

Housing Update



We have great news, after what seems like a long journey to get to this point, the Keys to No9 were handed over to the new tenants on Friday 18th June.

Many of you will already know Kyle, who lived on Shapinsay as a bairn and went to the Primary School here himself.

Kyle and his partner Kelly have been looking for an opportunity to come back to Shapinsay to live and raise their 4 bairns for some time, we are delighted to be able to give them that opportunity! I'm sure you will join us in wishing them happiness in their new home. It's great to see the house complete and a family enjoying it.

The Schoolhouse is now nearing completion, we should see carpet fitters in there very soon and we hope, all going well, it will be complete towards the end of July. We plan to have an open day once it's complete to give you all the chance to have a look around before new tenants move in.



Shapinsay Development Trust

Are holding a short EGM

July 19th 7.30pm in the Hall

(social distancing measures will be in place,
you can also join in VIA zoom)

**This will be followed by a public
consultation on possible future
projects**

Your island, your future!

We need your input.

**The key points for discussion will be
Future housing, Horticulture and
Café**

**Please come along and help us guide
any future developments and the
sustainability of Shapinsay.**

**Input from all ages is welcomed and
encouraged.**

The meeting is open to everyone, but only
members can vote at the EGM.

If anyone would like to become a member, please
email for a form. Members will receive their EGM
paperwork before the 5th of July.

If you wish to attend via Zoom please email
for the link.

If you wish to attend in person, please let me
know ASAP as numbers in the hall are limited.

boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

VAO ARE HIRING

Isles Self Management Group Coordinator

You will work alongside people with long-term conditions who live on the ferry-linked isles, developing groups that support self-management. We particularly welcome applications from those with a lived experience of a long-term condition, or who live on one the isles. Home working can be accommodated, with travel into Kirkwall and across the isles as required.

Find out more at
www.vaorkney.org.uk/vacancies

Closing date 5pm, 12th July 2021.



Kirk news

We are delighted to announce that we can now sing in church again! We need to do so with masks on, but we can sing. What a delight! We are not allowed, however, to give out hymnbooks on the day so if you would like to come back to church (every Sunday at 12 noon), please let me know and I will happily deliver a hymnbook to you. It will remain with you on loan until such time as the regulations change.

Here is a run through of the current arrangements. We can have a total of up to 25 individuals from up to 17 households in the church —that includes the worship leader. We have a one-way system – we come in through the side door and leave through the main door. Offering is collected at the door to the sanctuary as we come in. The service is also shorter (40 minutes) with singing and the Lord's Prayer, but no flowers meantime. The wearing of face masks in church is now mandatory, unless exempt. Please bring your own masks with you when visiting church. You will be required to sanitise your hands as you enter and exit church. Hand sanitisers are available. Stewards will ask for your contact details for test and trace purposes. All hymnbooks and Bibles are removed so please bring your own for your perusal.

We will continue with our e-services which will be accessible in the same way as at present. The in-person worship will be an adaptation of the e-service for that Sunday – so I am assuming you are either doing one or the other.

You can access our e-services in any one of four ways:

1. Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay Facebook page where our joint services (between Kirkwall East, Shapinsay and Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay) are published every Sunday: <https://www.facebook.com/kirkwalleastlinkedwithshapinsay>

2. Through the YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA

Or search for Kirkwall East Church, Shapinsay Church or Moncur Memorial Church.

3. By dialling 01856 404667 from your phone and listening to the audio recording of the service. You will be charged as you would

normally be for a local phone call (and that of course depends on your contract).

4. By getting a script of the service by e-mail (do contact me if you would like that).

I would also like to draw your attention to a new initiative. The Church of Scotland is partnering with Christian Aid to support people across the world who do not have access to a Covid-19 vaccine. As well as advocating for a just vaccine rollout, Christian Aid works with vulnerable communities, helping to limit the impact of the virus on health, livelihoods, and personal safety.

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is urging everyone to join him in supporting the appeal and helping vulnerable people stay safe as they wait for the vaccine. Your donation can save lives. they wait for the vaccine

To give a gift, please click on the following link: <https://giving.givestar.com/online/christian-aid/cos-just-vaccine-rollout> .

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Hope, Sustainer of all life,
We give You thanks for the Coronavirus vaccines, for the skill and wisdom of scientists, NHS staff and Key Workers.

By the power of Your Spirit, may we overflow with hope and joy as we see our friends, families and neighbours protected.

God of Justice, Protector of the vulnerable, may we be your well-washed hands and willing feet.

Move us to give and act, to challenge the injustices that anger You.

May we seek to protect all Your children, particularly those for whom the vaccine is out of reach.



With hope and trust we pray,

Amen.

Rev Julia Meason,
JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk,
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It's that time of year again where Rhubarb is in abundance. What do you do with it? How do we use it up? We have had some great suggestions: Rhubarb Gin, Rhubarb cordial, the old favourite- Rhubarb jam, Rhubarb Crumble, Stewed Rhubarb with Dumplings and even a Rhubarb Crumble Muffin. We thought we'd share a couple of recipes for you to try.

Rhubarb Crumble Recipe

500g Rhubarb
100g Golden Caster Sugar
3 Table Spoons of Port
140g SR Flour
85g Butter
50g Light Brown Muscovado Sugar
Porridge oats

Put Rhubarb, Caster Sugar and port into a pot, stew till soft.

Put flour, butter and muscovado sugar in a bowl and make into a crumble using your fingertips.

Place stewed rhubarb in an oven proof dish, cover with crumble mix, sprinkle porridge oats over the top and bake in the oven at 180C for over 30 mins till golden.

Recipe by Carol Moncrieff



Rhubarb Crumble Muffins



175g caster sugar
175g rhubarb, halved lengthways then diced
2 tbsp sunflower oil
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extra
125ml baking powder.
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
For crumble topping
50g light muscovado sugar
50g plain flour
25g porridge oats
1 tsp ground cinnamon
50g butter

- Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper muffin cases. Stir the sugar and rhubarb together and set aside while you make the crumble topping. Mix together the muscovado sugar with the flour, oats and cinnamon, then rub in the butter until clumpy with your fingertips.
- Stir the oil and egg, vanilla and buttermilk into the sugary rhubarb (don't worry if it's a little bit juicy). Now, add the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda and stir well.
- Quickly spoon into the cases, then scatter each with a thick layer of the crumble mixture. Bake for 15-18 mins until golden and a cocktail stick poked into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack

Leanne Bews (from BBC Good food)



North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, traditional Skills Dry stone dyke building. Would you be interested in learning the skills involved in dry stone dyke building? There's a 2 day course coming up in Shapinsay on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 August Training will be delivered by Brian Omand from the Orkney Business Ring; it'll be two full days of training and it's free to attend.

Spaces are limited and booking is essential.

To book a space and find out more about the course:

Contact us by email nilps@orkney.gov.uk or phone 01856 879076

The North Isles Landscape Partnership is supported by:



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Shapinsay Picnic - 7th August 2021



The postponed Shapinsay Picnic is planned to take place on Saturday 7th August. This is an opportunity for people to come together for an afternoon of sport.

The event will start at 1pm on the school field. Please enter on foot through the gate at the back of the field where we will take a name for each household attending. We ask that everybody maintains distance from other households in line with the guidelines at the time. We will have sanitiser available for people to use, or people can bring their own. Please do not attend the event if you or anyone else in your household has symptoms of Covid-19.

There will be sporting events for all ages, including throwing, jumping and running events. We will be unable to do the Tug of War if there are distancing guidelines in place. If you are able to help on the day, then please get in touch with Leanne Bews.

After the events, the Picnic Committee will work out points and get certificates written as quickly as we are able, and the prize giving will then be done on the same afternoon. There will be no evening event.

We ask that people bring their own refreshments for during the afternoon, and a picnic tea for afterwards. Please also

bring your own seats or blankets, as there will be very limited seating available. Toilets will be available, but we ask that people wear masks when inside the building, that people sanitise their hands on entering and that people do not congregate in the building. Parents are responsible for their children at all times during the event.



We understand that this is a different Picnic, but we are delighted that we are able to plan to do at least some of the usual events. If guidance changes, then the Picnic may still have to be cancelled at the last minute, but we are hopeful that this won't be the case. We will keep everyone informed via the Shapinsay facebook page.

Fingers crossed for a bonny day on 7th August!



Shapinsay School

We have had a busy end of term, with lots of things going on.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Matthew, Logan, Leilah and Rowan, and wish them well as they move to KGS. We also wish Rafiki well as he moves to England. We are also saying goodbye to Heather Robertson, who has worked with so many children over her time at Shapinsay School, and we wish her all the best for her well earned retirement. We are delighted to have welcomed Hayley, Paige and Willow to the school.



We held a Sports Afternoon, where all the children from Nursery to P7 took part in a variety of competitive events. Luckily the weather held for us and we finished off with ice creams. Thank you to Mrs Bews and Ian for organising this for us.



Usually at the end of the summer term, we would hold a Leavers' Assembly. This had to be outside this year with only P7 parents able to attend. This was the ideal opportunity for the children to share their memories of their time in Shapinsay School, and we presented

certificates and goodbye books to the children who are leaving.



This also gave us an ideal chance to soak the P7s, a Shapinsay School tradition, with their parents doing an excellent job and getting them drenched when they weren't expecting it!

We hope that everyone has a very enjoyable summer, and look forward to welcoming the children back to school in August.

Some more photos from the school sports:



Shapinsay Wellbeing

address

Thanks are expressed to Abbie Summerfield for helping during the interim period before Ashley Brown was appointed for position as Cast Affs shop assistant.

Welcome to Ashley! We hope you will come along to the shop and meet her.

Thank you also to all the volunteers for the part they play in keeping Cast Affs running. The help and time you give is much appreciated. Thank you to all the residents for your donations of goods for selling in Cast Affs.

We welcome donations of clothing, bedding, bric a brac, books, children's toys, DVDs, bags, craft materials, plants, pictures anything sellable apart from furniture or electrical items.

If you have no transport available, contact Alison Telephone 07867622814 to arrange collection of goods.

Cast Affs opening times

These are the shop opening times – Thursdays 10am -12 noon drop off for donations or during any of the shop opening times. We have no need to quarantine goods while in level 0.

Thursday's 2-4pm shop open

Saturday's 2-4pm shop open

Donations to groups on the island

£1651.24 has been distributed to the following groups as a result of funds raised from Cast Affs. Thank you for your continued support.

Shapinsay Medical fund

Shapinsay church of Scotland

Shapinsay horticultural Association

Shapinsay play park fund

Shapinsay Parent Council

Shapinsay Heritage Centre

Shapinsay B.A.L.L group

Shapinsay 8s and under playgroup



Mobile Library

Next visit will be Thursday 15 July

- School – 10:15am – 11:00am
- North School – 11:15am – 12:15pm
- Astley – 12:30pm – 12:45pm
- Helliar – 1:30pm – 2:15pm
- Balfour Village – 2:30pm – 3:15pm