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The Birthday Weekend

On Friday it was Pat's (Nannan's) birthday. She was 70! We made her a cup out of salt dough which I (Ander) painted flowers on. Lots of people came to her house to visit and there were 2 birthday cakes. One was chocolate hazelnut and the other was brownie with cream on the top. They were very yummy. On Saturday it was Brodie's birthday. He was 3! We went to his house to play. He had a big cake which was a 3 and decorated with lots of farm animals, sweets and tractors and trailers.



On Sunday we went to visit Ian at Kenaby. It was his birthday too! We gave him some truffles and he put some really yummy smoked ham on the table. And that was the best weekend in the world.

Luca (9) and Ander (7)



Starfruit

One of Mum's friends sent us 2 starfruit. One was unripe when we tried it but the other was sweet. This was the first we had tried starfruit. Ander didn't like it. I would eat it again.

Starfruit grow on Carambola trees which can be up to 30 feet tall. They grow in southern China, India and the Philippines. They are also grown in the USA. In Florida and Hawaii, starfruit are picked from June to February.

Luca (9)

ISLE NOTICES

THIS AFTERNOON - Just a reminder that the next oral history session will take place on Friday 7th February at 3pm in the committee room at the hall. The subject will be agriculture, crops and self-sufficiency and everyone is welcome. Coffee and cake will be provided!

Kind regards, Rachel (Barkland)

Chapel on Sunday – all very welcome to join in a Songs of Praise service with lots of lovely hymns, following on from the very enjoyable service 2 weeks ago, with lots more favourites! All welcome at the Chapel at 11am.

GP Visit – Dr Shah is due to visit the isle next Thursday 13th February. If you would like an appointment with the doctor, please call Laura at the surgery to arrange. Thanks

Thursday 13th February 6:30pm - Final Viking saga discussion - Matthew Blake: Bird place-names: flights of fancy in North Ronaldsay, Papay and Fair Isle. The final one of these fascinating free, short talks and discussions on the interesting history of Fair Isle's place names is on Thursday. Please email matthew.blake@nottingham.ac.uk to book your free spot.

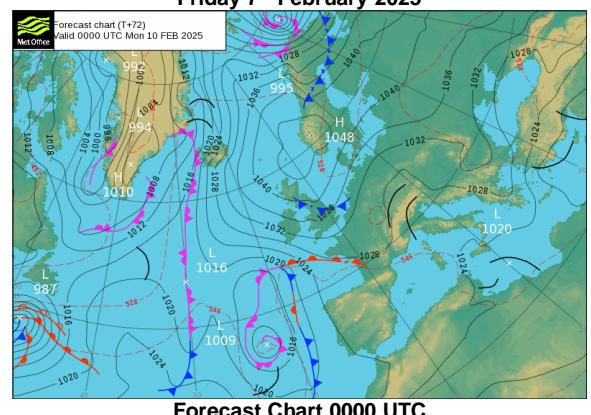
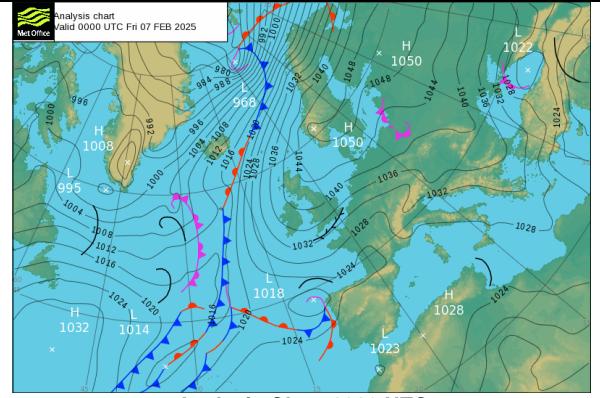
Et båt-mannskap (crew) - A fisherman was saved the other day just outside Sørøya in the very north of Norway.

The helicopter was coincidentally nearby, out on a training mission, and that probably made the difference, because they came to rescue after only 20 min, while normally the response time for a helicopter that far out at sea, is approx. 1 hour and this fisherman probably wouldn't have made it that long... (Video in the link);

<https://www.vg.no/nyheter/i/JbXX6m/jon-atle-ble-plukket-opp-av-helikopteret-tenkte-det-var-game-over>

John at Utra

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST

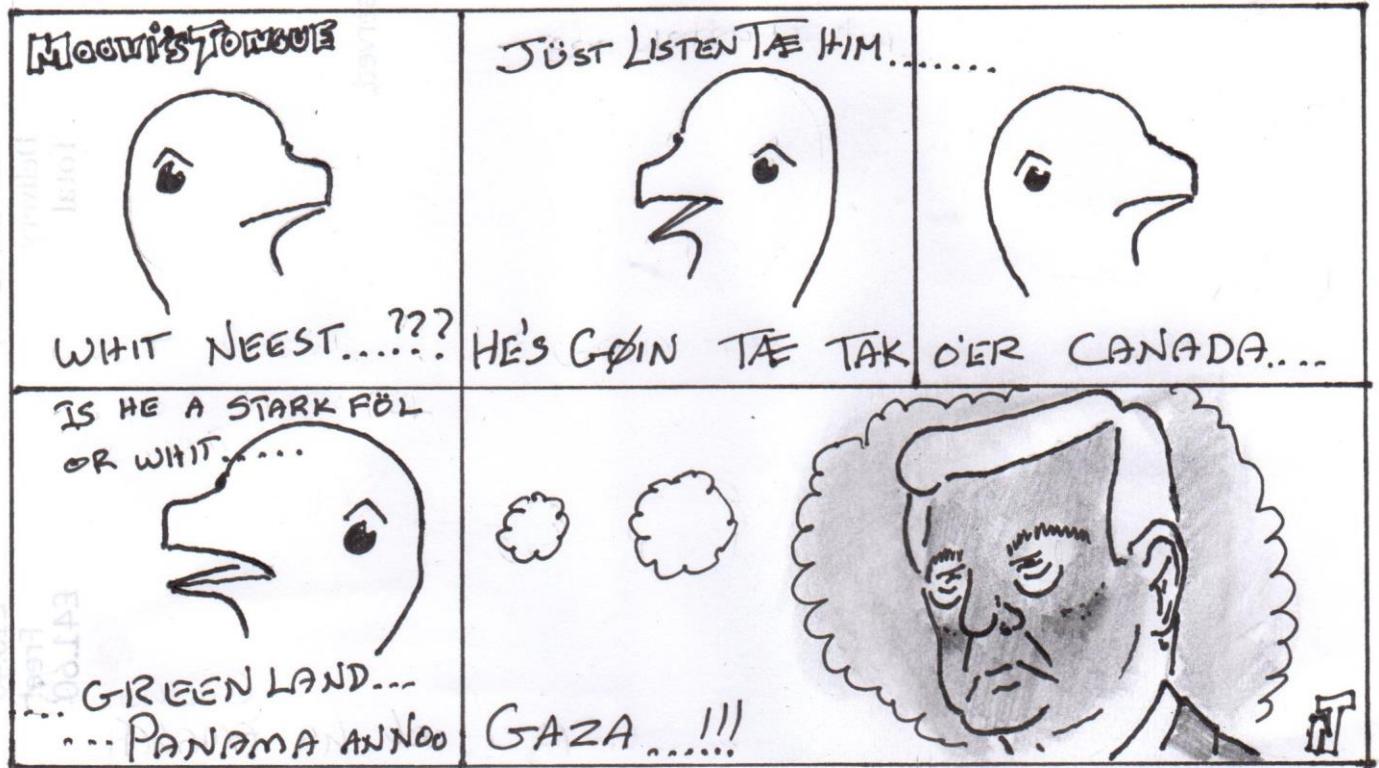


metre SW. East of Shetland rough at 3 metre S.

TUESDAY 11th: Rather cloudy but remaining mostly dry. Feeling rather chilly in a freshening SE wind. **Sea State:** Mostly very rough at 4 to 5 metre SW. East of Shetland slight at 1 metre S.

WEDNESDAY 12th – SUNDAY 16th: Wednesday dry though cloudy with fresh SE to ESE winds. Thursday cloudy with fresh SE winds. Mainly dry at first with chance of showers later. Friday and the weekend mainly dry but cloudy with fresh SSE winds. **Sea State Wednesday:** Mostly moderate at 2 metre WSW. East of Shetland slight.

Dave Wheeler



GENERAL SITUATION Friday 7th February 2025

Statistically February is often a month of reasonably settled weather due to high or relatively high pressure developing either across the Norwegian Sea or over Scandinavia – usually making it the least windy month of winter.

This month is starting with a strong anticyclone (1046hPa msl) established across Scandinavia with a fresh easterly airflow expected to ease over the weekend as pressure builds across the Northern Isles. In the longer term high pressure is forecast to persist through much of next week with mainly dry and cloudy or partly cloudy conditions along with an often fresh and chilly southeast airflow persisting.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 6° or 7° by day, 2° or 3° overnight.

FRIDAY 7th: Dry with cloud breaking and sunshine developing, F5 S winds easing F4. Dry though cloudy overnight with winds freshening F5. **Sea State:** Mostly rough at 4 metre W but E of Shetland S moderate at 2 metre.

SATURDAY 8th: Some brighter spells otherwise rather cloudy with chance of a shower. F5-6 SSE wind easing F4-5. **Sea State:** Mostly rough at 3 metre SSE.

SUNDAY 9th: Dry, cloudy or partly cloudy with sunny spells. F4 S winds easing F2-3. **Sea State:** Moderate at 2 metre S.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Temperatures around 5° or 6° by day, 2° to 4° overnight.

MONDAY 10th: Dry, rather cloudy with some brighter or sunny spells. Moderate SSE winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate at 2