



# SHETLAND HAMEFARIN 2010

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## Shetland in Stats

- The weather in Shetland can be unpredictable and severe at most times of the year, but especially in winter. The lowest temperature recorded in the winter months was  $-8.9^{\circ}\text{C}$  in January 1959, and the highest gust of wind was 109.2 knots, which occurred in January 1960 and again in January 1992.
- Plans for Up-Helly-Aa are always well advanced at this time of year, but 2010 will see even more preparations as guizers gear up for the first ever South Mainland Up-Helly-Aa.



## SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

With 2010 almost upon us, the Shetland Hamefarin Committee would like to extend the warmest wishes for the season to you all.

After a lot of planning, the Hamefarin is fast approaching, although there is still plenty of work to do to ensure that next summer is one to remember!

One of the most important parts of the Hamefarin will be the local area coach trips to the various parts of Shetland. These visits will be a great opportunity for Hamefarers to visit the homes of their forebears, to research family history, catch up with relatives or just to do some sightseeing and take part in activities, such as golf, fishing or birdwatching.

Members of the Hamefarin Committee have been meeting with local community and history groups to draw together plans for local events. These plans are to be confirmed

soon. Hamefarers will be kept up-to-date on all events via the newsletters and the website.

Also to be confirmed in the New Year are the line-ups for the concerts and dances which are planned for the Hamefarin fortnight. The Shetland Folk Festival Society and the Shetland Fiddle and Accordion Club are drawing together local and international artists for these events, and line-ups will be publicised soon.

The Hamefarin website, [www.shetlandhamefarin.com](http://www.shetlandhamefarin.com), is currently undergoing a revamp. The newly-refurbished website will be launched early in January 2010.

Laughton Johnston's book, *A Kist Of Emigrants*, is to be launched during the Hamefarin. The book draws together stories of Shetland emigrants spanning the globe, and is a fascinating history of Shetland emigration, written with

insight and humour. The launch of the book is bound to be one of the true highlights of the Hamefarin. The launch date will be publicised when confirmed.

Details of the Hamefarin Club will be finalised in the coming weeks. The Club is expected to be the focal point in Lerwick for Hamefarers, as a meeting point and as a place to catch up with others. There will be a programme of events at the club and details of these will be distributed as soon as they are available.

The programme of lectures at Shetland Museum and Archives is now confirmed and is detailed overleaf.

In sum, plenty still to do, but also plenty to look forward to. We are looking forward to welcoming Hamefarers back to Shetland in a few months time, but in the meantime **Merry Xmas and Happy New Year from Shetland!**



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



The schedule of events is continually building and we will add events to the schedule as they are confirmed.

In addition to the daily events, the **Hamefarin Club** will run throughout the Hamefarin in Islesburgh Community Centre where there will be a programme of talks, workshops and much more.

#### Monday 14 June

Hamefarers' Welcome Reception—Clickimin Leisure Complex.

#### Tuesday 15 June

Introduction to the Archives—Shetland Museum and Archives (afternoon)

Local Area Coach Trip —North Isles (Fetlar, Unst and Yell).

#### Wednesday 16 June

Local Area Coach Trip —West Mainland

Lecture on Crofting Life—Shetland Museum and Archives (afternoon)

Tammy Anderson Tribute Concert, Clickimin Leisure Complex, Lerwick.

#### Thursday 17 June

Local Area Coach Trip —North Mainland

Lecture on Emmigration—Shetland Museum and Archives (evening)

#### Thursday 17-Sunday 20 June

Flavour of Shetland: a Shetland showcase event celebrating the best of local crafts, culture, music and food — Victoria Pier, Lerwick.

#### Thursday 17-Monday 21 June

Lerwick Methodist Church Exhibition

#### Friday 18th June

Local Area Coach Trip — Whalsay and Skerries.

Lecture on Shetland Textiles—Shetland Museum and Archives (evening)

#### Saturday 18 June

Midsummer Carnival—Lerwick

Shetland Field Studies Group—Guided Walk, Bressay

#### Sunday 20 June

Shetland Field Studies Group—Guided Walk, Weisdale

Lerwick Methodist Church—Songs of Praise

#### Monday 21 June

Local Area Coach Trip — Lerwick.

Introduction to the Archives—Shetland Museum and Archives (afternoon)

Lecture on Crofting Life—Shetland Museum and Archives (evening)

#### Tuesday 22 June

Local Area Coach Trip — South Mainland.

#### Wednesday 23 June

Local Area Coach Trip — Nesting and Vidlin.

Lecture on Shetland Literature—Shetland Museum and Archives (afternoon)

#### Thursday 24 June

Local Area Coach Trip — Scalloway, Burra and Tingwall.

Lerwick Boating Club—open night

#### Friday 25 June

Lecture on Clearances—Shetland Museum and Archives (afternoon)

Hamefarin Dance, Clickimin Leisure Complex, Lerwick.

#### Saturday 26 June

Final Fling, Clickimin Leisure Complex, Lerwick. The evening will finish with an Up Helly Aa procession, culminating in the burning of a galley on Clickimin Loch.

**Tickets for the various trips and events will go on sale in February 2010. Further details to follow in the New Year.**