

STRATHBUNGO New Year



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Bungo at the Bells

D. Miller

The first time I visited Scotland with my future husband, he took me to Edinburgh's Hogmanay street party. When we moved to Strathbungo a couple of years ago, I was thrilled to learn that there's a local street party right here on the south side to help ring in the new year: Bungo at the Bells. Now, I wouldn't like to be anywhere else for New Year's Eve.

Bungo at the Bells has festive food, drink and people of all ages. Sometimes we're joined by musicians or performers (come one, come all!) And, it always seems to end with a friendly, yet not entirely sober debate on politics or culture. In my opinion, nothing could be better!

As ever, it would be much appreciated if residents who live close to the event could avoid parking their cars there overnight. This not only creates more room for the revellers, but also prevents any accidental damage to vehicles.

Bungo at the Bells 2012

11:30 Procession from Nithsdale Road / Moray Place and Vennard Gardens / Moray Place. Bring an instrument or noisemaker!

11:45 Party outside 53 Queen Square and 18 Moray Place



Bungo at the Bells photo: D. Miller, 2011

No Bungo in the Back Lanes!?

The Strathbungo Society is seriously short on volunteers for next year's Bungo in the Back Lanes. A few people stepped up at the AGM (thanks!), but we still have spots we need to fill.

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2013 Art Competition

The theme of this year's Young People's Art Competition is 'People In Strathbungo.' Please refer to the Bungo Blog for entry forms and deadlines.

AGM Retrospective

L. Moodie

This year's Strathbungo Society Annual General Meeting was well attended and full of great ideas for the neighbourhood and for the Strathbungo Society. There was even a bit of drama, thanks to the debate about the Marywood Square backpacker's hostel planning submission (full story on the Bungo Blog).

Helping Hands

Want to get involved but don't want to be part of the Bungo In The Back Lanes team? Some great ideas were put forward at the AGM. We'd love to get started on these but think they will be best achieved using small teams of enthusiasts. So if any of the following issues inspire you, get in touch and we'll get teams of people together to look into them:

- Strathbungo Tree Survey – Researching the trees in the area, perhaps commissioning an arboricultural report; creating information on tree maintenance for residents to be published online

and in the newsletter.

- Nithsdale Methodist Hall – Looking into the feasibility of saving this building (it's on the at risk register); liaising with the Council, building preservation and heritage trusts for community purchase; consulting with residents; funding a feasibility study for restoring the building and putting it to good use.
- Friends and fundraising – reinvigorating our Friends of Strathbungo scheme to encourage more regular donors, creating updated literature and looking

into alternative funding streams.

- Nithsdale regeneration - Improve the gateway to the conservation area at the roundabout, Nithsdale Road, Moray Place, Nithsdale Street and Nithsdale Drive; consult with residents, the council and businesses, looking into funding and design options.

To get involved, e-mail

chair@strathbungo.co.uk

with the issue you're interested in as the subject line, and we'll put like-minded volunteers in touch.



The Strathbungo Society AGM

photo: D. Miller, 2012



The Quarterly Bin Brief

L. Moodie

(with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the flat
Not a creature was stirring, not even the cat.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the street there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a broken washing machine left by whom, I've no idea!

Ah, yes, the Christmas Of The Washing Machine. Our first Christmas in a flat large enough to invite guests over. After much persuading and waxing lyrical about our lovely conservation area, and a massive tidying effort on our part, it was with exasperation that I discovered this particularly thoughtless Christmas gift which remained on the street outside our window until well into the New Year.

We all know that we'll be throwing out our recycling more than usual at this time of year but, please, don't be your neighbour's Grinch!

Polmadie is open from 8am-8pm every day except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. So if you are fortunate enough to have access to a car and be in good health, please take your unwanted items here, rather than relying on the patchy bulk uplift service.

Over the festive period, blue and purple bins will be picked up on Boxing Day, green and brown bins on 2nd January.

If you need to use the bulk uplift service, bear in mind it is unlikely to operate normally during the festive season. Call 0141 287 9700 and arrange a time with them. Some items may incur a charge. No items should be left on pavements - it is fly-tipping and they will not be picked up.

Save Our Street Party!

L. Moodie

Bungo In The Back Lanes: bohemian, quirky, fun and unique. It's an event the Strathbungo Society has been running for nearly 15 years. It's got bigger and more popular, but retains a unique atmosphere of neighbourliness and spontaneity that endears it to everyone who attends.

A highlight of the calendar for residents and visitors, it can attract thousands. Over recent years the small-scale, casual vibe has disguised the amount of volunteer effort needed to put on an event of this size.

The Society committee doesn't have enough volunteers to safely run the event, so it's over to you. Planning starts now, and we need a new sub-committee of at least eight volunteers to help get it off the ground.

The Society can provide 15 years' worth of information, experience and guidance, but we do need new people to

help us organise the following:

- Funding – working with the treasurer to apply for grant funding and seek sponsorship.
- Media – co-ordinating posters, press releases, and online information.
- Licensing – liaising with Mulberry St. and Glasgow City Council to secure a licence for our beer gardens.
- Safety – working with police, fire and environmental health officers before the event and with St. Andrew's Ambulance during it.
- Volunteers – Finding and organising volunteer teams of stewards and stallholders on the day.
- Children's Garden – a volunteer host and organiser for activities aimed at children on the day.
- Logistics – booking hired equipment and arranging delivery, getting gazebos, hi-vis vests and PA systems, etc., to the right people at the right time.
- Community – building relationships and finding spaces for stall holders and

local businesses.

You don't need experience to get involved, but you do need enthusiasm and a little spare time, particularly in late May and June.

The Provisional Date for Bungo In The Back Lanes 2013, should a committee be formed, is SATURDAY 22ND JUNE.

If you would like to get involved, e-mail chair@strathbungo.co.uk, with Back Lanes Volunteer in the subject line, by JANUARY 15TH 2013.

A decision will be taken at the January Committee Meeting as to whether we have enough volunteers to proceed.

A Big Thanks once again to everyone who contributed to Bungo in the Back Lanes 2012: the city council, local businesses and individuals who helped with donations and gave their time to get the bungo up and running.

Brighter

L. Moodie



Bungo Wins Award

Great news: the Strathbungo's Brighter Bungo campaign has been awarded a 2012 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award of 5: Outstanding! The awards, run by the RHS and Beautiful Scotland, recognise community efforts to improve green spaces.

They were really impressed by the numbers of volunteers at our regular clean-up days, the community planting sessions, the hedge cutting service and general attempts to keep a challenging urban neighbourhood clean, green and welcoming.

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone involved, especially our Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteer, Laura Hudson Mackay, who works closely with the council to get each event going.

Mark Your Calendar

- Brighter Bungo Clean-up
- Sunday, January 20th
- 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- Corner of Nithsdale & Moray Place

The Young Reporters Series

Under the guidance of Lara Bradley, English teacher at Hutchesons' Grammar School, students at the secondary school will be contributing articles to the Strathbungo Society newsletter. The theme for now is 'stories about area businesses.' Students from other areas schools are also invited to submit stories. E-mail me (Dee Miller) at news@strathbungo.co.uk if you're a student and you want to write an article, or if you're a teacher and you would like to work with us.

Iain Manuel's Gusto and Relish

O.F. McCann (S2 pupil from Hutchesons' Grammar School)

Gusto and Relish opened in 2008. I asked Iain what led him to open up the café. Surprisingly, he told me that originally he wanted to open a delicatessen specialising in sausages, 'a sort of sausage shop,' he said. Unfortunately, local people were used to that site being a café and were not particularly interested in a delicatessen specialising in sausages, so since the local people wanted a café, he opened one!

Iain prides himself in being very much a 'local business' providing his customers with fresh, homemade food for breakfast, brunch and lunch. He also caters for events and buffets, changing his menus with the seasons using local produce and meat from local suppliers. He likes to cater for as many tastes as possible including vegetarian people and those who require gluten-free meals, also.

Although Iain provides plenty of salads, sandwiches and soups made fresh every

day, he is also aware that people don't want to be 'health conscious' all the time. As he says: 'if people are coming out to eat, they often want a treat. After all, they can always eat healthily at home.' This is why Gusto and Relish also has plenty of wonderful home-baking on offer.

Iain's success is a testament to a family run business serving their customers with real 'gusto and relish'.

Gusto and Relish is located at 729-731 Pollokshaws Road.

Then and Now

The only way to identify where the older picture was taken is to look at the edge of the building on the far right of the photo. That's the red sandstone tenement at 697

Pollokshaws Road, where the charity shop is now. It was built in 1895. The tenements to the north of it on Pollokshaws Road were built in the early 20th century.



1898 (APPROX.)



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Easy Fundraising

L. Moodie

We were inspired by comments at the AGM to think more creatively about fundraising. The first step we've taken is to register The Strathbungo Society with Easy Fundraising.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/strathbungosociety

If you shop online, simply click through the site to shop at thousands of different retailers. When you make a purchase, and a donation will be made to the Society.

The money has already started coming in, thanks to the pre-Christmas rush, and while the amounts in each shop are small, they soon add up.

Using easyfundraising as a jump-off point for your holiday shopping doesn't cost you any extra money, but every time you do it, you're giving a small gift to the Strathbungo Society.

Proposed Backpacker's Hostel

D. Miller

More than 80 local residents have sent letters to the city council with concerns about a planning application requesting a 'change in use' to allow for a backpacker's hostel on Marywood Square. The house in question is presently approved for use as offices.

This proposed new high density residential use is raising red flags among Strathbungo residents who remember the problems with crime brought about a few years ago by the Queen's Park Hotel.

Returning Strathbungo's houses to medium density residential use is in keeping with the neighbourhood's status as a conservation area. Most residents are not comfortable with a move back toward higher density housing.

Thanks to community action, including the support of both our city councillors, the planning application is being passed to the Planning Committee rather than being decided by a single planner.

Losing our Free Bank Machine?

D. Miller

In a stunning display of choosing the wrong time to strictly enforce conservation area requirements, the city council seems poised to remove our beloved free ATM, installed outside SAS Store, near the Nithsdale bus stop. It's a convenient and well lighted location, and the bank machine is heavily used.

Apparently, the owner of the ATM did not apply for planning permission before installing it. After realising his mistake, he applied for permission retroactively. Unfortunately, it was denied, and he appealed. The appeal has failed.

Since the ATM is installed in a former window, it is doing no harm to the building. Its appearance is in keeping with the general character of Pollokshaws Road's commercial strip.

This ruling really seems to go against the interests of both local businesses and residents.

Adverts and Articles

D. Miller



Last issue, I talked a bit about having a variety of people contribute to the newsletter, and I also included information on paid advertising rates. What I neglected to include were submission deadlines. So, there's a box below with the deadlines for next year's newsletters, for both potential contributors and advertisers.

I've been thrilled to have other people in the neighbourhood contribute articles to this year's newsletters. This issue, we've even got a student journalist from Hutchsons Grammar School, and it would be great if students from other area schools contributed in the future, too! (just e-mail me at news@strathbungo.co.uk if you're interested.) Whether the articles are about Strathbungo Society events, neighbourhood issues, neighbourhood history, or neighbourhood businesses, it's good to have a variety of voices.

When it comes to contributions to the newsletter, there's sometimes a fine line between stories and promotion. We welcome stories about businesses - especially small businesses - around Strathbungo. Many businesses have interesting histories and interesting people behind them.

Stories about businesses can also be good advertising, and that's fine. How-

ever, advertising is not the same thing as a story. So, if you or a friend have a business and you want to write a story about it for the newsletter, we'll publish it if it's entertaining or educational. Local people and their work are worth writing about. However, if it's mostly just promotion, then it should be paid for and presented as an advert.

Our paid advertising is intended to offset the cost of designing and printing the newsletter. Of course, the Strathbungo Society's Bungoblog is a great place to post community-related messages for free!

www.bungoblog.com

Submission Deadlines for Adverts and Articles

Sunday, March 24th

Spring Issue, to be delivered in the first half of April.

Sunday, June 23rd

Summer Issue, to be delivered in the first half of July.

Sunday, August 25th

Autumn Issue, to be delivered in the first half of September.

Sunday, November 24th

Winter Issue, to be delivered in the first half of December.

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The Strathbungo Society is a not-for-profit community organisation operated and supported entirely by volunteers.

The Strathbungo Society seeks to support the well being of neighbourhood residents and businesses through community events and through providing space for communication and community involvement. We also want to spread appreciation for and knowledge about our lovely old buildings (terraces and tenements, listed and not) and our neighbourhood's rich history.



Submitting an Advert

- £1.25 per square centimetre for local businesses, local residents and non-profits
- £2.50 per square centimetre for others
- File formats: jpeg, png, gif, tiff or pdf
- Resolution: 300 dpi is best
- Send to: news@strathbungo.co.uk
- If you require design or layout services, we can provide them for an additional 25% charge. That's just £5 on a £20 advert.

Planned for the next issue

- 2013's Children and Young People's Art Competition and Spring Fling.
- Bungo at the Bells 2012-2013 pictures!
- Our Bradford's Bakery (on Torrisdale) is the chain's oldest location. Find out more.
- Introducing our new columnist: 'The Grumpy Pensioner'
- The other Thomson: James Thomson and Strathbungo's Linen Bank Building

- A new series on our neighbours' work, starting with Nikki Cameron and her sleep workshops
- Your article?

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