

## ACCOMMODATIONS – April 7, 2008

Click for a map of the area: <http://uk2.multimap.com/maps/#t=l&map=56.43754,-5.21578|12|4>. The two main areas of Gathering activity are Taynuilt (Thursday, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday) and Oban (Friday and Saturday nights).

**Self-Catering + B&Bs** - For groups of four or more from overseas who plan to stay in the area for two weeks and don't mind making breakfast, doing dishes and sharing the bathroom, self-catering is the **best buy**. They are rented from Saturday afternoon to the following Saturday morning. This means that if you stay only one week you will have to move to a new place on Saturday morning, which is somewhat inconvenient. On the plus side, self-catering has a private living/dining area with cooking facilities, but that means shopping for food and cooking.

### Hotels, Guest Houses and Bed & Breakfast

These are the other three choices, unless you are staying with friends. These all provide breakfast as part of the fee, but ask to be sure.

**Hotels and Lodges.** Hotels/Lodges are built expressly as lodgings. They have many more rooms than a Guest House and often, but not always, have a restaurant. Very large hotels can vary greatly in quality. I would choose smaller establishments (50 rooms or less) and, if possible, check them out at [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com) where you can read candid assessments by people like you.

**Guest Houses.** These are large homes that have been changed into a guest house. They usually have six to ten rooms with en suite bathrooms. They have a common guest lounge and a room where breakfast is served. The managers may or may not live onsite.

**Bed & Breakfast.** B&Bs are usually the home of the owner who has from one to four extra rooms available for tourists. The toilet/bathing facilities can be in the room (en suite) but can also be across the hall and sometimes are shared with other rooms (be sure to ask). Some B&Bs are large enough to be considered guest houses.

**PRICE:** Price isn't always a gauge of quality but can give some indication. £30 = US \$60+ and is per person unless otherwise stated. The AAA star rating is probably the best guide of quality and facilities.

**Where to Start?** Considering the type of accommodation and the location:

1. Go below to the Specific Accommodations list of places people have already made reservations.
2. Choose two or three and go to their website where most of the questions are answered. Otherwise, telephone them directly or e-mail to get answers to any questions. A telephone call from the US usually costs 10 cents a minute and is well worth it. The time difference in the US and Scotland is 6 hours EDT, 7 hours CDT and 8 hours PDT. If you are sure you are coming, you should begin to make reservations now because July is the high season.
  - a. Ask for their cancellation policy.
  - b. Ask whether the toilet facilities are 'en suite' or shared with another room.
  - c. Ask how long it takes to get to Oban and Taynuilt
  - d. People who have difficulty walking or breathing should ask about how far they are from the public bus stop and if there is a hill to climb (e.g. Oban).
  - e. People with cars should ask about parking.
  - f. Tall people should ask about ceiling heights which might be lower if it is a room where the roof slants or it is a room below the ground level ("garden room"). Very few, if any, rooms will have a king or even a queen-size bed and twin beds are really twin-size beds.

Aside from ceiling height and shared facilities, we would rate the places we have stayed as good to excellent, and most importantly, clean.

### Specific Accommodations

Below are many lodgings where attendees have already booked or that are known to be convenient to the events and transportation. There are many more that are not listed that may be equally suitable. The more people staying at the same place, the easier it will be to provide transportation to and from events. We will keep you posted on new places as soon as attendees give us details. You must check to see if the place meets your needs.

**Note: The '011 44' prefix is for telephone calls from the U.S. & may be different for Australia etc. Don't use (0) when calling from outside the UK. When calling within the UK eliminate the 011 44 and include the (0)**

Following the name of the town is the driving time in minutes to either O = Oban or T = Taynuilt

**Oban** T- 21 means 21 minutes to drive from Oban to Taynuilt in non-commute periods

Glenburnie Hotel, [www.glenburnie.co.uk](http://www.glenburnie.co.uk) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 562 089

Wellpark Hotel Corran Esplanade T - 011 44 (0)1631 562 948

Dungallan House Hotel Dungallan Rd. South side of Oban. Pricy but nice \$130 per person per night. <http://www.dungallanhotel-oban.co.uk/index.html> E - [welcome@dungallanhotel-oban.co.uk](mailto:welcome@dungallanhotel-oban.co.uk). Best with a car.

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15 Albany Self-Catering Apartment, in Oban. [www.greencourt-oban.co.uk/slefcaterring.html](http://www.greencourt-oban.co.uk/slefcaterring.html)  
Michael & Joanie Garvin T - 011 44 (0)1631 563 987 E - [relax@greencourt-oban.co.uk](mailto:relax@greencourt-oban.co.uk) £450 one week.

Glen Cottage Self-Catering on Longsdale Road, in Oban PA34 5JU T- 011 44 (0) 1631 563420 Marie France  
Main space already let to Gathering attendees. Only remaining space is an open plan studio with sitting area, bed area for 2 and kitchen with separate shower room at £220 per week.

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Braehead Guest House, T - 011 44 (0)1631 563 341 Albert Rd.

Dunheanish Guest House, T- 011 44 (0)1631 566 556 William Lockwood E- [info@dunheanish.com](mailto:info@dunheanish.com)

Glenara Guest House, [www.glenara-oban.com](http://www.glenara-oban.com) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 563 172

Glenbervie Guest House, [www.glenbervieoban.co.uk](http://www.glenbervieoban.co.uk) E- [enquiries@glenbervieoban.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@glenbervieoban.co.uk)  
Dalriach Road, Oban Argyll PA34 T- 011 44 (0)1631 564 770

Greencourt Guest House, [www.greencourt-oban.co.uk](http://www.greencourt-oban.co.uk) Michael & Joanie Garvin T - 011 44 (0)1631 563 987  
E- [relax@greencourt-oban.co.uk](mailto:relax@greencourt-oban.co.uk) £35 ppn (per person per night)

Hawthornbank Guest House, Owner is a Wright. E- [hawthornbank@btinternet.com](mailto:hawthornbank@btinternet.com) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 562 041 E-mail or telephone for best price. The web sites are brokers because the owner is new and doesn't have a web site yet. [www.smoothhound.co.uk/hotels/hawthorn.html](http://www.smoothhound.co.uk/hotels/hawthorn.html), [www.oban.org.uk/cgi-local/accomdb/guestmember.pl?hawthornbank](http://www.oban.org.uk/cgi-local/accomdb/guestmember.pl?hawthornbank)

Heatherfield House, Albert Road Oban PA34 5PJ [www.heatherfieldhouse@co.uk](mailto:www.heatherfieldhouse@co.uk) Gary & Sue Bell  
E – [enquiries@heatherfieldhouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@heatherfieldhouse.co.uk) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 562 806

Kathmore Guest House, [www.kathmore.co.uk](http://www.kathmore.co.uk) E- [wkathmore@aol.com](mailto:wkathmore@aol.com)  
Soroda Road, Oban Argyll PA34 43F T or Fax – 011 44 (0) 1631 562104

Kilchrenan House, [www.kilchrenanhouse.co.uk/](http://www.kilchrenanhouse.co.uk/) E - [info@kilchrenanhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@kilchrenanhouse.co.uk)  
Corran Esplanade, Oban, Argyll PA34 5AQ T – 011 44 (0) 1631 562663  
Check [tripadvisor.com/Hotel\\_Review-g186501-d218133-Reviews-Kilchrenan\\_House...](http://tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g186501-d218133-Reviews-Kilchrenan_House...)

Roseneath Guest House [www.roseneathoban.com](http://www.roseneathoban.com) Dalriach Road Oban, Argyll PA34 5EQ  
E - [info@roseneathoban.com](mailto:info@roseneathoban.com) T- 011 44 (0)1631 562 929 Fax - 011 44 (0)1631 567 218 MacIntyre owner.

Sandvilla Guest House. 011 44 (0)1631 562 803 Breadalbane St. Near to Banquet and Ceilidh Halls

Strathnaver Guest House, [www.strathnaver.co.uk](http://www.strathnaver.co.uk) Dunollie Road, E - [StrathnaverOban@aol.com](mailto:StrathnaverOban@aol.com)  
T - 011 44 (0)1631 563 305 Irene MacKay Oban, Argyll PA34 5JQ

Thornloe Guest House [www.thornloeoban.co.uk](http://www.thornloeoban.co.uk) Alan & Valerie Bichener. T - 011 44 (0)1631 562 879 MacIntyre owner.  
E- [thornloeoban@aol.com](mailto:thornloeoban@aol.com) Still available is a four-poster bed with a sea view. For availability go to [www.thornloequesthouse.co.uk/](http://www.thornloequesthouse.co.uk/)

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Barranrioch Farm B&B, Glencruitten, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4QB, Scotland E - [barranrioch@amserve.com](mailto:barranrioch@amserve.com),  
[copytous3@scotland2000.com](mailto:copytous3@scotland2000.com) [www.scotland2000.com/barranrioch/index.htm](http://www.scotland2000.com/barranrioch/index.htm)

Mr. & Mrs MacMillan B&B, BraesidSoroba Road Oban PA34 4SA [johnmcuan@aol.com](mailto:johnmcuan@aol.com) T - 011 44 (0)1631 571 157

Rhumor B&B Drummore Road, [www.rhumor.co.uk](http://www.rhumor.co.uk) E- [bb@rhumor.co.uk](mailto:bb@rhumor.co.uk) T- 011 44 (0)1631 563 544 10 min. walk from center with 3 rooms. The twin is taken There is one double and one family room (en suite). Mrs. A. Edwards Rhumor.

## Taynuilt O- 21

Brander Lodge T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 243 E- [branderlodge@tinyonline.co.uk](mailto:branderlodge@tinyonline.co.uk) [www.branderlodgehotel.co.uk](http://www.branderlodgehotel.co.uk)

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Airds Cottage Self-Catering, T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 349 E- [anne.hay@virgin.net](mailto:anne.hay@virgin.net)

Airdeny Chalets Self-Catering, [www.airdenychalets.co.uk](http://www.airdenychalets.co.uk) E- [jenifer.moffat@airdenychalets.co.uk](mailto:jenifer.moffat@airdenychalets.co.uk)  
T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 648

Josephine's Wing Self Catering, Glen Lonan, [www.barquillean.co.uk/self-catering-cottage.html](http://www.barquillean.co.uk/self-catering-cottage.html)  
T - 011 (0) 44 1835 822 277

Nantbank Self-Catering T- 011 44 (0)1866 822 697 Taynuilt PA35 1JH

The Knowe Self-Catering, [www.scotlandself-catering.com](http://www.scotlandself-catering.com) T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 014 on Main Street Taynuilt

Tigh An Daraich Self Catering, [www.tighandaraich.co.uk](http://www.tighandaraich.co.uk) 011 44 (0)1866 822 693

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Achadacallan, T- 011 44 (0)1866 822 775 [www.oban.org.uk/cgi-local/accomdb/scatmember.pl?achadacallan](http://www.oban.org.uk/cgi-local/accomdb/scatmember.pl?achadacallan)

Cruallinn B&B, Duncan & Marie Gillies T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 351 E- [cruallin@hotmail.com](mailto:cruallin@hotmail.com) (Glen Lonan Road)

Kintail B&B, Donald & Christine MacLennan T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 568 (Main Road)

Kirkton B&B, Mr. & Mrs. F. Beaton T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 657 [mail@kirktoncroft.co.uk](mailto:mail@kirktoncroft.co.uk)

Lichen-Burn B&B, [www.lichen-burn.co.uk](http://www.lichen-burn.co.uk) E- [rosemary@todhunter.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@todhunter.wanadoo.co.uk) T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 117

Manish B&B, Thomas & Margaret McLellan T - 011 44 (0)1866 822 572 (Near Roman Catholic Church on way to pier)

Tanglewood Lodge B&B, [www.tanglewoodlodge.co.uk](http://www.tanglewoodlodge.co.uk) T - 011 44 (0) 1866 822 114 Geoff & Carol Blunsum  
Fax – 011 44 (0) 870 838 1366 E - [info@tanglewoodlodge.co.uk](mailto:info@tanglewoodlodge.co.uk) Glen Nant at Otter Creek on the Kilchrennan Road.

## Connel O- 11, T- 10

Oyster Inn, [www.oysterinn.co.uk](http://www.oysterinn.co.uk) T – 011 44 (0) 1631 710 666

The Falls of Lora Hotel, [www.falloflora.com](http://www.falloflora.com) T - 011 44 (0)1631 710 483 Route A85 PA37 1PB

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Glendale Guest House. [www.glendale-guest-house.com](http://www.glendale-guest-house.com) Near train station.

Grove Guest House. [www.grovehouseconnel.co.uk](http://www.grovehouseconnel.co.uk) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 599

Mactalla Guest House. [www.mactalla.co.uk](http://www.mactalla.co.uk) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 105 E – [Lloyd@halli.fabusiness.co.uk](mailto:Lloyd@halli.fabusiness.co.uk)

MGravell-Lora House B&B, T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 456

Ronebhal Guest House. <http://www.ronebhal.co.uk/information.html> T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 310

Strumhor Guest House. [www.strumhor.co.uk](http://www.strumhor.co.uk) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 167 Evening meals 3 times a week.

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Ach Na Craig B&B, T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710588

Hillcrest B&B, T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 588

Kilkurn B&B, T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710 456

Rowantree Cottage, B&B T- 011 44 (0) 1631 720433

The Rowans B&B, [www.rowans-connel.co.uk/information.html](http://www.rowans-connel.co.uk/information.html) T- 011 44 (0) 1631 710105

**South of Oban** O- 7, T- 32 via Oban) T- 20 (short cut through beautiful, but single lane, Glen Lonan),

Braeside Guest House, [www.braesideguesthouse.net/contact.htm](http://www.braesideguesthouse.net/contact.htm) T - 011 44 (0)1631 770 243  
E - [braeside.guesthouse@virgin.net](mailto:braeside.guesthouse@virgin.net) Fax: 011 44 1631 770 343 Kilmore, Oban Argyll PA34 4QR

Lagganbuie B&B / Guest House, [www.lagganbuie.co.uk](http://www.lagganbuie.co.uk) **Rosemary MacIntyre**, T- 011 44 (0)1631 770 218  
E - [rosemary@lagganbuie.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@lagganbuie.fsnet.co.uk) Loch Feochan, Kilmore by Oban, Argyll PA34 4QT

Lerags House, Lerags, Oban [www.leragshouse.com](http://www.leragshouse.com) T or F – 011 (0) 44 1631 563 381

**North Connel** O- 14, T- 13 & **Benderloch** O or T up to 20 depending on the location.

Achnacree Bay House, [www.achnacreebay.co.uk/info.html](http://www.achnacreebay.co.uk/info.html) North Connel, Oban Argyll, Scotland, PA37 1QZ  
T - 011 44 (0)1631 710 288 E - [isobel@achnacreebay.co.uk](mailto:isobel@achnacreebay.co.uk)

Blarcreen Farm Guest House, [www.blarcreenfarm.com/index.html](http://www.blarcreenfarm.com/index.html) T - 011 44 (0) 1631 750 272

Dun Na Mara Guest House, Benderloch, Oban T - 011 44 (0) 1631 720 233 E - [stay@dunnamara.com](mailto:stay@dunnamara.com)

**Dalmally** T- 17, O- 38

Laggan Chalet Self-Catering, [www.lagganholidays.co.uk/index.html](http://www.lagganholidays.co.uk/index.html) .

Remember, you aren't coming to the Gathering for the accommodations or the food. It is for the landscape, history, Gaelic entertainment, meeting other MacIntyres/Wrights, finding your roots, and the lifetime of memories.

**Accommodation web sites:** If you are still having a problem finding a place to stay, then go to one these web sites starting with [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com)

Then try:

[www.scottishaccommodationsindex.com](http://www.scottishaccommodationsindex.com)

[www.oban.org.uk/accommodation.html](http://www.oban.org.uk/accommodation.html)