

The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.
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The Smithy is open!

It was starting to feel like it might never happen, but after some hard work from the builders, the staff and the board, we pulled out all the stops and we got there in the end!

Thank you to everyone who has been along and shown their support in the last couple of weeks, I don't think any of us foresaw how busy it was going to be on opening week, it's been a real baptism of fire!

We got funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the North Isles Landscape Partnership, Orkney Islands Council, Shapinsay Community Council and CARES for renovating it and we were able to purchase it with a grant from Scottish Land Fund. We invited all of the funders and the local press over on what turned out to be a beautiful Monday, the 12th of June the day before we opened to the public, and we cut a ribbon and invited them to look all through the building. We got great feedback and had lovely articles in the Orcadian, Radio Orkney and even the P&J!

We hope to be in a position to introduce evening meals before too long, once our staff have had time to practice a few options. They are working long hours just to keep the café going just now, so we won't rush into it till we have our staffing levels just right, so bear with us just a little bit longer and we will hopefully get to evening meals and takeaways before the Summer is out!

Turn the page for a look inside!



On Monday the 12, Ash Boyd, chair of Shapinsay Development Trust, cut the ribbon



Davie speaking to Radio Orkney about the funding



Ken Amer interviewing Ash for the Orcadian



Our Chef Special The Smithy Steak Panini



Soup and Toastie



First weekend in the pub!



Smithy cooked breakfast served 10-12pm

Shapinsay School July 2023

By the time you read this, the term will have finished. We will have held our leavers assembly, and P7 will have enjoyed their Hoy trip.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Sinclair, Anwen, Orla and Lucy and we wish them all the best as they move on to KGS after the summer.

With the lovely summer weather that we have been enjoying, you have probably noticed that we have been outside as much as we possibly can be! It's been lovely to have all the children playing together outside so much.

Nursery

With the weather improving recently, we have been talking about sun safety and why it is important to use suncream and keep hydrated.

We have planted some sunflower seeds and are keeping a watch on them daily as we are excited to see the shoots pop above the ground. We have been gardening in the courtyard, planting new plants, keeping the weeds at bay and making sure we water it regularly.

The front area has been extra well used recently. We have made some dens to create extra shade to cool off from the sunshine and building many sandcastles in the sandpit. We used the loose parts to create some hurdles to practise jumping, painted the house with water and had some tea parties in the garden.

P1 – 4

The children have been making their own posters about an animal of their choice, using note taking skills to research their animals.

The children have been playing and learning outside, looking after the polytunnel and enjoying the sunshine. They have been continuing to

describe animals in French, using words for colour and size.

In art we have been having fun with texture, pattern and clay.

P5 – 7



This term, the P5-7 children have enjoyed taking part in the Orkney Celebration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

At the event in the King Street Halls on 7th June, they:

- presented a display of the STEM work they had been doing in class this term; gave a talk about what they had been learning and demonstrations of some of their electrical and computer programming creations,
- had a talk from people working in different engineering roles,
- had their entries for the Pylon Challenge competition judged,
- took part in Classroom Clash Activities (short challenges arranged by a range of engineering companies).

The P5-7 children did Shapinsay proud on the day: they won the Pylon STEM Challenge, were runners-up for the Regional Club of the Year and won one of the Classroom Clash STEM Challenges.

The Orkney Celebration of STEM event is organised by YESC (the Young Engineers and Science Club Scotland) and is supported by a range of businesses and organisations including Orbital Marine Power, SSEN, Repsol Sinopec, EMEC, OIC, My World of Work and CREATIVenergie.

In PE both classes have been continuing our work on athletics and making the most of the sun by playing summer games like rounders.

We are also edging closer to attaining our Gold Sport Award. We will also have launched our community sports box, which has a range of sports equipment and will be available to the public throughout the summer. Mrs Bews will be posting details on the Shapinsay Resident Facebook page.



£11.00 per hour and £12.00 per hour for unsociable hours.
Mileage paid at 40p per mile.
Zero Hours Contract.

Crossroads Care Orkney is looking for a caring, capable person to work with people of all age groups and disabilities. The work will include personal, social and domestic care in relation to care needs.

Our respite care scheme allows Unpaid Carers a break. We take on their caring role and support the person they care for, either in their own home or by helping to maintain social links within their community.

A Relevant qualification or experience in caring would be an advantage but is not essential, as training will be given.

Applicants will need to have a full driving licence and access to a car.

For additional information contact the Manager:
arlene.montgomery@crossroadsorkney.co.uk or call 01856 870500.

Application form and job description available from: -
Crossroads Care Orkney, Kirkwall Travel Centre, West Castle
Street, Kirkwall,
KW15 1GU.

Or by emailing carers@crossroadsorkney.co.uk

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Shapinsay Community Council

INVITE TO TENDER SHAPINSAY BIKE SHELTER

Tenders are invited for the works to erect a bike shelter at Shapinsay Pier Car Park

To receive a copy of the tender documents and a description of works, please contact the Clerk to Shapinsay Community Council on the details below

The closing date for tenders is 5pm on

Friday, 14th July 2023

Janice Follwell, Clerk

Ha'Quoy

Balfour

Shapinsay

KW17 2EB



RNLI Shapinsay Quoits, BBQ & Tabletop sale Preliminary notice 26th August 2023

Tabletop sale (with games and sideshows) 2-4pm
Book your table with Lisa-Marie on 711733

Quoits - 3pm

Live Music from 4pm

Barbecue from 4pm

Souvenirs & Raffle

More information to follow in the August edition of the Shapinsay Sound

Shapinsay Picnic 2023

Saturday 10th June saw the weather bright and sunny for the Shapinsay Picnic. There was a good turnout of all ages to take part in the events, followed by a dance in the evening. Huge thanks to the Picnic Committee, volunteers, competitors and spectators who worked together to make the day such a success. Special thanks to the Shapinsay Music Group for their music at the dance, to Alison and the team who worked so hard to create the tea and supper and to the Picnic Committee for all their hard work.



Winners L- R Primary - Alfie Leslie (Primary Boys runner up), Evan Leslie (Primary Boys Champion), Orla Boyd (Primary Girls runner up) and Elza Chaney (Primary Girls Champion)

Winners Under 16s and Adults L-R - Sean Dunnett (Under 16 Boys Champion), Joey Varley (Under 16 Boys runner up), Einar Muir (Men's Champion), Jennifer Meason (Womens Champion), Erika Bews (Under 16 Girls runner up) and Marie Dunnett (Womens runner up).



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Missing from the photo are Leilah Muir (Under 16 Girls Champion) and Gavin Rendall (Mens runner up).

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Planning permission has been granted for the new bike shelter to go in the pier car park. Please see the **tender notice** if you are interested in submitting a bid to carry out the installation works or you can contact the clerk via shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

Jean Noble and Val More were **elected** to serve on Shapinsay Community Council at the public meeting held on 8th June.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 7th September, 6:45pm (Clubrooms)**. If there is anything you would like us to discuss at that meeting, including travel grant requests, please **submit correspondence** to shapinsayclerk@gmail.com **at least 10 days before the meeting**.

Shapinsay Community Councillors: Leanne Bews (Chair & Health Rep), Esther Chaney, Colin Leslie (Vice-Chair & Planning Rep), Val More, Darren Muir (Transport Rep), Jean Noble or Eileen Philips.

To receive Community Council updates via **Facebook** - search 'Shapinsay Community Council' then like and follow to keep updated on news and consultations.



Help us celebrate 50 years of the RNLI Shapinsay Guild in 2024

The Lifeboat is a huge part of island life, knowing it is there in our time of need makes living on an island much safer, it's purely financed through donations and manned by volunteers, which is why we do what we do!

January 30th marks the 50th Anniversary of the Shapinsay Guild & we would love to celebrate the epic milestone with a show-stopping Burns Ceilidh, however, we don't have enough volunteers to pull off an event of that size anymore. This is where you come in!

As a committee we meet around twice per year. We have 2 main events in the year - the Quoits/Barbecue and the Burns Supper ceilidh.

If you have time to spare to help to run events, please consider joining our small committee, the events can't happen without volunteers! Get in touch with Glynis if you would like to join glynisleslie@btinternet.com or call 711219

On Monday 26th June the School will have launched our "Community Sports Box".

The school's senior Sports Committee applied for and got funding from Shapinsay Development Trust's SWAP grant and Scottish Seafarm's Heart of the Communities Fund to create a community sports box.



The box will be available to the public throughout the summer holidays and will be kept in the school entrance but anyone can borrow it and use the equipment, as long as they return it.

The box looks like this and can be found in the school entrance:



In the box you will find equipment for:

- Basketball
- Netball
- Football
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Rounders



We are happy for anyone to use the equipment; all we ask is that you carefully return it to the box in the condition you found it in.

Thanks – Shapinsay School Sports Committee