



## August 2010 What's On in Highland Perthshire

[www.explore-highland-perthshire.com](http://www.explore-highland-perthshire.com)

See all other months What's On  
click [www.hpwhatson.net](http://www.hpwhatson.net)

August 2010  
Explore Scotland Ltd  
01796 473335

[www.explorescotland.net](http://www.explorescotland.net)  
[www.hpwhatson.net](http://www.hpwhatson.net)  
[www.cyclehighlandperthshire.com](http://www.cyclehighlandperthshire.com)  
[www.highlandperthshire.com](http://www.highlandperthshire.com)

Why Not pay a small amount and  
have an enhanced entry like the one  
below!  
Email [james@explorescotland.net](mailto:james@explorescotland.net)

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre** see web-  
site for details.

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

A selection of 6 plays including;

**Kiss Me Kate** - Romantic, touching and  
hilariously funny, with a classic Cole  
Porter  
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  
the dangers inherent in a life lived in the  
public spotlight is not to be missed!  
**5th/13th/21st/26th/28th.**

**Nana by Olwen Wymark** - a scandal-  
ous tale of lust and corruption.  
**18th/19th/24th/25th.**

Tel: Box Office: 01796 484 626

[www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://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  
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 En-  
semble Ringing occasionally.) Come  
and listen for a while. No charge – free-

will donation. Contact Tourist Informa-  
tion Office, Tel: 01350 727688

[www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk](http://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](http://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](mailto:jim.mcintyre7@virgin.net)  
[www.scotlandspaintings.com](http://www.scotlandspaintings.com)

I can paint a subject of your choice,  
at a cost to suit your budget.  
It can be framed or unframed.

I also offer a complete framing service.  
Contact me for a no obligation estimate.



**Country Sports Experience**

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

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](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://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](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web

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

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

### **Monday 2nd 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](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

### **Monday 2nd August 7pm Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band Highland Night**

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](http://www.highlandnight.co.uk)

### **Tuesday 3rd August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**  
**Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl**  
See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207  
Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

### **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](http://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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
[www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk](http://www.athollestaterangerservice.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 Sol-

dier'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](http://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 Superhero' (£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](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

**Thursday 5th August (Varying times) Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**  
**Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl**  
See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207  
Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**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](http://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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)

[www.athollstatesrangerservice.co.uk](http://www.athollstatesrangerservice.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](mailto:janeanderson180@btinternet.com)

**Thursdays starts 7pm**

**Och Aye McKay every Thursday McKays Bar & Restaurant, 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](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)

[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://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](http://www.birnamarts.com)

**Friday 6th August 8-11pm**

**Bowfain**

**McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry**

Tel: 01796473888 . Email:

[info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)

[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://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](mailto:mail@theoriginalwindows.com) Web

[www.theoriginalwindows.com](http://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](http://andrewgordon.co.uk) Tel:

01796473888 . Email:

[info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)

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

**Sunday 8th August 9.30am - 4pm**

**Dunolly Adventure Outdoors - Open Day**

**Dunolly House, Taybridge Drive, Aberfeldy**

9.30am Whitewater Rafting at discounted price of £20 per person (advance reservation advised but not necessary) 12-4pm BBQ serving homemade Dunolly Burgers 1-4pm FREE ACTIVITIES Climbing Wall, Bike Mini Obstacle Course, Climbing Tree, Bouncy Castles 1-4pm ARTS 'N' CRAFTS Lots to see and buy and also new courses and classes to try Contact Tel 01887 820298 Email [info@dunollyadventures.co.uk](mailto:info@dunollyadventures.co.uk) [www.dunollyadventures.co.uk](http://www.dunollyadventures.co.uk)

**Sunday 8th to Friday 13th August**

**The Highland Open Golf Championship**

**Pitlochry Golf Club, Pitlochry**

<http://www.thehighlandopen.com/craic.html>

**Sunday 8th August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3

Tel- 01796 481207 Email:

[rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)

Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**Sunday 8th August 11am - 12.00noon**

**Attics Tour**

**Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**

See page 2 for full details. 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](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)

Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**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](http://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](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Monday 9th 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](http://www.countrysportscotland.com) Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

**Monday 9th August (Varying times)  
Atholl Estates - Tractor and**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**Monday 9th August  
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>

**Monday 9th August  
Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band  
Highland Night**

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](http://www.highlandnight.co.uk)

**Tuesday 10th August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour  
Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl**

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**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 water-proofs. Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. For further information telephone 0844 4932 136.

**Tuesday 10th August  
Storytelling (suitable for ages 5 and up)**

**Aberfeldy Watermill, Mill St, Aberfeldy**  
Clair Hewitt will be storytelling with 'The Magic Kettle and Other Tales of Wonder@' Free Event Please call and let us know you are coming along - 01887 822896 [www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

**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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk](http://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](http://www.nts.org.uk)

**Wed 11th and Thurs 12th August  
Skills Days  
Blair Atholl Village Hall**

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

### Wednesday 11th 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](http://www.nts.org.uk)

### Wednesday 11th August 2.00 - 3.30pm

**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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)

[www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk](http://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

### Thursday 12th August (Varying times)

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207

Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)

Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

### Thursday 12th August 10.30am – 12 noon

**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](http://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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)

[www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk](http://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](http://www.blair-castle.co.uk)

### Thursdays starts 7pm

**Och Aye McKay every Thursday  
McKays Bar & Restaurant, 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](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk) [www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

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

An annual event featuring horse and pony classes, cattle, sheep and Clydesdale horses, heavy weight events, highland dancing, piping and much more. Admission - Friday: Adults £2, Concessions £1; Saturday: Adults £7, Seniors £3, and Juniors £2 Contact - Telephone - 01887 820666 Email: [info@aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk](mailto:info@aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk) Web [www.aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk](http://www.aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk)

### Friday 13th August 8 - 11pm John Davidson

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

Tel: 01796473888 . Email:

[info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)

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

### 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](http://www.birnamarts.com)

**Saturday 14th August From 9.30am**

**Atholl & Breadalbane Show  
Victoria Park Aberfeldy**

An annual event featuring horse and pony classes, cattle, sheep and Clydesdale horses, heavy weight events, highland dancing, piping and much more. Admission - Friday: Adults £2, Concessions £1; Saturday: Adults £7, Seniors £3, and Juniors £2 Contact - Telephone - 01887 820666

Email: [info@aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk](mailto:info@aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk) Web

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

**Sat 14th 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](http://www.macpolvo.com)

Tel: 01796473888 . Email:

[info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)

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

**Saturday 14th August 8pm**

**Vale of Atholl F.C - Dance  
Pitlochry Town Hall**

Dance to "Stax of Mowtown". Tickets are £12.50 and can be obtained at Pitlochry Leisure Centre or For the Present in Atholl Rd or from Football

club members. This is a B.Y.O.B event.

**Sunday 15th August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Tel 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://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](http://www.bycycle.org.uk)  
e [bycycle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bycycle@hotmail.co.uk)

**Monday 16th 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](http://www.countrysportscotland.com)

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

**Monday 16th August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3

Tel 01796 481207

Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)

~

Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**Monday 16th August**

**Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band**

**Highland Night**

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](http://www.highlandnight.co.uk)

**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

**Tuesday 17th August (Varying times)****Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour****Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl**

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207

Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**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](http://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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)

[www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.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](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web

[www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.eddierose.co.uk)

**Thursday 19th August (Varying times)****Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour****Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl**

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Tel- 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)

[www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.co.uk)

**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

[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://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](http://andrewgordon.co.uk) Tel: 01796473888 . Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk) [www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

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

**Skinny Tyres - start Escape Route Pitlochry 11am**

Easy - Steady riding at an average of 12-15mph. Max distance 40mls, 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](http://www.SkinnyTyres.com)

**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](mailto: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-of-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](mailto:jimdreghorn@hotmail.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**

Tel: 01796473888 . Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk) [www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**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 40mls, 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](http://www.SkinnyTyres.com)

**Sunday 22nd August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**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](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Monday 23rd 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](http://www.countrysportscotland.com) Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

**Monday 23rd August (Varying times)**

**Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour**

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

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Tel 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk) Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

**Monday 23rd August Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band Highland Night**

Recreation Ground, Pitlochry (Town Hall, wet weather venue) An evening of traditional Scottish en-

tertainment 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](http://www.highlandnight.co.uk)

### **Tuesday 24th August (Varying times)**

#### **Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park Blair Atholl**

See 2nd August for details Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207  
 Email: [rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
 Web [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk)

#### **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](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
[www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estatesrangerservice.co.uk)

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

This Years Scottish Night Out will run for 6 weeks every Wednesday featuring Eddie Sandy Lindsay Champion Buttonkey Accordionist, Pipe Major

Sharon Kelly And her daughter Roisen Highland Dancer, There will be a Raffle with all proceeds to Help The Heroes, More Information at a later date. Contact 01796472600  
[www.eddierose.co.uk](http://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](mailto:info@blairhorsetrials.co.uk)  
 Web [www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk](http://www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk)

#### **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](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)

[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://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 excitement, 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](http://www.birnamarts.com)

#### **Friday 27th August 8pm - 11pm Pictism**

#### **McKays Music Bar, Atholl Rd, Pitlochry**

Tel: 01796473888 . Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)  
[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

#### **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th August**

#### **Official Etape Caledonia Training Rides**

#### **Skinny Tyres - start Escape Route Pitlochry**

Moderate - Steady riding at an average speed of 15 to 18mph. Max distance 65mils & will include one or more major climbs. Aimed at riders who would complete the Etape 4 and a half to 5hrs £49 per day pre book online at [www.SkinnyTyres.com](http://www.SkinnyTyres.com)

#### **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](http://www.birnamhighlandgames.com)  
 Contact name: David Crawshaw  
 Telephone: 01350 720041 e-mail:  
[crawshaw990@btinternet.com](mailto:crawshaw990@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 28th August 12 5pm**  
**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](http://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](mailto:info@strathardle.org)  
 Web [www.strathardle.org](http://www.strathardle.org)

**Sat 28th & Sunday 29th August**  
**Official Etape Caledonia Training Rides**  
**Skinny Tyres - start Escape Route Pitlochry 11am**  
 Moderate - Steady riding at an average speed of 15 to 18mph. Max distance 65mils & will include one or more major climbs. Aimed at riders who would complete the Etape 4 and a half to 5hrs £49 per day pre book online at [www.SkinnyTyres.com](http://www.SkinnyTyres.com)

**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](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://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](http://www.macpolvo.com) Tel: 01796473888 . Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk) [www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**Monday 30th 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](http://www.countrysportscotland.com)  
 Funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

**Monday 30th August**  
**Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band**  
**Highland Night**  
 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](http://www.highlandnight.co.uk)

**Tuesday 31st August - Friday 3rd September**  
**The Prestonpans Tapestry**  
**Blair Castle Blair Atholl**  
 Volunteers from across France, Scotland, Australia and the United States are currently preparing the 103 embroidered panels which will then be assembled together to create the finished tapestry. Sylvia Robertson, Assistant to the Archivist at Blair Castle, is responsible for coordinating the team of volunteers from the Rannoch and Highland branch of Clan Donnachaidh who are preparing the Blair Castle panel. The crewel work panel on linen depicts Bonnie Prince Charlie's visit to Blair Castle in 1745 and shows Duke William and Lady Lude introducing the prince to the game of bowls. The opportunity to view the Prestonpans tapestry at Blair Castle is free as part of standard Castle admission. A guide book about the tapestry will be on sale and the charitable organisation behind the Prestonpans tapestry will be collecting donations. For further information about Blair Castle opening times and admission prices, please visit [www.blair-castle.co.uk](http://www.blair-castle.co.uk) . For further information about the Prestonpans tapestry please visit [www.prestonpanstapestry.org](http://www.prestonpanstapestry.org)

**If you have an Event you would like to advertise Free of Charge**  
e.mail [eileen@explorescotland.net](mailto: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.**

**NB. If you would like to discuss a small advertisement on these pages please e.mail**  
[james@explorescotland.net](mailto:james@explorescotland.net) or phone 01796 473335

---