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An Interview with our new Teacher, Jonathan



Luca, Jonathan and Ander at the top of North Raeva

What is your name?

My name is Jonathan Pye and I'm happy that I am not going to be called Mr Pye anymore!

Where are you from?

I grew up in Cumbria. It had lots of mountains.

Where have you lived before here?

I lived in Burnley for 7 years and Jura for 7 years.

What are you looking forward to about moving to Fair Isle?

I am looking forward to everything but especially the teaching.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

Maths, PE and literacy

Can you tell us your favourite joke?

I can tell you lots of Dad jokes that will make you groan!

Do you have a favourite singer or band?

It depends on whether I am running or relaxing.

What is your favourite food?

Tuna pasta especially with pesto and broccoli.

Do you have a favourite country you have visited?

Slovenia with all its lakes and mountains.

What is your favourite football team?

I grew up supporting Carlisle but I had a season ticket for Burnley.

Can you play a musical instrument?

I used to play the piano but I have not played for years!

Do you have any pets?

I have a rescue cat called Tali who is coming with me to Fair Isle.

We are really excited about Jonathan coming to Fair Isle after the Easter Holidays!

By Luca and Ander

ISLE NOTICES

Fair Isle Demonstration and Research MPA talk TONIGHT at the hall at 7pm - Katie, Development Officer for FIMRO will be sharing a recap of the projects and research to date and the plans for this year and moving forward. Peg Shaw from Fauna and Flora will also be updating the community on the capacity building work she's been doing with FIMRO. Hope to see you there and hear your thoughts. There will be tea, coffee and homebakes afterwards 😊

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Chapel – this week we will meet informally at Quoy at 11am where John will lead. All very welcome to join

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Good Shepherd – a reminder that the ferry is scheduled to sail on Wednesday 26th March after morning plane time, weather permitting. Please find updates on 01595 743978 from Tuesday evening.

This week marked a huge leap forward for the completion of the new Bird Observatory, with the boat *Havara* arriving on Wednesday morning with the bulk of the furniture for the new building. The day was met with perfect conditions – a calm sea, blue skies and not a drop of rain – definitely deserved after all the weather delays back in the earlier stage of the project. A team of keen helpers arrived at the pier early on Wednesday to transport the goods from the pier to the building, then up the stairs and into bedrooms with dozens of beds, dressing tables, chairs, dining tables, sofas and even a few washing machines! A few hours and all were in place, or at least inside and safe from the elements!



Caption competition from last week (below):

“I've found it! ...But now I'm stuck”
Kathy at Upper Leogh



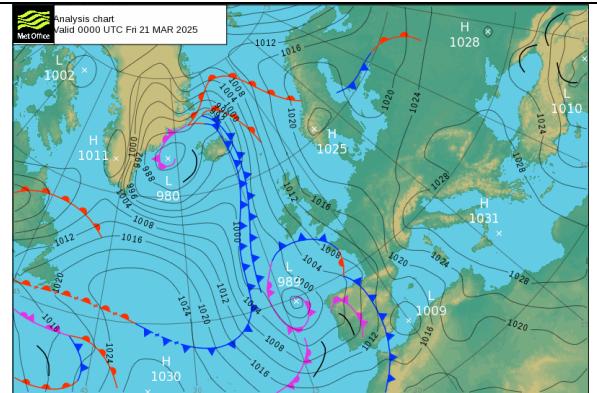
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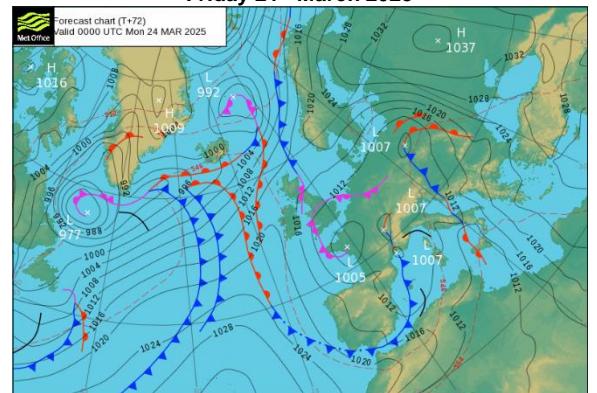
A question - what famous Fair Isle landmark has disappeared recently? Betty, as the new nurse, was told of its significance and history in our first week on the Isle in the 70s by Helen of Busta. John at Utra

Can you answer this riddle? Answer next week!!

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 21st March 2025



Forecast Chart 0000 UTC
Monday 24th March 2025

GENERAL SITUATION Friday 21st March 2025

A less settled spell for the weekend with a frontal trough edging east across northeast Scotland before clearing early next week, The Azores High is then expected to build north to the west of the British Isles bringing westerly winds across the Northern Isles until midweek when the ridge is forecast to topple southeast over the UK. An Atlantic depression tracking northeast is predicted to drive fronts northeast towards northwest Scotland later in the week.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Mild with temperatures 9° or 10° by day 5° or 6° overnight.

FRIDAY 21st: Dry with hazy sunshine until cloud thickens later. Breezy with a F4-5 SE wind gradually strengthening F6-7. Cloudy dry for much of the night with rain arriving around dawn. SE winds increasing F7 to gale F8.

Sea State: Moderate or rough at 2 to 3 metre SE.

SATURDAY 22nd: Cloudy with F7 to gale F8 SE gusting 50kn and rain this heavy at times before becoming lighter and patchy through the afternoon.

Sea State: Rough or very rough at 4 to 5 metre SE.

SUNDAY 23rd: Cloudy with F6-7 SE winds easing becoming S F4-5 as patchy rain dies out through the afternoon. **Sea State:** Mostly rough at 3 to 4 metre SE.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 24th: Mostly dry, cloudy at first with the afternoon brighter. Chance shower later as moderate SW winds freshen. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate at 2 metre W.

TUESDAY 25th: Cloudy with scattered showers and fresh W winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate at 2 metre W but moderate or slight at 1 to 2 metre east of Shetland.

WEDNESDAY 26th – SUNDAY 30th: Risk of a shower Wednesday and Thursday though often dry but rather cloudy. Moderate WSW winds occasionally fresh. Friday and the weekend cloudy with patch rain or showers an occasionally fresh S to SE winds. **Sea State Wednesday:** Mostly rough at 3 metre W but moderate or slight at 1 to 2 metre NW east of Shetland.

Dave Wheeler

