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Our Weekend Recounts!

Luca writes...

Let's start off on Friday evening. We were relaxing on the sofa wearing pyjamas. Mum was on a run. When Mum came back, she had invited Alex, Jonnie, Jonnie's brother and his girlfriend for tea so we sprinted to get our clothes on. After about half an hour, they came. This was classic because we were rushing when we didn't need to.

After watching Man U triumph against Chelsea on Saturday evening, we went up to Alex's surprise birthday party. Energetically, we played football with the adults. For the first time, I didn't want to play football because I was in a swimming pool of sweat and dying from dehydration even though I had three glasses of water. I sensibly stopped and put my attention on darts and eating cake.

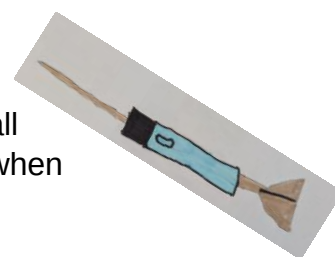


On Sunday, we had to have a fairly relaxed day but we did put up our own dartboard (inspired by Saturday's events).

Ander writes...

Luca and I had a lovely and busy weekend. I am going to tell you all about it.

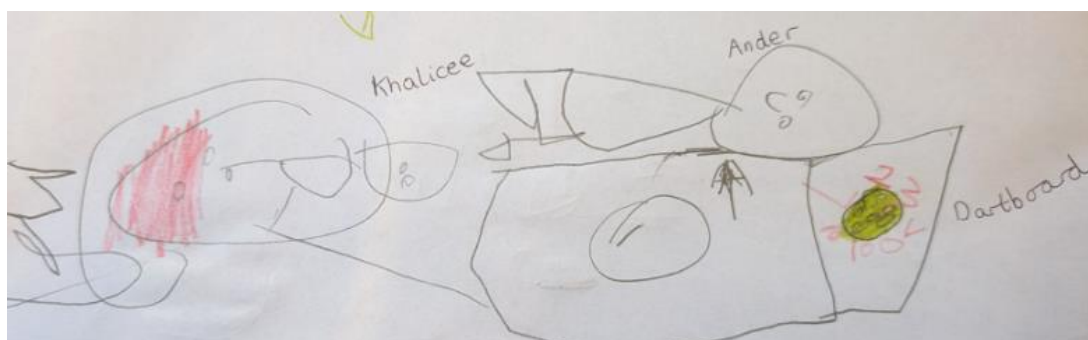
On the weekend, we went to Alex's birthday party. It was an energetic party because we played football, darts and whacked a pinata. I hope I impressed all the of the people watching me play darts. There was a funny pinata moment when Luke nearly got hit in a sore area.



Also, on Sunday, me and Luca put up my dartboard at home.

Khalicee writes...

I was trying to throw darts at the board but it almost bounced off and hit Ander. I enjoyed the party, especially the sausage rolls (I want to eat some more now I have said that).



From the F I Times editors: Well done bairns for your excellent accounts of a fun weekend!

Harvest – this weekend, Sunday 28th September 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Please take any home produce to the Chapel at 2pm on Saturday 27th and all other raffle prizes etc to the Hall on Sunday afternoon. Thank you! Please let Eileen know if you'd like to bake something for teas and we'd love a few more raffle prizes. Thanks



This week we get to know Lower Leogh's latest artist-in-residence, Dorthe Dalby Nielson who has come to the isle for a fortnight to photograph the isle and folk here. Isle folk may have seen Dorthe exploring the isle and documenting going's on here

My name is Dorthe Dalby Nielsen, and I come from Copenhagen, Denmark.

I discovered photography about 10 years ago, when I bought my first DSLR camera. The 300-page manual was a bit too much, so I joined an evening class instead. That's where I learned about aperture, ISO, and shutter speed — and I was hooked!

Since then, I've taken courses in both nature and portrait photography, joined a photography group (which is the oldest one in Denmark, this year we celebrate our 130 year anniversary), and I even upgraded to a mirrorless camera with better lenses. Photography has truly become a passion. Last year I also had my first photo exhibition.



My photo group runs six competitions a year, and I've been lucky to win prizes, including a couple of 1st prizes, and I also join the yearly national competition in Denmark. With the group I've travelled to cities like Madrid, Hamburg, Bologna, Stockholm and Istanbul. Additionally, I've explored Scotland, Iceland, Germany, Sweden, India - and now Fair Isle.



Photography is not a full-time job for me - I also work as a software engineer for an unemployment insurance fund in Denmark, programming their administrative system and integrations.

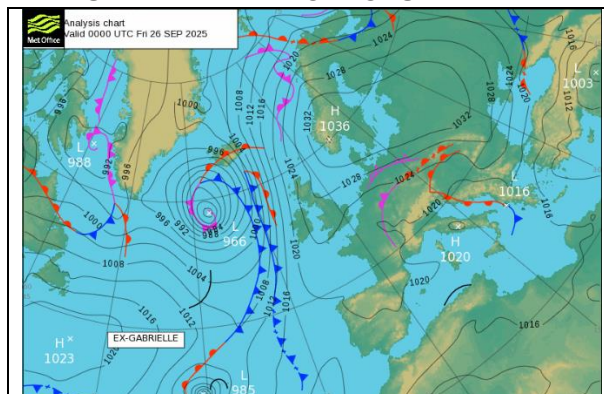
And here is a link for my website (unfortunately only in Danish) - you will find links for Facebook and Instagram at the bottom of the page, everyone is more than welcome to follow me there. In the menu, you will find a link for my Fair Isle travel blog (I did translate the posts into English) <https://www.dalbynielsen.dk/>

**Thanks to Dorte for this and for the photo below which is definitely deserving of a caption competition!!
Suggestions to Eileen please!**

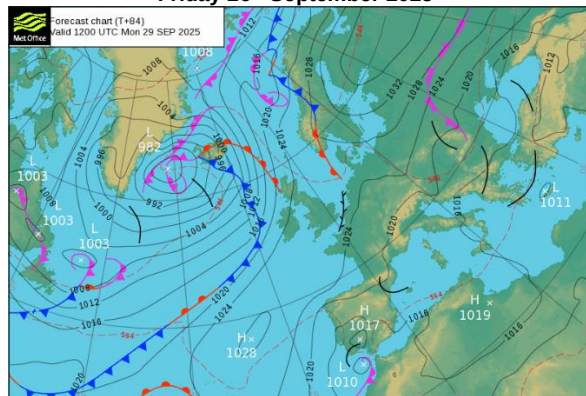


Chapel – All welcome to join in the harvest celebration service at 11am. Dave B leading.

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 26th September 2025



Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Monday 29th September 2025

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 26th September 2025

High pressure over the UK earlier in the week has now migrated into Scandinavia, bringing a strong south-south-easterly airflow ahead of approaching Atlantic fronts. These are expected to move east over the Northern Isles during the weekend though will be much weakened as they come up against high pressure persisting to the east. Next week, as pressure remains low over the Atlantic, further fronts are expected to follow in a mild, fresh southerly airflow; though weakening as they come up against high pressure to the east. It is possible a deeper Atlantic depression may bring wetter windy weather with risk of gales later.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 12° to 14° by day, 10° overnight.

FRIDAY 26th: Dry and bright with sunny periods but breezy with F5- 6 SE winds increasing F6 occasionally F6-7. Cloudier overnight though staying dry but windy.

Sea State: Mostly moderate at S 2 metre.

SATURDAY 27th: Mostly dry though cloudy with F6-7 SE winds easing F5-6 SSE later. Outbreaks of rain overnight with some mist and low cloud.

Sea State: Mostly rough at SSE 3 metre.

SUNDAY 28th: Outbreaks of rain, occasionally heavy along with low cloud, mist and a F5-6 SE wind.

Sea State: Mostly moderate at SSE 2 metre.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Temperature 12° to 14° by day, 9° overnight.

MONDAY 29th: Cloudy with a strengthening SSE wind. Perhaps dry at first with rain by the afternoon.

Sea State: Moderate at SW 2 metre. East of Shetland slight to moderate at S 1 to 2 metre.

TUESDAY 30th: Cloudy with some showers or light rain and a moderate or fresh SSW breeze.

Sea State: Moderate at S 2 metre. **WEDNESDAY 1st – SUNDAY 5th:** Rain, occasionally heavy on Wednesday with strengthening S to SSW winds. The rain perhaps lighter and patchy by afternoon. Thursday cloudy and drier with lighter winds. Friday and Saturday perhaps windy with W'yly gales, rough or very rough seas and blustery showers with gales moderating through Sunday. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate or rough at SW 2 to 3 metre. East of Shetland moderate at S 2 metre.

Dave Wheeler

