

# STRATHBUNGO News



Spring 2001



**If a picture is worth a thousand words, this says a fair few about local feelings on the closure of the Govanhill Pool. You'll find another 900 or so on page 2.**

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## MOBILE PHONE MAST SET FOR LOCAL AREA?

**Concerned local residents gathered at the Fotheringay on 3 April to object to a plan by BT Cellnet to erect a 12 metre mobile phone mast immediately adjacent to the Strathbungo conservation area. Cellnet's proposed site is on the east side of Darnley Road, just north of Darnley Place. In Strathbungo terms, this is on the opposite side of the railway line from Moray Place, where the second footbridge used to be located, and 12 metres in old money is just under 40 feet.**

The current law in Scotland is that the telecomms industry has the right to erect masts under 15m without planning permission under 'permitted development rights' or PDRs, so it is pointless to object to the Council planners.

According to Andrew Downie, who is exploring the issue for the Strathbungo Society,

Cellnet is required to give the Council 28 days written notice and the Council can impose conditions, including those to protect the visual amenity of the locality. 'My impression is that the Council can suggest improvements or alternative locations, within reasonable limits – that is, they can't refuse point blank and are limited in their ability to object, but can put pressure on the operator.'

The Scottish Executive has issued a draft proposal whereby the powers of the public utilities will be made more subject to the control of local authorities, taking into account matters such as their proximity conservation areas (in this case, both Strathbungo and East Pollokshields) and schools (Hutcheson's). However, unless they can meanwhile be persuaded to defer, the mast will be up and operating before a decision is made.

"If Cellnet's 12 March letter to the Council

constitutes an official notice, then we have only until 6 April to register our objections and get the Council to register its own," says Andrew.

Thus the Strathbungo Society is joining Pollokshields Heritage in raising objections directly to BT Cellnet and their contractors Scott Edmondson, while Councillors Walter MacLellan from Strathbungo and Catherine Lyons from Maxwell Park are pursuing the issue at Council level.

You might also want to send a letter of protest, though do be aware of the potential for NIMBYism (Not in My Back Yard). Objections need to be – well, *objective*, to have any hope of influencing the outcome. Consider, for example:

- the need for 'a precautionary approach' until the health risk is known (see the Stewart Report: *Mobile Phones and Health*, published last year by the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, at [www.iegmp.org.uk](http://www.iegmp.org.uk))
- the unsuitability of locating this type of structure bang in the middle of two conservation areas and in sight of a school
- the availability of other more suitable and non-residential sites nearby.

Indeed, the mobile phone mast installed last winter on top of Safeway Crossmyloof is

owned by One-2-One, which raises the question of whether Cellnet might not share this facility instead of erecting its own. There is apparently ample precedent for telecomm companies doing so. Cllr MacLellan says masts also already exist on church spires in Shields Road and Queens Drive and, failing that, the largely industrial area immediately north of the railway bridge at Susie's is also more suitable.

### Write here, write now!

#### Cellnet's registered office is:

BT Cellnet Ltd, 1 Leeds City Office Park, Meadow Lane, Leeds LS11 0NE

And send a copy of your letter to:

#### Scott Edmondson

Kingfisher Estates Ltd, 350A Lanark Road West, Currie, Edinburgh EH14 5RR.

#### Railtrack plc

Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4

#### Ian Davidson

Divisional Manage, Development Control, Glasgow City Council, 231 George Street, Glasgow G1 1RX

In January, Glasgow City Council gave official notice that on 31 March it would be pulling the plug on Govanhill Pool, fondly known as Calder Street Baths to generations of South Side residents. In announcing the closure, Leader of the Council Charles Gordon cited financial pressures and the opening of larger, modern leisure facilities at Gorbals and Bellahouston, saying 'it is a regrettable fact of life that Govanhill Pool is well past its sell-by date.'

On the contrary, many residents across a wide area, including Strathbungo, disagree and have been protesting vociferously for some months now. A petition, organised by the Kingston Swimming Club and Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council, was signed by over 11,000 people. The Save our Pool campaign has since staged a number of events to publicise their cause. And as we went to press, this is one issue that doesn't look like going away, even as the last drops of water go metaphorically down the drain.

**Here both sides have their say.**



## HISTORIC GOVANHILL POOL CLOSES AMID WIDESPREAD CONTROVERSY

Kevin Kane, chairman of the Strathbungo Society, summarises the issues and action thus far in the grassroots campaign to save the Govanhill Pool from closure.



### Strathbungo backs the Save our Pool Campaign

**The Strathbungo Society has backed the efforts to save Govanhill Pool from closure, joining a campaign that has generated widespread cross-party support from MPs, MSPs, community and tenants associations, swimming clubs for ethnic minorities and older people - and hundreds of ordinary individuals and families right across the Southside, from Govanhill to Strathbungo, Crosshill, Pollokshields, Langside and beyond.**

In response to concerns raised by the Society, Cultural and Leisure Services Convenor Elizabeth Cameron, said that the issue was simply lack of funds: "to refurbish it to comply with... sportscotland's standards would require over £1m." she said.

The lack of effective community consultation and involvement in this decision is a major plank of the campaign's agenda.

The facts speak for themselves. Govanhill's three pools are used to teach 550 people. It is heavily used by older people and by single-sex swim clubs for various ethnic minorities. It has significant levels of GP referrals for use of the pools and steam room. Indeed, David Marshall MP denounced the Council's decision as 'plain wrong', given the vital role that Govanhill Pool plays in the health of his Shettleston residents who have - officially - the worst health record of any constituency in the UK!

That was at a march, rally and mass swim on Saturday, 17 March, staged to protest against the Council's decision. Over 400 people heard a variety of speakers urge them to continue supporting the campaign.

And continue they do. A candlelit vigil was held on 22 March in Calder Street. Even as the pool closed, supporters were occupying the premises and a Gala day was staged on 31 March. Meanwhile, the campaign is seeking Sportscotland's view in light of their stated strategy for locally-based facilities, especially for excluded groups such as ethnic minorities, older people and special needs groups.

The campaign's demands are straightforward:

- **that the Council meet with the local community and user groups to investigate ways of developing the pool, perhaps via a trust**
- **that a social audit be undertaken to determine the impact of the closure**
- **and that - in the interim - the facility remains open to the communities that use it.**

Until this happens, the campaign will continue in its determination to make the Council think again. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century there must surely be a way to retain and, more importantly, invest in this unique community health and recreational facility.

### The view from City Chambers

In a letter dated February 2001 to 'all users of Govanhill Swimming Pool', Leader of the Council Charles Gordon offered what he called 'viable alternatives' for groups who might be disadvantaged by the pool closure - primarily, sessions at the new Bellahouston Leisure Centre and Holyrood School plus possible sessions at Castlemilk (!) and one a week at St Bride's Primary.

#### Cllr Walter MacLellan:

'In the August 1999 *Strathbungo News*, I advised that the best way for local people to save the pool was to use it. Unfortunately, since then usage has dropped from 125,000 to 80,000 per year and, at the same time, the costs of running the pool and problems with the maintenance of an old building and equipment have increased. The combination of these factors, the undoubted popularity of the Gorbals pool and the pending opening of the new pool in Bellahouston have made the task of local members arguing for its retention impossible.

'The one piece of good news is confirmation of [Charles Gordon's] commitment to local members that the Council will arrange a feasibility study to examine whether any other of the Council's services could move into the existing building or alternative uses be found.

The brief is now being drawn up and will go out to tender following input from the local Councillors and the Govanhill Community Council. This offers an opportunity to look at how the building can be best used by the community and the financial plan to achieve it. While I am sure it will not overcome the disappointment of losing the pool, it is at least something.'

#### Baillie Elizabeth Cameron:

[20 February letter to MSP Gordon Jackson]

'... I am quite sure that there are ways in which services could be shared or a public/community trust could be put together. Unfortunately, since £700,000 has already been spent over the past five or six years in striving to maintain that building, the Council cannot delay closure whilst work on a feasibility study is being undertaken.'

# QUEENS PARK ISLANDS

Now you see them ...



Parks Development Officer Eddie Scanlon, based at the Land Services office near the glasshouses, is now faced with removing the offending structures. "We want to get the pond project right the first time," he says, "which is why we are concentrating on the antiquated drainage which causes the localised flooding in rainy weather."

Once the sides of the pond are relined, which will be done as soon as the risk of frost has passed, the pond will be refilled with water and this summer should see re-introduction of the boats. Queens Park staff are investigating the possibility of a franchise arrangement (contact Eddie on 649 0331 if you're interested). Add to that new benches and bins, improved lighting and – in the longer term – possible relocation of the toddler play area to the open grass space at the foot of the hill – and it looks like the pond is set to return to its former glory as a focal point of the local community.



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Due to the foot and mouth outbreak, it is unlikely that farmyard animals will be making an appearance at this year's Easter Event at the glasshouses. We are assured that there will be many other activities for kids over the holiday period - see posters in the glasshouses. Also, for the duration of the crisis, Pollok Country Park has transferred their Ranger services to Queens Park. Ring 632 9299 for a brochure detailing events.

Get the kids involved too. We can't promise to publish everything but we will do our best to put your views in print.

The key issue for residents is to know what the maximum cost to them will be, as well as what other sources of funding may be available. To this end, the Society has asked Cllr MacLellan to enquire whether the Land Services Department can provide technical services to allow them to move to a full tender for the job. In addition, the Society is seeking funding from a variety of sources, including the Government's new landfill tax scheme. It's important that the pilot is a success and all efforts are directed to do this, according to Stephen Lamb, who chairs the sub-group.

*a Midsummer Day's*  
**BUNGO**  
*in the back lanes*

**Saturday, 23th June**  
**from 1pm to 5pm**

Can anything top last year's very first Bungo in the Back Lanes? Well, we're certainly going to try! We've revived the European tradition of the lane sale, but we do it Strathbungo Style. Wander through the lanes of our community and sample what's on offer - or set up your own stall and get busy selling!

- **beer tents & barbecue**
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**TEA DANCE**  
**RAFFLE**  
**FORTUNE TELLING**  
**BALLOONS**  
**TOMBOLA**  
**GARAGE SALE**

*'All the Lanes a Stage' join the fun!*

## Boogles in the Bungo



Okay, we know it's old news but we just couldn't pass up this shot of the fancy dress winners from the Strathbungo Society's annual Hallowe'en party.

They are (left to right) Harris Burnett (age 7, traffic lights), Sarah Lilley (age 5, TV set), Alexandra McFarlane (age 2, pussycat), Charles Gillies (age 8, mummy) and Marco Galloway (age 9, PC Windows) – plus, 4-year-old Michael Divers won a prize for his skeleton outfit but refuse to pose! The sell-out event was held downstairs at the Fotheringay this year, with over a hundred local kids turning out to dook for apples, nibble at treacle scones and boogie the afternoon away with DJ Bungo Bob Lamont. Thanks also to our scary storyteller Jan McSkimming and to mistress of mayhem & mischief Rachael Arnold for a performance beyond *comper*e.



## Squaring the circle in Strathbungo

One Strathbungo landmark (though hardly a cherished one) has disappeared and a new one is about to rise in its place to round off the corner at March Street/Nithsdale Drive – more than a century since the rest of the block was completed.

At long last, the 'temporary' quonset hut which has for decades housed the Southern Grinding Centre is gone and work is getting underway on a new Scottish Housing Association development.

City planners insisted on slight modifications to the design of the new building (featured in the June 2000 *Strathbungo News*) to be more in keeping with the Victorian block, which includes Robert Turnbull's magnificent 1878 "round" tenement. According to SHA Director Patrick McGrath, the mainstream housing development will be a mixture of family and

individual flats, plus one small community care flat to house people with learning difficulties and support staff. The Robinson and Davidson contract will get underway as soon as the site is stabilised and Patrick hopes to see the new residents in by Christmas.

"The Council is looking for interest in the derelict church in Pollokshaws Road (opposite Kelley's Bar) and we are wondering if anybody in Strathbungo could suggest possible uses for that building which we might put forward as a community proposal."

**You can contact Patrick on 0141- 422 1112.**

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# STRATHBUNGO IN THE NEWS



## Swing Guitars take top awards at Celtic Connections

Mutual admiration for Django Reinhardt brought Strathbungo's Tom Watson (left) and his partner Tam Gallagher together three years ago, but only recently have they shared it with the world. This they did as *Swing Guitars*, taking their privately pressed CD along to Celtic Connections in the hope that they might get to take part in the Open Stage event. As it happened, in the best Hollywood tradition, another act cancelled and the boys went on to bring the house down. Their initial performance got them invited back a few days later at the Festival club and, by the time the international music fest closed, they'd won not one but two prestigious Danny Kyle Awards - one for the Open Stage show and the other as Best New Talent. Not bad for two lads who arrived at the Royal Concert Hall on a No 21 bus!

**If you're not lucky enough to win one in our competition, *It Takes Two to Django*, Swing Guitar's debut CD, is available from Tom Watson on 632 8939 – price £10.**

Safeway Crossmyloof was never like this ... or was it?

## LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

**Strathbungo resident Angus Lamont has just taken his feature film *Late Night Shopping* to the Berlin Film Festival, winning the coveted German Cinema Owners prize.**

The film, described as 'an upbeat, oddball, after-hours comedy about the ups and downs of sex and shelf stacking in the 21<sup>st</sup> century', is Angus's first feature for the Glasgow-based independent production company Ideal World Films. He describes it as 'a romantic offbeat comedy about a bunch of 20-somethings that live in a parallel world on permanent nightshift.'

The film industry bible *Variety* clearly agrees with the panel in Berlin, calling it a 'wonderfully out-there slacker comedy that's as tight as a drum in script, direction and performances!' and drawing comparisons with the 1994 hit, *Shallow Grave*. Angus will be at the Cannes Film Festival to sell the film to distributors and says that the Channel 4-funded film will be set for release in the autumn.

## Local anorak publishes guide to Scotland's politicians

**With the establishment of the Scottish Parliament, Scotland now has more elected representatives than ever before. Counting MPs, MSPs, list MSPs, list MEPs and councillors, each voter is now represented by an incredible 18 elected members.**

How are voters going to make their way around this maze? This and many other questions are addressed in *The Almanac of Scottish Politics*, written by Strathbungo writer and researcher Gerry Hassan and Peter Lynch from Stirling University (Politicos Publishing, £30). The book is a comprehensive 450-

page guide to everything anyone would ever want to know about Scottish politics, and much more. Detailed profiles are provided of each parliamentary constituency as well as all MPs, MSPs and MEPs, with information and commentary about their back-ground and views, some of which some of them would as soon forget.

**PLUS**

## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

### GERRY HASSAN'S COLLECTION OF BEST SELLING BOOKS!

We are delighted to be able to give away a copy of *The Almanac of Scottish Politics*, along with a copy of Gerry's previous book *The New Scottish Politics: The First Year of the Scottish Parliament and Beyond* (a *Sunday Herald* book of the year, no less!). And if that were not enough, we also have copies of Mike Watson's *Year Zero: An Inside View of the Scottish Parliament* and Peter Lynch's *Scottish Government and Politics: An Introduction*.

**All you have to do is send your answers to three simple questions:**

1. Who won the Govan seat for the SNP in 1973?
2. How many parliamentary seats does Glasgow have in the Scottish Parliament?
3. Who was the last (possibly ever) Scottish Secretary of State for Scotland?

### AND A REAL COLLECTOR'S ITEM . . . Swing Guitars' debut CD!

Here's one you won't find in the shops – Tom Watson has generously contributed a copy of *Swing Guitar's* privately-produced CD, *It Takes Two to Django*. Just think, in a year or two when they're up there collecting their Brit Award, you can say you've got their original disc ...! Just answer this question:

**Who was Django Reinhardt's legendary partner?**

- a. Gypsy Rose Lee
- b. Stephane Grappelli
- c. Benny Goodman

#### COMPETITION RULES:

Send your answers for either or both competitions along with your name, address and phone number by 15 May 2001 to the Strathbungo Secretary Trisha Jones, 16 Queen Square. Prizes in each category will be awarded to first correct entries drawn at the committee meeting on 21 May. All entries become the property of the Strathbungo Society, which will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition. Decision of the judges is final. Winners' names will be published in the next issue of the *Strathbungo News*.

# Designed to care



(left to right, Mary Marshall, the Dementia Services Development Centre at Stirling University; Cllr Walter MacLellan; Cllr John Gray, Convenor of Social Work Services.)

Professor Mary Marshall praised the innovative approach to design that improves everyday life for people with dementia at the formal opening on 14 March of a new customised extension at Crossmyloof Resource Centre in Titwood Road. The project was one of four funded by 'Just Another Disability – Making Design Dementia Friendly', a multi-agency initiative that got underway during the Glasgow 1999 City of Architecture & Design celebrations.



**The local recycling centre opposite Kildrostan Street has undergone a few changes over the winter with the removal of bins for collecting plastic and aluminium and installation of two 'mini' containers for newspapers and magazines. Green, brown and clear glass receptacles remain in place.**

Council Recycling Officer Gary Beacham blames vandalism for removing the two bins. The closest collection point for plastic and aluminium now is Safeway Crossmyloof, where you can also recycle steel cans, secondhand clothing, etc. The house-to-house recycling programme continues in Strathbungo's

'garden' terraces, but still eludes the 'squares' where lane access is poor. Any solutions? Gary says they may be willing to put in communal mini bins at strategic locations if individual residents volunteer to have them sited on their property.

**You can ring him on 287 2063 for details.**

## Lessons in Living

Members of Pollokshields United Reform Church, formerly Fotheringay Road Congregational Church, are very happy to be back at school – learning again in a warm and friendly environment, free from exam stress. There is room for many more as we have dispensed with the desks so please come and join us any or every Sunday at 11 am.

Phone 0141 423 7404 for details.

Pollokshields United Reform Church Hutcheson's Grammar School  
(entrance Beaton Road)

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I will feed your cat in the morning and again in the evening.



## Feline Friends

*References from Cat Charity and existing clients available.*

**Call Wilma – 0141-423 8143**



PC George Murphy has been appointed Community Officer for Strathbungo, taking over from Constable Chick Masterson (*affectionately known as PC Dish*) who has moved to Oban. George, who is married with two children, joined the force in 1977 and has had a variety of policing roles, including crime prevention. As Community Officer for Strathbungo and Queens Park, he is here to engage with the public, in particular the youth, and to identify and target any problems. Contact him at Craigie Street on 423 1113.



## Can you guess?

Can you guess which shopfront in Pollokshaws Road is shown in this 1938 photo? In the next issue, we talk about the Strathbungo shop window – what we have now, what it would take to make local folk shop locally ... and a vision of what the G41 experience might be!

## Sammy Dow's do it again!

Following on from their super fundraising efforts for the Macmillan Nurses, featured in the last newsletter, Bar Manager Ada Miller and the regulars at Sammy Dow's have raised another £2,500 for cancer relief – this time for the Maggie's Centre. Headlining the fun-packed event on 25 February were the tribute band Non Jovi, who played free of charge, and the Sex Gods, the pub's resident band, who recorded a CD for them to sell in aid of the charity.

# LETS trading fair!

Saturday  
28th April, 2-4pm  
Crossmyloof  
Resource Centre  
Titwood Road

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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](mailto:letters@strathbungo.org.uk).

To the Editor:

Foxes have become such a common sight hereabouts. Perhaps Strathbungo residents may be interested to know about the new book written by Trevor Williams and Andrew Wilson –

"Unearthing the Urban Fox". This looks at urban and suburban fox behaviour and ecology. Cost £5.50 (including p&p) from The Fox Project, The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1AW.

Mary Wilson, Carswell Gardens

We asked MSP Gordon Jackson to respond to a letter from Margaret Hinds in the last issue regarding Greater Glasgow Health Board plans to demolish the Victoria Infirmary and build an Ambulatory Care Centre (ACAD) there. An ACAD is a nurse-led community health centre. Ms Hinds contends that a stand-alone ACAD is not a sensible option – seven miles from the Southern General, which will become our nearest Acute Hospital and A&E department. – Ed.

To the Editor:

It does seem that the existing Victoria Infirmary will not survive, but there is still a great deal of debate whether there should be a new hospital more or less in the same area. This is an ongoing discussion and, as you will appreciate, I will certainly be doing everything I can to make sure that there is the best health care for all parts of the constituency.

Gordon Jackson MSP, 247 Paisley Road West

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### EDITORIAL: Swan Song?

A few weeks ago, when we started collecting stories for this issue, I was chatting with our man at Queens Park Eddie Scanlon and asked him, as you do, what happened to the local wildlife when they drained the pond. The fish, he assured me, were 'relocated' to Maxwell Park and will be returned later when the pond is refilled (although how they will know which fish are ours is another matter ...). But birds transport themselves and did so naturally as the water dropped.

That is, until a new family of swans arrived. Now swans need a long stretch of water for taking off and these landed up to their webbed toes in mud. The adults knew enough to use the hillside as a runway, but the youngsters hadn't a clue – thus it fell to Eddie and his team to rescue them and release them at Richmond Pond near Shawfield. One can only imagine the squawking on that drive across town, but I thought this was a charming story. I reckoned a lot of people in our little enclave off Queens Park might also like to know that our fishes and fowls were being looked after so well. After all, you may not know every person in Strathbungo, but we all talk about our park, our pond, our fish, our swans – our community.

It's been seven years since the new Strathbungo Society replaced the old, lapsed Conservation Society and those of us who were there at the re-birth were keen to stretch beyond the original boundaries in more ways than one. As we suspected, there's quite a lively community here. Over the years, we've had red hot celidhs and the coldest Caribbean night in living memory. We've come within a dozen or so signatures of pulling in hundreds of thousands of pounds for a huge back lanes project, proving how important every individual is in a community of this size. As you see in this newsletter, we're always willing to champion causes that concern our residents. And we have also been able to discuss local services with Council officials, not just as individuals but as representatives of a cross-section of taxpayers.

Along the way, we've established the word *Bungo* as a noun, verb and adjective – not to mention a unit of currency in our LETS scheme. We've bungoed in the park, in the back lanes, at Hallowe'en, at the Bells – and we've tried to make it all seem fun so that the pleasure and pride we hope you feel about living here doesn't get lost in that earnest subtext of *community*. So where do we go from here?

We need help. Not just to attend events, but to help organise them. Not just to moan about rubbish and satellite dishes, but to liaise with Council departments and keep on top of problems. And, most importantly [to me, at least] to form an editorial team to put this newsletter out on a regular basis. Look below and you'll find the names and contact details for all the sub-groups in the committee. Hate meetings? Then pick your area of interest and let the convenor do the meetings for you – it's your ideas and enthusiasm we want.

At AGMs we tend to say your community needs just a couple of hours a month but at the moment it tends to be rather more than that. Why? Because there aren't enough people willing to give *enough* 'few hours' to share the load. You could, you know. Yes, *you*. And you can bet your bottom bungo, it's worth it.

- SS

The Strathbungo Society Committee meets at 7.30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, downstairs at the Fotheringay in Nithsdale Road. To raise an issue, contact the Secretary Trisha Jones, 16 Queen Square, on 423 2621, or any member listed here. Or, if you prefer, just turn up in person.

This month only, because of the Easter holiday, the meeting will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Strathbungo Society Sub-groups:

- **Back Lanes Renovation**  
Stephen Lamb (423 5263)
- **Communications**  
Sharon Schweps (423 0050)
- **Events**  
Kay Caldwell (423 5746)
- **Finance & Fundraising**  
Theresa Mooney (423 5364)
- **Queens Park / LETS**  
Joanna Murphy (423 7756)
- **Trees Survey**  
Ian Stark (632 4995)