

STRATHBUNGO Newsws



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Sat 24 June 1-4pm

Strathbungo's 7th annual BUNGo IN THE BACK LANES is set for midsummer's day, so mark you diary and make it a date!

Why not have your own stall or help out with one of the Society's?

- Contribute to the Society's home-baking stall or run your own
- Have a clear out and sell your junk (treasure to someone else!) – CDs, bric-a-brac, you name it!
- Sell handicrafts, art, jewellery, plants
- Make up some tablet, jam, snacks
- Get out the barbecue and start flipping burgers
- Donate unwanted new merchandise to the Society's tombola
- Perhaps you can do aromatherapy? Other alternative therapies? Fortune telling?

Surprise us – what makes BUNGo events is BUNGo people!

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, contact Joanna on 423 7756.

IT'S HAPPENING IN STRATHBUNGO'S LANES



SHOCK AND AWNINGS

Nithsdale Road residents have been campaigning against one unforeseen side-effect of Scotland's smoking ban – the erection of unsightly awnings on public houses in Strathbungo. All four public houses with frontages onto Nithsdale Rd have applied, or are believed to be in the process of applying, for planning consent to erect awnings outside their premises.

The Strathbungo Society encouraged residents to contact the Council's Department for Development and Regeneration Services. Every individual resident can object and neighbours have quickly rallied to complain on the grounds that new awnings will go against the conservation plan for the area and encourage noise outside public houses.

Late April saw a key positive development as the first public house to apply, 1901,

had its application for an awning refused on various grounds, the final of these being that it would set a precedent on this quiet residential street. Hopefully, this decision will have a knock-on effect on the applications put in by the other publicans, ensuring the extra noise caused by the smoking ban is kept to a minimum and Nithsdale Road avoids the unsightly awnings being sported by other bars in the Southside.

If you have concerns about any planning application which affects your property, write to:

**Development and Regeneration Services, Development Control
Glasgow City Council, 229 George Street, Glasgow G1 1QU**

Representations should clearly state the grounds on which the representation is made. Copied letters will be accepted if they are individually addressed, signed and dated. The Council also accepts email representations but don't forget to give your name and address. This is required so that Committee can see any physical relationship between your property and the application site.

E-mail : planning.representations@drs.glasgow.gov.uk

CONSERVATION CONVERSATION

Strathbungo's long-awaited conservation area appraisal was finally published in April, outlining opportunities for preservation and enhancement. The audit is far reaching and covers everything from trees to fibre-optic cables.

Property owners and residents are urged to get involved in the preservation and enhancement of Strathbungo. To encourage this, the City Council plans to distribute leaflets explaining the implications of living in a conservation area and make the grants and assistance available to householders more widely known.

The Council has highlighted areas in need of improvement, for example the poorly landscaped roundabout at the junction of

Nithsdale Road, Street and Drive and the footbridge landing at Moray Place, a pedestrian entrance to the conservation area described as, "Cluttered with street furniture, poor fencing and damaged walls."

You can consult the conservation appraisal online at:

www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Business/Planning_Development/PlanningPolicy/Conservation/

and click on Strathbungo.



Strathbungo's Railings

Research into the original railings in Strathbungo's squares and gardens is ongoing, with the discovery of previously unpublished photographs in the Mitchell library, and a small section of original railing unearthed in a hedge in Queens Square. We hope to have a summary available for viewing at the AGM on 5th June or at Bungo in the Back Lanes. Anyone with further information, or an interest in renovation work, please contact Andrew Downie on 423 4973 or email

adownie@doctors.org.uk



Who Lived In A House Like This?

It's boom time for local history research with the massive growth of genealogy and history websites and popular TV programmes like *Who Do You Think You Are?* For the first time, the entire publicly available censuses from 1841 – 1901 are now online.

The Strathbungo Society would like to illuminate the lives of the families that have lived here over the past 150 years by encouraging a co-ordinated attempt to record all the past owners of our houses.

This should be a fascinating insight into the past. What sort of person lived in the houses and tenements of Strathbungo - industrial workers, tradesmen, or professionals? Did they work locally or commute into the city centre? Did they have servants? And how many children?

Local sources for this information are easy to find in Glasgow's Mitchell Library.

All that is required is a handful of enthusiastic volunteers who would be willing to spend a few hours a month in the peaceful atmosphere of the Mitchell local history section recording these names and addresses. If there is sufficient interest, the Society will provide a spreadsheet or paper form for you to fill in. We hope to create a unique resource for every Strathbungo resident and local historian.

If you are interested, send an email to history@strathbungo.co.uk

KICK-START YOUR COMPOSTING

WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme), the Executive's recycling initiative, is teaming up with Glasgow City Council and offering compost bins to City householders for as little as £4.

Composting benefits both you and the environment. It's cheap and easy to do, you get a free nutritious soil conditioner to use on your gardens, flower beds and window boxes, and by recycling your organic waste you can reduce the amount of rubbish that you put out for collection and the amount of waste going to landfill! You can even add the contents of your vacuum bag to your compost bin, as these will also break down to produce a rich compost.

Check out this website <http://www.wasteawarecotland.org.uk> and see the bins that are on offer. You can order on-line or call the Home Composting Orderline on 0845 077 0756. Your bin will be delivered free of charge and will come with a free guide on how to compost successfully.

A New Dawn For STRATHBUNGO PARISH CHURCH

Strathbungo Parish Church, a B-Listed property that has been empty since 1985, came to the end of its reconstruction phase in May.

The historic building, on the east side of Pollokshaws Road between Calder Street and Allison Street, had deteriorated over the years due to neglect and vandalism, resulting in the loss of several parts of the original building and its roof. In January 2004 Glasgow City Council agreed to sell the building to Southside Housing Association so it could restore the bell tower and front facade while demolishing the remainder of the building.

A new five-storey building, designed by Glasgow architects OLA, has been constructed behind the facade to contain 28 flats of various sizes for renting to some of the people in

housing need on the SHA's 720-strong housing list.

Southside Housing Association's chairperson, Shahida Zafar told the Strathbungo News, "Our purpose is to provide good quality affordable housing to those in need and to work in partnership with the communities which we serve to build attractive neighbourhoods."

The SHA currently has only limited ownership of some of the surrounding shops but is hoping to purchase or lease more properties to help regenerate the area. A formal opening date is yet to be set but all 28 flats have already been let to people in housing need.

Straight From The Source

How often do you get an hour of someone's complete and undivided attention? How about an hour of attention devoted to easing your pain, relaxing you and making you feel worth every penny?

Louise at Strathbungo's newest business, Source Hair And Beauty, is hoping to make this hour of pampering a fixture in every resident's diary. From the minute you pop down the stairs into the soothing cream and chocolate salon, you start to feel the day's stresses slipping away.

There's an astonishing array of treatments to choose from, from preening to pampering hour-long massages and the ultimate indulgence - chocolate therapy without the calories. Better yet, if an hour of relaxation's not enough, how about arranging a girls' night

in with your choice of beauty packages?

Our hour-long session started with a brief chat, a foot soak and a choice of oils. The soothing music and cocooning atmosphere helps you drift away and afterwards I felt calmed and, for the first time in months, those aches and pains in my neck and shoulders had disappeared.

Why not use the offer below to try if for yourself and get ready for summer? The only problem is that, with such a short walk home from the Source, all this pampering could become addictive.

The Strathbungo News would like to apologise for printing an incorrect phone number for Source in the last issue

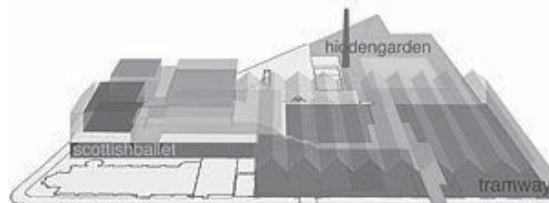


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Pirouetting onto Pollokshaws Rd

The Scottish Arts Council has awarded Scottish Ballet National Lottery funding to develop plans for its proposed new home at Tramway on Pollokshaws Rd.

Tramway is a unique building in the arts world and has served to regenerate and bring new business to the local area but controversy has begun to develop concerning the proposed modernist steel-and-glass building at the gateway to the conservation areas of Strathbungo and Pollokshields. The project is expected to cost around £9 million and work is due to commence in late 2006.

Malcolm Fraser Architects has been chosen to develop plans that involve demolishing the Victorian stable block next to the B-listed St Ninian's Church. The Edinburgh-based architects are known for their innovative arts buildings, most notably the award-winning Dance Base in Edinburgh. They're also developing the site of the old Gas Board and NTL building in Pollokshields into luxury flats.

The move to the Tramway was first mooted in 2003 and initial plans have developed significantly. Scottish Ballet hopes to increase the level of outreach activity the company can undertake in the local community and place Scottish Ballet at the heart of a dynamic international arts centre, right here in the Southside.

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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So, if you missed out on buying one (or more) at this year's Bungo in The Back Lanes, why not fill in and post this handy order form and never have to use a carrier bag again?



Send all orders to: Laura Jones, G/L 33 Nithsdale Rd, Glasgow G41 2AL Or call 0141 433 9238

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TALKBACK

The Strathbungo Society welcomes letters of up to 200 words - send them to Laura Jones, G/L 33 Nithsdale Rd, Glasgow G41 2AL or email letters@strathbungo.co.uk.

To the Editor,

The Oban Times newspaper which is published weekly has a small column in which it reports what the paper read like both 40 and 100 years ago. A recent report tells of a shinty Camanachd Cup semi-final match between Brae Lochaber and Kyles Athletic played at Strathbungo. Kyles went on to win 4 - 1.

Do you have any records of this and is there still a shinty field at Strathbungo? I live in Fort William and have a keen interest in shinty.

Many thanks

Jim Clark

Editor – Well, we're stumped! Do any residents know of a local shinty field, perhaps in Queens Park?

Our articles on Strathbungo's roads certainly got you talking, here are some of your responses:

I'd like to make some comments in response to the traffic-management issues raised in the Strathbungo News. Many of the suggestions in the newsletter seem to be aimed at making life easier for car-owning residents. Rather than parking on the pavement or stealing part of people's front gardens, how about restricting parking to one side of the street? We live in a city with fairly good public transport

links. It's perfectly possible to live without a car as I do. Moving around Strathbungo is very difficult for pedestrians and cyclists. It's not the hedges that are the problem: it's the cars.

L Forde

I read your article about the problem the narrow streets in Strathbungo pose to the fire service with interest. I cannot quite see the solution of widening the road happening, as this would mean a lot of hassle for homeowners. Who would pay for removal and reinstatement of the established hedging? What about the trees that would need to be removed?

To my mind it would be a good thing to improve the state of the back lanes so that cars could be parked in the designated areas at the back of the houses.

M Toth

I frequently walk with my children and dog in our streets and I really don't think it is necessary to impose a 20mph limit in this area as, generally, due to the narrowness of the streets, speeds are not excessive at all apart from the odd idiot who will not respect the limit anyway, no matter how many signs you put up. The visual impact of additional signs and road-calming devices would be appalling and would totally spoil the look and feel of our unique area. I really do not support this campaign at all.

While I agree that the lanes at present are used as rat runs, they have also been about our only means of escape from the neighbourhood at times with the chronic congestion on Pollokshaws Road, so any further restrictions would make life even more difficult.

Finally, I think the idea of losing land in the front gardens, which are already small, would bring road traffic unacceptably close to the houses. Were the lanes in a more acceptable state I suspect more people would use areas at the back to park.

K Legrand

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT Your View

The response forms in the last issue and additional information sent to us by residents has made for interesting reading. The results have been overwhelmingly in support of the Society's proposals:

20's Plenty: 76% support this scheme

Upgraded road signs: 86% support the scheme

Conservation lighting: 72% support the scheme

Painted parking bays on

Nithsdale Rd: 68% support the scheme

Improvements to junctions: 80% support the scheme

Moray Place one-way between 1-10: 80% support the scheme

Closure of some lanes: 64% support the scheme

We'll be consulting more widely on these issues at the AGM on the 5th June

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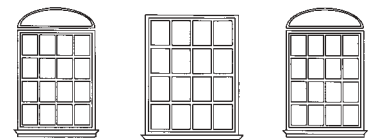
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