

What's On over New Year 2019

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



Organising an event? – Go to our web site's What's On section <http://www.pitlochry-scotland.co.uk/pitlochry-whats-on/> fill out the Event detail form or by emailing info@explorescotland.net. The earlier the better.

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 look at www.Pitlochry-Scotland.co.uk for updates.

Daily to 27th January 2019

Rhythms of Colour: Late Paintings and Prints – Wilhelmina Barns-Graham The Watermill Gallery, Aberfeldy

Born in St Andrews, Fife Wilhelmina Barns-Graham was one of the foremost British abstract artists working in the second half of the twentieth century. This exhibition, the third organised by The Watermill Gallery in collaboration with the Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Trust, will be an opportunity to view a significant collection of her late work. The exhibition will feature a remarkable group of paintings from this period, which will include full-sheet works on paper. The rhythms of colour and the dynamic brushstrokes in these later paintings convey a vivacity and joie de vivre that is irresistible.

The Watermill is open Mon-Sat 10am – 5.30pm & Sun 11am – 5.30pm. Tel: 01887 822896. Exhibition website: <http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com/art/>

November to February, daily 9.30am and 1pm

Winter Watch Safaris Highland Safaris, Dull, Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ

The two and a half hour Winter Watch Safari enables passengers to escape into a sub-arctic wilderness to marvel at the breathtaking scenery, whilst learning how wildlife survives in these most harsh conditions. Equipped with snow chains, and with an experienced Ranger at the helm, the 4X4's will transport you to the

snow capped high tops to search out arctic hares, snowy white ptarmigans and the elusive Red Deer. Also remember to ask for their winter offer of 2 for 1 entry to the Red Deer Centre, saying where you saw the offer. Tel:- 01887 820071

Every Thursday Evening from 8pm Local Musicians Royal Dunkeld Hotel Bar, Atholl St, Dunkeld PH8 OAR

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

Friday night the local musicians gather to play folk and blues night in the Ewe Bar – sometimes the music is also on Saturday night as well. There is nothing to beat an evening in the company of locals who love playing together – very special. We suggest you book a table and have some food before hand in the Ewe Bar. Tel: 01887830367

Queens View Winter Wonderland 27th Dec to 7th January (Every Sat and Sun 10am to 6pm)

**Winter Wonderland
Queens View, By Pitlochry PH16 5NR**
Building on last year's event and learning from it, Queens View will once again be transformed into a Winter Wonderland with snow machine, set amidst the pine forest overlooking Loch Tummel. Breakfast with Santa 10am, 11.30am and 1pm, buffet style eat as much as you want with tea, coffee, soft drinks, Xmas present and photos for all the children. (Children £14.95, adults £9.95 **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** call 01796 474188)
Craft Stalls, Santa's helpers and Santa's Grotto from 2pm to 5pm (£5 includes present), Sit on the sleigh, Pitlochry Flower Club Wreaths and door hangers, Sill McB, Face Painters, Candy floss, food and drink. On You Tube Queens View and more Queens View information. Free entry. 01796 474188

27th December to 27th January Spirit Of Wood Sofa Sale Spirit of Wood, Mains of Murthy, Aberfeldy PH15 2EA

A New Year! A New Sofa! There are huge savings on all the stylish sofas & occasional chairs. Choose from luxurious Italian leather, wool or fabric. Made to measure option also available. Visit the extensive Aberfeldy showroom to discuss all the options. Open 10am to 5pm 7 days except January 1st. Located behind Dewars Aberfeldy Distillery. T: 01887 829899 www.spirit-of-wood.com

Fri 28th December from 9.30pm
Live Music from Jono
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

Singer/songwriter from Glasgow playing a mind-blowingly eclectic mix of hits, old & new. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

29th Nov to 1st Dec
2 and 3 day New Year Celebrations
Blair Atholl , Pitlochry, Perthshire,
PH18 5SG

Celebrate Hogmanay in the splendour of 4th Duke of Atholl's banqueting hall in the Atholl Arms Hotel. You have a choice of two or three night stays, which includes dinner, bed and breakfast. Music by the Lindsay Duo on the 30th. On the 31st the Hogmanay Ceilidh, you can dance into the small hours to live music from the excellent Dab Hand Ceilidh Band. 2 night stay for £350 per person OR 3 night stay for a total of £415 per person. Tel: 01796 481 205
www.AthollArmsHotel.co.uk

Sat 29th December from 9.30pm
Live Music from The Engine House
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

Jangly guitars, fiddle, banjo and loads of harmonies, underpinned by electric bass guitar and drums. FREE Admission T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Hogmanay Parties.

31st Janauray 2018 7.30pm
Murder Mystery Hogmanay 2018
Taymouth Marina Restaurant,
Kenmore PH15 2HW (by the Crannog
Centre)

Welcome in 2019 with a 6 course meal designed around a murder mystery entertainment provided by Deadly Acts Theatre Company. The evening will begin at 7:30pm with the murder and background information. The meal will then be served during this time you can discuss amongst your table the questions posed to you by the investigating detective. Each table will be given a chance to question the suspects before the final reveal. To reserve your table

please call us on 01887 830450. A credit or debit card will be taken as a guarantee and full payment will be required by December 1st 2018.

Mon 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 covering all the rock & pop favourites. Cost £5. Tickets can be purchased from the bar, ahead of the evening, to make sure you get in. T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Hogmanay at the Atholl Arms Hotel,
Blair Atholl

- A champagne and canapé reception will commence your evening
- A four-course Hogmanay Gala Dinner, served in the baronial hall (built by the 4th Duke of Atholl).
- Followed by dancing on the magnificent dance floor to The Dab Hand Ceilidh Band.
- An Atholl Highlander Piper, Bruce Hinch will pipe in the New Year, toasted by a glass of champagne.
- The Dab Hand Ceilidh Band will then take you through to the wee hours of the morning.
- Blair Atholl , Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH18 5SG. T: 01796 481205
<http://www.athollarmshotel.co.uk>

Hogmanay Dinner at Thyme at
Errichel Restaurant, Aberfeldy

- £85 per person, includes 5 course dinner, drinks reception and a complimentary pick up and return home for people living in the local Aberfeldy area. Tel:- 01887 829562
<http://www.errichel.co.uk> Address: Errichel, Crieff Rd, Aberfeldy PH15 2EL

Hogmanay Gala Dinner At McKays
Pitlochry

- Celebrate than with a champagne reception, gourmet dinner and traditional Ceilidh.
- Live entertainment to celebrate the bells, and then party to the early hours!
- 7.00pm Champagne reception
- 7pm-9pm sittings will be staggered
- Music from 10pm

- £69.00 per adult, £34.95 per child (aged 3 to 12 yrs)
- T: 01796 473888. E: bookings@mckayshotel.co.uk. A: 113 Atholl Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5AG

New Year's Day

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, Hog Roast at the Auld Smithy Inn. Entrance is free, the raffle and donations fund it year to year. More on Pitlochry New Year Street Party.

Tues 1st January from 4pm
New Year's Day with The Red Pine
Timber Co.
The Old Mill Inn, Mill Lane, Pitlochry
PH16 5BH

Join the party with Old Mill favourites playing a mix of Americana & Country influenced originals straight after the Pitlochry New Years Day Street Party! (4PM Start). Free entry. T: 01796 474 020
www.oldmillevents.co.uk
www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk

Thursday 3 Jan 9.30am
Forest Fun
Wee Adventures Ltd

End the Christmas holidays with a Wee Adventure or two and get the kids out in the woods for some outdoor fun. Discover a world of outdoor games, den building, bush donuts, and campfires. Make new friends. Run, climb, hang, flip, scramble, hide and play. There is lots to learn and explore and be assured, no two days are ever the same! All Activity Days will be at Weem Wood. Cost is £35 per child with a 10% sibling discount. Max 8 places per day. Age range approximately 5 to 12 years old. Booking essential. Email sarah@weeadventures.com if you have any queries. Call Sarah Turner of Wee Adventures Ltd, on 07780 675859 or go to www.weeadventures.com

Thurs 3rd Jan (11am)
Festive Stories (under 7s)

The Watermill Book Shop, Mill Street, Aberfeldy, Perthshire. PH15 2BG.

Three Festive Story Times over Christmas and New Year, so bring along your little elves (under 7s) along for half an hour of seasonal story-telling. No need to book just turn up! Festive story Times! T: 01887 822896 More on Aberferldy Watermill Bookshop

Friday 4 Jan 9.30am

Bush Craft

Wee Adventures Ltd

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What to do over New Year?

Bells Blair Athol Distillery

Open every day (10am to 4pm)

CLOSED New Year's day.

- Blair Athol Standard Tour - A guided tour of the distillery with a dram of Blair Athol single malt. £9.50
- Blair Athol Signature Tour - Enjoy their extensive range of Malts with a public or private tour. £16
- For Connoisseurs - Allt Dour Deluxe - A private tour and tutored tasting of our Cask Strength Blair Athol drawn direct from the cask. £40.
- Bells Blair Athol Distillery, Perth Rd, Pitlochry PH16 5LY. Tel:01796 482003. Web: <http://www.discovering-distilleries.com>

Queens View

Scotland's finest and most photographed view is six miles from Pitlochry. Its name dates back to the time of Robert the Bruce, named after his Queen.

Pitlochry PH16 5NR. Tel: 01350 727284. Web: <http://www.scotland.forestry.gov.uk>

Cluny Gardens

Cluny is open (weather dependent) over the Christmas and New Year period. Although it is not the best season to see the garden, it is a great time to view the red squirrels. Morning visits are advised when activity and the light are at their best. Entrance at this time of year is a donation towards squirrel and bird food.

HIGHLAND SAFARIS

Scottish Wilderness 5 star tourist destination catering for groups of all ages.

Feeding Red Deer by hand, to watching Ossian the Barn Owl show off his flying skills, or seeking out wildlife in its natural habitat with one of their Mountain Safaris.

WINTER WATCH SAFARIS

Running from November to February, the amazing Winter Watch Safari enables you to escape into a sub-arctic wilderness to marvel at the breath-taking scenery, whilst learning how wildlife survives in these most harsh conditions.

BARN OWL ENCOUNTER

Ossian the beautiful Barn Owl is waiting to meet you in a hands-on flying demonstration. This unique experience will delve into the life and habits of this most "captivating bird of the dark".

CAFÉ

A warm snug to enjoy before or after you head to the hills, or just as a stop off in the area, our award winning, dog friendly café offers the very best of Perthshire's larder, with delicious snacks, lunches, afternoon teas, Glen Lyon coffee and home baking. Closed on Mondays.

RED DEER CENTRE

If you attended The Enchanted Forest this autumn and still have your proof of purchase, take advantage of our 2 for 1 entry to the Red Deer Centre! This offer is valid until next year so plenty of opportunity to redeem them with us, but December is a great time to come and enjoy a winter day out engaging with the Deer, especially for little ones getting

excited for Farther Christmas and his sleigh!

GIFT SHOP

Full of Christmas shopping inspiration, along with great stocking fillers for children, our Gift Shop supports local suppliers with quality gifts chosen by us to reflect hobbies such as fishing, rambling, cycling, and looking after wild birds, together with gifts inspired by the beautiful natural environment of Highland Perthshire. Highland Safaris at Dull, By Aberfeldy PH15 2JQ, Tel:01887 820071 Web: <http://www.highlandsafaris.net>

Restaurant Opening Hours.

Victoria's Restaurant

- Open daily 10am to 8.30pm – winter closure from 6th January to 8th February 2019
- Open 1st January open 11am to 5pm
- The team at Victoria's would like thank everyone for their custom over the course of 2018. Happy New Year when it comes and see you all in 2019!
- 4 Atholl Road, Pitlochry
www.Victorias-Pitlochry.co.uk T:- 01796 472670

The Old Mill Inn

- Open daily from 8am last orders for food 9pm
- Hogmanay Party with Last Orders starts at 9pm (meals have sold out) but tickets to the party are priced at £5 and are available to purchase from the bar at The Old Mill Inn
- New Years' Day party with Red Pine Timber Co. starts at 4PM is free entry. See you there!
- Happy New Year when it arrives from all the team at The Old Mill Inn and thank you for your custom in 2018. See you in the New Year!
- Pitlochry PH16 5BH. Tel:01796 474020 Web: <http://www.theoldmillpitlochry.co.uk>

Taste Perthshire

Our post-Christmas sale starts from 8am on 27th December 2018 – save up to 50% in store. Come and grab a bargain!

- The charity prize draw will be made on 6th January 2019 in support of CHAS and Rachel House. Be in with the chance of winning: 1st prize - 110cm Plush Polar Bear Toy, 2nd prize - 120cm Plush Teddy Bear, Alternative: £80 Perthshire Food Hamper. Raffle Tickets can be purchased in the Restaurant.

- New Year Opening hours:
 - o 27th December to 30th January: 8am – 8pm
 - o Hogmanay: 8am to 5pm
 - o New Years' Day: Closed
 - o 2nd January 2019: 10am – 6pm
 - o 3rd January 2019 onward: 8am – 8pm

- A very Happy New Year when it arrives and here's to a wonderful 2019. Thank you for visiting us over the course of 2018 and we'll see you all in the New Year.

- Perth Road, Perth PH1 4EB. Tel:01738 787696. Web: <http://www.tasteperthshire.co.uk>

Thyme at Errichel Restaurant

- Thyme at Errichel Restaurant is open every evening from 6pm between Thursday 27th December and Saturday 5 January 2018. Advance booking advised.

- Tel:- 01887 829562 <http://www.errichel.co.uk> Address: Errichel, Crieff Rd, Aberfeldy PH15 2EL

The Watermill Bookshop and Homer

Open every day 10am to 5pm (Sundays from 11am)

Only closed for New Year's Day.

Watermill Gallery, Mill Street, Aberfeldy PH15 2BG. Tel: 01887 822896 www.aberfeldywatermill.com www.twitter.com/thewatermill

What's On News in to January?

From Wed 9th January

A dog-friendly zone

Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre, Armoury Road, Pitlochry PH16 5BF

New Year

New Rules

As from Wednesday 9th January, due to 'pup-ular' demand, Pitlochry Dam Visitor

Centre is delighted to announce, it will be a dog-friendly zone. So if you and your well-behaved furry, four-legged friend, like to 'pup' in they will be waiting to welcome you to our free attraction!

Tel:01796 484111 Email: Pitlochry.Dam@sse.com Web: <http://www.pitlochrydam.com>

Friday 11th January 8pm to 12-30am

Auld New Year Celebrations

Blair Atholl Village Hall, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH18 5SG

Before the adoption of the modern Gregorian calendar in 1752, the New Year was celebrated on what is now 14 January and in some parts of the Highlands, this tradition survived until the early part of the 20th century. The Atholl Country Life Museum's popular celebration of the Auld New Year is a ceilidh which recalls the traditions of this festival with an evening of Scottish music, song and dance until after "the bells".

The supper of homemade soup, oatcakes with cheese and cloutie dumpling. Refreshments will be available from the bar. Music from the ever popular Foundry Boys supported by several well known local entertainers. Tickets £10 from The Tilt Store, Bridge of Tilt, Blair Atholl.