



Vintage Tractor Display At Blair Castle International Horse Trials 2010 by Eileen Owens.

August 2011 What's On in Highland Perthshire

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Highlights of the Month

Thurs 4th/Fri 5th Aug
Skills Days
Blair Atholl Village Hall

Fri 12th /Sat 13th Aug
Atholl & Breadalbane Agricultural Show and Highland Games
Wade's Park, Aberfeldy

Sun 14th August
Bouncy Castle Open Days
Dunolly Adventures Dunolly House,
Taybridge Drive, Aberfeldy,

August 20th 1.30pm
Rannoch Highland Gathering
Kinloch Rannoch Village Park

Thur 18th to Sun 21st August
Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair
Blair Castle Blair Atholl

August 27th 9:00am
Strathardle Highland Games Bannerfield, Kirkmichael

August 27th 11:00 - 17.00
Birnam Highland Games Recreation Park, Dunkeld

[Highland Perthshire's newest web site full of What's On information](http://www.explore-highland-perthshire.com) Visit the above new website and add to your own Trip Planner basket.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre see website for details. www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

A selection of 6 plays including;
My Fair Lady A perfectly 'lovely' musical

2nd 3rd 8th 13th 20th 24th 29th
Henceforward - a comic tale of man, music and machines
3rd 6th 9th 10th 19th 25th 30th & 31st

See How They Run! - A classic, chaotic war-time farce

5th 10th 13th 22nd 27th
Trelawny Of The Wells - a vivacious Victorian Comedy

1st 6th 11th 20th & 26th
Privates On Parade - a bawdy musical memoir of National Service

4th 12th 18th 25th & 27th
Dr Angelus - a disturbing comedy-thriller

17th 18th 23rd 24th & 31st

Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

1st July-Mid September Departing at 1700hrs.

SummerWatch Safaris
Highland Safaris By Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

Nothing can prepare you for the beauty, peace and tranquillity of our hills and glens at dusk Web or call 01887820071 www.highlandsafaris.net

1 to 17 August & 22 to 31 August
Daytime Safaris - Every Wednesday and Sunday, 2pm - 4.30pm
Dusk Safaris - Every Monday, Thurs

and Fri, 6.30pm to 9pm
Land Rover Safaris

Atholl Estates, Blair Castle, Blair Atholl.PH18 5TL

The longer daylight hours allow more time to explore the breath-taking Atholl Estates landscape. Land Rover safaris are available during the daytime and at dusk.

Adults: £32 Children (3-17) £20 Tours are limited to 6 people and advance booking either online or by telephone is essential. Book online Tel 01796 481207 www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Every Monday, Tues and Thur 10am - 11.30am

Every Tues and Sun 6.30pm - 8pm
Tractor Tours

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl.PH18 5TL
 Explore the grounds of Blair Castle and the surrounding landscape on a 90 minute vintage tractor and trailer ride. Find out more about our organic sheep and cattle, see the Highland ponies and watch the red deer in the deer park - can you spot the stag? Tours depart from Blair Castle Caravan Park reception, with a second pick-up on Blair Castle forecourt. A real favourite with children! Adult: £5 Children (under 16) £3, under 1s: Free Tel 01796 481207 www.atholl-estates.co.uk

April – October: Sun, 11.30am Additionally, June-September: , 11.30am

Explorers Garden - Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Garden Tours
 Led by experienced guides who bring

Explorers to life! Lasting approximately one and a half hours, our guided tours provide insights into the plants, trees, wildlife, history, art and architecture contained in Explorers. Fun, fascinating and informative! Price: £4, includes Garden entry Tel 01796 484626 www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Every Tuesday 7pm

The Tuesday Tipple - whisky tasting evening

McKays Bar & Restaurant

Join us as we play host to a weekly visit from a Whisky Ambassador from a Scottish distillery who will lead you through a number of malts and provide a real fun and enjoyable whisky tasting experience. To book a table and your place phone 01796 473888 or email info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk see event on youtube http://youtu.be/EoIA9hQd3_E

Every Night - May - September Och Aye McKay

McKays bar & restaurant Atholl Road Pitlochry.

McKays Pitlochry kicks off another season with our well renowned Scottish Stage show – Och Aye McKay. Over the last number of years we have built a strong reputation as the home of Scottish music and offering amongst the very best in traditional Scottish entertainment.

Enjoy an unmissable every evening of Scottish music, costume, bagpipes, fiddle and accordionist and dance away to our favourite ceildh tunes. Test your wit with our fun Scottish quiz or why not sample one of Scotland's most famous exports - whisky, of which you will find a fine selection. Our kilted waiting staff will offer genuine hospitality and good craic! (Local expression for good times!) Free Entry - To book a table and your place at Och Aye McKay: • Phone: 01796 473888

• Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk

Every Wed 4th May to 14th September

Wonderful Wednesdays - Open Competition

Pitlochry Golf, Golf Course Rd

Pitlochry PH16 5QY

Open to all Tee Times from 2-5pm Prizes. Price £10 per person - except "Super Wednesday 14th September at £15 per person. Tel 01796 472792 e.mail pro@pitlochrygolf.co.uk www.pitlochrygolf.co.uk

Every Thursday 29th September

This is Scotland... And You're Welcome To It!

Castle Menzies, Weem, by Aberfeldy

It's an evening of gentle music and comedy written and presented by local entertainer Alan Brown and taking a wry look at Scottish history and culture with the emphasis on this very part of Highland Perthshire. Presented at 8 pm each Thursday evening from 2 June until 29 September, tickets (£6) are on sale at the venue or may be reserved by phoning Castle Menzies. More info on Alan's website www.broonsreel.com. PS - it's definitely NOT a Highland Night!

Every Saturday 11 - 11.30am

Childrens' story Telling, The Watermill, Mill Street, Aberfeldy, Perthshire. PH15 2BG.

tel:01887 822896

email:info@aberfeldywatermill.com

www.aberfeldywatermill.com

Friday 29th July - Sunday 7th August FORTINGALL ART EXHIBITION 2011

The Molteno Hall Fortingall

8 miles west of Aberfeldy on the B846 Perth & Kinross PH15 2LL.

As in previous years, the Exhibition of paintings, photography, sculpture, ironwork, engraving, furniture, pottery & jewellery by local contemporary artists will be staged in the Molteno Hall, Fortingall. The Opening Ceremony will be on Friday 29 July 2011 with Private Viewing from 6pm - 9pm, & then daily from 10am - 6pm until Sunday 7 August. Admission is FREE. For further details or queries please contact: info@fortingallart.co.uk

Monday 1st August 11am - 4pm Lughnasa! Summer Harvest Festival

The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore.

Try ancient ploughing, sow seeds, learn about prehistoric farming, make herb garlands, try our giant communal harvest loaf and make your own in our clay ovens. Normal admission fee + £4 for adults and £ 3.00 for Children; or £5 if event only. Tel: 01887 830583 or email: info@crannog.co.uk.

www.crannog.co.uk

Monday 1st August Gates open 7pm,

Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band Highland Night

Recreation Ground, Pitlochry (Town Hall, wet weather venue)

An evening of traditional Scottish entertainment with the Vale of Atholl Junior Pipe Band, highland and Scottish country dancing displays, songs and accordion music. Watch the spectacle from your car (parking free) or sit on the terraced banking. Admission: Adults £5, children £1. Gates open 7pm, Starts 7.45pm, finishes approx. 9.15pm

www.highlandnight.co.uk

Tuesday 2nd August, 10.30am-12noon

Crazy Crafts children's event National Trust for Scotland Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, meet in stone circle

Enjoy a messy wildlife related art and craft session at Killiecrankie Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds Just turn up Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Tuesday 2nd August, 2-4pm drop in anytime

Feeders and Homes

Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl

Help out your local wildlife by making nestboxes and feeders. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Donations for materials Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Wednesdays 6th & 20th July and 3rd & 17th August:**Hillside safari 2½ hours****Ben Lawers NNR car park.**

Experience some of the varied plant and animal life on the lower slopes of this famous nature reserve. adults £5, children £2. Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing. **Meet: 1.30pm** Ben Lawers NNR car park. No need to book. For further information telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk

Wednesday 3rd August, 2pm – 3.30pm**Battle of Killiecrankie National Trust for Scotland****Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, meet in stone circle**

Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle. Interactive battle talk (1hr) in woods above Soldier's Leap; followed by children's craft activities and a display of weapons outside the visitor centre. Just turn up Cost: Adults £3.00; Children £2 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Wednesday 3rd August; 8pm**Generations of Perthshire Traditions****NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin**

Dr. Margaret Bennett, renowned Scottish writer, folklorist, ethnologist, broadcaster and singer illuminates the lives of people in the glens and villages of Old Perthshire.

Tel: 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk

Thursday August 4th and Friday August 5th**Skills Days****Blair Atholl Village Hall**

In an effort to make it easier for visitors to see all the skills demonstrations, we have centralised the demonstrations within Blair Atholl Village Hall and various locations within the village. Some of the skills available this year include: painting and picture framing; photography, bespoke handbags and textile art; book binding; chair re-caning; sugar craft; clock repairs; jewellery making; milling; '00'

train layout; and many more. all tbc. Skills Trail Convener - Peter Barr, Tel No. 01796 474130

Thursday 4th August**Go Wild Day****Highland Safaris By Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ**

Fun Charity Day-Gold Panning-Falconry-Tayside Mountain Rescue Demonstration-BBQ-Land Rover Safari-Red Deer Encounter, Bushcraft Workshops On the day Charges apply 01887 820071

www.highlandsafaris.net

Thursday 4th August, 10.30am – 12midday**Wet and Wild family event****Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl**

Discover the weird, watery world around the river. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Children £1 Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Friday 5th August 10:30am**Circus Modo****Birnam Institute Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**

Circo Modo – Circus with Purpose 10.30am – 12.30pm Ages 5-7 years

10.30am-12 .30pm Ages 8-12 years Roll up, rollup... the circus is coming to Birnam Arts!

2 circus skills training workshops for age groups 5-7 years and 8-12 years. Learn the core skills needed to join the circus... ball juggling, scarf juggling, plate spinning and feather balancing. Depending on individual skill levels, participants could also learn how to create human pyramids, walk a tightrope and use a pedal-go. Fun and progressive circus activities based on achievement and enjoyment, run by experienced and dedicated circus workshop leaders. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a small, high energy snack and a drink with you. Tickets: £6 Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

Saturday 6th August for ages 6-16. 10am - 12.30pm**BiketraX Time Trial Day****Highland Safaris by Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ**

1000-1230 with registration is by 1000.

Each age category has a 1st prize, and for anyone that can beat our very own Stig – 'The Stag' – there's a prize that will be presented on our Go Bike Day in September. Bike Hire available if anyone needs, entry is £2 and every entrant gets a free Energy pack. For more details, follow Highland Safaris on Facebook or phone 01887 820071. www.highlandsafaris.net

Saturday 6th August 7.30pm**Scottish Country Dancing Pitlochry Town Hall.**

Visitors welcome to join us on the dance floor or come along to watch. Dancers £6.50 Spectators £2.00 Tel 01796 473488

Saturday 6th August: 8.30pm**Moths of Ben Lawers****Ben Lawers NNR car park**

A chance to see some of the less visible moths of the mountain. Watch as they are attracted to our harmless traps. The rangers will be returning to the traps on Sunday morning to inspect the overnight catch and you are welcome to join them again then. Duration: As long as you like Cost: adults £2, children £1 Bring: Warm clothes, midge repellent, torch and sunglasses. Meet: 8.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park. For further information telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk

Sunday 7th August**Garden Open Day with Pitlochry in Bloom****Explorers Garden - Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Gain access to ten gardens in Pitlochry including the Explorers Garden all for just £4.50! Tickets available at Explorers on the day or from the Visitor Information Centre in Pitlochry

Sunday 7th August 11am - 5pm
Secret Gardens Day
Pitlochry

Our annual Secret Gardens Day when local residents and businesses open their gardens, lawns and greenhouses for the day. A great variety of small, large, new, traditional, contemporary and commercial gardens on show. Come and join us for a Pimms in the Atholl Palace marquee kindly sponsored by Bells Blair Athol Distillery. The gardens, including Explorers, the Scottish Plant Hunters Garden will be open from 11am till 5pm. Programmes will be available from the Visitor Information Centre, Atholl Road from mid-July onwards. Programmes: £4.50, one per person required for entry. www.pitlochryinbloom.co.uk

Sunday 7th August 8:00pm
The Masters Of The House Sing
The Musicals
Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Back by popular demand, this concert will feature stars from West End shows such as Les Miserables, Phantom Of The Opera and Mamma Mia. For old friends and fans, this new show will feature lots of exciting new songs, whilst faithfully performing West End classics and their trademark finale! Tickets: £22.50 Tel: 01796 484626 www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

1st Sunday of the Month 8.30pm
Traditional Music Sessions
Ben Lawers Hotel Lawers Aberfeldy. PH15 2PA

Ben Lawers Hotel is proud to host a Traditional Live Music Session on the first Sunday of every single month! Tel: 01567 820436 www.benlawershotel.co.uk

Monday 8th August Gates open 7pm,
Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band
Highland Night

Recreation Ground, Pitlochry (Town Hall, wet weather venue)
 An evening of traditional Scottish entertainment with the Vale of Atholl Junior Pipe Band, highland and Scottish country dancing displays, songs and accordion music. Watch the spec-

tacle from your car (parking free) or sit on the terraced banking. Admission: Adults £5, children £1. Gates open 7pm, Starts 7.45pm, finishes approx. 9.15pm www.highlandnight.co.uk

Tuesday 9th August, 6-7am
Dawn Squirrel Watch
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,
Blair Atholl

Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl
 Dawn is the best time to see our red squirrels. Worth getting up early for! Booking: Essential please call 01796 481355 Or 481646. Cost: £2 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Tuesday 9th August, 10.30am-12noon

Record Breakers children's event
National Trust for Scotland
The Hermitage, by Dunkeld, meet in lower car park

Record breaking wildlife facts – see who can jump the furthest and grow the tallest. Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds Just turn up Cost: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Tuesdays 9th & 23rd August: 10.30 am

Close Encounters: a children's walk 2 hours
Ben Lawers NNR car park

Enjoy activities and games that will bring you close to some of the less obvious animals and plants that live on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers. adults £2, children £5. (Adults must be accompanied by a child and vice versa). Bring: Wellies and waterproofs. Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. For further information telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk .

Wednesday 10th August: 10.30am

An introduction to navigation. (Duration: 6 hours)
Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Get to grips with the basics of how to use a map and compass in the hills. Requires a reasonable level of fit-

ness. Cost: adults £12.50, children £7. Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, food, map (OS Landranger 51 or Explorer 378) and compass. Meet: 10.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking essential, please telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk .

Wednesday, 10th August 12.30pm - 2pm
FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - The Secret Garden
Weem Car Park

Enjoy the discoveries of the world-famous plant hunters, Douglas and Menzies, in stunning scenery near Castle Menzies. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Wednesday 10th August, 2pm – 3.30pm

Battle of Killiecrankie National Trust for Scotland
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, meet in stone circle

Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle. Interactive battle talk (1hr) in woods above Soldier's Leap; followed by children's craft activities and a display of weapons outside the visitor centre. Just turn up Cost: Adults £3.00; Children £2 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Wednesday, 10th August 3.30pm - 5.30pm

FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - Pine Cone Point Walk
Craigvinean Carpark

A great new walk by the Forestry Commission to a stunning view point overlooking the silvery Tay. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Wednesday 10th August 7.30pm
Blair Atholl Tourism Association - Gala Night
Memorial Park Blair Atholl.

While each ride, demonstration, competition or stall is subject to availability on the night, the entertainment usually includes the following:-
 Rides, Displays & Entertainment:-
 Model Steam Train Rides; Tractor Hay Rides; Carriage Rides; Horse Gymnas-

tics; Silly McBee the Clown; Face Painting; Highland Dancing; Pipe Band; Bouncy Castle the highlight on 10th August will be Paragon Skydiving Parachutists who were such a big hit last year - so make sure you attend! Competitions:- Demonstrations of:- Sheep Shearing; Horse Gymnastics: Horse Logging; Roman and Jacobean Soldiers (not to be missed!), together with a CAR BOOT SALE, Tea, Cake, Ice Cream and Candy Stalls. A GREAT EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH ALL RIDES AND COMPETITIONS FREE OR ENTRY FEES RETURNED AS PRIZE MONEY. For Bookings in respect of Car Boot Sale and Stalls - Contact Lin on 01796 481 269. Association Secretary :-Contact Jenny 01796 481206

Wednesday 10th August doors open 7.45pm

**Scottish Night Out
Town Hall Pitlochry**

This Year The Scottish Night Out Show in Pitlochry Town Hall will Commence on Wednesday August 10th at 7.45pm Tickets Adult £8 Cons £7 Children £4 available from Pitlochry Leisure Centre or at the door. The Charity Raffle this year will be for The Perth Royal Infirmary Haematology New Unit More Information at a later date. Tel 01796 472600
www.eddierose.co.uk

Thursday 11th, August 10.00am - 12 Noon

**FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - Timbertastic
Allean Car Park opposite Queen's View, Tummel**

What's the Forestry Commission up to? Learn the facts on a variety of topics - recreation, conservation and planning the forests of tomorrow today. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Thursday 11th August, 10.30am-12midday

**Tree-mendous family event
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,
Blair Atholl**

Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl Get up close and personal to our tree giants. Booking: Just turn up. Cost:

Children £1 Tel:01796 481355
pf@atholl-estates.co.uk
www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Thursday 11th August, 8pm-9.30pm

**Family Dusk Walk family event
National Trust for Scotland
The Hermitage, by Dunkeld, meet
in lower car park**

Find out about the elusive wildlife that frequents the half-light between day and night.

Booking: Just turn up Cost: Adults £3; Children £2 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

**Friday 12th August 9am
Aberfeldy Show and Games
Wade's Park, Aberfeldy**

The Aberfeldy Show is held over 2 days - Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August.

On Friday there are Horse and Pony classes for children of all ages - from 4 to 64! The fun begins at 9.00am with the slightly more serious show classes, then the working hunter classes and after lunch time, the fancy dress on horseback and rounding off the day with the mounted games. Bring along your pet too - there's a pet show at 1.00pm for pets of all shapes, sizes and species! There's also the funfair, bucking bronco and various trade stances selling a variety of craft and other items.

Admission charges Friday: Adults £3, Concessions £1 Saturday: Adults £8, Seniors £6, and Juniors £4 Family Tickets for Both Days £28 01887 820666 (general enquiries) E-mail: info@aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk or jrlogierait@btinternet.com Website: www.aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk

**12 August 8pm
The Cemetery Club
Birnam Institute Station Road
Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**

Three Jewish, New York widows meet once a month for tea before visiting their husband's graves. Lucille and Ida in their own very different ways are ready for a new life and, perhaps, a new man - or in Lucille's case, simply MEN!

Tickets: £12 / £10 For more informa-

tion on Just do it theatre and The Camphill Community please go to www.justdoittheatre.com box office on 01350 727674.
www.birnamarts.com

**Saturday 13th August 10am - 12noon
Moulin Hall Coffee Morning
Moulin Hall Moulin.**

The biennial fundraising event for the Moulin Hall, with stalls. Come and join us!

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Three Jewish, New York widows meet once a month for tea before visiting their husband's graves. Lucille and Ida in their own very different ways are ready for a new life and, perhaps, a new man - or in Lucille's case, simply MEN! Saturday ticket includes a glass of bubbly and canapes, with coffee and Corbenic Bakery treats before you go home... book your tickets early for a great evening in aid of a wonderful cause... Tickets: £20 For more information on Just do it theatre and The Camphill Community please go to www.justdoittheatre.com box office on 01350 727674.
www.birnamarts.com

**Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August 9:30am
Atholl & Breadalbane Agricultural Show and Highland Games
Wade's Park, Aberfeldy**

Spectacular setting on the banks of the R Tay incorporating the Clan Menzies Gathering with carrying of the Clan Manhood Stone; Confined & Open heavyweight events; Confined & Open Premier Highland Dancing; Piping; Weem Hill Race as well as horse & pony classes; cattle, sheep and Clydesdale horses. 09.00 Judging of Cattle, Sheep, Highland Pony and Clydesdale Horse classes. 11.00 Highland Dancing competition confined to Perthshire

12.00 Confined Heavyweight Events
12.30 Vintage Tractor Display & Judging

13.00 Judging of Champion of Champions Solo Piping Events commence.
 13.15 Parade of Horses
 13.30 Open Highland Dancing; Open Heavy Weight Events & Wrestling commence.
 13.40 Coupar Angus Pipe Band leads Games Chieftain and Clan Menzies around the arena.
 13.45 Gathering declared open by Chieftain Mr Athel Price of Bolfracks House, Aberfeldy. Long Service Awards presented.
 14.00 Children's Races commence.
 14.15 Swiss Folk Dancing Display Team
 14.25 Running Event – 3 lap race (approx. ½ mile)
 14.30 Coupar Angus Pipe Band play outside Flower Tent
 14.40 Falconry Display
 15.00 Weem Hill Race
 15.15 Tug o' War Heats
 15.30 Carrying of Menzies Stone
 15.30 Coupar Angus Pipe Band
 15.45 Terrier Race
 16.00 Swiss Folk Dancing Display Team
 16.15 Tug o' War Final, Admission charges Friday: Adults £3, Concessions £1 Saturday: Adults £8, Seniors £6, and Juniors £4 Family Tickets for Both Days £28 Tel 01796 482376 (competitors) 01887 820666 (general enquiries) E-mail: info@aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk or jrlogierait@btinternet.com Website: www.aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk

Sunday 14th August
Bouncy Castle Open Days
Dunolly Adventures Dunolly House, Taybridge Drive, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, PH15 2BP
 Free Entry. Castles, Climbing Wall, Climbing Tree, Face Painting, Bike Mini Skills Course, Kayaking Taster Sessions, Arts and Crafts, Stalls, Outdoor Kite Sale. Cafe open for coffee & cakes or try a Dunolly Burger from the BBQ. 01887 820298 info@dunollyadventures.co.uk www.dunollyadventures.co.uk

Sunday 14th August 11am - 4pm
Summer Fair
Molteno Memorial Hall
 Crafts, food produce and BBQ.

Sunday 14th August 1pm - 2pm
entry
Club Shoot 25
Fortingall Gun Club Chesthill Shooting Ground - Glenlyon
 3.5 miles up Glenlyon from Fortingall/Fearnan road junction DTL; 15 pr Double Rise; Pool Trap Visitors Welcome at all shoots - For information phone Sandy Argo 01887 829412 or 07979594575

Monday 15th August, 8-9.30pm
Bats and Moths
Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl
 Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl
 An evening walk looking for our local bats and using a moth trap. Booking: Just turn up.
 Cost: Adults £2, Children £1 Tel: 01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

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Mon 15th August 8.00pm
Massie & Mairearad Green Ben-y-Vrackie Bar Pitlochry Festival Theatre
 Often performing as part of the line-up for Blazin Fiddles, Box Club and The Poozies, this award-winning Scots duo combine to create a unique sound (and a great night's entertainment!) of not just accordion and guitar but pipes and banjo as well. Tickets: 12.50 Tel: 01796 484626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Tuesday 16th August, 10.30am-12noon
Riverside Ramble children's event National Trust for Scotland The Hermitage, by Dunkeld, meet in lower car park
 Explore the rocky River Braan – who lives here and what do they do? Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds Just turn up Cost: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Tuesday 16th August, 11am-3.30pm
Roaring Stags
Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl
 Come on a walk amongst the hills to hear the stags at their best. 6 miles, some rough walking.
 Booking: Essential please call 01796 481355 or 481646. Cost: £6 Tel: 01796 481355
pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Tues 16th Aug 8.00pm
Showtime! - with John Scrimger and Friends
Foyer Event Pitlochry Festival Theatre
 Songs and stories from some of the world's greatest musicals, including South Pacific, Cats, Fiddler On The Roof and Blood Brothers amongst many others. Guaranteed to be another memorable evening of mirth, magic and melody from Linda Ormiston, James Nicol and John Scrimger. Tickets: £13.50 Tel: 01796 484626
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Wednesday 17th August, 2pm – 3.30pm

Battle of Killiecrankie National Trust for Scotland Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, meet in stone circle

Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle. Interactive battle talk (1hr) in woods above Soldier's Leap; followed by children's craft activities and a display of weapons outside the visitor centre. Just turn up
Cost: Adults £3.00; Children £2 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Wednesday 17th August doors open 7.15pm

Scottish Night Out Town Hall Pitlochry

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Wednesday August 17th 7.30pm Music Rannoch's Games Week Concert

The Old Church of Rannoch
Breadalbane Academy's Fiddlestix' and Mid Atholl's Strings and Things. £5 on the door.

Wednesday 17th August;8pm St Abb's Head National Nature Reserve

NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin

Liza Cole, Property Manager, showcases this famous NNR and the surrounding Voluntary Marine Reserve. 0844 4932 136 or email benlaw-ers@nts.org.uk

Thursday, 18th August 7.00pm – 9.00pm

FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - Broadleaved Brilliance Weem Car Park

Enjoy the discoveries of the world-famous plant hunters, Douglas and Menzies, in stunning scenery near Castle Menzies. Adults: £3.50 Children

£2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 August Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair Blair Castle Blair Atholl featuring European Young Rider Championships

Scotland's leading equestrian event, running over four days in August each year and attracting in excess of 37,000 visitors. Olympic medallists compete alongside amateurs in the four International event classes, whilst British Showjumping and showing classes provide a platform for riders in other disciplines to compete on Blair's hallowed turf. The Bruadar Country Fair runs alongside the equestrian activities on the Saturday and Sunday, featuring displays of both traditional and more modern countryside pursuits. A large shopping village harbours all sorts of attractions and bargains in almost 200 stands. <http://www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk/>

Friday, 19th August 11.30am - 1.00 pm

FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - The Fiddle Tree Walk Hermitage Car Park

A walk to the Hermitage, then through historic Inver past Neil Gow's cottage. A stroll for all ages and abilities. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Saturday 20th August 8.30am - 11.30am

The Aberfeldy Middle Distance Triathlon Breadalbane Community Campus & Croft-na-Caber Water Sports Centre PH15 2DU

The Aberfeldy Middle Distance Triathlon is one of the most scenic events on the race calendar. The distances involved include a 1900m swim, 90km Cycle and 21km run.

Live Active Leisure are delighted to announce that the event will also host the National Club Relay Championships.

Applications for this event are now open at Entry Central - click here to apply <http://bit.ly/triathlonent>

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To download the full race information and route guides - click here <http://bit.ly/aberfeldytriathlon2011>

*Please note that an application form must be completed to enter this event and accepting on facebook will not count as an entry. However, we will post updates about the event on this page.

If you require any further information please email leisure@liveactive.co.uk

Saturday 20th August 10am - 2pm

Summer Market Mill of Logierait, Ballinluig, Perthshire, PH9 0LH

local traders offering lots of produce, crafts, plants, wines and even collectables that range from vintage kitchenware to agricultural curiosities. Plenty of free car parking, catering on the field, tables and chairs, and nice loos. Phone 01796 482222, www.highlandlightrailway.co.uk

August 20th 1.30pm

Rannoch Highland Gathering Kinloch Rannoch Village Park
100yards; half mile race; hop step and jump; hill race; long jump; children's races; solo piping; 9yrs-18yrs solo piping; sack race; confined tug-o-war; highland dancing; and confined and open heavyweight competitions. Time: 14.00 – 17.00 (Dancing at 13.30) Adults- TBC; Children and Senior Citizens- TBC; Car parking- TBC Telephone: 01882 632257
E-mail: jimdreg-horn@hotmail.com www.perthshirehighlandgames.co.uk

Saturday 20th August 7.30pm Scottish Country Dancing Pitlochry Town Hall.

Visitors welcome to join us on the dance floor or come along to watch. Dancers £6.50 Spectators £2.00 Tel 01796 473488

Saturday 20th August 8:00pm The Hot Seats

Birnam Institute Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 0DS
The Hot Seats last appeared here in 2009 and were one of our most popu-

lar acts of the year – they are simply stunning!

Combining virtuosic soloing, the tightness of bluegrass, the band-driven rhythm of old-time, the jerky bounce of ragtime and the swagger of rock 'n' roll, The Hot Seats are irrepressible in their enthusiasm for making music – they live to entertain. Tickets: £12 / £10 / £5 under 16 box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 21st Aug 8.00pm

Ceilidh

Foyer Event Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Birl your partner to the East Neuk ceilidh band, Scotch In A Box. Always a popular night with locals and visitors alike! Tickets: £7.50 or £10.50 with hot supper Tel:01796 484626 www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Monday 22nd August Gates open 7pm,

Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band

Highland Night

Recreation Ground, Pitlochry (Town Hall, wet weather venue)

An evening of traditional Scottish entertainment with the Vale of Atholl Junior Pipe Band, highland and Scottish country dancing displays, songs and accordion music. Watch the spectacle from your car (parking free) or sit on the terraced banking. Admission: Adults £5, children £1. Gates open 7pm, Starts 7.45pm, finishes approx. 9.15pm

www.highlandnight.co.uk

Tuesday 23rd August, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Fantastic Fungi National Trust for Scotland

Meet at Garry Bridge car park for Linn of Tummel

A beginner's guide to the fascinating world of fungi found at the Linn of Tummel. Includes basic id and folklore. Just turn up Cost: Adults £3.00; Children £2 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk>

Tuesdays 12th & 26th July and 9th & 23rd August: 10.30 am

Close Encounters: a children's

walk 2 hours

Ben Lawers NNR car park

Enjoy activities and games that will bring you close to some of the less obvious animals and plants that live on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers. adults £2, children £5. (Adults must be accompanied by a child and vice versa). Bring: Wellies and waterproofs. Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. For further information telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk .

Tuesday 23rd August, 2 – 3.30pm

Woodland Treasure Hunt family event

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl
A family event searching for clues and treasure in the woods. Booking: Just turn up Cost: Children £2 Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Wednesday 24th August doors open 7.15pm

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Thursday 25th August 11am - 4pm

Loch of the Lowes Guided Walk meet at TIC The Cross Dunkeld

Walk from Dunkeld through oak woodland on the way to the Loch of the Lowes. Adult £6 Child £2 Members £2 Tel 01350 727337

Thursday 25th August, 7.30-9pm

Batty Kids family event

Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl

Bat evening activities for kids. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Children £1 Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

August 27th 9:00am

Strathardle Highland Games & Agricultural

Bannerfield, Kirkmichael

Traditional and very friendly Gathering featuring World Tug-o-War Championship, Heavyweight events, Highland Dancing and Piping competitions, children's races, pillow fight and one of Perthshire's largest shows of farm stock. Time: Local events: 10.30 (TBC) – 12.30 Open Events: 13.00 -17.00 Adults: £5.00. Senior Citizens & Children: £2.00 Families (2+2): £10.00 Telephone: 01575 582248 E-mail: highlandgames@tiscali.co.uk Web www.strathardle.org

August 27th 11:00 - 17.00

Birnam Highland Games Recreation Park, Dunkeld

Traditional Highland Games in a glorious setting in a historic village. Top class Piping and Highland Dancing along with running events, cycling and heavyweight events. Don't miss the Scottish 800m footrace championship and the World Haggis Eating Championship.

Admission tbc Telephone: 01350 720041 E-

mail:crawshaw990@btinternet.com

Web www.birnamhighlandgames.com

Saturday 27th August 12 noon

Highland Perthshire Horticultural Society: Flower & Produce Show. 12 noon;

Town Hall Aberfeldy

presentation of prizes 3pm.

Saturday 27th August 8pm,

Dick Gaughan in concert Birnam Arts Centre Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS

The Fiddle Tree presents Dick Gaughan in concert with an opening set from Choloe Matharu. Tickets £10/£8(conc) in advance £12/£10 (conc) on the door £5 under 18s cash/cheque only Birnam CD(01350 727158) Zigsags, Dunkeld (01350 728666) card bookings online only at www.thebooth.co.uk www.thefiddletree.co.uk

Saturday 27th August - Sunday**28th August****Canoe Slalom Racing Div 1,2 Double****Grandtully by Aberfeldy**

Come along and see Britain's top Slalom paddlers in action, competing at weekends and training during the week. Forth Canoe Club David Dickson Tel 01506 846239 e.mail david@protoshape.co.uk Map 52 Ref NN912531 ABCXEFGLimit 250

www.canoescotland.org

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Sunday 28th August, 2-3.30pm**Fantastic Fungi****Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl**

Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl Fungi for beginners. Learn the basics about id and ecology. Booking: Just turn up.

Cost: £2 Tel:01796 481355 pf@athollestates.co.uk

www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Sunday 28th August 8.00pm**Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham****Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Aly & Phil have played to packed houses in Pitlochry for over 16 years now. Join this much loved legendary Scots duo for an evening of fiddle, accordion and the best anecdotes ever! Tickets: £22.50 Tel:01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

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Wednesday 31th August doors open 7.15pm**Scottish Night Out****Town Hall Pitlochry**

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Wednesday 31st August; 8pm**Botanising in the hills-Scotland and Norway compared****NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin**

David Mardon, botanist and hillwalker compares and contrasts two mountain environments.

0844 4932 136 or email benlaw-ers@nts.org.uk

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