

Do more in...

May 1st–3rd

2018

Historylinks 5* Museum

Open Daily: 10am–4pm

Entry: Adults £4, Concessions £3, Children Free. Ticket valid for 7 days
For more information call 01862 811275 or visit www.historylinks.org.uk

Grannie's Hellan' Hame, Embo

Open daily: from 9am

Soft Play Area, Swimming Pool, Children's Entertainment, Amusement Arcade, Bingo & Evening entertainment. Facilities open to all Dornoch visitors.
Entry: £15 for family of four for a day pass. For more information: 01862 810383

Inverness Science Festival

Friday April 27th–Saturday 12th May

Inverness: Various Venues

An opening lecture at Inverness College UHI followed by a full range of events across Inverness until Saturday

For more information: www.whatsonhighlands.com/listings/20658-inverness-science-festival

Scottish Rhododendron Festival 2018: Dundonnell House

Throughout May: 2pm–5pm

Dundonnell, Little Loch Broom, Wester Ross Detail

Set in the valley below the peaks of An Teallach. See the rhododendrons and laburnum walk in this ancient walled garden. Entry: £3.50. Children Free

For more information: scotlandsgardens.org/dundonnell-house/

Charity Garden Open Days

Various venues & times across the Highlands

This May we see more and more of the Scottish Garden's open up their gates to the public.

For more information and to find a garden near you: www.scotlandsgardens.org

Yellowcake: Atomic Modern

Until 6th May: 10am–5pm Daily

Timespan Museum, Helmsdale

Yellowcake: atomic modern is a moving image work by Dundee-based artist Gair Dunlop that traces the rise and fall of the UK nuclear fission research programme, seen through its sites, archives, memories and consequences. It explores the psychic realms of the nuclear - whether as post-war dream of a post-empire future, apocalyptic terror as entertainment, or zone beyond our understandings of time.

Entry: Adults £4; Concessions £3.00; Children £2.00; Family tickets £10.00

For more information: www.timespan.org.uk

Conjury: Art of a Conjuror

Thursday 3rd May–Opening & Magic Show: 6:30–8pm/Exhibition runs throughout May during opening hours (Monday - Thursday: 10am - 4pm)

Golspie Gallery, Golspie

"We all know magic does exist." Drop in magic show running as part of Clive Grewcocks illustration and magic exhibition.

For more information: www.golspiegallery.co.uk

Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival

Thursday 3rd–Monday 7th May

Now entering its 19th year, Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival is attended by visitors from across the globe. It delivers a programme of almost 500 inspired events - exclusive distillery tours, tutored tastings, talks, whisky auctions and fairs, outdoor adventures by foot, canoe or argocat, traditional ceilidhs, fine dining dinners, live music and crafts - and everything in between!

For more information: www.spiritofspeyside.com

Barstand Beer & Music Festival

Thursday 3rd May–Monday 7th May

Barstand Bar, Nairn

The largest indie beer and music festival in the Highlands, boasting more than 140 real ales, ciders and craft beers from all over the UK. Expect live music, speciality foods, whisky, charity stalls and a barbecue.

For more information: www.braevalhotel.co.uk/bandstandbeerfestival.asp



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Fine Art Fair

Saturday 5th May: 8am–6pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Willaim Shannon has been dealing in original Scottish art - Victorian to Contemporary - in the Highlands of Scotland for more than fifteen years, selling privately, online and at antique fairs. He offers an eclectic mix of oils, watercolours, pastels, etchings, engravings and prints at affordable prices. Whilst his focus is on Scottish art, he also offers a wide range of original pictures and prints from all over the world. For more information: www.originalscottishart.com

Upcycling Fair

Saturday 5th May: 10am–4pm

Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness

The Upcycling Fair will showcase handmade, vintage and upcycled gifts and goods from local makers. It will be an outstanding display of all things rescued, restored and re-imagined, and an eye-opener on how to give old furniture, garden and household items an exciting new lease of life!

Flowers & Fairs Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th May: 9am–12:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Flowers and Fairs Coffee Morning. All Welcome. For more information: Contact Maureen Mackay on 01862 810 333

Ceilidh with Tweed

Saturday 5th May: 7:30pm–11pm

Edderton Village Hall, Edderton

Sutherland Sessions Fundraising Ceilidh with Tweed Ceilidh Band A lively ceilidh band from Inverness and Speyside. Weaving together traditional ceilidh music with funk, ska and toe-tapping beats and anything in between.

Entry: General: £10. Concessions: £8. Under 12's: Free. For more information: www.facebook.com/sutherlandsessions

Nerf Wars

Sunday 6th May: 10am–11:30am

TRACC, Hartfield Road, Tain

Fun and Exciting NERF WARS for kids aged between 6-12. 1.5 hours of Non-Stop interactive fun. Team games such as capture the flag, last player standing and M.V.P make this a fun and enjoyable event for children of all ages.

For more information: 01862 893767

Nature's Basecamp

Monday 7th May: 10am–4pm

Culloden Woods, Tower Road, Inverness

The well established Basecamps offer lots of outdoor fun including bushcraft skills, games, nature activities and woodland crafts. Often have a campfire; always have hot chocolate! For 8 years & over.

Entry: £25 per child. Booking limited & essential. For more information contact Ian on 01549 402 698.

Creatures of Culloden (Family Nature Trail)

Monday 7th May: 11am

Culloden Battlefield Visitors Centre, Culloden

Looking for something to do this May bank holiday? Why not join the team at Culloden and a Highlife Highland Ranger to explore Culloden Battlefield and discover some of the amazing creatures that call this place home.

For more information: www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/culloden/events

Beltane Fire Festival

Monday 7th May: 3pm

Cathedral Green & Meadows Park Dornoch

Celebrating the life of Hector Gunn, the 'Dragon Slayer of Dornoch'. Play in the Square at 3pm then parade to the Meadows for Bonfire, Attractions and Kids Sports. For more information: calendar.visitdornoch.com

Dornoch Community Market

Wednesday 9th May: 9:30–1pm

Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Come and visit the stalls to look out for the great selection of arts, crafts, and local produce and home baking. For more information: calendar.visitdornoch.com

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May 11th–12th

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Ullapool Book Festival

Friday 11th May: 10am – Sunday 13th May: 2pm

Ullapool

Literature has a significant place in Highland culture and life. The book festival is not just a showcase for Highland writers but also for writers from other parts of Scotland, and indeed the world. Entry: From £8.

For more information: info@ullapoolbookfestival.co.uk

The Price Experience

Friday 11th May: 7:30pm

Iron Works, 122b Academy Street, Inverness

Formerly known as Endomorphinmachine, The Prince Experience comes to Inverness.

Entry: £14. For more information: www.theprinceexperience.co.uk

The Gamekeeper

Friday 11th May: 8pm

Ardross Community Hall, Ardross

A contemporary touring production exploring our connection with rural livelihoods and an ancient line of work which is rapidly diminishing. The production is a romantic, but not romanticised, comedy which has developed from personal interviews with gamekeepers from the Scottish Gamekeepers Association as well as memories from the playwright's own personal family history. Entry: £8–£10. For more information: www.ardrosshall.org

Crafters' De-Stash

Saturday 12th May: 11am

North Kessock Hall, Inverness

Sale of Crafting materials including tweed and silk fabrics, wool, cardmaking supplies, decoupage papers, buttons, ribbons, jewellery findings. Teas, Coffees and Home Baking in aid of Seagull Trust Cruises, Highland Branch

For more information: www.whatsonhighlands.com/listings/21935-crafters-de-stash

Inverness Classic Vehicle Show 2018

Saturday 12th May: 11am–3pm

The 10th Inverness Classic Vehicle Show takes place in the streets of Inverness City Centre with a variety of vehicles from all eras displayed in various city centre venues. The Parade Finale takes place at 3pm when crowds gather to watch the procession of vehicles down High Street led by the Norcon Pipe Band.

Entry: Free. For more information: www.invernessbid.co.uk/events/201805/inverness-classic-vehicle-show-2018

Bealach Beag 72km Sportive

Saturday 12th May: 10:30am–5pm

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The Bealach is the UK's biggest road climb at 2053 ft (626m) from sea level in just 6 miles (10k). It is set in a fabulous unspoilt landscape with outstanding views of the sea and hills. The Applecross Peninsula is renowned as a gem in Scotland's crown of natural wonders.

For more information: www.handsonevents.co.uk

Neon Waltz

Saturday 12th May: 7:30pm

Iron Works, 122b Academy Street, Inverness

Hailing from Caithness, Neon Waltz are a six-piece indie band with a psychedelic flair and a rich melodic sound calling to mind '60s-influenced forerunners Stone Roses & the Coral.

Entry: £9. For more information: www.neonwaltz.com

Sophie Ramsay & Sarah Smout

Saturday 12th May: 8pm

Ardross Community Hall, Ardross

Duo Vocals, cello, viola and guitar. Most recently, 'Arctic Ground' was used by Greenpeace for a Save the Arctic campaign video, which depicts the tremendous efforts of protestors and native tribes against oil drilling.

Entry: £10/£8 for Concessions. For more information: www.ardrosshall.org



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Dornoch Cinema Film Show: Paddington 2

Saturday 12th May 7:30pm–10:00pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Doors open 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Refreshments available. Raffle

Entry: Adults £5.00 children £3.00. For more information visit www.dadca.org.uk

Cape Wrath Challenge Half Marathon

Sunday 13th May: 9:30am–Saturday 19th May: 5pm

Durness Village Hall, Durness

The route takes runners through some of the most spectacular wilderness in the UK to the famous Stevenson lighthouse at Cape Wrath. The route then returns to Capeside where timing is stopped for a ferry journey back across the Kyle. At Landside timing is re-started. The final stretch is from Landside to Durness Village Hall. For more information:

www.capewrathchallenge.co.uk

The Poozies

Thursday 17th May: 7:30pm–10:30pm

Fountain Road Hall, Golspie

The Poozies are in the midst of an explosive rejuvenation that began with the signing-up of two bright young stars Sarah McFadyen and Tia Files in 2016.

Entry: General: £12. Concession: £9. Children Under 12: Free

For more information: www.facebook.com/sutherlandsessions

Festival of Caithness Museums

Friday 18th & Sunday 20th May: 10am–4pm

Caithness Horizons Museum & Art Gallery, Thurso

Take advantage of free entry to Caithness Horizons Museum and Art Gallery during Festival of Museums weekend! There will be guided tours available, so come and celebrate the heritage of the county of Caithness from 325 million years ago until the present day.

For more information: www.festivalofmuseums.com/events/festival-of-caithness-museums-2018

Voices from the Roundhouse: Sounds from the Souterrain (Exploring an Iron Age landscape, in Kildonan)

Friday & Saturday 18th & 19th May

Timespan Museum, Helmsdale

This exciting 2-day event will explore the acoustics and sounds of archaeological sites and interpret them through creative voice narratives and objects from the museum's collection.

For more information: www.timespan.org.uk/whats-on

Classic Car Tour

Saturday 19th May: 9am

Dornoch Square, Dornoch

Come and see 60 classic vehicles take off on the circular route from Dornoch to Achiltibuie and the Summer Isles.

For more information: www.dornoch.org.uk/classic-car-tour.asp

North Kessock Community Market

Saturday 26th May: 10am–12:30pm

North Kessock Hall

The market offers a large range of fresh local food products such as fresh bread, eggs, fish, beef, porc, venison, cheese, bread, cakes, as well as chutneys, jams, plants and a lot of nice craft items, hand knitting items, paintings, prints, jewellery, wood turning items and a lot more. Come along and support our local producers.

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John O' Groats Trail stage 5: Golspie to Dornoch OS21 828 997

Saturday 26th May: 10am

The walk starts from car park outside Golf Links Hotel, Church Street, Golspie and finishes at Dornoch Beach car park.

13 miles, linear, level paths, tracks and road, via Balblair Wood, Loch Fleet, Embo. Contact walk leader if able to meet earlier to leave a car at Dornoch. Option of meal in Dornoch after walk.

For more information: Jay Wilson 07526 281 088

Highland & Moray Food & Drink Festival

Saturday 26th May: 10am–4pm

Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness

Up to 50 wonderful exhibitors to sample and buy from. Our fantastic "Chef's Live Theatre" returns with a tasty line up

For more information: www.facebook.com/events/770755669794486/

Evanton Woods & Flowers

Saturday 26th May: 10:30am–2:30pm

Evanton Village Car Park, Evanton

A guided walk through Evanton Community Wood. For more information: 01463 798 100

Musical Banquet Concert

Saturday 26th May: 7:30pm

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

The acclaimed Oxfordshire Trio will be performing a themed entertainment of early music from Britain and Europe performed on period instruments with counter-tenor voice.

Entry: £10–Includes souvenir programme & interval refreshments.

For more information: www.dornoch-cathedral.com/diary/index.html

Dornoch Pipe Band Parade

Saturday 26th May: 8pm–9pm

Dornoch Square, Dornoch

Pipe band parade followed by Highland dancing display. Entry: Free

Sutherland Walkers Group: Lochmore Side over Meall na Leitreach: OS 16 373 332

Sunday 27th May: Meet for car share at Bonar Bridge Post Office: 9am or Lairg: 9:15am

Steep stalkers' paths and some rough terrain. 500m / 1640ft. Possible self guided walk up stalker's path from Lochmore Side. No Dogs.

For more information contact: Chris & Meg Mellish: 01549 402114

Inverness Race for Life 2018

Sunday 27th May: 12:30pm

Bught Park, Bught Stadium, Inverness, Highlands IV3 5SS

Race for Life brings millions of women together to support our life-saving research. Just by signing up you'll make a difference and whether you raise £10 or £200, every penny matters.

For more information: www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org

Tony Christie

Thursday 31st May: 7:30pm

Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness

With special guests Ranagri, audiences will be treated to Tony's greatest hits with his band plus songs from his recent hit album The Great Irish Songbook.

Entry: £23.50

For more information: 01463 234 234

