



November 2017 Update
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West End Christmas Fortnight 2017!

With the 17th year of West End Christmas events soon to commence, I am devoting this edition of the Community Council update to a sneak preview of all the activities :

Saturday 25th November : Christmas Fortnight starts with Dundee West Church's Christmas Coffee Morning taking place in the church - 10am to 12 noon - enter from the church's entrance at 132 Perth Road.

Saturday 25th November : Vintage Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show at Harris Academy, supporting Roxburghe House and CHAS. 12 noon to 6pm.

Sunday 26th November : Open Day at Blackness Fire Station - 11am to 3pm - see round our local fire station - all welcome.

Tuesday 28th November 4pm - 5pm : Children's craft activity at Blackness Library - make a Christmas Tree card - all children welcome!

Wednesday 29th November at 6.15pm **Lights On for the West End!**

... and a spectacular fireworks extravaganza!



This year's West End Christmas Concert takes place at Dundee West Church at 6.15pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

There will be musical contributions from all local primary and secondary schools. The Concert will be hosted by Gordon Sharp. We are delighted that "The Notables" will also perform at the concert. Mains of Fintry Pipe Band will pipe everyone from the church to Seabraes for the Christmas Lights Switch-On!

At 7pm, Loadsaweeminsinging will be singing by the Christmas Tree, followed by a visit from Santa with small gifts for all the children, with grateful thanks to Scotmid. The West End Christmas Lights will be switched on at Seabraes at 7.20pm by Lord Provost Ian Borthwick, ably assisted by Santa and his sleigh.

There will again be a spectacular fireworks display after the lights switch-on - and we would like to thank the West End businesses and organisations whose financial support has made the fireworks display possible. Thanks to Robin Carstairs and Dragonfire for their help in organising the fireworks.



In addition, there will be hot drinks and shortie at Seabraes, kindly provided by Gate Church and crafts and sweets stalls from the Friends of Blackness.

Many thanks to Police Scotland for their assistance and also to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who hope to have a fire engine on-site for children to see round!





Other Christmas activities in the West End!

- Thursday 30th November - Frocks and Fizz evening at The Gate Coffee Bar, 158 Perth Road - 7.30pm to 9.30pm - The Gate Church Carbon Saving Project has been saving things from landfill and has a lovely collection of ladies' and girls' clothes, shoes and accessories. Entry is free, and you will get a prosecco cocktail on arrival. Do please give a small donation towards its partner charity Dundee Clothing Project if you can afford it.
 - Friday 1st December - West End - Best End! - Lights Switch on in West Port at 5.30pm - includes a piper, singers and a string quartet. Roast chestnuts, apple spiced Christmas drinks and hot chocolate for the children. Don't miss it!
 - Saturday 2nd December - Blackness Primary School's Christmas Fair (10am to 12 noon), organised by the Friends of Blackness, and with a large variety of stalls.
 - Saturday 2nd December - A Cosy Cup of Crafts! - Join the Gate Church for a cosy cup of tea or coffee and a cake while you enjoy a Christmas Craft Fair featuring local artists. 11am to 4pm.
 - Saturday 2nd December - Verdant Works Winter Fayre - 12 noon to 4pm.
 - Saturday 2nd December - Specifically Vintage Christmas Market at Roseangle Kitchen Café from 11am to 4pm.
 - Saturday 2nd December - An evening of Christmas music - Dundee West Church at 7.30pm. Tickets from Dundee Box Office. Raffle in aid of Age Concern Dundee.
 - Monday 4th December - Children's craft activity at Blackness Library - decorate a Christmas stocking - all children welcome! 4pm - 5pm.
 - Wednesday 6th December - Christmas West End Community Groups' Social Event at The Vine. With grateful thanks to The Vine.
 - Thursday 7th December - Winter Market at Dundee University Students' Association, Airlie Place. 11am to 4pm.
 - Friday 8th December - Friends of the University of Dundee Botanic Garden's "Mystery Walk in the Dark" - great fun for children! 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
 - Friday 8th December - West End Community Christmas Carol Concert at Logie & St. John's (Cross) Parish Church at 6.30pm. A family orientated candlelit celebration of Christmas sung with Carols, old and new. Refreshments served and admission free. Bring a torch if you can!
 - Friday 8th December - Starter Packs - a Rocking Christmas with "Road Runner" - 7.30pm at the Friary. Tickets £7 in aid of Dundee Starter Packs and Dundee Foodbank.
 - Saturday 9th December - West End Christmas Fortnight's lovely children's craft event led by the wonderful Lisa Earl of Create ... Kids Create Craft Workshops. Taking place at Logie St John's (Cross) Church Hall, this event is most suited to young school aged children.
- Spaces will be limited and there will be two starting times (10am and 11am) - please note this when you book. A carer will be required to stay with their child throughout the session. See more at www.tinyurl.com/wendcrafts2017



- Saturday 9th December - Friends of Magdalen Green - Soup and Pudding Lunch at Dundee West Church - 11am to 1pm - £5 - all welcome!

- Saturday 9th December - Harris Academy from 12.30pm - Primary 6 football competition. With thanks to Matthew Miller and the schools for all their help with this. P6 teams participating from our local primary schools. All parents and family members welcome to spectate.

- Saturday 9th December - Christmas Tea and Carols at the Gate Church - 3pm to 5.30pm. Come along and enjoy a festive afternoon tea including sandwiches and cakes and a sing along to some of your favourite Christmas carols. Transport is provided to and from your home. The afternoon is entirely free although you must call the church office on 221222 to book a ticket.



Although West End Christmas Fortnight ends on 9th December, there are lots of other events after the 9th in the West End to enjoy in the run-up to Christmas - including St Joseph's Primary School Christmas Fayre on Thursday 14th, a Family Service at the Gate and a Christmas Service at St Andrew's Cathedral - both on Sunday 17th - and the Harris Academy Christmas Concert at Logie & St. John's (Cross) Parish Church on Monday 18th December.

*The West End Children's
Window Spotting
Competition*



**Over Christmas Fortnight -
Window Spotting Competition for
children - prizes include a family
membership of the Botanic
Garden.**

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