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Bressay Development Ltd update

BD Ltd's events diary has been fairly busy during the past months. 'Bide Da Day In Bressa' was a two day event this year and included guided walks, open gardens and crafts, craft sales and a treasure hunt. Both days proved to be busy in the cafe and around 100 people visited the two lovely gardens - the fine weather contributing to the enjoyment.

Fiddle Frenzy came to Bressay on Friday the 4th of August. Classes took place in the Hall and the school and BD Ltd provided lunch and dinner for 64 students and tutors in the Hall after which Fiddle Frenzy held a concert and dance.

BD Ltd organised this year's Garden & Produce Show, details of which can be found on the back page and a round up of all things Wool Week can be seen on page two.

BD Ltd and the Hall Committee are joining forces to put on a Christmas Craft Fair & Shopping Event on the 5th of November. The school will be filled with lovely local crafts for sale and the artist studios will be open to visitors. Volunteers will be providing cake and coffee in the Speldiburn Cafe - perfect for getting ready for Christmas!

We are really delighted that the Speldiburn Cafe can be kept open again through the winter. In its first winter week the cafe customers have made it a sociable and vibrant spot for lunch. In a small place like Bressay the winter hours are only possible with the help of our brilliant volunteers and the continued support of our customers. Thank you!

Bressay Development Ltd AGM

The Annual General meeting of Bressay Development Ltd takes place on the 23rd of November at 7pm in the school. All members and anyone interested in any aspect of BD Ltd's work are warmly welcomed to attend.

BD Ltd is managed by a small but committed team of six directors but as our current chair and vice chair will both be standing down at the meeting it is very important that new members come forward willing to take on these roles.

Speldiburn Cafe open Tuesdays & Fridays

The Speldiburn Cafe will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays, 12.00 - 2.30 throughout the winter. Like last winter a small team of volunteers, supported by Aimee will be serving up tasty lunches. We are offering a home delivery service with a soup and sweet lunch on Tuesdays and a hot cooked lunch on Fridays along with the usual paninis, toasties, soup and homemade cakes. The GAN Shop is also open, Tuesdays & Fridays 12.30-2.30.

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Cafe



A lively end to Fiddle Frenzy's day in Bressay. The after concert dance music was provided by the Danse McCabre Ceilidh Band.



A quiet moment among some of the lovely crafts on sale in the school during the 'Bide Da Day in Bressay' weekend.

What's on.

Speldiburn Cafe open Tuesdays & Fridays, 12.00 - 2.30pm.

Speldiburn GAN Shop open Tuesdays & Fridays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Under 5's - Tuesday mornings, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Badminton - Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Hall.

500 - Wednesdays 1st, 15th, 29th November. 7.30pm in the Hall.

Beginners 500 - 22nd Nov & 6th Dec. 7.30pm in the school.

Makkin & Yakkin - Thursday nights 7.30 - 9.30 in the school.

November.

1st - Talk by Outi Kater, Heritage Centre, 7.30pm.

3rd - Boating Club Fish & Chip night in the Hall.

5th - Christmas shopping & Craft Fair 2pm- 8pm

9th - Surgery with Councillors - 6.15 - 7.15 in the Hall. Malcolm Bell cannot attend but is happy to be contacted by phone 07777607741 or email malcolm.bell@shetland.gov.uk

18th - Bulky Waste Skip - 10.30 - 3.15 in the Hall car park.

26th - Mindful Meditation Taster Session. 10am - 4pm in the school.

Contact Adult Learning to book.

23rd - BD Ltd AGM. 7pm in the school.

December.

17th - Bairs' Christmas Party in the Hall.

31st - New Year's Party in the Hall.

Recycling

Please continue to bring your plastic bottles (well rinsed), batteries, ink cartridges, newspaper and aluminium cans to the school. Please do not bring us your cardboard, fold it and put out with your domestic waste.

Wool Week

Wool Week proved to be a busy time for BD Ltd staff and volunteers, beginning on Sunday the 24th of September with the Speldiburn Cafe providing catering for Wool Week's Opening Ceremony at the Clickimin. No less than 1110 canapés were plated up providing guests with a splendid taste of Shetland produce. The Cafe was open throughout Wool Week providing snacks and lunches for those visiting the Wool Week Fashion Show Exhibition next door in the big room. The Exhibition showcased the garments by Gudrun Johnson, RAM Knitwear and UHI graduates and students which had been modelled at the Opening Ceremony, with other wool products from across Shetland also on display. The BD Ltd Exhibition took place on Saturday the 30th and included displays of heirloom knitwear by the late Annie Hunter and Stella Sutherland as well as items by Sheena Cumming, Ishbel Bremner and Roisin McAtamney's RAM Knitwear. Also on display was a beautifully finished skirt recently made by Sheena, alongside its inspiration - a circa 100 year old traditional Shetland Cott (underskirt) which belonged originally to Aggie Linklater of Beosetter. The woollen fabric was specially woven by the Sandness Mill to match the colours of the original which was made of a heavy cotton. Some items from the Bressay exhibition will remain in place during the winter.



Pictures clockwise from left:- Sheena & Ishbel on hand with advice and good humour at our Bressay Knitwear & Textile Exhibition, Sheena's skirt and hap, modelled by Beatrice, the display of Fair Isle knitwear by the late Stella Sutherland, one of the sixty platters of tasty Speldiburn canapés, part of the week long Wool Week Fashion Show Exhibition held in the school.

Are you interested in what we do?

Bressay Development Ltd will hold one business meeting before its AGM on the 23rd of November and we welcome anyone interested in what we do to come along on either night.

This would be a great opportunity for anyone thinking they might like to be more involved in the organisation to meet with us and find out a bit about how we run the company and our various projects. The business meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd November, 7pm in the school.

BD Ltd are also keen to find new volunteers so get in touch if you would like to be involved in a particular area of our work or are willing to help with tasks such as DIY, events, catering or in the GAN Shop.

Winter activity program

BD Ltd are currently organising a program of classes and clubs which will take place during the winter. Following on from last year's success we will be holding weekly craft nights but there will be a range of activities including 500 for beginners, yoga (beginning 6th November) and a writing group / book club also beginning the 6th. We will be sending out programs shortly.

Check us out - www.bressay.org

Bressay History Group

Shetland Boat Week 6th-13th August

Bressay History Group decided to take part with 3 Noss boats and the 2 Gardie boats, Iolanthe and Casilda outside, with the Ina inside the Heritage Centre. We also mounted an exhibition of photos of Bressay boats and showed a model sixern built by Jack Shewan.

Plenty of visitors came; several of the team in Lerwick were too busy during their Boat Week so we kept open for a second week to enable them to come to Bressay too. All this took tractors, cars, trailers and muscles to set up the boats (and return them to their homes afterwards). The six boats were:- **Iolanthe** built by Jack Shewan in 1915 to Royal Navy spec. for the Anderhill watch during WW1. The Navy lads rowed her across Bressay Sound then walked to Anderhill to go on watch. Later she became the Gardie launch.

Casilda was the second Gardie boat with a small Stuart-Turner engine installed in 1948. A good sea boat. These two boats were regularly used from Gardie to Lerwick until the car ferry came in 1975.

Bressay Lass, a fourareen, built in 1911 by Laurie Simpson, Whalsay to replace William Hardie of Kirkabister's boat run down by a Burra drifter on Bressay Sound in 1910 with tragic loss of life. Later she was used to row sheep across to Noss.

The Punt used over many years to cross Noss Sound.

The Noss boat, built c.1930 by old Walter Duncan, restored by George and Lollie Sutherland. She conveyed many visitors to Noss between 1941 and 1969.

Ina, built in 1898 by Hay & Co. for the haddock fishing.

The project was helped by Bucks for Bressay and the hard work of Bernard, Theo, David M. and David E., the team at the History Group, Ann and Barbara. Many thanks. John

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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 > **plüt (v) - to complain.**

This issue > **rick (v)**

2018 Bressay Calendar out now

£8.00

Available from the Speldiburn Cafe and the Mail shop



The Ina, smart with her lovely paintwork inside the Centre.

An Archive Photo



The Brenda, one of Bressay's most recognisable boats. L - R, Jimbo Clark, Ronald Henderson & J.Lennie Matches. Photo courtesy of the late Sheila Henderson, Glebe Park.

Bressay Development Ltd & Bressay Public Hall
present

Christmas Craft Fair and Shopping Event

Sunday 5th November 2017
2pm-8pm in the Bressay Hall and former
Primary School

Local crafts, calendars, Arbonne, Temple Spa,
knitting, art studio spaces and Jamerry, Avon, Nu Skin
Good as New Shop and many more!

Bar facilities & mulled cider in the hall
Sunday teas in Speldiburn Cafe

Anyone interested in booking a table contact Sharon
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All proceeds go towards ongoing projects of
Bressay Development Ltd & Bressay Public Hall

A red Christmas bauble with a gold snowflake design, tied with a red ribbon.

Bressay Garden & Produce Show



Bressay's crofters & gardeners again produced a wonderful variety of quality vegetables. Charles Christie Henry won the much-coveted Tattie cup, with both the finest coloured and white tatties of the day. Jonathan Wills took the trophy for his fantastic collection of vegetables. The other trophy winners were Ishbel Bremner, Naimh Paton, Hilary Wagstaff, Hazel Ulstad and Cathy O'Sullivan. Thanks goes to all the exhibitors who took time and such care in entering, your entries are what makes for such a brilliant show. Special mention goes to Aimee & Emily Gifford for their fantastic scarecrow complete with trailer load of neeps! The bairns entries in all categories looked brilliant – well done to you all.

The organisers would like to thank the judges, Brian Wilkinson (fruit & Veg), Hazel Tulloch (produce), Margaret Goodlad (floral) and Grace McCombe (photography) for their time & diligence. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and to the gardeners who were kind enough to let us take photos of their lovely gardens for the Guess The Garden Competition.

Trophies 2017

Hilltown Fruit Cup
Basket of Vegetables
Anderson Best Vegetable Exhibit
Best Floral Arrangement (class C)
Junior Shield – any exhibit
Best In Show – any exhibit
Tattie Cup
Food
Photography
Best Pot Plant
Bruntland Rose cup
Best cut Flower (class A)
Best Junior Floral Exhibit
Junior Sheild – any exhibit

Winners Name

L.W. Anderson
Jonathan Wills
Jonathan Wills
Grace McCombe
Niamh Paton
Jonathan Wills
Charles Christie-Henry
Hilary Wagstaff
Hazel Ulstad
Hilary Wagstaff
Kathy O'Sullivan
Ishbel Bremner
Niamh Paton
Phoebe Brankin

Guess The Garden Competition

The Garden Show Guess the Garden competition gardens are all pictured below. We think it may have been a bit difficult this year! From top:- Barbara Smith, Gunnista, Jessie Paton, Fairview, Wendy Scott, Gardie, Beatrice Lowe, Knowes, John & Margaret Findlay, Hilltown.

