

## Hello!

Welcome to the June Newsletter. What wonderful weather we have been having, we hope you have managed to get outside and enjoy it. Fingers crossed for more good weather through the rest of the summer.

NCDC are as busy as ever. You will find the produce show schedule at the end of the newsletter. This year it will be in the North Roe and Lochend Hall. We hope to see lots of entries!

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

### Old Urafirth School

As we publicised earlier this year, we received phase 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund to undertake a architectural feasibility study and a housing needs assessment of the whole of Northmavine. Malcolmson's Architect were at the Old Urafirth School last week starting their survey work and we now have the housing needs assessment survey available for anyone in Northmavine to fill in. It would be great to get as many people as possible to take part as it really helps us when applying for funding to have evidence of what the community need is. You can scan the QR code with your smart phone, go to <https://forms.office.com/e/PqDEy0pRQs> or there are paper copies at the Hillswick and Ollaberry Shops, Bruckland and the NCDC Office. Closing date for surveys is **Friday 14th July**.

If you would like to come speak to us about housing needs, there will be two drop in sessions this week. We will be in North Roe & Lochend Hall on Tuesday 27th June from 6-8.30pm and the Hillswick Hall on Wednesday 28th June from 2pm-6.30pm. Luke Fraser, who is leading the housing needs assessment, will also be there if you have any questions.





## Bruckland Festival

There has been a change of date for the Bruckland Festival to the **7th - 10th September**. The rough itinerary will be a Northmavine Redd Up, stands from a variety of organisations, some workshops, Kits for All where you can donate or pick up sportswear, repair cafe and the produce show (schedule is at the end of the newsletter). We will have more details to share in the next newsletter. If you think you can help with anything please get in touch.



The Hillswick Shop board would like to thank everyone that took the time to complete the recent customer survey. It was great to get your feedback and there were lots of excellent ideas shared for ways to improve what the shop has to offer. One thing that was highlighted a lot was the shop hours. The shop board did not take the decision to reduce opening hours lightly, but we simply do not have enough staff to cover them all. Members of the shop board and NCDC staff are currently helping to staff both the shop floor and office at present to cover staff shortages and keep the shop open. Unless we can get more staff or people are willing to volunteer to help, it is likely that hours will have to be reduced further.

Both the shop and NCDC boards do not want the shop to close as they recognise what an important asset it is to the community. They are working hard to consider all the options to keep the shop open. NCDC have received three days business support from Just Enterprise to look at the future of shop and the shop board are also working with Business Gateway to create a new business plan.

As much as both boards are working together to safeguard the future of the shop, we need you, the community to continue supporting the shop too. If you think you would be interested in joining the shop staff or volunteering a bit of your time to help out, please get in touch with Charlotte. You can reach her by email [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com) or phone 01806 544 222.



## Gardening Jobs

July is when your hard work starts to bear fruit and there will be lots to start harvesting. You should be checking daily for pests and disease, warm misty days with high humidity can encourage diseases. There is still time to plant salad and radishes for crops over the

summer and it is a great time to think ahead to the winter crops. July is a good time to plant spring cabbages and overwintering onions. If you have a polytunnel or greenhouse late July is a good time to plant spring onions, Palco spinach and Khol rabi for overwintering .

# 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."*

What month is this?

8 days with extensive mist, with 5 of those days having up to 99% humidity.

May used to be reliably our best month of the year!

Consequently, although we did have 10 days with early sunshine – from 1hr to 4hrs – all before 9am, these did not all hold their promise. We had only 4 days with over 10 hours sunshine – most in a day was on 21st with 12.8hr. The overall sunshine for the month of May was 120.4hours, 66% of the 30 year average.

In between all of this we had the proverbial cloud and more cloud, due to being on the northern edge of the high pressure system, pushing up from the south, and bringing down cool breezes from North and East on 14 days.

So the old saying of "Ne'er cast a clout till May is out", has been true this time! I wonder how old that rhyme is!

Anything to cheer us? YES!

It was a dry month with only 44.6mm rainfall. That was 2mm more than last month. So a dry spring. Most rain in one day was 8.7mm on 17th, and 12 days were completely dry.

No gales!

And the lambs are a joy to watch!

## School Noticeboard

### North Roe Primary School

In the first week of June, upper primary pupils from North Roe School' embarked on a school trip to Edinburgh. This has been years in the planning and sadly the covid pandemic prevented the first planned trip in 2020. The pupils were delighted to be able to get this opportunity to travel and the teaching staff made sure it was jam packed with lots of things for them all to do. Visits included trips



to Edinburgh Castle, Camera Obscura, Greyfriars Bobby, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh Zoo and through to the Glasgow Science Centre to name a few. We also had a cinema trip to watch "The Little Mermaid". Bowling and roller skating were also on the to do list. During this trip, there were many "first time" experiences for our pupils such as first time on a train, first time on a tram, first time on a double decker bus ( we obviously had to go up top), first time visiting a zoo, first ever MacDonalds and first pizza home delivery. We had fantastic weather

and I'm sure if you speak to any of the pupils you'll hear what a wonderful time they all had. Thanks must go to the community for supporting our fundraising and enterprise activities over the years which has made this possible for all.

### **Urafirth Primary School**

The Urafirth Primary School held a Soup and Sweet on the 10th of June and raised £493 at our Soup & Sweet. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, and all those who made soup, baked, set up and worked on the day. We are very grateful for your continued support.



### **Ollaberry Primary School**

The Parent Council ran a car wash on the Sunday 11th of June. It was a great success and took in £793.75 on the day.



It was the Primary 7 leaver's assembly on Tuesday 20th June where we formally said goodbye and presented them with their gifts. This was followed by their open afternoon where the P7's raised £623.65 for their 4 chosen charities – WaterAid, Cancer Research, My Name's Doddie Foundation and Diabetes UK.

On Wednesday 21st June the P6 & P7's took part in the Shetland Celebration of STEM day at Shetland Museum and they won the Trophy and £50 for the Pylon STEM Challenge!

## **Rural Ramble with the Ollaberry SWI**

*Margaret Tulloch gives an update on what the SWI has been up to recently.*

On Saturday 10th June Ollaberry SWI hosted a "Rural Ramble" for members. 60 ladies from all over Shetland came north for the day. We met at the Ollaberry Hall for tea and homebakes and then set out to "ramble". Jessie took a group to the woods at Swinister and the others went to visit the Nort Garden and all that North Roe had to offer. After soup and sandwiches back at the hall we all went to Bruckland where Maree explained about Polycrubs and NCDC. Next was a visit to Margaret Roberts polycrubs at Gluss and an optional visit to The Barn. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great day. We even had enough soup and sandwiches left to offer to the bikers rally committee who were busy setting up for the rally.

# Round up from the Halls

Hall committees have been busy putting on a variety of events for the community over the last month. Here is a round up of a few things that have been happening. Remember to check out the what's on section for what is coming up over June/July.

## Hillswick Hall

The Hillswick Hall held their annual plant sale on Sunday the 4th June. There was an amazing variety of plants at the sale - from fruit bushes, vegetables plants, shrubs, trees, all kinds of perennial plants grown or donated from local gardens. Sunday Teas were also available with lots of yummy bakes on offer. The Hall committee would like to say many thanks to all who put in such an effort to make this possible.



## Eshness Community Centre

The committee would like to let the everyone know that the community centre is back open for business after a big plumbing refit. Keep an eye for events coming up.

## Ollaberry Hall

The Ollaberry Hall held its first ever race night on Saturday 3rd June. There was great hilarity through out with some interesting horse names and lots of fancy dress. The total raised was



over £1000. The committee would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone that sponsored races, horses and jockeys, donated to the raffle and everyone who attended for making it such a fun night!

# What's on

## **Saturday 17th June - 18th August**

Haands Turn Exhibition Weaving Shed Gallery, Hillswick open daily 11am - 4pm until 31st July. Open Sunday, Wednesday & Fridays 11am - 4pm until 18th August.

## **Thursday 29th June**

Makk and Yakk Sullom Hall 7pm start

## **Friday 30th June**

Chinese Takeaway Hillswick Hall 4-8pm  
Phone 01806 503265

## **Friday 30th June - 2nd July**

Come to Brae Days - weekend of events and activities for all the family

## **Saturday 1st July**

Canada Day Pancake Breakfast Ollaberry Hall 10am - 4pm

## **Sunday 2nd July**

Charity Craft Exhibition Ollaberry Hall 12.30-5pm Soup and Sweet 12.30-2pm, tea/coffee, homebakes and raffle.

## **Monday 3rd July - 13th August**

North Mainland Leisure Centre Junior Summer Holiday Programme, check their website/facebook page for full itinerary.

## **Tuesday 4th July**

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

## **Friday 7th July**

Lunch Club Ollaberry Hall 11am-2pm everyone welcome

## **Friday 14th July**

Deadline for completing NCDC Housing Needs Assessment

## **Sunday 16th July**

Afternoon Teas sales table and raffles. In aid of Church of Scotland funds Ollaberry Hall 2-5 pm.

## **Tuesday 18th July**

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

## **Thursday 27th July**

Makk and Yakk Sullom Hall 7pm start

## **Saturday 5th August**

Voe Show - entry forms to be returned by 14th July

## **Every Monday**

Bruckland open 2pm -5pm

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

## **Every Tuesday**

Bruckland open 2-5pm

Northmavine Fiddle and Accordion Club Hillswick Hall 7.30pm start

## **Every Friday**

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

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

## **Every Sunday**

Bruckland open 2-5pm

# Growing Local NORTHMAVINE

## PRODUCE SHOW

10th September 2023

North Roe & Lochend Hall

### Vegetable Section

#### Class

- 1 5 Potatoes - White
- 2 5 Potatoes – Coloured
- 3 3 Carrots - with tops attached
- 4 3 Onions
- 5 A pair of Courgettes
- 6 A pair of Cucumbers
- 7 A Cabbage of any colour
- 8 3 Beetroot
- 9 6 Tomatoes
- 10 3 Hot Chillies - Any variety
- 11 A vase of 5 different Herbs
- 12 A box, basket or tray of 5 Different Vegetables

### Fruit Selection

- 13 4 Apples same variety
- 14 3 stone fruit same variety
- 15 6 soft fruit same variety
- 16 Any other fruit not listed above - At least 3 of the same fruit

### Potted Plants

- 17 1 Foliage Pot Plant
- 18 1 Flowering Pot Plant
- 19 1 Cactus
- 20 1 Succulent

### Flower Section

- 21 1 Rose Specimen - A stem of any variety
- 22 1 vase of Mixed Annuals - Flowers raised from seed
- 23 1 vase of Mixed Garden Flowers - Minimum 3 varieties

### Floral Art

- 24 A floral arrangement in a 'Cup & Saucer'
- 25 A floral arrangement in an 'Unusual Container'
- 26 A floral arrangement in a 'Single Colour'

### Home Baking & Preserves

Recycled glass jars acceptable with either a new lids or cellophane

- 27 A Celebration Cake - Not exceeding 20cm diameter
- 28 Jar of Jam - Any flavour
- 29 Jar of Marmalade - Any flavour
- 30 Jar of Chutney - Any variety
- 31 A bottle of a homemade wine
- 32 A bottle of homemade liqueur
- 33 6 Home produced Eggs - Any colour

### Children's Section

*Age 6 and under*

- 34 3 decorated Digestive Biscuits - vegetable theme
- 35 A vegetable animal

*Age 7 - 9 years old*

- 36 3 Cupcakes - With a flower theme
- 37 Cress grown in an 'Unusual Container'

*Age 10-12 years old*

- 38 Decorated cake, any flavour - garden theme
- 39 A decorated flower pot

