

# Scourie News



Edition 100

October 2014

## Dates for October

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Schools close for holidays  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Camera club special event  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> School staff in-service day  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school

## Kylesku Bridge

The 30th Anniversary of the opening of Kylesku Bridge was this year. A new display is now on show in the Assynt Visitor Centre showing the construction of the award winning Kylesku Bridge from the early phase to the final opening ceremony in July 1984. The display will be here until October. The Centre is open Mon- Sat 10am -4.30pm and Sunday 11-3pm.



## Seen & Heard

A private chiro podiatrist is now visiting the Ceilidh House in Kinlochbervie once a month



and is available for appointments by phoning 521460.

*A new feature to celebrate 100 editions of the Scourie News*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

May 2006 Edition 1

Albyn houses were nearing completion.

Scourie website was set-up

Local businesses were all open & functioning for the coming summer season.



## Shinty

Liam Flett recently represented Badenoch & Strathspey at U14 District Matches in Spean Bridge whilst James Flett & Fraser MacDonald did the same at the U17 match a week later. Although none of them were selected to go through to the next stage, they all played well and were a credit to the KLB team.

## Bird hide warden

Alan Willans has intimated that he will be finishing, at the end of this season, as the caretaker/warden of the Scourie Birdhide, after many years of great service to the community. We really all owe Alan a huge debt of gratitude as he has conscientiously and dutifully unlocked the hide in the mornings and returned in the evenings to check and secure it. It is hoped to have alternative arrangements in place soon.

## Paths around Scourie

'Paths around Scourie' leaflet produced by the Scourie Community Development Company is now complete. It has been printed and is currently available in various local outlets. Not only is this a valuable tourist resource but it also contains information which would be of interest for local residents.



## Carrier bags

The Scottish Government's "Carrier Bag" Law comes into effect on 20th October. From this date all retailers must charge at least 5p for bags.

A little known fact is that The Chancellor takes both 20% VAT and corporation/income tax from every 5p charge, the balance is donated to good causes after deduction of costs and at the discretion of each retailer. If you prefer local charities to get the full contribution, supply your own bag and put a donation in any collection box of your choice.

If anyone is an insomniac & needs some soporific bed time reading material then look no further. The government has provided a 12 page A4 booklet on the legal definition of a carrier bag & how to administer the charge. Available at your nearest retail outlet.

Carry a  
carrier and  
save 5p.



From 20th October, you'll be charged 5p for a carrier bag in all Scottish shops. That includes everything from supermarkets to takeaways to clothes stores. So, remember to bring your own bag.



### Disclaimer

The editor would like it to be known that any items featured in the Scourie News do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor or the community council. Articles are inserted at the contributors' request.

Edited & compiled by Aileen MacDonald  
on behalf of Scourie & District Community Council

Printed by BAM-Nutall  
scourienews@btinternet.com

## FÈIS AN IAR THUATH

September has been a busy month for some of the children who attend Fèis an Iar Thuath. On Monday 8th Scourie Village Hall hosted a Blàs concert which celebrated the work of Rob Donn the Sutherland bard. The main performers were the band called Drìne who come from various places in Sutherland. Fèis an Iar Thuath provided a supporting act. Morgan, Jenny and Gemma performed on violin and double bass, followed by Lily singing in Gaelic and then Ben on tin whistle. The concert was a big success and I hope that in future Scourie will be given the chance to host Blàs events.

On Saturday 13th we took part in the final concert of the Blàs festival at Eden Court in Inverness. Cèol nam Fèis was a showcase which celebrated fèisean from all over Scotland. Ben, Gillie and Bina represented Fèis an Iar Thuath alongside children from Trotternish, Nairn, Bettyhill and Harris. There were over 100 children in the finale playing and singing together.

What a lovely way to make friends from other places in Scotland! Well done to everyone - the children and those who support and encourage them to participate in these events. Below is a link to the Cèol nam Fèis concert at Eden Court.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JC2FYHR4I8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JC2FYHR4I8)

Sheilah Cunningham

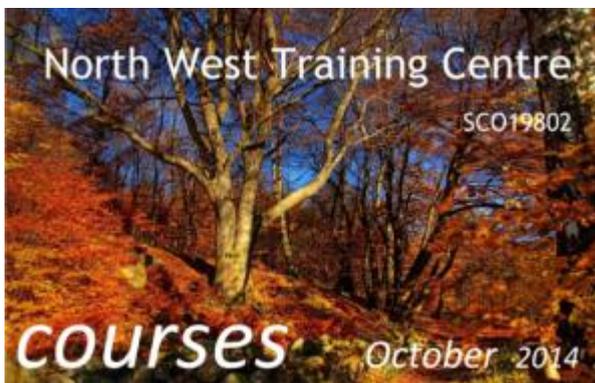


## SPORTS PAVILION

Scourie Community Development Company Ltd would sincerely like to thank the Sports Pavilion Committee and all the volunteers who give up their valuable free time to make each and every event held at the field so special and enjoyable.

The Far North Shinty Sixes, Sports Days and memorial football matches of this summer will long be remembered for exceptional hot weather, exciting sporting events, convivial atmosphere and great barbeques, snacks and refreshments provided by the Committee and all the volunteers.

A special thank you is due to Angus Mackay, who worked tirelessly to bring the Sports Pavilion Project to fruition, overseeing every detail along the way. We greatly appreciate your dedication and commitment, and thanks to you, we now have a first-class community facility which is in much demand.



**Cookery Indian Style** Sat 4 Oct 13:00-17:00 (2 of 2 workshops)

**Creative Writing** Fri 10 12:00-15:00 (2 of 3 workshops) beginners welcome.

**Digital Skills** at KLB every Mon or Thur 11:30-13:00 or 14:00-15:30 or ring for alternative time. Get in touch for friendly help and support.

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

**Fabric Class Catchup:** Mon 6 13:00-17:00 (finishing off class)

**Geology & Landscape Evolution:** Tues 28 19:00-20:30 (1 of 6 interactive talks through the winter)

**Measuring up for Sewing (Basics):** Mon 27 13:00-17:00 (1 of 3)

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



North West Highlands Geopark will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 1st November at 2pm in Scourie Village Hall. In addition to the formal AGM business and elections the Geopark team will show how a successful social enterprise can develop Scotland's best geo-tourism attractions and activities with raw outdoor experiences. The ultimate goal is to bring people and wealth into the area to help entrepreneurial communities develop and grow, so come and meet your Global Geopark team.

## Fundraising

For several years, Scourie community has benefitted from HandsOn Events organising a cycle event passing through the village whilst local volunteers hand out bananas and flapjacks to the participants. This year the food station was ably manned by Donald Fisher and the £200 donation has been given to the sports pavilion to help with running costs. Many thanks to Donald for his hard work!

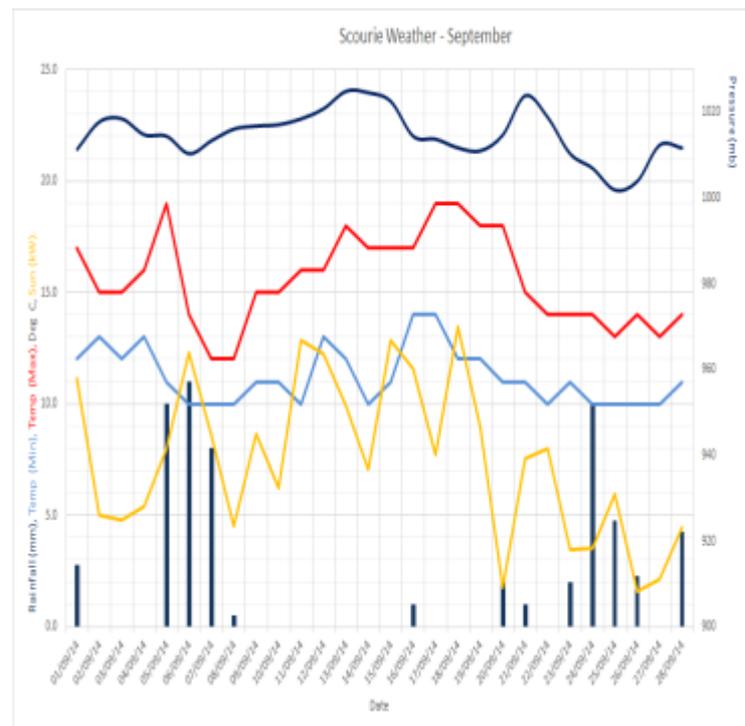
## Weather

A unsettled spell towards the end of the month raised the rainfall figure, but we only had half the average amount for September (figures in brackets are for last year).

I recorded 59.6 mm, half the 20 year average of 128 mm. The highest rainfall of 11 mm fell on the 6th. There were 15 days without rain. Temperatures have remained above 10 degrees throughout the month, with average min and max temperatures of 11.3 (10.6) and 15.6 (15.4) degrees C. The lowest temp was 10 degrees (occurred over 10 days) and the highest was 19 deg C on the 17th and 18th.

The solar panels have produced 209 kW (200 kW), an average of 7.49. The highest being 13.44 kW on 18th.

Pete Tuck



## Maryck Memories of Childhood

Kylesku

Retirement party  
 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
 12 noon - 4pm

Everyone is invited to our last day of business  
 Free afternoon tea  
 Big final reductions on remaining stock  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

We thank everyone who has supported us over the past 15 years - firstly Deryck and myself and, for the past 10 years, our daughter, Pamela and all the family. My special thanks to them particularly, without whom I could not have continued the business.

# Glencanisp Gaelic Weekend Lochinver

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Beginners, intermediate and advanced classes for adult learners on both days from 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost £25 per day; lunch, buffet supper & Saturday evening ceilidh included

A concession rate per day is available; please contact the organisers to check your eligibility. Accommodation available in the Lodge.

Childrens' singing class on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov from 2-4 at Glencanisp Lodge Free! (and cake!)

For more info and to book please contact Janet Morgan [soutra1@btinternet.com](mailto:soutra1@btinternet.com) 01571 855383 or Claire Belshaw [claire@caladh.freeuk.com](mailto:claire@caladh.freeuk.com) 01571 855240



Organised by Comhlan Gàidhlig Asainte and funded by Highland Council.

Scourie Camera Club presents

"Cuba, from behind the lens.  
An island on the cusp of change".

By guest speaker Andy Kirby, East Sutherland Camera Club.  
A pictorial and descriptive presentation of his trip to this Caribbean republic.

"An evening not to be missed".  
Open to all.

Scourie Village Hall  
Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 pm  
Light refreshments

£3.00 entrance  
(£1.00 children and concessions)



## Cycle safety

With the school holidays approaching and the dark evenings, some villagers have requested that children and parents are reminded of cycle safety rules. It is great to see children out and about on their bicycles, but we want them all to be safe whilst enjoying themselves and keeping fit.

**Wear a cycle helmet.** Always wear a helmet that's the right size for you and fitted correctly!

**Be bright - be seen.** Wear something bright or reflective to make sure everyone can see you coming!

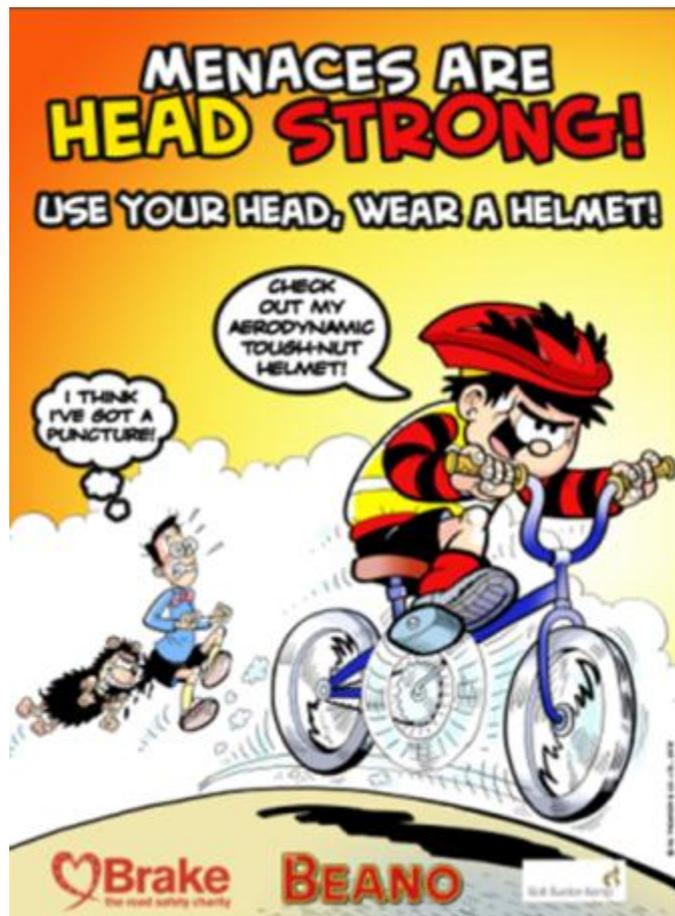
**Find the safest route.** Plan your cycle journey with your parents. If the road looks busy, get off your bike and walk.

**Put your lights on.** Fit your bike with reflectors and good strong lights if you're riding in the dark.

**Park with care.** Park your bike with thought for other people.

**Be careful near animals.**

**Forecourt Safety and Children** Due to the dangerous nature of the products, handle petrol and diesel with care. For this reason young people are not permitted to dispense fuel. Only persons 16 years and older are permitted to fill vehicles. Children should not stand next to parents when they are filling the vehicle and should not be cycling around the petrol station.



## **Disclaimer**

The editor would like it to be known that any items featured in the Scourie News do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editor or the community council. Articles are inserted at the contributors' request.

Edited & compiled by Aileen MacDonald  
on behalf of Scourie & District Community Council

Printed by BAM-Nutall

[scourienews@btinternet.com](mailto:scourienews@btinternet.com)