



## What's On in January 2010 in Highland Perthshire

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**Blair Castle  
Blair Atholl  
WINTER 2009/2010 OPENING  
TIMES**

31 October to 31 March 2010 Open every Tuesday and Saturday, 9.30am to 2.30pm (last admission to Castle Tour 1.30pm) Prices: Adults £6.75, Seniors £5.85, Children £3.95, Family Ticket £15. FREE admission to gardens, grounds, restaurant and shop.

**Every Wednesday Night Sept 09 to 24th march 2010**

**Night Time Mountain Bike Riding North Car Park in Dunkeld.**

Meet at the North car park in Dunkeld Leaver 7pm Prompt for a variety of routes technical and non-technical. Good lights essential, full suspension isnot. Please ensure you are necessarily equipped for winter weather & trailside repairs. Contact Scot Tares 07763 013862

**Saturday 7th November - Jan 2010  
Art Exhibition - From the Forest Floor to the Atelier  
Watermill Gallery Mill Street, Aberfeldy PH15 2BG**

Printmaker Sheila MacFarlane dispalys prints, paintings and drawings influ-enced by time spent in and around the infamous Birks of Aberfeldy and Glen

Lyon. At Watermill Gallery Mill Street, Aberfeldy PH15 2BG Tel: 01887 822896  
[www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

**CANCELLED**

**1st January 2010 1pm-4pm  
Pitlochry New Year's Day Afternoon Street Party  
Atholl Road (outside Fishers Bar)  
Pitlochry  
CANCELLED**

**Friday 1st January 7 - 10pm  
Live Music at McKays - Graeme E. Pearson**

**McKays, Atholl Rd Pitlochry**  
An evening of Scottish entertain-ment. Live Music every Friday & Satur-day. Free Admission  
Tel 10796 [www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**Friday 2nd January  
Pete Clark & Friends  
Killiecrankie Hotel, Killiecrankie.**  
enjoy a meal, while listening to the ac-claimed fiddler Pete Clark.

**Sunday Jan 3rd 8pm  
Ceilidh  
BI Arts Centre, Birnam,**  
Dance - Birnam New Year Ceilidh with the Bella McNab Band Tickets - £8 (under18 - £3 /2 for £5) online at [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk) see also [www.thefiddletree.com](http://www.thefiddletree.com)

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**Thursday 7th & Friday 8th January**

**Heartland Film Society - Far North cert 15**

**The Locus Centre The Square Aberfeldy.**

A strikingly beautiful film set in the Arctic. A lost soldier encounters two women who become rivals for his love, with tragic consequences. £30 for 10 films as a member, or £5 per film

[www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk)

**CANCELLED—due to burst pipes Friday 8 January 2010 8.00pm to 12.30am.**

**ATHOLL COUNTRY LIFE MUSEUM AULD NEW YEAR CELEBRATION in the Blair Atholl Village Hall**

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**Saturday 9th January 10am to 12.30pm**

**Land Rover Tour**

**Atholl Estates Blair Atholl.**

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on other dates by prior arrangement (subject to availability). Tel: 01796 481 355

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

**Thursday 14th January 7-7.30pm Scottish Country Dance Class Moulin Hall Pitlochry.**

Great exercise, music & fun. No partner required. Class commences at 7.30pm and if you have not danced before or need a refresher then come along at 7pm. Admission £2.50 nightly contact June Templeman 01796 473488

**Friday 15th January 2010 9.30a.m**

**The Traditional Opening of the Salmon Season on the Tay Kenmore Hotel, the Square Kenmore**

For over 60 yrs the grand opening of the River Tay salmon fishing season has been celebrated at Kenmore. The 2010 event promises to be the biggest & best opening ever. Everyone is welcome at this historic event. Join us for a warming coffee and bacon roll, and a dram of Dewar's finest, and then march with the Vale of Atholl Junior Pipe Band to the river for the first cast. Permits for opening day cost £25. Free 2010 commemorative cap with all permits on the opening day.

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[The Traditional Opening of the Salmon Season on the River Tay](#)

**Friday 15th January 2010 8pm**

**The Arion Quartet**

**Birnam Institute Birnam**

A cosmopolitan quartet from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and drama. The quartet represents four different nationalities which thrive in working together to make music. Tickets £8 (Concessions £6)

Telephone - 01350 727674

Email: [admin@birnaminstitute.com](mailto:admin@birnaminstitute.com)

Web [www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

**Saturday 16th January 10am to 12.30pm**

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**Thursday 21st January 7-7.30pm**

**Scottish Country Dance Class Moulin Hall Pitlochry.**

Great exercise, music & fun. No partner required. Class commences at 7.30pm and if you have not danced before or need a refresher then come along at 7pm. Admission £2.50 nightly contact June Templeman 01796 473488

**Friday January 22nd 7.30pm Music in Rannoch.**

**The Old Church of Rannoch. Kinloch Rannoch**

Neil Metcalfe (piano) with a Quartet from the Royal Northern College of Music.

£7.50. Children Free.

### Friday 22nd January 8pm

#### Salsa Celtica

#### Birnam Institute Birnam

A stunning synthesis of virtuosity and energy, Salsa Celtica's marriage of Latin American sounds with Scottish and Irish folk has been rapturously received at Celtic, jazz, world music and salsa festivals across the globe. Tickets £12 BI Arts Centre Telephone - 01350 727674

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#### Music in Rannoch:

#### Old Church of Rannoch, Kinloch Rannoch

The MacLeod Trio (flute, viola, harp). £7.50.

### Tuesday 26th January 7.30pm

#### Burns Nicht

#### Pitlochry Festival Theatre Pitlochry

Tak your place with the great chief-tain o the puddin'-race! Returning for a fifth consecutive year, this ever popular evening of entertainment always sells out – so book early if

you want to join us as we celebrate the life, works and spirit of the immortal Rabbe Burns. With a traditional supper and piper in the Festival Restaurant, the evening follows the time-honoured form: traditional Scottish fare (warm-reekin, rich!) will be served with local whisky, all washed down with a performance of Burns songs and poems in the relaxed surroundings of the Foyer. We are delighted to welcome back John Scrimger, Linda Ormiston and James Nicol for another Burns Nicht to remember – slainte mhor! Tickets £29 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel 01796 484626

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### Thursday January 28th 7.30pm North Perthshire Family History Group

#### The Tryst Lounge, Pitlochry

The ever popular Jess Smith will make a return visit with a collection of Stories, poems and songs of the wandering folk. All welcome.

### Friday 29th Jan - 7 Feb 2010 Perth 800 - Winter Words Festival

### Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Where Scotland's literary year gets into gear -The Scotsman Winter Words is six years old in 2010 and continues to attract more visitors with each passing year. This year, the Festival has expanded and will run over ten days and two week-ends, with events taking place at some new and unusual venues! With a programme featuring a variety of authors and wordsmiths - including **Gyles Brandreth, Neil Oliver, Barbara Dickson, Joss Ackland, Elaine C. Smith, Alasdair Gray, Don Patterson and Julia Donaldson (who returns with The Gruffalo in tow)** – Winter Words offers something, or someone, for everyone.

Across all ten days, there are events to entertain, engage and stimulate: from poetry, history, fiction and memoirs, to stories of places and people, of travel and exploration. A number of themes wind their way through the Festival this year – rural life, Scottish history and culture, life on the stage, horticulture and the natural world – though which a host of entertaining writers and raconteurs will be charting very different paths.

hiper once again brings you a great selection of child-friendly entertainment for this year's Festival. We're giddy with delight at being able to welcome back **Julia Donaldson and Frank Rodgers**, and thrilled by a new development: watching the wee ones cuddle up for some great bedtime stories – a wonderful way to finish the day for young and old alike . . .

Our ever-popular Writing Workshops offer opportunities to develop and expand your own creative skills. **Neil Forsyth** will lead a session for aspiring fiction writers, whilst **Rachel Marsh** tackles the short story format. For a more intensive and thrilling experience, tutor **Tom Murray** will take you Out Of Your Head during his three day writing course! As thousands of happy literature lovers have already discovered, Winter Words provides the perfect antidote to those mid-winter blues.

### Book Fair

The Winter Words bookstall is organised by The Watermill Bookshop in Aberfeldy, who will be selling signed books by guest authors throughout the Festival. Located in a Grade-A listed former watermill, and winner of the UK's Best Independent Bookshop, The Watermill is well worth a visit whilst in Highland Perthshire. Visit [www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

The unique Pitlochry Station Bookshop will be running a second hand bookstall in the Theatre foyer throughout the Festival. The Station Bookshop sells a wide range of donated books to raise money for many different charities. Bestsellers, children's classics and interesting antiquary gems are waiting to be enjoyed – and not just by train travellers! Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email: [boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.pitlochry.org.uk](http://www.pitlochry.org.uk)

**Friday 29th Jan, 7.30pm**  
**Winter Words Festival - Barbara Dickson reading from her new autobiography**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre.**

A star of stage and multi-million selling recording artist, Barbara Dickson – a lass from Dunfermline - will read from her new autobiography, A Shirt Box Full of Dreams. From early childhood to her big break, which came from a spot on the Two Ronnies, to singing in West End musicals such as Chess, Barbara will reveal fascinating insights into her sparkling career and life.

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**Friday 29th January 9.30pm to 10.30pm**

**Fearie Tales**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre Ben-Y-Vrackie Bar.**

Round of the day with tales of the macabre and the supernatural, read by some familiar faces from the Pitlochry stage. Each evening will feature a selection of different hair-raising tales, but a dram or two should help to keep the chills at bay. FREE event. Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office  
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**Saturday 30th Jan 4.00pm**  
**Winter Words Festival - John Beatty**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

John Beatty is widely acclaimed as one of the most exciting nature, travel and adventure photographers to have emerged in recent years. This is your chance to hear about his extraordinary life which has taken him to over 38 different countries, including seven months spent in Antarctica and a winter in Spitzbergen, where he surveyed 350 kilometers of untracked arctic mountains. Tickets £5.00 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel - 01796 484626  
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**Saturday 30th January**  
**Fundraising Ceilidh**  
**Mid Atholl Hall Ballinluig.**

Fundraising Ceilidh for Hall funds. 40 players will entertain and play music for dancing. Tickets from P Butter on 07799 640149 at £5/£3 conc inc light supper. Mid Atholl Hall.

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