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The End of XW11G

The bulky, rough, grey rock towered above a young girl. She could smell the sharpness of raspberry mixed with animals (space smells of raspberry). She hovered gloomily past the spherical domed houses inside asteroid XW11G or to her...home. The dry dusty air filled her lungs. She coughed ferociously. Oh no! As she did, she used her secret power. She turned into a...PUG! As quick as lightning, she turned back to Luna Star. Luna sighed with relief. Nobody had seen her except her best friend (who already knew).

"Do you want a ride," asked Jupiter.

"Yeah!" exclaimed Luna. She jumped on her friend's back as Jupiter swooped above the linear streets.

After a while, they glided down to the tiled road. Luna was about to go in for supper when suddenly glowing crimson warning lights flashed and sirens wailed in their ears. This meant the asteroid drifted out of the belt and was falling towards earth! Panic flooded the city as giant hovercrafts touched down - they filled with shapeshifters (residents of XW11G), desperate to escape the doomed asteroid. Luna could feel the ground plummeting through space. The hovercraft doors started to close so she sprinted towards them but there was a sudden rock fall in her path, forcing her to stop...she was too late! Luna scanned her surroundings. Jupiter was gone! Then she suddenly remembered...home was hurtling through space! Panicked, Luna scrambled into the underground bunker; it was her only hope!

SMASH! CRASH SPLAAAAASH! Smoke filled the sky as a ginormous wave careered over North Haven beach, Fair Isle. Freyja, who was on Bunes at the time (her dad was looking at birds at the opposite end of the Bunes - a rocky headland), saw what happened and scrambled down the steep rock face as quick as she could. Fortunately, her dad heard the commotion and started bolting over to Freyja who was now midway down the cliff face. Then...she fell! Freyja tumbled through the air then whoosh she was caught by...a Griffin. David's gasp turned to a sigh of relief. Swooping through the air was none other than Jupiter!

Back at the asteroid Luna was crawling through a crack made by the fall. For the last bit she had to turn into a pug to squeeze through (at least her power was useful for some things!) She just squeezed out when a massive pile of rock fell.

Phew, that was close! Then she was met with the majestic landing of Jupiter and Freyja.

"Wow that was so cool!" squealed Freyja as they ran away from the now crimson-with-rage Dad.

"Where are we going to stay?" queried Luna.

"I know!" replied Freyja excitedly, "you can stay in Grace's room then when she comes you can stay in the tent!"

The end... for now!

Freyja (10)



My Den

At the weekend I made a den in the garden. I found some broken slabs so me and mum made the floor with them. I found old pieces of wood. Some of them had nails in them. It was hard to get the nails out. I had to use a crow bar but Dad helped me. I used the wood to make a roof. Dad was making gates for the garden with old pallets. There were lots of little bits of wood leftover so we decided to have a fire inside. When we opened the fireplace a dead bird fell out! Dad chucked it over the wall! I got to light the fire myself.

Harris (8)

NOTICES

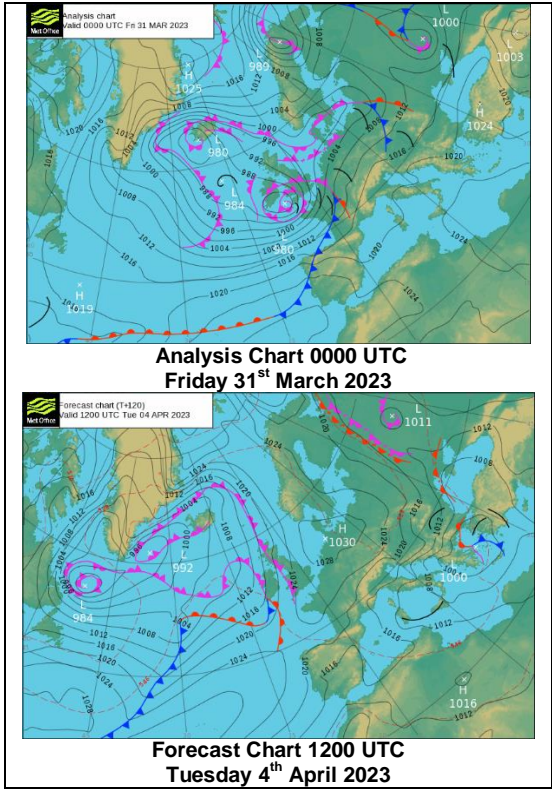
Chapel – Sunday at 11am, all welcome to join in, Susannah leading.

Easter Holidays - this issue is the last Fair Isle Times until after the Easter break. Thank you as always to all our contributors. We hope you have an enjoyable Easter and good luck to those who are lambing. We will be back in a couple of weeks or so – the Fair Isle Times team.

South Lighthouse 25th Anniversary – Deryk received this notice from NLB and thought it might be of interest to others:

Today, 31st March is the 25th Anniversary of automation when Fair Isle South became Scotland's last lighthouse to be automated. To mark this poignant milestone BBC Radio Scotland interviewed former Keepers John Boath, Ian Duff and Bill Gault. Mike Bullock was also interviewed, and the piece will be broadcast on Saturday 1st April on the weekend edition of Good Morning Scotland. It will be a 5 minute piece and will be on at some point between 8am and 10am. There should also be an online feature about the anniversary on the BBC Scotland News website today (31st March).

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 31st March 2023

Low pressure persists west of the British Isles with a weakening front over Shetland. A small low tracking east over southern England will result in a slacker airflow over the UK with milder moist air pushed north towards Shetland. High pressure building to the west and toppling east should bring drier air for the weekend. A southerly airflow will freshen on Monday as a depression moving east from Iceland carries fronts across Shetland overnight. Passing close by Shetland on Tuesday the low will leave a large slack area of building pressure bringing quieter conditions after mid-week.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures around 8° Celsius by day 4° overnight.
FRIDAY 31st: Rather cloudy with mist patches and hill fog, a little drizzle and F5 E'ly winds. Becoming drier and brighter through the afternoon. Cloudy overnight but mainly dry. F4 ESE'ly winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate with a 2 metre E'ly wind swell.
SATURDAY 1st: A cloudy start, brighter by afternoon with sunny spells. F3-4 ESE'ly wind, S'ly later. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre E'ly wind swell.
SUNDAY 2nd: The morning bright with sunny spells, cloudy by afternoon. F3-4 SW'ly winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate with a 2 metre mainly SE'ly wind swell.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Temperatures 8° or 9° Celsius by day, 5° or 6° overnight.
MONDAY 3rd: Rather cloudy though mainly dry with moderate SW'ly winds strengthening S'ly with chance of rain overnight. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate with a 2 metre generally W'ly wind swell.
TUESDAY 4th: Rain clearing in the morning then mostly dry though rather cloudy with a moderate S to SW'ly breeze. **Sea State:** Slight to moderate with a 1 to 2 metre S'ly wind swell.
WEDNESDAY 5th – SUNDAY 9th: Chance of showers later Wednesday with moderate SW winds. The remainder of the outlook mostly dry rather cloudy with brighter spells and light winds.
Sea State Wednesday: Slight to moderate with a 1 to 2 metre S'ly wind swell.

Dave Wheeler

