

17th - 26th
November
2023

Official Programme

oban
WINTER **FESTIVAL**



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WINTER FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 2023

EXHIBITIONS

OBAN WAR AND PEACE MUSEUM

The Museum will be open until 4pm Sunday 19th it will close during the week but open again 10am - 4pm Saturday 25th and 10am - 4pm Sunday 26th then close for the season.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Whilst we wait for Santa to arrive from his long trip from the South Pole, his grotto will be open to the public for photos.

Santa's post-box will also be here so get your letters ready!

Saturday 18th – Sunday 26th

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/santas-grotto>

WINTER WELLNESS WEEKEND

Our wellness team are hosting an inspiring weekend of workshops, tasters and sessions focused on health and wellbeing. Through these events we hope to offer the opportunity to develop tools and guidance for looking after yourself this

and future winters

Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/Winter-Wellness-Weekend>

SCOUT POST

Collection boxes at

Oban Photographic, Jackson Butcher, Alba, Albany Stores, Tesco

17th November – 8th December

OBAN CHOCOLATE SHOP

Winter Festival Waffles

Seating is limited and waffles will be served in takeaway cartons.

Friday 17th – Monday 20th November inclusive.

10am – 4.30pm (last orders 4.15pm)

Oban Chocolate Company Esplanade

REFABRIKATE

For the duration of the Festival, Seann Oban is teaming up with Refabrikate to create a Sustainable Interiors space with unique antique, vintage & revamped furniture, homewares and clothes.

Open 10am - 8pm every day
SEANN OBAN George Street

FURNITURE DROP-IN SURGERY

Throughout the festival people can bring a piece along (if it's manageable) or come and show us photos, and we can chat through what they can do, the materials they'll need, guidance on the techniques and advice on the best tutorial videos to follow.

Anything from upcycling an old display cabinet, reviving an old stool, or how to make your sofa less saggy!

Seann Oban George Street

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FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

OPENING PARADE

JOIN THE PARADE LED BY THE WINTER FESTIVAL PUPPET BREEZE THE LIGHT BRINGER (STORM'S LITTLE SISTER), AS SHE TRAVELS THROUGH THE TOWN LIGHTING THE SHOPS ON HER WAY

Breeze is made from recycled items and has been designed by Vision Mechanics, creators of Storm. Breeze has been made with assistance from members of the community

Music in the parade by Obana (Samba Band)

Adult and children dress up competition – make your costume from recycled/upcycled items.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring a torch.

Cash Prizes for best costume – Adults and Children

Food stalls at Station Square with entertainment by Obana.

Gather at the Corran Halls from 4.15pm – judging 4.30pm
parade leaves 4.45pm

Following a short stay at Station Square, Breeze will be transported once around the town and then be taken to Glencruitten Woods where she will remain for the Winter Woods Events.

OBAN WHISKY SHOP WHISKY TASTING

Come and try some of our finest whiskies including a selection of limited and exclusive Single Cask malts.

Tickets are £15 and pre-booking is advised as spaces are limited.

6pm-8pm **oban@whiskyshop.com** or call 01631 570896

WINTER WOODS

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ENTRY STRICTLY BY MINIBUS SHUTTLE FROM SHORE STREET
(outside Premier Inn)

Tickets : Adults £7 Children £4

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oban-winter-festival>

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING SESSION

Join us for a fun and festive storytelling session for children. Our session will be filled with exciting stories, engaging activities, and opportunities for children to share their own ideas and stories. **Storytellers to be announced**

11am Cost – pay what you can

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/childrens-storytelling>

JINGLE JUMPER UPCYCLE WORKSHOP

Jingle Jumper Upcycle is a jumper upcycling workshop that aims to promote sustainability and creativity during the festive season. During the workshop, participants will learn how to transform old or unused clothes into unique and stylish jumpers using simple stitch and embellishment techniques.

Bring in your old jumpers and breathe new life into them! 4pm - 6pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/jingle-jumper-upcycle-workshop>

TEUD THE HEBRIDEAN FIDDLE PROJECT

The Rockfield Centre welcome TEUD for a live performance, as part of The Big Tune weekend. TEUD (meaning string in english) - The Hebridean Fiddle Project grew out of a conversation regarding the differing Hebridean fiddle styles and music throughout the Hebrides. A collaboration between fiddlers; Claire Frances MacNeil, Shona Masson and Jamie MacDonald each drawing on the musical and cultural heritage of their individual islands culminating in a performance of Gaelic music and songs showcasing the 'Hebridean fiddle style'. Doors 6.30pm Start 7.00pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/teud>

WINTER ROLLER LAND

Join Roller Coast for their Winter Roller Disco where you can have fun with family & friends under the disco lights to the latest music & Christmas favourites.

Adult £6, Child (Under 18 £4) Hire Skates £2

Booking Essential **www.roller-coast.co.uk**

Corran Halls Oban

LADIES NIGHT IN

Come along and join our spa therapists for an evening of fun and games! You'll be welcomed by our barmen with a glass of Prosecco and later sample our delicious canapes, prepared with the freshest local produce by our Head Chef. Our ishga trained spa team will provide an insight into the different treatments available here at Oban Bay Spa. A voucher for a 30-minute spa treatment of your choice will be included and you will also have the opportunity to take advantage of a discount for any retail and treatments purchased on the evening.

£45 per person to book please contact obanbay@crerarhotels.com

WHISKY TASTING

Join us for a tasting evening with Loch Lomond and Glen Scotia whisky. Let one of their production managers talk you through a selection of different whiskies from each distillery for a total of £15.00. Discounts on all Loch Lomond and Glen Scotia products on the evening.

Venue: Oban Whisky & Fine Wines. Time 7.30pm.

<https://whiskyfix.com/product/loch-lomond-glen-scotia-whisky-tasting/>

THE BIG QUIZ

Up and down the UK people have been gathering for the Tear Fund Ultimate Quiz Extravaganza- One Big Quiz – All in the name on Ending Worldwide Extreme Poverty!! Tearfund Big Quiz Night OBAN

Quiz Teams up to 8 people per table £40 per team or £5 per person.
Tea/Coffee provided tickets available from LINDA HILL 07917454119

email linda@easdaleseafoods.co.uk

Contact person Mary Black: 01631 564472

Argyllshire Gathering Halls Breadalbane Street Oban 7pm

OLD OBAN SLIDE SHOW

Come along and enjoy a great evening viewing the Old Oban Slide Show
Tea /Coffee / Dumpling / Shortbread Raffle
Masonic Hall Albany Street 7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets £5 at the door (proceeds to Cancer Research UK)

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

DISTILLERY CRAFT MARKET

Pop into the distillery and find the whole bar area hosting a fantastic selection of craft, art wood, crochet, glass, textiles, designer children's clothes all produced by local makers.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm **Free Entry**

DISTILLERY FOOD MARKET

Make your way through the black gates and into the atmospheric Filling Room, crammed with local produce, cheese, meat, breads, cakes preserves, chutneys and sauces. Come in and see us and chat to the local producers.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street Oban 10am-4pm **Free Entry**

BANK GARAGE MARKET

Pop in to our newest venue and be amazed at the atmosphere as you travel round the stalls. Browse the locally handmade goods and pick up that something special

Royal Bank Garage Stevenson Street 10am-4pm **Free Entry**

CORRAN HALLS MARKET

Pop along to the Corran Halls and make your way round the 40 stalls heaving with a huge variety of hand made goods.

When you are finished why not treat yourself to some delicious soup, coffee & cakes from Hope Kitchen

10am-3pm **Free Entry**

BAUBLE CRAFTING FOR CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Bauble Crafting for Children workshop Come and make a wonderful ornament in this creative workshop where children can make their own shiny baubles!

This workshop is perfect for children who love to get crafty and creative.

Materials are provided. £2 per bauble 4pm-6pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/bauble-crafting-for-children-workshop>

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING COMPETITION AND VILLAGE CREATION

Come and decorate a ginger bread house with your friends, family or do one all to yourself and lets build a village. Kits and decorating materials will be provided- houses are limited so please book ahead to secure yours.

Want to do your own at home and come and enter it in the Oban Winter Festival Village. Houses must be in by 2pm. We would also encourage anyone to make their own crafts to enhance the village. Prizes for the winning house. <https://www.atlantisleisure.co.uk/events> for more details and booking.

Prizes for winning house.

Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road Oban

THE BIG TUNE WORKSHOPS

The Big Tune is back for its winter edition! As a part of our Big Tune Weekend, The Rockfield Centre will be hosting a series of traditional Scottish musical workshops and taster sessions for all ages. Each session will be led by one of our expert tutors, so come long and have a go! Workshops to be announced.

10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/the-big-tune>

BOOKBINDING WORKSHOPS

French Link-Stitch Books with Beth Lancaster. In this workshop book designer Beth Lancaster will teach you how to use book binding tools to make beautiful

French Link-Stitch books. A more challenging style of bookbinding, this introduces the age-old techniques used to bind books before glue was readily available. In this workshop, we will be making an A6 book with several hand sewn signatures. The finished book will be hard-covered and decorated with ribbons and closures to make a beautiful piece of art that can be used or given away as a special present. This style of binding offers great flexibility in using the book as there is no solid spine meaning the pages lie almost completely flat.

All materials are provided but attendees are encouraged to bring their own decorative papers to include if they wish.

10.30am-1.30pm Cost £25 per person

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/bookbinding-workshop-french-link-stitch>

OBAN COMMUNITY FIRE STATION 20th ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Firefighters at Oban Community Fire Station are excited to open the station doors to the public during the Oban Winter Festival. On Saturday the 18th of November from 13:00 until 17:00 hrs to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the station at Soroba Road.

Your local crews will be putting on demonstrations with our colleagues from Oban's other emergency services. Come and meet Diesel the Fire Service Urban Search and Rescue dog and watch multi-agency demonstrations of rescues from height, water, fire and road traffic collisions.

Have a look around emergency appliances old and new and take a walk round the community hub where you can speak to teams from emergency services and local community groups. Recruiters from Police Scotland will be there to discuss possible career opportunities as well as Fire Service On-Call recruiters.

If you think you are Fire Fit come and learn about the fitness selection tests for the Fire Service. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be supporting the Firefighters Charity and a number of other charities so join in with some of our challenge stations and help raise money for good causes.

So, if you are visiting the Oban Winter Festival come along to Oban Community Fire Station on Soroba Road from 13:00 until 17:00 hrs and have fun learning about Keeping Scotland Safe and Well. **Free entry and a warm welcome**

NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSE BOARD

Discover the challenges undertaken and engineering marvels created by NLB who have provided our coastal protection since the days of candle-light. Tour the Polestar Vessel exhibition to browse, Tea, coffee, and cakes available.

Entry by Donation.

Northern Lighthouse Board, Gallanach Road Oban

Some areas may have limited access. Tours 10am-12pm 1pm-4pm

OBAN YOUTH CAFE

Come along to our Winter Festival Winter Arts and Crafts Afternoon
Oban Youth Cafe George Street - refreshments - 1pm – 4pm **Free**

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OBAN WINTER BRICKS

Come and see top displays from members of Scotland's only recognised LEGO© user group Tartan LUG.

Lots of interactive activities for all ages including brick build zone and festive minifig hunt.

Pick the right brick and win big at the Everyone Wins Tombola. Demonstration builds throughout the day by Tartan LUG members. Start your Christmas shopping at our POP-UP shop provided by Donald's of Peterhead Where there will be a range of LEGO© sets available to buy to suit all budgets.

Fun for all the family young and old!

Entry £4 ages 5 and over; Family ticket £10 (2 adults & 2 children) Under 4 free
Cash and card payments accepted.

Profits from this event will be donated to Fairy Bricks, Brightening the lives of sick children through LEGO & Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance – SCAA
Atlantis Community Leisure Centre Dalriach Road 10.30am – 4pm
(LAST ENTRY 3.30pm)

OBAN BAY HOTEL SEAFOOD SATURDAY

An exclusive event boasting Oban's fresh local seafood and paired wines. Begin the evening with a welcome drink, then indulge in our Oban Bay Seafood Platter with wine pairings and a talk from our Expert Sommelier.

£95 per person to book please contact **obanbay@crerarhotels.com**

GAELIC BOOKBUG

Learn a little Gaelic with your child in a fun, informal way through songs, rhymes and stories.

Cearcall Còmhraidh (Gaelic Conversation Group) 10.30am– 12pm-1.30pm

A relaxed, informal session for adults with all levels of fluency.

All sessions will take place in Furan Gaelic Centre and are free.

Furan Centre Corran Halls Oban

DUNOLLIE PRESENTS, THE HEBRIDEAN BAKER

Join us for a magical winter's night and meet the Hebridean Baker. Take part in a relaxed evening with Gaelic songs and Hebridean stories in conversation with Peter MacQueen and Coinnach MacLeod. Enjoy Christmas-market style nibbles from the Kettle Garden Cafe and its winter drinks menu, all while taking in the enchanting sight of Dunollie's fairy lit grounds. You will also have the possibility of a book signing of 'Hebridean Baker at Home'. Coinnach's new book.

Tickets £10 including admission and free drink. Book

<https://tickets.dunollie.org/#event43>

TRADITIONAL GYPSY/TRAVELLER CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION

The Gypsy/Traveller community are skilled and talented in making many things such as basket weaving, wooden peg carving and tin smithing, just to name a few. On the run up to Christmas making wreaths, table centre pieces, flowers from paper and wood, was something the whole family would do together. In the past all their wreaths, table centre pieces and flowers would be sold door to door. Please join us to see traditional crafts being made.

The Cadet Hall, Tweedle Street Oban 10am-12pm **Free**

MECOPP – OLD STORIES AND SONGS FROM GYPSY TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES

Bring your lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to

Iain MacGregor performing traditional songs and stories.

Music and storytelling have been a huge part of the Gypsy/Traveller Community culture. Families would get together at the end of a long working day, have their dinner, tell stories, and sing songs, a wonderful happy time for everyone.

This is an amazing opportunity to come and enjoy the old stories and songs from years ago, that are told within the Gypsy/Traveller communities.

The Cadet Hall, Tweedle Street., PA34 5SG 1.00pm-4.00pm **Free**

MOVING MINDS EXHIBITION

The Moving Minds exhibition was created by MECOPP and Gypsy/Travellers across Scotland.

This collection of Storyboards provides a wealth of fascinating detail about a much-maligned and mis-understood community. Individually and collectively, they challenge the stereotypical image of Gypsy/Travellers. In an open, honest, and often humorous manner, contributors have shared their personal experiences of caring for a loved one, special memories of family members, struggles they have faced, stories from days gone by, cultural traditions and the impact that prejudice and discrimination has had on their mental health and wellbeing. Each board is a powerful and poignant reminder of the richness and diversity within the Gypsy/Traveller community but also wider Scottish society.

In addition to personal stories, the exhibition also features Chatterry – objects important to the Gypsy/Travellers involved. Each contributor was asked to choose a special object that could be held in your hand. Contributors chose a fascinating range of items which hold special significance for them as Gypsy/Travellers, including jewellery, certificates, China, licences, and a frying pan! Chatterry is a Cant word for 'bits and bobs* The Cant is a traditional language, originating in Sanskrit, which is still used by many Gypsy/Travellers in Scotland today.

The Cadet Hall, Tweedle Street, PA34 5SG 10am – 4pm **Free**

OBAN PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Interested in photography? Why not pop in and see our exhibition, we would love to welcome you! There will be some images for sale and a baking stall – come along and purchase the perfect gift!

10.30am – 4pm Congregational Church Hall Argyll Street . **Free**

70's CANAPÉS PARTY

Drop in event

SEANN OBAN George Street 6pm-8pm

“THE LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY”

Returns for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country nostalgia. The show features 3 fantastic singers who are all accompanied by a superb live band of musicians with that authentic Tennessee sound coupled with authentic stage set and state of the art production that will transport you all the way hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night . One thing is for sure if it's Country music you like then this is the only show in town!"

Tickets: Liveargyll.co.uk Doors open: 7.30pm Tickets £25

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

WINTER ROLLER LAND

Join Roller Coast for their Winter Roller Disco where you can have fun with family & friends under the disco lights to the latest music & Christmas favourites.

Adult £6, Child (Under 18 £4) Hire Skates £2

Booking Essential www.roller-coast.co.uk Corran Halls Oban 6.30pm

PEARLS AND PROSECCO WITH THE PEARL LADY (FRANCES CARLAW) AND OBAN HOSPICE

Argyllshire Gathering Hall, Sunday 19th November at 2.00pm

Join us for an afternoon discovering the hidden secrets of one of our favourite gemstones, while enjoying a glass of bubbly and nibbles. Take the opportunity to purchase from a wide selection of unique jewellery.

Tickets £15 from The Dove Centre 24 Stevenson Street Oban.

All ticket proceeds to Oban Hospice Ltd

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Join us for a chilled afternoon of festive glass painting! Revitalise old glassware into the ornament of your dreams. All materials will be provided, including glassware (we offer glasses for £1 each for painting or you can bring your own), paint, and brushes. No previous experience is necessary, and all skill levels are welcome. Come get into the holiday spirit and create something beautiful to take home with you! 4-6pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/merrybright-glass-painting-workshop>

GINGERBREAD VILLAGE

Come and visit the Oban Winter Festival Gingerbread Village and vote for your favourite.

Atlantis Leisure **Free Entry**

ARCHERY TAG

Archery Tag is a unique sport that combines archery, paintball, and dodgeball.

Taking the best bits out of all these fantastic sports and creating one masterpiece. Players must work together to shoot and eliminate the opposing team using specially designed soft-tipped arrows. We will put you into teams when you arrive or get your own team together. Over 10's 10pm – 3pm

<https://www.atlantisleisure.co.uk/events> for more details and booking.

THE BIG TUNE

The Big Tune is back for its winter edition! Bring your instruments and join us for our second all-day session celebrating the best of Scottish cèilidh music. We will be taking over The Rockfield Centre, where every room will be filled with incredible musicians sharing a tune!

The Big Tune is a joyful & informal space for musicians from across Argyll & the Isles to meet, make connections and perform together. There will be a sign up sheet for those wanting to perform in particular groups in the main room. Otherwise, meet a musical friend or two and start playing together in the café!

If you are not a musician, then simply come along and enjoy the atmosphere.

The cafe will be open and there will be a licensed bar. We look forward to another year of our young musicians playing alongside seasoned artists, learning from each other and ensuring the continuation of our fantastic heritage of storytelling and song, for generations to come. See you there! 2pm-9pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/the-big-tune>

A JOURNEY FOR HAPPINESS: THE MAN WHO CYCLED TO BHUTAN

A Talk and Q&A with Christopher Boyce. In this talk he shares stories of adventure and happiness insights from his 20,000km 18-month journey to Bhutan on a bicycle. In this talk with Q&A, Christopher will recount his experience and share some insights in to what he learned along the way. This Book Week Scotland event has been kindly funded by the Scottish Book Trust.

11am <https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/a-journey-for-happiness-the-man-who-cycled-tobhutan>

SUNSET BEACH YOGA/MEDITATION

Yoga and Breathwork Session

A gentle approach to movement and breathwork, suitable for all levels
Learn to connect to your breath and body deeper whilst surrounded by nature
followed by a campfire and cocoa

Ganavan Beach 3.15pm £8 per session

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA AT OBAN BAY HOTEL

Our luxurious festive Afternoon Tea will begin this Winterfest on Sunday the 19th of November. Boasting a selection of festive treats, relax in our Atlantic Bar and Sun Lounge. Add our Festive Cocktail Tree – a perfect way to celebrate Christmas with colleagues.

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WINTER FESTIVAL ROLLER SKATE GALA

OBAN's RollerCoast are here to offer a fun afternoon with guest performances from the Lochaber Artistic Roller Skate Club.(LARSC) Come and see what's on offer around the area for roller skating. The Corran Halls 4pm
Donations Welcome - Funds going to Oban Community Skate Park

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MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

HAND SEWING 101

Join us for an exciting and interactive **FREE hand sewing workshop** where you'll learn the art of stitching with your own hands. If you have ever gotten your threads in a tangle or were unsure of which stitch for what, this is the course for you!

In this hands-on workshop, a passionate local sewing volunteer will guide you through the fundamentals of hand sewing. From basic stitches to repairs and upcycling, you'll learn how to mend, embellish, and create beautiful projects using just a needle and thread.

The first hour will be spent learning basic techniques, with the last hour to be focused on a 'Bring Your Own' 5 minute project such as sewing on a button, darning a hole, applying a patch etc.

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: The Hawthorn Room, The Rockfield Centre, Oban

Free

WINTER CLOTHES SWAP

A chance to move on clothing items gathering dust and refresh your winter wardrobe!

Bring any item/s of Good Condition Winter clothes along to the clothes swap and leave with something new (to you) to keep you dry and toasty over the cold, dark months. All FREE, All ages and genders welcome. Swaps not essential as we usually have a good quantity of stock.

Time: 1pm-5pm

Location: The Ash Room, The Rockfield Centre, Oban

OYSTER SHELL DECORATIONS

Join Judith Vajk for a workshop upcycling oyster shells to decorate your tree this Christmas.

The Rockfield Centre 3pm-5pm open to all cost £2 to cover materials, All ages welcome.

UPHOLSTERY CLASSES

Come and learn how to upholster a small item of your choice. A dining seat, footstool, piano stool or similar. Basically nothing with arms or a back! Class is limited to 4 people.

Please email katie@refabrikate.co.uk to book a place along with a photo or two of what you would like to upholster.

If you have any queries please phone or email.

SEANN OBAN . George Street 5pm-7.30pm £25 per person

ASN WINTER ROLLER DISCO

Join us for our Roller Coast accessible Roller Disco for families with additional support needs. The music plays at a lower level, and the lights are calmer.

Corran Halls 6.30pm Adult £6, Child (Under 18) £4 Hire Skates £2

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TOY CUPBOARD

We will be open during the Winter Festival and sessions will all follow the theme of upcycling and re-using. Expect lots of play using natural materials and themes which promote reducing waste. You will find us at Glencruitten Church Centre, booking is advisable via the Team Reach app with code TCOban but drop ins are also welcome.

Monday messy play 1pm-2.30pm Suggested Donation £3 per child

CHOIRS & CANDLES

Please join us once again for this very popular concert in the stunning surroundings of St Johns Cathedral, enjoy an evening of song from a variety of choirs from our local area.

St John's Cathedral George Street Oban 7pm doors 6.30pm
Donations at door.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hand Made by Fumiko Miller, Beautiful Christmas cards for sale.
10am – 3pm Carr Gomm office 16 Soroba Road Oban

MACRAME BAUBLE MAKING FOR CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Our Macrame Bauble Making Workshop for children will be a great opportunity for them to develop your creativity, imagination and crafting skills. We will provide all the materials needed for the workshop and you will be able to take home or give as gifts. We hope to see you there! 4pm-5pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/macrame-bauble-making-for-children-workshop>

KNOT YOUR AVERAGE BAUBLE WORKSHOP FOR GROWN-UPS WORKSHOP

In this workshop participants will be taught more complicated macrame techniques to create their own beautiful bauble to take home. Materials will be provided and our cafe will be open for delicious cakes and drinks
5.30pm-6.30pm **Free** – donations appreciated

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/knot-your-average-bauble-workshop-for-grown-ups>

ROCKFIELD KNIT

Bring your knitting projects and enjoy some company while sharing your knitting advice with others, a perfect get together for anyone who enjoys knitting. 7pm-9pm <https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/rockfield-knit>

REINDEER FOOD WORKSHOP

Join us for a fun and festive workshop where you can make your own magical and sustainable reindeer food! This is perfect for children and adults who want to add a touch of magic to their Christmas Eve.

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/winter-festival-2023>

ARGYLL WELLBEING HUB

Come and have a relaxing Indian head massage, start your week off feeling calm after a treatment from Ed.

Mens peer support group. A safe non judgmental space for men to come and talk to other men about what's on their mind.

7pm-9pm Breadalbane street Oban

<https://musedlife.uk2.clinko.com/bookings>

WINTER ZUMBA WARM-UP

The Rockfield Centre 6.15pm-7.15pm Entry £6

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

TASTE OF ARGYLL KITCHEN

Winter Festival Special - Freshly Cooked Doughnuts sit in or take away with Cold fillings, Jam Chocolate, Nutella, Custard, Lemon Curd or try our delicious Sugared or Iced toppings .

Booking advisable but not necessary. Argyll Street Oban
01631 358160

HOLLY JOLLY PLAYTIME

Our Holly Jolly Playtime event will be a great opportunity for children and families to get into the holiday spirit and enjoy some festive fun.

Activities and times to be announced.

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/holly-jolly-playtime>

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SEANN OBAN . George Street 5pm-7.30pm £25 per person

ROCKFIELD KNIT

Bring your knitting projects and enjoy some company while sharing your knitting advice with others, a perfect get together for anyone who enjoys knitting.

7pm-9pm <https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/rockfield-knit>

CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Learn how to set a grid with good intention – Love and protection for the season of good will.

Entry by Donation 7pm -8pm

Jewellery by Fiona Fraser George Street

PAPER WREATH WORKSHOP With Kirsty Currie

A fun Christmas activity session where you will be able to make beautiful paper Christmas wreaths for your home and learn more about 3D paper art and model making.

All materials and equipment are provided. 4pm-6pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.or.uk/wreath-workshop>

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Tuesday 10am-12pm Suggested Donation £2.50 per child

ARGYLL WELLBEING HUB

Wellbeing Walk – meet at Corran Halls car park, gentle walk through The Witches. Fully accessible Dogs on leads welcome also.

All Welcome 10am-4pm

Women's Peer Support Group 7pm-9pm

Argyll Wellbeing Hub 1 Breadalbane Street Oban

info@argyllwellbeinghub.com

**UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS
OPEN DAY**

Drop in to see what courses we have on offer, sample some taster sessions including a beauty pamper evening at our college salon where people can come along to learn more about the courses on offer and get a free treatment

Glenshellach Business Park 11am-7pm Beauty sessions 4pm-7pm Free

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Blasad Gàidhlig (Gaelic Taster Session) – 7pm-9pm

A basic introduction to Gaelic words and phrases.

Furan Corran Halls Oban Free

MAKE YOUR WINTER POM POMS

In this workshop, learn how to make your own pom pom snowman, reindeer or Christmas pudding, or great creative and make use of those leftover bits of wool and get ready for the festive season.4pm-6pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/make-your-own-winter-pom-pom>

UPCYCLE AN OLD BOOK

with Deborah Gray

Fold the pages of an unwanted hardback book to create a festive decoration

Wednesday 22nd November 7pm - 9pm

At Artspace Oban 26 Alexandra Place, Esplanade, Oban

£20, materials included

Children (12 and over) must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Email artspaceoban@gmail.com to book

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SEANN OBAN . George Street 5pm-7'30pm £25 per person

ARGYLL WELLBEING HUB

Quigong, come and have a session of Quigong led by Anna of Healthy Options. Quigong is a system of coordinated body-posture and movement, breathing, and meditation. Just what you need in the middle of your week to keep you on track. Argyll Wellbeing Hub 1 Breadalbane Street Oban
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ADVENTURE OBAN'S WINTER NIGHT RIDE

Discover the joys of riding in the evening throughout the winter months! Join us on a social ride to and around Ganavan. We will ride the off-road blue trail created by the North Argyll Trail Association (NATA) so we recommend a bike with appropriate tyres and suspension. Our ride will conclude back at the Corran Halls for a post-ride blether, hot drink and a biscuit. If you want to join but don't have access to the required equipment, please include this information in your booking and we can see what we can do!

****Oban Cycles are running a promotion on bike lights throughout the Winter Festival, so pop into the shop to get a discount!****

Requirements: Helmet, front bike light (at least 400 lumens), rear bike light, bike in good working condition, hi-vis clothing.

Meet in the Corran Halls car park. @ 6pm.

FREE TO JOIN - Book spaces via Eventbrite - **search 'Adventure Oban'**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adventure-obans-winter-night-ride-tickets-737822977387?aff=oddtcreator>

SHINTY CRAIC IN THE CAFE

Join our Heritage Hunters with a new informal monthly session which will be held in the Rowan Cafe at the centre. This monthly get together provides a very informal social setting for shinty enthusiasts to meet up and celebrate the game of shinty. Expect a warm welcome and cuppa with our heritage volunteers – access to memories, pictures and artefacts gathered from previous exhibitions.
10.30am-12 noon Free **[https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/shinty-craic-](https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/shinty-craic-in-cafe)**

[in-cafe](https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/shinty-craic-in-cafe)

DOUGHNUT DAY

Winter Festival Special - Freshly cooked doughnuts to take away choose from our cold fillings: Jam, Chocolate, Nutella, Custard, Lemon Curd or try Just Sugared or Delicious Iced.
Taste of Argyll , Airds Crescent
9am-5pm booking advisable but not necessary. 01631 358160

Reveal the Light Within: A Gift for Winter

As Breeze, the Bringer of Light comes to the Oban Winter Festival, give yourself a gift for winter and reveal your light. Join me at a coaching workshop to reconnect to your heart's deepest desires and move towards your dreams.

With Lois Calder of Noctiluca, you will embark on a journey of discovery, recharge emotional energy, and access your embodied wisdom. You will fan the flames in your heart to create belief, commitment, and courage, moving you towards a life of your choosing.

To book your place, please contact me at lois@noctiluca.co.uk or visit www.noctiluca.co.uk/calendar and search for the events date:

Wed 22nd November, Hazel Room, Rockfield Centre, Oban

1030-1230 OR 1400-1600, £25 per person

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

FURAN FAMILY FUN

Fealla-dhà Furan (Furan Family Fun) – 10.30am – Songs, rhymes and a story for pre-school children, hosted by “Pigheid” the Gaelic-speaking parrot. **Free**

OBAN BAY AND LISMORE LUMINATIONS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Come celebrate Christmas with us! Christmas shopping made easy with afternoon teas, Christmas cocktails, hot chocolate to get you in the festive spirit. Over 20 quality stalls, all your Christmas gifts under one roof.
Oban Bay Hotel, Esplanade Oban 12 noon – 9pm
Free entry, please book afternoon teas and meals in advance.

CRAFTING YOUR OWN UPCYCLED SNOW GLOBE

Create your own winter wonderland in a jar in this DIY snow globe workshop. All materials will be provided – jars, ornaments and glitter! - or feel free to bring your own materials make into a lasting keepsake. 4pm-6pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/crafting-your-own-upcycled-snow-globe>

ARGYLL WELLBEING HUB

Vintage Tea Party. Come for some tea and talk. There's nothing like catching up with friends over a nice cup of tea and cake. We will also be drawing our wellbeing raffle to raise funds for Argyll Wellbeing Hub.

All Welcome 4pm-7pm

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SEANN OBAN . George Street 5pm-7.30pm £25 per person

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

DOVE CENTRE OBAN

open 5pm-8pm hot mince pies and live music.

ART SPACE

26 Alexandra Place Corran Esplanade
5pm-8pm

MOXI

George Street – open till 8pm

OBAN MOBILE PHONE SHOP

Open until 7pm

JEWELLERY BY FIONA FRASER

Free Goodie bags for shoppers spending £30 or over.
open till 8pm

PICTURE THIS

Open for late night shopping till 8pm
20% discount for duration of festival

CANCER SHOP

Sweets & Treats, open until 8pm

ROOM 15

Stafford Street Oban open till 8pm

OBAN WHISKY AND FINE WINES

Chestnuts roasting on our open fire - Join us for some chestnuts roasted by us on our open fire place, accompanied by a selection of cold fizz. Discounts on the evening. 6-8pm.

MODERN CROFT

Open until 8pm

HIGHLAND SOAP COMPANY-

open till 8pm

JULES –

Open for late night shopping till 7.30pm

MCINTYRES OF OBAN

Black Friday Offers

Lucky Dip, Festive Nibbles

open until 7.30pm

ORSAY

open till 6pm

BUTTON NOSE

Button nose on late shopping Free Goodie bag for the first 20 customers spending £15 or more. PLUS one goodie bag will contain a £25 gift voucher which will be given randomly.

Airds Crescent Oban open until 8pm

ALBA

All 4 shops open until 8pm one stop Christmas shop from cheese to trees and everything in between! Open - 8pm

SPORTS SHOP

20% discount excluding sale items

open till 8pm

HINBA–

open till 8pm

The Rockfield Centre CHARITY SHOP

Open until 8pm

TASTE OF ARGYLL

Spend £50 get 10% off

Tasters and refreshments

Open until 8pm

SPECSAVERS

Special offer £40 off designer glasses if purchased on night – open until 8pm

ANGLERS CORNER

Black Friday Offers
Festive Nibbles Lucky Dip
open till 7.30pm

THE OBAN BEER SELLER

During the festival we will offer free entry into a prize draw for a gift box on all purchases over £30.

THE GEM BOX

10am-3pm

HAPPY WEE HEALTH CLUB

Open for Gym Tours, 20 minute taster classes, virtual group cycling, Christmas vouchers available and sample protein shakes and goodies.
Lochside Street 5pm-8pm

TRESPASS

Open for late night shopping 5.30pm-7pm with 60% off.
George Street, Oban

JETTY GALLERY

Open until 7.30pm
George Street Oban

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

OBAN DISTILLERY

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Glencruitten Church Centre, Glencruitten Road
10am-12pm Suggested Donation £2.50 per child

OPEN DRAW – DIY SCREENPRINTING

An open studio social session for illustrators, doodlers and art lovers. This months taster is DIY screenprinting. We'll be sharing techniques on how to use everyday items to make yur very own screen for printing. Materials provided but feel free to bring your own. Open to all (supervised children welcome)

Donations 5.30pm-8.30pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/open-draw>

WINTER FESTIVAL MINI MOVERS

Our under 5's class to develop core skills including climbing, balance and agility with some extra special Winter Festival Activities.

Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road Oban **1.30pm-3pm £3.50 no booking required**

WINTER FESTIVAL ROLLER DISCOS

Friday 24th - Late night skating 5.30pm-9pm

Adults £4.60 Children £3.60 £2.60 with your own skates

Smallest skates- Junior size 10

<https://www.atlantisleisure.co.uk/events> for more details and booking.

Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road Oban

ARGYLL WELLBEING HUB

Wellbeing Walk– meet at Corran Halls car park, gentle walk through The Witches, fully accessible. Dogs on leads welcome also.

10am – Corran Halls Car Park

Acupuncture-come and try out a free acupuncture treatment from Dr Beth. Our community acupuncture clinic uses ear acupuncture to treat a whole list of physical and mental health issues. Set yourself up for a relaxing weekend after our week of wellbeing activities that are open to the whole community.

12.30-2.30 Argyll Wellbeing Hub 1 Breadalbane Street Oban

70's CANAPES PARTY

Drop-in event

SEANN OBAN George Street 6pm-8pm

katie@refabrikate.co.uk

LADIES NIGHT IN

Come along and join our spa therapists for an evening of fun and games! You'll be welcomed by our barmen with a glass of Prosecco and later sample our delicious canapes, prepared with the freshest local produce by our Head Chef. Our ishga trained spa team will provide an insight into the different treatments available here at Oban Bay Spa. A voucher for a 30-minute spa treatment of your choice will be included and you will also have the opportunity to take advantage of a discount for any retail and treatments purchased on the evening.

£45 per person to book please contact obanbay@crerarhotels.com

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(outside Premier Inn)

Tickets : Adults £7 Children £4

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oban-winter-festival>

OBAN WHISKY SHOP

Come and try some of our finest whiskies including a selection of limited and exclusive Single Cask malts.

Tickets are £15 and pre-booking is advised as spaces are limited.

6pm - 8pm **oban@whiskyshop.com** or call 01631 570896

OBAN WHISKY AND FINE WINES

Let us take you on a sensory journey to the Isle of Arran. Their Brand Ambassador will talk you through a selection of different whiskies from the two distilleries on the Island for a total of £15.00. Discounts on all Arran & Lagg products on the evening.

Venue: Oban Whisky & Fine Wines. Time: 7.30pm Link for tickets.

<https://whiskyfix.com/product/arran-lagg-whisky-tasting>

KEVIN BRIDGES: THE OVERDUE CATCH-UP

Kevin is back. Scotland's comedy king is hitting the big screen for the first time with his newly recorded show, live from Cork Opera House. The Overdue Catch-Up welcomes audiences into the mind of one of the sharpest comedy talents the UK has to offer. With a career spanning 18 years Kevin Bridges already has the life experience of a man twice his age, helping him to hit the nail on the head with his shrewd outlook on the modern world.

Oban Phoenix Cinema Time: TBC Rating: Expected 15+ or 18+

Tickets: £16 / £18 VIP Sofa Seat

OBAN PHOENIX CINEMA PRESENTS:

A POP-UP CINEMA AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets 7pm. St John's Cathedral.

If you attended last year's screening at St. Johns, get ready for another fantastic show!

More details will be available on our website at **www.obanphoenix.com** or via our social media pages X/Instagram: @ObanCinema
FB: @ObanPhoenixCinema

SCOTT GIBSON : SLEDGEHAMMER

Scott Gibson, Glasgow's critically-acclaimed and award winning son, is back with a brand new hour of darkly comedic storytelling.

"Riotously Funny and at times painfully raw" The Herald

The View, Oban Tickets: £15

www.obanview.com/whats-on/comedy

The View Oban 7.30pm – 10.30pm

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG AT DUNOLLIE

Join local band, The Antics in Dunollie's enchanting woodland grounds and sing along to your favourite Christmas tunes. Sing your heart out, explore the fairy lit winter wonderland around you and enjoy festive drinks from our pop-up bar and

Christmas market style hot dogs, soup and home-baking from the Kettle garden cafe.

6pm-8pm Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children (free for under 5's) book online: <https://tickets.dunollie.org/#event44>

Dogs welcome on lead if they like music. Outdoor event dress for weather.

MAREK KOCHMANSKI PIANO RECITAL

A wonderful opportunity to hear Polish pianist Marek Kochmanski who studied music at University of Silesia in Poland performing works by F.F. Chopin, W.A.

Mozart, W. Lutoslawski along with Jazz Standards, and Mareks own compositions and improvisations. Winner of Ladey Fermoy Piano Competition, Marek has performed across Scotland, Poland and recorded a CD with classical and improvised music.

The Rockfield Centre. Doors 7pm Performance 7.30pm tickets £15 available from The Rockfield Centre and on the door.

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

OBAN DISTILLERY

**Join us for our winter shopping weekend with distillery tours and exclusive whisky tasting experiences. We are also offering 20% off in-store on 24th 25th 26th November
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DISTILLERY CRAFT MARKET

Pop into the distillery and find the whole bar area hosting a fantastic selection of craft, art wood, crochet, glass, textiles, designer children's clothes produced by local makers.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm **Free Entry**

DISTILLERY FOOD MARKET

Make your way through the black gates and into the atmospheric Filling Room, crammed with local produce, cheese, meat, breads, cakes preserves, chutneys and sauces. Come in and see us and chat to the local producers.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street Oban 10am-4pm **Free Entry**

BANK GARAGE MARKET

Pop in to our newest venue and be amazed at the atmosphere as you travel round the stalls. Browse the huge variety of locally handmade goods and pick up that something special

Royal Bank Garage Stevenson Street 10am-4pm **Free Entry**

CORRAN HALLS MARKET

Pop along to the Corran Halls and make your way round the 40 stalls heaving with a huge variety of hand made goods.

When you are finished why not treat yourself to some delicious coffee & cakes by Catchacarrot

10am-4pm **Free Entry**

WINTER FESTIVAL ROLLER DISCO

Adults £4.60 Children £3.60 - £2.60 with own skates.

Smallest skates junior size 10

10am – 3.30pm Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road Oban

www.atlantisleisure.co.uk/events

PAPER MOON - A DAY TO PLAY WORKSHOP

Paper Moon is a delightful and memorable interactive adventure show for under 5's by the acclaimed dance company Shaper/Caper, featuring a beautiful set and costume design by Janis Hart.

Alongside the performances Shaper/Caper will be hosting an 'A Day to Play' workshop for children aged 2-12 and their grown-ups, getting creative with the dancers and props.

The Rockfield Centre 11.30am **Free**

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/paper-moon>

UPCYCLING MARKET

ReMake Xmas Crafts Market Stall – The GRAB Trust's ReMake Argyll project is thrilled to be joining the Oban Winter Festival Upcycling Market with their ever popular upcycled Christmas craft workshops. With activities available for all ages and abilities including 'Sew Your Own' Christmas Tree, festive toilet roll crafts and sparkly bead décor there is something for everyone! All crafts are

free and there will be creative, passionate and skilled local crafting volunteers on hand to guide you through the process.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Corran Halls Studio Theatre 10am-4pm

KNITTING NORDIC -STYLE CHRISTMAS BAUBLES WORKSHOP

£45 per person including materials

10am – 1pm Artspace 26 Alexandra Place, Corran Esplanade Oban

Must be pre-booked artspaceoban@gmail.com

NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSE BOARD

Discover the challenges undertaken and engineering marvels created by NLB who have provided our coastal protection since the days of candle-light.

Tour the Polestar Vessel, exhibition to browse, tea, coffee, and cakes available.

Entry by Donation.

Northern Lighthouse Board, Gallanach Road Oban

Some areas may have limited access. Tours 10am-12pm 1pm-4pm

GAELIC BOOKBUG

10.30am – Learn a little Gaelic with your child in a fun, informal way through songs, rhymes and stories.

Cearcall Còmhraidh (Gaelic Conversation Group) – 12pm-1.30pm – A relaxed, informal session for adults with all levels of fluency.

Furan Corran Halls Oban

REINDEER PARADE

(Brought to you by BID4OBAN)

Santa and his Reindeer leave the Corran Halls at 5pm for Station Square.

Come and join the parade and entertainment.

See the Christmas Lights 'Switch On' at 5.30pm in Station Square

CHARITY RACE NIGHT

Join in the fun at this charity race night supporting RNLI in memory of Ann MacDonald. Raffle tickets can be purchased at bar.

Markie Dans, Esplanade Oban 7.30pm – 2am Curfew 1am. Under 18's admitted until 10pm but must be with an adult.

WINTER LET'S MAKE A SCENE

Saturday 25th November, 8pm, Corran Halls Studio Theatre

FB event here:

https://m.facebook.com/events/950234892678127/?ref_source=SEARCH LET'S MAKE A SCENE // OPEN MIC

New writing // original song // new music // comedy // spoken word

This is a relaxed open mic night for new writing, original music and comedy being created right here in/around Oban. Join us!

informal and new performers are very welcome (although we recommend coming early to ensure your slot - this could be a busy one).

Set up is a small PA with mics, a guitar and an electric piano. Feel free to bring your own instruments or play acoustically if you prefer.

Any questions or requests, just get in touch.

Sets should be 1 or 2 songs or poems / 5-10 mins max.

Otherwise, just turn up! No pressure to perform - we need audience members too. The bar will be open on the night (so over 18s only) and we'll be collecting donations to cover the cost of hire of the space. Please bring some cash along with you if you can.

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<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oban-winter-festival>

TARTAN DASH

Wear some tartan and join parkrun for the Tartan Dash.

Walk or run, its up to you!

Register in advance via **parkrun.com**

Pipers, food, fun and run! Ganavan 9.30am

HAGGIS HURLING

Who will be the 2023 Haggis Hurling Champion?
Come along to Ganavan and have a throw.
Adult and child trophy. 10am-12pm at the shinty pitch Ganavan
£1 a throw

SEA CHANGE: CREATIVE REUSE IN THE MARINE WORLD

Oban, the Seafood Capital of Scotland, is hosting 28 students from around the world to learn about how we can best incorporate innovative new ways of recycling and reuse into the aquaculture industry. Today, they will be showcasing their aquaculture research at our family friendly event. Come and join in some fun activities, find out more about recycling and sustainability and meet the students!

Ocean Explorer Centre
Sat 25 Nov 11am - 3pm
(Please note that the Beach Cafe will be closed)

TALES FROM THE CASTLE KITCHEN

Take a seat by the fire (place) in the old kitchen and discover life in the 13thC castle. Through a mix of object handling and storytelling, participants can explore how the castle kitchen worked, who worked there, what food was cooked and where it came from.

Drop in between 10am and 3pm, no booking required.

Suitable for families with children of all ages.

Dunstaffnage Castle by Oban Adult £7.50 Child £4.50 Concession £6
Members of HES free

COFFEE MORNING AND SALES TABLE

Congregational Church Hall Tweeddale Street 10.30am-1pm

HOME START FUNDRAISING DANCE

Join Donnie MacCorquodale and friends for a fantastic fundraising evening. Raffle, Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Tickets and raffle tickets can be reserved by calling or emailing Kelly on kelly@homestartlorn.org.uk Tel: 07706237052

Argyllshire Gathering Halls Breadalbane Street Oban

Tickets Adults £12 Child £5 Under 3 free Family Ticket 2 adults 2 children £30
Tickets also available on door subject to availability.

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DUNOLLIE MAKES CHRISTMAS

Get in the Christmas spirit and join us for a magical family day out. Take part in lots of Christmas craft activities, explore Dunollie's enchanting woodland grounds turned winter wonderland to complete our special Christmas trail and if you're lucky, you might even meet Santa! The Kettle Garden Cafe will be serving its famous hot chocolates, festive home baking and a lovely lunch menu with some Christmas twists.

Tickets & Bookings: Tickets £4 adults, £6 children and should be booked online

<https://tickets.dunollie.org/#event 45>

Dogs welcome on lead and Festive dress is encouraged!

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

Come and enjoy an afternoon of Story Craft and Games to kick off advent!

ALL ARE WELCOME

2.30pm Kilmore & Oban Church of Scotland

www.obanchurch.co

WHISKY FESTIVAL

Come along to meet some of our team members from Oban Distillery and learn a bit more about our range of single malts. Enjoy a dram and learn a bit about what makes each malt so unique. We will have unique whisky tasting and you can also enjoy some hot toddies and hot chocolate,

Entry to this event is free but there will be a charge for the beverages offerings.

Oban Distillery 1pm - 3pm

HAGGIS FESTIVAL

Scottish Butchers go head to head to win the coveted Golden Haggis Award.

Come along to Oban Distillery, taste the haggis and cast your vote in The People's Choice Award 1pm-3pm

proceeds to Oban High School Pipe Band

Oban Distillery , Stafford Street £2.50 entry for Haggis Tasters

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APPIN CHRISTMAS MARKET

Over 20 quality stalls, tea and coffee

Appin Hall 11am-4pm

WINTER MARKET

Join us for a winter wellness market at the Rockfield Centre to celebrate our winter wellness weekend we're hosting a market full of local producers focused on wellbeing. You'll find everything from natural remedies and supplements to healthy snacks and winter produce. We will also be serving our famous mulled wine as well as a non-alcoholic mulled cider – the perfect way to get into the winter spirit!

10am-4pm <https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/winter-market>

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Santa Claus is swapping the North Pole for the Rockfield Centre as he sets up camp for a day in Oban. Little ones are treated to a meeting with Santa in his festive grotto and a small gift.

30 minute sessions between 10am-4pm

<https://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/santas-grotto>

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

Demonstration will consist of 5 different arrangements, there will be a Christmas theme running through with seasonal colour and textures.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served included in the price of the ticket. All floristry arrangements will be raffled on the day.

Limited Tickets Non-refundable, proceeds to Oban SWI

Oban Guide Hall 2pm till 4pm

Tickets £10.00 Available from Craigard Decor
or contact Sue Maric 07541081728

WILD BATHING AND ADVENTURE OBAN

Cool dip and warm up at the fire pit and beach games.

Booking required for cold dip only as spaces are limited. Non dippers can turn up for Beach activities and fire pit

Big Ganavan Beach car park 1pm – 3pm

Weather dependent, keep an eye on Winter Festival social media.

Cold water dip Under 16 years adult participation. £10 half donated to Adventure Oban

BEACH ACTIVITIY Free

info@wildbathing.co.uk

SUNSET BEACH YOGA/MEDITATION

Yoga and Breathwork Session

A gentle approach to movement and breathwork, suitable for all levels
Learn to connect to your breath and body deeper whilst surrounded by nature
followed by a campfire and cocoa
Ganavan Beach 3.30pm £8 per session

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER (St Andrew's Day)

Fealla-dhà Furan (Furan Family Fun) – 12pm – Songs, rhymes and a story for
pre-school children, hosted by “Pigheid” the Gaelic-speaking parrot.

Blasad Gàidhlig (Gaelic Taster Session) – 2pm-4pm – A basic introduction to
Gaelic words and phrases.

Duncan.Macneil@argyll-bute.gov.uk or 01631 567 886 for more information.

Free

