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April – October: Sundays, 11.30am
Additionally, June-September:
Wednesdays, 11.30am

Explorers Garden - Pitlochry Festival Theatre
Garden Tours

Led by experienced guides who bring Explorers to life! Lasting approximately one and a half hours, our guided tours provide insights into the plants, trees, wildlife, history, art and architecture contained in Explorers. Fun, fascinating and informative! Price: £4, includes Garden entry Tel 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 1st April 7.30pm
Showaddywaddy - Wham-a-lam-a-ding-dang

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Famous for their catchy pop versions of old '50s US rock 'n' roll songs as much as their flamboyant Teddy Boy look, dance routines and numerous television appearances, Showaddywaddy will return to the Pitlochry stage for another sure-to-sell-out performance of finger clicking, side-stepping, rock 'n' roll! From a catalogue of hits from over 30 years (their first single, Hey Rock 'n' Roll was released in 1974), they will perform timeless pop favourites such as Under The Moon of Love, Heartbeat and Blue Moon. Tickets: £20.00 Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 2nd April 10:00am until 30th April

Maria Doyle and Lisa Gribbon Exhibition - free
Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld

An exhibition of drawings and prints by artists Maria Doyle and Lisa Gribbon.

The work results from the artists' personal response to the unique landscape that surrounds Dunkeld and Birnam: for the last eight years Maria and Lisa have explored this rich and varied landscape, with its rivers, moorland, tree-covered slopes and hill farms. In this exhibition, the artists want to show the impact that this "place" has made on their art practice. Tel 01350 727674

www.birnaminstitute.com

Saturday 2nd April 7pm

Music in Fortingall:
Molteno Hall Fortingal

Catalan Duo: classical pianist and cellist from North Catalonia. Molteno Hall, 7pm in aid of Bada UK (Lyme disease awareness charity). Concert only £10, concert and supper with wine £25, from Linda Sinclair 01887 830689.

Saturday 2nd April Sunday 3rd April

Etape Caledonia Training Rides-Moderate

The Moderate is for those expecting to

Sat 11th June - 17th June
PITLOCHRY GOLF WEEK
Pitlochry Golf Club

Entry from £129.00 p.p Pitlochry Golf Week has been running since 1979. The week is packed with golf, lessons, activities and entertainment. There cannot be many finer ways to spend a week golfing and we believe the pricing and package to be unmatched. For entry details call 01796 472 792 or email pro@pitlochrygolf.co.uk

complete in four and a half to five and a half hours. The Cost is £49 per day or £199 for weekend including accommodation and all meals, plus bike maintenance workshop. The price for both also includes on-ride guides, vehicle support, energy products, lunch and maintenance back-up
tel:07763013862

www.SkinnyTyres.com

Saturday 2nd April 7.30pm

Guitar Anthems - GAGA Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Celebrating some of the greatest guitar songs ever written, Guitar Anthems takes you back to a time when the guitar was indeed the star. From Clapton to Queen, Pink Floyd to Dire Straits, Hendrix to Zeppelin and many more, prepare yourself for a night of monster hits guaranteed to have you reaching for your air guitar! Tickets: £16.50 Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626

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Sunday 3rd April 11:00am

Easter Crafts workshop Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld

A fun filled morning of Easter crafty activities led by popular children's tutor, Kathy Burns, who'll get your imagination flowing and help you make your creation – choose from Easter chicks, cards, hats and decorations, or come up with your own idea. You'll have fantastic fun in this workshop! All materials provided. Tickets: £6 To book, please call the box office on 01350

727674. www.birnaminstitute.com

Sunday 3rd April Mother's Day High Tea Treat Acarsaid Hotel

There's a wide choice of main courses followed by stacks of warm toast, delicious homemade cakes and scones from our artisan baker, all washed down with Hettie's speciality teas and coffee. It's superb value for money at just £11.95 per person! We'll also give your mum a lovely wee gift to make her feel all the more special. Indulge your Mum with Acarsaid Hotel's Special Mother's Day High

Tea. Please book in advance on 0845 263 6855

6th April 2pm - 4.30pm

Land Rover Safaris Atholl Estates, Blair Atholl

Enjoy a breath-taking 2.5 hour Land Rover tour through some of the most remote, dramatic and tranquil areas on Atholl Estates. Our drivers both live and work on the estate and will share their specialist knowledge of the natural area, which is rich in wild-life including red squirrels, birds of prey and mountain hares. **Pick up and drop off at Blair Castle.** Prices: Adult £32, Children (3-17) £20 Booking: Booking: Numbers are limited to 6 per tour. To make an enquiry or book your place, contact the Estate Office on 01796 481355, Blair Castle on 01796 481207 or the Caravan Park on 01796 481263.

www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th April 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

'Heartlands', presented by the Heartland Film Society Locus Centre Aberfeldy

The chameleon actor Michael Sheen stars in this unassuming and charming road movie. The gentle pace is set by his moped as they potter over the Pennines in pursuit of his two-timing wife at a darts competition in Blackpool. Damien O'Donnell, also of East of East, directed.

2002, UK, English language, 90 mins, cert. 12A £5 on the door, free to members

Heartland Film Society shows films on the big screen in an informal, friendly atmosphere. Our season runs from September through to May each year with films generally shown on the first Thursday and Friday of each month (plus a film shown after our AGM). Screenings are open to all and tickets can be bought on the door. Members get free entry and joining costs only £30 (or £18 for a half-season). For more details, see our website:

www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk ;

contact:

oscar@heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk or 01796 482446

Friday 8th April 7.30pm

Heidi Talbot - with John McCusker and Boo Hewerdine

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Heidi will be joined for this special performance by fiddle player and multi instrumentalist John McCusker, who has long been renowned for his skill at transcending musical boundaries, and by song writing genius Boo Hewerdine, whose credits include penning The Patience Of Angels for Eddi Reader. Tickets: £16.50 Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626 www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 8th April 8pm

Orkestra Del Sol Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld

Explosive and sassy, Orkestra del Sol take the brass band format to a whole new level – hailing from Scotland but with an international reputation, this maverick nine-piece prompt comparisons to the suave street bands of the US deep south and the rebellious carnival bands of Latin America, not to mention the virtuosic wedding bands of Eastern Europe, expertly weaving soaring horn lines, fabulous melodies, virtuosic trumpet solos and a dash of New Orleans sass into explosive live performances, bursting with anarchic humour and a roguish sense of theatre!! £14/ £12conc. /£5 u16s To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674.

www.birnaminstitute.com

9th April 2pm - 4.30pm

Land Rover Safaris Atholl Estates, Blair Atholl

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Sat 9th April 7.30pm

Upbeat Beatles

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

John Wilson (lead singer with The Average White Band) is Paul in this fantastic Fab Four tribute band. Hear all their greatest hits in this Swinging Sixties concert extravaganza.

Tickets: £20.00 Box Office 01796 484626

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Tuesday 12th April 10:30 - 12:00

Spring Surprise - Children's activity walk. Suitable for families with 5 to 12 year olds.

Meet at the Hermitage lower car park by Dunkeld

Games, activities and crafts exploring springtime at the Hermitage. Prices: Adult : £ 1.00 Child : £ 2.00 For further information please call 0844 4932192 No booking required - just turn up! National Trust for Scotland

www.nts.org

13th April 2pm - 4.30pm

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Wednesday 13th April 3pm

Dull & Weem Church Guild Dafodil Tea

Ailean Chraggan Hotel Weem.

Afternoon Tea £2.00 Stalls and Home baking, Transport from Bus Stop Chapel Street at 2.45pm.

Wed. 13th April, 7.30 pm.

the 100th anniversary of the death of Donald McBeath

Atholl Arms Hotel Blair Atholl

Jane Anderson, archivist, Blair Castle will give a talk in the Atholl Arms

Hotel on Donald's varied and interesting life. Tickets £4 including refreshments. all welcome.

Thursday 14th April, 2 – 3.30pm
Spring Treasure Hunt family event

Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl

A family event searching for clues and treasure in the woods. Booking: Just turn up Children £2 Atholl Estates Ranger Service, Blair Atholl Telephone 01796 481355 pf@atholl-es-tates.co.uk www.athollstatesranger-service.co.uk

Sat 14th to Mon 16th May

Launch of the display commemorating the life of Donald McBeath

Atholl Country Life Museum as part of the Museums Galleries Scotland, "Festival of Museums."

The Museum would be open at no charge to attract locals and tourist providers to get acquainted with the Museum and with the life of the man on the welcome sign into Blair Atholl. During that weekend on Sat 14th May at 2pm a new book produced by the Abertay Historical Society entitled "Ten Taysiders", including Donald McBeath as one of the ten, will have its Atholl launch at the Museum. Some of the authors of the book will speak. Cheese and wine will be served.

The Museum display will continue throughout the season until October

Saturday 16th April 10am - 2pm
Summer Market

Mill of Logierait, Ballinluig, Perthshire, PH9 0LH

local traders offering lots of produce, crafts, plants, wines and even collectables that range from vintage kitchenware to agricultural curiosities. Plenty of free car parking, catering on the field, tables and chairs, and nice loos. Phone 01796 482222, www.highlandlightrailway.co.uk

Saturday 16th April 2pm - 4.30pm

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Saturday 16th/ Sunday 17th April
Canoe Slalom Racing
Grandtully

Premier Double Saturday Classic Format - Sunday Classic Format - Come along and see Britains top Slalom paddlers in action, competing at weekends and training during the week. organiser CRCATS I. Grant 58 Sinclair Drv Cowdenbeath, Fife KY4 9PA Tel 01383 510292 e.mail ingridgrant@fsmail.net

Saturday 16th Sunday 17th April
Etape Caledonia Training Rides-Easy

The easy is for people expecting to complete the Etape in five and a half hours or more
The Cost is £49 per day or £199 for weekend including accommodation and all meals, plus bike maintenance workshop. The price for both also includes on-ride guides, vehicle support, energy products, lunch and maintenance back-up tel:07763013862 www.SkinnyTyres.com

Sunday 17th April 2pm Ages 4+ Malina's Dream: Angel Heart Theatre

Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld

'Malina's Dream' is an enchanting tale of an excitable little Inuit girl, Malina, who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun. Into her frozen world comes a dream, and in that dream enters a stranger, whose ship is crushed in the ice. When Malina discovers her dream has become real she knows only she can save the stranger's life...with just a little help

from Grandpa and his magic drum! ... a warm-hearted tale, inspired by true-life encounters between 19th century sailors and the Inuit communities of the Arctic, with breath-taking puppets (including shadow puppetry), live music and a specially commissioned soundtrack creating an unforgettable experience of magical theatre. Tickets: £5 / Family (2 adults 2 kids) £17 To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnaminstiture.com

**17th - 19th APRIL
Three Day Golf Breaks From
£89.00 per person
Pitlochry Golf**

These golfing breaks are hosted over three days from Sunday to Tuesday for all golfers of any ability. This is a fantastic opportunity to escape into the beauty of Highland Perthshire and recharge the batteries in the company of new and old friends. In setting up the itinerary we look to play a competition in the morning with the option of expert coaching from our professional coaching staff, followed by dinner and entertainment at the clubhouse on the Sunday and Monday nights. www.pitlochrygolf.co.uk

**Monday 18th April 3pm until
dark**

**Canoe Slalom Div 3/4
Aberfeldy**

Come along and see Britains top Slalom paddlers in action, competing at weekends and training during the week. Breadalbane Canoe Club e.mail stephen.macdonald@canoescotland.com

**Monday 18th April 7.30pm
Wildlife in towns - what
Pitlochry offers
The Tryst Pitlochry**

Scottish Wildlife Trust AGM and illustrated talk by Jeannie Grant. Please send nominations or topics for the agenda to the Vicechair or any committee member by the end of March. Meet at the Tryst, Pitlochry Members £2. Contact John Thorpe 01796 474252

**19th April, 2-3.30pm
Red Squirrel Walk
Atholl Estates Ranger Service,
Blair Atholl**

meet: Glen Tilt Car Park, by Blair Atholl Come and look for our red squirrels and learn more about them. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Adults £2, Children £1. Telephone 01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**20th April 2pm - 4.30pm
Land Rover Safaris
Atholl Estates, Blair Atholl**

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**Friday 22nd Apr to Monday 25th
April**

**Easter Fun Weekend
Blair Castle Blair Atholl**

Every day over Easter weekend, there will be an opportunity to join the Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt in the castle and gardens. Find the Easter bunny's carrots hidden among the spring flowers and foliage and mark them on a treasure map. Once you have found all of the carrots hop along to claim your chocolate Easter egg prize.

Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt - Get creative with crayons! Colour in an egg and hang in on our beautiful Easter tree in the Banvie Hall. There will be a prize for the best egg picture.

**Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt Sun-
day 24 April - 2pm to 3pm**

Egg painting and rolling - Paint a hard-boiled egg and roll it down the grass brae next to the deer park. There will be a prize for the three best painted eggs and the three fastest eggs. Tel 01796 481355

**Friday 22nd April 7.30pm
Sean Hughes Ducks and Other
Mistakes I've Made
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Veteran comic and star of numerous TV shows, Sean Hughes has returned to his first love, stand-up, and is at his absolute best in this rare, much-anticipated appearance. Tickets: £16.50 Box Office 01796 484626 www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

**Friday 22nd April 8pm
Woody Pines
Birnam Institure, Birnam by
Dunkeld**

There was a time when Woody Pines went out alone with resonator guitar to make a name for himself in New Orleans...now he fronts a hot North Carolina-based four-piece band with the same name, "kicking up a good-time storm" and is one of the most popular Americana bands on the Stateside roots music circuit, stablemates of another of Birnam's favourites, The Wilders. Billy Joe Shaver, the top gun Outlaw Country legend described by Willie Nelson as "possibly the best songwriter alive today," declared: £12/£10 conc/£5 u16s To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnaminstiture.com

**Saturday 23rd April 2011
Cyclo-Cross Event for Adults and
Kids (obstacle course circuit) with
prizes.**

**To be held at Taymouth Castle,
Kenmore.**

Times to be confirmed. More information on www.cyclehighlandperthshire.com or phone 01887 820922.

**Saturday 23rd April, 2-3.30pm
Egg Olympics family event
Atholl Estates Information Cen-
tre, Blair Atholl**

A challenging afternoon for eggs – painting, rolling, assault course, quiz, swimming. Has your egg got what it takes? Please bring a (highly trained) hard-boiled egg with you. Booking: Just turn up. Cost: Children £2 Telephone 01796 481355 pf@atholl-estates.co.uk

www.atholstatesrangersonline.co.uk

Saturday 23rd April to Saturday 30th April 10am - 5pm

**Pendle Art Studio Exhibition
The Locus Centre Aberfeldy**

Pendle Art Studio was created by Doug and Hilary Law in 2007 Their work covers many different styles from landscapes, seascapes, still life and portraits to surreal and abstract. In 2009 they moved to Aberfeldy where they have continued to paint. They have held several successful exhibitions in the Dundee area, the Dundee Botanical Gardens and in Plockton. There will be something for everyone here including the sale of art books. Come and have a look. We look forward to meeting you all.

Saturday 23rd April and Sunday 24th April

**Canoe Slalom Div 1/2 Pan Celtic International
Gradtully**

Come along and see Britains top Slalom paddlers in action, competing at weekends and training during the week. Map 50 Ref NN91 2531 AB-CXEFG Limit 250 Organiser SCOTS Tel 01383 872431 email: scots@limekilns.plus.com

Saturday 23rd April - Sunday 24th April

Etape Caledonia Training Rides-Moderate

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**Sunday 24th April 7.30pm
Roddy Woomble & Band**

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Ex front man of Scottish rock band Idlewild, Roddy is touring this stellar acoustic set of his long awaited new

album, recorded on the Isle of Mull and produced by John McCusker. This concert will also feature tunes from My Secret is My Silence and Before the Ruin (with Kris Drever & John McCusker) alongside several Idlewild numbers. Tickets: £16.50 Box Office 01796 484626

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Sunday 24th April & Monday

**Cadbury Easter Egg Trail
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre (NTS)**

Enjoy an action packed afternoon – follow the Easter trail to receive your Cadbury Easter egg. There will be Easter crafts and badge making. Outdoor games, including the giant jigsaws and touch box will be available to keep everyone occupied. No booking just turn up.

Child £2. Tel 0844 4932194 <http://www.nts.org.uk/Events/Detail/447/>

Monday 25th April & Monday

**Cadbury Easter Egg Trail
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre (NTS)**

Enjoy an action packed afternoon – follow the Easter trail to receive your Cadbury Easter egg. There will be Easter crafts and badge making. Outdoor games, including the giant jigsaws and touch box will be available to keep everyone occupied. No booking just turn up.

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Monday 25th April 7.30pm.

**Moulin & Pitlochry History Circle:
The Tryst, Pitlochry.**

AGM, David Willington, retired Classicist 'Romans in Perthshire'. The Tryst, New members welcome.

**Tuesday 26th April 7.30pm - 9pm
Yoga for Cyclists**

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

A great way of strengthening, stretching and toning those muscles.

No experience of yoga required. Information from Emma on 01887 829 736

Thursday 28th April 11am - 4pm

**Loch of the Lowes Guided Walk
meet at TIC The Cross Dunkeld**

Walk from Dunkeld through oak wood-

land on the way to the Loch of the Lowes. Adult £6 Child £2 Members £2 Tel 01350 727337

Saturday 30th April - Sunday 1st May

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Saturday 30th April -

3 guided bike rides by Escape Route in

Atholl Road Pitlochry

Highland Perthshire's dedicated Cycle Shop

2 pm departure for all the rides.

1 will be a road ride,

1 off road ride leaving from the Shop Max 2 hour ride, gentle pace.

and at 2pm departure at Faskally woods/loch Dunmore for Kids, again easy gradient max 1.5 hours. 4pm back at Escape Route we will have a free BBQ so the riders will come back to the shop for food should they want to. Tel:- 01796 473859

Saturday 30th Apr 12.00 - 16.00

**Pitlochry Superdog
Event held at Pitlochry Recreation Ground.**

A fun afternoon for dogs with competitions, displays and doggy games. People can come too.

Prices: Free Entry. Tel 01796 481355

http://www.athol-estates.co.uk/event-detail.cfm/event_ID/425/title/Pitlochry%20Superdog

Saturday 30th April 8:00pm

Kieran Goss

Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld

Kieran Goss has long been hailed as one of Ireland's leading performers and songwriters. Over the last 20

years, he has quietly and consistently delivered songs of rare quality and his wonderful, deceptively simple melodies have won him fans across the globe. But it's live in front of an audience where he really shines: those who have seen him in concert know that a Kieran Goss show is an evening of great songs, sung from the heart, all delivered with an easy grace and humour. This is a rare chance to see Kieran performing live and solo. Don't miss it!

£12/£10 conc./£5 U16s To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnaminstiture.com

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