

Scourie News

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Dates for April

Tues 4th/18th Refuse bins

Wed 5th Schools close for Easter holidays

Wed 19th Mobile library

Tues 11th/25th Recycling bins

Mon 24th Schools re-open

Scourie and District Community Council

The annual general meeting of the Community Council takes place on the last Monday in June. This would be a good time to co-opt new members onto the council. Current numbers are just enough to enable us to operate but give no safety net to allow for absences, maybe due to work, holiday or illness. Meetings deal with council problems, ambulance and hospital transport provision, refuse disposal including skips and much more. Distribution of Maldie Burn community fund money is done twice yearly and insufficient numbers on the council would put this in jeopardy. Meetings are open to the public and there are two scheduled to take place before the AGM. Anyone interested could attend to see what goes on before committing themselves to joining the council. If you think you may be interested contact any current member of the Community Council or just turn up at one or both of the meetings which are held on the last Monday of each month.

Finally just a reminder that Maldie Burn applications are being considered at the April meeting so they should be with the CC before about the middle of the month. Applications will also be considered at the October meeting (council member numbers allowing) so this is not your only chance this year



We are looking for part time help
with our B&B business at the Lodge
on
Thursdays and Sundays
from May through to September.

Please contact us on 502248
if you are interested.

Thanks, Elisabeth and Angus

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Community Council.*

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necessarily reflect the opinions of SDCC or the
editor.*

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contact Aileen on 01971 502371 or at
scourienews@btinternet.com*

Learn Gaelic!

A beginners course in conversational gaelic



Are you interested in learning gaelic?

Our course for beginners aims to teach you the basics that will enable you to speak gaelic with your family and friends.

Each hour-long evening session will focus on a different subject and how to speak about it in gaelic.

- Introductions - Names, greetings, the weather, etc.
- Places in the town - Asking for and giving directions.
- Food & Drink - Likes & dislikes.
- Numbers - Counting and telling your age, shopping.
- Hobbies & other leisure or work activities.

The course will be run at Kinlochbervie High School in the Community Room between 7-8pm on 27 Apr and 4, 11, 18, 25, and 31 May.

Thanks to generous grant funding from Bord na Gaidhlig we're able to keep the fees right down to just £18 per person for the whole course of 6 sessions.

Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

For more details or to make a booking contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521238 or email northwest.tc@outlook.com.



Highlands Archaeology

An evening talk with illustrations

Saturday, 22 April 2017

6:30pm till 8:30pm in Scourie Village Hall

Join us for this fascinating illustrated talk by Highland Archaeology Services.

Learn about the archaeology of the highlands and hear about the history that lies all around us and which tells the stories of our ancestors.



The talk costs just £8 per person but places are limited so we recommend you book your seat in advance to avoid being disappointed.

For more details or to book a place contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521238 or email northwest.tc@outlook.com.



Elementary Food Hygiene

Monday, 24 April 2017

This one-day course provides a general introduction to Food Hygiene and satisfies the requirements of the Food Safety Act and other associated legislation.

- Food Pests, Bacteria
- Food Premises, Equipment and Utensils
- Food Poisoning, Cleaning and Disinfection
- Personal Hygiene,
- Food Hygiene Law

The course concludes with an examination, after which you will receive an industry recognised REHIS certificate of achievement. The fee is just £85 per person.

ILA funding is available for this course. Contact Skills Development Scotland on 0800 9178000 or visit their website at www.myworldofwork.co.uk



For more information or to book a place on this course please contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521238 or email northwest.tc@outlook.com



Assynt Learning Centre

Up & Coming Courses

2 Day Outdoor First Aid Course

Leading to BASP Certificate

May—Dates TBC

1 Day Basic Emergency First Aid

This Course will cover all aspects of first aid including CPR for adults and children and is recognised by the Health & Safety Executive.

May/June Dates TBC

Elementary Food Hygiene

A one day course for food handlers, leading to

REHIS certificate

June—Dates TBC

If you are interested in any of the above please register or if you would like any more information contact

sandramcallus@gmail.com or Tel: 01571 844 123

Thursday April 20, 2017

11am – 3pm

Clachtoll Coastal walk

Join us on this beautiful coastal walk through a crofting township rich in wildlife, to the iron-age broch. Hear the stories of skeletons, ancient saunas and catastrophic collapse. Find extraordinary ancient life forms.

Meet at Clachtoll Beach car park. Grid ref: NC 040273.
Grade B. Adults £9.00, conc. £5.00, family £24.00.
Contact Andy 01571 844654 or
andy.summers@highland.gov.uk



Rock Stop Staff

1st May until 31st October 2017

Salary dependent on experience of the applicant(s),

Minimum 21 hours per week rising to 40+ hours per week in July and August.

Closing date 18th April 2017

North West Highlands Geopark has premises at Unapool near Kylesku with an established Café, Shop and Exhibition known as The Rock Stop. It is an excellent location on the shore of Loch Glencoul close to the centre of the Geopark. It has been open since 2015 and after licensing to a local business in 2016 will be run in 2017 by NW Highlands Geopark Trading Limited.

The Rock Stop staff will run the Rock Stop Café, Shop and Information Centre. The successful applicant(s) will have a welcoming personality and be able to understand the needs of visitors, sharing knowledge of attractions, accommodation, events and services throughout the Geopark. Some business experience in catering and/or retail would be an asset alongside good organisational and interpersonal skills. This post is considered suitable for a job share and it is likely we will be hiring more than one member of staff to allow for relief during the peak season.

To register an interest and receive details of the role contact Jean Mackay, Company Secretary at jean@nwhgeopark.com or telephone 01971 502361.



The Anchorage

Opening Hours

Mon – Fri 10am – Midnight

Sat 11am – Midnight

Sun 11am – 11pm

Village Hall Bookings

Just a reminder that all bookings should be made to Pete Tuck by phone, email, etc. I will always confirm your booking.

This is particularly important to prevent double bookings. If I don't know the hall is in use, I may allow another booking. It is also important that all users make a booking to prevent uses being overlooked. One such occasion was the early evening on Thursday 2nd March when unknown persons were in the hall. Four or five vehicles were seen outside the hall, but no booking was made.

If these unknown uses continue, we may have to remove the key from the shop, making it inconvenient for all users by making them collect a key from members of the Hall committee.

Pete Tuck

Linda Munro
Highland
Liberal Democrat



Please use your vote on
Thursday May 4th to elect

Linda Munro

a dedicated councillor for North,
West and Central Sutherland.

Promoted by Linda Munro.
8 Munro Place
Bettyhill
By Thurso
KW14 7TD.

Tel 01641 521366



FOR SALE

2008 Abbey Vogue 540



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6 berth Caravan

Fully equipped and ready to roll!!
Rear bunks can be removed and has
rear door entry for the more
adventurous that need space for ski's,
snow board, bike etc.

Also included a new, only used twice
full caravan awning complete with
storm straps.

Contact Kathryn
Phone: 01971500202

Or
07538761547



The ladies of the pensioners' lunch club committee
would like to sincerely thank Laura, Kip and The
Anchorage staff for the lovely daffodil high tea
they served to the pensioners recently. Thanks also
go to Morgan & Aurelia for their musical
entertainment.

A very pleasant evening was had by all who
attended.

Camera Club

For the fourth year, Scourie camera club entered the Highland Challenge, a competition for camera clubs in the Highlands. Scourie is the smallest club, with some of the larger clubs having over 50 members. In previous years, we have come last in the competition, but that all changed when we came 8th (of 10) with 151 points, we were within 4 points of one of the largest clubs, Inverness, who came 7th, and within 10 points of the next three clubs. The competition was held in Dingwall Academy, hosted by Dingwall Camera Club. In the morning session, we were entertained by a presentation from the competition judge, David Hay, and pictures taken on his world travels. This was followed by a talk from Andy Howard, who specialises in wildlife photography. His shots were excellent, and he showed us pictures using different lighting techniques. An excellent lunch of soup, sandwiches and cakes was provided, before the afternoon competition presentation and marking by David Hay, explaining why and how he marked the entries. Six members of the club attended, and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

“Underneath the arches” taken by Irene Garrioch, achieved 17 points out of 20.



SCOTTISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

NOTICE OF POLL ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

- 1 Polling will take place between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm on Thursday, 4 May 2017 for the election of the number of councillors indicated below for each of the electoral wards listed as there are more validly nominated candidates than the number of councillors to be elected.
- 2 The name, description (if any) and address of each validly nominated candidate is as follows:

Name of Ward	Number of councillors to be elected	*Candidate's Surname (including present name if appropriate)	*Other names in full (including present names if appropriate)	Description (if any)	Home Address in full (including current address if appropriate)
Ward 1: North, West and Central Sutherland	3	BANGOR-JONES	Malcolm	Independent	Raon Na Cuile, Inverkirkaig, Lochinver, Lairg, IV27 4LR
		CURRIE	Kirsteen	Scottish National Party (SNP)	Rowanwood, Lamington, Kildary, Invergordon, IV18 0PE
		MORRISON	Hugh	Independent	Orcadia, Lerin, Durness, Sutherland, IV27 4QB
		MUNRO	Linda	Scottish Liberal Democrats	8 Munro Place, Bettyhill, By Thurso, KW14 7TD
		O'HANRAHAN	Brendan	Independent	Blàr Mhòr, 390 Elphin, By Lairg, Sutherland, IV27 4HH
		SIMPSON	Michael	Independent	Ravenscroft, Torrisdale, Skerryay, Thurso, KW14 7TH
		SINCLAIR	William	Labour and Co-operative Party	Greenbank Lodge, Inchomney, Rogart, IV28 3YE
		TAYLOR	Russell	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	The Haven, Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge, Ardgay, IV24 3EB

Scourie Web Site

The web site has a notice board to display posters and information.

And now most of us have super fast broadband, perhaps it's time to get your details updated for your business/B&B. Summer opening hours, wi-fi availability, pets welcome, etc..

Please send details to Pete.

March Weather

March seemed to be continuously wet, grey and damp. However, the total rainfall was less than the 20 year average of 106 mm, and much drier than the previous 4 years. The last week was a change, with shade temperatures getting into the low teens, and days of blue skies and sunshine. Our car recorded 20 degrees on the way to Applecross on Sunday 26th.

KLB 150 Club Draw

11th March

1st Prize Not Won (Rollover)

2nd Prize £15 Liam Flett

3rd Prize Not Won (Rollover)

18th March

1st Prize £75 Lewis Flett (Rollover)

2nd Prize £15 Kenny

3rd Prize £20 Tony R (Rollover)

1st April

1st Prize £45 Craig Hatherall

2nd Prize £15 Fraser

3rd Prize Not Won (Rollover)



Local Football News

1st April – Kirkhill v KLB

(in Dingwall)

Kirkhill 0 – 6 KLB

(Goal scorers: Sam (2), Nathan, Dodi, Ricky & James)

22nd April

Mackay Cup Quarter Final

KLB v Melvich or Lairg

at home (Scourie Pitch)



Connect Assynt Ltd

FOR BOOKINGS Tel: 01571 844590

Or email: info@connectassynt.co.uk

April 2017 - Assynt Community Bus

Scourie to Lochinver

Tues 4th and 18th April - £1-£5 return

Lochinver Harbour 8.45am

Scourie Shop arrive 9.45am

Scourie Shop depart 10.00am

Lochinver Harbour 11.00am arrive

We will return to Scourie after lunch at a time to suit all passengers.



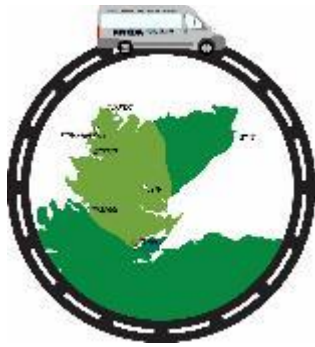
Row Labels	Rain (mm)	Temp Min (deg C)	Temp Max (deg C)	Sun (kW) (total)	Pressure (mm Mercury)
2017	94.00	3.7	7.6	225.37	1001
Mar	94.00	3.7	7.6	225.37	1001
1	9.25	0.0	5.0	4.87	985
2	4.00	0.0	5.0	10.23	986
3	2.00	4.0	6.0	4.37	993
4	1.50	2.0	6.0	5.31	986
5	1.25	1.0	5.0	1.79	978
6	1.50	2.0	5.0	5.93	991
7	0.00	3.0	9.0	7.60	1003
8	6.50	3.0	6.0	4.90	989
9	6.25	3.0	7.0	4.25	1005
10	1.50	4.0	8.0	7.56	1011
11	3.50	6.0	9.0	2.24	1005
12	0.00	6.0	10.0	5.99	1002
13	1.00	6.0	10.0	3.60	1013
14	5.00	5.0	9.0	6.02	1007
15	2.00	4.0	7.0	6.74	1017
16	2.00	7.0	8.0	3.69	998
17	4.25	1.0	7.0	6.94	996
18	7.00	2.0	5.0	3.71	995
19	19.00	3.0	7.0	5.99	986
20	6.75	4.0	7.0	9.95	976
21	2.25	2.0	6.0	8.55	983
22	3.50	1.0	5.0	5.06	1006
23	0.00	0.0	4.0	10.17	1022
24	0.00	3.0	6.0	13.70	1025
25	0.00	6.0	8.0	3.85	1026
26	0.00	3.0	10.0	12.98	1024
27	0.00	7.0	11.0	13.91	1019
28	0.00	7.0	13.0	13.91	1011
29	0.00	6.0	12.0	13.93	1008
30	3.50	6.0	8.0	8.39	1002
31	0.50	8.0	12.0	9.24	991

	Rainfall (mm)			Temperature (Deg C)				Sunshine (kW)		Air Pressure (mm Mercury)		
	Total	Wettest Day	Dry Days	Min Temp	Ave Min	Ave Max	Max Temp	Average	Max Sun	Min Press	Ave Press	Max Press
2014	144.5	31.0	13	1.0	4.7	8.5	14.0	6.11	14.35	978	1006	1033
2015	165.8	34.5	6	0.0	2.8	7.5	10.0	3.10	5.63	970	1005	1030
2016	119.0	27.5	12	-2.0	3.5	7.5	12.0	6.54	12.39	971	1005	1033
2017	94.0	19.0	9	0.0	3.7	7.6	13.0	7.27	13.93	976	1001	1026



Pete Tuck supplies the weather data in graph and table format. However, it is not possible to display the information in both ways each month due to space. If you have a preference on how you would like to see the data displayed, please let me know. Otherwise I will alternate between graph & table each month.

Aileen MacDonald



Kinlochbervie ASG school news

Meetings, discussions and interviews continue with the new management structure for our local schools which should be in place for the new academic year starting in August. Appointments will be announced on the school websites as they are made.

North West Community Bus Association

Route 890

Kinlochbervie to Ullapool

Operates first & third Thursdays of each month

Route 891

Kinlochbervie to Dingwall

Operates 4th Thursday of each month

To ensure a seat book through our office
tel:01971 521054
(10-12 Mon-Fri)

All secondary schools in Highland will be following a 33-period week shortly and many primary schools have decided to follow suit by altering their daily hours. Following consultation with parents, Scourie Primary will be adopting the new timetable from August 2017. KLB & Durness primaries have chosen to implement the changes at the end of May, to coincide with the high school change of timetable.

New primary school timings
(effective from August 2017)

Mon – Thurs 9am – 2.55pm (infant class)
9am – 3.30pm (senior class)
School transport @ 3.30pm

Fri 9am – 12.05pm (infant class)
9am – 12.15pm (senior class)
School transport @ 12.30pm

To keep up-to-date with all the events in local schools, follow their websites.

<https://scourieprimary.wordpress.com/>

<https://kinlochberviehigh.wordpress.com/>

