

Scourie News

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With the help of the Scourie Hall Committee, we have decided to start a craft/food market in the Scourie village hall.

The Market will be on the following Thursdays starting at 10:00 am and finishing at 2:30 pm.

18th April

2nd / 9th / 23rd May

6th / 13th / 27th June

11th / 25th July

8th / 22nd August

5th / 19th / 26th September

3rd October

We are looking for local crafters, who make high quality crafts or food growers/producers who again make or grow their own produce. **Sorry NO JUMBLE.**

All applicants **must have combined liability insurance.** Product, Public and if required employer liability (if you have someone selling for you).

You can buy this on-line and it is cheap! or talk to Iona.

NO EXCEPTIONS ALL STALL HOLDERS MUST HAVE INSURANCE.

If you are interested please e-mail the details of your product to highlandcharcute@gmail.com and we will send you a form to fill out.

A poster for an Age Scotland Early Stage Dementia Awareness workshop. The poster is blue and white with a blue diagonal stripe. It features the Age Scotland logo and a graphic of four colored circles (N, W, T, C) with the text 'Learning never stops'. The text on the poster includes: 'North West Training Centre, Kinlochbervie High School, Manse Road, Kinlochbervie, By Lairg, Sutherland IV27 4RR, Regd. Charity SC019882'. The event details are: 'Durness Village Hall, 23 April 2019, 11am' and 'Scourie Village Hall, 24 April 2019, 11am'. The text asks: 'Do you work with or care for older members of your family or the community? If so, this workshop will be invaluable to you. In association with Age Scotland, this training will help you to understand dementia, its signs and symptoms, and the effects it has upon different people particularly in its early stages. The training will look at communicating with someone living with dementia and also what we can be done to reduce the risk of dementia.' There is a photo of a woman and a man looking at a document. At the bottom, it says 'This training session is free but places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.' and 'For more details or to book a place contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521238 or email northwest.tci@outlook.com'. Logos for 'ANNE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER'S CHARITY', 'The Regional Council of the Highlands and Islands', 'SCOTLANDS AGING STRATEGY', and 'ROBERTSON' are at the bottom.

Community Council

Mon 23rd March 2019

At the recent monthly SCDC meeting, the following items were discussed:

Next meeting

Mon 29th April 2019 @ 7.30pm

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If you have a news item, advert, thanks notice etc that you would like to insert into the Scourie News, please send it to the above email address or contact Aileen on 01971 502371

High Life Highland Ranger Service Guided walks

NW Sutherland

Date: Tuesday 16th April

Great “egg” hunt at Balnakeil beach by Durness.

Sharks eggs! Or mermaids purses, fish egg cases of skates and rays lie along the sands of Balnakeil.

We will search for them and send our survey result to the shark trust. Families welcome, all children must be accompanied by an adult, this is a drop-in event, the ranger is there to advise you on where to look and what to look for. A wee prize for whoever collects the most!

Time: 10.30 – 11.30am

Booking ref: 001625KNBV

Date: Wed 24th April

Guided walk over Faraid Head by Durness.

A guided walk across beautiful Balnakeil beach, over the headland, returning through the amazing dune system. Lovely views, seabirds, sand, seashells and high dunes. Adults only. About 3k.

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Booking ref: 001626KNBV

Date: Wed 8th May

Guided walk at Scourie bay along the north shore hills.

A guided coastal walk across hill and moorland, shores and bogs, out to headland viewpoint with superb views across to Handa Island and the hills of Assynt, possibly to the isle of Lewis. Moorland and coastal wildlife and plants. Adults only. About 4k.

Time: 10.30am – 2pm

Booking ref: 001765KNBV

Price: It costs £9.73 per visitor to operate our Countryside Ranger Service. We make no charge for these events but we rely on your donations to help us protect our Highland wildlife and heritage.

Contact:

donald.mitchell@highlifehighland.com

High Life Highland Ranger Service Guided walks

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Tuesday 9th April

Rockpooling at Clachtoll

Explore the wonderful world in a rockpool. Hermit crabs, starfish and much, much more - meet some of the really weird wildlife living here. Rocks can be steep and slippery.

Suitable for all the family but no unaccompanied children. Meet at Clachtoll Beach car park. Grid ref: NC 040273.

Time: 3.30pm - 5pm

Booking ref: 001669ULLA

Tuesday 30th April

Bone caves, Inchnadamph

Guided walk back in time to the ice-age where the bones of reindeer, polar bears and even humans were discovered in the caves. Stout footwear is essential. Bring packed lunch. Good path but steep in places. 5km. Suitable for over 18's only. Meet at Bone caves car park 4km, south of Inchnadamph.

Time: 11am - 2pm

Booking ref: 001672ULLA

For these you will have to book at

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/rangers/upcoming-events/>

More information

andy.summers@highlifehighland.com

REQUIRED

Lovely people of Scourie, we are a young couple and a dog who just arrived and decided to spend some time with you. However, we don't have a place to stay. If you know about any possibilities, please don't hesitate to contact us on 07474758883. Thank you!

Kat, David and Roxy from The Whale Tale.



The number of 🐾 left on the path along the Scourie Lodge wall is too high for nature to deal with and it very quickly becomes 'bomb alley'. Having two dogs ourselves, I'm doing daily pick-ups along the outside wall and on the pier and I can't help noticing how many 🐾 are left behind by dog walkers.

Please, dog walkers, pick up and bin after your dog. Alternatively, bury when possible or flick into the long grass. Don't just leave a big 🐾 right on the path or on the side!!

Many thanks, Elisabeth

<https://keepnaturewild.com/blogs/blog/wha-t-dog-poop-really-does-to-nature>

Scourie Lodge

We are excited to welcome the Whale Tale cafe / restaurant (formerly up at Balnakeil) into the Lodge, and by the time you read this, Kat and David will have arrived from the Czech Republic. During April, the big room will be transformed into the Whale Tale and will probably be open from Easter.

It has always been our hope that the Lodge can contribute as much as possible to village life and the local economy, and this initiative fulfils both of those aspirations.

We hope that the Whale Tale will welcome locals as much as it will visitors, and we look

forward to a successful first season.

Angus and Elisabeth

Lynn's Chip Van

Due to personal reasons, Lynn's chip van will be closed until early May.

Lynn & Gina wish to thank all their customers for their trade of the past months.

The Rock Stop

The Rock Stop is opening for the season on Wednesday 3 April. We will be open every day from 10 to 4.30pm serving tea, coffee, cake, soups, sandwiches and toasties. Why not come and check us out? We have the most amazing view. This year we are selling second hand paperback novels. A must for all readers. If you have some to donate, they will be most welcome. All profits from the Rock Stop go to support your Geopark. We still have some room for craft work for sale.

Constituency Surgery

Jamie Stone MP

Tuesday 9th April

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Library Room, Scourie Village Hall

No appointment necessary



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If you have any questions for him, come along and ask. Transport, Housing, Public Toilets, Roads, Tax, Brexit, Independence. He's your MP and won't know your feelings unless you tell him.

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Pete Tuck includes a table of the records for this year, along with the corresponding figures from last year.

2019 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	10.0	4.9	-1.4	135.0	21.6	6	239.0	16.9	7.7	7.0	16.1	55.0	1036	982	1006
Feb	16.3	7.6	0.5	92.4	12.0	6	541.7	33.6	19.3	8.0	14.2	34.9	1023	963	1002
Mar	11.6	6.5	0.7	111.0	21.0	3	1264.7	86.5	40.4	8.8	17.9	37.4	1023	970	998
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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

Scourie Gala Events

Friday 24th May

Pub quiz @ The Anchorage 8pm

£2 per player

Cash prizes

Saturday 25th May

Car treasure hunt @ 4pm from pavilion

Cash prizes

David Allen in the village hall @ 9pm

BYBO

Thursday 4th July

Family bingo night @ 7pm in the village hall

Friday 5th July

Fancy dress floats; bbq; bar

If anyone would like to take part, but has no access to a trailer etc,
please contact Neil or Aileen

Saturday 6th July

Main event on football pitch
including tractor display & much more!

Dance to HEADLAND

Tickets available from Aileen or Linda; £10 each

Sunday 7th July

Annual Scourie Burn duck race

Cash prizes

