

# STRATHBUNGO NEWS



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## THE PARTY STARTS HERE!

**After last year's dry (in both senses) big summer event, plans are already well advanced for Bungo In The Back Lanes 2011. The big day is Saturday June 18th from 1-4pm.**

If you're new to the event, it all takes place in Strathbungo's lanes and there's a full programme of music, competitions, games, stalls and crafts in the lanes on both sides of Queen Square & between Regent Park Sq & Nithsdale Rd - so come along, meet your neighbours and enjoy yourself! This will be the 14th year of our annual community street party. It's a truly unique grassroots community event, unlike anything else that takes place in the city and, as we discovered last year, new legislation means we need to do more pre-planning than ever.

The Society has met several times with Glasgow City Council and we are optimistic that we will be licensed once again this year, so hopefully we'll see the welcome return of our two beer gardens. All being well the bars will be operated by Mulberry

Street and the drinking areas will be carefully monitored and stewarded.

### **YOU can guarantee the future of the event.**

Strathclyde Police are happy with our plans for the event but additional regulations will have to be adhered to. We have been advised that due to the risk of fire there should be no barbecues in any public areas. We have also agreed that the local community will provide additional stewards and qualified first-aiders on the day.

This all means that we need more volunteers than ever before. Usually we have a core of 20 - now we need 40. This is crucial to the continuation of Bungo in the Back Lanes, so if you can help out - even by giving an hour of your time on the day - you will help guarantee that our great event has a future.

### **In particular we need help with:**

- Setting up and packing up on the day
- First Aiders (qualified volunteers)
- Stewards
- Distributing leaflets and posters

We also appreciate volunteers to help the Society directly by...

- Staffing Society stalls
- Collecting tombola prizes from local businesses
- Donating unwanted new merchandise to the Society's tombola

As well as volunteering an hour or so of your time to the Society on the day, you might want to consider setting up your own stall.

### **You could...**

- Have a clear out and sell your junk (treasure to someone else!)
- Sell homemade handicrafts, art, jewellery, etc\*
- Demonstrate a skill or talent
- Sell plants, seedlings, seeds or home-grown produce
- Perform in a band
- Set up a garden/garage cinema or theatre and put on a show
- Provide alternative therapies

What makes Bungo events is Bungo people! Your stall will add fun and variety to the day and you might make a tidy profit - for yourself or a charity. All we ask is a small contribution from your proceeds to the Strathbungo Society so we can continue running activities in the community.

If you want to have your own stall this year OR if you're willing to help the Committee in any way, before the event or on the day, get in touch via the website [www.strathbungo.co.uk](http://www.strathbungo.co.uk).

*\* If you're planning to prepare or serve food to the public at the event, then you should contact Environmental Health at Glasgow City Council on 0141 287 6688 or email: [foodsafety@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:foodsafety@glasgow.gov.uk) for advice on what you need to do to meet **legal requirements** to ensure you are providing safe food.*

# SPRING into SUMMER

Get out of your comfort zone and make a note in your diary to try out some of the events coming up over the next few months:

## **Tramway Family Day Sunday 8th May 10am-6pm**

The next Tramway Family Day explores storytelling and early years' literature. Explore reading, writing and storytelling, taking inspiration from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. The event will take place across Tramway's spaces and is suitable for babies, toddlers, primary school age children and their families.

## **Southside Festival at Queens Park Recreation Grounds, May 28th, 2011.**

Back for the third year, this council-run event takes place on Saturday 28th May with live music, entertainment and fun in the park. [www.southsidefestival.org](http://www.southsidefestival.org)



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## **BALLET- Behind The Barres**

Ever wondered what goes on under the jagged yellow roof on the horizon? Scottish Ballet have started to provide live streams of their practice sessions. It makes fascinating viewing, even for complete novices to the subject like me. Plus you get a sneak preview of their upcoming performances. At the moment they're rehearsing Alice. Check out [www.scottishballet.co.uk](http://www.scottishballet.co.uk).

## **ART COMPETITION REACHES NEW HIGH**



**The Spring Fling was a fabulous success! On the warm and very bright Saturday morning of March 26th, Strathbungo residents emerged blinking from their flats and houses and headed to Queen's Park Church Hall for tea, cakes, and the presentation of the annual Children & Young People's Art Competition awards. At times, it was standing room only.**

This year's theme was "Life in Strathbungo", and 237 southside children contributed their work. The church's hall and corridor were covered with row upon row of colourful drawings and paintings of tenements, terraced houses, Queen's Park vistas, trains, planes and buses, and even a few scenes from Bungo at the Bells. Everyone agreed that the quality and quantity of the artwork was amazing. Even the very young children produced original and well-executed entries, displaying unexpectedly sharp skills of observation. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of community volunteers, schools and businesses. Teresa Mooney organised and oversaw the event, bringing together the many people and resources that were needed to make the Spring Fling possible. The Queen's Park Church graciously allowed the Strathbungo Society to use its church hall as the venue.

Volunteer judges included professional artists Karen Cairns and Avril Paton and Scott Hayworth, a 6th year pupil from Hutchesons' Grammar. Both Karen and Avril live in Glasgow and paint its neighbourhoods. Avril is famous for the iconic "Windows in the West", a work that could have inspired some of the art contest entries. You can view Avril's work at [www.avrilpaton.co.uk](http://www.avrilpaton.co.uk) and Karen's at [www.karencairns.com](http://www.karencairns.com).

Jim Dunn of the Burrell Collection produced professional photographs and electronic files of all the entries. Contact the Strathbungo Society if you would like high resolution electronic copies of one or more of the entries. A presentation of the winning work has also been posted on [www.bungoblog.com](http://www.bungoblog.com).

The Picture Framer ([www.pictureframer-glasgow.co.uk](http://www.pictureframer-glasgow.co.uk)) at Shawlands Arcade mounted the pictures and framed the winning entries at cost.

James Limb, Strathbungo Society Chair, announced the awards and artist Karen Cairns presented them. Laura Moodie and Lynne Flower served the food and drink, and Stephen Rees manned the door. Many wonderful volunteers from the neighbourhood hung the art, set up the hall, baked, served, and cleaned up.

The winning art contest entries brightened up neighbourhood cafes until 13th April. Grianach had the under-fives, Gusto & Relish had the five to eight-year-olds' art, Tapa displayed the nine to twelves; and Mulberry Street had the work of the thirteen to sixteen-year-olds. You can see a slide show of all the winning entries on the Bungo Blog.

### **THE STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S ART COMPETITION WINNERS 2011**

#### **UNDER 5:**

- 1ST Emily McCracken, 4
- 2ND Shakira Rasool, 3
- 3RD Iris Moodie, 3

#### **5 - 8 YEARS:**

- 1ST Malachy Arnold, 8
- 2ND Elena Cooke, 8
- 3RD Maryam Faisal, 5

#### **9 - 12 YEARS:**

- 1ST Haaris Bhatti 11
- 2ND Katelin Murray, 12
- 3RD Roisin Arnold, 11

#### **13 - 16 YEARS CATERGORY:**

- 1ST Sarah Russell, 13
- 2ND Anna Lawson, 15
- 3RD John MacFadyen, 15

#### **SPECIAL CATEGORY, Line Drawings**

- 1ST Melanie Goldberg, 15
- 2ND Amy Dickson, 12
- 3RD Nathan Wilson, 5

#### **JUDGES' COMMENDATION:**

- Emily Murphy, 15

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Strathbungo Society is currently looking for new volunteers to help it continue regular activities.

We need:

### TREASURER

Our current treasurer is moving to a new area so we need to find someone to fill this crucial role. To volunteer, you must live in Strathbungo, be able to attend all or most committee meetings, have an eye for detail and a good head for figures and, ideally, be from a finance or accounts background or have had some experience of being a treasurer.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We're always looking for new committee members, particularly from the Gardens as we don't currently have any committee representatives from that part of Strathbungo.

To get involved, either contact us via the website or come along to our next committee meeting. They're held on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm in Grianach on Nithsdale Rd.

### NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

We'd like to bolster our regular team of newsletter deliverers. You'll be called upon around six times a year to deliver newsletters and/or leaflets on a designated street within Strathbungo.

# The Home Front



**An article on the Bungo Blog last month sparked our curiosity - how many people in Strathbungo work from home or have set up home businesses?**

Deidre Miller moved to Strathbungo from Toronto last summer and has been working from home for the last three months. "I've never worked from home before and am finding that it has some unique challenges and can be lonely, too."

With the current challenging job market and the rise of high-speed internet, an ever-increasing number of people are now working from home, whether as freelancers, full-time employees or self-employed entrepreneurs. But, with no shop front, how do you set up networks and generate business?

"I know one other person in the neighbourhood who's doing this and there have got to be others out there, right?" Asks Deidre. "I'm not the only person sitting in the local cafes with a laptop."

And she's right - it's unusual to go into any of the local cafes without seeing someone tapping away while they sip their coffee. For some, it's not so much a choice as a necessity. Matt Moodie has worked from home for six years as an editor for a publishing company which specialises in books on computer programming. With most of the editors and writers he deals with being based in the US, the flexibility of working from home online works to his advantage. Deidre has set up a forum on the Bungo Blog so home workers in Strathbungo can get in touch with each other and perhaps meet up when the same four walls prove too much. If you've set up a new business from home, why not let us know too and advertise your work in the newsletter?

## Nice Cold, Ice Cold...



**I am just old enough to remember doorstep milk deliveries as a child. In particular there was my first attempt at catching a burglar with a tripwire and car hubcap, which only served to give the milkman a near heart attack the next morning. I've never quite recovered from the guilt.**

Well, apparently, milkmen are back. McQueens Dairies have recently started a milk delivery service in the Strathbungo area. They currently deliver around 7am on Mondays and Thursdays, with the usual range, including organic milk.

If you are interested in this service, you can contact McQueens on 0141 332 9608 or at [info@mcqueensdairies.co.uk](mailto:info@mcqueensdairies.co.uk). Their website ([www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk](http://www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk)) needs a bit of work though.

I have no financial interest in McQueens, and as the BBC never tires of saying "There are other milk delivery options available." I understand a more local dairy, Youngs Dairy of G42 also deliver in the area, and have done so for some years. I have no information on their service but they can be contacted on 0141 632 2578.

Mind you, neither of them are listed as delivering to Strathbungo at [www.findmeamilkman.net](http://www.findmeamilkman.net), and nor is anyone else. So, as with any local community service like this, use it or lose it. Just look out for Humphrey (now I am showing my age).

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# TALKBACK

A bit of Bungo banter from the Blog



## Talking Traffic

A new traffic survey was posted on the Blog last month and attracted a handful of responses in a couple of weeks. The survey is still available online but here's a guide to what the respondents thought. With the roads in Strathbungo in such a shocking state since the start of the winter it was no great surprise that all but two respondents thought that road resurfacing would be a jolly good idea. Over half the respondents (9) thought we should cut our hedges to give pedestrians a little more space, while just under half thought that we should have the Twenty's Plenty voluntary traffic calming scheme. Four people thought speed humps were a good idea, while two thought that the council should upgrade the traffic signage in Strathbungo.

Rat running was a concern to a couple of people, with the suggestion that various

entrances and exits to the back lanes be blocked off to deter non-residents who would get lost in the labyrinth. Someone thought that permitting parking only on one side would help matters. Not entirely sure where vehicles on the other side should park mind. Darnley Road? It's certainly wide enough though we might need to re-install the old pedestrian bridge around the end of Marywood Square to give residents better access to their cars. Might also be a car thief's dream come true - lots of nice cars and not an owner within earshot!

My favourite, however, was the suggestion to have both vehicles and pedestrians use the road and have signage to indicate as much. I love the idea of pedestrianising the whole of Strathbungo, eliminating both pavements and road and have everyone use the same space with lines to suggest where people should park. We all continually jump from the road to the pavement and back anyway as cars come by. Why not make it official? Cars would then be forced to go slower as they would effectively be driving on the pavement and pedestrians wouldn't have to continually jump from road to pavement and zigzag between parked cars to avoid on-coming traffic.

## STOP PRESS

### A New Start For Fotheringay?

Residents on Nithsdale Rd last week received notice of plans to renovate the old Fotheringay pub which has been empty for two years. The people behind the proposed £110K refit own two restaurants in the West End – Left Bank on Gibson St and Two Figs on Byres Road.

They plan to reorganise the interior, paint the frontage grey and install a sliding window on about half the front elevation. As it's a food-focused venue, they're also hoping to install a flue at the back of the building and up the tenement block. They hope to have the new place open by the autumn.

The company came along to April's Strathbungo Society meeting to discuss their application. Their assurances mean the Society is not minded to object to the plans but we will be asking the Council to make sure the street frontage is in keeping with the conservation area.

Finally, and to avoid confusion, one of the names used by the company on the application is The Bungo Ltd but they are in no way connected with the Society or Bungo events.

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