

Weekly Road Report – West End Ward #dundeewestend



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 31 JULY 2017

Riverside Esplanade/Riverside Drive (Tay Road Bridge off ramp to 75m along Riverside Drive) – westbound nearside lane closure for 19 weeks to facilitate V&A construction works.

SSE Glenagnes Cable Renewal – Lochee Road lane restrictions and closures on Blinshall Street, Fleuchar Street and Scott Street for 4 weeks.

A85 Riverside Drive – prohibition of right turn from westbound lane of Riverside Drive into Riverside approach and prohibition of right turn from Riverside Approach into Riverside Drive for 19 weeks for works to the sea wall. Prohibitions will only be in place when required.

Perth Road (Hawkhill to Roseangle) – closed for 3 weeks for carriageway resurfacing.

Lochee Road (at Cleghorn Street) – temporary traffic lights on Sunday 6 August for Scottish Water manhole repair.

Girls in Print : Female Figures in British Comics

From the Curator of Museum Services at the University of Dundee :

Girls in Print : Female Figures in British Comics
An exhibition in the Tower Foyer Gallery, University of Dundee
Now on and running until 21st October 2017



The way that female characters have been portrayed in comics has changed considerably over the years. In Britain, comics aimed specifically at girls were hugely popular from the 1950s to the 1980s, but have now largely disappeared. Dundee-based publishers DC Thomson were especially prolific in this area – as well as the famous *Bunty* (1958-2001) they produced many other titles including *Judy* (1960-91), *Diana* (1963-76), *Mandy* (1967-91) and *Spellbound* (1976-77).

The stories and characters in these comics covered a surprisingly wide range. The focus was mostly on teenage girls – their daily lives and their thirst for adventure and new worlds. They addressed important issues such as how to deal with new classmates; how to become a ballet dancer; how to fly a spaceship and save the world...

The girls' comics of DC Thomson reflect the attitudes of their time, but were also quick to respond to readers' demands. The traditional pony and ballet strips were soon joined by sports stories, historical dramas and tales of the supernatural. The majority of artists and writers were men, but recent years have seen a huge increase in the number of female writers and artists, creating new representations of women and girls in comics and graphic novels.

This exhibition presents original artwork on loan from DC Thomson as well as a selection of pieces by current comics creators including Maria Stoian, Tanya Roberts and Kate Charlesworth, offering a broad range of interpretations of what female figures can be in British comics culture. The exhibition has been curated by Louise Quirion, a recent graduate from the University's MLitt course in Comics Studies.

Image above: 'The Nine Lives of Kitty Foster' by Carlos Freixas from Spellbound 1977 (copyright DC Thomson & Co Ltd).

[Lovely display at Victoria Park](#) [#dundeewestend](#)

I recently highlighted the superb job the City Council has made of Seabraes planting again this year.

Another real credit to the Neighbourhood Services Department is the lovely display at Victoria Park.

The style of planting has been altered to make it less labour-intensive but the quality has definitely been maintained :



Police Community Surgeries in the West End #dundeewestend

The next West End Police Surgery takes place at the Mitchell Street Centre on Tuesday – details below :

**Community Surgeries to be held
1st Tuesday of every month from
1-4pm in Mitchell Street Centre (Room 1)
Mitchell Street, Dundee**

**Come and discuss issues that
matter to you in your community
with your local police officers.**



2017 Dates: 7th Feb, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June,
4th July, 1st Aug, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec.

Have a chat over a cup of tea

Advice, information, provide an opportunity for members of the public to come along and speak to police officers in relation to issues that affect them in their community



Adult Learning Opportunities in the West End #dundeewestend



The [latest Adult Learning newsletter](#) for the city has just been published – covering the summer months – and you can download it [here](#).

Here's details of the adult learning opportunities available in the West End area :

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Job Shop	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursdays 10.45-12.15pm. Open to anyone looking for work, help with CVs, application forms and letter writing.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Colin Christie Tel:435851
Job Seeking Support Sessions	Mitchell Street Centre, Time and day to be arranged. One-to-one session to assist unemployed people with cvs, application forms, searching for jobs, improve interview skills.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493

HERA (Harris Education & Recreation Association)

The Hera Committee have continued to work hard at developing a varied programme of classes in Harris Academy. Next programme will start week commencing 4th September to 2nd October then 23rd October to 20th November 2017.

Programme has still to be arranged. Please see all programme information on the new website: www.heradundee.wordpress.com

For more information please contact Liz Allardice on **435827** or email: liz.allardice@dundeecity.gov.uk

