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Be Part of a Brighter Bungo!

New York City in the 1980s was in the grip of a crime wave which was so bad that the very name of the city became synonymous with high murder rates and muggings.

However, from a high in 1990, the crime rate dramatically dropped with murders dropping by two thirds and muggings by half. New York City is now one of the safest big cities in the US. One of the key factors which had a dramatic effect upon crime rates was the clean up of the subway system, removing graffiti, repairing broken windows and clearing up litter.

The New York experience suggests that there may be a direct link between the state of the physical environment and the levels of crime committed. This is an epidemic theory of crime, which says that crime is contagious, that it can start with a broken window and spread to an entire community.

This 'Broken Windows' theory says that if a window is broken and left unrepaired, people walking by will conclude that no-one cares and no-one is in charge. Muggers, burglars, vandals, or even anti-social youths, believe they reduce their chances of being caught if they operate on streets where potential victims are already intimidated by prevailing conditions.

If the community cannot keep the streets/lanes free from rubbish such as litter, domestic refuse, fly tipping or bulk uplift, perhaps its residents are less likely to call the police?

The Strathbungo Society is keen to kick start a new initiative to improve OUR area. By keeping the streets and lanes free from refuse

and litter, the area will be a cleaner place in which to live and the invitation to crime within our neighbourhood will be reduced. The Brighter Bungo! initiative started with a Clean Up Day on 20th September with a handful of local volunteers supported by Ryan Noble of Glasgow Community Safety Services (GCSS) who provided skips, wheelbarrows and litter pickers, etc. From this small start, the group hopes to affect the whole community.

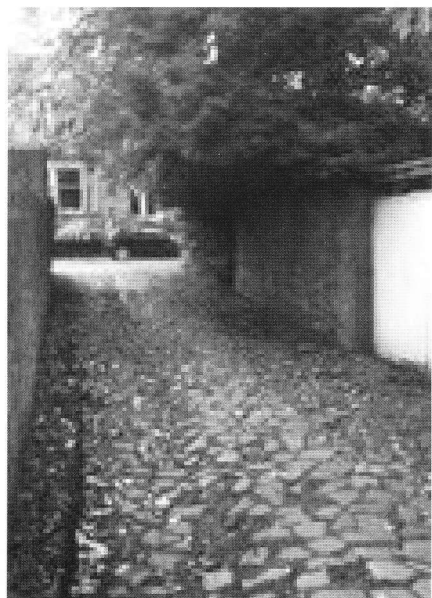
Brighter Bungo! will act as a neighbourhood point of contact to liaise with GCSS and Glasgow City Council Cleansing Dept in the co-ordination of a better refuse/litter/graffiti removal service.

How you can help:

- Become a Brighter Bungo! volunteer for your street, lane, row of houses or close.
- Report litter/fly tipping/bulk refuse in your area of responsibility to Brighter Bungo!
- Encourage neighbours to be involved in cleaning up your area or take part in Brighter Bungo! Clean Up days.

Contact Laura Hudson Mackay, Brighter Bungo! Co-ordinator on 07780 672566 or for more details join the Brighter Bungo! group on Facebook or visit www.strathbungo.co.uk.

The Strathbungo News will also print news of future Clean Up days.



Brighter Bungo!



CRUSH THOSE CANS

After years bemoaning the lack of recycling facilities in the area, most houses in Strathbungo have become the proud owners of new boxes to store recycling and green waste. Tenement dwellers have also benefited from new and upgraded recycling facilities on Nithsdale Rd and Kildrostan St.

However, it hasn't escaped the attention of residents that now we have access to such facilities they're rapidly filling up. We all need to take responsibility for this, by reporting when recycling bins need emptying to the council on 0141 297 9700 and by being considerate recyclers.

The best way to stop recycling bins over-filling is to be careful how things are disposed of in the first place. It's well worth taking the time to crush plastic bottles and cans before placing them in the recycling bin. Simply stand on them or, if you struggle to squish your steel, invest in a can crusher.

Also, it's important to bear in mind the items that cannot be recycled using the bins in our area.

These include:

- **Paper** - envelopes, shredded paper, card packaging.
Tetrapak cartons (e.g fruit juice cartons) shouldn't be placed in recycling bins but they can be taken to the Polmadie recycling facility.
- **Plastics** - bags, film or wrapping, yoghurt pots, food containers, polystyrene
- **Metals** - Paint tins and batteries. Either take them to Polmadie or make use of the free battery recycling boxes available in any branch of Dixons, Curry's, PC World or Sainsbury's.
- **Glass** - crockery, drinking glasses, light bulbs, Pyrex
- **Green waste** - soil, rubble or stone.



ON THE BANDWAGON

Would you like to see the Queens Park bandstand returned to use?

The creation of a flexible performance space using the terraced area of the former Queen's Park bandstand is being pushed forward by four community councils with support from the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council.

Since April they've achieved a great deal, finding out more about the site and organising a survey during the Southside Festival. The feedback from the public was very positive and they had a wide range of ideas for how to use the space, from daytime children's activities and exercise classes to sessions of drama, film, dance and larger scale musical performances.

But what will it look like? Detailed plans aren't available but there will be a flat performance/activity area with a durable, well-drained surface, electrical supply for sound and light systems and restored toilet facilities. This won't be done at the expense of the current green space. The group aims to retain existing planting - the sheltering hedge around the terra and the trees behind the performance area.

This would be very much a community-based amphitheatre with local participation in its management board and in its programming.

Find out more at www.qppp.org and watch this space, or, indeed, that space!

HE'S BEHIND YOU!

St Ninian's Church has announced the dates for their annual pantomime.

Mamma Laddin - the classic tale of the Orient with a Swedish touch - will be performed on **December 5th and 6th** in the **Church Hall on Albert Drive**.
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW.

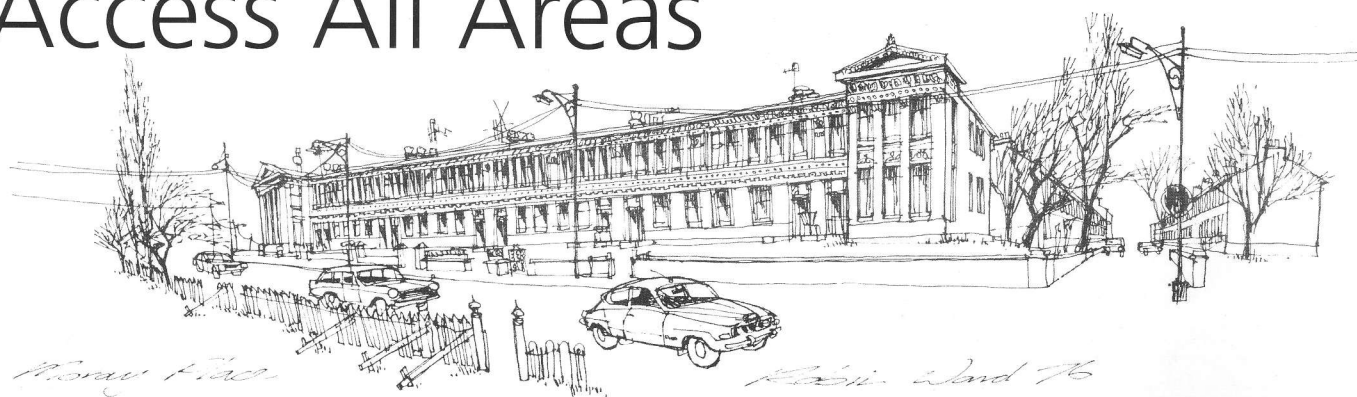
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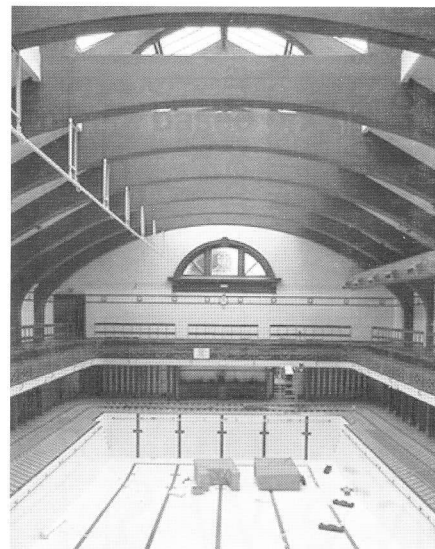


Doors Open Day 2009 proved to be a hugely popular event, with architectural gems around the area throwing open their doors to the public. Neighbours in Strathbungo can't have missed the queues snaking along Moray Place throughout the afternoon as people waited to look around number one.

This former home of Alexander 'Greek' Thomson was one of only a handful of private houses to be opened to the public and visitors really appreciated seeing the restoration work in progress and the unique difficulties of balancing an architectural restoration project with creating a comfortable home. Some visitors were all too familiar with the property, having been patients there when it operated as a doctor's surgery, and others relished the chance to talk to the knowledgeable owners and stewards who volunteered their time to show people around.

Few could resist the opportunity to peek behind the scenes of the newly-opened Scottish Ballet HQ next to Tramway. Visitors got a rare opportunity to see where costumes are made and repaired and the fantastic dance studios. The staff are clearly delighted with their new premises, urging visitors to protect the still-gleaming surfaces and telling tales of the difficulties they previously endured rehearsing in studios too small to practise lifts in! No danger of that in a new building with some of the largest dance studios in Europe.

Finally, the annual opportunity to look around the magnificent Govanhill Baths was not to be missed. The fantastic volunteer-led tours emphasised how structurally solid the building still was and the exciting plans in place to bring it back into use. 23 different art installations also helped to tell the story of the building and its community. Over the two days it was open, Govanhill Baths was visited by more than 2,000 people, making it one of the top-five most-visited sites in Glasgow on Doors Open Day.



A STRING TO HER BOW



St Brides' pupil and Strathbungo resident Alice Murphy will be taking part in this year's School's Christmas concert. Alice, who has been playing the violin for two years, will be playing in the Glasgow Schools Christmas Concert on 14th and 15th December at The City Halls. 600 school pupils from across the city will be taking part, playing in a number of different ensembles from choirs to a full orchestra and big band. **Tickets are available now.**

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£1.5 Million Bid for Shawlands Regeneration

Glasgow City Council received over 1,200 responses to a recent survey on ways to improve Shawlands.

Residents were keen to point out the benefits of the area - its restaurants, coffee shops and independent and specialist shops, not to mention its beautiful parks and welcoming environment. Despite this, residents couldn't ignore the vacant shops, the lack of public toilets, difficult parking, poor lighting and inconvenient pedestrian crossings.

On 28th August, Glasgow City Council submitted a bid for £680,000 to the Scottish Government Town Centre Regeneration Fund. This fund is intended to help improve and protect town centres throughout Scotland during the economic downturn. If successful, the money will fund new lighting, footway and street furniture improvements. It is also intended to illuminate historic buildings, two illuminated fountains in Queens Park boating pond and tree management along the western edge of Queens Park to help connect Shawlands to Strathbungo better.

As part of the bid they also have a commitment of 100% match funding from private and public sector agencies which would take the overall spend to around £1.5 million. The Council will find out if it has secured this funding at the end of October.

Strathbungo AGM

Many thanks to all who attended this year's AGM. It was much quieter than last year's meeting but was attended by two of our City Councillors, Irfan Rabbani and David Meikle, and did provide an opportunity for residents to discuss the direction of the society and air any issues of concern.

Topics discussed included the Strathbungo Society's approach to planning issues, the ongoing issues of refuse collection, recycling and fly tipping and the proposed traffic regulation order. You can read the full minutes on the website www.strathbungo.co.uk.

Sorry We Missed You

On our list of thank-yous for their support for **Bungo In The Back Lanes** we forgot to mention Sharon Schweps, who provided the fantastic ice cream garden, and the Titwood Bar and Panda House for their generous raffle donations. Our apologies for missing you first time round.

Thank you again to them and all our supporters. With all the funds in, we're happy to report that this year's Bungo In The Back Lanes was our most successful fundraising event ever.

Bungo At The Bells

The annual Hogmanay Hi-jinks will take place, for the second year running, at 53 Queen Square and 18 Moray Place. The Society will provide mulled wine, music, the countdown and good cheer.

We'd love to see you there and do let us know if you'd like to perform.

The unexpected piper last year really helped things go with a bang!

Contact us via the website, or just turn up on the night!

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Back In Black

Bungo bags have proved so popular that the society has had to restock.

The simple design is now available in either natural or black. They feature long handles, so they can be carried over your shoulder, and have plenty of room for all your local shopping. They also fold up neatly, can be machine washed, and can be carried with you wherever you go.

Bags can be purchased for **£4 each**, or buy **three for £10**. They are available at Grianach on Nithsdale Road or order through our website www.strathbungo.co.uk.

All proceeds go to the Strathbungo Society.