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May What's On in Highland Perthshire

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What A Month!!

Etape Caledonia Closed Road Race

The First Performance of the season of
My Fair Lady

Pitlochry Festival Theatre !

The Perthshire Cycling Festival

Duncan Chisholm and Hardeep Singh Kohli
at the Birmam Arts Centre Dunkeld

Atholl Highlanders Parade

The Atholl Gathering

[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 4 plays including;

My Fair Lady A perfectly 'lovely' musical

**13th 8pm, 14th 2pm, 14th 8pm,
20th 8pm, 21st 2pm**

Henceforward - a comic tale of man, music and machines

**19th 2pm, 19th 8pm, 21st 8pm,
27th 8pm**

See How They Run - 26th 2pm,
26th 8pm, 28th 2pm

Tel: Box Office: 01796 484 626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

April – October: Sundays, 11.30am

Additionally, June-September:

Wednesdays, 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

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Sat 30th April - Sunday 1st May

Etape Caledonia Training Rides-Moderate

The Moderate is for those expecting to complete in four and a half to five and a half hours. The Cost is £49 per day or £199 for weekend including accommodation and all meals, plus bike maintenance workshop. The price for both also includes on-ride guides, vehicle support, energy products, lunch and maintenance back-up tel:07763013862

www.SkinnyTyres.com

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

Every Saturday in May

Live Traditional Scottish Music

The Aberfeldy Weem Hotel

in the Wade Bar & Bistro, dinner between

6-9pm if not eating, your welcome to

come to the music only after 9pm Tel

01887 820381

all of May 6.30am

Spring Watch Safari

Highland Safaris Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

Spring Watch Safari: This dawn patrol

Safari captures the magic of the Highland dawn chorus as the moors and glens

come to life. Delicious Scottish breakfast

included from £35 Tel: 01887 820071

www.highlandsafaris.net



**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

**Tuesday 3rd May 7.30pm - 9pm -
Yoga for Cyclists
Aberfeldy Town Hall.**

A great way of strengthening, stretching and toning those muscles. No experience of yoga required. Information from Emma on 01887 829 736

**Sunday 1st May 12pm onwards
Grand Opening of the Mid Atholl
Recreation Pavillion in Ballinluig**

We have been lottery funded and the reburb is nearly finished.

Sunday 12pm onwards with John Swinney opening the Pavillion at 2pm. We have marquees (hopefully the weather will be ok though!) Bring your own refreshments but there will be BBQ facilities to cook your food. Basically we are hoping families come and join in with the opening celebrations and have a chance for a good catch up and nousey at the pavillion!!

**Monday 2nd May 2pm
Generation Science Up Down and
Turnaround**

**Birnam Institute Station Road
Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**

Using tools and materials, kids will construct their own simple machines with moving parts. Through the workshop they will explore the principals and roles of friction, levers and energy transfer in the world of motion. Engineering has never been this fun! Tickets: £6.00 Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

**Thursday, 5th May 11.00am -
1.00pm
FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
The Spring Wildwood
Weem Woodland Car Park**
Spring has sprung, enjoy this ancient

woodland as the buds begin to burst. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

**Thursday 5th & Friday 6th May
7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
'The Illusionist', presented by the
Heartland Film Society
Locus Centre Aberfeldy**

From the creator of Belleville Rendezvous Sylvain Chomet, this animation is a gentle tale set in the 1950s. It takes us on a journey from Paris to a lovingly depicted Edinburgh and on to the Hebrides as the magician Tatischeff (an animated version of Jacques Tati) tries to make his living in a changing world. After opening the Edinburgh International Film Festival, this film was acclaimed for its gorgeously detailed imagery and moving story and has received consistent five-star reviews. 2010, UK (Scotland) & France, English and French language, 80 mins, cert. PG £5 on the door, free to members. Heartland Film Society shows films on the big screen in an informal, friendly atmosphere. Our season runs from September through to May each year with films generally shown on the first Thursday and Friday of each month (plus a film shown after our AGM). Screenings are open to all and tickets can be bought on the door. Members get free entry and joining costs only £30 (or £18 for a half-season). For more details, see our website:

www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk ; contact: oscar@heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk or 01796 482446

**Friday 6th May
Madcaps Annual Charity Concert
"Country and Scottish"
The Moulin Hall, Moulin**

The Madcaps Annual Charity Concert will cover a wide range of music and varied entertainment for all ages. Tickets from Club Members or at the door on the night of the concert

**Friday 6th May Saturday 7th May
8.30pm till late
Live Music @Stables Bar
The Dunalastair Hotel Kinloch
Rannoch**

Darrell Bath and Dave Eaton Tel 01882 632323 www.dunalastair.co.uk

**Saturday 7th May 9.30am - 4pm
BiketraX Open Day
Highland Safaris Aberfeldy PH15
2JQ**

Launch of BiketraX Mountain Bike Skills Loop. Free Bike Maintenance instructions by Dr Bike. Gold and Gem Panning: ½ price. Drop at the Top Cycle Safaris – special offers – book in advance. Free MTB skills coaching

**Saturday 7th May 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 7th May 8:00pm
Charity Night with Saor Patrol
Birnam Institute Station Road
Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**

Fundraiser Event, featuring.. Saor Patrol "The Motorhead of Folk" Soar... From the Gaelic " Saorsa" Meaning freedom. Hugely popular on the international festival circuit. Saor Patrol with their unique take on traditional music bring together the sounds of the past into the present and launches the listener into an exciting tribal experience, with big drums, electric guitars and vibrant pipe tunes. Come along with us. For a good cause and a night to remember...! With a special guest appearance from... Brendan McFarlane. Tennessee's best kept secret may live in Perth-shire Scotland. A bright young star and incredible talent for his years. In aid of the Children's Orphanage of the Oglala Lakotah Reservation. South Dakota, USA.

Brought to you by the " Mother Tree Foundation" supporting Indigenous People worldwide.

Tickets: £12 Tel: 01350 727674
www.birnaminstitute.com

Sunday 8th May 2pm**Attics Tour****Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**

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8th - 10th May**Three Day Golf Breaks From****£89.00 per person****Pitlochry Golf**

These golfing breaks are hosted over three days from Sunday to Tuesday for all golfers of any ability. This is a fantastic opportunity to escape into the beauty of Highland Perthshire and recharge the batteries in the company of new and old friends. In setting up the itinerary we look to play a competition in the morning with the option of expert coaching from our professional coaching staff, followed by dinner and entertainment at the clubhouse on the Sunday and Monday nights. www.pitlochrygolf.co.uk

Tuesday 10th May 7.30pm - 9pm**Yoga for Cyclists****Aberfeldy Town Hall.**

A great way of strengthening, stretching and toning those muscles. No experience of yoga required. Information from Emma on 01887 829 736

Wednesday, 11th May 11.00am - 1.00pm**FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS -****Pine Cone Point Walk****Craigvinean Car Park**

A relaxed stroll for young and old to a recently discovered viewpoint in the heart of Highland Perthshire Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Friday 13th May 11am**Official opening of BiketraX by****John Swinney MSP****Highland Safaris Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ**

Official opening of BiketraX by John Swinney MSP:

Morning Coffee and Kenmore Shortbread – free; donations to Marie Curie

Friday 13th May 14th 20th, 28th**My Fair Lady****Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Lerner and Loewe's bewitching tale of a flower girl's transformation into the toast of London society is one of the greatest musicals of all time. Featuring unforgettable songs such as I Could Have Danced All Night, On The Street Where You Live, Get Me To The Church On Time and many others, this much-loved musical is sure to be a sell-out! Featuring a large cast of actor-musicians, sumptuous costumes and a spectacular stage design, this will be a perfectly 'lovely' way for you to celebrate 60 years of magic at the Theatre in the Hills. Box office 01796 484626 www.Pitlochry.org.uk

Friday 13th May 08:00pm**Shoo-Be-Do****Birnam Arts & Conference Centre Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**

You may know Dave Anderson as the Bank Manager in City Lights, or Gregory's Dad in Gregory's Girl, but he started his career as a songwriter: his songs for The Steamie are being sung (somewhere) right now. Encouraged by the success of Tir na nOg ("Best New Musical" – Edinburgh 2007), Dave has embarked on a series of new mini-musicals, this being the mini-est yet, having a cast of one, including the orchestra! The theme is his

teenage years, which just happens to be the late '50's, when Rock'n'Roll was King, and hair was, well, on his head. Expect hits (and forgotten classics) of the time, plus new songs of his own. £10 / £8 Tel 01350 727674 www.birnaminstitute.com

Sat 14th to Mon 16th May - Free Entry all weekend**Launch of the display commemorating the life of Donald McBeath - Atholl's Unsung Hero Atholl Country Life Museum Blair Atholl**

The Museum would be open at no charge to attract locals and tourist providers to get acquainted with the Museum and with the life of the man on the welcome sign into Blair Atholl. During that weekend on Sat 14th May at 2pm a new book produced by the Abertay Historical Society entitled "Ten Taysiders", including Donald McBeath as one of the ten, will have its Atholl launch at the Museum. Some of the authors of the book will speak. Cheese and wine will be served.

The Museum display will continue throughout the season until October

Saturday 14th May 9am - 3pm**'Women of Wheels' Scotland****Highland Safaris Bike Trax**

Women's mountain bike coaching for beginner/intermediate level riders. Gain confidence, Meet others and have fun! £25 more info and register online at www.missionwow.org

Saturday 14th May, 11am to 4pm**The Highland Perthshire Cycling Festival BIG Day****Victoria Park, Aberfeldy**

Free. Donations welcome.

The Clan – Scotland's Amazing Stunt team with their new exciting Air Bag! Alpine Bikes will be here too:-

- Elite turbo trainer/video kit. A 1 minute beat the clock timed event on a course. Prizes.

- Tiso everyday adventure tent. •Dr Bike maintenance •Alpine Bikes stall full of kit!

Bike Obstacle Course, by Adam Flint from Progression Bikes. Cyclo Cross

race for kids. Bike Obstacle Course. Bikes to borrow. Highland Safaris – Gold panning. Storytelling. Treasure hunt.

Food of all sorts to keep the healthy and the not so healthy going, Music, Stalls – crafts, food, campervans, gifts, holidays, bike bits and much more. CAR PARKING - Please make sure you park your vehicles in the car parks behind the garage or behind Breadalbane Hotel in the centre of Aberfeldy. Please make sure the roads around Aberfeldy Park are kept free of parked cars - your cooperation would be very much appreciated. <http://www.cyclehighlandperthshire.com/home/cycling-festival.aspx>

Saturday 14th May - 4.45pm for 5pm to 6pm

Mark Beaumont Talk - 'The Man Who Cycled the Americas'

Venue:- NEW Breadalbane Community Campus, Aberfeldy.

Perthshire Book Launch - sponsored by The Watermill Bookshop - In 2007/8 Mark broke the World Record for cycling around the world, covering 18,296 miles in 194 days and 17 hours, breaking the old record by 81 days. - In 2009/10 he cycled from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, successfully climbed Denali (Mount McKinley) at 6,198m and Aconcagua at 6,962m as well as cycling over 13,000 miles on route. This was televised in March and April 2010. - After the talk, Mark will be signing copies of his new book 'The Man Who Cycled the Americas' (£13.99) and 'The Man Who Cycled the World' (£7.99). Signed copies can be reserved at The Watermill Bookshop in Aberfeldy on 01887 822896 or

www.aberfeldywatermill.com

Cost:- £7.50 adult, children under 12 years free with paying adult (one child per paying adult), £5 per extra child. PLUS £0.40 per ticket booking fee. BUY Your tickets on line. Max'm Capacity:- 350 <http://www.cyclehighlandperthshire.com/home/cycling-festival.aspx>

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Saturday 14th May - 6.00pm to 8.45pm

Pasta and Cycling Film Night

Venue:- NEW Breadalbane Community Campus, Aberfeldy.

There will be a series of short (5 to 20 minutes) cycling films being championed by different cyclists to try and bring as wide a variety of films, highlighting different aspects of cycling, Mixed viewing on and off road, able and disabled etc. The idea is you can dip in and out of films, you do not have to sit through all of them. Also included will be a good sized bowl of pasta with crusty bread. Cost:- £10.0 adult, £5 children under 12 years. £25 Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). PLUS £0.40 per ticket booking fee. BUY Your tickets on line now. Max'm Capacity:- 350 <http://www.cyclehighlandperthshire.com/home/cycling-festival.aspx>

Sunday 15th May 2pm

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Sunday 15th May 7am-5pm approx

Perth 800 - Macmillan Cancer Support Etape Caledonia Pitlochry

The Etape Caledonia is an 81-mile cycle challenge taking place on traffic-free roads in the stunning scenery of Highland Perthshire. Etape Caledonia is Britain's first closed road cycle race open to the general public. It offers the ordinary cyclists closed roads to cycle on in safety. We are all used to mass participation running races in the form of marathons and half marathons, now there is an equivalent for cyclists. Why Etape Caledonia? Well 'Etape' is the name for a stage as in a stage of the Tour de France cycle race. Caledonia of course refers to Scotland, so what better name can you have for this race. There are some 25 million people who own bicycles in Britain, so why shouldn't they have a closed road cycle event where they can have the roads to themselves. There cannot be anywhere better than Highland Perthshire to cycle, we assure you that you will find the scenery along the route absolutely fabulous. The air is clean, with none of your city high traffic fumes that other parts of Britain and Europe and the world suffer from. The event on 16th May 2010 is open to individuals between the ages of 18 and 80. To ensure that the roads are reopened to the schedule agreed with the authorities, participants will need to maintain an average speed of 13-14mph around the course. This gives at least 6h 15mins to reach the finishing line within the closure window. Even if you are unable to meet this average you can continue on open roads and complete the full circuit. Admission - Spectators free, Participants £54 Registration (to be confirmed) Contact - Etape Caledonia Telephone - 0871 384 9920 Email: info@etapecaledonia.co.uk Web www.etapecaledonia.co.uk

Monday 16th May Tuesday 17th May 8.00pm

Candid Cabaret

Six sensational evenings of song and entertainment

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Personal, surprising and entertaining, join us for six intimate evenings of

song, story, humour and chat. A different performance every night, punctuated by pieces picked from the pop, jazz, rock, blues and classical repertoires, these brand new Candid Cabarets are performed by postgraduate students on the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama's internationally renowned Musical Theatre programme. Tickets £12.50 Box Office 01796 484626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**Wednesday 18th May 8pm,
 Duncan Chisholm in concert
 Birnam Arts Centre Station
 Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**
 The Fiddle Tree presents Duncan Chisholm in concert with Allan Henderson and Tony Byrne, with an opening set from Eilidh Hadden. Tickets £12/£10(conc) in advance £15/ £13 (conc) on the door £5 under 18s cash/cheque only Birnam CD (01350 727158) Zigzags, Dunkeld (01350 728666) card bookings online only at
www.thebooth.co.uk www.thefidletree.co.uk

**Thursday 19th May 8pm also
 21st 27th
 Henceforward by Alan
 Ayckbourn
 Pitlochry Festival Theatre**
 It's sometime quite soon . . . Jerome is a serious avant-garde composer. He's written string quartets, a 'cello sonata. Unfortunately, he's best known for the soundtrack of the infamous Singing Babies TV commercial . . . Even worse, ever since his bank manager wife Corinna left him, taking their daughter with her, Jerome has suffered from creative block. Locked inside his fortress flat, he now lives surrounded by TV screens, computers and synthesizers, with just one companion: NAN 300F, a robot nanny who seems almost human, despite being perpetually on the blink. After a four year absence, Ayckbourn returns to the PFT repertoire with the Scottish première of a deliciously funny and wholly ingenious futuris-

tic comedy.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box office
 01796 484626 www.Pitlochry.org.uk

**Friday 20th May 8:00pm
 Hardeep Singh Kohli 'Chat Masala'
 Birnam Arts Centre Station Road
 Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS**
 Seabright Productions are proud to present the UK tour of Chat Masala, a chat show with culinary leanings, from Hardeep Singh Kohli - a man of many words and even more ingredients. If music be the food of love play on, play on. Obviously had TV been invented in Shakespeare's day he would probably have said "if chat show formats be the food of love, eat on and chat on as well". Probably. Thus inspired by something Shakespeare might have said raconteur, chef and Glaswegian Hardeep Singh Kohli will be hosting his Edinburgh Chat Show. But with food. Not only will audiences hear from all the biggest names at Edinburgh the big names will be fed Lamb Curry, Butter Chicken, Aloo Gobi and Spam Pakora are just some of the delicacy Hardeep will cook while interviewing the likes of Barack Obama, Lily Allen, Lady Gaga and one of The Chuckle brothers. Tickets: £14 Tel: 01350 727674
www.birnaminstitute.com

**Saturday 21st May 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

**Sunday 22nd May 2pm
 Attics Tour
 Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**
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 May 8.00pm
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www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**Wednesday, 25th May 11.00am -
 1.00pm
 FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
 Pine Cone Point Walk –
 Craigvinean Car Park**
 A relaxed stroll for young and old to a recently discovered viewpoint in the heart of Highland Perthshire Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

**Thursday, 26th May 2pm-
 3.30pm
 FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
 Spring Watch
 Weem Woodland Car Park**
 Spring has sprung, enjoy this ancient woodland as the buds begin to burst. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

**Thursday 26th May 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

**Friday 27th May 8:00pm
Salsa Celtica (The Small Island
Sessions)
The Birnam Arts Centre Birnam
by Dunkeld**

Salsa Celtica's synthesis of Afro Latin Salsa with Scottish and Irish traditional music has taken them and their music all over the world from the village halls of Scotland to some of the most important music festivals around the globe.

With a lineup combining some of Scotland and Ireland's most respected traditional musicians together with a stellar group of world, jazz and salsa musicians they are a stunning combination of virtuosity and energy making them one of the most exciting world music groups touring today.

Here an acoustic version of the group present the "Small Island Sessions" featuring members of the group in a more intimate "acoustic" band set up. The group will focus on playing music they have created combining the roots and folk traditions of Gaelic and Afro Cuban song. £14/ £5 under 16 Tel 01350 727674 www.birnaminstitute.com

**Thursday 26th May 8pm
See How They Run!
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Merton-cum-Middlewick, 1942: the inhabitants are braced for an imminent Nazi invasion. But Miss Skillon, the spinsterish village busybody, considers that a far greater danger threatens the Reverend Lionel Toop. One vicarage, five vicars - two of whom aren't. Everything you need for a classic British farce! First seen at PFT in 1956, See How They Run! is simply one of the greatest farces of all time: brilliantly constructed and aching funny. Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box office 01796 484626 www.Pitlochry.org.uk

**Saturday 28th May 10am-2pm
Charity Car Boot Sale to raise
funds for Royal School of
Dunkeld
Dunkeld Recreation Field
(behind doctor's surgery) Little
Dunkeld**

£10 per car. To book a pitch call Karen Robertson 01350 727094 or Carolyne Moran on 01796 482241 . Free Entry. Refreshments available.

**Saturday 28th May Parade be-
gins at 2.30pm
Atholl Highlanders Parade
Blair Castle grounds Blair Atholl**

The Highland Gathering and Atholl Highlanders' Parade takes place on the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May every year. This unrivalled spectacle gives locals and visitors alike the chance to participate in a unique Highland tradition that has persisted for generations. Saturday is Parade day, when the Atholl Highlanders, Europe's last remaining private army, parade in full dress uniform. Led by their stirring pipes and drums, the Highlanders march ceremoniously onto the forecourt of Blair Castle, where they then await inspection by His Grace the Duke of Atholl, their Colonel. 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. For Scots and guests alike, the Atholl Highlanders' Parade, full of magnificent sound and atmosphere, stirs the blood and reminds you of why the Highlanders of old provoked such fear and respect among their enemies. Admission - Adults £ , Children £ Contact - Blair Castle Tel - 01796 481207 Email: office@blair-castle.co.uk Web www.blair-castle.co.uk

**Saturday 28th May
Pitlochry & Blair Atholl Pipe
Band Fundraising Ceilidh
Blair Atholl Village Hall
contact 01796 472692**

**Saturday 28th May 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 28th May 7.30pm
Craicín Cancer Concert
Dunkeld Cathedral**

The Singleton Singers from Swansea, will be accompanied by John Davies, who will also play the organ as people arrive to take their seats and the Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band will start the concert, then the Aberfeldy & District Gaelic Choir & The Singleton Singers will follow. Take a picnic and have it in the Cathedral grounds before the concert. Tickets £7 from Wade Newsagents Aberfeldy, Rococo Hairdressers Dunkeld, The Sheep Shop in Pitlochry or from Kate Coaton 01887 830315 or 01887 820478. Proceeds to Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

**Sunday 29th May 1.15pm
Atholl Gathering & Highland
Games
Target Park, Blair Castle Blair
Atholl**

Gates from 10am. Local heavies competition 11am. "March On" at 1.15pm. Scottish Heavy events 1.30pm.

The Highland Gathering takes place on Sunday, with the Atholl Highlanders officially opening the Highland Games with a "March On" before His Grace the Duke of Atholl, led again by the skirl of their pipes and the deep, sonorous booming of their drums. Following the March On, heavyweight strong men from around Scotland take centre stage to battle it out in the Highland Games, which includes traditional events such as tossing the caber, putting the shot and throwing the hammer. Highland Games date back many centuries, with most of the events tracing their roots back to ancient Scottish battle weapons and fighting techniques. Local heavyweight athletes from the Perthshire League compete in the morning. Visit www.phga.co.uk for more informa-

tion. Plenty of other attractions, such as highland dancing events, tug o' war, solo piping, trade stands and refreshments provide a fun day out for all the family. Admission: details to follow. For more information on either the Parade or the Gathering please contact the Blair Castle on 01796 481 207. Email: office@blair-castle.co.uk Web www.blair-castle.co.uk All times are subject to change at the organiser's discretion.

Sunday 29th May
OPENING OF NEW PLAY AREA
Weller Poley Park in Kinloch Rannoch.

Over the past few weeks there has been a lot of activity in the Weller Poley Park in Kinloch Rannoch. With funding from Perth and Kinross Council, LEADER 2007-13 Programme, and hard work and generosity from the local community, a new play area in the Weller Poley Park is under construction and is now near completion. The official opening of the new play area is taking place on Sunday 29th May 2011 at 2pm, with children's entertainment, food and beverages. Come along to the opening and help us celebrate. Everyone is welcome.

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Blair Castle, Blair Atholl
 Discover the secrets of Blair Castle's attics. Hidden from view in the maze of attic rooms and corridors are many strange, wonderful and interesting artefacts. Uncover the strange and fascinating collection of objects in Baron Maule's room, look through some of our historic estate records and marvel at the eclectic collections of family paintings, walking sticks, weaponry and period costume. The tour culminates in a climb to the castle rooftops for breathtaking panoramic views of the castle grounds. Please note: This tour involves several flights of spiral stairs, the occasional tight space and heights and is only suitable for the fully able. Prices: £15 per person

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