

Scourie News

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April Weather



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.

Village Hall Keys

Please can all Hall users return the Hall keys to the shop AS SOON as they've locked up.

Recently, a user has been unable to pick up the keys because the previous user hadn't returned them.



Thankyou.

April has been very dry, and quite warm for the time of year. Work progresses on the vegetable patch with potatoes planted, and a lot of seeds sown. Brassicas, grown on in the polytunnels, have been planted out along with parsley. Now need to get a succession of sowings made to make sure we have a constant supply of salads through the year. And then start weeding!

Wild flowers are starting to show with the mauve flowered Lady's smock, yellow celendines, yellow King cups (marsh marigold), blue violets, and of course, pale yellow primroses. The bank on the beach road is very prominent. Common sedge, hairy woodrush, and sweet vernal grass are also in full flower, but much less obvious and often overlooked. Trees are starting to show leaves, even on the Oak and Ash trees. Remember the old saying, "Oak before Ash, you're in for a splash, Ash before Oak, you're in for a soak". I heard the first cuckoo around the middle of the month, and cabbage white butterflies are visiting the Lady's smock. The large black flies that are around just now, hanging around shady areas under trees are St Mark's Flies, totally harmless, if a little annoying.

Temperatures have been a couple of degrees higher than last year, the highest was 20.5 deg C on 22nd, average temperature for the month was 9.6 deg C, and the lowest temp 1.6 deg C on 2nd. Rain has been virtually non existent with only 27.6 mm. Wettest day was 21st with 7.2 mm, and 15 mm fell between 1st and 4th. There were 18 days where no rain was recorded.

Sunshine. 2642 w/m² were recorded, with the sunniest day on 29th with 157.8. The average was 88.1, over twice the March average. The windiest day was 3rd with an average of 21.7 mph. The highest gust was on 15th with 52.6 mph, and the months average was 8.7 mph. The highest barometer reading was 1022 mB on 20th, and lowest on th 25th with 989 mB. Average was 1008 mB.



NW Sutherland Countryside Ranger Walks in May

Wed 8th ...Scourie bay – North shore; 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

Wed 15th... Moine path by Ben Hope, taking the ancient trail across the shoulder of Ben hope to Kinloch at the Kyle of Tongue. 14k approx. Time: 10:30 – 16:30h. Booking ref: 001788FARR.

Tues 21st...Castle Bharraich by Tongue. A guided walk to this enigmatic ruin with superb views over the Kyle of Tongue, then beyond over the hill, returning to the village via the quiet old road. 6.5k. Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm. Booking ref: 001766FARR

Thur.24th... Guided coastal walk around Scourie bay – south shore. Coastal walk with beautiful scenery, otter signs, seabirds, wildflowers, ancient geology – garnets and dikes. About 4k, adults only. Time: 10:30 – 13:00 Booking ref: 001794KNBV

Tues 28th ...Guided coastal walk across 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: 10:30 – 12:30. Booking ref: 001795KNBV

N.B. There is no charge for the walks but we rely on your donations to help us protect our highland wildlife and heritage. **Booking is required** so please visit <http://booking.highlifehighland.com> use the booking reference number for the event you would like to join [as a guest if not a member] and for information on where and when to meet. For further information contact; High Life Highland Countryside Rangers, The Primary school, Durine, Durness, IV27 4PZ. Email: donald.mitchell@highlifehighland.com Tel; **01971 511756**. Assistance with the booking can be arranged.

REQUIRED

Seasonal Holiday House near Scourie
CLEANER REQUIRED
Saturdays
Good rates of pay
Immediate start
For more details please phone Fiona
07977135071

Community Council Mon 29th April 2019

At the recent monthly SCDC meeting, the following items were discussed, amongst other on-going topics:

- 2 smiley face speed mointors to be installed soon
- New equipment being purchased for playpark

Once approved, full minutes will be available on the village noticeboard & website.

Next meeting
Mon 20th May 2019 @ 8pm

Thank you!

Pupils & staff of Scourie Primary would like to thank Angus & Elizabeth of Scourie Lodge for their donation to the school fund for furniture sold.





It's your Geopark!

Following the success of the 2017 & 2018 festivals the events for 2019 are now really getting underway. The Highlife Highland Ranger team are making a major contribution to more than 100 separate events in the festival this year. Details of the Ranger and other events are available on our website nwhgeopark.com. Some of the events planned for the festival at the Rock Stop are listed below.

The NW Highlands Geopark stretches from Coigach to Tongue and 5 of Scotland's 50 Best Places to See are right here.

Rock Stop Geocentre

The Rock Stop at Unapool is open 7 days a week 10.00 am – 4.30pm. Come and see what the geopark is all about in the free exhibition and enjoy our coffee shop, including light lunches.

Thursday 9th May 7.30pm **Rock Stop, Unapool**
Search of a Lost Impact Crater with Dr Mike Simms. There was a giant meteorite impact 1.2 billion years ago, but just a little of this ancient deposit now survives on the coast of NW Scotland. No impact crater has yet been identified but there is a remarkable correspondence between its location, as inferred from these coastal exposures, and the position of a 40 km diameter geophysical anomaly centred on Lairg. Booking advisable with pete@nwhgeopark.com entry £5

Friday 5th July 7.30pm **Rock Stop Unapool**
North Sutherland: A Botanical Odyssey with Ian Evans. Ian has in recent years undertaken some detailed survey work on the north coast. He will reveal some of his findings, even linking them to the soil and rock types. Entry £5

Friday 2nd August 7.30pm **Rock Stop Unapool**
Golden Eagles and the North West Highlands Geopark with Andy Summers High Life Highland Senior Ranger for North Highlands. Andy has a particular interest in the Eagles of the area and has recorded their comings and goings over many years. Entry £5

Tuesday August 27th 2.00pm **Rock Stop, Unapool**
Vintage Geological Maps with Alastair Mitchell. Alastair has a passion for old maps and especially geological ones. He has a collection, which traces the development of the science in Scotland. He will have the original maps there and will talk about their significance. Entry £5

Sunday September 22nd **Inchnadamph**
Explore Watercourses and Caves at Traligill Valley, Inchnadamph. A multi-discipline excursion with Peter Harrison leading on the geology. This valley has much to discover and interpret so come along and help do just that. Meet at the Inchnadamph carpark (NC251216) at 11.00 a.m. Distance c.6km, mainly on paths. Bring lunch.

Geotours in 2019

The September tour is full but there are still a few places left for the 19 – 24 May and 6 – 11 June tours. Single day attendance is available for those who live in the geopark. The daily programme is available on the website. Just contact pete@nwhgeopark.com if you would like to join in.

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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

Scourie Community Development Company

If you shop at Amazon, please could you consider signing up to their charitable



donation scheme. We will get 0.5% of the purchase price back. I know it's only 5p for every £10, but it adds up. Purchases have to be made through Amazon Smile, but the prices are the same. Just choose Scourie Community Development Company as your favoured charity. Thankyou.



Weekly on Mondays
6pm-7pm

Scourie village Hall

If you want to get strong lean and fit!!!

Kettlecize is for you!!!

£ 6.00 per session.

Footpath Leaflets

If anyone wants a supply of leaflets for the summer, please let me know and I'll get them to you.



Pete Tuck

Reply to Elizabeth the lodge's article about dog poo.

The footpath starts at the boat house and runs through Scouriebeag farm land.

I think she's lucky that its only dog poo she has to deal with. In the last 3 weeks, I have encountered 5 lots of human poo round sheds and behind trailers with toilet paper left to mark the spot.

I had a calf creep in the top compound and watched two ladies come off the path from Tarbet and nipped in to relieve themselves.

Maybe dogs are getting smart and have started using toilet paper!

Robert



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or find me on Facebook under Ross Valeting Services.



As most of you probably know,
we are reopening
The Whale Tale Café & Restaurant,
and it is our pleasure it is here, in Scourie.
The big day is Friday 10th May
and we can't wait to meet you all.
Please come along for a supper or cup of
coffee. Residents have a discount. :)
Kat & David

SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE'S
ANNUAL

PUB QUIZ NIGHT

**THE ANCHORAGE,
SCOURIE**

FRIDAY 24TH MAY @ 8PM
£2 PER PLAYER;
MAX 4 PER TEAM



Car treasure hunt

**SATURDAY
25TH MAY 2019**

£10 ENTRY PER CAR
MEET AT PAVILION FOR START
BRING A CHARGED SMART PHONE!
FOLLOWED BY BBQ, BAR & FOOTBALL
START TIME TO BE CONFIRMED
CASH PRIZES

A SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE EVENT

SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE PRESENT

DAVID ALLAN

SATURDAY 25TH MAY
SCOURIE VILLAGE
HALL
9PM
£10 ENTRY
BYOB ROAR

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Scourie Gala July Events

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

Limited tickets available from Aileen or Linda;
£10 each (not many left!)



Sunday 7th July

Annual Scourie Burn duck race
Cash prizes

Weather Statistics

2018	Temperature (deg C)			Rain (mm)			Sun (watts/m ²)			Wind (mph)			Barometer (mB)		
Month	High	Average	Low	Total	Wettest	Days without	Total	High	Ave	Ave	High	Gust	High	Low	Ave
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
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