

# Scourie News

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## Dates for July

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Recycling bins

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Refuse bins

## Duncanadrift

Many thanks go to all who supported the primary school's water fun day which raised £186 for WaterAid in support of Duncan Hutchison's row across the Atlantic. Please use the links below to track his progress and to make a JustGiving donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/duncanhutchison>  
[http://www.oceanrowing.com/Duncan\\_Hutchison/Duncan\\_dist.htm](http://www.oceanrowing.com/Duncan_Hutchison/Duncan_dist.htm)

<http://blog.mailasail.com/duncanadrift>  
<https://share.garmin.com/JonMonks>

## Birthday Greetings

On behalf of Edith, Rona and Triona would like to say a big thank you to Scourie for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent on her 100th birthday. It was a lovely surprise for her and she was delighted. Thank you very much indeed. Edith enjoyed her birthday celebrations and is now proudly displaying her card from the Queen, which was presented by the Lord Lieutenant.



## Up cycle/Recycle Clothing Workshops

With Louise Bonnie

Would you like to create unique / bespoke cushions using fabric from vintage embroidered table clothes or garments that are no longer worn but have interesting fabrics; or would you like help to update clothes by refitting or adding some details.

Old curtains brought from charity shops could be made in to simple tote bags or used to recover small stools

Also for those that are able to sew Louise could help and guide you on how to revamp an old coat or jacket with a new lining, using unusual fabrics

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Assynt Leisure Centre**

**12.30pm to 4.30pm**

**£5 per workshop**

**Pre booking essential**

**To book and confirm your place**

**email: [sandramcallus@gmail.com](mailto:sandramcallus@gmail.com)**

# June Weather

While taking a walk out over the croft with the dogs in the mornings, it's lovely to see wild flowers and insects appearing through the summer. Stonecrop is just coming into flower, small white flowers clinging to the rock. Birds foot trefoil has small bright yellow flowers turning orange and red (it's named after the shape of the seed pods). Common blue, Scotch Argus butterflies and Magpie and Burnet moths are also frequently seen on the wing, especially in this warm and dry weather. But the most obvious factor of this long dry spell is the grass dying back off the rock. There are large patches of shallow soil, that can't retain moisture, and the grass dies back. It will recover when it rains next.

The warmest day of the month (and year) was yesterday, 30<sup>th</sup> when it reached 25.1 degrees. The coldest temp was 7.7 deg C on 20<sup>th</sup>, and the average was 13.6 deg C. We have only had 33.6 mm of rain, falling in the middle of the month, and with 9 mm on 20<sup>th</sup>. There have been 19 days without rain. Average wind speed for the month was 3.6 mph, with an average of 11.3 mph on 14<sup>th</sup>. A gust of 40 mph was also recorded. The barometer reached a high of 1025 mB on 21<sup>st</sup>, with a low of 971 mB on 14<sup>th</sup>. The average was 1011 mB.

# Scourie Calendar

It's time to start preparing for the production of next year's calendar. So, if you'd like to send a calendar to your friends and relatives, now is the time to start sending me pictures! As KLB are doing their own calendar this year, I won't be getting so many printed for Scourie.

Pete Tuck

# The Rock Stop

Your Geopark is still needing staff at the Rock Stop cafe. Hours and days can be flexible (as far as is possible). No experience necessary, just a friendly cheerful disposition and a willingness to share the workload. For further details contact Jean, [jean@nwhgeopark.com](mailto:jean@nwhgeopark.com) before 7 July or Mike, [mike@nwhgeopark.com](mailto:mike@nwhgeopark.com) after 7 July.

North West Training Centre  
Kinlochbervie High School  
Manse Road, Kinlochbervie  
By Lairg, Sutherland IV27 4RR  
Regd. Charity SC019802



## Thank you!

All of us at the North West Training Centre would just like to say a big 'Thank You!' to all of the members of our local communities that have trained and learned with us during our 2017/2018 programme of courses and workshops; we really appreciate your support.

The training centre will be closed from Friday, 29 June 2018 but will re-open on Monday, 20 August 2018 with a new learning programme for the coming year.

During our closed period if you need to get in touch with us either leave a message on our answer phone or drop an email to [northwest.tc@outlook.com](mailto:northwest.tc@outlook.com) and we'll get back to you.



# Lodge gardens

Angus hosted the Drumbeg Gardeners Club today and they gave him full marks for keeping the garden looking lovely!

Everyone is welcome to visit the garden and to spend some time here, drawing, painting or just relaxing. We look forward to seeing you over the summer/autumn :)

Elisabeth at the Lodge



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTH WEST HIGHLANDS GEOPARK?

## EVENTS RUNNING ALL YEAR

### This year sees the launch of our new Food & Drink and Arts & Crafts trails!

**EatDrinkGeopark** will be the Official Food and Drink Trail of the NW Highland Geopark helping visitors to explore the unique and diverse landscape more widely, enticed by the local food and drink. Food tourism encourages visitors to stay longer, spend more money here, and learn about our culture and people at the same time.

The Geopark is home to a wide range of quality artists, sculptors, photographers and craftspeople. Many are well off the beaten track. Some sell direct, some through markets and others through galleries. **MadeInTheGeopark** will be the official banner which aims to bring makers and buyers together, and help visitors find the best that the Geopark has to offer.

#### Who are we looking for?

Both schemes are looking for participants who are champions of their product and of promoting tourism within the Geopark. Participants will demonstrate passion for the story of their product and for the Geopark as a region, and promote one another to visitors.

If you'd like your business to be part of these, would like to help develop or learn more, please contact Graham: [graham@nwhgeopark.com](mailto:graham@nwhgeopark.com)

#### THE ROCK STOP

Open Tuesdays – Saturdays 10.30am – 4pm.

You can find us in the old Unapool School Building, 1 mile south of the Kylesku Bridge. The café serves hot drinks and light meals. The main attraction is our Earth Science exhibition complete with Augmented Reality sandbox and Virtual Reality Time Machine. In our shop you can browse a range of locally made arts and crafts. Come and enjoy superb views and free Wi-Fi.

We are disability, dog, motorcyclist, cyclist and hiker friendly!

More information at [www.nwhgeopark.com/plan-your-visit/rockstop](http://www.nwhgeopark.com/plan-your-visit/rockstop)



## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July



### 8pm

## Pub quiz

in

## The Anchorage

Maximum of 5 per team

£10 entry per team

Big cash prize!

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

## Fancy Dress Float Parade



open to all ages

£10 entry per float

Meet at Former County Depot @

6.30pm

Judging @ pitch

(Sponsored by CM Engineering)

BBQ (in aid of DNRC charity)

Beer Tent



# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

1pm at Scourie Pitch

**Inverness British Legion Pipe Band**

(sponsored by JA Engineering)

**Laser Tag**

(Sponsored by Reay Forest Estate)

**Tractor competition**

**Crafts competition**

**Dog & Pet Competition**

(rosettes sponsored by Scourie Petrol Pumps)

**Tug of War**

**Grand Raffle Prize Draw**

**Bungee Trampolines**  
(sponsored by Loch Duart Ltd)

**Inflatables**

(sponsored by Scourie Estate  
& Handa Island Ferry)

**Guess the bottles**

(sponsored by Croft 16 & I and S Shaw)

**Dancing & Pipe band displays throughout  
the afternoon.**

**Beer tent & BBQ;**

**Teas & baking**

**Lynn's chip van**

**AND MUCH MORE FUN**

**FOR ALL THE FAMILY**



