

What's On December 2018

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



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Daily until 27th January 2019

Rhythms of Colour: Late Paintings and Prints – Wilhelmina Barns-Graham The Watermill Gallery, Aberfeldy

Born in St Andrews, Fife Wilhelmina Barns-Graham was one of the foremost British abstract artists working in the second half of the twentieth century. She divided her time between Scotland and St Ives, where her work contributed greatly to the development of Modernist British art.

This exhibition, the third organised by The Watermill Gallery in collaboration with the Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Trust, will be an opportunity to view a significant collection of her late work.

Barns-Graham had an extraordinary creative flowering in her later years which became the most fruitful of all. The exhibition will feature a remarkable group of paintings from this period, which will include full-sheet works on paper. The rhythms of colour and the dynamic brushstrokes in these later paintings convey a vivacity and joie de vivre that is irresistible.

Towards the end of her life Barns-Graham came to regard print-making as equally important as her painting. She found print-making a liberating experience. The thirty prints presented in the exhibition are mostly from her time working with Graal press. They fully express her zest for life and her creative energy.

She is known primarily for her abstract painting and print-making, but she also produced a distinctive body of graphic work, several of which will be on show here.

Three key elements unify her work: form, movement and colour. So, whether painting, drawing or print-making her boundless creativity and insatiable curiosity shine through and make her work both distinctive and uplifting.

The Watermill is open Mon-Sat 10am – 5.30pm & Sun 11am – 5.30pm. Tel: 01887 822896. Exhibition website: <http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com/art/>

14 SEP – 19 DEC 2018 (Most Fridays 11am)

SECRETS OF THE STAGE Pitlochry Festival Theatre

This hugely popular illustrated talk is led by our Community & Education Director, Drew Scott. It covers all aspects of PFT's stage productions: from set design and auditions to the rehearsal and set building process, using set models, props and costumes from past PFT shows. Having spent several years as Stage Manager here at PFT, Drew is ideally placed to give a personal insight into life backstage. Tickets: £7.50 (Includes tea or coffee and a Danish pastry) | Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm Talks take place on most Fridays from 29 June to 12 October. More on Secrets of the Stage

Daily

Winter Watch Safaris

Highland Safaris, Dull, Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

The two and a half hour Winter Watch Safari enables passengers to escape into a sub-arctic wilderness to marvel at the breathtaking scenery, whilst learning how wildlife survives in these most harsh conditions. Equipped with snow chains, and with an experienced Ranger at the helm, the 4X4's will transport you to the snow capped high tops to search out arctic hares, snowy white ptarmigans and the elusive Red Deer. Also remember to ask for their winter offer of 2 for 1 entry to the Red Deer Centre, saying where you saw the offer. Tel:- 01887 820071

Every Thursday Evening from 8pm

Local Musicians

Royal Dunkeld Hotel Bar, Atholl St, Dunkeld PH8 OAR

Every Thursday evening local musicians gather and play in the bar. It adds a lovely atmosphere to a bar that sells real ales and a whole selection of other drinks including tea and coffee. The Woodlands Bistro serves food, we recommend booking a table (yes it does get busy) and retiring to the bar after your meal. Please note these musicians are not paid, they do it for their own enjoyment, so do not expect it to like a concert on a stage. Royal Dunkeld Hotel: 01350 727322

Every Friday 8pm

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

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

Daily

The Wizard of Oz

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

A sparkling musical extravaganza guaranteed to make you feel good this Christmas! Follow The Yellow Brick Road to picturesque Pitlochry this Christmas and experience the most magical musical of them all. Based on the classic 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland, join Dorothy (and Tin Man, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion and Toto too!) on her journey from a farm in Kansas, to the magical Emerald City, in the wonderful land of Oz. Watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West and her flying

monkeys, fields of poppies and tornados along the way! Alongside all the familiar Pitlochry trademarks (a stellar cast, large live band, stunning costumes and superbly crafted sets), expect amazing acrobatics and aerial artistry! For more on Wizard of Oz. Box office (01796 484626)

Spirit of Wood furniture and accessories Sat 1st and Sun 2nd December 10am to 5pm

Christmas Shopping Weekend

Spirit of Wood, Aberfeldy PH15 2EA
Mince Pies, mulled wine and special Christmas offers. Spirit of Wood is known for its range of British and French oak, bespoke pine, teak and leather furniture. Browse through their extensive collection of homeware and giftware. You can commission your own furniture design or, simply enjoy a coffee in their beautiful surroundings. Scotland's largest independent quality furniture retailer. They also stock a fantastic range of gifts & homeware. 01887 829899 info@spirit-of-wood.com <https://spiritofwood.uk/>

1st to 24th Dec (Every Sat and Sun 10am to 6pm)

Winter Wonderland

Queens View, By Pitlochry PH16 5NR
Building on last year's event and learning from it, Queens View will once again be transformed into a Winter Wonderland with snow machine, set amidst the pine forest overlooking Loch Tummel. Breakfast with Santa 10am, 11.30am and 1pm, buffet style eat as much as you want with tea, coffee, soft drinks, Xmas present and photos for all the children. (Children £14.95, adults £9.95 BOOKING ESSENTIAL call 01796 474188)

Craft Stalls, Santa's helpers and Santa's Grotto from 2pm to 5pm (£5 includes present), Sit on the sleigh, Pitlochry Flower Club Wreaths and door hangers, Sill McB, Face Painters, Candy floss, food and drink. On You Tube Queens View and more Queens View information. Free entry. 01796 474188

Saturday 1st December 10am to 4pm Aberfeldy Christmas Market

The Square, Aberfeldy, PH15 2DD
The Vale of Atholl Pipe Band lead Santa and his Reindeer in a parade from Aberfeldy Business Park to the town square. Santa will then retire to his Grotto, where children can go and meet him. There will also be a market and craft fair. Followed on by the switching on of the Christmas lights with carols being sung around the Christmas Tree. Youth Performances in the Church followed by a candle lit parade from the Church to the Square. Santa's Parade leaves the Aberfeldy Business Park at 12noon.

Saturday 1st December @ 12:00 am – 4:30 pm Pitlochry Christmas Festival @ Pitlochry Town

Lots of stalls plus a great line-up of acts who'll be performing outside Fisher's Hotel from 12.45 until the switch on of the Christmas Tree lights at 4.15. Santa will be there too, his time is limited, so we advise you make sure he knows you are coming and buy a ticket to see him – don't miss out. It all starts at noon and will culminate in the 'official' switch on

of the Christmas tree lights outside Fishers Hotel at 4.15pm. Also remember the 2018 Pitlochry Christmas Tree Festival is at Pitlochry Church of Scotland on Saturday and Sunday. For more details tina@viva-pitlochry.co.uk

Sat 1st December from 9.30pm Live Music from The Cascades The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Perth based soul band playing all the Motown hits. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Thurs 6th, Fri 7th and Sat 8th December 7.30pm

Medals and Music Aberfeldy Drama Club, Aberfeldy Town Hall

The music hall entertainment of World War One. £8.50 (Concessions £6.50) Tickets available from Wade Newsagent, 31 Bank Street, Aberfeldy and on the door.

Fri 7th December from 9.30pm

Last Orders at The Old Mill Inn The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

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

8th December 10.30am to 4pm

Dunkeld & Birnam Santa Day

Dunkeld & Birnam Santa Day is a wonderfully christmassy event that happens every year. The day is packed with lots of fun events for everyone. 11am The Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre presents 2 shows in one – Jack (And the Beanstalk) and Billy (Goats Gruff)! Then Santa and his reindeer parade leave from the Birnam Hotel at 1pm. Santa and his reindeer will walk to Dunkeld over the Dunkeld Bridge to his grotto, where Santa will spend the afternoon meeting the children. There are lots of stalls there on the day and the opportunity to visit the many local businesses. This is a fun filled family day out. More on Dunkeld & Birnam Santa Day

Sat 8th December from 9.30pm The Red Pine Timber Co. The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Old Mill favourites playing a mix of Americana & Country influenced originals. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

9 December

Blair Castle in winter Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, By Pitlochry PH18 5TL

Visit our famous bagpipe-playing Santa in his magical grotto in the castle. Boys and girls can tell him what is on their wish-list and they will receive an early present, too. Price £10.00 per child; booking essential. Phone: 01796481207 E-mail: bookings@blair-castle.co.uk

Sunday 9th December 12noon to 3pm

Christmas Market Blair Atholl village hall

A wide selection of stalls, including Tombola, Bread and Baked goods, Handmade dolls, Mary's Meals, Card sales, Photography, Homemade bags, Cakes, local Honey, Wrought Iron Art, Earrings and other small items of jewelry, Felt crafts and jars etc, Xmas Wreaths, Aloe Vera Based Products, Drone work and Christmas pamper stocking fillers. Refreshments available too, always very popular. Free entry.

Sunday 9th December 7pm

Carols by Candlelight Fisher's Hotel, 79 Atholl Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5BN

Pitlochry Choral with local Children's Choirs present Carols by Candlelight, a programme of well loved carols for choir, audiences and soloists. Music Director is Colleen Nicol, Accompanist is Andrew Johnston and Soloist is Ulrike Watscher. Tickets £12 (£1 for under 18) includes a hot chocolate. Purchase tickets from Fisher's Hotel 01796 472000, Viva (1 Mill Ln, Pitlochry PH16 5BS 01796 470332) and on the door.

Fri 14th December from 9.30pm

Live Music from Coverdaddy The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

High energy band from Dundee with contemporary & classic covers from all eras. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Saturday 15th December

Christmas Disco Party Night Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl PH18 5SG

Get together with your friends, family or work mates for a Christmas Shindig with good food, drinks and dancing into the wee small hours! Don't worry about driving – B&B Rooms available at discounted rate of £60 per room! including breakfast. Canapes & Bubbly, 3 Course Dinner, Christmas Disco, £37.50 per person. For all enquiries or bookings please contact the hotel directly on 01796 481 205

Sat 15th December from 9.30pm Live Music from Headroom The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

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

Sat 21st December from 9.30pm Live Music from Last Orders The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

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

Sat 22nd December from 9.30pm
Live Music from The Red Pine Timber Co.
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Old Mill favourites playing a mix of Americana & Country influenced originals. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk
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Fri 28th December from 9.30pm
Live Music from Jono
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Singer/songwriter from Glasgow playing a mind-blowingly eclectic mix of hits, old & new. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Sat 29th December from 9.30pm
Live Music from The Engine House
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Jangly guitars, fiddle, banjo and loads of harmonies, underpinned by electric bass guitar and drums. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

31st January 2018 7.30pm
Murder Mystery Hogmanay 2018
Taymouth Marina Restaurant, Kenmore PH15 2HW (by the Crannog Centre).

Welcome in 2019 with a 6 course meal designed around a murder mystery entertainment provided by Deadly Acts Theatre Company. The evening will begin at 7:30pm with the murder and background information. The meal will then be served during this time you can discuss amongst your table the questions posed to you by the investigating detective. Each table will be given a chance to question the suspects before the final reveal. To reserve your table please call us on 01887 830450. A credit or debit card will be taken as a guarantee and full payment will be required by December 1st 2018.

Mon 31st December from 9.30pm
Hogmanay with Last Orders
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

A night not to be missed! Last Orders are our top Rock tribute act covering all the rock & pop favourites. Cost £5. Tickets can be purchased from the bar, ahead of the evening, to make sure you get in. T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Tues 1st January 1 to 4pm
Pitlochry New Year's Day Street Party
Atholl Road, Pitlochry

New year is welcomed in style by closing Atholl Road, Pitlochry's main street to traffic and having it filled with new year revelers, between 1pm to 4pm. Vale of Atholl Pipe Band, Jack Delaney's Ceilidh Band, Silly McBee, the Clown, Hog Roast at the Auld Smithy Inn. Entrance is free, the raffle and donations fund it year to year. More on Pitlochry New Year Street Party.

Tues 1st January from 4pm
New Year's Day with The Red Pine Timber Co.
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Join the party with Old Mill favourites playing a mix of Americana & Country influenced originals straight after the Pitlochry New Years Day Street Party! (4PM Start). Free entry. T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Friday 11th January 8pm to 12-30am
Auld New Year Celebrations
Blair Atholl Village Hall, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH18 5SG

Before the adoption of the modern Gregorian calendar in 1752, the New Year was celebrated on what is now 14 January and in some parts of the Highlands, this tradition survived until the early part of the 20th century. The Atholl Country Life Museum's popular celebration of the Auld New Year is a ceilidh which recalls the traditions of this festival with an evening of Scottish music, song and dance until after "the bells". The supper of homemade soup, oatcakes with cheese and cloutie dumpling. Refreshments will be available from the bar. Music from the ever popular Foundry Boys supported by several well known local entertainers. Tickets £10 from The Tilt Store, Bridge of Tilt, Blair Atholl.