

Scourie News

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Dates for April

Tues 13th/27th Recycling bins
Tues 6th/20th Refuse bins
Mon 16th Schools re-open

Maldie Burn Community Fund

Applications to the fund will be considered in the April meeting of the Community Council. These should come from projects within the Scourie and District Community Council area. Projects should be either for charitable, educational, environmental or community purposes. Applicants will be required to provide any relevant information to support the application. Application forms can be obtained from Alistair Mackay or any other member of the Community Council.

Advance Notice



SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE

**MINI GALA
WEEKEND**

FRIDAY 4TH MAY 6.30PM
CAR TREASURE HUNT & BBQ
FROM PAVILION
£10 ENTRY PER CAR - BIG CASH PRIZES

SATURDAY 5TH MAY
RAFT RACE ACROSS SCOURIE BAY
LEAVING SCOURIE PIER AT 12 NOON
£10 ENTRY PER RAFT
AT LEAST ONE ADULT PER RAFT
SAFETY GEAR MUST BE WORN
BIG CASH PRIZES

DANCE TO BLUE RIDGE
IN SCOURIE VILLAGE HALL
BYOB ROAR 8PM

Lynn's Chip Van

Open every Friday night
5pm -8pm
but more opening coming soon.

Eddrachilles Hotel

2018 Season
30 March - 30 November
Non-residents welcome for dinner
A Scandinavian influenced Table d'Hôte menu,
prepared from fresh local ingredients by our chefs.
4 courses £39 per person
+ complimentary tea or coffee & chocolates.
Children welcome
(option of children's menu for under 12 year olds)
Sittings at 6 pm and 7.30 pm
It's a small restaurant so bookings are essential.
Please call 01971 502080

The Rock Stop

The Rock Stop will be opening on Thursday 29 March until 7 April. From then it will be opening Tuesdays to Saturdays each week until the summer. Thereafter we hope to open 7 days a week. Opening hours will be 10.30am to 4pm. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and toasties as well as tea, coffee and cake. All profits from the Rock Stop will be put into your Geopark organisation to help keep it operating. Please come and give your support.

Diarmid is returning to work 3 days a week, and Kirsten who's just moved into the area will do 2 days a week. We would like to have 2 members of staff or volunteers on each day, so are looking for more employees. If you are interested in working one or more days a week, or even just the occasional day please get in touch with Jean at jean@nwhgeopark.com, or phone the Rock Stop on 01971 502382.

We are keen to showcase local crafts, so if you have anything you would like us to sell on your behalf please get in touch.

The Anchorage

Opening for the season from 2nd April
Looking forward to seeing you all
throughout the summer.

Footpath Leaflets

I have a supply of footpath leaflets available for local businesses, hotels, B&B's. If you need to re-stock your supply, please let me know. These leaflets do cost money to print, and if you would like to contribute to the cost, I have a fund in the Development company account specifically for this. I can be contacted via a message on the Scourie Web site, or by phone 502430.

Pete Tuck

Raft Race Rules

1. Participation is at own risk.
2. Every raft must have at least one over 18 on board.
3. Lifejackets should be worn by all participants.
4. Rafts MUST be in the water for the race to start at 12 noon.
5. A safety boat will be on standby to assist in any incidents.
6. Rafts should be home-made.
7. Rafts should be powered purely by people-power.
8. Raft teams should comprise of 4 people.
9. Judges decisions are final!
10. Have fun & keep safe!

Livestock Awareness

Dog walkers are reminded that their pooches should be kept under control, preferably on a lead, whilst walking through fields of livestock. This is for their own welfare, as well as that of their dogs and the animals in the fields.

Those of you who have contact with visitors, as guests or residents, are asked to remind any dog owners, and walkers in general, to be vigilant of the countryside code, particularly with regard to leaving gates as they are found, taking litter home and keeping dogs under control.

Let's all enjoy our beautiful countryside safely.



Woodland Artisan Project

Axe Throwing Workshop
Get in touch with your inner Viking on this axe throwing course. Learn how to throw single handed and double handed axes safely. Develop your technique to get more target hits under the expert guidance of Wooden Tom.

Sunday 13th May
1-3pm
Meet at Glencanisp Arts Studio
£5
BOOKING ESSENTIAL. SUITABLE FOR AGE 11 AND UPWARDS


Spoon Carving Workshop
Learn Scandinavian traditions of woodcarving. With expert tuition from Wooden Tom you will be guided to safely use hand tools such as a knife and axe to create your own spoon.

Monday 11th June
10am-4pm
Assynt Leisure Centre
£10
BOOKING ESSENTIAL. SUITABLE FOR AGE 11 AND UPWARDS

To book your place email Susan on susanpease1@gmail.com



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Wildlife Wonders



In April and May 2018, local nature enthusiasts will deliver a series of fascinating wildlife talks for us.

Butterflies and Moths with Gwen Richards What are butterflies and Moths and how are they different? We will look at a variety of species with an emphasis on those found in Assynt, exploring such topics as life-cycles, distribution, finding a mate, surviving the winter, conservation and gardening.	Thursday 19th April
Fungi with Andy Summers How to identify the common fungi that grow around Assynt; the ones you can eat; the ones to avoid, where you can find them and a short introduction to the characteristics of the main groups of these amazing organisms	Thursday 26th April
Understanding Birds with David Haines A look at feathers; what is migration; help with identification; getting the best from your binoculars.	Thursday 3rd May
Introducing Flowers and Ferns with Ian Evans Local plants: what to look for when you are trying to name them; which bits to photograph; useful sources of information. With live material and a walkabout if the weather allows.	Thursday 10th May

10.30am-12.30pm, Assynt Leisure Centre, £4 per person, £3.50 concession. Booking is essential.
To book contact Sandra on sandramcallus@gmail.com

