



The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.

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What's new at SDT? – We are very busy at the Boathouse as usual, we are in full swing preparing for our AGM (which is on 3rd of October at 7pm in the Clubrooms and there will be tea and coffee, maybe even a biscuit or two provided!) We will have an update on our current projects, so if you are interested in finding out more, please pop along. If you would like to become a member before the AGM, please get in touch ASAP.



September was a really busy month with the climate festival running during the first week. Our events went really well, we were really pleased with the turnout at the workshops and the Farmers Market was a huge success raising



£524.56 for the youth project. We received a £300 grant from The North Highlands and Islands Climate hub towards the costs of all of the events

that week, which meant we could run all of the workshops for free! We have some bits and pieces



left over, so may run some more in the winter if anyone is interested! Thank you to everyone who helped out and made all the events possible!

Alison, Barry and myself (Lisa-Marie) went on a “learning journey” to Shetland, part funded through HIE, to check out North Mavine Development Company (NCDC), their growing, polycrub, recycling centre, cycle hire and community shop projects and then on to Bressay Development Ltd to check out Speldiburn, their



community café, charity shop and rentable space and they also showed us their fantastic tree planting project. Shetland was fantastic, both NCDC and BDL were great hosts and we had some

Continued....fantastic shared learning, both NCDC and BDL found they gained as much from our visit as we did, so it was very worthwhile!

WARM HUB - SDT held a public meeting on the 16th of



September to discuss ideas for a warm hub for what promises to be a lean winter for many. We had a great turn out of supportive organisations, including

wellbeing, sdt, Shapinsay Community Council, Shapinsay Community Association, Shapinsay Kirk, and one of the nurses. Shapinsay Community Association and Kirk both offered the use of a venue for whatever type of "Warm hub" we decided on. After much discussion, the decision was made at the meeting that rather than have a "warm hub" we would apply for funding for a coordinator to have lots of different activities going over the winter, extend piece place to include soup and sandwiches, have lots of crafts, film nights and other activities on in the Community rooms and some in the Kirk. We want to, as much as we can, encourage people to come down and use the warm space for free and charge up devices, fill flasks, fill hot water bottles etc while the building is open. If we are successful in our grant application, details will follow as soon as we can get further information.

In the mean time, if anyone is concerned about heating their home or their energy bills, please contact Alison for some discreet advice

wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com



Smithy News – There's very little news on the Smithy front, there have been a few hold ups at OIC with planning and building warrant, but we hope to be able to start by the end of October with the projected opening around Spring time.

Big beach clean – We had 5 volunteers and are pleased to report we only found 20kg of rubbish this time compared to 65kg in the spring!

Housing news – We are looking into various options for future housing, come along the AGM to find out more

Shapinsay Agricultural Association Stock judging



day was a huge success with 61 competitors registering to take part! Well done everyone who was involved! It's great to see things getting back to normal after an odd couple of years!

Overall scores: Senior Men: 1st on 287 Ian Eunson, 2nd on 279 Luke Shearer & 3rd on 277 Campbell Ridland.

Senior Women: 1st on 274 Eileen Muir, 2nd on 259 Ella Moncrieff & 3rd on 247 Maddie Brady.

Junior: 1st = on 267 Leilah Muir, Keira Moncrieff & Hannah Phillips, 2nd= on 259 Paige Scott, Jack Thomson & Nicole Sinclair, 3rd on 256 Becky Tait.

Teams: 1st on 1064 Ian Eunson, Page Scott, Jack Thomson & Jasmine Brookman.

2nd on 1062 Stewart Leslie, Frazer Leslie, Derek Johnston & Scott Garson.

3rd on 1060 Tom Flett, Campbell Ridland, Nicole Sinclair & Marcus Sclater.



Valuation winner with 20 points was Eileen Muir



Youth Project – BIG NEWS!

As you may have seen Shapinsay Development Trust has been working alongside the North Isles Landscape Partnership to appoint 2 Youth Workers. That recruitment process was very successful and we now have 2 Youth Workers in post - Leanne Bews and Jan Clark. Leanne and Jan are now undertaking training and work behind the scenes to try and get the new Youth Club up and running as soon as possible. They both have a wealth of experience, so we hope this process won't take long and that the Youth Club should hopefully be able to start next term.

Now a bit from Leanne and Jan:

We are really looking forward to getting a new Youth Club up and running on Shapinsay, as we know it is something that the bairns have been missing. Initially we will be running a Youth Club for Secondary children from 12-18 year old, this is likely to be on a Friday night, we don't have the exact details yet, but we will advertise this once we have things confirmed.

What is this new Youth Club going to look like?

As this is not an OIC run Youth Club it will not have the exact same format as previous Youth Clubs on the island. The Youth Club is being run in partnership with the North Isles Landscape Partnership and as such, as well as the usual Youth Club stuff, it will also have a wider achievement focus. What does that mean? Basically, we will still be doing all the usual fun activities and going to the hall to play games, there will still be time for socialising with friends and most importantly we are hoping that we will have a tuck shop. However, as well as all that we will also be guiding the children to achieve a Dynamic Youth Award which has a Shapinsay focus.

What is a Dynamic Youth Award?

"A Dynamic Youth Award is a nationally recognised award for young people, which uses a youth work approach, and which provides a means of recording and evidencing wider achievement... The award is owned and operated by Youth Scotland and has been

credit rated and levelled by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) at level 3."

Now we know some of the bairns will be reading this thinking that sounds like a lot of work, but to be honest we are hoping that it will be a lot of fun with a peedie bit of paperwork thrown in which gets you an award that you can include on your CV. Our plan is to work with the bairns to come up with projects that promote and showcase Shapinsay's heritage and culture or that focus on conservation, these can be individual projects, group projects or a whole Youth Club project. We will then undertake a "plan, do, review" approach - the bairns will set themselves targets, plan their project, do the project, then review it and submit their award for accreditation. This could be anything from creating a podcast, blog or leaflet, to learning how to build a dry-stone dyke or creating a stop motion animation, or planting wildflowers. The only limit to this is the bairns' imaginations, and we will do everything we can to facilitate their ideas and help them bring their projects to life.



So, what next?

We are going to be approaching the former Youth Club Parent committee and looking to see how we can work with them to get the new Youth Club up and running as quickly as possible. We will also be working with SDT and SHAC to see what resources we can get access to help get projects off the ground.

The next step is getting numbers. We need to know how many bairns that are likely to attend, as we need to order the Dynamic Youth Award Packs in plenty of time to have them here for the start of Youth Club.

Could we ask that all parents contact Lisa-Marie (boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk or 711733) at the Boathouse before the end of the October holidays if your child wishes to attend, so that we can get registration forms out to you in plenty of time.

If you have any questions, please just send us an email and we will do our best to answer them - leanne.bews@gmail.com



Shapinsay Sound October 2022

This term has flown by and we are nearly at the October holidays. Sadly, we have said goodbye to Chloe Beetge, and we wish her all the best for the future. Our pupil committees are now up and running and we have Pupil Council, Sports Committee and the Library Group working towards their targets.



We have enjoyed several visitors as part of the Orkney Science

Festival, learning about marine mammals, space, mysterious maths and the work of a scientist. Dan Lee also came in to work with the children about the tombs of the isles.

The P4 – 7 children will be taking part in Outdoor Adventure activities on the last day of this term, Wednesday 5th October. Thank you to the Shapinsay Development Trust and to the Parent Council for funding this.

Nursery

We have continued to work on letter recognition, matching letter names and sounds and have been practising writing our names. Inspired by the children's play, the role play area is currently being adapted to a travel agent and we have added a suitcase and made our own passports to go 'on holiday'. We will be using a globe to find different countries in the world, making travel tickets and using the maths coins to learn about money.

P1 – 4



As part of the Made in Orkney topic, the children have been visiting some makers on Shapinsay. By the time you read this, we will have visited Ivan and John-Robert



to find out about boat making, and Glynis to find out about jam making. We also have visits to Ortak and Sheila Fleet,

and Orkney Cheese, planned for early October. This term in Art we have been designing our own Orkney jewellery and making prototypes out of paper and clay, we have also made other clay items. In ICT we made digital drawings of our jewellery before making our prototypes. In PE this term we have been learning games skills and using our minions "Moving Molly", "Thinking Theo", "Helping Henry" and "Fit Fiona" to discuss the skills we have learned and how they help us to progress in PE. We have also been exploring "up and over" using our bodies and also using a variety of equipment including raquets. We have also done a little bit of movement and rhyme and yoga.

P5 – 7

In PE this term we have been learning tennis skills, with a particular focus on serving over the net. The children have had weekly swimming lessons. In ICT they have been learning Powerpoint skills and are using these within our Orcadian sessions to create a Shapinsay timeline using Orcadian dialect. Science work has mainly been about energy. The children have also enjoyed taking part sessions with the Orkney International Science Festival and have had visits from STEM ambassadors who have led sessions including Marine Mammals in Orkney, Magical maths, Stars and Monsters and A Career in Science. English work has involved reading some newspaper articles, looking at their structures and language features and then writing their own articles. In French, the children have been learning to produce sentences about where people live. In Spanish, they have learnt about the family.

Meet our new & returning community councillors



Leanne Bews – best known for her role as a teacher at Shapinsay Primary, she's lived on Shapinsay for 15 years and has been on the Community Council for 5 years, she joined because she feels that part of keeping island life sustainable is doing your bit and being involved where you can and having done a stint as Clerk, she knew what was involved. She's ready to continue her role and do her bit for the community of Shapinsay, she's just been re-elected as Chair. Leanne.bews@gmail.com



Colin Leslie – You will see Colin every other fortnight on the Boat where he works as engineer. He's always lived on Shapinsay, and now is bringing up the 4th generation of Leslies on Shapinsay, so is keen to see Shapinsay continue to thrive. He's been on the Community Council for 5 years and is ready for whatever the next term brings! Colin has just been elected vice-chair. cottonhill@btinternet.com



Darren Muir – Another Shapinsay born man, you'll see him around in his work van as a time served joiner on the island, he's also a retained fire fighter. He stepped into his role as Community Councillor last term to fill a vacancy and decided it wasn't so bad and he would try it for another term! He's also got a vested interest in the future of Shapinsay with 3 teenagers being brought up on the island, so he thought he'd do his bit! Darren has just been elected as the transport rep. Darrengmuir@gmail.com



Eileen Phillips – Eileen moved to Shapinsay sixteen years ago and you will know her best for her role at

Shapinsay Development Trust where she's been for around 10 years, you will see her driving around the Trust vehicles and she's happy to talk any time! She joined the Community Council 11 years ago and feels it's important for the community to be represented in the bigger picture as well as being involved in smaller community matters. Eileen is happy for you to contact her on hamnavae8@btinternet.com



Esther Chaney - moved to Shapinsay almost a year ago and was looking for ways to contribute something to the community, so filled in the nomination form to become a Community Councillor over the summer. Please do say hi when you see her or send an email and let her know what you care about so that she can do her best to represent you whilst serving on the Shapinsay Community Council.

Esther Chaney: esther@esthermyfanwy.com



The Play Piece

free to attend

crafts

snack
provided

games

Friday 7th & 14th
October

Shapinsay community
centre

soup/pizza/sandwich
lunch available 1-2pm

Activities from
2-4:30pm

Come along for some
fun, games and
activities

All children under 12
years must be
accompanied by a
parent/guardian over 16
years .any quesions
contact Alison
07867622814

all children
welcome



activities



Shapinsay Ball Group

*Over 60's group for gentle exercise, activities and a
blether*

Monday 24th October
2-4pm

We welcome NHS Dietician Amy Davis to hold a talk
on on healthy eating,
afterwards we will play a game of curling



For more information contact Alison on: 07867622814
or wellbeingshapinsay@gmail.com



The Piece Place

Wednesday 12th & 26th October

12:30-4pm

**soup & sandwiches available 12:30
-1:30pm**

**Homebakes and refreshments
1:30-4pm**

**Held in the clubrooms at the
community Centre**

**All ages welcome. Games and crafts
available to enjoy.**



free to
attend

Game on

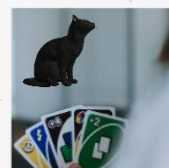
will be at The Piece Place

**Wednesday 12th & 26th October in the
clubrooms from 1:30-4pm**

**Why not come along and play a board game,
borrow a board game to take home? noone
to come with, don't worry there are others
there who can play a game with you.**



all ages
welcome





Shapinsay RNLI

Meeting on Tuesday 4th October at 8pm

If you'd like to come along and find out a bit more about the group, and our fund raising please come along.



The Shapinsay Medical Fund

Committee AGM will take place on Monday 24th October at 7.00pm in the Clubrooms.

All welcome.

Next Special collection date – 17th of October

Contact OIC on 873535 to arrange collection before 5pm on the 12th of October



**WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER &
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
7PM-8PM**

THE CLUBROOMS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Let's Dance!

Free to attend

All ages welcome to come along and have a try of learning/refreshing some scottish traditional dances in time for the Harvest Home on Saturday 5th Nov



Next Mobile Library Visit

Thursday 20th October

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

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Soond Cinema *Buffed!*

Shapinsay's *Soond Cinema* is still hoping to re-open its physical doors in time for what will be our 4th annual Shapinsay film festival in November 2022. A big thank you to all in Shapinsay and elsewhere in Orkney who have generously supported our fundraising efforts by purchasing one of our fortnightly quizzes from our lovely local shop.

We have currently raised £44 of our hoped for target of £70 to go towards our SWAP grant application from our first 3 quizzes. Congratulations to the Rusties C/o Frustigarth who were the winners of our second quiz and to Helen and Simon, winners of our third *Buffed!* quiz.

Soond Cinema will be continuing to raise funds, through our fortnightly *Buffed!* quiz, throughout October to go towards supporting our SWAP grant application to cover the annual £330 licensing fees needed for us to be able to legally show films in the Club Rooms.

A big thank you to all of our quiz masters for taking the time to create such a wide variety of *Buffed!* quizzes for us and to Pat Hazzledine for her original *Buffed!* cartoons.

If you have ever been to one of our film showings in the past and enjoyed the experience, if you are a regular *Soond Cinema* goer and keen to see us re-open our physical doors or if you are new to the island and want to see our little cinema revived, then this is your chance to help us make this happen. We simply cannot do this without you!

In honour of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, *Soond Cinema's* current virtual film season will be focusing on films from around the Commonwealth.

Anyone interested in *Soond Cinema's* virtual film programme are welcome to email Carole opheliasparkle@yahoo.com or Lynne lynnecollinson3@gmail.com for more information.



Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will



seem like luxuries to people living in poverty. By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas.

Shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, and Serbia.

Shoebox leaflets with the checklist are available from the shop, school, and the church. We realise that in this time of rising costs of living it might be difficult to fill a whole shoebox therefore this year we'd like to invite you to bring either filled shoeboxes or donations of goods and/or money towards them to the school by the 5th of October or to the church by the 16th of October. Goods can also be left at the shop.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your gift will truly make a difference.

Just for fun as October is the month for Halloween, I have hidden 12 black cats and 14 spooky ghosts all over the newsletter, how many can you find?

If you have news, adverts, birthdays or anything else you would like to see in the newsletter, please get in touch by the 24th of each month.

To keep up to date with what's on each month visit Shapinsay.org.uk - there is a calendar and announcements on the home page – to add things to the calendar, email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk