

# Strathbungo News

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## Spring Fling 2014

*Spring is almost here and it's time for the annual Strathbungo Spring Fling and Art Competition*

Come along and enjoy a tea or coffee with some delicious cake and take the opportunity to sample the delights of the many stalls and activities on offer at the 2014 Spring Fling. The entrance fee is only £1, which includes tea or coffee and cake, and children get in free.

Every entry to the Children and Young People's Art Competition will be displayed at the Hall for you to enjoy. Don't miss the chance to vote for the art competition entry that you would like to see as the poster to advertise this year's Bungo in the Back Lanes and Commonwealth Games celebrations, as well. Prizes for the winners in each category will be presented during the morning.

Once again, we have Red Kite Animations running their very popular one and a half hour sessions for ages seven to 13 years. Each session will be limited to a maximum of 15 youngsters, so please book as soon as possible by contacting Teresa at: [chair@strathbungo.co.uk](mailto:chair@strathbungo.co.uk).

The Spring Fling will have upcycling stalls with high quality items looking for a second home, including unique crafts made from recycled and reused materials. As it is Mother's Day on Sunday 30th March, you may find the perfect, meaningful gift, or why not bag a bargain?

### Spring Fling 2014

Queen's Park Church Hall  
180 Queen's Drive  
**Saturday 29th March**  
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

photo: TM



## Brighter Bungo

Our next Brighter Bungo cleanup will be held on Sunday 13th April. Please come along anytime between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to the corner of Nithsdale Road and Moray place to collect a litter picker, gloves and high visibility vest and help us keep Strathbungo cleaner, tidier and brighter!

On the 19th of January, we held the first Brighter Bungo of 2014 and we had a fantastic turnout on a damp but pleasant Sunday morning. It was good to see so many regular supporters of this event and to welcome many new residents, including kids. Thanks to Glasgow City Council, as always, for providing all the gloves, pickers and bags and also for arranging the special uplift of the results of over 25 residents' labour on the day. Our next Brighter Bungo cleanup is on 13 April. See you there!

## Bungo in the Back Lanes

The Spring Fling is coming up fast, and once that's done, Bungo in the Back Lanes won't be far away. Now is the ideal time to plan what you'll do for the event. Will you have crafts, food or a car boot sale? Will you get involved in an event or performance? Will you volunteer to help with the set-up and knock down, or to help look after one of the Strathbungo Society booths? Perhaps you simply plan to enjoy the day. Whatever you've got planned, now is the time to mark your calendar.

## Bungo at the Bells

As usual, Hogmanay in Strathbungo was fun and laid back, and hundreds of people came out for the Bungo at the Bells street party. Thanks to Teresa Mooney for organising the event, the Suttons, Downies, Dimmocks and Stephen Lamb for handing out food and drink and to all the people who helped tidy up afterwards. Thanks to both pipers, as well! Because of the great music and the efforts of the volunteers, fun was had by all.



photo: AD

**Bungo in the Back Lanes**  
**Saturday, 21 June**

## Brighter Bungo Clean-up

Nithsdale Road & Moray Place  
**Sunday 13th April**  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

# Our Spring Fling Children's Art Contest Judges

## Avril Patton

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Avril hails from a distinguished family of artists and has been painting since she was a very young child. She describes her development as an artist as having three phases.

The first phase is a series of pictures related to her family roots in Arran; the second to the pictures for which she is most renowned, the Glasgow pictures; and the third, and current phase, that she describes as 'new look'.



*The Doctor's Garden 1986*

Her most famous painting and the one for which she is best known, not just in her native Scotland, but throughout the world is *Windows In the West*. It was displayed for ten years in the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow, but now hangs in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and is the subject of a major schools programme, which Avril has been involved in developing and actively supports.

Avril has generously given of her time and effort to support our Art Competition from its start in 2009, as a judge and presenter of prizes, to help nurture the artistic talents of the area. She will be doing so again this year at our Spring Fling event, so come along and see her there.

You can see and learn more about Avril's work by visiting her website: [www.avrilpaton.co.uk](http://www.avrilpaton.co.uk)



*Windows In The West 1993*



## Karen Cairns

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Karen is a long time resident of Strathbungo and has drawn inspiration for some of her work from the neighbourhood and from Queen's Park.

Karen is known for her many works

featuring urban landscapes and seascapes from the south side, elsewhere in Glasgow and other parts of Scotland. She exhibits regularly in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Ayr, the Borders and also Tuscany. Some of her work can currently be seen at [Scotlandart.com](http://Scotlandart.com).

Although she is a practising architect, she has been dedicated to her work as an artist for over seven years now and has built an impressive reputation. Her style has been described as loose and impressionistic. Her work is beautifully atmospheric and captures the essence of her subjects.



*Great Scott, Princes Street Garden*



*Coozie In, Crail (The phrase 'coozie in' is a scots expression for 'snuggle up' or 'get comfy'. Usually relates to being at home.)*

As well as promoting and celebrating artistic talent by setting aside time to judge of our art competition year after year, she is also a very active member of the South Side Artists Group.

If you're not already friends, then come along and meet Karen at our Spring Fling event. She almost always has a table at Bungo at the Back Lanes, too. You can see more of Karen's work by visiting her website:

[www.karencairns.com](http://www.karencairns.com)



*Spring Comes Late to Balvicar Street*



# Spring Fling and Art Competition 2014

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## A Category For Adults

Our ever popular art competition is now in its sixth year and for the first time, it will include a category for not so young people! In addition to our usual categories: under five, five to eight, nine to 12 and 13 to 16 years, we now have a 16+ years category.

## Theme: Sport in Strathbungo

In keeping with our intention to celebrate the holding of the Commonwealth Games in our city through our events, the theme of this year's competition: 'Sport in Strathbungo' was selected. As always, a creative and imaginative response is anticipated!

## Artist-Judges: Avril Paton and Karen Cairns

Each year, our panel of judges is amazed and enthused by the entries from all categories. This year will be no exception, I'm sure! We are very grateful for the time, interest and energy they give to the task. The panel is made up of Avril Paton, Karen Cairns and two sixth year pupils: one from Shawlands Academy and one from Hutcheoson's Grammar school.

Karen and Avril have been on the judging panel since the start of the competition in 2009. As well as giving generously of their time to be judges of the entries, they have

also presented the prizes at our Spring Fling event. They will be doing so again this year, so come along and meet them. While I have no artistic talent myself, I've written 'pen portraits' of them both, printed on page two along with pictures of some of their work.

## Stalls

- Karen Cairns: cards & gifts
- Chocolate Lucky Dip
- Avril Paton prints
- Guess the teddy's birthday
- Marion Gardyne: original artwork & cards
- Guess the weight of the cake
- Rosie Ilett: crafts, cards & gifts
- Raffle

**DONATIONS** for the raffle, chocolate lucky dip and home baking would be much appreciated. If you have anything to give, please contact [chair@strathbungo.co.uk](mailto:chair@strathbungo.co.uk) to arrange delivery or collection.

## Activities

This year is a special year for Glasgow as host of the Commonwealth Games, and in celebration of this, the Strathbungo Society is making a feature of sport, health and well being at all of its events during 2014. Spring Fling will give you the opportunity to find out about some of the clubs and sports that are on your doorstep and to get a 'taster' of a few of them!

## Spring Fling Schedule

<b>10:30 am</b>	Spring Fling doors open!
<b>10:30-12:00</b>	First Red Kite animation workshop (book in advance)
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Presentation of Art Competition prizes
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Drawing of raffle & announcement of winners of Guess the Teddy's Birthday, weight of cake

## The Bike Doctor

The Bike Doctor will be available throughout the event, so bring your bike for a check or for a quick repair.

## Red Kite Animation Workshops

Once again, Jim Stirk will host a free children's animation workshop and the children of Strathbungo will have a chance to visualise their world in a new and dynamic way. Learn more about Red Kite animation at [redkite-animation.com](http://redkite-animation.com).

Book your spot as soon as possible by emailing [chair@strathbungo.co.uk](mailto:chair@strathbungo.co.uk). Spaces are limited, and there's always a great deal of interest.

## THEN & NOW



**THEN (1928)**  
The Queen's Garage



**NOW (2014)**  
Arnold Clark

Photo: DM

## A Modern Building With Old Bones?

One of the interesting things about the modern looking buildings in this neighbourhood is that many of them are not new at all. It seems likely that the Arnold Clark dealership still uses the structure of the old Queen's Garage. It looks as if the two-story corner area has been at least partially rebuilt and the whole thing has been dressed up to look new, but the basic shape is the same.

# Local Enterprise

## Introducing No Way Back

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*Nithsdale has got a fun and modern new cafe with an international street food theme.*

There's a charming little spot for a cafe midway between Pollokshaws Road and the roundabout on Nithsdale. However, we've seen several perfectly nice places come and go in that location in recent years. With The Bungo and Locavore now well settled in, perhaps our street-cum-car park is finally reaching critical mass. Kenny Grieve's No Way Out may have staying power.

Kenny, who was a DJ in another life, named his new cafe after an acid house track, and the concept is based on the exciting and diverse food culture in Berlin. He's offering a sampler of street-style food from all over the world, and the menu is fun, healthy and reasonably priced. Right now, you may find Pernil pork tacos, harira, buttafara, tom yum chicken and beef goulash on offer, but the menu's changing all the time. As you would expect, Kenny's got an eclectic and appealing mix of music picked out, too.



photo: DM

Kenny's got the vision and the passion, and he has a team with experience in Glasgow's restaurant business behind him. When he was looking for a Glasgow home for his concept, he thought about the city centre first. However, rents are lower down here, and Strathbungo has a good reputation. As a native of Cathcart, Kenny liked the idea of opening up a new neighbourhood cafe on the south side.

Regular cafe food is all well and good, but it's not easy to find a place that goes beyond the usual Glasgow-style Scottish, Asian, Italian and Chinese cuisine. It's great to see a little creative ethnic fusion in the south side lunch mix.

## What's the Deal With the Business Section?

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Our local businesses are an important part of the neighbourhood, and healthy businesses contribute to a healthy neighbourhood. As an annoying online ad keeps telling us over and over again, "every business has a story." This page is a place where local businesses can tell their stories.

In the past year or so, we've focused on new businesses, particularly ones that are public and general interest, and we'll continue to reach out to them as they appear. However, we're also interested in businesses that have been around for a while: specialised service businesses, home-based businesses, creative

enterprises and businesses that are run by local residents but are not located in the neighbourhood. Yes, we're happy to introduce you to our readers whether you're a newsagent, a barber, a publican or an estate agent. It doesn't have to be all cafes on this page.

Every business and especially every business owner does have a story. This section isn't for overt marketing, but it is for stories about our neighbourhood businesses and the people behind them. If you have a Strathbungo business and a story you want to tell, just e-mail Dee at [news@strathbungo.co.uk](mailto:news@strathbungo.co.uk). If you've got an announcement, if you've won an award or if you're making changes, then I'd be happy to add it to Enterprise Notes or perhaps write a short story about it.

## Enterprise Notes

- Either Strathbungo has been Buddified or Buddy's has been Bungofied. Buddy's now has two storefronts in Strathbungo, their popular diner-style burger joint and now, a brand-new takeout a block to the south.
- Shortly after the Strathbungo News December interview with Sam and Anna of Bakery47, they took a break. Now, it looks as if they're coming out of hibernation with new ideas and a plan to meet growing demand for their delicious baked goods. Stay tuned.
- The old Bradford's bakery is no longer up for sale or lease on [rightmove.co.uk](http://rightmove.co.uk). It's listed on [forlocations.co.uk](http://forlocations.co.uk) as "Paul Bakery," but no activity has been noted onsite. Hum...



photo: DM

## Gusto Refresh

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*Gusto and Relish has renovated.*

Gusto and Relish is a lunch, brunch and coffee favourite in the neighbourhood. Ian, the owner, has decided to perk the place up and refocus on the main cafe business. The deli is gone, although some items are still available in the new display fridge or from behind the counter. Gusto's selection of cakes has been expanded and occupies the main counter; the espresso machine now faces the window. Ian has been collecting and fixing up old chairs, and now they're as good as new and brightly painted: frugal, sustainable and nice looking, too. As always, there's homemade baked goods, homemade sausage and really, homemade everything. There's a fresh coat of paint and the place has really brightened up with the new furniture arrangement. Of course, the food is top notch and Ian's always tweaking the menu to reflect the season and try new ideas. Stop by and check it out.

# Summer Events

## Bungo in the Back Lanes

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Bungo in the Back Lanes is on for June 21, and it's very probably going to be happening along with a celebration of the Commonwealth Games. Clear out your closets, brush the dust off your crafting and building supplies, rehearse your performances and get ready for the year's biggest community event.

Bungo in the Back Lanes is planned to run in more or less in the same format that it's been in for the last 14 years, though if we get the funding to run a one-off set of athletic contests on Nithsdale Road, there may be some differences this year.

If we get grant funding, then all the stalls run by the Strathbungo Society: Tombola, Bottle Stall, Raffle, Society Promotion, will be in the marquee on Nithsdale Road rather than back in the lanes. The same goes for the Society tea garden that is run in Queen's Lane; it may be in a different location this year. Long time residents will remember that we've sometimes had the Society tables on Nithsdale in the past. Keep an eye on Bungoblog for updates.

The Society still plans to ensure that public liability insurance, gazebos for beer and music and sites for all residents and businesses in the area who want to put out a stall will be all ready and in place for the day. The Strathbungo Games are still up in the air, but Bungo in the Back Lanes is definitely a go!

If we get the funding required to put on a Commonwealth Games celebration on Nithsdale Road, some residents might want to have their stalls closer to the event. If so, the Society plans to have sites available for this purpose in the lanes running down from Nithsdale Road.

Last year's Bungo in the Back Lanes was mostly sunny, well attended and widely regarded to be one of the best ever. Let's try to match or top it with more locally made and upcycled goods, great food, music, fun and games.

### Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers for:

- The Strathbungo Society Tombola
- The Strathbungo Society Bottle Stall
- The Strathbungo Society Raffle
- Help erecting canopies and tables
- Help with knock-down and clean up

Please e-mail Teresa at [chair@strathbungo.co.uk](mailto:chair@strathbungo.co.uk) if you want to help



photo: DM

out, meet some neighbours and do your part to keep Bungo in the Back Lanes, the Spring Fling, Bungo at the Bells, the Strathbungo News and everything else the Strathbungo Society does going strong. We're not sponsored by the city council and we have no source of regular funding. We're just a group of people from the neighbourhood who volunteer our time and resources, and we need all the help we can get to keep the Strathbungo events running smoothly. Thanks in advance for anything you can do to help!

## The Proposed Bungo Games

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As you all know, this year Glasgow is hosting the Commonwealth Games and will be welcoming over 70 nations to our city when the Games begin on the 23rd of July. The two weeks of sporting competition that will follow promise to be very exciting and memorable! At our AGM in October 2013, a mandate was given to find a way to celebrate this historic occasion with an event of our own - Bungo style!

A few of you attended some special meetings that were held in December last year and January this year at which some terrific ideas for a Bungo Games were proposed and discussed. To make any of these ideas a reality requires a lot of space - much more than we have in the back lanes. The space from the New Anand restaurant to the dead end at Pollokshaws Road was identified as an ideal location for this one-off event.

To be able to use the full space in this section of Nithsdale Road, all parked vehicles would have to be moved for the set up of activities, duration of the event and take down. All residents and businesses in this part of Nithsdale Road were leafleted and/or spoken with, posters were put up and everyone was invited to a meeting on the 18th February 2014 to consult on their views regarding the application for a Temporary Traffic Order to close the relevant part of Nithsdale Road. For health, safety and technical reasons, the Council would not allow any informal closure of the road.

At the meeting on the 18th February, it was noted to those who attended that any difficulties residents had with the closure, for example, with regard to mobility or the need for a disabled space, have a solution, and that the Society would seek to work closely with all of the residents and businesses who have specific issues. The overwhelming view of the closure and the event has been very positive.

BUT all the sporting games and fun activities for such an event depend entirely on the Society being successful in getting the relevant grant funding, which we have applied for.

There are a lot of 'ifs' related to the planned event on Nithsdale Road! Until we know we have grant funding in place to run it, we will not go ahead with the Temporary Traffic Order or place the Society in any financial challenges. We will keep you updated on the Blog or by e-mail, if you prefer. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like any further information please contact Teresa at [chair@strathbungo.com](mailto:chair@strathbungo.com). If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, please contact the same address.



# E-Spark Taking Applications

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Entrepreneurial Spark is nurturing new Glasgow businesses

Are you thinking about starting your own business, or have you done so in the past five years? Is it a business with growth potential that you'd like to see expand beyond being simply a way to make a living? How would you like to have access to:

- An office space shared with other entrepreneurs
- Computer hardware and standard software, a printer and a fax machine
- An extensive business borrowing library
- Free professional advice from lawyers, marketers, publicists and successful business people
- Personal feedback from a business coach
- Motivation to work out your business plan and master your pitch
- A boot camp that teaches basic business principals and challenges you to plan, set goals and do what needs to be done
- Regular meetings with lectures from some of Glasgow's most valuable business consultants
- Opportunities to compete for grants and impress potential investors

In the E-Spark program, the office for brand new businesses is called 'the hatchery' and the one for hatchery graduates is called 'the nest.' The participants are 'chicklets.' Entrepreneurial Spark is a business accelerator. It is meant to nurture new businesses through the tough start-up phase and provide expert advice that will help to prevent the kind of mistakes that can keep businesses from succeeding. The ultimate goal is to create jobs and grow new Scottish businesses from the ground up.

In order to secure a place in the hatchery, you must be selected from a pool of applicants through an interview process. The Hatchery works in five-month sessions, but it's possible to stay in the program for up to 18 months. The Boot Camp is on the



Glasgow Caledonian University campus in the city centre, and the hatchery and nest are located in the City Refrigeration Building on Caledonia Road in the Gorbals. It's a half hour walk or a ten minute drive from Strathbungo.

The idea for E-Spark came from Jim Duffy, a former police officer who has started two successful businesses and who now oversees the program. Willie Haughey, the founder of City Refrigeration, provides the Glasgow infrastructure at his shiny new headquarters building. He, along with Sir Tom Hunter, have been involved since the first intake in January of 2012. E-Spark started in Glasgow, but now hatcheries have been established in Edinburgh and on the West Coast, as well.

Presently, the first 2014 batch of chicklets is in the hatchery, and the next group is being selected. Using the office space is optional, but there are required meetings every Thursday evening and on occasional Saturdays. For more details, see their website at [entrepreneurial-spark.com](http://entrepreneurial-spark.com).

<b>June 16</b>	Application Deadline
<b>July 1 to 3</b>	Interview Round 1
<b>July 8 to 10</b>	Interview Round 2
<b>July 31, Aug 1, 2, 4, 5</b>	Bootcamp
<b>August to December</b>	Hatchery



E-Spark founders Willie Haughey, Jim Duffy and Sir Tom Hunter



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.

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

For more neighbourhood news, follow [www.bungoblog.com](http://www.bungoblog.com)

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