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### Country Sports Experience

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

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre** see website for details.

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

A selection of 4 plays including;

**Kiss Me Kate** - Romantic, touching and hilariously funny, with a classic Cole Porter score, Kiss Me, Kate is one of the greatest Broadway musicals of all time.  
4th/8th/11th/14th/19th/23rd/26th.

**Noises Off** - a hilarious classic comedy!  
5th/9th/12th/16th/19th/24th/29th/30th.

**Rough Crossing** - A wickedly funny nautical comedy!  
5th/9th/12th/17th/22nd/23rd/25th/28th/

**Bus Stop** - A bittersweet American Romance.  
3rd/7th/10th/15th/16th/18th/21st/26th/30th.

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 Ensemble Ringing occasionally.) Come

and listen for a while. No charge – free-will donation. Contact Tourist Information Office, Tel: 01350 727688

[www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk](http://www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk)

**Sundays & Wednesdays in June 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)

**Saturday 29th May - 4th Jun 2010**

**Pitlochry Golf Course - Pitlochry Golf Week**

**Pitlochry Golf Club Pitlochry**

Pitlochry Golf Week was established in 1979 and includes various organised competitions, tuition and evening entertainment throughout the week. Participation conditional on staying at a tournament hotel.

Admission - Prices on application Contact - Derek Smail Telephone - 01796 472862

Email: [pro@pitlochrygolf.co.uk](mailto:pro@pitlochrygolf.co.uk) Web [www.pitlochrygolf.co.uk](http://www.pitlochrygolf.co.uk)

**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>

**Tuesday 1st - Wed 30th June  
Perth 800 - Perthshire Archaeology Month  
Perthshire**

A packed programme of guided walks, excavations, exhibitions, and talks present a variety of ways in which to engage with the wealth of archaeology around you. This year's programme has taken Perth 800 as a key theme, with many events and activities organised to celebrate the history and archaeology of Perth. The event is funded and organised by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and runs alongside the Trust's main outreach programme relating to historic buildings: Doors Open Days. The events in the 2010 programme come, as in previous years, from a variety of sources including the Trust, **the Scottish Crannog Centre** and Perth Museum and Art Gallery. In particular, however, the Trust welcomes the ever increasing contribution to the programme by local history and archaeology societies. Contact - David Strachan Telephone - 01738 477081 Email: [DLStrachan@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:DLStrachan@pkc.gov.uk) Web [www.perthshire.co.uk/archaeology](http://www.perthshire.co.uk/archaeology)

**Tuesday 1st June 8pm  
My Life with Kenneth Williams  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

A one-man masterpiece of uncanny impersonation from David Benson, who unlocks the character of one of Britain's best-loved entertainers at his funniest - and at his most badly behaved! Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: [boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk)  
Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Wednesday 2nd June 10am - 4pm  
Atholl Estates, Open Day.  
at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**

Come and see how the estate works. Activities for adults and children. Meet the gamekeepers, foresters, gardeners, ranger service, works department, take a tractor ride round the farm <http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk>

**Thursdays 7pm - 10pm  
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 3rd June 8pm  
Luka Bloom  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld.**

Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, Luka Bloom, has enjoyed eighteen years of successful worldwide tours, and released his current and twelfth album "Eleven Songs", worldwide in October 2008. Like many Irish artist Luka comes from a family of singers and songwriters, first going on tour with older brother, Christy Moore. In 1987 Luka toured the UK with The Pogues, The Violent Femmes, Hothouse Flowers and The Cowboy Junkies. Over the years Luka has brought his songs to clubs, theatres, festivals and arenas all over the world. His incredibly gifted electro-acoustic guitar playing guarantees an impassioned live performance of his original, poetic and melodic songs. Tickets: £12 / £10 Tel box office 01350 727674  
[www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

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This is Scotland...and you're welcome to it!  
Castle Menzies Weem, by  
Aberfeldy**

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**Friday 4th June 7-10pm  
Pictism Pictism  
Mckays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl  
Rd, Pitlochry**

- A traditional two piece from Edinburgh playing a mixture of Scots and Irish tunes and songs. The song's they perform can either be from within the last couple of hundred years such as Robert Burns or Robert Tannahill songs or the may be of an older tradition that is of an unknown origin usually part of a long forgotten oral tradition. Check out myspace/pictism Tel: 01796473888 . Email: [info@mckayshotel.co.uk](mailto:info@mckayshotel.co.uk)  
[www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**Saturday 5th Jun (10am) -  
Graffiti Workshop with Elph  
Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy**

To run alongside Fourth Element II: Urban Art in the Highlands, The Watermill and Friends of the Birks Cinema will be hosting a graffiti workshop with Scotland's premier urban artist: Elph. The workshop will take place in the soon-to-be-refurbished Birks Cinema. The cost is £35/25 (waged/unwaged) including all materials. Places are limited so please get in touch on [gallery@aberfeldywatermill.com](mailto:gallery@aberfeldywatermill.com) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it to book. The Watermill, Mill Street, Aberfeldy PH15 2BG tel: 01887 822896  
[www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

**Saturday 5th June 12noon - 4pm  
B & B for Birds  
Scottish Wildlife Trust Loch of  
the Lowes Visitor Centre Nr  
Dunkeld.**

Make a bird house and a handy recycled feeder to take home. Learn more about bird homes and bird feed. You can even help make bird cake! £3 charge per birdbox made. Tel 01350 727337. Grid Ref.N0040435

**Saturday June 5th at 7.30pm  
Travellers Tales  
Moulin Hall, Moulin**

Jess Smith and Essie Stewart are coming back to Pitlochry to repeat their highly successful first appearance last year for Pitlochry in Bloom as part of Wildlife Week. This year they are at Moulin Hall for good craic. Admission £5, refreshments served in the interval. This event is organised by Pitlochry in Bloom as part of their award winning Silver Branch- Community Storytelling Project.

**Saturday 5th June 7-10pm  
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)

**Sunday 6th June 2-4pm  
Grandtully Gala  
Recreation Park Grandtully.**

Stalls, sideshows, dancing, tug o'war and children's races. Anyone wishing to book a stall should contact Christine Thomson on 01887 840224.

**Sunday 6th June 8pm  
Ceilidh in the Foyer  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre  
Dance to the East Neuk ceilidh band,**

Scotch in a Box Tickets: £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 7th June 10am  
Walk on Dun Coillich**

A Walk and talk about conservation issues and habitat restoration on the 500 hectared of Dun Coillich. Meet at car park at Dun Coulich, Glengoulandie nr Aberfeldy. NN768527. Free. Call Bill Hoare 01887 830685 or Tim Fison 01887 877207

**Monday 7th June 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

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

**Wednesday 9th June 11am  
Keltneyburn Reserve**

Above the valley floor at SWT's Keltneyburn Wildlife Reserve lies the Balcroich Meadow, with wildflowers and early orchids, pond and a wooded gorge. Guided Walk for 1-2hrs led by Anne Towns. Meet at General Stewart Monument Kelneyburn Village Near Aberfeldy NN767508 FREE

**Wednesday 9th June 7.30pm  
Blue Hen  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld**

BY DES DILLON  
Des Dillon's dark comedy Blue Hen is a gritty, moving drama about two men who are out of work and out of patience in the roughest scheme in Coatbridge. But they've one thing going for them - the power of their own imaginations.. Starring Charlie Lawson (Coronation Street's Jim McDonald), returning to the Citizens after success in Educating Rita. Paddy and John are two ordinary working class guys who are out of work and out of luck when they hit on a scheme to keep them occupied and keep their bellies full. They're going to rear chickens in their back green and sell the eggs for profit. But it's not easy being the only honest men in Coatbridge's roughest scheme and their venture doesn't exactly go to plan. As their dreams of self-sufficiency crumble, a powerful story of friendship against the odds unfolds.

Tickets: £12 / £10 Tel Box office 01350

727674 [www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

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**Friday 11th June 7-10pm**  
**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 [www.mckayshotel.co.uk](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**Saturday 12th June**  
**Scottish Renewables Festival**  
**WWF Scotland Office in Dunkeld**

Everyone is welcome to our office in Dunkeld when we'll be opening up to the public as part of the Scottish Renewables Festival. Whether you want to look at our woodchip boiler, get some advice on home renewables or energy efficiency, or just find out more about our work we look forward to seeing you.

**Saturday June 12th 7-10pm**  
**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](http://www.mckayshotel.co.uk)

**Saturday 12th June 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

**Sunday 13th June 10am-5pm**  
**Gardens Open - Explorers: The Scottish Plant Hunters Garden**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre Pitlochry**

A wonderful new garden overlooking the River Tummel, planted with a mixture of species and cultivars to represent The Scottish Plant Collectors. Adults £3, Children £1 Contact - Scotland's Garden Scheme Telephone - 0131 226 3714 Email: info@sgsgardens.co.uk Web [www.gardensofscotland.org](http://www.gardensofscotland.org)

**Sunday 13th June 11am - 4pm**  
**Celtic Plants & People:**  
**The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore, Loch Tay**

Lotions, Potions, & Incense Learn about traditional ancient remedies, healing herbs, and natural incense. 11am -4pm Normal entry + £3 Tel.

01887 830583 [www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

**Sunday 13th June 8pm**  
**Desparado**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry**

Eagles tribute band Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

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**Thursday 17th June 8.00pm.  
The McCalmans last ever  
Perthshire concert  
The Baronial Hall, Birnam Hotel  
Birnam by Dunkeld**

Adult tickets are priced £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Under-18s can come along for £3 (2 for a fiver). To buy tickets by cash or cheque: Birnam CD (01350 727158) or Zig-zags, Dunkeld (01350 728666). Card booking ONLINE ONLY at: [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk) . Information on future Fiddle Tree events can be found at [www.thefiddletree.com](http://www.thefiddletree.com) .

**Thursday 17th June 8pm  
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**Saturday 19th June  
The Famous Green Park Coffee  
Morning  
The Green Park Hotel Pitlochry.**

Tickets priced at £5 Home baking, jams & preserves and plant stall. Tickets available from Green Park or Pitlochry in Bloom committee members mid May. Or ring secretary on 01796 470051. [www.pitlochryinbloom.co.uk](http://www.pitlochryinbloom.co.uk)

**Saturday 19th June 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 19th June 8.00pm –  
12.30am  
Spring into Summer Buffet Dance  
Birnam Hotel, Perth Rd, Birnam by  
Dunkeld**

Dance the night away to TBC Tickets £15.00 per person Tel: 01350 728 030 [enquiries@birnamhotel.com](mailto:enquiries@birnamhotel.com)  
[www.birnamhotel.com](http://www.birnamhotel.com)

**Saturday 19th June 8pm  
Wierds Way  
Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by  
Dunkeld.**

Featuring comedians Derek Johnston and Vladimir McTavish in an affectionate tribute to the late, great Tom Weir., the Scottish climber, author and broadcaster. A comedy journey through Scotland, with stand-up, stories and short films, evoking the spirit of Tom's long-running television series Weir's Way. Scottish climber, author and broadcaster. He was best known for his long-running television series Weir's Way. Tickets: £10 / £8 Tel Box office 01350 727674

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**Sunday 20th June  
Blow and Blast Woodwind En-  
semble Workshops  
Birnam Arts Centre**

Introductory: 10.00 am – 12 noon £15  
Intermediate: 2.30pm – 4.30 pm £15  
Single ensemble workshop plus lunch-time band: £25  
A group music-making opportunity for adult beginners/returners on flute, oboe, clarinet or bassoon. Parts tailored to ability level. Friendly and fun. More info/bookings: tel 01764 652052 or visit [www.blowandblast.co.uk](http://www.blowandblast.co.uk)

**Sunday 20th June 10.00am -  
4.00pm  
ORCHIDS AND GOLDEN RINGS  
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,  
Blair Atholl**

We walk up Glen Tilt to look at the wild flowers and wildlife. 10 mile walk, bring lunch. Booking recommended - phone 01796 481355 or 481646 to book. Cost: £5 [pf@atholl-estates.co.uk](mailto:pf@atholl-estates.co.uk)  
[www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk](http://www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk)

**Sunday 20th June 2pm-5.30pm  
Gardens Open - Carig Dhubh  
by Pitlochry**

The garden is comprised of mixed shrubs and herbaceous plants with meconopsis and primulas. It extends to about one acre on the side of a hill with some steep paths and uneven ground. The soil is sand overlying rock - some of which projects through the surface. Beautiful surrounding country and hill views. Adults £3.50, Children under 16 free Contact - Scotland's Garden Scheme Telephone - 0131 226 3714 Email: [info@sgsgardens.co.uk](mailto:info@sgsgardens.co.uk) Web [www.gardensofscotland.org](http://www.gardensofscotland.org)

**Sunday 20th June 8pm  
ABBA Magic  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

This year is ABBA's 40th Anniversary, celebrated with a national tour of the all-new ABBA Magic concert show. Forty years of ABBA hits has created an incredible musical legacy - a box office record-breaking movie, a

smash-hit West End stage show, chart-topping albums and singles plus the UK's number one concert show ...ABBA Magic! Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626 Email: [boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk) Web [www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

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#### Week of 21st June Celtic Re-enactors, The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore, Loch Tay

Stamm Alauni, from Austria and Germany demonstrate a range of Iron Age metalworking and textiles. 11am-5pm. Programme to be confirmed. Tel. 01887 830583  
[www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

#### Monday 21st June Midsummer Music & Celtic BBQ. The Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore, Loch Tay

Watch the sun go down with Scottish music in our Iron Age roundhouse & outdoor sessions. Savour chef-cooked Celtic cuisine, real ales, and more. Booking essential. 8-11pm. Tickets £16 Tel. 01887 830583 [www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

#### Tuesday the 22nd June The Big Bug Hunt! Cluny House Gardens, Aberfeldy from 10.30 to 12.30 and from 2.30 to 4.30 he will be at the Wildlife Garden in Pitlochry.

Spend a morning or an afternoon with Craig Macadam Buglife's Scottish Conservation Officer looking for and identifying garden bugs. Learn how important all the wee creatures are in our gardens. On Tuesday the 22nd June he will be leading an event at Cluny House Gardens, Aberfeldy from 10.30 to 12.30 and from 2.30 to 4.30 he will be at the Wildlife Garden in Pitlochry. The cost will be £4/person. All proceeds will go towards Red Squirrel and Bird food for both gardens. For Cluny, please contact Wendy Mattingley [wmattingley@btinternet.com](mailto:wmattingley@btinternet.com) Tel: 01887 820795 and for the Pitlochry Wildlife Garden please contact Sally Spaven [sally.spaven@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.spaven@btinternet.com) 01796 472020. Booking is essential as numbers are restricted.

#### Wednesday 23rd June: 10.30am An introduction to plant identification.

##### Ben Lawers NNR car park

Learn the basics of how to use keys to identify plants. The lower slopes of Ben Lawers offer a huge diversity of species on which to practice your skills. Hand lenses provided. Duration: 4 hours Cost: adults £10, children £5 Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing and food are essential. Please bring your favourite ID book. Meet: 10.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking essential please telephone 0844 4932 136.

#### Thursdays 7pm - 10pm 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 24th June 8pm This is Scotland...and you're welcome to it! Castle Menzies Weem, by Aberfeldy

The elegant portrait-hung Pink Room in 16th Century Castle Menzies is the setting for the sixth successive year of THIS IS SCOTLAND ... AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT!, an evening of gentle music and comedy written and presented by Alan Brown and focussing on this very part of the world known as Highland Perthshire. Presented at 8 pm each Thursday evening from 20 May to 16 September, tickets are £6 on sale at the venue or may be reserved by phoning Castle Menzies on (01887) 820982. More info on Alan's website [www.broonsreel.com](http://www.broonsreel.com)

**Saturday 26th June  
Gardens Open - Blair Castle Gardens**

**Blair Castle Blair Atholl 9.30am-5.30pm**

Blair Castle stands as the focal point in a designed landscape of some 2,500 acres within a large and traditional estate. Hercules Garden is a walled enclosure of about 9 acres recently restored to its original 18th Century form with landscaped ponds, plantings, fruit trees, vegetables, herbaceous gardens and landscape features. Diana's Grove is a magnificent stand of tall trees including grand fir, douglas fir, larch and wellingtonia in just two acres. Admission - Grounds Ticket only: Adults, Seniors & Students £4.75, Children £2.25 & Families £11 Contact - Scotland's Garden Scheme Telephone - 0131 226 3714 Email: info@sgsgardens.co.uk Web [www.gardensofscotland.org](http://www.gardensofscotland.org)

**Saturday 26th June 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 26th June  
The Original Windows Live Concert**

**Fishers Bar Pitlochry**  
Original classic rock band inspired by the sounds of The Beatles, Kinks, Stones and Zombies. Contact - Athole Fleming Telephone - 01738 639747

Email: mail@theoriginalwindows.com  
Web [www.theoriginalwindows.com](http://www.theoriginalwindows.com)

**Sunday 27th June 8pm  
Bob Newhart & Tom Lehrer  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre,  
Pitlochry**

Remember Newhart's Driving Instructor, Introducing Tobacco To Civilisation and USS Codfish? Could you forget Lehrer's immaculate, sharp witted songs Poisoning Pigeons in the Park and The Masochism Tango? A wonderfully entertaining evening of satirical laughs

and songs featuring the words and music of the American comic legends. Box Office Telephone - 01796 484626

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

**Monday 28th June 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 28th June  
Atholl Estates - Tractor and  
Trailer Tour**

**Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park  
Blair Atholl Varying times**  
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. The tour will run on 28 and 29 June; 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31 July; and 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 24 August. Adults £5, Children (under 16) £3 Telephone - 01796 481207 Email: [rebeccam@athollestates.co.uk](mailto:rebeccam@athollestates.co.uk) Web [www.athollestates.co.uk](http://www.athollestates.co.uk)

**Monday 28th May – 6th September**

**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 29th June 11.00am - 3.30pm**

**TULACH HILL  
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,  
Blair Atholl**

Climb this modest hill for some fine views over Atholl and some special plants and insects life. Approx. 6 miles with some rough walking. Bring lunch. Booking recommended - phone 01796 481355 or 481646 to book. [pf@athollestates.co.uk](mailto:pf@athollestates.co.uk) [www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk](http://www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk)

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