

August

Eventful Perthshire

Comrie Fortnight, Comrie (26 July-9 August)

A multitude of events taking place over a two week period providing fun for all the family.

www.comrie.org.uk

Perth Show, South Inch, Perth (1-2 August)

This annual two-day agricultural show has something for all the family including Trade Stands, Craft & Food Fair, Competitions, Exhibitions and Rare Breeds Tent.

www.perthshow.co.uk

Southern Fried, Perth Concert Hall & Perth Theatre, Perth (1-3 August)

Country, Bluegrass, Soul, Songwriters, workshops, New Orleans Jazz, talks and family shows. Featuring Nanci Griffith, Allen Toussaint, Jason Ringenberg, Hot 8 Brass Band, Cord Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans, Alvin Youngblood Hart, Billy Joe Shaver, The Coal Porters, Rachel Harrington, Dean Owens, Southpaw, Union Avenue, Sid Griffin and Elizabeth Cook.

www.horsecross.co.uk/tickets

Perth Farmers Market, King Edward Street, Perth (2 August)

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.

www.perthfarmersmarket.co.uk

St Johnstone v Livingston, McDiarmid Park, Perth (2 August)**Kinloch Rannoch Highland Games, Wellerpooley Park, Kinloch Rannoch (16 August)**

A host of family attractions including heavy events, piping, dancing, children's races, track and field, hill race, stalls and local "North v South" tug o war.

www.perthshirehighlandgames.co.uk

The British Touring Car Championships, Knockhill Racing Circuit, by Dunfermline (16-17 August)

The Touring Cars are BACK! Come and see the frantic action of Touring Car Racing. Featuring Vauxhall, MG, Honda, SEAT, Peugeot and many more battling in THREE sensational Touring Car Races. Mixed up grids will ensure action throughout the field. Support races include: The SEAT Cupra Championship, Formula BMW, Porsche Carrera Cup and Legends. This is the BEST of British motor sport and should not be missed!

www.knockhill.co.uk

Crieff Highland Games, Market Park, Crieff (17 August)

The O2 sponsored Crieff Highland Gathering is building up to be another fantastic Games as it once again plays host to the Scottish Professional Heavyweight Championship and in 2008 special attractions the Devil's Horsemen who will amaze the crowds with their Medieval Jousting and Big Rory with his sidekick, Ochie the Dog. Festivities are not only confined to Sunday however as Crieff will again host the highly successful Fayre in James Square on Saturday 16 August - the day before the main event. As well as displays of local produce, entertainment will include highland dancing, pipe bands and street performers. You can pre-buy tickets and programmes for the following day's Gathering and sample haggis, neeps and tatties. You will even have the opportunity to feel just how heavy the hammers, weights and cabers really are!

www.crieff-highland-games.co.uk

The Original Windows + Support, Greyfriars, Perth (17 August)

Original classic rock band inspired by the sounds of The

St Johnstone FC who play their home games at the 10,673 capacity all-seater McDiarmid Park, Perth are currently playing in the Bell's Scottish League Division 1 and kick off their 2008/2009 season with a home game against Livingston. Other home league fixtures in August are against Dunfermline Athletic (16 August) and Clyde (30 August). www.stjohnstonefc.co.uk/fixtures

Festival of Orchids, Scone Palace, by Perth (2-3 August)

To include displays by six of the UK's top orchid nurseries and suppliers, as well as talks and demonstrations on the art of orchid growing, competitions and orchids for sale. www.scone-palace.co.uk

Absolute Swing, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (3 August)

A rollercoaster ride of finger-clicking fun celebrating the best of the Rat Pack era with the Kings of Swing. www.pitlochry.org.uk

Humble Hobos + Support, Greyfriars, Perth (3 August)

Music that's slept in the streets and reeks of whisky! Humble Hobos are a 4-piece Country Folk band from Perth. Their sound is a mixture of whisky-fuelled Country distilled with a blend of Folk. Their music talks of travelling away from home, women, hard times and whisky! www.greyfriarsbar.com

Aberdeen International Youth Festival Concert, Perth Concert Hall, Perth (4 August)

Aberdeen International Youth Festival brings some of the world's best young musicians to Perth. This is your opportunity to experience the magic created by top young musicians from around the world, with a concert from two first class youth orchestras: the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of Hong Kong and the Swiss Youth Symphony Orchestra. www.horsecross.co.uk

Iron Age Olympics, Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore (6 August)

Step into Iron Age clothing and take the Celtic challenge! Games include spear throwing, archery, caber tossing, timber pile driving, rope work, fire races, water races and more. Winners in each age category are presented with special handcrafted medals. Suitable for ages 8 to 16. Our Crannog Champion will provide all the training you need to win! Includes Crannog tour. Booking recommended.

Beatles, Kinks, Stones and Zombies.
www.theoriginalwindows.com

Home Service, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (18 August)

A wartime musical revue with Susan Flannery and Michael Lunts who will use authentic broadcasts, songs and sketches from the period, to bring to life the Forties in all its grit and grandeur. www.pitlochry.org.uk

Best of British Musicals - John Scrimger, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (19 August)

All of your British show favourites from the West End Stage, old and new with John Scrimger, James Nicol and Linda Ormiston. www.pitlochry.org.uk

Blair Castle Celtic Night, Blair Castle, Blair Atholl (19 August)

An opportunity to sit back and watch all things Scottish in a traditional 'Celtic Night' featuring The Pitlochry & Blair Atholl Pipe Band, highland dancers and much more. A great evening of entertainment for all the family. www.blair-castle.co.uk

Outlying Islands, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (20 August-16 October)

On the eve of the Second World War, two fresh-faced Cambridge ornithologists, are sent by the government to survey the bird population on a remote, uninhabited Scottish island. Left alone for a month on this scrap of rock with the authoritarian Kirk, the island's leaseholder, and his niece Ellen, a young woman in thrall to the stars of the silver screen, they begin to study the birds. And each other. Initially full of enthusiasm for their task, the two young men are appalled when they discover the real reason for the government's interest in the island - an interest that would see the island turned to dead, desolate rock. But not so Kirk, who sees in the Ministry's plans only an opportunity for compensation and escape - escape from a lifetime's work tending the grazing sheep and the seasonal harvest of cliff-top birds, escape from a place which has a dark pagan history. A history which seems to resonate strongly with the free-spirited Ellen. As the petrels and fulmars whirl around the cliff tops, unaware that their future hangs by a thread, tensions build inside the ruined chapel that houses the expedition. To the point where something has to give.... Poetic, intense and gripping, Outlying Islands is a glimpse of an innocence, a way of seeing and of being young, that is about to be destroyed forever. In

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Go Wild at the Safari Lodge, Highland Adventure Safaris, by Aberfeldy (7 August)

Perthshire Junior Gold Panning Championships: After easy instructions from our resident expert, you'll soon be panning like a 'pro'! Scooping and swirling in our purpose built panning flume, you'll soon be hunting for semi precious gems, fools' gold as well as real gold. Everything you find, you will take home with you and everyone receives a special certificate whilst the winner receives a prize. Competitors will be split into two age groups: 8 and under and 9–14. Turn up on the day 10am–4pm. £4 entry/competitor. The Athol Clan Highlanders: Dress up and step back in time as our highlanders show you how clansmen fought in days of old. 11am and 1pm. Falconry Display: Come along and watch our experienced Falconer work owls, hawks and the magnificent Golden Eagle, gliding, swooping and soaring all with the spectacular backdrop of Highland Perthshire. There is a chance to hold and feed the birds too! 2pm. Entry charge £3 per adult and £2 per child. Also donations to charity. RSPB stand: Fun for all the family with games and activities. BBQ: Perthshire produce from The Scottish Farm Shop. www.highlandadventuresafaris.co.uk

Menzies Clan Gathering, Castle Menzies, by Aberfeldy (7-10 August)

Annual gathering of members of the Clan Menzies. Includes a formal dinner, Annual General Meeting and Ceilidh. A Parade will also take place at the Atholl & Breadalbane Highland Games. www.menzies.org

Prehistoric Canoe Carving, Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore (8 August)

Learn about Bronze Age tools and try your hand at adzing and axing to help build a dugout canoe. Suitable for ages 17+. Crannog tour included. Booking Advised. www.crannog.co.uk

A Grand Scottish Prom, Glamis Castle, Glamis (9 August)

Come to the magnificent historic grounds of Glamis Castle with your friends and picnics and join in the great Scottish Proms Party. Concludes with a grand firework finale. Featuring the National Symphony Orchestra of Scotland with Conductor: Ian Sutherland; Nicola Benedetti - Violin; Fiona Kennedy - Soprano; and Scott Davies - Tenor. www.glamis-castle.co.uk

Atholl & Breadalbane Show & Highland Gathering, Victoria Park, Aberfeldy (9 August)

repertoire until 16 October. Also showing in repertoire during August are Wild Honey; She Stoops to Conquer; Habeas Corpus; Arcadia and Heartbreak House. www.pitlochry.org.uk

Iron Age Bread and Butter Making, Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore (21 August)

Learn the ancient art of making bread and butter. From pot boilers to grain-grinding, find all you need to know about baking in clay ovens and spreads for your bread. Crannog tour included. Booking Essential. www.crannog.co.uk

Blair Castle International Horse Trials & Country Fair, Blair Castle, Blair Atholl (21-24 August)

Equestrian sport on an international scale! Horse Trials at three different levels take place across the four days, with elegant dressage on Thursday and Friday, exciting cross country on Saturday and exacting show jumping on Sunday. Plenty of other action too – the Country Fair happens on Saturday and Sunday, with arena displays and demonstrations. Over 200 trade stands, including a busy Food Hall, are open across the four days. www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk

Glenisla Highland Games, Haugh Field, Glenisla (22 August)

139th Highland Games set on the banks of the River Isla. Very friendly traditional games with piping, dancing, heavy events, children's races and the Mount Blair Hill Race. www.glenislahighlandgames.co.uk

Rockin for Kids Charity Concert, Perth Concert Hall, Perth (22 August)

Multi band concert in aid of The Windows Project and Radio Tay's Cash for Kids Charity. Featuring The Original Windows, Scottish Rock legends Nazareth and more. www.theoriginalwindows.com

Perth Flower & Craft Market, King Edward Street, Perth (23 August)

A variety of plant and craft stalls selling everything from shrubs to jewellery. www.perthcity.co.uk

Strathardle Show, Highland Gathering & Games, Bannerfield, Kirkmichael (23 August)

Visitors are always welcome at this traditional Highland Games with heavyweights, dancing, piping and tug o war. Also includes an Agricultural Show with some of Perthshire's best cattle and sheep on display. www.strathardle.org

An annual event featuring horse and pony classes, cattle, sheep and Clydesdale horses, heavy weight events, highland dancing, piping and much more.

Blairgowrie, Rattray & District Pipe Band, Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie (9, 14 & 28 August)

Crieff & Strathearn Monthly Market, James Square, Crieff (9 August)

Enjoy a day in the pleasant country town of Crieff and visit the monthly country market. The markets will feature a wide variety of stall-holders, from traditional farmers' market produce such as organic meat, jams & pickles to crafts and giftware, including photography, glass & jewellery. Also with cooking demonstrations provided by local restaurateurs.
www.crieffandstrathearn.co.uk

Kinross Agricultural Show, Kinross House Grounds, Kinross (9 August)

Agricultural Show with horses, sheep and goats. Also incorporates a flower show, dog show and main arena entertainment. www.kinross.cc

The British Superbikes, Knockhill Racing Circuit, by Dunfermline (9-10 August)

The Supermen are back in town! The British Superbike Championship (BSB) is one of the most prestigious and competitive domestic series in the world. This event promises to be full of drama as all the favourites' are back to battle it out! The return of British hero - THE STALKER - Chris Walker and Ryuichi Kiyonari. Gregorio Lavilla, Leon Haslam, Shakey Byrne the list of world class riders is huge and look out for the young guns: Walkers team mate Cal Crutchlow and Irish racer Jonathon Rea has always raced hard at Knockhill and provided the Scottish fans with spectacular passing manoeuvres. www.knockhill.com

Vintage Motor Cycle Club - Strathearn & Tayside Rally, Crieff Rugby & Cricket Club, Braidhaugh Park, Crieff (9-10 August)

A display of vintage motorcycles, followed by a 100 mile regularity run. Attended by over 100 motorcycles and 3 wheelers – dating from around 1912 onwards. All machines must be at least 25 years old.
www.vmcc.net

Central Scotland Horse Trials, Scone Palace, by

Strathmore & the Glens Community Market, Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie (23 August)

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! www.strathmoreglens.org

The Elvis Collection, Perth Theatre, Perth (23 August)

Billy J McGregor and his amazing 10 piece band — featuring The T.E.C. Band, The Beale Street Brass and Vegas Voices — under the musical direction of Alan Wearmouth pay tribute to the world's greatest rock'n'roll star. Over two hours of The King's best known recordings, including Jailhouse Rock, American Trilogy, Suspicious Minds, Johnny B Goode, Devil in Disguise, Hound Dog and many, many more are performed live on stage in a breathtaking rollercoaster ride through the 50s, 60s and 70s. www.horsecross.co.uk

Ceilidh in the Foyer, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (24 August)

Dance to the ever popular East Neuk ceilidh band Scotch in a Box. www.pitlochry.org.uk

Ewan MacFarlane + Support, Greyfriars, Perth (24 August)

Singer/songwriter and former front man for the Grim Northern Social, Ewan McFarlane is something of a well-established favourite at Greyfriars where he has performed on many occasions over the past few years.
www.greyfriarsbar.com

Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles, by Auchterarder (28-31 August)

The Gleneagles PGA Centenary Course, venue of The 2014 Ryder Cup matches, plays host to world-class golfers competing for the prestigious Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles (formerly known as the Diageo Championship). Scotland's Marc Warren is the defending champion.
www.johnniewalkerchampionships.com

Peter Morrison, Perth Theatre, Perth (29 August)

Peter Morrison returns to Perth for another of his much-loved family shows. The packed revue style programme covers Broadway and West End favourites, popular opera, musical treasures and, of course, a taste of Scots! www.horsecross.co.uk

Birnam Highland Games, Recreation Park,

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Perth (9-10 August)

An equestrian event featuring dressage, show jumping and cross country.

www.centralscotlandhorsetrials.co.uk

Mad Fox & Double Barrel, Greyfriars, Perth (10 August)

Mad Fox is a four-piece professional Rock Band based in Central Scotland. They play an amazing mix of Classic and Contemporary Rock songs with everything from AC/DC, Red Hot Chili Peppers through to Muse and the Foo Fighters. If you are into Rock you'll love their sound! Double Barrel - With their almost devotional rendering of traditional Ska, Reggae and Dub, this Perth-based band capture the very essence of Jamaica's musical heritage. Jangling melodies and hypnotic rhythms driven by an irresistibly powerful bass beat. www.greyfrarsbar.com

Perth Highland Games, South Inch, Perth (10 August)

Traditional Highland Games featuring running, cycling, highland dancing, solo piping and pipe band contest, tug o' war and heavy events.

www.highlandgames.org.uk

Salsa Celtica, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (10 August)

A great Scottish salsa band which combines the Cuban charanga sound with a Highland blend of flute, fiddles and bagpipes. Their concerts sell out around the world – expect the same here at PFT! www.pitlochry.org.uk

Claybake: Poking into Pots, Scottish Crannog Centre, Kenmore (13 August)

Wrestle with local clays and get to grips with pot making and primitive firing. Crannog tour included. Booking advised. www.crannog.co.uk

The Wilders plus Special Ed & The Shortbus, Birnam Arts Centre, Birnam (15 August)

The hillbilly hurricane from Kansas City, Missouri, blows through to thrill again - triumphant winners of an Edinburgh Festival Fringe Herald Angel in 2006, with a five-star review from Rob Adams. The Scotsman said: "The Wilders generate the kind of tunes that should leave vapour trails", while The Herald called them "extraordinary". This dream double bill also features Special Ed & The Shortbus from Richmond, Virginia. "For sheer entertainment on the physical performance front, as much as the blistering playing, these guys are bonkers but brilliant", said Maverick

Dunkeld (30 August)

Traditional Highland Games with running events, cycling and heavy events. Don't miss the Scottish 800m footrace championship and the World Haggis Eating Championship. www.birnamhighlandgames.com

Danny Bhoj, Perth Theatre, Perth (30 August)

Danny's engaging persona, razor sharp mind, and stunning off-the-cuff material have made him one of the most sought after performers on the circuit. His debut show at the Edinburgh Festival in 2001 was a total sellout, a trend he has continued ever since in bigger and bigger venues. Suitable for ages 12+.

www.horsecross.co.uk

Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry (31 August)

Both brilliant instrumentalists (fiddle and accordion accordingly), these two giants of the Scottish traditional music scene return for another sure to sell out concert. www.pitlochry.org.uk

Blair Live, Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie (31 August)

Various artists playing folk music, dancing and other musical entertainment.

The Scottish Bead Fair, Perth Concert Hall, Perth (31 August)

Scotland's top bead and jewellery making event is back with dozens of exhibitors and more new and exciting beads for everyone from the enthusiast to the professional designer. Classes in jewellery making on the day. www.scottishbeadfair.com

Annie, Perth Concert Hall, Perth (2-6 September)

From its Broadway beginnings to the classic film musical, this heart-warming rags-to-riches tale of Annie's adventure — from a New York orphanage to the luxurious home of Oliver Warbucks — is a story that has been enjoyed by audiences of all ages across the globe. First seen on stage in 1976, Annie fully deserves its reputation as one of the best loved family musicals of all time. Leading a star cast, the hilarious Ruth Madoc (Hide-Hi, Little Britain) revives her critically acclaimed role as the gin-soaked Miss Hannigan. With a memorable score including It's A Hard Knock Life, Easy Street, and of course the legendary Tomorrow, plus a talented cast, live orchestra, captivating choreography and a side-splittingly funny script, Annie is a pure delight. Book Now... don't wait until Tomorrow! www.horsecross.co.uk

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magazine. Don't be surprised if tickets for this one start changing hands on eBay for funny money!
www.birnamarts.com

Festival Cup International Polo, Gleneagles Hotel, by Auchterarder (16 August)

The sport of Kings comes to the Palace in the Glen. The sixth playing of the Festival Cup will see Scotland take on England. This is a charity event.
www.teammanagement.org.uk

highlighted above.

For more details on any of these events or to view over 250 other events coming to Perthshire please visit our website at www.perthshire.co.uk/events



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