



Annandale Distillery Co. Ltd in Southern Scotland has formed a new and exciting association with the Carlisle Blues/Rock festival for 2020. Music and Whisky, a match made in heaven!!

The splendid Annandale Distillery is the first or last Distillery in Scotland, depending on which way you are driving. The actual address is Northfield, Annan, DG12 5LL. It's signed on the motorway M6/74, you can't miss it. The distillery is little over 20 miles from Carlisle

The award-winning distillery boasts a 4 star visitor attraction with interesting tours and the Maltings Coffee Shop. It also has and a range of facilities ideal for corporate use. The extremely popular onsite coffee shop offers a wide range of hot and cold food and of course, being a distillery, it offers whisky in fact award winning Premium Single Malt Scotch Whisky.



The old distillery, which was revitalized in 2015 through the vision of David Thomson and Teresa Church after being closed for 90 years. It specialises in cask sales and single cask bottlings. It offers private cask sales, distillery tours, 10 single malt bottlings, 2 blends and 2 new malt spirit offerings, including the 2020 best single cask single malt (Jim Murray's critically acclaimed Whisky Bible), the 2015 Man O'Sword. The popular distillery is also available for historic distillery weddings, bespoke party bookings or corporate event hire, meeting space hire and it even hosts local cultural and musical events.

The Carlisle Blues/Rock Festival is not the only link the distillery has with music, in fact it has always enjoyed having musicians of many styles playing in its wonderful spaces. It's had everything from acoustic guitarists, ukulele players to the head of the Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra playing a solo violin concerto. They also sponsor the Annan Town Band and hold a regular concert for them at the distillery.

The Distillery is proud of the personalities it has welcomed in recent times, "We have had links with several celebrities in recent times beginning with Ashley Jensen (Extras, BBC) who was raised in Annan and visits occasionally. We have had a brush with royalty, Princess Anne officially re-opened the distillery in 2015 from its 99 year slumber and £10.5m refurbishment. We then did a charity bottling for the ex-Scotland/British Lions rugby star Doddie Weir, who has started his own charity for MND the My Name's Doddie Foundation, and through the course of the private bottling we sold out of bottles, raising a grand total of £27800 for Doddie and his fantastic cause".



"From then our next brush with fame came from the movies, we made a blended whisky called Outlaw King, which was licensed by Netflix to go along with the Movie of the same name. The film stars Tony Curran (Blade II, Calibre, Underworld), Chris Pine (Star Trek) and James Cosmo (Braveheart, Game Of Thrones, Trainspotting) and bar Mr Pine we managed to get the bulk of the primary cast and crew here to the distillery for a full day to launch our new whisky. It was a fantastic day all round which included a hog roast, archery and battle reenactments!

Another film about the legendary Outlaw King came out the following year, this time called Robert The Bruce. Our Man O'Sword brand fit perfectly so we managed to tie in with them and get involved with their after party. We had Angus MacFadyen (Robert The Bruce in Braveheart) drinking Annandale whisky as well as Diarmaid Murtagh

(Dracula Untold, Vikings), and Zach McGowan (Black Sails, Shameless, Dracula Untold) and Daniel Portman (Podrick Payne in Game Of Thrones) even came to the distillery afterwards to buy a cask!"