

STRATHBUNGO



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Bring in the New Year with all your Strathbungo neighbours.

The procession of revelers will begin at 11:30pm on Nithsdale Road and in Vennard Gardens before winding its way to this year's venue - outside 52 Marywood Square. Just join in when you hear the noise-makers passing your door, or come straight to the street. Mulled wine and festive treats will be available from 11:45. Wrap up warm, bring an instrument and help make a Hogmanay to remember for all the family.

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Strathbungo's Future - Looking Bright

Thanks to all those who turned out on a cool October evening for our hastily rescheduled AGM. Despite the late change of date there was a great turnout for this year's meeting.

The committee has already acted on a lot of the issues discussed but we don't want you to feel that one meeting a year is your only chance to get involved. Strathbungo Society committee meetings usually take place on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm at Grianach on Nithsdale Road. The meetings are open to everyone who lives in the area.

After the vote at the AGM, the society will be offering its Landfill Communities Fund monies to the Queens Park Arena project. The Queens Park Arena team welcome the idea that we have a representative on the steering group committee - could this be

you? Their next meeting is on January 12th and we would ask that, in addition to being the representative, you would be able to feed back to us at our Strathbungo Society meetings. Get in touch and let us know if you are interested.

We're also looking for new volunteers to help with events and particular tasks. People have come forward to help out with planning next year's Bungo In The Back Lanes but we always need more willing hands! Get in touch via www.strathbungo.co.uk or www.bungoblog.com or just come along to a meeting.



Get Scribbling!

Looking for something to keep the children amused over the school holidays? Why not encourage them to get scribbling and take a fresh look at Strathbungo at the same time? The Strathbungo Children's Art Competition is now entering its third year and this year's theme is Life in Strathbungo.

Entry forms and information can be picked up from the following local cafes from Saturday 18th December 2010: Gusto & Relish, Mulberry Street and Tapa on Pollokshaws Road and Grianach on Nithsdale Road. Winners work will be displayed in these venues in Spring 2011 - something to look forward to! In addition, the entry forms will also be available to download from the website. Just go to bungoblog.com/community-events/spring-fling.

Winners will be announced at the Spring Fling on March 26th and there's tough competition - last year we had over 90 entries. There are four age groups - under 5, 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16. The deadline for entries Saturday 28th February.



Without question, one of the hottest topics at this year's AGM was the way the Society communicates with residents and, in particular, the need to update our website.

Enthusiastic volunteers, both new and old, decided to strike while the iron was hot and we now have a new Bungo Blog website and a new web-management team.

The aim is to live up to our hope that Strathbungo residents will "make their home their home" by making the website up-to-date, useful and more interactive. Above all we want the site to be less about the Society and more about Strathbungo and that includes you. The changes we've made are based on comments made to Society members and the results of an online survey conducted in November.

There are new forums, more opportunities to comment and you can post your own articles and

photos. We're also updating a lot of the business section and are in particular need of recommendations for tradespeople. Please do log on and let us know what you think.

There will be another online survey in a few weeks' time so you can let us know your thoughts on the changes and suggest other ones.

The aim is to keep changing and renewing the site with input from everyone who lives here.

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FUN AND GAMES

It's always nice to find yourself in an unexpectedly win-win situation. At the AGM the Society voted to not to spend our grant money on play equipment but the Council, surprisingly but delightfully, has installed the equipment without requiring funding from us - and here it is after the recent snowfall.

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Felt Like Being Crafty Lately?

"What happened to the great crafts there used to be at Bungo In The Back Lanes?" was one of the questions posed at this year's AGM.



Well, there's only one way to make sure more home-made crafts appear at the event and that's to get crafting ourselves. Local Craft Mafia member, and host of the Back Lanes' regular craft garden, Rosie Ilett has started to spread the crafting word and this year the Southside hosted its first felt-making workshop.

The day-long event was held at Langside Halls in late October and, as you can see from the photos, readily turned novices into expert felters. Rosie's planning to hold more workshops in the future - watch the Bungo Blog for more information or join the Glasgow Felt Making Facebook group. Fingers crossed there'll be beautiful Bungo-made felt products for sale at next year's Bungo In The Back Lanes.



New Kid in Town

Ever started out from scratch in a new city or even a new country? Newcomer to the Bungo Dee Miller shares her first impressions of our corner of the dear green place

When my husband and I decided to move to Glasgow, I was excited about getting to know a new city. I'd grown up in Detroit and spent seven years living in central Toronto in Cabbagetown, a neighbourhood of flats and semi-detached Victorian houses near the city centre. My husband and I wanted to move to another neighbourhood with a distinctive personality and a sense of history.

I fell in love with the energy and diversity in Glasgow; the culture; the built environment, packed with lovely old buildings but not stuck in time; the relaxed friendliness of the people, so, I explored Glasgow on Google maps and Streetview, looking for neighbourhoods that still had traditional shops, parks, post offices, train stations and banks. I'd swoop on Streetview to see what they looked like - if the buildings were attractive, the gardens well cared for, the nearby businesses interesting and inviting.

Everyone told us that we should move to the West End, but my research was leading us to the Southside. The accommodations are larger, higher quality and less expensive, the businesses more

traditional, with fewer large chains and more locally-owned establishments, and the parks huge and absolutely stunning. We hadn't failed to notice the cafes, produce markets, restaurants and pubs. It got increasingly difficult to leave. Finally, we had six flats to see: two in the city centre, one in the west end and one each in Shawlands, Strathbungo, and Pollokshields. The city centre flats were large but lacked charm. The West End flat was expensive and threadbare. The Shawlands flat was simple and tastefully decorated with an unusually well-maintained close. The Strathbungo flat was mid-priced and it almost looked like we already lived in it, the furniture and decorating were so much to our taste. The Pollokshields flat was more expensive and a hike from the business areas we wanted to have nearby. We decided to take one of the Southside flats. You guessed it: the one in Strathbungo. The very fancy crown mouldings may have played a role!

If you've moved here recently, we'd love to hear what made you choose Strathbungo. Why not post your comments and experiences on the Bungo Blog, or send us a letter for Talkback?

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TALKBACK

Selected Highlights from the Bungo Blog

Lights Out Night

I'm thinking of trying to organise a Lights Out Night in Queens Park. This would be of the nature whereby as many people as possible come out to hang out together in the park on an evening with the dual themes of saving on home energy and generating a more positive impression of the park.

Local cafes providing food, some acoustic music/spoken word, bicycle-powered cinema, lantern making that type of thing. I will be talking to the South Side Transition group and local cafe owners among others to see who is interested in making this happen.

Best Wishes, Chris

Bungo In The Back Lanes

Just wanted say how sorry I am that you were treated unfairly regarding the licence for this year's beer tent. As a resident of Marywood Square, I would like to help out in any way I can for next year. I am a retired policewoman and although the laws have changed somewhat since my day, I wondered if it would help if we set up stewarding of some sort? I would be happy to be a 'steward' for the day! I'm sure

you'll keep us updated by newsletter, but just want you know that you have my support. Other neighbours feel the same. It was still a wonderful day. *Maggie*



Beautiful Bungo on Flickr

I just wanted to let you know that I've started a Strathbungo group on Flickr, as one didn't seem to exist.

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/strathbungo/>

I know there are loads of nice Bungo pics on Flickr and it'd be great to aggregate them. If you use Flickr, I'd be happy to send you an invite to become a moderator. Even if you don't, you can grab the code and embed slideshows etc for use on other sites.

Best Wishes, Helen

Sandstone Conservation

We live in Marywood Square and have recently noticed some erosion to the sandstone on one of our window frames. We are looking for any help in finding any good tradesmen in the area to give us a quote, or perhaps anyone in the area who has experienced this before and can give us any advice. *Thank you, Chris.*

An open letter to the driver of the silver car that knocked down a cat in Strathbungo on Wednesday morning, 25th November.

Here's what happened next

We don't know who you are, but you do; you are the person who knocked down a black and white cat in Queen Square and drove on.

You don't know this, but we do: the cat was a big, sleek, healthy boy called Dave. He was four years old. He was a much-loved family pet, calm, a little shy. We don't know how fast you were going - the statutory 30mph limit is way too fast for our narrow street. But you were apparently in such an all-fired hurry that you couldn't even stop and see whether you had killed him outright or left him injured and in pain.

Thankfully, other people came out to offer what aid and comfort they could. It was a real Strathbungo moment: a blanket to wrap him up and keep him warm, a box to make him feel secure. Traffic stopped in Queen Square until our local lady gardener could bring her yellow flower-covered van along and rush him to the vet. Another neighbour brought out a bucket of water and washed down the street. Because yes, mystery driver, there was blood in Queen Square after you left.

Unfortunately Dave was too badly injured to survive and so was put to sleep. All that remained was to break the news to his owners, who would be returning home from work that evening unaware of what ill luck had befallen their pet. But at least they would know what happened to him, they would know where he was, and they would know that despite the brutal accident he had spent his last hour in the hands of caring people.

So here's something to think about. Nobody reckons you deliberately ran the poor moggie down. Everybody who owns an outdoor cat knows the risk we take in giving our pets the freedom to climb trees, take sunbaths, walk on walls and sniff the air. You can teach children to cross the road safely, you can train dogs to heel or walk on leads, but cats really are our hostages to fortune.

So no doubt Dave darted across the street right in front of you - an accident, nobody would blame you - but why didn't you just stop to see if you could help?

Yours sincerely,

Sharon

PS: Ian and Fiona, Dave's 'parents', would like to thank Sally, Haider and other neighbours for their care and concern.

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