

FUN FOR ALL AGES IN ABOYNE AS GLEN TANAR HOSTS A 'WINTER WONDERLAND'

The village of Aboyne will play host to a series of free family events next weekend (December 13 & 14) as part of the Enchanted Glen sound and light show which will see nearby Glen Tanar Estate transformed into a stunning 'Winter Wonderland' for three nights.

The Enchanted Glen, sponsored by TOTAL E&P UK, will see visitors to the woodlands of Glen Tanar, taken on an amazing winter's evening journey.

Choreographed sound and lighting effects will accompany those attending as they enjoy a walk through some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery.

The event, which takes place over the weekend of December 12-14, will also offer access to parts of Glen Tanar Estate which have never previously been open to the public – including a secret garden and an area of 100-year-old woodland.

And the organiser of the Enchanted Glen, EventOne Management, has now announced details of a number of free daytime activities for all ages, available in and around Aboyne during the Saturday and Sunday (December 13 & 14) of the event.

The exceptionally tame Cairngorm Reindeer herd will be visiting Aboyne Green from 12pm-5pm both days, and are always happy to pose for photographs, while the nearby Aboyne Memorial Hall will play host to a fun balloon sculpting workshop and demonstration from 2pm each day.

And renowned North-east magician, Peter Nicol, will perform his dazzling and enchanting magic show at 3.15pm on both Saturday and Sunday, again in the Aboyne Memorial Hall.

Rural Aberdeenshire LEADER Chairman, James Knowles commented: "Rural Aberdeenshire LEADER is pleased to support this innovative event in Mid-Deeside which will be of interest to locals and visitors alike. We expect this family event to contribute to increased economic activity for local businesses in the area."

Tickets for the Enchanted Glen – priced £9.50 for adults, £5.50 for 4-16-year-olds and £1 for under fours (plus booking fee) – are still on sale now.

Tickets will not be available on the night and must be booked in advance at www.ticketmaster.co.uk or www.boxofficeaberdeen.com or by calling 08444 999 990 or 01224 641 122.

No car parking facilities will be available at Glen Tanar Estate on the evenings of the shows, with access to the event strictly via a shuttle bus service from Aboyne.

Seats on the buses must be reserved at the time of booking tickets and those attending should be at the pick-up point on Aboyne Green 20 minutes prior to their allotted departure time.

Buses will return to Aboyne Green from Glen Tanar Estate approximately every 25 minutes and hot and cold refreshments will be available throughout the duration of the event in the estate's Ballroom.

The Enchanted Glen has been brought to Glen Tanar Estate by EventOne Management in partnership with Scottish Enterprise and Aberdeenshire Council.

For further information about the Enchanted Glen please visit www.enchantedglen.co.uk

