

# Weel Bressa, Whit News?

## Bressay Development update

### **Speldiburn green heating project has begun!**

We are delighted to announce that the new heating project at Speldiburn is underway! Shetland Heatwise have added extra insulation to the loft space in the oldest parts of the building. Nordri have installed 40 solar panels above the nursery and Heatsave Shetland have begun to remove storage heaters throughout the building for replacement with air to air heat units. BDL directors and staff have been working towards this project for more than two years and we hope it will make a huge difference to our heating costs, CO2 emissions and most importantly, the comfort of our customers, tenants and visitors. This fantastic project has been made possible through grant funding from HIE and CARES. We wish to thank our tenants and neighbours for accommodating the ongoing work and the contractors mentioned above for all their help. We'll provide a full update once the new system is in place.

### **Speldiburn Cafe**

*Speldiburn Cafe will re-open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.*

We will be open Fridays and Saturdays 12.00 - 2.30. We are happy to provide takeaways and home deliveries are available for anyone unable to visit.

### **BDL's AGM**

The BDL AGM took place in February. The meeting was held via Zoom, a method we're all getting quite used to now. Zoom doesn't lend itself to easy discussion so the meeting, while covering the needed points, was short! We are delighted to welcome one new director - Hannah Bateson. Our board now has 10 members: Afra Skene (chair), Elizabeth Edwards (vice Chair), Sheila Tulloch (treasurer), Beatrice Lowe (secretary), Kathy Kelly, Marion Scollay, Matt Mason, Aimee Labourne, Stuart Barton and Hannah Bateson.

### **Adopt a phone kiosk**

We've had so many folk get in touch with ideas for the two Bressay phone boxes that we thought we'd share them.

Everyone is really keen that the Mail Shop phone box can continue to be used as a pick up stop for folks' shopping. The space has been a great help during Covid but plenty of folk have said that even in the future it'll be useful for folk coming home late etc. Complementary suggestions for the Mail kiosk include; a plant / flower exchange; book exchange; temporary sound or art installations; a phone! Suggestions for the Ham kiosk include visitor information (particularly focused on walks and attractions at the south end of Bressay), temporary sound or art installations, book exchange, defibrillator. Some folk have noted that there's no parking at the Ham kiosk so it is better suited to the sort of things that might be attractive to walkers (or don't encourage folk to stop their car) and that the Galley Shed might be a better site for a 2nd defibrillator. BDL was working with the History Group on an application, but we're all happy for the Community Council to be the applicant - the important thing is to keep the kiosks!

### **COVID - 19**

BDL can provide sanitiser to groups or individuals in Bressay - just ask. If you require any assistance or have any suggestions please call or text our Development Officers - Jackie on 07904445610 or Chris on 07748 926454.

Or email us at [info@bressay.org](mailto:info@bressay.org)

### **Speldiburn book exchange**

The Speldiburn Library is on the move! We hope to relocate some of our books to other spots in Bressay and the first spot we've found is the ferry waiting room. If using the library, please use sanitiser provided and adhere to social distancing rules. Suggestions for other locations welcomed! Thanks to the Shetland Islands Council for their assistance and advice.





## Whats ons

**Bressay Hall Zoom Quiz night - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**



**Community Skip - March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at Bressay Sports Park**

**Easter Egg Decorating Competition**

**Bressay Redd Up - April 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30 - 12.30**

Bags can be collected from Speldiburn at 10.30. Please bring your own gloves and adhere to social distancing guidance. A skip will be provided at the Hall for the collected bruck and any other bulky household waste.

**Plant and seedling sale - May 15<sup>th</sup> Bressay Hall 2pm - 4pm**

**Art Group - Late April and May? TBC**

Would you like to join a relaxed, nature themed art group? The group, headed by Aimee Labourne, will be informal, meeting outside when the weather allows, and no experience is required. BDL is happy to provide a drawing pack to anyone who'd like to be involved. To join, or find out more, email us at [info@bressay.org](mailto:info@bressay.org).

## Veg Growing, Community Garden, Farmers Market

BDL sent a questionnaire to households at the Glebe, Fullaburn and Hamilton Park, and to our members, to help us understand the communities needs and wishes in relation to sustainable food production, availability of growing space, communal recreation. We highlighted specifically the SIC owned sites at Fullaburn and Hamilton Park because the SIC has a policy to offer unused council land for food production. We have had a number of responses covering a wide range of topics. Replies so far suggest that folk would like easier access to local grown produce and that the square below Hamilton Park and the garden by the Galley Shed (in need of re-invigorating) are valued assets. We would welcome more thoughts and we will provide a full update in the next newsletter. The questionnaire can be found at [www.bressay.org/about/current-projects](http://www.bressay.org/about/current-projects).

## The Great Wall of Mel



Tom Jamieson proudly standing aside the new boundary dyke.



Many of you will have no doubt noticed and marvelled at the fantastic new drystone dyke opposite the marina built between September and December last year. Geordie Sandison can be rightly proud of this fabulous boundary, surmounted with undulating waves and a nautical theme! Built by drystone craftsman Tom Jamieson from Lerwick, helped by Geordie, approximately 30tons of stone was transported from the Setter Quarry. Beach cobbles from Nesting and Northmavine granite from the Haggister Quarry were also used for the circular motif on the corner. Cabling and lights have also been installed! We think it's a work of art and, as with all drystone, will last for many years. Tom will shortly be back to continue with a final 9 metres on the south side whilst large upright stones and a wooden gate will finish off the project. Well done Geordie!

## Bressay Community Council Christmas Gifts



Emily Gifford getting ready to start delivering the 51 bags to the community.

Thank you Amanda Sinclair, Bressay Community Council's new Clerk for the following: - This idea came about one night during a chat with myself, Emily and mam. We thought it would be a nice gesture to the over 70's of the island from the Community Council in what's been a difficult year for many. Mam is a Community Councillor and put forward the idea, and Alistair fully agreed. She then contacted Scoop and got bags made up. Emily gave up her weekend time to get them out.



## Scotch Lass heads north

A number of you may have noticed the newest arrival in the Bressay fleet tied up at Heogan or heading through the harbour. Scotch Lass CN 22 is owned by David Lowe with crew support from Ron Wynn. Cambeltown registered, she was built in 1992 and commissioned in 1993, a whitefish trawler at 10 metres long with a Newsom 230hp engine. David brought the boat up from Oban where she was previously based and she has been in Bressay for 6 months. He has been carrying out maintenance and has been able to start working as the weather allows. We wish him good luck at the fishing and hope for full nets and good prices!



The Scotch Lass at the Heogan pier. David and Ron work the Scotch Lass from Heogan whenever the weather allows her to tie up there. David would like to thank Brian for his support.



## Speldiburn Good As New Shop

We continue to welcome customers to the GAN by appointment so please get in touch if you have items to donate or would like to browse round the shop. We use the Speldiburn GAN Facebook page to highlight the many lovely items currently in stock so do keep a look out there, we might have just the thing you're looking for!

We will open 12.00 - 2.00 on Fridays and Saturdays alongside the Speldiburn Cafe from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Danadays

The late Jimmy Cumming of Voesome was the last of the lone fishermen – working hand lines from his boat 'Thistle' off da Ord and da Bard. These pictures were taken at da Mail Pier on a cold winter's morning in 1992 as Jimmy pondered the wind and sea state and 'beat da skarf' to warm up his hands before going to sea.

Photographs: Jonathan Wills.



## 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 share a word which she heard used in Bressay.

Last issue > - **Sweeri (adj)** - lazy

This issue > - **Rül (noun)**



## THE PROCLAMATION

# Bressay Up Helly Naa 2021

NO GUIZERS OR TORCH BEARERS TO MUSTER AT THE HALL AT 7.45PM TO COLLECT TORCHES.  
LIGHT UP AT 8PM PROMPT 2022. ROUTE WILL DEPEND ON VACCINATIONS AND IF YOU'RE A KEY WORKER.

'Hark Now Hear No Guizers Sing! For dis Covid is a hell o' a thing!

Last year started aa fun and games,  
for wir Ex(?) Jarl James  
Full BUHA weekend wis done right  
But who kent what wis coming in tae sight!  
3 weeks later a full lockdown  
And nae trip to New York toon  
Covid realised his worst fear  
BUHA done but lost da year!  
6 month stuck aahint wir locks  
Seems so long since dat horse box!

A quiet year on da road  
No many cars needin' towed  
No sign o Bressa's illustrious otter  
No drivers getting in hot water  
Dis year no a single claim  
No crofters needing tae share da blame  
Insurance premiums getting lower  
When's dis bloody covid ower?!

Council comes we da Ferry plan  
"Reduce the runs as much as we can!"  
Waiting for da vaccines  
Commuters crammed in like sardines  
Seats cable tied "no sitting together!"  
You can stand on deck no matter da weather!  
In unsafe clusters commuters wir stored  
(Providing you got past da red clipboard)

A muckle erection can be seen at Ham  
Fuelled by apple juice and gargantuan  
drams  
These types of shed you can't have too many  
Certainly not if your name is Kenny  
Mr Bruce, not be outdone  
Decided to get in on da fun  
Orange boller suit doing da kitchen an aa?  
Could surely lend a hand at Gunhaa?  
Hourly breaks, "Refreshments noo!"  
For Mr Grouats building crew

In the summer when things got going  
Chris jumped on an outgoing boeing  
Swapped wan island for anidder  
(We got this printed by his bridder)  
For a week he geed away  
5 day enforced hotel stay  
Shotgun rides and cans fae da hip  
Enjoy de 2 day Iceland trip?

Keepin up wi da neighbours, an a shed  
wis needin'  
"Geez a hand" wir Scoop went pleading  
2 metre rule and masks covering mooths  
A finished frame which caused a drooth  
Noo, set you doon this young broch man  
Scoopd half a bottle for your first dram  
Noo oot da door cos Gemmas callin  
And from de hand dy phone wis fallin  
But no at scoops dls wis at home  
Pick up crushed, da dog an bone

End o da road, for Bryan's cutter  
Fit for nothing but da gutter!  
Andrew is on hand, have no fear  
'Ooh ya b\*\*st\*\*\*\*\*rd parts too dearl'  
No time to lose, as Autumn nears  
Never worry Bryan Stihl perseveres

Lindsay, Lindsay whar's da geen?  
"Am off tae London, to see da Queen!"  
For aa I'm done and aa I'm been,  
Let's hope Lizzies bar has sturdy screens

Freezing conditions mean burst pipes,  
Easily plugged by Facebook likes,  
Keyboard in da toolbox to argue an fight,  
No point in replying, he's always right.

Oot for a stroll went Mr Gordon,  
But passed a park dat had no cordon,  
Unsuspecting of young whalps,  
Baying after blood and scalps,  
Wir poor Ross he pooped a brick,  
As the canines teeth began to prick.

An applause for wir key workers all agreed,  
Fae ferry boys tae Alison Reid,  
Da Mail Shop has kept wis alive  
(Providing you work less than nine to five)  
Rent a film to aid those lockdown blues,  
We hae the latest release fae '92!  
Thanks fae wis aa for every Leirna sail,  
And for going above and beyond at Da Mail!

Muckle hand grips telephone wire,  
At the county da'll be splittin' fire  
"We demand dis fir wir safety!  
Passin places wid be joost tasty!"  
Da coonty came and did his biddin,  
Passin places for da Beosetter middin,  
But a car they'll never see,  
A trailer maybe or a JCB?

Is social media da future for todays crofter?  
Or is it good old fashioned bricks and mortar,  
To thousands of followers Garths Croft is sold,  
But are his 'likes' more valuable than gold?

Stuck inside for eatin a bat  
Nah in Bressa we can't hae dat!  
Sun wis shining and drams overdue  
Party in public, muster right noo!  
Groups as they hugged at the Marina  
Watchful eyes phoned sayin "Am seen her!"  
Just trying to make a tough time better  
Club ended up we a written letter!  
While it lasted it wis aafal fine  
But noo the marinas covered in signs!

## THINGS WE WANT TO KEN:

1. Does the Maryfield cleaner get a pint on the Lowe down?
2. Has Alba moved to Skye?
3. Should Bressa residents cheque their mail is for them?
4. Which Bressa resident shot himself in the foot?
5. Who was threatened with the jail, for an illegal trip to Quendale?
6. Who's no been picking up their muckle turds?!
7. How do you Wynn in tae Maryfield in tier 3?
8. Does the Leirna hae it's time o da month every February?
9. How much was DS Adamsons ferry bill for August? (could've been £10,000 more)
10. Is Magnie as happy as the fish are to finally be British?
11. What time of year is the wind the perfect MPH to remove a roof?
12. Who made Nelly frown by turning shields upside down?
13. Who died for our sins but ended up in the bins?
14. Wha's surely gotten a garden hot tub?

## EX JARL EMOJI QUIZ

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BY ORDER OF THE JARL ELECT AND UNDER THE BURST SEAL OF THE LEIRNA ENGINE  
DEFACERS OF OUR BILL WILL BE REPORTED TO SELLANESS

