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Queens Park enriches our lives and adds value to our property here in Strathbungo, yet there is much work needed to allow residents to enjoy the full measure of its amenities and natural beauty. JOANNA MURPHY reports.

It could be

QUEENS PARK TO CASH IN ON LOTTERY FUNDING?

This autumn sees Glasgow Land Services Department based in Queens Park keeping their collective fingers crossed while waiting to hear the outcome from an application for Heritage Lottery Funding.

With this much-needed money, work would start immediately on major development works, upgrading the entire park piece by piece. Some schemes will be going ahead, whatever the outcome of the grant – for example, upgrading pavement around the pond over the autumn and winter and designing a massive new rose garden, with the start of planting for the Rose Convention in 2003. Nevertheless, there is no doubt among local residents and park employees alike that a lot more cash is needed to rectify current problems/blackspots and reinstate the park to its former glory.

In future there will have to be major works on the pond, which has developed a large crack in its concrete casement. This, coupled with a particularly dry summer, caused a noticeable lack of liquid!

"Quite simply the water was being lost into the grasslands around the pond or evaporating into the air more quickly than it could be pumped back in" said

Eddie Scanlon, Parks Development Officer. "As soon as we saw some rain, it began to fill up again."

The proposed Lottery funds will also see the implementation of Glasgow-wide park strategies, including new lighting, improved signage and the "bag it, bin it!" scheme for dog waste. In the coming years, Eddie wants to see the boats back on the pond, new amenities and a general restoration of the park. In the meantime, the Land Services Department would like to become more accountable to park users. "If anyone feels there is something they wish to bring to my attention – say, safety aspects or persistent problems - I will be pleased to hear from you..." With our help, (and support from the Heritage Lottery Commission) we can ensure that Queens Park-Strathbungo's Park- remains something we can all be proud of.

You can contact Eddie Scanlon on 649 0331 or write to him at West Area Office, 52d Langside Road, Queens Park, Glasgow.

A Midsummer Day's Bungo in the Back Lanes

Saturday, 24th June 2000

Was that fun or what? We have no idea how many people turned out to our first ever Bungo in the Back Lanes – some estimated as many as 900 – but we do know we sold 250 hamburgers and hot dogs alone so that's some indication of the crush.

The idea was to make people realise what a treasure our back lanes are, if *only* we would look after them. The Land Services cleansing folk really pulled out the stops and helped tidy everything up – and we also had wonderful support from Land Services Parks, who provided floral decorations. Our home-grown jazz group – this time performing under the name of Hung, Drawn & Trio'd – played non-stop for four hours. And how can we ever thank Stevie and his staff at 1901 for running beer tens in both of the main lanes!

The Strathbungo Society organised several stalls to add interest and offset some of our costs, but best of all were the ones we didn't know about in advance – the local people who sat up their own stalls and made the day a genuine community gala. Next year ... ?

A GREAT DAY ... IT'S OFFICIAL!

Mohammad Sarwar MP wrote later in his constituency report, 'I joined Strathbungo residents for a great day out at the end of June. I attended the Strawberry Fayre at the Resource Centre in Titwood Road before heading for "Bungo in the Back Lanes" – a great array of stalls in the lanes off Pollokshaws Road organised by the Strathbungo Society and opened by local councillor Walter MacLellan. The day was a great success and I congratulate the Strathbungo Society, Crossmyloof Resource Centre and the people of Strathbungo for making it such an enjoyable day. I hope that even more Strathbungo residents and visitors to the area will be able to attend in future. It was a great day for the local community – and even the weather was good!'

Thank you to:

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Frank Cairns
Mike Greenwood
Liz Macdonald
New Victoria Gardens
1901 Bar & Bistro
Peter McVey
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Strathbungo AGM

Strathbungo Society Chair Kevin Kane thanks City Councilor Pat Chalmers following the Society's AGM on 5 June. Around a hundred local residents turned out to hear Ms Chalmers, who is Chair of the Glasgow Heritage Group, discuss practical ways to preserve and promote our unique neighbourhood.



John McDougall (left) and John Keir show off their smooth new looks to Bar Manager Ada Miller.

A week of fun fund-raising at Sammy Dow's nets £3,500 for charity

Staff and regulars at Samuel Dow's, Nithsdale Road, banded together this autumn and raised the magnificent sum of £3,500 for Macmillan Cancer relief.

There was a week of fund-raising activities, with regular pub quiz masters entering into the spirit of things by agreeing to a sponsored shave – John McDougall said goodbye to his moustache after 19 years and John Keir went the whole hog and had his head shaved. Also on quiz night, regulars generously participated in raffles, bingo games, football cards and so on as well as sponsoring these hairless wonders. A Sunday fun day commenced with tombola and bottle stalls in the public bar, running throughout the day to closing time. Another sponsored shave saw bar stalwart Eddie Waters lose his moustache after nearly 40 years – this time at the hands of an attractive female barber.

Clyde 2's Dave Marshall launched the evening entertainment with music from Real Easy. During the break, there was a mini-auction conducted by Tracy Holdgate, star of the Holiday Hotel television series.

All this, plus nightly raffles and a sponsored run in the Glasgow Marathon by customer Bill McMichael contributed to the grand total of £3,500 for Macmillan Cancer Relief – almost doubling their original target. Local MP Mohammed Sarwar came along to lend his support.

Sammy Dow's Bar Manager Ada Miller was ecstatic at the result and thanked everyone for all the hard work, high spirits and the impressive pile of cash they raised.



Strike up the band!

Kris Shelton's musical group is attracting a lively following among local toddlers and their parents each Tuesday afternoon at United Reformed Church in Moss-side Road.

'We sing songs, act out poems and accompany ourselves with a basketful of instruments, mainly percussion. The youngsters are learning about rhythm and the names of instruments but it's very relaxed - the idea is to let everybody take from it

what they will and have a good time while they're doing it.' Kris, who lives in Moray Place, takes kids up to school age and the £1.50 per session includes biscuits, juice and coffee as a finale. Details on 0141 423 2140.

GETTING IN THE PICTURE

You should be in the movies ... or more accurately, your *house* should be!

Sound like fun? Then fill out a locations questionnaire, attach a few photographs and your home – along with 4,500 other properties from castles to cupboards – will be entered on to Scottish Screen's Locations Database. "We're always looking for private houses and gardens on behalf of film producers - especially properties that are a little bit different," says Kevin Cowle from Scottish Screen.

The Strathbungo Society is actively promoting the unique qualities of the neighbourhood to film agencies such as Scottish Screen and the Glasgow Film Office – from tenements, back lanes and historic terraces to art deco homes to Queens Park. Strathbungo's wider screen credits include Peter Mullan's acclaimed film *Orphans* and Queens Drive/Queens Park's recent 'role' in the BBC network drama series *Glasgow Kiss*. Productions such as these show how powerful an on-screen image the place has.

For further information or to place your home on the Scottish Screen Locations Database, contact Kevin Cowle or Louise Harris at Scottish Screen, 249 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 4JE or simply phone them on 0141 302 1723/4 (direct).

LETS MAKE A MEAL OF IT!



LETS founder member Kay Caldwell puts the LETS scheme to the test and finds it works!

We had friends coming for dinner one Saturday night, but also a big night out on the Friday which was certain to leave me wrecked and disinclined – even unable! – to cook for our friends that night.

In desperation I started searching through the Strathbungo LETS directory where I seemed to remember seeing people list catering as something they would do for others.

I was in luck. One phone call to Sharon decided menus for a gourmet Texan meal for six – nachos for starters, tacos and chicken enchiladas for main course accompanied by avocado salad. Shop-bought mango sorbet for dessert.

Friday proved as exhausting – and as much fun – as predicted. Come Saturday I slept late, potted about setting the table – that bit's always fun – then at seven

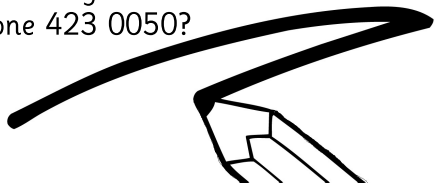
o'clock the dinner arrived – beautifully served – by the back door, half an hour before our guests arrived at the front. All I had to do was mix the Margueritas. Total cost – 15 Bungos. That didn't break the bank! I've already repaid my debt to the system. I drove someone to the supermarket for her week's shopping, (5 Bungos) gave two people access to the Internet (3 Bungos and 2 Bungos) and sold an unwanted gift at the LETS AGM (5 Bungos). All for a fraction of the effort involved in preparing a meal!! Anyone want to hire a hoe?

BUNG0 BULLETIN BOARD

Thanx for putting my "ad" in the bulletin board...I got four replies, one on the same night as the *News* appeared! – David Goldberg

Compost bin – unused, free to a good home – phone 423 5746.

Would the person who was selling cat drawings at Bungo in the Back Lanes please phone 423 0050?



Send us a note of what you need and we'll stick it on the Bulletin Board as a free service to local residents. No sellers, please - and the Strathbungo Society cannot take responsibility for any deals struck. Notes to 38 Queen Square or bulletin@strathbungo.org.uk.

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TALKBACK

The Strathbungo Society welcomes letters of up to 200 words - send them to 38 Queen Square or email letters@strathbungo.org.uk.

Is the Vicky to go?

To the Editor:

Are the people of Strathbungo aware of what Greater Glasgow Health Board are proposing regarding our hospitals?

It is their intention to demolish the Victoria – the Mansionhouse Unit, Cowglen and Leverndale being sold. Acute Services and the Accident and Emergency Department are to be transferred to the Southern General and an ACAD built on the Victoria site. A stand-alone ACAD is not a sensible option – seven miles from the main hospital!

As a member of the South East Forum, along with consultants from the hospitals, I have been working very hard to try and get the people of the South Side a centrally-located state-of-the-art hospital with all the modern technology.

The GGHB, in spite of receiving 3,500 letters from the public saying they wish a new hospital, appear to be trying to ignore public opinion. The Forum would urge people to now write to [the Scottish Health Minister] Susan Deacon MSP at the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP airing their views and making it clear that the people require a new hospital and not the proposed piecemeal scheme. Even with a car the Southern General is a fiendish hospital to get to.

Margaret Hinds

4 Meadowhill
Newton Mearns

ACAD stands for Ambulatory Care Centre, which is a community health centre, run by specialist nurses, where day surgery is performed. We asked MSP Gordon Jackson to reply to Ms Hinds' letter, but he declined, saying it would not be appropriate until after the consultation period ends in December. Local residents can also express their views directly to the GGHB, 350 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G3 8YZ – ED.

Stalling for time

To the Editor

Many thanks to Kay and the rest of the committee for a really good day yesterday (24 June). I made about £40 on my stall and enclose £10 as a donation towards the next load of balloons or whatever!

Frances Diver

Queen Square

Many thanks to Frances and several others who shared their Bungo in the Back Lanes proceeds with the Strathbungo Society. And most of all, thanks to everybody who ran their own stalls and added interest and colour to the day. – ED.

Moving heaven and earth ...

Editor's Note: A week before the Midsummer Bungo in the Back Lanes, an unregistered car was apparently abandoned in one main areas that had been designated for the event - much to the dismay of the owners of the private car parking area and also to the Strathbungo Society since they had kindly given us permission to locate a beer tent there. Thankfully, a combined effort finally got it shifted, but not without a monumental struggle – and it raised some serious questions about our rights as property owners, as one of the owners writes ...

... in fact, three different policemen told me that since the car was parked on private property, they could not remove it and that I, personally, would have to resolve the matter, and that was the end of it as far as they were concerned. However, once the Strathbungo Society intervened, and our Community Policeman Constable Masterson was involved, the whole thing was settled, the owner found, and arrangements made to remove the car – all within 24 hours.

I am left with the impression that I, as an individual rate payer, did not

receive anything like the same attention and co-operation from the police as the Strathbungo Society did. Perhaps they have some political clout which I do not.

John Cherry

Queen Square

We put that question to Constable Masterson:

"I suppose it may have looked that way, but really it was just a matter of coincidence and timing. I'd just returned from leave when the Strathbungo Society got involved, but I would have responded just as quickly to Mr Cherry or any individual resident had I been on duty earlier. And then, when I visited, by really good fortune, the lad who owned the car saw us in the lane and came out and took responsibility for it.

To be honest, cars left on private property create a real problem for the police and we are not obliged to act in the same way as we are when a vehicle is abandoned on a public road. But informally, we do everything we can to help out property owners. Certainly I'll try my best to trace the owner on the PNC (Police National Computer), but that doesn't always work – say, if it's been sold at a used car supermarket or whatever. And in that case, it's unfair to property owners, but there's not a lot we can do."

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