

Note: the following news script was for a day selected at random and it is a typical example of the breakfast time bulletins at 0700, 0730, 0800 and 0830. It was saved as a file between the 0700 and 0730 bulletins, hence the date and time.

The Lerwick police are making enquiries into a sneak theft. The police said that sometime between five o'clock on Monday afternoon and nine o'clock yesterday morning, a lap-top computer was removed from within the Montfield Hospital.

The police said that they were carrying out enquiries into the theft, and that anyone with any knowledge of the theft was asked to contact the Lerwick police station.

It is not known if any sensitive or personal information about patients is stored on the lap-top.

The coastguard helicopter based at Sumburgh was scrambled at about six o'clock yesterday evening to go to the semi-submersible drilling rig the Stena Spey, which is drilling a well in the Pelican field, about sixty nautical miles east-north-east of the north of Unst.

A man on board the Stena Spey was suffering from a heart condition. This deteriorated while he was being taken to Lerwick on the helicopter. The helicopter landed at the new dedicated emergency landing site at the Clickimin Centre, and the man was conveyed to the Gilbert Bain Hospital by the ambulance service.

The Stena Spey is on a seven month contract from Taqa to drill up to four wells in the East Shetland Basin. It has completed an exploration well to the north of the Tern field and it is now working on a well in the Pelican field, near to the Cormorant Alpha platform.

The aim is to pump the first of the oil from the Pelican field by the end of the year through a sub-sea development. Taqa is also working on platform drilling from the North Cormorant and Tern installations, in addition to the mobile drilling by the Stena Spey.

Three young people from Shetland have been selected to participate in the handover ceremony at the end of the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in October.

The three are Kathryn Spence, Heather Gordon and James Watt. They will now start training to be part of the performance, along with three hundred and forty five others from all over Scotland.

The handover ceremony in Delhi includes the invitation to members of the Commonwealth to come to Glasgow, the next host city, to take part in the next Commonwealth Games in four years' time. The closing and handover ceremony has more of a festival spirit than the formal opening ceremony.

The earthquake one-hundred and twenty nautical miles south-east of Sumburgh Head six minutes past four on Monday afternoon has been confirmed with a magnitude of two point seven. The depth has been confirmed as eighteen point two kilometers.

The usually Shetland-based shuttle tanker the Loch Rannoch - which transports oil ashore from the Schiehallion field to the Sullom Voe Terminal but left the Port of Sullom Voe fifteen days ago – is making good progress while its way to the Gulf of Mexico to take part in the recovery of oil from BP's damaged well.

The Loch Rannoch has been making an average of twelve knots across the Atlantic Ocean, and it is now nearing Freeport where it will bunker with fuel and water and take on provisions.

Once in position in the Gulf of Mexico the Loch Rannoch will take over from a conventional tanker which is currently storing the oil being recovered by the small riser pipeline into the well.

On board the Loch Rannoch is a crew including Shetlanders and Orcadians. Three Shetlanders - Aiden Cheyney, Ross Leask and David Leslie – are regular members of the crew of the Loch Rannoch.

Tavish Scott has challenged the first minister, Alex Salmond, to explain why he thought it was more important to write to local authority education conveners, demanding they declare a school holiday on St Andrew's Day, rather than about what was happening in classrooms, such as the difficulties with Curriculum for Excellence, teacher numbers and the promise on class sizes.

Mr Scott said that fifty-four thousand children start a new curriculum in August and the schools were not ready and teachers could not get jobs. But Mr Scott claimed that the first minister thought it was more important to write about holidays than what was happening in the classrooms.

The last time the government asked about the Saint Andrews Day holiday for schools, only four out of the thirty-two education conveners replied.

The small nature cruise ship Prince Albert Two is at Victoria Pier East after arriving yesterday evening from a visit to Mousa. It sails this afternoon for a visit to Noss.

The next cruise ship visit is of the large Costa Magica tomorrow, and that will be followed on Sunday by the even larger MSC Peo-sia.

In the Round Britain and Ireland (yacht) Race, Leslie Irvine and Andrew Wood in the new yacht the Streamline are on their way from Kinsale in the south-east of Ireland to the next stop of Barra.

At six this morning the Streamline well out to sea, due west of Galway in the west of Ireland. The Streamline is currently second in the Group Two yachts.

## White fish landings

The landings today were above average, with 11 boats, 1 local, landing about 1400 boxes. 5 boats – the Ardent, the Athena, the Guiding Light, the Prevail and the Tranquility - landed 614 boxes for Lerwick, with more to land. 6 boats – the Atlantia, the Comrades, the Guardian Angell, the Mizpah, the Radiant Star and the Fraserburgh Valhalla – landed 686 boxes for Scalloway, with more to land. The total of the landings so far this week is about 5100 boxes.

The latest estimate for the population of Shetland has shown the population is staying comfortably above twenty-two thousand, despite slightly more deaths in the first three months of this year than there were births.

The population of Shetland in the first quarter of this year was estimated at twenty-two thousand two hundred and ten, with just over eleven thousand males and just under eleven thousand females. That's as good as it has been for ten years.

There were sixty-eight births in Shetland in the first three months of this year, forty-two of them boys and twenty eight girls. That meant that over sixty percent of births were boys and under forty percent were girls!

There were seventy-three deaths in the first three months of this year, with those three months traditionally the highest for the deaths of older people, because of the number of infections going the rounds. The male to female numbers were virtually equal, at thirty-six males and thirty seven females.

There were only five marriages in Shetland in the first three months of this year.

The NAFC Marine Centre and the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation have announced that they intend to pool some core resources to improve knowledge relating to king scallop stocks this summer. They have claimed that this will strengthen the case for the upcoming Marine Stewardship Council accreditation assessment for this species.

This autumn the Marine Stewardship Council will assess four stocks within the inshore waters managed through the Shetland Regulating Order. If successfully approved, this will be the first lobster, brown crab, velvet crab and king scallop fisheries in Europe to be accredited for their sustainability, level of management and environmental responsibility.

Although pot fisheries for lobster and crab species are considered to be relatively benign in terms of their potential to disturb the marine environment, scallop dredging is often perceived negatively and it is this area that the NAFC Marine Centre and the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation hope to address in the coming months.

Alistair Carmichael has said that the announcement of a review of the motorcycle test and test centres in the UK was a welcome blast of commonsense. A number of test centres in the Highlands and Islands were closed after the introduction of a new two-stage motorcycle test in April last year. Motorcyclists had complained that this meant learner riders were forced to travel long distances to take their tests.

## Other News

Scotland's local post offices are to be supported by the Scottish government's new one million pound Challenge Fund. The scheme is being launched to help local post offices diversify with new business activities and to help them become increasingly sustainable. Applications for awards ranging from two and a half thousand pounds to twenty-five thousand pounds will be made available, following a short Scottish government consultation.

Leuchie House in East Lothian, Scotland's only respite care centre for people with multiple sclerosis, is to close later this year. The MS Society currently employs 83 people at Leuchie House.

Research by Glasgow University has found that ninety five percent of people in Scotland have at least one unhealthy lifestyle risk factor. The risk factors are smoking, drinking, poor diet, physical inactivity and obesity.

The sixteen year old California solo round the world yacht's woman, Abby Sutherland, could be in distress in the southern Indian Ocean, after her emergency beacons were activated. The nearest vessel is two days away. There has been bad weather in the area.

Nelson Mandela's thirteen year old great-grand-daughter, Zen-ani Mandela, has been killed in a car crash while travelling home with Winnie Mandela after a world cup event. No one else was hurt.

The US Geological Survey has claimed the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico may have been higher than estimated. Before it was capped, the spill could have been up to forty thousand barrels a day.

## Nordic News

There has been another rock-fall on to a main road in Faroe, the latest of several such rock-falls that the roads' department has had to deal with this year. In the latest rock-fall, a huge boulder came down the steep hillside on to the only access road into Tjor-nuvik, but there were no vehicles on the road at the time. As a precaution, safety fences were erected on the hillside above the road until it was made sure that there were no more loose boulders ready to roll down and until the boulder on the road was removed. Although the village of Tjor-nuvik has a population of only about seventy, and it is in the far north of the main island, it attracts visitors in summer. Twice in summer, weather permitting, the whole village becomes involved in an excursion to two sea stacks nearby, called Stakkur, where visitors are lifted to the top by ropes and a basket, if they have the nerve.

There is one piece of good news for BP this week, this one in Norway. BP Norway completed the drilling of a well about two

kilometres west of the Skarv field in the Norwegian Sea and the well has been proved with gas of reservoir quality, something that was expected. The preliminary estimate of the size of the discovery is between eight and fourteen thousand million standard cubic metres of recoverable gas as well as up to three million standard cubic metres of recoverable condensate. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned for the time being, to concentrate on the pre-drilling of production wells on the Skarv field.

## Local Shipping

The NorthLink arrivals this morning are the Hrossey and the Hildasay. The cargoboat Uno is at the Greenhead Base with sand from Fraserburgh. The rig standby boat the Vos Ranger is at Holmsgarth 5. The shuttle tankers the Petroatlantic and the Petronordic are south of Lerwick. The tanker Alfa Britannia is in the Port of Sullom Voe. The Swedish three masted sailing ship the Gunilla and the coastguard emergency towing vessel the Anglian Prince are in Scalloway harbour.

## Local Sport

Ladies golf results from Dale, and the Dis n Dat Trophy.

1st was May Grant with a net of 69, 2nd was Ruby Smith with net of 70 and 3rd was Fiona Black with a net 72.

## The Shetland area weather forecast

Today will be cloudy with showers clearing to partly cloudy and then clouding over again with showers. The wind will be westerly force 2 backing south-westerly force 3 to force 4, veering north-westerly force 5 later. The temperature will be up to 11 degrees today, down to 8 degrees tonight, and up to 13 degrees tomorrow, shade temperature. The pollen count is low and the ultraviolet index is 3.

The 5 AM weather: In Lerwick it was cloudy with light showers, a west-north-westerly force 3 wind, and 7 degrees. In Kirkwall it was partly cloudy with showers, a west-north-westerly force 3 wind, and 7 degrees. In Aberdeen it was cloudy, a north-north-westerly force 2 wind, and 6 degrees. In Bergen it was mostly cloudy, a north-north-westerly force 2 wind, and 9 degrees. In Torshavn it was mostly cloudy, a west-north-westerly force 3 wind, and 8 degrees.

## Recruitment

The Shetland Islands Council's job vacancies. The job vacancies are broadcast on S-I-B-C today at about a quarter to past eight and ten past two. New jobs start today.