

Weel Bressa, Whit News?

We hope you find Weel Bressa's 10th edition both interesting and informative, there is plenty going on but we do need folk to get in touch with photos, news and events. We would love to hear from anyone with an interesting story to tell. Contact us at info@bressay.org

Bressay Development Ltd Update

Hello and welcome to our 'Summer' newsletter.

We've been pretty busy this last while, with cleaning, painting, weeding, and organising things at the school in preparation for the new Cafe (more of that to follow). May I extend a vote of thanks to all those who have come and volunteered their time for the various tasks (of which there have been many!!), all of which enabled us to get the building spruced up a bit for all those that we hope will visit it over the next while.

And yes, we now have a New café! It has been called the Speldiburn cafe, thanks go to all those who put forward suggestions for a name.... thanks to Linda Sutherland for entering the winning one. Speldiburn is the name of the burn that runs past the school, and which is why we felt it was an appropriate name for the cafe. For those of you who knew the late Harry Tulloch, he was a fiddle player, and composed a tune called The Speldiburn Reel. If anyone knows or has a copy of the tune itself, then we'd be delighted to hear from them, as we would like to attribute him and it at the Cafe itself.

While I'm on the subject (asking for favours!) can I ask again if anyone has any photos taken in, around, and of Bressay, could you please consider offering some to be included in our Calendar that we plan to produce for next year? We would be very grateful for any contributions. As we have a newly opened Cafe, then this is an appropriate time to tell you about some new staff.... Grant Morris is currently our Cafe Supervisor, and he has two assistants working alongside him – Aimee Labourne, and Kelly Treacy.

We also have been successful in attracting funding from Highland and Islands Enterprise to employ a Development Worker for two years.... Dominic Mann is the successful candidate for that post, and he is due to start early July. Dominic is from Shetland originally, and will be familiar to a few folk on the island already (especially those who are football minded), but we hope that once he is in post, then folk will feel able to pop along the school and meet him in person, and find out more about what he hopes to do while he's in post.

A workshop on Developing Social Enterprise Ventures was held in the school on 24th May 2016. It was delivered by James Hilder, who has a wealth of experience in assisting Social Enterprise companies and Community Trusts with establishing and developing various schemes to sustain fragile communities. Representatives from BDLtd, SIC Community Development, HIE, Bressay Hall Committee and Sports Club were inspired by James' presentations over two days, and we look forward to putting some of the workshop results into practice as we move ahead. I would like to thanks all those who attended the Workshop, and hope that we may be able to host other training events that folk can attend in the not too distant future.

Our annual Bide da day in Bressay is coming up on July 24th.... if anyone has any ideas for what they'd like to see on offer on that day, then please let us know. Anyway... that's some of our news for this quarter. Keep an eye out for the advert for the official opening of the Speldiburn Cafe, and in the meantime, why don't you pop along for lunch or a coffee some day, and see how it's looking? Hope to see you there!!! Hope you're having a good Summer.....

Hazel.



The Speldiburn Cafe's first customer was Frances Christie Henry, Frances is Bressay's oldest resident and here she is with Beatrice Lowe, Ray Saxelby and cafe assistant Aimee Labourne.



And that's only 1/3 of the bags collected during our school clear up weekend!

BD Ltd office & Speldiburn Cafe phone no. 820706

Whats on.

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

July;

Wednesday 13th - home energy advice, in the school

Sunday 24th - Bide da day in Bressay

August;

Saturday 13th - Bressay Sports Day

Sunday 28th - Bressay Garden & Produce Show,

Bressay Development Ltd Environmental Bulky Waste Uplift Schedule 2016

Month	Date	Location
July	Sat 16	Fullerburn
September	Sat 17	Voeseide

On site 10.15 am - 3:30pm

By prior arrangement and subject to volunteer availability, assistance may be given to uplift large or awkward items from householders.

Contact: South – Edwin 07990547552,

Central – Hazel 820377, North – Alistair 820372

Let us know if you are available to help supervise.

Skills for Sustainability project

Bressay development Ltd are launching a new project called 'Skills for Sustainability' and have secured funding from the Climate Challenge Fund. Through the year we will be aiming to provide information, support and skills to enable Bressay folk to save money and energy and to reduce waste. We will be providing bikes for hire and hope to encourage more of us to cycle. We will also be setting up a community repair and maintenance room at the school and we are organising classes on a range of subjects including furniture repair, sewing, bike maintenance, food production and recycling. Our first event is a home energy advice

Home energy advice drop in

Wednesday 13th July - 11.00 - 5.30 in the school. Steven Coutts, Home Energy Specialist for Home Energy Scotland, will be holding a drop in/surgery session on all matters energy, insulation and heating in the home. Residents can come along and speak to him about what support may be available for them. Steven will also take bookings for Home Energy Visits for householders thinking about changing their heating system, considering what to do about insulating their walls, and also support to householders struggling to understand their bills or how best to work their existing heating systems.

Bressay Youth Club

Chris Dyer gave the bairns a fantastic look at life in Shetland in the past.



Da Voar Redd Up

The workforce at Shetland Fish Products, Heogan, Bressay had a redd-up of the shoreline from *White and Willows to the MTB refuelling station* (over half a mile). It was upsetting to see how much bruck had been washed or blown ashore. A total of 10 1 ton capacity bins were filled with old rope, netting, plastic boxes, cans and other debris while there was another 2 bins filled with plastic bottles.

One of the bottles had a message in it from 7 year old Isaac Hoseason who sent it while on a fishing trip with his father onboard the Guardian Angel. He was delighted to hear someone had found it as sent in August 2014.

Sealife, birds, animals and even humans can all be harmed by the rubbish which is mostly thrown into the sea by thoughtless people.



The Bressay Sports Club, Hall Committee, History Group and Boating Club along with several individuals also took part in this years Redd up. The improvement is clearly noticeable and our verges just now are bright with wild flowers instead of plastic.



Isaac Hoseason with his letter.

Bressay History Group update

"Bressay History Group took part in a Shetland wide celebration of Heritage on 19th June, offering a tour of the burnt mound and a guided walk to Cullingsburgh, before taking visitors to enjoy the High Teas at the Bressay Hall. A number of heritage groups across the island hosted special events as part of the day, which was organised by Shetland Heritage Association. Bressay Heritage Centre is enjoying a good tourist season so far and encourages Bressay residents to go along and see this seasons exhibitions - one of which illustrates the 3D imaging project members have been working on in partnership with Archaeology Scotland."

Bressay Heritage Centre Opening Times:

1st May – 30th Sept, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-4pm,
Sun 11am-5pm

Tel 01595 820750 bressayheritage@btinternet.com

An archive photo



Unknown individuals rooin sheep at Beosetter in the 1920's.

Photo courtesy of Mary Christie, Fullaburn.

Bressay Development Ltd staff profile.

Aimee Labourne (pic below in her studio) is working as an assistant in the Speldiburn Cafe, we asked her to tell us a little about herself....



I am a recent graduate, completing my studies in Fine Art at Falmouth University, Cornwall last summer. After many years of visiting Shetland for family holidays, I've recently moved to Bressay to take a room in the school buildings as a studio space. Art and drawing has always been my passion and now on Bressay I am able to spend time making work in a very beautiful part of the islands. I'm currently working on several ideas including work about weaving in Shetland. My sister, who studied Contemporary Textiles at Shetland College UHI and specialised in weaving, was involved in last year's Wool Week event at Bressay Lighthouse. At the moment, I am completing a drawing of the loom she worked on there, and hope to continue with more work on this subject in the coming months. Through both drawing and photography I am also continuing to explore the islands' many war-ruin sites, sinister places located throughout Shetland's beautiful environment. (I also have some examples of the work I mention above at <https://aimee-labourne.squarespace.com>)

Cunningsburgh History Group Visit

On Tuesday 10th May members of the Cunningsburgh History Group came across to Bressay to visit the Heritage Centre. We had a most enjoyable evening and much discussion and exchange of historical information was had. First we were treated to a demonstration of 3D interpretation on the new computer in the Bressay Heritage Centre. This excellent piece of equipment can be shared by other heritage groups to produce striking 3D imagery of buildings and other artefacts. Many of our group felt that it would be a very useful tool for us and as there are several keen photographers in our group it would be something we would consider doing in the future. We also had a tour of the Bronze Age Burnt Mound reconstruction which is situated at the side of the Heritage Centre. Again the group felt this was a most interesting project that had protected an important archaeological structure from coastal erosion and eventual destruction, had successfully excavated and relocated it, and that it is well worth a visit.

The best part of the visit however, was meeting the Bressay folk there, chatting to them over a cuppa, finding out about their interests and making contacts for the future. Pat Christie

Secretary - Cunningsburgh History Group



Members of Cunningsburgh History Group taking a tour of the burnt mound.

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 > **blue-melt (n) - bruise**

New word > **(v) kittl**

Bressay Garden & Produce Show

This years show takes place on Sunday the 28th of August. Doors open to the public at 3pm

There are a variety of categories for folk to enter. So whether you're a crofter, gardener or just fancy trying your hand at a vegetable creation we would be very pleased to receive your entry. The bairns entries are always particularly popular and there are categories for painted stones, baking, photos, floral arrangements and more! The Hall always looks brilliant on the day of the show but the more entries, the better!

Entries should be brought to the Hall between 11.30am and 1pm on Sunday the 28th

Schedules available soon in the Shop!

The Speldiburn Cafe

Bressay's new cafe situated within the former primary school is now open!

Light lunches, soup, filled rolls and toasted paninis available daily, along with a selection of cakes, teas and coffees.

Opening hours:

10.00 - 3.30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

12.30 - 2.00 Sundays (from 10th July)

The Speldiburn Cafe will open every Sunday 2.30 - 4.30 during July, August and September, except on any occasion where teas are being provided in the Hall.

Bressay Hall

The sun shone for this year's Noss Open Day. Volunteers from the Bressay Hall provided refreshments for the 257 visitors. Although lettuce was not available for the burgers due to an unfortunate incident mid sound.... Also involved on the day were 14 SNH staff, 19 volunteers, 4 Red Cross volunteers and a team of 3 from Dynamic Earth. Photos right.



In May the committee held a plant sale and teas. Thanks to all who donated plants, baking and time, over £400 was made and split between Hall funds and the red cross. Also in May members of the Special Forces Club came to the Bressay Hall for a three course meal followed by music and dancing. This was the fourth travelling group dinner and dance the committee have organised and as always many thanks must go to the lovely waitresses as well as to Christine and Tommy for organising (and playing) the brilliant music. The high teas proved to be a real treat and again the committee would like to thank the musicians and all who helped make the event so enjoyable.

Pictures, clockwise from top left: Men folk enjoying a cuppa at the plant sale teas; The Hall looking lovely at the High Teas; Displaying an eightsome Shetland style at the Special Forces dinner; Lesley puts the finishing touches on the Special Forces' smoked salmon starters.