

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

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Development Trust news.

It looks like 2023 will be a busy year for SDT! **Smithy** - work is underway now with the Smithy after a few delays, so we will be busy planning and organising for that! With that in mind, if anyone is keen, or knows anyone who would be keen to be the cook/manager in the Smithy when it opens, please get in touch with us ASAP as we will need to be thinking about the recruitment process soon into the new year and it would be great to start those conversations!

Balfour Cottage - You might have seen on FB or heard on Radio Orkney that our grant application for the purchase of Balfour Cottage was successful, so we need to move quickly onto grant applications for renovations next.

Standpretty site - Our application for the grant towards the purchase of the lower site at Standpretty is in and we should have news on whether that was successful in early January. We will move swiftly onto planning for that too, so 2023 could very exciting for us!

Ebikes - After successful in securing another round of ebike grant funding, 10 ebikes have now been ordered and should be seen whizzing around the island in January!

Warmhub - I'm sure you will see that Esther, Ella and Chris are really busy getting our warmhub facilities up and running, with lots to do during the day and a few things during the winter! We are offering the car service for evenings and weekends to attend these events, so please take advantage of it if you would like to attend!

Wellbeing – Alison continues to be busy running various activities and doing lots of one to ones.

Out of Hours Boat Service – As part of the ongoing review of the transport service provided by the Trust, the board have decided to trial one small change to the Sunday sailings from January to allow users to maximise their time in town, or to allow visitors a longer day in Shapinsay. The overarching aim of the board is to create a service that is sustainable, community shaped and demand led. We appreciate all your feedback and comments and your patience and understanding whilst trialling these changes.

Adult fares will be increased from the 3rd of January by 50p making it £8.50 for adults and one small change to sailing times that we hope will be useful to many.....

Sunday sailings will now be as follows:

Shapinsay – Kirkwall 8am

Kirkwall – Shapinsay 8.20am

Shapinsay – Kirkwall 4.40pm

Kirkwall – Shapinsay 5pm

Shapinsay – Kirkwall 9.40

Shapinsay – Kirkwall 10pm

The Boathouse - will be closed on Fridays from January till March, the car service will run as normal. I will still be contactable via email on Fridays. (boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk).

Lisa-Marie
CDO/Manager



POWER CUTS.... ARE YOU PREPARED?

Did you know.....During January and February UK Energy companies may switch off power for up to 3 hours at a time on a rotational basis? This will be nationwide and likely to be during peak times, to conserve gas supplies.

Did you know.....if you have children under 5, are over 60, deaf or hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted, have a disability or chronic illness, rely on medical equipment or just temporarily need extra support - you can register with SSE for their priority service

Call on 0800 294 3259 or www.psrscotland.com

Do you fully rely on electricity in your home?

We want to do our best to ensure everyone is prepared if planned power cuts go ahead as well as for any unplanned winter ones.



Here are a few things you can do to be prepared -

- Have a corded phone incase mobile masts are down.
- Have battery powered torches charged and ready
- Have battery powered lights - lanterns, Christmas lights etc
- Have external battery chargers for devices
- If you have storage heating, set the input to **high** before the expected power cut.
- Have a battery radio in case of extended power cuts
- Fill flasks, have things like bread, cup a soups, instant noodles or other foods that don't needed heated, in stock in preparation.
- Make plans with neighbours to check in on them.
- Ensure you have blankets and warm clothing
- Check out the website below for more tips

<https://www.powercut105.com/experience>

If you are worried about the impact this will have on you, if you don't have any of the above - (corded phones, torches, flasks, batteries blankets or hot water bottles) please get in touch with Alison on 07867622814 or call the Boathouse on 711733 and we will find ways to help where we can.



Shapinsay School December 2022

The school is looking as festive as ever, with decorations and the tree up. The Christmas postbox is up, and the children are taking it in turns to be the delivery elves.

Nursery have been enjoying the antics of the Christmas elves, who are doing something different each day.

P1 – 4 have been learning about the Nativity story and have made a stable small world area, and a role play area with costumes.



They have been writing the story and been practising a Nativity play (with the nursery children) to perform at the end of term assembly on the 21st. The children have also made a Santa's workshop role play area, and have been enjoying writing letters and inventing new toys.

P5 – 7 children have been learning about advent. They have also been researching Christmas traditions in France, which they will be sharing at the Christmas assembly.

All children have been busy singing Christmas songs. We hope that everyone enjoyed the children's performances at the tree lighting and at the Kirk. The children will be performing more

songs and playing on instruments at the Christmas assembly.

We all enjoyed Christmas Lunch with the Lunch Club on the 14th. It was lovely to all eat together once more.



We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Shapinsay Community Council

Thursday 2nd February 2023 at
7pm to be held in the
Community Centre.

Items for the agenda to Community
Council Clerk by 23 January 2023.
Email: Shapinsayclerk@gmail.com



Shapinsay's Winter Weekdays

Join us for a game of scrabble or cards or choose from one of the many other board games available. Children's board games also available.



Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January 2023

**2pm - 4:30pm
Clubrooms**

Come for as long or short as you like

Remember you can book the island car to bring you down and/or take you home on 20th December

(no car 27th Dec due to staff holidays)

Book via cars@shapinsay.org.uk
or 07798570439

**Warm up with a
hot drink and
have a chat**

Everyone welcome to charge a phone & refill a flask of hot water while the building is open

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

Shapinsay's Winter Weekdays

Thursdays 5th, 12th & 19th January 2023

**Kids Team Sports
3pm - 4:15pm (Hall)**

**Youth & Adult Team Sports
7-8pm (Hall)**



All unders 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will remain with them throughout the sports session.

Remember you can book the island car to bring you down and/or take you home!
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FELTING WORKSHOPS (MUSIC ROOM)

Aimed at Youth & Adults (12-17 year olds to be accompanied by an adult)
All materials provided & no prior experience necessary

Needlefelt Pictures
Monday 9th Jan 2023 2-4pm

Needlefelting
Monday 23rd Jan 2023 2-4pm

Wet Felting
Monday 16th Jan 2023 7-9pm

Needlefelt Beads
Monday 30th Jan 2023 7-9pm

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Family Friendly Film

Friday 30th Dec 2022 & Wednesday 4th Jan 2023

2-4pm in The Kirk

Popcorn, hot & cold drinks provided



Would you like to get out of the house and spend the afternoon watching a film suitable for all ages? Then come and join us for this free film showing at The Kirk. Everyone welcome (you do not need to have kids or grandkids with you!) but **unders 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult** who will remain with them throughout the film.

For further information please email events@shapinsay.org.uk
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DARN GOOD YARN

Saturday 7th & 21st January, 2-4pm

Music Room

Bring along your own knitting, crochet, sewing or other needlecraft project. Ask for help and offer to help others. Stitch a yarn and have a yarn.

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

Pre-school Playtime

Wednesdays 11th, 18th & 25th
January 2023

1:30-3pm



Drink & healthy snack provided
Any questions email events@shapinsay.org.uk

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Clubrooms Open

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Would you like to get out of the house and stay warm on Shapinsay? The Clubrooms will be open for extended periods on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays throughout January. Bring your work, a book, a jigsaw or a craft to do while you're here. Or just bring yourself and see who else is down here and what activities we have out that day!

Tuesdays 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
11am - 4:30pm

Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
11am - 3pm

Sundays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
2-4:30pm

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Mondays in the Clubrooms

Curling 1-2:30pm
16th January

Carpet Bowls 1-2:30pm
30th January

Darts & Pool 7-9pm
9th & 23rd January

Table Tennis 7-9pm
16th January

All adults & youth welcome, you do not need to have played these games before! Hot and cold drinks provided for players and spectators. 12-17 year olds to be accompanied by an adult please.

Remember you can book the island car to take you to the Clubrooms and/or home again for all of these activities. Please book in advance via cars@shapinsay.org.uk or 07798570439

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Shapinsay's Winter Weekdays & Winter Weekends Update

Thank you to everyone that has come along to one or more of our Winter Weekday and Winter Weekend events. We also appreciate the time taken to fill in our questionnaire and let us know about the types of things you would or would not like to do over the winter months. As you will see from the various adverts in this edition of the Shapinsay Sound, throughout January we will be putting on some of the activities you suggested. We hope that you will join us, and tell your friends and family about them too.

Starting on 5th January we will have Clubroom Open times on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (see posters). Everyone is welcome to pop in for as long or short as you like, enjoy some quiet or have a chat. You could spend some time reading the Orcadian, bring a book, a craft or your work with you. Why not bring your phone or laptop to charge it up or use the free wifi? Refreshments will be provided.

If you have not already filled in our questionnaire, there is still time to do so! We would love to get responses from all across the community - any age, including residents who have not yet attended any of the community events this winter. We want to hear your thoughts so please do pick up a set of questions from the shop and return it to the shop or Boathouse by 7th January 2023. We will use your feedback to plan activities for February! Please do keep an eye out for posters on the boat and in the shop as well as updates on Facebook and www.shapinsay.org.uk - there may be some new events coming up too! If you have not already signed up to our email list, there is still time to do that and we will send you weekly reminders of all activities planned for the coming week. Fill in your contact details at <http://eepurl.com/ieEBcL>

Happy New Year to you all, we hope to see you soon

Esther, Chris & Ella

