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The picture above maintains a link to an earlier owner – the Benmore Distilleries Ltd – who operated the distillery during the 1920s and eventually sold out to DCL (the Distillers Company) in 1928.

Since its eventual closure in 1983, partly because of difficulties with the water supply, the distillery has been maintained as a museum of distilling by Historic Scotland (aka Historic Environment Scotland).

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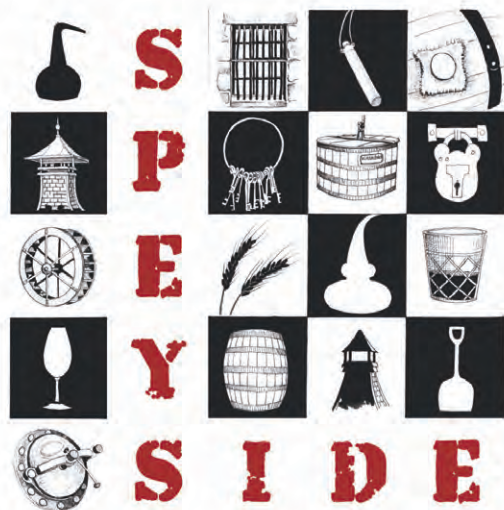


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THE PUBLISHERS of the Whisky Trailer are delighted to have persuaded the talented graphic artist/painter David Gray to turn his hand to producing yet another of his charming feature maps.

Latest in a string of highly successful maps was the New Borders Railway map, which joins maps for the route of the Jacobite Steam train, the Kyle Line from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh and



a souvenir companion map of the West Highland Way, all enjoying the same charming quirkiness and wacky detail.

Work is progressing to produce an enhanced, souvenir version of this Whisky Trailer map, on high quality glossy paper and for sale through local outlets. Watch this space.

Further details of all these maps: [www.northernbooks.co.uk](http://www.northernbooks.co.uk)

# New life in Highland stills



THE TELLTALE pagoda roof under construction (left in picture above) is a clear indicator of work under way to bring a former distillery back to life.

whisky ceased to flow from the stills in 1983, when the distillery closed its doors.

However in late 2017, owners Diageo announced that the distillery would come back to life some time during 2020.

The Brora distillery, which actually started life as the Clynelish distillery way back in 1819, changed its name to Brora in 1968 when its close neighbour, the present Clynelish distillery opened for business.

Clynelish is one of the eight distilleries participating in the Highland Whisky Festival, others being Balblair, Glenmorangie, Old Pulteney, The Dalmore, The Singleton of Glen Ord, Tomatin and Wolfburn.

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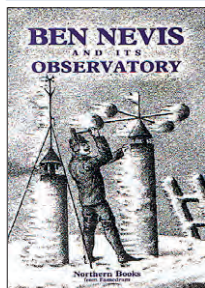
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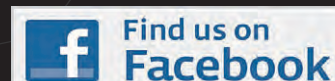
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# Whisky festival time



AN INCREASINGLY popular way to learn more about the art and science of whisky distilling is to visit one of the many whisky festivals that have been springing up over recent years.

One of the most prominent – and longest established – has been the Speyside Whisky Festival based around what many regard as the home of malt distilling, Dufftown.

But newcomers to the field are emerging thick and fast. New for 2019 is the Highland Whisky Festival – [www.highlandwhiskyfestival.co.uk](http://www.highlandwhiskyfestival.co.uk).

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Based around the popular North Coast 500 tourist route, the festival has been designed for visitors to take in eight malt distilleries over eight days.

Later in the season is the popular Autumn Speyside Whisky Festival – described as a ‘weekend of whisky and fun’

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