

We get by with a little help . . .

YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOUR FRIENDS

The Strathbungo Society has come a long way since the original group was set up to promote a small Conservation Area back in the early 1970s. Today, it takes in around 1,000 households between Nithsdale Street and Titwood Road, and while still committed to our fine architectural heritage, the Society's aims have also reached out to cover local amenities, environmental improvements, social events - in short, everything to do with living in one of Glasgow's most vibrant communities.

We are always grateful to those who volunteer to help out - and indeed, to those who turn up and support our events. Even so, not everybody has the time or opportunity to play an active role. That's why we've set up Friends of Strathbungo.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

As a Friend of Strathbungo, you agree to pay an annual subscription of £12 - just £1 a month - preferably by using the standing order mandate in this leaflet. You may decide to pay your subscription either once (£12) or twice (£6) a year or pledge a higher amount, if you wish.

If you live within the Society's boundaries, your Friends membership card will entitle you to vote at the Society's Annual General Meeting each June. If you live outside the area, you will receive the Strathbungo News by post, along with news of special events or offers.

Here's why we need all the Friends we can get

As a community-based charity, the Strathbungo Society represents local residents' viewpoints and interests to the powers that be, including government officials in planning, cleansing and environmental health, as well as the Police. We campaign for better local amenities, from shopping to transport to facilities at Queens Park. We also work to secure outside support and funding for major projects, such as back lanes renovation.

BUT IT'S NOT ALL JUST WORTHY ENDEAVOUR!

The Strathbungo Society brings local people together through a year-round calendar of events and communications:

- Strathbungo News, a regular round-up of local news, features and opinion
- Bungo at the Bells, the annual street party on Hogmanay
- Bungo in the Back Lanes, the mid-summer gala
- Ad hoc meetings in response to community issues - from election eve hustings to crime prevention workshops
- Occasional events such as coffee mornings, Hallowe'en parties, ceilidhs, heritage walks - *just for the fun of it!*

By becoming a Friend, you will help generate a reliable stream of income so we can continue.

COME ON - BE A FRIEND!

The Strathbungo Society needs your support. As a voluntary organisation, we rely entirely on public generosity and odd bits of fundraising to keep going. We believe we get every penny's worth of every £1 we spend, but it's always difficult to know where our next newsletter's coming from, for example, or to maintain the high standards we've set for community events.

By pledging just £1 a month, you can help make the difference. All you have to do is fill in the standing order mandate overleaf and send it to:

**The Strathbungo Society, c/o Lynne Flower, Treasurer
25 Regent Park Square, Glasgow G41 2AF**

THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR FRIEND!

Please complete both sections and return to the Strathbungo Society's Treasurer at the address above. The Society will retain the top section only and forward the mandate to your bank.

THESE DETAILS WILL NOT BE PASSED TO ANY THIRD PARTY.

Name _____

Address _____

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Tel: _____ Email _____

I want the charity to treat all donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations. [Tick Box]

"You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 28p for every £1 you give)."

Signature _____ Date _____

Notes

1. You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying the charity.
2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.
3. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
4. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity or refer to donations by individuals.
5. please notify the charity if you change your name or address.

Standing Order Mandate

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My Bank/Building Society _____ plc

Address _____

Post Code _____

Sort Code ____ - ____ - ____

MY ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name _____ Account Number _____

Please pay: Clydesdale Bank plc, Shawlands Branch, 21 Kilmarnock Rd, Glasgow G41 3YW

For the credit of

The Strathbungo Society Account No 90531396 Sort Code 82-64-27

For the sum of (tick appropriate box)

£12 now and thereafter every 52 weeks £ ____ now and thereafter every 52 weeks

£6 now and thereafter every 26 weeks £ ____ now and thereafter every 26 weeks.

PAYMENT PERIOD

From ____ / ____ / ____ until you receive further notice in writing from me.

Please cancel any other Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary named above.

Signature _____ Date _____

BANK USE ONLY

The Strathbungo Society Account No _____

Sort Code ____ - ____ - ____ Bank to Quote Ref No _____

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RETURNED TO SENDER



Kildrostan St Post Office will be closed in April.

After a six-week consultation, during which 1,300 people signed a petition against the closure, the Post Office became one of more than 20 to be closed in Glasgow this year. The Post Office has served the local community for more than a century. Sally Buchanan, the Post Office's Network Development Manager for Scotland stated, "These are difficult decisions which have not been taken lightly. We have considered very carefully all the comments made during the public consultation." Councillor David Meikle, who campaigned strongly against the closure, said, "This decision flies in the face of common sense and the evidence presented to them. It is a travesty for the local community and businesses in Pollokshields."

Only two of the offices proposed for closure were saved, both in the West End.



MONKEY BUSINESS

Residents across the Southside have been campaigning against an unusual business proposal for Pollok Park, recently voted the best park in Europe. Campaigners claim the plan will result in disruption, noise and vandalism and affect the quality of life for residents and local park users.

Glasgow City Council had been minded to grant planning consent for the development of a "high-wire adventure facility" in the woods of Pollok Park, to be operated by a company called Go Ape. Go Ape would receive a 21-year lease and in return provide a "forest adventure course of rope bridges, Tarzan swings and zip slides, all set high up in the tree tops." The adventure facility is planned for the North Wood, within sight of the Burrell Collection. Supporters said it would encourage children to be more active in the outdoors and give tourists another reason to visit the city and use the park. What began as a small campaign against the proposal, and critical of the consultation process undertaken, has gathered momentum with Nicola Sturgeon, the Maxwell family and the National Trust for Scotland adding their voice to the campaign against the introduction of this facility into the council-run park. The council has received 148 letters of support

for the proposal and 881 objections. Hundreds attended a vigil at the park in February and, due to their pressure, the planning committee decided to defer making a decision until a site visit and hearing on March 25th. As this newsletter went to press, the hearing was held and the Planning Applications Committee voted 14-6 in favour of the proposal. The application will now, however, be referred to MSPs for approval, as the Council has a financial interest in the application. Protestors are also looking at legal issues concerning the planning process. Councillor David Meikle was one of those who voted against the application and said, "I can see the benefits of a Go Ape facility but I, like thousands of people across Glasgow, feel very strongly that the North Wood of Pollok Country Park is an unsuitable location for what is proposed." **Keep up to date online at www.strathbungo.co.uk and www.savepollokpark.com**



BUNGO BABIES

New parent wanting an excuse to get out of the house? Join your neighbours at BUNGO Babies.

We meet on Mondays at 1pm at the Pollokshaws Rd entrance to Queens Park for a walk up to the Glasshouse followed by a well-deserved break.

If the thought of getting anywhere at a specific time is still a distant dream, just pop into the Glasshouse cafe any time between 1 and 3 and look for the BUNGO bags!

ALL WELCOME WITH CHILDREN OF ANY AGE

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Update: Round The Bend



Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council have decided not to pursue legal action against Glasgow City Council over the consultation process undertaken before granting planning permission for advertising hoardings to be placed on the Strathbungo roundabout.

As there is no further recourse for objections, we simply have to wait and see if, when and what advertising is placed on the site. Concerned residents simply have to watch this space!

SUSIE'S SWEET



Known to locals for years simply as Susie's, the rebranding of Nithsdale Road's Key Stores in 2003 saw the old name disappear but finally it's back! Key Stores' head office have finally issued knew signage, so our local corner shop can wear its name with pride!



BACK the BUNGO

Back by popular demand, you can now buy our fantastic **BUNGO T-SHIRTS**. Made from black cotton with the BUNGO logo on the front, the t-shirts are well-made. In fact, many from the last batch, purchased from the same supplier seven years ago, are still going strong.

They come in two sizes - L and XL - £10 each. Pre-order yours by telephone, online or writing to the editor.

The all-new **BUNGO BAGS** are also in stock. The more practical colour choice was a big hit at BUNGO In The Back Lanes. With long handles, the bags are sturdy and washable. Just call 0141 423 0182.

BUNGO bags cost £4 each, or you can purchase three for £10.

All proceeds go to the Strathbungo Society, registered charity number: SC038276.

So French... BISTRO SAINT GERMAIN

- deli
- wine shop
- creperie
- café
- bistro
- outside catering
- regular events
- wine tasting

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69 Nithsdale Street
Tel: 0141 423 0914



SOUTHSIDE FESTIVAL

It's been under discussion for years but finally 2008 will see the first Southside Festival taking place in June. The festival will include a parade, complete with floats, starting at Shawlands Academy and ending in Queens Park on June 28th.

In the future it's hoped the event will rival the West End Festival and encourage residents of the city to make the most of the Southside's green spaces in the summer. As June Bell of Glasgow City Council put it, "It is about establishing something the Southside can be proud of."

BUNGO Bash!

Thanks to everyone who turned out for this year's BUNGO At The Bells. We think it was the biggest and best yet. If you missed it, you can see a short film of the evening on the website but it doesn't quite do justice to the atmosphere! The Strathbungo Society would like to say a special thank you to the residents of Moray Place, especially at number 23, for hosting the event.

GET CREATIVE

@ BUSY BEES CRAFT STUDIO

- Ceramic painting
- Wood painting
- Fabric painting
- Birthday parties, courses & workshops



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The date has been chosen for this year's **BUNGO IN THE BACK LANES.**

So grab your diaries and make a note of **Saturday June 21st.**

However, Glasgow's best and biggest street party simply won't happen if we don't find more volunteers. Last year's event was attended by more than 1,000 people but was organised and run by only 15 (exhausted but elated) volunteers!

We've enlisted local scout groups to help us to sell raffle tickets this year - so be prepared for them to appear on your doorstep in the run-up to the big day - but what BUNGO really needs is YOU!

IN PARTICULAR WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Setting up and packing up gazebos and stalls on the day
- Manning stalls
- Collecting prizes
- Selling raffle tickets
- Distributing leaflets and posters

If you can spare even half an hour either on the day or beforehand and want to get involved, contact us via the website or call Joanna on 423 7756.

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