

The Shapinsay Sound



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Playpark

We hope that everyone is enjoying the new playpark, it's been great to see so many bairns enjoying the space. Please could we remind folk that things with wheels (bikes, skateboards, roller blades etc) should not be used on any of the equipment. Please can people also close the large gate if it is opened. Thank you.

Harvest Home

We are having the Harvest Home on **2nd November 2019** and we are planning on doing an afternoon ticket sales one weekend before, but will confirm a date

Game on Shapinsay

After the launch in July we held a few more games sessions: two in the afternoons and one in the evening. We had between four and eight enthusiastic participants playing a variety of games ranging from word games and quizzes to strategy games and party games.

There will be three events coming up: on Thursday 10th at 7 pm at the Boathouse, family afternoon on 24th between 2 and 4 pm at the kirk and on Sunday 27th of October in the Boathouse. More information on the Game On Shapinsay Facebook page or by e-mail: jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk or cheerpa@centrum.cz.

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Shapinsay Development Trust

We would like to thank everyone who attended the recent AGM. It was good to see so many people there and taking part in the discussions after the formal part of the meeting.

Steven stood down from the board this year, and two new directors were elected. We would like to thank Steven for all the work he has put into Shapinsay Development Trust over the past 6 years, with the last 2 years in the position of chair.

The current board members are:

Jean Coomber
Richard Lawrence
JB Bady
Martyn Garrett
Adrian Bird
Colin Leslie

Chair
Vice- chair
Treasurer

Community Council representative

Two speakers were invited for the second part of the evening, Luke Fraser (OIC) to lead the discussion on new housing in Shapinsay and Jon Clipsham to update us on the hydrogen project.

Before Luke opened the discussion, we announced the results of the recent housing consultation.

The question asked was, "Do you agree, in principle, that there is a need for affordable housing in Shapinsay?"

The results were:

Yes	111	(66.5%)
No	55	(33%)
Spoiled papers	1	(0.5%)

No of voting slips sent out 248
No. of voting slips returned 167
Returned slips represent 67% of eligible voters

With this result we now have a clear mandate to proceed with a housing project in Shapinsay.

Luke then led a question and answer session around housing. This discussion, together with your comments from the recent consultation and the previous one, held in April/May this year has helped us to focus on the way we should proceed.

The preferred area of land for this project was identified through the earlier consultation this year, as being the land above the substation.

Since the AGM we have consulted with several people, including an architect. We are looking at building 2 houses initially, both 3 bedroomed and detached, one for rental and the other for either sale or shared ownership.

We will soon be at the point of having more specific information outlining how we think we should proceed with this. To give everyone the opportunity to view and discuss this we plan to send out an extra newsletter in the later part of October, followed by a public meeting in the **Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm**. Our architect will also be present at this meeting with more detailed drawings of the proposed plans.

Shapinsay Wellbeing

It's hard to believe that October is here already, some of you may be starting to think about activities to do over the coming Autumn/winter months. There are a few fun initiatives planned to get underway this month.

The first one is a vintage tea on **Monday 7 October** in the clubrooms at the community centre from 1:30pm to 3pm. This is a **BALL** group (Be active Long life). This group is going to be led by Susan Wishart from Voluntary Action Orkney. You are invited along to enjoy a cuppa, blether, take part in Salsa dancing led by Jo Davies from Kirkwall (which is suitable for all abilities so you are able to take part whether you are sitting in a chair or actively dancing) for those that don't wish to salsa dance there will be curling available.

Lifts to and from the group can be provided. Please phone The Boathouse to arrange Telephone 711733. Everyone in the 50 plus age range is very welcome to come along. We hope to see you there.



Orkney Library and Archive are offering a book box lending service. Do you enjoy reading or listening to audio books? Are you housebound? no transport?, too faraway from the designated library stops?, find it difficult to access the mobile library would you like a box of books delivered to your house.

Orkney library and archive operate a mobile library van service every second month to shapinsay. The next mobile library visit is on Thursday 10 October. There are various stops on the island.

The stops are

School	10.15am – 11am
North school	11.15am - 12.15pm
Astley	12.30pm— 12.45pm
Helliars View	1.30pm – 2.15pm .
Balfour Village(pier)	2.30pm— 3.15pm

If you are interested in receiving a book box they can normally hold up to a dozen books is selected and sent out to each reader from the Library in Kirkwall. Boxes will be brought out by the mobile library van and can be collected from the van or delivered to you. Each box contains a request sheet for noting down specific titles or subjects of interest. By filling in the request sheet readers will ensure that the Library is kept directly informed of their needs which will help to make each box as interesting and suitable as possible.

Book Boxes can contain Adult or Junior books or a mixture of both to suit any individual or family. Books are issued on an eight week loan though the Book Box can be returned sooner if a change is required. Readers can also customize their own Book Box by browsing the online library catalogue and reserving their own books. These will then be sent out in their next Book Box so readers can have exactly the selection of books they want.

If you want to know more about this service please contact Orkney Library and Archive telephone 873166 or speak to Alison Meason at The Boathouse, telephone 711733 .

Shapinsay Soond Cinema

Shapinsay's Film Festival-Out Of This World!

Soond Cinema's first ever film festival, Out Of This World, will run alongside Orkney's Film Focus Festival, starting on Thursday 31st October with the last film showing on Saturday 23rd November 2019 and will also include a return visit from Screen Machine on Thursday 21st November and Friday 22nd November 2019.



To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon landing, **Out Of This World** will showcase 7 films with a space-sci fi theme on Thursdays and Saturdays, 7pm at the Boathouse over the four weeks that the festival is running. **Out Of This World** will include a variety of film classics, cult classics and new releases, directed by Duncan Jones, David Singleton, Rob Sitch, Ridley Scott, Joss Whedon, Damien Chazelle, and Theodore Melfi.. To cover the cost of the Boathouse hire, for casual festival goers the cost is £2 per movie. For the more adventurous a £7.50 Shapinsay Film Festival Season Pass will allow you entry to all Out Of This World movie screenings at the Boathouse.

Soond Cinema has been invited to take part in the Film Focus Festival for the second year running, an Orkney wide event which runs for 24 days across 25 venues in 16 parishes including Shapinsay. Soond Cinema's successful bid for funding, for one of six public cinema licences sponsored by Cooke Aquaculture, enables us to take part in the festival again this year and to host one of its opening weekend movies on Saturday 2nd November 2019 at the Boathouse. Funding for this one off public cinema licence allows us to show and openly advertise British Director, David Singleton's, highly acclaimed documentary, **In the Shadow of The Moon**, which we would not ordinarily be able to show under the Boathouse MPLC umbrella charity licence.

Winner of the World Cinema Audience Award at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival and the Sir Arthur Clarke Award for Best Film Presentation in 2007, In the Shadow of the Moon, brings together astronauts from every Apollo mission and allows them to tell their story in their own words. Tickets for this movie screening cost £2.50 for casual festival goers, entry to this film is included in the £7.50 Shapinsay Film Festival Season Pass. For more information about the Film Focus Festival across Orkney, please go to <https://film-focus.org>.

Screen Machine, Scotland's innovative mobile cinema will be screening 5 films during this year's visit to Shapinsay on Thursday 21st November and Friday 22nd November 2019. In support of Soond Cinema's Out of This World film festival, Screen Machine is currently negotiating with film distributors to be able to include a new release sci-fi film in their Shapinsay programme. Please go to www.screenmachine.co.uk to peruse Screen Machine's full Shapinsay film line up, which will have a little something for everyone, and to book your tickets.

Anyone interested in finding out which films are being shown by Soond Cinema during the Out Of This World film festival, should email Carole opheliaparkle@yahoo.com or Lynne lynnecollinson3@gmail.com or leave their contact details at the Boathouse office. Due to the conditions of the trust's MPLC umbrella charity licence we are not permitted to publicly advertise any films which is why you need to be on the Soond Cinema 'list' for us to be able to give you more information.

Happy viewing

Carole (Atkins) and Lynne (Collinson)

Shapinsay



With the help from Shapinsay Development Trust, I was able to enter the Sheepgate Under 25s' National Dressage Championships for the second year in a row - a prestigious competition that I had worked hard to qualify for throughout the year. It was very successful, I came second as part of a Scottish team, and won the Dawson Memorial Salver for the most deserving unplaced competitor.

By now, most people know that I compete in dressage but I thought I might introduce my two dancing partners: Kingswells Midnight Blue (Pepper) is a grey 15.2hh

Connemara cross Thoroughbred. Together we dance to ceilidh music and are training at advanced medium level, which involves exciting moves such as 'flying changes' and 'half pass'. He is very intelligent, if he was a person he would probably be RuPaul (a drag queen). He knows he is special and is an absolute diva!



Greenburns Dvorak (Lootz) is a skewbald 16.2hh Trakehner cross Selle Francais who was bred for dressage. We dance to a medley of orchestrated Coldplay songs and compete at novice level. Lootz is a baby and a bit scared of traffic so I am grateful to all the drivers who pass us so carefully. If Lootz was a person he would be Joey from the TV show 'Friends', he is good looking and kind but a bit dim!

I am so lucky to have good wishes from so many people on the island, and the support of the development trust. I always make sure to carry the Orkney flag as well as a saltire at prize givings, and we fly a huge Orkney flag from the lorry when we are parked at the venue.

Thankyou Shapinsay Development Trust and the wonderful residents of Shapinsay!



RNLI

Visitors to the Boathouse



Shapinsay Wellbeing Part 2

There is a wellbeing drop in session planned for **Friday 11 October** in The Boathouse from 2 -3:30pm. This is with regards to anything to do with wellbeing for the community/yourself/a neighbour/family .

A representative from shapinsay development trust will also be available at the boathouse to have a chat with about any matter which you wish to discuss. If you can't manage along and wish to discuss something to do with wellbeing please contact Alison Meason telephone 711733 to arrange a suitable time.

Feel free to drop in past the kettle will be on and we will be happy to listen and have a chat.

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, crafting, chatting? If so why not come along to the Boathouse on Saturday 12 October anytime from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along your own craft. Refreshments provided

Did you know that The Boathouse has shelves of games, novels, magazines, childrens books, old 'living Orkneys' available to borrow for free drop in past and see for yourself.

Period poverty over the coming weeks sanitary products will be appearing in public toilets – community centre, surgery, the boathouse, Orkney ferries. Please take what you need when you need it.

Healthy walks will be holding the first of regular walks on **Tuesday 1st October**. If you would like to join us for the walk please meet at the boathouse for 2pm suitably dressed for a walk going round the circuit of Balfour mains. Everyone is welcome to come along.

If there is anything which you feel would enhance the wellbeing of those living in Shapinsay please do get in touch.

Alison meason

Kirk News

Autumn is upon us and so we restart our coffee afternoons at the Boathouse. The first one will be on the 16th October and the charity we support that day will be Malawi Music Fund, a project which set out to use music and the arts to enrich the lives of some of Malawi's most needy and vulnerable orphaned children. The founder of the charity, Glenys Hughes MBE, will be with us that day with photos of the work that goes on as well as soft toys and Christmas cards designed by the children benefitting from the support of MMF – there will be an opportunity to buy them on the day. As always, we will have teas, coffees, juice, home bakes and children's activities.

During the school holidays we will also hold a family games afternoon session at the kirk on the 24th October between 2 and 4 pm. There will be teas and coffees as well as biscuits and plenty of games to choose from: **Top Trivia Film TV Quiz, Raging Bull Rodeo Family Game, chess and many more.** Come along and have a go!

In October we begin fortnightly health walks in Shapinsay. They are a supportive and welcoming way for you to start to enjoy the many benefits of being physically active.

A Health Walk is led by a trained volunteer on a risk assessed route, is less than an hour long and has a short warm up at the start, followed by a brisk walk and then a short cool down at the end. We aim for the first Tuesday and third Sunday of every month. Our October walks will start at the Boathouse (at 2 pm on Tuesday the 1st and 3 pm on Sunday the 20th) and follow the path to the post office box, up to Balfour Mains, to the Millbank, down to the main road and back to the Boathouse. We hope you can join us then!

With best wishes,

Julia

Contact me at: Rev Julia Meason, 874789, JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk

Biosecurity Community Discussion

A huge thank you to all Shapinsay folk who came along to the community discussion on island biosecurity with the Orkney Native Wildlife Project (ONWP). It was a good turnout (even with Chris and Jet visiting the island!!) and we covered lots of ground.

As biosecurity officer for the Orkney Native Wildlife Project, it was great to hear the diversity of thoughts and ideas that were contributed, as well as a lot of Orcadian good will.

There are a number of ways to keep up to date with ONWP:
<https://community.rspb.org.uk/placestovisit/orkney/b/orkney-blog>
<https://www.facebook.com/OrkneyNativeWildlifeProject/>
<https://www.onwp.org/>

What next?

We would like to build on the interest shown at the discussion by bringing together all islanders interested in helping with advice and direction to a Shapinsay Biosecurity Plan. You can also help through biosecurity volunteering on Shapinsay. There are a range of opportunities covering a full range of physical ability, from checking camera footage to rebaiting traps.

If this sounds like something for you, then give me an email (chris.bell@rspb.org.uk) or call on 01856 881448. Chris Bell, Biosecurity Officer for Orkney Native Wildlife Project

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3D Felting and Storytelling

3D Felting for children and young people

16th October 2019 at the Boathouse, 11am – 1pm. Cost is £3 per child

A beginner's guide to 3D felting run by Christine Perry. Children should be accompanied by an adult please. All necessary materials will be provided. For more information contact Christine Perry on the Shapinsay Facebook page or call 711216

Orkney Storytelling trust coming to Shapinsay

As part of the Orkney wide storytelling festival, Shapinsay is proud to be hosting 2 events on the 26th October 2019

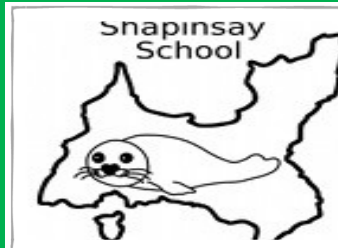
Storytelling for children and young people at Shapinsay Community School games hall 10.30am – 12.30pm. Cost by donation

Join Christine Perry and friends for a delightful series of stories aimed at children and young people. Children should be accompanied by an adult please.

Storytelling for all at Shapinsay Community School games hall at 2.30pm – 4.30pm cost by Donation. Join Tom Muir and fellow local and international storytellers as they tell tales related to this year's festival theme.

For more information about either of these events please visit www.orkney.com/events or contact Christine Perry via Facebook or 711216

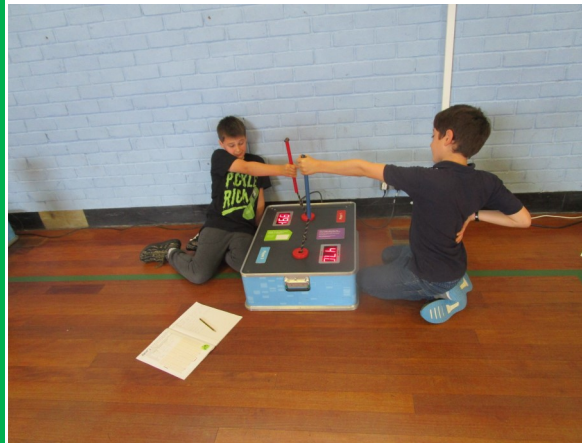
Shapinsay Community School



Recently we have all been doing a lot of science, in conjunction with the Orkney Science Festival.

In Nursery the children have been exploring solids and liquids, looking at when the cornflour gloop changes. They have been colour mixing and making potions. Some of the children enjoyed finding out about space by looking in some of our books. They've also been investigating magnets and cogs.

The Primary children enjoyed several visits. Louis Hou worked with P5-7 using a Makey Makey to capture animal sounds the children made before using these sounds to make a tune.



P5-7 took part in an engineering activity, with David Craig, called the 'Energy Quest Challenge'. It involved assembling an electric car and testing to see how far it would go before working out how to charge it with exactly the right amount of energy to reach a target distance and go no further.

P2 – 7 children all enjoyed the visit from the Glasgow Science Centre where we learned all about the digestive system (a particularly special role of "poo catcher" was undertaken by Miss Angier).

The children then got to try out several different activities such as brain focusing, endurance and speed tests. Lewis Hou from the Science Ceilidh band came in again and we learned more about sound and how it is produced. The Primary Science

Teaching Trust also came in and did an assembly, highlighting again Miss Angier's fantastic achievement when she was awarded the Primary Science Teaching Award. Some of the children also enjoyed activities at the Science

Festival Family Day, where there was loads of science going on, including a microscopes activity led by staff from Shapinsay School. Miss Angier was awarded lifetime membership of the Faraday Club (<http://faradayclubaward.org/>) so once again, well done Miss Angier!



We were delighted that Chris and Jet, who are walking the coastline of the UK, were able to come in and speak to the children. The children had a lot of really interesting questions to ask, and they were all very fond of Jet the dog by the end of the visit. You can find out more about Jet's journey at <https://www.chriswalks.com/>.

We now have our Pupil Committees set up, and the children have been working on their priorities for this session. Our committees are:

Pupil Council (Matthew, Sean, Joey, Leilah, Erika and Maisie),

Sports Committee (Sean, Lewis and Leilah),

**Library Group (Anwen, Rowan, Erika and Maisie),
 Junior Road Safety Officers (Matthew and Erland) and the IT Group (Erland, Lewis, Logan and Magnus).**

We aren't going to have a specific Eco Group this session, but we will be continuing to work on Eco projects as a school where all the children will be involved.