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Bressay Development Ltd update

We love our school building

BDL is continuing to investigate community ownership of the school through an Asset Transfer, a process allowing community groups to buy or rent publicly owned buildings which they could make better use of, often for a nominal amount. A grant from the Scottish Land Fund has been used to conduct surveys and investigations to help inform on the implications of running costs, maintenance and improvements in the coming years. Jackie has been gathering this information but a key element for future planning is the input the Bressay community can provide. Facilities at the school are providing a real benefit to Bressay but we want to continue to build on this and we want the community to feel welcome to bring their ideas and thoughts so that more of us can benefit in the future.

BDL future plans - we need your views

Our new part-time Development Officer is Chris Dyer. Chris will be working on developing tourism within Bressay and has been liaising with the wardens in Noss to encourage visitors to spend more time in the island and visit other attractions. In addition, he will be undertaking a survey and explaining why BDL is considering community ownership of the school, how an Asset Transfer works and what this means for both BDL and Bressay residents. Chris will be looking to have a conversation with you soon but in the meantime if you would like to answer the survey questions electronically, feel free to give him an email on c_thomasdyer@hotmail.com He will send you a form which you can fill in and return by email.

BDL AGM (it was a while ago - we know)

Matt Mason joined as a new BDL director at our AGM in January. BDL committee members are as follows: Afra Skene (Chair), Noel Kelly (Vice Chair), Beatrice Lowe (Secretary), Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer), Marion Scollay, Kathy Kelly, Dee Henderson-Haefner and Matt Mason.

Have any pictures or stories for the next edition? Then please get in touch. Contact us at info@bressay.org or 820706

Jackie will be in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and

Fridays, or email her at bressaydevelopment.jj@gmail.com

Chris can be contacted at c_thomasdyer@hotmail.com

Defibrillator



The community defibrillator has moved from Voeside to the outside of the school building. Parkrun volunteers check the defibrillator every month and in March received life saving training organised by the Scottish Fire & Rescue. Routine testing, maintenance and housing is provided by a partnership consisting of Bressay Community Council, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Bressay Parkrun and Bressay Development Ltd.



BDL organised activities during the winter including bread making sessions and a singing day with Andy Ross. These photos were taken at the brilliant Christmas cookie making day, from left:- Robin Gifford, Dean Gifford, Mariette Lowe and Calvin Bremner.

What's On

Speldiburn Café open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
11.00 -3.00 and Saturday 9:30 – 3.00

Speldiburn Good As New Shop open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Fridays and Saturday - 12.30 - 2.30.

Bressay Heritage Centre open Wednesday, Friday
and Sunday 1.00 - 4.00

Bressay Under 5s - Tuesday, 10.30 - 12.30 in the Nursery.

500 - Wednesday 7.30pm in the Hall.

Craft Group - Wednesday 1:30 - 3.00 in the school. (No club during
July). Bring your sewing, makkin or project ideas.

Fjanna playing live in the Maryfield, 12th July at 8pm.

Bressay Garden Show – Sunday 25th August in the Hall.

BDL Bulky Waste Uplift

There will be no bulky waste skips, however BDL will organise a household uplift of large items such as washing machines. Volunteers will collect items during the weekend of 27th/28th July to take to Lerwick. To book items for collection contact Jackie at the BDL office / 820706 / bressaydevelopment.jj@gmail.com

Maryfield Makeover

Nelly and James have overseen a really amazing makeover job at the Maryfield. Everyone who's used the ferry lately will have appreciated the splendid looking frontage but we thought we'd share a photo anyway. Also pictured is the Whisky Snug, this is a lovely room to pass time with friends - whether or not you're a whisky drinker! The bedrooms have also been fully refurbished along with the dining room. If you've not been already then it really is worth a visit. Food is served at lunchtimes and evenings or reserve a table for for a truly lovely Sunday roast lunch.



Clean as a whistle!

The SIC is fixing up the Mail Pier. Workmen have cleared away all the rubbish and pressure-washed the SIC owned pier in readiness for a long over due survey and refurbishment. What was once Bressay's ferry terminal, in the days of the old 'Brenda', is now used by local fishing boats and pleasure craft. The photo below shows wir very ain Jamie Christie - Henry and Neil Smith on the newly cleaned pier.



Bats, balls and fun in the multicourt

BDL's recycling box has been given a new lease of life as a sports equipment store. The box is now in the corner of the multi court and everything inside can be used by visitors. The tennis net is up just now so why not pop along for a game!

Wonderful Wi-Fi cover at Speldiburn

With help from HIE, BDL have upgraded the wi-fi in the school. It's free to use and extends throughout the building, outside seating area and the car park.

New Peerie Office

BDL have recently converted the old boys' entrance porch into a bright peerie office using funding provided by HIE. The office is furnished with a desktop PC and Multifunctional Colour Laser Printer connected to the new wi-fi. We would like to offer the room for rent as shared office space. Or as a 'hot desk' type workspace.



Bressay History Group

We have two new exhibitions this summer. The first is a collection of items from 1970s Bressay, and the 2nd displays information, gathered by the group, about the kirks of Bressay and Noss, and includes photos of Bressay Kirk's communion cups and the story of their rather unusual history. There is always plenty to see, including collections of old photos to browse, WW1 items and information about our reconstructed burnt mound.

Opening hours

Bressay History Group have opened the Heritage Centre this summer using volunteer staff in order to make the Centre financially viable and ensure its collections will be accessible for Bressay folk and visitors in future years. Although this has meant reduced opening times from previous years we are pleased to have volunteer custodians in place to provide regular opening times. Extra volunteers are welcomed and would mean we could increase our hours during the busy months of July and August. We are looking to cover a three hour slot and we will happily give instruction to any new recruits. For further information, please contact Bernard. Call 820359 or email bightofham@btinternet.com

Noosts

Linda Nicol will be working alongside Bressay History Group in July to gather information about noosts in Bressay. She would welcome any information on sites, owners, usage, etc. which could add to the project. An open evening was held on the 28th of June. Anyone who might have information to add can contact Bernard.

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 > Blyde (adj) - Glad; pleased. This issue > Fantin (v) -

Marina Caravan Park

Bressay Boating Club's Caravan Park has begun welcoming summer visitors. Grants from the Community Council for environmental improvements and from the Bucks for Bressay event have provided the funding to put in 4 hook up points, plus improvements to the car park and the smart white fence. An honesty box is in place for collecting pitch hire money, with instructions for users. Bookings can be made by calling Hazel on 07768 602 534



Bressay Garden Show - Sunday 25th August

Schedules are available from the Mail Shop or online at www.Bressay.org/events



Bressay is well known for its stone dykes. This picture from around 1990 shows the late Jo Smith at work on the beautiful dyke he built at Hunchibanks, with the old Heogan flit boat in the background. Photo: Jonathan Wills.

Speldiburn Cafe Summer Season

The Speldiburn Cafe is open four days each week and the menu includes homemade soups, quiche or cheese platter along with toasties, paninis and lovely homemade cakes. Our Bean Shop coffee tastes superb and the great quality Wi-fi is free to use. Try our - Wednesday Midweek Meal Deal - soup, bread or oatcakes, cake with coffee or tea for £6.80!

The Speldiburn Gallery will be showing work by local artists throughout the summer: Bressay Artists (Dougie Graham, June Redman, Grace McCombe and Aimee Labourne) will exhibit work in July and David Robinson in August

Everyone at BDL would like to give a huge thank you to all the bairns' who put artwork into the Bressay Bairns' Art Exhibition which was shown in March. We were delighted with the response and the 12 exhibits really showed off the bairn's talents and delighted customers.

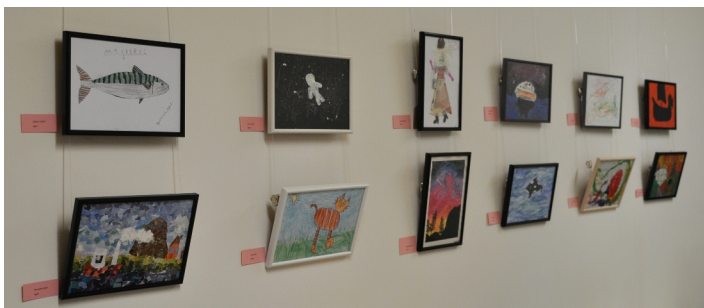


Photo: - Some of the pictures in Bressay Bairns' exhibition.

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Café

Open - Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11.00 - 3.00
Saturdays 9.30 - 3.00

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Donations of good as new items welcomed
Come along and grab a bargain!

Bressay Parkrun continues to gain momentum

Bressay Parkrun passed its 1st birthday milestone in January with 94 participants joining to celebrate the birthday run - the highest turnout yet! A Birthday cake competition followed at the Speldiburn Cafe marking a brilliant year for Bressay Parkrun and a well deserved celebration for Kate Wills and the huge team of volunteers who've made it such a fantastic success! Since January 2018, 934 participants have completed 3,039 individual parkruns in Bressay covering a total distance of 15,195 km, including 577 new Personal Bests. A total of 144 individuals have volunteered 1,065 times!

Seventy Six walkers, runners and joggers took part in sunshine in Bressay's 71st Parkrun on the 15th of June.

BDL would like to thank the volunteers from the Bressay parkrun who gave the playground a fabulous re-paint ready for the summer. The Under 5's have been outside making great use of it on sunny Tuesday mornings.



Voar Redd Up

Well done to all the volunteers who helped here in Bressay as part of the annual Voar Redd Up. Thanks to the efforts of the History Group and BDL the banks were cleared from the ferry to the factory, the roadsides from the ferry, round the square to the Glebe and the Trowlands, and also the east shore of the Voe. Apologies to any individual Redd Upper if your patch isn't mentioned above.

Calling all Crafters

BDL are making space at the Speldiburn Cafe for extra craft sales. We have a fabulous selection of art and crafts on sale already from R.A.M Knitwear, Fjon Fibres and Aimee Labourne but we would love to add to this selection. If you might be able to help add to our craft then we'd love to hear from you. Contact Kathy on kathyl17@hotmail.com or 820 284.

Bressay Public Hall

The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the EGM in March. A new 15 strong committee is in place and the office bearers are as follows: Roddy Christie-Henry - Chair, Rob Royall - Vice Chair, Kara Manson - Treasurer and Chris Bunyan - Secretary. Njal Christie-Henry is bookings clerk and he can be contacted through the Hall's Facebook page

www.facebook.com/BressayPublicHall/. A link to the events calendar can be found on the Facebook page. Bookings can also be made with Bryan or Alison at the Mail Shop - 820 200. Chris's email is kyoab@outlook.com



The Hall Committee's annual plant sale in May was a great success. The Hall was filled by a delightful display of really healthy vegetable seedlings, annuals and perennial plants donated by Bressay's gardeners. Raffle and plant sales raised a combined total of £660 which was split between the Bressay Hall and the Red Cross Refugee Fund. Photos: - The Under 5s' mums laid on a super selection of homebakes and Magnus and Ella Tulloch seem suitably impressed; Elizabeth Edwards busy at the perennial plant table. Christmas seems a long while ago now but we thought we'd share these Over 60's pictures anyway. Top - perfectly attired volunteer duo Grant Morris and Nadine Wilson. Bottom - You know the Over 60's Christmas dinner is finished when the seniors done their marigolds!