

Scourie News



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Dates for October

Sat 3rd Partylite event @ hall@ 7.30pm
Thurs 8th Camera Club
Fri 9th schools close for holiday
Wed 21st Tsunami talk@village hall
Sat 24th Achfary craft sale
Mon 26th Schools open for new term
Tuesdays Ju-jitsu @ 6pm
Thursdays Running club & football training @ pitch

Donation from HandsOn Events

The annual cycling event from Ullapool and back via Lochinver and Drumbeg took place on Sat 19th Sept. 50 cyclists took part in the event, with a further 50 cycling the shorter route. Every year, the Scourie community has benefited from a £200 donation for a food station being manned along the route. In previous years, this money has gone to the hall, the primary school and the sports pavilion. This year the donation has gone towards the community fireworks event which is advertised in this newsletter.

Hall Fundraiser

Tracey Ross, a former pupil of Scourie Primary School, has recently become a Partlite representative and has very kindly offered to host an event in the village hall on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm. There will be a fundraising raffle in aid of hall funds with a range of lovely prizes (see poster in this newsletter.)

Come along to view the products and have a chat. Bring some refreshments and help to raise funds for our village hall.



Filling Station News

In response to the gradual change of consumer trends, the low season opening hours this Autumn & Winter will differ from the schedule followed for the last 5 years.

Reading this, you may feel it is a negative move, but the Outside Payment Terminals were installed for this purpose and they are successfully doing their job. It's a reflection of evolution not a decline.

Fuel is available

24/7

via



**SHOP HOURS UNTIL
EASTER 2016**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
& FRIDAY
09.00 – 11.00**

Scourie Filling Station.
Tel 01971 502422
www.scouriefillingstation.uk

Craft Sale

Raising money for



saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer

Beautiful hand crafted items for
sale

Achfary Hall

Saturday 24th October

10 – 2

Tea, coffee, home baking and silent
auction

The Kenny Nostie Memorial Shinty - Caithness v Sutherland

Members of Kinlochbervie Camanachd recently represented their county playing for Sutherland in the Kenny Nostie Memorial Cup v Caithness. It was an exciting game with the Sutherland lads and girls dominating from the start. It was great to see how far the young players have come and for them to wear the Sutherland shirts. From Scourie were Mark MacDonald (Captain), who was presented the cup by Calum MacDonald from Runrig, Patron of the event, Fraser MacDonald, Jack Hatherall & James Flett.



Hall News

Oh the toilets are so grotty
We'd rather use a potty
How will we get the dosh?
To make them awfie posh.

The Hall committee have been working hard to refurbish the hall, over the last few years we've raised money and had the hall insulated, the library re-roofed, we've painted, sorted the emergency lights and there are new curtains coming which will be fire resistant up to the appropriate standard. Now we need one more push to make the hall into a building we can be proud of. For our entertainment licence we need to upgrade the loos by providing a separate disabled toilet. To do this we will need to rejig the ladies loos. We'll also need new floor coverings. The wiring needs upgraded too and a few other wee jobs. All of this is going to cost money.

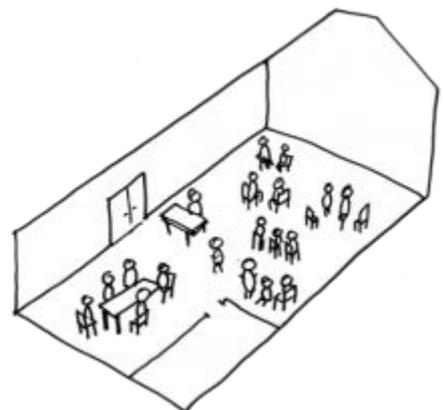
You can help by:

- Volunteering for the committee, the AGM will be in a few weeks and we'll be looking for committee members to help care for the hall and organise things. This involves about 8 evening meetings per year.
- Fundraising - helping to find (and run) fun ways of parting people from their hard earned pennies
- Helping in a practical way – painting and odd jobs
- Helping to find and raise funds from charitable foundations
- Helping to organise and oversee the works needed

The work needs to be done by December next year – if not then we won't be able to hold dances, ceilidhs, concerts or any other public entertainment.

If you can help please speak to any member of the hall committee. The present committee are: Neil Macdonald, Pete Tuck, Les Hathaway, Jean Mackay, Dorothy Harper, Wendy and Donald Fisher, Iona Shaw, Allan Cunningham, Lynn Macdonald, Richard Flannery and Craig Hatherall.

The hall is an important local facility; please help us to keep it in use.



High School News

Saturday 19th September was the 20th Anniversary of KLB High School. The celebration begun on Friday night with a concert showcasing the amazing musical talent of the pupils. Saturday was an open day in school with displays, videos, photos etc, it was great to see so many former staff and pupils come back to say hi. Saturday night finished off the weekend with a rip-roaring set from the Slanj Celtic Rock Ceilidh Band at KLB Village hall, young and old took to the floor and danced the night away.



Gala 2015 Update

A post-gala meeting was held recently to discuss this year's events and finances. The organizing group are delighted to report that this year's gala weekend resulted in over £4000 profit being raised. £1000 was profit from the dance and went directly to the village hall funds. With the remaining funds, the group decided to give £500 to the pavilion for on-going running costs and a further £370 to the primary school to pay for the theatre tickets and meal when they go to the pantomime in Inverness in December. It was also agreed to spend approx. £250 on the community Christmas party. Even after all this spending, the Gala fund is still sitting with £2000 as a starting point for next year's events. This was only possible due to everyone's hard work and generosity. The group would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed in any way - donating raffle prizes, sponsoring attractions, providing prize money, donating baking and bottles and attending the various events. Without this support, none of this fundraising would have been possible.

Gala 2016

A meeting is to be held in November to create a committee to organize the Scourie Gala 2016. What suggestions do you have for activities? When would be a suitable date? The more people that get involved, the less there will be for everyone to do.

Come along to the village hall on Monday 9th November @ 7.30pm to have your say.

Our village bonfire will be built on Saturday 7th November.



Please come and help from 11.00
am
at
Scourie Harbour



We also need volunteers to
make a "Guy".



Scourie Village Hall

Saturday 3rd October 2015

@ 7.30pm

BOYB

Raffle in aid of Scourie Village Hall

Raffle Prizes:-

1st prize - £50 to spend in the catalogue
 2nd prize - £30 to spend in the catalogue
 3rd prize - Set of 3 Market Fresh candles
 4th prize - Holder and set of Iced Snowberry Scent Sticks
 5th prize - Essential Jar Candle (Wild Strawberry scent)
 6th prize - 15 mixed tea lights (Just Desserts scents)



Raffles - £1 a strip. Available to buy beforehand in Scourie Stores



Any queries please contact Tracey Ross - 07843423309



Scottish Land Fund
Iomhas Fearainn Na H-Alba

SCOTTISH LAND FUND AWARD

Scourie Community Development Company Ltd's plans to develop a Geocentre in Scourie have been boosted by a welcome investment of £54,000 from the Scottish Land Fund.

The funds will be used to purchase Doctor's Park, a 1.76 hectare site in the village.

Neil MacDonald, the Development Company Chairman said 'The Scottish Land Fund Award is excellent news and will allow us to move forward, in partnership with North West Highlands Geopark Ltd, with our ambitious plan to build an exhibition centre and community hub here in Scourie, which will be a fantastic asset for the community and the North West Highlands'.

Further development of the project is ongoing, with community consultations and a fundraising campaign planned for the near future.

Camera Club

We will start meeting again on 8th October at 8:00 pm in the Library. Pictures for the 2016 calendar will be viewed, and a selection chosen. We will also decide on a program of events through the winter.

Can I remind people that the Community Council has a Canon DSLR with 18-70 mm and 70-300 mm zoom lenses. This camera is available free of charge for use by everyone in the community. Please contact me if you would like to use it.

Pete Tuck.



10-18 October 2015

In conjunction with the Highland Archaeology Festival, the North West Highlands Geopark will host a series of Earth Science Cafes and Events in Ullapool, Achiltibuie, Lochinver, Kinlochbervie and Tongue. For further details visit www.nwhgeopark.com

Saturday 10th: 12 Noon @ The Ceilidh Place bunkhouse, Ullapool. Lunch time talk from Dr Hannah Mathers on How glaciers have affected the landscape around Ullapool. Tea and Coffee available for a small fee then we will head over the road to the Ceilidh Place cafe for lunch, all welcome to join.

Monday 12th: 5pm @ The Piping School Cafe, Achiltibuie. Mike Goodwin "What if we could X-ray the Earth? Tales of exploration, geology and physics."

Tuesday 13th: 12 Noon @ the Ceilidh House, Kinlochbervie. Mike Goodwin "What if we could X-ray the Earth? Tales of exploration, geology and physics."

Wednesday 14th: 11am Georamble @ Knockan Crag NNR exploring the geological story of the Northern Hemisphere

Thursday 15th: 12 Noon talk @ Lochinver Mission. Mountaineering Instructor Tim Hamlet explains why the Geology of North West Highlands makes the area so attractive to climbers and shares some of his adventures including climbing the Old Man of Stoer

Friday 16th: 2pm Georamble to an ancient wheel house at Laide on the side of Loch Eriboll. Find out about the Iron Age landscape and how the geology influences architecture and way of life.

Saturday 17th: Coigach Half Marathon - not strictly Earth Science but happening in one of the most stunning locations in the world for a half marathon!

Tsunami Talk

Kristian Pedersen from Edinburgh University will be coming to the hall on 21st October to give a talk on the tsunami that hit Scotland in the Stone Age. There was a big landslide off the coast of Norway which caused a tsunami which had a catastrophic impact on communities around the Scottish coast. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Place for Local Sailor

Lewis Parker travelled to Loch Tummel Sailing Club near Pitlochry at the weekend to take part in the RYA SCOTLAND ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sailing in the Topper Regatta Fleet, he had 2 days of racing and coaching and came away with first place. Lewis also received an

award for being the furthest travelled entrant. There were approximately 150 boats taking part in the event from all around Scotland, which was reported to be the biggest entry that they have ever had.



Lewis and his family would like to thank Allan Cunningham and the Cape Wrath Sailing Club for all their support and encouragement. Well done, Lewis, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.



Lochinver

Friday, October 2nd,

Inside Out

Certificate: U

Starring: Diane Lane, Amy Poehler

Duration: 102 mins [17:30](#)

The Legend of Barney Thomson

Certificate: 15

Starring: Ray Winstone, Emma Thompson, Robert Carlyle

Duration: 96 mins [20:30](#)

Saturday, October 3rd,

Inside Out

Certificate: U

Starring: Diane Lane, Amy Poehler

Duration: 102 mins [14:00](#)

Jurassic World

Certificate: 12A

Starring: Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt, Judy Greer, Bryce Dallas Howard

Duration: 130 mins [17:30](#)

Ricki and the Flash

Certificate: 12A

Starring: Mamie Gummer, Sebastian Stan, Kevin Kline, Meryl Streep

Duration: 102 mins [20:30](#)

Kinlochbervie

Monday, October 5th,

Inside Out

Certificate: U

Starring: Diane Lane, Amy Poehler

Duration: 102 mins [17:30](#)

Jurassic World

Certificate: 12A

Starring: Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt, Judy Greer, Bryce Dallas Howard

Duration: 130 mins [20:30](#)

Durness

Tuesday, October 6th, 2015

Inside Out

Certificate: U

Starring: Diane Lane, Amy Poehler

Duration: 102 mins [17:30](#)

Ricki and the Flash

Certificate: 12A

Starring: Mamie Gummer, Sebastian Stan, Kevin Kline, Meryl Streep

Duration: 102 mins [20:30](#)



BONFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 7th AT 6.30PM



A COLLECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE 2016 DISPLAY
ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED



YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS
VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED

Feis Mhòr air an Oir

a new residential music weekend
with **DÀIMH**

accordion pipes Gaelic song fiddle guitar

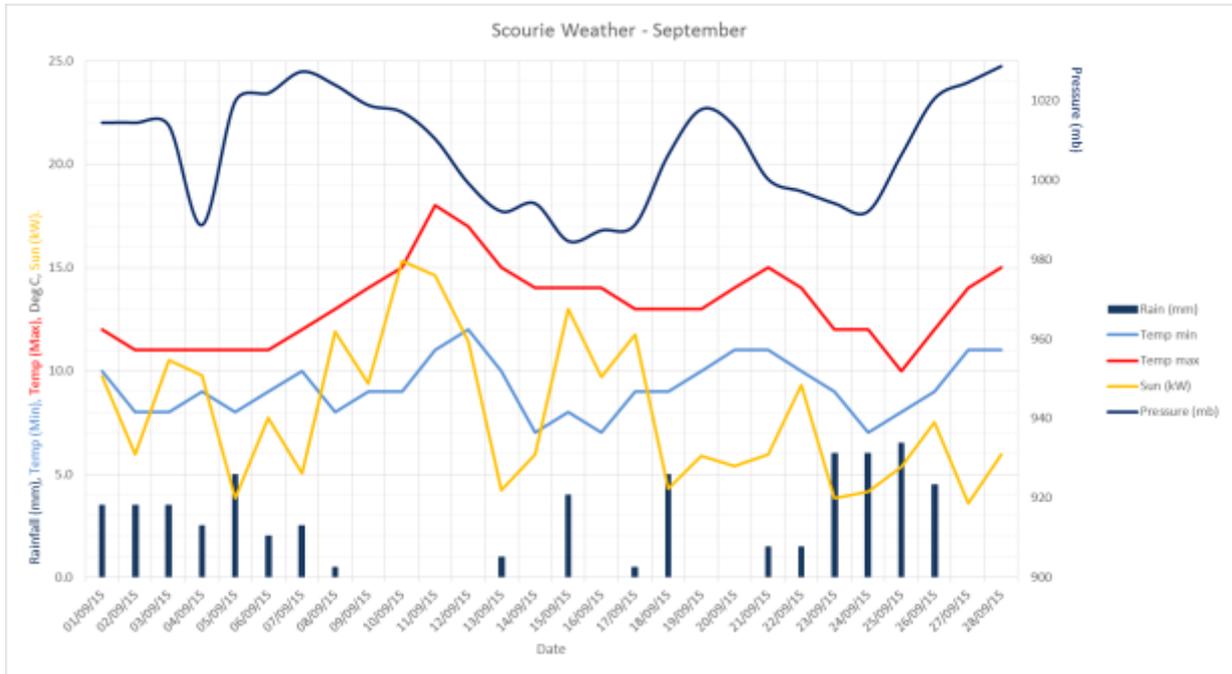
Diar 22 - Did 25 den Dàmhair Thurs 22 - Sun 25 October 2015
Tunga, Dùthaich 'Ic Aoidh Tongue, Sutherland



Aois For ages 12 - 18

Pris Cost: £50 including meals & 3 nights' accommodation

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September Weather

The month has been fairly dry, although we had 6 days with over 5 mm of rain. The total rainfall of 59.5 mm (128) is the third driest September since 1992, and the driest month this year. The most rain fell on 25th with 6.5 mm. There have been 10 days where no rain was recorded.

Temperatures remain below last year's records, by a couple of degrees. The average minimum was 9.2 deg C (11.2), and the lowest temperature was 7 deg C on 14th and 24th of the month. The average maximum was 13.2 deg C (15.5), with a high of 18 deg C on 11th.

The sunshine average was up slightly at 7.9 kW (7.5) with a total production of 221 kW. (last year's figures in brackets).

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