

## Hello!

It's been a beautiful start to the week in Northmavine while we put together the newsletter, lets hope for plenty more. This weekend will see the welcome return of the Northmavine Up Helly Aa. We hope you have a great time joining in with all the festivities. Programmes will be available in both shops on Friday.

There is lots happening across Northmavine in the next month which you can find in the what's on section. We also have a round up of January's weather from Joy French.

We hope that you find it an interesting read and if you have anything you would like to add please get in touch. Email: [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com) Phone: 01806 544 222 or just nip into the office if you are passing by.

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## NCDC Projects

### Winter Warm Spaces

NCDC is working with Shetland Islands Council to offer Winter Warm Spaces in each of the halls through to the end of March. There will be Soup and Tea/Coffee available for free. Come along for some board games, company and a chat. We will also have information about the support available for the current cost of living crisis. This is supported by the SIC Winter Activities Fund.

Sullom and Gunnister Hall	Thursday 23rd Feb 11am - 2pm
Ollaberry Hall	Friday 3rd March 11am-2pm
Hillswick Hall	Thursday 9th March 11am - 2pm
North Roe and Lochend Hall	Thursday 16th March 11am-2pm
Sullom and Gunnister Hall	Thursday 23rd March 11am- 2pm
Ollaberry Hall	Friday 31st March 11am - 2pm

### Pop Up Craft Shop

With the vast amount of talented craft people in Northmavine, NCDC have decided to open a pop up craft shop in Northmavine this summer. Towards the end of January we had a meeting with some of the interested crafters to discuss ideas. We expect by next month to have more news about it all. If you are interested in being involved and haven't been contacted already, please get in touch with Charlotte at [charlotte.anderson@northmavine.com](mailto:charlotte.anderson@northmavine.com), phone 01806 544 222 or pop along the office.

## Tourism Meeting

Charlotte has been undertaking community tourism leadership training over the last year and NCDc are keen to put what she has been learning into practice. If you are interested in tourism in Northmavine, there will be a meeting on the 23rd February at 7pm in the Ollaberry Hall.

## Energy Saving Help Bags

Shetland Citizen's Advice Bureau have put together some Energy Saving Help bags which include a draught excluder, hot water bottle, disposable dehumidifier, LED light bulb, hand/feet warmers, torch, selection of energy advice leaflets and a welfare benefit check form. NCDc have 5 of these bags available. Get in touch with Charlotte at the office [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com), 01806 544 222 to organise collection/ delivery.



With the days steadily growing longer and the return of the light, it's time to start thinking about your summer garden! These colder months are a good time to make a seed sowing plan, tidy up around the garden, weeding and feeding the soil with muck and seaweed. And it's finally time to start sowing seeds again! Sow brassicas like cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli for planting outside in April, and dark leafy greens like spinach, chard and salads to go undercover in March.

We'll be sowing some of these at the Warm Spaces Community Event at Ollaberry Hall on March the 3rd. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat with like-minded growing enthusiasts, we'll have seed catalogues to order from, or get inspired by.

This month we've delivered compost to the three schools as they get ready for the growing season.



# Joy's Weather Station, Ollaberry

*"Whether the weather be Cold, or whether the weather be hot  
We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not."*

Another WET month to begin the New Year! Total Rainfall was 206mm, 8inches, 124% of the average. (This was almost exactly the same as last month's December rainfall.) No wonder we are afloat! However there was very little snow, but rough wintry showers throughout the month, often in the form of grains or pellets.

As for Sunshine hours, we had a poor 17.2hours, 25% of 30 year average. This was an improvement of 7 hours more than last January, 2022!

Now for the Wind :- eleven days with at least Force 5 winds blowing for parts of the day, but leaving 2 gale days for the end of the month for Lerwick Up Helly Aa. Highest gust in Ollaberry was 51mph, Force 9.

The Mean Temperature for the month was 4.8 deg.C, up by +0.5 deg.Celsius from the average, but often feeling very cold in the wind chill. Once again during a 24hr day, the Maximum temperature was during the night time!

At least there is hope as the daylight hours increasing before us.

P.S. I was looking back in my weather records of the past 20 years and discovered that in 2007 January Rainfall was 11 inches. (1 inch = 25mm)

2015 January Rainfall was 13.3 inches.

## What's on

### **Thursday 16th Feb**

Dancing at the Ollaberry Hall 7.30-9.30pm

Annual Pre Up Helly Aa Soirée at the Hillswick Hall 8.30pm

### **Friday 17th Feb**

Up Helly Aa programmes will be on sale at both shops

Torchlit Procession 8pm from Hillswick Hall

All halls are cash only

### **Saturday 18th Feb**

HOP day at Hillswick Hall from 1pm - full menu available 1pm until last orders at 6.30pm. All musicians welcome. Bar will be closing at 8pm.

HOP Dance to the First Foot Soldiers at the Ollaberry Hall 8.30pm - 1am

### **Monday 20th Feb**

Hap making night Ollaberry Hall 7pm start

### **Thursday 23rd Feb**

Hillswick Youth Club

### **Saturday 25th Feb**

Guizers Return at the Hillswick Hall 8.30pm start, pay on the door

### **Tuesday 28th Feb**

Maakin and Yarnin Night North Roe Methodist Kirk 7.30-9.30pm

### **Thursday 2nd Mar**

Dancing at the Ollaberry Hall 7.30-9.30pm

### **Sunday 5th March**

Hillswick Shop Sunday Teas at the Hillswick Hall

### **Monday 6th Mar**

Hap making night Ollaberry Hall 7pm start

### **Thursday 9th Mar**

Ability Shetland Youth Club at the Hillswick Hall

**Saturday 11th Mar**

GTL Disco Ollaberry Hall

**Monday 13th Mar**

SWRI meeting Ollaberry Hall

**Tuesday 14th March**

Maakin and Yarnin Night North Roe Methodist Kirk 7.30-9.30pm

**Wednesday 15th Mar**

500 at the Hillswick Hall - 7.30pm start

**Thursday 16th Mar**

Dancing at the Ollaberry Hall 7.30-9.30pm

**Sunday 19th March**

Sunday Teas and NCDC AGM at the Ollaberry Hall 2-5pm

**Monday 20th Mar**

Hap making night Ollaberry Hall 7pm start

**Thursday 23rd Mar**

Hillswick Youth Club

**Saturday 25th Mar**

Chip Suppers Eat in or Takeaway North Roe and Lochend Hall 4pm-7pm

**Tuesday 28th March**

Maakin and Yarnin Night North Roe Methodist Kirk 7.30-9.30pm

**Thursday 30th Mar**

Ability Shetland Youth Club at the Hillswick Hall

Dancing at the Ollaberry Hall 7.30-9.30pm

**Wednesday 5th April**

500 at the Ollaberry Hall 7.30pm start

**Monday 10th April**

SWRI meeting Ollaberry Hall

**Saturday 15th April**

Race Night Ollaberry Hall

**Sunday 16th April**

Claes and Teas North Roe and Lochend Hall 2pm-5pm

**Sunday 4th June**

Sunday Brunch North Roe Hall 11am-2pm

**Every Monday**

Bruckland open 2pm -5pm

The Living Well Hub Brae Youth Centre 10am - 2pm

Northmavine History Group Tangwick Haa 7.30pm

**Every Tuesday**

Bruckland open 2-5pm

Northmavine Fiddle and Accordion Club Hillswick Hall 7.30pm start

**Every Thursday**

Makk & Yakk Sullom and Gunnister Hall 7pm start

Carpet Bowls North Roe and Lochend Hall 7.30pm start. September to March

**Every Friday**

Northmavine Under 5's Ollaberry Hall 1.30pm - 2.45pm. During term time

The Living Well Hub Brae Youth Centre 10am-4pm

Ollaberry Youth Club October - March

**Every Sunday**

Bruckland open 2-5pm