

Scourie News

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High Life Highland Guided walks in June

Tuesday 4th - The amazing wildflowers of the limestone at Inchnadamp

Guided walk with the Ranger in the valley of the trolls to see stunning orchids, colourful mountain avens and rare plants such as the Scottish Asphodel. With a backdrop of dry river beds and caves this is a walk not to be missed. Suitable for over 18's only. Bring packed lunch. Meet at Inchnadamp car park. Grid ref: NC 251216. Time: 11am - 4pm. Booking ref: 001682ULLA

Thursday 6th - Lochinver to Achmelvich beach
Join us on this spectacular walk with tremendous views of glorious mountains. The Ranger can point out rare wildflowers, a wealth of bird life and plenty of seals and maybe otters to watch. The final destination will be the stunning sandy beach at Achmelvich where we can get an ice-cream. Suitable for over 18's only. Bring packed lunch. 8km. Meet at the Highland Stoneware car park, Lochinver. We shall get a lift back to the start. Time: 11am - 4pm. Booking ref: 001683ULLA

Tuesday 11th - Bat Watching, Lochinver
Join us to watch one of nature's amazing spectacles as up to 100 pipistrelle bats leave their daytime roost to find food. We will start with a short illustrated talk on bats at the Lochinver Mission (An Cala Café), Lochinver. Then drive 3 miles to the roost site. No walking involved.

Suitable for all the family. Bring warm clothes and be prepared for midges. Time: 9pm - 10.30pm.

Booking ref: 001684ULLA

Friday 14th - The amazing mountain of Suilven

Join us on a guided walk to the top of Assynt's most famous mountain, with some wonderful views. This is a strenuous walk. Participants must have good fitness for steep and rocky terrain and bring appropriate outdoor clothing, footwear and lunch. The distance is 20km/12.5miles. This walk is subject to good weather conditions. Suitable for over 18's only. Meet at the walkers car park, Glencanisp road. Time: 9am - 6pm. Booking ref: 001685ULLA

Tuesday 25th - In search of dark red helleborines at Inchnadamp

Guided walk with the Ranger in the valley of the trolls, where unbelievable forces in the earth have created deep caves and dry rivers. Hear about the unique wildlife of the limestone pavements where rare flowers such as the dark red helleborine grows. This is a walk not to be missed. Suitable for over 18's only. Bring packed lunch. Meet at Inchnadamp car park. Time: 11am - 4pm. Booking ref: 001686ULLA

You will need to book for these events. Details can be found at

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

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

George Leligdowicz
Joiner & ghillie
Reay Forest Estate
died in the Highland Hospice
on 22nd May 2019

Northwest Sutherland, Countryside Ranger walks

Thurs 6th Guided walk around an ancient oak woodland at Loch A'Mhuilinn NNR near Scourie. A fascinating circular walk through dense maritime woodland, around the loch and by the sea, good views and wildlife, returning by the old road. About 5k, adults only. **Time:** 10:30 – 14:30. **Booking ref:** 001796KNBV

Wed 12th ...Guided walk along the Laxford river near Scourie then through the wonderful adjacent peatland bogs. An intriguing walk in a wonderful boggy area for "The flows to the Future project"; river life, moorland, heather, superb views, frogs, newts and boggy things. About 3k, adults only, wellies recommended and walking poles useful. **Time:** 10:30 – 13:00. **Booking ref:** 001797KNBV

Wed 19th ...Guided walk up Ben Hope. Joint ranger led walk up this wonderful mountain [927m], the most northerly "Munro". Check booking information for full details. **Booking ref:** 001818FARR

Tues 25th ...Guided coastal walk from Talmine to Port Vasco. A superb coastal walk with stunning views and masses of wonderful wild flowers including the rare and beautiful Scottish primrose. We follow the coast out and return by the quiet road. About 5k, adults only. Please do not block access to the pier. **Time:** 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Booking ref:** 001798FARR

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.

Community Council Mon 20th May 2019

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

Richard Gale, Highland Council Sutherland committee convener, and Phil Tomlison, ward manager, were present at the latest meeting of SCDC along with local councillor, Hugh Morrison where the on-going concerns regarding crash barriers, condition of the roads & speed counters were discussed.

Next meeting Mon 24th June 2019 @ 8pm

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

Taming Facebook
Tuesday, 18 June 2019, 10am-12pm

A short workshop covering the popular social media platform and how to manipulate its setting to keep you safe.

We'll look at ways of keeping you safe and preventing your account from being hacked.

Who can see your personal information, read your posts, or look at your photos?

Friends, friend requests, and controlling who can see your friends list.

What if I want to make a specific post or photo public? How can I change its settings?

What if someone is harassing you? Block them!

We'll also take a look at a selection of emails to help you identify the genuine from the fake and keep you safe from phishing attempts or identity theft.

All this for just £10 per person.

For more details or to book a place contact Gary Sutherland on 01971 521238 or email northwest.tc@outlook.com.

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May Weather

Following on from last month, more flowers are opening on the croft now, the small flowered but bright yellow Tormentil, with its 4 petals and lobed leaves. Pignut has umbels of white flowers rising on a thin stem above a canopy of ferny foliage, the root is an irregular nodule which when peeled, has a nutty taste and texture. These nodules are 10-15 cm deep and are a favourite of foraging pigs. Ribwort plantain is also in full flower, with long strappy narrow leaves, it has an oval flower spike on a tall stem. This spike has a ring of pale yellow anthers hanging on fine filaments at its base.

The month started with a wet spell continuing on from the end of April, but was mainly fine and warm during the following two weeks, but then cooler with 4 wet days of over 15 mm.

The highest temperature recorded was 21 deg C on 15th, with an average temperature of 9.1 deg C. The coldest night was the 8th with 1.0 deg C. There were some ground frosts, nipping the tops out of my freshly emerging potatoes.

The rainfall totalled 102.3 mm for the month, nearly 4 times the rainfall for April. The years rainfall for Jan – May is 468 mm, 130 higher than the corresponding months last year. The wettest day was 22.5 mm on 26th, and there were 13 days without rain.

The solar readings are 3569 watts/m² for the month, a daily average of 115 watts/m². The highest recording was 181 watts/m² on the 15th. Last year, the May total was over 4000 watts.

Wind averaged 5.1 mph for the month, the highest daily average was 14.5 mph on 26th, with a gust of 37.4 mph on the same day.

Barometer readings were the same as last year, a high of 1022 mB on 20th, an average of 1008 mB, and a low of 989 on 25th.



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.



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Upcoming Events

2nd August
Village Hall.

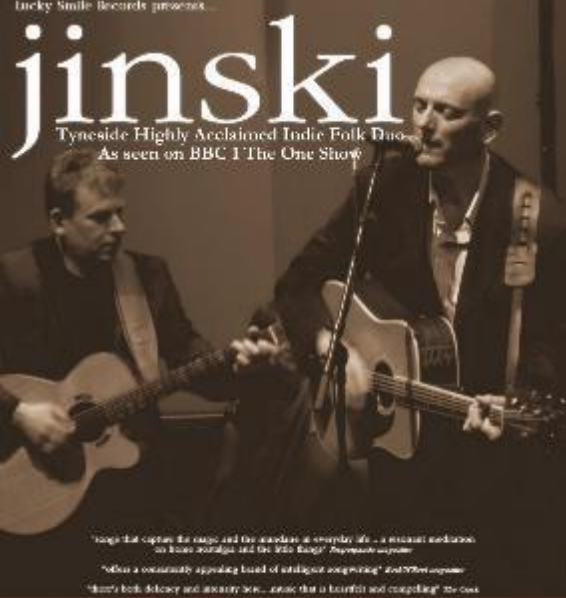
A musical evening with Newcastle based Folk
duet, Jinski.

£8 entry, with licensed bar.

Lucky Smile Records presents...

jinski

Tyneside Highly Acclaimed Indie Folk Duo
As seen on BBC 1 The One Show



"Voice that captures the stage and the mundanity of everyday life... a musical education on how to sing and the folk songs." *Playground magazine*

"Not too a consistently appealing blend of traditional songwriting" *and 50ent magazine*

"Jinski's folk-folkiness and acoustic wit... make that is beautiful and compelling" *the oak*

SCOURIE VILLAGE HALL
Friday Aug 2nd. 7.30pm
ENTRY £8

SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 6TH JULY
SCOURIE PITCH
FROM 1PM

BBQ; BEER TENT; CRAFT TENT;
TRACTOR SHOW
DOG SHOW
CHILDREN'S RACES
BUBBLE FOOTBALL
..... INFLATABLES
ICE CREAM VAN
RED SHANK CATERING VAN
CRAFT TENT
TEA TENT
LOTS OF FAMILY FOR ALL THE FAMILY!



SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

THURSDAY 4TH JULY
7PM
SCOURIE VILLAGE HALL
Bring your own refreshments!



SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE

FANCY DRESS FLOATS

FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2019
FROM C. MACLEOD'S YARD
6.30PM

PARADE TO FOOTBALL PITCH
FOR BBQ, BAR & MUSIC

CASH PRIZES!



SCOURIE GALA COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL DUCK RACE

SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2019
SCOURIE BURN

Duck numbers for sale in local outlets.



NORTH WEST SUTHERLAND SCHOOLS

ANNUAL END OF TERM PRIZE GIVINGS

SCOURIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONDAY 24TH June @ 2PM IN SCOURIE VILIGE HALL

DURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY 25TH JUNE @ 10AM IN DURNESS PRIMARY
SCHOOL

KINLOCHBERVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY 26TH JUNE @ 2PM IN KLB PRIMARY SCHOOL

KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE @ 2PM IN KLB HIGH SCHOOL

EVERYONE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE
THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR PUPILS
THROUGHOUT THE LAST YEAR.

Weather Statistics

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
Apr	20.5	9.6	1.6	27.6	7.2	18	2642.5	157.8	88.1	8.7	21.7	52.6	1022	989	1008
May	21.0	9.1	1.0	102.3	22.5	13	3569.0	181.0	115.0	5.1	14.5	37.4	1022	989	1008

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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 Allan on 01971 502371

Are you ready for
Scourie Gala 2019?

Have you sorted
out your float?

Is your tractor
polished?

Are you entering
your dog into the
dog show?

Have you bought
raffle tickets?

Can you help to.....

put up marquees

serve at the bar

make teas

bake?

Your gala needs you!