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Bressay Development Ltd update

It's been a busy summer!

BDL has welcomed an increased number of visitors to the Speldiburn Cafe this summer and catered for six groups - organising a garden tour alongside one, plus two events in the Hall; the Bressay Garden Show and a Wedding Photo Exhibition & Teas – the proceeds from this were shared with the Hall. We're now back to our winter hours with our volunteers serving lovely lunches and tasty cakes on Tuesdays and Fridays as well as bacon rolls on Saturday mornings so come along and join us if you can!

School building

BDL are keen to find the best way to ensure the school building can continue to benefit Bressay in a way which is sustainable for BDL. We have submitted an application to the Scottish Land Fund which, if successful, will let us undertake building surveys and investigations into likely costs, helping us make plans for the future. We are really keen to know folks thoughts so we'd welcome any comments or questions and we will feedback to the community as things progress.

BDL Development Officer

Jackie Jones began work at the end of the summer and has been focusing mainly on an application to the Scottish Land Fund. Jackie, who recently moved to Bressay, comes from Yorkshire and previously worked as an NHS Project Manager. Anyone wishing to pop in for a chat will find her at the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

BDL will be providing smaller, more frequent email updates in between editions of the newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please contact us to be added to the mailing list.

Contact us at info@bressay.org or 820706

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Wool Week

BDL and the Speldiburn Café held events at the school during Shetland Wool Week including four well attended classes covering topics including spinning, colour blending, necklace making and felted puffs. Two groups took the opportunity to take a guided bus tour of Bressay with lunch provided by the Speldiburn volunteers, visitors were delighted with their trip which included a visit to the Heritage Centre. Special thanks to Tour Guide Robin Hunter for volunteering his time and providing the visitors with such an excellent experience.

Visitors to the café enjoyed the week long exhibition of Bressay knitwear but the full exhibition took place on Sunday with Sheena, Ishbel and Fiona providing demonstrations and sharing their skills and Roisin and Aimee opening their studios to visitors. The café volunteers provided a lovely selection of soup, teas and homebakes accompanied by fantastic music from local band Fjanna. BDL would like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the week and the exhibitors whose work made for such a lovely and interesting display.



Photos taken at the school during Wool Week, from left:- Lee tries some weaving with his mum Nadine Wilson and Freya Garden, a visitor discusses stitches with Ishbel Bremner, Fiona Molloy and Moira Smith having a go with one of Fiona's looms.

What's On



Speldiburn Café open Tuesdays and Fridays, 12noon - 2.30pm. Saturdays - 9.30am - 11.30pm

Speldiburn Good As New Shop open Tuesdays and Fridays - 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

Bressay Under 5s - Tuesday mornings, 10.30am - 12.30pm in the former Nursery.

Bressay Bairn's Club - Thursdays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, the Hall.

Babminton - Monday, 7.30pm in the Hall.

Craft Group - Tuesday 1:30pm - 3pm in the school. Bring your sewing or makkin, or come for some new project ideas.

500 Cards Nights - Wednesday evenings, in the Bressay Hall (backroom) at 7.30pm: 14th November, 28th November, 12th December - Everyone welcome.

December -

Sunday 2nd. Over 60's Christmas Dinner in the Hall, 12.30pm for 1pm. Call Beatrice (820773) to book.

Sunday 16th. Bairn's Christmas Party, 4pm in the Hall.

Monday 24th. Christmas Eve Carols, 6.30pm in the kirk.

BDL Environmental Bulky Waste Uplift

There will be no more bulky waste uplifts before April.

Recycling

BDL is no longer collecting plastic bottles as these can be recycled through the Council's collection service. For more information there is a handy Frequently Asked Questions section on the Council's website - www.shetland.gov.uk. BDL still collect aluminium cans, these generate a small income for BDL, so recycling them with us is appreciated. Batteries and newspapers can still be left for recycling at the school. BDL has bags of shredded newspaper, ideal for animal bedding. £3 per 5kg bag.

Motherhood, Loss and The First World War

The photo below was taken during an evening organised by Aimee Labourne to remember Shetland women and mothers from the First World War. Aimee has spent time studying items and articles held in the Shetland Museum and the evening began with Aimee sharing some of the interesting accounts of women in Shetland from that time and the contribution they made to the war effort. Shetland Poet Peter Ratter followed, using poetry to focus visitors attention on the propaganda, realities and universal themes of loss suffered in WW1 which continues across the world today. The evening finished with a creative writing session. The event was funded by MHCLG and the Big Lottery.



Bairns

Congratulations to Beverley Clark and John Paton on the swift arrival of baby Astrid Agnes, born at home on the 7th of October and well done to John and Granny Chrissie for making it there just in time to catch the new arrival! Chrissie's 2nd grandbairn of the month, Ella Agnes, arrived on the 29th to Lyle & Gemma Tulloch. Maybe there's something in the water as Nora has also become a granny twice this month! Nicole Johnson and Dylan McDonnell have have a baby boy - Cameron Robert and Shona Thomson and Daniel Walterson (who live in Lerwick) have had a baby girl called Leyla. Best wishes to all.

Garden Show 2018

Another great success, despite the midsummer gale that affected many vegetable plants. Congratulations to all the trophy winners:

Hilltoun Fruit Cup (any fruit exhibit)	Roddy Christie-Henry
Basket of Vegetables	Jonathan Wills
Anderson Best Vegetable Exhibit	Norman Wagstaff
Best In Show – any exhibit	Cleo Gifford
Tattie Cup	Norman Wagstaff
Food	Beverly Clark
Photography	Beatrice Lowe
Best Pot Plant	Marion Scollay
Bruntland Rose cup	Anne Bateson
Best Floral Arrangement (class C)	Beatrice Lowe
Best cut Flower (class A)	Anne Bateson
Best Junior Floral Exhibit	Payton Fraser
Junior Shield – any exhibit	Cleo Gifford



Garden show trophy winners back from left: - Anne Bateson, Beverley Clark, Marion Scollay, Beatrice Lowe, Roddy Christie-Henry, Norman Wagstaff, Jonathan Wills. Front, Cleo Gifford, Paton Fraser.

Sponsored Walk

Congratulations to Amanda Sinclair, Katrina Gifford and Louise Anderson (pictured below) on their sponsored walk of the West Highland Way in August. They raised a fabulous total of £2642.50 for Mind Your Head!



Wedding Exhibition

In August BDL and the Bressay Hall held an exhibition of Bressay wedding photos collected by the late Thelma Williamson. The photos span from the 1940s and were a fascinating account of changing fashions and a lovely reminder of happy occasions and familiar faces. Thanks to Katrina Gifford for sharing the collection and allowing us to use the photos below.

Photos: - top, Ray and Lindis Tulloch (nee Black) who were married on the 20th of September 1958, and have just celebrated their diamond anniversary. Bottom - Frank and Ishbel Bremner (nee Tulloch) who were married on the 15th of July 1969. Frank and Ishbel celebrated the wedding of their granddaughter Gillian in Dundee on the 13th of October.



Elizabeth Jane Smith Collection

The Bressay History Group holds 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 > **Bengle (v)** - to bend, as wire.

This issue > **Blyde (adj)**

Bressay History Group

The History Group took part in events to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the armistice which ended the first world war. We took along a display to the Festival Of Remembrance held at the Clickimin on Saturday the 10th, an event which showcased information gathered from across Shetland on the impact of the First World War. On the 11th of November we joined many other communities across the UK lighting beacons with a bonfire on the Wart Hill. Wet wood made for a slow start but finally the folk who'd made the trip up to the quarry enjoyed a blaze clearly visible from the Heritage Centre. Refreshments followed at the Heritage Centre and folk browsed our WW1 displays including the display which had been at the Clickimin the day before and newly acquired Admiralty correspondence detailing the plans to erect the Bard and Aith guns.

Position Vacant

Bressay History Group is seeking a keen person to take minutes and do other light secretarial duties. A modest annual remuneration is attached to this post. For further information, please contact Bernard. Call 820359 or email bightofham@btinternet.com

An Archive Photo



A Wool Week themed photo of Keetie Hunter who used to live in a little house next to the current house at Noustigarth. Keetie is standing outside the then Bressay Hall with her knitting. Taken in the 1930s. Photo courtesy of the Late Irene Anderson.

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Saturdays 9.30 - 11.30

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Donations of good as new items welcomed

Come along and grab a bargain!

Round up from the Noss Warden

The fine weather Shetland enjoyed in 2018 resulted in a good season for Noss, in terms of both visitor numbers and breeding success of the nesting seabirds. It was a busy year with a total of 2,292 visitors, the busiest since 1990. The dramatic views of the Gannet colony on the cliffs were the highlight for most visitors, however close up views of Puffins were also popular, especially with photographers. There was a big turnout for Noss Open Day with 366 people making the trip across Noss Sound on a glorious sunny day to enjoy the variety of activities on offer, including rock pooling, face painting, guided walks, refreshments and even a live harpist who provided an atmospheric soundtrack to the day. A few very lucky visitors were treated to incredibly close views of Orca on 1st July when a pod of 7 swam through Noss Sound twice in one afternoon. Other visitors have been wowed by touching-distance views of a curious and confiding Otter which has frequented the cottage area of the island.

Many of the breeding seabirds had one of the best seasons in recent years. 2018 marked the full island count for Bonxies, something which happens every six years, and the population was found to be up slightly with 476 Bonxie territories counted compared to 465 in 2013. After a poor breeding season last year when the Bonxies fledged no young at all within the annual study plots, a total of 15 were found to fledge this year. The Kittiwake, which has struggled not only in Noss but across the rest of the UK, had a significantly better year this year, with an increase in both nesting pairs and number of chicks fledged. The Arctic Terns also had an exceptionally good year, and possibly the best year on record with 46 chicks fledging from 55 nests, impressive when compared with only three chicks fledging from 51 nests last year. The Shags had a late start to the year and although the numbers of nests were down slightly on last year, they were much more successful at fledging chicks this year. Fulmar, Guillemot and Gannet numbers were stable compared to last year.

Fun day to Noss

This year's Noss Open day took place in the sunshine on the 7th of July. As in previous years, volunteers from Bressay Hall provided hot soup, burgers and homebakes in the pony pund. It was a super day and the committee would like to thank the volunteers, including those who helped at the Hall and with transporting supplies to Noss.



Photos: - Face painting:- Aimee Labourne, Mariette Lowe, Phoebe Brankin. And the catering team: - Beatrice Tulloch, Maureen Burke, Sheila Tulloch, Elizabeth Edwards & Lesley Roberts (missing from the photo is Hannah Bateson).



Parkrun

Bressay parkrun continues to thrive with an average of 40.8 runners per week. We reached 71 participants during the week of Tom Wills and Andrea Sanchez' wedding. Recent highlights have included fancy dress for the 70th anniversary of the NHS and the warm welcome to Wool Week which saw knitted marshals along the route and the majority of parkrunners sporting a Fair Isle garment. Interest continues to grow for Bressay parkrun outside Shetland and there has yet to be a week when we don't have a visitor from outwith Shetland. The visitors pin board in the Speldiburn Café has been very successful and is a great indicator of how far parkrun tourism reaches.

The organisers are very grateful to all the folk who volunteer, especially those in the Speldiburn Café whose warm welcome is becoming well known throughout the global parkrun community. New volunteers are always appreciated so please e-mail bressayhelpers@parkrun.com contact the organisers via Facebook or just turn up on a Saturday morning, 9.15am at the Maryfield if you want to get involved. Folk will stay for coffee and a chat afterwards so get in touch with the Bressay parkrun organisers if you'd like to join the fun.

Studios To Let

Individual spaces within a bright shared room with plenty of workspace, shared sink and further cupboard space. Ideal for getting creative or starting a new venture! Rent is set at £80 per month, which includes electric, etc. Exhibition space is also available. Contact BDL to view - info@bressay.org

