

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Neeps available for collection from Brander Museum 14.00-16.00 Thursday and Friday.  
All events free unless otherwise stated.

## Thursday 30th October 2008

**20.00 Special Hairst Tin Hut session** Live folk music on a Halloween and foodie theme. Fancy dress encouraged. Tin Hut, Gartly

## Friday 31st October 2008

**16.00 Halloween children's party** Dress up as ghoulies and ghosties. Hosted by The Castle Hotel

**17.30 Fright at the Museum** A ghost walk through the museum with Haggerty Baggage. Brander Museum **t 01466 794824** to book a space. Results of The Gordon Schools' Halloween Poetry Competition on display

**18.30 Ghost Dances** at the Castle with Dudendance

**18.50 Halloween parade to The Square with Huntly and District Pipe Band** Join the masked Huntly and District Pipe Band on the now legendary parade. See the stunning masks made by Cath Whippey. Bring your neep lantern and fancy dress – adults too! Prizes available. Leaves the Castle



**19.10 Neatest neeps & fancy dress** don't miss the line up. Huntly Hotel

**19.30 Feeding the Five** by Merlyn Riggs Help me feed 500 people by taking part in a soup-sharing spectacle. We'll do the cooking you bring the guests. Use soup vouchers to share the soups. Your voucher entitles you to 5 soups and bread served by the cooks. Stewarts Hall. £5 per voucher for 5 people from Deveron Arts **t 01466 794494**

...and from 20.00 – 21.30 **Ceilidh music** reeling and rocking. Stewarts Hall

## Saturday 1st November 2008

**09.00-16.00 Huntly Farmers' Market in the Square including...** Hog roast, game, meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, vegetables, homebakes, fish, charcuterie, Slow Food, handmade soaps, jewellery, paintings, organic clothing, woodturners, oatcake demonstrations, music, dance... **and for kids** bouncy castle, face painting and **Royal Northern Countryside Initiative** and **National Farmers' Union** educational road show. **Plus eco-stalls**

**09.00 Homemade Film showing** TV Services, The Square

**09.30 -15.30 Tartan Noir** a festival within the festival see below for details

**10.00 Kids' Workshop** Icing and spicing up food Huntly Hotel with the Christmas Lights Group **t 01466 799466**

**11.00 Hairst songs** by local primary schools. The Square

**11.30 Wine Tasting** Experience Italy's undiscovered regional secrets with Cento per Cento wines. Huntly Hotel

**12.00-14.00 Local lunches** Look out for special menus

## A festival within the festival... Tartan Noir a crime-writing, forensic workshop

### Saturday 1st November 2008

**09.30-11.30 Fancy yourself as the next Ian Rankin?** Crime-writing workshop led by prize-winning author Bill Kirton. Bill's short stories have been selected for the annual anthologies of the Crime Writers' Association and his two novels set in Cairnburgh, a fictional commuter town very near Aberdeen, have been published in the UK and the US. The Press and Journal described his Material Evidence as 'a cracking page-turner.' £5. Places limited so early booking advised.



**12.00-2.00 In the Conservatory** Join us at Huntly Golf Club for lunch where PC Neil McAdam of Huntly, forensic scientist Rosalind Brown and crime novelist Bill Kirton (left) will give us the lowdown on what their jobs are really like. £15 for lunch inc glass of wine.

**14.30-15.30 Meet the Femmes Fatales.** Alanna Knight and Lin Anderson are two of Scotland's most successful crime writers. Alanna is well-known for her Inspector Faro and Rose McQuinn mysteries. Lin is the author of Driftnet, Deadly Code and Torch, featuring forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod. Come and hear them talk about their own work in particular and tartan noir and crime fiction in general. £5 **Book for all three events and pay only £20!** Tickets from Deveron Arts **t 01466 794494**



**16.00 On the Black Hill** by Bruce Chatwin, ajtc Theatre Company Stewart's Hall. £6 (£4 concessions) from Deveron Arts **t 01466 794494**

**18.30 Drive-in Movie** Double bill – Scooby-Doo and the Witches Ghost followed by Nightmare Before Christmas. Refreshments. Cooper Park

**19.00 Tin Hut Supper World Premiere** Tin Hut Suppers are a new venture for Aberdeenshire Slow Food designed to give local chefs the chance to showcase their skills using local ingredients. The first supper features Richard Low of Milo's-at-Home who will prepare a mouth-watering three course set dinner using fresh produce from Huntly Farmers' Market. The Tin Hut, Gartly. £25 booking essential **t 01466 720225 emmaplumpton@hotmail.com**

## Sunday 2nd November 2008

**10.00 Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre Open Day** Join in the fun at the UK's leading venue for cross-country skiing. Free tuition on rollerskis (for 8yrs and upwards), cross-country skiing and nordic walking. Test your new skills in a fun relay at the end of the day. BBQ from noon **t 01466 794428**

**10.00 Fungal Foray tour** Meet Bin Forest car park **t 01466 794161**

**12.30 Strange Rainbow** concert featuring Catriona McKay (harp) and Alistair MacDonald (live electronics). Christ Church, Provost Street. £5 (£3 school children) from Deveron Arts **t 01466 794494**

**14.00 Whisky nosing at Glendronach Distillery, Forgue** A chance to discover the subtle aromas that together create the essence of Glendronach. £10 booking essential **t 01466 730245**

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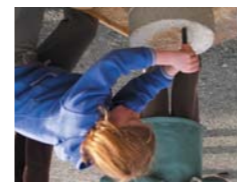
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The Huntly Food Trail  
From haggis to Highland malts, from baking to butchery a taste of Huntly in a couple of hours – and you work it all off cycling... Bring your bike, your helmet and your tastebuds! Starts and finishes in The Square.



## Huntly Hairst ...at a glance

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**19.30** Feeding the Five and ceilidh, Stewart's Hall

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**09.30** Tartan Noir – a festival within the festival – see inside  
**12.00** Kids' Workshop – Icing and spicing food, Huntly Hotel  
**11.30 & 14.30** Italian wine tasting, Huntly Hotel  
**13.30** How to skin a rabbit demonstration, The Square  
**14.00** Huntly Food Trail from The Square  
**16.00** Can't Cook, Won't Cook, Huntly Mart  
**17.00** Best Stovies competition, Huntly Mart  
**19.30** Mad Tartan Ball, ceilidh and buffet, Stewart's Hall

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## Huntly Hairst a Halloween & Food Festival



A family weekend to celebrate the food and traditions of Aberdeenshire  
**30 Oct – 2 Nov 2008**

**Meet your hostess... Joanna Blythman**  
Joanna is Britain's leading investigative food journalist and an influential commentator on food issues. She is the author of several books, including 'Improving the Nation's Health by Means of Good Food' and 'Bad Food Britain: How a Nation Ruined its Appetite'. She has received numerous accolades, including a BBC Radio 4 Food and Farming Award. Joanna is no stranger to Huntly, having chaired 'You are what you eat', a lively debate on food production and consumption in Britain, part of the Deveron Arts HomeMade project in 2007 – she's now back for more.



Find out more inside and at [www.huntly.net/hairst](http://www.huntly.net/hairst)

**Stovies in the World competition.**  
from the legendary Halloween parade to the Best better than before. There is something for everyone traditions of Aberdeenshire and it's bigger and Huntly's unique annual Hairst festival is back!

