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### My Outdoorsy Weekend

Saturday was a really sunny day. After lunch, Harris and I met up to play outside for the afternoon. We played an adventure game on the Houll (we both fell in some mud!) before going to LSB to say hello to Pat and Neil and all the other children. We played in the garden until it got a bit chilly and it was time to go. I then headed up to Schoolhouse to play with Harris on the Brae, then when it got freezing, we came inside and had a snack and played some Minecraft. It was great!

Sunday was horrible weather, so I had a chill day after running around lots yesterday. We went to Utra for the service in the morning and played a game of Robo Rally in the afternoon.

Monday was very windy, so after school Dad and I went to look at the waves at South Light. We watched them for a bit then went down to Muckle Uri Geo. We found a dead Flapper Skate that was nearly as big as Dad then I found a Barrel Jellyfish. We sent Nick a picture of the Barrel Jellyfish and he told us it was a first for Fair Isle! We then went down to Hultrigeo because very foamy waves funnel into it and it is a lot of fun to play in. After that, we walked around all the beaches to South Harbour, then across John's field to Hesti Geo because it is long and thin and you get foamy waves that leave lots of foam behind that I can stand in. We stayed there for over an hour! When we went home it was getting dark. It was lots of fun and I didn't even get wet!

**Freyja (10)**



## Sunny Saturday

I woke up with a lovely day. I was like “Why do I have to go to school today? This doesn’t make sense, it’s Saturday!” We had a bit of a relaxing morning then we went outside. Me and my brother Ander went on our bikes and then we went in a car, then we went for a walk from the Bird Obs to Easter Lother where we met Nannan and Daddad and we sailed our little sailing boat. It was good fun. Then we had a picnic – yum. Then we went to the North Haven and we got some mussels. We steamed them in butter, garlic and water. They were delicious!

**Luca (7)**



## Fun Outside!

On Saturday, I cycled down to meet Freyja because it was a nice sunny day. We played on the Houll and at the other side it was a bit marshy so I slipped and got covered in mud! Freyja rushed down to help me but before she got to me she slipped and fell. We had to change. I had to borrow some of Freyja’s trousers and her PE trainers! After that we cycled to Pat’s. Luca, Ander, Pat, Neil, Eileen, Mum and Heidi were in the garden. We had a goodie to eat and played for a while.

**Harris (8)**



This week we include this article and photos kindly submitted by Margo Murray, formerly of Koolin, Fair Isle. Margo is an avid reader of the Times and often submits beautiful poetry and prose, along with memories (usually involving a lot of fun!) of life in the Isle. With the closure of the Kirk and its impending sale, Margo got to thinking about the building...



### **My earliest memory of an event which our family attended in The Fair Isle Kirk**

I was deeply saddened when I first heard of the plight of our Fair Isle Church of Scotland, in particular, regarding the poor state of the building, which was being deemed a dangerous edifice.

I can only soften the blow by casting my mind back over, to remember my own and our family's 44 years of association with the da Kirk, continuing from my time in Glasgow, where I was born.

I have to admit that I was taken aback, at first, to find that there were two churches on this small island but then I was to discover that both of these churches, the Church of Scotland and the more recent Methodist church were currently in conversation nationally, to join together. That sounded healthy enough and so I joined with Flo Stout and Mary Wilson to assist in teaching at Sunday school, to all of the island children.

My main focus here is to remember, with others, some of the most endearing past events which have taken place over many years.

Without a doubt the most delightful event during our stay was the marriage of Edith Ann Stout (*Editor: Jimmy at Skerryholm's peerie sister*) to Dr Malcolm Sue- Chu.

Photo right: Malcolm and Edith signing the register





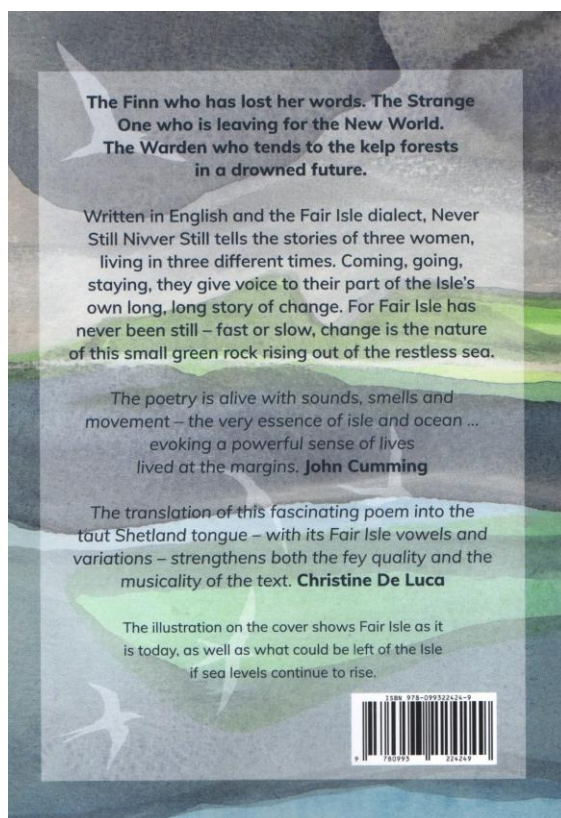
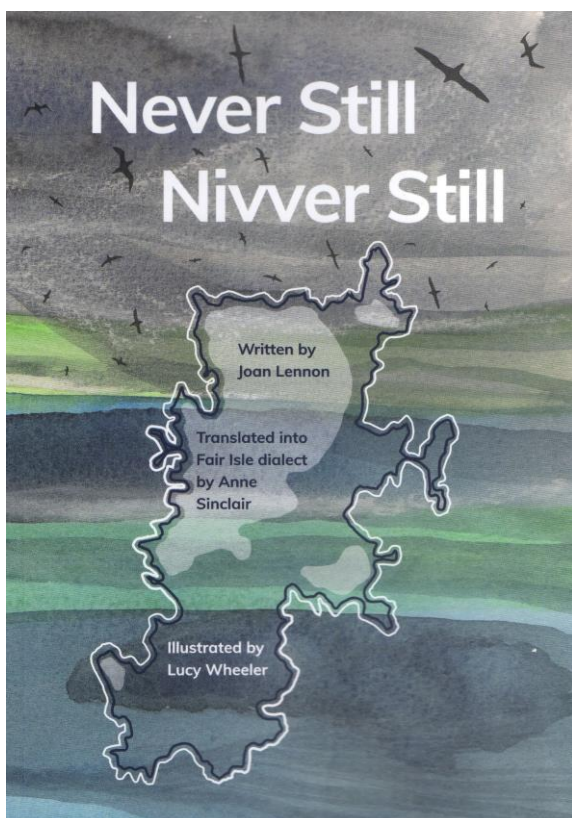
Without a doubt the wind itself chose to play a lively part in the proceedings by attacking all head gear, as the bride and groom and their attendees - bridesmaid June Diack, best man Neville Jordan and page boy Christopher Stout, age 3 and a half all arrived at the Kirk for the event.

The ceremony was then joyfully conducted by the Reverend Kenneth Fisher. How perfectly marvellous that Edith and Malcolm's Marriage was coinciding with the completion of the new community hall, a double whammy, made possible by Jerry Eunson and his friend Charlie.

What a rare time we had that night!  
Margo Murray

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**There is a new book with a Fair Isle connection.** Written by Joan Lennon and translated into frisle dialect by Anne Sinclair, with illustrations by Lucy Wheeler, now available from Stackhoull Stores, The Shetland Times Bookshop and soon from the Museum in Fair Isle too, for £10.





**Sea finds** – If you are in the Isle keep your eyes peeled if down near the ebb, David and Freyja Parnaby made the most of the very low tides this week to explore the South end of the Isle and came upon this beautiful Long Spined Scorpionfish. It was still alive and David and Freyja managed to safely return it to the water. Quite a stunning creature I'm sure you will agree!

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## ISLE NOTICES

**Good Shepherd sailing** - A reminder that the Good Shepherd sailing scheduled for Tuesday 7th March will be operating on Wednesday 8th March , weather permitting of course!

**Sunday service** – this Sunday we are back to the Chapel, all welcome to join at 11am. John will be leading the service. Sunday school with Pat

### Cruise ship visit 2023 -

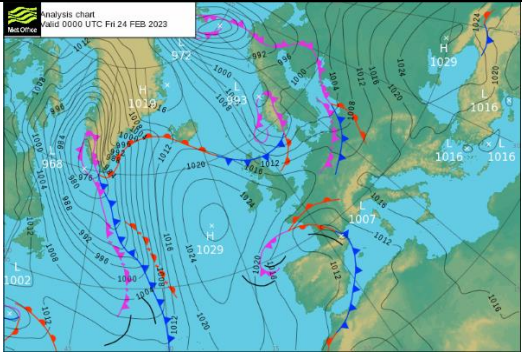
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20/05/23	Sat	Polar Pioneer
24/05/23	Wed	Spitsbergen
26/05/23	Fri	Ocean Nova
28/05/23	Sun	Seabourne Venture
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22/07/23	Sat	Island Sky
24/07/23	Mon	Island Sky
08/08/23	Tues	Island Sky
26/09/23	Tues	Maud

2023 will be another busy year for cruise ship visits, hopefully the weather will be helpful when it comes to it especially in the end of May when we have a lot booked! I have taken over from Hollie in organising the cruise ship visits to the Isle and will be keeping in touch with all those involved via the WhatsApp group as Hollie did last year. Here is a brief update to show those currently booked, in case it is useful!

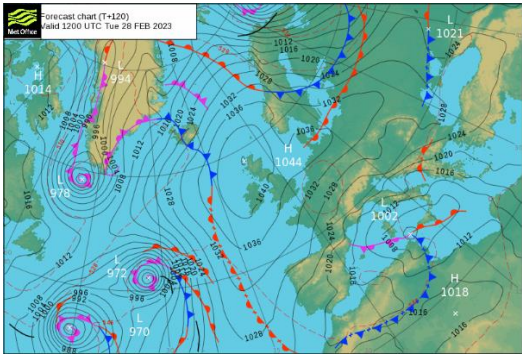
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**FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



**Analysis Chart 0000 UTC  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



**Forecast Chart 1200 UTC  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**GENERAL SITUATION**

A cold front cleared south across Fair Isle early yesterday evening, temperatures falling from the then 8° Celsius to our present 3.5° as a northerly airflow set in. This will ease later today as a ridge moves in from the west with an anticyclone developing over northern Scotland bringing settled though rather cloudy condition over the weekend. Though the centre of the anticyclone may drift a little west midweek continuing high pressure may well maintain settled conditions right through until the end of next week when it may begin to weaken.

**OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND**

Temperatures around 4° Celsius on today, 1° or 2° overnight. The weekend less cold, 6° or 7° by day around 3° overnight. A frost possible.

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup>:** Perhaps a few early wintry showers, otherwise dry with some sunny spells. Chilly in a F5 NNW'ly breeze. A cloudy though mainly dry night with a chance of frost towards dawn as winds ease F3-4 and skies tend to clear.

**Sea State:** Rough with a 3 or 4 metre NW'ly wind swell. Inshore waters east of Shetland moderate to rough with a 2 or 3 metre N'ly wind swell. **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup>:** Cloudy with brighter spells, cold at first but less so later. Dry with a F3-4 NW'ly breeze. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough with a 2 or 3 metre NW'ly wind swell. Inshore waters east of Shetland moderate with a 2 metre N'ly wind swell.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>:** Rather cloudy though dry with chance of sunshine and a F3 W'ly wind. **Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre NW'ly wind swell, N'ly east of Shetland.

**FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK** 6° to 8° Celsius by day, 2° or 3° overnight. With anticyclonic conditions colder nights bring chance of frost should skies clear to any extent. Perhaps colder for the start of March.

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>:** Another dry day with uncertain cloud amounts - typical of maritime anticyclonic conditions. Light NW'ly winds. **Sea State:** Mostly slight with a 1 or 2 metre NW'ly wind swell. N'ly east of Shetland.

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>:** Little change. **Sea State:** Mostly slight with a 1 metre wind swell with variable direction.

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>:** Disappointingly cloudy with limited sunny spells. Turning colder for the weekend as N'ly winds freshen with wintry showers possible. **Sea State Wednesday:** West of Shetland and through the Fair Isle Channel becoming moderate with a 2 metre W'ly wind swell. Slight east of Shetland.

**Dave Wheeler**

