

## Festival Events

 

24 May - 1 June 2008						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Here is a list of events for the Feis Ile 2008. Events are subject to change and should only be used as a guide.

Date	Title	time
<b>17 May</b>	<b>Open Fly Fishing Competition</b>	<b>Cast aways...</b>
	Details to follow	
<b>24 May</b>	<b>Learning Islay Gaelic Choruses</b>	<b>at The Columba Centre, Bowmore 1000 - 11.30</b>

**Learn Islay Gaelic Choruses**

Learn the choruses and be able to sing along at the ceilidhs!

Entry fee £2

<b>24 May</b>	<b>Feis Market</b>	<b>held in The Square, Bowmore 1100 - 1400</b>
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**Feis Ile Market, Bowmore Square**

Stalls with local produce, crafts and much more. BBQ.

<b>24 May</b>	<b>Open Fly Fishing Competition</b>	<b>tight lines! 1300 - 1700</b>
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**Open Fly Fishing Competition, fly only.**

**Kinnabus Loch**

**1300 - 1700**

**Saturday 24th May 2008**

Held courtesy of Port Ellen Angling Club.

Prizes donated by Black Bottle Scotch Whisky for adults and Feis Ile Medal for juniors.

Entry #3 for adults and #1 for juniors

<b>24 May</b>	<b>Festival Opening Concert</b>	<b>Tight Lines!! Local Artistes sing to mark the start of the Feis 1930</b>
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**Opening Concert**

**The Columba Centre, Bowmore**

**Saturday 24th May 7.30pm**

Featuring local talent, including Robert Forrest, Libby Morriss, Janey Torrance, Helen Gilles, Ruairidh MacKinnon, Bronwen Currie, Ishabail MacTaggart, Iain MacPherson, Ella Edgar Dancers, and Bowmore Junior choir.

Entry £5

the opening concert is sponsored by D&L Currie, Colin Logan, W. Lawson, Andrew Bauld and The Co-operative

<b>24 May</b>	<b>Festival Disco</b>	<b>at The Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen 2200-0100</b>
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**DISCO AT THE RAMSAY HALL, PORT ELLEN**

Saturday 24th May 2008

Dance away the first night of the festival at The Ramsay Hall.

10pm - 1am

Entry fee £4.00

Strictly Over 18's only

*Please note that evening events are not bookable and operate on a first come, first serve basis. All welcome!*

<b>24 May</b>	<b>Lagavulin Distillery Open Day</b>	<b>Open Day all day</b>
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For bookings please contact Lagavulin Distillery on 01496 302400

Experience the distillery that likes to take its time....

**Distillery tours**

Starting in reception with a pre-tour dram, accompany Marjory and



Ruth on tour, finishing in No 3 warehouse with a 'warehouse dram'.  
Cost £5 (including £3 voucher). Tours (max 20) at 12.30, 1400 & 1530.

#### **Warehouse demonstrations**

Start in reception and accompany Iain to No 1 warehouse.  
Demonstration of warehousing skills and maturation including 2  
'warehouse drams' drawn yourself from duty paid casks.

Cost £5 (including £3 voucher). Demonstration (max 15) at 12,30,  
1400 & 1530.

#### **Nips'n' nibbles**

Special nosing and tasting with Distillery Manager - Graham Logie.  
Meet in reception, tasting in 'Malt Mill' Reception Centre. Tasting of 4  
Lagavulin expressions with nibbles.

Cost £10 (including £3 voucher), tastings (max 40) at 1100, 1330 &  
1600

#### **Pillage Display**

Join Kevin Campbell at the Lagavulin Fundraisers demonstration of  
pictures, slides, etc from the 2003, 2005 2007 events.

The boat used for the 2007 event will be on display.

#### **Music**

Local musicians playing throughout the afternoon in the yard.

#### **Food**

Sensational local scallops and oysters.

Teas, coffee, soft drinks, hot snacks, home baking sold on behalf of  
McMillan Cancer Support.

#### **During the week**

##### **Wednesday 28th May**

One off Warehouse Demonstration at 1000 hours. Cost £5, includes 2  
warehouse drams, meet at distillery Reception Centre.

Usual tours at 09.30, 11.15 and 1400 hour Monday to Friday.

Also Friday 1545 and Saturday 0930.

Total cost £4 including a voucher for £3 off a 70l bottle of malt.

For bookings please contact the distillery on 01496 302400

**25 May** **Guided Walk** **enjoy a guided walk and learn** **10 am**  
**some of Islays history**

#### **Guided Coastal Walk, Ardnave**

Sunday 25th May 2008

Meet at the Cattle Mart in Bridgend for between 10 and 10.30 am.

Your host Iain McPherson will take you on a walk to explore some of  
Islays interesting and diverse coastline.

A small fee of £3.00

Blow some of those festival cobwebs away.

Bring a packed lunch.

Sturdy/sensible footwear and waterproofs advisable!

**25 May** **Bruichladdich Distillery** **open day** **1230**  
**onwards**

#### **Bruichladdich Open Day**

**Sunday 25th May 2008**

**Open from 12.30 onwards**

Master Class with Jim McEwan - sorry this is already fully booked!

Due to the huge demand for the masterclass we have added an extra class in No 12 warehouse - Andrew Gray and Andy Hogan invite you to join them on a tasting tour of Scotland calling at Macallan, Clynelish, Highland Park, Glen Scotia, Bunnahabhain and Caol Ila at 15.30pm. The cost is £20, due when booked.

There will also be tours of the Distillery and Bottling Hall.

Bruichladdich Malt Bar - Bruichladdich cocktails by Edward Stromer, Islay Ales and soft drinks bar.

Murray McDavid Bar and Shop

A Courtyard Ceilidh featuring The Campletown Ceannloch Pipe Band and The Maverick Angels and Contraband. Singers include Norma Munro, Dugald Gillespie, Eddie Pollard and Robin Laing.

Food demonstration and book launch by Erich and Ferne from Canada.

Food by: RNLI, Islay Oysters, Bruichladdich Hall, BBQ by Iomart Chille Chomain, Francios Flamed Seafood and The Chip Van

Stalls to include Islay ales and The Islay Arts and crafts and Islay Stormcats.

For further details contact Bruichladdich Distillery on 01496 850221

**25 May All-comers Bowling Competition held in Bridgend 2pm**

**OPEN BOWLING COMPETITION**

**BRIDGND BOWLING CLUB**

All entries to be in by 1.45pm for a 2pm start.

Bowls are available for visiting players.

Starts at 2pm, entry fee £1.00

**25 May Open Act of Worship held at Islay House 4pm**

**Open act of worship at Islay House, Bridgend.**

**led by Rev. Ken Skipper**

**4pm**

An act of worship for all faiths, held in the spectacular surroundings of Islay House.

Everybody is most welcome.

**25 May Cloodie Dumpling Ceilidh held at The Rhinns Hall, Portnahaven 8pm-1am**

**THE CLOOTIE DUMPLING CEILIDH,  
PORTNAHAVEN**

**Sunday 25th May 2008**

Dance to the excellent Howff Band.

8pm - 1am

Entry fee £6.00

This event has been sponsored by The Loch Fyne Whisky Shop, Inverary.

*Please note that evening events are not bookable and operate on a first come, first serve basis. All welcome!*

**26 May Whisky Tasting Ceilidh held at The Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen 19.30-late**

**Whisky Tasting and Ceilidh at The Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen**

Monday 26th May 2008

7.30pm-9pm - whisky tasting

£6.00 per person (including 2 drams)

9.30pm-1am - Ceilidh with music by the ever popular Howff Band.

Please note that evening events cannot be booked and operate on a first come first serve basis.  
Everyone is very welcome!

**26 May** **Caol Ila** **Open Day** **All Day**  
Caol Ila Open Day

Distillery Tours start at 09.00, last tour is at 15.00, cost £5

There are nosing and tastings at 10.00, 12.30 & 14.30, cost £10

There are tours as normal throughout the week.

Please contact Caol Ila Distillery on 01496 302760 for further details and bookings.

**26 May** **Port Ellen Maltings** **guided morning tours held on 26th, 27th and 29th May** **morning**  
**Port Ellen Maltings**

**Feis Ile Tours 2008**

Monday 26th May at 11am

Tuesday 27th May at 11am

Thursday 29th May at 11am

Visit Diageo's Port Ellen Maltings to unravel the magic of malting, supplying over the years malted barley to the distilleries on Islay, Jura and even Tobermory Distillery on Mull.

Be prepared for an energetic climb to the steep room where the magic begins.

Please note the format for the maltings has changed from previous years. Tastings and food will not be available at the end of the tour, but be assured you will not leave Port Ellen Maltings disappointed.

Tours £5.00 per person

***PLACES ON THE MALTINGS TOURS ARE LIMITED SO  
PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE EARLY BY  
TELEPHONING 01496 302700***

**27 May** **Ceilidh** **A dance at Laphroaig Distillery** **2000-0100**

**Ceilidh in The Filling Store at**

**Laphroaig Distillery**

Tuesday 27th May 2008

8pm - 1am

Enjoy a ceilidh in the filling store at Laphroaig Distillery, music provided by The Archie MacVicar Trio and local singers.

£6.00 per person

**27 May** **Laphroaig Distillery** **open day** **9.15am onwards**

**LAPHROAIG OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 27th May 2008

*If you are interested in coming along to any of the events listed below then it is advisable to phone or e-mail to make a reservation as the numbers are limited with payment in advance.*

*Tel no: 01496 302418*

*e-mail: [caroline.morris@beamglobal.com](mailto:caroline.morris@beamglobal.com)*

**Distillery Tours**

£4 per person

Every 30 minutes (12 max)

From 9.15am, 9.45am, 10.15am.....until 4pm

**Tasting with Robert Hicks - Master Blender**

£10 per person

A tasting of the Festival Bottlings, 1994, 1989 and this year's "Cairdeas"

Compare our last three Festival Specials

Times available - 10.30am, 11.45am, 2.15pm & 3.30pm

(15 max)

**John Campbell & Simon Brooking - The Source/The Peat/The Floor**

£15 per person

You will get taken to the water source, cut some peats and then head back to work on the Maltings floor at Laphroaig. A dram will be supplied at each location.

Times available - 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

(6 max)

**Sunday 25th May at 9pm**

**A nightcap in the Friends of Laphroaig lounge.**

£10 per person

Everyone is welcome to come along - the more the merrier.

Taste some familiar Laphroaig's and couple you don't know about.

15 years/Quarter Cask/"Cairdeas" - Festival 2008 bottling/and one other special bottle.

**Visitor Centre/Shop opening times during the festival**

Saturday 24th May 12pm-5pm

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 31st May 12pm-5pm

Please check the web page <http://www.laphroaig.com/> for more details.

**28 May Islay Ales Open Day 1100 - 1800**

**Islay Ales Open Day in Islay House Square, Bridgend**

Throughout the day there will be:-

Tours of the brewery (we may well be brewing that day).

A beer tent.

Live music.

Pub Games and (possibly) a competition (last years was design a t-shirt).

A Barbeque.

For further details contact Islay Ales on 01496 810014.

**28 May Afternoon Walk The Black Grouse walk at RSPB Gruinart 1200**

**The Black Grouse Walk**

**RSPB Reserve, Gruinart**

**Midday start**

Join us for a few drams of Black Grouse blended and enjoy an inspiring talk on the wild black grouse by Paul Walton. Enjoy a guided walk through the spectacular and beautiful RSPB reserve at Gruinart.

**28 May Ceilidh The Vatersay Boys 2000-0100**

THE VATERSAY BOYSBOWMORE HALL28th May 20088pm - 1am

Dance the night away to the ever popular Vatersay Boys.

£10 per person, tickets on the door.

Each person will be given a dram, courtesy of Bowmore Distillery.

A good night will be had by all!!

Please note that this is an over 18's event only, proof of age will be asked for if there is any doubt.

**28 May** **Open Golf Competition** at **The Machrie** **6pm**

**Texas Scramble Golf Competition at****The Machrie Golf Course**

Wednesday 28th May 2008

Tee off 6pm

Entry fees - adults £3, juniors £1

Playing for the Black Bottle Shield

**28 May** **Bowmore Distillery** **open day** **all day**

**Bowmore Distillery Open Day**

Wednesday 28th May 2008

Details of this open day will be posted as soon as they become available from the distillery.

For further enquiries please contact Bowmore Distillery on 01496 810441

**29 May** **Kilchoman Distillery** **open day** **11am - 6pm**

**Kilchoman Open Day**

Thursday 29th May 2008 11am - 6pm

**Programme**

11am onwards - Blind nosing competition £2.00 per person

12 noon - Food and whisky matching demonstration by Martine Nouet, £5 per person

12 noon onwards - BBQ and bar

12 noon - live music by the Maverick Angels

2pm - Comparative tasting and presentation of 'New Spirit' to 2 year old Kilchoman by Jim Swan, £5 per person

11am and every half hour onwards - Tours of the distillery £3.50 per person

The Cafe will be open all ay serving teas, coffees and cakes.

**29 May** **Young persons putting Competition** **Port Ellen Playing Feilds** **1830**

**Young Persons Putting Competition**

**Port Ellen Playing Fields**

**6.30pm onwards**

Entry free, refreshments provided

**29 May** **Piping Recital** **at The Columba Centre, Bowmore** **8pm**

**Piping Recital at The Columba Centre,**

**Bowmore**

Thursday 29th May 2008

8pm

£5 per person

A piping recital given by Simon McKerrall, this event is sponsored by Bunnahabhain Distillery.

**29 May** **Dance at Lagavulin** **a dance held at Lagavulin Distillery** **8pm-1am**

**Ceilidh at The Lagavulin Distillery**

**Reception Centre**

Thursday 29th May 2008

8pm - 1am

£6 per person

Dance the night away to the Willie Cameron Ceilidh Band, includes a display of highland dancing from local youngsters.

*Please note that evening events are not bookable and operate on a first come first served basis.  
Everyone welcome!*

**29 May** **Jura Distillery** **open day** **from 9.30 am**

**Jura Distillery Open Day**

**Thursday 29th May 2008**

**Morning session 9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Afternoon session 1.30pm - 4.30pm**

Morning Session Masterclasses will start at 10am and finish at 11.30am, they will be followed by lunch and live music.

Afternoon session Masterclasss wll start at 2pm and finish at 3.30pm and will again be followed with a meal and live music.

Guests will travel over by ferry and the event will start will start when they book in at the distillery shop/Visitors centre, th priceper person is £15 and will include ferry fare between Islay and Jura, the three mastercases and the meal.

Master Classes:-

Richard Patterson - Blending class

Willie Tait - tasting class

Willie Cochrane - Distillation class

Ferry times:-

8.30 am from Port Askaig for morning session

12.25 from Port Askag for afternoon session

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL CONTACT THE DISTILLERY**

ON 01496 820385 FOR MORE DETAILS

**30  
May**

**Bunnahabhain Distillery open day**

**10am- 5pm**

**BUNNAHABHAIN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME - 2008**

**Tuesday and Wednesday 27th and 28th May 2008 14.30-16.00**

**MATURATION TALK AND TOUR OF WAREHOUSE**

An informal tour of duty-free warehouse with the Distillery Manager. This will include a discussion of maturation and the effects that cask types have on new make spirit. Illustrated by tasting three different expressions of Bunnahabhain at the conclusion of the event.

(LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE - £10 PER HEAD - BOOKING REQUIRED)

**Bunnahabhain Distillery Open Day**

Friday 30th May 2008

10.00-17.00

Local arts and crafts stall.

Barbecue with the famous Bunnahabhain Burgers expertly cooked by the Islay Masters Swimming Club.

Scallops cooked in Bunnahabhain 12 year old by Francois.

Informal whisky tastings and chat with our sales and marketing staff.

**DISTILLERY TOURS Hourly - no appointment required**

Tours carried out by various members of the distillery staff.

All tours £4.00 per head

**BLENDING CLASSES 11.00-12.30 and 14.00 15.30**

Learn the art of blending with Kirstie McCallum, blender for Burn Stewart Distillers.

(LIMITED TO 16 PEOPLE EACH SESSION -£10 PER HEAD - BOOKING REQUIRED)

**COCKTAIL MAKING CLASS 13.00 and 15.00**

To be held in the Distillery Filling store.

Award winning mixologist Mikael Perron will provide an entertaining and fascinating masterclass, using Black Bottle and Bunnahabhain brands to showcase and share his skills with knowledge, leaving you with a new way of approaching your whisky drinking experience. Enjoy the opportunity of learning to make cocktails with an expert.

(LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE EACH SESSION - £7.50 PER HEAD - BOOKING REQUIRED)

**BOAT TRIPS IN BUNNAHABHAIN BAY**

Boat trips by Islay Sea Safaris - no booking required.

**"MALT, MUSIC AND MIDGES" Evening at Bunnahabhain Filling Store**

Band - To be arranged

Local Artistes,

Annie's world-famous Bunnahabhain Cloutie Dumpling.

Charity Auction including sale of Islay Distillery Managers Photograph from the front page of Malt Advocate. Mounted and framed by Mark Unsworth.

Raffle of Bunnahabhain and Black Bottle items

Food by Francois, drinks, stories, songs and dancing.

ADMISSION £7.50 PER HEAD -NO BOOKING REQUIRES FOR EVENING EVENT

PROCEEDS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

There is a bus available for the evening event, price is for bus only not entry into celidh

Departs Port Ellen 6.30pm cost £7, Bowmore 7pm cost £6, Bridgend 7.10pm cost £5, Ballygrant 7.30pm cost £4, Keills 7.35pm cost £3. All returns, no concessions.

Bus leaves Bunnahabhain at 1am sharp!

ALL LIMITED NUMBERS EVENTS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

For enquiries and bookings please contact Bunnahabhain Distillery on 01496 840646.

**30  
May**

**Family Ceilidh**

**at The Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen 7pm - 12am**

**Family Ceilidh held in the Ramsay Hall**

**Port Ellen**

Friday 30th May 2008

7pm till midnight

£5 adults

£2.50 Children



Music by The Islay Accordion and Fiddle Band, highland dancing demonstration and young local singers.

Refreshments at interval.

**31 May Final Fling at The Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen 10pm-1am**

**The Final Fling at The Ramsay Hall**

**Port Ellen**

Saturday 31st May 2008

10pm - 1am

Entry fee £5

Come along and enjoy our last night with our local band Contraband.

**31 May OPEN FISHING COMPETITION Finlaggan 1300-1700**

**Open Fly Fishing Competition**

**Saturday 31st May**

**1pm-5pm**

**Finlaggan**

Held courtesy of Islay Estates. Sponsored by Black Bottle Whisky.

Entry £ adults, £1 Juniors

**31 May Cookery Demo. & Competition Cloutie Dumpling Demonstration 1330-1530**

**Cloutie Dumpling Demonstration**

**Saturday 31st May 2008**

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

Demonstration with Kate MacAffer, held in the IDEAS resources Centre, Bowmore.

All entries for the competition must be in by 1pm.

Entry £4

Judging by Mary MacAulay

**31 May Feis Ile 2008 Celebrations on the Village Green at Port Ellen 1500**

**Feis Ile 2008 Celebrations**

**This years theme is the 21st Birthday of the Feis Ile**

3pm start from the pier to the green where judging will take place. Plenty going on for everyone.

Face painting

Puppet making

Bouncy Castle

BBQ

Stalls

Disco from 4-6pm

**31 May Ardbeg Distillery open day all day**

**Ardbeg Distillery Festival Programme 2008**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10am**

Walk the walk on the peaty path to Airigh nam Beist.

For the Very Young, the Still Young and the Almost There. All ages welcome.

Dugga will accompany you with a couple of drams and a nibble and a bit of crack.

12 persons. £10

**Managers Tours**

1430 daily from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Go head to head with Mr Heads and enjoy his company, pick his brains and learn more

about the secrets of Ardbeg production. Conclude in the Chairman's Study for a dram or two or three.  
12 persons. £10

#### Ardbeg Distillery Open Day

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May All Day

Take a step along the peaty path with us at this year's Festival where we will at last reach our destination. We are certainly *Almost There!*

#### Distillery Tours

Enjoy an untamed tour of the distillery.....not just your average tour. Tours from 0930 to 1530 every hour.  
£5 per tour with free tasting glass

#### Talking Heads

Under the new pagoda in the old maltbarns. A few Heads are better than one and our manager, Mr Michael Heads, will be conducting a tasting of 6 Ardbegs in the barns, with the assistance of Yogi, Philco, Drew and Dugga. Good crack  
30 persons £15 1100 and 1400

#### Taking the Peaty Path

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Beginning in the old maltbarns.....take a walk up the peaty path to our secondary water source...to the shelter of the Beast! Enjoy some crack with our warehousemen and a couple of drams as well.  
12 per walk. £10 1000, 1100, 1300 and 1400

#### Head to Head 1030

Taking the form of a pub quiz we will challenge you with general knowledge questions, whisky questions and of course Ardbeg questions. See how much you have learned about Ardbeg since the distillery re-opened. Win a bottle of our festival bottling.

All teams welcome on the top floor of the visitor centre.

*Also new festival bottling available from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, music, good food in the Old Kiln Café, belly dancing, impromptu tastings, chats with our production staff and stunning weather all guaranteed!*

Bookings being taken from Friay 14th March 2008, please contact the distillery on 01496 302244.

**01 Open Bowling  
June Competition at Port Ellen 1400**

#### Open Bowling Competition

Sunday 1st June

Port Ellen

Everyone welcome, names for players to be in by 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Bowls are available for visiting players.

Entry £1

**01 Guided Walk  
June blow the festival cobwebs away! morning**

#### Guided Walk with James MacAuley

Sunday 1st June 2008

A walk to Cornabus Forestry. Meet at 1.30pm at MacAulay and Torries shop in Port Ellen (on the corner of lennox Street and Frederick Crescent). Bring a packed lunch.

£3 per person

Sturdy/sensible footwear and waterproofs advisable!