



Northmavine Community Development Company

We have now moved out to the Portacabin at Bruckland, we haven't quite got the phones switched over but please come along or email us if you need us.

If you'd like to receive the newsletter through email or if you would prefer to receive it in the post, please get in touch and we can arrange that for you.

Email: ncdcoffice@northmavine.com or phone 01806 544222 to leave a message or try our mobile 07951515375, or just nip into the office if you are passing by.

NCDC AGM

We held our AGM in the Hillswick Hall last week, the volunteers at the hall put on a fabulous spread of soup and sweets. We would like to thank the Hillswick Hall for all their hard work over the weekend.

NCDC Projects

Johnnie Notions

We've now received the green light for Johnnie Notions, it's taken a moment to get various tests and licences organised and approved but we're glad to say that the camping bod can be used this year.



Visitor Points of Information

We are establishing three visitor information points throughout Northmavine – two located in telephone boxes and one in a peerie poly. These points will feature maps highlighting points of interest, as well as leaflets and posters. You may have noticed that two of the phone boxes have been beautifully painted and look fantastic!



Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will now meet every month on the **first Thursday**, alternating between Ollaberry and North Roe, from 12-2pm, with a short walk before lunch. Take your makkin or any other crafts you're working on along.

Ollaberry Hall	North Roe & Lochend Hall
1st May	5th June
3rd July	7th August
4th September	2nd October
6th November	4th December



Growing Local NORTHMAVINE

As the weather warms up we are fast forwarding our seed sowing and actually have a few bits planted in the tunnel. We have been using some polystyrene fish boxes as home made propagators and they have worked quite well.



Walking Northmavine

Visit Scotland plans to establish a Shetland Way for walking the entire length of Shetland, but currently, Northmavine is excluded from the route. Our aim is to develop a trail around Northmavine that integrates local amenities, businesses, and accommodation.



February Weather 2025 by Joy French, Ollaberry

*Whether the Weather be cold, or whether the Weather be hot,
We'll whether the Weather, whatever the Weather, Whether we like it or NOT!*



And we did like it !!

February's four weeks were so good after the long dark winter.

Sunshine hours leapt up to 90hrs, which was the most in any February since records began here in 2004, and this was 131.8% of the 30 year average. The most sunshine which shone in any day during the month was 6.99hrs on 17th. A further 6 days saw 6hrs. plus. These were some of those gloriously sunny days with blue skies. There were 7 sunless days, but 4 of these were at the beginning of the month, continuing January's pattern.

Rainfall was very low with 60mm, which was only 43.5% of the February average, and second only to Feb 2021 with 47mm, both since 2004. Most rain in a day was 13.7mm on 21st. 12 days were completely dry.

Wind In spite of all of this, the wind still had a nip in it.

The gales came in the third week, all gusting above 50mph, and the highest here gusting to top Force 10, which reached 63mph.

Temperature Remembering February is still a winter month, the lowest grass temperature was -6.1degC, there were 15 days of ground frosts on those clear nights, just 1 day with an air frost, and one odd sleet shower. The highest Maximum temperature was 10.4 degC on 21st, the Minimum was -1.5degC. and the overall MEAN for the month was 5.5degC, which was +1.4degC above the February average.

Other Phenomena

The PLANETS. You may have seen a number of our planets passing Earth, across our Western sky from sundown into early evening. How bright was the most westerly planet, Venus, which we call our "evening star". It is our nearest planet. Into the summer time it will be seen as our "morning star", coming up early in the east. Even with our naked eye we could have seen even Saturn, high above us in the sky, just looking like an ordinary star, as it is so far away. Sadly all this will not occur again until 2040!

Aurora

Also there were several occasions when aurora was seen in the Northern sky, if your timing was lucky, and the cloud allowed. We happened to see brilliant broad shafts, and a bright sky at 3am in the early hours of 27th !



10 Questions with Jarl John Stephen - Brusason the Bold

1. What made you want tae be a Jarl?

I have aways been involved in Up Helly Aa, I like the community aspect as it brings everybody together on these cold winter nights.

2. How many Jarl squads have you been in?

6 Jarl Squads, Willie Brown's when I was 10, Peter Brown's, my Dad's in 1992, Ian Nicolson's, David Brown's & Ivor Duncan's.

3. Whit's de favourite thing tae do?

Going off to da eela in my boat

4. When du wiz peerie, whit did du want tae do when du grew up?

When I was little I wanted to be a vet.

5. Whit's de favourite meal?

Steak & Chips

6. Whit's de youngest memory?

Hogmanay with my family when I was about 3 or 4 and the excitement.

7. Whit is da meaning ahint da name of da galley?

Rackwick is our house name and a place special to us. The Norse name for Rackwick is Rekavik which is bay of wreckage.

8. Whit wiz du looking forward tae da most?

Having all our friends and family together and having a spree.

9. Whit is a standoot moment for de fae da weekend?

Watching and listening to Joe play on stage with the First Foot Soldiers at the hop – it was a complete surprise for me!

10. Does du hae any advice for da future Jarls?

Make sure you enjoy your day as the weekend is over in a blink!



SIC Ports & Harbours

Notice to Pier Users

The Shetland Islands Council Port Authority is undertaking a clean-up of all piers. As part of this initiative, we have launched a signage campaign ahead of any removals.

Please be aware that any equipment or chemicals deemed unsafe by the Harbour Authority will be removed at the owner's expense.

We would also like to draw your attention to the Sullom Voe Harbour Byelaws:

Section 21 – “No person shall make a vessel fast to any post, quay, ring, fender, or any other thing or place not assigned for that purpose.”

This remains an ongoing issue at Collafirth. We would welcome feedback from pier users on how we can work together to ensure this byelaw is properly observed.



What's On

Monday 14th April

Makkin & Craft Night 7pm
Hillswick Hall

Wednesday 16th April

500 Prizegiving & Hat Night
Hillswick Hall

Friday 18th April

Fish & Chips 5-7:30pm
Ollaberry Hall

Saturday 19th April

Shetland Dance
Hillswick Hall

Friday 25th April

Quiz Night
Hillswick Hall

Saturday 26th April

Sassy Stryker - Live Comedy Show 8:30pm - midnight
St Magnus Bay Hotel

Thursday 1st May

Lunch Club 12-2pm
Ollaberry Hall

Friday 2nd May

Shetland Folk Festival **Sold Out**
Ollaberry Hall

Saturday 24th May

Meleri Mair Art, Bairns session am, adult session pm
Sullom & Gunnister Hall

Thursday 5th June

Lunch Club 12-2pm
North Roe Hall

Thursday 3rd July

Lunch Club 12-2pm
Ollaberry Hall

Sunday 6th July

Sunday Teas in Aid of Church Funds 2-5pm
Ollaberry Hall

Thursday 7th August

Lunch Club 12-2pm
North Roe Hall

Thursday 4th September

Lunch Club 12-2pm
Ollaberry Hall

Thursday 2nd October

Lunch Club 12-2pm
North Roe Hall

Thursday 6th November

Lunch Club 12-2pm
Ollaberry Hall

Thursday 4th December

Lunch Club 12-2pm
North Roe Hall

Da Voar Redd Up 2025

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Voar Redd Up, the closing date for registration is the 16th April.

If you'd like to learn more about Da Voar Redd Up, or register yourself as an individual/group/or join an existing group please click [here](#)

Da Voar Redd Up takes place from the **19th - 25th April 2025**, **please remember to drive carefully as there may be groups out along the roads gathering bruck.**



Every Monday

Bruckland open 2pm -5pm
Ability Shetland Youth Club 6-7:30pm **Term time**
North Roe & Lochend Hall
Makkin & Craft Night 7-9pm (fortnightly from the 6th Jan)
Hillswick Hall

Every Tuesday

Bruckland open 2-5pm
Northmavine Fiddle and Accordion Club Hillswick Hall
7.30pm start
Makkin & Yarnin, North Roe Methodist Kirk, 7:30pm,
(fortnightly from the 14th January)

Every Thursday

Sullom Mak & Yak, Sullom & Gunnister Hall 7-9:30pm

Every Friday

The Living Well Hub Brae Youth Centre 10am-4pm
Ollaberry Youth Club 6-8pm **Term time Oct Holidays -**
Easter Holidays
Ollaberry Hall

Every Sunday

Bruckland open 2-5pm

