

What's On October 2019

Aberfeldy, Blair Atholl, Dunkeld, Kenmore, Pitlochry and Rannoch

Please check the details with the venue before committing yourself to any event, - make sure there have been no change in details since publication. Also check www.Pitlochry-Scotland.co.uk for updates.

Organising an event? – Go to www.Pitlochry-Scotland.net What's On page fill out the Event form or emailing info@explorescotland.net.



7th October 10am to 2pm Aberfeldy Farmers Market + Crafts & Art Fair

The Square, Aberfeldy PH15 2DD

The farmers market has a wide range of fresh produce including meat, vegetables, fish, cheese, bread, chocolate and lots of beautiful hand crafted items for sale.

Further details from Fiona MacEwan, 01887 829343 or 07990 834092 or aberfeldymarket@btopenworld.com

The Crafts & arts fair is in the Birks Cinema – you will find 'Craftnade Traditional, Contemporary, Unique, Bespoke, Scottish' art from in and around Highland Perthshire. Further details contact Lynn Shilp 01887 830620 or e-mail lynn@breaghglass.com



19th October 10.00am to 3.00pm

Pitlochry Market

Pitlochry Business Centre, Armoury Road.PH16 5AP.

Fresh meat, vegetables, bread, cakes, bakes, beer, gin, mead, jewellery, arts and crafts. Local Traders, Produce and Crafts.

For more details. email:

stalls@pitlochrymarket.co.uk or www.PitlochryMarket.co.uk



Daily to 31st October Duchess Kitty Exhibition Scotland's first female MP

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl PH18 5TL

The story of Scotland's first female MP, is the story of how society changed to allow women to have the vote. The Duchess affectionately known as Kitty, a petite beauty and talented musician. She visited Blair Castle in 1896 and stole the 8th Duke's heart. She was initially a vocal opponent of women's suffrage in her earlier years. Relatively unknown by the public today the new exhibition will explain what an important and influential lady she was. In 1924 she became the first Scottish women MP often arguing against the government, she was never afraid to voice her opinions. She voted against her female peers being able to vote at 21. She was forced to leave the party on account of her strongly held beliefs there should be no appeasement with Adolf Hitler. A fervent campaigner for women and children both at home and abroad she visited war zones reporting back on conditions. Once her political career ended she returned to the Castle and her duties with her usual enthusiasm, pride and love. Tel: 01796 481207 Web: <https://blair-castle.co.uk/>



Daily until Sunday 26th January 2020 'Seeing the unseen' Exhibition Aberfeldy Watermill, Mill Street, Aberfeldy, PH15 2BG.

The common purpose for three artists, Matt Storstein, Paul Martin and Jill Martin Boualaxai is to convey delight in the meaningful materiality of the world. Their works seek out the exceptional in the seemingly mundane; exploring the constant ebb and flow of the world around us. They use a similar contemplative and evocative approach which looks beneath the surface of things to discover the history and poetry of their subjects. In these works there are signs which trigger memory and knowledge, some of which remind us of past experiences and some which convey energy or excitement. We are open seven days a week 10am-5pm, (11am-5pm Sunday). 01887 822896 and info@aberfeldywatermill.com



24th May to 5th October (various times and days)

Summer Holiday

Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Port-Na-Craig Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5DR

During a wet Scottish summer, Pitlochry bus driver Don whisks his workmates away on a borrowed bus, in search of sunshine and fun in Athens! Along the

way, the boys pick up a stowaway, rescue stranded singing trio Do-Re-Mi and fall in love! One of the most popular movies of the 60s, immortalised by Cliff Richard and The Shadows, make sure you jump on board to sing along with the happiest, hit-filled, feel-good musical of your summer holiday. Tickets: from £20.00 PLUS groups offers, family tickets and concessions. Box Office Tel:- 01796 484626



**Every Thursday Evening from 8pm
Join the local Musicians
Royal Dunkeld Hotel Bar, Atholl St,
Dunkeld PH8 0AR**

Every Thursday evening local musicians gather and play in the bar. It adds a lovely atmosphere to a bar that sells real ales and a whole selection of other drinks including tea and coffee. The Woodlands Bistro next door serves a good menu of food for those who want an evening meal. We recommend booking a table (yes it does get busy) and retiring to the bar after your meal. Please note these musicians are not paid, they do it for their own enjoyment, so do not expect it to like a concert on a stage. Royal Dunkeld Hotel: 01350 727322



Every day to 30th November 9.30am and 1.30pm

**Autumn watch Safaris
Highland Safaris By Aberfeldy
Perthshire PH15 2JQ**

“No Question – One of our Best Safaris” Every Season brings a new magic. Head High into the hills to see and hear the primal roar of the Red Deer Rut and the amazing Autumn Colours at their most dramatic. Sights and sounds not to be missed. Includes refreshments on safari. INCLUDES Binoculars and telescope. Hot drinks, shortbread and a dram of

whisky. Wildlife identification sheets and factfiles. Hats & hand warmers if required. Autumnwatch runs in conjunction with our other safaris and events check our website for details. Duration 2 ½ hours. COST – Adult £45. Teenager £30 (12-18). Child £25. Booking is essential. Tel 01887820071 and <https://www.highlandsafaris.net/land-rover-safaris/autumn-watch.html>



**October and November
Enchanted Forest Ticket Holders
Special Offer
Highland Fling (Bungee and Swing),
Killiecrankie Visitor Centre,
Killiecrankie PH16 5LG**

At a stunning location at the entrance to the Pass of Killiecrankie. The Pass will be full of autumn colours. Your jump and swing is from Garry Bridge, 40 meters, above the River Garry. Just a minutes drive from Faskally Forest, the Enchanted Forest location and 3 miles from Pitlochry town centre. Show us your Enchanted Forest ticket and you will receive £10 off the swing or bungee. (Bungee normal price £79pp – discount £69pp, Bridge swing price £69pp – discount £59pp). Please quote reference OCTBUNG. For this deal bookings must be made over the phone and in advance on 0345 366 5844. Proof of ticket must be shown on the jump day.



9th to 30th October, 9.30am to 5.30pm (last entry 4.30pm)

**‘Witches Kitchen Nightmares’
Halloween Exhibition
Blair Castle, Blair Atholl PH18 5TL**

You and your family are invited to ‘Witches Kitchen Nightmares’ at Blair Castle this Halloween season. Kids can enjoy our broomsticks quiz inside the

Castle. There will be Halloween themed baking in the Restaurant and fancy dress for adults and children in the Ballroom. No extra charge and no need to book in advance. Adults £13, Seniors £11.25, Children £8.30 (5-16), Under 5s Free (includes Gardens admission). An Annual Pass for Blair Castle & Gardens entitles the holder to as many visits as they like for one full year from the date of purchase. Tel 01796 481207



**9th to 30th October
Outdoor Halloween Scavenger Hunt
Blair Castle Blair Atholl PH18 5TL**

Scavenger Hunt around St Bride’s Kirk and Diana’s Grove – with a small Halloween souvenir at the end! You can also take a wander round our beautiful 9 aced walled Hercules Garden. Gardens only pass, Adults £7.70, Children (5-16 years) £3.50, Family ticket £19.00, Scooter hire £4.50. An Annual Pass for Blair Castle & Gardens entitles the holder to as many visits as they like for one full year from the date of purchase. Tel 01796 481207



**1st to 31st October 1 to 3.30pm
Autumn Adventure Days by canoeing,
kayaking or paddle-boarding
Beyond Adventure, Riverside,
Aberfeldy PH15 2EB**

Throughout October we are offering Autumn Adventure Days. Come and join us for an afternoon of exploration and thrills, try canoeing, kayaking or paddleboarding for the first time and make your holiday unforgettable. We provide all the equipment and tuition, all you need to do is bring a sense of adventure! Running from 1300 to 1530 you can choose your adventure, perfect for families, couples and those wanting something a wee bit different... £35 per

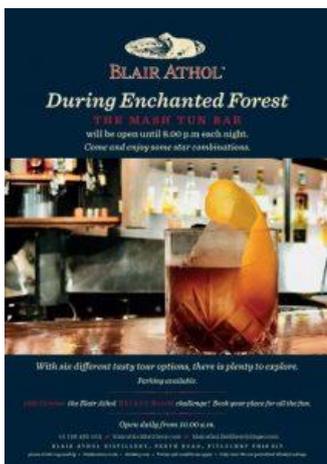
child and £45 per adult – enquire now for availability! Completing our [Enquiry Form](#) Or by phone 01887 829 202 Or by email email@beyondadventure.co.uk



Daily from 3rd October to 3rd November 2019

The Enchanted Forest – Cosmos Faskally Woods, Pitlochry

Each year the Enchanted Forest show is unique. This year's show is called 'Cosmos – Look up and be inspired'. Surprises are said to include a new immersive installation and an audio-visual spectacle that is centred on Loch Dunmore. The Enchanted Forest is an outdoor sound and light show which takes place at Forestry Commission Scotland's Faskally Wood near Pitlochry. Tickets must be purchased in advance, with coaches departing from Fishers Hotel in the centre of Pitlochry. Generally visitors spend at least 60 to 90 minutes in the forest to fully appreciate the show. Most visitors walk around the forest more than once. Remember you can stay as long as you like. The show closes at 10.30pm. Start times vary throughout the run of the show and are largely driven by when darkness falls. Buy your tickets on line. <https://www.enchantedforest.org.uk/tickets/>



Thursday 3rd October – Sunday 3rd November 2019 5pm – 8pm
Mash Tun Bar opens for the Enchanted Forest
Blair Athol Distillery, Perth Road,

Pitlochry PH16 5LY

There is only one true Mash Tun Bar and it is open for the whole of the Enchanted Forest. Why is it the only one? Because it has been made from a working Mash Tun. (A mash tun mixes the ground malt with temperature-controlled water ready for the whisky fermentation process.) Located in a distillery offering a large range of whiskys. With six different tasty tour options, there is plenty to explore. You will also find the prices are very hard to beat, with drams from £3 and Cocktails £6. A short walk from Pitlochry town centre, located opposite Pitlochry petrol station. Tel 01796 482003



Every Friday 8pm
Folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar
Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, By Aberfeldy, Perthshire PH152NQ

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Saturday 5th October 3:00pm
Concert at Tenandry
Tenandry Church Pitlochry PH16 5LH

An informal recital of popular classical music. Agapanthus Duo, Andrew Sherwood, violin, and Jim Letham, piano. No entry charge – Donations to aid Bahamas. Refreshments.



Saturday 5th October from 9.30pm
Kinky Karma at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

A fantastic covers band from the Highlands playing their take on great tunes from the 80's to the present. **FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020**
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www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

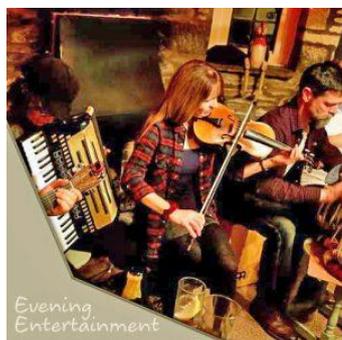


October Sundays departs 7.30am, 10.30am and 2pm
Land Rover Stag Safaris
Blair Castle, Blair Athol PH18 5TL
 Every Sunday in October, Explore Atholl Estates with your expert guide covering challenging terrain as you climb into the hills whilst taking in stunning scenery and spotting native wildlife. Adults £40, Children £20 (3-13) Private safaris available on request. For more details [Atholl Estates Landrover Safaris](#)
 Book on 01796 481355.



Thu 10 October 10.30am – 2pm
Poetry and mindfulness
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH
 Access to nature has been proven to improve your mental health. For World

Mental Health Day, join us for a relaxing morning of poetry and a mindfulness walk. Outdoor clothing, walking boots and packed lunch needed for this event. Nonmember £8, member £6.* (* advance booking is essential for these events; † not suitable for children under 8. Book your place by phoning Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre on 01350 727 337, or visit scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events)



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Folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar Fortingall Hotel, Fortingall, By Aberfeldy, Perthshire PH152NQ

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Friday 11th October from 9.30pm
Jamie McGeechan at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

Singer songwriter from Ayr who has supported Damien Rice & Joan Armatrading. **FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020**
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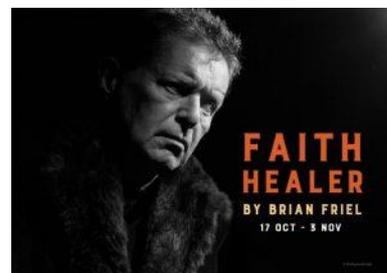
Sat 12th October from 9.30pm
Chris White & The Organic Juke Box at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH

A covers band from Perth playing hits from across the decades. **FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020**
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Sunday 13 October 2019, 3 pm
Music in Rannoch

The Old Church in Kinloch Rannoch
The All Sorts (female a cappella quartet) Barbara Cole Walton, Sarah Shorter, Grace Wain and Jane Monari. Music in Rannoch is a local organisation that arranges a series of six concerts per year. We enjoy the support of Enterprise Music Scotland. Concerts are mainly held in The Old Church, Kinloch Rannoch, PH16 5QA (beside Weller Poley Park, the Rannoch highland games field). The Old Church is a beautiful venue with excellent acoustics, perfect for musicians and audiences alike. Concert-goers also enjoy time to socialise during the interval over a glass of wine or a soft drink. Season tickets for admission to all six concerts cost £35 each. Individual concerts are £8.00 at the door with free admission for children. For more information and if you would like to purchase a season ticket, please contact the Secretary: Email cornelia@ranociel.co.uk



17th October to 3rd November (various times and days)

Faith Healer by Brian Friel
Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Port-Na-Craig Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5DR

Travelling to the small towns and remote village halls scattered throughout Scotland and Wales, the Fantastic Francis Hardy, together with his indefatigably loyal wife, Grace, and their born-into-show-business manager, Teddy, promises healing to the hopeless and restoration for the sick and suffering. Each of their stories in turn sheds shifting shards of light on events. Only one thing is certain however; Faith Healer Francis is at the mercy of his 'unreliable' gift. So where does truth lie? Showman? Con-man? Villain? Victim? A haunting exploration of love, loss, belief and sacrifice, Faith Healer is often funny, passionate and tender. It will take you to the heart of what it means to love, struggle and believe. Brian Friel is one of Ireland's greatest playwrights. Author of *Translations* and *Dancing At Lughnasa*, Faith Healer is considered his masterpiece. Starring George Costigan who is best known for portraying Bob in the 1987 film *Rita, Sue and Bob Too* as well as his more recent role in *Happy Valley*. Box Office Tel:- 01796 484626



18th October 7.30pm
The Red Squirrel: A Future in the Forest
Breadalbane Campus, Aberfeldy PH15 2BJ

In a glorious celebration, one of Scotland's foremost nature writers, Polly Pullar, highlights not only the joys of the arboreal acrobat but also the vital need for restoring its woodland home. The Red

Squirrel: A future in the forest showcases one of Britain's favourite mammals and at the same time, makes the case for the expansion of its native woodland home. The book's stunning imagery comes from renowned Cairngorms photographer Neil McIntyre, who has spent 20 years following the lives of his local squirrels. Neil's images are perfectly complemented by the insightful and evocative words of celebrated nature writer Polly Pullar. Admission £8.50 To [purchase a ticket](#).



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Friday 18th October from 9.30pm
Chris Small at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH
 A special acoustic set from popular local musician Chris Small. **FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020**

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Saturday 19th October from 9.30pm
Jukebox Hero at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH
 A top notch covers band from Dundee playing all your favourite hits. **FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020**
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Sun 20 October 10.30am – 2.30pm
Fungi foray
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By
Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH
 Join experts for this great opportunity to forage and identify fungi species at Loch of Lowes Wildlife Reserve. Outdoor clothing, walking boots and packed lunch needed for this event. Non-member £8, member £6, child £3.* (* advance booking is essential for these events; † not suitable for children under 8. Book your place by phoning Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre on 01350 727 337, or visit scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events)



Friday 25th October

The Small Pines at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

A special set from members of The Red Pine Timber Co. **FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020**

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The Struan Trust invites you to a



Saturday 26th October
Blair Atholl Village Hall
 Doors open at 7 pm for registration
Starts at 7.30 pm
Admission £3.50 per person
to include sandwiches and shortbread at half-time
Teams of 4
Teams can be made up on the night
Bar Raffle

Visit Struan Trust on Facebook or contact Ian Mackinlay on 01796 483 310, or ian.h.mackinlay@btinternet.com to register

Saturday 26th October 7.30pm
Struan Trust Quiz Night
Blair Atholl Village Hall
 Come and enjoy a fun Quiz Night (doors open at 7pm for registration). Teams consist of 4 people (must be aged 18 years of age and over) which can be made

up on the night. An admission cost of £3.50 per person includes refreshments at half-time. There is a bar available and raffle tickets can be purchased. More details available from the Struan Trust Facebook page or from Ian Mackinlay on 01796 483310 or email struantrust1979@gmail.com. All proceeds go to the Struan Trust, Scottish Charity SC047336.



Saturday 26th October from 9.30pm
Headroom at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

A covers band from Dundee playing hits from across the decades. **FREE**

Admission T: 01796 474 020

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Sun 27 October 2.30pm – 5pm
Samhuinn – winter is coming
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre, By Dunkeld Perthshire PH8 0HH

Join us to celebrate Halloween with a difference! Samhuinn (the Celtic New Year) marks the beginning of the journey into winter. Make masks and willow lanterns, carve pumpkins and join the twilight procession to meet Nicneven, Goddess of Samhuinn, for mystical storytelling. We will have a fire with hot drinks and marshmallow toasting (weather permitting). The procession begins at 4pm. Child £5.* (* advance booking is essential for these events; † not suitable for children under 8. Book your place by phoning Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre on 01350 727 337, or visit scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events)



31st October 7pm
Celtic Samhain
The Scottish Crannog Centre,
Kenmore Loch Tay PH15 2HW

The night when the veil between the spirit world and our world is lifted with storytelling, music, ram bonfire and more. This event is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Booking essential – tickets available from our website or call us on 01887 830583. For more on the [Scottish Crannog Centre](http://www.scottishcrannogcentre.co.uk)



Friday 1st November 5pm to late, until all the ghosts and ghouls are gone...
Halloween at the Mash Tun Bar
Blair Athol Distillery, Perth Road, Pitlochry PH16 5LY

Halloween themed cocktails and Halloween surprises. A Halloween Twilight Tour (£9.50). There is only one true Mash Tun Bar actually made from a mash tun, it is located in a working distillery too. It is unique as it has been made from a working Mash Tun. You need to see it to believe it. (A mash tun mixes the ground malt with temperature-controlled water ready for the whisky fermentation process.) There is a wide choice of whiskies and select whisky staves. You will find the prices very hard to beat, with drams from £3 and Cocktails £6. A short walk from Pitlochry town centre, located opposite Pitlochry petrol station. Tel 01796 482003