

March 2009 Events in Highland Perthshire



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Saturday 14th February - 17th March Exhibition R.B Kitaj - In Our Time: Covers from a Small Library

The Watermill Mill Street Aberfeldy

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Tel: 01887 822896 The Watermill, Mill Street, Aberfeldy.

www.aberfeldywatermill.com

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Alpine Safari

Highland Safaris, The Safari Lodge, Aberfeldy,

Climb aboard your Safari Land Rover with a kilted Safari Ranger for a wonderful winter white Alpine Safari.

Escape to the high tops to search for snow buntings, the snowy white Ptarmigan, elusive white Mountain Hare and majestic Red Deer. Refreshments in a heated Mountain Bothy. For full details and bookings contact Highland Safaris on 01887 820071

Email: info@highlandsafaris.net

www.highlandsafaris.net

Sunday 1st March 10.30am - 4.30pm Costume Design Masterclass with Anya Glinski (Workshop)

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Look at theatre costume design, from history and fashion through the ages to the theory of design. Re-Hash remaking and re-trimming costumes.....£52 Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail

boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web

www.pitlochry.org.uk

Wednesday 4th March 7pm

Pine Marten Evening

Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre (A923 2mIs from Dunkeld)

"Join us as we look out for these elusive creatures from inside the visitor centre". £10 for non-members, £8 for SWT members and £5 for children. Not suitable for children under 8 years old. Prices include tea and coffee. Booking is essential. Contact the Visitor Centre on 01350727337 or lochofthelowes@swt.org.uk

Thursday 5th March 7pm.

Forum on Sustainability in Highland Perthshire. Guide Hut, Well Brae. Pitlochry.

All welcome.

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March

Happy Go Lucky - Heartland Film Society

The Locus Centre - Aberfeldy

Poppy is a thirty-year old Primary School teacher in contemporary North London. She has great friends, a job she loves and a full life. The movie watches her confront the harsh realities of life and deal with them head-on, never losing her sense of humour. Humour, and sometimes benign derision, are Poppy's ways of keeping sulkiness out of her life. But, as everyone with a heart should feel, that is a gift, not a deficit. Director Mike Leigh produces his usual social commentary mixed with strong familial ties built into a lovingly crafted leisurely journey. UK 2008 Certificate 15, 118 mins Tel:01887 830307

www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk

Friday 6th March 7.30pm

Desperado - Eagles Tribute Band

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

The show is over 2 hours long and includes all the classics, with sweet vocal harmonies layered over note perfect guitar breaks, licks, slides, and solos. Tickets £14 - £16

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**Saturday 7th March 2.30pm,
Display & exhibition - Highland Perthshire
Communities Land Trust and talk by Alan Stewart
Police Wildlife Liason Officer
Molteno Hall Fortingall**

Alan Stewart - author of Wildlife Detective is the guest speaker. Dun Coillich have your say on the next 50yrs.

**Saturday 7th March 7.30pm
Showaddywaddy**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Showaddywaddy will take to the Pitlochry stage for the first time in what promises to be a finger clicking, side-stepping, rock `n` roll evening. Tickets £16.50

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Tuesday 10th March

Quiz Night

The Auld Smiddy Inn, Atholl Rd Pitlochry

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Thursday 12th March 7.30pm

Charity Fashion Show

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Tickets £12.50 (inc wine & buffet)

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Thursday 12 March 8pm

**Rumba Caliente - Afro Latin Soul Orchestra Tour
Birnam Institute Birnam**

One of the UK's most exciting Salsa-Soul groups, led by Salsa Celtica's Toby Shippey. Tickets £12 (Concessions £10) Telephone - 01350 727674

Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com

Web www.birnamarts.com

Friday 13th March 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.

Saturday 14th March 7.30pm

Music in Rannoch

Old Church of Rannoch

Scott Mitchell (piano) and Una McMahon (soprano)
£7.50. Children free

Saturday 14th March 8pm

Fur Coat and Magic Knickers

Birnam Institute Birnam

MSFits Theatre Company. Maggie is a compulsive shopper with more cards than Hallmark. She just has to buy buy buy! How far will she go to satisfy her obsession. Tickets £10 (Concessions £8) Telephone -

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Web www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 15th March,

Aberfeldy Young Farmers will be holding a dung sale in Pitlochry.

Costs are £3 a barrow load, £5 for 2. Trailer load is £25. Pre order basis only and can be ordered from Kirsty on 07796776121.

Monday 16th March 7.30

**Talk: The importance of a Scots pine's body odour
The Tryst Pitlochry.**

Talk by Dr Glen Iason.

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March 10.30am-4.30pm

Watercolours: Next Steps with Richard Alred (Workshop)

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Richard will help you develop your skills and techniques. You are encouraged to bring your favourite colours and brushes. £88.00 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

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Friday 20th March 7.30pm
Music in Rannoch - Scott Mitchell on piano and Una McMahon Soprano
The Old Church of Rannoch
Tickets are available on the door about £7.50.

Friday 20th March 2pm - 5pm
Cartoon Drawing Workshop with Tim Quinn
Pitlochry Festival Theatre
If you love to draw, then learn from the man who personally knows Spider Man, Beryl the Peril and Incredible Hulk! £20 - £28 with evening talk. Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Friday 20th March 7.30pm
ARGH! - The Ups and Downs of Life as a Comic Book Creator
Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Tim Quinn, former producer of the South Bank Show and editor of Marvel Comics (Superman, X-Men) takes you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane to meet some of the great and not-so great comic characters of the last 150 years.

Tim also takes you behind-the-scenes from his days working for The Beano, Sparky, Bunty, Playhour, Jack & Jill, Buster, The Topper, the Daily Mirror's Jane and Garth, and America's finest Marvel Comics, to running his own comic book company alongside the elder daughter of Enid Blyton. The audience is invited to attend wearing capes and masks . . . Suitable for boys and girls from 9-150! (No nudity, swearing or violence, but please come anyway.)

Tim will also be taking a workshop on Cartoon Drawing Skills, 1.30pm - 4.30pm on the same day. Tickets £12.50 (£28 inc Workshop) Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd March
The Niel Gow Festival
Dunkeld & Birnam
The 6th Niel Gow festival will feature some of Scotland's finest fiddlers as well as other top Scottish musicians. Contact - The Taybank Telephone - 01350 727340 Email: admin@thetaybank.com Web www.niel-gow.co.uk

Saturday 21st March 7.30pm
Red Hot Chilli Pipers
Pitlochry Festival Theatre.
Since winning the prime time BBC One show When Will I Be Famous with a blistering set that astounded the viewers and critics, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers have been rocking the world from the USA to Beijing! Voted "Live Act of the Year 2007" at the Scots Trad Music Awards, they put a modern spin on incredible piping and astounding drumming with an emphasis on showing off! Stuart Cassells is a twice world champion snare drummer and was the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year in 2005. His piping has

featured on the soundtrack of the film Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire. The Pipers also features three band members who have recently graduated from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Bagpipes with attitude and drums with a Scottish flair, this show is guaranteed to amaze any audience: The Red Hot Chilli Pipers really are a genuinely unique experience. Tickets £17.50 (£13.50 u16s) Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

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Aberfeldy Young Farmers will be holding a dung sale in Aberfeldy.

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Thursday 26th March 7.30pm
John Allison: Highland Railway
The Tryst Lounge, Pitlochry
a talk by John Allison. members free Visitors £3.00

Thursday 26th March 7.30pm
Liz Lochhead
Birnam Institute Birnam
An evening of Poetry and Monologues. This one woman show from Glasgow's Poet Laureate. Tickets £8 (Concessions £6) Contact - BI Arts Centre Telephone - 01350 727674 Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web www.birnamarts.com

Friday 27th March 7.30pm
Bhutan - In the Footsteps of George Sherriff
Pitlochry Festival Theatre
A talk by Julia Corden, Explorers Garden Manager In 2008, Julia Corden, was invited to Bhutan to retrace the footsteps of plant hunter George Sherriff, marking the 60th anniversary of Sherriff's last trip to this little known kingdom. Relive Julia's journey, which began in Bhumtang, moved along remote paths - some of which were part of the famous "Snow Man Trek", known as one of the most dangerous and hardest treks in the world - and on and

up to the very high mountain passes near the Tibetan border.

Julia will discuss some of her amazing discoveries and experiences in this area, which has not been botanised in the last 59 years – not, in fact, since George Sherriff's time.

Together with stunning landscape pictures from this beautiful Himalyan kingdom, this will be a fascinating tale from a modern day plant hunter. Tickets £7.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail

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Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 10.30 - 4.30pm

Watercolours: Beginners with James Murdoch. (Workshop) - Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Learn the initial basics of watercolour painting techniques. £88 Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail

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Dunkeld Bridge 200 28th - 29th March 2009

Dunkeld & Birnam

On the weekend of the 28th and 29th March 2009 Dunkeld and Birnam will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of Dunkeld Bridge in 1809, and we would love for you to join in our celebrations. The weekend will see a number of events to commemorate our beautiful, and historically important Telford Bridge. The events are as follows -

Saturday 28th March 3.00pm - 4.00pm

There will be a special parade, led by the Atholl

Highlanders leaving from the car-park of the Royal School of Dunkeld, crossing over the Bridge and down into the Cross. We are looking for as many from the local community and beyond to join us in this parade. All are welcome. Following the parade there will be formalities in the Cross, including a few short speeches and a recital of Niel Gow's 'Dunkeld Bridge'.

Friday 27th - Saturday 28th March 7.30pm

The Bridge

Birnam Institute Birnam

With Birnam Institute Players. As part of the 200th year celebrations of the bridge at Dunkeld, designed by Thomas Telford, the Birnam Institute Players present a One Act Comedy penned by a local award winning playwright Bob Davidson. Tickets £6 (Concessions £4) Tel - 01350 727674

Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web
www.birnamarts.com

**If you have an Event you would like to advertise Free of Charge
e.mail eileen@explorescotland.net with Date/Time/Event/Venue/Price**

NB We try to make sure all the information we post is accurate, but please check directly with the venue concerned before committing yourself.

Saturday 28th March 7.30pm

the Birnam Institute.

There will be a short fiddle concert followed by an entertaining play based on the Bridge held in This involves local musicians and actors, and should be a lot of fun. The cost for the event is £6.00

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Saturday 28th 9.00pm - 12.00 midnight

There will be a fantastic ceilidh held in the Birnam Institute; music provided by local fiddler Pete Clark and his band. The Ceilidh will be free, but numbers are limited. Tickets will be available in various outlets in Dunkeld and Birnam in the week or two leading up to the weekend.

Sunday 29th March 7.00pm

There will be a Service of Dedication to be held in Dunkeld Cathedral, which everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday 29th March 8.00pm

As a grande finale to the weekend there will be a fireworks display - the best place to see this will be from the grounds of the cathedral. Tea and coffee will be available in the Duchess Anne following the display.

Monday 30th March 7.30pm.

'Schoolmaster engineer: Adam Anderson.

The Tryst. Pitlochry.

Talk by Dr Kenneth Cameron to the Moulin & Pitlochry History Circle.

Visitors welcome £2.

This is a very important celebration for Dunkeld and Birnam, and for the wider community of Highland Perthshire - and we hope that you can come along and join us for a great weekend.

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