

The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.
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SHAPINSAY SHOW 2023

We were lucky to have a sunny morning on Show day this year again, it certainly encouraged the people to travel across the String to see the high quality of stock that Shapinsay has to offer.

We had 4 very capable judges to cover the sections, J Stanger for Cattle, T Flett for Sheep & Goats, L Cromarty for Horse/Ponies and L Grant for the Dogs. The judges did a great job and all said how they had thoroughly enjoyed their day. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success, it is very difficult to run a show and make enough to cover the costs in such a small community so we really appreciate the locals for all of your support again. Our gate this year was a record amount of people so we hope we can match that again in the future, looking forward to seeing you next year. Our Harvest Home and presentation of trophies will be in November and we will have dates confirmed very soon. Show Results are as follows:

Horse & Pony Section:

* Challenge Cup presented by **Flett & Carmichael** for Best Horseman In Yard - **Katie Nuttall**

* Trophy presented by **Hools Shetland Pony Stud** for Best Turned Out Horse or Pony - **J&J Booth, Ostoft**

* **Shapinsay Agricultural Association** in memory of Nickie May for Best Native Breed or Part-Bred Horse or Pony in section. - **J&J Booth, Ostoft & Glenfall Matilda**

* Cup Presented by **D & U Hurst, Strathore**, for the Best Pony or Horse in section. - **J&J Booth, Ostoft**



OVERALL HORSE RESERVE: **J&J Booth, Ostoft** – **Robin's Brae Archie**



Cattle Section:

* **Birsay Farmers Cup** for the Best Calf age to conform to show catalogue - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Trophy presented by **K&S Garson** for the Best Pair of Calves calved after 1st March in the year of the Show - **T&J Leslie, Quoymorhouse**

* Challenge Cup presented by **Highland Fuels** for the Best Pair of Calves ages to conform to show catalogue

T&J Leslie, Quoymorhouse

* Cup presented by **Highland Industrial Supplies** for the Best One year-old Heifer or Steer, showing Calf Teeth, bred by exhibitor. - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Challenge trophy presented by **A Hay, A & N M Ltd** for Best Pair of Yearling Heifers or Bullocks, or Heifer & Bullock showing calf teeth, bred by exhibitor - **R&J Johnston, Hewan**

* Trophy presented by **Donaldsons of Orkney** for the Best Butcher's Animal in the cattle section

Special Prize of £30, presented by **Scotbeef Ltd**, for Best Prime Animal - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Challenge cup presented by **Jack Thomson, Orkney Cattle Breeders Association** for the Best Animal by AI (any breed) - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Challenge cup presented by **Billy Allan, t/a Shapinsay Delivery Service** for the Best Heifer in-calf showing not more than 4 broad teeth. - **T&J Leslie, Quoymorhouse**

* Cup presented by **Orkney Auction Mart** for the Best Cow in the Yard - **R&J Johnston, Hewan**

* Cup presented by **Swannie Family, Elwick**, for Best Cow with Calf at Foot - **R&J Johnston, Hewan**

* Challenge cup presented by **Wm K McNair**, for the Best Female in Cattle Section – bred by exhibitor. –

F Leslie, Odinstone

* Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by **Mr & Mrs Harrison, Balfour Castle**, for the Best Bull in the Yard.

F Leslie, Odinstone

* **James Skethaway Memorial Trophy** – challenge trophy for the Best Native Breed Stock or First Cross; sired by a native bull. - **Muir & Sons, Gorn**

* Trophy presented by **Orkney Isles Preserves** for Best Pure Bred Animal (any breed). - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Cup presented by **J&W Tait Ltd**, for the Best Group of any 3 animals in the cattle section. - **R&J Johnston, Hewan**

* Challenge Trophy presented by **Orkney Islands Shipping Company Ltd**, for the Champion in the Cattle Section; Trophy presented by **Shapinsay Agricultural Association** for the Best Animal in the Cattle Section;

Challenge Trophy presented by **Q.M.S** for Champion Beef Breed Animal. Special Prize of £30, presented by **T Sinclair, Shoreside** for the Champion in the Cattle Section.

Special Prize presented by **Highland Park Distillery**, for Champion in Cattle Section. Special prize presented by **Hamish Maclean Farm Products** for Champion in Cattle section - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Challenge Trophy presented by **A Anderson, Chapman & Frearson Limited** for Best Animal in Cattle Section of Opposite Sex to Champion. - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

CATTLE OVERALL CHAMPION: **F Leslie, Odinstone**-(34)



CATTLE OVERALL RESERVE: **R&J Johnston, Hewan – (33)**



Sheep Section:

* Cup presented by **Northvet** for the Best Lamb any breed - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Trophy presented by **McAdie & Reeve** for the Best Pair of Wedder Lambs - **C Sclater, Greenatang**

* Cup presented by **Steven Bews, Builder**, for the Best Pair of Ewe Lambs (half bred or crossbred) - **E Rendall, Braefoot**

* Challenge Cup presented by **North Eastern Farmers** for the Best Pair of Lambs - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* **SAA – Best Native Breed** - **J Hall, Lochend**

* Trophy presented by **Robertsons**, for the Best Ewe in the Yard, any breed - **E Rendall**

* Challenge Trophy presented by **J & I Sinclair** for Best Ewe with Lamb or Lambs at foot. - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Challenge Cup presented by **The Gatehouse** for the Best non-registered Sheep (male or female) in the Yard.

F Leslie, Odinstone

* **Sammy Bews Memorial Trophy** for the Best Animal in the Sheep Section and Championship prize by **Shapinsay Agricultural Association** for the Best Animal in the Sheep Section. - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Challenge Trophy presented by **Q.M.S** for Champion Breeding Sheep - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Special Prize of £20 presented by **T Sinclair, Shoreside** for Champion in the Sheep Section - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

* Special Prize presented by **Hamish Maclean Farm Products** for Champion in the section - **F Leslie, Odinstone**

OVERALL SHEEP CHAMPION: **F Leslie, Odinstone- Blue Texel gimmer**



OVERALL SHEEP RESERVE: **F Leslie, Odinstone**
Goat Section:

OVERALL GOAT CHAMPION: **A&V More, Veantro**



OVERALL GOAT RESERVE: **A&V More, Veantra**



OVERALL DOG RESERVE: **C Moncreiff, Arrowen - Teddy**



Dog Section:

* Championship prize by **Shapinsay Agricultural Association** for Best Animal in the Dog Section - **J Follwell, Ha'Quoy & Gus**

* Special prize presented by **Gemma Leslie** for the Best dog of Any Other Breed - **C Moncreiff, Arrowen & Teddy**

OVERALL DOG CHAMPION: **J Follwell, Ha'Quoy - Gus**



ACTIVE MOVERS SHAPINSAY

TUESDAYS FROM
3RD OCTOBER
11AM
IN THE CLUBROOMS



Delivered by
Orkney Dance &
Fitness Ltd

A gentle
functional seated
exercise class



Funded by the
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Fund



Following on from our annual show in August, we held our presentation of trophies and AGM on 20th September. The Association has been struggling for support for a number of years to run the show, and after the enforced 2 year break due to COVID, we were only able to run the show by making some significant changes. Even with these changes, our struggles have continued.

For many years, the only function of the Association has been to organise and run the annual show. During a very positive discussion at our AGM, it was decided that instead of throwing in the towel, (or should that be trowel), the whole focus of the Association should change to provide a number of activities throughout the year, which would provide anyone with an interest in gardening/horticulture the opportunity to get together to share and develop those interests. The annual show would be just one of those activities, and a decision will be made each year on whether it can be held, depending on the level of support at that time. If the annual show is held, activities would be arranged in advance to provide advice on various aspects including for example, how to present exhibits.

A number of ideas for activities were discussed, including seed and plant swaps; Gardeners Question time; advice on establishing new gardens; how to provide effective shelter; growing in a greenhouse/polytunnel; what plants to grow in

Shapinsay and how to do it successfully, (just because they sell it in the garden centre doesn't mean it will do well in your garden); Shapinsay Open Gardens and so on. As we are moving towards bulb planting season, we decided that our first activity, to be held in The Clubrooms on Wednesday 1st November at 7:00pm, would be all about planting bulbs for spring colour, including demonstrations of how to plant for various effects, what to plant, in what, when etc. Please see our separate notices about this for full information. Everyone will be very welcome, from beginner to seasoned expert. A blooming success can't be guaranteed, but attendance should at least give you a fighting chance!

Following our AGM, everyone living in Shapinsay is now effectively regarded as an Association member, i.e. there is no requirement to pay to join the Association. It is of course necessary to have a small team to undertake certain key tasks for day to day running and at the AGM, the following people were elected: Chair (and Assistant Treasurer) – Paul Evans; Treasurer – Margaret Eunson; Secretary – Karen Evans; Assistant Secretary – Helen Jones.

We hope you will agree that this is a positive and welcome move forward for the Association, and most importantly, that you will find something of interest in our forthcoming activities and will wish to come along and take part. If you have any questions about any aspect of the Association, comments or suggestions for activities you would like to see, please do not hesitate to contact Karen on 07810 262785 or email karen@evanssmallholder.plus.com.

Please keep an eye out for further news about our activities which we hope to include on social media; in the Shapinsay Sound and on posters in the shop and ferry.



Dates for your diary

18th Oct – Andy Cant: Musician and retired vet

1st Nov

15th Nov

29th Nov

13th Dec



Advance notification of Shap lunch club AGM to be held on 15th Nov in the club rooms following lunch.

info re menu and speakers/visitors will go up on Shapinsay Residents page on Facebook.

October Rubbish Collections

4th October - black/grey bins
11th October - glass & plastic
18th October - black/grey bins
25th October - paper & tin

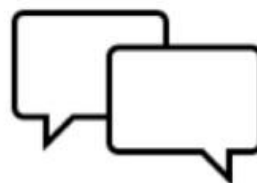
Shapinsay Community Council News

We have now replaced all the wooden picnic benches with **new picnic benches made from recycled plastics** so that they can remain in place all year round. If you would like one of the old wooden benches for personal use, please contact Colin Leslie - note they are in various states of disrepair.



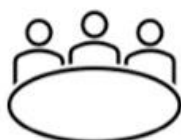
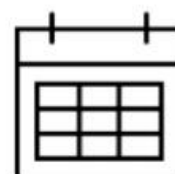
We are delighted that last month OIC Councillors unanimously agreed to proceed with implementing a **20 mph speed limit outside isles' schools**. We will let you know further details on implementation of the speed limit in Shapinsay as soon as we know more.

Scottish Sea Farms are looking to relocate and configure equipment at their fish farming site in Veantrow Bay. Search for application reference 23/298/MARSCO on the planning section of OIC's website for further information. A **public event** about this is due to be held in Shapinsay but details have **not yet been confirmed** - do look out for further information if you are interested in finding out more or commenting on the scoping proposal.



Save the Date! Shapinsay's **Christmas Tree Lighting** will take place on **Friday 1st December** outside the school - further details next month. This year we hope to have festive lamppost lights installed between the pier and school as well.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Friday 17th November, 6:45pm (Clubrooms)**. If there is anything you would like us to discuss at that meeting, including travel grant requests, please **submit correspondence BEFORE Monday 6th November** to shapinsayclerk@gmail.com



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

KIRK NEWS

On Saturday 7th October at 3pm the Shapinsay Kirk is hosting a programme of readings and songs from Waves and Tangles: the life and works of Bessie Grieve. This is an adapted version of the St Magnus International Festival's Johnsmas Foy, produced by Bessie's granddaughter, Sarah Jane Gibbon, to mark the 100th anniversary of Bessie's birth. It will include some Shapinsay focused material.

Bessie Grieve or Skea was born at Ostoft, Shapinsay on 28th June 1923 and although she moved to Mainland Orkney after the war, she remained a regular visitor to the island.

She began writing as a child and by the late 1950s was writing a regular column called 'Countrywoman's Diary', originally for the Orkney Herald and later The Orcadian. Known to many as Countrywoman, her column continued until her death in 1996. These columns were mainly essay-style nature observations which capturing both her interest in nature and her knowledge of it. Bessie wrote short stories and poems too and during her lifetime published five books. One of her contemporaries, George Mackay Brown, described her as 'one of Orkney's foremost nature writers.'

This performance will be extra special, not just because it brings Bessie Grieve's work back to her birthplace, but also many of the readings and songs are performed by members of Bessie's family. The Kirk provides a truly fitting venue as Bessie's father was an elder here and the Kirk looks out over Ostoft.

Donations will go to the RNLI, a charity Bessie supported all her life.

Dear Friends,

In October we will be supporting a lot of different charities!



On the 1st of October at 12 noon we will welcome Glenys Hughes OBE who will speak to us about the work of the Malawi Music Fund, helping Malawi's orphaned children

(malawimusicfund.org.uk/). There will be a retiring collection for MMF after the service.

Then on the 8th of October I will be out for Freedom Sunday with the retiring collection going to the International Justice Mission whose aim is to end modern slavery (<https://www.ijm.org/>).

On the 15th of October we welcome back Mark Causer and on the 22nd of October the Kirkwall East Worship Team who will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving with us.

On the 29th of October Rev John Butterfield will take the service.

All this on top of the annual Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. There are some leaflets in the church or online: blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ShoeBox_leaflet_2023.pdf.

If you need shoeboxes, I'm happy to provide those too. The deadline for donations or filled shoeboxes is the 8th of October at the kirk or the 11th October at the school. Thank you for your help and support!

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

Shapinsay School October 2023

Nursery

The nursery children have been enjoying playing with dinosaurs. They have set up their own vet surgery and have been finding out about people's pets.

Please save the dates of 2nd November and 7th December for Bookbug sessions, which the nursery children will be joining in with.

P1 – 4

As part of the topic about Materials, the children have been doing some technology work based around the story of the three little pigs. We read the story in French, wrote our own versions, and tested the materials for the houses before designing our own. Then we looked at creating houses of the future, and made some prototypes with living roofs, complete with drainage systems.

P5 – 7

The P5-7s have been reading and writing non-chronological reports. In science lessons, they have been learning about states of matter, dissolving, chromatography and ways of separating mixtures of materials. In art, they've been using different techniques with Brusho inks.

The P6 children participated in outdoor education activities with pupils from Papdale School. During the three days they took part in raft building, paddle-boarding, kayaking, bushcraft, archery, canoeing and climbing.

Science Festival

We were able to take part in several activities as part of the Orkney International Science Festival.

We took part in workshops about Marine Superstars, Space, Fossils, Circular Economy, Dementia and visited the Sun in St Magnus Cathedral. We really enjoyed the workshops, and it was great to meet some experts who could tell us all about recent scientific discoveries.

The P7 children entered the Orkney International Science Festival competition called Orkney Sun. It involved comparing the output of single and dual solar panels at different times of day.



Gold Sports Award

We were absolutely delighted, in September, to be informed that we had once again been awarded the Sport Scotland Gold Sport Award, which recognises schools who have worked hard to promote sport within their school and community.

The sports committees over the last few years have put in a tremendous amount of effort to promoting sport within the school and encouraging attendance at after school clubs, but this year we changed our focus to promoting sport within the community. This was done through hosting our Active

Shapinsay Week and applying for funding to create our Community Sports Box, both of which were a great success.

Some of our sports committee members have now moved on to KGS so we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and to thank everyone who supported us and took part in our Active Shapinsay Week. Can we also to continue to encourage everyone to use our Sports Box whenever they would like. We may have to take it in over winter, but will see how it fairs.



WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE
Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist
HOME VISIT SERVICE
Treatment of a variety of foot problems
hcpc Registered
Mobile: 0773 931 8622
Email: gemma851@hotmail.com

Gemma will be back in Shapinsay on the 7th of November
If you would like an appointment, please get in touch with her on the details above.

Each session will cost £35 - your first appointment is covered by SDT - SDT will cover travel. Home visits available for anyone who cannot travel to the clubrooms

The logo for The Smithy, featuring a stylized 'S' inside a diamond shape with a green and blue background.
The Smithy
-CAFE RESTAURANT-

Winter Opening times

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday - 11am to 4pm
Lunches 12-2pm

Friday - 11am till Midnight
Lunches 12-2pm

Saturday - 11am to 4pm & 7pm till Midnight
Lunches 12-2pm

Sunday - 11am to 4pm
Lunches 12-2pm



Shapinsay Development Trust news

Boat News: There seems to be no such thing as a quiet month here at SDT at the moment! This month we've decided to buy a boat! We've had a few meetings around this topic, and when we were given the opportunity to buy the "Linnhe Venture", it seemed like the perfect time! It won't be an instant fix as we need to make some alterations, ensure that we have all the right paperwork in place and not least, we need to make sure we have a crew in place. Once again, if you think you could be available, especially in the evenings, and willing to crew, skippers and crewpersons (experience preferred but not necessary as we can put you through basic training), please get in touch, even if you can only do one night a week, or a willing to help out on occasion, we would love to hear from you.

Job Opportunity: We will be looking for someone to do the admin for the bookings now that Ann has gone to a sunnier climate and there will be a bit more admin to do with us actually running the service ourselves! Initially this post will be for 10 hours per week. Northerly Marine are willing to continue to providing back up for days we are short of crew etc, so we hope between the two that we will be able to provide some continuity of service going forward!

Award News: We head off for the Scottish Enterprise Award ceremony on the 26th of October and we've just been informed that we have been

shortlisted for the SURF awards (one of 3 in the most improved places category). The awards ceremony for that is in December, before that a panel of judges will visit Shapinsay to see all our projects.

Wellbeing News: We have appointed a new wellbeing coordinator. She will start with us on the 1st of November and will get stuck straight in when she gets here. Her name is Alison McDougal, you may have met her on one of her visits here last year or earlier this year. She has vast experience when it comes to wellbeing, so we hope she will be great for the role.

Smithy News: We have moved to winter hours and are closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. This gives us time to start our Takeaways (this Friday the 30th!) and our evening meals (coming very soon!). Keep an eye out for posters and the Facebook for details (The Smithy Shapinsay)



 CAN YOU HELP US

*NAME OUR
BOAT?*

We need a name that suits Shapinsay, something with a Shapinsay or Orcadian connection!
We'd love to hear your suggestions!
Closing date for entries Monday 16th October.

Send your suggestions to Boathouse@Shapinsay.org.uk
or Call 01856711733, drop past or pop it in the post.



Shapinsay Development Trust

Job Description			
Job Title	Boat Admin	Salary	Living wage
Hours of work:	10 hours per week	Term:	No fixed term
Location	Boathouse Shapinsay/home	Reporting to:	Development Trust Manager
Job Summary			
<p>To undertake administrative duties within the Shapinsay Development Trust that relate to the provision of the Out of Hours Ferry Service. As the Development Trust is purchasing a boat, we need an administrator who can deal with the bookings, deal with staff rotas, insurance and relevant paperwork relating to the vessel (with the assistance of the boats Masters)</p> <p>This position requires someone with drive and self-motivation. Someone who is a team player with a strong belief in the values and aims of the SDT. The post holder is expected to have experience with administrative systems and be proficient in the use of computers and software including Microsoft office programs. The post holder will deliver administrative duties in relation to the boat, working with the Manager and the Board to ensure efficient and effective service and help to ensure that the boat and crew meet all sea going regulations.</p>			
Roles and responsibilities			
<p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taking passenger bookings and recording them on the calendars ▪ Creating rotas for OOH crew ▪ Ongoing business development ▪ Working with the crew to ensure that the boat meets all health and safety & MCA standards ▪ Working with the Manager/CDO with project administration work as required. ▪ Updating social media, website etc with any relevant OOH information 			
Personal Specification			
Essential		Desirable	
Pleasant, friendly and approachable		Previous experience in a similar post	
Able to work well individually and as part of a team		Experience delivering a high standard of customer service	
Polite		Experience of record keeping	
Need to be flexible		Experience of creating rotas	
Able to work well under pressure		Experience of excel	
Efficient and patient			
Ability to multitask			

Professional Development

SDT is committed to the continual personal and professional development of all its employees

*Send your letters of application to
boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk*