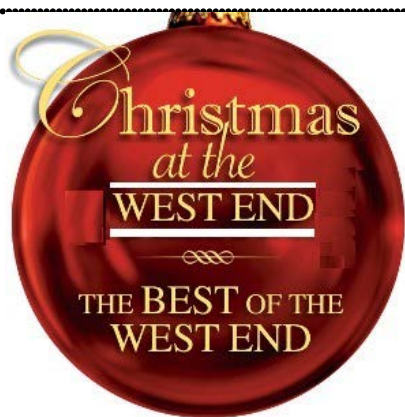




*November 2013 Update*  
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## **West End Christmas Fortnight 2013!**

With the 13<sup>th</sup> year of West End Christmas events soon to commence, I am devoting this edition of the Community Council update to a sneak preview of 2013 events!

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November*  
**Christmas Fortnight starts!**

West End Christmas Fortnight will be launched with a super West End Community Fayre, taking place in Dundee West Church from 10am to 12 noon (enter by main church entrance - 132 Perth Road, just west of the Roseangle junction).

Over 25 local groups in the West End are taking part. Entrance is entirely free of charge and it will be a great way to learn about all the organisations in the West End that are working for our local area. **Everyone will be very welcome to come along!**



There will be lots to see, including free face painting for the children and there will also be musical contributions from the children from both the local Russian School and the local Polish School.

We are most grateful to Ross & Liddell, Tesco Riverside and Nisa's "Making a Difference Fund Locally" whose kind sponsorship has made the Community Fayre possible.

***A free event for all the family - don't miss it!***

**Also on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November :**

- \* Dundee West Church's **Christmas Coffee Morning** takes place in the church - 10am to 12 noon - also enter from Perth Road.
- \* The University of Dundee Choir will be singing Christmas Carols in the Perth Road shopping area from 12 noon.





**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

*Children's Craft activity at Blackness Library - make a Christmas Elf - all children welcome! (For children aged 5-11. Booking advisable and children under 7 should be supervised; colouring sheets will be available for children under 5)*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Rev Andrew Greaves. Local band "Unknown on Sunday" will also perform. Mains of Fintry Pipe Band will pipe everyone from the church to Seabraes for the Christmas Lights Switch-On!**

At 7pm, the West End Christmas Lights will be switched on at Seabraes by Wave 102 DJ Dave Price, ably assisted by Queen Rat and Grumpy Loo the Yeti from the Downfield Musical Society Panto, Dick Whittington! Santa and his sleigh will also be there to meet the children and will be giving the children Christmas sweets gifts - with our thanks to Scotmid for their generous community grant that has made this possible.



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

In addition, it will be possible to purchase food and drinks at Seabraes, with our thanks to Nisa Extra on Perth Road for organising.

There will be free "glow specs" and sparklers for all children attending the lights switch on and fireworks!

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

**Another great, free event for all the family - don't miss it!**





## Other Christmas activities in the West End!

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - A Book on One Page - creative writing workshop at Dundee Contemporary Arts at 12.30pm!
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (through to 2<sup>nd</sup> December) - Exhibition by the "Tin Roof" arts collective at Dundee Art Society's Roseangle Gallery!
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - The Celebrate Age Network Forum is running an information fayre from 10am to 4pm at Tesco Riverside!
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (also Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December) - Knitting Without Borders - knitting and yarns - at Dundee Contemporary Arts at 6pm!

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - At 4.30pm, the West Port Christmas Lights are switched on - all local residents and businesses welcome!
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Blackness Primary School's Christmas Fair (10am to 12 noon), organised by the Friends of Blackness, and with a large variety of stalls!
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - The service users and staff of Jericho House will be singing Christmas Carols in the Perth Road shopping area from 12.30pm!
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Loud and Clear - a day of vocalised books at Dundee Contemporary Arts - from 10am, with the morning focussing on family books!
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Tree Craft for children at Blackness Library from 3.30pm to 4.30pm! (For children aged 5-11. Booking advisable and children under 7 should be supervised; colouring sheets will be available for children under 5)



- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Winter Market organised by Dundee University Students' Association and taking place in front of DUSA!
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Create a Christmas Card - for children at Blackness Library from 3.30pm to 4.30pm! (For children aged 5-11. Booking advisable and children under 7 should be supervised; colouring sheets will be available for children under 5)
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Primary 5 football competition at Riverside playing fields at 11am - with thanks to Riverside Community Sports Club - teas and coffees available for spectators!

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Friends of Magdalen Green Soup and Pudding Lunch at Dundee West Church - 11.30am to 1.30pm!
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - "Broken Puzzle" play by Jericho House and Claire Bee Productions at Dundee West Church at 2.30pm!



After Christmas Fortnight but don't miss - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - St Peter's Free Church Family Fun Day - 10.30am to 3pm - home baking, face painting, children's craft activities and more!



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