

What's On December 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.

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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



5th and 19th Nov, 3rd December 6pm – 8pm

Winter Knitting Class

Karelia House, Keltyburn, By Aberfeldy PH15 2LS

Learning to knit is a lot of fun, and it's not as difficult as you might think. There are several basic skills involved in knitting. These are the stitches and methods that you will use in every knitting project. You will also need a few basic knitting tools to get started. Learn the basics, the rest will come later, so save your money until you get into it and have a better idea of what you need (or want). Call and book your place on 01887 822027



21st November to 23rd December (various times and days)

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, adapted by Isobel McArthur

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

A bright, bold new adaptation of the Dickens classic – one of the most loved yuletide stories ever written. In one ghostly, Christmas night, miserly businessman Ebenezer Scrooge receives a series of unexpected supernatural visitors who are determined to show him the error of his ways. Scrooge learns to pity himself and to love his neighbour – but is that enough? A fantastic, festive tale of redemption and compassion packed with feel-good festive music and song, dancing and joy. Rejoice with us in the Christmas spirit! Isobel McArthur is one of Scotland's brightest, new writing – and acting – talents, who was last seen on Pitlochry's stage in the award-winning *The Monarch Of The Glen*. Now she focusses her creative talents to rediscover the heart of Dickens' timeless tale.

Box Office Tel:- 01796 484626



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



15th November to 1st March, 0930 & 1300hrs

Winterwatch Safari

Highland Safaris, Aberfeldy, Perthshire PH15 2JQ

No Question – magical moments! Head high into the hills and experience this sub-Arctic Wilderness. Search for elusive White Hares, Ptarmigan and Red Deer. Cosy into our heated bothy set within this magical landscape. Includes: Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate & Shortbread. Duration: 2½ hours. Winter Watch runs in conjunction with our other Safaris and Events. Booking is essential. Check our website for [Winterwatch Safaris](http://WinterwatchSafaris) details. Tel: 01887 820071



26th Nov to 1st Dec

Black Friday Sale

Taste Perthshire, off A9 at Bankfoot Junction PH1 4EB

Save up to 50% on selected ranges in our Clothing & Gift Shops. Tel 01738 787696 **Open daily** 8am until 8pm (**Closed from 5pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day open 27th December. Closed from 5pm Hogmanay, New Years' Day Open 2nd January 2020 – 10am until 6pm. 3rd January 2020 – resumes 8am to 8pm.**)



**Daily available until 20th December
Festive Afternoon Tea
Taste Perthshire, off A9 at Bankfoot
Junction PH1 4EB**

Enjoy Festive Afternoon Tea for two for just £14.95 (WAS £23.90) with our **Festive Afternoon Tea coupon deal**, print it off and bring it with you. Tel 01738 787696 **Open daily** 8am until 8pm (Closed from 5pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day open 27th December. Closed from 5pm Hogmanay, New Years' Day Open 2nd January 2020 – 10am until 6pm. 3rd January 2020 – resumes 8am to 8pm)



**29th to 1st December 10am to 4pm
Celtic Yule at the Scottish Crannog Centre
Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore, Loch
Tay, By Aberfeldy PH15 2HY**

Free entry (donations welcome), with Christmas crafts, music, children's activities, mulled wine and mince pies. Also the 'Green Lady'.



**Friday 29th November from 9pm
LIVE @ MCKAYS – Bob Stewart
McKays Hotel, Bar and Restaurant, 138
Atholl Road, Pitlochry PH16 5AG**

Bob Stewart, a firm favourite here at McKays! Back for another night of pure Scottish entertainment. Free entry. For more information & the latest events please visit our website <https://www.mckayshotel.co.uk/whats-on/live-music-event>



**Saturday 30th November 10am to 4pm
Aberfeldy Christmas Market with Santa
Breadalbane Community Campus,
Aberfeldy, PH15 2DU**

The Vale of Atholl Pipe Band lead Santa and his Reindeer in a parade which leaves the Aberfeldy Business Park at 12noon to the Breadalbane Community Campus. Santa will then retire to his Grotto, where children can go and meet him. There will also be a market and craft fair. Followed on by the switching on of the Christmas lights with carols being sung around the Christmas Tree. Youth Performances in the Church followed by a candle lit parade from the Church to the Square.



**Saturday 30th November from 9pm
LIVE @ MCKAYS – The Carloways
McKays Hotel, Bar and Restaurant, 138
Atholl Road, Pitlochry PH16 5AG**

A brilliant Americana/Rock n Roll band from Perthshire, who are currently touring with their brand new album. A firm favourite at Pitlochry's music festival March into Pitlochry. Free entry. For more information & the latest events please visit our website <https://www.mckayshotel.co.uk/whats-on/live-music-event>



**1st to 23rd Dec
PineTrees Hotel Christmas Menu
PineTrees Hotel Strathview Terrac,
Pitlochry PH16 5QR**

We are delighted to open our doors for everyone looking at dining out over the festive period. Our talented chefs have put together an exciting **Pine Trees Christmas Menu** (to see the menu click on 'Menu') to book a date and time please contact 01796 472121

or info@pinetreeshotel.co.uk 2 courses £22.50. 3 Courses £25.50. Tea, Coffee & homemade mince pies £4.95. **Book:** Tel: 01796 472 121 pinetreeshotel.co.uk



**2nd to 30th December
Christmas Dinner Group Menu
Fern Cottage Restaurant, Ferry Rd,
Pitlochry PH16 5DD**

Would you and your friends like to have a Christmas Dinner in Fern Cottage? We have a Christmas Group Menu available for you! £22.95 for 3 Course or £19.95 for 2 Course. For bookings and more information please contact the restaurant on 01796 473840. Please don't forget to let us know about any dietary requirements you might have. We are looking forward welcoming your group to Fern Cottage!



**3rd to 22nd December
Old Mill Inn Festive Dining – Lunch and
Dinner
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

3 Course Party Nights with music & all the trimmings – £24.95pp. Festive 2 Course Lunch from £17.95pp. You MUST Book 01796 474020 (N.B. Old Mill Inn Christmas – Closed from 4pm on Christmas Eve until 12pm on 27th December 2019)

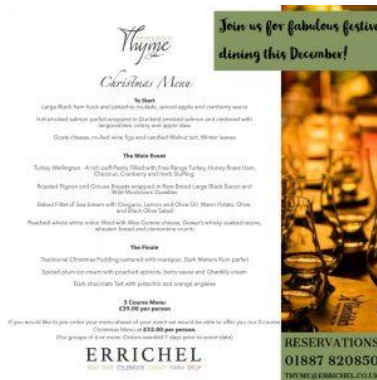


**4th December to 22nd December
Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre – Festive
Lunch Offer
Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre, Armoury
Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5AP**

Our Christmas special will be running in the café from 4th December for £10.95

- Panini (select from: turkey, brie and cranberry/ turkey, stuffing and cranberry or butternut squash stuffing and cranberry (v))
- Soup of the day
- Mince pie or Christmas cake
- Any hot or cold drink

Café open from 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Sunday.



5th December 6pm to 11.30pm
Festive Dining
Thyme at Errichel Restaurant, Crieff Road, Aberfeldy PH15 2EL

Award winning field to fork dining with Thyme at Errichel. Delicious food and cosy fireside drinks await this festive season. With the option of a private dining room for larger groups and the beautiful round house for romantic couples, come and relax and let us do the cooking for a fab evening of food and friends. £32-£39 per person. T: 01887 820850 or 07483 352 123 and events@errichel.co.uk and [Thyme at Errichel web site](http://www.thyme.co.uk)



6th to 23rd December Lunch and Dinner
Festive Dining at Victoria's
Victoria's Restaurant, 4 Atholl Road, Pitlochry PH16 5BX

Enjoy a three course festive menu this December with friends, family or colleagues (parties from 4 or more) for just £21.95 per person. Victoria's Festive Dining Menu Must be pre-booked by calling 01796 472670. (N.B. Victoria's Christmas – Closed from 4pm on Christmas Eve until 10am on 27th December 2019. New Years' Day – closed from 5PM. Winter Seasonal Closure – 5th January until 7th February 2020.)



Friday 6th December from 9pm
LIVE @ MCKAYS – Tommy McArdle
McKays Hotel, Bar and Restaurant, 138 Atholl Road, Pitlochry PH16 5AG

Brilliant singer song writer from Glasgow, who's influences include Boyce Avenue, John Mayer,

GooGoo Dolls, James Morrison and many more! Don't miss this fantastic singer who will have you singing and dancing all evening! Free entry. For more information & the latest events please visit our website <https://www.mckayshotel.co.uk/whats-on/live-music-event>



6th December 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 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Saturday 7th December 2019 10:00 am – 16:00 pm
Christmas Fair & Open Day
Blair Athol Distillery, Perth Road, Pitlochry PH16 5LY

Lots of stalls with Crafts, Cooperage display, Delicious local produce, Winter warmers and Food. Pizzas. ALSO 20% off a lot of the distillery stock. Cocktail Masterclasses and FREE Blair Athol Distillery Standard Tours throughout the day. T: 01796482003



7th and 8th December 10am to 5pm
Spirit of Christmas
Spirit of Wood, Mains of Murthly, (behind Aberfeldy Distillery), Aberfeldy PH15 2EA
 Christmas Shopping weekend, mulled wine, mince pies, special offers. Unique Decorations and Gifts for Christmas. Quality handcrafted furniture. T: 01887 829899 www.Spirit-of-Wood.com



Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm
Breakfast with Santa
Queens View Visitor Centre, By Pitlochry PH16 5NR

Come and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast as a family with our special guest! Limited spaces available based on breakfast table size. £9.95 per person, under 3s eat free. 01796 473188



Saturday 7th December @ 12:00 am – 4:30 pm
Pitlochry Christmas Festival in Pitlochry Town

This year there is a festive themed treasure hunt. Local businesses will have special offers too. Lots of stalls plus a great line-up of acts who'll be performing outside Fisher's Hotel from 12.45 until the switch on of the Christmas Tree lights at 4.15. It all starts at noon and will culminate in the 'official' switch on of the Christmas tree lights outside Fishers Hotel at 4.15pm. Also remember the 2018 Pitlochry Christmas Tree Festival is at

Pitlochry Church of Scotland on Saturday. For more details tina@viva-pitlochry.co.uk



**Saturday 7th December from 9pm
LIVE @ MCKAYS – Two thieves and the
Burning Wood**

**McKays Hotel, Bar and Restaurant, 138
Atholl Road, Pitlochry PH16 5AG**

The Super Zings are a highly sought after 4 piece cover band, who will comprise of funk, pop, rock and soul music, covering old-school classics, laid-back tunes and modern floor-fillers. Free entry. For more information & the latest events please visit our website <https://www.mckayshotel.co.uk/whats-on/live-music-event>



**7th December from 9.30pm
Red Pine Timber Co. at The Old Mill
Inn The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

They're Back! Old Mill favourites playing a mix of Americana & Country influenced originals. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
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www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



**8th, 14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd December 2019
9.30am to 11am.**

**Breakfast with Santa
Taste Perthshire, off A9 at Bankfoot
Junction PH1 4EB**

Treat the wee ones this year to a very special breakfast with Santa Claus at this December. Includes Children's breakfast, meet & greet

with Santa Claus with a photo opportunity by our huge Christmas Tree plus a gift to take home! £11.95 per Child £4.95 for present only (for babies, no breakfast) £5.95 adults – tea/coffee & breakfast roll. £9.95 adults – full breakfast with tea/coffee. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Photograph not provided but you are welcome to take your own. Available Space is limited and must be pre-book, please call 01738 787 696. Open daily 8am until 8pm (Closed from 5pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day open 27th December. Closed from 5pm Hogmanay, New Years' Day Open 2nd January 2020 – 10am until 6pm. 3rd January 2020 – resumes 8am to 8pm)



**Sunday 8th December 12noon to 3pm
Christmas Market**

Blair Atholl village hall

A wide selection of stalls, including Tombola, Bread and Baked goods, Handmade dolls, Mary's Meals, Card sales, Photography, Homemade bags, Cakes, local Honey, Wrought Iron Art, Earrings and other small items of jewelry, Felt crafts and jars etc, Xmas Wreaths, Aloe Vera Based Products, Drone work and Christmas pamper stocking fillers. Refreshments available too, always very popular. Free entry.



**13th December from 9.30pm
Last Orders at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

Last Orders are our favourite Rock tribute act. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
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www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



**14th December 10.30am to 4pm
Dunkeld and Birnam Santa Day
Dunkeld and Birnam, PH8 0DS**

Celebrating 30 years of the Dunkeld and Birnam Santa Day. This is a fun filled family day out, it is a wonderfully christmassy event that happens every year. The day is packed with lots of fun events for everyone. 10.45am Puppet Show approx. 60 mins, £6 (Age 4+). Book Tickets 01350 727674. At 12.45 Just Singing outside the Birnam Hotel set the mood for Santa. At 1pm join Santa and his reindeer parade who leave from the Birnam Hotel walking over the Dunkeld Bridge to his grotto in the Cross in Dunkeld. Santa will spend the afternoon meeting the children. From 11am (all day) Community Market with lots of stalls there on the day and the opportunity to visit the many local businesses. There will be two stilt walkers and a naughty Christmas Tree at this year's event. Also a "Hunt the Elf" competition for children to take part in. A "Christmas Jumper" competition for adults and children. Please also feel free to dress up your dogs and we will have a prize for the best dressed pooch. More on [Dunkeld & Birnam Santa Day](#) or call on 07712 133301



**Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December
11am, 12.30pm and 2pm
Breakfast with Santa
Queens View Visitor Centre, By Pitlochry
PH16 5NR**

Come and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast as a family with our special guest! Limited spaces available based on breakfast table size. £9.95 per person, under 3s eat free. Call 01796 473188 to book.



Saturday 14th December

Blackout Bungee

Highland Fling Bungee, Killiecrankie

Visitor Centre, Killiecrankie PH16 5LG
Europe's first (and only) black out bridge bungee jump, back for another year due to popular demand! For one night only. Limited spaces. For all you wondering what it is, well basically its Bungee Jumping from a 132ft bridge into the pitch black River Garry Gorge at the Pass of Killiecrankie.

Feel not only the rush of falling, bouncing and swinging but also the rush of not knowing how close you are to the ground or quite where you are! Call: 0345 3665844, email: jump@bungeejumpscotland.co.uk or book through our website to secure your Black Out Bungee jump this year!



14th December 2019

**Christmas Disco Party Night with room
Atholl Arms, Blair Atholl, By Pitlochry
PH18 5SG**

A Christmas night out with Capes and Bubbly along with a three course Dinner and Christmas Disco. There is also discounted rooms, so you do not have to drive. The Christmas Party is £37.50 per head. The rooms are £65 per room. That really is hard to beat. For bookings call 01796 481205 **For full details on The Christmas Party Night in Blair Atholl**



Sat 14th December from 9.30pm

**The Engine House at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

Jangly guitars, fiddle, banjo & loads of harmonies, underpinned by bass guitar & drums. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020

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20th December 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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21st of December and the 4th

January 11am and 1pm (closed 25th and 26th December).

**Festive Cruises – Loch Tay Safaris
Kenmore, Loch Tay**

Skim over the water of Loch Tay on board our cosy heated cabin RIB. Make magical moments surrounded by stunning and dramatic landscapes in an area steeped in history and mythical folklore. There will be two cruises 1100hrs and 1300hrs each day for 1.5 hrs. (Cruises availability subject to weather and minimum numbers.) To book call 018878 820 071 or email: info@highlandsafaris.net



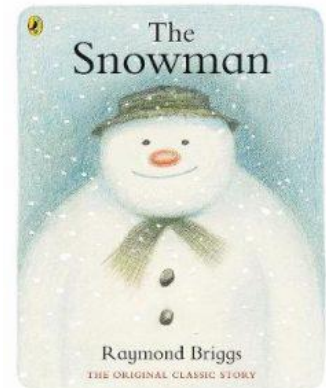
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd December

11am, 12.30pm and 2pm

Breakfast with Santa

**Queens View Visitor Centre, By Pitlochry
PH16 5NR**

Come and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast as a family with our special guest! Limited spaces available based on breakfast table size. £9.95 per person, under 3s eat free. Call 01796 473188 to book.



23rd December 11am to 11.30am

Festive Story Time

**Aberfeldy Watermill, Mill St, Aberfeldy
PH15 2BG**

Half an hour of festive story telling for 4-7 year olds. Free event, no need to book just come along to the Watermill. T: 01887 822896 Aberfeldy Watermill Web Site

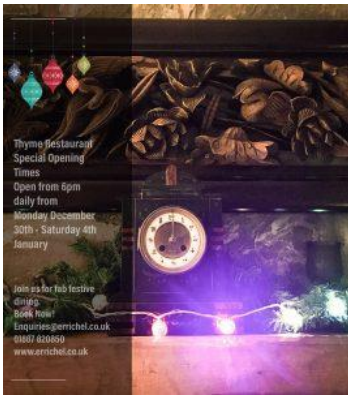


27th December from 9.30pm

**Scott MacDonald at The Old Mill Inn
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH**

Talented Glasgow based singer/songwriter playing a mix of originals & covers. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020

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30th December to 4th January
Festive Dining
Thyme at Errichel Restaurant, Crieff Road, Aberfeldy PH15 2EL
 Special Opening Hours for the Hogmanay Week! Join us from Monday 30th December to Saturday 4 Jan for 6 nights of delicious food and drinks. £39 (£85 for New Year's Eve Dinner) per person. T: 01887 820850 or 07483 352 123 and events@errichel.co.uk and **Thyme at Errichel web site**



31st January 2019 From 7pm
Hogmanay Dinner
Thyme at Errichel Restaurant, Crieff Road, Aberfeldy PH15 2EL
 Join us for a relaxed and delicious dinner. Six courses, perfectly balanced and well paced in time to see in the Bells. Starting from 7pm for welcome drinks in the Library. Dinner will be served in the Roundhouse from 8pm. Six Course Dinner plus Prosecco on arrival £85 per person. Groups of 6 people or more receive a 10% discount. Complimentary pick up and drop off for guests staying within 7 mile radius of Aberfeldy. Please reserve when booking your table. Advance booking essential. Dietary Requirements catered for, please let us know when booking your table. T: 01887 820850 or 07483 352 123 and events@errichel.co.uk and **Thyme at Errichel web site**



31st of December at 7pm
Hogmanay Dinner
Fern Cottage Restaurant, Ferry Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5DD
 Why not start your Hogmanay Celebrations in style! Join us for our delicious 6 course Taster Dinner Menu that is available in Fern Cottage. Please don't forget to let us know about any dietary requirements you might have. £56.95 per person. For bookings and more information please contact the restaurant on 01796 473840 or pop in and you can pick up the Menu also.



31st December from 9.30pm
Hogmanay with Last Orders
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH
 A night not to be missed! Last Orders are our top Rock tribute act. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



1st January from 4pm
New Years' Day Party with Jukebox Hero
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry PH16 5BH
 Join the party with one of Dundee's top covers bands. After the New Years Day Street Party! FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020 www.oldmillevents.co.uk www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk



Wednesday 1st January 1 to 4pm
Pitlochry New Year's Day Street Party
Atholl Road, Pitlochry
 New year is welcomed in style by closing Atholl Road, Pitlochry's main street to traffic and having it filled with new year revelers, between 1pm to 4pm. Vale of Atholl Pipe Band, Jack Delaney's Ceilidh Band, Silly McBee, the Clown. Entrance is free, the raffle and donations fund it year to year. Organised by a local group of hard working volunteers since 2000. Please support them, so it returns next year. For more on **Pitlochry New Year Street Party** including short video.



12 to 29 March, 2020
Barefoot In The Park
Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Port-Na-Craig Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5DR
 A romantic comedy about love, life and living together. PFT's **Artistic Director Elizabeth Newman, who will direct the play, said:** "We are thrilled to be making Barefoot in the Park with the Royal Lyceum Theatre next year. Neil Simon is famous for so many great comedies that have delighted audiences for decades. There's no denying that Barefoot In The Park played on Broadway for 5 years because it is a totally joyous story. Neil Simon also decided to celebrate passionate women in this play. The incredible woman at the centre of this comedy is Corie. She is a glorious free-spirit striving to experience, like so many people, a full and happy life. She wants her marriage to Paul to be filled with love but faces some (recognisable!) bumps along the way. It's also very funny and perfect for conjuring up that springtime feeling, when everything seems afresh and new and brimming of possibility. The kind of feeling that makes you want to run barefoot in Pitlochry or Princes Street Gardens! Set in glorious Manhattan, we promise that the production will be fresh and fizzy with fun sixties tunes and even a few jives and a couple of twists for audiences to enjoy". **Kris Bryce, PFT's Executive Director said:** "Our production is expected to bring an additional 6,000 visitors to the area in a quieter period of the year." Box Office Tel:- 01796 484626