

What's On May 2019

Aberfeldy, Blair Atholl, Dunkeld, Kenmore, Pitlochry and Rannoch

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April to July, daily 06.30am Springwatch Safaris Highland Safaris, Dull, Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

No Question – One of our best Safaris! Capture the magic & enjoy early morning wildlife – a perfect time to experience the noise & drama of the dawn chorus as our moors and glens come to life. Fantastic photographic opportunities and knowledgeable guides. Includes a delicious Scottish breakfast at the end and refreshments on safari. Booking is essential. Duration 2 ½ hours. Departure 0630hrs. Springwatch runs in conjunction with our other safaris and events check our website for details. www.highlandsafaris.net Tel 01887820071 Email. info@highlandsafaris.net



Daily – May to 31st October

Duchess Kitty Exhibition Blair Castle, Blair Atholl PH18 5TL

The Duchess affectionately known as Kitty, a petite beauty and talented musician. She visited Blair Castle in 1896 and stole the 8th Duke's heart. Relatively unknown by the public today our new exhibition will explain what an important and influential lady she was. In 1924 she became the first Scottish women MP often arguing against the government she was never afraid to voice her opinions. A fervent campaigner for women and children both at home and abroad she visited war zones reporting back on conditions. Once her political career ended she returned to the Castle and her duties with her usual enthusiasm, pride and love. Tel: 01796 481207 Web: <https://blair-castle.co.uk/>



8th May Wednesday 2 to 4pm Handbell Ringing Dunkeld Cathedral, Cathedral, Street, Dunkeld, PH8 0AW

Bi-weekly (on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month) performances of Handbell Ringing in Dunkeld Cathedral. Small Ensemble Ringing is fascinating to watch and lovely to hear. The ringers are from the whole of Perthshire. Come and enjoy the music for a while, Freewill donation. For more details www.DunkeldHandBells.uk



5th May (1st Sun each month) 10am to 2pm Aberfeldy Farmers Market + Crafts & Art Fair

The Square, Aberfeldy PH15 2DD
The farmers market has a wide range of fresh produce including meat, vegetables, fish, cheese, bread, chocolate and lots of beautiful hand crafted items for sale. Further details from Fiona MacEwan, 01887 829343 or 07990 834092 or aberfeldymarket@bopenworld.com
The Crafts & arts fair is in the Birks Cinema – you will find 'Craftnade Traditional, Contemporary, Unique, Bespoke, Scottish' art from in and around Highland Perthshire. Further details contact Lynn Shiip 01887 830620 or e-mail lynn@breaghglass.com



Thursday 2 May at 8.00pm Marie is a new play inspired by the life of Mary Queen of Scots Blair Atholl Village Hall

Perth Theatre visits Blair Atholl Village Hall again this year, with Marie, a darkly comic play about a London barmaid with dreams above her station. Fast-paced and irreverent, Marie is a new play inspired by the life of Mary Queen of Scots but given a distinctly modern twist. Sarah MacGillivray stars as Marie and the show is directed by Phil Bartlett. Tickets (£12) are available from the Tilt Stores in Blair Atholl or from the Horsecross Arts Box Office on 01738 621031 or www.horsecross.co.uk.



Friday 3rd May from 8pm Folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, By Aberfeldy, Perthshire PH152NQ

Friday night the local musicians gather to play folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar – sometimes the music is also on Saturday night as well. There is nothing to beat an evening in the company of locals who love playing together – very special. We suggest you book a table and have some food before hand in the Ewe Bar. Tel: 01887830367 For more on the Fortingall Hotel



3rd May from 9.30pm

**Chris Small at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

A special acoustic set from popular local musician Chris Small. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



4th and 5th May

**Handfasting Vow Renewal
The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore
Loch Tay PH15 2HW**

Renew your vows inside the Crannog in very special ceremonies. Music, Flower headdresses, Crannog cake – donations requested for anyone participating. Booking not required. This event is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. For more on the [Scottish Crannog Centre](#)



4th May 12noon to 4pm

**Taymouth Marina Season Opening Party
Taymouth Marina, Kenmore PH15 2HW**

We are holding an afternoon of fun a frolics, there will be live music by Chris Suckle, street food by Elite Culinary Chef and free water ports all afternoon, just pop by, we look forward to see you all. Tel:- 01887 830216



4th May from 9.30pm

**Kinky Karma at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

A fantastic covers band from the Highlands playing their take on great tunes from the 80's to the present. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020

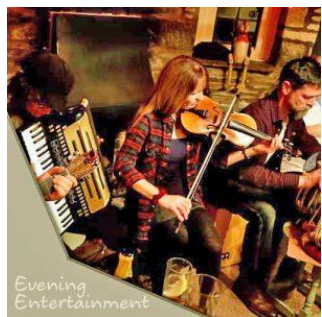
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Wed 8 and Wed 22 May 7pm-9pm

**People's Postcode Lottery Beaver Watch
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By
Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH**

Join a member of staff for a talk about beavers, the first formerly extinct mammal to be officially reintroduced to Scotland – with a chance to spot them from ur hides! Non member £10, member £8, child £5.*† (* advance booking is essential for these events; † not suitable for children under 8. Book your place by phoning Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre on 01350 727 337, or visit [scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events](#))



Friday 10th May from 8pm

**Folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar
Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, By Aberfeldy,
Perthshire PH152NQ**

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10th May from 9.30pm

**Jamie Mcgeechan at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

Singer songwriter from Ayr who has supported Damien Rice & Joan Armatrading. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Sat 11 May 10.30am – 4pm

**Scottish Badger Week
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By
Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH**

Join a representative from Scottish Badgers to celebrate Scottish Badger Week! There will be an illustrated talk about badgers at 2pm, and you can try your hand at some badger detective work throughout the day. Can you solve the crime? 01350 727 337 and [lochofthelowes@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](#)



Saturday 11th May 8.30pm

**Freddie Mercury Tribute Show
McKays Hotel, 138 Atholl Road, Pitlochry
PH16 5AG**

McKays Hotel proudly bring you one of the most sought after tribute shows in the UK. An evening with Freddie Mercury. James Smart (aka Freddie) has been touring the country for almost 20 years with this high energy tribute show. Plenty of audience participation that will have you on your feet clapping singing and dancing to all your favourite Freddie Mercury songs! You might of seen tribute shows in the past, but nothing as truly unique as this. Thoroughly entertaining James Smart in action. James is the master of creating a fantastic atmosphere in any room. He has the audience well and truly engaged! Tickets £15 including a welcome drink. Make a weekend of it and take advantage of our room offer including your ticket! See McKays website for details on how to book! <https://www.mckayshotel.co.uk/>



11th May from 9.30pm

**Jukebox Hero at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

A top notch covers band from Dundee playing all your favourite hits. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Sunday 12th May 10.00am to 2.00pm
Logierait Farmers Market
Mill of Logierait, Ballinluig, Perthshire,
PH9 0LH

2nd Sunday through the summer months. Selection of traders selling local produce and crafts, from fresh fish, meats, pies, bread, baking, vegetables to chocolates and preserves. Also find plants, soaps, fudge, dog treats, jewellery, art, woodcrafts and collectables. Free car parking, the local buses stop at the gate. There is somewhere to sit down, have a blether, enjoy a mug of coffee or tea, and a hot pie locally made by [MacDonalds](#), and listen to some live fiddle music, and even nice loos! The Farm's Narrow Gauge Railway runs on Market days, from Middy. Tel:- 01796 482222



Friday 17th May from 8pm
Folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar
Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, By Aberfeldy,
Perthshire PH152NQ

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17th May from 9.30pm
Scott MacDonald at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

Singer/songwriter from Glasgow plays acoustic guitar & harmonica driven music. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



18th May (3rd Saturday each month) 10.00am to 3.00pm
Pitlochry Market
Pitlochry Business Centre, Armoury Road.PH16 5AP.

Fresh meat, vegetables, bread, cakes, bakes, beer, gin, mead, jewellery, arts and crafts. Local Traders, Produce and Crafts. For more details. email: stalls@pitlochrymarket.co.uk or www.PitlochryMarket.co.uk



Sat 18 May 10.30am – 4pm
Optics fair
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By
Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH

A wide selection of binoculars and telescopes to try and buy, with expert advice from the Viking representative. 01350 727 337 and lochofthelows@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk



18th May from 9.30pm
at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

A covers band from Dundee playing hits from across the decades. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Sunday 19th May – The first wave leaves at 6.30am.

Etape Caledonia
Pitlochry, Tummel, Rannoch, Aberfeldy
 Etape Caledonia starts and finishes in Pitlochry. It is a mass participation cycling event offering two route options for riders: **An 85 mile route – The**

course is on closed roads beginning and concluding in Pitlochry. The course consists of rolling hills and forest-lined roads around Loch Rannoch and Loch Tummel, combined with the demanding, twisting climb of Mt Schiehallion (1,083m). **40 mile route –** The course is on closed roads beginning and concluding in Pitlochry. A 40 mile route take you left away from the 85 mile route at Loch Tummel and then South towards Coshieville, round to Aberfeldy before you finish back in Pitlochry. You can the organisers by email on etape@limelightssports.com or call them on 0845 680 8838



20th to 25th May
Sausage Roll Week
Country Bakery, 26 Atholl St, Dunkeld
PH8 0AR

Every Day this week we are introducing a new GOURMET sausage roll to Dunkeld... some will make the menu – some won't! It is really up to you. Making an appearance will be: Pork and Black Pudding; Pork and Haggis; Pork with Chicken and Stuffing; Pork with Caramelised Onion; Italian Pork with Sundried Tomato and others!!! Come in Everyday to try them. £2.20 each or 2 for £4



19th May from 4pm
Etape Wrap Party at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

Last Orders are our top Rock tribute act covering all the rock & pop favourites. 4PM Start. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



22nd May Wednesday 2 to 4pm
Handbell Ringing
Dunkeld Cathedral, Cathedral, Street,
Dunkeld, PH8 0AW

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Fri 24 May 7pm-9pm
Bats: why should we care?
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH

Liz Ferrell from the Bat Conservation Trust will give an informative talk about the work of the charity, the bats found in the UK and why we should all care about these unique mammals. Non-member £6, member £5, child £3.*† (* advance booking is essential for these events; † not suitable for children under 8. Book your place by phoning Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre on 01350 727 337, or visit scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events)



Friday 24th May from 8pm
Folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar
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24th May to 5th October (various times and days)

Summer Holiday
Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Port-Na-Craig Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5DR

During a wet Scottish summer, Pitlochry bus driver Don whisks his workmates away on a borrowed bus, in search of sunshine and fun in Athens! Along the way, the boys pick up a stowaway, rescue stranded singing trio Do-Re-Mi and fall in love! One of the most popular movies of the 60s, immortalised by Cliff Richard and The Shadows, make sure you jump on board to sing along with the happiest, hit-filled, feel-good musical of your summer holiday.

Tickets: from £20.00 PLUS groups offers, family tickets and concessions. Box Office Tel:- 01796 484626



24th May from 9.30pm
Lynnie Carson at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Talented Glasgow based singer/songwriter playing a mix of originals & covers including the likes of Marvin Gaye and First Aid Kit. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Saturday 25th May 11am
Atholl Highlanders Talk
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, By Pitlochry PH18 5TL

Discover more about the fascinating history of the Atholl Highlanders, Europe's last remaining private army. This special talk in the castle ballroom explains how the regiment was granted their colours, the history and tradition behind the annual parade. The talk will be led by our Archivist, and members of the Atholl Highlander regiment will be in attendance. There will be an opportunity for photographs at the end of the talk. Duration: approximately 1 hour. Admission: £5 (plus castle and gardens admission). Tel: 01796 481 207



Saturday 25 May 11am to 4pm
Taybank Market
The Taybank, Dunkeld PH8 0AQ

A monthly Artists and Makers Market, hosted by the Dunkeld Craft Collective. The majority of our traders live and work in the Dunkeld area, a beautiful, picturesque village, long known for its creativity in art, music and literature. Come along and enjoy a day out in this spectacular location on the banks of The River Tay, there will be food and drink and maybe even a little impromptu music available all day from The Taybank Hotel. <https://www.dunkeldcraftcollective.com/> Tel: 01350 727340



Saturday 25th May 2.30pm
Atholl Highlanders Parade
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, By Pitlochry PH18 5TL

The annual inspection of Europe's last remaining private army, the Atholl Highlanders. The private army parades on the forecourt of historic Blair Castle, accompanied by the sound of their magnificent pipes and drums. Beginning at 2.30pm and continuing for about an hour, the Highlanders' Parade is a truly memorable experience for everyone involved, harking back to Scotland's rich cultural heritage with flair, spectacle and pride. Parking in the grounds of the castle. Admission: Gardens Admission fee applies. Tel: 01796 481 207



25th May from 9.30pm
Chris White and The Organic Jukebox at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

A covers band from Perth playing hits from across the decades. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Sunday 26th May 2.30pm
Atholl Gathering and Highland Games
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, By Pitlochry PH18 5TL

This is a very special Highland Games. Gates open at 9.30am, competitions start from 10am. At 2.30pm the Atholl Highlanders officially open the Highland Games with a 'March On', led by the sound of their pipes and drums. Strongmen from around Scotland take centre stage to battle it out. Events include tossing the caber, putting the shot and throwing the hammer. Plenty of other attractions, such as highland dancing, tug o' war, solo piping, trade stands and refreshments provide a fun day out for all the family. Tickets can only be purchased on the day by cash, there is plenty of parking right next to the games field. The tickets will not sell out. Admission: TBC



26th May
Iron Age Ingenuity
The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore
Loch Tay PH15 2HW

Discover the astonishing Iron Age with pottery, bronze-casting, 'lost' foods, dyeing, nettles with Birte Forde, log boats and coracles – weather permitting, green wood crafts & more. This event is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. For more on the [Scottish Crannog Centre](#)



26th May 10am to 5pm
Stones of the Ascent Walk
Pitlochry to Grandtully

A lovely walk from Pitlochry to Grandtully via Clachan an Diridh ("stones of the ascent"), with a lunch in Grandtully and then a walk back. The walk offers great views and follows an old right of way. There are several excellent places to have some lunch in Grandtully. The walk is 15 km (9.3 miles) with a total ascent of 600m and will take 6-7 hours. The cost is £25 per person plus lunch. Please call us on 07402 666656 or 07588 438583, or email us at info@perthshiretreks.scot, for more information and bookings.



Monday 27th May 10am to 4pm
A walk through time
Pitlochry

A very interesting walk through time around Pitlochry, with an ascent of Craigower and a refreshment stop at the historic Moulin Inn. During the walk, we'll visit places like the Black Spout, Caisteal Dubh, the remains of some old homesteads and Pitlochry dam. On a clear day, the views from Craigower are fantastic. The walk is 12km (7.5 miles) with a total ascent of 450m and will take 5-6 hours. Please call us on 07402 666656 or 07588 438583, or email us on info@perthshiretreks.scot, for more information and bookings.



Every Monday from 27th May to 2nd
September 7.30pm
Pitlochry Highland Nights
Pitlochry Recreation Ground

Follow the Vale of Atholl Pipe Band down to the recreation ground from Fishers Hotel. The band leaves Fishers Hotel car park after 7pm and marches down Atholl Road to the recreation ground. An evening of traditional Scottish entertainment with the Vale of Atholl pipe band, singers, accordionists and Scottish and Highland Country Dancers held in the Recreation Ground, Pitlochry. If wet the event is held in Pitlochry Town Hall, West Moulin Road (just above the Coop Supermarket). You can park your car on the recreation ground and watch from the car. Ideal for those who are less mobile. Adults £7, Children £1. www.HighlandNight.co.uk



Last Friday of every month from May 31st
5pm – 8pm
Cocktail Night at the Mash Tun Bar
Blair Athol Distillery, Perth Road,
Pitlochry PH16 5LY

Join us the last Friday of every month at Pitlochry's must see whisky bar. Welcome drink on arrival for the event on May 31st. Open 5pm – 8pm. Drams from £3 and Cocktails £6. Come and join us for some after work refreshments and great malts. Tel 01796 482003



Friday 31st May from 8pm
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Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, By Aberfeldy,
Perthshire PH152NQ

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31st May from 9.30pm
Anton O'Donnell at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

A special set from Anton of Americana band, Anton and the Colts. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk