



## What's On in Highland Perthshire March 2011

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**Snowdrop Festival**  
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**1st February 2011 to 15th March Tuesdays & Saturdays - 9.30am to 2.30pm**

**Snowdrop Festival Blair Castle Blair Atholl.**

Enjoy the seasonal delight of snowdrops in bloom on a walk around the castle grounds. A gentle meandering route passes through the Hercules Garden and weaves along to St Brides Kirk. The walk also includes access to two new paths (only open to the public at snowdrop time). Then step in from the cold and enjoy the indoor flowers. The castle's entrance hall, Banvie Hall and restaurant will be decorated with bowls of scented daffodils, hyacinths and scillas. **The castle and grounds are open on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.** Free entry to grounds, restaurant and shop. Normal seasonal prices apply for castle admission. [http://white.visitscotland.com/snowdrop\\_festival/perthshire.aspx](http://white.visitscotland.com/snowdrop_festival/perthshire.aspx)

**20th February to 25th March 10am - 4pm**  
**Cluny House Gardens PH15 2JT**  
**Cluny, Near Aberfeldy, Perthshire,**

Experience this exceptional woodland garden with massive Wellingtonias, Red squirrels, snowdrops and snowflakes, erythronium, trillium and early primulas. Cluny is a treat not to be missed. Open 20th February to 25th March 10am - 4pm. Entry £4.00 adult, £1 child. Tel. 01887 820 795 [http://white.visitscotland.com/snowdrop\\_festival/perthshire.aspx](http://white.visitscotland.com/snowdrop_festival/perthshire.aspx)

**Wednesday 2nd March until Thursday 31st March 10am - 5pm**  
**Scottish Felters, Felt Inspired Exhibition**

**Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**  
a branch of the international Felt Makers Ass. brought together by Ewa Kuniczak. with designs to delight and intrigue. please call the box office on 01350 727674. [www.birnaminstitute.com](http://www.birnaminstitute.com)

**Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th March 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)**  
**'Behind the Sun', presented by the Heartland Film Society**  
**Locus Centre Aberfeldy**

Another film by Central Station director Walter Salles, this is an uncompromising and beautiful story of honour and revenge set in the badlands of North East Brazil and based on a novel by the Albanian writer Ishmael Kadare about the blood feuds that cursed his country.



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2001, Brazil, France & Switzerland, Portuguese language, 105 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](http://www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk); contact: oscar@heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk or 01796 482446

**Friday 4th March 7.30pm**  
**The Golden Days of Musical Satire - 100 Years Of Taking The P\*\*\***

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**  
 The Golden Days of Musical Satire takes the funniest songs of the last hundred years and throws them together in a 90 minute, one man and his piano show! You'll hear side splitting serenades such as Allan Sherman's Hello Mud-dah, Hello Faddah, Flanders and Swann's The Gas Man Cometh, Victoria Wood's Barry and Freda, Bernard Cribbins' Hole in the Ground, Noel Coward's Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Monty Python's Always Look On The Bright Side of Life, The Goons' Ying Tong Song and Tom Lehrer's Poisoning Pigeons in the Park. Tickets: £15.00 Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626  
[www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Saturday 5th March 10 – 4pm**  
**Sewing for Dummies - Beginners**  
**Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**

£35 Soup & Sandwich lunch included - This workshop is aimed at participants with very basic sewing machine skills. Lin will give you the knowledge and tips on how to follow

a basic pattern, how to cut it out, tack and hem a wrap- around skirt. Please bring a fabric of your choice thread and a wrap- around skirt pattern. Depending on interest, a weekly sewing class may be added to our ongoing weekly workshop programme . Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. [www.birnaminstitute.com](http://www.birnaminstitute.com)

**Saturday 5th March 7.30pm**  
**Grand Ceilidh**  
**Grandtully Hall Gradtully by Aberfeldy.**

Grandtully, Logierait & Strathtay Church present the Grand Ceilidh. Music and entertainment by local people! Food tea/coffee and wine provided Tickets £5 Under 15s free Do not miss this event!

**Saturday 5th March 2.00pm**  
**matinee and 7.30pm evening**  
**Moscow Ballet - Coppélia**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

PFT favourites Moscow Ballet return for a fourth time with two sure-to-sell-out performances of Coppélia. A classical ballet in three acts, originally choreographed by Arthur Saint-Léon for the Paris Opéra to a libretto in which he collaborated with Charles Nuitter, and set to music by Léo Delibes, Coppélia features constantly in the repertoire of the world's leading ballet companies and is widely regarded as one of the jewels of classical ballet. Tickets: £16.50 - £22.50 Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626  
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**Saturday 5th March 8:00pm**  
**Alastair Humphreys: Around the World by Bike**  
**Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**

At just 24 years old, Alastair Humphreys left England to cycle around the world. Completely alone with just his bike, a few maps and very limited supplies, he set out on a 46 000 mile journey which would take him through 60 countries, across 5 continents and take 4 years to complete. Riding from England to South Africa,

Alastair raced across the Atlantic by yacht, cycled from Patagonia to Alaska, crossed the Pacific by freighter, finally completing his expedition by cycling back to England from eastern Siberia. Tickets: £12 / £10 conc Box Office Tel 01350 727674 [www.birnaminstitute.com](http://www.birnaminstitute.com)

**Sunday 6th March**  
**Etape Caledonia Training Rides-Moderate**

The Moderate is for those expecting to 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](http://www.SkinnyTyres.com)

**Sunday March 6th 2 – 4pm**  
**Ballroom Dancing**  
**Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**

Strictly Come Ballroom!  
 Adults. We've often been asked to provide ballroom dancing lessons – so here's your chance to have a taster session with popular Emma Gray. Come along and join Emma in this fun filled dance class, learn to dance the Cha Cha Cha and Rumba like Anne Widdecombe – wear your ballroom gear for this – ie: comfy clothes with plenty of movement! Tickets: £10 £6 Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. [www.birnaminstitute.com](http://www.birnaminstitute.com)

**12 March 8:00pm**  
**Edinburgh Quartet**  
**Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**

Programme: Beethoven Quartet in G major opus 18 no: 2 Shostakovich Quartet no: 8 Schubert Quartet in A minor opus 29 With a distinguished international profile, the Edinburgh Quartet is Scotland's premier string quartet. Resident at the Ian Tomlin School of

Music, Edinburgh Napier University, and at the University of Glasgow, it is one of the UK's longest-established university-based professional quartets, and it is Scotland's only full-time chamber ensemble. Tickets: £12 / £10 / £5 Tel 01350 727674 [www.birnaminstuture.com](http://www.birnaminstuture.com)

**Sunday 13th March 12.30pm  
National Youth Jazz Orchestra of  
Scotland -Free informal concert  
Birnam Instuture, Birnam by  
Dunkeld**

free lunch time concert NYJOS Access is a training ground for the next generation of top jazz musicians, led by Malcolm Edmonstone and Andrew Bain. They'll be performing popular big band classics such as Afro Blue and Boplicity ...up-beat, lively and uplifting for both audiences and band members alike. These young, 12-18yrs old musicians always impress with their high standard of musicianship, and we defy you not to be swinging, clapping and generally boogieing with the music! The concert will take place on the mezzanine, so you can enjoy a bite of lunch at the same time – lovely!! NYJOS Sponsors: Creative Scotland The Leverhulme Trust The Carntyne Trust Musicians Benevolent Fund Esmee Fairbairn Foundation Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674.

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**Sunday 13th March 7.30pm  
Bless 'Em All - The Spirit Of  
World War II**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Fife-based operatic concert group Ensemble have been entertaining audiences since 1983. Annual visitors (7 years running!) to Pitlochry Festival Theatre, this season's offering was performed in this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Bless 'Em All is a programme of wartime songs and music from the ever popular Vera Lynn, Gracie Fields and Edit Piaf, amongst others. And then there's Glen Miller, the sound that epitomised the spirit of the age. Join

us for an evening of wartime music and a touch of nostalgia. All profits from this event will be donated to the Lawside Romania project.

Tickets: £12.50 Tel: Box Office: 01796 484 626

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**Tuesday 15th March 1pm - 5pm  
and 6pm - 9pm**

**Looking Good, Feeling Great! -  
have a day of pampering!!**

**Pitlochry Golf Clubhouse**

Bring along your friends and have a great day of pampering, enjoy a range of Mini Treatments from Hair and Beauty to Health & Wellbeing (small additional charges apply) A range of great stalls, Jewellery, Accessories, Confectionery. Charity Raffle full of Fabulous Treats! TICKETS - £5 in advance To include refreshments – Tea or coffee and cake in the afternoon or cocktail and nibbles in the evening Tickets from: Beauty & Wellbeing (Moulin), Atholl Hair & Beauty (Blair Atholl), Perthshire Fitness Therapy (Killiecrankie), Pitlochry Golf Clubhouse, Natalie @ Scotch Corner or call Jane on Tel: 07905 952908

**Thursday 17th March 8:00pm  
Russell Kane - Smokescreens &  
Castles**

**Birnam Instuture, Birnam by  
Dunkeld**

In his new show, the triple Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee and co host of ITV2's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here NOW! explores self, family, and the consequences of his Dad buying his own council house. Sociological silliness and high energy contortions guaranteed.

Tickets: £14 Adults £12 con Tel 01350 727674

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**Friday 18th March 7.30pm  
Music in Rannoch Concert:  
Old Church of Rannoch**

Scott Mitchell (piano) and Yvonne Paterson (flute). . £7.50, children free. Interval refreshments.

**Friday 18th March 7.30pm  
Karen Matheson**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Karen Matheson is the unmistakable voice of Capercaillie. Combine that sound with James Grant on guitars, Ewen Vernal on double bass and Donald Shaw on piano and you have all the ingredients for a night of sublimely beautiful music.

Tickets: £22.50 Tel: Box Office: 01796 484 626

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**Saturday 19th March 12 til 5pm  
The Matthew Jukes 100 Best  
Australian Wines Roadshow  
The House Of Menazies Aber-  
feldy PH15 2JD**

All of the wines will be on taste and Matthew will pop up at random intervals to taste & discuss individual wines - he will also be on hand throughout the afternoon to chat and answer questions! This will be his only Scottish Roadshow venue. This is a Free Tasting and all are very welcome! Tel: 01887 829666

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

**Saturday 19th March 2pm-5pm -  
Adults**

**Plant Hunting for Beginners  
Birnam Instuture, Birnam by  
Dunkeld**

Spend an afternoon with Ruth Atkinson on a tour through the botanical jungle. We will take a look at how plants are classed and what aids and techniques there are to finding names of wild flowers and garden plants. Ruth trained and worked at Kew and Edinburgh Botanical Gardens in tropical botany, and in Scotland as a plant ecologist. Come prepared for a short walk, weather permitting. No botanical knowledge required. Tickets: £18 To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. [www.birnaminstuture.com](http://www.birnaminstuture.com)

**Saturday 19th March 7.30pm  
The Mikado - Presented by Dun-  
fermline Gilbert and Sullivan So-  
ciety**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Koko, a cheap tailor in the town of Titipu, rises to the high rank of Lord High Executioner, but is somewhat distracted from his duties (which

includes cutting off his own head!) by the beautiful Yum-Yum. Sadly, she's set her sights on Nanki-Poo, a wandering musician whose true identity (he is the son of the Mikado) is concealed. But that's the least of Koko's problems: the Mikado is about to arrive and find out why there have been no executions for over a year! The Mikado is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most admired and best loved works, a comic opera packed with plenty of well known songs including I've Got a Little List, A Wand'ring Minstrel I, Three Little Maids, The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring, Tit Willow and many more.

This year Dunfermline G&S Society celebrates its 40th anniversary with this special first concert performance at PFT. Tickets: £15.00 Tel: Box Office: 01796 484 626

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**Saturday 19th March 8:00pm  
Wild Life: Magnetic North Theatre Company  
Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**

What makes us human?

Following rave reviews and a sell-out tour of 5\* rated Walden, Magnetic North are thrilled to be touring again with their new play Wild Life, penned by acclaimed playwright, Pamela Carter.

Inspired by Francois Truffaut's film, L'Enfant Sauvage, likewise Wild Life explores similar motifs: we follow the true story of Victor, the so-called '12 year old Wolf-Boy of Aveyron' found living wild in 19th century rural France. Wild Life monitors the progress of a modern-day Victor, the subject of a reality television show, with every step of his progress towards civilisation captured on video and watched by millions ...but the more human and less savage he becomes, the more the ratings drop. This dark, witty and provocative show questions the nature of humanity, the way children acquire basic human skills, and how we understand our place in the world.

14+ Tickets: £12 / £10 / £5 To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. [www.birnaminstitute.com](http://www.birnaminstitute.com)

**Sat 19th & Sunday 20th March  
Etape Caledonia Training Rides-Advanced**

The Advanced is for those expecting to complete in Four and a half or under.

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

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**Monday 21st March 7.30pm  
Conservation of Scottish Butterflies & Moths**

**The Tryst Pitlochry**

illustrated talk by Tom Prescott. Scottish Wildlife Trust members £2 Tel 01796 474480

**Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm**

**"Perthshire Picts" - Talk by Mark Hall, Perth Museum  
Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl**

Atholl Country Life Museum is delighted to present a talk on Perthshire Picts to be given by Mark Hall, History Officer of Perth Museum. He is responsible for the Archaeology Collection and Picts are his particular interest.

Perthshire has a rich Pictish heritage including our own local treasures, the Pictish Stone in Struan Church, the Aldclune Brooch, the Dunfallandy Stone and of course, the remains of the Pictish Man discovered in Blair Atholl in 1980s. This promises to be a fascinating evening.

Tickets £4.00 includes refreshments. All Welcome

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24th,  
8.00pm**

**THE FIDDLE TREE PRESENTS  
"ACOUSTIC ROOTS REVUE"  
BIRNAM HOTEL, Birnam by Dunkeld**

A group of the best-known musicians and singers on the Tayside Music Scene are brought together for The Fiddle Tree's March event at The Birnam Hotel. "Acoustic Roots Revue" is the collective name for an

eclectic evening of top-notch acoustic sounds by a total of four bands, each playing a set of around 35 minutes. The bands are: RANCHO REBOP & THE FULLMOON HOWLERS, playing an infectious mix of Western Swing, Country and Bluegrass; WANG DANG DELTA with an acoustic version of their driving Blues coupled with original songs;

20 TEN, who will play a range of classic songs including Beatles, Soul & Bowie; THE NEW MADRIDS - Alternative Country and Americana. Tickets cost £10 advance / £12 on the door. Concessions: £8 advance / £10 on the door; Under-18s - £5. They are on sale now at Birnam CD (01350 727158) and Zigzag's, Dunkeld (01350 728666). Please note that these outlets accept cash and cheques only. Card bookings can be made ONLINE ONLY at [www.thebooth.co.uk](http://www.thebooth.co.uk). For postal bookings, contact Birnam CD.

**24 March - 26 March 7:30pm  
SCDA Divisional Finals 79h  
PERTSHIRE FESTIVAL OF ONE  
ACT PLAYS**

**Birnam Institute, Birnam by Dunkeld**

The annual SCDA Festival, featuring the cream of Perthshire's amateur drama companies.

District Finals: Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th February. 7.30pm

Adjudicator: Russell Boyce

Divisional Finals: Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th March 7.30pm

Adjudicator: Marie O'Sullivan

Tickets: £9: Balcony £8/£6 conc:

Stalls. 3 Night Special: £21: Balcony £18: Stalls

Tickets available from Birnam Arts or from competing clubs. Tel 01350 727674 [www.birnaminstitute.com](http://www.birnaminstitute.com)

**Friday 25th March Doors open  
6.30 pm Eyes down 7 pm  
Pitlochry Pre-school Playgroup  
Fundraising Evening Bingo & Raffle**

**Tryst Lounge Pitlochry**

Ticket priced at £1 which includes tea/coffee & biscuits Tickets available at the door on the night

All welcome

**Friday 25th March 7.30pm  
Apocalypse No! - Barbershop-  
era**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

In this hilarious musical comedy, Barbershopera bring their tongue-twisting a cappella talents to a tale of the Apocalypse so outrageously apocryphal that Terry Pratchett would be proud to call it his own! Following the bi-millennial audit of Earth, the four Archangels - you can tell them by their haloes - advise God that the planet is beyond redemption. Money, politics, love and slow hand-driers have ruined human kind. God thus decides to send in the four Horsemen - you can tell them by their hobbyhorses - to bring about the Apocalypse. As a result, mainly due to a beautifully punned mistake, an ordinary primary school teacher (with discipline issues) ends up riding with War, Famine and Pestilence when Death fails to show. Tickets: £16.50  
Tel: Box Office: 01796 484 626  
[www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com](http://www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com)

**Saturday 26th March 7.30pm  
Skerryvore - Trad-Rock fusion  
for the 21st Century**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Blazing bagpipes, fiddle and accordions, electrically fused with funky rhythms and soul-gripping songs - Skerryvore are an award-winning Scottish band creating a Trad-Rock fusion for the 21st Century. Tickets: £18.50 Tel:Box Office: 01796 484 626  
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**Saturday 26th Sunday 27th  
March**

**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  
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**Saturday 26th Sunday 27th March  
Cyclo cross comes to Highland  
Perthshire!**

**Taymouth Castle Aberfeldy**

So - what is Cyclo cross? There was a mini-event at the Cycling Festival BIG Day in Victoria Park last May which many youngsters took part in. Basically, the courses consist of a variety of terrain: tarmac, mud, grass and steep slopes, often through wooded areas and the riders have to dismount to run over small hurdles and sometimes shouldering their bikes to get over natural obstacles. The race courses are usually fairly short allowing spectators to see the racing many times during the race. The race format is a mass start with riders doing as many laps of a short course [1-2km] in a certain time. The winners are decided on a) highest number of laps and b) first across the line on that final lap. All racers finish on the leader's last lap. So it's something a bit different, and will hopefully attract various ages and skill levels. Racing is open to all age groups - and we are hoping to offer a shorter race for younger riders, which will give them a taster too. More details will be published in the March Quair or from  
[rwpearson@liveactive.co.uk](mailto:rwpearson@liveactive.co.uk) or [alison@highlandperthshirecyclingfestival.co.uk](mailto:alison@highlandperthshirecyclingfestival.co.uk)

**Monday 28th March 7.30pm.  
Moulin & Pitlochry History Circle:**

**The Tryst, Pitlochry**

Mrs Jo Weld Forrester of Aberfoyle, 'Scots who have progressed From Rags to Riches - Social Life in Scotland in the 18th Century'. New members welcome.

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