

Scourie News



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Dates for March

Mondays: Keep fit @ village hall
Wednesdays: Yoga @ village hall @ 10.30am
Thurs 6th & 20th Camera club @ village hall
Thurs 6th SCDC Meeting @ 7.30pm
Fri 21st Pub quiz @ 7.30pm

Thank You!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all who have been knitting fish and chip jumpers for the David Gordon Memorial Hospital and Mulanje Hospital in Malawi. It was wonderful to know that so many of you were knitting along with knitters from Oban, Aberdeen, Dundee, Ayrshire, Glasgow, and Patricroft Church, Eccles in Lancashire.

In May 2013, Alistair and fellow elders from John Knox Church in Stewarton took as many jumpers as they could carry when they visited Malawi to cycle for EMMS International. In July, we packed up more jumpers and delivered them to the Raven Trust Store at Strachur, Argyle. The boxes are labelled, recorded for Customs and loaded on to a container with other boxes to a full load.

The lorry drove to Felixstowe where the container was loaded on to a ship which sailed for Durban. Once on the great continent of Africa, the container was loaded and driven into Central Africa then the Malawi boxes completed their journey. You can imagine our delight when we heard that the jumpers had made it to the hospital at Livingstonia and an email from Dr Lyn Dowds confirmed that the jumpers had been distributed to mums and babies.

Dr Lyn Dowds has requested that we send little knitted blankets now so please get your wool and needles going again to knit squares or stripes to make up blankets which are approx a metre square. Keep knitting!

Thank you and bless you for your generosity of time and effort.



Alistair and Kim Watt
Stewarton



Alistair Watt at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital and Dr Lyn Dowds, the only doctor at the hospital, Rev Stephen Bota and John Kalua who is the hospital administrator.



Seen & Heard

Who said romance is dead? It's certainly alive and kicking in a certain household in Park Terrace, if the overflowing Valentine hamper which was delivered recently, is anything to go by!



Scourie Community Development Company Limited

Public Meeting on Thursday 6th
March @ 7:30.p.m

to discuss sub-committee to run
Sports Pavilion
ALL WELCOME



FÈIS AN IAR THUATH

Last weekend Fèis an Iar Thuath hosted an amazing event. Children, parents and tutors came from Wick, Helmsdale, Tongue, Durness, Scourie, Stoer, Lochinver, Ullapool, Achiltibuie, Inverness and Oban for our fourth Fèis. Participant numbers are growing, with over 40 children attending this year. A fun weekend was had by all. The atmosphere was great, exciting, friendly and relaxed. There was something for everybody.

Fèis Bheag was led by Lisa, catering for children from 4-7 years. We were entertained by them at the children's concert with Gaelic action songs complete with costumes and props made by the children. We, as a Fèis are unique in this area. No other Fèis runs workshops for children under 8. Well done to Lisa!

This year we introduced accordion classes due to a demand resulting from the arrival of KLB High School French teacher, Kate Reid. She is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist, who is now tutoring children in guitar and accordion. We hope to develop this area during the next year.

Joseph Peach from Achiltibuie taught accordion and chanter this year. Having spent his final year at the Traditional Music School in Plockton, he is now studying UHI BA (Hons) Applied Music Degree in Glasgow.

He gave a moving solo performance of Capercaillie's Breisleach at the concert on accordion, as well as solo piano and playing with the group for dancing. Lindsay played some lovely Irish tunes on the whistle and Lisa also sang a beautiful Gaelic song.

We were delighted to have back again Gordon Gunn of Session A9 tutoring fiddle with Anne and, this year, Addie Harper from Wick tutoring guitar. Vicky MacLean, Fèis development officer for Lochaber led the Drama classes with Lindsay on whistle and Sheilah on keyboard making up the rest of the Tutor team. It was great to be working alongside such talented, warm-hearted folk. Gaelic Classes for adults also featured alongside our musical workshops. Funded by NWT based in KLB High School and attracting nine people, it is hoped to continue these in future years.

Our Stage Café was a great success, with people popping in for a cup of tea and a cake and was enjoyed by the Gaelic students and tutors.

Friday's night Ceilidh opened with a minutes silence to honour the memory of Robert MacDonald who had passed away during the week and Anne played "She moved through the Fair".

This year's Fèis would not have happened without the generosity and support of so many from the community. Thanks go to Valerie for use of the Anchorage, Claire for use of the school, Christine for housing our tutors at a difficult time for the family, to all who helped at the Fèis, Julie for stepping in to help with the catering, Donna, Gina, Fiona, Gillon and Aileen, to Ken and Madelaine for the cakes, Clive and Ellen who organised

the raffle. Thanks also to the Hall committee, the Fèis committee and to all of you who contributed to the raffle. It is always very special in Scourie.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the stars of the show, the children, and their parents who encourage and drive them to their music lessons and come to share and develop their talent with us every year.



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The web pages are starting to take shape. Thank you to all who have asked for your business to be included.

The calendar lists village events, and Pete is trying to make this a valuable resource for the village.

Want to know which bin to put out, when the next pub quiz is, or just a B&B to stay for the night? The Scourie Web page will provide the answer.

Please contact Pete via the contact page on the site if you want to be included.

SCOURIE HOTEL

The Hotel opens on the 26th March 2014.

We will be serving bar meals and meals in the dining room.

We also now offer a full range of espresso, cappuccino and cafe lattés coffees.

Come along and relax in our newly refurbished public bar or in the hotel lounge and enjoy a coffee!

From the 26th March the bar will now be open all day (11a.m. - 11p.m.)

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new!!

Patrick and Judy

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I am doing the Marty Mackay Memorial Fund Sponsored Cycle from Lairg to Durness on Saturday April 5th in aid of cancer-related charities in the North. I have left a sponsor form in the shop for those who are interested in sponsoring me. The Fund is the lasting legacy of a man who contributed so generously and in so many ways to all the local communities.

In previous years people from Scourie and surrounds have been very generous in their support, not only in recognition of Marty but also the special nature of the Fund in supporting people in the North.

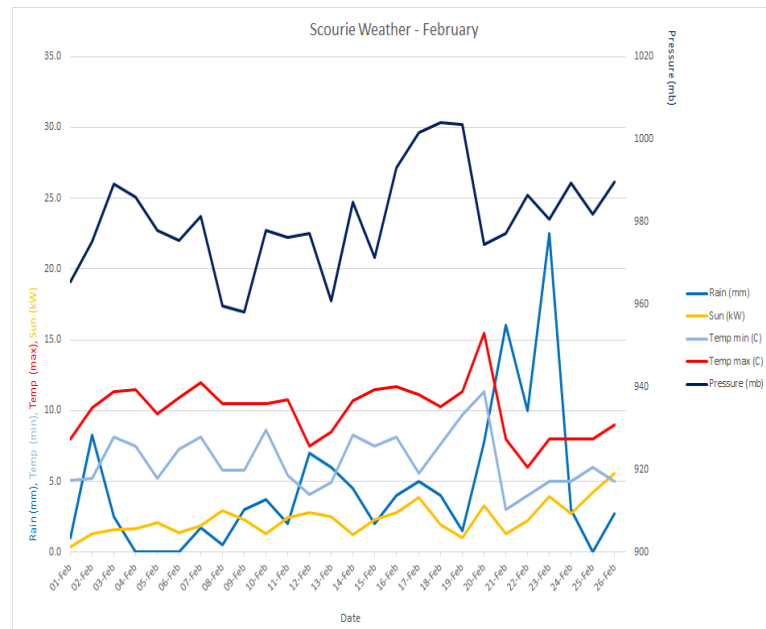
For those who want to sponsor me but are unable to make it to the shop please contact me at matuma@which.net or telephone 01854 613077. Many thanks in advance for your sponsorship.

Anthony O'Flaherty

Weather for February

A few wet days at the end of the month have brought the rainfall figure to near the 20 year average. 119 mm have been recorded, compared to an average of 126 mm. 1 mm or more fell on 21 days.

The average min and max are 6.4 and 10 degrees C. The solar electricity is now rising steadily after poor readings during the winter months. 60 kW have been produced at an average of 2.35 kW per day. The highest being 5.59 kW on 26th.



Camera Club

Meetings in March will be on Thursdays 6th and 20th. We have started discussing the merits of Photoshop, with demonstrations of its uses in manipulating pictures. This will be discussed further in coming evenings. We are also starting to plan next year's calendar, with a hope of getting it published in time for summer tourists.

The club has also entered 10 pictures into the "Highland Challenge" competition, run by camera clubs in the region. The judging will take place in Nairn on 22nd March and five of us will be travelling down for the event.

Pub Quiz

A large crowd enjoyed a fun-packed evening with lots of heated discussion and debate at the recent pub quiz, ably hosted and referred to by Carol-Anne Moynes. A tight contest was fought between the 7 teams resulting in the bobby prize being awarded to the team scoring 42 points, whilst the winning team, North & South, won with a score of 50 points out of a possible 60. Both teams chose to donate their winnings to the primary school before enjoying an evening of music and song!

Quiz Night



Friday 21st March 2014
Scourie Hotel Public Bar @ 7.30pm
Prize for winning team!
Teams limited to 4 per team
Entry fee £1.00 per head
Come along and join the fun!



Creative Writing – March date to be confirmed 12:00-15:00
places still available please ring.

Digital Skills at KLB every Wed/Thur 11:30-13:00 or 14:00-15:30
Do you need a hand with computing basics or help with a new IT device? Get in touch for friendly help and support.

Fabric Craft: celebrating patterns & techniques from the Commonwealth Kinlochbervie 24, 31 Mar 13:00-17:00

Durness V.Hall 25 Mar, 1 Apr 13:00-16:00

Gaelic at Scourie Village Hall 22 Mar 10:30-12:30, 13:30-15:30

On the Move with Maps basic map reading for safety out and about **Kinlochbervie 12 Mar 14:00-16:00** to be followed practical outdoor session date tba


We are still looking for sufficient numbers to run the following courses April- please get in touch if you want to book a place.

Elementary Food Hygiene (REHIS)

Emergency First Aid (One Day Refresher)

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Wednesday 26th March 7p.m. at Anam Cara Croft
Tel: 01971 521301 or email: info@anamcaracroft.co.uk
Tickets: £12
includes snacks by **The Spice Route** and soft drinks, byo wine/beer
book early as numbers are strictly limited

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