



BID4Oban Newsletter

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Oban in the Limelight this week!

Royal National MOD 2015

Oban is enjoying media coverage this week for two good reasons. Firstly the Royal National Mod has returned to Oban for the 16th time. The Love Oban Torchlight Parade was a fantastic start to the proceedings and saw coverage from BBC Alba and BBC Scotland. Various venues around the town are holding MOD competitions and music is playing in venues until the small hours of the day.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Window Dressing Competition for the Royal National MOD 2015. Winner was Mary's Meals followed by runners up Scottish Island Jewellery and Pokey Hat.

Lorraine Kelly 24 hr Dance a thon for STV's Children in Need Campaign

On the 12th September Lorraine Kelly from STV visited Oban in the small hours of the morning as part of her 24hr Dance a thon for STV's Children in Need Campaign. Whilst in Oban she danced, laughed and was 'serenaded'. The program is being aired on STV at 8pm on the 14th October. Lorraine sent a personal handwritten letter to Neil and Yvonne to express her thanks and that the 'warm welcome and hospitality was wonderful'.

Upcoming Events - Taste for Tourism 3rd, 4th and 5th November

The exciting Taste for Tourism event in Oban in November that AITC are jointly planning with Food from Argyll. The programme is great with lots of inspiration and scope for networking, the gourmet dinner is going to show case Argyll Born and Bred and the flavour tours will be bringing people to Oban with some great lunch and learning, and behind the scenes tours and talks along the way!

The 3 days are being supported by many of our partners including HIE, A&BC, Calmac, SNH, VS - and the STA and Scotland Food & Drink are at the steering group table. It is a major event in the Year of Food & Drink calendar and we

have people from outwith Scotland planning to attend.

There are still tickets available for these events, please go to www.tastefortourism.scot for further information and booking details.

Digital Ambassador News

I can't believe that the summer has come to an end, it's flown by but it's going out with a shout with the Royal National Mod, and today's beautiful weather. Which brings me to our next big event the Winter Festival and Christmas. If you have any events or offers then please get them to us and we still have one or two spaces for Spotlight Businesses before Christmas but they're going fast.

Pension Wise Help

Pension Wise is offering a new free and impartial service funded and regulated by HM Treasury. Claudia Albrecht is the Pension Wise Guidance Specialist and Money Adviser providing face to face guidance appointments through the Citizens Advice Bureau across Argyll & Bute. Claudia has been invited to give an overview of how the services provided may assist individuals and businesses affiliated to *BID4Oban*. Guidance appointments explain options available, implications for taxes and benefits, and how to spot and avoid scams. The FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) sets the standards for Pension Wise and monitors compliance. The service is best suited for: people aged over 50 and those with a defined contribution pension pot. To access the service and book a telephone or face-to-face appointment you can. Visit the Pension Wise website at www.pensionwise.gov.uk

Call the national contact centre on 0300 330 1001

Visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau at Lochgilphead: Riverside, Oban Road, PA31 8NG or Helensburgh: 65-67

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