

Scourie News

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September 2017

Dates for September

Tues 12th & 26th Recycling bins

Tues 5th & 19th Refuse bins

Mon 18th/ Tues 19th Inset (no school for pupils)

Fri 29th MacMillan Coffee Morning @ Anchorage

Farewell & Big Thank You

After seven and a half happy years in Scourie we have moved to Ullapool (Leckmelm).

Richard will be commuting to the Loch Duart Fish Farm and I will continue home baking. Aurelia has started Ullapool High School and Nina will begin Ullapool nursery.

We all want to thank Scourie village for friendships, fun and support for our new venture in home baking.

With lots of love,
Iza, Richard, Aurelia and Nina

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Gina Flett & Lynn MacDonald will be hosting the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning in The Anchorage, Scourie on Friday 29th September from 10.30am. Please come along & support this very worthwhile cause. Any donations of baking for the sales table would be gratefully received.

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MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



BOTTLES GALORE

Many things we buy today come in a bottle or a jar
Dealing with the empties has been a piece of cake
so far

You take them to a bottle bank which is sited
fairly near

That's not the case in Scourie where they've shut
the bank I fear

The bins sat quite happily in the old council yard
not far away

They were easily accessible and open night and day
But the council's strapped for cash for
things in Inverness

Selling the Scourie yard meant they had
to find a little less

The bins were moved outside the yard so it could be
locked of course

The contractors would not empty them things went
from bad to worse

The council sealed the fronts with tape with
nothing on the rear

And so the bins filled up again with glass
from far and near

In a fit of pique, the council came and carted them
away

The glass now goes to landfill, a sorry state today
We have suggested other sites,
all of them dismissed

Solution of the problem not high on the council list
The old quarry at Windy Corner is
our favourite one yet

But a site meeting with the Council is
impossible to get

Spending money on it fair makes the Council quake
"We can't waste resources on the West for
goodness sake"

The dust carts overloaded, landfill is getting scarce
Misuse of our resources threatens the human race

This is a thorny problem that will not disappear
Things won't get any better
just wait until New Year



A FLAG FOR SUTHERLAND
GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPETITION FOR THE
DESIGN AND ENTRY FORM

Ever since the County of Sutherland was subsumed into the Highland Council in 1996, there has been a gradual loss of identity of the county and all it stands for. It is considered that a Sutherland Flag will help to restore that identity and be a public symbol for all to use that will:

- Raise recognition and awareness of our area nation-wide;
- Help to demonstrate pride both in and within our local communities;
- Celebrate the heritage and culture of our part of the Highlands.

The Lieutenancy of Sutherland, in conjunction with our local Highland Councillors, is promoting a plan for a Flag for Sutherland and, in May 2017, formed a Sutherland Flag Steering Group to develop the plan. It was decided that, given the size and wide diversity of the County, the best way to produce a relevant design, would be to run a Sutherland-wide competition.

All competitions require guidelines so that all those wishing to enter start on an equal footing. Those entering should read this instruction and may also wish to look at the websites given at paragraph 10.

The Competition

Individuals, schools (and individual pupils within schools) and other groups are invited to create a design in line with the competition Terms and Conditions and bearing in mind the Flag Institute's design guidelines. The deadline for submissions is **29th September 2017**.

The address for entry is: (write this on your envelope for delivery):

Sutherland Flag Competition
Ballamhor
35 Golf Road
Brora
KW9 6QS

Full guidelines & entry details are available from scourienews@btinternet.com or Graeme Smart at KLB High School (521787).



We are very pleased to welcome [Dr Colleen Batey](#) (University of Glasgow) to the North West Highlands Geopark to talk on the Norse in the North of Scotland as part of our 2017 lecture series.

Over the past centuries there has been a lot of interest in the adventures and occupation of Viking and Norse peoples in the Northern and Western Isles of Scotland and in Ireland.

However, very little is known about the North West of Scotland. Join Dr Batey as she explains what we know about the Norse in the North of Scotland generally, and be inspired!

The Rock Stop, Unapool, Friday 29th September, 7pm. Adults £5, children free.

Survey on early learning and childcare

The Scottish Government plans to increase the hours of free early learning and childcare available to 3 and 4 year olds, and some 2 year olds (further details can be found at www.earlylearningandchildcare.scot). This will be a really significant change for children (and their parents and carers), and to help plan for this the Scottish Government is interested in hearing the views of households with children aged 0-5. This includes parents or carers who do not currently use early learning and childcare.

You can complete the survey online at www.bit.ly/elc-survey

Everyone taking part has the option to be entered into a draw to win one of 10 x £100 cash prizes. The survey is voluntary, but your responses will help the Scottish Government plan for the increase in free early learning and childcare.

If you know of anyone else who might be interested in the survey, or if for example you are a member of a relevant Facebook group, please also feel free to pass on the link to the survey.

The survey is strictly confidential. The Scottish Government have asked Craigforth (independent researchers) to run the survey. Reporting of survey results will make sure that no-one taking part can be identified.

If you would like to talk to someone about the survey, or if you would prefer to complete the survey by phone, you can contact Chris Thornton or Louise Blair at Craigforth on Freephone 0800 027 2245 or email survey@craigforth.co.uk.

Connect Assynt Ltd

FOR BOOKINGS Tel: 01571 844590

Or email: info@connectassynt.co.uk

Assynt Community Bus – Scourie to Lochinver

Tues 12th August - £1-£5 return	We have reduced this trip to once a month due to lack of demand. We will increase provision if passenger numbers increase!
LochinverHarbour 8.45am	Connect Assynt is here to help any resident with transport issues whether permanent or temporary.
Scourie Shop 9.45am arrive	We give priority to the following groups whether they have their own transport or not, but we will transport you if space permits:
ScourieShop 10.00am depart	Over 60s and wheelchair users
LochinverHarbour 11.00am arrive	Those with a disability (attendant travels free of charge)
We will return to Scourie after lunch at a time to suit all passengers.	Residents with no personal transport
All times are approximate. We will pick up/drop off along route as long as safe to do so. Please telephone/email to book your seat. Concession cards not valid as this is a trial route.	Residents with other entitlement card

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

Recycling Update!

A site visit was held on Friday 1st September with local representatives & Highland Council. There will hopefully be a successful resolution to our glass recycling problem soon!

KLB 150 Club Draw

29th July

1st No 77 £40 Mauriuzs

2nd No 148 £20 Scott

3rd No 56 £10 Barbara

5th Aug

1st No 138 Peter £45

2nd No 57 Huggie(Tourist) £20

3rd No143 Mathew £10

12th Aug

1st No 71 Bus £45

2nd No111 Neil H £20

3rd No 147 Nathan £10

19th Aug

1st No 20 Not won Rollover

2nd No 55 Dick (Tourist) £20

3rd No 135 Not won Rollover

August Weather

I have had problems with the met station this month, it stopped working on 4th, and after communication with the suppliers, it was replaced on 16th. Rapidly set up and working again, but data was lost in between. Therefore, I have no graphs for this month, and can only use the information I have recorded manually while the system was down.

Rainfall

We've had at least 111.8 mm, higher than the average of 98 mm. There was a terrific storm at 14:55 on 25th. This caused damage to the road at Achnasheen, and the drive back from Inverness was interesting! Stones were washed onto the road at Strathkanaird, and here in Scourie 7.2 mm fell in 10 minutes. The total for the day was 21.3 mm.

Temperature

The highest temp was 19.5 deg C on 25th, and the lowest was 8.3 deg C on 31st.






Wind

The highest average wind speed was 29.1 mph on 23rd, with a gust of 37.4 mph on 28th.

Well that's it, the best I can do for this month. The current weather can still be viewed on the Scourie web site.

Pete.

COMING UP... Assynt Learning Centre

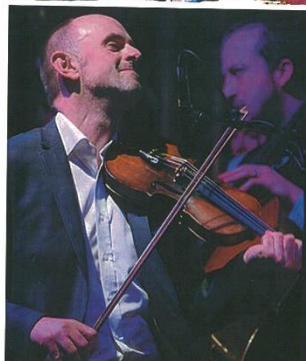
<p>IT</p>  <p>IT for Beginners</p> <p>Know your Kindle/Ipad Photoshop Excel Word Business Basics Social Media Websites Digital Photography</p> <hr/> <p>Workshops</p>  <p>Bike Maintenance Local Archiving Genealogy Wildlife Wonders Woodwork Baking</p> <hr/> <p>Outdoor Sessions</p>  <p>All Dates TBC</p>	<p>Arts & Crafts</p>  <p>Jamie's Sewing Sessions</p> <p>Felting Glass Fusion Dressmaking Hand Spinning Working with Textiles Sketching/Drawing Painting Wire Sculpture Block Printing Jewellery Making Christmas Crafts Children's Crafts</p> <hr/> <p>Languages</p>  <p>Basic British</p> <p>Sign Language French German Spanish</p>
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If you are interested in any of the above courses please register or if you would like more information Email: sandramcallus@gmail.com or Tel: 01571 844 123



BLAS festival 2017

blas-festival.com Sultain 1-9 September



Duncan Chisholm & the MISCHA MACPHERSON trio

Wednesday 6 September | Diciadain 6 Sultain

Loch an Inbhir - Village Hall - Lochinver

7.30pm Tickets available from 07943 415445 or online www.blas-festival.com

Thoiribh sùil air www.blas-festival.com **for further details**

ONLINE TICKETS: www.ticketline.co.uk 0844 888 9991 (24/7)

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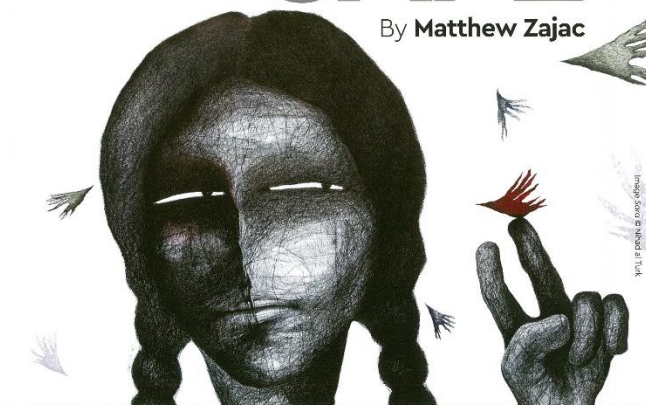
DOGSTAR PRESENTS
THEATRE

Dana Hajaj & Matthew Zajac

THE SKY IS SAFE

By Matthew Zajac

Director Ben Harrison
Set Nihad Al Turk
Costume Ali Maclaurin
Music & Sound Pippa Murphy
Video Tim Reid
Choreography Dawn Hartley
Lighting John Wilkie



LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL
TUES 12TH SEPT
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM, STARTS 8PM
TICKETS: ADULT £10, U16s - £7.



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ALSO IN DURNES ON SAT 23RD SEPT @ 8PM