Sanday Heritage Group

Battle of Jutland Commemoration Week

Tuesday 31 May - Saturday 4 June 2016



31 May (Tuesday), Sanday Heritage Centre

Opening of Battle of Jutland display at the Heritage Centre; exhibition open throughout 2016.

3 June (Friday evening), Sanday Community School

At 19:30 a film night will take place, where two one-hour documentary films "War at Sea: Scotland's Story" will be shown. Part 1 – The Dreadnoughts of Scapa Flow will be shown first, followed by an interval for tea, coffee and biscuits. Part 2 – The Battle of the U-Boats will then be shown.

4 June (Saturday), Sanday Heritage Centre, Community School, and Lopness

From Heritage Centre

09:00. Featuring a special display explaining Sanday's connections with two German vessels, the B-98 torpedo boat-destroyer and the U-70 U-Boat, both of which were involved in the Battle of Jutland.

12:00. Community School

A lunchtime talk/presentation by Angus Konstam, whose new book 'Jutland 1916' will be published in May.

- 13:00. Buffet lunch.
- 13:30. Music by the Belkie Allsorts.
- 13:45. Short talk about the naval career of Lt-Commander Heinrich Schuur (commander of the Flotilla which the B-98 was lead boat) by his grandson, retired Rear Admiral Heinrich Shuur.
 - 'Sanday and the strange stories of the B-98 and U-70' this new leaflet will be added to the range of Development Trust leaflets, and will be available.
- 14:15. Short presentation by Mark Littlewood and Sandra Henry (UHI/Orkney College) outlining their proposal to make a 3D survey of the B-98 at Lopness.

The timings of the events at the Community School are approximate, but will end in plenty of time for everyone to travel to the Lopness picnic site; there may be time to call in at the Heritage Centre on the way.

16:00. Lopness Picnic Site

Unveiling of new interpretation panel at the Lopness picnic site, followed by a close-up inspection of the B-98 at Lopness (gumboots strongly recommended).

There will, again, be time for people attending this event to go back to the Heritage Centre en route for the evening ferry, but those with cars should leave Lopness to head for the ferry terminal by 17:30 at the latest.

There will be no charge at any of these events, but there will be an opportunity to make donations to Sanday Heritage Group. Volunteer Group members are responsible for the displays and exhibitions in the Centre, and the Croft, and for the upkeep and administration of both. There is no admission charge for visiting the Heritage Centre, the Croft or the replica Burnt Mound.

N.B. Visitors/residents on mainland Orkney are able to travel to Sanday for the day, by ferry:

- Depart Kirkwall 07:40, arrive Sanday 09:05.
- Depart Sanday 18:15, arrive Kirkwall 19:40.

It is advisable to bring a car for the day.

Book early by contacting Orkney Ferries on 01856872044.

Foot passengers should make arrangements to travel from Sanday Ferry Terminal (contact the Sanday Bus Co-ordinators on 01857600438 or 07513084777).