

## Getting things done – Scott Street and Pentland Avenue #dundeewestend

Yesterday afternoon, I had a really useful site visit with council environment officers regarding the overgrown and unsightly sloped areas in Pentland Avenue and Scott Street – at the west end of each :



**West end of Scott Street**



**Slope in Pentland Avenue**

It was agreed at the site visit that the overgrown area in Scott Street will be strimmed back in the near future.

With regard to Pentland Avenue's slope which is a real challenge to maintain

given its significant gradient, it has been agreed to plant lupins or a similar plant next season which will improve the look of the area.

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## **Riverside Drive Wildflower success** **#dundeewestend**

Again this year, I have received many favourable comments about the wildflower displays the council's Neighbourhood Services has been responsible for on Riverside Drive and at other locations – a really colourful success :



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## **The Guernica Children – Exhibition**

From Brian Devlin :



# The Guernica Children From Bilbao to Montrose

## The Basque Child Refugees of 1937



Dundee Central library,  
28<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September

Documentary : The Guernica Children  
Free Screening on 28<sup>th</sup> August at  
5.30pm

I am developing a children's war museum to present children's experience of war through their own voices and creativity.

We are presenting an exhibition about the Basque child refugees at Dundee central library from 28th August to 9th September.

After the bombing of Guernica in 1937 during the Spanish civil war 4000 children were evacuated to Britain. The government did not want to compromise its policy of neutrality and offered no assistance to the El Nino's. Mining communities, schools, churches, trade unions, peace groups and private sponsors supported the children who also raised money by performing concerts of music and dance from the Basque country.

The only Scottish colony was established in Montrose by supporters from Dundee. A concert was held at the Caird Hall to raise money for the child refugees. It is 80 years since the El Nino's came to the area. Dundee and

Angus should be proud of the support that they gave to the children. We hope our exhibition will let more people know about this local history.

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## Hawkhill environmental improvements #dundeewestend

Many residents have commented to me what a good job the council's Neighbourhood Services has made of the corner site environmental improvement in Hawkhill at the junction with Bellfield Street – opposite the Whitehall Theatre :



I am pleased the council agreed to my request that this site was **not** sold off to a property developer some months ago and the environmental improvements clearly make the point that keeping the site in public ownership was the right thing to do.

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# Harris Education and Recreation Association – Autumn programme

## #dundeewestend

Harris Education and Recreation Association has an excellent Autumn programme of evening classes starting in September – details below or click [here](#) for a more readable version.

Enrolment night is at the school on 31st August from 6pm to 7.30pm :

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<p><b>Chinese for Beginners</b></p> <p>Learn practical expressions in Chinese and learn about the mysterious Chinese culture with Ye Li of the Dundee Chinese School. The course will cover practical conversation for daily life, reading and writing the 50 most used Chinese characters, pronunciation and students will explore interesting aspects of Chinese culture. Cost £46.</p>	<p><b>The Therapeutic Art of Crochet</b></p> <p>Enjoy learning modern crochet in a relaxing, friendly environment. A complete beginner or with existing skills, Ellie Fiddes will show you how to read patterns and diagrams, use modern techniques, experiment and gain the confidence to continue to develop skills beyond the class. Flexibility to work on what you want to, at your own pace, is built in. Cost £56, materials provided.</p>	<p><b>Foods of the World - A Foody Adventure</b></p> <p>Whether you want to learn to cook or further your culinary skills, Pamela Maddison welcomes you. Recipes have been chosen to showcase different flavours that take you on a global journey, preparing delicious food within an affordable budget. Cost £62, recipes provided at enrolment, bring your own ingredients.</p>
<p><b>Introduction to Photography</b></p> <p>Kathryn Rattray is a contemporary lifestyle and reportage photographer. This photography course "The Art of Seeing", will take you on an exciting photographic journey. All you need is determination and a camera of any sort. Whether it's the latest SLR or your phone, you'll be amazed by what you will capture and learn in such a small space of time! Cost £57, materials provided.</p>	<p><b>HERA</b></p>	<p><b>Beginners Origami</b></p> <p>Learn the intricate art of Origami with Anne Watson. Using chiyogami papers, students will learn how to make a variety of models to take home each week. Students will work towards creating their own origami canvas masterpiece using traditional yuzen washi paper. Cost £62, materials provided.</p>
<p><b>'Less is More' Pilates</b></p> <p>Sarah Wickens will lead the class, helping to put your bones in their rightful place and asking your muscles to do the job they were designed to do. The class is suitable for all levels as Sarah will encourage each participant to find their unique capability and mind/body connections. Pilates runs on a Wednesday for 45 minutes from 6:30pm and 7:30pm in the activity room, Blackness Library. Cost £25, bring your own mat.</p>	<p><b>Ballroom Dancing for Beginners</b></p> <p>Enjoy learning the basics of Ballroom and Latin American dancing with Alan and Linda Hood. The classes aim to cover all the well known traditional dances including: waltz, quickstep, foxtrot, cha-cha, tango and rhumba in an easy to learn way. Bring along a partner and exercise while you learn. No experience necessary, walk in and waltz out! Cost £60.</p> <p>Please Note: This course runs from 06/09/2017 - 20/09/2017, then has a 4 week break, restarting 25/10/2017 - 06/12/2017.</p>	<p><b>Life Drawing</b></p> <p>Each week participants will create drawings of the model from different poses. Some weeks the pose will last for the whole night, other evenings there will be a few different poses. Participants will be encouraged to use a range of materials, including charcoal, chalk pencil and pastels. For some of the time the focus will be on portrait drawing. Participants will be provided with a materials list at enrolment. Cost £57.</p>
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