

Shapinsay School News

The school has as much going on as ever. We are really pleased that we now have Jason Diamond working at the school as our new janitor, and Chloe Beetge as our new classroom auxiliary.

Congratulations to Erika who won a competition with the Orkney Native Wildlife Project. Her poem in Orcadian dialect, "Oot me window I saa" won best poem and Holly Peek came in to school to award her prizes. To hear Erika's poem being read by Alison Miller, the Orkney Scriever, please visit the Orkney Native Wildlife Project facebook page.



Nursery

This term we have been exploring some traditional tales. We have looked at Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We read different versions of the stories looking some similarities and differences. We made props including houses of straw, brick and sticks and a giant beanstalk with castle at the top. The children have chosen to look at Hansel and Gretel next, and have begun to use recycled materials to make their own gingerbread house. In PE we have been experimenting with rugby balls.

P1 – 4

P1 – 4 are learning about Lighthouses this term. So far, we have been doing some Literacy activities based on the book "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" and have based our role play and small world areas round the story. Thanks to Jason for making us such a fabulous (working!) lighthouse! The children have researched Orkney lighthouses

and learned how to get pictures and information using the internet. In science the children have been learning about floating and sinking, and learning about how boats float. In Engineering they had a go at designing their own boats, thinking about the shape, and worked with the older class to design and make wingsuits for a lighthouse keeper to get to his lighthouse on a zipline. In art they have been experimenting with weaving using a range of different materials. Our work in PE has focussed on floor gymnastics, creating simple sequences, and experimenting with rugby balls. In ICT we have continued our work on touch typing and we will be beginning to use our laptops to begin coding microbits. We hope to incorporate our work on microbits into our work designing, planning and constructing working lighthouses of our own.



P5 – 7

In English, the P5-7 children have read and analysed a variety of recount texts before writing their own. French work has included learning about clothes and weather. In science, they have learnt more about the scientific method and have been conducting investigations with vehicles on ramps as part of learning more about forces and motion. Technologies work has involved learning about what engineering is; the wide variety of engineering jobs there are and how the natural world has inspired a lot of inventions. In PE we have moved onto playing games of badminton doubles, using all the skills learned last term. We have begun to learn netball skills, playing some netball themed games. We will also be beginning floor gymnastics this term.



Smithy update

Thank you to everyone that has completed surveys and given feedback over the last few months, thanks to your feedback we were able to put an offer in to the Orkney Islands council.

One of the reasons your Shapinsay Sound is late this month is because we were waiting for the news from OIC of whether the offer had been accepted or not.

And that news is..... We are very excited to inform you that the councillors met this week and have accepted our offer of £60,000 to purchase the Smithy, meaning we can now push ahead with the next stages. Including applying for planning permission and getting builders to tender for the work.

In the meantime, while we waited for news, we have been busy trying to ensure we have funding for the purchase and upgrade if we got the go ahead. We have been successful in securing £72,300 from the Scottish Land fund towards purchase,

insurance, planning fees, legal fees and project management costs.

We hope to cover the majority of the project costs from North Isles Landscape Partnership, Scottish Land Fund and Community Development funding. We secured £2,240 from Community Development fund and £4,750 from Scottish Land Fund for feasibility studies. We have submitted a set of plans to OIC planning department for pre-planning checks. The plans that we have submitted are over the page for you to look over, any feedback is welcomed. The only bits that are relevant for planning are the external structures – the repair of the stone stairs, the windows, doors and heating system.

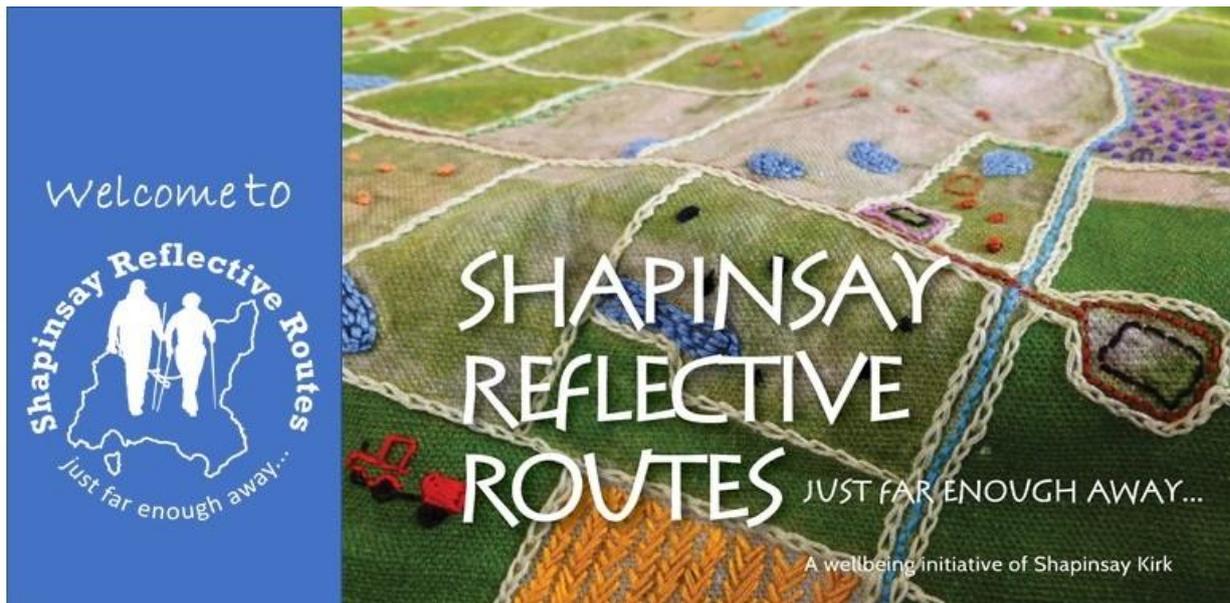
We hope to begin the tender process for the renovation works and apply for planning permission by Spring, begin building works in the Summer and have the project complete by the end of the year.

The plans were shared with the public at the AGM back in October, but here is another chance for you to look over them. We welcome any feedback.

There will be further engagement with the community in the coming months when certain milestones are met.

We look forward to moving forward with this project and will keep you updated each step of the way, so watch this space!





Walking Back to Happiness!

A wellbeing project has just been launched to help people handle the pressures and challenges of life by taking a leisurely stroll in Shapinsay! Visitors and residents can now have a meaningful meander in the island whilst thinking mindfully about their lives, with the help of a Reflective Routes booklet published by Shapinsay Kirk.

We hope this will be a resource to help folks with their mental, spiritual, emotional and physical health, adding an extra dimension to a physical walk through our beautiful, peaceful surroundings.

With a logo boasting 'just far enough away' as its slogan, it's believed that Shapinsay is an ideal and accessible place to take a step back, just 25 minutes by ferry from Kirkwall. Suggestions for the outings, photos and illustrations were contributed by members of the community and gathered together by the Kirk.

For those preferring bigger print than the A6 'chunky and funky' format, there are also copies of the walks on large print sheets which can be borrowed from the portacabin by the pier in Shapinsay.

The Kirk has received the bulk of its funding from the North Isles Landscape Partnership plus contributions from Shapinsay Community Council, Shapinsay Development Trust, Shapinsay Heritage, Arts and Crafts, Orkney Presbytery, Scapa Distillery and individual local donations. The booklet also has the support of Liam McArthur, MSP who describes it as both inspirational and thoughtful, commenting that Shapinsay's "low lying landscape is ideal for inviting walks to increase well-being and reduce stress".

Retailing at £6 per copy the Shapinsay Reflective Routes booklet can be purchased at the Orcadian Bookshop, The Travel Centre, Head Start Hair Studio, Laing Street, Cast Affs and at the Shapinsay Development Trust Boathouse office.

To buy a copy through the post please contact jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/Shapinsay-Reflective-Routes-107863068254247>

Website: <https://shapinsay.org.uk/living-on-shapinsay/reflective-routes/>

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Soond Cinema Warms Away the Winter Blues

Following on from the success of our pilot 5 film *Winter Warmers* season in 2018, our annual *Winter Warmers* seasons have become an eagerly anticipated event in Soond Cinema's yearly film schedule.

Winter Warmers Season 4 starts on Sunday 6th February 2022 with Ben Lewin's romantic comedy, *Falling for Figaro* and will run until Sunday 22nd May 2022 bringing an eclectic mix of comedies, dramas and documentaries to our screens to help chase away the winter blues.

Over the last 2 years, Soond Cinema has shown films from 25 countries. which have all been popular with the folk who come along to the film nights. *Winter Warmers 4* equally has a more cosmopolitan feel this year with films from The Netherlands, India, Australia and Sweden included in the line up.

Anyone interested in taking part in the pre and post movie Skype cuppa catch ups during *Winter Warmers 4* are welcome to email Carole opheliasparkle@yahoo.com or Lynne lynnecollinson3@gmail.com for more information.

Soond Cinema Presents....*Winter Warmers Season 4*

**Sunday 6th February 2022 @ 7pm-
*Falling for Figaro***

What: A fund manager trades her cushy job in London for a tiny Scottish village

where she chases her singing dreams coached by a crochety former opera star.

Where: Netflix **Director:** Ben Lewin
Classification: 15 **Duration:** 104 minutes

**Sunday 13th February 2022 @ 7pm –
*The Starling***

What: A woman adjusting to life after a loss contends with a feisty bird that's taken over her garden and a husband who is struggling to find a way forward.

Where: Netflix **Director:** Theodore Melfi
Classification: 12 **Duration:** 104 minutes

**Sunday 20th February 2022 @ 7pm-
*Love Per Square Foot***

What: Individually bank employees Sanjay and Karina don't earn enough to be able to buy a home, so they decide to enter into a marriage of convenience.

Where: Netflix **Director:** Anand Tiwari
Classification: PG **Duration:** 133 minutes

**Sunday 27th February 2022 @ 7pm-
*Mercury 13***

What: After rigorous testing in 1961, a small group of skilled female pilots are asked to step aside when only men are selected for the space programme.

Where: Netflix **Director:** David Singleton & Heather Walsh
Classification: U
Duration: 79 minutes

Car Service update

We ran a weekend service trial between October and December – this proved to be unsuccessful, so we regret that we are stopping the weekend service.

The car is available weekdays from 8.45am to 6pm, is available to all and free for all islanders.

To book, please contact

sdtooffice@shapinsay.org.uk or call or text
07798570439

If you would like to receive a digital copy of the Newsletter each month instead of a printed copy, email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

We're looking for LAND!

Shapinsay Development Trust Asset Mapping survey – Do you have available land for sale?

We are currently looking to purchase at least one piece of land for phase 2 of our housing project. We are aware of a couple of sites and have spoken to a couple of landowners in recent weeks or months, but for us to approach the public with options for the best site for the next phase, it would be great to know all potential land options that would be available. We have a very short time period to access available funding, so we need to move ahead with the community consultation stage fast. If you have land that would be available for purchase, please get in touch by the 15th of February. Boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk or telephone 01856711733

Some of the future projects that SDT are looking at land for are primarily: Community Garden and Housing phase 2.

We may call round some landowners in the near future to ask the question, please do not be offended if we ask, we will not be offended if you say no!



Thank you very much to everyone who donated to 'Christmas Cheer' during December. Through your donations the 'island wellbeing project' was able to deliver some Christmas Cheer to some of the residents. Your support is gratefully appreciated. Thank you



Commuter Ebikes

Shapinsay Development Trust was successful in securing funding from Community Energy Scotland towards the purchase of 10 commuter bikes. The opportunity was given to all islanders through the Shapinsay Sound, the website and Facebook page to apply for a bike and 11 people who qualified for a commuter bike applied, so SDT decided to fund one extra bike so that all applicants could receive a bike. The bikes will be run on a Hire purchase scheme, they will be hired for a period of 3 years with the option to purchase at the end of the term. Hopefully you will see lots more ebikes on the road this year as all these commuters use them to get to and from work! Happy Commuting!





ISLAND WELLBEING PROJECT-SHAPINSAY
a partnership project



Opening times

Thursdays - 2-4pm

Saturdays - 2-4pm

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CRAFT MATERIALS

Donations can be dropped off Thursdays 10-12 noon or when shop is open. No electrical or furniture items.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Thursday 3rd February

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 3rd February to the next meet up. Everyone welcome. If you want to find out more information contact Alison 07867 622 814



Darn Good Yarn



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Wednesday 16th February

At the clubrooms

Drop in from 2pm -4pm

Bring along your knitting, crotchet, sewing whatever craft you enjoy, stitch a yarn and have a yarn. Running alongside 'The Piece Place' everyone welcome.

Free to attend.

Any queries to Alison Meason  711733
The Boathouse or 0786 762 2814



Calling all young folk!!

Are you age 12-30? Are you keen to stay on Shapinsay? Would you like to see some changes? What do you think Shapinsay needs? What's missing? Have your say!

There will be a drop-in session on the 18th February, watch out for posters and invitations!

Bring a friend, come in groups, or drop in on your own. We want to talk to you, to find out your wants and needs for Shapinsay. You are the future of Shapinsay, so please come and have your say. We want to know your thoughts on future housing, on amenities, clubs, groups, activities and anything else that you think is important for your future on Shapinsay.

We can't do KFC's or Bowling Alleys and swimming pools, but we can help start up clubs, have theme nights in the café at a later date, look into housing options and much more, but we need you to make it happen. If those times don't suit, send me (Lisa-Marie) an email to arrange a time, or send me your thoughts. (boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk)

Shapinsay Development Trust



Welcomes you to
'The Piece Place'

At The Clubrooms

Wednesdays 16th February

2-4pm

All ages welcome

You are welcome to book a table or to drop in. To book a table please phone Alison 07867622814



Fancy a cuppa, homebakes and catch up in a safe and socially distanced environment? Why not come along to The Piece Place. There is no charge, donations to the Wellbeing Fund which is used for the benefit of island residents if desired.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Please adhere to the current Covid guidelines which are:

Wear a mask/face covering on entry and exit to The Piece Place. Masks can be removed when seated but must be worn when leaving the table.

Sanitise hands upon arrival and exit.

Track and Trace records will be kept for 21 days.

Thank you for your co-operation.

If anyone would like a lift to or from Piece place
sdoffice@shapinsay.org.uk or call or text 07798570439



Health Walks



Meet outside the Boathouse

2pm on Tuesdays 8th, 15th & 22nd February.

Gentle walks in the winter months are in the surrounding area of the village, and all on pavements, tracks or footpaths. All ages and abilities welcome.

The walk goes wherever is most sheltered on the day. If the walk is postponed due to weather it will be intimated on facebook.

Any queries contact Alison 0786762281



We are delighted to announce that the Shapinsay Development Trust and Shapinsay Community Council have each agreed to fund an extra visit of the Mobile Library van for 2022!

There is now a visit each month during the winter. The 2 extra visits are on Wednesdays, so write them on your calendar so you don't forget!

Below is a list of all the visits planned for 2022

Wednesday 9th Feb

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 5th May

Thursday 30th June

Thursday 25th August

Thursday 20th October

Wednesday 16th November

Thursday 15th December

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



Drive Thru Takeaway at the Bothy, Odinstone in aid of RNLi

Saturday 26th February 5pm - 7pm

More details and Menu to follow – check the Shapinsay Residents page for updates

Funds will go to towards the new Kirkwall Lifeboat

The arrival of the SLEP(Severn Life Extension Programme) lifeboat has been delayed until 2023

Unfortunately costs will also increase due to the delays. The original total cost of the new boat was £1.2M, so might be a bit more before delivery. There are already two major funders that want to pay for most of the boat. (her new name will reflect the major donors). However there is still a shortfall of £120,000 of which Kirkwall RNLi had agreed to help fund £50,000. During the past year local donations have raised almost £30,000, so they have optimistically set a new target of £100,000 and given the recent local interest hope to be able to reach this total.

The new boat is designed to be serviceable for at least twenty five years and if delivered within the next couple of years might still be saving lives in 2050.

The RNLi receives no Government funding and

is on call 24/7 - 365 days a year

The charity relies totally on the generosity of the Public and the Volunteer Crews to continue the service.

For every £1 raised, 85p is spent on operations

Of this 48p is spent directly on rescues

3p is spent on Prevention

34p is spent on operational maintenance

15p is spent on generating income

Shapinsay B.A.L.L group is
restarting

(Be Active Live Long)

Monday 7th February
2pm in the clubrooms

Anyone over 50 yrs welcome

Further info contact Alison
07867622814

Shapinsay Community Council

**Our next meeting will be a
blended meeting and is to be held
on 8 February at 7pm**

Out of hours Ferry service survey



We are carrying out a post-covid review of the Out of Hours service and we would like your feedback.

Inside this edition of the Shapinsay Sound, you will find a paper copy of the survey. There will also be a link to an electronic version on Survey Monkey on our Facebook and attached with the emailed copies of the sound

Every person who takes part will be entered into a prize draw. Check out Facebook page for more details!

We need as much feedback as possible so we can make informed decisions about what happens next.



Emergency Aid in the case of a sudden electrical power outage

Shapinsay Medical Fund

In the case of an emergency/sudden electrical power outage on the island, there are some essential resources in place which you can borrow to keep you warm until power is restored. This may be a flask of hot water, a hot water bottle or some warm blankets. All these items are new and will be loaned at the householders risk. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you wish to borrow any of these items or are worried about a friend or neighbour who may need such items during a power cut and we will do our best to get these resources to the household.

Please contact Alison 0786 762 2814 or Fiona 07557523558

We would like to invite tenders for Garden Maintenance at the Boathouse.



The tender should include 15 full cuts of the grass on the land around the Boathouse, inclusive of the ditches and strimming where necessary.

The first cut should be in April and the final cut in late October/early November according to seasonal growth patterns. Any extra cuts are to be at the contractor's discretion, taking into account the growth of the grass. There should be a maximum of two weeks between cuts. The tender should also include maintenance of the flower beds at the front and back and weeding of paths. All grass cuttings should be removed by the contractor and all hard surfaces should be swept clean after each cut.

The contractor is responsible for compliance with the Health and Safety at work Act, including all personal protective equipment and must have their own insurance. The Contractor will supply suitable cutting equipment, ensuring that blades are sharp and properly set, to produce a true and even cut. They will also ensure that all persons operating the equipment are adequately trained.

The contractor should submit a monthly account, in arrears, throughout the cutting season for all works carried out

Anyone interested in tendering should put their quotes in writing by 11th March 2022 to boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

or to

The Boathouse, Shapinsay, Orkney, KW172DY (The postbox is at the back of the building)



We would like to invite tenders for window cleaning at the Boathouse.

The tender should include 1 full clean of all the windows (outside only) each month on the Boathouse building and the doors of the Ebike shed. Frames must also be wiped down to keep them free of dirt build up

The tender should include all required equipment, this will not be provided.

The contractor is responsible for compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act including all personal protective equipment and must have their own insurance.

Anyone interested in tendering should put their quotes in writing by 4th March 2022

to boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk or to The Boathouse, Shapinsay, Orkney, KW172DY