

# The New Pitlochry Tartan.

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## What's On in Highland Perthshire April 2010

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April to end of September 2.00 – 4.00 commencing .

**"Handbell Harmony" in Dunkeld Cathedral**

**Performances in Dunkeld Cathedral on most Wednesdays throughout the summer,**

Heather and her fellow soloist Margaret Davidson perform as the duo "Handbell Harmony" in Dunkeld Cathedral on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer.

Solo ringing throughout the summer by Heather I. McLean, one of the country's few accomplished handbell soloists. Solo ringing is most unusual. It is fascinating to watch and lovely to hear.

**(Small Ensemble Ringing occasionally.) Come and listen for a while. No charge – freewill donation. Contact Tourist Information Office, Tel: 01350 727688**

[www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk](http://www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk)

**Monday afternoons April to December 1pm - 4pm**

**Country Sports Experience  
Dunkeld Park Activities Hilton  
Dunkeld House, Dunkeld & BASC  
Scottish Centre in Trochry**

Unique half-day taster sessions for anyone interested in trying deer stalking or shooting. Learn from experts in a safe and friendly environment. Gain an appreciation of Scotland's country sports and enjoy professional practical instruction for rifle and shotgun (no live targets are used) **Advance booking essential.** £50 per person for each

Experience` `The Stalking Experience` `T: 01350 723 226` BASC Scottish Centre in Trochry. `The Shooting Experience` T: 01350 728 370` Dunkeld Park Activites, Dunkeld` [www.countrysportscotland.com](http://www.countrysportscotland.com) Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

**Sunday 28th March to 18 Apr daily  
Children's Castle Tours - aged 5 and above.**

**Blair Castle - Blair Atholl**

Marvel at amazing exhibits and find out some fascinating facts on a Children's tour of Blair Castle.

See Viscount "Bonnie" Dundee's breastplate, the actual armour he wore in battle! He was killed in his moment of victory over government forces at the battle of Killiecrankie, three miles south of Blair Atholl in 1689. The breastplate has a bullet hole. But is it a real bullet hole or just a clever fake? Blair Castle was famously the last castle to be held under siege in 1746 during the Jacobite uprising. The castle was bombarded with cannon balls and several of them remain here to this day. Find out how they cooled down the red hot cannon balls that blasted through the walls. You may find the answer very surprising.....

*There will be two children's tours per day and times will vary. Please ask at the reception desk for details. Tour duration: approximately 30 minutes. Children must be accompanied by an adult and numbers are limited. Times will vary, ask at reception Prices: Free as part of standard Castle entry Booking:*



**Country Sports Experience**

[www.countrysportscotland.com](http://www.countrysportscotland.com)

*In person only at the Castle Reception desk* Tel: 01796 481 355  
[www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**Thursday 1st April & Friday 2nd Heartland Film Society - I've Loved You So Long (French, subtitles)**  
**The Locus Centre The Square Aberfeldy.**

French domestic secrets as the return of a middle aged sister triggers buried memories that disrupt the even tenor of family life. £30 for 10 films as a member, or £5 per film  
[www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk)

**Friday 2nd - 4th April 7.30 for 8 Dougie MacLean's Clunie Concerts Clunie Village Hall**

The Clunie Concerts which took place in the Clunie Village Hall on the Easter weekend 2007 and 2008 were sold out in advance and both truly great events!

The audience travelled from the USA, England, and Germany...as well as from nearby farms and towns to enjoy internationally renowned singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean performing in the 'transformed' intimate setting of one of the village halls that he frequented as a child growing up in Perthshire. Contact details Butterstone Management & Events or [www.tickets.dougiemacleanstore.com](http://www.tickets.dougiemacleanstore.com) t 01350 72 42 81 (Mon-Fri 10h00 to 18h00)

**2nd April - 17th May 10am - 5.30pm Mon - Sat and 11am - 5.30pm Sun**  
**lightness of being: the design show**

**The Watermill Mill St Aberfeldy**  
 The inaugural design show at the Watermill will feature lighting by Toyoy Ito, furniture by Angus Ross and Screen prints by Scott Campbell.  
 Tel: 01887 822896  
[www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)  
[www.twitter.com/thewatermill](http://www.twitter.com/thewatermill)

**Friday 2nd April 7-10pm**  
**Lisa & Fiona**  
**Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.**

This young female duo on fiddle and accordion are gaining quite a reputation for themselves on the traditional live music scene. Lisa, who is studying the BA Gaelic and Traditional Music degree at the Gaelic College on the Isle of Skye, and Fiona who studied the BA Scottish Music degree at the RSAMD in Glasgow, take their influences from the West Coast tradition, and will provide us with a night of Ceilidh Music. Tel: 01796473888 . Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)  
[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**Friday 2nd April 7.30pm**  
**Drew McAdam - Mindplay**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**  
**Pitlochry**

He'll read your thoughts. He'll Influence your thoughts. And he will predict your thoughts... Exploring the untapped mysteries and potential of the human mind, Drew McAdam will use all his incredible abilities in this show. Tickets £15 Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email:

[boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk)

Web

[www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Friday 2nd April 8pm**  
**Woody Pines**  
**Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by Dunkeld.**

One of the hottest young bands on the US Roots Music Circuit. Tickets £12/£10 conc./£5 Kids. Tel box office 01350 727674 [www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

**Saturday April 3rd, 4th, 5th April**  
**Easter Slalom Races**  
**Grandtully**

Come along and see Britain's top Slalom paddlers in action, competing at weekends and training during the week. Olympic Medallist David Florence has featured on a commemorative olympic stamp, and will be racing. For further info - contact Christine Baillie Tel 01224 741401, email: [ken\\_chris@bailliekc.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:ken_chris@bailliekc.fsnet.co.uk)

**Saturday 3rd April 11.30 - 12.30**  
**Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt**  
**Blair Castle Grounds, Blair Atholl**  
 Find the Easter bunny's carrots hid-

den in the castle grounds and mark them on the treasure map. Once you have found all the carrots hop along to claim your chocolate Easter egg prize inside the castle shop. Prices: Free as part of Castle grounds entry No booking required, just turn up!  
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[www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**Saturday 3rd April 2.00 - 3.30pm**  
**EGG OLYMPICS**  
**Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl**

Some egg activities for families. Please bring a well-trained hard-boiled egg with you. Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl. Cost: £1 per child.

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**Saturday 3rd April 7-10pm**  
**The Whistleblowers**  
**Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.**

The Whistleblowers are a trio who play a mixture of Scottish and Irish music with a couple of contemporary tunes thrown in for good measure!! From ballads to foot tappers, The Whistleblowers go out of their way to make you feel a part of the night

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**Saturday 3rd April 7.30pm**  
**Red Hot Chilli Pipers**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**  
 Red Hot Chilli Pipers A huge welcome back to the Chilli Pipers - They Will Rock You! 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

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**Sunday 4th April 11am-4pm.  
Celt for a Day:  
The Scottish Crannog Centre,  
Kenmore.**

Iron Age Costume, Cooking & Crafts Dress in costume, cook like a Celt, and take home crafts that you make. Booking advised. Normal entry + £4 The Scottish Crannog Centre Kenmore, Loch Tay Perthshire PH15 2HY Tel. 01887 830583 [www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

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Attics Tour  
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**Sunday 4th April 11:30am  
Garden Tours  
Explorers Garden, Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Led by experienced guides who bring Explorers to life. £4 includes garden entry. Tel 01796 484626 [www.exploretsgarden.com](http://www.exploretsgarden.com)

**Sunday 4th April 1pm - 4pm  
Cadbury Easter Egg Trail Suitable  
for families with 5-12 year olds  
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre  
(NTS)**

Join in the family fun with us this year as you follow the trail, collect the clues, solve the puzzle and win a Cadbury Easter egg! Face painting, Easter crafts and games. A children's entertainer will be on hand for even more fun on selected days! £2 per trail Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre Tel 0844 4932194 [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

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**Wednesday 7th April 2pm- 3.30pm  
SPRING TREASURE HUNT  
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,  
Blair Atholl**

A family event searching for clues and treasure. Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl. Cost: £2 per child Tel 01796 481355 [pf@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk) [www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk](http://www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk)

**Wednesday 7th April  
D Day - An illustrated talk by  
Brigadier Christopher Dunphie  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre  
Pitlochry**

In 2009, we celebrated the 65th anniversary of D Day: 6th June, 1944, the day when 156,000 Allied forces parachuted, landed by glider or stormed ashore on the Normandy coast to begin the liberation of Western Europe – an action which ultimately led to the end of World War II one year later. In memory of those momentous events and the many brave men that took part, Pitlochry Festival Theatre is delighted to host this D-Day Evening, with proceeds going to The Army Benevolent Fund and the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA). Brigadier Christopher Dunphie - an acknowledged lecturer and author on the Normandy campaign -

will divide his talk into two parts, describing first the background, planning and achievements of D-Day, and then taking us 'down onto the ground' to hear stories of a few of the more significant actions, and dramatic first-hand accounts. This will be a fascinating evening, full of rare insight and stunning images. Tickets £7.50 Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: [boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Thursday 8th April 10am - 4pm  
Play in a day drama workshop  
ages P5+  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld.**

if you'd like to be an actor for a day, be part of the creative process of producing a play in a day and then starring in it. Wear black clothes and bring a packed lunch £10.00  
Tel box office 01350 727674  
[www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

**Thursday 8th April 11am-4pm.  
The Crannog Creperie: All Day  
Iron Age Breakfast  
The Scottish Crannog Centre,  
Kenmore, Loch Tay**

Breakfast with the Ancients! Cook and eat your own crepes and rolls from our Iron Age ovens. Normal entry + £3 Tel. 01887 830583  
[www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

**Thursday 8th April 10.30am-12  
noon**

**Supersenses – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds.  
The Hermitage Lower Car Park -  
Dunkeld**

Listen, look, feel and smell your way around the woods. Games and activities finding out how animals communicate. Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel 0844 4932192  
[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

**Thurs 8th April 7.30pm  
Scottish Youth Opera - Dido &  
Aeneas and Pagliacci  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

On their first visit to PFT, SYO present a powerful double bill of love and tragedy, pairing Purcell's Dido &

Aeneas with Leon Cavallo's Pagliacci. In Dido & Aeneas, the beautiful young Dido, the widowed queen of Carthage, falls deeply in love with the shipwrecked Trojan prince, Aeneas. However, the course of this true love will never run true!  
Pagliacci (Clowns) is Leon Cavallo's powerful story of love and jealousy. It tells the story of Canio the clown, who is head of a troupe of travelling entertainers.

This marvellous operatic double bill will be performed by a live 20 piece orchestra,, and a large cast (35 approximately) drawn entirely from the ranks of Scottish Youth Opera, £18.00 - £20.00 (£10 students /children) Box Office Tel - 01796 484626

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**Friday 9th April 7.30pm  
Katzenjammer  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre  
Pitlochry**

A huge welcome back to the popular piano comedy duo Katzenjammer, with a brand new show: I Love A Piano. From Mozart to Mrs Mills and from Liszt to Liberace, this is a celebration of the world's most popular musical instrument. In true Katzenjammer style, Steven Worbey and Kevin Farrell, two classically trained pianists, sit at one piano to blend spectacular classical favourites (as you've never heard them before!) with their uniquely infectious style of comedy. Tickets £16.50 Box Office Tel - 01796 484626

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**Saturday 10th Apr 2.00 - 3.00pm  
Ranger-led walk around Blair  
Castle gardens and grounds**

**Blair Castle Grounds, Blair Atholl**  
Blair Castle is at the heart of an amazing natural landscape featuring some of the UK's tallest trees and many rare and elusive species of wildlife. Discover more about this unique habitat on a guided walk with an Atholl Estates Ranger. Prices: Free as part of standard castle or grounds entry No booking required Tel 01796 481355  
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**Friday 10th April 7-10pm  
Andrew Gordon  
Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant,  
Atholl Road Pitlochry.**

Andrew has been singing solos since 1999. Since then Andrew has played in The US, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands and all over Scotland. A firm favourite in McKays check out [andrewgordon.co.uk](http://andrewgordon.co.uk) Tel: 01796473888 .  
Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)  
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**Saturday 10th April 8pm  
Fat Sam's Band  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld.**

This 9 piece swing band Led by Hamish McGregor and his white Clarinet, promises to be 'An evening of Jumpjive - Boogie - Swing - Jazz - Blues - R & B, from Glen Miller and Duke Ellington to Fats Domino and the 'Blues Brothers' that's FAT SAMS SWING BAND. Don't miss these foot tappin' finger snappin' gig. The band has toured world wide bringing its lively and entertaining style of 'Jazz' music to thousands. Tickets £12  
Tel box office 01350 727674

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**Sunday April 11th 1-4pm  
Open Day at Dunolly Adventure  
Outdoors  
Dunolly House Taybridge Drive  
Aberfeldy**

The Bouncy castles will be out for

the children to have fun on, the Climbing Wall and the Tree will be open to anyone who wants to have a go at getting to the top, face-painting, and our Oak Leaf Cafe which will be offering teas and coffees along with excellent home cooked fayre. We are adding stalls this year and would like to invite anyone who has arts 'n' crafts type things to sell to contact the office for more information. PH15 2BP Tel 01887 820298 Email

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**RED SQUIRREL WALK**

**Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl**

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**Sunday 11th April 7 for 7.30pm**

**Birnam & Dunkeld Film Society -  
Amelia**

**Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld.**

Guest tickets are £4.50 each. Films are shown at the BACC usually on the evening of the second and fourth Sunday of each month, starting at 7:30p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and there is a bar and light refreshments available before each screening. When a film is longer than 2 hours, there is an interval when the bar re-opens. contact the secretary Tom Barnard 01350 727740

**Thursday 15th April 11am-4pm.**

**Felt for a Celt: Iron Age Crafts &  
Storytelling**

**The Scottish Crannog Centre, Ken-  
more, Loch Tay**

Make felt to take home, listen to stories and create your own. Fun for all ages. Normal entry + £3 Tel. 01887 830583

[www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

**Thursday 15th April 7.30pm**

**D. Day Evening - An illustrated talk  
by Brigadier Christopher Dunphie  
River Room Pitlochry Festival  
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**Friday 16th & 17th April 9.30am –  
4.30pm**

**Craft Fair**

**Fishers Hotel, Atholl Road  
Pitlochry**

Free entry to all, with level access to wheelchairs and buggies. Crafts 4U Events – Crafting At Its Best Ellen Gallagher [www.crafts4uevents.co.uk](http://www.crafts4uevents.co.uk) Tel 0794 616 5797

[crafts4u@ntlworld.com](mailto:crafts4u@ntlworld.com)

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**Friday 16th April 7.30pm  
Keep Smiling Through**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre,  
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**Friday 16th April 8.00pm**

**The Fiddle Tree presents Bruce Molsky (USA).**

**Birnam Arts Centre, Birnam by Dunkeld.**

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**Kate Rusby & Band -  
Jam and Jerusalem!**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Kate Rusby has become one of the British folk scene's best loved artists. Her charming voice bewitches old ballads with new life, whilst her lilting tones lift her self-penned songs to new heights. Tickets: £18.50 Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email: [boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

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**Monday 19th April and 28th**

**April - 7.30 to 9pm**

**Yoga for Cyclists  
Town Hall in Aberfeldy.**

£5, just drop in. No experience of yoga required wear loose fitting clothes.

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**Scottish Wildlife Trust:**

**The Tryst, Pitlochry.**

Scottish Wildlife Photography. . Entry by donation.

**Tuesday 20th April 8pm**

**Quiz Night - Final**

**The Auld Smiddy Inn, Atholl Rd Pitlochry.**

Teams of 4 **£5 entry fee per team** (money to Guiding Group) hot food for all participants at half time. **SPACE AT A PREMIUM SO A MAXIMUM OF TEN TEAMS CAN COMPETE PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM ON 01796 472356**

Quizzes continue every 2nd Tuesday of the month until March, then Grand Final In April

**22nd April 7.30pm**

**North Perthshire Family History Group**

**The Tryst Lounge, Pitlochry**

Perthshire's Lost Heritage Speaker  
Colin Mayall

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**Saturday 24th April 10am - 2pm  
Felt making Workshop  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
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Local artist Monica Hand, who specialises in working with felt, will help you create a special personalised accessory out of felt. £25.00 Tel box office 01350 727674 [www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

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**Saturday 24th April  
The Original Windows Live Concert**

**Fishers Bar Pitlochry**  
Original classic rock band inspired by the sounds of The Beatles, Kinks, Stones and Zombies. Contact - Athole Fleming Telephone - 01738 639747 Email: [mail@theoriginalwindows.com](mailto:mail@theoriginalwindows.com) Web [www.theoriginalwindows.com](http://www.theoriginalwindows.com)

**Saturday 24th April 8pm  
The Rape of Lucrece  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld.**

The Rape of Lucrece Directed by Gareth Armstrong, Following a 5-Star winning run at the 2008 Edinburgh Fringe, sell-out performances at the Kings Head, Islington, the Rose, Kingston and the Rose, Bankside; Olivier award nominee and RSC actor Gerard Logan now presents his tour-de-force solo performance of Shakespeare's great narrative poem at Birnam – bringing emotional intensity to this account of the terrible crime of rape and its dreadful consequences.

Theatre at its purist: a single actor, an empty stage - and the torment of rapist and victim spring brilliantly to life. Tickets: £10 / £8 Tel box office 01350 727674 [www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

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