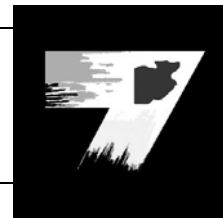


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courses at North Lands. In this class you will be introduced to glass cutting and the basics of kiln formed glass. We will discuss design and the display of fused glass pieces. Students will be encouraged to develop work around a personal theme or interest. This class is suitable for beginners as well as for more experienced students. The projects will include layering metals between glass, making colour glass plates and working with colour glass powders and frit. There will be an introduction to sandblasting and essential technical processes will be explained. There will be an evening spent with North Lands Artists in Residence who will give hot glass demonstrations and talk about their work. The class will be held at the new studio at Quatre Bras, Lybster, running for 6 consecutive weeks commencing Thursday 14th February 7.00-9.00p.m, cost £95 (inclusive of materials). For further information or to book, contact Grace MacBeath on 01593 721229, email: info@northlandsglass.com

Caithness Floral Art Club AGM

Main Hall, North Highland College, Thurso. Contact: flocom04@btinternet.com

Saturday, 16th February

Caithness Handbell Ringers

BB Hall, Thurso. 10am-12pm. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**
Contact: Lyn 01955 611339/Katrina: 01847 893517

Tuesday, 19th February

Thurso Recorded Music Society

Weekly recital covering orchestral, instrumental, chamber, vocal, opera and occasionally jazz. Presenter: Stewart Sinclair. 7.30pm. 'Linden', Brilon Court, Lower Ormlie, Thurso. Enquiries : J M Cameron. 01847 892862

Wick Accordion & Fiddle Club

Michael Garvin Trio
Mackays Hotel, Wick. 7.30pm

Wednesday, 20th February

Thurso Scottish Country Dancing

Reels, jigs and strathspeys, with the emphasis on friendly informality and enjoyment. Visitors and new members welcome. Instructions given beforehand. Thurso Club, Janet Street, Thurso.7.45pm. £2 entry. Enquiries:alan.w@tiscali.net Tel. 01847 821341

Saturday, 23rd February

SCDA Caithness Festival

Featuring Wick Players. Thurso High School
Further details to be announced.

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Tuesday, 26th February

Thurso Recorded Music Society

Weekly recital covering orchestral, instrumental, chamber, vocal, opera and occasionally jazz. Guest presenter: Lyndall Leet. 7.30pm. 'Linden', Brilon Court, Lower Ormlie, Thurso. Enquiries : J M Cameron. 01847 892862

Wednesday, 27th February

Thurso Scottish Country Dancing

Reels, jigs and strathspeys, with the emphasis on friendly informality and enjoyment. Visitors and new members welcome. Instructions given beforehand. Thurso Club, Janet Street, Thurso.7.45pm. £2 entry. Enquiries:alan.w@tiscali.net Tel. 01847 821341

Friday, 29th February

Northern Nashville Country Music Club

Eamon McCaan and Band supported by Wood N Stone. Royal British Legion Clubrooms, Thurso. Doors 7pm, show starts 8pm. £10 non members, £8 members yearly memberships, £5 per person. Contact and tickets: Christine Gray, 01847 892410.

Michael Marra

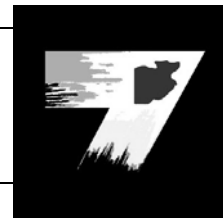
Widely acclaimed as one of Scotland's most talented and original songwriters. Read more about Michael at:
http://www.footstompin.com/artists/michael_marra
The Mill Theatre, Thurso. Contact: 01847 896956

Whist Drive

Organised by the Wick RBLS Pipe Band. £1 (incl. tea/coffee, sandwiches & home baking). 7.30pm. Pipe Band Hall, High Street, Wick.

If you would like your arts event listed in our next edition or would like to receive future copies by email then please contact Linda Hutton, Arts Co-Ordinator on 01847 895545 or adni172@gmail.com. Our What's On Guide and Newsletter are now available on our website www.caithnessarts.org.uk

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Wednesday, 9th January

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Saturday, 12th January

Thurso Live Music Association

Royal String Quartet of Warsaw. Haydn: String Quartet in Bb ; Gubaidulina: String Quartet No. 2; Szymanowski: String Quartet No. 1; Dvorak: String Quartet Op. 96, 'American'. Tickets: £7 (£1). 8pm. Thurso West Church, Thurso. Contact: Barbara Myatt 01847 831437/ barmyatt@btinternet.com

Caithness Handbell Ringers

BB Hall, Thurso. 10am-12pm. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** Contact: Lyn 01955 611339/Katrina: 01847 893517

Monday, 14th January

Basic Computing Course Pulteneytown People's Project

Classes held Monday to Thursday. For more information about the course or to book a place, contact: Elspeth Durrand, 01955 606950 or drop in to PPP at Murchison Street, Wick. The training centre is in the same building.

Tuesday, 15th January

Wick Accordion & Fiddle Club

Local Bands Night. Mackays Hotel, Wick. 7.30pm.

Wednesday, 16th January

Thurso Scottish Country Dancing

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Thursday, 17th January

Basic Digital Camera Editing Course Pulteneytown People's Project

Learn how to download and save pictures online, enhance, crop and reduce red eye from pictures. This course is designed for those who have little or no computer experience. 10am – noon. For more information about the course or to book a place, contact: Elspeth Durrand, 01955 606950 or drop in to PPP at Murchison Street, Wick. The training

centre is in the same building.

Saturday, 19th January

Caithness Handbell Ringers

BB Hall, Thurso. 10am-12pm. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** Contact: Lyn 01955 611339/Katrina: 01847 893517

Tuesday, 22nd January

Bell Ringing Course

Pulteneytown People's Project

2pm – 4pm. For more information about the course or to book a place, contact: Elspeth Durrand, 01955 606950 or drop in to PPP at Murchison Street, Wick. The training centre is in the same building.

Handicrafts Sessions

Pulteneytown People's Project

Knitting, sewing, cross-stich, card making, crochet. 10am – noon. Transport can be provided within the Wick area for this course. For more information about the course or to book a place, contact: Elspeth Durrand, 01955 606950 or drop in to PPP at Murchison Street, Wick. The training centre is in the same building.

Wednesday, 23rd January

Thurso Scottish Country Dancing

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Friday, 25th January

Northern Nashville Country Music Club

Steven Smythe and Band supported by The New Kate Bain Band. Royal British Legion Clubrooms, Thurso. £10 non members, £8 members yearly memberships, £5 per person. Contact and tickets: Christine Gray, 01847 892410.

Whist Drive

Organised by the Wick RBLS Pipe Band. £1 (incl. tea/coffee, sandwiches & home baking). 7.30pm. Pipe Band Hall, High Street, Wick.

Sundowe

Winner of the Highland Quest for a new musical. As featured in the BBC2 series, MacMusical. "The Sundowe is a vibrant, off-the-wall, brilliantly entertaining musical written by the highly imaginative and talented brothers John, Gerry and

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James KIELTY.

There are more people buried under the streets, parks and graveyards of Edinburgh than there are alive in the City. What would happen if they all stood up? Set in Edinburgh, *The Sundowe* combines the deep history of Scotland with European mythology, local legend and modern events - or as its creators put it: a horror / musical / small dog / political / comedy / Greek tragedy. *The Sundowe* brings together 4 musicians, a dog, virgins, vampires and the undead in a quest to find the truest music and save a friend from a terrible fate. Music is banned, the dead are rising, only the martians can stop them". Assembly Rooms, Wick.
£14.50/£12.50/£10.50/£10.00/£8.

Saturday, 26th January

Caithness Handbell Ringers

BB Hall, Thurso. 10am-12pm. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

Contact: Lyn 01955 611339/Katrina: 01847 893517

Sundowe

See entry for the 25th.

Tuesday, 29th January

Thurso Recorded Music Society

Weekly recital covering orchestral, instrumental, chamber, vocal, opera and occasionally jazz. Guest presenter: Danny McLean. 7.30pm. 'Linden', Brilon Court, Lower Ormlie, Thurso. Enquiries : J M Cameron. 01847 892862

Wednesday, 30th January

Thurso Scottish Country Dancing

Reels, jigs and strathspeys, with the emphasis on friendly informality and enjoyment. Visitors and new members welcome. Instructions given beforehand. Thurso Club, Janet Street, Thurso. 7.45pm. £2 entry. Enquiries: alan.w@tiscali.net Tel. 01847 821341

Thursday, 31st January

Essential Scottish Opera

Four young and dynamic singers are packing their bags this January to bring Essential Scottish Opera to you. Essential Scottish Opera gives you the chance to sample live opera close up during a relaxed and informal evening. The show features a mixture of musical styles including old favourites from *Carmen*, *La traviata* and *Rigoletto* as well as music by Britten, Mozart and Bernstein. There's something for everyone, whether you're new to opera or an old hand. With accompaniment provided by Scottish Opera's own Ian Shaw on piano. Assembly Rooms, Wick. 7.30pm. £10/8 conc.

Tickets: DR Simpson Newsagents, 88/90 High Street, Wick KW1 4LY
Tel: 01955 603304

HI-Arts Short Story Competition – CLOSING DATE

First prize £300 and a place on the HI-Arts masterclass. The competition is open to writers living in the Highland and Islands and this year's theme is 'Winter'. The judge will be the novelist, poet and playwright, Kevin MacNeil. Entries must be your own original work, to a maximum of 3,000 words, and unpublished. Email entries to peter@hi-arts.co.uk or post to HI-Arts, fourth floor, Ballantyne House, 84 Academy Street, Inverness, IV1 1LU. Entry is free but only one story per writer is permitted.

Saturday, 2nd February

Sounds O' Scotland Concert

Organised by the Wick RBLs Pipe Band. Featuring Wick RBLs Pipe Band, Elise Lyall School of Dance, Empty House, Raymond Bremner, Bryan Coghill and Philip Todd. £1 (incl. tea/coffee). Assembly Rooms, Wick. Contact: John Bogle, jbogle5190@aol.com 01955 603080

Ceilidh

Organised by the Wick RBLs Pipe Band. Ceilidh follows the Sounds O' Scotland Concert – see entry above. £10 entry. Assembly Rooms, Wick.

Caithness Handbell Ringers

BB Hall, Thurso. 10am-12pm. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

Contact: Lyn 01955 611339/Katrina: 01847 893517

Sunday, 3rd February

St John's Singers

Church Hall, Moray Street, Wick. 1.30pm. New members welcome. No singing experience required. Contact: Lyn Ball, 01955 611339

Monday, 4th February

Thurso Live Music Association

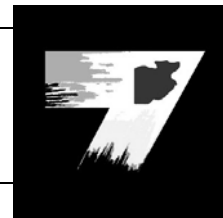
Gliondar Ensemble Wind Quintet. Danzi: Wind Quintet Op. 67 No. 2; Hindemith: Kleine Kammermusik; Mozart: Overture from The Magic Flute; Berio: Opus Number Zoo; Arr. Gliondar: Folk Suite; Farkas: Hungarian Dances. Tickets: £7 (£1). 7.30pm. Thurso West Church, Thurso. Contact: Barbara Myatt 01847 831437/ barmyatt@btinternet.com

Tuesday, 5th February

Thurso Recorded Music Society

Weekly recital covering orchestral, instrumental,

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chamber, vocal, opera and occasionally jazz.
Presenter: Reena Warren. 7.30pm. 'Linden', Brilon
Court, Lower Ormlie, Thurso. Enquiries : J M
Cameron. 01847 892862

All Day Pancakes

Freshly made pancakes and crepes with delicious
fillings and toppings. Refreshments also available.
Church Hall, Moray Street, Wick. 10.30am – 4pm.

Wednesday, 6th February

Thurso Scottish Country Dancing

Reels, jigs and strathspeys, with the emphasis on
friendly informality and enjoyment. Visitors and new
members welcome. Instructions given beforehand.
Thurso Club, Janet Street, Thurso. 7.45pm. £2 entry.
Enquiries: alan.w@tiscali.net Tel. 01847 821341

Thursday, 7th February

Patchwork Pleasures Caithness

Monthly patchwork & quilting workshops held in
Freswick Community Hall. Beginners always
welcome. Workshops are friendly & relaxed. Bring
your own work or join the planned workshop.
Morning coffee, lunch & afternoon tea are served
during the day. 10am -4pm (Dates may be subject
to change). For further details & booking phone Lyn,
01955 611339 /email: lyn.skirza@btopenworld.com

Friday, 8th February

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Saturday, 9th February

Caithness Handbell Ringers

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Monday, 10th February

North Lands Creative Glass

6-week Engraving Class

Nationally renowned glass engraver Denis Mann will
lead this class beginning with the basic techniques
which will cover sandblasting, diamond burr
engraving and an introduction to wheel engraving.
Glass will be provided for the initial stages but

students will be guided to develop their own projects
as they become more proficient. Beginners are
most welcome. The class will be held at the new
studio at Quatre Bras, Lybster, on Sunday
afternoons 2.15 - 5.00 p.m. for 6 weeks
commencing 10th February, cost £75. For further
information or to book, contact Grace MacBeath on
01593 721229, email: info@northlandsglass.com

Tuesday, 12th February

North Lands Creative Glass

8-week Stained Glass Evening Class

The class will be led by Michael Bullen, a graduate
of Edinburgh College of Art, who is an experienced
glazier and glass painter. He has wide experience in
the field and has completed many prestigious
stained glass commissions. He worked for many
years in glass restoration at Lincoln Cathedral and
is currently the Technical Manager of the studios at
North Lands Creative Glass. Michael will introduce
the basic methods and techniques of stained glass
through set class exercises and personal projects.
At the end of the eight weeks students will have
gained a working knowledge of how to design and
construct stained glass panels using traditional lead
work and copper foil. Beginners are most welcome.
The class will be held at the new studio at Quatre
Bras, Lybster, commencing Tuesday 12th February
7.00-9.00p.m (the course will not run on 11 & 18th
March), cost £75 (excluding materials). For further
information or to book, contact Grace MacBeath on
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Thurso Recorded Music Society

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Thursday, 14th February

North Lands Creative Glass

6-week Kiln Evening Classes - Glass Fusing and Design

Experienced goldsmith and glass artist, Patricia
Niemann, is well known both locally and
internationally and has led many glass and design