



oban
WINTER FESTIVAL

Event Guide



**15th-24th November
& St Andrew's Day 2024**

The Oban Times



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the festival



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Welcome to

oban WINTER FESTIVAL

15-24 November & St Andrew's Day

Now in its 13th year, Oban Winter Festival has grown to accommodate an extensive programme of events aimed at people of all ages. It is a 10-day celebration of Oban's unique culture and community with street parades, international and local performance acts, fire artists, crafts, pipers, parades and family fun.

Festival action takes place mainly in the centre of town which means getting from place to place is very easy. Discover Oban's great shopping, bars and restaurants that make this town tick. Take a tour of the local distillery to sample local malts, or enjoy a relaxing coffee in one of our many cafes while soaking up the beautiful view of the bay.

For those seeking more refined entertainment, there are various literary, language, cinema, music and theatrical events throughout the festival, offering a chance to learn, participate and celebrate our culture.

Should you choose to stay overnight in Oban to enjoy one or more of the Winter Festival events there are various options for your stay, from top class hotels and apartments in the town centre to the many excellent bed and breakfast establishments. You can find more details on our website. So why not join the biggest winter party in the West. We are waiting to welcome you.



www.obanwinterfestival.com

www.visitscotland.com

www.oban.org.uk



KNIPOCH

HOUSE HOTEL

Join us

CORRAN HALLS
16 NOV & 23 NOV

Enjoy MULLED WINE
GERMAN SAUSAGE
& WAFFLES

KNIPOCH

Christmas MARKET

Opens

SAT 30 NOV - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH ON - 4.30PM

30 NOV - 1 DEC | 7 - 8 DEC | 14 - 15 DEC
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 12PM - 6PM

Enjoy LOCAL CRAFT STALLS
MULLED WINE | GERMAN SAUSAGE & WAFFLES

Knipoch House Hotel, by Oban, Argyll PA34 4QT
Tel 01852 316251 | www.sonascollection.com/our-hotels/knipoch



CELEBRATE

the Winter Festival



**WITH BID4OBAN!
JOIN US FOR THE REINDEER
PARADE AND LIGHTS
SWITCH ON**

Parade leaves Corran Halls 5pm
Lights switch on at Station Square
5.30pm
Saturday 23rd November



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EXHIBITIONS

THE SHOEBOXES

Come along to The Rockfield Centre and see the display of Shoe Box Dioramas made by the community to celebrate the Festival theme, Oceans & Seas.

WAR & PEACE MUSEUM

15-17 and 23-24 November 10am-4pm

LAND(E)SCAPES

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY KEVIN MCGARRY

"A sucker for punishment and travel" - that's how Kevin McGarry describes himself.

Others know him as a fine artist and professional photographer, born and now based in Scotland where he combines 35 years of University teaching and fine art research to create stunning, surreal images of landscapes in some of the world's most far flung locations. The Rockfield Centre

ART SPACE OBAN

Open studios, Five local artists welcome you to their workspace, see work in progress and find unique handmade gifts not available anywhere else. Artspace Oban, 26 Alexandra Place, Corran Esplanade PA34 5PU
22nd, 23rd and 24th November
Booking not required **FREE ENTRY**

SANTA'S POSTBOX IS HERE!

This holiday season, bring your Christmas wishes to life by posting your letters to Santa at our magical Santa's Postbox! Children of all ages are invited to write down their holiday wishes and drop them in Santa's very own mailbox, straight from the North Pole!

www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk

Dates: Daily during Winter Festival
Time: 10am-3pm Place: Main Reception
Age: All ages Cost: **FREE**

SCOUT POST

Collection boxes at: Oban Photographic, Jackson Butcher, Alba, Albany Stores, Tesco
11th November - 9th December @ 5pm

PHOTO COMPETITION

WYVEX MEDIA: CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL TO WIN A LUXURY HAMPER WORTH £70.

West Coast Today and Oban Times Camera Club are excited to announce a photo competition during this year's Oban Winter Festival. From 16th to 24th November, we invite you to capture the festive spirit with your photos of the Winter Markets, the opening parade, Coolio walking around town, businesses' festive window displays, or the enchanting Winter Woods.

Submit your entries by Monday, 25th November by visiting

www.westcoasttoday.co.uk/competitions

OBAN PHOTOGRAPHIC

Bring your child age 5 and over along for a free photograph. Prints 6 x 4
Advance Booking Essential
George Street, Oban
01631 561780

OBAN DISTILLERY

Join us across the Winter Festival for a range of specially curated tours and tastings bookable at www.obandistillery.com
With our well stocked 1794 Bar open 10am-4pm daily, or why not book our Winter Warmer Tasting each day at 3pm.
We will also have our annual **20% off** weekend between 22-24th of November.
Oban Distillery, Stafford Street

FAMILY FUN FAIR

Corran Halls Car Park
Weekdays 6pm-9pm
Sat and Sun 2pm-9pm

**THURSDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER**

**AN EVENING OF
CHOREOGRAPHED
HIGHLAND DANCING**

**CELEBRATING EVENTS
AROUND SCOTLAND**

Presented by Appin School of Dance,
Laura Munro School of Dance,
Sinclair School of Dance
Corran Halls, Oban Doors open 6.30pm,
concert commences 7pm
Admission £8 per ticket Concessions £6
Tickets available through dance schools or
from the Corran Halls

**JINGLES SWAP SHOP
(RUN BY RE_STORE & OHS)**

In partnership with Oban High School, we are collecting donations of dresses, suits, shirts, waistcoats, accessories, shoes etc. for the school Christmas Jingles event. Support sustainable fashion for our young people - save the planet (and save your money!) Donations can be dropped into Oban High and Re_Store, George Street before 12th November On the night, (14th Nov) tea/coffee and home baking will be available.
6pm-8pm Rockfield Centre **FREE**

**FRIDAY 15TH
NOVEMBER**

PARENT IS PAISTE AN OBAIN

Gaelic baby and toddler group for children 0-3 years and their parents/guardians Suitable for Gaelic speakers and non-Gaelic speakers. Furan Gaelic Centre 10.30am – 11.15am **FREE**



QUIZ NIGHT

Come and join in the quiz night, Teams of 4-6 (if you don't have a team come along and join in one). Generous 1st 2nd and Booby prizes. Tea Coffee and delicious baking. Raffle with great prize £1 per strip. All proceeds will go to the refurbishment of the Hall. St Columba's Cathedral Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

OPENING PARADE

THE PARADE THIS YEAR WILL BE LED BY OBANDA JOIN IN THE FUN – DRESS UP COMPETITION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN – THEME OCEANS AND SEAS - CASH PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES! FOOD STALLS, AND FUN AT STATION.

Gather at Corran Halls 4.45pm
Parade leaves at 5pm.

FESTIVAL OPENING

PERLE HOTEL STATION SQUARE

Celebrate the opening night of the Oban Winter Festival with our signature Oban Winter Festival Cocktail & delicious food bowls Perle Hotel, Station Square

TRY SNORKELLING

Join our instructors for a snorkelling lesson or refresher session in the easy conditions of the swimming pool. We'll go through a few basics skills to help you find your fins. Mask, snorkel & fins provided, min age 8, under 16's with accompanying adult. Must be able to swim 25m. £5pp.
18:45 - 20:00 Atlantis Leisure
Email
bookings@baskingsharkscotland.co.uk
to book a spot.

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ENTRY STRICTLY BY MINIBUS FROM SHORE STREET (Outside Premier Inn)
Tickets: Adults £8.50 Children £4
www.ticketsource.co.uk/obanwinterfestival

OLD OBAN SLIDE SHOW IN AID OF OBAN HOSPICE

Enjoy an evening of nostalgia and information with Bob MacCulloch Masonic Lodge, Albany Street, Oban Teas and home baking, raffle 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Entry by donation

THE DUNOLLIE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Dunollie Quiz is back, this time with a Christmas twist! Hosted by our lively quiz master, Jamie MacGregor, this popular event is perfect for an evening of competitive fun and can be conveniently accompanied by delicious hot food from the Kettle Garden Café, as well as mulled wine and seasonal cocktails from the Dunollie Drinks Shed. This event takes place outdoors, under our heated, covered terrace, so please dress warmly to ensure you are warm and comfortable. Tickets: £5 per person 5pm-8pm (quiz starts @ 6pm)
Please book online:
www.dunollie.org/event-list

OBAN WHISKY & FINE WINES WHISKY TASTING

Join us at The Oban Whisky & Fine Wines Shop for an exclusive whisky tasting of Tobermory and Bunnahabhain whisky, led by their brand ambassador. We'll have whiskies to suit all palates, from unpeated to heavily peated, making for a very unique experience. Tickets are very limited, so please book tickets in advance online, at the shop itself, or by calling **01631 570586**.
Oban Whisky & Fine Wines, Stafford Street, 7.30pm Link to buy tickets online - whiskyfix.com/product-category/tasting-events/

TAKE THE STAGE OPEN MIC NIGHT

Join us for the first ever 'Take The Stage' - an open mic night welcoming covers and original material. Take the Stage is a casual setting and a chance to share your talent and connect with a community of creatives. Whether you're a seasoned performer or stepping up to the mic for the first time, this is a welcoming and supportive space for everyone to showcase their artistry. Licensed event. Amp, microphone and keyboard provided. The Rockfield Centre Doors open 6.30pm start 7pm Age 16 + Donations appreciated
www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk

SATURDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER

THE MARKETS CORRAN HALLS

Pop along to the Corran Halls and make your way round the 40 stalls heaving with a huge variety of hand made goods. The Young Entrepreneurs will be at this market again so be sure to support them!
Corran Halls, Corran Esplanade 10am-4pm

ROYAL HOTEL MARKET HOSTED BY ROYAL HOTEL

Delighted to introduce our New Market Venue – a cosy space heaving with hand made goods to tempt you.
Why not pop into the bar/lounge for lunch or a coffee when you have finished shopping.
Royal Hotel, Argyll Square, Oban 10am-4pm

PERLE HOTEL MARKET HOSTED BY PERLE HOTEL

This is a small market situated within the Perle Hotel, showcasing handmade goods. Enter via the main hotel entrance, the Lou Lou Lounge or the Spa entrance on George Street, and visit the stalls in two locations within the hotel.
Candles, Cakes, Jewellery, Mosaics, Needle Felting, Photography, Artwork, Prints, Stickers, Handmade Sculptures, Rustic Wreaths, Art Cards, Woodturning, Reflexology/Herbal Practitioner and more.
Perle Hotel Station Square 10am-4pm



DISTILLERY MARKETS

HOSTED BY OBAN DISTILLERY

Make your way through the black gates and into the Distillery where we will be hosting two markets with stalls outside too.

Outside – Highland Fold, Tobermory Bakery, Sorcha Bakery.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm

CRAFT MARKET

This busy market found in the old cask room is packed with a huge variety of stalls: knitting, lamps, jewellery, fabric, candles, wood, glass, ceramics, hats, pottery, glass, baking, doughnuts, metal work and lots more.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm

FOOD MARKET

Always busy the food market is situated in the atmospheric Filling Room, and crammed with local produce. Cheese, meat, breads, cakes, preserves, chutneys and sauces.

Come in and chat to the local producers.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm

OBAN BOWLING CLUB

Soup Lunch including tea, coffee and cakes
12pm - 2pm £5 per person, Baking Stall
Dalriach Road, Oban

PERLE HOTEL

Once you have finished shopping at the market stalls come and join us in the LULU Lounge for our signature Winter Festival Cocktail.

A selection of light bites are available.

ADVENTURE OBAN TOUCH POOL

Join the Adventure Oban Team and meet the sea creatures found in our local water and rock pools.

Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road, Oban
10.30am -3.30pm

FREE

EXPERIENCE SNORKELLING

BIG GANAVAN

Join our marine biologist guides to discover amazing marine life below the waves in the North Argyll Snorkel Trail. Search for starfish, urchins, crabs and cat sharks around the kelp forest.

Min age 8, under 16's with accompanying adult. Must be able to swim 100m.

Full kit hire available.

SAMS 13:00 - 16:00 £60pp adults / £40pp kids.

Email

bookings@baskingsharkscotland.co.uk
to book a spot.

DAY & NIGHT SNORKEL SAUNA

BIG GANAVAN

The big day out - join our crew during the afternoon to search for marine life in North Argyll Snorkel Trail. After discovering lots of life around the Kelp Forest we'll jump out of ocean and into the Wild Bathing sauna to warm up as there sun sets. We'll then light up our torches and head into the water once again to snorkel at night to search for nocturnal marine life.

Min age 12, under 16's with accompanying adult. Must be able to swim 100m.

Full kit hire available. SAMS13:00 - 19:30

£190pp

Email

bookings@baskingsharkscotland.co.uk
to book a spot.

STORY TIME AT WATERSTONES

Come along for a very special Winter Fest Story Time, listen to some stories and do a craft to take home.

Suitable for ages 0-5

11.30am-12.30pm Waterstones,
George Street, Oban **FREE**

GARDENING GROUP

MEET IN THE ROWAN ROOM CAFE TO WALK TO GARDEN.

Age: 16+ The Rockfield Centre Cafe.

The Rockfield Centre 10.30am

Weather permitting, we have a regular volunteer evening to do some cutting back/clearing in the garden behind the Rockfield Centre, to bring it back into productive use,

All welcome!

If you would like to join us, please drop an email to elaine@therockfieldcentre.org.uk or keep an eye on our social media. Sessions may be cancelled due to staff availability or weather.

www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/gardening-evening



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On site facilities. Forest Food Court

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TIGH AN TRUISH

Pop down to our bar and join Rock and Reel - rock folk band .

Tigh an Truish, Clachan Seil, Oban PA34 4QZ
7pm-10pm **FREE ENTRY**

THE OBAN BEER SELLER

Pop in for some of our special hot mulled cider
Stafford Street, Oban 5pm





OBAN WINTER BRICKS

Oban Winter Bricks is celebrating 5 years. Supported by Tartan LUG Scotland's only recognised LEGO® user group come and see displays by Adult Fans of LEGO® from across the country. Lots of interactive activities for all ages including brick build zone, a festive minifig hunt and lots more.

Pick the right brick and win big at the Everyone Wins Tombola. 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!

Atlantis Community Leisure Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm (LAST ENTRY 3.30pm)

Entry is £4 ages 5 and over; Family ticket £12 (2 adults and 2 children); ages 4 and under free entry. 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



OBAN CHOCOLATE COMPANY

Winter Festival Waffles Seating is limited and waffles will be served in takeaway cartons. 24 Corran Esplanade Oban 10am-4pm (last orders at 4.15pm)
No booking required

GAELIC BOOKBUG

Story, song and rhyme session for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their families. Suitable for Gaelic speakers and non-Gaelic speakers.

Furan Gaelic Centre 10.30am-11.15am **FREE**

CERCALL COMHRAIDH

(Gaelic Conversation Group)

A relaxed, informal conversation group for adults at all levels of fluency **FREE**
12pm-1pm

YOUTH CAFE

OBAN YOUTH CAFE WINTER ARTS & CRAFTS COFFEE SHOP

Youth Café, George Street, Oban 1-3 pm
All ages welcome **FREE**

OBAN YOUTH CAFE

Youth Sound system Project Showcase
4pm-6pm Oban Youth Café,
George Street, Oban

AQUACULTURE FAMILY DAY - THE OCEAN KEEPERS

Come and hear fun ocean and fishy tales from the ocean keepers from all over the world.

Hosted by SAMS' ACES-STAR students
The Oak Room, The Rockfield Centre
12pm-4pm **FREE**

GINGERBREAD PEOPLE DECORATING

Come along and join us in our function room to decorate your own Gingerbread People, all materials will be provided.

Can you make an ocean and Seas Themed Person or create your own.

Suitable for all ages

Suggested donation of £2 per Gingerbread man. Prizes for best decorated.

Atlantis Leisure, Dalriach Road, Oban
10.30am-3.30pm

IGNITE INTO WINTER SAUNA GLOW AND FIRESIDE FLOW

Discover Oban's hottest new experience, the Wild Bathing Mobile Beach Wood-Fired Sauna which is popping up at SAMS to bring festive warmth and cheer. Hang around and extend your time in nature by joining Wild Bathing and Adventure Oban for cosy firepit chat and festive non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies.

Donations for refreshments to Adventure Oban on the day.

Sauna £15 pp for a 55 min barrel sauna session (Over 16s -Terms & Conditions apply on booking)

Sessions available from 09.30am – 15.30pm
Book your session www.wildbathing.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Come along to the Oban Photography Exhibition there is the opportunity to purchase images displayed and there will be some home baking available to buy too!

Congregational Church Hall, Argyll Street
10.30-4pm **FREE ENTRY**

KNITTING SCANDI BAUBLES

Knit a set of Scandi-inspired tree baubles. A cosy event with refreshments.

All materials will be provided Cost £40
10am-12.30pm must be booked
(email artspaceoban@gmail.com)
Artspace Oban, 26 Alexandra Place,
Corran Esplanade

GYPSY TRAVELLER EXHIBITION

The Scottish Gypsy Travellers way of life has changed beyond all recognition.

Please come and join us, see a glimpse into the past and get a feel what life was like for a Scottish Gypsy Traveller. Kathy Townsley who runs the Gypsy Traveller exhibition at Auchindrain Historic Township will also be joining us. There will be a bow tent, artefacts, photos, videos. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn so much more about the Gypsy Traveller Culture. The Rockfield Centre, The Oak Room, Oban 10am-4pm **FREE**



OBAN RNLI OPEN DAY

As the RNLI's 200th anniversary year draws to a close, the year when Oban's new Shannon class lifeboat came into service, you are invited to come along to the lifeboat station on South Pier to explore the new vessel and meet the crew. Sunday both weekends. There will also be an opportunity to buy RNLI-themed gifts that raise funds to support our lifesaving operations all year round.

11am to 3pm South Pier. **FREE**

EDIBLE WREATH MAKING

All expertise provided, Mince Pies and Hot Fruit Punch. A chance to make a winter wreath from all natural items, For more information and to book a session use the link below. Suggested donation £5 but free places also available. Places limited so booking essential.

www.hope/kitchen.org.uk/what's-on
Dunollie Walled Garden Yurt, Dunollie Estate, Oban PA34 5TT 11am-2pm

WINTER KARAOKE

Enjoy an afternoon of singing and fun, Refreshments provided.

FREE EVENT but donations welcome
for Hope Kitchen
New Hope, 2 Soroba Road, Oban PA34 4HU
1pm-3.30pm

CHARITY AUCTION

The Victory Hall, Benderloch is holding an auction to raise much-needed funds to support the running of the hall. Many fabulous items have been donated for auction. The hall's bar will be open all evening and a buffet will be served. Please come along and bid for the wonderful items on offer, and help raise money for a good cause. Victory Hall, Benderloch 7pm

SUNDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER

POKEMON SWAP SHOP

Bring along your duplicate cards to trade and battle it out at our Winter Festival Pokemon Swap! Suitable for all ages, parents of younger children are recommended to stay. £5 which includes a Booster Pack
2.30pm – 3.30pm Waterstones,
George Street, Oban.

WHISKY TASTING

Come along to Tigh an Truish and join Ooshka bar who will be doing a whisky tasting night with us. 4 drams paired with luxury sharing/grazing platters from our two rosette kitchen. Whisky education, stories of makers. Q&A on all things whisky. Tigh an Truish, Clachan Seil, Oban 7pm – 10pm £50 per person

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13:00 - 16:00 £60pp adults / £40pp kids.

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to book a spot.

NIGHT SNORKELLING BIG GANAVAN

As the darkness beckons we'll explore below the waves to discover nocturnal marine life around the North Argyll Snorkel Trail. Using torches we'll highlight all the colours of the reef and spot exciting creatures. An experience not to be missed.

Min age 12 with accompanying adult. Must be able to swim 100m and have recent snorkelling experience. Full kit hire & torches available. 17:00 - 20:00 £100pp
Email

bookings@baskingsharkscotland.co.uk
to book a spot.

WINTER ROLLER LAND

RollerCoast Roller Disco is fun for all ages from 4+ to Adults. Book your tickets & skates online - **www.roller-coast.co.uk**

The Corran Halls 2.30pm

They also run discos throughout the year too!

OBAN CHOCOLATE COMPANY

WINTER FESTIVAL WAFFLES

Seating is limited and waffles will be served in takeaway cartons. 24 Corran Esplanade, Oban 10am-4pm (last orders at 4.15pm)
No booking required

FORAGING, FROST AND FIRE

A SEAWEED, SAUNA, SALT, SCRUB, SWIM EXPERIENCE

If you love the sea join Wild Bathing and The Little Forager's Kitchen for a half day of discovery, connection and rejuvenation, the ultimate coastal nature bathing experience. Embrace the adventure with Guided Seaweed foraging, a soothing Wood-fired Sauna (55min), Seaweed salt scrub, Wild sea dip, and cosy fireside hot drinks and homemade festive nibbles. Whether your seeking relaxation or an unforgettable unique coastal experience this event blends the magic of nature with festive cheer offering a perfect way to celebrate the Winter Festival season. Tralee Bay Coastal Park beachside area 11-3pm/ £75 - includes hot drinks/festive nature base nibbles/guided activities/sauna.

Free parking. Book your session

www.wildbathing.co.uk

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OBAN'S CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE

Have you ever wondered about the prehistoric monuments of Kilmartin Glen, our unique natural habitats or even how were castles built?

At this family friendly celebration of all things heritage, you can uncover these mysteries and much, much more.

Through hands-on activities you can get to know the stories, places and events that make up our corner of Argyll.

A great opportunity to meet so many of our enthusiastic local heritage providers, all under one roof!

The Rockfield Centre, Ash Room 10am-4pm

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CHEESE & WHISKY TASTING

Join our host Mark Davison from the Ooshka Bar. He will be presenting a number of local whiskies and pairing these with local cheeses.

Ticketed event £65 per person starts at 4.30pm Perle Hotel, Oban

Booking required at Reception Perle Hotel, Oban

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**MONDAY 18TH
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PIPE CLEANER SCULPTURE – FAMILY WORKSHOP

In this fun, practical workshop will learn the basics and techniques of wire sculpture through using pipe cleaners. Join Tara as she guides you through all steps to complete your artwork. You will learn how to manipulate and weave the pipe cleaners to form shapes and take home your finished sculpture. All materials are included, Suitable for those aged 8 and up, All children must be accompanied by an adult 4pm-5pm, Upstairs at Waterstones £8 per family. Places limited. To book contact Tara on taracoggans@gmail.com

OPEN MIC/POETRY EVENING

Coorie in with us for an evening of poetry & song. Bring along your voice, an instrument or both and share your talents with us.

This will be an acoustic evening though a mic will be provided. Donation to Home

Start Lorn will be appreciated
Waterstones, George Street, Oban
5pm – 7pm **FREE**

ROCKFIELD KNITS

Bring your knitting projects and enjoy some company while sharing your knitting advice with others. This is a perfect get together for anyone who enjoys knitting and a social environment. Learn from each other and share ideas in our creative space. Bring your own knitting materials, wool, knitting needles and anything else you may like to work with. Come along for a blether and uplift your wellbeing through creativity. Anyone under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult.

The Rowan Room Café, The Rockfield Centre 7pm-9pm(Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult) Donations on arrival
www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/rockfield-knit

DROP IN CRAFT GROUP

Bring in your own crochet, knitting or sewing project, or help us with ours! We are working on holly decorations and gift bags.

Re-Centre, George Street, Oban 12pm-2pm
FREE

AQUA TOTS OCEANS AND SEAS

Come make a splash in our Oceans and Seas pool. Our Aquatots sessions are transforming into a magical underwater world for the under 5's. Aqua Tots sessions take place in our small pool and are aimed at Early Years (0-5 years) children and their parents. These sessions are NOT teacher led however the pool will be filled with toys and swim aids to help your little ones explore and gain confidence in the water through fun play.

Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road 11.30pm-3pm
£5.30 per adult, children free. Our pool admissions policy applies.



**TUESDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER**

WINTER CRAFT CAFÉ

All materials and refreshments provided.

Free event but donations welcome
for Hope Kitchen.

2pm – 3.30pm New Hope, 2 Soroba Road,
Oban PA34 4HU **FREE**

CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Learn how to set a grid with good intention –
Love and protections for the season of good
will. Entry by donation 7pm – 8pm

Jewellery by Fiona Fraser, George Street,
Oban

BAUBLE CRAFTING WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

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 The Rockfield Centre 4pm-6pm
suitable for age 3+ all children must be
accompanied by an adult

For booking

www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/

ROCKFIELD KNITS

Bring your knitting projects and enjoy some
company while sharing your knitting advice
with others. This is a perfect get together for
anyone who enjoys knitting and a social
environment. Learn from each other and
share ideas in our creative space. Bring your
own knitting materials, wool, knitting
needles and anything else you may like to
work with. s. Come along for a blether and
uplift your wellbeing through creativity.
Anyone under the age of 16 should be
accompanied by an adult.

2pm-4pm The Rowan Room Café, The
Rockfield Centre (Under 16's must be
accompanied by an adult) Donations on
arrival. [www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/
rockfield-knit](http://www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/rockfield-knit)

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! Search 'Adventure Oban'

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however the pool will be filled with toys and
swim aids to help your little ones explore
and gain confidence in the water through
fun play. Atlantis Leisure, Dalriach Road
12pm-3pm £5.30 per adult, children free.
Our pool admissions policy applies.

PIANO RECITAL

Marek Kochmanski was born in Poland in
1981. From the age of 7 he was taking
private piano lessons and went on to study
music at University of Silesia from where he
graduated B.Mus in 2005 as a pianist,
composer and educator. As a classical
pianist participated in professor Dmitri
Alexeev's masterclass and had private
tuitions with prof. dr hab. Michal Korzistka.
As a Jazz musician he studied at Chic Corea
Academy. Marek moved to Scotland in 2006
since then he has been teaching music and
playing recitals in Poland and Scotland
On 19th of November listeners of Marek's
Piano Recital will be able to hear works of
classical composers: W.A. Mozart, F.F.
Chopin, W, Lutoslawski, as well as Jazz
Standards and composed and improvised
music by Marek Kochmanski.

The Rockfield Centre 6.30pm Entry £15






WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

BLASAD GAIDHLIG (GAELIC TASTER SESSION)

A fun informal introduction to every day Gaelic words and phrases.
Furan Gaelic Centre 7pm-8.30pm **FREE**

FESTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH



Join us for a festive version of our weekly community Lunch. We'll have some seasonal specials on the go, some Christmas craft activities and warm and inviting atmosphere. This is a social lunch designed to bring the community together, help people connect, and enjoy some nutritious, home-made food in good company.

The lunch is by donation (suggested donation £5 for those who can, with all donations welcome).

The Rockfield Centre, Rowan Room Cafe
12pm-2pm
all ages, donations appreciated

BOOGIE BOUNCE LAUNCH

Join us for the **FREE** launch of Boogie Bounce! We're offering 20 minute taster sessions. Boogie Bounce is a fun, full-body, low-impact workout on mini trampolines, set to music. Reserve your spot and get ready to bounce, sweat and have fun! The Happy Wee Health Club 15 Lochside Street, Oban
Between 5.50pm and 7.30pm **FREE**

FOLDED BOOK WITH STARS OR HEARTS

Upcycle a hardback book to create an unusual decoration with stars or hearts folded into the page edges. A fun evening with festive refreshments £20

7pm – 9pm Art Space Oban,
26 Alexandra Place, Oban
must be booked (email

artspaceoban@gmail.com) Adults only.

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Atlantis Leisure, Dalriach Road 11.30pm-3pm £5.30 per adult, children free. Our pool admissions policy applies.

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

CRAFTING YOUR OWN UPCYCLED SNOWGLOBE

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 to make into a lasting keepsake.

Booking essential. The Rockfield Centre, Hawthorn Studio 4pm-6pm

Donations appreciated. Age 5+ all children must be accompanied by an adult.

FIGURATIVE WIRE SCULPTURE – TASTER WORKSHOP

This workshop is a practical introduction to wire sculpture.

Join Tara as she guides you through all steps to complete your artwork. You will learn how to manipulate and weave the wire to form shapes and take home your finished sculpture.

All materials are included Suitable for beginners 5pm-7pm, Upstairs at Waterstones £20 per person Places limited To book contact Tara on taracoggans@gmail.com

A MAGICAL WALKING TRAIL TO LIGHT UP OUR STREETS



WINDOW WANDERLAND

The Oban Winter Festival Window Wanderland is an event for EVERYONE.... all ages and all abilities, and it is COMPLETELY FREE to join in!

Dates: 18th – 21st of November, 6-9pm

The loose theme is “Oceans & Seas.” This community-based event is all about fun and community. Whether you want to decorate on your own, or collaborate with a neighbour, the whole block of flats or involve a whole street – it is entirely up to you!

How to take part:

- Enter your address to register your window on www.windowwanderland.com/area/oban/ before the 16th November.
- Decorate your window ready for Monday 18th November start date
- Illuminate your window between 6-9pm Monday 18th to Thursday 21st November

How to enjoy the Window Wanderland:

- Visit the website www.windowwanderland.com/area/oban/ to view the map of Oban which shows all the window displays
- Wrap up warm and get out there to enjoy the displays, or drive if preferred
- Post pictures of your favourites and use the #ObanWindowWanderland so we can ALL enjoy!

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND LOUIS BARROW



Sometimes a person comes into your life that really makes a difference. Louis was that man for the whole community of Oban, with his creative ideas and the many legacies he has left.

Louis first came to support 'a bunch of housewives' who wanted to hold a pop-up Christmas event in November 2008, and needed help. He was there with ideas and ready to throw everything he could at the event to make it a success, and so his journey with the Winter Festival began.

Lights at the tower, lights in the tower, across the bay, in the sky and on buildings, in the Black Lynn, in the woods - we could list many more, but it wasn't all about lights, Louis had so many talents.

Our fondest memories are the smiles he created on so many faces, young and old, with the things he quietly engineered. Whether it was the model sculpture created from knitting needles, which was then built and displayed in Stafford Street, the unexpected snow showers, the children's pictures projected onto the clock tower, the competitions for schools. He was so passionate about making the festival accessible to everyone.

Louis had the biggest heart, and was a huge part of growing the festival to what it is today. There were so many things to love about Louis, but one of our favourites must be his ability to be in two places at the same time!

We will miss his creativity, mischievous and kind ways, his persuasion to make new things happen, and his passion to make sure that making people happy was at the centre of all that he did.

The following images are a tribute to his skills, creativity & imagination.





David MacMillan





Stephen Lawson



John Gibb





Stephen Lawson





Button Nose Gift Boutique

A beautiful gift boutique in the heart of Oban, offering a wide range of gifts including Handbags, Jewellery, candles, baby clothing and much more.

**Purchases can be gift wrapped
beautifully free of charge.**

Open Monday- Friday 10-5pm Saturday 10-4pm.

LATE NIGHT OPENING 21st Nov 5.30-7.30pm
Special offer on that night....FREE goody bag for the
first 25 customers spending £20 or more,
PLUS one goody bag will contain a £25 gift voucher
which will be given randomly.

12 Airds Crescent, Oban PA34 5SQ
01631 570763

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING 21/11

OBAN AESTHETICS

Come along to our information evening at the LULU Lounge, A chance to find out about the new treatments on offer, enter a prize draw and receive a goody bag. Visit the Oban Aesthetics facebook page for more information.

www.obanaesthetics.co.uk

Lulu Lounge Perle Hotel 7pm-9pm **FREE**

THE ROCKFIELD CENTRE CHARITY SHOP

open 11am-7pm

THE BEER SELLER

Stafford Street. Mixed gift boxes, Pop in for some warm cider. Open until 7pm for late night shopping

MOONBAY

Open until 9pm **FREE goodie bags** with purchases over £25 Drinks & Nibbles

ART SPACE OBAN

26 Alexandra Place – late night shopping with refreshments. Find unique handmade gifts made by our five resident artists, not available anywhere else. Free entry, booking not required 5.00pm – 8.00pm

THE PHONE SHOP

George Street, Oban Open 'till 8pm

WATERSTONES

Open until 7pm for all your Christmas Shopping needs, with special offers on books & gifts, Goodie Bags for the first 10 customers. Double points for all our Waterstones Plus members, Refreshments while you browse and prize giveaways through the evening.

RE_STORE

George Street
Late night shopping 5pm-8pm

DOVE CENTRE

Hot mince pies, mulled wine and live music
Come along and see the plans for our new premises due to open early 2025
24 Stevenson Street 5pm-8pm

CANCER SHOP

Open until 8pm

THE WEE GALLERY

Open until 8pm **FREE print** with £20 spend

ROOM 15

Goodie Bag for 1st 20 customers spending over £15 refreshments 8.30pm

OBAN WHISKY & FINE WINES

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

HIGHLAND SOAP

open until 8pm

THE POKEY HAT

offering new limited edition winter flavours in takeaway tubs. Hot drinks, limited edition hot chocolate flavours – open until 8pm –
Stafford Street, Oban

SPORT SHOP

15% off, open until 8pm

STUDIO 15

Open for late night shopping

OBAN PHOTOGRAPHIC

Open for late night shopping 5pm-7pm

BUTTON NOSE

FREE goodie bag for the first 25 customers spending £20 or more. PLUS one goody bag will contain a £25 gift voucher which will be given randomly. 5.50pm-7.30pm

SPECSAVERS

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

MACDOUGALLS

George Street – open until 8pm

MADE IN ARGYLL

Open for late night shopping

MOONBAY

Free Goodie Bags with purchases over £25, drinks, Nibbles special offers open until 9pm

PICTURE THIS

Will be offering **15% discount** on orders taken during the festival , open until 7pm

ALBA

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

ANGLERS CORNER

EATS@NO43 TAKEAWAY

Stevenson Street - open for late night Shopping

ARTSPACE OBAN

open to 8pm with festive refreshments

ALBA SEAFOOD LARDER & GIFTS

Offering samples of our smoked produce, pate, hot smoked salmon etc and offering **10% discount** for Christmas orders placed and paid for on the night.

82 George St. Open until 8.30pm



The poster features a dark green background with a white silhouette of a town skyline at the top. Below the skyline, the text 'oban WINTER FESTIVAL' is written in a stylized font, with 'oban' in white and 'WINTER FESTIVAL' in blue with icicle-like effects. In the center, 'LATE NIGHT SHOPPING' is written in large, bold, yellow-green letters, followed by 'Thursday 21 November' in white. On the left side, there is a stack of colorful Christmas gifts. On the right side, there are four red, tilted rectangular boxes containing white text: 'SPECIAL DISCOUNTS', 'FOOD & FIZZ', 'GOODIE BAGS', and 'BLACK FRIDAY DEALS'. At the bottom, a white text box contains the message 'PLEASE NOTE: Offers will vary from store to store'.

oban WINTER FESTIVAL

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
Thursday 21 November

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

FOOD & FIZZ

GOODIE BAGS

BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

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**THURSDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER**

WILD FOR CHRISTMAS



Join Heather, of the Outdoor Discovery and Adventure company Heathery Heights, for her insights into foraging and ideas for creating festive drinks and food with wild ingredients. She will also be talking about her planned 100% wild food diet as part of a Citizen Science Project she will be participating in next year and how she has been preparing for it. A Festive Wild Drink and Cake is included. This event is being held to raise money for Heather's participation in the Citizen Science Wildbiome Project 2025. There is no ticket fee but donations will be gratefully accepted either by cash on the day or to her fundraising page (details to follow).

Suggested donation £5 - £15 per person.

Waterstones Upstairs 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Bookings: Places are limited so please book your space

booking link: [www.heatheryheights.co.uk/
product/wild-for-christmas](http://www.heatheryheights.co.uk/product/wild-for-christmas)

donations page link: [www.justgiving.com/
crowdfunding/heather-thomas-smith](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/heather-thomas-smith)

FEALLA-DHA FURAN (FURAN FAMILY FUN)

Songs, stories and rhymes for children 0-5 years and their families.

Hosted by Pigheid the Gaelic-speaking parrot!

Furan Gaelic Centre 10.30am-11.15pm

FREE

HOW WANDERING LIGHTS IN THE SKY GUIDE US TO A BETTER FUTURE

Family science fun day with demonstrations, displays, E arts and a competition about our world from space. Researchers and students will share some of the very latest science going on at SAMS.

The Rockfield Centre 11am-3.30pm



SHINTY CRAIC IN THE CAFE

**SPONSORED BY MACAULAY
CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION**

Join our heritage hunters for a new informal monthly session which will be held in the Rowan Cafe in the centre. This monthly get together provides a very informal social setting for shinty enthusiasts to get together and celebrate the game of shinty. Expect a warm welcome and cuppa with our heritage volunteers Archie MacDougall, Alfie MacKenzie and Alan Hill. Access to memories, pictures and artefacts gathered from previous exhibitions.

The Rockfield Centre, Rowan Cafe
2pm-3.30pm **FREE**

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All materials provided using donated and recycled fabric and we'll have experienced sewers on hand to help you.

Make a bag to take away, and make a second for the shop to sell!

5pm-7.30pm at the Re_Store Workshop Space **FREE**



**FRIDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER**

LORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW BINGO NIGHT

£10 per book and a free strip of raffle tickets with every book.


Glencruitten Golf Club 7pm for 7.30pm start



ADULT FROZEN FILM SCREENING

Join us for a special screening of Disney's Frozen, designed for adults with additional support needs. This relaxed, sensory-friendly event will offer a welcoming atmosphere where everyone can enjoy the magic of Elsa, Anna and Olaf on the big screen. Carers and companions go free, ensuring everyone has the support they need to enjoy the film. Whether you are a fan of Disney or just want to experience a fun, inclusive afternoon, this event is for you! The Rockfield Centre 2pm

PARANT IS PAISTE AN OBAIN



Gaelic baby and toddler group for children 0-3 years and their parents/guardians. Suitable for Gaelic speakers and non-Gaelic speakers.

Furan Gaelic Centre 10.30am – 12pm **FREE**

ROLLER DISCOS

The annual Winter Festival Roller Disco is here and for the first time only we've added an Adult Only Disco. Borrow roller blades or bring your own skates and enjoy the tunes. Adult £5 Junior concession £4 Skates £3 5pm-9pm Family Skating 9pm-11pm last entry 9.45pm Adults only (18+) DJ Atlantis Leisure, Dalriach Road, Oban.

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Come and join us where the land becomes the sea! On site facilities. Forest Food Court

ENTRY STRICTLY BY MINIBUS FROM SHORE STREET (Outside Premier Inn)

Tickets: Adults £8.50 Children £4

www.ticketsource.co.uk/obanwinterfestival

WINTER FESTIVAL BLOW DRY BAR

Come into Trinity for a blow dry and a free conditioning treatment and enjoy a glass of Prosecco while being pampered! **20% off** all Kms products and Nioxin!

Open 5pm-7.30pm £22, Please book in advance, call us on **01631 566696**.

Trinity, High Street, Oban

OBAN WHISKY & FINE WINES WHISKY TASTING

Join us at The Oban Whisky & Fine Wines Shop for an exclusive whisky tasting with independent bottler Murray McDavid, led by their brand ambassador. We'll be pouring

6 single cask whiskies from various distilleries across Scotland, including old & rare whiskies, so not to be missed! Tickets are very limited, so please book tickets in advance online, at the shop itself, or by calling 01631 570586. Oban Whisky & Fine Wines, Stafford Street, Oban 7.30pm

Link to buy tickets online -

whiskyfix.com/product-category/tasting-events/

EVENING AT DUNOLLIE *FESTIVE EDITION*

Join us for An Evening at Dunollie, a magical night of live music, festive treats and late-night Christmas shopping! Singalong with local band The Antics as they tackle popular acoustic covers and Christmas classics, sample some of the Kettle Garden Café's festive food and drinks and browse unique new Christmas gifts from the Draper's shop. This event takes place outdoors, under our heated, covered terrace, so please dress warmly to ensure you are warm and comfortable.



Tickets: £8 per person Please book online:

www.dunollie.org/event-list
5-8pm (6pm live music start)

THE WHISKY SHOP WHISKY TASTING

We will offer 5 top quality drams.

All exclusive bottlings for The Whisky Shop.

There will be a complementary 20% discount on the night on all sales.

Please reserve your place, as spaces are limited Tickets £20

The Whisky Shop Oban, 52 George Street.
6pm – 8pm



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BOOGIE BOUNCE LAUNCH!

20TH NOV | 5.30 - 7PM

Join us on **Wednesday, 20th November**, for the **FREE** launch of Boogie Bounce! We're offering 20-minute taster sessions between 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

Boogie Bounce is a fun, full-body, low-impact workout on mini trampolines, set to music. Reserve your spot and get ready to bounce, sweat, and have fun!

BOOK NOW!



**FRIDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER**

OBAN PIPE BAND WINE TASTING

Join the Oban Pipe Band on a fundraising wine tasting evening hosted by leading drummer Alan Irvine. Alan works with the Scottish Gantry and has the coveted Wine and Spirits Diploma with the Wine and Spirits Education Trust. Tickets are priced at £30 which covers 6 glasses of wine, food and includes a £5 donation to the band. Whilst there will be an educational talk on the wines tasted it's also a bit of fun and learning experience. If you feel you are just a novice with wine do not hesitate to take part as the experience is what it's all about. Tickets are limited so get in quick to secure yours and help the band with their fundraising initiative. To further boost funds we would welcome donations for a raffle being held. Wines tasted can be bought on the night. Every bottle bought will see another £5 go to the band. If you would like to secure your spot email our Pipe Major **andy.matthews1@rexel.co.uk**
Masonic Hall, Albany Street 7.30pm

**SATURDAY 23RD
NOVEMBER**

THE MARKETS CORRAN HALLS

Pop along to the Corran Halls and make your way round the 40 stalls heaving with a huge variety of hand made goods. The Young Entrepreneurs will be at this market again so be sure to support them!
Corran Halls, Corran Esplanade, Oban
10am-4pm

ROYAL HOTEL MARKET HOSTED BY THE ROYAL HOTEL

Delighted to introduce our New Market Venue – a cosy space heaving with hand made goods to tempt you.
Why not pop into the bar/lounge for lunch or a coffee when you have finished shopping.
Royal Hotel, Argyll Square, Oban 10am-4pm

PERLE HOTEL MARKET HOSTED BY PERLE HOTEL

This is a small market situated within the Perle Hotel, showcasing handmade goods. Enter via the main hotel entrance, the Lou Lou Lounge or the Spa entrance on George Street, and visit the stalls in two locations within the hotel.

Candles, Cakes, Jewellery, Mosaics, Needle Felting, Photography, Artwork, Prints, Stickers, Handmade Sculptures, Rustic Wreaths, Art Cards, Woodturning, Reflexology/Herbal Practitioner and more.
Perle Hotel, Station Square 10am-4pm

DISTILLERY MARKETS HOSTED BY OBAN DISTILLERY

Make your way through the black gates and into the Distillery where we will be hosting two markets with stalls outside too.

Outside – Highland Fold, Tobermory Bakery, Sorcha Bakery
Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm

CRAFT MARKET

This busy market found in the old cask room is packed with a huge variety of stalls: knitting, lamps, jewellery, fabric, candles, wood, glass, ceramics, hats, pottery, glass, baking, doughnuts, metal work and lots more.
Oban Distillery, Stafford Street 10am-4pm

FOOD MARKET

Always busy the food market is situated in the atmospheric Filling Room, and crammed with local produce. Cheese, meat, breads, cakes, preserves, fish, chutneys, oysters and sauces. Come in and chat to the local producers.
Oban Distillery, Stafford Street
10am-4pm

THE OBAN BEER SELLER

Pop in for some Hot mulled Cider.
Stafford Street, Oban. Open until 5pm

STORY TIME AT WATERSTONES

Come along for a very special Winter Fest Story Time. Listen to some stories, and do a craft to take home. Suitable for 0-5 years
Waterstones, George Street, Oban 11.30am-12.30pm. **FREE**



DACHSHUND DASH

Bring your little but mighty dachshund to Station Square at 11am for the Dachshund Dash! We will walk our little short legged friends to the North Pier where there will be prizes for the best dressed dachshund and other goodies for your little champs!

Owners can also dress up! Any theme, Christmas or other! Dogs must be on a lead at all times, owners are responsible for their dogs at all times, any children walking with a dog must be accompanied by an adult.

Station Square 11am

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WINTER LETS MAKE A SCENE

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 18's only) and we'll be collecting donations to cover the cost of hire of the space. Please bring some cash along if you can.

Corran Halls Studio Theatre 8pm



WILDLIFE DRAWING, BIRDS, BATS AND BONES

Bring along your art materials to sketch birds, bats and bones at Artspace Oban. This will be an informal event with limited spaces (8 maximum). I have a taxidermy Scottish Crossbill, some bats and a selection of bird and small animal skulls to draw.

If you want to bring anything to add to the collection please let me know. 4PM-6PM £10 Pay at door

Artspace Oban 26 Alexandra Place, Corran Esplanade, Oban PA34 5PU booking @ ira@irateobold.art age 12+ accompanied by an adult

FROZEN SING-A-LONG

Step into the enchanting world of Frozen with this magical Frozen Sing-Along event! Perfect for families, we'll be showing the movie alongside some fun and frosty activities to keep the kids entertained.

Booking essential. Children £5 suggested donation. The Rockfield Centre 2pm

GAELIC BOOKBUG

Story, song and rhyme session for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their families. Suitable for Gaelic speakers and non-Gaelic speakers. Furan Gaelic Centre 10.30am-11.15am **FREE**

FUNDRAISING CEILIDH FOR HOMESTART LORN

Music from Angus John MacColl & friends. All proceeds will go straight back into the community to support local families and enable us to keep running family groups.

Hot Roll and welcome drink included in price. Tickets £12 Adult, £10 Children, Under 5's Free Licensed Bar, Raffle cake tea/Coffee included.

Royal Hotel Argyll Square 7pm Tickets recommended in advance from

kelly@homestartlorn.org.uk

Limited Tickets on Door

WINTER WREATH MAKING

Mince pies and hot fruit punch, all materials provided, no booking required. Suggested donation £5 a wreath for Hope Kitchen. New Hope, 2 Soroba Road, Oban PA34 4HU
1-4pm

CERCALL COMHRAIDH

(GAELIC CONVERSATION GROUP)

A relaxed, informal conversation group for adults at all levels of fluency
Furan Gaelic Centre 12pm – 1.30pm **FREE**

HOW WANDERING LIGHTS IN THE SKY GUIDE US TO A BETTER FUTURE

Family science fun day with demonstrations, displays, games, arts and a competition about our world from space. Researchers and students will share some of the very latest science going on at SAMS.
The Rockfield Centre 11am-3.30pm **FREE**

PRE MATCH LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Ladies afternoon tea, 2 glasses of fizz included
Oban Lorne Rugby Club 12.30pm £20 per person or £150 for table of 8
Over 18's only
<https://buy.stripe.com/8wMdUqgs4ddtaC45kp>

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OBAN CHOCOLATE COMPANY

WINTER FESTIVAL WAFFLES

Seating is limited and waffles will be served in takeaway cartons.
24 Corran Esplanade, Oban
10am-4pm (last orders at 4.15pm)
No booking required

PERLE OBAN'S LUXURY AFTERNOON TEA

An upgrade from our normal afternoon tea, with welcome glass of Prosecco.
Perle Hotel Oban 1pm-3pm Booking
Required at hotel reception £25 per person

GARDENING GROUP

MEET IN THE ROWAN ROOM CAFE TO WALK TO GARDEN.

Age: 16+ The Rockfield Centre, Rockfield Centre Cafe. 10.30am
Weather permitting, we have a regular volunteer evening to do some cutting back/clearing in the garden behind the Rockfield Centre, to bring it back into productive use. All welcome! If you would like to join us, please drop an email to elaine@therockfieldcentre.org.uk or keep an eye on our social media. Sessions may be cancelled due to staff availability or weather.

www.therockfieldcentre.org.uk/gardening-evening

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FOLDED PAPER FESTIVE DECORATIONS

MAKE A VARIETY OF HANGING DECORATIONS FROM UPCYCLED PAPER

All materials provided Cost £20
Artspace Oban, 26 Alexandra Place, Corran Esplanade, Oban 10am – 12.30pm
Adults and accompanied over 12s
Must be booked email
artspaceoban@gmail.com

TARTAN DASH

Wear some tartan and join parkrun for the Tartan Dash. Walk or run, it's up to you! Register in advance via parkrun.com Pipers, food, fun and run! Ganavan 9.30am

HAGGIS HURLING

WHO WILL BE THE 2024 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

IGNITE INTO WINTER SAUNA GLOW AND FIRESIDE FLOW

Discover Oban's hottest new experience, the Wild Bathing Mobile Beach Wood-Fired Sauna which is popping up at SAMS to bring festive warmth and cheer. Hang around and extend your time in nature by joining Wild Bathing and Adventure Oban for cosy firepit chat and festive non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies. Donations for refreshments to Adventure Oban on the day. Sauna £15 pp for a 55 min barrel sauna session (Over 16s -Terms & Conditions apply on booking) Sessions available from 9.30am – 4.30pm Book your session www.wildbathing.co.uk

BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND

CREATIVE WRITING WITH STORY WAGON

The end of Autumn can be an incredibly difficult time for people: short days, cold wet weather and isolation can bring anyone down. Creative writing can be an amazing tool for combating difficult feelings, a way to connect with others and share your ideas. We are hosting a creative writing workshop facilitated by Luke Winter from Story Wagon focusing around how writing, reading and storytelling can be a helpful tool for expression, connection and forward planning. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults go free. The Rockfield Centre age 16+ Pay what you can – suggested donation £5. 2pm-3.30pm www.ticketsource.co.uk/therockfieldcentre/t-rpxoem

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING WITH STORY WAGON

Join us for an exciting and fun-filled storytelling session with Luke Winter from Story Wagon! Luke, a travelling storyteller will take the audience on a magical journey through vibrant stories that spark the imagination. We're moving from the wagon into our custom built Playspace, themed around Oban's heritage. Expect laughter, adventure and interactive moments as he brings stories to life.

The Rockfield Centre 11am-12pm – booking is essential - pay what you can- suggested donation £5 Age 3-8 Children must be accompanied by an adult.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/therockfieldcentre/t-lnoygm>

COFFEE MORNING

Congregational Church Hall
Tweeddale Street 10am

REINDEER PARADE

(BROUGHT TO YOU BY BIDAQBAN)

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

SUNDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER

HAGGIS FESTIVAL

Scottish butchers go head to head to win the coveted Golden Haggis Award. Gather at Stafford Street at 12.45pm to join Oban High School Pipe Band as they pipe in last year's winner, the judges, butchers and cooks. Come along to the Distillery, taste the haggis and cast your vote in the People's Choice Award. New this year The Scottish Craft Market in the Old Filling Room. 1pm-3pm. Proceeds to Oban High School Pipe Band. Oban Distillery, Gather In Stafford Street at 12.45 and follow Oban High School Pipe Band into the Distillery
£3.50 entry for Haggis Tasters.
Oban Distillery, Stafford Street



OBAN DISTILLERY

Join us across the Winter Festival for a range of specially curated tours and tastings bookable at www.obandistillery.com With our well stocked 1794 Bar open 10am-4pm why not book our Winter Warmer Tasting each day at 3pm. Join us for our winter shopping weekend with distillery tours and exclusive whisky tasting experiences. We are also offering **20% off** in store on 22-24th of November.

Oban Distillery, Stafford Street

LITTLE SCOTTISH MARKET

Pop into the filling room, you will find local Scottish produce themed producers and makers Open 1pm-3pm

PERLE HOTEL OBAN

Brasserie Brunch with a Mimosa
Booking Required £32 per person
Book at Perle Hotel Reception

OBAN CHOCOLATE COMPANY

WINTER FESTIVAL WAFFLES

Seating is limited and waffles will be served in takeaway cartons. 24 Corran Esplanade, Oban 10am-4pm (last orders at 4.15pm)
No booking required

WINTER MARKET

Join us at The Rockfield Centre for our Winter Market, where we warmly welcome crafters and artisans from Oban and beyond to showcase their wares. Explore an array of stunning, handmade creations from talented local producers, perfect for unique gifts and seasonal treasures.

The Rockfield Centre, The Oak Room
10am-4pm

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WINTER WOODS

Oban Winter Festival presents a stunning family friendly, self-led, walk-through trail. Individuals, community groups, businesses, schools and nurseries have created a dazzling array of unique installations all based on the theme of "Oceans and Seas", and made from upcycled/recycled materials

Come and join us where the land becomes the sea!

On site facilities. Forest Food Court

ENTRY STRICTLY BY MINIBUS FROM SHORE STREET (Outside Premier Inn)

Tickets: Adults £8.50 Children £4

www.ticketsource.co.uk/obanwinterfestival

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Santa Claus is trading the North Pole for The Rockfield Centre this holiday season, making a special stop in Oban on Sunday 24th November! Bring the little ones to meet Santa in his magical grotto where they'll enjoy a festive experience and receive a small gift. Don't forget to bring along your Christmas letters to hand to Santa in person!

See Website for booking

www.ticketsource.co.uk/therockfieldcentre/e-dmmdlz

DUNOLLIE MAKES CHRISTMAS

Get ready for a fun-filled day of Christmas cheer and join us for our most popular family celebration of all times, now in its 9th year! Get into the festive spirit by exploring our winter woodland grounds and taking part in lots of fun seasonal crafts, trying some of the Kettle Garden Café's Christmas treats, and you might even get to meet Santa! Tickets: £4.50 for adults, £6.50 for children, free for under 3s

Please book online:

www.dunollie.org/event-list
11am-3pm.

YOGA & SAUNA BEACH SESSION

Join Wild bathing & Yoga with Iain for a serene Yoga & Sauna session at SAMS at sunset. Unwind with calming yoga flows as the sun sets over the bay, followed by a rejuvenating sauna experience to warm your body and soul. Embrace the magic of winter in this unique wellness event by the sea. Don't miss out! SAMS 3pm, booking via

Yogawithiain.co.uk





CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CATHERINE NARDIELLO PIANO

Her programme will include Christmas carols arranged in different styles and for all ages. All 24 of her discs will be on sale at the concert. Entry is **FREE** with a retiring collection for the artist.
Church of Scotland, Glencruitten Road 3pm

FINALE CONCERT

SPONSORED BY PERLE HOTEL OBAN

Bringing the Festival to a close, and hosting a star studded line-up, some of the very biggest and best names from the world of traditional music. In an incredible evening of entertainment, the concert will feature highly acclaimed and award-winning artists including Karen Matheson, Dougie MacLean, Donald Shaw, Duncan Chisholm, Kim Carnie, Ewen Henderson, Hannah Fisher, Sorren MacLean and musically curated by Gary Innes
Corran Halls Oban 7.30pm Doors 7pm
Tickets available from
www.obanwinterfestival.com

MONDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER

DROP IN CRAFT GROUP

Bring in your own crochet, knitting or sewing project, or help us with ours! We are working on crochet holly badges/decorations and sewing gift bags.
Re-Centre, George Street, Oban 12pm-2pm
FREE

THURSDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER

DROP-IN SEWING WORKSHOP

Learn to sew a small Christmas reusable gift bag **FREE**
All materials provided using donated and recycled fabric and we'll have experienced sewers on hand to help you. Make a bag to take away, and make a second for the shop to sell!
5pm-7.30pm at the Re_Store Workshop Space, George Street, Oban



ST ANDREW'S DAY 30TH NOVEMBER

GAELIC BOOKBUG

Story, song and rhyme session for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their families. Suitable for Gaelic speakers and non-Gaelic speakers. Furan Gaelic Centre 10.30am-11.15am **FREE**

CERCALL COMHRAIDH (GAELIC CONVERSATION GROUP)

A relaxed, informal conversation group for adults at all levels of fluency
Furan Gaelic Centre 12pm - 1.30pm

KNIPOCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us at Knipoch for our Christmas Market event, browse the stalls, Visit the Knipoch Stall with Mulled Wine, Waffles and German Sausages, For the children we have Gingerbread Men to decorate, a Wonka Chocolate Fountain, photo opportunity for children and families with the Santa Sledge and Santa Visit. Raffle tickets are available, proceeds from each day will go to a local charity. Children's face painting.

On 30th November we will switch on the Christmas Lights at 4.30pm
FREE Shuttle service available every hour from 12pm at Shore Street (outside Premier Inn).

Knipoch House Hotel 12pm to 6 pm:

FREE ENTRY

Other dates to join us – 01/12,
07/12,08/12,14/12,15/12

POLSKI FLING

Join us for a magical night filled with fortune telling, authentic Polish food and fun for all ages. Secure your spot as spaces are limited. Grab your tickets and get ready for an unforgettable experience.

Tickets Adult £25, Young £10 Under 5 Free, can be purchased at Dry Cleaning Laundry in Oban from Anna

Proceeds to St Columbas' Primary School Swimming Lessons for Children 25 Young £10 Under



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