

July

Eventful Perthshire

Eventful Perthshire in July**Summer Season at Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry**

Showing in repertoire from May are Kiss Me Kate, Noises Off, Rough Crossing
www.pitlochry.org.uk

Highland Nights, (every Monday until September), Recreation Ground, Pitlochry (31 May-6 September)

Outdoor evenings of Scottish traditional entertainment with the Robert Wiseman Dairies Junior Vale of Atholl Pipe Band, highland and Scottish country dancing displays, Scottish songs and accordion music (on every Monday until 6th September).

Telephone - 0773 3152 223
www.highlandnight.co.uk

Stobhall Castle & Gardens Open to the Public (Closed Mondays) - 5th June - 4th July. Tours Tue - Sun 2pm, 3pm & 4pm.

Original home of the Drummond chiefs from the 14th century. Romantic cluster of small-scale buildings around a courtyard in a magnificent situation overlooking the river Tay, surrounded by formal and woodland gardens. 17th century painted ceiling in Chapel depicts monarchs of Europe and North Africa on horse (or elephant) back. Open by tour only. Tours at 2, 3, 4pm of the Chapel, Drawing Room and Folly. Explore the garden at leisure after the tour. Location: OS Ref: NO132 343. 8 miles north of Perth on the A93 (midway between Perth and Blairgowrie). Disabled access is partial. Please see Stobhall website for details. Closed Mondays. Telephone - 01821 640332

www.stobhall.com

Atholl Estates Tractor & Trailer Tour - 28th June - 24th July - Varying times.

Departs from Blair Castle Caravan Park & Blair Castle Car Park

Explore the grounds of Blair Castle and the surrounding landscape on a 90 minute vintage tractor and trailer ride. Travelling at a leisurely pace, you'll visit parts of the castle grounds many visitors never get to see as you travel through farmland, woodland and along the maze of estate tracks. The tour offers many opportunities to see the animals that live on the estate including red deer, Highland ponies and Highland cows. A real favourite with children, this tour is a fun way to discover more of the estate. Numbers are limited to 30 people per tour and advance booking is recommended. The tour will run on 28 and 29 June; 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31 July; and 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 24 August.

Telephone - 01796 481207

www.atholl-estates.co.uk

Perth Races - Perthshire Showcase. 30th June - 1st July. First race from 2.20pm

Another great opportunity to enjoy the thrill of National Hunt racing in a superb parkland setting. Stalls selling a variety of racing memorabilia and other nice things are an opportunity for some serious shopping. Come and enjoy an afternoon's racing in the summer sun at Scone Palace Park.

Telephone - 01738 551597

www.perth-races.co.uk

**Atholl Estates Ranger Service -
Squirreltastic. 1st July - 10.30am - 12noon**

Meet at Glen Tilt Caravan Park, by Blair Atholl

Discover more about our treetop friends.

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Simon Yates - Beyond the Void. 1st July 8pm

Birnam Arts Community & Conference Centre

Simon Yates first became known as "the man who cut the rope" holding Joe Simpson during a disastrous descent from Peru's Siula Grande in 1985, a story immortalised in the film *Touching the Void*. 20 years on, Simon is one of the most successful mountaineers of his time, and is touring the UK with his entertaining and inspiring lecture. Simon's dry wit, philosophical approach and stunning images transport his audiences to some of the highest and most treacherous peaks in the world, giving a real insight into the mountain environment and the extreme mental and physical challenge of climbing.

Telephone - 01350 727 674

www.birnamarts.com

**Perth 800 - Game Conservancy Scottish Fair - 2-4th
July 9.30am - 6pm**

Scone Palace

Set impressively in the grounds of Scone Palace, the Game Conservancy Scottish Fair is regarded as one of the main countryside events of the year in Scotland, demonstrating the importance of game and other wildlife and their contribution to the Scottish countryside. The Fair entertains all family members with a variety of displays (including Falconry and Terrier racing) in the Main Ring, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Gundog and Fishing Competitions on the banks of the River Tay. Educational

exhibitions relating to countryside research projects undertaken by the Game Conservancy in Scotland together with children's activities (go-karts, climbing wall and superjumper) add to an enjoyable day out.

Telephone - 01828 650639

www.scottishfair.com

Perth 800 - Perth Day - 2nd July

Perth Day will be a day of commemoration and celebration showcasing the Army, the RAF, the Navy and the Royal British Legion, massed pipe and drum bands, uniformed organisations and veterans associations, in a parade which will begin at the South Inch and finish at the North Inch, via Tay Street.

Telephone - 01738 477958

www.perth800.com

Perth 800 - Perthshire on a Plate - 2nd - 3rd July

Perth Concert Hall

Perthshire's abundance of natural produce and culinary talent will come under the spotlight this summer as Perthshire Chamber of Commerce hosts a brand new event for the food lover's calendar. TV Celebrity chef and "King of the Jungle" Gino D'Acampo, will guest throughout the day with demonstrations, book signings and general chat in his first visit to the Fair City. Leading local talent, exhibitors, traders and experts are also being lined up to cook up a storm for what promises to be one of the highlights of Perth's 800th anniversary celebrations. Perthshire is undoubtedly the top shelf of Scotland's larder with an abundance of prime quality produce covering everything from game to soft fruit and the Chamber plans to showcase that larder with the help of producers, suppliers, retailers and experts from across the county. Although the exciting event will be staged over two days, plans are to focus on trade during the Friday while creating a fabulous programme of demonstrations, tastings and exhibitions for the public on the Saturday. And youngsters won't be forgotten with highlights including competitions to put tiny talent to the test and attractions that draw on experiences from Perthshire of yesteryear. There will be something for everyone - all ages and all tastes - as the festival turns the focus for food in Scotland firmly on Perthshire.

Telephone - 01738 450401

www.perthshireonaplate.co.uk

Havana Swing - 3rd July, 8pm

Birnam Arts Community & Conference Centre

Reminiscent of Django Reinhardt, Havana Swing's fiery, gypsy jazz music will take you on a journey through the famous and sultry Le Hot Club De France, Parisian cafes and gypsy encampments, alive with energy and passion. Three guitars, a double bass and a clarinet-Havana swing are held in high esteem throughout the Jazz Manouche and Hot Club world of music, mainly from their live performances and their CD recordings, Django Ecosais and Django's Lion.

The band have recently broadcast for BBC Radio 2 Sunday Supplement and BBC Radio Scotland Jazz House.

Telephone - 01350 727 674

www.birnamarts.com

Perth Farmers Market - 3rd July 9am - 2pm

King Edward Street, Perth

At Perth Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of each month there is an abundance of fresh ingredients and quality products. From slabs of fresh red meat and slippery oysters to green, leafy veg to home made cakes, pies and wines - you will find everything you need to create delicious meals. If you're not sure what you're after, need to be inspired or want to know more about what you are eating, have a chat with our stallholders who can advise on ideas, cooking methods and traceability. From favourite comfort foods for the family to new and exciting recipe trends for dinner parties and friends, with Perth Farmers' Market, you really can make a meal of it.

Telephone - 01738 582159

www.perthfarmersmarket.co.uk

'The Most Important People In the World: Honesty' by Graham Miller - 3rd - 31st July


Birnam Arts Centre

An exhibition of large scale photographic portraits of people who are recovering from severe and/or enduring mental health illnesses.

Telephone - 01350 727674

www.birnamarts.com

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Live well. Live long. Recycle. 

The British Superbikes - 3rd & 4th July from 9am

Knockhill Racing Circuit

A fabulous spectacle of 2 wheel speed, the British Superbike Championship makes its annual pilgrimage North of the Border, to provide spectators with stunning elbow to elbow action, as the modern day gladiators tackle what is considered by many riders to be the most challenging circuit in this prestigious, high profile championship. Discover for yourself what all the noise is about, when the 180mph projectiles representing Suzuki, Honda, Yamaha and Kawasaki attack the Knockhill tarmac. The cream of men and machines doing what they do best ... racing and how!!! Add a fabulous mix of supporting races and a race day atmosphere unequalled anywhere in the UK and you have the British Superbikes at Knockhill.

Telephone - 01383 723337

www.knockhill.com

The Scottish Blackface Sheep Shearing Competition - Lochearn Shears. - 3rd-4th July, 8am

The Games Park, Lochearnhead

Top class international sheep shearing competition followed by evening dance.

Telephone - 07850 188858

www.lochearnheadshears.org

Donnie Munro & Band, 4th July 8pm

Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry

Last year's inaugural Pitlochry concert was a massive success. Join us as we welcome back the inspirational Celtic superstar and former member of Runrig with his stellar band for a night of Gael-Rock to remember!

Telephone - 01796 484626

www.pitlochry.org.uk

Gardens Open - Glenlyon House, 4th July 2pm - 5pm

Fortingall

Interesting garden framed by hedges, with colourful herbaceous borders and fruit trees underplanted with perennials and annuals. Intensive deep vegetable beds inspired by the late Geoff Hamilton.

Telephone - 0131 226 3714

www.gardensofscotland.org

Perth 800 - Celebration Concert - 4th July

Perth Concert Hall

Perth 800 Celebration Concert will showcase local choirs, orchestras, bands and dance groups. Compéred by Donald Maxwell a son of Perth and internationally acclaimed opera singer this will be a true artistic homecoming.

Telephone - 01738 621031

www.horsecross.co.uk

Scottish Mixed Foursome Golf Week, 4th - 9th July

5 rounds of golf over 5 days played on 5 beautiful courses - Alyth, Blairgowrie, Glenisla, Kirriemuir & Strathmore. A wonderful week of golf and social entertainment culminating in the prizegiving. Cost £250 per couple.

Telephone - 01828 633322

www.scottish-mixed-foursomes-golf.co.uk

Atholl Estates Ranger Service - Fender Meadows. 6th July 2pm - 3.30pm

Tilt Hotel Car Park

Explore the flowers, butterflies and bees of Glen Fender Meadows (Special Site of Scientific Interest).

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Atholl Estates Ranger Service - Minibeast Magic. 8th July 10.30am - 12noon.

Atholl Estates Information Centre

Join the Atholl Estates Ranger Service in a hunt for bugs and beasties in their mini world.

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

Writer, Photographer & Publisher Felicity Martin. 8th July 7.30pm

AK Bell Library, Perth

Experience Big Tree Country with Felicity Martin - follow the footsteps of an outdoor writer, photographer and publisher around Perthshire.

Telephone - 01738 477019

Perth 800 - T In The Park. 9th - 11th July

Balado Airfield

Scotland's biggest outdoor music festival featuring 170 artists playing across 11 stages, 85,000 music fans, 8 bars, a funfair and the legendary T campsite which holds over 50,000 happy campers! Event highlights in 2010 will include Muse, Eminem, Kasabian, Black Eyed Peas, The Prodigy, Jay-Z, Faithless, Stereophonics, Paolo Nutini, Biffy Clyro, Florence and the Machine, Dizzee Rascal, Calvin Harris, David Guetta, Goldfrapp, The Coral and La Roux to name but a few. T in the Park is THE ultimate festival experience. For Shuttle Bus information contact 08705 501501.

Telephone - 08444 999 990

www.tinthepark.com

Crieff & Strathearn Monthly Market. 10th July 9.30 - 4pm

James Square, Crieff

Sample the very best of our local Scottish produce in our Crieff and Strathearn country markets. The bustling markets offer the highest quality of Scottish craft and produce from local traders. Opportunities include local textile and skincare products to organic fresh fruits and vegetables and Scottish meat produce. Each week a local chef will be on hand with a cookery demonstration, incorporating fresh local Scottish ingredients and farm produce. As well as tasters you can also take the recipes to try yourself at home!

www.crieffandstrathearn.co.uk

The Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon. 10th July. Starts at 6am & 7am

Loch Tay, Kenmore

2010 is the 10th anniversary of The Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon! Join us for one of Scotland's toughest one-day events, it is an exhilarating test of stamina, strength and fitness, combining swimming, walking/running, kayaking and cycling. It's not an event for the faint-hearted but promises to take you through some of the most magnificent and scenic areas of the Scottish highlands. Starting and finishing at Kindrochit, the challenge will take you in, over and around Loch Tay including the summits of the Ben Lawers Range and Ptarmigan Ridge. You can enter with friends or colleagues as a team of two (both members participate in each leg) or as a relay team (max 8 members, min 2 team members per leg). It's a tough challenge but your efforts will be rewarded through fantastic camaraderie and finished off with a well deserved massage, a hearty feast on the shores of Loch Tay, a ceilidh and a fireworks extravaganza. In 2010 we will be continuing with our support for Mercy Corps, an international development charity. Our fundraising efforts will go towards improving food production in poverty stricken Guatemala. The project is the vital next stage in helping families to maximise the potential of their land, grow sustainable and profitable crops, and generate livelihoods for themselves and future generations. 9,000 people will directly benefit from this project and the knock-on effect will be

to secure a stream of diverse, nutritional food and to increase food security of the entire populations of the 25 communities in which this project works.

Telephone - 01567 820409

www.artemisgreatkindrochit.com

Gardens Open - Wester Cloqhat. 11th July 2pm - 5pm

Bridge of Cally

Small garden enlarged in 2001 to include a water garden. Lawns, mixed borders with a wide range of shrubs, roses and herbaceous plants. Splendid situation with fine view down to the River Ericht.

Telephone - 0131 226 3714

www.gardensofscotland.org

Perth Races - Family Meeting. 11th July. First race 2.10pm

Perth Racecourse, Scone

Horse racing in the beautiful surrounds of Scone Palace Park. Top National Hunt Jockeys. Full facilities available - dining room, snacks, bars, betting.

Telephone - 01738 551597

www.perth-races.co.uk

Women Behaving Badly. 12th July 8pm

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Compassion, comedy and compost combine in this topical, funny and moving one woman comedy-drama from the makers of Sex & Chocolate and Fur Coat & Magic Knickers.

Telephone - 01796 484626

www.pitlochry.org.uk

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An Ideal Husband! 15th July – 15th October.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

For Gertrude Chiltern, living by the highest moral standards is more important than anything: wealth, status – even love. She is fortunate, then, that her husband, Sir Robert, is the embodiment of her ideal: a junior Cabinet minister of growing influence, he enjoys a reputation for scrupulous honesty. But is that reputation entirely deserved? The notorious Mrs. Cheveley has good reason to think otherwise. And at a reception at the Chilterns' London townhouse, Mrs. Cheveley confronts Sir Robert with damning evidence of a past misdeed; evidence which, if made public, would destroy his career – and his marriage – at a stroke. Even worse, the price for Mrs. Cheveley's silence is not money, but a political favour that would require Sir Robert to 'mislead' the Government. In despair, Sir Robert turns for help to his friend, Lord Goring, a foppish socialite of some renown. Goring, it transpires, knows Mrs. Cheveley of old and has a plan to help Sir Robert. But Goring's clever proposal has unexpected consequences. And he, Sir Robert and Gertrude have to engage in a complex and dangerous game with the vicious Mrs. Cheveley – a game in which the stakes could not be higher... Wilde's dark, glittering comedy explores the risks inherent in a life lived in the public spotlight: must a politician be perfect? Is it right that anyone should be judged entirely by their past? In 1895, such questions caused a sensation; with new questions about political integrity now dominating our own age, this elegant, stylish work retains a surprisingly sharp contemporary resonance. In repertoire until 15 October.

Telephone - 01796 484626

www.pitlochry.org.uk

Atholl Estates Ranger Service – Feeders & Homes. 13th July 2pm – 4pm

Atholl Estates Information Centre

Help out your local wildlife by making nestboxes and feeders. Drop in anytime between 2pm and 4pm.

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Garden Music. 13th July. 8pm

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Broadcaster and singer-songwriter, Frieda Morrison, joins renowned horticulturalist David Mitchell from the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, to take us on a journey of exploration into the plants in your garden. With songs from Frieda's new album Morven and thrilling stories about the adventures of the Scottish plant-hunters from Dave, this will be a uniquely entertaining evening.

Telephone - 01796 484626

www.pitlochry.org.uk

**Perth 800 – Scottish Perthshire Hill Rally.
16th – 17th July. 10am – 5pm**

South Perthshire

Perthshire is one of the few true cross country events in the UK. Combining aspects of Rally Raid, Competitive Safari, and classic Stage Rallying, this is an event where competitors need the precision to drive Forest Stages, the flair to drive the open hillsides, and the patience to drive on the public highway. Accomplished by true team effort this rally is one not to be missed.

Telephone - 07811 378826

www.scottish-hillrally.co.uk

**Scottish Endurance Riding Championship.
16th – 18th July.**

Perth Racecourse

The annual National Championships of the Scottish Endurance Riding Championships are this year based at Perth Racecourse, adjacent to Scone Palace. There are classes open to all, not just Club members. The flagship event is the 160km class, over two days; other classes cover interim distances starting with Pleasure classes at 16-20kms, which are a great opportunity to try endurance. Overnight camping and corralling are available at the venue, with catering and all usual facilities. The routes are varied and offer spectacular views of the Tay valley. Entries should be lodged by 29 June.

Telephone - 01835 863823

www.scottishendurance.com

**Atholl Estates Ranger Service – Wet & Wild.
15th July 10.30 – 12noon**

Atholl Estate Information Centre

Discover the weird, watery world around the river.

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

**Go Native! Ancient Technology & Wild
Cooking Fair. 17th – 18th July. 11am – 4pm**

Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore

Test our dugout canoes, learn a new craft, and cook on the wild side.

Telephone - 01887 830583

www.crannog.co.uk

**Perth Summer Craft Market. 17th July. 9am
-5pm**

King Edward Street, Perth

Visitors to the market will be spoilt for choice at the exciting array of fine Scottish gifts and crafts including: jewellery, textiles, wooden products, pottery, wines and preserves. With so much on offer there is sure to be unusual and quirky items to enhance anyone's home.

Telephone - 01738 475728

www.perthcity.co.uk

Gardens Open - Auchleeks. 18th July 2pm - 5.30pm

Trinafour Kinloch Rannoch

Auchleeks is a classical Georgian house with a large herbaceous walled garden in a beautiful glen setting surrounded by hills and mature trees. North of Blair Atholl turn off A9 at Calvine. B847 towards Kinloch Rannoch, 5 miles on right.

Telephone - 0131 226 3714

www.gardensofscotland.org

Atholl Estates Ranger Services - Magic Spells and Broomsticks Workshop. 22nd July 10.30am - 12noon

Atholl Estates Information Centre

Practice spells in the woods and make a broomstick to take home.

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestatesrangerservice.co.uk

Jimmy Carr - Rapier Wit Tour. 23rd July 8pm

Perth Concert Hall

A heady mix of artistic integrity, loyalty and avarice has put Jimmy back on the road. If you only see one comedy show this year... what's the matter with you? Get out more. A 'rapier' is the long sword of a gentleman. 'Rapier wit' is defined as clever, quick, intelligent humour. Please note, Jimmy Carr doesn't have 'the long sword of a gentleman' and even if you like him, 'clever, quick and intelligent' is a bit of a stretch.

Telephone - 01738 621031

www.horsecross.co.uk/tickets

Ceilidh In The Foyer. 18th July 8pm

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Dance to the ever popular East Neuk ceilidh band Scotch in a Box.

Telephone - 01796 484626

www.pitlochry.org.uk

Braco Show. 24th July 8.30 - 5pm

Lodge Park, Braco

Agricultural Show providing entertainment for all the family!

Telephone - 01796 482756

www.bracoshow.co.uk

Strathmore & The Glens Community Market. 24th July 10am - 3pm

Wellmeadow Blairgowrie

Come along and sample some of the big county's tasty offerings or purchase some plants for the garden. Learn more about your community and experience a market town ambience. Also available - local crafts, homemade soap and yummy tablet!

Telephone - 01250 872960

www.strathmoreglens.org

The Bevv Sisters. 24th July 8pm

Birnam Arts Community & Conference Centre

The Bevv Sisters won critical acclaim and rave reviews far and wide when they appeared at Celtic Connections in 2010... "harmonies heard when men had shooters under their suits and women on their arms - radio chic era, now retro cool. Heather MacLeod, Lindsey Black and Kaela Rowan are reinventing the genre and covering all exits - Barbershop, Country, Jazz, Pop, Blues and torch songs, even jingles - in chromed vocals over lounge bar bass, drums and guitar."

Telephone - 01350 727 674

www.birnamarts.com

Perth Races - Party Night & Summer Meeting. 27th - 28th July. First Race 6pm Tue & 2.30 Wed.

Perth Racecourse Scone Palace

Horse racing in the beautiful surrounds of Scone Palace Park. Top National Hunt Jockeys. Full facilities available - dining room, snacks, bars, betting.

Telephone - 01738 551597

www.perth-races.co.uk

Killin Highland Games. 28th July 11am - 5pm. Parade from Falls of Dochart 1.30pm

Breadalbane Park

Traditional Highland Games including strength events with some of the world's strongest men, piping and dancing competitions, open hill race, trade stands, mini fairground and Chieftains Parade.

Telephone - 01567 820063 or 01567 820342

www.killingames.co.uk

Gardens Open - Boreland. 25th July 2pm - 5.30pm

Killin

A varied garden with borders as the main feature. Very pretty walk along river leading to arboretum.

Telephone - 0131 226 3714

www.gardensofscotland.org

West Coast - A Celebration of The Beach Boys. 25th July 8pm

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

A thrilling tribute to the 1960s West Coast surf sound. Grab your shades, dust down your surf board and hit the beach as Good Vibrations mean you'll have Fun Fun Fun with the talented vocal exuberance of these big concert performers!

Telephone - 01796 484626

www.pitlochry.org.uk

Atholl Estates Ranger Service - Rocky Treasure Hunt. 27th July 2 - 3.30pm

Atholl Estates Information Centre

A family event searching for rocks and treasures.

Telephone - 01796 481355

www.athollestaterangerservice.co.uk

The Original Windows Live Concert. 30th July

Ancaster Arms Comrie

Original classic rock band inspired by the sounds of The Beatles, Kinks, Stones and Zombies.

Telephone - 01738 639747

www.theoriginalwindows.com

Southern Fried - Perth's Festival of American Roots Music. 30th July - 1st August.

Perth Concert Hall

Country, Bluegrass, Soul, Songwriters, workshops, New Orleans Jazz, talks and family shows.

Telephone - 01738 621031

www.horsecross.co.uk

Perth 800 - Geocaching Mega. 31st July

Dewars Centre Perth

Perth will host the first Geocaching Mega event to take place in Scotland. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by people of all ages and abilities equipped with GPS devices. The basic concept is to locate hidden containers in the great outdoors and then share experiences online. All of the organisation for this event is carried out by local & Scottish geocaching volunteers.

www.megascotland.co.uk

Only a selection of Perthshire events has been highlighted above. For more details on any of these events or to view over 300 other events coming to Perthshire visit www.perthshire.co.uk/events