

1 December 2011

Coffee morning guests**Watch this space for 2012!****Upcoming outings/events**

If you'd like to attend, contact Jacqueline by [email](#) or on 050 132 8062

7 Dec - Xmas lunch at Teatro, Park Rotana from noon-5pm. Cost 195dhs.

14 Dec - Golfers xmas lunch. Details being confirmed - watch this space!

Out & about town

29 Nov-20 Dec - 'The Roots of Success' photo exhibition by Ahmad Junaidi: presenting a collection of rare historical photographs of UAE heritage & Abu Dhabi's early developments. See [website](#) for more info.

2 Dec - weekly [RIPE craft & farmer's market](#) from 9.30am-1pm at the Khalifa Park Desert Garden Centre.

2 Dec - Kate Nash Live & Unplugged at The Ampitheatre, Souk Madinat Jumeirah (Dubai). Doors open 6pm. See [online](#) for more info.

3 Dec - Feline Friends Adoption Day. See attached for more info.

3 Dec - Yoga for Your Mind workshop at BodyTree Studio. See flier for details

6 Dec - Coffee morning featuring Rhonda Walker Photography, Purely Pearls, Phoenix Trading and more! See attached for details.

8 Dec - Nostalgia 80s Dance Party at ADNEC from 9.30pm. Turn up in costume for a chance to win prizes! You must be 21+ to attend and cost is 150dhs pp. For more info and ticketing, go to [website](#).

8-9 Dec - Creamfields 2011 at Yas Arena. Tickets on sale from 3rd Oct—see [website](#) for more info.

8-10 Dec - [Swiss Christmas Market](#) at Beach Rotana courtyard daily.

8-11 Dec - Dubai World Championship hosted at Jumeirah Golf Estates' spectacular Earth course. Be part of golf's most exciting season finale and order your free tickets [online](#).

9 Dec - German International School annual Christmas market from 5-9pm. The school is located in the block b/w 24 & 26 Sts/9 & 11 Sts

9 Dec - Christmas tree lighting at Radisson Blu Hotel, Yas Island from 4-7pm. Enjoy a xmas themed afternoon with seasonal food, children's choir & a visit from Santa! More on [facebook](#).

9-10 Dec - The Enchanted Forest on Ice at Zayed Sports City. Follow Red Riding Hood and 14 of your favourite characters, represented by the Abu Dhabi Figure Skating Team, as they take a journey through the Enchanted Forest you won't soon forget! For info on timings and ticketing, see [website](#).

11-17 Dec - Second International Festival of Falconry in Al Ain. More info [online](#)

12-15 Dec - Eye on Earth Summit & Exhibition at ADNEC from 9am-6pm daily.

16 Dec - Sade live at Yas Arena, Yas Island. Buy tickets [online](#).

17 Dec - Bring the kids & help Santa light the Christmas tree at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club from 6-8pm. Listen to Christmas caroling plus enjoy traditional treats.

29-31 Dec - Mubadala World Tennis Championship. For more info on the lineup & ticketing go to the [website](#)

31 Dec - Coldplay live in concert to bring in the new year on the Corniche. More info on venue & how to buy tickets [online](#).

Member update

Happy tree decorating day today (for those who follow the tradition of putting the xmas tree up on the 1st) and happy National Day!

If you're around town tomorrow, come see us at the weekly [RIPE farmer's market](#) and grab your provisions (see below for what's on offer for the next few weeks).

We have to give a huge thanks to those who came to the Breast Cancer Charity Bazaar on the 18th - we raised just under 7,955dhs from donations and table hire, which means Jacqueline will be sending a whopping 11,000dhs in total (including sale of pins etc) - all for a great cause!

And don't forget our lunch next Wed at Teatro - look forward to seeing you all for some xmas cheer!

:) Marcia

National Day 2 Dec - 40 years on!

To celebrate this milestone, there are plenty of activities & events going on around town. See the official UAE National Day [website](#) for details, including a page where readers have shared local recipes, some of which will be included in an Emirati cookbook. If you're a Kate Nash fan, don't miss her live in Dubai tomorrow night (see left)...and for an interesting read about major events in Abu Dhabi's history over the past 40 years, check out Abu Dhabi Week's recent [article](#).

Markets to check out this fortnight!**2nd, 9th & 16th Dec: Abu Dhabi RIPE Market**

If you haven't checked out the market yet, come see us! The organic produce is excellent quality and is sold in mixed boxes of whatever's seasonal for the week (small boxes cost 80dhs, large are 160dhs) plus you can buy some items individually including organic free range eggs, herbs, melons and pumpkins. While you're there, grab some homemade pasta, baked products (including Marcia's Munchies xmas cookies!!), preserves plus a range of arts & crafts. The market is held [every Friday](#) from 9.30am-1pm in the Desert Garden Centre, which is definitely worth a look - and there's a fabulous coffee shop so buy a snack from one of the vendors and sit / relax in the nice outdoor area with a coffee! Also put in your diary that the last market this year will be on 16th Dec, which will be a kids market with entertainment and plenty of fun for the family! And since new vendors are being added regularly, be sure to sign up for the weekly newsletter so you'll know who'll be there each week (see focus on Marcia's Munchies in this week's [news!](#)).

6 Dec: Sale in Raha Gardens

From 9am-1pm and 6pm-9pm. See attached flier for more details.

8-10 Dec: Swiss Christmas Market

There's something for everyone at this annual event! Held daily in the Beach Rotana courtyard, there will be plenty of opportunities to buy xmas presents, sample traditional Swiss treats and lots of entertainment! See the [facebook page](#) for more details.

9 Dec: German Intl School Christmas Market

There will be lots of fun for kids, music, arts & crafts, food and drinks and much more...See left for more info.

AWN charity luncheon 5 Dec

AWN invites you to the 9th annual Ladies' Christmas luncheon to raise funds for Mission for Seafarers. The lunch will kickoff at 11.30am, with Christmas Carols at noon, then lunch & charity effort from 12.30-3pm. AWN is seeking cash donations to purchase supplies for the gift packages they will be wrapping for the Seafarers - with the goal of surpassing the 800 packages they gave last year (each package requires approx 50dhs). If you'd like to make a donation and / or attend the lunch, please contact Anne Armour on 050 6168912 or by [email](#)

Be part of environmental history!

Go to the Eye on Earth Summit at ADNEC between 12-15 Dec and visit the exhibition which is focusing on environmental issues. You'll be able to listen to speakers, take away goodie bags, and most importantly, become part of history by adding your name to the Eye on Earth Declaration which will be presented to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in June 2012. For more info, see the [website](#).

Special fitness offers for ADWG

Every Sunday, Beach Rotana offers Pilates from 9-10am followed by water aerobics from 10:30-11.30am. ADWG has been offered a group discount (min 5 people)-35dhs pp for water aerobics only or 70dhs pp for both classes (normal pricing 45dhs/80dhs). For more info, contact Maria on 02 6979002 or [email](#)

Not sure what to do for Xmas?

If you're staying in Abu Dhabi but don't feel like cooking, check out all the major hotels where you can either buy a take away xmas dinner with all the trimmings, or better yet, eat it there! As we get info, we'll attach it to the newsletters.

Vet's corner

Poor Carrie still needs a new home! See attached flier

Find your purr-fect pet at Feline Friends' next Adoption Day on 3 Dec from 11am - 4pm. **NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION TO KHALIFA A (see attached map)**. Contact 056 6414728, [email](#) or check out the facebook page (Feline Friends Abu Dhabi)

ADWG Ladies Golf

[ADWG Ladies Golf](#) is a sub-group of ADWG, focused purely on golf (as the name indicates!). There is a separate mailing list and newsletter, and a number of regular events - weekly golf mornings with lessons for every level, weekly play & monthly golfing events at Yas Links, Saadiyat and other clubs. If you'd like to find out more, contact [Jacqueline](#) and ask to be added to the mailing list.