



Scourie News



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Dates for December

- Sat 8th Deadline for greetings newsletter
- Tues 11th & Sat 22nd Refuse bins
- Tues 18th & Sat 29th Recycling bins
- Sun 16th Carol service
- Tues 18th Primary school show
- Wed 19th High School show
- Thurs 20th Children's party
- Fri 21st Schools close for holidays

**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAYRE
+ SANTA'S GROTTTO**

*Santa will be here between 12-1.30 pm
£6 per child (includes photograph)
When: Saturday 8th December
Where: Kinlochbervie High School
Time: 11.00 am till 2.30 pm*

*Arts and Crafts
Christmas Gifts
Teas and Coffees
Raffle
And loads of fun!*

Raising funds for The Kinlochbervie Christmas Lights Committee,
Kinlochbervie High School and Highland Hospice.

Poppy Scotland

This year's collection for Poppy Scotland raised £278.80.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Sutherland Community Engagement 2018/19

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 @SutherlandComm1

Your chance to help shape the future of
SCOURIE

Complete the questionnaire at:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sutherland_com_eng

Or pick up a paper copy from Parker Scourie Stores

Please note that the deadline for Scourie questionnaire responses is
Tuesday the 1st of January 2019

Dates for your diary:

Drop-In Surgery, Scourie Village Hall
Tuesday 11th of December 2018, 12pm - 8pm
You are free to drop in during the day, but you may want to book a slot. See below for contact information.

Community Workshop, Scourie Village Hall
Wednesday 12th of December 2018, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
If you need childcare or transport arrangements in order to attend, we will try and make the required arrangements. See below for contact information.

If you would like more information or otherwise get involved please contact
Martin Thomson on martin@kyleofsutherland.co.uk / 01843766190 or visit our
webpage: www.kosdl.org/community-engagement-project

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Christmas Carol Service

Everyone in the community is invited to take part in the carol service in Scourie Church of Scotland on Sunday 16th December at 6pm. Tea, coffee, juice and mince pies will be served in the church hall afterwards.

Those who wish to may contribute to the Christmas appeal to support the work of 'Project Ruth'. This is a UK based charitable Christian trust providing educational, humanitarian and caring resources through 'Project Ruth' centres to needy children, principally in Romania.



Getting a new instrument for Christmas or looking to learn a new skill in the new year?



The Instrument & Tuition Exchange aims to help school pupils and local adults find a music tutor in the area.

We can even let you try out an instrument on loan from the Kinlochbervie High School Music Department. Instruments we can loan out include: flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tenor horn and euphonium. We will, of course, help find you a tutor if you have a different instrument of your own.

We are hoping to find as many local people as possible who would like to give instrumental lessons and match them up with potential students (with location, fee and frequency of lessons to be decided by you).

To register your interest in learning and/or teaching or for more info please email

InstrumentTuitionExchangeNW@gmail.com



I would like to thank my friends, guests and visitors to Scourie for helping me raise a total of £1100 this season. I did various things this year including fly-tying, guiding and driving. All the people involved were very generous and new friendships were made. We decided that Scourie Primary School and Kinlochbervie High School would get £500 each and that the Village Hall and Scourie Gala would get £50 each.

Many thanks to all who contributed and of course for your continued support.

Colin Munro.



In return, the pupils, parents & staff of Scourie Primary School & Kinlochbervie High School would like to sincerely thank Colin & his friends for their amazing generosity. We can assure you the donations will be well spent for the benefit of our pupils.

Geopark News

Your geopark held its AGM in the Rock Stop on 1 December. The board for the next year is as follows: community council representatives; Tongue - to be confirmed, Durness - Don Campbell, KLB - Murdo MacPherson, Scourie - Jean Mackay, Assynt - Jacquelyn Jennett, Coigach- Ann Macleod, Loch Broom - Jan Breckenridge, Elected by the members, Dylan Bentley, Michael Simpson, Richard Trevor, Andrew Duncan. Neil Macdonald of SCDC gave an excellent presentation on the proposed exhibition centre in Scourie. The meeting concluded with soup and sandwiches.

Many thanks to David MacLeod, our chair last year, for all his hard work. Also thanks to our staff and volunteers for their commitment to making the Geopark the success it is today. Not forgetting our members and supporters who help and support wherever they can.

Next year we face the challenge of revalidation by the Global Geopark Network. We need to be successful to keep our UNESCO status.

Your Geopark belongs to all the people who live here. It's not just about our rocks, although they are world famous, we were set up to help keep our communities sustainable by promoting tourism.

We look forward to working with you all next year.

Website Enquiries

I am starting to receive requests for bookings for summer 2019 by email from the Scourie web-site. Please can everyone running B&B's, or other accommodation, please make sure your details are correct on the website.

I do not recommend individual B&B's, but instead direct people to the website to make their own choice. The most recent request has been for a 4 bed room for a family with 2 children!

Pete

Grant Funding

The Maldie Burn Fund has plenty of money available for community projects. Just download the form from the Scourie website and send it in before 27th January.

We need to get spending 😊

November Weather

With the shorter days, it's less easy to keep note of the weather, I tend to rely on the data that's been recorded. But November has been notable for one thing, lack of rain. It has been the driest November since Alistair Woods started keeping records back in 1992. It has also been the driest month of the year so far.

Temperatures have averaged at 8.4 deg C, with highs and lows of 16.3 on 15th, and 2.2 on 26th.

Rainfall total was 32.7 mm, with the wettest days on 1st with 6.3 mm, and the 30th with 6.9 mm. There were 17 days with no rain, and a further 4 with less than 1.0 mm.

It has been fairly sunny, but the shorter days reflect the total reading of 371 w/m² for the month, with the sunniest days being 6th and 8th with 18.2 w/m². The daily average was 12.4.

The wind has averaged 9.6 mph, with the highest daily average of 18.8 mph on 9th. The highest gust recorded was 42.5 also on 9th.

The barometer averaged 999 mB, with a high of 1024 mB on 18th and a low of 973 on 29th.



The staff, pupils and parents of Scourie Primary and Pre-school would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Christmas fayre in any way.

An amazing £1043.00 was raised for school funds. This will be used to fund outings, visiting groups and a variety of items to enhance the children's learning.

Christmas Greetings

Final shout out for entries for the Christmas greetings special newsletter.

Please ensure completed forms and payment are in the box in Parker's Store, Scourie by Sat 8th Dec.

The newsletter will be available by mid-December.



Whisky Tasting

The recent whisky tasting held in The Anchorage in aid of the DNRC charity proved to be a huge success. Neil MacDonald would like to sincerely thank Fiona Milne for her fascinating facts about whisky, The MacKenzie family for the use of The Anchorage and to all who supported the event.


£450 has been passed on to the DNRC charity.



Scourie Calendars

Thank you to all who have bought a calendar so far. There are still some in the shop. If they all sell, we'll make £300 profit for the village, so if you're looking for a small Christmas present and want to support the local community, you know where to go!

2018 Month	Temperature (deg C)			Rain (mm)			Sun (watts/m ²)			Wind (mph)			Barometer (mB)		
	High	Average	Low	Total	Wettest	Days without	Total	High	Ave	Ave	High Av	Gust	High	Low	Ave
Jan	8.8	4.6	-0.4	127.8	22.8	10	239.2	14.5	7.7	8.4	19.9	52.6	1022	972	992
Feb	9.3	4.0	-4.2	73.8	12.6	7	673.4	42.9	24.1	7.6	17.3	34.9	1030	976	1006
Mar	9.0	4.0	-3.9	39.9	20.4	21	1504.7	96.2	48.5	10.5	30.6	65.2	1023	981	997
Apr	17.4	7.8	-0.9	54.9	9.6	10	2769.0	154.6	92.3	6.4	14.9	42.5	1013	992	1001
May	24.2	11.9	3.6	41.1	18.6	18	4003.0	223.8	129.1	5.4	12.6	30.0	1025	989	1010
Jun	25.1	13.1	7.8	33.6	9.0	19	4655.1	246.6	155.2	3.6	11.8	32.4	1023	983	1011
Jul	25.3	14.9	9.5	70.2	12.3	15	3660.9	233.4	118.1	3.2	9.3	32.4	1023	986	1008
Aug	21.5	13.1	8.9	91.8	12.9	7	2703.5	136.3	87.2	4.8	16.0	32.4	1015	994	1004
Sep	21.6	10.6	5.5	236.7	33.6	3	1675.4	122.3	55.8	6.1	13.6	34.9	1022	980	988
Oct	19.1	9.4	1.6	218.4	39.6	4	816.4	48.6	26.3	8.1	14.2	45.0	1019	980	1004
Nov	16.3	8.4	2.2	32.7	6.9	17	371.0	18.2	12.4	9.6	18.8	42.5	1024	973	999
Dec															
	25.3	9.3	-4.2	1020.9	39.6	131	23071.6	246.6	68.8	6.7	30.6	65.2	1030	972	1002



**JACK,
JACQUES
& THE
BEANSTALK**

**PRESENTED BY
SCOURIE PRIMARY &
PRE-SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 18th Dec.
7pm
Scourie Village
Hall**

**DONATIONS TO SCHOOL
FUNDS VERY WELCOME.
RAFFLE**