



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

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## Development Trust News

Thanks to NILPS funding, Youth Club is now under way with Leanne Bews and Jan Clark leading it every Friday night for Secondary school age bairns. The bairns are working towards their Youth Achievement awards and have done some fundraising for a Christmas party!

Esther Chaney has joined us as the warmhub coordinator, working alongside Chris Perry and Ella Moncrieff as the warmhub assistants to get our Community building busy, so that there are regular activities for all ages this winter. You can sign up for email updates using the link in this edition of the Shapinsay Sound, or watch Shapinsay.org.uk and facebook for the latest updates.

If you have any ideas or are willing to help out as a volunteer, please get in touch with Esther at [events@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:events@shapinsay.org.uk). Keep an eye on our Website – Shapinsay.org.uk and the Shapinsay Development Trust Facebook page for more information.

The idea is, rather than have a dedicated warm hub, we would use our grant from the Community Led Learning and Development fund, to create employment and have the community building open as much as possible with activities for all ages to attend. If people then want to use the space to just sit, use the wifi, top up their water bottles, flasks, charge devices etc, then that is also an option.

We have been awarded another ebike grant for bikes for long term hire. If you previously put your name down and are still interested in a bike, please get in touch ASAP so we can allocate bikes (we have more names than bikes this time around).

Please check posters and Facebook for opening hours over the festive period.

**Are you worried about being cold over the winter months? Are you worried about keeping warm if there is a prolonged power cut?**



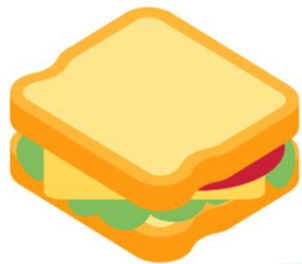
**If the answer is "Yes!" Wellbeing Shapinsay has a flask and hot water bottle service for folk who feel they would benefit.**

**If you, or someone you know, would like to access this service, please contact Alison Meason on 07867622814 / 01856 711733, or Fiona on 07557 523558 for further information.**

Flasks & hot water bottles provided by Shapinsay Medical Fund Committee

If you are struggling to pay for food, electricity, gas, clothing etc please contact Alison 07867622814 to see what help is available. All calls will be treated in confidence





## Piece Place

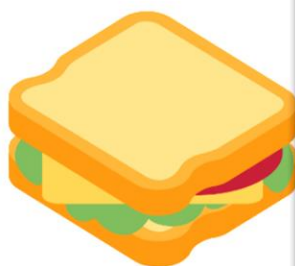
soup & sandwiches  
served 12:30-1:30pm

homebakes  
refreshments

served 1:30-4pm

**Wednesday 7th & 21st December**

everyone welcome to come along, open to all  
residents and visitors  
donations to Shapinsay wellbeing fund



## Food, toiletries and cleaning products

There have been some generous donations of tinned foods, toiletries, pet food and cleaning products for island residents.

These are available free for those that are finding times difficult. Please take what you need and can use. They are in the portacabin on the Shapinsay pier and it is open 24/7.

## Lunch Club Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 14th  
December  
12-15 Clubrooms**

**Raffle and Music**

**Enquires to Jan 711270**

**This will be our last  
club until the  
New Year**



## Mobile Library visit

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
December**



**Shapinsay Community Council  
and Shapinsay Community Association**

are hosting the



## **SHAPINSAY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**



on

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 at 7pm**

Spectators are asked to stand in front of the school,  
outside the fence.

Following the tree lighting, there will be refreshments in the  
hall and entertainment.

There will also be a raffle for a hamper, kindly provided by  
Thomas Sinclair Shop, Shapinsay.

**Shapinsay Community Association**

are hosting the



## **CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY**

on



**Sunday 18th December 2022**

**3:00- 5:30pm**

The party will take place in the school hall.

Parents / carers must remain with their children.

**There will be games, tea  
and a visit from Santa!**

There will also be a raffle.

Are you looking for somewhere warm to play with your  
children or grandchildren? Then come along to

## **Pre-school Playtime**

**Friday 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec  
in the Music Room**

**10-11:30am**



**Drink & healthy snack provided  
Any questions email [events@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:events@shapinsay.org.uk)**



## Kirk news

December is always busy for everyone and so it will be a busy one in the kirk too. We welcome a preacher this month – Rev Andy

Braunston, a digital minister at the United Reformed Church, who has been before. He kindly offered to take four Sunday services a year in Shapinsay and has been coming since June. Our Sunday services begin at 12 noon every week.

Our annual Community Christmas Carol Singing event returns on the 11th December at 6.30 pm. There will be a few items performed by the school children and the music group as well as community-sung carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is most welcome to join the festive fun!

We hope to see you at some of the events over the festive period and wish you a blessed Christmas when it comes (check out our Facebook page and the website for details).

With best wishes,

Julia

Contact me at: Rev Julia Meason, 874789, [JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk)



## Soond Cinema@ The Kirk

Shapinsay's *Soond Cinema* continues with the *True Blue* Australian Film Festival at 7pm every Friday until the New Year. During the film festival we show well known, cult and classic Australian films drawn from drama, comedy, thriller, musical and action movies.

A few folk from the wider community asked whether we could have screenings of your choice of movies. The answer is yes – with a caveat though! We are bound by the film licencing regulations and so we need to check who produced the movie you'd like to watch and whether they're on the AUTHORISED PRODUCER LIST for our licence (CHURCH VIDEO LICENCE (CVL) FOR THE UK).

So please send us suggestions for films you'd like to watch but bear in mind we will only show them if we legally can! You can recommend movies by contacting Julia [JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk), Carole [opheliaparkle@yahoo.com](mailto:opheliaparkle@yahoo.com) or Lynne [lynnecollinson3@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecollinson3@gmail.com).



## Play Piece

### Thursday 29th

## December

lunch provided from  
12:30-1:30pm

bouncy castle and winter wonderland  
activities from 1:30-4pm

children under 8 years to be accompanied by  
an adult.

free to attend



## THE PIECE PLACE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP AT THE  
PIECE PLACE? LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH  
SERVING LUNCH OR  
REFRESHMENTS. 12-2PM OR 2-4PM.  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.  
CONTACT ALISON 07867622814 IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER  
OR FIND OUT MORE.  
THANK YOU!



### **TENDER NOTICE**

#### **SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE WORKS TO  
REPAIR AND STORE THE SIX BENCHES BELONGING  
TO SHAPINSAY CC OVER THE WINTER PERIOD

To submit a tender, or to discuss, please contact  
the Clerk: Shapinsay Community Council, Janice Follwell, Ha'Quoy, Shapinsay, KW17 2EB

Telephone: 01856 711323 Email: [shapinsayclerk@gmail.com](mailto:shapinsayclerk@gmail.com)

Deadline for submission of tenders: -WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2022







Shapinsay's   
**Winter Weekdays**  
*Activities and events for all ages throughout December*

Sign up to our emails for a weekly reminder of what's on, when and where!

Visit <http://eepurl.com/ieEBcL>  
or scan the QR code 

email: [events@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:events@shapinsay.org.uk)  
or call 01856 711 733



**family learning**  
**Thursdays 1st & 8th December**  
**12:45-2:45pm**  
**in the clubrooms**

Delivered by the Early years team

Family learning provides advice on things such as sleep solutions, self regulation healthy food choices, toileting etc, tips on how to raise happy children and provide an opportunity for parents to share ideas and chat.

**FREE TO ATTEND. OPEN TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND BELOW**

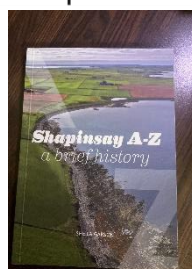
For more information contact Alison 07867622814



Shapinsay's new book, *Shapinsay A-Z a brief history* by Sheila Garson, was launched at a very successful event on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. The book is published by Shapinsay Heritage Arts and Crafts (SHAC) with funding from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme.

*Shapinsay A-Z a brief history* is set out in twenty-six alphabetical chapters, each designed to stand alone so the reader can dip in and out to discover the people and events which have shaped the island over the centuries. It covers from earliest times right through to the year 2000 and gives an insight into agriculture, the village, place names, education, lairds and much more.

Costing £10.00, it's available at the local shop or direct from SHAC via their Facebook page.





**Christmas Extravagnza**

Sunday 4th  
December  
2:30-4:30pm

The Clubrooms  
Come along for a  
bit of festive  
cheer!

free  
crafts  
for ALL  
ages to  
try  
all welcome

craft table top sale  
run by S.H.A.C

refreshments  
& home bakes

raffle

IF you would like to book a table to sell  
crafts please contact Lenka 711 260 or  
message SHAC before Friday 2 December

## Hub News:

As the daylight gets shorter and the wind gets colder, are you looking for a warm place to go for a hot drink, to meet up with friends or to make a new friend? Starting in December and running through to March, we want to facilitate a variety of community activities and events to suit all ages and stages of life, during the day and evening, weekdays and weekends. We have started speaking with people across the community to find out what type of activities and events are most desirable and we would love to hear from you too. Please do email [events@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:events@shapinsay.org.uk) and let us know if there is a group activity you would like to see restart, if you have a suggestion for a new event, if you need a keyholder present so you can run a community activity, if you want to volunteer at an event or perhaps teach others a new skill.

In the run up to Christmas, or during the holidays, if you are having a clear out and have any games, books, craft supplies, duplo or lego that you no longer need, please do pass them on to us so that we can use them in the coming months. Just phone the Boathouse or email us to arrange drop off or collection. Many thanks in advance!

We hope you find the attached calendar helpful, giving a summary of all the community activities and events already planned for December (apologies if there is anything missed off that we have not heard of yet!). More community activities are being planned but were not finalised as The Sound went to print. So to keep up to date with what's on, where and when please do sign up to the Winter Weekdays and Winter Weekends mailing list (<http://eepurl.com/ieEBcL>). Hope to see you soon

*Esther, Chris and Ella*



## **darn good yarn**



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2022

Drop in from 2pm -4pm, Music Room

Bring along your knitting, crotchet or  
sewing to stitch a yarn and have a yarn!

Refreshments provided

Any questions call 01856 711 733 or email  
events@shapinsay.org.uk

## Shapinsay's **Winter Weekends**

Activities and events for all ages from  
December 2022 to March 2023

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on, when and where each weekend!

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or scan the QR code



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## **Thomas Sinclair Festive Opening hours**

Saturday 24th - open 10am to 4pm.

Sunday 25th – closed

Monday 26th – closed

Tuesday 27th - Saturday 31st - open  
as normal

Sunday 1st - Closed

Monday 2nd-Wednesday 4th – closed

Thursday 5th – open as normal

## **Post Office Festive Opening hours**

Saturday 24th - open 9.45-10.45.

Sunday 25th – closed

Monday 26th – closed

Tuesday 27th - Wednesday 28th - 9-11.30

Thursday 29th - Open all day

Friday 30th - 9-11.30

Saturday 31st 9.45-10.45

Sunday 1st-Wednesday 4th – closed

Thursday 5th – open as normal



Saturday	3rd	Darn Good Yarn 2-4pm (Music Room)
Sunday	4th	Gym 10:30am-12:30pm; Christmas Extravaganza 2:30-4:30pm (Clubrooms);
Monday	5th	Gym 7-10pm;
Tuesday	6th	Health Walk 2pm (opposite Boathouse); Family Climbing 4:30-5:30pm (Hall);
Wednesday	7th	Gym 9:30-11:30am; Piece Place 12:30-4pm (Clubrooms); Felting Group 2-4pm (Music Room);
Thursday	8th	Family Learning 12:45-2:45pm (CR); Kids Team Sports 3-4:15pm (Hall); Music Group 7pm (MR); Gym 7-9pm
Friday	9th	Preschool Playtime 10-11:30am (Music Room); Youth Club 7-9pm (Clubrooms); Soond Cinema 7pm (Kirk);
Saturday	10th	
Sunday	11th	Gym 10:30am-12:30pm; Darn Good Yarn 2-4pm (Music Room); Community Carols 6:30pm (Kirk);
Monday	12th	Gym 7-10pm;
Tuesday	13th	Health Walk 2pm (opposite Boathouse); Kids Team Sports 3-4:15pm (Hall);
Wednesday	14th	Gym 9:30-11:30am; Lunch Club 12-3pm (Clubrooms); Felting Group 7pm (Music Room);
Thursday	15th	Music Group 7pm (Music Room); Gym 7-9pm;
Friday	16th	Preschool Playtime 10-11:30am (Music Room); Youth Club 7-9pm (Clubrooms); Soond Cinema 7pm (Kirk);
Saturday	17th	Darn Good Yarn 2-4pm (Music Room)
Sunday	18th	Gym 10:30-12:30pm; Christmas Tree Party 3-5:30pm (Hall);
Monday	19th	Gym 7-9pm;
Tuesday	20th	Health Walk 2pm (opposite Boathouse); Family Climbing 4:30-5:30pm (Hall);
Wednesday	21st	Gym 9:30-11:30am; Piece Place 12:30-4pm (Clubrooms); School Christmas Assembly 1:30pm (Hall);
Thursday	22nd	Kids Team Sport 3-4:15pm (Hall); Music Group 7pm (Music Room); Gym 7-9pm;
Friday	23rd	Soond Cinema 7pm (Kirk);
Saturday	24th	
Sunday	25th	No Out of Hours Service (private hires in an emergency)
Monday	26th	No car service, No Out of Hours Service (Private hires available in an emergency)
Tuesday	27th	No car service
Wednesday	28th	Youth Games 7-9pm (Hall & Music Room); No car Service
Thursday	29th	Play Piece (Clubrooms); Music Group 7pm (Music Room);
Friday	30th	Soond Cinema 7pm (Kirk);

## Shapinsay School December 2022

We are all getting very excited about Christmas. Everyone is invited to come to the end of term Christmas Assembly on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm in the school hall. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Please do come along, you don't need to have any children in the school – it is lovely for the children to have an audience.

Recently we also had a visit from Professor Joe Goldblatt who came to talk to the primary children about Judaism. This was really interactive and the children really enjoyed learning more about the Jewish faith.

The children took part in the 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day, after learning about the Poppy Story.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we all wore pyjamas to school, got faces painted and did some fun activities for Children in Need. We managed to raise £100!

Our School Sports

committee have been working hard to try and get school sport back to the standard we had pre-covid when we achieved our School Sport Gold flag. We have applied to Sport Scotland for and been awarded the Silver award and are putting together a development plan so we can hopefully apply for our Gold flag again later in the school year.

Nursery: The literacy and numeracy opportunities have been increased throughout nursery and children have been mark-making much more and

are some nursery children are beginning to write their own names.

Stay and play sessions have been restarted with parents joining nursery children for part of the morning. Parents enjoyed playing games, building with the blocks and exploring gelli. Children were also keen to share their learning journals.

Winnie the Witch stories have been very popular. Activities related to this have included making potions in the water tray with the cauldron and potions bottles, adding witches outfits to the dressing up and making a Wilbur the cat from paper plates.

### P1 – 4

The focus this term is on festivals of light. The children have been learning about the Hindu Festival of Diwali and the Jewish Festival of Hannukah. This has included learning about the stories behind the festivals, as well as the way that they are celebrated. As we move into December we will be learning about the Christian festival of Christmas.

In Health and well-being we have been finding out how to keep ourselves safe on bonfire night and in the dark winter months. We have also been finding out how to stay safe online, Smartie Penguin and his Mum taught us a special song to help us know what to do if we are worried about things we encounter online. "Before you tap and click, you need to stop and think, and tell someone."

In Science the children have been learning about sources of light and shadow formation. In French they have been revising days, months, numbers and weather through the daily calendar. In Spanish we have been revisiting and learning our days, months, numbers and colours. In music the children have been learning songs associated with





**School Continued.....**the different festivals, and P3 – 4 children have started learning the recorder.

In PE we have been learning to putt and chip using Club Golf equipment designed especially for children. We have also been learning Scottish dances and will be creating our own dances later in the term.

## **P5 – 7**

In music this term the children have been working together to play the tone chimes (we look forward to performing at our end of term assembly) and individually on violin, viola or recorder.

In PE we have been learning to putt and chip using the Club Golf equipment and trying out various golf games. We will be setting up our own crazy golf courses in the hall this term. We have also been revisiting the Scottish Dances we have

learned before and learning some new ones, we will be creating our own group and paired Scottish dances later in the term. P6 and 7s have started their Young Leader training with Kirsty Spence from Active Schools, this will give them knowledge and experience planning and leading sports activities, they will then be given the opportunity to lead break time or lunchtime sports clubs or PE warm ups.

Science work has been about electrical circuits and how to stay safe around electricity. In Spanish, the children have been reading and writing sentences about fruit and have used their knowledge to translate the lyrics to Spanish song. In French, they have been working with numbers to 100. In English, they have learned to identify comma splices and some different ways to fix run-on sentences. Using simile, metaphor and a wider range of sentence openers has also been a focus.





Shapinsay Development  
Trust Board and Staff  
**WOULD LIKE TO  
WISH YOU ALL**

*A Very Merry  
Christmas*



**THE BOATHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 22ND - 5TH JANUARY**

The car service will run right up  
Friday 23rd December then stop  
until the **28th, 29th and 30th**,  
then close till the 5th of January