



## Object of the Newsletter

*To promote the appreciation of fine Scotch Whisky, the area from which it comes, the people that inhabit the land and it's history. By the way, I do not profess to be an expert, I am merely expressing an opinion on the whiskies I am tasting.*

I now look at Ardbeg Perpetuum, which I tried for the first time in the Albannach bar, near the top of the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Scotland. I highly recommend this bar, if you are in the vicinity of the Royal mile, They have a superb selection of whiskies and there food is pretty good as well.

What about the whisky, Perpetuum was released to celebrate 200 years of distilling at Ardbeg, with that in mind, I'm a little disappointed with it. Let me put that into perspective, Ardbeg have released some great Whiskies and I have written favorably about a number of them over the Years, and have bought them for my own bar. I particularly like 'Airigh Nam Beist' which I wish they would remake.

My problem with the Perpetuum is not that it's bad, it's not, it's not good enough. Come on!

You're celebrating 200 years of distilling, you have a track record for great whisky and the best you can come up with is this! Again it's OK, but they could and should have celebrated with something stunning, they are more than capable of it, as they have shown us numerous times in the past.

You can buy Ardbeg Perpetuum for around \$120.00 a bottle.

### Tasting Notes;

**Nose** - Smoky vanilla, treacle

**Palate** - Smoked (charred) grilled meat, some sweet fruit

**Finish** - Medium, grilled fruit & smoke

*"Slainte Mhath"*

*Paul Bissett*





## **Islay “Feis Isle” festival** <http://www.islayfestival.com>

### **The Islay Festival of Music and Malt**

Every year we have a diverse programme featuring traditional music, ceilidhs, Gaelic lessons, golf, bowling and whisky tasting. The Festival is held in the last week of May every year. 2014 was our thirtieth year, so we must be doing something right!

For the last number of years all of the Islay Distilleries have held open days throughout the week of the festival, adding to the mix!

### **Islay Festival Programme 2016**

#### **Friday 20th May**

Cloutie Dumpling Ceilidh, Rhinns Hall

#### **Saturday 21st May**

Lagavulin Distillery Open Day

Fly Fishing Competition

First Big Fling

#### **Sunday 22nd May**

Bruichladdich Distillery Open Day

Bowling Competition – Bridgend Bowling Club 2pm

#### **Monday 23rd May**

Caol Ila Distillery Open Day

Ceilidh/Line Dancing Classes Columba Hall Port Ellen 2pm – 4 pm. Diane, Joey & Lesley will instruct the dancing class in preparation for tonight’s ceilidh and barn dance on Friday. Children

Welcome.

Whisky Nosing/Ceilidh



Below is a simple guide to help you choose your single malt Whisky, and the flavor notes you should expect from it. Being Scottish I recommend you find a likely candidate and try it in a bar before buying the whole bottle. This Issue; [Ardbeg perpetuum](#). For more information go to <https://www.ardbeg.com>





## Islay “Feis Isle” festival cont.

### Tuesday 24th May

Laphroaig Distillery Open Day  
Folk Night Ardbeg Distillery

### Wednesday 25th May

Traditional Concert – ICCI 7.00pm – 10.00pm  
Bowmore Distillery Open Day  
Islay Ales Islay Open Day  
Feis Ile Texas Scramble – Machrie Golf Course – 6pm Entry £5. Great Team challenge event.  
Sponsored by Black Bottle  
Rare Malt Whisky Tasting. Portnahaven Old School 7pm – 9pm.

### Thursday 26th May

Jura Distillery Open Day  
Kilchoman Distillery Open Day  
Concert – Bowmore Hall 7pm – Brandon McPhee  
Rare Malt Whisky Tasting. Portnahaven

### Friday 27th May

Barn Dance – Brandon McPhee/Manson Grant & Dynamos  
Bunnahabhain Distillery Open Day  
Finlaggan Trust Open Day, supported by The Vintage Malt Whisky Company.12 – 5 p.m.  
Admission £5. Whisky sampling, whisky raffle and refreshments.

### Saturday 28th May

Fly Fishing Competition  
Final Fling – Goats Don't Shave  
Ardbeg Distillery Open Day



## Islay “Feis Isle” festival cont.

### **Sunday 29th May**

Bowling Competition – Port Ellen Playing Fields – 2pm

Putting Competition – Port Ellen Playing Fields – 3pm

The Scottish Isle of Islay is part of the southern Hebrides and is inhabited by 3,228 people (census 2011). The Isle of Islay is also called Queen of the Hebrides. With 8 working whisky distilleries, the stunning scenery, amazing wildlife and all the friendly people, Islay is a five star holiday destination.

Islay Info aims to be the ultimate online guide to the Isle of Islay. There is a wealth of information and high-res pictures available, all accessible through the main menu on the left.

If you like to stay up to date with news and events on Islay the Islay Blog is the site to visit. Before planning a holiday to Islay make sure to visit the Islay Bookshop for a complete selection of available maps and books about Islay's rich history, the wildlife and whisky.

**About Islay** <http://www.islayinfo.com>

The Isle of Islay is the southernmost island of the Inner Southern Hebrides of Scotland and lies in Argyll and Bute. The Isle of Jura, the Kintyre peninsula and Northern Ireland are Islay's neighbours. By the way, the proper pronunciation for Islay is Eye-la.

### **Accommodation on Islay:**

Bed and Breakfasts and Guest Houses

Hotels

Self Catering Accommodation

Campsites

For all other information visit Islay Info, a great source of all things Islay, Jura Info for all things Jura or visit the Islay Image Gallery for a photographic impression of our island.