

Scourie News

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Dates for January

Mon 8th Schools re-open
Sat 13th Pensioners' dinner
Sat 20th Geo-park AGM
Sat 27th Burns Supper
Sat 6th/ Tues 16th/ 30th Recycling bins
Tues 9th/23rd Refuse bins

Pensioners' Dinner

The first pensioners' get-together of 2018 is planned for Sat 13th January in The Anchorage where dinner will be served.

If you would like to attend, please contact Gina (502410), Lynn (502226) or Donna (502078) who will give you further details. Transport will also be available.



BURNS' SUPPER & FAMILY CEILIDH

On Saturday 27th January
Dancing to
Rogart Ceilidh Band
£10 entry; Kids eat free
Licensed bar; 6.30pm start

The AGM for North West Highland Geopark Ltd will take place on Saturday 20th January in Scourie village hall at noon. It will be followed by soup and a community consultation. All welcome. Come along and hear our plans for the future and give us your views. Further details from jean@nwhgeopark.com.

Humblest Apologies!



As editor of the Scourie News, Aileen would like to sincerely apologise to Lynn MacDonald & Laura Tebay for missing them out of the report about the new Scourie Gala committee for 2018. Both Lynn & Laura are very valuable members of the committee and have a great deal to offer with organising the forthcoming events.

New members are always welcome to the committee. Please contact any current members if you are interested.

Begin with gratitude...

Thanks to Loch Duart's Beth, Lucy, Ivan and Matthew for the beach clean-up after the storm (Lucy wasn't there for the photo)





*Whoops! Looks like I did it again!
My apologies to Jim Lucas for omitting the
following item from last month's issue. Well
done, Jim, on a great effort.*

**A big thank you to everyone who
sponsored me to
'Go Sober for October!'
£477 was raised for MacMillan
Cancer Support
Thanks again
Jim Lucas**

What do you want to see in the Scourie News?

The Scourie News is approaching its 140th issue – that's over 11 years of being published! There have been a variety of features over the years – seen & heard, from the archives, school news, dates for the month, letters to the editor, locally written poems plus the regular what's on & weather reports.

But what would You like to see? It is YOUR Scourie News, so please let me know if you would like to see the return of previous features or if you have an idea for a new feature. Please contact me through email on scourienews@btinternet.com or on 502371 or by Facebook.

Local Card Delivery

The staff, pupils & parents of Scourie Primary would like to thank everyone who used the local card delivery service during December. £40 was raised for school funds.

Due to falling numbers in the school, this will be the last year that the school will be running this service. As we have fewer families in the school, it has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to deliver cards across the area. The school has benefited greatly from money raised from the card deliveries over the years - a service which the school has provided for over 25 years, raising thousands of pounds for the school fund.

As the primary school will no longer be running this service, it leaves the way open for any other local organisation or group to raise some funds if they wish to take this on next December!

Snow White

The magnificent total of £340 was raised for school & nursery funds at the children's performance of Snow White in December. It was a highly entertaining evening for all who attended. The pupils & staff greatly appreciate the support they receive from across the community.

*What will they perform next
December?*



**Recycle your
postage
stamps!**

Remember to collect used stamps from your mail and pass them on to Christine MacDonald, Minch View who will send them to worthy charities.

December Weather

I'd like to wish all readers a Happy new year, and hope the weather is good for us. Rain and sun to make the grass grow, wind to blow the midges away, sun to bring the tourists in, and warmth to make the vegetables grow!

I was away for the first part of December, so missed storm Dylan. And storm Eleanor passed us by to the South. I've heard low temperatures are forecast for this weekend (6-7th).

December rainfall was moderate, with 150.6 mm recorded. The 20 year average is 152 mm. The wettest day was Christmas eve with 20.7 mm, and there were only 4 days where nothing was recorded.

The overall average temperature for the month was 5.8 deg C, the average maximum being 7.4 deg C, and the minimum 4.1 deg C. The highest temperature was 11.5 deg C on 19th, and there were 6 days with temperatures over 10 deg C, while the lowest was -1.0 deg C on 29th, and there were 2 days with a low temperature below 0 deg C.

The average wind speed was 7.9 mph, with a highest average of 17.7 mph, and a gust of 70 mph on 7th. There were 7 days with average wind speeds over 10 mph.

The average barometer reading was 998 mb, with a high of 1023 on 21st, and a low of 971 on 31st.

The sun didn't shine much from the records, producing 157 watts per square meter, and uV 799 micro watts per square cm.

Pete Tuck

Weather summary for 2017

I've attached two pictures, one showing a table and graph for 2013-17 averages, and one for just 2017, to compare.

The figures are almost identical, but the average temp for 2017 is slightly lower, as are the number of dry days.

The most notable feature of the year was the very dry spell in May, where we had 21 days without rain.

It can also be seen that May, June and September are the drier months of the year and with the most dry days, and August the warmest.

The scale for the rainfall is in mm on the left, with the scales for temperatures on the right, along with the dry days. The "Grand Total" figure at the bottom of the table is the average per month for the year/s.

Pete.

Advanced Notice

Friday 23rd February.

The Federals

with Calum and Michelle and band
sing Johnny Cash and other songs.

Hoping to have special guest Simon
from "The Levellers".

This is re-scheduled

from the cancelled gig last year.

Licensed bar, and more details later.

Dates for 2018 Gala events

Fri 4th / Sat 5th May - mini gala

Thurs 5th - Sun 8th July - main
gala weekend



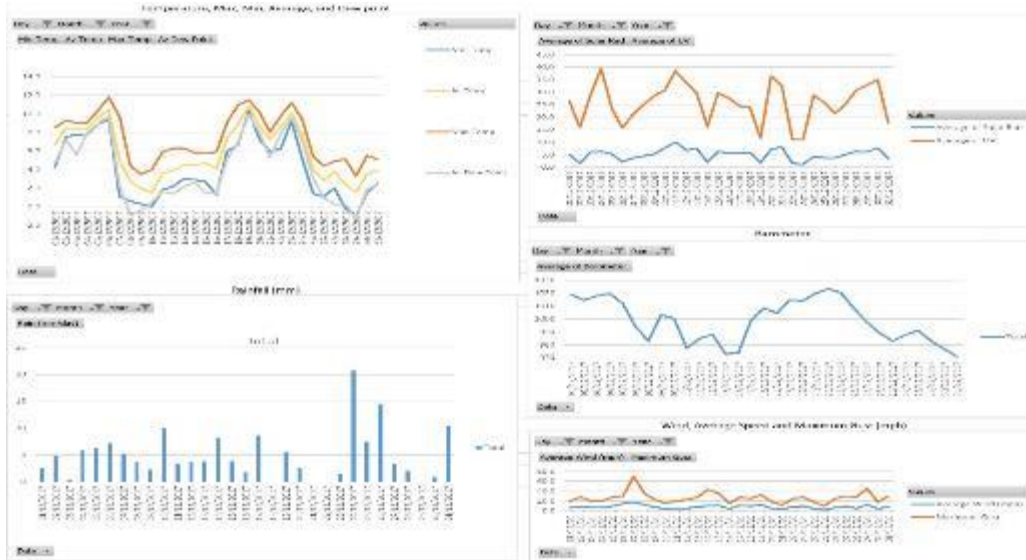
**I would like to wish all my clients
all the best for 2018, and start the year
off with a**

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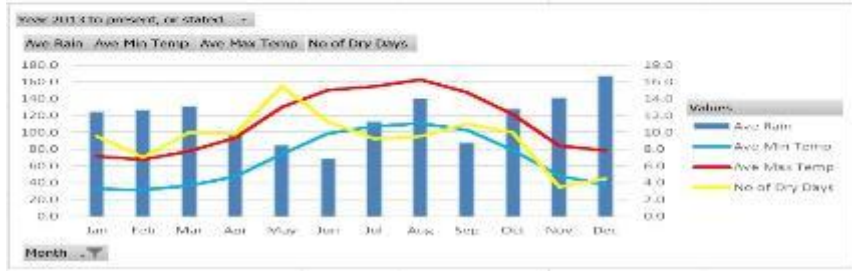
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Year 2013 to present, or stated. (All)

Row Labels	Ave Rain	Ave Min Temp	Ave Max Temp	No of Dry Days
Jan	124.0	3.3	7.2	9.0
Feb	126.1	3.1	8.8	7.0
Mar	130.8	3.7	7.8	10.0
Apr	99.8	4.7	9.3	9.8
May	84.5	7.4	13.0	15.5
Jun	68.1	9.9	15.0	11.3
Jul	112.0	10.7	15.6	9.3
Aug	140.1	11.1	18.2	9.5
Sep	87.4	10.3	14.7	11.0
Oct	128.1	7.9	12.2	10.0
Nov	141.0	4.8	8.4	3.5
Dec	166.5	3.7	7.8	4.5
Grand Total	117.4	6.7	11.2	9.2



Year 2013 to present, or stated. 2017

Row Labels	Ave Rain	Ave Min Temp	Ave Max Temp	No of Dry Days
Jan	108.3	3.4	7.0	9.0
Feb	84.0	2.6	8.4	11.0
Mar	94.0	3.7	7.8	9.0
Apr	108.8	4.6	8.5	7.0
May	75.5	8.5	14.8	21.0
Jun	78.6	9.9	14.2	8.0
Jul	101.7	8.7	12.3	12.0
Aug	143.0	11.8	17.0	9.0
Sep	94.5	10.0	15.0	8.0
Oct	174.0	8.9	12.8	1.0
Nov	183.3	4.4	8.1	2.0
Dec	150.6	4.1	7.9	4.0
Grand Total	117.2	6.7	11.0	8.4



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