

# Weel Bressa, Whit News?

Another packed edition of "Weel Bressa". Can you think of something that should be included next time? Contact us at [info@bressay.org](mailto:info@bressay.org)  
We only give a brief description of what's on so keep an eye out for notices giving further details of events and other future events or check Facebook - @bressaydevelopment

## Bressay Development Ltd Update

Sharon Anderson, BD Ltd's new development worker started work in September and we've asked her to explain a bit about her role and some of the projects she's been involved in so far:-

I am currently working on a number of things at the moment including promoting space in the school building for lease and hire, promoting Speldiburn Café and looking at different ways that we can use this great facility, a recycling scheme, our Skills for Sustainability project and I am involved in the Bressay Community Transport Steering group (further details about these are in this newsletter). I would be happy to discuss any of these further if you'd like more information.

If you have any ideas on what you would like to see happening in the school building or Speldiburn Café, such as workshops or facilities that could be provided, please get in touch with me to discuss them. We are open to all suggestions. We are always looking for volunteers to help us occasionally with various things, including helping in the cafe, so if you would like to do this let me know.

I will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am until 3pm, so feel free to pop in for a chat. I can also be contacted out of these hours by phone on 07547 280040, by email on [bressaydevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:bressaydevelopment@gmail.com) or on facebook @bressaydevelopmentworker.

**Recycling** – As part of our Skills for Sustainability project we are running a recycling scheme. We accept plastic bottles, drinks cans, used domestic batteries and newspaper. There are wheelie bins located at the north side of the sheds in the playground where you can drop off your recycling, or alternatively you can drop it off at the Mail Shop and we will collect it from there.

**Lending Library** – We have a selection of books and games in the General Purpose room (opposite the Café) which are available to borrow. However, books can be bought for a small donation. The library will be open during café opening hours but if you would like to access it out with these times, give me a call and we can arrange a suitable time. If you have any books, board games or jigsaw puzzles you'd like to donate to the lending library, bring them along when the café is open or get in touch with me.

**WIFI** – We are making arrangements to get WIFI in the café so it should be available soon.

Keep an eye on local public notice boards and our Facebook page @bressaydevelopment for updates on all our projects.

## Bressay development Ltd AGM

BD Ltd are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 3rd of November at 7.30pm in the school.

Bressay folk are all welcome to attend and to help us celebrate this year's achievements. This is an opportunity to find out more about ongoing projects and to discuss ideas which could be developed in the coming year - we welcome community input. We will invite nominations from those who wish to join our management committee. Tea & cake will be provided.

## Speldiburn Cafe

The Speldiburn Cafe will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays during the winter. Grant or Billy will be providing a familiar menu on the Tuesdays but Fridays will be run by volunteers so the menu will be slightly different and will include a soup and sweet meal option. We would like to invite folk to stay a while after lunch for our Friday social afternoons, starting on the 21st of October with some makkin and yakkin. We will have a mixture music, crafts and slide shows throughout the winter and everyone is welcome to come in along. We are also aiming to provide a home delivery service, initially on the Tuesday and Friday and we would like to hear from anyone who might use the service, if you or someone you know would be interested, have any suggestions or could help with deliveries please contact Sharon on 07547 280040 / 820706. A big thank you to everyone who supported the cafe through the summer, folk have left lovely comments, this year's successful summer season has been really encouraging!



With the Hall undergoing a face lift, the Speldiburn Cafe was rearranged Sunday tea style for Wool Week (hence the tea towel hiding the menu)!



## Whats on.

**Friday & Saturday nights;** Hall Social nights till 1am.

**Wednesdays** 12th & 26th October, 9th & 23rd November and 7th December: 500 in the Hall back room. 7.30

**Tuesdays:** Badminton in the Hall, 7.30

**Tuesdays:** from the 1st November, sewing in the school 7.00

### **October:**

Friday 28th: Boating Club fish & chips, Hall, 5.00 - 7.00

Sunday 30th: Bairns Halloween Party, Hall 4.30 - 6.30

### **November:**

Thursday 3rd: BD Ltd AGM, 7.30 in the school

Friday 4th: Bingo night in the Hall, soup & sandwiches, transport available

Friday 18th: Bar supper followed by a race night in the Hall

Saturday 19th: Bulky waste skip at the Hall, 10.15 - 3.30

Sunday 27th: BD Ltd Christmas craft sale

### **December:**

18th: Bairns Christmas Party in the Hall

The Luna Hearth jewellery workshop and gallery in the school is open most Saturdays from 11.30-2.30, visitors are welcome and Scott and Pam are happy to open other times by prior arrangement. ([www.facebook.com/lunahearthjewellery](http://www.facebook.com/lunahearthjewellery))

**Wool Week** Photos from left. Sheena explaining a lace pattern, Ishbel's new hats, Sheena enjoying a cuppa.



BD Ltd volunteers organised a knitwear exhibition, dyeing workshop and Sunday teas held in the school as part of Wool Week. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the exhibition, there was a fine variety of hosiery, lace and Fair Isle, old and new. Special thanks to Ishbel and Sheena for assisting visitors throughout the afternoon and for adding so much to the lovely atmosphere.

**Guess the Garden** This year's Garden Show included a Guess the garden competition. The photos generated a lot of interest so we're showing them here for a second time. Well done to Katrina Gifford for submitting the winning entry and many thanks to the gardeners who let us photograph and share the images of their lovely gardens. Answers on the back page.





## Bressay History Group update

### Bressay History Group 2016 - Orkney Trip

At the end of July a party of 11 went to Orkney via Northlink taking a minibus with us.

**First day:** We went to the archaeological excavation at **Ness of Brodgar**. This is an exciting and long term dig to excavate the large Neolithic site. It sits at the centre of Neolithic Orkney, close to the Brodgar Stone Circle, the Stones of Stenness and Maeshowe. We had visited the site two years ago and wanted to see the progress made. We could now see the two large circular buildings with horned entrance walls and the dividing piers. It is very impressive and changing the perceptions that cultural centres in Britain came from the south; more top down it seems. Our guide from UHI was poor as was the weather, but we will go back. In the afternoon we had a brilliant tour guide (she was an immigrant to Orkney from Poland) to show us the chambered tomb of **Maeshowe**, a visit that now has to be booked, which we would recommend to anyone visiting Orkney.

**Second day:** Ferry to **Hoy**. Landing at **Lyness**, we walked up to the Scapa Flow Naval museum which houses items from this vast depot which serviced the Royal Navy in two World Wars. 2016 being the centenary of the Battle of Jutland meant a special exhibition of that event as many of those lost in action sailed from Scapa. We explored some of the site and walked through the one remaining oil storage tank – a vast echoing chasm. Later we drove the minibus to the Longhope Lifeboat station and on to the Hackness Martello Tower built in 1815 to defend Orkney from American warships. Historic Scotland has restored the barrack complex and the tower which makes a most interesting visit. Unusually for Orkney we had failed to find lunch so returned to the Lyness café for good home bakes. David M. took photos of Small Blue butterflies at Lyness and John saw a Hen Harrier near Hackness.

**Last day:** To **South Ronaldsay** via the Churchill Barriers. We were welcomed to the family run exhibition of the **Tomb of the Eagles**, then walked across the fields and cliff path to this chambered cairn. Getting in and out on a trolley through the 3 foot high entrance was fun, but the cairn with its concrete roof and rooflights disappointed. The artifacts were all in the museum and it has lost its mystery. We explored the byroads of the island with great views across the Pentland Firth, visited the Hoxa tapestries and the Italian Chapel finishing with the Tranquility Cottage Nursery near Kirkwall for the Plant Hunters of Bressay. Stu drove us all back to Merkister for a last supper – we did enjoy our meals together – and back to Northlink, sleep and home. Robina & Stuart, David & Beatrice, Barbara, David & Susan, John & Wendy, Bernard & June.



David & John checking out the competition to Bressay's naval guns at the Lyness museum on Hoy.

The summer exhibition at the Heritage Centre closed at the end of September. This year saw around 1254 visitors, those leaving comments in the visitor book having come from as far away as New Zealand, Italy, Finland and South Africa. History Group members will spend the winter collecting, archiving, producing new displays for next summer and capturing Bressay's buildings in 3D. If you would be interested in getting involved in any way then Speak to Bernard Redman (820359) or come to an advertised meeting at the Heritage Centre.

Tel 01595 820750 [bressayheritage@btinternet.com](mailto:bressayheritage@btinternet.com)

### An archive photo



With Wool Week in mind here is a photo of sisters, Aggie, Jessie and Leebie Linklater of Beosetter. Spinning, carding and teasing wool. Photo courtesy of Mary Christie, Fullaburn.

### Elizabeth Jane Smith Collection

The Bressay History Group hold a large collection of dialect words collected during 1934 - 1944 by the late Elizabeth J Smith, Old Manse Bressay. In each issue we will give you a word which she heard used in Bressay.

Last issue > **kittl (v) - to tickle**

New word > **flite (v)**

### Twitchers at Gunnista



The biggest day in Gunnista for many a year. (not including a certain birthday party 2 years ago!) Theo Smith's photos of twitchers watching the black-faced bunting, only the 6th recorded sighting in the UK of this rare migrant.



## Bressay Transport Working Group

A Working Group has recently been formed to assess the ongoing transport needs of our community and explore ways of meeting this need. We are aware that transport is a key issue for many local residents and are keen to welcome any new members onto the Working Group as we move forward to assessing the local need and making proposals for further developing the transport network on Bressay. If you are interested in getting involved, or have views you would like to share then please contact Sharon Anderson, Development Worker on 07547280040, or by email at [bressaydevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:bressaydevelopment@gmail.com).

To keep everyone up to date, we have included timetables and contact information below.

Transport information can be obtained from SIC on 01595 744868 or downloaded from the internet at: [www.travel.shetland.org](http://www.travel.shetland.org)

### Transport on Bressay

#### Service 41 – Weekly Shopper Service

In line with Shopper bus frequencies in the rest of Shetland, this service runs once a week. NEC cards are valid on this service. The bus picks up from all main roads on Bressay every Tuesday and takes folk onto the 10:30 ferry and then into Lerwick returning on the 14:30 ferry.

Bressay Ferry Terminal	1008	Lerwick Esplanade	1300
Voeseide	1010	Lerwick Health Centre	1303
Fullaburn/Glebe	1015	Lerwick Tesco	1305
Bressay Public Hall	1017	Lerwick Co-op arrive	1308
Voehad Road	1018	Lerwick Co-op depart	1355
Bressay Ferry Terminal	1020	Lerwick Tesco	1400
Bressay Ferry	1030	Lerwick Ferry Terminal	1410
Lerwick Esplanade	1038	Bressay Ferry	1430
Lerwick Health Centre	1045	Bressay Ferry Terminal	1435
Lerwick Tesco	1048	Voeseide	1437
Lerwick Co-op	1050	Fullaburn/Glebe	1440
		Bressay Public Hall	1442

### Service 42 – Post Bus Replacement

This service operates 3 days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays picking up from all main roads on Bressay and taking passengers to the ferry terminal for the 09:30 or 10:30 ferry. The return service meets the ferry on the Bressay side on the arrival of the 13:00 (1pm) ferry from Lerwick. The outward journey must run, even if there are no passengers as it is scheduled, but the return journeys need to be pre-booked – if there are no passenger bookings, the return service does not run. Bookings can be made by telephoning 01595 745745 by 4pm on the day prior to travel, or by speaking to the driver on the morning outward run. NEC cards are valid on this service.

Bressay Ferry Terminal	0908	Heogan	0935
Noss	0916	Beosetter	0946
Pettifirth Junction	0920	Ferry Term' v Gunnista	0958
Shop	0924	Bressay Ferry Terminal	1008
Bressay Ferry Terminal	0928	Kirkabister/Fullaburn/	
Ferry	0930	Hamilton/Glebe	1016
Bressay Ferry Terminal	0930	Bressay Ferry Terminal	1028
		Ferry	1030

### British Red Cross Car Scheme

Bressay is covered by the Transport Support service run by the British Red Cross. This service offers transport support for “medical appointments and essential daily needs”. The transport is provided by a volunteer driver using their own car. Passengers need to give 24 hours’ notice of their need to travel and are asked to make a contribution to the cost based on the mileage they travel. However, no one is refused travel because they cannot afford to pay. The driver is a volunteer and is not paid a wage but is reimbursed for any mileage, ferry costs and any expenses. The service can include transport to Sumburgh for onward travel to a medical appointment and an escort if this is necessary. The driver contact number for Bressay is 01595 820751. The office contact number for more information on using the service or volunteering for it is 01595 695498.

## Bressay Garden Show



Photos from top left, best pals Andrew Lowe & Dean Gifford, sisters Phoebe Brankin and Payton Fraser, a colourful floral display and a tasty selection of home bakes ready for judging.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Garden Show. There was a super display of entries in all categories and the organisers are once again grateful to the entrants for all the work they put in before the doors open on the big day. Also a big thank you to this year's judges; Lynn Johnson baking & jam, Andrea Watt veg & fruit, John Coutts – photos and ??? – Floral, for the time and care given to deciding the victors. Thanks to the bairns for their floral arrangements, painted stones, gardens and the scarecrow - we loved them! It would be a great help if trophy winners could hand trophies to Sharon during BD Ltd office hours, we will then collect any remaining and get them to Lerwick for engraving.

### Garden Show Trophies Winners

Best Pot Plant	Anne Bateson
Bruntland Rose cup	Cathy O'Sullivan
Best Floral Arrangement (class C)	Moirra Smith
Best cut Flower (class A)	Ishbel Bremner
Best Floral Exhibit	Ishbel Bremner
Hilltoun Fruit Cup	Rosa Strachan
Basket of Vegetables	Beatrice Lowe
Anderson Best Vegetable Exhibit	Rosa Strachan
Tattie Cup	David Manson
Food	Melanie Tulloch
Photography	John Bateson
Junior Shield – any exhibit	Robert Bremner
Junior floral prize – egg	Payton Fraser
Best In Show – any exhibit	Robert Bremner

Guess the garden answers - 1. June & Bernard, Ham. 2. Stephen Anderson, Upper Glebe. 3. Sheila Tulloch, Brough. 4. Rozanne Tulloch, Papillon. 5. Christine & Tommy Hughson, Husquoy. 6. Ishbel & Frank Bremner, Voeseide.