

# Weel Bressa, Whit News?

## Bressay Development Ltd update

### **Covid Community fund**

BDL are pleased to announce that we have been awarded £8100 from the Supporting Communities Fund to help communities deal with Covid-19. This money will be used to help folk in Bressay during the next few months and will include practical help for families home schooling their bairns - such as art packs. We will use some of the money to help keep folk better connected as well as offering financial help for households struggling financially as a result of Covid-19. BDL needs help from the community to highlight anyone here in Bressay who would benefit from any extra support.

### **Asset Transfer**

The Asset Transfer of the Bressay School to BDL was expected to take place at the beginning of June. The decision, due to be made by the SIC, has now been delayed until November because of Covid-19. BDL directors were saddened to find that the SIC received three objections to the transfer of the school, one from Bressay Community Council. The information within the letters was largely incorrect or irrelevant and BDL has responded to the SIC with correct information for each point raised. We hope these will not prove to be an obstacle to our application and we would like to thank everyone who wrote and called to offer us their support, we really are grateful. We are always happy to discuss any aspect of the transfer with members of the community so please get in touch if you have any questions. Covid-19 has also put on hold our plans to improve the heating system, display and communal areas in the building, however, we will continue efforts towards these improvements once lockdown measures allow.

### **BDL directors**

BDL held its AGM at the end of January, we had a good turnout of Bressay folk and some great discussion about ideas going forward. We are very sorry to say goodbye to three directors this year but thankfully Moira and Noel have continued to be involved regularly as volunteers. Our current directors are as follows. Afra Skene (Chair), Elizabeth Edwards (Vice Chair), Beatrice Lowe (Secretary), Sheila Tulloch (Treasurer), Marion Scollay, Stuart Barton, Kathy Kelly, Aimee Labourne and Matt Mason.

Have any pictures or stories for the next edition? Then please get in touch. Contact us at [info@bressay.org](mailto:info@bressay.org)

The Speldiburn Office is closed just now but feel free to contact

Jackie on 07904445610 or [bressaydevelopment.jj@gmail.com](mailto:bressaydevelopment.jj@gmail.com)

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Photo. The Christmas Eve Service in the Bressay Hall.

### **Mail Shop**

To help reduce contact and potential infection, please remember that deliveries can be arranged from the Mail Shop for anyone self-isolating.

Orders can also be phoned in for collection at the counter.

Alison will try to get in any specific items if requested.

Fish can be ordered by Thursday each week for collection on Saturdays. Call Alison on 820200.

### **Thank You**

Everyone at BDL would like to say a really big thank you to the ferry boys who are working 15 hour shifts to keep our ferry running. Also to Alison for her fantastic efforts keeping us all supplied with essentials and to Gaby for transporting prescriptions, both really helping cut down on the number of journeys being made out of Bressay - helping to keep us all safer.



Photos above. James and his Jarl's squad visiting Bell's Brae and the Maryfield. L-R Calvin Bremner, Willow Tulloch, Mal Smith, Mariette Lowe; Nelly and James; James and Dean Gifford. For more UHA photos take a skoit at Page 3.



## Covid-19 information

We want to provide Bressay folk with an update on available community services and changes to services that impact our community during these difficult times. Our BDL website has been updated with community information relating to the current situation, please visit the site

<https://www.bressay.org/community/coronavirus-pandemic>

### Speldiburn

Speldiburn café and Good As New Shop remain closed currently. A Friday hot meal delivery service is available from the Speldiburn Café for those requiring it. Lunches must be pre-ordered by Thursday lunchtime. We send out invoices by email or post and payment can be made via BACS or cheque. Please note our BDL Office is not currently staffed, to contact us please email [bressaydevelopment.jj@gmail.com](mailto:bressaydevelopment.jj@gmail.com) or phone Jackie on 07904445610, Beatrice 820773 or message us on Facebook

### Mail Shop

Contact the Mail Shop on 820200.

### Prescription Collection

Prescriptions can also be collected and delivered to Bressay. Gaby is a pharmacist at Boots and has kindly offered to collect prescriptions from Boots for Bressay folk. Call Gaby on 07455225440.

### Bressay Ferry Service

SIC are currently running a restricted timetable and booking service. For updates visit the SIC ferry page

<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/ferries/covid19.asp>

The current timetable is printed below.

## [www.bressay.org](http://www.bressay.org)

With Speldiburn closed to visitors for the time being we have moved a number of our activities online. Check out our website as we're updating it regularly.

We love the artwork that's been sent in to The [Speldiburn Junior Online Art Exhibition](#) – it's open until the end of June to all ages from pre-school to secondary and all entrants receive a certificate.

Local crafts and cards normally available from the Speldiburn Cafe can still be purchased from the [Speldiburn Crafts](#) page and delivery is for free to anyone in Bressay,

A collection of books and puzzles from our Speldiburn Library are also available online and can be delivered to anyone on Bressay, for more information on the service please visit [Speldiburn Library](#).

With the arrival of Spring Bressay folk have kindly taken their time to send us photos from their crofts and gardens as well as lovely Bressay scenes. A gallery of the photos is on our What's Going On? Bressay 2020 page.



A few of the crafts that can be seen at [www.bressay.org](http://www.bressay.org)

## Bressay Lerwick, Mainland Shetland - Bressay

### Monday - Saturday

<b>Lerwick</b>	0715	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1330	1430	1530	1630	1715	1800	2130
<b>Bressay</b>	0700	0730	0830	0930	1030	1130	1245	1315	1400	1500	1600	1700	1745	2100

### Sunday

<b>Lerwick</b>	0715	0800	0900	1045	1230	1300	1430	1530	1630	1715	1800	2130
<b>Bressay</b>	0700	0730	0830	1030	1215	1245	1400	1500	1600	1700	1745	2100

## Speldiburn winter classes

BDL held a variety of classes during the past winter, including craft workshops, art classes, yoga, and a number of baking classes. We've shared a few photos below. Thanks to our brilliant tutors for all their assistance and for giving us so much fun last winter.





## UHA 2020

It'll be a rare person who didn't realise what a fantastic weekend Bressay UHA was this year and now we know just how lucky we were to get to enjoy the squads, music and dancing with our friends and families there beside us. James and his squad were brilliant. Even at 8.30am at Speldiburn they were lively and well rehearsed - their singing was fabulous! Well done to all involved. Thank you James for letting us share these photos.



## Nature Notes

While we're all 'locked down', Mother Nature has been getting on with business as usual. The turricks have returned to Noss where, for perhaps the first time in several thousand years, there are no human residents this summer. They're also back in force at Leiraness, where over 350 were present one morning in May. The dunters are also busy and there seem to be slightly more of them nesting than in previous years. There are very few skooty alins around but the bonxies are back on territory - by mid-May there were up to 100 gathering for their midday bath at da Loch o' Grimsetter (where a mother otter was seen with two cubs in April).

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John Scott (left) clipping and David Manson (right) rooing sheep in Noss during the summer of 1970. Photos courtesy of J Wills.

## Bressay Garden Show - a start ago

Top. Trophy winners of the 1998 Bressay Garden Show, l-r; Margaret Findlay, Jessie Paton, Moira Smith, Sylvia Bruce, Laurence Anderson, Eileen Paton, Kate Wills. Bottom - Bressay Hall looking splendid during the 2010 Flower Show.





## What's Growing On? Bressay 2020. - welcome signs of spring.

We can't visit our neighbours just now but we don't want that to stop us sharing our spring triumphs and creative endeavours so we hope you'll enjoy taking a peek into polycrubs, gardens and lamb hooses to watch new life begin and spring blossom. We're so pleased so many folk have taken the time to share these photos with us! The ones below are just a few of the fantastic collection that can be seen online at [www.bressay.org/whats-on](http://www.bressay.org/whats-on). Please keep them coming and let us celebrate Bressay's crofts and gardens through the summer months too!. Send your photos to Bressay Development Ltd's Facebook page or email us at [info@Bressay.org](mailto:info@Bressay.org) or speak to Chris on 07748 926454 for more information.



Above L-R. Benji Wills examines an earthworm; lovely newly born twin calves at Grindischool; Magnus Tulloch mucking out the sheep shed at Brough; A very cute Setter pup learning to drive?



Clockwise from top left. Garth Croft sheep and lamb; inside Rozanne's new polycrub at Papillon, Neep the cat in her Gardie greenhouse; Mariette Lowe setting onions at the Knowes, Roddy Christie Henry shifts sheep in the April sunshine; David Williamson at Gunnista; Elizabeth Edwards with her fruit collection, also at Gunnista.