

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

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The year is flying in and we're on our November edition of the Shapinsay sound already. It's AGM time, so if you can, please come along on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. We will not only be updating you on what we've done in the last year and looking to the future, we will also reflect on the last 20 years as we celebrate our 20 year anniversary! Many directors have come and gone over the last 20 years and each and every one of you have played some part in getting to where we are now! If you'd like to become a member, please email [boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk)

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, we were invited to Holyrood to the Social enterprise awards where we were shortlisted for the high accolade of "Social enterprise of the year". We didn't win this time, but it was great to be part of it and just to be shortlisted and see what other enterprises are up to. The Glenelg Skye Ferry company won the top prize this year, you can check them out online!

We had a visit from the SURF awards judges on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we will find out how we got on with that award in December!

If anyone has anything they'd like to include in the newsletter, pop past or email [boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk)

After a busy summer at the Smithy, we took a minute to let the staff breathe a bit, we've started our takeaways and are now starting into bar meals some Saturday evenings. Keep an eye on the Facebook page [The Smithy Shapinsay](https://www.facebook.com/The-Smithy-Shapinsay) for more details and there is some information in this edition of the Shapinsay Sound



**Shapinsay Development Trust AGM will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in the clubrooms at 7pm**

**All welcome**

**We will also be taking a look back at and celebrating the last 20 years!**

**Please come along and join us**



*Evening Bar Meals*

This Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November we are starting our evening bar meals.

We will be serving 4pm - 8pm

We have capacity to seat 20 folk for a three course meal during this time.

If you would like to book you can contact us on 01856711243 or by email [smithy@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:smithy@shapinsay.org.uk)

## Shapinsay School November 2023

In October we learned about Black History Month



and took part in the Wear Red Day to Show Racism the Red Card.

We have welcomed Hadi and Amara to the school and we hope they will be very happy here.

### Nursery

There has been lots of talk about 'bigger' and 'smaller' recently and so to develop the interest in size comparisons we have been looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears and exploring the story sack. We have beds, chairs, bowls and spoons for each of the bears.

There has also been lots of keen interest in learning to use the different wheeled toys – scooters, balance bikes, cars and trikes. We have been learning about staying safe on these by wearing a helmet.

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

### P1 – 4

P1 -4 continued their Materials topic by looking at sustainability. They counted how much waste we produced and used it in maths for data handling.

The children thought about how we can limit the amount of waste we produce. In writing the

children wrote persuasive texts about reusing and recycling. To finish up the topic the children looked at the story of the Gingerbread man, and did a variety of experiments and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges around the story.

All of the primary children made gingerbread biscuits.

### P5 – 7

In RME the children have been listening to Sikh stories.



In French, they've been learning numbers to 100 and more about French phonics.

English has focused on using a wider range of conjunctions in complex sentences.

Katy Firth, from NILPS, came out to Shapinsay to help the children learn about plankton. They enjoyed taking part in using a special plankton net to collect plankton from by the harbour. They then examined what they'd caught under microscopes and attempted to identify what types of plankton they saw.

The P7 children entered the Orkney Sun2 competition which was part of the Science Festival. They had to compare the effectiveness of single and double-sided solar panels by collecting data and analysing it. They worked out that the E-W panels are better early and late, and the South facing panel is better at or around noon. The judges praised their 'thorough investigation of the effect of the white reflector' and awarded them second prize.

## Shapinsay Community Council

are holding a



display on

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm**

Spectators are asked to stand on the pavement

**In front of the School bike sheds**

The fireworks will be set off from the Boathouse garden but spectators must not enter the Boathouse grounds at all during the event.

**Shapinsay Community Association**

will be providing

**tea, coffee and hot chocolate and a chance for socialising**

**in the Clubrooms following the display.**

There will be a donations bucket and a raffle.

## Waves and Tangles

On Saturday 7th October a good gathering of islanders and folk from the mainland enjoyed a performance of readings and song drawn from the life and works of Bessie Grieve.

The collection for the RNLI raised £144.30.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a success.



Photo; Bessie's granddaughters Emma and Sara-Jane performing at the event.



Shapinsay Lunch Club will be hosting lunch at the club rooms on the 1st November.

Further info will be posted on the Shapinsay Residents Page.

New members always welcome.

Shapinsay Lunch Club will be meeting on the 15th November in the clubroom.

On the menu will be:

~Mince, tatties and veg

~Quorn mince tatties and veg

~Brownies and ice cream

This will be the clubs AGM meeting following lunch.

Further details will be on the Shapinsay Residents Page nearer the time.

## AGM

Shapinsay Lunch Club AGM will be held on the 15th of November after lunch.

All current members will be added to the voting slips. Arrangements will be made to send out voting slips to members unable to attend that day via a non-member.

Any queries please contact us.



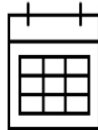
## Shapinsay Community Council News

Orkney Islands Council are advertising the **Shapinsay Community Council Clerk vacancy**. See the advert for further details or contact Jenny McGrath on 01856 873535 ext 2264 or email [jenny.mcgrath@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.mcgrath@orkney.gov.uk)



**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.

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](mailto:shapinsayclerk@gmail.com)



## Situations Vacant:



### SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERK

We are looking for someone to provide part-time clerking cover for Shapinsay Community Council, who generally hold 5 meetings per year.

This is an ideal opportunity to be involved in the community, assist in local democracy, and undertake independent administrative work from home. There may be the opportunity to assist with projects, and work in conjunction with other local groups to provide events that benefit the whole community.

You should have good communication and organisational skills and be computer literate, preferably with experience of Microsoft Word, Excel and Teams. A laptop and other necessary equipment can be provided if required.

Remuneration is relative to the number of meetings held in a year, and full training will be provided to the successful candidate.

For an application pack and/or further information please contact:

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Orkney Islands Council  
Kirkwall  
KW15 1NY  
E-mail: [jenny.mcgrath@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.mcgrath@orkney.gov.uk) or telephone 873535 ext 2264

## ACTIVE MOVERS SHAPINSAY

**TUESDAY'S**  
**10:30 - 11:15**  
**IN THE CLUBROOMS**  
**FOLLOWED BY**  
**SOCIAL CAFE**



Delivered by  
Orkney Dance & Fitness Ltd



Funded by the  
Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

## November Rubbish Collections

**1st November - black/grey bins**  
**8th November - glass & plastic**  
**15th November - black/grey bins**  
**22nd November - paper & tin**  
**29th November - black/grey bins**

**\*note - OIC are no longer delivering  
black bin liners.**

**Scottish  
Book Trust**  
inspiring readers and writers



## Bookbug Session

with the Early Years Team

Free **story**, **song** and **rhyme** sessions for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their families

**When:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:** Shapinsay Community Room

**Time:** 1.45pm to 2.45pm

Everyone is welcome!

[scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug](http://scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug)



*Shapinsay Parent Council*

## BINGO

Family • Fun • Bingo • Tea/Coffee • Homebakes

**COMMUNITY CENTRE CLUBROOM**

*Please come along to support our island community school*

~Reduced price 2023

~Bingo dabbers for sale

Saturday 2 December • Doors Open 7pm  
Starts 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE • BOOK A TABLE

*Shapinsay*

## WINTER FAYRE

CRAFTS & GIFTS • BRIC A BRAC • REFRESHMENTS

COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL  
TABLE £5 & RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER • 2-4PM

PLEASE CONTACT GEMMA LESLIE TO BOOK A TABLE

Email: [gemma-hendry44@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gemma-hendry44@hotmail.co.uk) • Phone: 07495951552

### A Taste of Machine Knitting

*Find out if machine knitting is for you on a free half day course*

Learn:

- ❖ How to set the machine up
- ❖ How to cast on and off
- ❖ How to knit a striped pattern

A more advanced follow-on 3 hour session may also be available

Please get in touch if you live in the North Isles and are interested or would like more information.

We will arrange the dates and locations once we know who would like to attend.

[Alex.wright@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:Alex.wright@orkney.gov.uk)

**NORTH ISLES**  
LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME





**The Smithy**  
-CAFE RESTAURANT-

## November opening times

Friday the 3rd  
Takeaway 4:30pm - 7:30pm  
(Open 11am - 12am)

Saturday the 4th  
Sit in Bar Meals 5pm - 8pm  
(open from 12pm - 12am)

Sunday the 5th  
Open for Brunch 12 pm - 5pm

Wednesday the 8th  
Winter Warmers 11am - 4pm

Friday the 10th  
Takeaway 4:30pm - 7:30pm  
(Open 11am - 12am)

Saturday the 11th  
(Open from 11am - 4pm & 7pm - 12am)

Sunday the 12th  
Sunday Roast 12pm - 4pm

Friday the 17th  
Takeaway 4:30pm - 7:30pm  
(Open 11am - 12am)

Saturday the 18th  
(Open from 11am - 4pm & 7pm - 12am)

Sunday the 19th  
Open for Brunch 12pm - 5pm

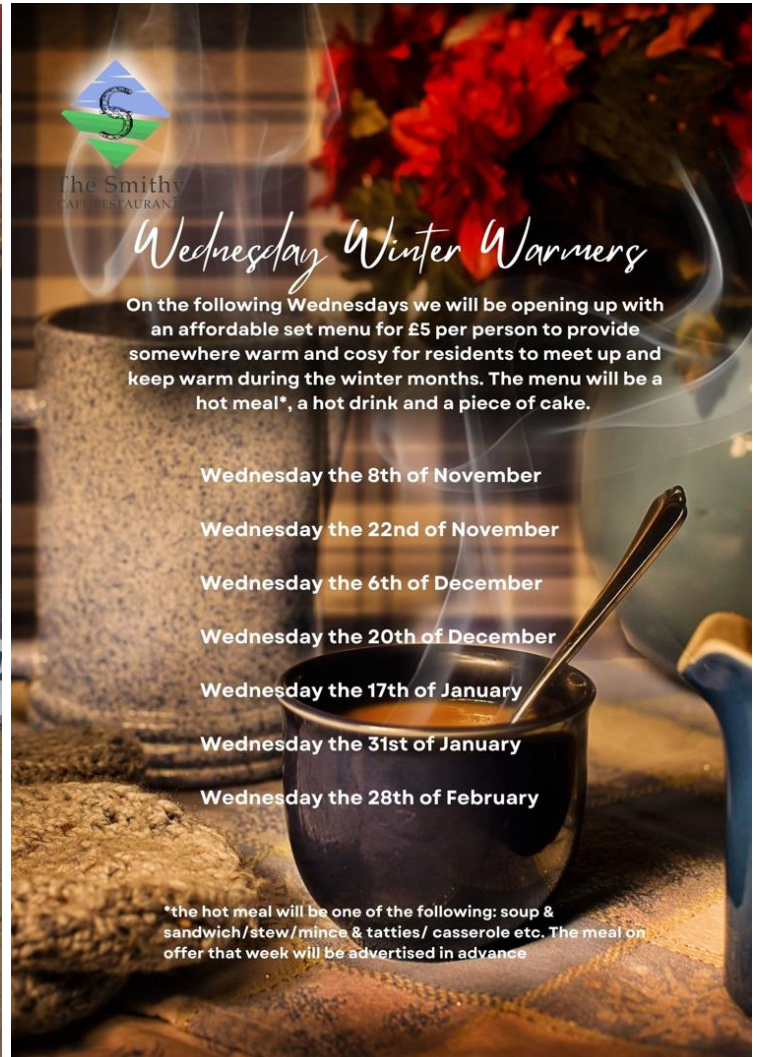
Wednesday the 22nd  
Winter Warmers 11am - 4pm

Friday the 24th  
Takeaway 4:30pm - 7:30pm  
(Open from 11am - 12am)

Saturday the 25th  
(Open from 11am - 4pm & 7pm - 12am)

Sunday the 26th  
Sunday Roast 12pm - 4pm

**Shapinsay**  
Development Trust



**The Smithy**  
CAFE RESTAURANT

## Wednesday Winter Warmers

On the following Wednesdays we will be opening up with an affordable set menu for £5 per person to provide somewhere warm and cosy for residents to meet up and keep warm during the winter months. The menu will be a hot meal\*, a hot drink and a piece of cake.

Wednesday the 8th of November

Wednesday the 22nd of November

Wednesday the 6th of December

Wednesday the 20th of December

Wednesday the 17th of January

Wednesday the 31st of January

Wednesday the 28th of February

\*the hot meal will be one of the following: soup & sandwich/stew/mince & tatties/ casserole etc. The meal on offer that week will be advertised in advance



## Christmas at The Smithy

We are now taking bookings for Christmas dinners

We will be offering our Christmas menu for bookings of up to 20 folk on Saturday evenings or Sunday lunchtimes/afternoons through December up to the 23rd

(we may also be able to accommodate lunchtime service in the week depending on availability.)

If you would like to book you can contact us on 01856711243 or by email [smithy@shapinsay.org.uk](mailto:smithy@shapinsay.org.uk)

**The Smithy**  
CAFE RESTAURANT



## Christmas Menu




### Starters

<b>Fried Scallops and chorizo</b> served on a bed of rocket	£11.95
<b>Deep fried Grimbister cheese</b> Served with cranberry dip	£6.95
<b>Roasted parsnip soup</b> Served with croutons	£5.95

### Deserts

<b>Sticky toffee pudding</b> Served with toffee sauce and orkney ice cream	£6.25
<b>Hot Brownie</b> Served with cream or orkney ice cream	£4.95
<b>Salted caramel pound cake</b> Served with cream or orkney ice cream	£6.25
<b>Ice cream sundae</b>	£5.25
<b>Christmas trifle</b>	£4.95



Please ask your server about our allergy information and inform them of any allergies or dietary requirements

*The Smithy*

### Mains

<b>Roast Turkey or Beef with all the trimmings</b> Served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, stuffing, carrots, Parsnips, sprouts & Gravy	£16.95
<b>Veggie nut roast With all the trimmings</b> Served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, stuffing, carrots, Parsnips, sprouts & Gravy	£14.95
<b>Balfour burger &amp; Chips</b> Freshly made Orkney Beef & Pork burger, Served with salad, cheese and freshly made burger sauce & a side of skin on chips	£11.95
<b>Lasagne</b> Made with fresh Orkney beef mince and served with a side salad	£12.95

### Bairns' Menu for Peedie folk

#### Starters

<b>Peedie Roasted parsnip soup</b> Served with croutons or Choice of bread	£3.95
<b>Peedie Grimbister cheese</b> Served with cranberry dip or ketchup	£4.75
<b>Peedie Roast Dinner with choice of Turkey, Beef or Veggie nut roast</b> Served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, stuffing, carrots, Parsnips, sprouts & Gravy	£9.95
<b>Fish goujons and chips</b>	£5.75
<b>Peedie pizza</b>	£4.25
<b>Peedie chicken burger</b>	£4.95
<b>Peedie lasagne</b>	£5.75



SHAPINSAY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

## **HARVEST HOME**



**Tickets on Sale**  
**Thomas Sinclair Shop**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Doors open 7pm

***Adults £15***  
***Children (16 & under) £5***  
***Under 5 Free***

Meal by SAA: Roast Beef & trimmings

Dance to *David Bowen Scottish Dance Band*