

# The Shapinsay Sound



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As the Shapinsay Sound comes out, the school will just have returned after the October break.

During the last week before the holidays we learned about some aspects of Black History, and took part in the "Show Racism the Red Card" day by wearing red on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and donating to the charity. We raised £24 which we sent off to help tackle racism.

The Pupil Council has been formed, and consists of Logan, Leilah, Erika, Dillon and Anwen. They will be helping with the School Improvement Plan, fundraising and with day to day things in the school. We also have two new Junior Road Safety Officers – Matthew and Alfie D. They will be organising competitions and promoting road safety to the other children.

## Nursery

We will be continuing to focus on our outdoor space, improving the literacy and numeracy opportunities for learning. Following an interest in treasure maps we will be learning about directions and compasses.

## P1 – 4

Before the October holidays, the children learned about what makes them special and friendships. This term we are learning about forces. We will then be using what we have learned to design and make our own games using forces. We will then be going on to look at sound, and making our own instruments. It's going to be a busy and practical term!

## P5 – 7

Our science topic will involve learning about the human body. Social studies work will focus on World War 2. The RME lessons will be about Advent and Christmas.

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November 2020



## Shapinsay Development Trust

It's been a busy time over the past month with housing, the café/restaurant/pub survey and Ebikes taking up much of our time.

### Housing

As some of you might have seen in the Orcadian, OIC councillors met to discuss and decide whether to sell the Schoolhouse to SDT. They have now agreed to the sale, and the transfer should take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. It is anticipated that work to refurbish the Schoolhouse will commence sometime in November. And as already mentioned in last month's Sound, work has already commenced at Number 9 Balfour and is going to schedule.

SDT are in the process of establishing a Housing Subgroup to liaise with the project manager for both housing projects. The first meeting of the subgroup will be in early November with the project manager also in attendance. One of the things the housing subgroup will be looking at is a draft lettings policy. More on this in future issues.

### Café/restaurant/pub survey

The recent survey undertaken to gauge the 'appetite' for a café/pub/restaurant gave the following outcomes:

Total number of responses 102.

#### Do you think there is a need ....?

Yes	91
No	11

#### How often would you use this facility?

More than once per week	15
Weekly	42
Fortnightly	5
Monthly	22
Twice/year	1
Once/year	0
Never	11

#### Should SDT pursue this further?

Yes	90
No	11
Unanswered	1

The main support from residents is for a café, less support for a restaurant or pub.

SDT will come back to residents with financial projections and options in the near future.

### Out Of Hours Ferry Service

The out of hours ferry service will resume on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact Ann Groat on the OOH booking phone Monday to Friday 9.00 to 5.00 – 07901 575162. Outwith those hours please contact Harvey direct on 07884 470600

## Shapinsay Development Trust



### E Bikes

The electric bikes were delivered to Shapinsay on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. They are currently in temporary storage until SDT renovate a permanent bike store and develop a booking system. We're working to an early spring deadline.

There are 6 adult ebikes, 2 children's' ebikes and an etrike. The photograph shows some of these at the time of delivery.

We'll keep you posted as to our progress.

## Shapinsay Wellbeing

### BALL group (Be active, long live)

The group is unable to meet indoors at present with the current guidelines but are able to go for a walk as 'organised outdoor exercise'. When the weather permits we hope to enjoy a few walks over the winter months to keep us active.

Free handmade face coverings are available from the boxes in the portacabin on the Shapinsay pier as are sanitary products and there is a collection of books, magazines and some PC games. Please adhere to all current guidelines when using the portacabin. There is sanitiser in the portacabin please use it!

Free hand sanitiser refills are available by contacting The Boathouse Tele :711 733 to arrange a suitable time for collection. I have lots of different craft materials, puzzle books, books, wool etc available free for you to use please get in touch if you would like some of these resources and we can arrange collection.

If anyone is having difficulty with not having enough food or electricity or clothing/bedding to keep them warm over the winter please get in touch we can support you with these items where appropriate.

If you are struggling to fill in forms or would like signposted to more information about a particular issue/ concern please get in touch and we will find out what we can for you.  
If you yourself are feeling lonely or isolated or notice that your friends or neighbours are please get in touch as there are various agencies/ activities which are available to support with this.

We all hope that the guidelines are lifted soon and we can go and meet with others as it is not an easy time for many folk at the moment but if you feel we could offer help/support in some way (non medical ) please do get in touch

Take care. Stay safe  
Alison Meason contact details: [wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com](mailto:wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com) or The Boathouse telephone 711 733 or mobile 0786 7622814



## Shapinsay Film Festival Part 2



### G'Day

Welcome to Soond Cinema's second film festival, we hope that you will be flat chat this month enjoying all of these 9 ridgey-didge Aussie films in our festival programme below and that many of these movies will be going straight to the pool room!  
**Hooroo Carole and Lynne**

### True Blue- Shapinsay Film Festival Programme 2020

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 7pm-Ladies in Black**

**What:** Adapted from the bestselling novel by Madeleine St John, Ladies in Black is a tender-hearted comedy drama about the lives of a group of department store employees in the Sydney of the 1950's and a testament of just how much we can change each other's lives (Drama)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Bruce Beresford, **Classification:** PG, **Duration:** 109 minutes

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm -Holding the Man

**What:** In 1970's Australia, two teen boys fall in love with each other and defeat obstacles to their 15 year relationship until a new crisis comes their way. (Romantic Drama)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Neil Armfield, **Classification:** 15, **Duration:** 128 minutes

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm-Ali's Wedding

**What:** After telling a white lie which spirals out of control a neurotic, naïve Muslim cleric's eldest son must follow through with an arranged marriage even though he's madly in love with an Australian born-Lebanese girl (Romantic Comedy)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Jeffrey Walker **Classification:** 15, **Duration:** 109 minutes

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm-Kath and Kimderella

**What:** Fans of the iconic Aussie comic duo Kath and Kim will enjoy their latest romp on the big screen as chipper baby boomer Kath, diva daughter Kim and hapless pal Sharon visit Papilloma, Italy where a royal romance and knockoff fashions await. (Irreverent Comedy)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Ted Emery, **Classification:** 12, **Duration:** 85 minutes

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm-Danger Close

**What:** Based on the true story of the events surrounding the Battle of Long Tan. In August 1966, in a Vietnamese rubber plantation called Long Tan, 108 young and inexperienced Australian and New Zealand soldiers fight for their lives against 2500 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers. (War)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Kriv Stenders, **Classification:** 15, **Duration:** 118 minutes

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm-In Like Flynn

**What:** A young Errol Flynn embraces adventure and breaks hearts living the swashbuckling life in Australia he'd one day portray on the silver screen in Hollywood. (Action)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Russell Mulcahy, **Classification:** M, **Duration:** 98 minutes

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November @ 7pm-Angel of Mine

**What:** Consumed by grief, a mother's life unravels when she firmly grasps on to the belief that her daughter might still be alive. (Psychological Thriller)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Kim Farrant, **Classification:** 15, **Duration:** 98 minutes

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm-Ned Kelly

**What:** Based on true events, an innocent man becomes one of the most wanted criminals the world has ever known. (Historical Western)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Gregor Jordan, **Classification:** 15, **Duration:** 109 minutes

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm-The Nightingale

**What:** Set in 1825, Clare, a young Irish convict, chases a British officer through the rugged Tasmanian wilderness, bent on revenge for a terrible act of violence he committed against her family. On the way she enlists the services of Billy, an Aboriginal Australian tracker, who is also marked by trauma from his own violence-filled past. (Historical Thriller)

**Where:** Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

**Director:** Jennifer Kent, **Classification:** 18, **Duration:** 136 minutes



## Shapinsay's Film Festival-True Blue!

*Soond Cinema* us to take part in the festival and to host one of its opening weekend movies two years in a row.

Following the success of Shapinsay's first film festival *Out Of This World* in 2019 including our biggest ever turnout to the Australian film that we put on in our Moon landing themed line up, *Soond Cinema* has been busy finalising and sourcing the films for our 2020 *True Blue Film Festival* programme since the New Year so that we were ready with a strong programme of films to competitively bid for funding to enable us to take part in the *Film Focus Festival* again this year. With this week's news that the 2020 *Film Focus Festival* will not go ahead and the uncertainty of when, given the current situation with social distancing, the Boathouse will be open for *Soond Cinema* goes again, Lynne and I have swiftly shifted gears and have put together a virtual programme using Australian films currently showing on Netflix alongside optional pre and post movie Skype cuppa catch ups so that our film festival can go ahead on schedule with a radically different line-up of films.

Shapinsay's 2020 *True Blue Film Festival*, showcasing 9 Australian films drawn from drama, comedy, thriller, war, western and action movies, will start on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October with Bruce Beresford's classic drama, *Ladies in Black* and will end on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November with Jennifer Kent's historical thriller, *The Nightingale*. The frequency of films will increase to twice weekly on Thursday and Saturday evenings for the duration of the festival.

Using Netflix based films means that we do not need to worry about the film licensing and advertising restrictions that we are bound by when we show films at the Boathouse under the banner of the SDT's MPLC and Filmbank licences, which allows us to include the full 2020 *True Blue Film Festival* programme in this month's edition of the Shapinsay Sound.

For anyone wanting to learn more about the Australian film industry before during or after our Australian film festival, David Stratton's renowned documentary series, *Stories of Australian Cinema*, which is currently available to download on BBC iPlayer, will be just the ticket in providing all you could ever want to know and more about movies Down Under.

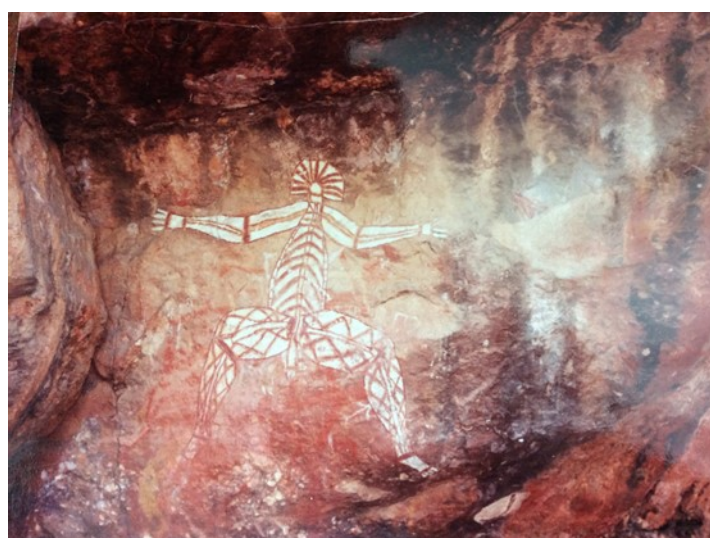
*Soond Cinema* is currently at the beginning of its third, now going virtual, *Winter Warmers* season, *Winter Warmers 3*, an annual mixed bag of comedies, romances, musicals, dramas and new releases chosen by folk who come along to the film nights, to help chase away the winter blues. *Winter Warmers 3* will run from the beginning of second film festival, *True Blue*, was all set to run alongside Orkney's 2020 *Film Focus Festival*, starting on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October with the last film showing on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Sadly, Lynne and I have heard this week that due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the *Film Focus Festival* will not go ahead.

*Soond Cinema* has been lucky enough to have been invited to take part in the Orkney wide *Film Focus Festival*, which runs for 24 days across 25 venues in 16 parishes including Shapinsay, for the last 2 years. We have also been successful in our bids for funding, for one of a small number of public cinema licences sponsored by Cooke Aquaculture in 2018 and 2019, which have allowed October 2020, taking a short break during our *True Blue Film Festival* and will then start again from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 until the end of March 2021, taking advantage of weekly films on Netflix with optional pre and post movie Skype cuppa catch ups.

Anyone interested in taking part in the pre and post movie Skype cuppa catch ups during the *True Blue Film Festival* and/or in finding out which films are being shown by *Soond Cinema* during *Winter Warmers 3*, should email Carole [opheliaparkle@yahoo.com](mailto:opheliaparkle@yahoo.com) or Lynne [lynnecollinson3@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecollinson3@gmail.com) for more information.

Hooroo

Carole and Lynne



## Shapinsay Wellbeing Part 2

### lest we forget



Poppies made by Darn Good Yarn group on Shapinsay  
Suggested donation £2. All donations going to Poppy Scotland Appeal. Available from Thomas Sinclair shop, The Boathouse or contact Alison 07867622814  
Thank you for your support



Health walks are short, safe, social, local, low level, fun walks and are aimed at people who need or want to improve their health and wellbeing by becoming more active.

**Meet outside The Boathouse, at the car park opposite for 2pm on Tuesdays**

Wear suitable clothing and footwear

The walks are in the surrounding area of the village

**Free to take part** in and open to everyone. Participants are encouraged to walk at a pace that feels comfortable and lets

them chat. Any queries Alison Meason, The Boathouse ☎ 711733 or 07867622814

## Orkney Scam Action Group

Orkney Scam Action Group is a collaborative approach to educating and raising awareness of scams within the Orkney community. Our main aim is to stop people in Orkney falling victim to scams.

If you need advice, or want to report a scam or need to contact one of the agencies involved with Orkney Scam Action Group, please contact:

- Police Scotland on 101 or call into the station in person
- Orkney islands Council trading Standards on 01856 873535, [trading.standards@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@orkney.gov.uk)
- Citizens Advice Bureau, 01856 875266, [bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk](mailto:bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk)
- Business Gateway Orkney, 01856 886666, [business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk)
- Age Scotland Orkney, 01856 872438, [enquiries@agescotlandorkney.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@agescotlandorkney.org.uk)
- NFU Scotland, 01856 898691, [Kirkwall\\_agency@nfumutual.co.uk](mailto:Kirkwall_agency@nfumutual.co.uk)

You can also find information at: Twitter: [@orkneyscams](https://twitter.com/orkneyscams) Facebook: [Orkney Scam Action Group](https://www.facebook.com/Orkney-Scam-Action-Group/) Email: [orkneyscamactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:orkneyscamactiongroup@gmail.com)

## Kirk News

### Remembrance on Facebook Live

2020 is the year where all our ways, traditions and events need to be carefully examined and either cancelled altogether or done in a new and creative way. Remembrance is way too important to cancel – it is our sacred duty to remember for the future generations.

It is equally our duty to look after one another and keep one another safe. To this end, there is going to be a different Remembrance Sunday service than normal. There is not going to be any singing which is not allowed under the current regulations.

The service will start at 10.55 am on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> November at the war memorial. It will be streamed live on the Shapinsay Facebook page and therefore we urge everyone who is on Facebook to REMAIN SAFELY AT HOME and watch the service from there. Those who do not have access to Facebook and would like to remember, please let Julia know in advance (Rev Julia Meason, 874789/711275, [jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk)) so that we know what numbers to expect and to help us with Test and Protect

strategy which is a legal requirement of the Scottish Government (churches are allowed to organise outdoor worship but they need to keep the contact details of those who attend for 21 days after the event in case there is a COVID-19 positive case among those who attended). Those who choose to attend will be required to keep a 2-metre distance from other household groups. Alternatively, you can choose to keep 2-minute silence on your doorstep. Let us remember but let us do so safely.

### Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2020

The Blythswood Shoebox Appeal has been extremely successful again this year, despite the ongoing coronavirus.

We would like to thank each one of you who have supported this very worthwhile charity. With your tremendous generosity we have completed 582 shoeboxes between Shapinsay and Kirkwall East Church which is an amazing result. These shoeboxes will help make Christmas a happier time for many people. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Keep well, stay safe.



## Kirk News Part 2

### Spreading Christmas Cheer

Christmas is going to be very different this year – no doubt about that! Is there something we can do to make the season brighter? We think so!



We would like to repeat last year's very successful venture of giving out Christmas Cheer bags to island residents. Thanks to your tremendous generosity, last year we delivered 25 bags to households. You are an amazing community! The way it works is that we would like to ask you, in the first instance, for nominations of individuals who, you think, might need some cheering up at Christmas. Please contact Alison 711261 [wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com](mailto:wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com) or Julia 874789/711275 [jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk) with ideas of who might benefit most from this project. All details will be confidential.

In December there will be three collection points for donations (items like coffee, toilet rolls as well as Christmas themed goodies): one in the Boathouse, one at the school and one in the portacabin at the pier. Any donations will be very gratefully received. If you would like to donate money to enable us to buy goods to top up the bags, please contact us directly. Nearer Christmas we will need volunteers to help with delivery of the bags. If you would like to know more or help in anyway, please get in touch with us.

Thanks for making Shapinsay a better place!

Alison and Julia

## Mobile Library

### Mobile Library

### Thursday 19th November



**Contacting the Library** - If you need to contact the Library for any reason phone **01856 873166** or email at [library@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:library@orkney.gov.uk). You can also contact via social media pages

**The rules/guidelines for visiting the van will be:**

**Wear a face covering**  
**Use the hand sanitiser provided**  
**One person on at a time – or one family**

### Mobile Library stops

School	10.15 - 11 am
North School	11.15 - 12.15pm
Astley	12.30 - 12.45pm
Helliar	1.30 - 2.15pm
Balfour Village	2.30 - 3.15pm