

Welcome to the September edition of the Shapinsay sound. Here at the SDT we've had a busy month! We've tried to fit in all our day-to-day things around everything else, we've donned a peenie to help out the Smithy, we've done a housing questionnaire, housing open days, a stand at the show, we had a visit from Westray Development Trusts project manager, a visit from some Scottish Government ministers and OIC (Pictured below on the Thorsvoe)



(Frances Pacitti – Deputy director for offshore wind, Michelle Quinn, director for offshore wind, Gareth Waterson Corporate Director of Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration at OIC, Joe Brown Place Director, Oliver Reid – OICs CEO, John-Paul Marks – Permanent Secretary, our North isles councillor Heather Woodbridge and Sweyn Johnston Head of enterprise and economic growth for OIC.

We are rounding off the month with a visit to Glasgow for the 20th Anniversary Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) conference! Davie Cambell and I,

along with some other Orkney CDOs are part of a talk on resilience where we have a great opportunity to showcase Orkney and the benefits of collaboration between trusts and partners like OIC.

The grant application for Rulinvoe is in for consideration by SLF, so thank you to everyone who filled in their questionnaires, only by providing evidence of public support are we able to do these things, so without you, we couldn't do what we do!

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of SDT, please email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk for a form.

Our AGM is likely to be held on the 6th of November, to be able to vote at the AGM, you need to be a member. It costs £1 per household for membership and you are a member for life or until your request otherwise.

You may have spotted on social media that we have been shortlisted for the "Social enterprise of the year award"! We are very excited to be shortlisted, we are one of 4 in the running for the award, and are up against some very strong contenders, so even getting this far is just amazing! We will find out how we did at the awards ceremony in October!

The Smithy has continued to be really busy during the entire Summer! As the weather changes and the bairns head back to

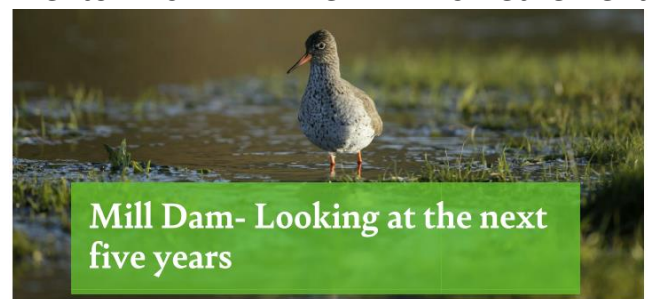
school, we anticipate a considerable drop off in visitors in the next couple of weeks. At that time, we will be able to take stock, look at what went well, what can be improved and also look at how the winter will look and maybe start to introduce takeaways and evening meals. We would like to welcome Joanna Sosnowska as the assistant manager at the Smithy, Joanna has many years of experience in a commercial kitchen, so we look forward to welcoming her as a permanent member of the team.

Transport – Community car - in the next few weeks we hope to introduce a self-drive car hire option with the white EV which is a 7 seater. If you are interested in hiring it, please get in touch!

Out of Hours Ferry - We have some big decisions to make in the near future about our out of hours ferry service. Northerly Marine continue to provide a regular service for us, but as they have other commitments, we can't expect them to continue to provide this level of service indefinitely. So, we are looking into other options. One option is for SDT to buy a boat and run the service ourselves, there are ways to make the service more sustainable, by offering tours or fishing trips etc during the day and running the regular service in the evenings – however this would hugely depend on whether we could staff it. So, with that said, we are putting the feelers out as to whether we could create a potential pool of crew with varying abilities and sea-going credentials, from occasional, part time, to full time crew available on the island or even in Kirkwall that would be

able to step in and help out or run the service. If you think you may be able to help out, please get in touch as this will hugely influence what direction we take with this in the future. There may be an opportunity to help anyone who would like to pursue training in this field. We want to see the service continue for the island as it's such a valuable service, Northerly Marine are still happy to provide support as they have done in the past, to allow for staff holidays, cover when there is nobody available, or when there are breakdowns or other eventualities.

Lastly on the subject of Transport we would like to take this opportunity thank Harvey Groat, his family and his crew for the amazing dedication the island and to the service for so many years! I'm sure he could tell a tale or two about his trips over the years, from conditions that changed in an instant, to nights out that have caused great hilarity, to emergency runs to get folk to hospital, or vets to the island, Harvey has done and seen it all! He has decided that it's time to hang up his captain hat and enjoy a long earned retirement, we would like to wish him well in his retirement!



Shapinsay Community Centre

6th September 2023
7pm-8pm

Mill Dam is a fantastic Nature Reserve for wildlife such as Redshank and Curlew. We're now renewing our 5 year plan of how we manage the site. Come along to this talk to learn more about our plans for the reserve and a chance to give your views.

Successful SWAPS

Shapinsay men darts club - £600
Shapinsay Lifeboat guild - £320
E Chaney – Highland dancing and
Swimming - £50.50 + £48.72
Muir – Driving lessons - £330
M Dunnet – Climbing competitions
£250 for accommodation, £100 toward
equipment and £403.20 for training.

Shapinsay Community Council

Next Meeting:
Thursday 07 September 2023
at 6.45pm
In the Community Centre

If there is anything you would like us to
discuss, including travel grants, please
submit correspondence ASAP to
Shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

Leanne bews (Chair & Health rep), Esther Chaney, Colin
Leslie (Vice-Chair & Planning rep, Val More, Darren
Muir (transport rep), Jean Noble, Eileen Phillips

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist

HOME VISIT SERVICE

Treatment of a variety of foot problems
hpc 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

SHAPINSAY FREE TASTER DAY



WHEN: SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

5pm-6pm

WHERE: in the Community Centre



**FLOOR
BARRE**
by veraflow



Thank you

To everyone who came along to
support our annual fete day. We raised
a total of £920.36 & the accordion and
fiddle club also donated £500 bringing
us to £1420.36!

If anyone would like to join the Shapinsay
Guild, we are meeting in the Smithy on
Friday 1st at 7.30 to discuss the future of
the Guild and if we can do something to
celebrate our 50th Anniversary next year!

[We need more volunteers to be able to
continue to run events like this.](#)

Lunch club returns

Lunch Club will return on
Wednesday the 20th of September.
Check the Shapinsay Facebook
page for further details

Over 50s Welcome



Shapinsay School September 2023

After the summer break, we are settling back into school. When the weather has been nice we have been enjoying being outside, even if that's not been every day so far!

We have started looking at our Pupil Committees for this term, and have been thinking about what skills are needed for each committee. Once the committees are formed, each committee will set their targets for this session and begin work.

In September we will be taking part in several workshops as part of the Orkney Science Festival. We will be doing workshops about fossils, marine life, circular economy and space. We are particularly excited about the planetarium that is coming to visit!

Nursery

We are very excited to welcome children back to nursery after the summer holidays and welcome new children in. We are getting to know each other, finding out about our favourite things to do and focusing on routines.

This year we are planning to introduce Makaton signing to nursery beginning with signs related to our routines such as toilet, washing hands and snack.

P1 – 4



This term our topic is based around Materials and Energy. The children have been learning about the properties of different materials, thinking about which are flexible, waterproof, absorbent, transparent and many other qualities. The classroom is set up with a variety of different challenges so that the children can

use their knowledge of different materials to solve them. They will be making houses, boats, puppets and much more this term.

In art they will be trying out different sewing techniques and exploring different textiles and their properties. In PE they will be learning some basketball skills with Mrs Bews. While the P4s are swimming the P1-3 will be exploring different PE equipment with Miss Clements. As well as revising their numbers, colours and animals in Spanish they will also be learning some Orcadian poems and stories. In French the children will be revising greetings, numbers, colours and days of the week.

P5 – 7

In Science, the children will be learning about materials. They will learn about the characteristics of solids, liquids and gases, and investigate physical changes. They will investigate chemical changes and the different ways in which a mixture of materials can be separated. Social Studies lessons will focus on world geography. The main focus of RME this term will be learning about Sikhism. French work will be on naming classroom objects and using these in sentences with colours and numbers. In Spanish lessons, the children will learn some body parts and how to explain they feel unwell. Swimming lessons will also take place each week until the October break.



In PE the children are learning basketball skills and going to swimming lessons in Kirkwall. They will have a focus on Orcadian this term and have decided to make some books and games to help teach people Orcadian.