

WATCH YOUR STEP

Moray Place footbridge works set for September



Network Rail has confirmed to the Strathbungo Society that long-awaited works to refurbish the Moray Place footbridge will start in September and run through to December.

A works compound will be set up near the bridge to cater for workers and a temporary diversion - over the road bridge at Nithsdale Road - will be put in place.

The works comprise replacement of severe corrosion with new steelwork or over-plating, repainting and upgrading of underfoot / steel deck surfaces.

For the repainting phase, the footbridge will be fully encapsulated to prevent dust exposure into the atmosphere and allow the contractor (Taziker Industrial) to safely remove existing paint.

Network Rail is in discussion with Council planners on the colour scheme; Network Rail prefers a dark colour (usually

holly green), while the planners wish to see the existing heritage colours retained.

Network Rail Project Manager, Michael McArthur, told the Strathbungo News he would “be happy to provide a full update and answer any queries.”

Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society chair, said “It’s great that Network Rail is upgrading the footbridge, which is such a vital route to and from Strathbungo. The Society is keen to see Network Rail install lighting and handrails and we will invite Michael to our next meeting for a fuller update”.

Prior to the works commencing local residents, businesses and elected officials will receive a notification letter that will include a 24 hour helpline for issues that arise.

CAMPBILL GATE ROOFTOP SESSIONS

Once upon a time the Beatles rocked London with their famous 'Get Back' rooftop concert.

That was a one-off, but now Camphill Gate, overlooking Queens' Park on Pollokshaws Road, is gaining a reputation as the hottest venue on the local music scene.

Camphill Gate are raising funds to contribute to a much-needed comprehensive refurbishment of the four-storey set of tenements directly opposite Queen's Park. These concerts are part of a range of events and initiatives that will raise the profile of the campaign, increase goodwill - and create fun.

The latest gig was their most successful. Three musical acts braved the recent end to Glasgow's glorious summer, having to endure wind and rain (as did spectators). Opening act was solo guitarist and singer Caitlin Buchanan, followed by the charismatic A New International playing their unique brand of carnivalesque rock 'n' roll.

The evening had only just begun and, as the rain lashed down, musicians and punters relocated to the front room

of Anna Hodgart's flat, one of the organisers. This produced an intimate setting for Edinburgh rockers, Broken Records. Lead singer Jamie Sutherland, declared this 'one of the most magical gigs we have ever played' and that 'they wouldn't let you do this in Edinburgh, Glasgow is the coolest'. Such success means that the Camphill Gate organisers have raised the bar. However, rumours that they are trying to get The Beatles to reform to play one last rooftop set have not been confirmed.



BUNGO PEOPLE: LIBBY WALKER

Artist Libby Walker has opened her new shop in the neighbourhood - a brightly lit space that contains her gallery and her small studio.

Libby decided early in life on her vocation and, in her words, 'spent my lunch breaks in school at the art room'. After studying at Edinburgh College of Art she ran her own practice in Finnieston at The Hidden Lanes before coming south. 'I moved to the Southside', she says, 'and went on a search for the perfect empty unit', opening on Pollokshaws Road in June.

Her shop is a visual and aesthetic joy filled with bright colours and yellow raindrops on the walls. Libby wanted 'to embrace a colourful, optimistic colour for Glasgow rather than grey', and to represent 'optimistic raindrops'.

The content is equally striking with Libby's illustrations covering different aspects of the city - from West End shops, places and people, to Dennistoun, and Strathbungo and Southside. Her work is available in sizes from big to small and in various forms - framed originals, prints, cushions, scarfs and textile materials, as well as greeting cards.

Already some of Strathbungo's streets have been captured in Libby's inimitable style, and she has plans to do more. She

has been drawing the numerous cafes and shops in the area - from the Glad Café to Gusto and Relish and Queens' Café - meticulously reflecting their idiosyncrasies and the people who work in and visit them. Libby Walker, 613 Pollokshaws Rd, open Wed-Sat 12-6 and Sunday 12-4.



CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH AT 150

2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of celebrated architect (and occasional Strathbungo resident, having lived on Regent Park Square, at numbers 6 and 15) Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Born in Glasgow on 7 June 1868, Mackintosh's anniversary year has been marked by a prestigious exhibition at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the refurbishment of the Willow Tea Rooms on Sauchiehall Street, assorted media, publicity and events. But of course, sadly overshadowing all of this was the near destruction of the iconic Mackintosh building in the second fire at Glasgow School of Art in four years.

What the disaster, along with the anniversary, has shown is the affection and reach of Mackintosh's reputation and how it is interconnected with Glasgow's own national and international brand.

A host of events and exhibitions are being held across the city and country. These include, as well as those mentioned above,



events at the House for an Art Lover, The Hunterian and The Lighthouse in Glasgow, and the newly opening V&A in Dundee. A tribute to Mackintosh was revealed in the form of a mural by the Clutha Vaults. But surely the biggest celebration of his style would be the appropriate rebuilding of the Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh building and the city embracing a culture of caring for its existing treasures and innovating and celebrating cutting edge design in the future.

SOUTHSIDE HAPPENINGS

'A strong Grassroots Community',

Words by Anne Nisbett

'A strong Grassroots Community', is how I recently heard the Southside described. The growing network of social enterprises and ethical businesses are becoming a strong part of the identity of the Southside.

The model of Social Enterprise is based on sustainability; organisations still provide goods or services at a profit, but at the same time their focus is on providing benefits to people, the community or the environment.

Victoria Road is home to the Milk Café, a social enterprise set up to empower and support refugee and migrant women living in Glasgow. The small café provides a safe and welcoming environment that promotes integration, develops skills and provides support through free language classes. The enterprise has plans to open a hostel promoting 'socially responsible travel' while also providing training, work experience and emergency accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers.

The Glad Café needs no introduction, alongside Glad Rags Thrift Store, this award winning venue and café supports the Glad Foundation, which runs free and affordable music workshops for local people.

As well as Milk and Glad, there are organisations like Locavore, Merry Go Round, South west Community Cycles and High Rise Bakers, who all contribute positively to the local community.

When you support a local social enterprise you inadvertently support more, as they commonly stock or serve products from other ethical businesses, such Freedom Bakery bread or Mossgiel Farm milk.

To have a positive impact on your community, simply choose to purchase from an ethical local business that benefits the community and the environment.



NEW NEIGHBOURS: EMILY ROSE VINTAGE

Emily Rose Vintage, an upcycling vintage furniture shop, is a beautiful new addition to the neighbourhood, in the shop that was previously home to Locavore.

Owner, Emily Bevan-Pritchard has been painting furniture for about 10 years and firmly believes the quiet revolution she is part of is really important: 'I feel we have lost our connection with the things that surround us in all aspects of our lives. Throwaway culture is hopefully being reversed but the damage it has done already is massive. We have lost the knowledge that our predecessors had. They knew how to build things and they knew how to fix them too. Items were cherished and cared for and furniture was built to last and handed down through generations. It was designed with function and beauty in equal measures.'

'It's amazing to think how long some of the pieces I use have been here, and they are still as strong as the day they were made. Even the most ordinary piece can be transformed with paint or by stripping it back to the beautiful wood it was made from. I love knowing that the pieces I work on will hopefully



stay within a new family for more generations to come.'

Emily has made it her mission to fill her home with pieces she has found in the street, been given, swapped, bought on Gumtree or sourced from Charity shops.

'I can't think of anything I have now that is brand new, and I love that.'

Visit Emily Rose Vintage at 66 Nithsdale Road. Emily also plans to run arts and crafts workshops in the future from her workshop. See her website for more information.

CAFE SOURCE Words by Fiona MacKinnon

Number 72 Nithsdale Road has had a chequered history. The whole terrace of tenements and shops was built during 1876-77 by Robert Turnbull to a design by Alexander "Greek" Thomson and so it is a B Listed building.

If you've lived here a while, you might remember when it was a motor engineers with posters for tyres and spark plugs. That business started in 1929 as H.C. Niven and Co and Bert Niven became known for getting your Bentley to run smoothly. Now "Cafe Source" in St Andrews in the Square are restoring number 72 as "Niven's by Cafe Source". They have decided to honour the old motor engineer's who, despite installing an engine hoist and inspection pit, kept the fancy Greek Thomson plasterwork and many other historic features. Paul Laurie and his architects met up with The Strathbungo Society as soon as they got the keys. This informed their plans and so far they have revealed the distinctive Thomson plasterwork, restored woodwork and recently the vintage gold signage of "William Bennie and Sons, Butcher" has just appeared on Nithsdale Street.

Paul says "'Café Source is really looking forward to opening our new venture in Strathbungo and becoming an integral

part of the local society. It's taking a little longer than expected as we try and refurbish as sympathetically as possible, but also very exciting to unearth hidden gems of history like the butcher sign. We will be offering a Café / Brunch menu during the day with homemade bread and cakes and then in the evening a small Café Source bistro menu with locally sourced products and craft beers"

Niven's will be a great neighbour in Strathbungo and yet more proof – if needed – that Strathbungo is a great place to live and do business.



NEWS IN BRIEF

A round up of all things Strathbungo: this quarter's bite-sized Bungo business!



BUNGO MERCH

As if they weren't desirable enough, one of the new Bungo tote bags has recently been spotted at Westminster! Grab one before they're gone. Bungo, Bungo, Bungo Tote bags at £4, Bungo, Bungo, Bungo Shopper bags at £5 a piece and Bungo Brew mugs at £2 are available from the Strathbungo Society - or if you sign up to be a Friend of the Society, you get them at half price... How could you resist?



FREE FIRE HOME SAFETY VISITS

Glasgow City Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are offering a free home safety visits to all homes and offer practical advice in relation to domestic fire prevention. If required, they will even fit free smoke detectors.

For more information, visit www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/for-householders/home-fire-safety-visit



REGENT PARK SQUARE STREET PARTY

Never ones to turn down a party, Regent Park Square residents and friends continued festivities on to 24 June for the now annual Regent Park Square Street Party. Organised by residents as part of Glasgow City Council's Street Play initiative, activities included chalk street art, face painting, welly tossing and lots of lounging on deckchairs. Revellers were also joined by Bike for Good's Bike Doctor who must have serviced the majority of the neighbourhood's bikes in his 5 hour window! The bumper party weekend closed with a bring and share street feast in the middle of the road until normal service resumed as the street was reopened to cars.

We are very grateful to Bike for Good Community Hub and Pollokshields Area Partnership for their support of the event.

BUNGO IN THE BACK LANES 2018

Once again, the sun shone down on Strathbungo for our biggest and longest-running annual event, Bungo in the Back Lanes, on 23 June. There was stiff competition this year with a jam-packed Southside weekend of wonderful community events, including street parties and Ready Steady Grow in Pollokshields, but the crowds still flocked to our cobbled lanes to grab a bargain, sample some delicious street food and home baking, and generally soak up the back lanes atmosphere!



FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Live music, fantastic prizes, a raffle and a chance to raise money for a great cause - all on offer at the Shed between 6pm and 10pm on Saturday 15th September.

The event, organised by Strathbungo resident Eddie Barnes, is being held to fund children with disabilities in Sierra Leone to visit the UK next year. Eddie explains his motivation for organising the event:

“My brother, Richard, who had learning disabilities, died in 2009. Afterwards, we decided to try and raise money to support families and children with disabilities in the developing world. Every penny raised from this evening will fund a group from Sierra Leone to come to the UK next year.

If you have a free hour or two, please do come down for what will be a great night of live music and fantastic entertainment.”

All welcome, no ticket required.



LOCAL LISTINGS *By Katherine Cory*

25 - 26 AUG

Park Lane Market

26 AUG

Tramway Tryout - Creative Drop-in event for families

13 SEPT

Glad Cafe
Kathryn Joseph: From When I Wake
In collaboration with Cryptic

18 SEPT

Strathbungo Society Meeting at The Bungo 7.30pm-8.30pm

2 OCT

The Bungo Oktoberfest

5-6 OCT

Glad Cafe
Glasgow Americana Festival

16 OCT

Strathbungo Society Meeting at The Bungo 7.30pm-8.30pm

28 OCT

Brighter Bungo, Nithsdale Road 11am-1pm

29 OCT

AGM at Queen's Park Church of Scotland hall 6pm-9.30pm

31 DEC

Bungo at the Bells 11.45pm

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