



Smithy Update

We are excited that the opening of the Smithy Cafe and Restaurant is getting very close and we hope you are as excited as we are to get started. We now have a preliminary date of the **12th June** for opening to the public.

While we prepare for opening, we have been very busy behind the scenes preparing menus and ensuring everything is in place ready to open. Our brunch menu, which will be served from 10 till 12 noon, includes filled rolls and a full fried breakfast. Our lunch menu, which will be served from 12 till 2pm, has soup, sandwiches, toasties, and paninis, as well as some "Smithy Specials". We will have a variety of delicious home bakes that will be available throughout the day.

We aim to cater for all dietary requirements and have been trying out some delicious allergen-free recipes, but trust us you don't have to have an allergy or intolerance to try them, they are all tasty!

Opening up a café is new to us all, so to allow us all time to ensure we can provide the best service possible, we are going to open in stages. To begin with, we will open daily from 10am-4.30pm serving brunches, lunches, cakes and beverages.

The bar has had a huge makeover and will be open for drinks on Friday and Saturday evenings. In the near future we will do Takeaways on a Friday evening and sit in evening meals on a Saturday. Your patience during the initial opening stages is appreciated.

Keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page and Instagram by searching 'The Smithy Shapinsay'. We will also put posters up locally with the plans for our opening and with any changes to opening times.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Smithy.

The Smithy Management Team

Leanne, Mark and Claire

Situation Vacant: Island Wellbeing Coordinator



Shapinsay Development Trust are recruiting for the role of Island Wellbeing coordinator. For more information or for the full job description email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk or call 01856711733

£23,899.92 pro rata

Fourteen hours per week. This post will initially be till March 2024 but funding dependent may continue till December 2024 & hopefully longer.

Location – Shapinsay (a commute from Kirkwall is possible)

The Role involves working with vulnerable groups and will require registration with the PVG scheme.

As an Island Wellbeing Coordinator, you will need to be empathetic and understanding, with an ability to manage sensitive and confidential situations. Your role will be building the capacity of groups, activities and services on the island, as well as supporting people on a one-to-one basis to help everybody long-term. You will need an understanding of the key issues affecting remote and rural island areas and understand the potential of communities in supporting people and providing services.

As each island is different, with different assets and needs, your role is likely to differ from that of other Island Wellbeing Coordinators. You'll need to be able to adapt to new challenges and opportunities too, which means that the focus of your role could change month to month.

The aim of the project is to improve and maintain the wellbeing of island residents, to ease the rising cost of living and to reduce pressure on statutory services by:

- Improving access to activities and services, particularly those designed to relieve poverty and disadvantage
- Supporting service providers to be able to more effectively deliver for island communities
- Better informing families and individuals about the services available to them
- Building the confidence, capacity and capability of communities to influence and develop services, alone or in partnership
- Enhancing partnerships and networks

If this role is of any interest to you, please get in touch on the address at the top of the page, we look forward to hearing from you.

Applications must be in by Wednesday June 21st.

Shapinsay School June 2023

What a busy time we are having in school this term! The summer term is always a busy one and this year is no exception.

Alison Meason has joined the staff team as Early Years Practitioner, Siobhan Diamond has been appointed as Early years Support Worker, Val More has been appointed as the Cook, and Cat Moore has joined us as Relief Cook. We are delighted to welcome them all officially to the staff team.

Nursery

We have been enjoying a range of sensory play including flour and pasta with rice being a particular favourite. We have been planning some improvements to the courtyard area including more water play opportunities and more flowers. We would like to thank Gladys for donations of plants. We will also be planting some seeds very soon.

We have had fun taking part in the Bookbug sessions in the Community Centre with Lorna. The preschool children have begun their transition into primary one, spending more time in the primary 1-4 class ready for after the summer holidays.

P1 – 4

The children have been learning about animals. In Science they have been learning about different habitats and how animals adapt to where they live, as well as food chains. In English the children have been writing poems about animals. French and Spanish has seen us learning the names of pets, farm animals and wild animals. Our role play area is a vet and our small world area is changing to look at different habitats. In art we have been experimenting with pattern and texture, creating interesting landscapes and animal art. In PE we are

playing summer games and practising for the Picnic in athletics.

P5 – 7

The P5-7 children have been working on a range of computer programming skills including animation and video sensing using Scratch. The Social Studies topic on Japan has involved learning about the Japanese festivals of Obon and Children's Day; drawing Manga art; writing Haiku poems and using Radio Taiso for improve flexibility. In French, the children have been learning vocabulary for parts of the body and head. In Spanish, they have been revising previous work on commonly used sentences. In English, as well as the usual grammar, spelling, handwriting etc, the children have been looking at identifying themes in fiction texts. Science work is currently on plants so has included planting out strawberries and tomatoes and sowing a variety of seeds in the polytunnel. In PE we are doing athletics and learning some netball skills and playing summer games such as rounders.

Cycle Week

We all had our bikes in school for a week in May. We learned how to do a full M-check, inspecting our bikes to ensure they are safe to ride. We also learned how to wear a helmet correctly and to check our clothes are safe before travelling. We practised stopping and starting safely, how to perform arm signals and how to cycle with balance and control and we had a lot of fun doing it. The Primary 6 and 7 children went out on the road to learn how to safely negotiate road cycling, including turning into and out of a junction. Thank you to all the drivers who were around at the time, as well as giving the children good real-life practice, you were all very patient and showed exactly how drivers should react around cyclists.

Flotta Trip



Last year we won a primary STEM competition, and part of the prize was a tour of the Flotta oil terminal. The primary children had a great day visiting in May, with highlights being the rabbits and seals and lunch! We learned about how the oil terminal works, and how it is looking to move to green hydrogen in the future.

Meeting the Children's Laureate

On Monday 15th May the primary children went to Kirkwall. We had time for a quick visit to the Orkney Museum (which we would recommend) and then we went to the library to learn about poetry from Joseph Coelho. He is the Children's Laureate and inspired us all with his poetry.



P7s had their traditional soaking this week! Definitely the highlight of everyone else's week!

Shapinsay Community Association

Thanks to a grant from the SWAP fund, the community association will be offering all community activities in the community centre free for the next financial year.

Private bookings such as birthday parties will still be charged for. The current cost for a steward, if a group doesn't have a keyholder or requires extra cleaning to be done, is £15.70 per hour.

If there is something you would like to do in the community centre and it's not happening, please get in touch with Annette or Alanna or email shapinsayca@gmail.com and we'll try our best to sort it out.



RNLI Shapinsay
Fundraisers is now on
Facebook - please like our
page to keep up to date
with event news!

We are holding a meeting on
Thursday 1st June at 7.30pm and
we need more volunteers,
everyone welcome!

THANK
YOU

I would like to pass on sincere thanks to all who contributed towards the beautiful basket of flowers, garden centre gift voucher, chocolates and cake which I received on my last day as wellbeing coordinator. I have loved meeting so many of you over the 4 years and look forward to chatting with you in the community when we meet. Thanks again for your kindness.

Alison Meason

CHARITY DONATIONS

£223.36 Raised at the Piece Place for Macmillan Orkney

£131.00 raised at the Piece Place for Shapinsay Playpark upkeep fund

£332.79 raised for Shapinsay Medical Fund towards the purchase of new equipment for the surgery.

Thank you very much for your continued generous donations

Alison Meason

Thank
You

Thank you to all that supported the many parts of the island wellbeing project over the years, whether you were a volunteer or employed in the Piece Place or Cast Affs, Covid groceries, knitted poppies for the poppy appeal, made soup, baked, did dishes and cleared tables, assisted with crafts at Play Piece, came along to the walks, events or other groups, it couldn't have happened without each one of you.

Thank you also to all at S.D.T and the various chairs and board members over the years for your support, encouragement and guidance to keep me on track.

Wishing everyone all the best for the future
regards, Alison Meason

Shapinsay Community Council News

The bike shed for the pier has now been delivered and a planning application is being processed. A tender notice will be published soon for installation - keep an eye out for the full details if you are interested in submitting a bid.

We are exploring funding options to purchase and install festive lights on some of the street lamp poles in the village. Hopefully this process will be completed in time for the lights to be switched on this winter!

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th June, 7pm (Clubrooms)**. If there is anything you would like us to discuss at that meeting, including travel grant requests, please submit correspondence ASAP to shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

A **Public Meeting** will be held to fill the two vacancies on Shapinsay Community Council. All residents are welcome to come along to this at the **Clubrooms, 6:45pm on Thursday 8th June**. If you wish to **stand for election** please see posters on the boat or in the shop for further information. You can also contact Democratic Services via 01856 886622 or communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

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

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

Shapinsay Kirk News

Dear Friends,

This June we continue with our 12 noon services. We will begin on the 4th of June with a service, followed by the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation (all welcome!) and a shared lunch.

On the 11th of June the service will be taken by the Worship Group, on the 18th of June we welcome Rev Andy Braunston again, the United Reformed Church digital minister, based in the West Mainland of Orkney. He has kindly been offering 4 services a year, so we're delighted to welcome him back to the island!

On the 25th of June I'll be back to take a service in Shapinsay again.

You might have heard that there are changes afoot. All Church of Scotland congregations across Orkney will be uniting into one Orkney Parish. We do not know the exact timeline for this as the Orkney Presbytery has just united with 5 other Presbyteries as of the 1st of January 2023. With so many congregations in our new Presbytery of the North East and Northern Isles, we recognise that implementation of the Mission Plan cannot happen all at once. The Planning & Deployment Committee of the Presbytery aim to offer support where it is most helpful, at the appropriate time. Their agenda will be led by local needs. For example, they are prioritising situations where there are vacancies, so that in due course ministers can be called and staff recruited, and they are involved in situations where local parties have specifically called them in to support. Meantime, we await further developments in Orkney of which there will be more information in due course. If you'd like to ask any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I hope that you make the most of the summer season. Every blessing and see you soon!

Rev Julia Meason (JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk, 874789/711275)

Shapinsay Development Trust news

As you will have seen on our front page, we are delighted to be so very nearly ready to open up the Smithy, thank you everyone for your patience while we finalised the last bits that always take longer than you think they are going to! By the time this goes to print, we will have been handed the keys by the contractor and should have access to the kitchen ready to start playing with the new equipment!

We hope that you will all enjoy the Smithy once it's open, albeit in stages, till the staff get comfortable cooking with all new equipment. We appreciate your ongoing patience.

Other news – We were awarded the grant to purchase the site at Standpretty, that transfer of ownership should be going through this week.

Car News – The car service continues to run every weekday for all islanders and is available to visitors if booked in advance. The car service was used for over 2000 runs in 2022 to run people to the ferry, shop, doctors surgery, local events, funerals, even a wedding and anything else folk wanted it for. We took in £464 of donations towards the running costs of the service. We can't charge for the service, but donations towards the running costs are appreciated to help keep the service sustainable longer term.

Boat news – The service will continue to run with Northerly Marine for most of June, we will update you as soon as we know more. It will continue to run at 1 sailing per evening, if anyone would like a second sailing for any events, or Northlink etc, this can be done at a cost of £100 to be split by the number of passengers, the Trust will fund the remainder. We will advertise any extra sailings to try and increase passenger numbers and reduce costs to individuals.

Flowers – SDT are on the look out for some flowers to put into planters at the Smithy and the Boathouse to brighten the village up a bit, if you have any spare this year, please get in touch, we'd be very grateful for any donations of plants or bulbs.

Bin days for June/July

07/06/2023 – Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

14/06/2023 – Black/grey bins, no recycling

21/06/2023 – Please present a bin/container with glass in one and plastic bottles in the other

28/06/2023 – Black/grey bins, no recycling

05/07/2023 – Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

12/07/2023 – Black/grey bins, no recycling

19/07/2023 – Please present a bin/container with glass in one and plastic bottles in the other

26/07/2023 – Black/grey bins, no recycling