

Strathbungo News

The Strathbungo Society

A Quarterly Newsletter

September, 2013

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BungoBirl!

The Strathbungo Society is holding a family fundraising ceilidh in November at Queen's Park Bowling club, the white building across Langside Drive from the Queen's Park tennis courts.

The Cosmic Ceilidh band will be providing live music for the BungoBirl. They're a well known and innovative local group with a lineup that includes guitar, bass, fiddle, drums and harp. You can find their music on MySpace and on their website at www.cosmicceilidhband.com.

Tickets for the ceilidh will be £10 each or £25 for a family. Neighbourhood volunteers will be providing some free food, and there will be a cash bar available at the venue. It's going to be a fantastic night out that won't break the bank. Come along, eat, dance and meet the

Queen's Park Bowling Club

6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, 23rd November

tickets: bungobirl@outlook.com

neighbours! E-mail bungobirl@outlook.com for tickets or send a letter to the editor at the address on the back page of the newsletter, and it will be forwarded on.

There will be a raffle at the ceilidh, with tickets sold at the event. So far, the prizes include a weekend at a cottage in Argyll and a piano lesson with a local jazz pianist. The Ceilidh organisers are still looking for prizes, so if you would like to donate something, including a skill or service, please let them know.

Alison Hunter, Paola Rezzilli and Allison Hussain have organised the ceilidh and raffle. Thank you so much.



The Cosmic Ceilidh Band

Photo: MH

Strathbungo Society Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Strathbungo Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 24 October.

The Strathbungo Society is a non-profit, volunteer organisation that plans community events, maintains a blog and Facebook page and publishes this newsletter.

Top Issues at the AGM

The final agenda is not yet in place, but planning applications, opportunities related to the Commonwealth Games and footbridge preservation are very likely to be discussed. Bring your ideas and your opinions to the AGM. After all, it's in a pub. That makes it better than most meetings.

The Bungo (basement)

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 24th October

Brighter Bungo

BM

We will be donning gloves and high visibility vests to once again battle litter in the lanes of Strathbungo. CHARGE!

Yes, it is time for the next Brighter Bungo community cleanup. We'll be at the corner of:

Nithsdale Road & Moray Place

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday 15th September

Please come along any time and we will provide gloves, litter pickers, black bags and high visibility vests. Any time you can spare to help will be very much appreciated.

Afterwards, Locavore will be providing free hot drinks for the volunteers.

Our last cleanup in May and was a great success. More than 20 people came out and left the lanes looking great. Thanks to everyone who took the time to come along.

One concern that has been expressed recently is about dog fouling incidents in the lanes. For safety reasons, we cannot tackle this

problem as part of Brighter Bungo, but it is something we can work with Glasgow Council to address. If anyone has any information on dog foulers or any parts of the lanes where it is particularly bad, please pass the information onto me at brighterbungo@strathbungo.co.uk and I will forward it to their Community Safety team.



Where On Earth?

AD

The photograph below comes from a rare book, *Strathbungo and its Kirk*, published for the church's centenary in 1933. By chance two copies recently surfaced, providing further insight into Strathbungo's history.



Marchtown Church, Strathbungo, 1880s

A mission was established in Strathbungo by Govan Parish in 1833, probably meeting in the school house, and by 1838 enough funds had been raised to build a church. Land was purchased from Hutchesons' Hospital, and the church was constructed in 1839-40 to a design by Glasgow architect Charles Wilson (Gartnavel Royal Hospital, Park Circus) for about £1300. The first permanent minister, Rev Alexander Sutherland, was appointed on 6th July 1848.

The church was damaged during a storm in 1856, requiring significant repairs. A greater

storm arose in 1868, when congregation members' suggestion that it was time for the ageing Rev Sutherland to step aside were rebuffed. Joining with residents of the growing Crosshill, they formed the Queen's Park Congregation and constructed a new church in Queen's Drive in 1873. (Queens Park Established Church, later Crosshill Queens Park Church, 40 Queens Drive, now flats).

The situation was belatedly resolved when Rev Sutherland died in November 1875 at the age of 81. His assistant Alexander Clark was promoted to minister, but lasted only one week before being appointed to Wick, possibly setting a record for the shortest ministry in the history of the Church of Scotland. The disillusioned congregation had shrunk to 60 by July 1876 when the 30 year old Robert McMillan took over.

Improvements were made to the building, services modernised, and a harmonium was introduced. The residents of the new Regents Park development (today's conservation area) were assigned to the new Queens Park Church in 1875, but as the Church recovered, Strathbungo became a Parish in its own right. On 13th January 1879, a parish was established extending from Eglinton Toll to Crossmyloof Station east of the railway line, as far as Victoria Road to the east. Regents Park was promptly allocated back to the Strathbungo Church.

Plans developed for a new church, but were hampered by the loss of funds with the crash of the City of Glasgow Bank. (The next bank to crash so spectacularly was Northern Rock, although unlike in Glasgow, the directors were not sent to prison!)

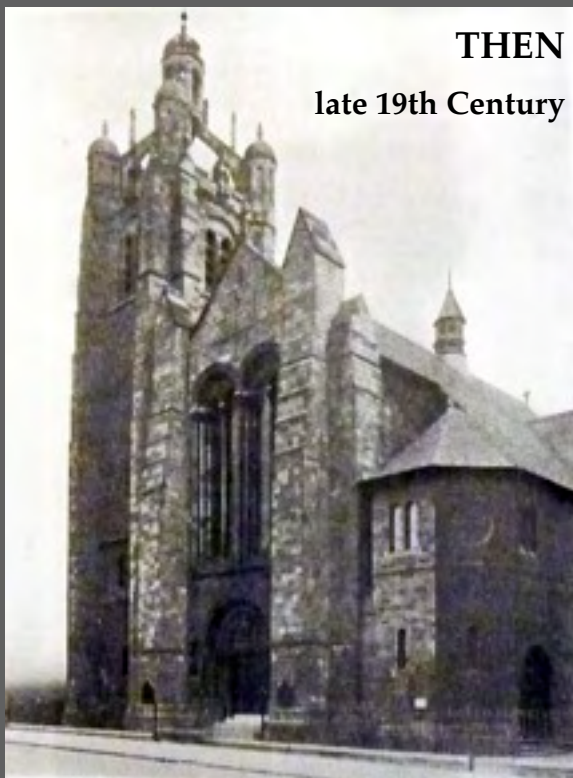
In 1883, the congregation decided to move temporarily to the Coplaw Street Drill Hall (still standing, now flats) for their services while the new church was constructed. It was designed by the firm of McKissack and Rowan - John McKissack being a member of the congregation - and could seat a thousand people. The foundation and memorial stone was laid in 1887 by Sir John Neilson Cuthbertson, chairman of the Glasgow School Board. It contained a set of Queen Victoria silver jubilee coins amongst other artifacts. The new church opened on 7th October 1888, having reused stonework, iron railings, and windows from the old church.

The second Strathbungo Parish Church finally closed in 1979, and the congregations of Strathbungo and Queens Park West were merged as Strathbungo Queens Park. The church's war memorials are preserved in Queens Park Church at 170 Queens Drive. The church then served briefly as a school for young Asian women, but began to fall into disrepair. In 2006, the church was demolished, preserving only the frontage and tower, and converted into social housing at a cost of £2.2m. The memorial stone should be visible in the northern angle of the tower 20ft up, but I can't find it. One wonders if the 2006 builders found the buried treasures or if they are still there.

A copy of the Strathbungo and its Kirk will appear on the BungoBlog shortly. Thanks to Ian Goudie and Andrew Greg for their assistance. The three of us have formed a fledgling historical group and would welcome anyone who wishes to help us with our digging around local history.

Andrew Downie, adownie@doctors.org.uk

THEN AND NOW New Strathbungo Kirk



THEN
late 19th Century

Photo: unknown, around 1890



NOW
2013

Photo: DM, 2013

Lovestruck Gourmet Cheesecake Cafe

DM

When *Candylicious*, on the east side of Pollokshaws Road, closed, Strathbungo lost a little of its sweetness. Now, Lovestruck is bringing it back.

Chris Pech, a Toronto-born artist and patissier, is opening a new coffee and cheesecake shop in Strathbungo. He's already supplying gourmet cheesecake to restaurants like Oko Express. Closer to home, Buddy's and the Glad Cafe have both featured Chris's cheesecakes.

Chris and his partners Steven Vass and Francesc Folguera are working hard to create a well designed, comfortable and community-oriented cafe. The Lovestruck will feature Chris's lovely wee cheesecakes and fresh, locally roasted Dear Green Coffee. Lovestruck will have original art on the walls and will double as a gallery, and the art always be sold at a reasonable cost. Finally, it will be an acoustic music venue where you might occasionally hear a singer-songwriter or a small classical or jazz group in the early evening.



Spicy chocolate, lemon-rosemary, raspberry Photo: DM

Local Food: a Growing Trend

DM

Lovestruck and Buddy's are the latest in a series of creative new food-related businesses that have been establishing themselves in and around Strathbungo. It seems that we have the right combination of open shopfronts, reasonable rents and pent up demand to attract some pretty exciting new ventures. Almost all of these new businesses have a commitment to local ingredients, and existing neighbourhood businesses like Gusto, the Glad, Cookie and Little Botanica have a commitment to local food, too.

Butchers' shops, bakeries, green grocers' and other old-fashioned specialised food businesses have hung on for longer on Glasgow's south side than they have in most places, and many of them are healthy and

Buddy's To Open New, Meatier Strathbungo Location

DM

Buddy's BBQ & Burgers have been lining them out the door at their small takeout on Skirving Street in Shawlands. Now, a bigger Buddy's is getting ready to open in Strathbungo.

Buddy's has been a real success story. It opened in November 2012 and almost immediately became wildly popular. Rumour has it that there are often lines out the door for their decadent burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken wings and BBQ ribs.

They've got their own smoker for slow-cooking meat, and that's always a good sign. The word on the street in Strathbungo is that their food is a carnivore's dream.

Buddy's even has a secret menu featuring giant burgers packed with unusual ingredients: the Bubba and the Duke. The Bubba has two quarter pound burger patties, American cheese, coleslaw and pulled pork. The Duke has two patties, cheese, bacon, onion rings, barbecue sauce and pulled pork. With both burgers, you've got to know about them to order them.

Buddy's tiny Shawlands shopfront just isn't big enough to keep up with demand, so they're opening a second location in Strathbungo. Buddy's Bar Diner Grill will be on the east side of Pollokshaws Road between Torrisdale Street and Alison Street, in the storefront previously occupied by Kebabish Original.

What are their plans for their new Strathbungo location? Chris, the founder of Buddy's, says,

"We can't wait to open in Strathbungo. When customers walk in the front door they will be greeted by a modern take on the classic 1950s style American diner, complete with digital jukebox and comfy booths. In the middle is the bar, which will serve up American craft brews and cocktails on one side, and ice cream and milkshakes on the other. Beyond the bar a few steps will lead you into the restaurant proper, where our guests can enjoy a greatly extended menu."

"We love our wee Skirving Street location, but the lack of kitchen space has been holding us back in terms of the food we can create. Buddy's Bar Diner Grill has ample room to accommodate our new American-built smokers, allowing us to offer a full menu of hickory and mesquite smoked barbecue delights to rival anywhere in the Deep South. Then we have the burgers and wings - our compact menu of four burgers will increase to a selection of a dozen, and the same for the chicken wings. We'll be offering hearty American breakfasts on weekends too. If you don't fancy a meal then feel free to stop in for a craft brew or an after dinner treat from our dessert bar."



The Duke.

Photo: Buddy's

successful and will doubtless be with us for decades to come. However, as some of the traditional businesses finally, sadly fade away, it's good to know that it won't only be mini-supermarkets taking their places.

Bradford's Bakery was a neighbourhood staple for almost 100 years. It started out in the area, it developed into a city-wide chain and now it's gone. Entrepreneurs like Chris of Lovestruck and Anna and Sam of Bakery47 are stepping in to fill the gap by providing freshly baked goods and sweets of the highest quality to southside residents.

Bakery47 is just starting out, and it has no storefront as of yet. Their substantial, wholegrain breads and artisan cakes and tarts



New Victoria Gardens spread

Photo: Bakery47

are truly outstanding. Their Crossmyloaf, available at the Glad Cafe, confirms the superiority of pun-based foods, while the wholegrain bread they bake for Locavore is a wonderful staple. Bakery47 uses locally sourced food whenever possible. In fact, some of their ingredients come from neighbourhood gardens and allotments.

Hopefully, the traditional butchers' shops and fishmongers that remain will adjust their hours for two-income couples and label their wares more clearly so they, too, can profit from the move back to locally sourced food.

Aside from issues of environmental stewardship and food quality, these small businesses preserve traditional trades and provide shop owners with independence and control over their work. Supermarkets turn butchers and bakers, traditionally creative small entrepreneurs, into employees. These new local food businesses represent a move back to both local food and meaningful work.



Photo: DM



Photo: AH



Photo: TM

2013's Bungo in the Back Lanes

It went really well and we're chuffed.

This year's Bungo in the Backlanes fell on a beautiful, mostly-sunny Saturday afternoon in late June. All of the lanes and many of the gardens were busy and crowded with tables, gazebos, activities, entertainment, food and drink.

People came from all over Glasgow to enjoy the beauty and timelessness of Strathbungo's back lanes. You know the scene: sandstone, cobblestones, red brick, flowers, vines, songbirds and even a picturesque snail or two. The lanes can be lovely, and they're well worth a yearly cleanup and show-off.

Children wandered around with balloons and painted animal faces, looking at gently used toys and lining up for the activities at the children's garden. Visitors and neighbours enjoyed the activities, items and food on offer.

Residents, of course, made the day by setting out so many interesting and varied stalls: arts and crafts, clothes, fine arts, bric-a-brac, cards, home baking, books, tasty treats, all manner of music and films on CD or DVD, plants, giftware, jewellery, toys and games, breads and tea gardens. In short, there was something for everyone! It was great to see so many Vennard Lane residents participate this year. A show garden, curry-in-a-cup and

some terrific artwork were just part of what was on offer in the newly added laneway.

The back lanes were crowded with people for most of the afternoon. Artists, vendors and community residents have said that it was one of the most successful events since the annual tradition started in the year 2000.

Pictures Or it Didn't Happen

In the past couple of years, Strathbungo Society members have been too busy with volunteer work to take pictures at Bungo in the Back Lanes. This year, we made an effort to take pictures and all of that changed. Now, thanks to Andrew Downey, Allison Hussain, Teresa Mooney and Deidre Miller, you can relive the fun of 2013's Bungo in the Backlanes through the magic of the web. There are several sets of pictures on the Strathbungo Flickr group at www.flickr.com/groups/strathbungo, in addition to the ones printed here.

Thank You, Volunteers and Neighbourhood Residents!

Neighbourhood volunteers stepped up once again and got the beer tent and Strathbungo Society gazebos erected and knocked down, ran the Society stalls, provided health and safety support and organised and supervised the event.

The dedication, imagination and energy of the event organisers cannot be overstated. What a great job! Alison Hunter, Allison Hussain,

Teresa Moony, Laura Moodie and Stephen Rees were especially active in organising Bungo in the Backlanes this year, but many other people in the neighbourhood helped out, as well.

Thanks to Stuart at Mulberry Street, who once again did a fantastic job of organising and running the beer garden; it's always a huge hit.

Thanks to all those who kindly donated to the Bottle and Tombola Stalls. Special thanks to Brian Biggins, John and Sally Devitt, Karl and Sharon Schweps and the residents at numbers 7, 9 and 11 Queen Square for letting the Strathbungo Society use their car parks and garden spaces for stalls – much appreciated! Thanks to the many other neighbourhood residents who shared their back gardens and laneway parking spots, too.

Thanks to Andrew Downie for leading the historic walk. Thanks also to everyone who participated, including artists, makers, sellers and neighbourhood businesses and social enterprises. Thanks to everyone in the neighbourhood for putting up with parking disturbances, keeping their back gardens groomed and just generally making Strathbungo a good place to live and a gracious host to BITBL.

Many of our residents were raising money for good causes. We had some well known charities like the Cat Protection League adding to the Community Spirit, along with



Photo: AD



Photo: AD



Photo: DM



Photo: TM

all the young people busking and having garage sales. Thanks to Merry-go-Round and Allison Hussain for hosting the Children's garden and activities. It was a lot of fun for all who visited!

Finally, thanks so much to the sellers who have contributed a percentage of their profits to the Strathbungo Society. Since this is a volunteer-driven group, it's those contributions that allow us to host events like Bungo in the Back Lanes, Bungo at the Bells, the Spring Fling and Young People's Art Contest and the BungoBirl, year after year. It's these contributions that help Strathbungo stay an active and exciting community.

Raffle Thanks

A huge THANK YOU to all our local businesses who gave so generously to our raffle!

Marie Brown at Home

proprietor: Marie Brown

- Set of 4 gold trimmed bowls
- Large decorative cushion

Rock'n Rollers

- Wash and Blow Dry
- File and Polish

Hair Garden



Photo: TM

• Voucher
Morya Jane's
 proprietor: Craig McIsaac

- Voucher

Ikafe

- Meal for Two

New Anand

- Meal for Two

Panda House

- Voucher

Gusto & Relish

- Food Hamper

Cookie

- Gift Box

The Bungo

- Meal for Two & a bottle of wine

Allison Arms

- Bottle of Whisky

Heraghty's

- Bottle of Whisky

Little Botanica

- Large Floral Bouquet

Floral Haven

- Plant arrangement in container



Photo: TM

Cranston's

- Meat Voucher

Locavore

- Vegetable Bag

La Tea Doh

proprietor: Dianne Pert

- Tall Glass Jar of Pasta Shells

A Generous Strathbungo Resident

- Bottle of Curvee Napa (Mumm...)



Photo: TM

Stay Hot in Strathbungo

AK



photo: AK

At South Seeds, we understand that it can be expensive keeping warm in a solid sandstone property with large, often single glazed, windows, high ceilings and lots of draughts. Now is the time to take action before winter to increase your comfort levels and decrease your fuel bills.

We know how to make older properties warmer. Our Energy Officer, Amanda, has carried out free, personalised Home Energy

Audits for a range of properties in Strathbungo, including blonde sandstone terraces in the 'squares', 1920s red sandstone terraces and the Greek Thomson houses on Moray Place. These Energy Audits have highlighted ways that small, easy to install energy efficiency measures can help to minimise draughts and help residents feel warmer in their properties: draught proofing for wooden windows and doors, chimney balloons and radiator panels. South Seeds has a skilled Energy Efficiency Installer, Uillie, who can fit these measures where appropriate for no cost. We can also provide information on the practicalities and advantages of underfloor insulation and window restoration as well as signposting to government grants and loans for boilers, insulation, LED lighting and renewable technologies.

South Seeds has been running an Electricity Monitor Loan Scheme. This allows people to

borrow an electricity monitor and investigate their usage in order to identify ways that electricity consumption can be reduced and promote behaviour change. Amanda will fit the monitor for you and show you how to use it effectively. The Electricity Monitor Loan Scheme has been well received by Strathbungo residents, with households reducing their consumption by 20.7% on average. This equates to electricity bill savings of up to £153.30 per year.

Please get in touch with Amanda for more information, to arrange a free Home Energy Audit or an Electricity Monitor Loan, on 0141 636 3959 or email Amanda Kean at amanda@southseeds.org. If you would like to find out more about South Seeds, please have a look on our website www.southseeds.org, like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SouthSeeds or follow us on Twitter @SouthSeeds.

Breaking News

Sammy Dows' application for alterations to its building's historic facade has been refused. The Society does not have an official position on this issue, but there has been widespread concern about both the facade changes and noise and smoke from the proposed back garden access.

Introducing the Grumpy Pensioner

DM

This issue, we are introducing a new columnist: the Grumpy Pensioner.

The Grumpy Pensioner is not specifically a man or a woman, young or old. It is a deeply annoyed and frustrated spirit that lives in people of all ages. The Grumpy Pensioner is not a hater. He simply seeks peace and order in all things.

If you feel the spirit of the grumpy pensioner at work in your heart, then you may want to write down your thoughts and send them to:

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or to

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Parking on Pollokshaws Road

The Grumpy Pensioner (KM)



I own a business on Pollokshaws Road and have been here now for 24 years, and to be honest the biggest pain in having a business here has always been parking. I mean what is the point of the 10 minute rule? It does not free up space as another car can fill it immediately nor does it encourage more visitors, as people are well aware that what starts as nipping in to the shop can lead to being out of the vehicle long enough to earn a £30 ticket .

That sticky bun will not taste so good now, of course if its a trim or a colour you need to brighten your day then finding that wee poly bag on your screen will have you greetin your eyes out again.

This rant does have a purpose, on 2/2/13 (Saturday), I saw traffic attendants at my car outside my business and asked what they were doing. "geein you a ticket pal" was there cheery response. I pointed out I had just arrived , "aye we know, we saw ye." I pointed out further that I had ten minutes to conclude my business and be on my way unencumbered by council paperwork. "eh?" I said that I had ten minutes, if you see the sign there it clearly states that fact (actually it clearly does nothing clearly). The girls had a look and I explained, "Of course a ticket is being produced for me and the car in front as we chat, NO PARKING 7am to 7pm EXCEPT SAT- SUN 7am to 7pm."

This clearly flummoxed them and eventually they agreed they were wrong and I should send the ticket in for cancellation, and could I tell the owner of the other car to do the same: "We will make a note that we issued it in error."

I sent the ticket back telling the whole story , I also saw the other driver and told her to do same. Imagine my surprise when Glasgow Parking wrote saying the ticket was to stand! Surely they never told lies to me?? Anyway as English is my mother tongue, I can understand "no parking 7 to 7 except Sat 7 to 7," so I wrote again and once again Stephen Sawers said that they were correct and that the pay and display bays have a single yellow line running through them. There are no pay and display bays, Stevo! And as I don't have a yellow streak running through me, I will be happy to see you in court. That third letter to them indicating their total mishandling of my complaint and their misunderstanding of the content of their plaque finally sank in. Although no recompense was offered, they did apologise and cancel the ticket. So if anyone has had a ticket on Pollokshaws Road, they should have a good look at the restrictions, as they may well be in the right.

Also, if anyone knows who I can contact who is a position of authority to remove the ten minute rule, please let me know as it will encourage business, particularly for those of us who cut hair in daylight. (E-mail news@strathbungo.co.uk and it will be passed on. Good job getting that unfair ticket cancelled, Kenny.)

The Strathbungo Society is a not-for-profit community organisation operated and supported entirely by volunteers. The Strathbungo Society seeks to promote the wellbeing of neighbourhood residents and businesses through community events and projects. We also want to spread appreciation for our lovely old buildings (terraces and tenements, listed and not) and our neighbourhood's rich history.

Every time a newsletter comes out, there's a mad scramble for volunteers to help deliver it to the door of every house and flat in Strathbungo and to the houses across Pollokshaws Road from the conservation area, too. If you enjoy the newsletter and find it useful, then perhaps you could volunteer to help distribute it. Each volunteer is assigned a block. Why pay for a gym membership? Request one of the tenement blocks for a great workout!

If you're willing to help distribute the newsletter four times a year, please e-mail news@strathbungosociety.co.uk with your phone number and/or e-mail address, and your contact information will be passed on the Andrew Downie, our newsletter distribution coordinator.

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