

Scourie News

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Dates for May

Tues 8th/22nd Recycling bins
Tues 1st/15th/29th Refuse bins
Mon 7th May Day Holiday



YOGA

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KINLOCHBERVIE

**Tuesdays in Kinlochbervie Village Hall at
5.45-6.45pm and Wednesdays
from 10-11am (PAYG).**

All welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and blanket with you if you can. This class is suitable for most people with adaptations/options available to suit individual requirements. This practice promotes well-being for the body, mind and spirit. For more information please call Lesley Cherry on 01971-502344 or see my Facebook page:

Lesley Cherry Yoga.

Email: Lesley@unapoolhouse.co.uk

Yoga Cost: £30 for a rolling block of 5 classes or £6 per class for visitors/guests.

Meg's Eggs

I would like to thank all my loyal customers for the continued support over the last 20+ years. All the hens have found homes & continue to supply their new owners with free range eggs.

Thank you all!
Meg



Geopark Leaflets

Ready for Distribution

The Northwest Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark has two publications ready for distribution for the coming season.

1. The free generic leaflet which introduces the area of the geopark to visitors and has both an attractions and a geological map
2. The new pack of 6 driving routes, called Pebble Routes, which lead the visitor off the NC500 and introduces them to the landscape and culture of the area. These retail at about £5 and are available on sale or return.

Both are available by contacting Peter Harrison on 01854 612568 or pete@nwhgeopark.com

Scourie & District Angling Club

SADAC would like to thank Robert McCall and Scourie Hotel respectively for the recent use of their ATV and trailer. Without their help, the club would not have been able to shift the boat from Loch Nam Brac to Loch Mhicie



Ranger service guided walks in Northwest Sutherland May 2018

There is no charge for the walks but we rely on your donations to help us protect our highland wildlife and heritage. It costs £9.73 per visitor to operate our countryside ranger service. Booking is required so please visit <http://booking.highlifehighland.com> use the booking reference number for the event you would like to join and for information on where and when to meet.

Wed 2nd... Scourie, cliffs and caves; 10:30am. An undulating coastal walk around the cliffs with sea caves below, fine sea views, otter signs, wild flowers and seabirds, about 3k. Lasts about 2.5hrs. Booking No. 000834KNBV.

Wed 16th...The Moine path from Loch Hope to the Kyle of Tongue at Kinloch. 14k approx. Hill and moorland walk across this historic trail, chance of seeing eagles, deer and grouse. 11:00am – 3.30pm. Booking No. 000819FARR. This is a free walk for the 'Flows to the Future' project.

Wed 23rd...Guided walk in the land of famous Gaelic bard Rob Donn.11:00am. A tour of the old Balnakeil graveyard at Durness, to Rob Donn's grave and his monument followed by a leisurely walk along the coast. [2.5hrs]. Tales of his life and works and links with Durness. Booking No.000835KNBV.

Wed 30th...Faraid head coastal walk at 2pm.[2.hrs] along the beautiful Balnakeil beach at Durness, returning through the amazing mysterious dunes; chance of seeing Puffins, wildflowers and superb views. Booking No. 000836KNBV.

For further information contact; High Life Highland Countryside Rangers, Visitor Information Centre, Sangomore, Durness, IV27 4PZ. Tel; 01971 511756.

Email: donald.mitchell@highlifehighland.com

Footpath Leaflets

I have a supply of leaflets if any hotels, shops or B&B's need them. Let me know please.
Many thanks to all who have donated money towards the printing costs, we now have nearly £300 which will be held in reserve until we need to print again, but we do need more.

Pete Tuck, Treasurer SCDC

Warning

The Scourie News recently received this report of a building in the old part of Scourie Village. Please take care whilst passing the building. Youngsters should be discouraged from investigating the property.

'Part of the back wall of the Smiddy has collapsed which probably means the rest is unsound and certainly the roof looks precarious.

Should we warn passers-by not to loiter? If it were to slump onto the pavement/road it would be very nasty for anyone going past.'

Gentle Reminder!

Once again, it seems to be time to remind dog owners to clean up after their loyal friends. Local walkers are reporting an increase in dog mess being seen along the roadside.

There is no such thing as
the Dog Poo Fairy!



Please clean up
after your dog.

Bag it! Bin it!

For Sale



Dining room table and 6 chairs

In excellent condition

£80 ono

Contact Gina on 502410

Scourie News

The Scourie News is our free monthly newsletter which is distributed around the community council area in hard copy, whilst also being emailed internationally to a variety of countries. The purpose of the Scourie News is to keep every resident of the area up-to-date with events & news, whilst also keeping ex-pats & visitors informed.

Due to a variety of reasons, our regular delivery service can no longer continue. We would like to thank Sandra for her many years of service.

If you would be able to assist with the delivery of the Scourie News, even occasionally, please contact Aileen on 502371 or by email to scourienews@btinternet.com

KLB FC

Home games

12th May KLB v Lochinver

(Highland Amateur Cup 1st round)

19th May KLB v Helmsdale

KLB 150 Club Draw

16th April

1st Prize £45 No 124 Not won rollover

2nd Prize £20 No 113 Christine

3rd Prize £10 No 2 Tattie

21st April

1st No 71 Dermot (Tourist) £80

2nd No 149 Not Won Rollover £20

3rd No 130 J D £10

28th April

1st No 135 Not Won Rollover £45

2nd No 75 Tony £30

3rd No 134 Tony £10

Tipsy Tea Party

The Tipsy Tea Party held last month in The Anchorage raised an amazing £500 for the MacMillan Cancer Suite at Raigmore Hospital. Linda would like to sincerely thank everyone who came along & supported the event, all the businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who helped in any way to make the event so successful.



THIS WEEKEND

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

The gala committee are delighted to announce that the car treasure hunt is generously sponsored by Sophisticuts, Scourie.

Play Park Update

Recently the swings at the football pitch play park have been cut down and are no longer useable. Searching through the Highland Council website, a document prepared for the 15 Feb Council expenditure meeting showed that, along with public toilets, the playgrounds may have support withdrawn. It was assumed that the removal of the swings was part of this decision.

A "Freedom of information" request to Highland Council for the annual safety report for the playground shows that the swings were deemed "not safe" with corrosion to the top bar and supporting legs. The report states that the swings were made inoperative, and the plan is to replace them.

The outcome of the 15th Feb meeting is not known. If anyone wants to see the safety report, I can email it.

Pete Tuck

March & April Weather

Apologies for missing last month's weather report. Due to other commitments, I missed the deadline.

March was cold, with snow and low temperatures caused by "The beast from the East". The jet stream reversed direction and sucked in cold air from continental Europe. It was an exceptionally dry month with 39.9 mm of rain, 20.4 mm falling on the 23rd. There were 20 days where no rain was recorded. Temperatures averaged 4 deg C, with a high of 9.0 deg C on 28th, and a low of -3.9 on 1st. Temperatures remained at, or below 0 deg C from 9 pm on 27th Feb to 8:30 am on 2nd Mar. The wind averaged 10.6 mph, with a high daily average of 30.6 mph on 15th, with a gust of 65.1 mph on the same day. The barometer averaged 997 millibars, with a high of 1023 on 19/20th, and a low of 981 on 7th and 23rd.

April was a little wetter, with a few warm sunny days towards the end on the month. I saw my first Swallow on 28th, and heard the first Cuckoo the following day. Skeins of geese have passed over the village heading to summer breeding grounds in the arctic, and snipe can be heard marking their territories by "drumming" (passing air through their feathers while in a dive - A bizarre sound, like something from the Clangers, see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/snipe>)

Average temperature was 7.8 deg C, with a high of 17.4 deg C on 18th, and a low of -1 on 2nd. Rainfall was 54.9 mm with 9.6 falling on 23rd. There were 10 days where no rain was recorded. The barometer averaged 1001 mb, with a high of 1014 on 20th, and a low of 985 on 3rd. The average wind speed was 6.4 mph with a highest daily average of 42.7 mph on 12th, and a gust of 59.5 on the same day.

Duncanadrift

Lochinver man and husband of Scourie Primary's Marianne, Duncan Hutchison, sets off on his adventure to row across the Atlantic Ocean later this month. The senior pupils of Scourie Primary welcomed Duncan to the school this week to hear about his plans and enjoyed hearing all about the equipment he will have on board his boat, including the machine that converts sea water into drinking water.

The pupils will follow Duncan's progress via a tracking website and look forward to welcoming him back to the school on his return to hear about his experience. Duncan is raising money for WaterAid. Donations would be very welcome through his JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/duncanhutchison>