

July What's On in Highland Perthshire

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Highlights of the Month

Wednesday 6th July 5.30pm to 9.30pm
Kenmore Highland Games
Kenmore Sports Field, nr Aberfeldy

Monday 18th July
Music Event the musicians of Cairngorms Ceilidh Trail
Blair Atholl Village Hall

Wednesday 20th July 7.30pm
Celtic Night
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

Thursday 21st July 7.30pm
Blair Atholl Tourism Association - Gala Night
Memorial Park Blair Atholl.

Wednesday 27th July 7.30pm
Celtic Night
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

Sun 31st July 12pm to 3pm
Blair Atholl Summer Market
on the green at Visitor Car park Blair Atholl

[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 5 plays including;

My Fair Lady A perfectly 'lovely' musical
5th 6th 8th 16th 22nd 27th & 30th

Henceforward - a comic tale of man, music and machines

1st 4th 9th 16th 21st & 29th

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

2nd 6th 9th 18th 21st & 29th

Trelawny Of The Wells - a vivacious Victorian Comedy

2nd 7th 15th 20th 23rd & 28th

Privates On Parade - a bawdy musical memoir of National Service

14th 19th 25th & 30th

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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Every Day except Tuesday

Trekking

Trekking on the Atholl Estate Blair Atholl.PH18 5TL

Horse riding is a wonderful way to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Highlands and as Atholl Estates prides itself on having some of the best views in the region, what better way to see them than from the back of one of our safe, steady Highland ponies? Scheduled treks will be run daily during the season, with the exception of Tuesdays (as we like to give the ponies a day off)!

2 hour morning rides (10am - 12pm)

1 hour afternoon rides (2pm - 3pm)

Price: One hour treks: £27 per person

Two hour treks: £40 per person

Please note: advance booking is essential, as the centre can be very busy during the season. To book, please telephone 01796 481568 or e.mail bookings@blaircastletrekking.co.uk

Every Mon, Tues & Thurs 10am - 11.30am

Every Tues & 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

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

**Every Wednesday and Sunday
2pm - 4.30pm**

**Every Monday, Thursday and Friday 7.30pm - 10pm
Land Rover Safaris**

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 throughout July 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 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 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

**Every Wednesday 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

**Saturday 2nd July 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 2nd July from 2pm
The Big Shed opening Lauch
Tombreck Lawers, Loch Tay**

The opening ceremony at 2pm the local community is invited to bring and then lay their own local stone to construct a permanent cairn to mark the opening of the Big Shed. For children - face painting, archery, bouncy castle, circus skills, willow work, felt making, garden pot planting and story telling. BBQ, stalls, exhibitions, jam making, chocolate, making. Followed by a bonfire and a mixture of music for all tastes. Alasdair MacIntosh will give a talk about rekindling communities.

**Saturday 2nd July 8:00pm
Stax of Motown**

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

Stax of Motown are an 11 piece Soul band celebrating the music from these two Iconic Record Labels. Based in Scotland these Musicians have a passion for Soul and have performed with Hue & Cry, Curtis Stigers, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas, Wolfstone, Red Hot Chillii Pipers, Skerryvore, The Average White Band and Carol Kidd to name a few !..... Formed in April

2010 by Leon Thorne, the vision was to create an uncompromising band to bring justice to Artist such as Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, The Jackson 5, Diana Ross & the Supremes, Sam Cooke, Fontella Bass, Sam & Dave, Edwin Star, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, The Isley Brothers and many more.... Tickets: £14 / £12 / £5 under 16 box office on 01350 727674.

www.birnamarts.com

**Sunday 3rd July 8:00pm
The Art Fund Gala Evening of Opera**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
An evening of superb arias and ensembles from favourite operas by Mozart, Puccini, Bizet and Humperdinck, performed by the talented students from the Alexander Gibson Opera School at the RSAMD. A fabulous fundraising night in support of the Art Fund. www.artfund.org

Tickets: £20 - £30 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 4th July 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 5th July, 10.30am-12noon

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

Listen, look, feel and smell your way around the woods. Games and activities exploring how animals communicate. Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds Booking: Just turn up Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk/Events/Detail/447/>

**Tuesday 5th July, 2-3.30pm
Explore Glen Fender Meadows Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl**

Near Blair Atholl. Follow signs from opposite Tilt Hotel. A glorious meadow with wild flowers, butterflies, and bumblebees. Come and see what we can find today. May be rough and wet underfoot. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: £2 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 6th July 5.30pm to 9.30pm

Kenmore Highland Games Kenmore Sports Field, nr Aberfeldy

An evening Highland Games held in a unique and beautiful setting. Includes heavy and track events, highland dancing, hill race, tug o' war, trade stalls and special children's events. Adults: £5.00 Children Free Telephone: 01887 830281 E-mail: sarahj146@btinternet.com Website: www.spanglefish.com/kenmorehighlandgames

**Wednesday 6th July; 8.00pm
Close Encounters of the Turf Kind NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin**

Dugald MacInnes, Field Archaeologist tells us about his 20 year love affair with Glen Lochay. Tel: 0844 493 2136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk

Thursday 7th July, 10.30am-12midday

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

meet: 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.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**Thursday 7th July 7.30pm
Talk by Jess Smith about her life as a traveller in Scotland.**

Breadalbane Community Library
Jess Smith will share tales and talk about her life, with a childhood spent travelling Scotland in an old blue bus. Tickets £5 available from Breadalbane Community Library or Tel 01887 822405

**Saturday 9th July 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 9th July 11am - 4pm
Celtic Plants & People The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore.**

Learn about traditional plant medicines, foraging, food tasting, fibres, & the purifying properties of 'burn incense'. Normal admission fee + £3; or £5 if event only.

Foraging Walks from 11am- 1pm.

Learn how to identify medicinal and culinary plants and herbs and how to use them. Tickets £6. Booking essential. tel: 01887 830583 or email: info@crannog.co.uk

www.crannog.co.uk

Sun 10th July | 10am-12 noon
Ages 8+

Kids' Breading Workshop
Birnam Institute Station Road
Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS

A fun workshop with master baker, Justin Tunstall, just for the kids. Using soda dough, you'll knead, shape and bake your very own yummy bread rolls, and then you get to take them home for your lunch, or to share with your friends and family! Great fun and you'll learn a new skill at the same time! Wear old clothes for this. Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. Tickets: £6 box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 10th July
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

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www.highlandnight.co.uk

Monday 11th July 8:00pm
Jinski
Ben-y-Vrackie Bar Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Jinski are two highly individual guitarists and musicians with strong distinctive voices. In this intimate performance, you'll hear a range of original songs that draw upon acoustic roots and country music, whilst remaining resolutely modern. If you like Simon & Garfunkel, Dylan and Neil Young, you will be in for a treat! Tickets: £12.50 Tel 01796 484626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Tuesday 12th July, 10.30am-12noon
Bug World children's event National Trust for Scotland
The Hermitage, by Dunkeld, meet in lower car park
Hunt in the woods for the smallest creatures and see how they live. 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>

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 12th July, 2-4pm
Deer Detectives
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,
Blair Atholl - meet Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl
Find out more about Scotland's wild deer. For adults and children. Booking: Just turn up.
Cost: Adults £2, Children £1
Tel:01796 481355 pf@athollestates.co.uk
www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Tuesday 12th July 8:00pm
North Sea Gas
Ben-y-Vrackie Bar Pitlochry Festival Theatre
One of Scotland's most popular folk bands with great vocals and tremendous three part harmonies. Guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki, whistles, bodhrans, banjo and good humour are all part of the entertainment. Tickets: £12.50 01796 484626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Wednesday 13th July: 9.30am
Mountain flowers walk (7 hours)
Ben Lawers NNR car park.
A high-level guided walk to see some of the arctic-alpine plants for which these hills are famous. Requires a reasonable level of fitness. adults £25, children £12.50. Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.
Meet: 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking essential, please telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk

Wednesday, 13th July 10.00am - 12 noon
FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
Tremendous Trees—
Faskally Car Park
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

Wednesday 13th July, 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>

Thursday 14th July, 10.30am – 12midday**Wet and Wild family event
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,
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

Thursday 14th July 11.00am-1.00pm**FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
- A walk on the wildside
Weem Wood Car Park**

Step back in time and hear a tall tale or two in this old, old wood. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

**Saturday 16th July 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 17th July 11am - 4pm
Go Native! Ancient Technology &
Cooking****The Scottish Crannog Centre,
Kenmore.**

Learn about ancient crafts making fish traps, cordage, birch bark tar, open fire cooking and food smoking. Wander in and out of the exhibition, activities areas and crannog in our 'free to roam' day. Tickets valid all day. 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

Sunday 17 July : 2:00pm - 5:30pm**Auchleeks House - Scotland's
Gardens Scheme
Mr and Mrs Angus MacDonald
Calvine PH18 5UF TEL: 01796
483263**

Auchleeks is a classical Georgian house with a large herbaceous walled garden in a beautiful glen setting surrounded by hills and mature trees. Directions: North of Blair Atholl turn off A9 at Calvine. B847 towards Kinloch Rannoch, 5 miles on right. Admissions: £4.00 Beneficiaries: Sandpipers Trust receives 40%, the net remaining to SGS Beneficiaries. Opening Times: By Arrangement 1 June - 30 September (TEL: 01796 483263)

**Sunday 17th July 8:00pm
Ceilidh****Foyer Event Pitlochry Festival
Theatre**

Loved by locals and visitors alike, join East Neuk ceilidh band Scotch In A Box and dance away the night! Tickets: £7.50 or £10.00 with hot supper Tel:01796 484626 www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

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**Monday 18th July
Music Event the musicians of
Cairngorms Ceilidh Trail
Blair Atholl Village Hall**

Contact Donald Isles 01796 481663 for more details

Tuesday 19th July, 10.30am-12noon**Woodland Safari children's event
National Trust for Scotland
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre, meet
in stone circle**

Discover a secret Killiecrankie woodland. This walk will take you off the path, down slopes, over branches and under logs. Appropriate footwear required. 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>

Monday 19th July 9.30am – 12.30pm**FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
- Dunkeld Trek –
Hermitage Car Park,**

A brisk 5-miler through the forests of Dunkeld. A walk with stops on the way to take in the views of the big tree country Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

**Tuesday 19th July, 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

Wednesday 20th July 10.00am - 1.00pm**FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS
- Dunkeld Delights
Craigvinean Carpark**

Enjoy a long walk in the Perthshire Countryside. See mountains, trees and lochs with the ranger and hear stories of the wildlife that lives there. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

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Wednesday 20th July 7.30pm Celtic Night

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

The popular open air Celtic nights at Blair Castle return for the summer of 2011.

Pitlochry and Blair Atholl Pipe Band present an evening of Celtic Music, songs and Highland Dancing. Expect tunes from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Asturia and Galicia all performed against the stunning backdrop of Blair Castle.

Prices: Adult £6.50, Children £1.50
Booking: Tickets available on the day only. Purchase at Blair Castle Ticket Office from 9.30am on the day or pay on entry.

Wednesday 20th July; 8.00pm Pioneering botanists of Ben Lawers

NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin

Dan Watson, Ecologist, introduces some of the fascinating characters who discovered the botanical riches of

Ben Lawers. Tel: 0844 493 2136 email benlawers@nts.org.uk

Thursday 21st July, 10.30am-12midday

Nasty Nature family event Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl - Get closer to some of the bad guys in nature. They may not be who you think. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Children £1 Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Thursday 21st July 7.00pm – 8.30pm

FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - Tall Tales

Weem Wood Car Park

Step back in time and hear a tall tale or two in this old, old wood. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Thursday 21st July 7.30pm Blair Atholl Tourism Association - Gala Night

Memorial Park Blair Atholl.

Rides, Displays & Entertainment:- Model Steam Train Rides; Tractor Hay Rides; Carriage Rides; Horse Gymnastics; Silly McBee the Clown; Face Painting; Highland Dancing; Pipe Band; Bouncy Castle and for the first time this year Riders of the Storm will be at this event. Competitions:- Football Competition; Ranger Service Fun Competition; and a Raffle 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. Contact Jenny 01796 481206

Friday 22nd July 2pm – 3.30pm FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS - Tree mendous

Faskally Car Park

A wee wood with a big history. The Beginners guide to why trees are great. Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Saturday 23rd July 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

Sunday 24th July 1pm - 2pm entry

Club Shoot 25

Fortingall Gun Club Chesthill Shooting Ground - Glenlyon

3 .5miles up Glenlyon from Fortingall/Fearnan road junction ABT; 25 Sporting; Pool Trap. Visitors Welcome at all shoots - For information phone Sandy Argo 01887 829412 or 07979594575

Sunday 24 July 8:00pm

Rave On a Tribute to Buddy Holly Birnam Institute Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS

From 'Blue Days' to 'True Love Ways' RAVE ON celebrates the music of the man himself, BUDDY HOLLY. Marc Robinson, founder member of Rockin On Heaven's Door (Stars In Their Eyes)

and 'Buddy', the musical, along with The Counterfeit Crickets, present an accurate performance of the late, great Buddy Holly. Tickets: £14.50 / £13.50 box office on 01350 727674.

www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 24th July 8:00pm

Todd Gordon & The Tony Bennett Songbook

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Todd Gordon, one of Britain's finest jazz and swing singers pays tribute to Tony Bennett with this show devoted to the songs that made the legendary crooner famous. Featuring classics such as I Wanna Be Around, Smile and I Left My Heart In San Francisco. Tickets: £22.50 Tel:01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Monday 25th July Age 5 to 8 - 11am to 12.30pm Age 9 to 12 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Arty Animals

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Help create the craziest zoo in Scotland from craft materials and all sorts of odds and ends. Let your imagination run wild in this crafty arty session. Just £3.50 per session Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Monday 25th July 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 26th July, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Really Wild Art children's event National Trust for Scotland The Hermitage, by Dunkeld, meet in lower car park

Create your own wild art in the woods – some to leave behind and something to take away with you. 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 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 water-

proofs. Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. For further information telephone 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk.

Tuesday 26th July Age 5 to 8 - 11am to 12.30pm Age 9 to 12 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

World of Wildlife

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

What do you call a Haggis in the jungle? LOST! Hone your haggis hunting skills in this lively session, full of far fetched fun and games. Just £3.50 per session Tel 01796 484626

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Tuesday 26th July, 1.30-4.30pm

Real Top of the Hill Walk

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Logierait Woods Car Park, follow Dunfallandy road from Logierait for ½ mile Join the rangers for a walk away from the track for some great views and hopefully wildlife too. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: £2 Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Wednesday 27th July Age 5 to 8 - 11am to 12.30pm Age 9 to 12 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Amazon Adventure

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Become a jungle Explorer, track down new species and save endangered animals in this amazing Amazonian adventure. Just £3.50 per session Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Wednesday 27th July, 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 27th July 7.30pm

Celtic Night

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

The popular open air Celtic nights at Blair Castle return for the summer of 2011.

Pitlochry and Blair Atholl Pipe Band present an evening of Celtic Music, songs and Highland Dancing. Expect tunes from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Asturia and Galicia all performed against the stunning backdrop of Blair Castle.

Prices: Adult £6.50, Children £1.50 Booking: Tickets available on the day only. Purchase at Blair Castle Ticket Office from 9.30am on the day or pay on entry.

Thursday, 28th July 10.30am -12 noon

FORESTRY COMMISSION WALKS

- Tremendous Trees

Faskally Car Park

Brush up on your tree ID in Faskally, the award winning mixed woodland Adults: £3.50 Children £2.00 Contact John Fyfe on 07801 827986

Thursday 28th July, 10.30am-12midday

Tooth and Claw family event Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl

We find out more about nature's predators in Scotland. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Children £1 Tel:01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Thursday 28th July Age 5 to 8 - 11am to 12.30pm Age 9 to 12 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Beastly Beats

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Build and beat your own jungle drums, then create jungle animals from junk in this tribal fun session! Just £3.50 per session Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Thursday 28th July 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 28th July, 8.30pm-10pm

**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.

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

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

**Friday 29th July Age 5 to 8 -
11am to 12.30pm Age 9 to 12 -
1.30pm to 3.00pm**

**Sneaky Snakes
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Jungle animals from slithery snakes to playful parrots are all part of the puzzles and games to play, make and take away today! Just £3.50 per session Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**Saturday 30th July Age 5 to 8 -
11am to 12.30pm Age 9 to 12 -
1.30pm to 3.00pm**

Monkeying Around

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Learn to act like gibbons and chimps as we play familiar games with a monkey theme.

Just £3.50 per session Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 30 July-7 Aug 10am to 6pm daily

Fortingall Art Exhibition:

Molteno Hall,
paintings, photography, sculpture, ironwork, engraving, furniture, pottery & jewellery by local contemporary artists.

Sunday 31st July 10.00am to 4.30pm (performance starts at 4.00pm)

ZOO WORLD

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Play In A Day - Drama **for 9 year olds and over!**

Imagine if the only place left to see wild animals was in one enormous theme park. Then disaster strikes, the wild beats escape! What will they do with those terrible humans who held them for so long in cages?

Join us for a fantastic fun-filled day creating and performing an epic, dramatic play - all in a single day! Don't forget your packed lunch, and remember, do not feed the animals! Price: £12.50 Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**Sunday 31st July | 11am-1pm
ages 8+**

Make a Rock Band!

Birnam Institute Station Road

Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS

A fantastic opportunity for young musicians to take part in and create a rock band – invite your mums and dads in for the last 10 mins to hear you strutting your stuff.

Principally aimed at kids who have some experience with guitar – either acoustic or electric, any level of ability can be incorporated into the rock band... so don't be shy, come and have a fantastic time rockin 'n' rollin! With Mark Heavenor. Tickets: £6 Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 31st July 8:00pm

One Night Of Queen - Gary Mullen & The Works

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Following sell out concerts in 2007, 2009 and 2010, don't miss Gary Mullen & The Works as they take to the PFT stage once again with fantastic lighting and effects, guaranteed to Rock You!

Tickets: £22.50 Tel:01796 484626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**Sunday 31st July 12pm to 3pm
Blair Atholl Summer Market
on the green at Visitor Car park
Blair Atholl**

Blair Atholl Area Tourism Association will be holding it's annual Open Air Village Market on the green at the visitor car park, Blair Atholl Contact Jenny 01796 481206

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