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**Saturday 21st March - 27th April
Liz Murray - Albert & Solange
(Exhibition)
Aberfeldy Watermill Mill St Aberfeldy.**

Comprised of delicate mixed media works that build up in two and three dimensions, the exhibition suggests a romance between a botanist and a dressmakers, Albert and Solange, in 1920's Paris.

**Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd April
FRESA Y CHOCOLAT - Heartland
Film Society
The Locus Centre, Aberfeldy**

This acclaimed, Oscar-nominated film set in Cuba follows the unlikely friendship between David, an uptight macho communist student, and Diego, an extravagant gay artist with an irreverent attitude to the Castro regime. The title refers to David's comment that he knew immediately that Diego was gay when he chose strawberry ice cream even though chocolate was available. Combining drama with a bit of humour, this film provides a light but realistic look at the Cuban Revolution, government persecution of marginalized groups, and the tendency of human kindness to overcome hardship. Cuba/ Spain 1994 (Sub-titled) Certificate 18, 110 mins Tel:01887 830307 www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk

**Friday 3rd April 7.30 - 10pm
Country Dancing**

**Kynachan Hall Country Dancing -
Tummel Bridge**

Beginners welcome - you don't need a partner and you get a cup of tea! £4

per evening or £20 for all sessions.

**Friday 3rd April 2009 7.30pm
Duncan Chisholm & Ivan Drever
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

with their dynamic marriage of fiddle, guitar and song,
Tickets £14. Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk
Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

**Saturday 4th April 12noon
Behind Closed Doors (Blair Castle
Attics)**

Blair Castle Blair Atholl
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**Saturday 4th April 7.30pm
Dunkeld District Strathspey & Reel
Society - Concert
Mid Atholl Hall Ballinluig**

£5 includes Supper and Raffle contact 01796 482240 or 01796 482589

**Saturday 4th April 7.30pm
Memory Lane - Music & Dance Ex-
travaganza!
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Performed by West End vocalists, who are accompanied by the fantastic and elegant Memory Lane Dancers, this show is beautifully costumed and choreographed for each decade. Sing along to some of the greatest songs ever written. Tickets £15.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626
E/Mail boxof-fice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Saturday 4th April 8pm
Music of the Night: Rebecca Caine
Birnam Institute Birnam
Songs from Hit Musical with all Electric Productions. Tickets £12 (Concessions £10)
Telephone - 01350 727674 Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 5th April 12 noon to 4pm
Discover Atholl Estate Day - Forestry & Farming
Blair Castle Grounds - Blair Atholl
Anyone interested in learning more about estate life, introducing the wider work of Atholl Estates. Free as part of castle or grounds admission. Tel: Tel 01796 481207
[Email:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Monday 06th April 2.30pm
The Tryst, Pitlochry
Alisdair Fleming talks on St Kilda.

Tuesday, 7th April 11am - 4pm
All Day Iron Age Breakfast
The Scottish Crannog Centre
The Crannog Creperie: Breakfast with the Ancients! Cook and eat your own Iron Age crepes or pancakes from our clay ovens. Includes tour of the crannog. Tel : 01887 830583 e.mail: info@crannog.co.uk www.crannog.co.uk

Tuesday 7th April 2-3.30pm

Make your own Bird Feeders Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds
Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre
It's an important time of year to feed the birds – come along and make your own feeders and bird cake to take away with you. Children £2; accompanying adults free 5 miles North of Pitlochry. Tel 0844 493 2192 www.nts.org.uk

Wednesday 8th April 1pm
That's Rubbish - Puppet Animation Festival
Birnam Institute Birnam
With Puppet Animation Scotland. Skiprat's looking for his lunch, but all he can find is rubbish....and it's talking to him. Suitable for ages 4+ Tickets £5 Categories Contact - BI Arts Centre Telephone - 01350 727674 Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web www.birnamarts.com

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th April 10.30am - 4.30pm
Drawing with Oil Pastels with Hugh Scott (Workshop)
Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Discover or improve your skills in this medium with Hugh Scott, experienced artist and visual arts lecturer. £88. Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Wednesday 8th April 7.30pm
Fuchsia Talk
Aberfeldy School
Perthshire Highland Horticultural Society are holding a special Fuchsia Talk. All members and visitors are welcome. No entrance fee (silver collection at the door)

Friday 10th April 9.30am - 5.30pm
Easter Fun Weekend - for families
Blair Castle and Grounds. Blair Atholl
A range of fun activities over the Easter weekend. Will include egg painting and rolling on Easter Sunday,

chocolate egg hunts in the grounds, castle treasure hunt and colouring competition in Banvie Hall. Activities will be short usually not more than 1/2 an hour long and will repeat throughout the day. Free as part of Castle or grounds admission. Tel: Tel 01796 481207
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Highland Safaris, The Safari Lodge, Aberfeldy,
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Friday 10th April 7.30pm
Behind Enemy Lines - with Dr Mark Baldwin
Pitlochry Festival Theatre
In 1940, the Special Operations Executive was created by Churchill to co-ordinate undercover operations in occupied countries. In its six-year life, SOE trained over 9,000 agents, who operated in 19 European countries as well as in the Far East and Africa.
In this show, Dr. Mark Baldwin explores the origins and aims of the SOE and explains some of the specialised equipment developed to assist these agents. He also highlights some striking achievements by famous women agents such as Odette Sansom and Violette Szabo. Tickets £14
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Saturday 11th April 10am Coffee Morning.**The Tryst, Pitlochry**

Arthritis Awareness in Atholl: Spring Coffee Morning

**Saturday 11 April
Enochdu Walk Distance: 8 miles
Start grid ref: NO062628
Strathtay Ramblers**

An easy walk following part of the Catevan Trail towards the Spittal of Glenshee on a good track, returning on a good footpath over higher ground. Note: No dogs please. Tel: 01796 474114

Meeting Info: OLD CHURCH CAR PARK, CRIEFF ROAD, ABERFELDY. at 9.30 a.m. or Enochdu at 10.30 a.m. Local grade: C+

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**Saturday 11th April 10am - 5pm
Door Open Day - get behind the scenes
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Every year we open our doors and welcome in anyone and everyone, all day long! This is your chance to get an insight into daily life behind the scenes. FREE Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

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Egg Olympics**Atholl Estates Information Centre - Blair Atholl**

Some eggy activities for families. Please bring a well hard-boiled egg with you.

Children £1 Tel: 01796 481355 www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

**Saturday 11th April 7pm
Inge McIlroy**

at the Taybank bar in Dunkeld, headlining is Andi Neate also playing is Sam Risdale. I will be doing a slot and singing backing vox with Andi. see Inge's Myspace page at www.myspace.com/ingemusic

**Saturday 11th April 7.30pm
Queens of Song - with John Scrimger and Friends.**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
International opera singers, Linda Ormiston and Marilyn Hill Smith join

forces with Perth's "Mr. Music", John Scrimger, for a magical night of songs, arias and duets. Tickets £12.50

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**Sunday 12 April 11am-4pm
Be a Celt for a Day: Iron Age Costume, Cooking & Crafts
Scottish Crannog Centre Kenmore**

Complete your costume, cook like a Celt, and take home crafts that you make. Booking Essential.

Tel - 01887 830583
Email: info@crannog.co.uk Web www.crannog.co.uk

Sunday 12th April 11.30am

Puppet Animation Festival - The Post Man - Velo Theatre & Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre (Ages 4+)

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

The Postman A happy-go-lucky postman goes on his daily bicycle round, laden with letters and parcels to deliver. Upon opening one of the packages, he discovers a fantastic, magical world inside. As he opens more parcels, they become a magical mystery tour. We visit exotic locations, jungles, volcanoes and meet mermaids and game hunters! There's even a circus to discover . . . A wonderful, wordless adventure from France's Vélo Théâtre, full of tenderness, humour and theatrical magic. Tickets Adults £5 per show Children/concs £3 per show Family ticket £14 (2 Adults + 2 children) Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

**Sunday 12th April 1pm – 4pm
Easter Trail - Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds
Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre**

Call in anytime to follow the Easter trail and find an Easter egg. Children £2. 5 miles North of Pitlochry Tel 0844 493 2192 www.nts.org.uk

**Sunday 12th April 3.30pm
Puppet Animation Festival - The Three Bears - Velo Theatre & Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre (Ages 3+)**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Porridge, porridge, porridge. Do you like porridge? The Three Bears love it and have it every day for breakfast. Goldilocks lives above a sweet shop and has never tasted this delicious dish – until she visits The Three Bears' home . . . what fun she is going to have . . . Porridge is the staple diet of European storytelling and plays a big part in Scottish culture, too! This fun new show from Clydebuilt tackles shopping and healthy eating whilst entertaining wee ones! Tickets Adults £5 per show Children/concs £3 per

show Family ticket £14 (2 Adults + 2 children) Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

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Tuesday 14th April 10.30am-12 noon

**Noisy Nature – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds.
The Hermitage Lower Car Park**
What's that noise? Games and activities finding out how animals communicate in the woods. Children £2; accompanying adults £1 The Hermitage by Dunkeld. Tel 0844 493 2192 www.nts.org.uk

**Tuesday 14th April 7pm
Talk on Cairngorms Biological Recording System.
Lesser Hall, Pitlochry Town Hall,
West Moulin Rd, Pitlochry**
Interested in Wildlife on your back door? Please come along and find out how you can get involved.

**Tuesday 14th April
Quiz Night
The Auld Smiddy Inn, Atholl Rd
Pitlochry**

Quiz Night - Grand Final.

**Wednesday 15th April 10am-12noon
Heather, Hills & Hamish
Blair Castle Trekking Centre
Blair Atholl**

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**Wednesday 15th April 2pm – 4pm
Woodland Treasure Hunt
Meet: Glen Tilt Car Park – Blair Atholl**

A family event searching for clues and treasure. Children £2 Tel: 01796 481355 www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

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With Velo Theatre (France)/ Puppet Animation. An impeccably dressed postman goes on his daily bicycle round, laden with letters and packages to deliver. On opening one of the packages he discovers inside a fantastic magical world. Suitable for ages 5+ Tickets £5 Telephone - 01350 727674 Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web www.birnamarts.com

**Thursday, 16th April 11am - 4pm
Iron Age Archery
The Scottish Crannog Centre**
Discover simple longbows and shoot arrows at a range of targets. Tickets £5 per session. For ages 7+. Booking advised. Tel : 01887 830583 e.mail: info@crannog.co.uk www.crannog.co.uk

**Friday 17th April 11.00 to 1pm
Signs of Spring**

Weem Woodland Car park

Spring has sprung, enjoy this ancient woodland as the sap begins to rise.

Take Castle Menzies entrance then right to car park from B846, one mile west of Aberfeldy.

Adults: £3.00, children:

£1.00 Just turn up Dogs Allowed:

Tel Peter Fullarton Recreation For-
ester 01350 727284 e-mail: [pe-
ter.fullarton@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pe-
ter.fullarton@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) www.forestry.gov.uk

**Friday 17th April 7.30 - 10pm
Country Dancing**

**Kynachan Hall Country Danc-
ing - Tummel Bridge**

Beginners welcome - you don't
need a partner and you get a cup
of tea! £4 per evening or £20 for
all sessions.

Friday 17th April 7.30pm

**Pete Clark & Friends - re-
nowned Perthshire Fiddler**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Combining songs and tunes with
stories and wit, Pete Clark returns
with some old friends to perform in
the relaxed atmosphere of the
Theatre's Ben Vrackie Bar. Tickets
£12.50

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fice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxof-
fice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web

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**Saturday 18th April 10am -
2pm**

Country Market

**Mill of Logierait Farm beside
the A827 just off the A9 at
Ballinluig**

Local produce, crafts, collecti-
bles. Music, refreshments, free
parking and toilet facilities.

For more info contact the project
officer on 07958 531 980 or

info@hpcp.co.uk

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Saturday 18th April 7.30pm

**Mozart, Karl Jenkins & Cunning-
ham**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Pitlochry & District Choral Society ac-
companied by the Angus Chamber Or-
chestra conducted by Andrew Tillett.

Tickets £12 Tel Box Office 01796

484626 E/Mail [boxof-
fice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxof-
fice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web

www.pitlochry.org.uk

Saturday 18th April 7.30pm

**Pitlochry & District Choral Society.
Pitlochry Festival Theatre.**

£12.

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th

April 10.30am - 4.30pm

**Radio Drama with Morag Stark
(Workshop)**

This workshop will cover devising
scripts to performance level and tech-
niques for successful recordings. You'll
even take away your own CD. £88 Tel

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Sunday 19th April 2 - 3.30pm

Red Squirrel Walk

**Meet: Glen Tilt Car Park – Blair
Atholl**

Come and look for red squirrels and
learn more about them.

Adults £2, Children £1 Tel: 01796

481355

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd
April 10.30am - 4.30pm**

Watercolours: Beginners with

James Murdoch (Workshop)

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

You will leave this midweek work-
shop with new skills and techniques
as well as a completed paint-
ing! £88 for the two days. Tel Box

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**Wednesday 22nd April 10am-
12noon**

Heather, Hills & Hamish

Blair Castle Trekking Centre

Blair Atholl

Take a trek on the Atholl Ponies fol-
lowing old drover tracks. Spot wild-
life and chat with Hamish an Estate

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Thursday 23rd April 7.30pm

If You Fall: Karen Darke

Birnam Institute Birnam

With Speakers from The

Edge. Karen Darke is a truly re-
markable woman. Just 4yrs after

being paralysed from the chest

down in a rock climbing accident,

Karen set out on a hand bike to

cross the Tien Shan and Karakoram

mountains of Central Asia. Set

against a backdrop of inspirational

images and footage. "If You Fall" is

a unique opportunity to meet one of

the most extraordinary adventurers

of our time. Tickets £8 (Concessions

£6) Telephone - 01350 727674

Email:

admin@birnaminstitute.com Web

www.birnamarts.com

Friday 24th April 7.30pm

"Suits You Sir"

Atholl Arms Hotel Blair Atholl

Fund raising event - a talk by Susan

Payne of Perth Museum & Art Gal-
lery centres around a remarkable

17th century garment known as the

Urrard Jacket.

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Saturday 25th April 12.00 - 4.00pm

Pitlochry Superdog

Pitlochry Recreation Ground

A fun afternoon for dogs with competitions, displays and doggy games. Free Tel: 01796 481355

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Tel 0844 493 2192 www.nts.org.uk

25 April 8pm

Lights Out By Nine

Birnam Institute Birnam

An evening of Hot Beats - Light out by Nine play powerhouse rhythm and blues and have now developed a collection of their own original songs, commanding a growing amount of media attention. Join Birnam Arts and Light Out by Nine for a fantastic evening of dancing and rhythmic music. Tickets £10 (Concessions £8)

Tel - 01350 727674 Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 26 April 2009

Glen Banvie/Tilt Circular Distance: 10 miles Start grid ref: NN875664

Strathay Ramblers

From CP through castle grounds to Glen Banvie, cross over into Glen Tilt along to Gilberts Bridge then via Fender Bridge back to CP. Note: No dogs please Contact phone: 01796 474198

Meeting Info: OLD CHURCH CAR PARK, CRIEFF ROAD, ABERFELDY. at 9.30 a.m. or Old Bridge of Tilt CP at 10.15 a.m. Local grade: B

**Sunday, 26th April 11am - 4pm
Annual Celtic Food & Drink Festival**

The Scottish Crannog Centre

Sample some of Perthshire's finest produce inspired by underwater discoveries of Iron Age food remains. Tastes include spit roast beast, smoked fish and dairy products, nutty breads & spreads, herbs, and range of suitably themed beverages. There's plenty to do while you wait to taste...try out archery, woodturning, and more! Kindly supported by the Highland Perthshire Herb Society Tel : 01887 830583 e.mail: info@crannog.co.uk www.crannog.co.uk

Monday 27th April 12pm onwards

Classic Historic cars - Scottish Malts reliability trial Killiecrankie Area

These Classic cars will pass through Killiecrankie about 12.20pm

Monday 27th April 7.30pm

'The Real Macbeth'

The Tryst. Pitlochry

Talk by Fiona Watson to the Moulin & Pitlochry History Circle's AGM. . Visitors welcome £2.

Tuesday 28th April 8.00pm.

The Fiddle Tree presents The Tannahill Weavers

Birnam Arts Centre Birnam, Dunkeld

The Fiddle Tree's 2009 programme continues on April 28th with a rare Highland Perthshire appearance by one of Scotland's premier traditional bands, the legendary Tannahill Weavers. Adult tickets are priced £8 in advance, £10 on the door. Under-18s tickets cost £3, or 2 for a fiver. They are available at Zigzags, Dunkeld (01350 728666) and at Birnam CD (01350 727158). Postal bookings - please call Birnam CD for details. Credit / debit card bookings are only available online at: www.thebooth.co.uk .

Wednesday 29th April 10am-12noon

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