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Pitlochry Festival Theatre see website for details. www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

A selection of 5 plays including;
Kiss Me Kate - Romantic, touching and hilariously funny, with a classic Cole Porter Score,

1st/6th/7th/9th/17th/23rd/28th/31st

Noises Off - a hilarious classic comedy!

2nd/5th/10th/17th/22nd/30th

Rough Crossing - A wickedly funny nautical comedy!

3rd/7th/10th/19th/24/29th

Bus Stop - A bittersweet American Romance. **3rd/8th/16th/21st/24th/27th/28th**

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!

15th/20th/21st/26th/31st

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 Davidson perform as the duo "Handbell Harmony" in Dunkeld Cathedral on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer.

Solo ringing throughout the summer by Heather I. McLean, one of the country's few accomplished handbell soloists. Solo ringing is most unusual. It is fascinating to watch and lovely to hear. **(Small Ensemble Ringing occasionally.)** Come and listen for a while. **No charge – freewill donation.** Contact Tourist Information Office, Tel: 01350 727688 www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk

Sun & Wednesdays in July 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

Saturday 29th May - 25th July 10am - 5.30pm

Art Exhibition Fourth Element 11: Urban Art in the Highlands

Watermill Gallery, Mill St. Aberfeldy

Urban Art returns to the Watermill with an exhibition featuring prints by Banksy, Blek le Rat, D*Face, Dolk, Eelus, Elph, Faile and Shepard Fairey among others. Tel: 01887 822896

More details can be viewed at <http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com/art/exhibition/fourth-element-ii-urban-art-highlands>

Sunday 18th July (Varying times) Atholl Estates - Tractor and Trailer Tour

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

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Sunday 18th July 2pm Blair Atholl Historic Trail Guided Walk Memorial Car Park opposite Blair Castle.

Peter Barr (the researcher and producer of the newly launched Blair Atholl Historic Trail leaflet) will again lead this really interesting guided walk, which will visit points in and around Blair Atholl and Bridge of Tilt. The total walk will take approximately 2 hours and comfortable shoes are advised. The walk will start at 2 pm, from the Memorial Car Park (opposite the main entrance to Blair Castle). There is no charge for the walk, which will be of interest to both locals



Jim McIntyre
Artist and Framer.

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and visitors alike. Historic Walk leaflets will be available from the Tilt Stores and most accommodation providers. A poster is attached for your information. If you require further information, please contact Peter on 07969 155 005.

**Sunday 18th July 2pm-5.30pm
Gardens Open - Auchleeks
Trinafour Kinloch Rannoch**

Auchleeks is a classical Georgian house with a large herbaceous walled garden in a beautiful glen setting surrounded by hills and mature trees. North of Blair Atholl turn off A9 at Calvine. B847 towards Kinloch Rannoch, 5 miles on right. Adults £4, Children free Contact - Scotland's Garden Scheme Telephone - 0131 226 3714

Email: info@sgsgardens.co.uk Web www.gardensofscotland.org

**Sunday 18th July 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 Super Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk

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**Tuesday 20th July 10.30am-12noon
Woodland Safari – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds****Meet: Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre**

Discover a secret Killiecrankie woodland. This walk will take you off the path, down slopes, under branches and over logs. Charge: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

**Tuesday 20th July 2.00 - 3.30pm
EXPLORE GLEN FENDER MEADOW 2
Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl**

A glorious meadow with wild flowers, butterflies and bumblebees. Come and see what we can find today, there will be different things out and about now from the event on 6 July. May be rough and wet underfoot. Follow signs from opposite Tilt Hotel in Blair Atholl Cost: £2 Tel 01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**Wednesdays 21st July and 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.

Wednesday 21st July 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

**Wednesday 21st July 7.30pm
TOURISM ASSOCIATION GALA
NIGHTS****Memorial Park, Blair Atholl**

Blair Atholl Area Tourism Association will once again be using the to hold its very popular Annual Gala and Family Fun Nights. Proceedings will once again be opened with a march-on by our own

award winning Pitlochry & Blair Pipe Band. While each ride, demonstration, competition or stall is subject to availability on the night, the entertainment usually includes the following:- 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. A GREAT EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH ALL RIDES AND COMPETITIONS FREE OR ENTRY FEES RETURNED AS PRIZE MONEY. Entry £4 Ad £1 school children under 5s are free. For Bookings in respect of Car Boot Sale and Stalls - Contact Lin on 01796 481 269. Association Secretary :- Avril - 01796 483 339

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**Thursday 22nd July 10.30am - 12.00 midday
MAGIC SPELL AND BROOMSTICK WORKSHOP
Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl**

Practice spells in the woods and make a

broomstick to take home. Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl Cost: £2 per child tel 01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**Thursdays 8pm - 11pm
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 22nd July 8pm
This is Scotland...and you're welcome to it!**

Castle Menzies Weem, by Aberfeldy
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**Friday 23rd July 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 24th July 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 24th July 8-11pm

Loch Tay Steamers

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

Tel: 01796473888 . Email:

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Saturday 24th July 9pm

The Bevy Sisters

**Birnam Arts Centre, Birnam by
Dunkeld**

The Bevy Sisters, who won acclaim far and wide when they appeared at Celtic Connections 2010... They create "harmonies heard when men had shooters under their suits and women on their arms – radio chic era, now retro cool. Heather Macleod, Lindsey Black and Kaela Rowan are reinventing the genre and covering all exits - Barbershop, Country, Jazz, Pop, Blues and torch songs, even jingles - in chromed vocals over lunge bar bass, drums and guitar." The Scotsman "the silkiest, sultriest, sauciest harmonies ever likely to caress your ears." Sue Wilson What more can we say? Get your tickets while you can! Tickets: £10 / £8 Tel Box office 01350 727674 www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 25th July (Varying times)

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Sunday 25th July 8pm

**West Coast! Beach Boys Tribute
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

A thrilling tribute to the 1960s West Coast surf sound. Grab your shades, dust down your surf board and hit the beach as Good Vibrations mean you'll have Fun Fun Fun with the talented vocal exuberance of these big concert performers! Tickets

£22.50 Telephone - 01796 484626 Email:

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www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Monday 26th July 1pm - 4pm



**Country Sports Experience
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**Tuesdays 27th July and 10th & 24th
August:**

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.

Wednesday 27th July 2.00 - 3.30pm

ROCKY TREASURE HUNT

**Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair
Atholl**

A family event searching for rocks and treasure. Meet at Atholl Estates Information Centre, Blair Atholl. Cost: £2 per child telephone 01796 481355

pf@atholl-estates.co.uk
www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Tuesday 27th July 8.30pm – 10.00pm

Family Dusk Walk – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds.

Meet: The Hermitage Lower Car Park Dunkeld

Experience the twilight zone and find out about the creatures of the night.

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

Wednesday 28th July 2.00pm

The Battle of Killiecrankie –

Meet: Outside Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

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Wednesday 28th July 7.30pm

Celtic Night at Blair Castle Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

Pitlochry & Blair Atholl Pipe Band - Celtic Music and Songs, Tunes from Scotland Ireland, Brittany, Asturia & Galicia. Also Highland Dancing. Adults £6.50, Children £1.50 Lucky Programme Draw, Free Parking.

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Mysterious Killiecrankie – Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds.

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Unravel the mysteries of Killiecrankie. Who did what where? Charge: Children £2; accompanying adults £1 Tel: 0844 4932192 www.nts.org.uk

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WET AND WILD

Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl

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Friday 30th July 8-11pm

Whistleblowers

McKays Music Bar, Atholl Road, Pitlochry

The Whistleblowers are a trio who play a

mixture of Scottish and Irish music with a couple of contemporary tunes thrown in for good measure!! From ballads to foot tappers, The Whistleblowers go out of their way to make you feel a part of the night Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk

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Saturday 31st 8-11pm

Kat Liley & Kat Bruce McKays bar & restaurant, Atholl Rd Pitlochry

Tel: 01796473888 . Email:

info@mckayshotel.co.uk

www.mckayshotel.co.uk

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 & jewellery will be on display by local artists. Admission is FREE'. For further details phone Gill Evans 01887 830874.

Saturday 31st July

Exhibition of Old Photos & Maps.

Fearnan Hall, Fearnan

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