

Highland Gathering

This year's chieftain is Catherine (Cate) Jackson Fifty-year-old daughter of Lilian Mackay, Midville, Durine, Durness, and was educated at the village primary school and Dornoch Academy. Cate has two teenage daughters and is a regular visitor to her home village,

West Yorkshire-based detective constable Catherine (Cate) Jackson has won two top awards for her work with victims of crime and was presented in 2007 with the National Family Liaison Officer of the Year Award by Harriet Harman MP, Minister of State for Constitutional Affairs and a trophy for outstanding police work awarded by the West Yorkshire Police Authority in recognition of her work within family liaison. In February 2007 she attended a reception at Buckingham Palace and met Her Majesty the Queen.

Cate joined West Yorkshire Police in 1979 at Morley near Leeds after a brief spell with the military police. Since then she has worked around the force and spent 10 years working as a coroner's officer. She is presently West Yorkshire Police's family liaison co-ordinator based with the Homicide and Major Enquiry Team (HMET) in Bradford. As the head of the family liaison department, Cate is responsible for all 200 family liaison officers in the West Yorkshire force. She has been involved on some very high profile cases, such as the Selby rail crash, the London bombings the shootings of Police Constable Ian Broadhurst and Police Constable Sharon Beshenivsky. She has also found the time to develop strategies and new working practices for the delivery of family liaison services. Durness Highland gathering is on Friday 25th July starting 12 noon at the village square. A new web site has been published for the Gathering www.durnesshighlandgathering.co.uk and anyone with information and or pictures that can be included should contact either Mary or Yvonne Mackay 01971511255/343.

Cape Wrath Range

NOTIFICATION OF A MILITARY FLYING EXERCISE 23rd JUNE - 3rd JULY 2008 has been given The MoD will be conducting an exercise

involving fixed wing aircraft and a small number of ground personnel between 23 Jun - 3 Jul 08. Aircraft activity can be expected in areas: Highland on Cape Wrath Range. Out of hours flying has been authorised and noise disturbance may be experienced in some locations. The purpose of this circular is to provide notice of military-related activity: particularly low flying. All personnel involved with the exercise will be briefed on the requirement to avoid disturbance to livestock and damage to property together with the procedures for reporting incidents and complaints. Points of contact for enquiries and complaints are as follows: Captain (Retd) David Smith, HQ 51 (Scottish) Bde, Forthside, Stirling FK7 7RR, tel: 0131 310 4880, mobile: 07747 791140. Out of Hours Contact: Staff Duty Officer, HQ 2 Div, Craigiehall, South Queensferry, EH30 9TN, tel: 0131 310 2211.