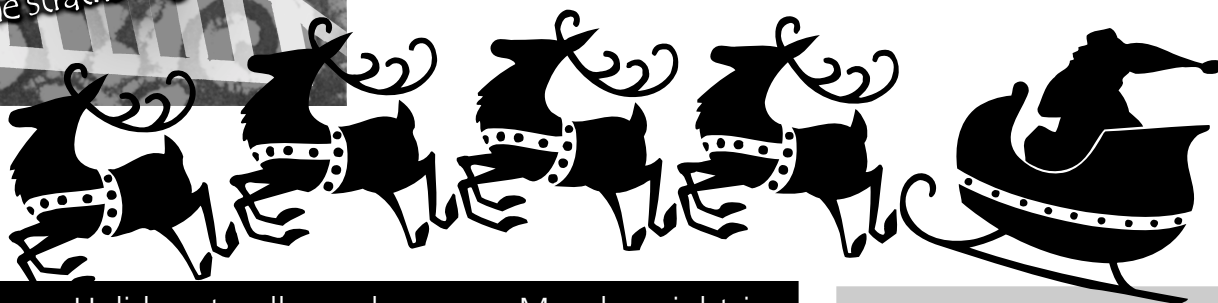


STRATHBUNGO

NeWS



Happy Holidays to all - and see you Monday night in Moray Place for Bungo at the Bells!

STRATHBUNGO NEWS IN BRIEF

Weight Watchers

Weight restrictions have been put on the railway bridges at Crossmyloof Station and Susie's following routine assessments carried out to comply with European requirements. Several bus routes have been diverted pending the outcome of reports. Meanwhile, Cllr Walter MacLellan stressed that this does not mean that the bridges are unsafe: "If half a dozen 40 tonne lorries parked there at the one time, there might be a theoretical risk. I understand that discussions are going on between the Council and Railtrack, who own both bridges." As we went to press, a meeting was being convened to discuss the issues citywide. Watch this space.

Cyber-rubbish

You can now request free removal of large household items online via the Council's website - just go to www.glasgow.gov.uk/html/council/azindex.htm and follow the links to B as in "bulk uplift". Or ring their 24-hour phone line on 287 9700.

Community Council folds

Shawlands, Camphill and Strathbungo Community Council has apparently disbanded after a number of office bearers and members resigned and the group was unable to stage elections. The Community Council Resource Centre staff along with the relevant City Councillors hope to bring people together in the new year and get the group resuscitated. Until then, planning and other issues residents normally take up with the Community Council can be raised directly with Cllr MacLellan by phone (632 0828) or at his surgery (St Bride's School, Craigie Street, 1st Saturdays 10 am, 3rd Tuesdays, 6pm).

Change for the better!

In the last issue, we reported that the Council were willing to remove graffiti, provided the owner requested it.

We thought that sounded too good to be true so when Cllr MacLellan contacted us to report that the Council had changed its position, we assumed the worst. Wrong! Turns out they've now decided to act on reports from anybody, not just owners. Land Services will take the consent form out to the owner and get permission to clean up the mess - absolutely free. This applies to private homeowners as well as shopkeepers and business folk.

Just phone 0800 595 595 - and be as precise as possible about the address.

New email address

The Strathbungo Society's web address has changed slightly after we were asked a ridiculous fee to renew our "org" domain name - as of December, send e-correspondence to mail@strathbungo.co.uk.

Congratulations

to Christine Mailer, who won our October competition for a free session with personal trainer Carole Livesey. Watch for a report in our February issue.

Oops-a-Daisy

Following complaints from Queen Square residents who awoke one Saturday morning in December to find their storm doors flyposted with leaflets from a commercial cleaning company, Strathclyde Crime Prevention Officer Brian Hughes took up the matter with Daisy Domestics. They claimed their delivery boy had taken it upon himself to blu-tac the leaflets to every door in the street rather than stick them through the letterboxes [a rather enterprising lad - ED]. While residents were primarily irritated about the abuse of private property, Brian pointed out that leaflets left on the doors as the day progressed were a signal to would-be housebreakers that the owners were away.

PLANNING MATTERS

Win some

The Scottish Executive has dismissed the appeal of the Texaco garage in Darnley Road to erect a large-scale illuminated advertising hoarding adjacent to the forecourt. The Strathbungo Society and Pollokshields Heritage objected to the proposal, citing heritage and road safety issues, and Glasgow City Council originally refused planning permission. The garage owners then appealed to the Scottish Executive, as is their right, and lost - so we won!

Lose some

"Stabilisation" work began in November on the long-derelect Strathbungo Parish Church in Pollokshaws Road, between Calder and Allison Streets. According to Lawrence Tough, structural engineer for the Council, the idea is to make it safe, retain the landmark façade and tower, if possible, and negotiate with a developer to build housing. The 1886 church, designed by McKissack & Rowan, is a sad loss, but there is some consolation if the open crown bell-tower, so much a feature of the Strathbungo townscape, is preserved. Thanks to Clive Kempe for his efforts to save it.

Neighbourhood Watch

HOTLINE

Strathclyde Police have set up an automated Neighbourhood Watch phone service, updated twice weekly, to report what's happening crime-wise in local communities around Glasgow. Ring 248 9385 to reach the voice bank, then key in code number 4140.

FOUND & LOST: the neighbourhood watch!

Would the person who found a watch and left a note in our drop off box at Evergreens please ring 423 0050 - we lost your number!

TALKBACK

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

To the Editor

What was the story of the badly parked van in Marywood Square last week? Road was blocked for a couple of hours to the sound of horns blasting and a gathering of irate local motorists. Police were in attendance but as far as I know the “dodgy parker” casually appeared from a nearby house after the fuss had died down and just shrugged in reaction to those who challenged him. He was apparently overheard mumbling words to the effect, “crikey, I won’t be parking in this street again.”

And another thing ... My girlfriend’s bike was nicked from the front door of our Marywood Square flat a couple of weeks ago and a very enthusiastic neighbour gave chase barefoot. The villain got away and was last seen peddling up Nithsdale Road - however, it was refreshing at least to have the help of alert neighbours. Be warned, folks: the bike was actually at top of stairs with front wheel in the storm doors on a Saturday afternoon. Front door was wide open as we were decorating and yet they still had the brass neck to go for it. A big thanks to the guys who helped. You know who you are.

Tom Burke Marywood Square

To the Editor

A very big thank you to the kind person who tended our trees on the front step of our house. We do not know who the individual is or we would express our gratitude in person. This act has restored any faith which was lost when our first set of trees and pots were stolen.

Kevin & Rhona Regent Park Square

To the Editor

I have just moved to Strathbungo, along with my five month old son. I was wondering if there are any mothers with babies in the area who would like to meet up sometimes for coffee and a chat? If so I’d love to hear from you.

Tel: 632 2316

Email: Judy_Wakeling@hotmail.com

All in all, Strathbungo sounds like an okay place to live - we hope you agree and will join us in the coming year to make it even better and more fun. And don't forget - the new year starts in Moray Place with Bungo at the Bells ... see you there! - ED.

Flashback to Bogles in the Bungo

Close to a hundred wee witches and wizards attended Strathbungo’s School for Spells immediately prior to Hallowe’en. Thanks to Wanda the Witch (Jan McSkimming) and her assistant Wendy (Abby Munden) for leading the festivities and Joe “Fingers” McGinley for the creepy accompaniments.



BUNGGo AT THE BELLS

COUNTDOWN TO
THE BELLS

MUSIC &
DANCING

REFRESHMENTS

FUN

Join your friends and neighbours for Strathbungo’s 4th annual Bungo at the Bells. We’ll be out in the streets, rounding up a crowd from the four corners of the district. Listen for the drums & bells or make your own way – then get ready to bring in the new year in style before you go off first footing. Baby buggies welcome.

Add to the fun - bring your own noise makers & torches!

A Strathbungo Society event

HOGMANAY STREET PARTY Monday, 31 Dec 2001
from 11.30 pm – outside 22 Moray Place

Weather check: **Only in case of awful weather on the night, phone 423 3354 for latest advice.**