

# The Shapinsay Sound

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Well it's been another busy month, with the ebike shed nearing completion and the completion of the Schoolhouse which is about to be tenanted in October. As well as this we have re-opened the Boathouse to the public and have the EV operating 5 days per week. Last month we held an EGM in order to change the Memorandum and Articles of Association to allow us to hold general meetings via Zoom as per OSCR guidelines.

Straight after the EGM we ran a small group discussion session around future projects which gave us a steer towards the options in the questionnaire that most of you will have recently seen.

As most of you will be aware, the café at the Smithy struggled to operate prior to Covid for a number of reasons, including quite rigid restrictions placed on opening hours, and business uses out of the building. Along with this the heating, insulation and kitchen equipment are dated resulting in high energy bills.

OIC have given the Development Trust the option of taking community ownership of the Smithy building and SDT have been in touch with funders to allow us to move forward on this. There have been two clear messages from the funders we spoke to:

- They won't fund a 'white elephant'. There has to be a business plan in place showing income and outgoings and showing that it won't run at a loss. We have been working on this aspect and can show how with good insulation and an efficient heating system, fuel bills will be

vastly reduced. We have used projections based upon previous tenants of the café and are confident that the building, including a café will, at a minimum, break even after 2 years.

- There has to be really good evidence of community support for the whole project. That means we will need a minimum of 80 returned questionnaires to justify to the funders that we have that support. To put it simply, if we don't get the questionnaires back, we won't receive funding.

It is looking like OIC want to sell off some of their assets that are a burden on them. It could very well be that In Shapinsay, if the Development Trust can't justify to the funders community support for the Smithy building and café, that OIC sell the building privately.

That is why Lisa has recently been encouraging returns of the questionnaire.

It may be that if SDT don't get at least 80 of the questionnaires returned, that SHAC (Shapinsay Heritage Arts and Crafts), who are based upstairs in the Smithy building, look to draw down funding themselves to purchase the building and dedicate the building solely to Heritage Arts and Crafts, after all, they are also a registered charity. If you would like to collect a questionnaire, there are some next to the noticeboard in the shop, some on the boat and some at the Boathouse. **Please have them returned to the Boathouse by the end of the week**

Shapinsay Development Trust  
AGM will be held on October  
7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Community  
Hall.

## AGM 2021 – Would you be interested in joining the board?

The AGM this year will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the main school Hall. Both the Chair (Jean Coomber) and the Vice Chair (Richard Lawrence) have decided to step down as Board members at this year's AGM. Jean has been a Board member for 4 years and Richard for 3 years. 2 other Board members have also stepped down recently, JB Bady after almost 6 years of service and Martyn Garrett after 2 years.

Thank you to all of them for the time they dedicated to the Trust and everything they achieved.

There are more exciting projects in the pipeline and we need to recruit more Board members if we want to continue that good work. If the Trust is to continue to provide the current services and employment, we need a great team to make that happen as well to look to develop new projects that will enhance life in Shapinsay in the future.

We can't stress enough just how important this is. We need 6 elected Board members and up to 3 co-opted board members (from Community Council, Community Association and

SHAC). Assuming the remaining 2 elected Board members continue, there will be just 2 elected Board members, which is not enough to keep the trust running. If new Board members don't come forward the future of the Trust and its services, including the car and boat services, are in jeopardy.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in being a Board member, please feel free to call in to the Boathouse (or phone 711733) and Lisa will gladly chat to you about this. We would like to hold a meeting for anyone potentially interested in joining the board and playing an important part in the future projects and direction of the trust. This would be an opportunity to let you know what it involves and what to expect as a board member. Please get in touch to find out more.

Successful SWAPs this month are

M.Dunnett £687 towards accommodation, training, equipment and fees for climbing competitions

R Evans £413 towards accommodation, stabling and entry fees for National championship competition

Returned P Bady £522.03

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## Shapinsay School



We've been back at school for a couple of weeks and everyone has settled back really well. We have welcomed Habil to the Nursery. In Assemblies we are focusing on our school values of "Safe, Respectful and Hardworking".

We will also be setting up the Pupil Committees this term. In Philosophy we are using picture books, and have started some work around "Where the Rainforest meets the Sea".

Our School Improvement Priorities this session are to develop our Engineering curriculum, to be reaccredited with the Gold Sports Award, to develop woodworking at the Early Level and to continue to ensure that our standards of assessment are in line with other schools across Orkney.

In order to keep our Gold Flag school sports award we need to involve members of the community in developing sport in the school, or to help us provide out of school sports clubs for pupils. If this is something you would be keen to be involved with please contact the school on 711218 or email [leanne.bews@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:leanne.bews@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk) and the pupils will send you an invitation to join our sports committee.

## Nursery

This term in nursery we will be following an interesting idea from one of the children; we are going to be looking at reflections and reflective surfaces and materials. We will also be developing our woodworking area and are looking forward to having some new resources and another workbench. The nursery will be joining P1-4 for PE.

## P1 – 4

The P1 – 4 topic this term is "The Human Body". The children are learning about parts of the body and what they do, the 5 senses and how to stay healthy. In French and Spanish, they will be learning the names for parts of the body and revising introducing themselves. The class role play area is a Doctor's Surgery so we have visited the surgery to see what we needed. The children are enjoying diagnosing and treating their patients! RME work is focusing on our own values and beliefs, and respecting those of others.

In English the children have been working on instructions and are going on to look at story writing and report writing. In ICT we will be focussing on basic computer and typing skills.

In PE this term we are working on our ball skills, in particular aiming and shooting, and working on our climbing skills through games on the traverse wall, freedom climber and wall bars.

## P5 – 7

In science, the P5-7 children are currently learning about the features of vertebrate groups. They are also learning to use keys to identify animals and how to construct these branching keys themselves. Social Studies work is about the geography of Scotland. So far, the children have learnt to locate various cities, landscape features and landmarks on

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maps. RME work this term focuses on the Life of Jesus. Health and Wellbeing work is about handling different types of risks by identifying them and considering how to reduce the likelihood of harm.

French work has involved learning vocabulary for pets and farm animals and then putting these nouns into sentences. They've also been using cognates to work out the meanings of unknown words. As well as the usual spelling, grammar, handwriting, etc, English work is currently on learning about non-chronological reports. The children have read various reports and have learnt to identify common text structures and language features. In preparation for writing their own non-chronological reports, they have been looking at note-making techniques.



In PE this term we are learning volleyball skills and enhancing our climbing skills using the traverse wall, freedom climber and wall bars

## E.Bikes



As the newsletter goes to print, the final touches are being made on the ebike shed! Once we have all the relevant paperwork sorted this week, we are hopeful to be able to hire out the electric bikes after the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

These will be available free of charge for all islanders over the age of 14, to use on a short term basis. There is a small charge for non-residents.

We have 9 Ebikes available - 6 adult bikes, 1 trike and 2 smaller bikes. If you would like to book a trial, or to hire them out for a day or two, please get in touch with Alex on 07471751791

**or**

email [ebikes@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:ebikes@shapinsay.org.uk) to arrange a time. Helmets and high vis will be provided. Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for further news of launch day.



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Good day to all.

It's been almost five years that Sharon the kids and I have resided in Shapinsay, although it definitely feels a lot less. Time flies, as they say!

I've recently started a new career as an Engineer on board the Ole Ship Shapinsay. Prior to that I worked in the Oil and Gas Industry, the Military, and briefly as a restaurant manager in a hotel in Edinburgh.

Having travelled quite extensively over the years you certainly realise that there's no place like home. I guess that's why I've become involved with local community-based projects. Like becoming a member of the SFRS and the Community Council.

However most recently I've become a member of the Trust which enables me to be involved in the continued development and support of the community in which we belong.

Yours Aye'

Ash Boyd



SHAPINSAY

OPEN DARTS

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 SHAPINSAY  
COMMUNITY HALL

NAMES TO BE IN BEFORE 12:15. £5.00 ENTRY  
FEE

TROPHY AND £100 CASH PRIZE FOR MEN'S AND LADIES'  
CHAMPIONS

TROPHY AND £50 CASH PRIZE FOR MEN'S AND LADIES'  
RUNNERS UP

TROPHY FOR HIGHEST PLACED 'B' LEAGUE PLAYER

TROPHIES FOR HIGHEST PLACED MALE AND FEMALE  
SHAPINSAY RESIDENTS AND HIGHEST PLACED NON-  
REGISTERED MALE AND FEMALE PLAYERS AND HIGHEST  
CHECK OUT

PLUS, FUN BOARD, RAFFLES AND COIN PUSH FOR A  
BOTTLE

WELCOME, A FUN DAY FOR ALL.

COME ALONG AND WATCH FOR FREE

ENJOY THE HOT FOOD IN AID OF RNLI FUNDS

FERRY DEP. KIRKWALL 11:30 AND  
DEP. SHAPINSAY 20:00

PLEASE NOTE CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY

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## Shapinsay B.A.L.L. group (Be Active Long life)

The Shapinsay group met pre-Covid fortnightly on Monday mornings 10:30 to 12 noon. It is hoped to restart the group in September, please look out for this on local posters and social media. The purpose of these groups is to help promote health and active ageing within local communities. This is done through gentle exercise, hosting activities with speakers, cuppa and a yarn. All abilities welcome, all inclusive.

Previously we have had over to Shapinsay, Jo Sutherland from Just Dance Orkney who led Tap, ballet, salsa etc lessons and talks from fire and home safety, Malawi music project etc. There was always a cuppa and yarn with the friendly bunch that came along.

Anyone over school age will be very welcome to come along. If you are interested, want to find out more or unsure about going along for the first time, please don't hesitate to contact Alison Meason 07867 622 814 or email



[wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com](mailto:wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com)

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.

Free to take part. Participants are encouraged to walk at a pace that feels comfortable and lets them chat. All ages welcome to come along.

During the summer months we have been trying to walk other parts of Shapinsay such as to Castle Bloody and The Broch, the bird hides and walks within the surrounding area of the village.

Meet outside the boathouse 2pm Tuesdays.  
Hope to see you there.

Julia Meason, Alison Meason Tel 07867622814

Pop up Charity Shop located at The Smithy, Balfour Village.

## Shop Opening Times

Thursday 2pm – 4pm

Saturday 2pm – 4pm



## Donations drop off

Thursday 10am -12 noon (drop off donations of goods)

**Volunteers** If anyone is interested in volunteering at Cast Affs please speak to Ashley at Cast Affs or Alison Meason.



Next mobile library visit is  
on

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

School— 10:15-11am

North School—11:15-12:15

Astley—12:30-12:45pm

Helliar—1:30-2:15

Balfour Village—2:30-3:15

**Orkney Library & Archive** 44 Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1AG  
tel: 01856 873166

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## KIRK NEWS

In September we will be meeting for weekly Sunday worship at 11 am. The services on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of September will be taken by the Worship Group, I will be out on the 12<sup>th</sup> (apart from

the school summer holidays I take two Sunday services in a row in Kirkwall East and come to Shapinsay every third Sunday) and Chris Howard on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

I fully understand that some folk are a bit nervous about gathering in any numbers yet but if you're in that situation, I encourage you not to hold off for too long. We don't want to rush you back but be assured that both buildings and the way we're holding services within them are fully compliant with the legislation and are as safe as they can be.

It's been a long time coming but it does feel that we're at least beginning to emerge from it and returning to some kind of life as a worshiping community. There's a place for you there.

Please do get in touch if you've any concerns or questions about how things are being done.

Kirkwall East stream their services live which you can access in any one of four ways (same as for the last 18 months):

\* Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay Facebook page where our joint services are published every Sunday in the afternoon (accessible at any time afterwards too)

\* Through the YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg\\_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA) or search for Kirkwall East Church or Shapinsay Church—services become available live at

11.15 am on Sunday morning and on catch up afterwards

\* 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). Those services will be available on Sunday afternoons.

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

In September and October, I'm hoping to run a four-session study on the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident, and key founding member of the Confessing Church. In this video-based small group Bible study, New York Times best-selling author Eric Metaxas will help us discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during World War II, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today.

Sessions include: What is the Church?, Living in Christian Community, Religion less Christianity and Come and Die. We can either do the study in person or online. If you'd like to take part, please let me know.

We hope to see you soon!

Rev. Julia Meason

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Address

## Flagstones



26m<sup>2</sup> of Flagstones that were lifted from the floor of No9 Balfour village when it was renovated.

Please put your bid in a sealed envelope along with your name and contact details.  
Send to Lisa-Marie Muir, Boathouse, Shapinsay, Balfour, Orkney, KW172DY.

Bidding will close at 12pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Winning bidder to collect from the Boathouse.  
For further details please contact 711 733 or email [boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk)



**Thursday 7th October**

**The Boathouse**

**From 2pm**

Have you had a previous cancer diagnosis? Are you affected or have been affected by cancer in anyway? Would you like to have a yarn over a cuppa with others experiencing the same? Why not come along on Thursday 7th October to the next meet up. Everyone welcome.

If you want to find out more information contact Alison 07867 622 814