will be spent cleaning it for the next guests who are coming from Denmark. I spend the rest of the morning at school and then delivering mail in the afternoon. I haven't delivered mail on this many days of the week in months!

The weather gods must be calming down. Brodie has a fun day at Setter.

I get home to some new guests staying with us - three puppies! Deja-vu of this time last year when we had our own. Steven is taking the rest south to the mainland to new homes so we are looking after the ones left until he gets back. Brodie absolutely loved meeting them. They seemed to listen to him better than us, sitting to attention to his laughs! Such a calm afternoon we had to take advantage of it and go for an afternoon walk with the dogs. Andrew concretes at the pier - job done!

Now to send this off to Eileen and relax for the evening.

Have a good weekend.

Amy, Andrew and Brodie at USB



NOTICES

Silage Wanted - Does anyone have any spare silage bales that I could buy off them, please? Rachel, Barkland

Sunday worship – all welcome to join at Utra on Sunday morning at 11am, John leading.

Fair Isle Pier Consultation Event – A delegation from the Council and project managers in charge of the pier and new ferry group are due to come to the Isle on Monday 6th February, to hold an open session for folk to ask questions and see plans etc. In case of bad weather, they will hold an online version of the event that evening from 6.30pm-7.30pm. More information to follow.

Interesting clouds spotted – I spotted some funny looking clouds on Monday, so sent these photos to our expert meteorologist Dave Wheeler to see if he knew what they were. Dave confirmed they were *stratocumulus undulatus asperitas*.



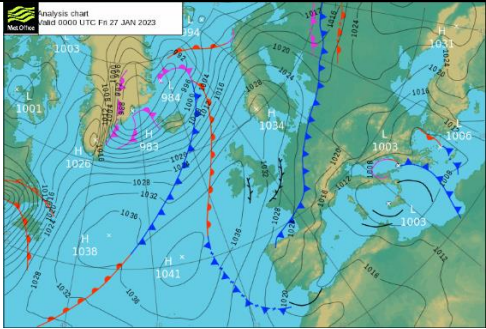
features, sometimes descending into sharp points, as if viewing a roughened sea surface from below. Varying levels of illumination and thickness of the cloud can lead to dramatic visual effects. Occurs mostly with Stratocumulus and Altocumulus”



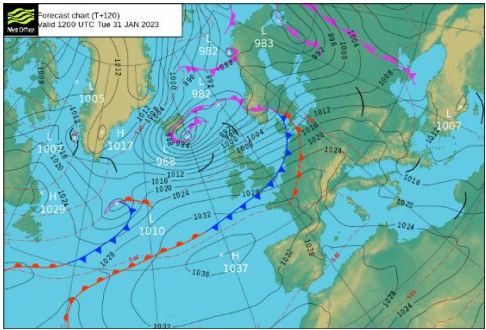
Here is what Dave shared on those specific clouds:

I think the structure may be a result of marked wind speeds both vertically and horizontally. At the airstrip the speed was 18kn, yet at only 5 or 600ft higher when on approach, Marshall reported 36kn! Also winds to the west were strong yet only a few miles east of FI winds were very light! This morning at 09h Heathrow temperature was -7C in freezing fog. Here on Fair Isle our temperature was +8C. According to my International Cloud Atlas asperitas clouds are defined as: “well-defined, wave-like structures in the underside of the cloud; more chaotic and with less horizontal organization than the variety undulatus. Asperitas is characterized by localized waves in the cloud base, either smooth or dappled with smaller

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



**Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 27th January 2023**



**Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Tuesday 31st January 2023**

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 27th January 2023

A weak warm front will clear Fair Isle today with the more active cold front following this evening, veering a strengthening south-westerly airflow westerly. A flat ridge brings a lighter westerly on Saturday before another depression, tracking east over Iceland, drives further fronts east in a strong south-westerly airflow overnight. A strong and cold north-westerly airflow will follow later Sunday as the low continues into Scandinavia. While a ridge from the west will bring quieter conditions on Monday and again on Thursday during next week an anticyclone initially to the southwest of the British Isles is expected to drift into Biscay resulting in a westerly airflow over northern Scotland becoming a mild and occasionally strong Atlantic south-westerly.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures around 7° Celsius by day with little change overnight through today and Saturday. Turning colder later Sunday falling to 5° by evening and 3° or 4° overnight.

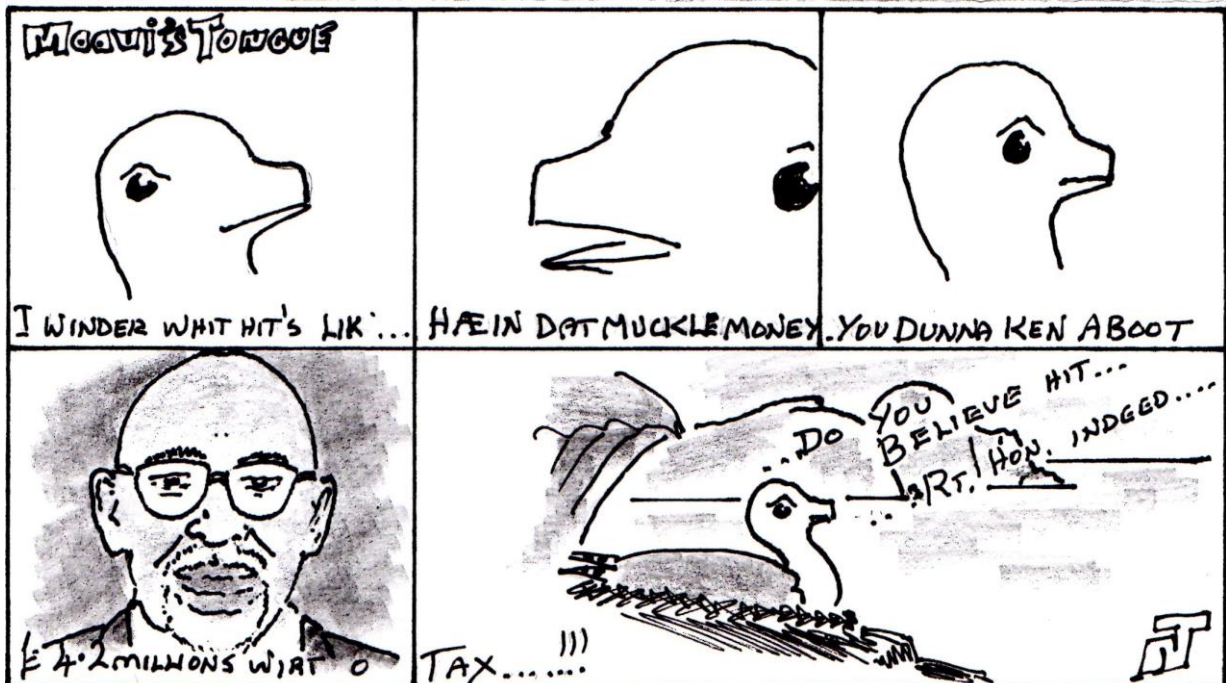
FRIDAY 27th: Cloudy but mostly dry at first, some patchy rain in the afternoon becoming more persistent and heavier through the evening. SW'y winds strengthening F6 veering and easing F5 W'y overnight as showers replace rain. **Sea State:** Moderate with a 2 metre W'y wind swell. **SATURDAY 28th:** A brighter day with showers dying out later as cloud thickens with outbreaks of rain arriving late evening as WSW'y winds increase F5-6. Rain overnight with F6-7 WSW winds. **Sea State:**

Mostly rough with a 3 metre W'y wind swell but moderate east of Shetland. **SUNDAY 29th:** Cloudy with persistent, occasionally heavy rain through the morning clearing to blustery showers mid-afternoon. Turning colder with wintry showers overnight as F7 to gale F8 W'y winds veer NW. **Sea State:** Mostly rough with a 3 to 4 metre W'y wind swell. Moderate to rough east of Shetland.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday cold around 3° at first rising to 5°. The rest of the week 7° or 8° Celsius by day, around 5° overnight. **MONDAY 30th:** Cloudy and cold with a few showers, occasionally wintry. Mostly dry and bright by afternoon as fresh to strong NW'y winds easing moderate W'y. **Sea State:** Mostly rough with a 3 to 4 metre NW'y wind swell. Moderate to rough east of Shetland. **TUESDAY 31st:** Cloudy with blustery showers. Fresh WSW'y winds increasing gale force. **Sea State:** Mostly rough with a 3 metre NW'y wind swell. Moderate east of Shetland. **WEDNESDAY 1st – SUNDAY 5th:** Some early rain on Wednesday then drier and brighter. Overnight W'y gales easing fresh to strong W to NW'y. Thursday drier and brighter with light winds. Windy with rain or showers to end the week. **Sea State Wednesday:** Mostly rough with a 3 metre NW'y wind swell. N'y moderate to rough east of Shetland.

Dave Wheeler



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