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BUNGO at the BELLS



Join your neighbours for Strathbungo's ninth annual Bungo at The Bells extravaganza!

We'll be rounding up a crowd from all over the neighbourhood for the annual Hogmanay Bungo at the Bells. Musicmaking processions (kids, instruments, whistles, pots and pans etc. welcome) will snake their way up and down the Gardens & Squares.

Meeting points are 1 Moray Place and the opposite end, at Carswell Gardens, at 11.30pm.

So, when you hear the music makers come along your street, get out and join in. Both processions will converge on Marywood Square (at Moray Place) for music and the countdown to the Bells.

So, bring your guests along and see in the New Year with a Bungo bang!

Children and adults - all welcome. For latest details and weather update see www.strathbungo.co.uk



Strathbungo's Streets Of Crime?

Strathbungo residents were shocked in October to see the area described as, "The most dangerous area outside the city centre".

The Evening Times claimed that "In 2005-06 there were 65 serious violent crimes there - including four attempted murders. There were five sex attacks or indecency crimes, 27 serious assaults and 21 robberies."

However, the article then goes on to explain that the statistics cover the whole of Queens Park, much of Govanhill and even Langside. The article pins the 'blame' for much of the problem on homeless residents in the hostels near Queens Park.

Councillor Malcolm Cunning states there are more than 300 homeless people currently temporarily housed there, many from outside Glasgow City Council's borders. Most of these hostels are run by the McKeever Hotel Group which runs the Parkview and the Queen's Park Hotel on Balvicar Street.

Local residents questioned by the paper in Queens Park seemed surprised at the statistics, pointing out how safe the area feels and the need for housing of some description to be provided for these residents.

One local resident, Kay Caldwell, said, "I am incensed at the way in which this article portrayed Strathbungo. The real focus of the article is not crime in this area, it is the anti-social behaviour of some residents in the McKeever Group's hotels and yet by setting that story in a neighbourhood context you have been able to blight the reputation of the decent folk who live in Strathbungo. It is these very people who have campaigned to draw attention to these two properties and have enlisted the support of local councillors and the local MPs and MSPs."

Strathbungo's Christmas Gift Guide

Your one-stop shop for all things Bungo this Christmas

HudsonMackay

Collaborative art comes to Strathbungo in the form of HudsonMackay.com – an initiative by Strathbungo-based artist Laura Mackay. The website will exhibit and sell original, affordable, contemporary artworks. It particularly aims to offer opportunities for emerging artists to exhibit as well as giving space to more established names. Although in its early days, the site is already building up a wide range of art including photography, painting, sculpture and jewellery design as well as new media by exciting UK-based artists. Visit www.hudsonmackay.com for more information

Not Bad For A Monday

Marywood Square's earliest resident, Alan D Kerr, has been in touch with the Strathbungo News. Alan was born at number 20, which in 1948 was a nursing home. He's put his wealth of experience to good use by writing an anthology of poems, lyrics and Glasgow comic verse which features a

piece about Strathbungo and great illustrations by Peter J Gilchrist. Published in November, the book has been described as "Irreverent, cheeky and pithy." Called Not Bad For a Monday, it can be purchased through the links to be found on www.sylvanmedia.co.uk

The Original Source

Why be a clootie dumpling when you can be a Christmas cracker? Get beautifying in time for all those Christmas parties at Source, Strathbungo's local beauty salon. It's also a great place to pick up indulgent beauty gifts, vouchers for treats and stocking fillers.

Remedy

Opened just before the festive season last year, Remedy has rapidly become one of Strathbungo's busiest cafes. They're bringing back their ever-popular Christmas hampers and can always be relied upon for stocking-filling treats – from exotic pates to creamy chocolates. They can offer something to tempt everyone.



Mulberry St

The Taverna has been given a new lease of life in the form of Mulberry Street. This exciting new bar and bistro serves food round the clock – from pastries and coffee in the morning to top quality bistro meals in the evening. Beautifully and comfortably redecorated,

Mulberry St hopes to once again see this building on the corner of Regent Park Square and Pollokshaws Rd become the heart of Strathbungo. Better still, they're keeping the Taverna's cosy neighbourhood feel and the Monday night quiz.

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Space To Think

Why do teenagers in Scotland crave a car when they turn 17? Why are teenagers who drive to school in Scandinavia ridiculed by the majority who use clean, green public transport? Why does it matter? If you own a national bus company, you might want to see how you can get children in Scotland to think like those in Scandinavia, but where do you start?

Space Unlimited, formerly part of Scottish Enterprise but now a not-for-profit organisation, aims to help young people and businesses help one another. It's chosen Strathbungo's Nithsdale Road as its base. The premise is simple. Businesses need innovative new ideas and teenagers need to understand how business works.

If you think it sounds like Young Enterprise on a bigger scale, you'd be wrong. This isn't playing at being in business. The organisation has worked with companies such as Stagecoach, BP, the BBC and GE Plastics. Over the course of a school term, Space Unlimited's coaches help groups of young people come up with new ideas using the resources and aims of a business. They do all the things professionals do: hold meetings, brainstorm, conduct research and create presentations. These are not ad hoc projects dreamt up in a classroom but real problems with a real need for solutions.

Part of the reason for the move to Strathbungo was to make the company more accessible to smaller groups and businesses and to capitalise on the new legislation which compels new building and development projects to put aside money for just these sort of initiatives.

Above all, Space Unlimited wants to address one of the most worrying trends in Scotland's economy. As Demos put it in a recent report, "There is a damaging disconnect between young people and organisations. A disconnect between the training of today and the workplaces of tomorrow." Space Unlimited hopes Strathbungo will be the place where young people and businesses begin to reconnect.



Lights, Camera Bungo!

An aspiring local filmmaker has chosen Strathbungo as the backdrop to his latest short film.

The Beckoning tells a tale of obsessive love and was filmed, in part, on the streets of Strathbungo. Using the interior and exterior of flats on Nithsdale Road, the director, Peter Hastie, filmed his self-penned film over the course of a few evenings in late summer and autumn this year. The film will be premiered in December and will have a special Bungo showing. Keep an eye on the website for details.

Hogmanay Habits

Bungo At The Bells, over the last few years, has become a habit in Strathbungo - dare we say we've started a new tradition. As, each year, more people join in the celebrations; we thought it was high time we looked at some of the other Hogmanay traditions in Scotland.

If we weren't all still recovering from Christmas, we might well do what our forefathers did and use Hogmanay as a good excuse for a spring clean. Juniper berries and water would be picked at sunset and brought in to purify the home. The juniper branches would then be burnt and carried through the home to catch any lurking dirt unawares.

Everyone knows about the tradition of first footing. The most welcome first-footer is a tall, dark, handsome man. Can't think why! They'll be especially keenly welcomed if they bring a gift of salt, coal, whisky or a black bun. But if you're a redheaded woman you might want to think twice about visiting anyone's house after midnight; you'll only bring them bad luck for the year ahead!

What about incorporating new traditions into Bungo At the Bells? Fireball swinging, anyone, as they do in Stonehaven? Or how about tar barrel rolling? There are also traditions that have died out. How would your family feel if they had to wait to open their annual gifts on Handsel Day, the Monday after New Year?

Perhaps one of the most contested issues surrounding Hogmanay is the name itself. No-one knows where it came from and there are dozens of suggestions, taking its origin from Scottish Gaelic, Norman or Old French and even Old English, Flemish, Greek and Spanish!

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NEW VENUE

**The Strathbungo Society
is on the move again.**

Committee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at Mulberry St bar and bistro on Pollokshaws Rd.

Things kick off at 8.00 pm and the next meeting will be held on January 16th.