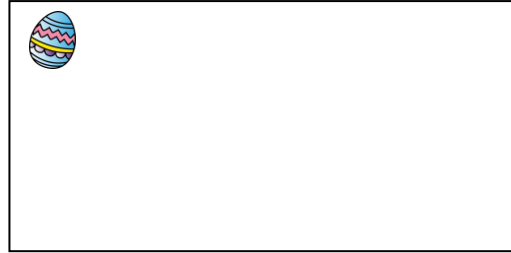


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Shapinsay School



There was Comic Relief, which the bairns did a bake sale for and raised over £130, a

fantastic total for such a peedie school!

And last, but certainly not least, everyone worked so hard to pull off a brilliant performance of "Aladdin" on the 25th of March!

This term has been very busy, so much so that the school ran out of time to write their own piece for the newsletter, so I am writing something on their behalf!

What a month it has been, since the last edition of the Shapinsay sound went to print, we've had Active Shapinsay week, which saw the school organising several activities, some with visiting instructors from the mainland. We had cycling, dancing, walking, climbing, running and more! We had a visit from the Scottish Football Association (and 3 Shapinsay folk have been across to Dounby and done their football coaching training, so thank you very much to them!)

This month also saw World book day, the school were very fortunate to be able to host author Britt Marcus (funding from SDT and Shapinsay Parent Council enabled this to go ahead) and everyone brought in tatties dressed as their favourite book characters!

It always amazes me that such a peedie school can pull off such a great performance! There was some fantastic singing, great acting, lots of costume changes and plenty of laughs along the way!

It's great to see the bairns grow in confidence as each year passes, children that were maybe a little shy 2 years ago, sung and acted their hearts out this year! I couldn't single anyone out, as they all did so well, even our special peedie Bubbles in the laundry did everyone proud!

Well done to Shapinsay Primary School and Nursery pupils and staff for all the hard work that went into putting on such a good show, it's no mean feat with such a wide age group of bairns, so many costume changes and so many characters to cover in such a small number of pupils!

(written by Lisa-Marie on behalf of the school)



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ESTHER SWIFT + SWELKIE

9th april at 7.30pm
Community Centre Club
Rooms, Shapinsay

Tickets available from
the Shapinsay shop:
£15, under 18s free



WE'RE HIRING!



Join Our Team - we are looking
for a motivated individual to:



Clean windows at the
Boathouse (once per month)



Wash 2 cars plus hoover and
wipe down inside where
necessary (once per month)



Wash 6-8 ebikes once per
month, could be more often in
the summer



What We Provide:

All equipment and insurance
Living Wage paid to everyone aged 16+
Around 5 hours of flexible employment per month



Requirments: reasonable level of fitness and self motivation

Email Boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk to
apply or for more information

Join Our Team!

SEASONAL STAFF WANTED!



FRONT OF HOUSE



KITCHEN STAFF

JUNE TO AUGUST

POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

- Must be 18 or over

APPLY NOW!

Join the team at
THE SMITHY CAFE
Friendly Workplace • Great Summer Job!

EMAIL: boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk
OR CALL: 01856 711733



Reminder

Shapinsay Sound deadline for entries is: Wednesday 23rd of April 9am

email submissions to
boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

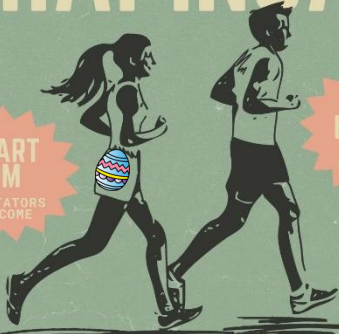





ORKNEY ATHLETIC & RUNNING CLUB
PRESENTS

SHAPINSAY

START 1PM
SPECTATORS WELCOME



HOME BAKES
BY DONATION

10K RACE

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026

START & FINISH AT SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SIGN UP ONLINE BY 12 APRIL
WWW.ENTRYCENTRAL.COM/SHAPINSAY10K

PLEASE BOOK TRAVEL IN ADVANCE WITH ORKNEY FERRIES



CAN YOU HELP?

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026
SHAPINSAY 10K RACE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ROUTE MARSHALS

REFRESHMENTS

TIME KEEPERS

THE SHAPINSAY 10K RACE STARTS & FINISHES AT SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL. THE COURSE TAKES A CIRCULAR ROUTE AROUND SHAPINSAY.

CONTACT JOEL & ESTHER TO DISCUSS VOLUNTEERING



ROUTE MAP



SHAPINSAY 10K RACE

START & FINISH AT SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

THE DIRECTION OF THE RUN IS INDICATED BY THE JUNCTION NUMBERS - J1, J2, J3 ETC.



Easter Lunch Menu





Homemade soup of the day
with Brown, White, GF Bread or Bere Bannock
£7

Smithy Steak Open Sandwich
Minute steak, Orkney Cheese, mushroom, onion, mustard mayo or Orkney preserves
£12

BBQ Pulled Pork Panini
Served with crisps and chutney
£11

Homemade Sausage Roll (Fletts sausage meat) Chips and Beans
£8.50

Portion of Chips
£3.50
Cheese/Beans (50p extra)

The Smithy

Serving food between 12-2.30
Allergen advice on request
GF and Veg options available




Easter Holidays opening hours





Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th
Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th

Fridays 12-3pm (lunches)
4.30pm-7pm (Takeaways)
7pm-12am (Pub)

Saturdays 12-3pm (lunches)
Sundays 12-3pm (lunches)

The Smithy

Serving food between 12-2.30
Allergen advice on request
GF and Veg options available - pre-booking is helpful if you have special requests, it helps us ensure we have everything we need




Friday 17th April



PIZZA TAKEAWAY

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

	9"	12"
MARGHERITA	£10.20	£12.20
VEGETARIAN	£11.20	£13.20
HAWAIIAN	£11.20	£13.20
MEAT FEAST	£11.75	£13.75






Please book in the usual ways

Shapinsays Community-Get-Involved day summary



Thank you to everyone who attended the community get involved day, a lot of work went into it, and it was great to so many people

get involved! The day was organised by Naomi Bremner (Consultant who will put together the plan), Lisa-Marie (SDT) and assisted by Community Council and Community Association as co-hosts.

We had around 60 residents of all ages pop down at some point during the day, many came for one workshop in the morning and found it so engaging they stayed for the whole day! Some came down for one workshop and some lunch, some came to take part in all the stuff in the hall, it was great to see so many people engage in different ways! 

We had 17 guests from as far afield as the Westray Development Trust, we had representatives from THAW, Warmworks, MP Alistair Carmichael, MSP Liam McArthur, Councillors Mel Thomson and Stephen Clackson, Community Link Practitioner, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership, Marine planning, Orkney Ferries as well as representatives from various local groups.

On the whole the day was very productive and positive with some very useful conversations happening around the table at the workshops, over lunch and in the hall. Those that couldn't make it were given the opportunity to feed into it through a survey that was shared on Facebook. We hope that the first draft will be available sometime next month, at which local groups will be invited to come together to feed into the draft before anything is finalised.

Naomi wrote up a report on the whole day which is available to download through our website if anyone is interested in looking over it.

Shapinsay Development Trust update: March has been a time of reflecting on the community-get-involved day, catching up on policy updates, housekeeping, Smithy planning, Cast Affs sorting and starting to work towards the end of financial year fun!

Balfour Cottages update – you will have noticed that some work has started there, the compound where the site portacabins etc will be stored has had some work on it and the interior of the cottages has been stripped back to stone walls. We've had some delays with the road permits, which have now been granted, so we hope to be ready to start work properly very soon.

In terms of next projects, we are looking at forming a small Shapinsay Tourism group, if you are interested in joining, let us know, the first meeting will be held at 2pm on April first. We hope to start to move forward with "wellbeing" when the feedback from the community get-involved day comes through.

Cast Affs is open on Tuesday afternoons and can be open any Monday-Thursday morning when the office is open, we have had a huge clear out & lots of new donations (all unsold items have gone over to to Kirkwall charity shops so we can keep them local! Donations can be dropped off any time during office hours.

Smithy update – We have taken the decision to postpone opening for the summer until June. We realise that won't be popular, but it just wasn't financially viable last year. Last year's footfall was very low during April & May. We were only seeing a handful of customers each day. This unfortunately is unsustainable and doesn't come close to covering overheads. It also creates a lot of food waste. This wasn't an unusual story across Orkney. We have spoken to others that rely on tourism, they have said that April and May were very quiet last year. We will however open 3 days per week in the Easter holidays, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for locals. If this proves popular this year, we will open again next year during this period. We are looking for some 'over 18' seasonal staff to help us out this summer. If you have some time on your hands, please consider joining us!





Louise Hollinrake memorial RNLI FUNDRAISER



Louise was such a big part of music on Shapinsay and organised musicians to come over on many occasions, it seemed only fitting to do our next fundraiser in her honour!

**VENUE - SHAPINSAY HALL 3-6.30PM
SUNDAY MAY 20TH**

**MUSIC FROM THE ACCORDIAN AND
FIDDLE CLUB**

MUSIC BY THE SHAPINSAY MUSIC GROUP

**THERE WILL BE FILLED ROLLS, REFRESHMENTS
AND A RAFFLE.**



SHAPINSAY HERITAGE ARTS AND CRAFTS

We are the guardians of Shapinsay heritage, the promoters and sharers of local arts and crafts and the stewards of Shapinsay Heritage Centre.

Would you like to be involved?
AGM Sunday 20th April 3-5PM in the clubrooms.
To be followed by coffee, home baking and slideshow with images of Shapinsay through the years.

Open day for crafters: Do you live on Shapinsay and would you like to sell your art and/or crafts? Saturday 25th April 1-4PM at the Heritage Centre. If you can't make it, email: crafts@shapinsayheritage.co.uk

If you or someone you know has been affected by cancer, the Improving the Cancer Journey service is here to support you.

To find out more about ICJ and to access the self-referral form, visit: [Improving the Cancer Journey \(ICJ\)](#) | [NHS Orkney](#)

If you have any questions or would like to refer yourself or someone else into ICJ, contact us today:

- Email: ork.icj@nhs.scot
- Phone: 01856 888084 (Public Health Department)

Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) Service



Cancer affects more than just your health - it can touch every part of your life

Whether you're dealing with financial stress, emotional worries, or practical challenges like work or caring responsibilities, the Improving the Cancer Journey service is here to help.

Improving the Cancer Journey offers personalised, non-clinical support tailored to what matters most to you. From accessing benefits advice to connecting with wellbeing services, we're here to make sure you don't have to face it all alone.



Following the meeting held on 10th March and with the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer becoming vacant following the recent resignations of the current postholders, we are delighted to report that the Horticultural Association will continue and that there will be an Annual Show on Saturday 15th August and a Tattie In A Bucket competition at the AGM this year. There were some new faces at the meeting and they were very keen that the Show should continue and were happy to take over the running of the organisation to make that happen. There was also a strong feeling that the school children should be involved more now in order to encourage the next generation of gardeners.

Questions and discussions followed about the processes involved in organising a Show and also about the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Following these discussions and subsequent nominations, the new post holders are as follows:-

Chair: Alan Strong

Secretary: Fiona Sorbie

Asst. Secretary: Lenka Mellor

Treasurer: Margaret Eunson

Asst. Treasurer: Claire Ward

Margaret agreed to continue as Treasurer until the next AGM to provide continuity and Karen and Paul Evans will provide any support that is needed during the handover period and with the Show. Peter Brown, former Asst. Secretary has decided to stand down but will continue to help out as necessary.

We hope that the new team will enjoy the roles they have taken on and we wish them all the best. We know the Show will continue to be enjoyed by Shapinsay residents and friends from further afield.

The tatties for the Tattie In A Bucket competition are now in the shop. The variety is Kestrel, the same as last year.

For any queries please contact

Chair: Alan Strong: tel. 07510 283661 or

Secretary: Fiona Sorbie: email Fiona.walls@icloud.com

Shapinsay Surgery Opening Hours

Shapinsay Office Administrator opening hours:

Monday: 12:00-16:30

Tuesday 12:00-15:00

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: 09:00-13:15

Friday: 12:00-13:30

Saturday/Sunday — Closed

Due to a recent security incident, nothing will be left in the foyer, the front door will be locked except during office/surgery hours



Ferry Vouchers

Need help loading your vouchers onto your card?

Pop into the Boathouse Monday- Thursday 9-1pm and we can help you!

Just for fun – we have hidden 20 Easter Eggs (like the one below) around the newsletter for you to find!



Piece Place Coffee morning April 7th 10am- 12pm in the Clubrooms



Join us for coffee and a natter,
come with company or come for
company!

School Communications

If you are needing to get in touch with anyone at the school there are several ways you can do this:

Email admin.shapinsay@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk or em.ma.clements@orkney.gov.uk. Emails will be forwarded to the correct person if you state who it is for.

You can phone the school on 711218, and leave a message if there is no one available to answer the phone.

You can Whatsapp the school phone on 07351 952057.

Any communications will be picked up during working hours, and we really appreciate folk keeping school communications to the official school channels.

Community Association

If you are wishing to message the community association the contact details for Alison Meason, chair of the Community Association are alisonmeason@btinternet.com or 01856711261.

To make bookings please email bookingsforshap@gmail.com and make sure that you give at least 3 days' notice. All bookings need to go through this email.