

The Friends of Magdalen Green

Hello Everyone - especially Friends of Magdalen Green!

If you are already a 'Friend of Magdalen Green' please renew your subscription! Many thanks! If not please join us in our work to preserve and protect Magdalen Green. See overleaf!

Magdalen Green is Dundee's oldest park and a beautiful spot in the middle of our city and our busy lives. The Friends were established in 2007 to help protect and enhance the Green and educate residents about its use. Please join us - we need more people to become involved and join the committee.

Last year we held a consultation about **barbeque tables** on the green and there were very different ideas about where the tables should go. In consultation with Dundee City Council they were finally installed after 'summer' was over but they have been used already, the dogwalkers hold their gatherings there. The council plan to move the other BBQ stands nearby so when summer comes people can enjoy having barbeques without causing damage to the grass.

The Friends also persuaded the council to repaint the **playpark** which was looking rather shabby and we hope to raise funds for more adventurous equipment. We plan to look at other playparks and improve our playpark facilities.

At our **AGM** in May a great turnout heard Prof Charles McKean's talk 'Did the 20th century nearly destroy Dundee?' which was very well received (see below). Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all. The committee remains the same but we have lost Liz, Kay and Jen and we must give up our posts at the AGM in 2013 so we'd very much welcome new people on the committee.



The Friends of Magdalen Green website is at www.magdalengreen.org.uk



No, it's not a late Christmas card - it's the winner of our **Christmas card competition**. We had a lot of entries and after a full and lively discussion the committee chose this image, by West End resident Gerry Lavery.

CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS GERRY!
We sold over 600 of these cards mostly at our coffee morning in October (see below) and at the West End Christmas Week Community Fayre.

While we were selling these cards several people asked us about calendars. Please let us know if you would like a Friends of Magdalen Green calendar for 2013.



Some of the committee with Gerry at the coffee morning

If you'd like to join the Friends please get in touch

Email - friendsmagdalengreen@yahoo.co.uk
alternatively send your name, address & fee (see overleaf) to Pat Orr at
16A Windsor St. DD2 1BP



The Friends of Magdalen Green

MORE RECENT NEWS

WESHA : West End Sports and Heritage Association.

During WESTFEST in June 2011, the Friends of Magdalen Green helped to launch WESHA.

This new community group aims to improve sports and other facilities in the West End. WESHA is working to take over the lease of Riverside pavilion from the council and apply for grants for the refurbishment of the pavilion, the football grounds, the footbridge and the bandstand. Bringing WestFest, the Riverside sports clubs and the Friends together allows access to sources of funding not available to groups individually. We are progressing with the help of Daryl, the Sports Development Officer at Dundee Council, Kevin from the SFA and Natalie, the Council's community officer for our area. Natalie helped start the Friends of Magdalen Green in 2007 and has been a huge help and has even lent a welcome hand at our annual coffee mornings. Please contact us if you would like to know more about WESHA.

In the summer we had a stall at **Blackness Fire Station** Open Day. It was great fun with lots of demos, so do look out for this event during 2012!

In November the new **Inspector of Tayside Police** in the West End met with the committee to discuss several issues - parking and litter being the main ones. It is hoped that we can persuade people not to park on the edge of the green as it causes damage to both the trees and the footpath. Sadly parking is a difficult issue and during weekdays space is very limited in the area.

A serious note

A major issue is the need for new committee members and new 'friends' of the Green. The committee meets on average less than once a month so it's not arduous and we are friendly! We really need more people who care about the Green to help out occasionally.

Please join us! Our AGM will be on May 15th 7pm at Dundee West Church's Friendship Hall when our speaker will be Matthew Jarron of Abertay Historical Society. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

On a lighter note, the weather may not suggest it but spring is just nearly here, the daffodil shoots are showing!

Best wishes from the Friends of Magdalen Green
Chair : Angela Mehlert



Winner of WESTFEST Big Sunday World Record Piggy Back race, Dominic and his 'jockey' 6 year old daughter Lola! The Guinness Book of World Records ratified the new record and awarded a certificate to Dominic who won the 100m race in an impressive time of 15.65 secs

WestFest Big Sunday this year is on June 10th and we hope to have a stall on the Green again. WESTFEST is a great local organisation which aims to bring Dundee people and visitors together in a showcase of talent. If you would like to get involved please contact; info@dundeewestfest.co.uk or through the contact page on the website; www.dundeewestfest.co.uk

Join us - be a Friend of Magdalen Green.

Help to ensure that Magdalen Green remains a beautiful open park to be enjoyed now & in future.

Annual membership fees are:

Friend	£2.50
Good Friend	£5.00
Best Friend	£10.00

Please become a Friend of Magdalen Green!

The Friends of Magdalen Green

16A Windsor St, Dundee, DD2 1BP

Web:

www.magdalengreen.org.uk

friendsmagdalengreen@yahoo.co.uk

