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Pitlochry Festival Theatre see web-
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www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

A selection of 6 plays including;

Kiss Me Kate - Romantic, touching and
hilariously funny, with a classic Cole
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score, **3rd/4th/9th/14th/19th/25
th/30th**

Noises Off - a hilarious classic com-
edy! **4th/7th/10th/11th/20th/26
h/31st.**

Rough Crossing - A wickedly funny
nautical comedy!
6th/11th/14th/23rd/28th.

Bus Stop - A bittersweet American Ro-
mance. **2nd/7th/12th/21st/27th.**

An Ideal Husband - Wilde's sharp,
elegant, stylish comedy-drama explores
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public spotlight is not to be missed!
5th/13th/21st/26th/28th.

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ous tale of lust and corruption.
18th/19th/24th/25th.

Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626

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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
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semble Ringing occasionally.) Come
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www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk

**Sundays & Wednesdays in August
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

**Mondays & Thursday August 2-3pm
Family Fun with the Ranger
around Blair Castle gardens and
grounds**

Explore the Castle grounds with the
ranger. We might be looking for beast-
ies and bugs, exploring the pond or in-
vestigating giant trees and playing
games. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. All
children must be accompanied by an
adult. Prices: Free as part of standard
castle or grounds entry
Booking: No booking required

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cows. A real favourite with children, this



Jim McIntyre
Artist and Framer.

West Lodge, Blair Atholl,
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Country Sports Experience

www.countrysportscotland.com

tour is a fun way to discover more of the estate. Numbers are limited to 30 people per tour and advance booking is recommended. Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Tel - 01796 481207 Email:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk Web www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Sundays August 11.00 - 12.00

Attics Tour

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

Discover the secrets of Blair Castle's attics. Hidden from view in the maze of attic rooms and corridors are many strange, wonderful and interesting artefacts. Uncover the strange and fascinating collection of objects in Baron Maule's room, look through some of our historic estate records and marvel at the eclectic collections of family paintings, walking sticks, weaponry and period costume. The tour culminates in a climb to the castle rooftops for breathtaking panoramic views of the castle grounds. Please note: This tour involves several flights of spiral stairs, the occasional tight space and heights and is only suitable for the fully able. Prices: £11 Booking: In advance on 01796 481207 or in person on the day (subject to availability). Numbers limited to 10 people per tour. Tel - 01796 481207 Email:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk Web www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Monday 16th August 1pm - 4pm



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

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Monday 16th August 8pm Hooray For Hollywood! Pitlochry Festival Theatre

John Scrimger's at the piano with his quartet, to celebrate the best of American film favourites, with singers Linda Ormiston and James Nicol

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Tuesday 17th August 10.30am – 12noon

Brilliant Birds– Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds. Meet: Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

Make your own bird feeder, bird cake and flying bird. Charge: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

Tues 17 August 2.00 - 3.30pm BUMBLEBEE WALK AND WORKSHOP

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Find out why bumbles are so important, and help out your local bees by making a nestbox. Meet at Atholl Estates Information

Centre, Blair Atholl Cost: £5 per box
Tel 01796 481355

pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Tuesday 17th August 8pm

Don Nicolson

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

A local singer-songwriter destined for great things, Don was a huge hit on the BBC's Upstaged series and more recently at Perthshire Amber, the Dougie Maclean Festival. His songs sail straight from his heart to yours! Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Wednesdays 18th August:

1.30pm

Hillside safari

Meet: 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Experience some of the varied plant and animal life on the lower slopes of this famous reserve where pioneering conservation work is restoring threatened plant communities to the hill. Duration: 2½ hours. Cost: adults £5, children £2. Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing. No need to book. For further info telephone 0844 4932 13.

Wednesday 18th August 2.00pm

The Battle of Killiecrankie –

Meet: Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

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. Charge: Adults £3; Children £2 Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

Wed 18th August 7.45pm

(doors open 7.15pm)

Scottish Night Out

Town Hall Pitlochry

This Years Scottish Night Out will run for 6weeks every Wednesday featuring Eddie Sandy Accordionist Sandy Lindsay, Clarinet Heather Sadler,

Pipe Major Sharon Kely and highland dancer Roisin Kelly. There will be a Raffle with all proceeds to Help The Heroes, Tickets Adults £8 cons £7 Child £4. available from Pitlochry Leisure Centre or at the door. Tel 01796 472600 www.eddierose.co.uk

Thursday 19th August (Varying times)

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Thursday 19 August 10.30am -

12.00 midday

FUNGI FROLICS

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Find out more about these weird and wondrous organisms. Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl. Cost: £1 per child Tel 01796 481355

pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

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Thursdays starts 7pm

Och Aye McKay every Thursday Mckays Bar & Reataurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry

- a great mix of Scottish entertainment. Drew Scott entertains while Lisa & Fiona on fiddle and accordion will teach you to Ceilidh dance! Hopefully one of tthe local pipe band will pop in too. A great night for all

and it's free entry. Test your knowledge with the famous Och Aye McKay Quiz and take home a fantastic (remember you're in Scotland) prize!! Join in from anytime between 7pm & 10pm for some Scottish fun. Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

Friday 20th August 8 - 11pm

Andrew Gordon

McKays Music Bar, Atholl Rd. Pitlochry

Andrew has been singing solos since 1999. Since then Andrew has played in The US, Canada, Germany and The Netherlands and also all over Scotland. A firm favourite in McKays. Check out andrewgordon.co.uk Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

Saturday 21st August 10am to 1pm

Logierait Country Market

Mill of Logierait, by Ballinluig off A9 towards Aberfeldy.

The layout of the stalls, car parking and toilet facilities is being improved, and the new Farm/Railway shed will provide a covered area with tables and chairs with teas and coffees available. Markets held the third Saturday of the Month. With local produce, crafts, food etc. contact Peter or Fiona on 01796 482222 or email

highlandlightrailway@btconnect.com

Saturday 21 August 1.30pm - 5pm

RANNOCH HIGHLAND GATHERING

Kinloch Rannoch Village Park

100yards; half mile race; hop step and jump; hill race; long jump; children's races; solo piping; 9yrs-18yrs solo piping; sack race; confined tug-o-war ; highland dancing; and confined and open heavyweight competitions. Adults- £3.00; Children and Senior Citizens- £2.00; Car parking-£1.00 Telephone: 01882 632257 e-mail: jimdreghorn@hotmail.com

**Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd August
Official Etape Caledonia Training Rides**

Skinny Tyres - start Escape Route Pitlochry

Easy - Steady riding at an average of 12-15mph. Max distance 40mils, but will include some climbing. Aimed at riders who would complete the Etape five and a half hours plus. £49 per day pre book online at www.SkinnyTyres.com

**Saturday 21st August 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 21st August 8pm
The Joni Mitchell Project with Sally Barker and Glenn Hughes
Birnam Arts, Birnam by Dunkeld.
Tickets From Birnam CD - the fiddle tree.**

Saturday 21st August 8pm - 11pm

**Whistleblowers
McKays Music Bar, Atholl Rd.
Pitlochry**

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**Sunday 22nd August August 8pm
Ceilidh in the Foyer**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Dance to the East Neuk ceilidh band Scotch in a Box. £6.50 or £9.50 with Supper. Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

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**Tuesdays 24th August:
10.30am**

Close Encounters: a walk for children all ages!

Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Enjoy a close look at some of the less obvious animals and some of the plants that live on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers. Duration: 2 hours Cost: 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.

**Tues 24 August 7.30 - 9.30pm
DUSK WATCH
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,
Blair Atholl**

We go searching for creatures of the night. Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl Adults £2, Children £1 Telephone 01796 481355
pf@atholl-estates.co.uk
www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**Wed 25th August 7.45pm
Scottish Night Out
Town Hall Pitlochry**

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www.eddierose.co.uk

**26 Aug 2010 to 29 Aug 2010
Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**

Blair Castle International Horse Trials is a four-day extravaganza of all things equine, including top class international three-day eventing, show jumping, Highland Pony and Hunter showing, the National Pony Society Scotland Finals and Pony Club Games.

The event also incorporates a thriving Country Fair over the weekend, with displays such as falconry, dog agility, gun dog training, vaulting and more. Rounded off with almost 200 trade stands for shopping and browsing, plus plenty for kids to see and do, the event has something for all the family. Plenty of corporate opportunities are available, ranging from advertising and class sponsorship, associate sponsorship and hospitality through to title sponsorship of the event.

To find out more about Scotland's leading equestrian event, Blair Horse Trials Office Tel - 01796 481543 Email: info@blairhorsetrials.co.uk Web www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk

**Thursdays starts 7pm
Och Aye McKay every Thursday
Mckays Bar & Reataurant, Atholl
Road Pitlochry**

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www.mckayshotel.co.uk

**Thursday 26th August 8pm
Blazin Fiddles**

Birnam Institute, Birnam Dunkeld
Take a group of the hottest contemporary fiddle players from the Highlands and Islands of Scotland and you've got the award winning Blazin' Fiddles on your hands. In the past decade, no other band has quite captured the ex-

citement, passion and the sensitivity of Scottish music as Blazin' Fiddles. Having grown from a showcase tour of individual fiddlers highlighting the distinctive flavours of Highlands and Islands fiddle music, the Blazers have now been together for nine years, and have a world-wide following. Like rare single malts, each member of Blazin' Fiddles draws on the distinct flavour of music from their own part of the Highlands and Islands, coming together in an awesome, fiery ensemble.

Fiddlers Catriona Macdonald, Bruce Macgregor, Allan Henderson, Iain Macfarlane and Aidan O'Rourke are joined by Marc Clement on guitar and Andy Thorburn on keyboard.

Tickets: £12 / £10 Tel 01350 727674
www.birnamarts.com

**Friday 27th August 8pm - 11pm
Pictism
McKays Music Bar, Atholl Rd,
Pitlochry**

Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk
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**Saturday, 28 August 2010, 11
noon - 5pm**

**BIRNAM HIGHLAND GAMES
Recreation Park, Little Dunkeld**
Adults: £6.00. Children: £4.00 Family ticket £16 (to be confirmed)
Traditional Highland Games with running events, cycling and heavy events. Don't miss the Scottish 800m footrace championship and the World Haggis Eating Championship.
Web www.birnamhighlandgames.com
Contact name: David Crawshaw

Telephone: 01350 720041 e-mail:
crawshaw990@btinternet.com

Saturday 28th August 12 noon - 5.00pm

Birnam Highland Games –

Join the Countryside Rangers for some children's activities at the National Trust for Scotland stall. Charge: Free after entry to games Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

28 August From 9.30am

Strathardle Show, Highland Gathering & Games

Bannerfield Kirkmichael

Visitors are always welcome at this traditional Highland Games with heavyweights, dancing, piping and tug o war. Also includes an Agricultural Show with some of Perthshire's best cattle and sheep on display. Admission - Adults £5 & Children £2 Contact - G E Hemmings Tel 01250 881227 Email: info@strathardle.org Web www.strathardle.org

Sunday 29th August 8:00pm

Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Aly & Phil have played Pitlochry for over 15 years now and are always a sell out. Truly a modern phenomenon, this will be an evening of fiddle, accordion and the best stories ever . . . book early! Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 28th August 8pm - 11pm

MacPolvo

McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Rd Pitlochry

Normally going out as a duo MacPolvo have delighted audiences from Skye to

Salamanca with their repertoire of traditional song from Scotland, with Irish songs and even the odd English number thrown into the mix. Check out www.macpolvo.com Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

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