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Kiss Me Kate - Romantic, touching and
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Bus Stop - A bittersweet American Ro-
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ous tale of lust and corruption.
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Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**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
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Harmony" in Dunkeld Cathedral on
Wednesday afternoons throughout the
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Solo ringing throughout the summer by
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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

**Saturday 31st July until Sunday 8th
August 10am - 6pm**

Fortingall Art Exhibition

**Monteno Hall, Fortingall. 8 miles
West of Aberfeldy, off B846 Perth &
Kinross PH15 2LL**

A selection of paintings, photography,
engraving, pottery, sculpture & jewel-
lery will be on display by local artists.
Admission is FREE! For further details
phone Gill Evans 01887 830874.

**Sunday 1st August (Varying times)
Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer
Tour**

**Departs from Blair Castle Caravan
Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair
Atholl**



Jim McIntyre
Artist and Framer.

West Lodge, Blair Atholl,
PH18 5TN

Tel: 01796 483276 E/mail
jim.mcintyre7@virgin.net
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I can paint a subject of your choice,
at a cost to suit your budget.
It can be framed or unframed.

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www.countrysportscotland.com

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Email: rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk
Web www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Sundays August 11.00 - 12.00

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Sunday 1st August 12.30pm - 3pm

Blair Atholl - Summer Market Old School Park, Blair Atholl

The Blair Atholl Village Market has become a firm favourite with a wide variety of stallholders and customers alike. The market will take place be-

tween 12.30 pm - 3 pm, on the grass outside the Country Life Museum. The main reason for holding these markets is to promote local businesses. If you, or someone you know, would like to have a stall at the market, please contact me. This year will be one of the largest Village Markets, with at least 20 stalls, selling a fantastic variety of local produce and craft items.

Sunday 1st August Pitlochry in Bloom - Secret Gardens Day

Various places around Pitlochry.

Our annual Secret Garden Day when local residents and businesses open their gardens, lawns and greenhouses for the day. A great variety of small, large, new, traditional and commercial gardens on show.

www.pitlochryinbloom.co.uk

Sunday 1st August 11am -4pm Celtic Summer Harvest Festival The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore, Loch Tay

Try ancient ploughing, sow seeds, and make corn dollies, herb garlands, wreaths and baskets.

Cost to be confirmed Tel. 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk

Sunday 1st August 8pm Wolfstone

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

The best loved Celtic Rock giants are twenty one years old this year and to celebrate, they return to the Pitlochry stage for another sell-out night. Expect a perfect blend of traditional favourites and some popular new tunes. Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Monday 2nd August 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 Activities, Dunkeld

www.countrysportscotland.com

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

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Recreation Ground, Pitlochry (Town

Hall, wet weather venue)

An evening of traditional Scottish entertainment with the Vale of Atholl Junior Pipe Band, highland and Scottish country dancing displays, songs and accordion music. Watch the spectacle from your car (parking free) or sit on the terraced banking. Admission: Adults £5, children £1. Gates open 7pm, Starts 7.45pm, finishes approx. 9.15pm
www.highlandnight.co.uk

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Tuesday 3rd August 10.30am – 12 noon

Slime Time – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds. Meet: The Hermitage Lower Car Park

Hunt in the woods for the smallest creatures and see how they live. Charge: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel: 0844 4932192
www.nts.org.uk

Tuesday 3rd August 7 - 8.30pm SWIFT SURVIVAL WORKSHOP Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Make your own swift nest box and learn more about these marvels of the sky. Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl Cost: £5 per box Tel 01796 481355
pf@atholl-estates.co.uk
www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.co.uk

Wednesday 4th 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

Wednesdays 4th & 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.

Wed 4th August 6.30pm - 9.15pm

Street Parade & Mini Tattoo Recreation Ground Pitlochry
Central Band of the British Legion, Vale of Atholl Grade One & Juvenile Pipe Bands, Blairgowrie & Rattray Pipe Band and the Pitlochry & Blair Atholl Pipe Band will Parade through town to recreation ground, Raffle, Catering Beer Tent and entertainment. Eddie Rose will compere
Massed Band Finale at 9pm £2 Parking at the Rec Ground. Tickets at the gate: Entry £6 Adults & £3 childre (5-15yrs)

Wednesday 4th August 7.30pm TOURISM ASSOCIATION GALA NIGHTS

Memorial Park, Blair Atholl
A spectacular parachute display has been organised for the second Gala Night on 4 August. Four parachutists will drop into the park where they will each pick up a stick. The sticks will be on sale prior to the event at the Tilt Store, the Post Office, the Watermill and the Atholl Stores for £1 each. The owners of the winning sticks will receive a cash prize. Blair Atholl Area Tourism Association will once again be using the to hold its very popular Annual Gala and Family Fun Nights. With a march-on by our own award winning Pitlochry & Blair Pipe Band. Rides, Displays & Entertainment:- Model Steam Train Rides; Tractor Hay Rides; Carriage Rides; Horse Gymnastics; Silly McBee the Clown; Face Painting; Highland Dancing; Pipe Band; Farm Animals; and vintage vehicles. Bouncy Castle (Fee -Public Liability Insurance Costs)
Competitions:- Football Competition; Target Golf; Ranger Service Fun Competition; Pet Competition; Ferret Forecast Competition; Name The Tartans and a Raffle Demonstrations of:- Sheep Shearing; Horse Gymnastics; Horse Logging; Spinning; Roman and Jacobean Soldiers (not to be missed!), together with a CAR BOOT SALE, Tea, Cake, Ice Cream and Candy Stalls.
Adults £4, children £1 under 5s free. For Bookings in respect of Car Boot Sale and Stalls - Contact Lin on 01796 481 269. Association Secretary :- Avril - 01796 483 339

Thursday 5th August - DIARY DATE FOR CHILDREN Aberfeldy Watermill, Mill St, Aberfeldy PH15 2BG

Corinne Davies will be reading from her book 'Ralph is (not) a Super-hero' (£4.99) on Thursday 5th August, 11am. Ages 6-8. Please call and let us know you are coming along - 01887 822896
www.aberfeldywatermill.com

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Thursday 5th August 10am - 4pm Go Wild! at Highland Safaris Highland Safaris, Dull Aberfeldy

Plus 6th Perthshire Gold Panning Championships. Meet the Black Watch - Royal Regiment of Scotland, and watch the Golden Lions Scottish Parachute Display Team. Golden Lions Parachute Freefall Team at 3.15pm Interactive Falconry Display 1.30pm Highland Warrior Display 11.30am & 2.30pm and join in! BBQ. - RSPB competitions and games - Bouncy Castle - Special effects make up sessions, and gold panning. Tel 01887 820071 www.highlandsafaris.net

Thursday 5th August 10.30am - 12.00 midday MINIBEAST MAGIC

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl
 We look for bugs and beasties in their mini world. Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl Cost: £1 per child Tel 01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Thursday 5th August - Saturday 7th August 8am - 6pm Scottish National Sheepdog Trials 2010

Milton of Tulliemet, Ballinluig
 "see the Scottish National team chosen from 150 dogs" All welcome! contact Jane Anderson e.mail janeanderson180@btinternet.com

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 the 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

Thursday 5th August 08:00pm The Wilders Birnam Institute, Birnam By Dunkeld

"Hard-rocking bluegrass that'll have you stumbling home by the time they're through with you." Classic honky-tonk, old time country, bluegrass...The Wilders wow their audiences wherever they appear, delivering a blistering hoedown of fiddle/banjo/dobro/mandolin and slap bass, featuring multi-award winning fiddler Betse Ellis, string virtuoso Phil Wade, the dazzling bassist Nate Gawron, and led by the eponymous Ike Sheldon on lead vocals and guitar. Tickets: £12 / £10 Tel 01350 727674 www.birnamarts.com

Friday 6th August 8-11pm Bowfain McKays Bar & Reataurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry

Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

Saturday 7th August The Original Windows Live Concert

Fishers Bar Pitlochry
 Original classic rock band inspired by the sounds of The Beatles, Kinks, Stones and Zombies. Tel: Athole Fleming Telephone - 01738 639747 Email: mail@theoriginalwindows.com Web www.theoriginalwindows.com

Saturday 7th 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 7th 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

Sunday 8th to Friday 13th August The Highland Open Golf Championship Pitlochry Golf Club, Pitlochry
<http://www.thehighlandopen.com/craic.html>

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Sunday 8th August 2 – 5pm

Iron Age Olympics

The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore, Loch Tay

Pit your strength, speed and agility against your friends and family. Prizes for all age groups. Booking essential. Tickets £6 Tel. 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk

Sunday 8th August 8pm

One Night Of Queen

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

With sell out concerts in 2007 and 2009, don't miss Gary Mullen & The Works as they take to the stage once again with fantastic lighting and effects, guaranteed to Rock You! Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

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Alan Moore's Famous Highland Quiz Night!

Pitlochry Golf Club

Fantastic prizes £5 entry for teams of 4 - Everyone welcome! <http://www.thehighlandopen.com/craic.html>

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**Tuesdays 10th & 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.

Tuesday 10th August 2pm-3.30pm

Atholl Estates Ranger Service - Woodland Treasure Hunt Glen Tilt Car Park Blair Atholl

A family event searching for clues & treasure. Admission - £2 per child Contact - Atholl Estates Ranger Service Telephone - 01796 481355 Email: pf@atholl-estates.co.uk Web www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Tuesday 10th August 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Family Dusk Walk –

Meet: The Hermitage Lower Car Park Dunkeld

Find out about the elusive wildlife that frequents the half-light between day and night. Charge: Adults £3; children £2 Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th August

Skills Days

Blair Atholl Village Hall, Blair Atholl

In an effort to make it easier for visitors to see all the skills demonstrations, we have centralised the demonstrations within Blair Atholl Village Hall and various locations within the village. Some of the skills available this

year include: painting and picture framing; bespoke handbags and textile art; book binding; chair re-caning; sugar craft; clock repairs; jewellery making; milling; '00' train layout; and many more. Skills Trail Convener - Peter Barr, Tel No. 01796 474130

Wednesday 11th August:

An introduction to navigation.

Meet: 10.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Get to grips with the basics of how to use a map and compass in the hills. Requires a reasonable level of fitness. Duration: 6 hours Cost: adults £12.50, children £7. Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, food and map (OS Landranger 51 or Explorer 378) and compass. Booking essential, please telephone 0844 4932 136

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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

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WOODLAND 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 www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Starts Wednesday 11th August 7 – 9pm, Second Wednesday of every month

A new storytelling group for Highland Perthshire, Old Mill Inn, Pitlochry (behind the Royal Bank of Scotland)

Join us and share a story, a song or just come and listen to the spinning

of some fine yarns! All welcome, no experience necessary For more information contact: Claire Hewitt – 01887 820339 Lindsey Gibb – 01350 727087 or find us on Facebook search for The Silver Branch

Wednesday 11th August 7.30pm. HIGHLAND FUN NIGHT

Blair Atholl, Memorial Park

In aid of the Atholl Country Life Museum a Highland Fun Night with stalls and entertainment for all the family will be held in the The Memorial Park, Blair Atholl, commencing at 7.30pm. For further information contact John Cameron on (01796) 481 232

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Really Wild Art – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds.

Meet: The Hermitage Lower Car Park Dunkeld

Create your own wild art in the woods. Charge: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

Thurs 12 August 10.30am - 12.00 midday
SQUIRRELTASTIC

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

Find out more about our treetop friends. Meet at Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl.

Cost: £1 per child Tel 01796 481355

pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Thursday 12th August 12.30pm
Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dance Troupe

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

The Rob Roy Pipe band and Highland dance troupe hail from Kingston Ontario, Canada and are visiting Scotland for the 2010 World Pipe Band Championships. As part of their visit they have kindly offered to perform outside historic Blair Castle. Come along and enjoy a magnificent display of Scottish tradition. Prices: Free as part of castle entry www.blair-castle.co.uk

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Friday 13th August From 9.30am
Atholl & Breadalbane Show
Victoria Park Aberfeldy

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Friday 13th August 8 - 11pm

John Davidson

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Saturday 14th August 8:00pm

Opera on a Shoestring
Birnam Institute, Birnam Dunkeld

With a well-deserved reputation of doing exactly what it says on the tin, Opera on a Shoestring present an array of arias and ensembles, both well-known and well worth getting to know – music by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and many more operatic delicacies.

The company was founded over fifteen years ago to promote opera on a small scale throughout Scotland, and to provide a platform for young singers and other opera professionals, born or trained here. As tonight's concert demonstrates, Opera on a Shoestring are continuing to put their founding ideals into practice with a programme featuring Scottish and Scottish-based musicians, some at the start of their careers, who are at home with this most international of art forms. Tickets: £10 / £8 Tel 01350 727674 www.birnamarts.com

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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

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Sunday 15th August (Varying times)

Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour

Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl

Explore the grounds of Blair Castle and the surrounding landscape on a 90 minute vintage tractor and trailer ride. Travelling at a leisurely pace, you'll visit parts of the castle grounds many visitors never get to see as you travel through farmland, woodland and along the maze of estate tracks. The tour offers many opportunities to see the animals that live on the estate including red deer, Highland ponies and Highland cows. A real favourite with children, this 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

Sunday 15 August 2010

Tay Bike Ride

Venue Kenmore to North Inch, Perth

Tay Bike Ride -The Ride to PerthA cycling day trip following the course of the River Tay from Kenmore to Perth. This is the opportunity for cyclists to play a part in the Perth 800 celebrations and to join others in an easy paced summer ride through beautiful Perthshire.

The ride will take minor roads from

Kenmore to Dunkeld for lunch.

After lunch the ride will continue down to the North Inch in Perth, where there will be cycling-related events and a buffet reception kindly provided by Perth & Kinross Council at Bell's Sports Centre. There will be plenty of stops along the way, to take in the views and to drink and get the breath back!

To minimise the amount of motor transport involved, cyclists and their bikes will be taken by coach from the South Inch car park in Perth to the start of the ride in Kenmore. The ride will be led and marshalled by experienced members of ByCycle, the Perth and Kinross Cycling campaign. There will be an entry fee £15 which will include lunch and transport to the start.

Organiser ByCycle, the Perth and Kinross Cycle Campaign

Opening times 8.15am South Inch car park, Perth for transport to Kenmore.

Admission £15 (entry fee which will include lunch and transport to the start) www.bycycle.org.uk
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