

# STRATHBUNGO



# NEWS



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## BUNGO AT THE BELLS



Join your neighbours for Strathbungo's eighth annual Bungo at The Bells extravaganza!

We'll be rounding up a crowd from all over the neighbourhood for the annual Hogmanay Bungo at the Bells. Music-making processions (kids, instruments, whistles, pots and pans etc. welcome) will snake their way up and down the Gardens and Squares.

Meeting points are 1 Moray Place and the opposite end, at Carswell Gardens, at 11.30pm.

So, when you hear the music makers come along your street, get out and join in. Both processions will converge on Marywood Square (at Moray Place) for music and the countdown to the Bells.

So, bring your guests along and see in the New Year with a Bungo bang!

Children and adults - all welcome. For latest details and weather update see [www.strathbungo.co.uk](http://www.strathbungo.co.uk)

## TRAFFIC REPORT

The Strathbungo News received its biggest ever response to a public appeal with our "Is 20 Plenty?" query. Everyone who got in touch did think so and many of you were eager to get involved.

Having researched successful campaigns across the country it appears the quickest route to success is for individuals to write to their elected representatives and then follow this up with support from community groups. A draft 20's plenty letter will be available on our website.

Even before the recent pressure added by the Titwood Road Bridge closure, residents have long been concerned by rat-running, the emergency services have had difficulty responding to 999 calls and pedestrians have found it increasingly difficult to navigate the narrow and crumbling pavements, crowded out by parked cars and overgrown bushes. This has led the Strathbungo Society to look at a more holistic approach to traffic management in the area.

We feel this is real opportunity to take a fresh look at traffic management in the entire area - from parking to traffic lights,

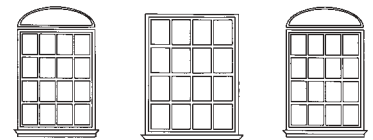
signage, rights of way, enlarging pavements and emergency access. Our most recent letter to Land Services is available on the website [www.strathbungo.co.uk](http://www.strathbungo.co.uk) where we'll keep you updated on any developments. Do let us know if you have any ideas which residents themselves could act upon right now.

### A Year In Strathbungo

This is your last chance to order a beautiful Strathbungo Society calendar, showing the area at its best throughout the year. At just £5 each they make an excellent stocking filler or alternative to a special card. We have a limited supply left so contact us as soon as possible with your order.

Laura Jones, G/L 33 Nithsdale Rd, Glasgow G41 2AE. 0141 433 9238

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## Strathbungo Shops Local

**As Christmas approaches, the Strathbungo Society is launching its Strathbungo Shops Local campaign. Ably assisted by your reusable Bungo book bags, we hope that residents will take the opportunity at this time of year to use the amenities on their doorstep.**

Recent years have seen great changes along Pollokshaws Rd with new delis and cafes, home design stores and newsagents for locals to choose from. For those looking forward to a less consumer-led Christmas, there's a large choice of charity shops on Victoria Road where you can buy a quirky gift, for example from Oxfam's Unwrapped gift service, make a Christmas donation on behalf of a friend, or find the perfect present at the perfect price.

Kildrostan Street and Nithsdale Rd have long provided an enjoyable alternative to battling along Buchanan Street, bags bulging. Many of your Christmas needs can be met here - from table centre-pieces and door wreaths, to redecoration for your spare room, sweet treats for the food connoisseur from Mise En Place and Lah Tea Doh, toys for tots at Bumble Kids and, to top it all, a choice of three cafes to rest awhile between purchases. This year, a local landmark celebrates a very special birthday. Cranston's

Butchers on Nithsdale Rd is celebrating an amazing 125 years serving the neighbourhood.

To provide some winter warmth during the festive season, local shopkeepers on Nithsdale Rd are organising a special festive evening of shopping and entertainment. On Wednesday the 7th of December, you can enjoy Christmas shopping accompanied by carol singers from local schools, the Salvation Army band, mulled wine, mince pies and a special guest who, despite being very busy at this time of year, will be stopping in to Bumble Kids to make sure his very long gift list is up to date.

However you wish to celebrate the festive season, try to celebrate at least some of it among your neighbours and benefit local businesses into the bargain. We're introducing you to some new local businesses in this issue and aim to bring you more information on new local businesses throughout 2006.



## A Hassle Free Christmas

Elena Sreedharan is looking forward to a busy festive season as her new business takes off. Hands Free Food And Wine offer designer dinner parties and tailor-made wine tasting events to anyone who wants to host a fantastic function at home but doesn't want to spend a day chained to the cooker or researching their Riesling.

A trained sommelier, Elena loves to match the right wine to the right dish. With experience working for one of the country's largest vintners, she's eager to share her knowledge and hit upon the idea of home wine tasting, offering everything from formal tutored tastings to fun and informative tastings for an alternative night in.

This expertise combined with a life-long love of food naturally lead to an expansion into dinner parties. She's organised fantastic food at home for every occasion - from romantic dinners a deux to special dinners for up to 12.

If the idea of a December dinner party is filling you with dread, Elena offers a complete service from helping you to choose a menu to wine selection and even does the washing up afterwards - leaving you time to spend with your guests.



**Remedy**  
delicatessen cafe

**731 Pollokshaws Rd - 423 9181**

*We offer a fine selection of Continental cheeses and meats as well a large variety of produce from sauces and casseroles to biscuits and hand wrapped panetone.*

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*Christmas hampers are made to order and given individual presentation - choose your own contents or give us a price and we do it for you.*

**Party Platters,**  
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Elena Sreedharan - 07919 158 150 T/F: 0141 422 2085  
hands.free@virgin.net. www.handsfreefoodandwine.co.uk



## A Quick Fix

Remedy, Strathbungo's newest cafe and deli, opened in September and business has really taken off. Queen Square residents Phil and Liz Callaghan own and run the restaurant, ably assisted by Liz's daughter Jennifer, who is currently studying at Glasgow School Of Art.

Liz and Jennifer are originally from Cumbria and Liz moved to Glasgow nine years ago. Since running a takeaway and restaurant a few years ago, the idea of setting up a cafe and deli had been growing in Liz's mind and eventually, after a stint in events management, she decided it was now or never.

Customers of the cafe will have noticed the emphasis on Mediterranean ingredients but Liz hopes to develop the cafe further, bringing in more French foods and even Far Eastern influences - real fusion food.

The deli is also keen to hear suggestions from their customers and, as a result of customers' requests, she's already looking at stocking a variety of produce from salt beef to parsnip crisps.

With the build up to Christmas, the deli is open to Christmas orders and offers customers access to their organic meat supply with, in the main, next day delivery for orders. They're also encouraging customers to use their creativity and are keen to create hampers from their exotic produce, which people can give at Christmas time.

## BAG A BUNGo BOOK BAG

Not just for books, obviously. In fact, we can highly recommend it for transporting beef tomatoes, bleach, baguettes, brogues, blankets, bubbly and brand-new bobby socks.

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Late Night Shopping and Festive Fun  
at the 'Village' Pollokshields

Get into the Festive Spirit!

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

Join us from 7 'til 9pm

Carol Singers

Santa's coming so why don't you?

# TALKBACK

The Strathbungo Society welcomes letters of up to 200 words - send them to 'Laura Jones, G/L 33 Nithsdale Rd, Glasgow G41 2AE' or email [letters@strathbungo.org.uk](mailto:letters@strathbungo.org.uk).

To The Editor

Could someone please let me know what is happening with the property at 1 Titwood Road, formerly Global Video?

We were recently informed about a planning application and I was under the impression (from the Council website) that this had been granted.

At present there is someone trading from this premises. The state of the building, however, is nothing short of disgusting. It is covered with graffiti, litter surrounds it, the windows have all been smashed and there is broken glass everywhere. These problems are only getting worse every day.

I would have thought there are serious environmental issues amounting from these problems as well the aesthetic concerns, which are obvious.

**Steven Murray**

*We believe planning permission was recently granted for this building. The owner/developer will take over next year to build new flats. The consent granted a restaurant on the ground floor with flats above.*

*The current occupier is on a short lease until next year with the intention that the owner/developer will take over after that to build the new flats. Until then, the current occupier is responsible for maintenance of the building. This issue shall be discussed at the next committee meeting.*

The Editor

To The Editor

I was wondering if you could advise of how to get information with regard to replacing/repairing our windows with consideration given to the conservation area status. I live on the corner of Moray Place and Vennard Gdns. I guess I should contact someone on the Council but was wondering if you could direct me in the right direction without having to jump through too many hoops with the Council.

**Stephen Barsanti**

[By email]

*There are three window companies listed on our website*

*<<http://www.strathbungo.co.uk>>*

*and they all work to conservation guidelines - they are quite different in approach but all have worked in Strathbungo and have excellent references. Click on Living in G41, then Trades & Specialists.*

*The good news is that you don't need a Building Warrant for replacement windows, providing they are timber and an exact replica of the existing ones (that's presupposing the existing ones are original). And of course PVC windows are never acceptable in a listed building.*

*There's lots of advice about planning on our site, plus phone numbers, email for Jim Dunsmuir (our man in planning) and links to relevant sections of the Glasgow City Plan.*

*Just click on Strathbungo, then conservation.*

The Editor

To The Editor

Having corresponded at some length with the Council regarding the traffic and speeding issues in Strathbungo, they seem to be suggesting that it is up to the Society to get things moving.

My wife and I and many of our neighbours will give our full support as we believe it is only a matter of time before a serious accident will occur in Vennard Gardens due to the speed that many drivers are using, specifically at peak times.

**J. Sloan,**  
Vennard Gardens



This issue's Travel Bag photograph was sent by Matt on Pollokshaws Rd and shows him and his Bungo book bag at this summer's Green Man Folk Festival near Britain's book capital, Hay-On-Wye, in sunny Wales.

## Vacancy - Treasurer

The Strathbungo Society needs a new treasurer. If you live or work locally and are keen to get involved in your local community, this could be the ideal voluntary position for you.

**Our treasurer needs to:**

- Deliver a monthly financial position report at our committee meetings
- Organise floats for all Strathbungo Society events
- Send out invoices to advertisers in the Strathbungo News
- Keep a tight hold of the purse strings
- Pay in cheques to our bank account

You don't need to be an accountant or mathematical genius but you do need to be enthusiastic and available to attend functions and meetings.

Our existing treasurer will provide full training.

If you're interested, contact Joanna Murphy, Treasurer, 1/2, 6 Nithsdale Rd, G41 2AN, 0141 423 7756 or [joannamurphy@supanet.com](mailto:joannamurphy@supanet.com) for more information.

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