

# Coll Bird Festival 2020 Events Outline

Friday May 8th	Saturday May 9th	Sunday May 10th
<b>AM</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>AM</b>
<p><b>9am – 3pm</b> Visit An Cridhe where staff and volunteers will be on hand with your package tickets/to take bookings and discuss any other requirements</p> <p><b>9am – 12noon</b> Drop into Totronald RSPB information centre/look for corncrakes at the viewing platform/RSPB staff on hand if you have any questions about the reserve.</p>	<p><b>5.30am Dawn Watch at Totronald</b> <b>Led by:</b> Ben Jones (croissants and hot drinks) <b>Cost:</b> £5 (£3 RSPB members)</p> <p><b>8.30am Hen Harrier watch</b> <b>Led by:</b> Mark Mitchell <b>Start at:</b> 8.30am <b>Cost:</b> £5 (£3 RSPB members) children free</p> <p><b>9.30am – 1.00pm Boat trip to Lunga</b> <b>Led by:</b> Greg Smith</p> <p><b>10.00 to 12 - “Wild Things”</b> nature-themed activities for children aged 4 - 14 @ An Cridhe <b>Led by:</b> Sarah Smith <b>Cost:</b> £2 per child</p>	<p><b>9.30am – 1.00pm Boat trip to Lunga</b> <b>Led by:</b> David Palmar</p> <p><b>10.00am Looking at and listening to birds around Arinagour</b> <b>Start at:</b> An Cridhe (different route to Saturday) <b>Led by:</b> Greg Smith <b>Cost:</b> £5.00 (£3.00 RSPB members) children free</p>
<b>PM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<p><b>12.30pm ‘Off the Beaten Track 1’ - guided wildlife and bird watching walk.</b> Takes 3 – 4 hours. <b>Start at:</b> Crossapol parking area <b>Led by:</b> Ben Jones (helper Greg Smith) <b>Cost:</b> £10</p> <p><b>1.30pm ‘Off the Beaten Track 2’ - guided wildlife and bird watching walk.</b> Takes 3 – 4 hours. <b>Start at:</b> Crossapol parking area <b>Led by:</b> Mark (helper John Bowler) <b>Cost:</b> £10</p>	<p><b>1.00pm – 4.30pm Boat trip to Lunga</b> Booking essential <b>Led by:</b> Mark Mitchell</p> <p><b>2.30pm Looking at and listening to birds around Arinagour</b> <b>Start at:</b> An Cridhe <b>Led by:</b> Ben Jones <b>Cost:</b> £5.00 (£3.00 RSPB members) children free</p>	<p>If other boat trips are full and there is enough interest <b>1.00pm – 4.30pm Boat trip to Lunga</b></p> <p><b>1.00pm Beach clean, barbecue and bird watching at Breachacha</b> <b>Barbecue:</b> Food provided <b>Cost:</b> None Bags for rubbish and gloves will be provided</p>
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<p><b>7.15pm Evening of talks 1</b> <b>Where:</b> An Cridhe <b>Cost:</b> £5 (£3 RSPB members) children free <b>Talk by John Bowler</b> “The Birds of Coll and Tiree” <b>Talk by Professor Rhys Green:</b> "Living dangerously: how do corncrakes survive?"</p>	<p><b>Social evening at An Cridhe</b> <b>5pm:</b> Bar opens and RSPB film “The Eagle Odyssey” (49 mins) starts <b>Cost:</b> Free.</p> <p><b>6pm to 7pm talk by Professor Rhys Green</b> "Is it too late to save the spoon-billed sandpiper?" <b>Cost:</b> £5 (£3 RSPB members) children free</p> <p><b>7pm Buffet</b> <b>Cost:</b> £12 pp please book in advance</p> <p><b>8pm Ceilidh Dance with bar</b> <b>Cost:</b> £10.00 per adult, £5.00 children 5 - 16yrs, family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £25</p>	<p><b>Extra idea for the Sunday evening</b> (not part of the main programme).</p> <p>Book a trip to the Cairns of Coll with IsleGo. Bookings to be made through IsleGo. Email: <a href="mailto:ahoy@islego.co.uk">ahoy@islego.co.uk</a>, Tel: 07867804573</p>



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## A few ideas of other things to do on Coll

**For those arriving earlier in the week:** if you are able to extend your time on Coll it is possible to:

**Travel to Coll on a Tuesday evening** – the one and only ‘late ferry out of Oban’. Means no overnight stay in Oban and extra time to explore Coll’s wildlife.

**Take a Wednesday day trip to Tiree** – Visit the Calmac website for more information <https://www.calmac.co.uk/>. To find out more about Tiree’s birdlife follow this link <http://www.isleoftiree.com/out-about/birds/>

**An Acarsaid** gift and craft shop, located in the post office where a variety of items, some locally made, can be purchased. Cycle hire is available here too. Open Mon to Sat 9.00 – 13.00.

**Lighthouse Gallery** where the work of local artist Kip Poulson can be viewed or purchased; open daily.

**Old Hall Second-hand Shop** Open 11.00 -13.00 Saturdays run by the local recycling group.

**Saturday Stalls** locally made produce and crafts. 9.00 – 12.00 every Saturday morning, An Cridhe

### **Guided tours around the island**

Juliet Conway Tel: 01879 230520 or 07437594994 (please note bookings must be for two or more people)

Lighthouse Tours Tel: 01879 230479 or 07713582051

### **Meals out and light snacks available at:**

**The Island Cafe** Tel: 01879 230262 and

**Coll Hotel** <http://collhotel.com/> Tel: 01879 230334

### **Groceries and other essential items available at:**

**Island Stores** general store

And **T.E.S.Coll** for organic/Fair Trade and more

The **Post Office** open Mon – Sat 9.00 to 13.00 has cash withdrawal facilities.

**IsleGo boat trips** offer a range of services from whale watching day trips to charters for travel and leisure <https://islego.co.uk/> , email [ahoy@IsleGo.co.uk](mailto:ahoy@IsleGo.co.uk) or <tel:07867804573>.

IsleGo will be our transport to Lunga and are offering a trip to the Cairns of Coll on the evening of Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Book through IsleGo.