

# **PRE-FESTIVAL INFO!**

Here's that most important email of the year (probably)...

Top tips and news about visiting for the festival: phones, cash, lots of new taxi firms and more!

### Tickets

Ticket sales to all Fèis Events on Skiddle will close two days before the event is due to run. Some events, for example, the Indie Whisky Fèis, will allow tickets on the door. There will also be a limited amount of tickets on the door for the First Fling and the Final Fling too – be there early!

We highly recommend you get your tickets now to avoid any issues!

TICKETS

### **Mobile Phones**

We've had a major outage on our island phone masts, so sometimes your phone may show full signal, but have incredibly low speeds – just so you know there's a potential issue!

We have made huge strides in trying to improve card payments – but as some of these can often run on mobile internet (and one of the phone masts is down) we do advise you bring some cash with you. We do have cash machines, but they also have a tendency to run out of cash... It's useful to bring some along!

### Transport

The Islay buses will run to their usual timetable, despite our best efforts to get extra buses on or some extra transport. We won't bore you with sub-committees, meetings with MSP's and the rest, but we are still trying to find a solution to this.

The bus timetable is here: <u>https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/isle-islay-portnahavenport-as...</u>

Find a full taxi list at the bottom of this page.

We'll also include the on our daily Festival emails so you always have one to hand.

## Driving

Make sure you take care on Islay's single track roads, especially on festival days! We want everyone to have a safe festival!

If you're not used to either single track or Islay roads, please pull in to the passing places if there are people behind you looking to get past.

Please follow the advice given regarding shuttle buses – it will be on the daily emails, for example, the Police are closing the road to Bunnahabhain on their distillery day this year, and there will be shuttle buses to the Bunnahabhain road end at Persabus.

"I'm driving fast enough for these roads"

### Don't Drink and Drive

The rest of Islay is going about their business, school kids are in school, please make sure that you stay safe for yourselves, and don't put others at risk either.

The Scottish alcohol limit is extremely low, and the recommended advice is that you do not drink any alcohol before driving.

Please use the drivers's dram bottles on offer for your free drams.

We want everyone to be safe and have a great time – a trip to Campbeltown courtesy of Police Scotland is not what anyone wants in their Festival week!

### The Co-op

Please note that the Co-ops have an hour where they close for restocking after the lorry arrives off the ferry.

Bowmore – 10:15 - 11:15 except Sunday

Port Ellen – 13:00 - 14:00 except Sunday

### Taxi Details

07944 873323

atticcabs@gmail.com

Islay Taxis

01496 850170 or 07771921157

info@islaytaxis.com

#### Carol - taxi mini bus service

01496 302155 or 07775782155

<u>taxi@carols-cabs.co.uk</u>

#### **Bruichladdich Taxis**

01496 850271 or 07899942673

am245@btinternet.com

Hughie's Taxi

07737491429

#### Jim's Taxi Bowmore

07497528633 or 07967505991

jimmaccalman@hotmail.co.uk

#### Islay Taxi by Lamb

07846055399

lambtaxi@gmail.com

Dougie's Islay Tours

07474686367

Bodach's Islay Taxi Service

07513 066029

arthurholyoake@gmail.com

#### McIntyre Private Hire Taxi

07359 489038

mcintyreprivatehire@gmail.com

Car hire is available from

Cresswell Cars Ltd. <u>01496 302300</u>

Islay Car Hire <u>01496 810544</u>

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**Useful Numbers** 

999 – Police, Ambulance, Fire, Coastguard

111 – Non-emergency Police and medical number

See you soon!

The Fèis Ìle Committee

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