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BUNGO AT THE BELLS

Reinvigorated, re-vamped and really good fun was the verdict on last year's Bungo At The Bells. After a couple of damp years, the cold, frosty night that saw off the end of 2007 and greeted 2008 encouraged record numbers of revellers to celebrate Strathbungo's annual hootenanny.

Mulled wine, mince pies, black bun and bonhomie was provided for one and all and a final flourish of fireworks sent the party-goers off on the short walk home feeling happy. So 2009's big greeting is set to be just as friendly, just as family-focused and just as free-wheeling as ever. We're in another new location this year and spreading the joy around the whole area. We'll be counting down to the bells outside **53 Queen Square/18 Moray Place from 11.45** and no-one will be able to say they didn't know it was on. We're planning on having a fantastic gathering of the neighbours with not one but two processions. So, grab a saucepan and a wooden spoon, or a kazoo and a lantern and join the musical noise-making marchers from **11:30 either outside Grianach on Nithsdale Road or by the monkey puzzle tree at the end of Vennard Gardens.**

Warming mulled wine, perhaps a hot toddy, shortbread and music will be provided by the Strathbungo Society and we always appreciate extra volunteers to help out, in whatever way they can.

You can see more, including a video of last year's event on the Bungo Blog: www.strathbungo.co.uk, or if you use Facebook why not join the new **Strathbungo Society** group?





SCOUTING FOR TALENT

Back in the long days and short nights of summer, you may remember a knock on your door from the local Scout Group selling Strathbungo Society raffle tickets. 2nd Glasgow Scout Group meets in the Scout Hall on Glencairn Drive, next to Titwood Park and are looking for new recruits. All boys and girls aged from six upwards are welcome to come along.

Beavers are for 6 to 8 year olds and meet on a Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 7.15 pm.

Cubs are for 8 to 10 year olds and meet on a Tuesday evening from 7.15 to 8.30 pm.

Scouts are for 10 to 14 year olds and meet on a Thursday evening from 7.15 to 9.15 pm.

From age 14 there are Explorer Scouts who meet at different times and venues to suit those involved.

From 18 upwards anyone interested in joining becomes part of the Scout Network and starts leader training with the movement.

In all sections there are a variety of activities planned for each session and fun outings. Recent events include a cycle round Millport, day grass sledging, crate climbing and such like. The Scouts also teach many everyday life skills for each age group and generally have a lot of fun.

In the next couple of weeks there are Christmas parties, the Scouts are going ice skating and plans are being made for activities in the new year. In particular some of our Scouts and leaders are involved in the Glasgow Gang Show which is a review show involving Scouts and Guides from all over Glasgow and this gives the opportunity for meeting others outside the area. An international camp is also planned for the summer and it is hoped that many of our youngsters will be taking part.

Anyone interested in any aspect of the Scout Group can come along on a Tuesday or Thursday evening to have a chat. Or the Group Scout Leader, Moira Fletcher, can be contacted either by phone or email on 07771 613894 or moira1.fletcher@googlemail.com



Local Heritage Speaks up and Out!

Part of the rich heritage surrounding Strathbungo is Pollokshields Burgh Hall set in the intimacy of Maxwell Park. Within this beautiful building with its turrets and stained glass windows there is a hive of activity: Weddings, yoga classes, meetings and speaking.



Yes – I did say speaking!

Not just plain, ordinary speaking, but the kind of speaking that inspires people and movements; the kind of speaking which builds confidence and motivates the speaker to feel that they really can speak effectively and that people will take notice of what they say. And if there is speaking at the Burgh Hall, it follows that there is a lot of listening to the speaking. Not just plain, ordinary listening, but the kind of listening that is active and interested; the kind of listening which allows the listener to give constructive and positive feedback to the speaker. What is all the speaking and listening about you might ask? It's about Southside

Speakers, the community speaking club whose home is Pollokshields Burgh Hall.

Presiding over all of this speaking and listening are St Andrew and St John, watching and listening from their position high-up in the stained glass windows in the Stirling Hall inside Pollokshields Burgh Hall. I like to think that they smile and look forward to their fortnightly entertainment.

When I first went to Southside Speakers, these Saints were part of the welcoming committee. It had taken me three months to find the courage to even step through the door. A Speakers Club – what do I have to offer them? I stumbled over my first words and, to

my amazement, the audience were interested. I recommended a book to them. In return, I learnt about hill walking in Aberdeen, how to get a great night's sleep and the importance of time keeping. My new friends were just ordinary people like me, wishing to be better speakers and having a ball at the same time. The good night's sleep did not happen – I was buzzing too much that night. I could not wait until my next visit and I soon became a member of Southside Speakers. Now I am a more confident speaker and person. I no longer sit there in team meetings at work, biting my tongue, too scared they will hear the tremor in my voice. I've learnt how to

get over all that! Instead, I can see in my mind St Andrew, looking at me through his glassy eyes. He inspires me to speak out with confidence and now I can articulate my thoughts and make my point clearly and effectively! I even gained the courage to speak at a Burns' Supper.

We have history and community heritage to thank for this building, which inspires so many of us and which provides a venue for our speaking, the yoga classes and weddings. I would urge everyone to join in with the hive of activities at Pollokshields Burgh Hall and support this important piece of our heritage. You never know what you might get back in return!

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TAKING OUR HERITAGE FOR GRANTED

Glasgow City Heritage Trust distributes grants to assist in the repair, enhancement and conservation of the city's historic architecture. For example, they currently offer funding of up to 50% towards the cost of repairing sash-and-case windows in listed buildings in conservation areas. If you are considering undertaking major repairs in the next financial year, it is well worth contacting them for advice and to discover if the work could be eligible for grant assistance. You can contact them at:

54 Bell St, Glasgow, G1 1LQ, 0141 5521331,

Email: info@glasgowheritage.org.uk

THE STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

We're working on a new spring event to be held around Easter time and we'd love to get new ideas and new volunteers involved. Please contact us via the website or come along to one of our monthly meetings.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SAVE POLLOK PARK

The campaign to stop the development of a high-wire adventure park in Pollok Park's north wood is continuing. The National Trust for Scotland has stated it is unhappy about the proposals. However, the Scottish Executive failed to step in and the proposed development is currently going ahead.

OFF THE RAILS

Network Rail has continued its vegetation management programme in the Southside this autumn and winter. It has substantially cut back mature trees along the railway embankments at Maxwell Park and Pollokshields West station. Residents in these areas have been horrified at the extent of the damage. The Strathbungo Society has passed on details of its battle with Network Rail over vegetation maintenance to local councillors, which has informed discussion over promises of replanting.

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STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY Meetings

Meetings are open to all and held on the third Monday of
each month at **Grianach on Nithsdale Rd**. Meetings
begin at 7.30pm and usually finish by 9pm. Agendas and
minutes are published online.

The dates of forthcoming meetings are:

19th January 2009

16th February 2009

16th March 2009