

# Scourie News



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## Dates for May

Mondays: Keep fit @ village hall  
Wednesdays: Yoga @ village hall @ 10.30am  
Thurs Camera club @ village hall  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> School holiday  
Thurs/Fri/Sat 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Screen Machine @ KLB & Lochinver

## Seen & Heard

 At a recent raffle draw in the hotel pub, there was much anticipation about who would win the generously donated prizes. There was great hilarity when the winner of the meal for 2 at Scourie Hotel was revealed to be the hotel chef! Does the prize include a night off work? 

## Free to a good home

2 double electric blankets  
(hardly used)  
large pressure cooker  
3 tier food steamer  
Contact Alistair and Jean on 502275



**THANK YOU**

Mark MacDonald would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards and good wishes which he received for his recent 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Scourie Community Development Co.

The sports pavilion at the football pitch is almost complete. The official opening has been set to coincide with the annual shinty sixes on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will be available in next month's edition.

## Peter's charity run for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

When I decided to run a marathon again after not doing so for 9 years, I didn't think I would have so much support from the locals to take part in this 26-mile-race with charitable reasons. The event was in Rotterdam on 13<sup>th</sup> April with more than 10,000 participants. Hereby, I would like to thank you for all the financial and kind support I have received to fulfil my aims in The Netherlands. I was really helped by the people in the village, who ensured me in my right choice to back a foundation that focuses on very common heart-related illnesses.

While I was running, I kept in mind what Pete Tuck had promised me: every single minute within 4 hours means an extra pound in my fundraising. His generosity was even more motivating mentally for me. Finally, I finished in 3 hours and 34 minutes and I really enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere there.

So far, I have managed to raise about £600. I hope to collect £718 and some extra from the raffle. The exact amount will appear in the next month's edition of the Scourie News.

Once again, thank you for all your generous donations including those for the raffle and a very generous cheque from Dr Balfour. Also, I am very grateful to Ellen and Clive, Vanessa and John, and Loch Duart Ltd for the technical support. A very special thanks to Judy and Patrick and Carol Anne for managing the raffle drawing with the karaoke in the pub.



Peter Kliment

# Peter's fundraising update

A very successful and enjoyable evening was held in Scourie Hotel pub recently as part of Peter Kliment's recent fund raising efforts. In Peter's absence, due to previous engagements, Carol-Anne Moynes and her glamorous assistant, Craig Hatherall, organised the drawing of the raffle. Prize winners were as follows:

Dinner for 2 @ Scourie Hotel - Zibi (donated by hotel)  
Digital Camera - Neil MacDonald (donated by Peter)  
Smoked salmon- Tanni Tuck (donated by Loch Duart)  
Bicycle hire- Fraser MacDonald (donated by mobikehire)  
Lunch for 2 @ Eddrachilles - Laina (donated by hotel)  
Dutch gin - Gill Tuck (donated by Peter)  
Whisky - Angus MacKay (donated by MacKenzie Plant)  
Red wine - Lynn MacDonald (donated by Christine)  
Chocolates - Ziibi (donated by Peter)  
Beach set- Alistair MacKay (donated by Filling station)  
Hair voucher- Patrick Price (donated by Carolanne)  
White wine - Robert McCall (donated by Eddrachilles)  
Martini- Sheilagh Cunningham (donated by Henry& Gina)  
Whisky - Carlie Aspin (donated by Ian MacKay, KLB)  
T-shirt - Dennis MacKay (donated by Peter)  
Red wine - Clive (donated by Gerald Kline)

Following the raffle draw, some willing volunteers participated in a fun-filled karaoke session. At the end of the evening, prize for the best singer was awarded to Julie Hatherall whilst worst singer was awarded to Mark MacDonald. The current total for the raffle stands at over £200, but the final total will be published in next month's issue.



## LEARN SHOTOKAN KARATE - JKA ASSYNT

Assynt Leisure Centre, Lochinver.  
New opportunity to learn Karate.

Classes for

5 - 7 yrs and 8+ Yrs to adult.

Start Tuesday 29th April.

4.15pm - 5pm, 'Tigers' for 5 - 7yrs

5pm - 6pm 'Shotokan Karate', for 8yrs to adult.



Highlife Highland prices apply, registration required. For more information please call kelly on 01571844123 or email [kelly@assyntleisure.co.uk](mailto:kelly@assyntleisure.co.uk) Or pop along to a session!



T: 01971 521238 E: [northwest.tc@virgin.net](mailto:northwest.tc@virgin.net)  
W: <http://northwesttrainingcentre.weebly.com>

**Digital Skills @ 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.

**Employability Club:** Help with CVs, ICT, Job Applications, ring to book a convenient time.

**Elementary Food Hygiene** 13th May 09:00-16:00

1 day REHIS Course - Use your ILA to fund this course.

**Emergency First Aid at Work** 7th May 09:00-16:00

1 day Course - Use your ILA to fund this course.

## Goblin Car Project

The P7 pupils of Scourie Primary School are working in conjunction with their peers in the neighbouring primary schools on a car building project called the Goblin car. This involves several sessions in Kinlochbervie High School where the pupils work together to build an electric car, resulting in a trip to the Alford Transport Museum where the pupils will race their car along side those built by pupils from throughout Scotland. As part of the project, each group of P7 pupils in each of the local ASG (associated schools group) were charged with the task of raising £100 to help with their travel expenses.

The Scourie pupils came up with the idea of organising a car wash session which they organised by themselves, seeking permission from the relevant bodies and sourcing the required materials. Despite the rather inclement weather, the pupils spent one very wet morning before the Easter holidays, accompanied by Kathryn Barnes-Miller, at the fire station washing a variety of vehicles, including a fire engine, vans and cars. The pupils were delighted with the response they received and would like to thank everyone who helped them raise £149. Thanks

also go to those who provided warming refreshments and the use of materials and facilities.



## Learn new life skills, have fun & get fitter

At Cameron's School of Martial Arts the main aim is to instruct people in various ways to defend themselves, and others, against a wide range of threats.

The classes will also be of benefit to anyone wishing to participate in a regular form of exercise in order to improve their fitness levels. Over time the techniques will improve the participant's strength, stamina and endurance as well as their balance and flexibility.

The training will be a combination of fun & hard work and as with all martial arts a great emphasis is placed on discipline and respect. This is also encouraged to be taken into daily life as well as within the confines of the class and has proven to be a great way of improving an individual's confidence, but you will only get out of it what you put in.

The classes will be instructed by Sensei Ali Cameron who has graded to third Dan in Kempo Jiu Jitsu and 1st Dan in Tang Soo Do and has been teaching Kempo Jiu Jitsu



since 2008.

Sensei Cameron also has an H.N.D in Sports coaching and development of sport, first aid certificate and PVG disclosure and is insured through the Amateur Martial Association.

Sensei will endeavour to be as approachable and understanding with regards to issues on training as possible and will treat every one equally with respect and dignity at all times.

At Cameron's School of Martial Arts the main focus is on two contrasting but complementary disciplines. The throwing and locking techniques that will be used are heavily influenced by the martial art of Jiu Jitsu. While all the forms, Katas or Hyungs and many of the strikes and kicks have been influenced by the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do.

Both martial arts have been practised and can be traced back for hundreds of years.

Sensei Cameron is also available for private bookings and can run blocks of self-defence classes for individuals or small groups which are tailored to their needs.

For enquiries call 07810000946  
or e-mail [alicameron@fsmail.net](mailto:alicameron@fsmail.net)

## Poetry Corner The Pisciculturalist's Lament

or

### *Donald, Where's Your Fish?*

A Scourie man of some renown  
Was noticed with a puzzled frown  
His fish were missing from his pond  
Where did they go, did they abscond?  
Goldfish and orf are tasty fish  
Though it takes a lot to fill a dish  
They're nutritious and wholesome and taste very nice  
Delicious, I'm told, with pasta or rice  
The goldfish is difficult to prepare  
To see them on a menu is very rare  
Could the blame lie with seagulls lurking about?  
'Though I'm told they prefer the more succulent trout  
There are moggies galore in the neighbourhood  
A fresh juicy fish would augment dull cat food  
There are stories of flying fish in many a book  
But I think that the Minch is the wrong place to look.  
Whatever has happened to the goldfish and orf  
It's certainly true they've upped sticks and p----- off.

*Stop Press!!*

Late news has come in that they haven't all gone  
I've been told of a sighting of more than one  
Apparently those that are left are camera shy  
And hide in the mud as you pass by.

## FEIS AN IAR THUATH DRUMMING

Children from Scourie, Durness and Lochinver enjoyed an active day at the village hall taking part in a drumming workshop. Led by Sarah Walker of Masamba fame, Dublin everyone had a great time. Sarah is now living in Skye and we have booked her for our main Feis event in February 2015. This was Sarah's first event since moving to Skye and we wish her lots of success in Scotland. Her work is of a very high standard and all the children liked her. Her feedback about the day was that she thought the children were lovely, well behaved, and very musical. I was very proud of them all. Thanks to Jane Henry from Lochinver for helping on the day and to all the parents for supporting this event.

Sheilagh Cunningham





# Camera Club

At our last meeting, we chose entries for next years calendar. We will create this again this year, with extra copies to sell to tourists. If you want to be included as a "Sponsor", please contact Donald Fisher, or Pete Tuck. This proved very popular last year and we hope it will be successful again this year.

## The Lego Movie

Kinlochbervie Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 17.30  
Lochinver Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 17.30  
Lochinver Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 14.00



## Cuban Fury

Kinlochbervie Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 20.30  
Lochinver Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 20.30



## The Amazing Spiderman 2

Lochinver Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 20.30  
Lochinver Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 17.30

## Booking tickets

Our online payment system is secure.  
Click on the dark blue button which shows the screening time. Or telephone 0871 902 5750 (09:30-20:30)  
At least 9 tickets are available on the door 30 minutes before each screening. Cash, no cards.  
Adults: £7.00. Concessions: £5.50. 3D supplement £1.50  
All under 16 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or 21+ yrs guardian at screenings starting after 8:00pm  
[www.screenmachine.co.uk](http://www.screenmachine.co.uk)

## Maldie Hydro Open Doors

Interested in finding out more about how Maldie hydro scheme works?

RWE Innogy UK are hosting an open doors morning from 10-12 on Friday 23 May. Staff will be on hand at the powerhouse and at the dam to describe how the scheme operates. Please note no transport is available and visitors must use the public car park and make their way there on foot. Also for safety reasons you must RSVP noting the time you are likely to be there to [sarah.ostermann@rwe.com](mailto:sarah.ostermann@rwe.com)

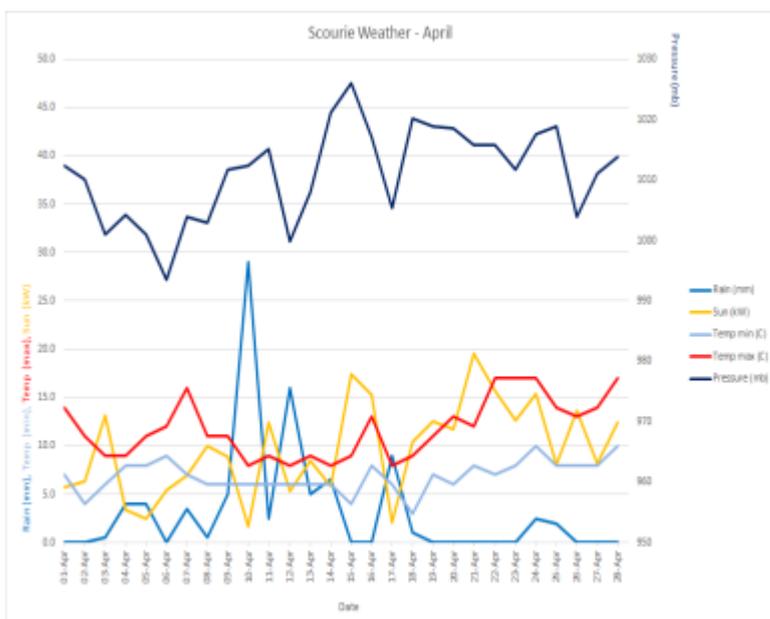
## Croft 16

We have a few trays of Marigolds, French Marigolds, Pansies, and pots of Nasturtium, Aquilegia, and Lupins. Trays are £1.50 with pots at 50p.

## Weather for April

After a wet spell in the second week, it has since been mainly dry with temperatures slowly increasing. We had 91 mm of rainfall in April (8 mm higher than the 20 year average). The coldest temperature recorded was 3 deg on 18th, with the average min being 6.9. A high of 17 degrees was recorded on 4 days, 22nd-24th and 28th on the month, with an average max of 11.8 degrees. The solar panels produced 265 kW, and average of 9.7 kW, and with a high of 19.54 kW on 21st.

Pete Tuck first heard a cuckoo on 27th April.



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