

# FAIR ISLE TIMES

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## Fair Isle Primary School News

### Our Most Recent School Trip...

It's all been happening here at Fair Isle Primary School. Or, more accurately, it's all been happening on the mainland. Last week, we had the first of TWO enrichment trips this term where we ventured to Lerwick for a whole three days. Instead of the classic "recount" writing that often appears, we thought we'd show you a wee picture video (complete with some confidently narrated captions) that will give you a flavour of what we got up to. Please click on this link below and watch the video! Feel free to send us a comment if you'd like. The children were fabulous throughout the trip and Hollie and Jonathan were very impressed with their participation and determination. We will be heading out again in a week's time for more swimming lessons and Sandwick Sports Day.

[Our May Enrichment Trip to Mainland Shetland](#)

 [Click on the link!](#)

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## ISLE NOTICES

- **Fair Isle Committee quarterly meeting** -We will be holding the next Fair Isle Committee Meeting on Wednesday 24th June 2026 from 7:30pm till 9pm, in the Committee Room at Fair Isle Hall. All residents are, of course, welcome to attend. If anyone has any items for the agenda, please could you email both myself and Eileen with them in plenty of time. Similarly, any reports from other committees that anyone wishes to submit would be welcomed in advance too.  
Jonathan, FIC Secretary & Treasurer
- **Fair Isle Bird Observatory Grand Opening** - The grand opening of the Fair Isle Bird Observatory will take place on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> June. There will be events over the weekend to celebrate the reopening of the Obs. More information to follow.
- **Cruise ship visit** – one of our largest ships, Silver Wind, will be visiting the isle on Monday, with guests coming ashore in the morning to visit the Hall and Museum (open from 0900-1200 to all visitors and islanders alike). The cruise ship guests will return to the ship for lunch, coming back to the isle for guided walks with their own team to the North light after lunch. With 243 onboard, it will be a busy day!





## 20mph is plenty!!

A friendly reminder to **everyone** on the isle to slow down and take care while driving. With better weather the bairns are likely to be out walking and cycling and there are many blind corners, so please do pay attention to your speed and take care for everyone's benefit.

Thank you!

Fair Isle Demonstration and Research MPA update – Katie Cubbon (DR MPA Research Officer)

- **The Fair Isle DR MPA Annual Report 2025-2026** is now available [online](#) including a summary of research and project progress between April 2025-May 2026 as well as information on funding, communications, resources citizen science and more
- **Fair Isle DR MPA spring/summer newsletter** also now available [online](#) – includes a round-up of recent project and research activity. You can subscribe to receive quarterly newsletters [here](#)
- **Shorewatch Big Watch Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Good luck to all Fair Isle Shorewatch volunteers with this weekend's BWW where volunteers take on the challenge to carry out as many Shorewatch surveys as possible over a 3 day period with various challenges including: record 12 or more Shorewatches, record a watch before 7am, take a furry friend to a Shorewatch site, eat cake at a Shorewatch site and more. More info available on the [WDC Shorewatch website](#).

As always, if anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out to [katie.cubbon@nature.scot](mailto:katie.cubbon@nature.scot)  
Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

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Parkol in Fair Isle – We continue to share updates on some of the key folk working on our new Good Shepherd V, many thanks to Parkol!

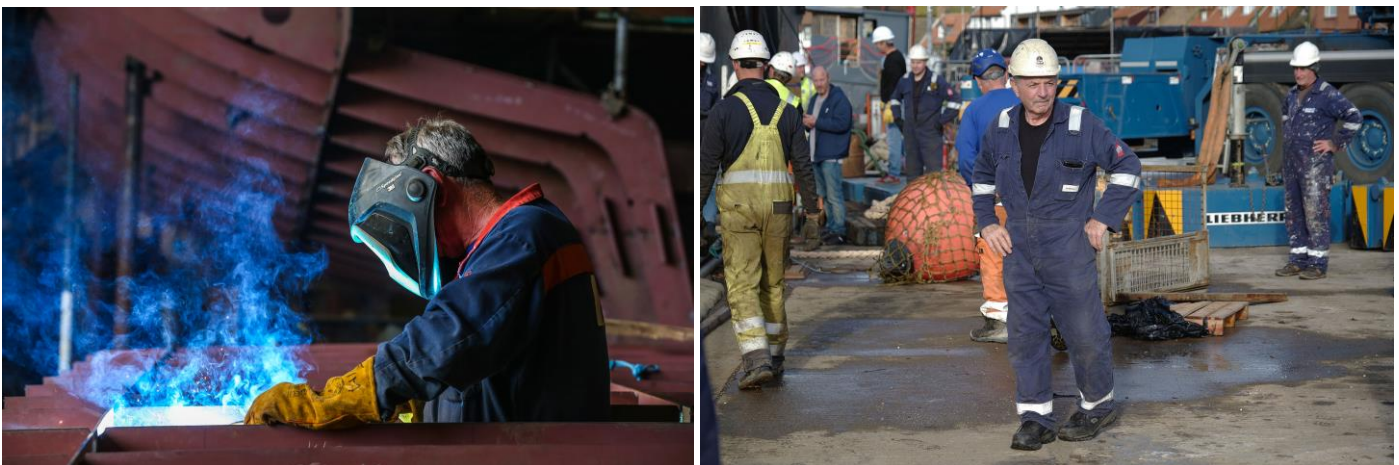
This week we learn about Managing Director, Jim Morrison.



**Above left: Jim on the right with son and daughter James & Sally, and the late John Oliver's son Andrew. Above right: Jim**

Whitby born and bred, the son of a Merchant Marine, Jim started his working life as a welding apprentice. He remembers year after year catching the 6am bus to Teesside to work on the Dorman Long plant. This was a start of Jim's career in the offshore oil and gas industry as a coded welder. With all this experience and Jim's passion for boat construction, moving into shipbuilding was a natural progression. Jim first joined Parkol as a Director in 1986, when one of the two founders of the Company – Ken Parker, retired. Up until then Parkol has been mostly servicing and repairing boats, but with Jim Morrison onboard the Company soon started expanding into boatbuilding.

Parkol's first new build was completed in 1997 – 10-metre scalloper Jaqueline Anne, which is still fishing for scallops out of Portavogie in Northern Ireland. These days, 40 years and 67 new boats later, Jim still oversees the day-to-day running of the business alongside Parkol's other three Directors – his daughter Sally Atkinson and son James Morrison, and the late John Oliver's son Andrew Oliver. Jim believes in taking a hands-on approach to leadership, so he is often seen assembling steel kits and organising the yard.



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**The Fair Isle Times is so proud to share the news of Alice Best of Kenaby, winning the Cutlers Company Design Competition 2026 with her beautifully designed set of cutlery, named *Balance*.**

“In designing this cutlery set, I drew inspiration from traditional forms, seeking to reinterpret them through a simple, contemporary lens. Reflecting on the role of ambience in shared meals - often accompanied by music in my upbringing—I was naturally led to the fiddle, an instrument connected to my family’s background in folk music. I was captivated by the perfect balance of the instrument and its beautifully handcrafted scroll. While researching cutlery, I discovered the chopstick rest, appreciating both its simplicity and its purpose in maintaining hygiene. In many East Asian cultures, cleanliness at the table is highly valued, and this principle became central to my design approach.

Guided by the form of the fiddle’s scroll, I explored ways to integrate balance directly into the cutlery itself. Rather than relying on a separate stand, the design allows the pieces to support themselves, with the heads elevated above the table to remain clean and untouched. The handle and scroll are carefully shaped to achieve this balance while maintaining a refined aesthetic.

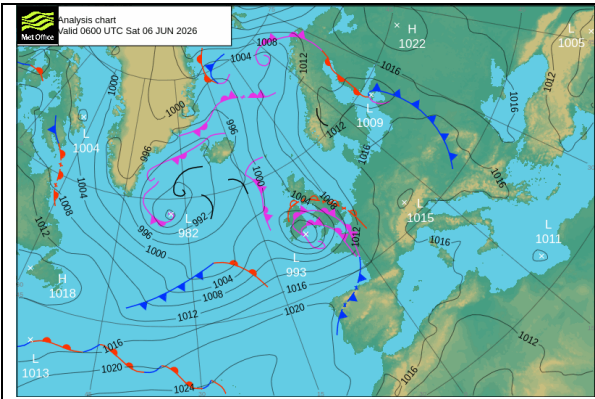
Silver is proposed as the primary material, chosen for its natural antibacterial properties, reinforcing the concept of hygienic dining. Inspired by the fiddle, this cutlery set rests elegantly on the tabletop, offering a clean and considered eating experience. ”

**Statement by the Judges**     *“A refined and well-balanced design, embodying dignity through its simplicity and courage through its delicate form.”*

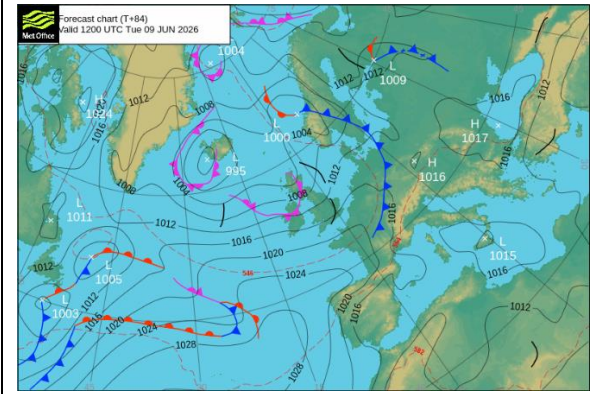


You can find out more about the Cutlers’ Company here: <https://www.ccdc.uk/>

# FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



**Analysis Chart 0600 UTC  
Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



**Forecast Chart 1200 UTC  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## GENERAL SITUATION Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

A weak ridge of high pressure will decline today with a large depression west of the British Isles driving fronts northeast across Scotland overnight, the low centre is expected to track north close to Shetland during the weekend. A secondary low centre swings by early next week before moving away northwards leaving a slack area of low pressure just north of Shetland. The latter part of the week possibly unsettled and windy as an Atlantic depression is currently predicted to be approaching western Scotland. This may pass close to Shetland as a filling feature during the course of next weekend.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND Temperatures 12° to 14° by day, 8° or 9° overnight.

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup>:** Cloud, mist and rain clearing late morning then brighter with sunny spells and scattered showers. F5 SSE to S winds. **Sea State:** Slight or moderate at WSW 1 to 2 metre. East of Shetland slight at S 1 metre.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures 11° to 13° by day, 8° or 9° overnight.

**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup>:** Cloudy with chance of showers. Perhaps more persistent rain later. Mainly light winds. **Sea State:** Slight or moderate at WSW 1 to 2 metre. East of Shetland slight at S 1 metre. **TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup>:** Bright with showers some heavy. Mostly light SW winds. **Sea State:** Slight or moderate at WSW 1 to 2 metre. East of Shetland slight at S 1 metre. **WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>:** Wednesday rather cloudy with chance of

showers. Moderate SW to W winds. The end of the week sees strengthening SE winds bringing bands of rain. Strong winds perhaps easing by the weekend but with the risk of mist and fog. **Sea State Wednesday:** Slight or moderate at WNW 1 to 2 metre.

**Dave Wheeler**

