

Shapinsay Community Association

Would like to invite you to a

WELCOME BACK

Event at

Shapinsay Community Centre

On

Sunday 17th April

From 2.30-4.30pm

It is open to all ages

Come along for a cuppa and a yarn

And while you are there, we hope to be able to offer the chance to:

- Let the bairns have a play with the playgroup toys or try some crafts/ games in the **music room**
- Have a go on the climbing wall or have a game of badminton or bowls in the **hall**
- Have a go at shooting in the netball hoops in the **tennis court**
- Have a kick about on the **field**
- Have a game of pool, table tennis, air hockey or darts in the **clubrooms**
- **Volunteer** to join the Community Association
- **Volunteer** to help us to plan and organise events for the Queens Diamond jubilee
- **Volunteer** to help us to plan and organise Shapinsay's entry for the "Parish cup of food" competition.

****This event will be run in conjunction with the Easter egg hunt and coffee afternoon raising funds for playpark upkeep****





The Piece Place

**on
Wednesday 6th & 20th April
in
The Clubrooms
2-4pm**

**Bring along a friend and have
a yarn over some delicious
homebakes and a cuppa.
Free to attend. Donations to
charity if desired.
No need to book.**



Easter Holiday Rock Hunt

Hidden all around Shapinsay are around 30 painted rocks!

You have until the 17th April to find as many as you can!

Write down which ones you found and where you found them, and if you find 10+ you can collect a prize on Easter

Sunday at the Easter Egg Hunt/Coffee afternoon

This is for ALL ages, not just the bairns!

Each rock has a description on the back



Kirk news

The Kirk is back to normal! The arrangements which were in place due to the pandemic have now been removed. We don't have a one-way system anymore – we come in and leave through the main door. All the floor markings are gone too. We no longer need to keep track of your details for test and trace either.

We can sing again – hopefully soon without the masks on. Having said that, even once the Scottish Government has removed the requirement to wear them in churches, you are welcome to wear yours if so wish. All it means is that the requirement is gone.

For the first time in two years, we can also hold our Annual Stated Meeting – which this year will take place on Sunday the 10th of April (Palm Sunday) after worship. Please do come along if you can. If you'd like to see a copy of the accounts for 2021, you can obtain either a physical or a digital copy from Sheila Garson (Treasurer – 711779, newlot@btinternet.com) In April, we will celebrate the last week of the earthly life of Jesus: with the Maundy Thursday communion service at 7 pm on the 14th of April, Good Friday service at 7 pm on the 15th of April and the Easter Sunday service at 12 noon on the 17th of April. All are welcome to any or all of those.

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.’” (John 11:25 – NIV) Wishing you Peace and Joy this Easter.

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Walking is a great way to **explore outdoors**, get **fresh air** and into **nature**. Join us today on one of our free Health Walks and who knows what you might discover!

Interested? You'll receive a warm welcome and a walk at a pace and length that suits you whatever your ability.

Join us! Tuesdays at 2pm

Leaving from outside The Boathouse.
contact Alison 07867622814 for more info

Health Walks paths for all

Healthier Scotland Scottish Government

Paths for All Partnership is a registered Scottish charity No. SC202505.



Cast Affs will be closing on Saturday 2nd April, 54 weeks after opening. Many thanks to all that have supported it over the year. An update of donations will be in May's sound with details of all money raised and what has been allocated to local registered charity groups.





Many thanks to everyone who supported the Drive Thru Takeaway and gave donations.

We have handed over £600 towards the New Kirkwall Lifeboat.

GAAN THE DISTANCE

WE PLAN TO HAVE A DRIVE THRU IN AID OF THE UKRAINE APPEAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Horticultural Show Meeting

All members, old and new are invited to a meeting of the Horticultural Association on Tuesday the 26th of April at 7pm in the Clubrooms

NO SPADE REQUIRED

A decision needs to be made about the future of the "Flower Show" and how to progress for 2022.

Please come along and support it, or it may not be able to continue.

SDT NEWS

We have been awarded a grant of £2500 from the Mental Health and Wellbeing fund towards running of the Piece Place, BALL group and Darn Good Yarn.

£148 from YLAG (Youth Local Action Group) towards our Youth Engagement Event

£4400 from Scottish Land fund towards feasibility for housing phase 2

£15000 from Rural Housing fund towards feasibility for housing phase 2

The Wellbeing post has now been guaranteed funding for 24months, so we will continue to our fantastic Wellbeing Coordinator in post for at least 2 more years!



Great News from SDT and Shapinsay Community Association!

We have teamed up to create a SWAP grant to cover all group activities (that are open to members of the public) in the Community Centre for the next 12 months! - yes, you read that right - ALL ISLAND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE FREE FOR 12 MONTHS! (This excludes private events)

We would really like to see activities start to pick up on the island, especially activities for young folk, so if you have an interest in helping run groups such as football, badminton, climbing etc, please get in touch with the Community Association. If you have any ideas for groups you would like to run, or see return, please get in touch.

All activities previously held in the Boathouse will be encouraged to move over to the Clubrooms or the Music room to help make it the busy place it was pre-pandemic!

Ukraine, Poland, and Orkney

The war in Ukraine hit us all hard. I personally felt it acutely because I have friends in Ukraine and my family, friends and my home congregation in Lodz are all involved in helping the refugees.



Many people have been asking how I'm doing, how my contacts in Ukraine and Poland are doing and many have offered to help. The response to the stories I shared has been overwhelming and magnificent hence this article to explain

where the money's going and how it's helping.

Pavlo, with whom I studied in Warsaw, is now the bishop of the German Lutheran Church in Ukraine. His wife Agata (my former flatmate) and their three children are now safely in Poland, but he stayed behind in Kharkiv to help in whatever ways he can: visiting his parishioners, taking people out of Kharkiv into safety and food into the city.

So many others I know and love are involved in helping the refugees in Poland. My aunt makes sandwiches in Warsaw in the morning for



someone else to take them to the Ukrainian border to feed the refugees there in the evening. My friends from the Polish Red Cross welcome

trainloads of folk, giving out sandwiches, soup,



and clothing to the refugees (often in the middle of the night) as the trains arrive. One of my best friends opened her home to a Ukrainian mother and her son – boldly, generously and for however long it's needed. Another acquaintance drove a vanload of goods into Ukraine, dropped them off and picked up refugees to take them into safety in Poland (photo of him – on the left – with Pavlo – in the middle – below).



Then there is my home congregation in Lodz. They are a church of 100 members on the roll and about 30-40 on a Sunday morning. They too are taking part in the huge effort to bring help and support to Ukrainian refugees in a very difficult situation.

They are supporting two Ukrainian high schoolers living there: their families have gone to Ukraine for a holiday and the girls stayed behind to study for their final exams. Then the invasion started, and the fathers are now fighting, the mothers and siblings are stuck in Ukraine unable to get out (it isn't as easy as people think it is) and the girls are left on their own with no income. The congregation decided to pay for their accommodation, food, books, transport, and any other basic needs they will have until October at least when they can start university courses and access financial help through that.

On top of that, they opened the church building to Ukrainian refugees (see photo on the left), every week there are more arriving. They do have some small rooms in the church hall, and they use them as temporary accommodation until such time as they find something more suitable. To begin with, they had two women with two daughters of one of them. Then a mother with her son, now they have two elderly women - one from Kherson and one from Kyiv - as well as 4 other refugees. All are very emotionally vulnerable, so the minister started pastoral care of them in Russian.

The congregation also collect goods for hospitals in Ukraine (medication, bandages, blankets, sheets etc.) and Ukrainian volunteer soldiers (medicines, bandages, food, and basic equipment) who, with very little, are on the frontline of the conflict every day. Continued.....

Continued.. The congregation work with others:

- staff from the diaconia (social care wing of the church) of the Waldensian Church - they're planning on helping some refugees go to Italy and some, especially children and teenagers, to have access to therapy.
- schools to organise elementary education in Ukrainian in Lodz
- Lutherans and Baptists to help find accommodation for and whatever else is needed by the refugees - often everything is needed as they come with nothing
- local lawyers who help the refugees with the necessary paperwork to enable them to work, study and live in Poland (see photo on the right).

They're also hoping to open a convalescent home in the house owned by the Reformed congregation in the mountains (in Pstrazna). Church halls with rooms are a very European concept. They want to convert it into a centre offering psychological help for the refugees. If they don't manage to find psychologists in the area who speak Ukrainian, they want to convert it into simple accommodation for the refugees.

As I mentioned above, when I shared their story, some people expressed an interest in helping. It quickly turned out that sending money directly from British bank accounts to the Polish bank account of the congregation in Lodz incurs huge bank charges. I then offered to collect British pounds (cash, cheques or by payment into my British bank account) and send the donations from my Polish bank account thus avoiding the bank charges for international transfers.

The response to this appeal has been heart-warming and mind blowing—at the time of writing I already transferred £1,345 = 7,800 PLN. I know more is still to come and I'm eternally grateful—so is the congregation in Lodz and the refugees they are working with.

This is just the beginning of a long journey ahead of Ukraine. Help will be needed for a long time to come yet, and I pray for patience and perseverance on the part of those who have undertaken those tasks. I'm grateful for everything they do as well as for your tremendous continuing support.

Shapinsay Picnic 2022

As we come into spring, it's time to start thinking about the Shapinsay Picnic for 2022. For those who are new to Shapinsay, the Picnic is an all-age sports day which takes place on a Saturday, includes a picnic tea and usually finishes with a dance in the evening.

The Picnic Committee AGM will take place on Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm in the clubrooms.

All invited to come along and join the committee to help organise the Shapinsay Picnic for 2022. We would like as many people to come forward as possible to help this event take place. To find out more about what this might involve, please contact Emma Clements or any other member of the committee.



Game on Shapinsay

Board games sessions in the music room:

Wednesday 6th & 20th April 2-4 pm

Saturday 23rd April 7-9 pm.



Shapinsay School

March has been a strange month in school, with a lot of absences due to the high Covid numbers in Orkney. We're delighted that everyone is better and back in school now, and we are looking forward to Easter.

We are really pleased to say that Laura Wishart has been appointed as the Early Years Lead Practitioner, and we will soon be advertising the Early Years Practitioner role to make our nursery team complete again.

The children have enjoyed Kickboxing classes, led by Amy Golder, and have continued to enjoy Rugby club as well. We have taken part in Scottish Rugby's "Schools Week" playing rugby themed games and learning rugby skills with Mrs Bews and John Cairns, Orkney's rugby development officer.



The children all enjoyed taking part in a Drum Fun workshop on Red Nose Day. Pupil Council sold Red Noses and children were able to come in fancy dress. We raised £99.01 - well done!

Nursery

The role play area has changed to babies and we have been learning about caring for babies, finding out what they need and have given them a bath in the water tray. We have also focused on letters and their sounds (phonics) and numbers up to 20 (counting and identifying numerals). We have also explored blocks and other loose parts and have made a big marble-run for ping pong balls, developing problem-solving and team working skills. In PE we have been jumping, rocking and rolling and playing with rugby balls.



P1 – 4

The children have now completed their Lighthouse Keeper books and are very proud of them. They worked hard to think about how to write their stories in the style of those by Ronda and David Armitage, and added illustrations as well. By the time you read this, P1 – 4 will have been on a trip to Stromness museum to find out more about lighthouses in Orkney. In technology they have been designing and making their own lighthouses and exploring ways to make flashing lights and foghorns for them. They have also continued work on touch typing and sending Emails. In Science the children have experimented to find out why boats are different shapes. In RME the children have learned about the Jewish festivals of Purim and Passover, and the Christian festival of Easter. French work has continued to look at the names of buildings, with children using the sentence structure "je vais au..." In PE we have continued learning rugby skills and creating gymnastics sequences using the gym apparatus.

P5 – 7

In English, the P5-7 children have been listening to radio plays on Ancient Greek myths. Whilst doing this, they have been identifying the Point of View characters, how characters are developed, character traits, their motives etc. They have also discussed a variety of idioms. Spanish work has been about hobbies. In Art, the children produced pictures using white line printing and learning to mix paint of paper while painting large flowers. In PE they have continued to learn netball skills, playing small netball themed games, and have begun moving their solo and paired gymnastics sequences onto apparatus. Science lessons have included different types of scientific enquiry. RME has involved learning has been about the five pillars of Islam. In Technologies lessons, the children designed and made robots out of wood.



Your Community Association Needs YOU!



Before Covid hit the Community Centre was a hive of activity with badminton, the BALL group, bowls, dancing, darts, football, lunch club, music group, playgroup, youth club, yoga etc etc. The Community Association is keen to try and bring it back to those vibrant pre-Covid levels of activity. We are already working with the Development Trust, who have been holding youth engagement events, but we want to do our own engagement with the community. As such we are hosting a **“Welcome Back” event in the Community Centre on Sunday 17thth April from 2.30-4.30pm**. It will be open to all ages to come and have a taste of what the Community Centre could once again be like. We would like to invite everyone to come along for a cuppa and a chat to find out all about what the Community Association does, what is involved in running the association/ Community Centre, what a keyholder does and to discuss what clubs we could possibly offer going forward. While you are there, we hope to be able to offer the chance to:

- Have a cuppa and a yarn in the **dining room**
- Let the bairns have a play with the playgroup toys or try some crafts in the **music room**
- Have a go on the climbing wall or have a game of badminton or bowls in the **hall**
- Have a go at shooting in the netball hoops in the **tennis court**
- Have a kick about on the **field**
- Have a game of pool, table tennis, air hockey or darts in the **clubrooms**

We want this to be a fun event for all ages, whether you are 1 or 100 why not come along and see what the Community Centre has to offer. And maybe, just maybe, if you think there is something you could bring to the Association you could have a chat with one of our committee members and see about joining.

As you might have noticed activities at the Community Centre haven't returned to pre-Covid levels. We have recently seen a significant lifting of Covid restrictions meaning a

lot of clubs could have restarted, however due to a drop in Community Association keyholder numbers and volunteer fatigue this has not been the case. The pressures on the small executive committee, as a result of the increased requirements during this time, has resulted in some of our office bearers taking the decision to step down. We now find ourselves in somewhat of a precarious position where, without an increase in keyholders and a willingness of keyholders to join the Executive, we could find ourselves without a viable Community Association. As a committee we are keen for this not to happen, as this would mean the running of the building being taken over centrally by OIC and groups having to pay for a steward increasing costs significantly. We hope that the Shapinsay Community Association and Community Centre have a bright future going forward, but this cannot happen without more keyholders.



With this in mind, there will be an **Extraordinary General Meeting of Shapinsay Community Association on Thursday 28th April at 7pm in the Clubrooms**, and the decision on the future of the Community Association will be made at this point. We hope that the Shapinsay Community Association and Community Centre have a bright future going forward, but this cannot help without more keyholders, and more people to share the load. We hope to see as many people as possible at the Welcome Back event on the 17th and at the meeting on the 28th.

Until the 28th bookings for the Community Centre can be made via the school by contacting **Emma** at emma.clements@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

Successful SWAPS

- L Moncrieff £90 - Hoy trip 
- R Bird £400 - Education Grant
- Shapinsay Community Association £500 - Cleaner for outside toilet
- Shapinsay Community Association £2500 - Grant to cover hire costs for 12 months
- R Bird £330 - Driving Lessons

Soond Cinema



Sunday 3rd April 2022 @ 7pm-The Ponds

What: Winter or summer, rain or shine, swimmers use the ponds at Hampstead Heath all throughout the year. These are their stories. (Documentary)

Where: Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

Director: Patrick McLenan & Samuel Smith
Classification: 12 **Duration:** 73 minutes

Sunday 10th April 2022 @ 7pm-Hello, My Name is Doris

What: An unassuming 60 year old who takes a self-help seminar after her mother's death is inspired to be more open and pursue a decades younger co-worker. (Romantic Comedy)

Where: Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

Director: Michael Showalter **Classification:** 15
Duration: 90 minutes

Sunday 17th April 2022 @ 7pm-Sixty Six

What: A 12 year old struggles to adjust his expectations when England is scheduled to play in the World Cup finals the same day as his bar mitzvah. (Comedy)

Where: Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

Director: Paul Welland **Classification:** 12
Duration: 93 minutes

Sunday 24th April 2022 @ 7pm-Skater Girl

What: When a teenage girl in rural India discovers a life changing passion for skateboarding, she faces a rough road as she follows her dream to compete. (Drama)

Where: Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

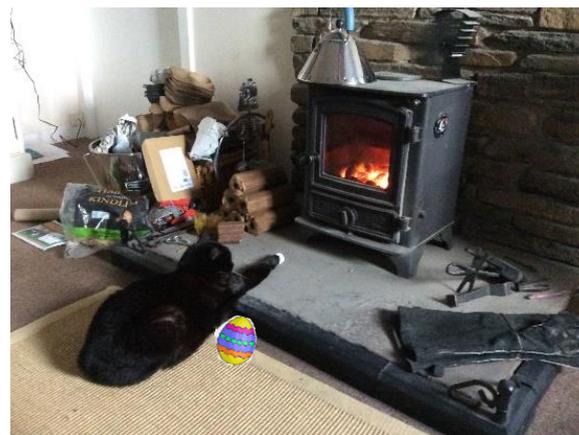
Director: Manjari Makijany **Classification:** PG
Duration: 109 minutes

Sunday 1st May 2022 @ 7pm-Inside I'm Dancing

What: When a man struggling with muscular dystrophy befriends a deeply bored young man with cerebral palsy, he infuses his friend's life with renewed hope. (Comedy)

Where: Netflix and optional Skype Group Chat before and afterwards

Director: Damien O'Donnell **Classification:** 12
Duration: 104 minutes



2pm

**SHAPINSAY
B.A.L.L
GROUP**

Over 50 years

**Come along for fun,
friendship and
opportunity to try some
new activities in the
clubrooms.**

**Monday
4 and 18
April**

Contacts Alison: 711 733 or
07867622814 for more info

Easter Egg

HUNT

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

2.30PM AT PLAYPARK

**Easter egg hunt for Primary
School and Under
Followed by a Coffee
Afternoon Fundraiser for the
Playpark upkeep fund (all
ages welcome)**

Easter egg Raffle

**Keep an eye on Facebook for
any changes due to weather!**



Smithy Update

We are delighted to announce that as we go to press, the ownership of the Smithy is in the process of being transferred over to Development Trust!

Up till now the Smithy has been leased to the Shapinsay Community Council for a nominal rent. The SCC and SDT have been in talks for a while now about how to move ahead with the Smithy, as the SCC was unable to access the necessary funds for renovation and has faced many challenges with the running of it, so it made sense for SDT to take over. So, with that in mind, SDT approached Orkney Islands Council (OIC) about the possibility of purchasing the Smithy. OIC agreed to sell below market value to help SDT make it more affordable for the island.

The Trust intends to undertake a full internal and external refurbishment including complete renovation, installation of an energy efficient heating system, insulation upgrade, redesign of the café and provision of new, more modern kitchen facilities. This has all been made possible with help from North Isles Landscape Partnership, Scottish Land Fund and the Council's Community Development Fund towards feasibility and capital funding from Scottish Land Fund. We will have more updates once grants are finalised for renovation costs. We hope that work will begin in the Summer, with the hope that we will be able to open by next Spring.

Just for fun - Mini Egg hunt!

There are 20 Easter eggs hidden all around the Newsletter, see if you can spot them all! Then see if you can solve our Easter Anagram! (answers below!)

EASTER ANAGRAM

SUNNYBARTEE	-----/-----
HUG GENT	---/---
COLAHECOT	-----
GRINLEGLOG	---/-----
RECRUITERSON	-----
DOFFSDIAL	-----
JOSSCURSES	---/---
STERLINGLOON	-----/-----
BALMS	-----
SEGREGATES	---/---

Easter bunny, egg hunt, chocolate, egg rolling, resurrection, daffodils, Jesus cross, rolling stone, lambs, Easter eggs