**Village Hall**

The AGM for the village hall will be on Thursday 2 November at 7pm. We desperately need more committee members to help run the hall. At present there are too few of us to run any events. It's your hall, please come along and support it.

**Scourie Development Company**

AGM will take place on Sat 25th Nov at 4pm in Scourie Village Hall

All welcome

**Christmas fayre**

Scourie Primary School will be holding their annual Christmas fayre on Saturday 25th November in Scourie Village hall from 12 noon. If you are interested in having a stall for £10 please contact Aileen or the school as soon as possible.

**Eddrachilles Hotel High Teas**

As part of our winter season, from Monday 20th November we are introducing a High Tea service for non-residents. This may be of particular interest to winter guests of local B&B’s or self-catering properties - please let us know if you would like leaflets. A traditional Scottish meal, High Tea at Eddrachilles includes a savoury course, fresh bread or toast, scones and some “fancy baking” plus tea or coffee. Choices for the savoury course will include home-made burgers, curry or a hearty stew, and a flan or pie plus specials. Soup and/or dessert will also be available as additional options and there will be a selection of bar drinks too. Initially we are offering High Teas Monday-Friday but are happy to consider weekends on request. Orders will be taken 5pm-6.30pm and bookings are required, please call us on: 01971 502080.

**The Anchorage**

Winter hours

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We will not be serving food between 16th - 27th Nov but will carry on these hours throughout winter.

**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
Following a recent re-organisation North West Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark is pleased to announce that David Macleod, Tongue Community Director has been elected as chairperson.

David Macleod said “I am delighted to have been elected as chair of this important community based organisation. We have had an exciting year with national TV and radio coverage during our crowd funding program and statements of support from MSP’s in Holyrood. In the coming months we continue to work towards securing a core funding package to ensure we can retain our UNESCO designation.”

Jean Mackay, Scourie Community Director continues as secretary after a busy year coordinating the organisation’s Rock Stop exhibition and coffee shop. Jean said “The Rock Stop has been hugely successful in 2017. The coffee shop offers visitors light refreshments, gifts and locally made cakes. The exhibition tells the story of the amazing landscape of the North West Highlands and explains why it is of global significance. We were open 7 days a week over the summer employing two local staff and will re-open for Easter 2018 with more staff and a new lunch menu.”

In October the Geopark held it’s first Geo-festival with a series of talks, walks and events throughout the North West Highlands to coincide with Earth Science week. The development of the festival was part of a LEADER project which will include new signage along the Rock Route and a business network.

The UNESCO Global Geopark, like many 3rd sector organisations, continues to face funding challenges. While there have been successes securing project funding from the SSE, The Petroleum Exploration Society and LEADER; the decision by the Scottish Government to withdraw core funding leaves a significant financial hole. The largely volunteer team continue to work with UNESCO officers and government agencies to secure core funding on a similar basis to Geoparks in England and Wales.

The Vision of the Geopark is to Explore Deep Time, Evoke a Sense of Place and Encourage Stewardship. The increasing number of visitors to the North West Highlands has highlighted the challenges we face with respect to stewardship in the form of infrastructure and conservation in the coming years.

As a community organisation with representatives from the community councils from Loch Broom to Tongue the NW Highlands Geopark is well placed to focus minds on these challenges. The Geopark AGM will be held in January 2018 and members are invited to come along and consider putting themselves forward for election to the board.

Should you like further information contact Jean on jean@nwhgeopark.com.

**Calendar 2018**

The Scourie calendar for 2018 is now at the printers. We hope to have it available in the shop by the middle of November. The pictures have been taken by various people, and reflect scenes from our beautiful landscape. There are also pictures by local painters, and scenes captured from the roadside by tourists. I hope you enjoy it again.

The printing costs will be covered by the (now defunct) camera club, and all proceeds will be spent in the local community. There will be 250 copies printed, and once they’ve gone they’ve gone. Make sure to get your copies early.

**Colin Munro**

wishes to thank the guests of Scourie Hotel for helping him collect a total of £1190 this fishing season. The money is divided £500 to both Scourie Primary School and Kinlochbervie High School with £190 going to Scourie village hall funds.

Consequently, the staff & pupils of Scourie Primary & KLB High School and Scourie Village Hall Committee would like to sincerely thank Colin for his generosity in sharing the money he collected to these local causes. The money will be well spent!

**Eddrachilles Hotel Winter Opening**

We’re opening for a winter season for the first time at Eddrachilles. It’s very much an experiment and partly to help to counter the notion that “the NW part of NC500 is closed for business in the winter”. We do have a maintenance close down on 1 November and will reopen on Friday 17 November for guests on a special winter Dinner, Bed & Breakfast rate. The winter season will end on 15 March 2018 and then we’ll have another maintenance close down before opening again for our main season on 30 March 2018.
**Gaelic!**

Following on from our popular Conversational Gaelic course we have another programme of classes beginning in the New Year.

Ten weekly 1.5 hour sessions will soon have you speaking it. Suitable for beginners and those with some previous Gaelic learning.

If you’d like to have more information or to receive a reminder nearer the time then get in touch and leave us your contact details.

For more details or to book a place contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521236 or email northwest.fo@outlook.com.

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**Emergency First Aid in the Workplace**

Tuesday, 28 November 2017
At Kinlochbervie High School.

This 1-day certified course is essential for all businesses. Learn the essential skills to save lives in the event of an emergency in your business or workplace.

Subjects covered include:
- Action at an emergency
- Choking casualties
- Wounds and bleeding
- Burns and scalds
- Use of a defibrillator
- Resuscitation and C.P.R.
- Unconscious casualties
- Treatment of Shocks
- HSE Legislation and records Keeping

Having successfully completed the course you will receive a certificate in Emergency First Aid at Work valid for three years. £95 per person.

For more details or to book a place contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521236 or email northwest.fo@outlook.com.

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**Soup & Sweet**

Saturday 4th November
Taigh Ceilidh
Kinlochbervie

1200-1400

Adult £6, children £3

Everyone Welcome
Please come along and support Poppy Scotland.

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**Knit & Natter**

Knit and Natter is all about having fun, learning and developing new knitting or sewing skills, and having a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Whether you knit, stitch, crochet, or embroider (or want to learn) why not come along on Monday afternoons and join in the fun!

The group meets in the Community Room at Kinlochbervie High School.

The first session will be on Monday, 30 October 2017 from 2-4pm.

All are welcome!
Bring a friend or relative!

It's free to join but a donation towards tea/coffee is appreciated.
Archeology
Digging into the Past

Interested in the world around us and its history? Why not sign up for our Introduction to Archaeology course.

Our six-week course will teach you about the skills and techniques, how to identify sites and finds, and take you out into the countryside to put these new skills into practice.

Signs of the past and our human impact upon it are all around us.

If you think you’d be interested in this course, please get in touch so we can keep you informed of developments.

For more details or to book a place contact Gary Sneddon on 01971 581228 or e-mail westcourt@cultheatlantis.com.

Barnes Bits & Bikes
Christmas is coming and thoughts are turning to tinsel and presents. Are you or your child thinking of changing bikes? Fancy giving cycling a go? Why not have a look at our recycled bikes and see if we have something suitable that won’t break the bank. If we’re after something specific, and you have time, we can keep an eye out for you as well. Drop in or give Scott a call on 01971 502259.
October Weather

Well, that was a wet one. And windy at times. But we’ve not had any snow – yet! Clocks have now gone back an hour, sunrise is 7:30am and sets around 4:30pm, giving a day length of just under 9 hours. Mid winter is 7 weeks away (when day length will be around 6 hrs and 20 minutes), and then it’ll start getting lighter again!

Rainfall was higher than average with 174 mm (ave 147mm), with the wettest day being 15th with 18 mm. There was only one day where no rain was recorded.

Temperatures have been lower with an average of 10.7 deg C (ave 11.9). The highest temperature was 15.9 deg C on 13th, and the lowest 4.5 deg C on 30th.

The wind has averaged out at 8.3 mph for the month, with a highest daily average of 12.7 on 2nd and 12.6 on 16th. There was a gust of 52.6 mph on 16th. Average direction was SSE.

There has been little sunshine, with an average of 26.5 w/m². The brightest day was 4th with 44.7 w/m², and the dullest was 31st with 8.1.

Pressure. The highest recorded was 1022 mb on 27th, with a low of 985 on 21st, and an average of 1001 mb.
This year’s Scourie News Christmas Greetings will raise funds for a charity nominated by those who insert notices.

Please complete this form and return it with the correct fee to Scourie Stores or directly to Aileen MacDonald by Friday 8th Dec. The greetings newsletter will be delivered shortly after that.

1. Select size of greeting box.
   Small, text only box £3
   Large box with picture £5

2. Write greeting clearly.

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3. State desired charity for funds raised.

4. Select picture (only large £5 box)

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