

# STRATHBUNGO NEWS



Summer 2011

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## AGM 2011

The date for this year's Strathbungo Society AGM is Tuesday 11th October, 7.30pm at Queens Park Church of Scotland, 170 Queens Drive.

Please come along as we look back on the year for the Society, plan events for the year ahead and elect new office bearers. It is only as a result of volunteers coming forward at the last meeting that the Society is able to put on events like Bungo In The Back Lanes and BUNGOfest so we'd love to see new faces as well as familiar ones.

The event is usually well-attended by our local councillors, so it's a great opportunity to express your views about the area and what you'd like to see changing over the coming year. All are welcome but you need to be a member of the Society to vote on motions. You can sign up on the door.

## BUNGOfest

The Strathbungo Society has teamed up with The Arches theatre to create a new one-day community event called BUNGOfest on Sat 8th October 2011.

The one-day festival will take the form of micro-performances in bars, cafes, shops and restaurants in the area, including: Cookie, Mulberry St, Moyra Jane's, Mise En Place, Tapa, Gusto & Relish, Shimla Pinks, Samuel Dow's and many more to be confirmed.

Performances, all by Southside artists, will include poetry, theatre, spoken word, kids' workshops, music and the Arches Community Choir, who will be roving from venue to venue singing choral versions of contemporary pop songs.

The Strathbungo Society ran a similar event (Get Off Yer Artz) on two occasions previously. New residents with experience in the arts and events offered at the last AGM to reinvigorate this idea. The aim is to give the whole community the opportunity to

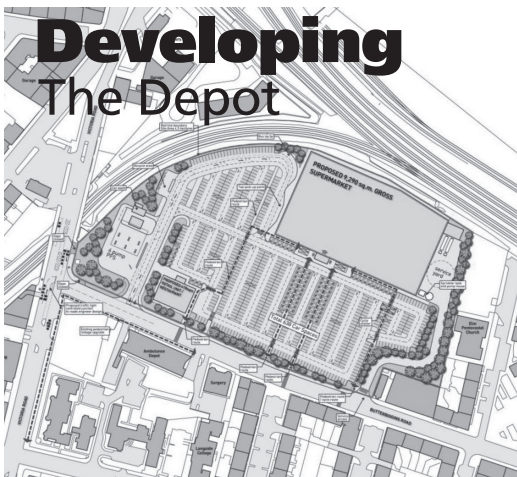
access artistic performances during a single day, free of charge, thanks to a grant from the Pollokshields Area Committee. We hope this will promote the arts and improve community spirit. The planned programme is diverse and should provide something for everyone. We'll be publishing more details on the bungoblog and our Facebook page before the event and will publish a programme available from Bungo information points on the day.

If you'd like to get involved, either as an artist or to help out on the day, do contact us via the bungoblog or come to the next committee meeting on Monday 19th September at Grianach at 7.30pm.

*Bungofest is supported by a grant from the Pollokshields Area Committee.*



## Developing The Depot



A planning application has been submitted to redevelop the site of the bus depot on Larkfield Road. The proposal for the site is smaller than previously envisaged and there are plans for a large supermarket, petrol station and cinema as well as some space set aside for community facilities.

Comments, objections and letter of support can be lodged with the council between now and November and the plans can be viewed at the Daisy Street community centre.

While the proposed site is not in the Strathbungo area, such a huge development nearby will affect residents here. Will it provide much needed jobs and save wasted travel to out-of-town shopping centres, or will it be the end of small, local retailers in the area? How do you feel about more disruption while the M74 extension works are still not finished nearby? Have your say on the bungoblog.



**Fantastic, sunny weather was the hallmark of last year's dry Bungo In The Back Lanes but for 2011 it seems bringing back the bar brought back the typical Glasgow summer weather. The worst of the storm held off and the neighbourhood battled on in their waterproofs and wellies to make the most of our shared outdoor space.**

We had new bands, a new bar, novice pipers, a new veggie cafe and all the quirky one-off stalls we expect to see – from kids offering people the chance to throw water bombs at them in cardboard cut-outs of bankers to a scalextric grand prix, fantastic home baking and unusual arts and crafts.

Thanks, as ever, to all who took the time to set up in your garden or lane and to Glasgow City Council and the Pollokshields Area Committee for providing grant funding.

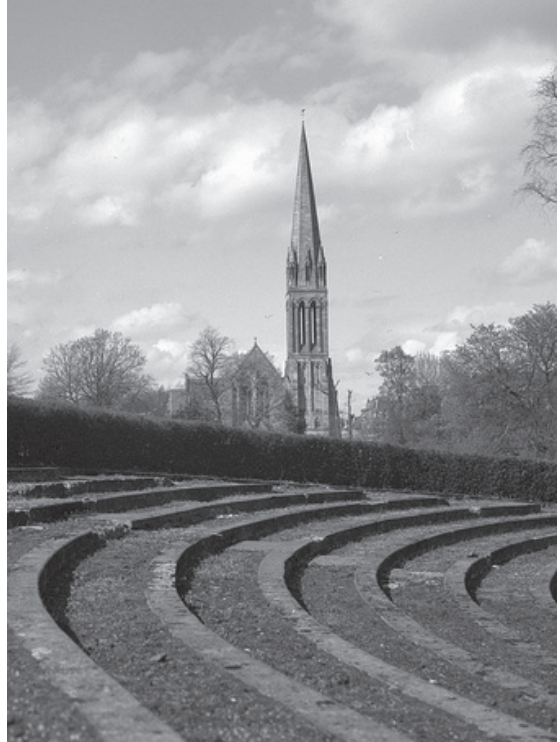
We're always looking for new helpers to put on events like these, so if you'd like to get involved contact us via the website, [www.bungoblog.com](http://www.bungoblog.com) or come along to the AGM on Monday 10th October. The Strathbungo Society offers thanks to all those who helped make this year's event extra special.

These include:

**Paris Balsillie**  
**Marie Brown At Home**  
**Zucchini**  
**Floral Haven**  
**Grianach**  
**Hair Garden**  
**Candylicious**  
**Rock'n'Rollers**  
**Titwood Bar**  
**Heraghty's**  
**Kelly's**  
**Mulberry St**  
**Lady Drawers**  
**Gusto and Relish**  
**Glasgow City Council**  
**Land Services**  
**La Roche Rumba**  
**Southside Happenings**  
 (the Superdry sweatshirt must be ironic)  
**Laura and Cathy at the kid's garden.**  
**Shimla Pinks**  
**Community Careline**  
**The Church on the Hill**  
**Catriona Craig**  
**Dean Queasy**  
**Heather's folkies**  
**St Andrews Ambulance Association**



## Queens Park Arena TAKES OFF



**The Strathbungo Society has now passed on the Glasgow City Council Landfill Tax Credits Scheme grant of £24429.15 to the Queens Park Arena phase one project.**

This will restore the tiered amphitheatre, provide the stage base and install power in the area. Ground stabilisation work is due to start in September, with phase one being complete in Spring 2012.

The original grant was made available to the Society a number of years ago for an attempt at resurfacing an area of the back lanes. However, quotes for the work ran into hundreds of thousands of pounds, making the work unviable, and we have been looking ever since for a project worthy of the money within the tight constraints placed by ENTRUST.

The decision to pass on funding to this project was taken at the last AGM after a consultation exercise at 2010's Bungo In The Back Lanes.

Scott Mackay, who is on the QPA committee, told the Society, "We would not have been able to lever the sorts of sums we have done this year from other sources if a community group like the Society had not agreed to make such a contribution. It has made the difference which will enable the project to actually happen."

The Strathbungo Society is keen to remain involved in the QPA project and will be sending a representative to the steering group's meetings over the coming months.





**Glasgow City Council has now launched managed weekly bin collections for all residents with wheeled bins who receive a kerbside refuse and recycling collection service (the Squares and Gardens in the main but not most of the tenement flats). Those affected should have received a letter confirming this. All other properties will not be affected by the following changes.**

**Green Bin**

Your green bin will now be emptied every two weeks.

**Blue Bin**

For the first time, you will now be able to put cardboard and card packaging into your blue recycling bin and Glasgow City Council will now empty it every two weeks.

**Purple Bin**

You can recycle glass using your purple bin which will be emptied every four weeks.

**Brown Bin**

Your brown garden waste bin will be emptied every two weeks from March to November, with a collection of real Christmas trees in January.

If you do not already have a blue, brown or purple bin and would like one, please phone the Customer Care Centre on 0141 287 9700.

**Recycling centres**

Not everything can be recycled through kerbside collections. Other items that can't be sorted at home can still be taken to Glasgow's recycling centres at:

- Polmadie - 425 Polmadie Road, G42 0PJ
- Dawsholm - 75 Dalsholm Road, G20 0TB
- Shieldhall - Renfrew Road, G51 4SD
- Queenslie - 90 Easter Queenslie Road, G33 4UL

The new Polmadie Recycling Centre opened on 20th July. It operates from 8:00 am to 7:45 pm (last entry), 7 days a week. It is a full-service centre and accepts every type of waste that the City of Glasgow collects, including:

- car and household batteries
- cardboard
- cooking and engine oil
- large electrical items, including TVs, monitors, and appliances
- fridges and freezers
- furniture
- garden waste
- rubble
- scrap metal
- tetra packs
- textiles
- white goods (sinks, bathtubs, toilets)
- wood
- gas bottles

They ask that you sort your recycling before taking it to the centre and that you place the items directly into the skips without any bags or other materials. You can also bring glass, plastic, paper, and usual household waste to the centre.

There is a 1.8m height restriction at the entrance. Commercial waste is not accepted, as it is chargeable. It can be disposed of at a Waste Transfer Station or collected by a Waste Contractor. Tyres are not accepted. They need to be

left with the mechanic that changes them.

Normally, there is no charge for dropping off recycling at the Polmadie Centre or any of the other city recycling centres. However, if you take more than one car or trailer load in a single day, there may be a charge. They may also charge for or refuse waste dropped off in commercial vehicles. Details can be found at the Weighbridge Procedures webpage on the GCC website: <http://tinyurl.com/3pc5dzh>.

Disposal of confidential waste or asbestos requires an appointment. Contact the Council Customer Care Centre at 0141 287 9700 for further information. The Council Customer Care+Centre also handles bulk uplifts, general street sweeping, litter complaints, blue/brown bins, and green/black boxes, so keep that number handy!



Tickets are now on sale for The Moira Fund Autumn Ball. This is the second fundraising autumn ball for The Moira Fund, a charity established in the memory of business-woman Moira Jones who was murdered in Queens Park three years ago. The event will be held on 1st October at Glasgow University Union and will be hosted by the charity's patron, Elaine C Smith.

The Moira Fund is a grant-making charity working with victims of crime to identify and provide for some of the needs of those in distress which would not otherwise be addressed.

Guests will be treated to a "bubbly" reception at 7pm, a delicious three-course meal and fundraising activities including a Thomson Holiday Prize Draw and Grand Auction before dancing the night away to a live band.

Tickets are £40 each. Find out more at the website [www.themoirafund.org.uk](http://www.themoirafund.org.uk).

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# THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED



As the newsletter went to press, Regent Park Square was being resurfaced to repair the damage exacerbated by the last two hard winters. Queen Square and Moray Place are also due for repair shortly.

The work also provided a rare opportunity to see some of our streets as they once would have been – car-free! Just hours after that photo was taken, a car was abandoned and torched at almost the same spot, beside the pedestrian railway bridge at the corner of Moray Place and Regent Park Square.

A fire engine quickly put out the blaze and the police were on the scene in minutes. No-one was reported to be hurt in the incident and it is unclear whether other vehicles were damaged either from the fire or as a result of the car driving the wrong way down Regent Park Square.

It is thought the car may have been fleeing the scene after an attempted security van robbery at the Santander bank on Victoria Road.

If anyone has any information about the driver of the car or any passengers, please do contact the police.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **17th September:** Queens Park Farmers' Market. Also on 1st and 15th October.
- **17 and 18th September 2011:** Doors Open Day. Walks, talks, seminars, and exhibitions in addition to more than 100 fabulous buildings being open to visitors for free. Local openings and events include: Scottish Ballet, New Victoria Gardens Allotments, Govanhill Baths, The Hidden Gardens and Tramway, Pollokshields Church of Scotland, Queens Park Allotments and Heritage Trail. *Please note, 1 Moray Place is taking a well-earned year off in 2011.*
- **19th September:** Strathbungo Society meeting. It's the last one before BungoFest and the AGM. Do come along if you can, 7.30pm, Grianach on Nithsdale Rd.
- **1st October:** Moira Fund Autumn Ball.
- **8th October:** Bungo Fest, 11am-7pm (TBC) throughout the Bungo!
- **10th October:** Bungo AGM, 170 Queens Drive, 7.30pm. Tea, coffee, debate and discussion with your neighbours and city councillors.
- **31st December:** Bungo At The Bells!

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## Hedge Fund



Autumn must be on its way as the Society has now begun its regular round of hedge cutting. For the last few years the Society has offered to cut back overgrown hedges in the neighbourhood to keep the pavements passable and the architecture visible. If your hedge is getting out of hand, please call us on 433 9238 and we'll add you to the list. All we ask in return is a donation to the Strathbungo Society.

The hedge-cutting team is currently only one man and the task is weather dependent. We can also provide hedge trimmers if you'd like to cut your hedge yourself and we would welcome extra volunteers for hedge-cutting duties.