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Hill of Tarvit has Christmas all wrapped up

The National Trust for Scotland's Hill of Tarvit Mansion and Kingarrock Hickory Golf Course have an impressive schedule of festive events planned in the five week run up to Christmas.

The Kingarrock Hickory Golf Cottage, overlooking the golf course will be transformed into the Hill of Tarvit Christmas Cottage and on 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 November and will present a wide selection of beautiful Christmas gifts for every taste and budget.

Throughout December, Christmas events and activities will continue in Hill of Tarvit Mansion with two Christmas Fayre weekends taking place back to back. On 1, 2, 8 and 9 December from 11am-4pm, the Christmas Fayre will be held in the public rooms at the mansion. Local artists will display their goods ranging from jewellery, fused glass, cakes, chocolates and gin to textile products, ceramics, illustrations, baubles and more.

To conclude the run of Christmas Fayres, a Christmas Season Concert performed by Cantamus, a musical group supporting charities in Scotland, will take place on 9 December in the beautifully decorated Great Hall.

On 1 and 2 December, in true Christmas tradition, children and adults alike will be swept to places faraway whilst listening to inspired story teller Marie Louise Cochrane as she tells Christmas tales in front of the Christmas tree in the atmospheric library.

The Old Edwardian Kitchen will be brought back to life on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 December with Christmas baking, where younger visitors will be able to help bake biscuits they will later take home.

Culminating the Hill of Tarvit's Christmas event calendar on 15 December, is a classical concert performed by HOOT. Helen MacLeod and Emma Wilkins Scotland's award winning Harp and Flute duo form HOOT and as recent

recipients of both the Enterprise Music Scotland Residency Project and the Tunnell Trust for Young Musicians, have dazzled audiences with their eclectic mix of music and sparkling personalities. HOOT will perform in the mansion's Great Hall.

Geraldine Graf, Hospitality & Events Manager, Hill of Tarvit said: "We're gearing up to help visitors celebrate the festive season in style. Our Christmas Fayres provide visitors with the opportunity to purchase wonderful and creative presents, while supporting local artists and we're looking forward to hosting both our Christmas Season Concert and HOOT, who will perform in the atmospheric Great Hall bringing together a selection of classical music and a special Christmas selection.

For those looking to get into the festive spirit, Hill of Tarvit Mansion and Kingarroch Hickory Golf Course is the place to be this Christmas!"

The tearoom will be open during most events making a visit to the mansion a fabulous family day out. Visitors can also include a walk in the grounds before visiting the tearoom where hot drinks and delicious homemade treats will be available, bringing the taste of Christmas to the Hill of Tarvit.

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