

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

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It's May already, the year is flying in! I don't have any major updates this month, things are continuing to progress at the Smithy so we hope to be open in around 3 weeks! Keep an eye on Facebook for an opening date. You may have seen on Facebook that the kitchen has now arrived! The lino is down and the kitchen is being fitted as I type. The new bar has been built, much of the painting has been done and the staff are preparing for opening day!



We would like to welcome Leanne Bews as Smithy team leader (until August) and Mark Gleed and Claire



Evans as the Smithy management team. They will be looking for more bar and kitchen staff to help out with cooking and takeaways, so if you have any

experience or would like to help out, please get in touch.

We would also like to welcome Nadia Charlamow to the Boathouse team, she has taken on the role of Admin assistant and will be generally working Mondays and Fridays.

We are also very sad to announce that Alison is leaving her role as Wellbeing coordinator at the end of the month after 4 years with the Trust. She will be a huge miss to the team and has done some fantastic

Work for the island in her time, I'm sure you will all join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to Alison for her hard work, especially during the pandemic! She will be a huge miss to the team and to the island! We wish her all the best in her new role!

Our 3rd lot of ebikes went out a few weeks ago, you will hopefully see some of these whizzing around the roads of Shapinsay along with other ones that went out last year! This was made possible by a grant from Energy saving Scotland and these are out on long term hire



Missing are Joanna Sosnowska and David Moffat

Shapinsay School

May 2023

We have just come back to school from the Easter holidays, and the summer holidays are looming ever closer already! We have a lot planned for this term. From trips to the library and to Flotta, a P7 residential trip to Hoy, transition visits and much more. We are also starting to get things ready in the polytunnel again for another growing season, thanks to Jason for moving the beds for us.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had our "Active Shapinsay" week, organised by Mrs Bews and the Sports Committee.

Caroline Bird has joined the staff team as Classroom Auxiliary, and we're delighted to welcome her to the team.

Bag the Bruck

On Tuesday 18th April, we went to Sandgarth Beach to bag the bruck. Lots of parents joined us too, and the weather was even kind to us! We found 15 bags worth of rubbish, along with a lot of rope. We also found mermaid's purses, and we learned about the egg cases back at school.

Nursery

This term we will be spending more time outside as the weather improves. We hope to be growing more plants and flowers in the polytunnel and in the courtyard area. We also hope to be out and about exploring within our extended boundary. We have already had a walk to the harbour. The pre-school children will soon be beginning their transition into primary one.

Shapinsay Community Council News

Following our request for **additional Sunday sailings in winter**, Orkney Ferries have confirmed that these will be introduced in September 2023. The additional sailings will be a 15:15 departure from Shapinsay and a 16:00 departure from Kirkwall on Sundays during the winter timetable.

If you have any **issues with the boats**, and would be happy to share your personal experiences with us, please let us know as we continue to work on a media campaign to strengthen the case for new, more accessible, ferries in collaboration with the other isles' Community Councils.

We reviewed our Financial Policy at the last meeting. **Travel grants** are available: up to £20 for travel within Orkney and up to £50 for travel beyond Orkney. Contact us if you would like to discuss this further or submit a request via shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

Recipients of the **road aggregate subsidy scheme** will receive correspondence from the Clerk.

As the weather improves we hope you will enjoy using the **picnic benches** around Shapinsay. A couple more benches, made from recycled plastic, are also on order to replace wooden ones that are wearing out.

We continue to collaborate with the other isles on **Health & Care** matters, including advocating for adequate out of hours cover for all isles residents.

A **Public Meeting** will be held to fill the two vacancies on Shapinsay Community Council. Please do come along on **Thursday 8th June, 6:45pm in the Clubrooms**. If you wish to **stand for election** please see posters for further information or contact Democratic Services 01856 886622 or communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

Our next meeting will be **Thursday 8th June, 7pm**. Please speak to any of us before then if there is something you would like the Community Council to discuss. Correspondence or applications for financial assistance (e.g. travel grants) should be sent to shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

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

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

SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 08 JUNE 2023 AT 7PM

In the Community Centre

Items for the agenda to
Community Council Clerk by
31 May 2023.

Email:

Shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

**The Shapinsay Picnic Saturday 10th June,
Tea 4.30pm(ish)
Dance at 8.30pm
Prize giving 9pm.**



We hope that lots of people will come along to enjoy the day, to participate or to spectate.

We really need more helpers to help on the day, both with the events and with organising things like the Picnic tea and running the raffle.

If you are able to help with any of this, please contact Emma Clements by the end of May.

Last years winners: please return shields to the school by the end of May.

Please watch out in June's Shapinsay Sound for more details.

We welcome any donations towards the raffles and towards the cost of running this event.

Boxes for these will be in the Shop.



SHAC AGM New date

**Wednesday 10th May
7pm in the Club rooms.**

Please do come for a sneaky peak of the plans for your heritage centre mere days before we reopen.

We have been closed for three years due to covid and the renovations so as the momentous big day approaches we would be very grateful to see anyone who fancies volunteering at the heritage centre through this coming summer season.

Any crafters or artists that would like to sell their creations at our craft shop and anyone with an interest in the heritage centre are very welcome. Teas, coffees and home bakes will also make an appearance. There might even be wine...

In the portacabin on the pier are many books please help yourself to books! Books are free for you to takeaway and enjoy!





An opportunity has arisen for the paid post of a Heritage Administration Coordinator at Shapinsay heritage centre. This is a part time post for two days a week from the end of May to October. The successful applicant can pick the days that suit them and can also do different days in different weeks. The arrangement can be very flexible. This is the first time we are offering such a post so the successful candidate will have the advantage that they will shape the job into what it will become in future. They can draw from their strengths and delve into new projects that would suit their interests.

This post will involve, but is not limited to:

- Engaging with the community
- Helping with setting up the heritage display.
- Reception desk duties at the Heritage centre
- Assisting visitors with the use of IT equipment
- Assisting our volunteers with the use of IT equipment
- Updating our website and posting out orders

Essential skills:

- good communication skills

Desirable skills:

- basic IT skills
- local knowledge
- interest in heritage

If you are interested in this post contact Lenka Mellor, the chair of Shapinsay Heritage Arts and Crafts, Haughland, Shapinsay, email: cheerpa@centrum.cz, Phone 711371 or 711260.





GRAND ROYAL CEILIDH BALL

FREE ENTRY- FUNDED BY AWARDS FOR ALL

PROCEEDS SPLIT BETWEEN RNLI & SCA

BAR BY SHAPINSAY DARTS CLUB

MUSIC BY SHAPINSAY MUSIC GROUP

RAFFLE, PHOTO BOOTH & SUPPER

DRESS CODE: FORMAL

TIARAS AND CROWNS OPTIONAL

MAY

6

7.30 PM

Shapinsay Community Hall



Piece Place is coming to an end! With the Smithy opening and Alison going to pastures new, it's time to draw Piece Place to a close. Piece place was brought about due to covid restrictions back at the end of 2020 and was funded through the covid fund for a short period of a few months. Alison did all the due diligence to ensure it could open in a covid safe, socially distant way. The community centre was closed, as were all council buildings at that time, so it was decided the Kirk would be a great venue to start it up. Environmental health were consulted, suppliers were found and Piece



Place was born. The initial success of Piece Place meant SDT decided to carry funding it until the Smithy

opened, providing a meeting place for the island on alternate weeks to lunch club. It was decided to keep it free, but to put out tins for donations. These donations were gratefully received towards the wellbeing fund which helped run it and some donations were given to specific charities.

£3481.16 was raised for various local charities, the RNLI, Macmillan Orkney, Orkney MS branch, MND and MD, Ukraine and the peedie retreat. £1535.19 was raised for the wellbeing fund to allow Piece Place to continue and towards other wellbeing projects like Play Piece.

During the winter, to help alleviate the cost of living crisis, it was decided to extend the opening times and add lunches, so soup and sandwiches were added to the menu. This was a very welcome addition for many with numbers increasing to on average, around 40 people per session. The very last Piece Place will be on Wednesday the 10th of May from 1.30-4pm and will be tea, coffee, juice, cakes, scones and meringues. Huge thank you must go to Joy Leslie and Margaret Eunson for doing all the baking for us for the last year or so!

HUGE Thank you to Alison and all the workers and volunteers for keeping it going so long!

Final Piece Place

Wednesday 10th May
will be an afternoon tea - scones,
homebakes, meringues and
refreshments
In the clubrooms 1:30 -4pm
donations to charity to be decided.
will be great to see you come along.
All very welcome



SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2023 at 6:45p.m
in SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

2 VACANCIES

A Public Meeting shall be held at the time and date specified above to fill **TWO** vacancies on Shapinsay Community Council.

All electors entered on the current Register of Electors for the Shapinsay area have the right to vote and are invited to attend the Public Meeting.

Candidates must be entered on the current published Register of Electors for the Shapinsay area. Candidates must either be present at the meeting or, in advance of the meeting, have submitted a written request indicating that they wish to stand for election. Written requests should be sent to Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council, at the address below.

All candidates must be nominated by two electors who are on the current register for Shapinsay and be present at the meeting.

The following persons have already been validly elected to serve on Shapinsay Community Council:-

**Mrs Leanne Bews, Mrs Esther M Chaney, Mr Colin Leslie,
Mr Darren G Muir and Mrs Eileen Phillips**

The standard rules governing Public Meetings to fill vacancies on Community Councils are available on Orkney Islands Council's website or can be obtained from Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY. Tel: 01856 886622 - e-mail: communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk



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.

Please contact Alison 07867622814 if you would like support if you are struggling to pay electricity bills, purchase food etc and we will see what support is available. It will be treated in confidence.

If anyone has surplus long life groceries at home you are welcome to leave in the portacabin for others to use. thank you!





**JOIN US FOR A
RIGHT ROYAL
FAMILY FUN DAY**

It's a Knockout
Family Barbecue
Free event!
Raffle & Donations
towards RNLI and
Community Association

2PM ON SUNDAY THE 7TH MAY
Get your teams of 4 together and in to Annette
by Friday 5th May (711311)

Active Movers

Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 24th May in
the community centre

9:30 - 10:15am

Please wear comfy clothing and suitable footwear.

what is an active movers class?

The class is live streamed from the Harry hall to the big screen in Shapinsay, (we see the instructor but she doesn't see us) by a qualified instructor and entails gentle exercises, some of which are chair based and sometimes uses stretch bands and pilates balls both of which are provided. It is good fun and all inclusive.

Free to attend.

any queries to Alison 07867622814



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WELLBEING
PROJECT SHAPINSAY
a partnership project



COMPETITION!

Bring your
completed
Wordsearch to
the Smithy on the
open day to enter
a prize draw to
win a free coffee
and cake of your
choice!

Beverages

E	A	A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	O	A	T	A
A	S	E	P	S	F	F	F	F	T	E	A	R	O
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ESPRESSO
IRISH
COFFEE
FRAPPE
MILK
TAKEAWAY
PERCOLATOR
TEA
FRAPPUCCINO
FLAT WHITE
BEANS
CHAMOMILE
CAPPUCCINO
CHAI
AMERICANO
DECAF
MOCHA
MACCHIATO
LATTE