

Improvements at Riverside

#dundeewestend

At the City Council's Neighbourhood Services Committee last week, we agreed improvements at Riverside as follows :

Central Reservation on Riverside Drive : Due to the nature of this island and with how busy this part of the road is, it is dangerous for staff to carry out cutting work on the grass here. To enhance the approach to the city, removing the grass and replacing with hard standing will be not only tidier but takes away the risk of working on this narrow island.

Installation of bollards between the pavilion and Barnetts Motors : On several occasions, there have been near misses with cars (when football is on in particular) – both bumping onto the grass and coming off. Installing bollards will not only reduce the parking here, on safety grounds, but encourage users to use the car park provided at the pavilion. It will also keep the grass in better condition.

Car park at the pavilion : Due to ongoing complaints, this car park now requires more than being topped up with materials. Proposals are to scrape up existing car park, re-level to ensure water run off and resurface with recycled Tar Planings, making the car park a safer area to use. This will not have the appearance of fully resurfaced hardstanding but will substantially improve the look and performance of the pavilion car park for users.

As I have [repeatedly raised](#) the condition of the car park over the years with the council – see below – the improvement planned is very welcome indeed.



Weekly Road Report – West End Ward #dundeewestend



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

Forthcoming Roadworks – West End Ward

Bellfield Street – off-peak (9.30am – 3.30pm) stop/go traffic control on Monday 18 February for 2 days at new housing development for road and footway reinstatement works.

Latest Friends of Wighton update!

From Sheena Wellington :

Next Saturday – 19th January – at 11am (doors open at 10.30am)

Cappucino Concert with Simon Kempston



Simon Kempston is 'one of Scotland's best songwriters' (The Sunday Herald) and leading fingerstyle guitarists. Simon's original, distinctive guitar playing is founded upon a complex, finger-picking style which technically reveals his classical training yet is steeped in the history of the folk, blues and celtic traditions and is complemented by Simon's rich, powerful and compelling clipped vocal style.

An award-winning songwriter and an inspiring, poetic lyricist, Simon's songs are amongst the most thought-provoking you are likely to hear, often sidestepping the usual themes of love and attraction in favour of offering social commentary and an insight into the everyday lives of people.

Simon is a powerful and intense live performer, and his true passion for music and song shines through in his acclaimed shows. He has performed at scores of esteemed venues and festivals in 27 European countries and Canada, Ronnie Scott's, Celtic Connections, Sligo Live and Fairport Convention's Cropredy Festival amongst many others. Simon has also performed live on BBC Radio Stations across the UK, as well as a plethora of continental music radio stations.

Simon's first full-length album 'Carefree Prisoner' was released in 2009 to rave reviews and his latest album, which sees him reignite his relationship with Ian McCalman as producer, is his best, most poetic, most diverse and engaging collection of songs yet. The album is entitled 'Broken Before', was released in late 2018, and features superb, complementing instrumentation from Robbie Greig, William Archibald and Bob Miller.

Immerse yourself in the soundscape of this incredibly talented performer and allow his beautifully crafted folk-tinged songs to transport you on a uniquely Scottish journey.

Tickets £5 with tea & coffee available for a small donation.

[Sunday in the Garden #dundeewestend](#)

From Ninewells Community Garden :



A week on Sunday – 20th January 2019 – from 10am to 12 noon.

Beat the January blues and pop down to the garden!

Some seasonal gardening tasks will be on offer, or just sit back and watch the birds from the comfort of the Leaf Room.

We welcome new volunteers and no experience is necessary.

More information about the garden is available [here](#).

Harris Education and Recreation Association – enrolment



The Harris Education and Recreation Association Spring 2019 classes enrolment takes place on Wednesday 16th January – 6pm to 7.30pm – at Harris Academy.

Further details are below :

<p>PILATES £30</p> <p>Pilates with All Henderson is a fabulous full body workout. Gentle enough to be suitable for all ages and abilities, yet effective in strengthening the core and aiding flexibility & balance. Improve your posture, ease your niggly back and boost your overall well-being. <i>Bring your own mat.</i></p>	<p>JEWELLERY £61</p> <p>Create jewellery in this basic class with Shirley Lowe, using found objects & beads and cold connections made from wire. Simple techniques will be covered each week. <i>All tools, wire & beads plus printed instruction sheets are included. Bring along your own objects if you wish & a notebook to jot down ideas/designs.</i></p>	<p>CROCHET £39</p> <p>Enjoy Ellie Fiddes' course covering all crochet basics for learners to work at their own rate. You will progress to your own project with expert tutor support on hand. This class provides a flexible framework for both complete beginners & those wanting to improve their existing skills. <i>Includes resources.</i></p>
<p>DRESSMAKING £51</p> <p>Have your sewing machine skills become a little rusty or you'd like to learn a new technique? As a dressmaker for nearly 30 yrs, Ruth Alexander will guide you on to projects from a tangle of threads to the perfect fit. <i>Basic resources provided. Bring your own sewing kit and machine.</i></p>	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY £53</p> <p>Arran Sulley will help beginners to take their images to the next level. No need for fancy cameras: dslr, point & shoot and phones are all welcome. Topics include: aperture & shutter priority, tripods, low light & studio lighting. The class is very informal with an opportunity for a small exhibition at the end of the course.</p>	<p>FLOWER ARRANGING £41</p> <p>Paul McFawns, of Olly Bobbins florists, has over 10yrs experience in the trade. In these beginners' classes he will share his expertise to help and guide you to develop the skill to make a buttonhole and a hand tied bouquet amongst other Spring floral delights. <i>Bring your own flowers.</i></p>
<p>CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN £51</p> <p>Tutor Lynne Topping has many years experience of teaching adult evening classes in German, both at the University of Dundee & elsewhere. Classes are informal, based on paired group conversations. Topics covered include: Food, Self & family, daily routine, socialising & travel. <i>Bring a pen and paper.</i></p>	<p>DRAWING & PAINTING £51</p> <p>Learn drawing & painting with local artist Rod Smith in a relaxed, supportive and sociable atmosphere - at your own pace - to background music. Create landscape, portrait or still life paintings to take home. Enjoy meeting visiting artists, demos and discussions too. <i>Bring your own materials.</i></p>	

NOTES

- * Classes will run at Harris Academy
- * Disabled access to all classes
- * Fees non-refundable
- * Minimum age 16/18 applies
- * Classes subject to minimum numbers
- * Please do not contact the school

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DATES/TIMES

Classes run Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm

8 wks: 6th February - 27th March 2019.

Flower Arranging not running on

13th February & 27th March (6 wk block).

Pilates runs at Blackness Library.

10 wks: 23rd January - 27th March 2019

Two classes: 5 - 5.45pm & 6 - 6.45pm