Ardbeg Distillery
200th Anniversary
In celebration of the past, the present and the future
Saturday 30th May 2015

On the day:
As we celebrate Ardbeg’s bicentenary, not only do we wish to look back to celebrate 200 years of craftsmanship and tradition, we also want to take pride in the present and look forward to the future. We will cross time zones and experience Ardbeg like never before. It is, after all, all about the people. Times change, Ardbeg remains.

Visit the past
Excise men; bannocks; smokies; oreels; worm tubs; smugglers; tales; crofters; clearances; clachans; our founder Alexander Macdougall; a pop-up bar from the past

Step into the present
Choppers, Galileo, Alligator, Islay invaders, Facebook, the Gow, high gravity mashing, Twitter Mickey, Shortie, hot-rod tractors, forums, limited edition bottlings, a pop up bar of the present

Zoom into the future
Time travel, photo-call, hoverboarding, Shortie circuit racing, time travel, silver suits, a futuristic pop up bar

Ship ahoy! (25 places) £25
A magnificent tasting. Departing from the old pier at Ardbeg. An experience to savour for all you ship mates.
Working alongside Ye Olde Lounge of Whisky.
At the main Ardbeg pier 1130 1330 1530

The shift boys & the tour guides (20 places) £10
Holding court for a rather unusual combination tasting.
Revealing their favourite Ardbegs from the past, present and future. Unusual drams with unlikely hosts.
Warehouse 3 1100 1300 1500

The Manager (200 places) £30
Need we say more?
Mickey.
2015.
Dram from a quaich.
Dram from the glass
Dram to the future.
Bring a small, but important item for the Chamber of Secrets 1200

Artbeg
A beautifully crafted exhibition displayed on the West Maltings which documents Ardbeg’s past, present and future. Interact with the visual images.
An evolving, changing piece, by day or night, Artbeg is timeless.

Smoke and mirrors
All is not what it seems at Ardbeg.
On the day there will be flash tastings. Iconic bottles from the past, present and future with our wonderful staff. Watch carefully.
All day

Building the future
Foundations, face stones, hearting, coping stones. A dry stone wall gives permanence. It will last for hundreds of years.
Join Pat and the boys to build Ardbeg’s Chamber of Secrets. Your legacy to Ardbeg.

Wonderful food in the Old Kiln Café and at the Seafood Shack.
Fab music, great company.
Remember what whisky is all about.

During the Week:

The Pillars of the Earth tasting (30 places) £30
High above Ardbeg where layers of rock settle and jostle into position there are ancient settlements. Names and faces carved into the rocks, entire villages wiped out, unknown graves and dwelling houses left ruined by the past.
Listen to stories with many of our friends who know the landscape and the drams.
Lunch served.
Monday 25th, Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th May 1100

The Element of Surprise (15 places) £20
Occasionally it’s nice not to know exactly where and when we will taste, smell, see, hear and touch.
In the past 200 years there are many places which have been very special to Ardbeg – we intend to visit them with people who love Ardbeg and know it’s secrets.
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 1400

Vintage tea and whisky party (30 places) £15
Is this one for the ladies? Historically there is an art to having tea. It is called etiquette. Never mind the Boston tea party. This is the Ardbeg tea party. Tea is served in the West Maltings. Tea with an Ardbeggian twist.
Wednesday 27th May 1500 to 1700

Bring your own bottle bbq – BYOBBQ (150 places) £30
Gather in the new courtyard at Ardbeg at 1900
This is an enjoyable, relaxed evening in the festival calendar.
We want you to bring a bottle of Ardbeg that you love and to hear you talk about it. Mickey
wants the night off so a relaxed evening with good local food, drams, music and company.
Depart from the new courtyard at Ardbeg at 22:30
Thursday 28th May 1900 to 22:30

Bookings will be taken by telephone from 11am on Wednesday 1st April.

Call Lynn on 01496 300208
Call Jackie on 01496 300201

No e-mail bookings. Sorry.