

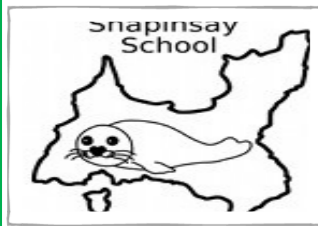
The Shapinsay Sound



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Hello... from the school...

There has (as always) been lots going on in school. The pupil committees have been working on various things:

Shapinsay Pupil Council

We have been working on fundraising for Children in Need. We invited Pudsey to visit. We have a stall up with new LED keying's. We have invited people to dress in patterns or pyjamas. In total we raised £175.10, well done everyone!

Sports Committee

We made a new animals PE display. We got our Gold Sports Award. We have a PE cupboard tidying rota. We have invited the badminton club in and will be writing to the roller derby people.

Library Group

We invited Sally into school, she is the children's librarian from Kirkwall Library. We found some apps for encouraging reading. Sally gave us some books.

JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers)

We had a competition to design a riding hat and jacket. We liked the reflective ones. Logan won as his had a bright lion on it. We have led an assembly about staying safe on our bikes on the roads.

ECO Committee

We would like to plant wild flowers to attract bees. We hope to apply for 'your island your choice' funding.

IT Support

The IT support group have been making sure that the laptops have been put away. We have taken photos for the website and are learning how to update it.
The children in **P4 - 7** have been learning about bridges, learning about different types of bridges and how they work. They have looked at the force distribution for each type of bridge. In science they have been using their investigation skills, doing experiments with gliders and parachutes.
P1 - 3 children are learning about space. The classroom has its own mission control, rocket and alien planet (the reading corner). The children have been doing lots of role play. In writing they have invented their own planets and have been describing them. In Science they have learning about our solar system.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL AT
THE BOATHOUSE

Orkney Climbing Club



Climb Scotland FUN Competition formerly known as the Scottish Schools Competition.

396 young people from all over Scotland took part in the competition which runs at 12 climbing walls around Scotland during October. Climbers have to complete 4 climbs; they are allowed 3 attempts at each climb. Their scores are then submitted nationally in the corresponding age groups. **Both Sean Dunnett and Gavin Rendall** scored the maximum 400 points in their categories and qualified for the Grand Final in Aberdeen along with another 112 climbers from across Scotland.

50 Orcadian young people entered the competition, 5 from Shapinsay. They scored:- Gavin Rendall scored 400 points qualifying for the final, 1st in Orkney – Youth C. Jennifer Meason scored 358 points 31st in Scotland, 4th in Orkney Youth D. Erland Rendall scored 393 points coming 15th in Scotland and 2nd in Orkney – Youth D. Sean Dunnett scored 400 points qualifying for the final, 1st in Orkney – Youth D. Matthew Meason scored 336 points, 19th in Scotland, 5th in Orkney – Youth E



Gavin and Sean travelled to Aberdeen to compete on the 17th November. They both had to complete 2 climbs in the morning semi-final. The Aberdeen wall is 15m tall – quite a daunting prospect when you are standing at the bottom compared to the Picky's 8m (from a spectator's point of view at least).

Gavin competed in Youth C. Gavin climbed well against strong competition in the morning scoring 150 points. It was an extremely close competition with the second route proving a challenge to all the climbers. Gavin says "I enjoyed watching the other competitors climb. The wall was a lot higher than the one at Picky and had a lot more features."



Sean competed in Youth D. Sean scored 200 points qualifying for the final in the afternoon. There was added tension as the climbers were kept in isolation. They were only given 4 minutes to look at the route, then held in isolation so they could not observe the others' attempts at the route. Sean scored 100 points in the final, the only one in his group to reach the top of the wall. It was a heart stopping 5 minutes 58.5 seconds watching him climb. The time limit is 6 minutes! Each climb is graded and this one was a 6C+ which means really hard! This is the first 6C+ Sean has topped. Sean said "I like the higher wall, just takes me longer to get to the top. The last climb was hard!" He was pleased to win and thinks his jumper is cool!



Orkney Climbing Club also won the Top Club award scoring 1354.5 points with 16 young people attending the Final from Orkney.

Your Island, Your Choice 2



Following Voluntary Action Orkney's visit to Shapinsay last month, we are in the process of setting up a steering group. There will be a meeting on 11th December at 7.30pm for anyone interested in joining the steering group. At this meeting we will finalise the dates and forms for the application process, voting procedures and the final presentation event. It is likely that the closing date for application forms will be late January with a presentation event and voting in February.

This time we have over £5000 in our funding pot so if you'd like to have a think about what YIYC2 could fund, your project needs to fit in with one of 5 priorities - Digital Connectivity, Work & Local Economies, Influence & Engagement, Getting Around and Housing & Communities.

If you'd like any further information, please contact me. **Annette Kirkpatrick**

Kirk News



December is always busy for everyone and so it will be a busy one in the kirk too. We welcome two different preachers this month Catriona Robertson has been before. Rev Gordon Jones is visiting for the first time though. He's the Spiritual Care Lead/Chaplain at NHS Orkney and a Baptist minister.

Our annual Community Christmas Carol Singing event returns again on the 16th December. There will be a few items performed by various groups: school children, handbells group, music group and the Elwick Bookwrights as well as community-sung carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is most welcome to join the festive fun!

This year I'll be in Shapinsay over Christmas too so we will have two family services – both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Children are invited to bring a gift or two they have received to the Christmas Day service.

Last but not least we will hold the last coffee afternoon of 2018 on the 27th December. There will be some baking (including a cake baked by my mum who will be visiting!), tea, coffee, juice and activities for the children. We hope to see you at some of the events over the festive period and wish you a blessed Christmas when it comes.

With best wishes,

Julia

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

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Relief Driver

Based in Shapinsay, Boathouse

Shapinsay Development Trust are looking for individuals to help deliver the Trust's transport service. The successful candidate will have experience of delivering a high standard of customer service and the ability to drive a vehicle to a competent and safe standard. This post will be required to cover holidays and any additional hours when needed.

For more information regarding this post please contact Rachel Chrin at the Boathouse on 711733 between 10am -2pm Monday-Friday. All interested parties should hand in their CV, addressed to Steven Bews, to The Boathouse Shapinsay

Shapinsay School Part 2



The Nursery children have been looking after babies and playing in the home corner. They have also been enjoying dressing up. In December they will be making lots of Christmas decorations.

We are really pleased as we have been chosen as finalists in the Sunday Mail Sports Awards. In early December Emma, Leanne and Kirsty Spence (from Active Schools) will be going to Glasgow for the award ceremony. Many thanks to the Shapinsay Development Trust, the Community Council and the Parent Council for helping to fund the trip to fly the flag for Shapinsay!

Finally, you may have seen at the Table Top Sale that we have DVDs and CD roms with our Orcadian Dialect powerpoint on. They cost £5 each, and are ideal for Christmas presents. If you would like to buy one please contact the school.

Happy Christmas from all at the school.



Shapinsay Heritage Arts and Crafts



SHAPINSAY HERITAGE ARTS AND CRAFTS
GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS OPENING!

SAT Dec 1st and Sun Dec 2nd 12 - 4pm

The Smithy : Mince Pies : Mulled Wine
Invitation to sit, sew, knit and chat!
Raffle including local crafts as prizes!

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Garden Notes from Old School



As the year 2018 draws to a close and we take a break from gardening for a while the garden too takes a rest, the plants putting all their energy into what goes on underground in preparation for their performance next season.

Generally I like to leave the last of the dead flower heads in place for as long as possible so the birds can enjoy the seeds, but as soon as they have been stripped it's time to cut them down, tidy up and mulch. Some seed heads are attractive in their own right; the flat heads of sedum and the papery spikes of catmints give an extra dimension to the garden when the flowers have finished.



Some plants are prolific self-seeders such as marjoram and lady's mantle and these seed heads are best removed to save additional work in the spring when small seedlings will be popping up everywhere. Other more special plants are allowed to drop their seed which germinates readily in the gravel mulch; the purple-leaved cow parsley *Anthriscus 'Raven's Wing'* and any of the sea hollies are in this category for me. I like gravel as a mulch; it warms quickly in the sun, stops mud splashing up over smaller plants, keeps the weeds at bay and is a good medium to show off the plants.

This autumn I have finally planted up an area that has taken a long time to prepare. It used to be a small lawn that was extremely difficult to reach with the mower and was waterlogged in winter. The level has now been raised by mixing in loads, and I mean loads, many many barrow loads, of composted garden waste from Hatston and grit. The result is in effect a raised bed with good drainage so I am hopeful that my little treasures will thrive. Incidentally, if anyone can identify this spiky plant I would be most grateful; I grew it from seed then promptly lost the label and have no idea what it will turn out to be!



Garden Notes

Part 2



Some plants that go unnoticed during summer suddenly come into their own when the distraction of flowers has passed. Junipers are a native conifer and do well here; the prostrate varieties such as J. 'Green Carpet,' slowly but surely increase in size and spread their intricate, feathery foliage across the ground. Bergenias do a similar thing. Once the flowers have finished and the dead spikes removed they will gradually cover the soil with their leathery 'elephant ears' leaves which as a bonus, take on a reddish tinge when the temperature drops. Acaena 'Purpurea', although on a smaller scale, creeps along throwing out spindly arms which then become clothed with its attractive bronze coloured leaves.



I am delighted that this year we have seen Song Thrushes in the garden. Whilst weeding on a still day this summer, I heard a sound that I haven't heard for a long time; a snail being hammered against a stone to smash the shell and reveal the tasty morsel inside. Is it a coincidence or simply the way nature works that this is also the first year I have seen the large Garden Snails with brown shells that thrushes love to eat. Right now the snails should be hibernating but I will be quite happy to see them again next year if it also means that we have thrushes in the garden.

Over the last three years that I have been writing these articles the garden has changed a lot and I like to think that we now have more protective cover and sources of food for all sorts of wildlife. A garden is always evolving and I imagine that in another three years it will look quite different again. However, for the moment, I am pleased with what we have achieved and happy that it is a place for wildlife to flourish and for us to enjoy.

Karen Evans, Old School, Shapinsay

Winter Warmers Season Starting Soon



Soond Cinema is coming towards the end of its first pilot 10 film season, a season which has involved a terrifyingly steep learning curve on the technology and film licensing front for both Lynne and myself, resulting in a few rather mortifying technical glitches in the early days but we are finally getting there. Many thanks to our supportive audiences for your patience, technology tips and for continuing to come back for more!

Being invited to be one of the participating venues in Orkney's recent Film Focus Festival was a huge surprise and a real privilege as this invitation came with funding for a one-off public cinema licence. This allowed us to show, and advertise, **The World's Fastest Indian**, a Kiwi movie starring Anthony Hopkins, on the festival's opening night, a film which we would not ordinarily have been able to show under the SDT's MPLC umbrella charity licence. Two of the Kiwi films which Soond Cinema has already shown earlier in the year were selected by West Side Cinema in Stromness and North Ronaldsay's Community cinema as the films they wanted to show at their respective venues during the film festival. Good to know that Shapinsay is up there with the best of them!

As the long winter nights begin to draw in, Soond Cinema is planning to launch a second pilot, a 5 film *Winter Warmers* season, which will overlap with the final 2 movies of our current *Kiwi* film season, giving folk the opportunity to attend fortnightly movies from December to March. The *Winter Warmers* will include a mixed bag of comedies, romances, non-narrative documentaries, musicals and true stories to help chase away the winter blues.

The *Kiwi* film season will draw to a close with the showing of a drama based on a true story on Thursday 6th December 2018 and a quirky romantic comedy on Thursday 10th January 2019. **The *Winter Warmers*** season will start on Thursday 20th December 2018 with a zany American comedy, the only movie which has ever made me cry from laughing.

Anyone interested in finding out more about which films are being shown by Soond Cinema over the winter months, should email Carole opheliasparkle@yahoo.com or Lynne lynnecollinson3@gmail.com or leave their contact details at the Boathouse office.

Due to the conditions of the SDT's MPLC umbrella charity licence we are not permitted to publically 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