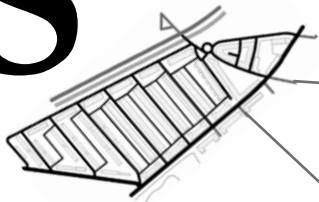


STRATHBUNGO NEWS



April 2013

The Strathbungo Society



Volunteers get ready to hit the pavement at the last Brighter Bungo photo:DM

Brighter Bungo

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Have you noticed that every so often, the litter disappears from Strathbungo's streets, laneways and pedestrian areas? Who's cleaning it up? We are!

Brighter Bungo is a voluntary, Strathbungo Society project that is set up in cooperation with the Glasgow City Council's Clean Glasgow campaign. The City Council provides high-visibility vests, litter pickers, bin bags, gloves and a special rubbish pick-up. Neighbourhood residents deliver the time and effort needed to clean up the neighbourhood.

Laura Hudson MacKay founded Brighter Bungo a few years ago, and it's now a regular event with anywhere from fifteen to thirty participants. Last autumn, it was recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful through an Outstanding Neighbourhood Achievement award. Congratulations to Laura and all of the volunteers! Laura is moving on, and Bryan Miller is the current organiser.

The date has already been set for the next clean-up. The more people who help out, the better and quicker the work will be. Save the date.

Brighter Bungo Clean-Up
Sunday, May 12th, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Nithsdale Rd. & Moray Place

2013 Bungo in the Back Lanes

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Bungo in the Back Lanes is a neighbourhood yard sale, craft fair and all-ages party with refreshments and live entertainment. It has been a tradition in Strathbungo for more than a decade.

This year's Bungo in the Back Lanes is in the works! The date has been set, and Strathbungo Society volunteers are beginning to set events into motion.

If you're planning to set up a stall in your garden or would like to reserve a spot to set one up elsewhere, please get in touch. We are still looking for a space for the children's garden, which will be organised by the folks at Merry-Go-Round, and volunteers for set-up and clean-up are needed, as well.



The back lanes have been restored and are looking better. photo:DM

Bungo in the Back Lanes

Saturday, June 22nd, 2013

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

contact Laura at 433 9238
 or e-mail
 bungointhelanes@outlook.com



Artist Karen Cairns gives Daniel Cooke his award. photo:DM

2013 Spring Fling

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This year, the Strathbungo Society's Children's and Young People's Art Contest drew almost a hundred entries, attracting interest from area schools and neighbourhood residents. The theme was 'Strathbungo: People & The Natural World.' The prizes for all four age ranges were awarded at the Spring Fling.

The Strathbungo Society had some help planning the Spring Fling this year. South Seeds arranged the venue: the lower floor of The Bungo. Thank you, Bungo and South Seeds! Locavore and Dr. Bike were also on board, and for a second year, Jim Stirk of Red Kite animation offered his very popular free children's animation workshop.

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2013's Spring Fling & Art Contest



Young artists *photo:DM*

Art Contest

This year's Children and Young People's Art Competition had 94 entries, and the quality of the work was truly amazing.

Professional artists Avril Paton and Karen Cairns, and Anna Lawson, a Senior Pupil at Shawlands Academy and a former winner of the Competition, acted as judges. At the Spring Fling, Karen commented that it was extremely difficult to choose winners, commendations and special mentions this year, as the quality of the work was so high. This was especially true in the competition for 13 to 16 year olds. The winning artwork will be on display in neighbourhood cafes for two weeks starting on April 21st:

- Under 5 art: Grianach
- 5 - 8 years: Gusto & Relish
- 9 - 12 years: Tapa
- 13 - 16 years: Mulberry Street

Congratulations to all the artists on their excellent work. Thanks to Karen, Avril and Anna, and to Teresa Mooney for putting an enormous amount of work into organising the art contest. As usual, it was a fantastic event for the whole community.



Teresa Mooney *photo:DM*

Partners

South Seeds, Locavore and Dr. Bike joined the Strathbungo Society in hosting this year's Spring Fling. Dr Bike volunteers were out on Nithsdale Road, braving the rain in a tent, fixing bikes and offering bike loans and bike tours.

Inside, non-profits Southseeds and Locavore had tables with information on their projects: gardening and energy conservation for South Seeds and locally produced food for Locavore. Both organisations are based on the south side and include Strathbungo in their service area.



Locavore's Reuben Chesters *photo:DM*

South Seeds

southseeds.org 636 3959

Locavore

www.glasgowlocavore.org 649 9274

Dr. Bike

www.thebikestation.org.uk 248 5409

Strathbungo Society Children & Young People's Art Competition 2013

Prize Winners

Prizes included professional framing and notecards for 1st prize winners, book tokens for 2nd and 3rd prize winners; commemorative CDs and a selection of art materials for all. In addition, all artists entering the contest were eligible to win a selection of prizes from the Grand Prize Draw.

	Under 5 years	5 – 8 years	9 – 12 years	13 – 16 years
1st Prize	Ben McCracken Age 4	Daniel Cooke Age 8	Jessica Morton Age 12	Magdalena Qenani Age 14
2nd Prize	Katie Goddard Age 3	Nicole Lamb Age 7	Elena Cooke Age 10	Sally Hitoni Age 16
3rd Prize	Amelia Paton Age 3	Jacob Brown Age 6	Alasdair Downie Age 11	Carla Chatham Age 14
Judges' Commendation	Mathilda Gordon Age 4	None	Celeste Fernandes Age 9 Amy Stewart Age 12	Gowsika Jeyakumar Age 14 Esin Turan Age 14
Special Mention	Oliver Brown Age 4.9	Eadie Brennan Age 5 Zuzanne Kosidowski Age 6	Eve Jahoda Age 11 Hibah Chaudary Age 12 Olesya Lesyk Age 12	None

Animation Workshop

Red Kite Animation's free children's workshop was a hit again this year. Jim Stirk led the participants in creating animations based on handmade paper puppets and mini-bikes made of recycled materials. What could be more fun? Thanks, Jim!



Animation workshop *photo:LM*

Business in the Bungo

Little Botanica

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If you've waited for the bus or walked down Pollokshaws Road between Queen's Drive and Torrisdale in the past couple of months, then you've probably noticed that a new cafe (and florist? Yes!) has appeared: Little Botanica.

Kim Scott, a native south-sider and Botanica's owner, started her Floristry business at a workshop in Cambuslang, but was soon dreaming about opening a shop in a more easily accessible neighbourhood, where she could meet with brides-to-be over hand crafted loose leaf teas and provide a community gathering place.

The teas at Botanica are truly outstanding, and the menu also features light lunches. Botanica's baked goods are from Bella's Cakes, a south side business, and the coffee is from a local roaster: Dear Green Coffee. The cafe also has a selection of locally crafted cards and small gifts.

Kim is dedicated to offering high quality, locally sourced and sustainable products in every part of her business.

Welcome to Strathbungo, Kim and Little Botanica!



Owner Kim, manager Lisa and Craig

photo: DM

Little Botanica

www.littlebotanica.com

0800 612 3996



Locavore's new Nithdale shop and the contents of a typical early spring £10 veg bag.

photo: DM

Locavore

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Strathbungo is a vegetable bag delivery hot-spot for Locavore, Glasgow's non-profit champion of locally produced food. Locavore is opening a new shop and deli at 66 Nithsdale Road, where Lady Drawers used to be. The new shop will include locally sourced produce, meat, cheese, grains, oils, preserves and more. It will include a deli and a space for workshops. The new Locavore may well be open by the time you read this, so why not go over and check?

All of the food sold at Locavore is from Scotland, and most of it is from gardens, allotments and farms in or near Glasgow. There are even rumours of a dedicated Locavore farm in the works.

Locavore started providing vegetable and fruit bags from their community kitchen and local food shop at 42 Skirving Street in the spring of 2012. The bags are available in £5, £10 and £15 sizes. The winter bags have often included potatoes, turnips, beets, leeks, apples, onions, kale and cabbage. More green and leafy vegetables will be on the way as summer progresses. Welcome to Strathbungo, Locavore!

New Book The Strathbungo Cellist

Strathbungo resident Stewart MacCalum's debut novel is now available for sale online and in stores as an eBook and a paperback. The Strathbungo Cellist is a crime thriller, No Mean City meets The Godfather:

"The reluctant hero, Aulay Mackay, is forced to return to Glasgow and infiltrate 'The Polmadie' drug gang. Aulay has changed in the seven years since leaving his home city. So has Shaz, who stayed. We follow Aulay and Shaz from Glasgow to London, Spain and the US before returning for an explosive finale on the streets of the south side."

Stewart has a six-year-old and a four-year-old, so writing has had to wait until after their bed time. In spite of being written under duress, it has been receiving excellent reviews. Why not give it a read and find out how Strathbungo fares in a world of crime and intrigue?

Strathbungo's Milliner

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Scottish Accessory Designer of the Year and Strathbungo resident William Chambers has been designing and making hats since 2007. His studio may be in Glasgow city centre and his hats sold in London and New York, but the inspiration behind his work usually comes from his own wee back garden in Marywood Square.

This is evident in his beautiful designs, which feature various flowers in different materials - from leather camellias to large shiny plastic roses. He photographs his prize blooms before incorporating them into sketches for the final designs in his twice yearly collections. This year has seen his business expand so that he is now selling in both Harrods and Fenwick department stores in London, but a lot of his private customers come from Glasgow's

South Side - particularly at this time of year with the wedding season upon us. You can see more of his Strathbungo inspired designs at :

www.williamchambers.co.uk



photos: NW

Streets of Strathbungo



The Linen Bank Building at 697 Pollokshaws Rd./ 5 Torrisdale St. photo: DM

Strathbungo's Linen Bank Building and the Other Thom(p)son

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Have you ever wondered about the story behind the late Victorian, red ashlar building across Pollokshaws Road from Nithsdale? The Bank of Scotland occupied the corner retail space for many years, followed by the Park Gallery, followed by Personal Letting. The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice Shop occupies the northern half of the building on the ground floor. The tenements flats above are unusually large, each occupying the entire space above one of the shops. In fact, there are only four flats in all.

The building was constructed in 1895 for the British Linen Bank, and the flats may have been intended for bank em-

ployees. There's an "LB" on the scrollwork above the door.

The building is B-listed, partly because the architect was a well known Thomson. No, not Alexander "Greek" Thompson. James Thomson, two-time president of the Glasgow Institute of Architects in the 1800s.

James Thomson was a well known and well respected Glasgow architect in his day. He was a builder's son who was born in 1835 and apprenticed to architect James Brown in 1850. In the late nineteenth century, he was known for his use of sculpture in the buildings he designed. He was responsible for many commercial, civic and religious buildings in Glasgow during his long career.

Although Strathbungo's Linen Bank isn't listed in the Dictionary of Scottish Architects, James Thomson's name and office address are clearly printed on the building's original design drawings at the Mitchell library.

The building is typical of his work in many ways. It includes pilasters and sculptural details at the corner shop entrance. The triple sets of double-hung windows at the north end are considered an unusual feature. The building still has most of its original windows and, other than the back garden, it is in good condition. The current residents are slowly but surely making progress on the garden. Wish us luck!

The Groundbreaking Linen Bank

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The Linen Bank had buildings in the Gorbals, Strathbungo, Shawlands... it seems very normal today that a bank had branches in newly constructed residential neighbourhoods. However, it was actually a revolutionary idea in the nineteenth century.

Back in the 1700s, it was difficult for Glasgow businesses to access capital. All the banks were in Edinburgh, and they only worked with people they knew. The Linen Bank started as a linen manufacturing interest, and it provided financial services to weavers. It was officially recognised as a bank in 1771, and it used its textile industry network to establish branches all over Scotland in the nineteenth century., making banking services accessible to everyone, even families and individuals who weren't wealthy.



LB = Linen Bank photo: DM

Then and Now | 11 Nithsdale Road



BRADFORD'S BAKERY, 1935



WILLIAM HILL, 2013

Many Hands

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There are a group of people in our community who contribute £22.7 billion to the UK economy while enjoying lower mortality rates and lower rates of depression than the rest of us. Who? Our volunteers. Despite this, the amount of time spent volunteering has declined by 30% since 1997.

The Strathbungo Society is unusual in that it has seen an increase in active volunteers recently and the demographic of our committee bucks a lot of volunteering trends – most of our members have jobs and families to juggle – but as with other groups if we have more volunteers there is much more we can do.

So, if you've ever considered volunteering how can you get involved and what can you do? The Society is always looking for new volunteers in any capacity. You can get in touch via Facebook or the blog or email chair@strathbungo.co.uk.

Alternatively, just pop along to one of our monthly committee meetings to see what is going on and get a feel for what is needed. We meet on the third Monday of the month at Grianach Nithsdale Rd. from 7:30 pm.

Other local groups currently seeking volunteers are the Queens Park Arena, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and the new Friends of Queens Park Group. You can find info on all of them online, or why not kill two birds with one stone and volunteer to be the Strathbungo Society's representative in one of these groups?

Community Design?

Community Design is usually an architect-led exercise where the locals are stakeholders at best. However, Strathbungo is packed with people who have professional knowledge of the built environment. Dominico at Cookie has some ideas for Nithsdale Road. The old Methodist Hall has all kinds of potential. Let's share our ideas. E-mail Dee Miller at demdesign@btinternet.com

Introducing the Southside Fringe

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The inaugural Southside Fringe has just announced the launch of its exciting programme. Taking place in 28 Official Fringe Venues throughout Glasgow's Southside, there will be in excess of 110 events from the 10-26 May 2013.

The jam-packed programme spanning over 17 days is the Southside's first ever fringe and aims to showcase home-grown talent at its finest.

The programme offers a wide range of events including; theatre, improvisation, film, live music, burlesque, comedy, art installations and cabaret in a variety of venues throughout Glasgow's Southside.

Southside Fringe's founders Crawford Smith and Corinna Currie commented:

"We really appreciate the generosity, consideration and hospitality shown by all of our Southside hosts and are over-

whelmed at the level of support and standard of talent."

"There have been many labour pains over the past couple of years and many people have had similar ideas, it's wonderful that it's all coming together and everyone has come on board to get the first year off the ground. We are so happy to see this become a reality. Glasgow's Southside is brimming with talent and we have hopefully created a programme to suit all tastes"

Tickets are on sale now.

Call 0 792 875 9675
11 a.m. - 6 p.m., 7 days a week
or visit the Southside Fringe HQ:
Shawlands Arcade, starting 27 April

- www.southsidefringe.org.uk
- <http://southsidefringe.blogspot.co.uk>
- www.facebook.com/southsidefringe
- [Twitter@KeptSouth](https://twitter.com/KeptSouth)

2013 Fringe Programme Highlights Include:

- The Rumbatastic Launch Party in the Bungo Bar & Grill
- Steaming - A Play by Nell Dunn performed by the Strathclyde Theatre Group at the Govanhill Baths
- A variety of live music from String Driven Thing, Howlin' Radio and Sandy Wilson
- Magic and wizardry from Southside Sorcery
- Live comedy from The Improv Dogs Present: Doggin' The Fringe
- Sassy burlesque from Sarcassy Sneek's Southside Sweethearts.
- The Unplugged Circuit will also showcase a wide range of artists performing short sets at obscure and unlikely venues.

Connections

I am an **Avon** representative looking for new customers and new representatives. If you would like a brochure or are interested in joining Avon then feel free to get in touch.

I am also a registered **childminder**, caring for children of all ages. Please call for availability.

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Monika Hozdekova
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Bungo Brief

- Amy's Hair, Beauty and Nails has opened up next door to Botanica, and they've put in a free outdoor ATM. Thanks, Amy!
- SAS Store, on the corner of Nithsdale and Pollokshaws Road, has a free ATM inside. Thanks, SAS Store!
- A new Asian take-out called Babylon has opened where Spicy Bite used to be on the east side of Pollokshaws Road, between Queen's Drive and Torrisdale.
- The planning application for the hostel on Marywood Square is well and truly kaput. This can be confirmed on the city council's website.

The Strathbungo Society - What Have You Done For Me Lately?

LM

Since the October AGM the Society has:

- Helped the community to fight the plan to open a hostel on Marywood Square, which was ultimately denied planning permission.
- Enabled residents on March St. find a compromise with the Council to keep their on-street planters
- Organised a Brighter Bungo clean-up to rid the back lanes and streets of fly-tipping and litter
- Run our annual children's art competition
- Worked with other charities and social enterprises to put on our Spring Fling event
- Held our Bungo At The Bells street party
- Successfully applied for a grant to fund the purchase of a new PA system which will be available for the community to hire
- Begun planning our summer street party, Bungo In The Back Lanes 2013
- Published two Strathbungo newsletters
- Begun preliminary research into potential public realm projects on the Nithsdales
- Managed our Bungoblog.com website and our Facebook page

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 projects. We also want to spread appreciation for our lovely old buildings (terraces and tenements, listed and not) and our neighbourhood's rich history.

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THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR FRIEND!

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