



What's On in Highland Perthshire February 2012

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Winter Week at Kenmore

Friday 27th January - 5th February

**Winter Words Festival
Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

**February Opening Times
11-19th February
Scottish Crannog Centre**

**15 Feb 2012 to 31 Mar 2012
Snowdrop Festival at Blair Castle
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl**

Visit [Highland Perthshire's newest web site full of What's On information](http://www.explore-highland-perthshire.com) that you can add to your own Trip Planner basket.

5th November to 25th March 2012 Blair Castle Winter Opening Times Blair Castle Blair Atholl

Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm
(Free admission to gardens, grounds,
restaurant and shop.)

Sunday Lunch in the ballroom 12noon
- 3pm

Festive Opening from 28th Decem-
ber to 31st December 2011 10am to
4pm (Last admission to castle 3pm)

Closed from 21st December to 20th
January 2012 (except for Festive
Opening days) email: 01796 481207
e.mail office@blair-castle.co.uk
www.atholl-estates.co.uk

November to March 2012 Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre A923 off A9 2mils from Dunkeld PH8 0HH

**Open Friday Saturday and Sunday
10.30am to 4pm**

*Red squirrels are now considered en-
dangered, but here on the reserve
families of red squirrels visit our feed-
ers, much to the delight of our visitors.
You'll also be able to see woodland
birds such as treecreepers, siskins and
great spotted woodpeckers that all
make great use of our feeders. Enjoy
seeing beautiful waterbirds including
wigeon, moorhen to mallards from the
observation hides with the help of
powerful telescopes. The four star*

*Visitor Centre provides you with a
place to birdwatch in style and all in
the comfort of a cozy centre. Sit back
and relax with a cup of fair trade cof-
fee while you marvel at red squirrels
playing right in front of you from the
viewing window. further info contact
Caroline Hendry 01350 727337 e.mail
lochofthelowes@swt.org.uk*

7TH November 2011 – 28th Feb- ruary 2012

WINTER WATCH SAFARIS LAND ROVER SPOTLIGHT SAFARIS Highland Safaris By Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

As dusk turns into night, climb aboard
your Land Rover and use the spotlight
as a window into this mysterious night-
time world.

Web or Call 01887 820071
www.highlandsafaris.net

7th November – 28th February ALPINE SAFARIS Highland Safaris By Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

Head into the hills to experience the
sub arctic wilderness and search for
elusive White Hares, Ptarmigan and
Red Deer. Enjoy refreshments in our
cosy Mountain Bothy.

Web or Call 01887 820071
www.highlandsafaris.net

Friday 27th January - 5th February

Winter Words Festival Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Get Together with Great Minds at the eighth successive Winter Words Festival - the best possible start to Scotland's Literary Year! This year, we'll bring you even more of the special elements that make this celebration of the written and the spoken word unique - from stories of Scotland's landscape, its history and its people, to tales of adventure, exploration and discovery, all shared by a dazzling array of authors, wordsmiths and broadcasters from across Scotland and beyond. Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

Thursday 2nd February 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Schools event - Lillian Ross Yokie Tonsils - A Puckle a Sangs an' Rhymes for Bairns Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Lilian is a collector and songbearer of traditional rhymes and songs of the Scots language, which she brings to life in this lively show packed with fun, games and audience interaction. Her work is a fantastic resource for teachers of many primary age groups providing cross-curricular learning, Scots language, social history, geography and musicality. In the songs and rhymes, we see glimmers of the people that came before us, the stories and voices that passed from lip to ear for generations. These echoes of our past can be the voices of our future.

Ideal for children in P4-P7 and adults alike! £2.50 u-18s: £2.50, £4.50 for Adults Tel Box Office 01796 484626
www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Thursday 2nd and 3rd February 7.30pm

Inside Job Heartland Film Society Locus Centre in The Square in Aberfeldy

"If you're growing, you're not in recession ... right?" so says Hank Paulson, former US treasury secretary,

adding a bit more hot air to inflate the great financial bubble that popped with a very big bang in 2008. This gripping documentary about the global banking crisis is directed by Charles Ferguson and narrated by Matt Damon. on the door, priced £5.00.

www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk

Friday 3rd February 10.30am - 11.30am

Alastair Scott - Eccentric Wealth Pitlochry Festival Theatre

In Eccentric Wealth, Alastair Scott traces the life of Lancashire industrialist Sir George Bullough. This absorbing biography explores the family's connection with the Hebridean island of Rum, particularly the building of Kinloch Castle, the most intact preserve of Edwardian high-living to be found in Britain. Based on new information, the book offers a fascinating insight into the life and times of one of the great eccentrics of his age, including the Bullough myths and scandals which continue to make extraordinary reading more than a hundred years later.

Alastair Scott was born in Edinburgh in 1954. He now lives with his wife, Sheena, on Skye (with occasional bouts of vagrancy!), working as a photographer, writer and broadcaster. £6.50

Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 3rd February 11.45am – 12.25pm

Liz Lochhead - A Choosing: Selected Poems Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Scotland's current Makar and one of its most loved writers, Liz Lochhead will be reading and talking about her stunning new collection of selected works.

During her career, Liz has been described variously as a poet, feminist playwright, translator and broadcaster and by Carol Ann Duffy as: "an inspirational presence in British poetry – funny, feisty, female, full of feeling, a fantastic performer of her work and a writer who has tirelessly

brought poetry to the drama and drama into poetry."

She is a Fellow of Glasgow School of Art, of The Royal Scottish Conservatoire, and Honorary President of The Scottish Poetry Library. Her plays include Tartuffe, Mary Queen Of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off and the Saltire award-winning Media. £6.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 3rd February 1.00pm – 2.15pm

Janice Galloway – Literary Lunch All Made Up Pitlochry Festival Theatre

In the second volume of her memoirs, the prize-winning author Janice Galloway reveals how the awkward child introduced in This is Not About Me evolved through her teenage years, living with her stoical mother and domineering older sister.

In visceral descriptions of puberty, sex and school-room politics, Galloway casts her extraordinary gaze on the morals and ambitions of one small town through the stories of three generations of women. By turns absurd and tender, this is the story of a family's secrets brought to light, revealing the bonds beneath.

One of our most celebrated writers, Janice Galloway's previous appearances at Winter Words have been no less than personal, defiant, eloquent and entertaining – don't miss out! £22.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 3rd February 2.45pm – 3.45pm

Sue Black OBE - Cold Cases and History Chaired by Eddie Small Pitlochry Festival Theatre

As a third year medical student, Professor Sue Black was given a corpse to examine from top to toe. She was exhilarated by the experience of "knowing what we look like on the inside". Now a leading forensic anthropologist, Sue's work involves dissecting human remains to the point where they can be identified - or, as she describes it, "giving back a name to a nameless corpse".

A well kent face from the gripping TV

series Cold Case Histories, Sue is also a frequent consultant to top crime writers. In addition, Sue currently campaigns to raise the funds for a specialist morgue (www.millionforamorgue.com) as well as a new publication that encourages people to donate their body to science. £8.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 3rd February 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Adam Hart-Davis The Book of Time

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

From water clocks to atomic chronometers, people have always tried to keep track of time, whilst wondering what it is, and why women, plants and fish have cycles linked to the Moon. And how can a jellyfish sting you in less than a microsecond, although you won't feel the pain for a million times longer? And does time really slow down when you are bored and speed up in emergencies? And was there a beginning of time, and will there be an end?

Adam's wonderful new The Book of Time: The Secrets of Time, How It Works and How We Measure It is fascinating, jam packed with amazing facts and observations. You'll have the time of your life. Suitable for adults & children age 8 and upwards! £12.50 (under 18s half price) Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Friday 3rd February 7.30pm
An Evening with Alistair Darling
Pitlochry Festival Theatre

In the late summer of 2007, shares of Northern Rock went into free-fall, causing a run on a British bank - the first in over 150 years. Northern Rock proved to be only the first. Twelve months later, as the world was engulfed in the worst banking crisis for more than a century, one of its largest banks, RBS, came within hours of collapse.

Back from the Brink tells the gripping story of Alistair Darling's one thousand days in No. 11 Downing Street. As Chancellor, he had to avert the

collapse of RBS hours before the cash machines would have ceased to function; at the eleventh hour, he stopped Barclays from acquiring Lehman Brothers in order to protect UK taxpayers; he used anti-terror legislation to stop Icelandic banks from withdrawing funds from Britain. From crisis talks in Washington, to dramatic meetings with the titans of international banking, to dealing with the massive political and economic fallout in the UK, Darling places the reader in the rooms where the destinies of millions weighed heavily on the shoulders of a few. His book is also a candid account of life in the Downing Street pressure cooker and his relationship with Gordon Brown during the last years of New Labour. Alistair Darling is the Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South West. He has held many government posts throughout his career including Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary of State for Social Security, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Secretary of State for Transport, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry before Gordon Brown promoted him to Chancellor of the Exchequer in 2007, a post he held until the change of government in May 2010. £18.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

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Friday 3rd February 9.30pm – 10.30pm / Free

Fearie Tales

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Join us for a third night of Fearie Tales – or as we like to think of them, bedtime stories for the brave! Enter the Bar after dark and you will be assailed with stories of demons, disturbances and despair. Scared? Really? Well, why not gather friends and family together and make a night of it – you might be glad of the company on the way home. A warning: should you meet the ferryman on the way home, don't take up the invite to cross the river because it's not run since 1692...

Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 9.15am – 10.15am

Zoe Venditozzi - Between The Lines

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Writer and teacher Zoe Venditozzi will take you through the basics of creating fiction, or help you develop an idea, a character, or a plot line. For anyone who writes or wants to, this is the perfect class to set you off in the right direction, with practical tips and exercises to try.

Zoe has been published in several journals, was shortlisted in the Dundee International Book Prize 2010, and makes a welcome return to Winter Words. £6.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 10am – 3pm

Fit Camp

The Killiecrankie Hall.

Intense Fitness training to shake off those extra pounds after Christmas, Including Circuits, Running, Hill walking, Tone & Flex and talk's on nutrition and weight management. £30 per person including lunch and healthy snacks Call 07784 119377 or email

info@perthshirefitnesstherapy.co.uk

Saturday 4th February 10.30am – 11.30am

Sara Sheridan Secret of the Sands

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Inspired by 3 letters found in the John Murray Archive at the National Library of Scotland, Sara Sheridan's Secret of the Sands tells the story of British naval officer, James Raymond Wellsted, the first European to travel into the interior of Oman. Set in 1833, the year slavery was abolished in the British Empire, Wellsted disguises himself as a Turkish slaver and sets off to find out what has happened to an earlier British mission who have disappeared on the other side of the Peninsula.

Sara Sheridan sits on the committee of the Society of Authors and on the Board of the writers' collective, 26. She is also an occasional journalist,

blogging recently for The Guardian and the London Review of Books and appearing occasionally on From Our Own Correspondent on BBC Radio4 £6.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 11.45am – 12.45pm

Roger Cartwright Titanic – The Myths and Legacy of a Disaster Pitlochry Festival Theatre

100 years after the Titanic tragedy, why does it still exert such a huge fascination for so many? Titanic was not the fastest but she was the largest Atlantic liner of her day, the press claiming even before her maiden voyage in April 1912 that she was "practically unsinkable". But 1,500 lives - rich, poor, young and old - perished in the icy waters of the Atlantic in what has become one of the most famous and poignant shipping disasters the world has ever known. What happened on that fateful night – was it fate, bad luck, incompetence, negligence, or a fatal combination of events?

Maritime historian Dr Roger Cartwright will share his new unique insights into one of history's most compelling legends. £6.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 1.00pm – 2.15pm

Literary Lunch with Ann Lindsay - Lost Perthshire Pitlochry Festival Theatre

In Lost Perthshire, Ann Lindsay takes us on a journey through a landscape that has changed dramatically. From stone circles, Roman ditches, and Pictish remains to the relatively modern controlled flooding of glens by hydro electric schemes, dam building and hospitals. And then there's land lost to the redrawing of county boundaries, drained bogs, ancient and new forests that have been planted, rivers diverted, and many upland villages, farms and settlements which have vanished, whilst other, previously barely inhabited areas are now densely populated.

Ann is the author of a number of books, including *Mystical Scotland*, *Seeds of Blood and Beauty*, *The Dried Flower Garden and Hidden Scotland*. She lives near Dunkeld, Perthshire. £22.50

Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 2pm – 2.30pm

Poetry Please Free Event in Café Bar Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Share a much loved poem in this unique event! Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 3.00pm– 4.00pm

26 Treasures - A New Voice for History Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Across Scotland and beyond, 26 writers have been exploring ways of bringing treasures from the National Museum of Scotland to life in words. A panel of contributing writers, including Linda Cracknell and Jamie Jauncey will discuss how tapping into the rich story of Scotland's past through objects can connect them not only to social, political, cultural and religious history, but to the powerful emotions of people who lived at the time. A selection of pieces from the 26 Treasures exhibition will be on display during the Festival. Contingency: The 26 Treasures exhibition and project was piloted at the V&A in London. It paired 26 objects, that together told the story of British history, with 26 writers from different disciplines who each produced a 62 word curator's card that told the emotional story of that object. £8.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.PitlochryFestivalTheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Alison Weir - Mary Boleyn: 'The Great and Infamous Whore' Pitlochry Festival Theatre

This is the first historical biography of Mary Boleyn, in which Alison Weir explodes much of the mythology that

surrounds her much debated reputation. Mary Boleyn: 'The Great and Infamous Whore' uncovers the true facts about one of the most misunderstood figures of the Tudor age, including the true extent of Mary Boleyn's relationships with François I of France and Henry VIII of England; the nature of Mary's tempestuous relationship with her sister, Anne; and her true reputation amongst her family and those at court: Was Henry VIII the father of Mary Boleyn's first two children?

Alison Weir is the UK's biggest selling female historian and her books, including those on Mary Queen of Scots, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Elizabeth I, Henry VIII and his wives, have sold over a million copies world-wide.

£8.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

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Saturday 4th February 7.30pm Neil Oliver - A History of Ancient Britain Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Following his sell out event at Winter Words two years ago, Neil Oliver returns to talk about his latest book and TV series, which continue Neil's landmark exploration of how our land and its people came to be, a journey that began with *A History of Scotland*. Neil's hugely engaging style effortlessly communicates his personal sense of wonder at those early, pre-Roman times, an era whose history is all the more moving because none of it was written down and the only way to reveal the story of its people is through the medium of the things they left behind. Neil started his career as an archaeologist and made his television debut with *Two Men in a Trench*, in which Neil visited historic British battlefields and recreated events on the field of battle using state of the art archaeological techniques.

Neil then became the archaeological and social history expert on BBC TV's *Coast*, eventually taking over as the main presenter, before turning his attention to the hugely successful *A History of Scotland*. Born in Ayr and a graduate of Glasgow University's highly respected archaeology department, Neil's enthusiasm and passion

have helped him to bring the excitement of archaeology and history into millions of homes. £18.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

Saturday 4th February 9.30pm – 10.30pm / Free

Fearie Tales

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

This is it. The final instalment of Fearie Tales for 2012. Enjoy the cosy atmosphere while you can - it won't be long before the shadows lengthen, a chill descends and a voice pierces the darkness . . . as the last clutch of this year's ghastly, ghoulish tales are read aloud for the very first time!

Make sure you have a glass or two of something strong at hand - to toast the winners, naturally . . . Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

Saturday 4th February until 18th March

Scottish Snowdrop Festival Birks of Aberfeldy

Spectacular waterfalls in a dramatic wooded gorge made famous by national bard, Robert Burns. A narrow path follows a circular route. Spring flowers and woodland birds. Open daily dawn - dusk. Free entry.

Snowdrop Festival Highland Perthshire

Cluny House Gardens Cluny, Near Aberfeldy, Perthshire, PH15 2JT

A wonderful, wild woodland garden overlooking the scenic Strathhtay valley. Spot red squirrels which are easily seen and see a good display of snowdrops. Seeds available for sale. Open 20 February to 15 March, 10am - 4pm (adults £4.00 children £1.00). tel. 01887 820 795.

4th February to 18th march Part of the Snowdrop Festival in Perthshire

Black Spout Wood Pitlochry

Spring brings snowdrops and wood anemones to the oak woodland floor. Easy waymarked paths, tumbling burns and a mighty waterfall - The Black Spout! Open daily dawn - dusk.

Free entry.

Sunday 5th February 3.00pm – 4.00pm

There's Been A Murder? hiper-words family event

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

When the drama group hired to host a whodunit weekend at Major Henry Broadwind's stately home cancel at the last minute, the Major decides he and his family can run it themselves. But when a mismatched gang of amateur detectives descend for the weekend, things go from bad to worse - and a real body is found in suspicious circumstances . . .

Join hiper Youth Theatre as they lead you through the twists and turns of this comical whodunit mystery!

PFT's hiper Youth Theatre battled their way Scottish History at last year's Winter Worlds and saved the world the year before that! There was a jungle full of animal antics last

Summer, whilst Vikings conquered all before them in Summer 2010. PFT's hiper Youth Theatre have also investigated murderous nursery crimes and have the scared the pants off parents in a Halloween special Fright Night in 3D. Phew! Is there anything this lively and talented group can't do? U-18s £2.50, Adults: £4.50 Tel Box Office 01796 484626

www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

Thursday February 9th 8pm

The Outside Track

Birnam Arts & Conference Centre Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS

A stunning synthesis of virtuosity and energy, The Outside Track's marriage of Canadian, Scottish and Irish music and song has been rapturously received around the world. Hailing from Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton and Vancouver, its five members are united by a love of traditional music and a commitment to creating new music on its foundation. Using fiddle, accordion, harp, guitar, flute, step-dance and vocals these five virtuosos blend boundless energy with unmissable joie de vivre.

The band have enjoyed 5 years of extensive touring in the UK, Europe,

Canada and the USA, Full ticket prices are: £10 (advance) / £12 (on door). Concessions are available at £8 (advance) / £10 (on door). As ever at Fiddle Tree events, under-18s can come along for £5.

Ticket outlets: CASH & CHEQUE ONLY - Birnam CD (01350) 727158 & Zigzag's, Dunkeld (01350) 728666. CARD BOOKINGS ONLINE ONLY at www.thebooth.co.uk .

Friday 10th February 8:00pm

Ribbon of Wildness

Birnam Arts & Conference Centre Station Road Birnam Dunkeld PH8 ODS

In this entertaining illustrated talk, based on his prize-winning book Ribbon of Wildness – Discovering the Watershed of Scotland, acclaimed author Peter Wright, MBE., takes us on an immense journey from one end of Scotland to the other - a 1,200 epic of bog, rock mountain moor and forest. Based on his walk of 2005 along the entire Watershed, following the `backbone of Scotland`, Peter gives a vivid insight to the continuous wildness that he encountered and experienced along the way. Such has been the response to Ribbon of Wildness, that it's recently been necessary to create a second print run, and it will soon be followed by a second book `Walking with Wildness on the Watershed`. Hoping to inspire people to don their boots and explore the sleeping giant of Scotland, as Peter fondly calls the watershed, he freely admits he's infatuated with this particular landscape, and the audience is promised more than just a hint of this infectious passion. Tickets: £8 / £6 Tel 01350 727 674

www.birnamarts.com

Saturday 11th February & Sunday 12th February

Winter Week at Kenmore

Various Venues

11th Basket Making at the Cran-nog Centre 10am - 4.30pm

11th Crochet at Karelia House



10.30am - 12.30pm
12th Iron Age Cooking at the Cran-
nog Centre 10am - 4.30pm
Tel: 01887 830583

www.winterweek.co.uk

Saturday 11th February 7.30pm
Catriona McKay & Chris Stout
Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Catriona McKay (Scottish harp) and
Chris Stout (Shetland fiddle) play a
dynamic and adventurous exploration
of traditional Scottish music. Expect
music inspired by the heightened
senses during the long, light nights of
summer in the north, and by con-
trast, music which celebrates reflec-
tions of winter landscapes and
sounds. Tickets: £15.00 Tel Box Of-
fice 01796 484626

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February Opening Times



11-19th February
Scottish Crannog Centre
Kenmore, Loch Tay PH15 2HY
Daily 11-19th February 10am to
4:30pm. Thereafter for group
bookings only by appointment. Tel.
01887 830583 info@crannog.co.uk
www.crannog.co.uk

Saturday 11th February 6pm
Recital by students of the Yehudi
Menuhin School

Lude, Blair Atholl.

MUSIC IN BLAIR ATHOLL - Lude
House

The Tunnell Trust for Young Musi-
cians. Concerts will be held over sev-
eral days. Phone 01796 481230 for
more information and tickets. The
annual series of Classical Concerts
will again be held in Atholl, during the
2012 season. For full details of all
events please go the concert Web
Site at -

www.musicinblairatholl.com Email :-
info@musicinblairatholl.com - Secre-

tary :- Lavinia Gordon 01796 481
230.

Sunday 12th February 3pm
Recital by students of the Yehudi
Menuhin School

Lude, Blair Atholl.

MUSIC IN BLAIR ATHOLL - Lude
House

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230.

Sunday 12th February 7.30pm
Iolanthe

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Full Stage Production - Presented by
the Dunfermline Gilbert & Sullivan
Society

An opera of comedy, splendid confu-
sion and political satire, Gilbert & Sul-
livan were at the height of their crea-
tive powers when writing Iolanthe.
When I Went To The Bar; The Law Is
The True Embodiment, The Night-
mare Song and When Britain Really
Ruled The Waves are all well-loved
songs - and the finale to Act I is
probably the best in the repertoire!
Tickets: £15.00 Tel Box Office 01796
484626

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Monday 13th February to Friday
17th February
Winter Week at Kenmore
Various Venues

13th Winter Wildlife Walk with Wild
Outdoors 10am

13th Iron Age Clothing at the Cran-
nog 10am - 4.30pm

13th Taste of Perthshire at Taymouth
Courtyard 10am - 4pm

14th Feed the Red Squirrels at Cluny
House Gardens 10am - 11.30pm

14th Woodcarving at the Crannog
10am - 4.30pm

14th Knit and Natter at Karelia House
10am - 1pm

15th Feed the Red Squirrels at Cluny
House Gardens 10am - 11.30pm

15th Iron Age Handcrafts at the Cran-
nog 10am - 4.30pm

16th Feed the Red Squirrels at Cluny
House Gardens 10am - 11.30pm

16th Patchwork at Karelia House
10am - 1pm

16th Pancakes Buns & Butter at the
Crannog 10am - 4.30pm

16th Storytelling in the Crannog Cen-
tre 6pm - 7.30pm

17th Jewellery Makingt at the Cran-
nog 10am - 4.30pm

17th Taste of Perthshire at Taymouth
Courtyard 10am - 4pm

17th Fun with Shrink Wrap at Karelia
House 10am - 12.30pm

**Daily Crannog Tours, Alpine Safa-
ris, Golf, Pony Trekking and**

Salmon Fishing

Tel: 01887 830583

www.winterweek.co.uk

Tuesday 14th February 7.30pm
Dinner 6.00pm

The Craig McMurdo Quartet
Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Craig McMurdo is renowned as one of
the UK's finest crooners. Frequently
compared in the press to Harry Con-
nick Jnr. and Michael Bubl , and of-
ten described as a "one man Rat
Pack", he performs an eclectic mix of
romantic jazz standards, lounge and
swing, imbued with his characteristic
warmth and humour. This promises
to be a fantastic night's entertain-
ment in the cosy atmosphere of the
Theatre Foyer.

Make your evening extra special by
joining us earlier for a Valentine's
dinner in the candlelit atmosphere of
the River Room. Expect tasty, unpre-
tentious fare with a romantic twist . . .

. . . and the food will be great
too! Tickets: £13.00, with Dinner
£29.00 Tel Box Office 01796 484626
www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

15 Feb 2012 to 31 Mar 2012
Snowdrop Festival at Blair Castle
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl

Enjoy the seasonal delight of snow-
drops 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. Saturdays and Sundays - 10am - 4pm Free entry to Gardens and Grounds Booking not required Blair Castle on 01796 481207 www.atholl-estates.co.uk/events

Friday 17th February 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Music in Rannoch
The Old Church of Rannoch - Kinloch Rannoch

A recital of cello and piano music with soloist Robert Irvine, a highly acclaimed Scottish cellist who teaches at the RSAMD. Tickets £7.50 at the door.

Saturday 25th February 2.00pm & 7.30pm
Swan Lake - Ballet West
Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Using Tchaikovsky's stirring score and a moving adaptation of the original choreography, Swan Lake is one of the most famous and best loved of all classical ballet works. Ballet West has developed a significant reputation for producing very high quality classical ballet, which is developing loyal audiences in venues throughout Scotland and overseas. Tickets: £16.50 - £21.00 Family Ticket: £45 (2 Adults & 2 Children) Please note, Family Tickets and other discounted tickets can be booked by phoning 01796 484626, or in person at the Box Office or Just The Ticket. Tel Box Office 01796 484626 www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

Friday 17th February 8:00pm
The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists By Robert Tressell
Birnam Arts & Conference Centre
Station Road Birnam Dunkeld
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This adaptation of Robert Tressell's famous novel is an hilarious fast-paced show that shares with its audience a year in the life of a group of Edwardian painters and decorators, as they renovate a three-storey town house for Mayor Sweater. It traces their struggle for survival in a complacent and stagnating Edwardian England. These workers are the "philanthropists" who throw themselves into back-breaking work for poverty wages in order to generate profit for their masters. This vibrant, lively story is brought to life by two hugely talented and experienced performers using comedy routines, entertaining songs and live music from the Music Hall and uplifting hymns from the Chapel sung in graceful harmony.

£12 / £10 Tel 01350 727 674 www.birnamarts.com

Saturday 18th February & Sunday 19th February
Winter Week at Kenmore
Various Venues

18th Iron Age Pot Making at the Crannog 10am - 4.30pm
 19th Winter Wildlife Walk with Wild Outdoors 10am
 19th Iron Age Cooking at the Crannog Centre 10am - 4.30pm
Daily Crannog Tours, Alpine Safaris, Golf, Pony Trekking and Salmon Fishing
Tel: 01887 830583
www.winterweek.co.uk

Thursday 23rd February - Saturday 25th February 7:00pm
SCDA Festival of One Act Plays

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Scottish Community Drama Association 80th Perthshire District Festival of One Act Plays Tickets available from Birnam Arts or from competing clubs. Adjudicator Ronnie Mackie Balcony £9, Stalls £8 (£6 concessions, stalls only) Seasons £21 and £18.

The annual SCDA Festival, with the cream of Perthshire's amateur drama companies, in a series of one-act plays featuring highly charged drama and, at the other extreme, side-splitting comedy. Tickets fly out for these, so get them quickly! Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

Sunday 26th February 10am – 12noon

Woodwind Ensemble
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A group music-making opportunity for adult beginners/returners on flute, oboe, clarinet or bassoon. Parts tailored to ability level. Friendly and fun. £15 INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP 2:30 – 4:30pm £15 More info/bookings: tel: 01764 652052/visit www.blowandblast.co.uk Online booking is currently not available for this event. To book, please call the box office on 01350 727674. www.birnamarts.com

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