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Fair Isle Primary School News

Lighthouse to Lighthouse Ramble!

A huge thank you to the whole community for supporting us on our ramble, to those who joined us for every bit of the 4.1 miles (measured accurately using GPS), to those who joined us in the hall afterwards to hear about our excursions and kindly donate and (of course) to those wonderful bakers for the delicious goods.

Our final total is **£803**. A wonderful total for a very worthwhile charity.

We couldn't resist some writing afterwards, inspired by our endeavours...

A Guide to Walking from Lighthouse to Lighthouse by Ander

Do you want to go on a Fair Isle ramble? Well, I'm here to help you do it. The first items you should bring are: a fully-filled water bottle, some yummy and emergency snacks and footwear. On the way you will see: Kirn o' Skroo, Sheep Rock and Ward Hill. Do you want it to go in a flash? You should bring some funny friends to chat with.

A Guide to Walking from Lighthouse to Lighthouse by Luca

Considering a walk from beautiful North to South Light? I am here to guide you. I will make sure you don't get lost or wander off a cliff.

Before you set off, you need to bring these items: emergency snacks, a fully-filled water bottle (to stay hydrated) and sturdy footwear.

Firstly, you should pass the Golden Water (hopefully glimmering in the sun). Soon after you pass the Obs, your eyes will see Sheep Rock (unless it's foggy).



If you want to pass the time, you can invite your friends to do the walk with you, or you can bring a speaker (to play music, or bring both).

If your legs are feeling tired in the last mile, eat some of your emergency snacks and have a drink. Don't give up! After the Hall, it is all downhill. Trust me, it is satisfying when you are done.

Bonus Feature: Khalicee's Captions!

1. Let's Get Ready to Ramble!



2. The “Pudseys” have found a good spot for a photoshoot (*left*)



3. We picked up more people along the way and celebrated halfway with some snacks (*above*)



3. We’re nearly there!

5. We made it! Tired legs but happy faces. It was a beautiful day.

Festive edition! Only 3 more editions of the Fair Isle Times this year! Yes, it is that close to Christmas! Please get your articles, photos, stories, jokes or messages in to us asap please!



NOTICES

- No **Chapel** this weekend
- **Christmas Choir** - rehearsal on Friday at 3pm in the Committee Room at the Hall. All welcome.
- **Fair Isle Classifieds** - We are setting up a WhatsApp group specifically for buying and selling (or giving away) items within Fair Isle. These could be household goods/croft items/gardening tools/office items/furniture/tools etc etc. This group is entirely optional and on an 'opt in' basis. All items bought/sold or given away will be at the sellers/buyers risk. We will have some 'rules' to ensure fairness and efficiency. If you are interested in joining the group please send a request (via WhatsApp, email or text message) to Hollie or Eileen and please provide the mobile number you wish to use for the group. Thanks, Hollie and Eileen

The Good Shepherd is continuing to sail to Lerwick at the moment. The weather has helped us a bit, but the short days and time of year will eventually cause more disruption. The new ferry project team is aware of this and have funded some sailings of a larger boat to augment my service. There's another trip this coming week (already full) and one the week after. The new ferry project has also budgeted for fresh goods on the plane when I request it. I've arranged for old cars that are shipped out to be collected but it must be understood that liability remains solely with the owner (including possible pier dues or any pollution incident etc).

There is also a contingency supply of heating oil and gas on the isle. Anyone needing fuel or gas should continue to buy as **NORMAL** for delivery from Lerwick (*contact Eileen if you need home heating oil via the FIDC home delivery scheme*).

I have a meeting at Grutness next week to look at the potential for getting back there in a few weeks' time. However, it'll not be service as usual, the store won't be available for deliveries and all items would have to come with Andrew Nicolson Transport on the sailing day. It's not going to be straightforward, but it might work.

Ian

Skipper, Good Shepherd IV

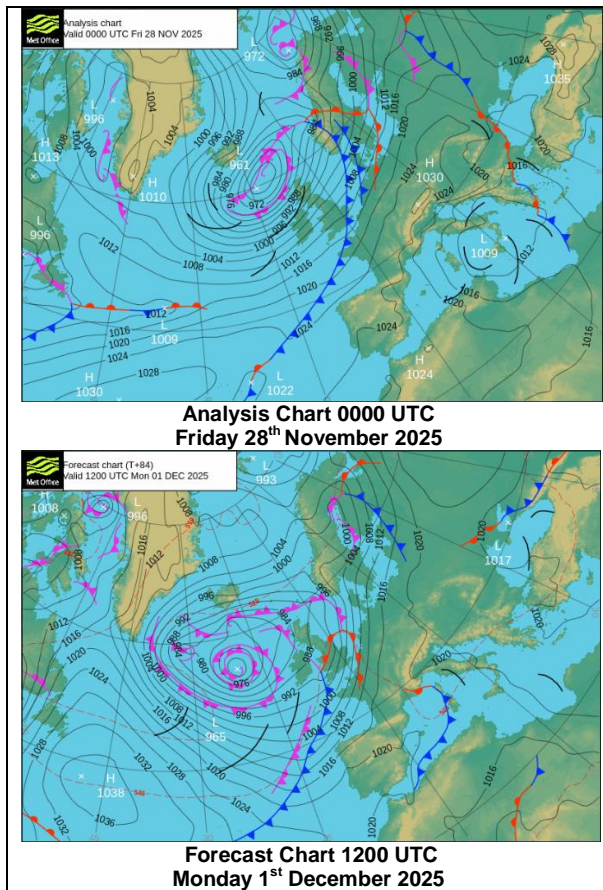
An additional update to our piece last week on Marie's exciting couple of weeks away from the isle...

I came back to Shetland on Monday after a lot of hesitation in London because there was a direct flight to Geneva and I had been thinking about visiting my sister. The weather was looking iffy for getting back to Fair Isle so I thought I might end up stuck in Shetland for the week. But I felt guilty prolonging my time away so I flew back to Shetland on Monday evening.

On Tuesday I waited all morning in Tingwall but there was no luck, the ice just wasn't melting. The forecast for the rest of the week made me really pessimistic and my sister had been so disappointed that I didn't end up visiting her, so I decided to head south again. I was meant to travel to Aberdeen on Tuesday night but that plane was cancelled. Somehow, against all my pessimism, there was a flight on Wednesday morning and after a long day of travel I finally got to be reunited with my sister on Wednesday night. I will stay for the weekend and attempt to get back home next week.

My sister has been on bed rest and unable to walk for three weeks following a double surgery on her feet so she is really happy to have me here. My mum has been caring for her all this time and honestly I don't know how they haven't killed each other yet! I was glad to see Airtask had managed a flight today (Friday) but I'm grateful for the unexpected time with my family! Marie

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



GENERAL SITUATION Friday 28th November 2025

The gale to severe gale-force south-south-westerly airflow will turn westerly then northerly tonight as a deep depression west of Shetland moves away northwards as a filling feature. A fresh to strong cold northerly airflow eases through Saturday and Sunday as pressure builds across Scotland from the northwest. This freshens easterly early on Monday ahead of fronts driven east by the next Atlantic depression. Present forecasts suggest this depression will slip southeast across the south of the UK leaving a reasonably settled southerly airflow across the British Isle midweek. Later in the week this freshens as the next Atlantic depression drives associated fronts east towards the British Isles.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND Weekend cooler 5° or 6° by day, 4° or 5° overnight.

SUNDAY 30th: A mainly dry day with some bright or sunny spells. F5 NNE winds easing F4 E, freshening F5 SE overnight bringing a spell of rain later in the night. **Sea State:** Mostly rough at N 3 metre.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Cool at first temperature 7° or 8° by day, 5° or 6° overnight. Then 8° or 9° by day, 7° or 8° overnight.

MONDAY 1st: Early rain soon clears to sunny spells and showers. Fresh SE to S winds. A cloudy night with patchy rain and fresh SE winds. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough at N 2 to 3 metre.

TUESDAY 2nd: Mainly dry and bright with fresh SSW winds. **Sea State:** Rough or very rough at SW 4 to 5 metre.

WEDNESDAY 3rd – SUNDAY 7th: A few showers Wednesday and Thursday with moderate or fresh E tending moderate or light SE to S. Thursday perhaps dry with moderate or fresh S winds. Friday dry with freshening SE winds. Then chance of outbreaks of rain with strengthening SE winds for the weekend. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate or rough at S 2 to 3 metre.

Dave Wheeler

