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Saturday March 13th 7.30pm
"Rock the Catwalk" an evening of Fashion, Dance
and Music
Perth Concert Hall Perth
a fundraising event for Help for Heroes. The
money raised will help servicemen and women who
have been seriously injured in Iraq and Afghanistan
with their rehabilitation. Tickets are on sale at
www.horsecross.co.uk or telephone 01738 621031
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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)

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 is not. Please ensure you
are necessarily equipped for winter
weather & trailside repairs. Contact
Scot Tares 07763 013862

Monday 22nd Feb - 7th March Fairtrade Fortnight Aberfeldy.

swap your usual tea, coffee, t-shirt,
wine for a Fairtrade one. Visit
www.thebigswap.org.uk to find out
more watch out for posters and news
of what Aberfeldy Traidcraft Group are
planning for Fairtrade Fortnight
www.traidcraft.shop.co.uk

1 Feb - 15 Mar 2010 Scottish Snowdrop Festival Perthshire

From the Latin name meaning 'milk
flower', these tiny green and white

flowers are amongst the first blossoms
to emerge in the new year. In the mid
19th century soldiers in the Crimean
War brought them back from the battle-
fields to plant in their gardens. Today
they thrive throughout Scotland, in gar-
dens, damp woods and on river banks.
VisitScotland has teamed up with gar-
dens around the country to bring you
the Scottish Snowdrop Festival. At loca-
tions throughout Scotland, you'll find
snowdrop after snowdrop, bringing
brightness and magic to your day.
Contact - Dunkeld Visitor Information
Centre Tel - 01350 727688
Email: dunkeld@visitscotland.com Web
www.visitscotland.com/snowdrops

Saturday 13th Feb - 15th March Exhibition - *Printworks by Kate Downie* The Watermill Mill Street, Aber- feldy.

Downie's third solo show features
prints: new, previously unseen as well
as works from the artist's archive at
Watermill Gallery Mill Street, Aberfeldy
PH15 2BG tel: 01887 822896
www.aberfeldywatermill.com
Open: Mon- Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun
11am - 5pm

Wednesday 3rd March 7.30pm Rannoch & Highland Branch, Clan Donnachaidh, AGM Aldour Community hall, Pitlochry. Speaker Jane Anderson "The Atholl Highlanders".

Thursday 4th March
Heartland Film Society - Man on Wire cert 12A
The Locus Centre The Square Aberfeldy.

A reconstruction with some original footage of Philip Pettit's illegal wire walk between the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. Gripping and very satisfying. £30 for 10 films as a member, or £5 per film www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk

Friday 5th March 7.30pm
Benny Gallagher
Pitlochry Festival Theatre Pitlochry

With the release of his first-ever solo studio album, At The Edge Of The Wave, Benny makes a long overdue return to the spotlight in 2009 to perform the hits he penned for McGuinness Flint and Gallagher & Lyle, along with some great songs from his new album. Benny Gallagher toured the world as part of the duo Gallagher & Lyle performing songs from such critically acclaimed albums as Breakaway, which featured the hit singles I Wanna Stay With You, Heart On My Sleeve and, of course, Breakaway. The duo went their separate ways in 1979 and, since then, Benny has written and worked with many famous names such as Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton, Ronnie Wood, Ronnie Lane, Elkie Brooks, Sandy Denny, The Manfreds, Ralph McTell, Georgie Fame, Jim Diamond, Andy Fairweather-Low and Don Williams. Benny makes a welcome return to the Pitlochry stage, following a fantastic headline concert as part of the Perthshire Amber Festival in 2008. Tickets £15 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Friday 5th March
Heartland Film Society - Blind-sight PG.
The Locus Centre The Square Aberfeldy.

The Himalayas. A blind Mountaineer leads six blind Tibetan teenagers to

the 23,000 ft mark on Everest. A remarkable and beautiful story. £30 for 10 films as a member, or £5 per film www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk

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Locus Centre in the Square, Aberfeldy

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Friday 5th March 7-10pm
John Davidson-
Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.

John has an extensive repertoire, focusing mainly on Scots and Irish popular folk. Depending on his audience he adds some music hall, american folk and melodic blues to his set. A true entertainer, his warm engaging personality ensures that audiences have a great night. As a soloist he accompanies himself with guitar and mandola. Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

Saturday 6th March 10am to 12.30pm

Winter Red Squirrel Safari
Blair Castle Blair Atholl

Enjoy a morning walking and driving through our farm land and forests in search of red squirrels as they play and search for food. Winter is a great time to watch red squirrels as there's less cover from tree foliage and the squirrels are more active in their search for food.

As part of the tour you will stop at one of our wild life hides to witness these cheeky creatures move around in their natural setting and while there, enjoy some warm refreshments and listen to our guide, Sandy, a man who has lived and worked on Atholl for almost 50 years.

Sandy has lived and worked on the estate for all his career and will share his specialist knowledge of the natural area which is rich in wildlife including red squirrels, birds of prey, deer and mountain hares. Pick up and drop off at Blair Castle (in front of glass entrance doors).

Prices: Adults £30, Children (3 to 17 years) £18 **Booking:** Contact the Estate Office on 01796 481355, Blair Castle on 01796 481207 or Blair Castle Caravan Park on 01796 481263. Pre-booking essential. Numbers limited to 6 per tour. Group or private bookings are welcomed on other dates by prior arrangement (subject to availability). Tel: 01796 481 355 www.atholl-estates.co.uk

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Refreshments in the Castle Ballroom

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Saturday 6th March 10am - 12noon.

Coffee Morning in aid of Branch funds and local groups, The Tryst, Pitlochry, Tea/coffee and pancakes, Cake and Candy Stall and Raffle. Tickets £1.50 from committee members or pay at the door.

Saturday 6th March 7.30pm
New York, New York
Pitlochry Festival Theatre Pitlochry

Broadway glitz, hits and razzmatazz! New York, New York is a huge show presenting some twenty musical numbers over two hours, celebrating an era of memorable music as-

sociated with the likes of Sinatra and Gershwin and features classics such as Mack The Knife, All The Way, Come Fly With Me, I've Got You Under My Skin and, of course, New York, New York. With an experienced West End cast of five costumed singer-dancers and six musicians, this will be an exhilarating night packed with Broadway glamour and razzmatazz, featuring the greatest hits from the American songbook. Tickets £15 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Saturday 6th March 8pm

Anna Massie

Birnam Arts Centre, Birnam by Dunkeld.

Highly energetic performances and a warm and friendly stage appearance have earned the band a growing fan base and nominations as "Best Up and Coming Band" at the 2004 Scots Trad Music Awards and the Horizon Award at last year's BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. In 2005 Anna was nominated as Best Instrumentalist at the Trad Music Awards. The band's biggest achievement was being named "Best Folk Band" at the 2006 Scots Trad Music Awards. Tickets: £10 / £8

Tel Box Office 01350 727674

www.birnamarts.com

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MacPolvo

Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.

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

Sunday 7th March 3-7pm

Benefit for Haiti featuring local Bands

Mackays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Rd Pitlochry.

The Fat Dads and Pickled Tink. Tea

available with Mackays donating £1 from each order. No entry fee, but donations will be accepted at the venue.

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Quiz Night

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Teams of 4 **£5 entry fee per team** (money to Guiding Group) hot food for all participants at half time. **SPACE AT A PREMIUM SO A MAXIMUM OF TEN TEAMS CAN COMPETE PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM ON 01796 472356** Quizzes continue every 2nd Tuesday of the month until March, then Grand Final In April

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Thursday 11th March 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 12th March 7-10pm

Lisa & Fiona

Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.

This young female duo on fiddle and accordion are gaining quite a reputation for themselves on the traditional live music scene. Lisa, who is studying the BA Gaelic and Traditional Music degree at the Gaelic College on the Isle of Skye, and Fiona who studied the BA Scottish Music degree at the RSAMD in Glasgow, take their

influences from the West Coast tradition, and will provide us with a night of Ceilidh Music. Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

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**Saturday 13 March 8pm
 Mr Mcfall's Chamber
 Birnam Institute Birnam**

Mr McFall's Chamber is a music ensemble which plays a range of music from tango through jazz and rock to contemporary classical, taking in quite a lot besides. It consists of string quartet, bass, piano, percussion and sometimes vocals - and more as required. Tickets £12 (Concessions £10) Tel - 01350 727674 Email: admin@birnaminstitute.com Web www.birnamarts.com

**Sunday 14th March 9.30am to 2.30pm
 Mothering Sunday at Blair Castle
 Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**

Enjoy a tour of the winter castle on Mothering Sunday. The ballroom will be open for the enjoyment of morning teas and coffees, soup, sandwiches and light lunches. Enjoy the finest of refreshments in the grandest of settings. Prices: Adults £6.75, Seniors £5.85, Children £3.95, Family Ticket £15. FREE admission to gardens, grounds, restaurant and shop. Tel: 01796 481 355 www.atholl-estates.co.uk

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 Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by
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**Sunday 14th March 7 for 7.30pm
 Birnam & Dunkeld Film Society -
 The African Queen
 Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by
 Dunkeld.**

Guest tickets are £4.50 each. Films are shown at the BACC usually on the evening of the second and fourth Sunday of each month, starting at 7:30p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and there is a bar and light refreshments available before each screening. When a film is longer than 2 hours, there is an interval when the bar re-opens. contact the secretary Tom Barnard 01350 727740

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**Monday 15th March 7.30-9.00pm.
 Scottish Wildlife Trust: Pole-
 cats: the return of a native.
 The Tryst, Pitlochry.**

Entry by donation.

**Wednesday 17th March 8.00pm
 The Fiddle Tree presents The
 IVAN DREVER BAND.
 Birnam Arts Centre, Birnam by
 Dunkeld.**

First UK tour for ex-Wolfstone front-man with his new band.

Tickets: Adult - £10 (advance), £12 (on door); Under-18s - £3 / 2 for £5 Cash / cheque: Birnam CD (01350 727158) or Zigzag's, Dunkeld (01350 728666) Cards: www.thebooth.co.uk www.ticketweb.co.uk (08444 771000)

**Thursday 18th March 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

**Thursday 18th March 7.30pm
 End of the Line - Documentary
 Film
 Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by
 Dunkeld.**

Special Screening of a major documentary about the devastating effect of overfishing based upon a book by Charles Clover. **FREE** Donations on the Door. Tel box office 01350 727674 www.birnamarts.com

**Friday 19th March 7-10pm
 Andrew Gordon
 Live at McKays Bar & Restau-
 rant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.**

Andrew has been singing solos since 1999. Since then Andrew has played in The US, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands and all over Scotland. A firm favourite in McKays check out andrewgordon.co.uk Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

**Friday 19th March 7.30pm
 Fascinating Aida
 Pitlochry Festival Theatre
 Pitlochry**

Imagine Absolutely Fabulous sung by the Andrews Sisters. Think Edith Piaf but with better frocks, Marlene with cellulite, Emma Thompson with rhythm... Fascinating Aida is a sassy show, full of sex, surgery and hot flushes. Oh, and it's about science, survival and modern art. Actually, it's

about life, love and how men are basically quite nice, really. And you'll learn how to keep a stiff upper lip in true British style whilst laughing like a drain. Britain's top female comedy trio are 25 years old (having performed in five continents, had six West End runs, recorded six albums and received five award nominations (three Olivier, one Drama Desk, one Perrier)). Well, actually, they're older than that, but the girls have decided their Silver Jubilee can be celebrated for a few more years at least. For those of you who thought they'd retired, this isn't a comeback; it's a chance for you to help them celebrate this auspicious birthday. They're doing it for the fun, not the money, which will soon be worthless anyway! Tickets £18.50 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st March 2010

The Niel Gow Festival Dunkeld & Birnam

The 7th Niel Gow festival will feature some of Scotland's finest fiddlers as well as other top Scottish musicians. The Taybank Telephone - 01350 727340 Email: admin@thetaybank.com Web www.niel-gow.co.uk

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DRAM FINE -

Live at McKays Bar & Restaurant, Atholl Road Pitlochry.

Husband and wife duo Ewan and Marieke McBean live north side of Loch Tay close to Lawers village. Marieke, originally from The Netherlands, has lived in Scotland for nine years, sings and plays bodhran, guitar and also sings with band RALLION and has several CDs out with this band. Regularly plays at festivals and folk clubs here and abroad. Performed at Celtic Connections this year. Ewan originally from Edinburgh playing fiddle for 17 years also plays with Killin Thyme and Loch Tay Steamers played at various festivals including T in the Park for three years running. Play both new and traditional, mainly Scottish folk music. Tel: 01796473888 . Email: info@mckayshotel.co.uk www.mckayshotel.co.uk

Saturday 20 March 2010

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

Saturday 20 March at 8.30pm Ceilidh.

Molteno Hall, Fortingall.

Tickets on the door £7 kids go free!

Saturday 20th March 2010 7.30pm

Hardeep Singh Kohli Pitlochry Festival Theatre Pitlochry

Grab a seat and chow down in the company of broadcaster, raconteur, writer and cook Hardeep Singh Kohli, who combines stand-up comedy with inventive cuisine in a wonderfully funny, laid back evening's entertainment. Just think Ready Steady Cook but with great cooking (Hardeep was runner-up on the first series of Celebrity Masterchef) and funny anecdotes, all delivered by Glaswegian Hardeep in his own unique, articulate and utterly charming way. Having debuted at the 2009 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where the show played to sell-out audiences, this is an extended, two-course version of The Nearly Naked Chef, combining more of Hardeep's winning talents and recipes. Tickets £16.50 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office Tel - 01796 484626 Email: boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk Web www.pitlochry.org.uk

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**Thursday 25th March 7.30pm
North Perthshire Family History
Group**

The Tryst Lounge, Pitlochry
Fergussons of Dunfallandy Speaker
Vivien Stapylton-Smith

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**Friday 26th March 7.30pm.
Breadalbane Heritage Society
meeting.**

Grandtully Village Hall
Tom Addyman 'The Archaeology of Taymouth Castle Revealed'.

**Friday 26th March 7.30pm
Behind the Bamboo Curtain
Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Pitlochry**

Did you know that 30% of our garden plants, like clematis, lilies and primulas, originated from China? And

do you know who discovered and introduced those sumptuous magnolias, sweet scented buddleia and other exotic shrubs into the UK? Join broadcaster and lecturer David Mitchell, a curator at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, as he recounts the extraordinary history of botanical exploration in China. In this fascinating illustrated talk, David will examine the lives and recount the adventures of the intrepid individuals who went plant hunting and the botanists they worked with. You'll discover the roles the Russians, Italians, Americans and the British (especially the Scots) played and learn what happened to them as they explored this vast region, so rich in biodiversity. You'll also hear about the plants they discovered and the huge numbers of specimens they brought home. This fascinating evening is a rare opportunity to gain a valuable insight into the origins of your garden. If you're a gardener who talks to their plants, you may need to think about learning Mandarin! Tickets £7.50 Pitlochry Festival Theatre Box Office
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**Saturday 27th March 7.30pm
Bill Shankly
Birnam Arts Centre, Birnam By
Dunkeld**

One actor, 45 minutes each way – first half in black and white with half time oranges, then second half in colour - set in the infamous boot room at Anfield – a live television event in a theatre. It's a new piece of interactive multimedia documentary theatre, using digital recording technology and giant projection screens – a cross between a personal audience with Bill Shankly, the legend and the myth – an in depth documentary about Liverpool and Match of the Day.
Tickets: £10 / £8 Tel box office 01350 727674 www.birnamarts.com

**Sunday 28th March to 18 Apr
2010
Children's Castle Tours - aged 5
and above.**

Blair Castle - Blair Atholl

Marvel at amazing exhibits and find out some fascinating facts on a Children's tour of Blair Castle. See Viscount "Bonnie" Dundee's breastplate, the actual armour he wore in battle! He was killed in his moment of victory over government forces at the battle of Killiecrankie, three miles south of Blair Atholl in 1689. The breastplate has a bullet hole. But is it a real bullet hole or just a clever fake? Blair Castle was famously the last castle to be held under siege in 1746 during the Jacobite uprising. The castle was bombarded with cannon balls and several

of them remain here to this day. Find out how they cooled down the red hot cannon balls that blasted through the walls. You may find the answer very surprising.....

There will be two children's tours per day and times will vary. Please ask at the reception desk for details. Tour duration: approximately 30 minutes. Children must be accompanied by an adult and numbers are limited. Times will vary, ask at reception. Prices: Free as part of standard Castle entry. Booking: In person only at the Castle Reception desk

Tel: 01796 481 355

www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Sunday 28th March 11am - 12noon

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: Booking: In advance on 01796 481207 or in person on the day (subject to availability). Numbers limited to 10 people per tour. Tel: 01796 481 355
www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Sunday 28th March 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Easter Bunny Pots Ages 7+ Birnam Arts Centre Birnam by Dunkeld.

A taste of Easter for the young ones - a fun-filled active workshop making Easter Bunny Pots with one of the kids favourite workshop leaders, June McEwan. Wear old clothes £5.00 Tel box office 01350 727674
www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 28th March 1.30pm - 4.30pm

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The Pitlochry and District Choral Society - 'A Night at the Opera' in the Atholl Suite at the Atholl Palace Hotel.**

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