

Sun 30th APRIL

6pm EXHIBITION OF WORK BY Alasdair & Andrew McMorrine at the **Old Waiting Room Gallery**. Come for a drink and a catch up with some of the Spring Festival tutors

Mon 1st May

9am to late COLONSAY MACPHEES Join Kevin (for some or all) of his annual sponsored expedition to climb the 22 hills in Colonsay over 300 ft - climbed in one connected walk Total distance approx 20 miles. All proceeds to **Kilchattan primary school**
Meet: An Crossan (start of Balnahard track)

10.30am – 1pm FELT WORKSHOP
Amazingly it is possible to make small bowls out of felt! **Lotta Leahy** will show you how to manipulate wool and water together to form a piece of felt that can be shaped into a bowl.
Tickets £12 –Inc materials
Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

3pm – 6pm WALK TO ORONSAY PRIORY
A guided expedition with **Andrew McMorrine** – a walk specifically selected to look at the extraordinary history & carvings of the Augustinian priory.
Tickets £5
Route: Oronsay
Meet: Strand Road
End WEAR WELLIES & NO DOGS PLEASE.

8pm THE BIRDS OF COLONSAY & ORONSAY
An Illustrated Talk by **David Jardine**. Hear about the flora & fauna of Colonsay & Oronsay.
Tickets £5
Venue: Church of Scotland – opposite the hotel

Tues 2nd May

10am - 1pm NATURE WALK
David Jardine has been coming to Colonsay and studying its flora & fauna for over 50 years.....join him on this walk and share in the knowledge he has accumulated.
Tickets £5
Route: Southern Colonsay
Meet: Strand Road end
NO DOGS PLEASE.

2.30pm - 5pm COLONSAY CURIOSITY BOXES
A lovely way to save and display found treasure and memories of the island. Join **Alasdair McMorrine** and compile a box frame with a variety of mementoes -from pebbles to sketches, nature notes to sea glass. Bring your own finds, or choose from Alasdair's collection.
Tickets £12 - Box frame, art materials & a selection of treasure all included!
Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan

8pm SPRING FEST SUPPER CLUB hosted & cooked by our own Grace Johnston. Booking essential. Please bring your own beverages of choice!
Menu details from Old Waiting Room £30 p/p
NOW FULL

Wed 3rd May

10.30am – 12.30pm COLONSAY COLLAGE
Paper collaging is a simple and fun way to capture your surrounding land & sea-scapes. Join **Carol Paterson** to get inspired & make a small set of collages using just lovely scraps of paper & glue!
Tickets £12 -Includes a box frame for your favourite piece, and all other materials needed.
Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

1pm - 4pm OFF THE BEATEN TRACK
Some parts of our amazing island are much less frequently visited - join **Andrew McMorrine** to discover the lesser known areas of Garvard, including the Heronyr.
Tickets £5
Route: Garvard
Meet: The Pier...lifts to starting point available
DOGS ON LEADS

Have the evening off for a well-earned rest!

Thurs 4th May

10.30am - 1pm SIMPLE BOOK-BINDING
Make a small range of simple notebooks and journals using basic folding and stitching techniques.
Morag Tweedie
Tickets £12 -Includes a selection of fab papers, and all other materials needed.
Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

2.30pm – 5.30pm A PRINT OF NATURE
Great designs can be achieved using simple block printing.
Alasdair McMorrine will guide you through the process of making a design on a foam block & then show you how to use it to print a small picture and some cards
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Kevin Byrne has been studying the many species of fern present on Colonsay, and on this walk will introduce you to a dozen or so of his favourite varieties.
Tickets £5
Route: Woodland Gardens
Meet: OLD Village Hall, Kiloran
DOGS ON LEADS

9pm QUIZ NIGHT IN THE HOTEL
general knowledge & all things SpringFest.
£1 in prize kitty
Venue: Hotel

Fri 5th May

9am – 10.30am MOTH TRAPPING
Colonsay boasts a good range of moths. Alan & Margaret will set up the 'light trap' the night before. Join them this morning in the fascinating task of identifying the moths which have come in overnight.
There is no charge for this event
Venue: The Pantry
This event will not run if it is wet and/or windy, or if it has been so thru the previous night!

10.30am - 1pm PLANT & NATURAL DYEING WORKSHOP
What could be more satisfying than dyeing Colonsay Wool with Colonsay plants? **Anne Ferguson & Morag Tweedie** will guide you through preparing the wool & plants for dyeing, and show you some colours that can be achieved from plants collected on our hills. They will also show you dyes from store cupboard ingredients.
Tickets £12 –including a selection of small hanks of dyed wool to take away.
Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: gardens entrance

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Tickets £5
Route: Balnahard
Meet: An Crossan (start of Balnahard track) you will be driven to Balnahard farm, walk for 2 hours and then be returned by vehicle to An Crossan.
NO DOGS PLEASE.

From 9pm onwards LOCAL MUSIC IN THE PUB - Colonsay's local musicians get together to sing and play.
Venue: Hotel

Sat 6th May**10.00am – 12.00**
BEACH CLEAN
WALK

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DRYSTONE WALL
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Venue: Colonsay Hse
Meet: Garden Ent

7.30pm HAVE
SUPPER IN THE
18TH CENTURY

Author **Fi Martynoga** spent a whole year living the 1790s lifestyle of her rural ancestors. Come and hear a bit about her experiences & have a C18 supper of bannocks, stovies, nettle soup and other delicacies. Get a tiny taste of what it might have been like to live in C18 Scotland.
Tickets £10.00 – inc supper, please bring your own beverage of choice
Venue: Village Hall

Sun 7th May**11am - 1pm**
HISTORICAL
WALK

Walk with **Andrew McMorris** to the Port of the Hanged Man, the McPhee Stone and the Temple of the Glen and hear about the history and folklore of these Southern Colonsay landmarks.
Tickets £5
Route: South Eastern Colonsay
Meet: Strand Road
End - DOGS ON LEADS

2.30pm - 5pm
LANDSCAPE
PAINTING
WORKSHOP

Colonsay continues to be an inspirational island for artists, including **Julienne Braham**, who will welcome you to these informal & relaxed painting & sketching sessions in the beautiful surroundings of Colonsay House gardens. No experience necessary beginners & improvers welcome!
Tickets £12 – inc basic materials - please bring your own kit if desired.
Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Ent

6pm
EXHIBITION OF
WORK BY
Morag Tweedie,
Anne Ferguson &
Carol Paterson
at the **Old Waiting Room Gallery.**

Come for a drink and a catch up with some of the Spring Festival tutors.

Mon 8th May**10am – 12.30pm**
DYEING FOR A
SILK CUSHION

Create a unique hand dyed fabric to make into a cushion cover. By folding, clamping and binding heavy weight Noile silk and dyeing it using a single colour, you will create a fabric with a bold, striking pattern that can easily be sewn, when dry, into a simple envelope style cushion.
Morag Tweedie / Anne Ferguson
Tickets £12 -Includes all materials to make cover- cushion pads can be purchased for a small extra charge
Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

12.30 – 2.30pm
FORAGE FOR
YOUR LUNCH!

The ultimate 'no food miles' meal with **Fi Martynoga**. Forage the abundance of wild foods available on Colonsay, then cook & eat a delicious lunch with the freshest of ingredients. Expect to savour sorrel soup & nettle pest.
Tickets £10 inc lunch
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Meet: Gardens entrance

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OFF THE BEATEN
TRACK

Some parts of our amazing island are much less frequently visited - join **Andrew McMorris** to walk from Uragaig to Kiloran, using the ancient hill footpath, & passing the deserted homesteads above Loch Sgoltaire.
Tickets £5
Route: Uragaig
Meet: Kiloran Bay carpark – DOGS ON LEADS

2.30pm - 5pm
LANDSCAPE
PAINTING SESSION

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Tickets £12 – inc basic materials - bring your own kit if desired.
Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

7pm UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED - WITH PIES! Come to the village hall & enjoy a 2 course sit down supper of delicious pies. Witness the clash of two handpicked quiz teams, as they battle it out on stage. Not to be missed (or taken too seriously!)
Tickets £15 – inc supper & drink on arrival
Venue: Village Hall also Silent Auction with loads of tempting lots to bid for!

Wed 10th May**10.30am – 12.30pm**
COLONSAY
COLLAGE

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Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

10.30am – 2.30pm
OFF THE BEATEN
TRACK - ORONSAY

Some parts of our amazing island are much less frequently visited - join **Andrew McMorris** to cross the Strand to Oronsay, and explore Shell Bay, Seal Cottage and the ancient shell middens.
Tickets £5
Route: Oronsay
Meet: at the pier at 10.30am - lifts available -or at Stand Road end at 10.45am
WEAR WELLIES & NO DOGS PLEASE.
BRING A PACKED LUNCH

2.30pm - 5pm
SIMPLE BOOK-
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Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

8pm
AN EVENING WITH THE COLONSAY & ORONSAY HERITAGE TRUST
'The Last Hundred' Songs and pictures of the past.
Tickets £5
All proceeds to COHT
Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

Thurs 11th May**10.30am - 1pm
LANDSCAPE
PAINTING
WORKSHOP**

Colonsay continues to be inspirational to artists, including Julianne Braham, who will welcome you to these relaxed painting & sketching sessions in the beautiful Colonsay House gardens. No experience necessary beginners & improvers welcome!

Tickets £12 – inc basic materials - bring your own kit if desired.

Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

11am -12.00

**COLONSAY HOUSE
GARDENS TOUR**

These gardens are renowned for their collection of Rhododendrons... take a guided tour with **Jane Howard**

Tickets £5
Meet: Gardens ent.

**1pm – 3pm
SEAWEED
FORAGING**

Take advantage of the low tide and go with **Fi Martynoga** to identify and collect different seaweeds. Fi will also give advice on preparing & cooking with seaweed.

Tickets £8
Route: Ardskenish
Meet: Airport gates

**2.45pm - 5pm
FERN SPOTTING
WALK**

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Route: Woodlands
Meet: OLD Village Hall, Kiloran
DOGS ON LEADS

**9pm QUIZ NIGHT IN THE
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general knowledge & all things SpringFest.
£1 in kitty

Fri 12th May**10.30pm - 1pm
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Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

2.30pm - 5pm

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Tickets £5
Route: Balnahard
Meet: An Crossan (start of Balnahard track) you will be driven to Balnahard farm, walk for 2 hours and then be returned by vehicle to An Crossan.
NO DOGS PLEASE

**2.30pm – 5pm
JEWELLERY FROM
THE SEA** with **Morag Halligan**.

Wrap treasures from the sea in silver wire, to make pendants and sun catchers. Bring your own finds, or choose from Morag's collection. Seaglass, china, pebbles & shells can all be used

Tickets £12 -Includes wire, basic jewellery findings & treasure!
Venue: Colonsay House

Meet: Garden Entrance

**From 9pm onwards
LOCAL MUSIC IN
THE PUB** - Colonsay's

local musicians get together to sing and play.
Venue: Hotel

Sat 13th May**10.00am – 12.00
BEACH CLEAN
WALK & BEACH
BBQ**

Have you noticed how clean our beaches are? This is thanks to a huge amount of work by **Kevin Byrne** and his loyal team. Not only is this ascetically pleasing but the removable of all this washed up litter has a massively positive effect on our Marine Wildlife. Be part of it and give a hand!

This beach clean will be following by a lunch BBQ on the beach.....everyone is welcome to come and help and then stay on for lunch.

There is no charge for this event... & no excuses either!
Meet: Machrins Bay, airport entrance gate

**2pm - 5pm
A PRINT OF
NATURE**

Great designs can be achieved using simple block printing. Make printing plates by cutting away the surface of a print block. Then ink up the raised surface to produce a small picture and some cards

Tickets £12 – includes printing block, printing paper, a box frame for your favourite piece and a selection of blank cards.

Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

**8pm
BLACK-HOUSES,
LIGHTHOUSES &
PRIMROSES ON
THE UISKEN
ROAD**

Jan Sutch Pickard will read some of her poems - serious, light-hearted, lively & lyrical
Tickets £5
Venue: Church of Scotland – opposite the hotel

Sun 14th May**10.30am – 1pm
KNITTING
WORKSHOP**

A chance to knit or crochet a pair of Wrist Warmers using a Colonsay wool knitting kit, with expert tuition and assistance from **Carol, Anne & Morag** Suitable for beginners and improvers!

Tickets £12 -Includes a kit with pattern, needles & Hebridean/ Lleyn blend wool.

Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

**1.30pm – 4.30pm
RSPB ORONSAY
WALK**

Oronsay is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest & Special Protection Area for **chough** and **corncrake**. It is farmed by the RSPB with cattle and sheep. Other important species on the island include lapwing, redshank, twite, skylark, linnets & wintering geese. Learn more on this walk guided by one of the RSPB Oronsay Reserve's staff.

Tickets £5
Route: Oronsay
Meet: Strand Road End
WEAR WELLIES & NO DOGS PLEASE

**2.30pm – 5pm
JEWELLERY
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Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

**6pm EXHIBITION
OF WORK BY**

Jane Smith at the **Old Waiting Room Gallery**. Come for a drink and a catch up with some of the Spring Festival tutors.

Mon 15th May**10am – 1pm
SCREEN PRINT
WORKSHOP** with

Jane Smith. Many of you may be familiar with Jane's work from her book 'Wild Island' which describes the natural year on Oronsay in words & pictures. In this workshop she will guide you through the basic principles of screen-printing, resulting in a simple but effective two colour screen-print to take home. Suitable for beginners and improvers!

Tickets £12 – inc all materials

Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

**10am – 1pm
BIRD WALK –**

Kiloran to Balnahard
This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will take you across Kiloran Bay and the sand dune area, all the way up the track to Balnahard, taking in many different bird habitats, with the chance to see Snipe, Artic Terns, Chough and perhaps even the Balnahard Golden Eagles.

Tickets £5
Route: North Colonsay
Meet: An Crossan (start of Balnahard track)
NO DOGS PLEASE

**2.30pm – 5pm
WILLOW WEAVING**

Jane Allan makes willow baskets which are traditional, functional, durable and entirely made by hand, using willow grown at her home in Lochgilphead. In this fun workshop she will teach you some of the basic skills, whilst producing your own small collection of **willow hearts, fish & stars**.

Tickets £12 – inc all materials
Venue: Colonsay House
Meet: Garden Entrance

Have the evening off for a well-earned rest

Tues 16th May**10.30am - 1pm**
SIMPLE BOOK-BINDING

Make a small range of simple notebooks and journals using basic folding and stitching techniques.

Morag Tweedie

Tickets £12 -Includes a selection of fab papers, and all other materials.

Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

11am -12.00
COLONSAY HOUSE GARDENS TOUR

These gardens are renowned for their collection of Rhododendrons...

take a guided tour with **Jane Howard**

Howard**Tickets £5****Meet: Gardens ent.****2.30pm – 5pm**
FOCUSING ON NATURE - PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Brian Hindmarch compiled his island photographs into a book.

'Colonsay - Elements of an Island' . It showcases Brian's ability to find an unusual angle or subject for his pictures. Join him for an afternoon walk to some of his favourite haunts. Take a camera & get your eyes trained to look for those less obvious shots.

Tickets £5**Route: Machrins****Meet: Golf Course parking****2.30pm - 5pm**
FLAX WEAVING

New Zealand Flax *Phormium Tenax* - grows abundantly in the West of Scotland, including in Colonsay House Gardens and has long been used for weaving. Join **Pip Weaser** & learn how to harvest, prepare and weave **simple flower decorations**.

Tickets £12 inc all materials**Venue: Colonsay House****Meet: Garden Entrance****8pm 'WILD ISLANDS'**

An Illustrated Talk by **Jane Smith**. Jane's incarnations as a wildlife film-maker, artist and author have taken her to islands all over the world, from the Arctic to the Tropics. She explores why islands are so important for wildlife, with clips from documentaries she has worked on. She also talks about her book *Wild Island*, which is about Oronsay

Tickets £5

Venue: Church of Scotland – opposite hotel.

Wed 17th May**10.30am - 1pm**
PRINT MAKING WITHOUT A PRESS

Brian Hindmarch has been making Colonsay themed etchings & prints since he first came to the island over 15 years ago. In this hands on session you will explore the methods of making a print without a press, and produce a selection of small prints & cards.

Tickets £12 -Includes all materials needed, papers, a box frame for your favourite piece & blank cards

Venue: Old Baptist Church, Kilchattan.

1pm - 4pm
HISTORICAL WALK

Explore the deserted fishing village of Rhusbuigh on the East Coast of Colonsay with the **Colonsay & Oronsay Heritage Trust**.

Tickets £5**Route: Rhusbuigh**

Meet: Scalasaig Pier – lifts available
DOGS ON LEADS

2.30pm – 5pm
GET HOOKED - HOOKING WORKSHOP USING CARPET WOOL.

For many years **Carole Rennison** has been using the technique of wool hooking to create beautiful & functional items for the home. She will be bringing along wool in lovely muted shades, hessian backing, frames, hooks & lots of made up pictures & cushions samples to inspire your design – everything you need for a taster of this craft.

Tickets £12 - Hessian and wool inc - hooking frames and hooks provided for the session.

Venue: Colonsay House**Meet: Garden Entrance****6pm – 8pm EVENING BIRD WALK**

Kiloran to Uragaig
This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will take you from Kiloran to Uragaig, listening & looking for Corncrake, Rock Dove & all manner of Seabirds.

Tickets £5**Route: Uragaig**

Meet: Kiloran Bay carpark
NO DOGS PLEASE

Thurs 18th May**10am – 1pm**
BIRD WALK

This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will take you from the airstrip to Ardskenish, across the mixed habitat of south west Colonsay. Look out for Eagles, Chough & the elusive Hen Harrier.

Tickets £5**Route: Ardskenish**

Meet: Airport gate
NO DOGS PLEASE

10.30am – 1pm
WILLOW WEAVING

Jane Allan makes traditional, functional & durable items using willow grown at her home in Lochgilphead.

In this workshop she will teach you some of the basic skills, whilst producing your own **simple basket**.

Tickets £12 – inc all materials**Venue: Colonsay House****Meet: Garden Entrance****2.30pm – 5pm**
CROCHET WORKSHOP

Carole Rennison makes colourful, decorative and functional items using **CROCHET**. Come along to this session where she will teach you the techniques needed to make simple & effective wares. She will be bringing along lovely wool in muted shades & samples to inspire you. Beginners & improvers welcome.

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This guided walk with **Jonathon Lingard** will give you the chance to see & hear Corncrake, Hen Harrier & all manner of Seabirds.

Tickets £5**Route: Lower Kilchattan****Meet: Cemetery****NO DOGS PLEASE****From 9pm on LOCAL MUSIC IN THE PUB -**

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SPRING FEST
SUPPER CLUB**

hosted & cooked by our own Grace Johnston. Please bring your own beverage of choice!

**Menu from Old Waiting Room
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**6pm OPEN EVENING
IN THE OLD WAITING
ROOM GALLERY**

Come down & join us for a drink...

Ticket Office...in the **Old Waiting Room Gallery** down at the harbour

For the duration of the Festival the Opening hours are as follows:

Mondays	9.30am - 2pm
Tuesdays	9.30am – 2pm
Wednesdays	9.30am – 1pm & 4.30pm - 6pm
Thursdays	9.30am – 2pm
Fridays	9.30am -1pm & 5pm - 7pm
Saturdays	9.30am - 2pm
Sundays	5pm – 7pm

Come to the Old Waiting Room to get more info, reserve places & collect your tickets.

Out with these hours please ring Sarah on 07850 230000.

Please note that some workshops & events will be number restricted.

To book a place email

springfest@isleofcolonsay.org.uk or visit

the ticket office at THE OLD WAITING ROOM down at the harbour.

For all walking and outdoor activities, please wear stout footwear, waterproofs, and bring your own food & water as required.

For walks to Oronsay please wear wellingtons - it will be wet underfoot!!!

There is a NO DOGS policy on some nature walks & the Farm walk to Balnahard (see programme).

Please note, the programme may be subject to some minor alterations in the run up to the event, so all visitors will be supplied with the latest edition of the timetable as they disembark the ferry in Colonsay.