



# Feis Ile 2010

22nd - 30th May 2010

- Festival programme -



## Distillery Open Days 2010

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# ARDBEG

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## OPEN DAY SATURDAY 29TH MAY 2010

We are celebrating 10 years of the Ardbeg Committee and 10 years of a real Rollercoaster ride at Ardbeg Distillery. Roll up, roll up.... secure all loose objects, fasten your belt, keep moving ....and enjoy the ride!



### **Merry Go Round the Distillery Tours** £5

Let your guide do the talking and explain the ups and downs, ins and outs of Ardbeg distillery life.....  
0930, 1030, 1130, 1230, 1330, 1430, 1530

### **Rollercoaster Tastings** £10

Take your place, join the queue and meet Mickey in the Filling store for an assault on your senses. No height or weight restrictions. Taste young and old drams. 20 people at a time approx every 45 mins.  
From 1100 onwards.....

Grab yourself a glass and some tokens and take a shot at the Lord of the Rings, win yourself a cuddly Shortie, have a pop at the Shorty Shooter Gallery, test your strength, get stuck into a Toffee Apple.

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### **A Taste of the 70s**

Monday 24th Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th £25  
11am, 25 places

If you are an Earth, Wind and Fire guy or a Bay City Rollers girl or maybe you're into a bit of Crocodile Rock or if the Bee Gees float your boat this is the tasting for you. Platforms and flares at the ready. Join Mickey, our youthful distillery manager, for a nostalgic look back at some great times and some dram good drams.

### **Walks**

Monday 24th, Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th £10  
1030, 12 places

Make a wish at St Michaels Well. A secret place known to few where wishes are made. Take a walk to this magical place drinking in the landscape, stop to reflect at the deserted plague village of Solum and have an oyster or two with a dram of Ardbeg. Capture the real spirit of Ardbeg.

Please telephone the distillery to book on +44 (0) 1496 302244  
First Come First Served  
Festival Bottling available on Saturday 29th May only.

# BOWMORE

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**OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2010**

## **Special Bottlings 2010**

Eddie MacAffer has specially selected, numbered and signed the first 500 bottles of 'Tempest' to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Feis Ile. This small batch release will be on sale at the Distillery Visitor Centre from 10am on Saturday 22nd May. To formally mark the 25th anniversary of the Feis Ile, we have created just 100 bottles of an exceptional 25 year old Bowmore. Every bottle will be individually signed and numbered by Eddie MacAffer and will only be available from the Distillery Visitor Centre from 10am on Wednesday 26th May.



## **Explore the Bowmore Inner Core**

£8

Times - 0930, 1030, 1130, 1430, 1530

Join our Bowmore tour guides as they take you on a journey of Islay's first distillery. Throughout the tour there will be opportunities to taste different Bowmore expressions and talk to the Distillery Craftsmen who create our unique spirit.

## **The Bowmore Blas Class – 'The Core' Masterclass**

£15

Times - 0900 (Earlybirds get the bacon rolls!), 1400

Join the famous Bowmore Blas Class for a unique tasting session with the Bowmore cognoscenti – our very own Distillery Manager Eddie MacAffer and Head Distiller David Turner. Sample the Bowmore Core range of 12, 15, 18 and 25 in our famous Maltbarns.

## **Gasda Blasda – Whisky and Food Masterclass**

£30

Times - 1200, 1500

Experience a culinary whisky journey pairing some of Bowmore's newest releases with various food styles to create some of the most unexpected and mouth watering combinations.

## **The 'Ultimate' Masterclass**

£125

Time - 1900

Join Eddie MacAffer (Distillery Manager), David Turner (Head Distiller) and Iain McCallum (Master Blender) in Bowmore's legendary Number One Vaults (our coastal warehouses below sea level). During this unique masterclass, there will be opportunities to sample some VERY rare and special Bowmore spirit followed by a local seafood buffet in the Visitor Centre.

## **A Fond Farewell**

Time - 1700

Bring the day to a close at the Visitor Centre for the debut performance of the Spirit of Islay Pipe Band.

# BRUICHLADDICH

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## OPEN DAY SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2010

Open Day 12 noon until 6pm

Gates Open 12 noon

Distillery tours will be available throughout the day - no booking required.



### Master Classes

This year we will be holding two Master Classes: Jim McEwan's Master Class at 1.00pm and Andrew Gray's Bruichladdich / Rum Master Class at 3.00pm. Tickets for Master Classes are £25 and must be pre-paid. For further information, please contact Ella Edgar ([ella@bruichladdich.com](mailto:ella@bruichladdich.com) / 01496 850221).

#### >> Jim McEwan's Masterclass, 1.00pm

Jim's Masterclass will comprise a unique tasting of Bruichladdich Malts personally selected by Jim.

Note: This Masterclass is now fully booked.

#### >> Andrew Gray's Masterclass, 3.00pm

Andrew's Masterclass will comprise a unique tasting of selected Rum Cask matured Bruichladdich Malts and small-batch, artisanal, Rums from the essential distilleries of the Caribbean and the Americas.

### >> Mini-Masters

In addition to the main Masterclasses we will also be holding 3 'Mini' Masterclasses (each for 30 guests) at £15 per head. Hosted by members of the Bruichladdich Sales department, the Mini-Masters will incorporate malts from the Murray McDavid range and take place at 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm. For more information and tickets, please contact Ella Edgar ([ella@bruichladdich.com](mailto:ella@bruichladdich.com) / 01496 850221).

Note: Masterclass ticket pricing does not include the open day 'gate entry' (entry cost £5 and includes 2 free 'drams').

### In The Courtyard....

Ewald's Cocktails  
Malt Bar  
Shop  
Special Valinch  
Islay Ales  
Local Crafts/stalls  
Local Charities providing  
food/snacks  
Bouncy Castle

### Courtyard Ceilidh Featuring:

The Archie McAllister Band  
Norma Munro  
Robin Laing  
Islay Pipe Band  
Ella's Highland Dancers  
Islay High School Wind Band  
Paula Davidson - Belly Dancer  
Islay Line Dancers

# BUNNAHABHAIN

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**OPEN DAY FRIDAY 28TH MAY 2010**

10am until 5pm

## **Distillery Tours**

Hourly by demand - no appointment required

Tours carried out by various members of Distillery Staff. All

Tours - £4.00 per head



**Bunnahabhain Masterclasses:** 10.30am and 3.00pm

Learn the art of blending with a Bunnahabhain Brand Ambassador. Limited to 18 people each session.

£15.00 per head - booking required.

**Black Bottle Cocktail Class:** 10.30am and 1.00pm

To be held in Distillery filling store. Learn the art of cocktail making with Darroch Ramsay, Black Bottle Brand Ambassador. Limited to 24 people each session. £12.50 per head - booking required.

**Black Bottle Blending Game:** 3.30pm

To be held in Distillery filling store. Learn the art of Black Bottle blending with Darroch Ramsay, Black Bottle Brand Ambassador. Limited to 24 people each session. £15.00 per head - booking required.

**Mini Highland Games on Green in Front of Holiday Cottages:** 11am - 3pm

Come along and have a go at the Mini Highland Games: Archery, Mini Golf, Welly Hurling, Tossing the Caber. Prizes for the best in each category.

## **Skerryvore**

Scottish band Skerryvore will perform in the square at Bunnahabhain throughout the day: 12 noon; 2.30pm and 4pm

Local Arts and Craft Stalls

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

Scallops cooked in Bunnahabhain 12 year old by Francois

Islay Oysters by Craig

Informal whisky tastings and chat with our Sales and Marketing staff



# CAOL ILA

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## OPEN DAY MONDAY 24TH MAY 2010

Please note there will be a complimentary frequent bus service running from Ballygrant Hall to Caol Ila throughout the day. There will be NO PARKING on site.



### **Distillery Tours** £6

Come and watch the distillers at work, tending the six copper stills, while one of our guides knowledgeably takes you on our magical journey from barley to new make spirit.

Ticket entitles you to 2 drams and a voucher redeemable in the shop.

Times: 09:30, 11:00, 12:15, 13:00, 13:45, 14:30.

### **Untenanted Cask Demonstration** £10

Ever wonder what a cask does on its day off from maturing marvelous spirit? How it recharges its batteries and springs back to life? Come along and our Iain McArthur will give you an insightful look into this art and the magic that takes place inside the cask. This demonstration will be followed by a dram from our duty paid cask.

Times: 12:00, 14:00 and 15:30

### **Masterclass** £15

Mr. Caol Ila himself (Billy Stichell) presents some of the finest whiskies on the planet.

Times: 10:00, 12:30 and 14:30

We will also be launching a special festival bottle of Lagavulin and Caol Ila - keep an eye out on these pages for further details.

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Only a few spaces remaining on the Caol Masterclass at 1230 - the other masterclasses are FULL.

Only a few spaces remaining on the Caol Cask Demonstration at 1530 - the other classes are FULL

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# ISLE OF JURA

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## OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 26TH, THURSDAY 27TH MAY 2010

JURA DISTILLERY 1810 to 2010 - BI-CENTENNIAL YEAR

There will be three sessions during this year's whisky festival, the first on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th May followed by the morning and afternoon of Thursday 27th May. Each session will follow exactly the same format and guests will be able to take part in all of the MASTER CLASSES. Each session will have 60 guests who will be split into groups of 20 they will take part in all three master classes on a rotational basis. Once the classes are over you will enjoy a meal accompanied by live music.

The cost of this year's event will be £15 per person payable in cash at the shop/visitors centre on the day. The morning session will start at 9.30 am and both afternoon sessions will commence at 1.30 pm.



## PROGRAMME

**Willie Cochrane**, master distiller and assistant manager here at the distillery will be launching PROPHECY in the filling store; you will get the chance to nose and taste this new heavily peated, smoky whisky.

**Willie Tait**, former manager and now brands ambassador for Jura will be introducing you to the new BOUTIQUE RANGE, a completely new and exciting collection that will be ongoing; new additions becoming available as time progresses.

**Richard Patterson**, our master blender will be conducting a warehouse tasting, you will get the opportunity to examine some of the casks that he has hand picked to become part of the next chapter in the Boutique Range.

# KILCHOMAN

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## OPEN DAY THURSDAY 27TH MAY 2010, 11AM – 6PM

An exclusive single cask bottling will be available from the distillery on our open day only!!



### Managers Tour £15

9.30am

Take a tour and tasting in the warehouse with distillery manager Malcolm Rennie

### Bar and BBQ

11.30am

The cafe will also be open serving teas/coffee and homemade cakes

### Nibbles and tipples £15

12.00pm

Martin Nouet will be matching a variety of food with a range of Kilchoman single malt whisky

### Talk and Tasting with Dr James Swan £20

2.30pm

Join Jim in our warehouse for a tutored tasting of various different casks.

**Pigtown Fling** will be playing for us throughout the day, a trio who play several instruments to produce foot tapping traditional scottish folk music, please visit <http://www.myspace.com/pigtownfling> .

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## During the week

### Managers Tour £15

Monday to Friday, 9.30am

Take a tour and tasting in the warehouse with distillery manager Malcolm Rennie

Please contact us to book any of the above events either by email to [shop@kilchomandistillery.com](mailto:shop@kilchomandistillery.com) or phone Laura - 01496850011



# LAGAVULIN

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**OPEN DAY SATURDAY 22ND MAY 2010**

## **Distillery Tours**

£6

Take a tour of the distillery, see our distillers at work and view the unusual pear shaped stills. Starting at reception and finishing in No.3 warehouse with a 'warehouse dram'.

Times: 12:15, 13:00, 13:45, 14:30, 15:15, 16:00.



## **Warehouse demonstration**

£10

A behind the scenes look into our bonded warehouse. Starting at reception, accompany Iain and Billy to No.1 warehouse. This is a demonstration of warehousing skills and maturation. Come along and share a dram with our Lagavulin angels.

Times: 12:30, 14:00 and 15:30

24 per group

## **Masterclass – Peat and Smoke**

£15

A grist of world class whisky, coupled with tasty bites, by Distillery Manager – Peter M Campbell – in our Malt Mill.

Times 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00

We will also be launching a special festival bottle of Lagavulin and Caol Ila - keep an eye out on these pages for further details.

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ALL Lagavulin Warehouse demonstrations - FULL

ALL Lagavulin Masterclasses - FULL

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# LAPHROAIG

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**OPEN DAY TUESDAY 25TH MAY 2010**

## **Laphroaig Cask Tasting**

£25

10.15am, 11.45am, 1.30pm, 3pm

Join Distillery Manager - John Campbell, Master Blender - Robert Hicks in the Friends of Laphroaig lounge for a Special Laphroaig Cask Tasting of different ages.



## **FULL STRENGTH Texa Tasting**

£10

10.00am, 11.15am, 12.30pm, 2.15pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm

Join Master Ambassador – Simon Brooking and Laphroaig Distillery Host – David Adams aboard Islay's Sea Safari for a Full Strength Tasting, Trip to Texa along with Tales of the Sea. (Weather dependent)

On Board enjoy:

Laphroaig 10 Years Original Cask Strength, Laphroaig 10 Years Cask Strength Batch 001, Laphroaig 10 Years Cask Strength Batch 002

## **Laphroaig Sensory Tour**

£10

10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm, 4.00pm

Come and challenge your senses to explore what makes Laphroaig unique. Walk your way through each of your 5 senses exploring Laphroaig from the inside ending with a food pairing.

## **Laphroaig Distillery Tour**

£4

10.00am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm, 1.00pm, 1.45pm, 2.30pm, 3.15pm, 4.00pm

Come and tour Laphroaig Distillery. Follow your tour with a dram of Quarter Cask and don't forget to take home your special edition Laphroaig Open Day glass only available on our Open Day.

## **Also on the day**

Come and enjoy Cookery Demonstrations from The Whisky Kitchen authors Graham and Sheila, where you will be able to get your copy of this award winning cookbook signed. Enjoy live music from singer and songwriter Brigid Kaelin.

## **Laphroaig after dinner tasting**

We are also running a very special after dinner tasting with John Campbell, Robert Hicks and Simon Brooking. Tickets for this very special event are priced at £35.

If you are interested in either of these events then email [Visitor.centre@laphroaig.com](mailto:Visitor.centre@laphroaig.com)

## THE GATHERING

£25

Sunday, 23rd May 6.30pm

Calling all Friends of Laphroaig from over 160 countries around the world

Be a part of history with a chance to meet with Friends old and new at The Gathering. Collect your commemorative Wellies and your flag at the distillery before joining your Friends on their square foot of Laphroaig. Spend the rest of the evening enjoying a few drams with Friends at THE GATHERING BARN DANCE.

To be captured forever and to be seen around the world as the first Friends of Laphroaig Gathering.

Don't forget to take your Wellies home! Available to Friends of Laphroaig ONLY

Fully booked

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS DURING FEIS WEEK

### CAIRDEAS TASTING

£15

11.00 am

Join us in the Friends of Laphroaig Lounge for a tutored tasting, comparing Cairdeas expressions from 2008, 2009 and 2010

Monday, 24th May with John Campbell

Wednesday, 26th May with Simon Brooking

Thursday, 27th May with Vicky Stevens

Friday, 28th May with Simon Brooking

### Source, Peat, Malt – Experience Laphroaig Hands-on

£20

1.00 pm, Spaces limited to 6

Trek up to Laphroaig's valuable water source, cut peat from Laphroaig's fields and return to the distillery to turn the malt in Laphroaig's traditional floor maltings. Along the way enjoy:

Laphroaig 10 Years Old

Laphroaig Cask Strength

Laphroaig Quarter Cask

Monday, 24th May with Simon Brooking

Wednesday, 26th May with David Adams

Thursday, 27th May with Simon Brooking

Friday, 28th May with David Adams

### Guided Distillery Tours

£4

Saturday, 22nd May and Sunday, 23rd May

10.00am, 2.00pm

Monday, 24th, Wednesday, 26th, Thursday, 27th, Friday, 28th May

10.00am, 11.30am, 2.00pm, 3.30pm

Saturday, 29th May and Sunday 30th May

10.00am, 2.00pm

The visitor centre is open from 9.30 am to 5.30pm Monday – Friday, and 10.00am to 4.00pm Saturday and Sunday.

# PORT ELLEN MALTINGS

**OPEN DAY SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2010**

**"Maltings Process for Beginners"**

£7

4 tours - 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200

15 persons per tour 'strict maximum'

Tour length - 45 minutes.

Cost includes booklet on history of Port Ellen, and maltings process.



# ISLAY ALES BREWERY

**OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2010**

Open Day in Islay House Square, Bridgend - 10.30am until around 7pm. All Day Events, including beer tent, pub games, barbecue and children's activities. Free Brewery tours all day and quality merchandise for sale. Enter our competition and win great prizes!



# WHISKY DINNERS

**THE PORT CHARLOTTE HOTEL**

**THURSDAY 27TH MAY 2010**

Local produce, freshly prepared served in elegant surroundings is the central theme of the restaurant.

Whisky dinner at the Port Charlotte Hotel, Port Charlotte

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 7pm

£67.50





# FESTIVAL WEEK PROGRAMME 2010

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## FRIDAY MAY 21ST

*Family Ceilidh, Ballygrant Hall, 7.30 – 11pm, featuring The Islay Accordion and Fiddle Band and many more of our younger talented locals. One for the family to enjoy together. £5.00 per adult, £2.50 per child*

## SATURDAY MAY 22ND

*Great North Run/Walk through Dunlossit ending at Ballygrant Hall with hot chocolate and home baking. Life boat open at Port Askaig 12-2pm, an opportunity to see the lifeboat up close halfway round your walk!*

*Opening Dance at the Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen showcasing an up and coming new band 'The Simple Touch'. Doors open at 10pm. Please note that this is a licensed event for over 18's only. £10.00 per head. Tickets will be available from [The Booth](#) and at the door on the night*

## SUNDAY MAY 23RD

*Bowls competition at Bridgend; register at 1.30pm for a 2pm start.*

*Friends of Laphroaig Event – your friendly Feis committee will be running the bar at this event! See details of this on Laphroaig page.*

## MONDAY 24TH

*The Whisky Tasting Ceilidh, held at the Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen. Show off your whisky nosing talents and have a bit of fun. This year Islay Ales and The Islay Chocolate Company will also be joining us - a taste of something different! With local artists and the fantastic new band 'The Simple Touch' to entertain you after all of your efforts! Whisky Tasting from 7.30pm-9pm. £10.00 per head including a free dram.*

*The After Show Stramash, 9.30-1am £7.00 per head. This is a licensed event. No tickets are sold for this event, just turn up on the night and enjoy!*



## **TUESDAY 25TH**

*Eric Faulkner at Lagavulin Malt Hall, 8pm onwards.* Enjoy an evening with a difference with Eric Faulkner (of The Bay City Rollers fame). A great mix of acoustic folk and a few laughs... £10.00 per head. This is a licensed event. Tickets will be available from [The Booth](#).

*Piping Recital at Islay House, Bridgend 7pm;* a rousing recital from a top piper, our very own youth pipe band have been invited too. This event is not licensed and is generously sponsored by Islay Black Bottle and hosted with the kind permission of Mr Fredrieck. £6.00 per head.

## **WEDNESDAY 26TH**

*The Fèis Ìle Gaelic and Traditional Evening at the Gaelic College Bowmore, 8pm – 10am.* A beautiful setting for some beautiful music and singing, highlighting the best of Islay's culture and music. Refreshments. This event is not licensed. £5.00 per head.

*Eric Faulkner, Take Two at Bruichladdich Hall, 8pm onwards.* Another chance to enjoy Eric Faulkner (of The Bay City Rollers fame). A great mix of acoustic folk and a few laughs... £10.00 per head. This is a licensed event. Tickets will be available from [The Booth](#).

*RSPB walk at Gruinart* - details to follow

*Texas Scramble at Machrie* - details to follow

## **THURSDAY 27TH**

*Clootie Dumpling Ceilidh at Portnahaven. 8pm – 1am.* Entertainment by The Islay Accordion and Fiddle Band and other local artists. Dance your feet silly then enjoy some traditional Clootie Dumpling. This is a licensed event. Entry £6.00

*Young Persons Putting at Port Ellen* - details to follow

## **FRIDAY 28TH**

*Donnie Munro at Laphroaig Distillery.* A fantastic chance to see Donnie in action; an open air event to be enjoyed by all. Come along and see why Donnie is one of the giants of Scottish music. Tickets are available from [The Booth](#) and at the door on the night. Book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets on sale from 1st April 2010.

## **SATURDAY 29TH**

*Fun on the Green, Port Ellen 2pm onwards...* something for everyone, kicked off by Islay's very own award winning pipe band. Dancing displays, music, bouncy castles, The Re-jig Race, Beat the Goalie, Splat the Rat and much more. Stalls, food, candy floss and fun!

*Make a wish...* come and set off a Chinese wishing lantern with your very own wish, the sky is the limit! Join us on the White Hart Beach in Port Ellen at 10pm, £4.00 a lantern. Bring the kids and see if your dreams can come true!

*The Final Fling, a Disco in the Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen* with Ringo. Dance away the final hours of the festival. 10pm -1am, this is a licensed event and is for strictly over 18's only. Last admission 11.30pm. £8.00.

Sunday 30th

*Guided walk* - details to follow

*Bowling Competition at Port Ellen.* 1.30pm registration for a 2pm start.