

THE END OF A BUNGO ERA AS SUSIE'S STORE CLOSES

Another page in Strathbungo's history turned on 20 July.



Joe and Gurmet Deo, the husband and wife who ran Susie's Store called it a day after an astounding thirty-five years of serving customers. In an intimate occasion to mark their long relationship with Strathbungo, local society chair Jane Carolan presented Joe and Gurmet with a bouquet of flowers and a plaque.

In response Joe said that 'he and his wife had been overwhelmed in their final week with people coming in thanking them, handing in cards and wishing them the best for their future.'

Susie's served many of the local needs of the community for many years before Sainsbury's opened and had a host of loyal and older customers to the end.

The history of what became Susie's has a longer history even than Joe and Gurmet. 'Susie's Store' opened in 1968 emerging out of the building of Strathbungo Station. Originally the smaller part of the building nearer the Bungo was Susie's and the bigger part, including most of the former booking room, was a compressor engineers.

Local Douglas Robertson remembered that: 'Susie's was owned by Mirza Beag and his wife Susie; hence the name Susie's. Mirza was a bus driver and Susie was a conductress who took the fares. They chucked the buses and opened

the original shop in Maxwell Road just a few yards up from Kenmure Street.' From this start they then 'moved to the Strathbungo bridge' site and the rest is history.

Strathbungo Station was closed to passengers permanently on 28 May 1962 having opened on 1 December 1877: fifteen years short of a century.

We await what future the building that housed Susie's Store has, but all of us will wish Joe and Gurmet a very happy and well-deserved retirement.



STRATHBUNGO NEEDS YOU!

The Strathbungo Society has always prided itself on its twin objectives.

On the one hand it fosters a community spirit and good neighbourliness among the residents of the squares and surrounding area . And on the other hand it promotes conservation and regeneration , and protection of the environment in our area.

You have probably attended a society event , be it Bungo in the Back Lanes , Bungo at the Bells or the Window Wanderland . For all of our events to take place however, we need to have volunteers . Every event needs preparation , a set up, volunteers for stewarding while its taking place, and most importantly volunteers for a clear up afterwards .

The most obvious example of protecting our environment is probably in the regular Brighter Bungo tidy ups. But the Society also tries to keep aware of council initiatives that affect our area , be that in terms of Planning or grant availability or commenting on local problems like (non) collection of rubbish .

We are trying not to be simply re-active, but to look toward Green initiatives that can improve life along the lanes .

Can you help out ? To keep the Society going, we have a committee that meets regularly . We need volunteers for the committee, but that is not everyone's cup of tea. We need articles for the newsletter, deliverers , Brighter Bungo volunteersAnd we need to hear from our residents about how we are doing , and whether there are things that we need to pursue on behalf of our neighbourhood.

Come to the AGM on OCT 29TH @ 7pm in Queens Park Church, 170 Queens Dr .

Tell us how we can improve the area, and think about what you could do to help . Jane Carolan, Chair.



REGENT PARK SQUARE STREET PARTY

Not ones for resting on their laurels, the residents of Regent Park Square threw an all-day street party on Sunday 23rd June 2019, just one day after another busy and successful Bungo in the Back Lanes.

The party was organised as part of Glasgow City Council's free Street Play initiative road closures, which encourages children to spend time playing outside without the risk of traffic accidents.

And of course, not only were the children able to enjoy scooting, cycling and playing outside, the adults were also able to relax on the street; reading newspapers, chatting, having a drink and enjoying an evening meal in the middle of the road. The Regent Park Square Sports Day was a crucial part of the day's events, with the annual welly throwing contest causing much excitement (and a few near misses). It seems no coincidence that, as cars have come to increasingly dominate our roads, you see much less children playing outside. The council allowing free road closures like this feels like a good way to start reversing some of this trend and giving us a chance to enjoy the space we all share.

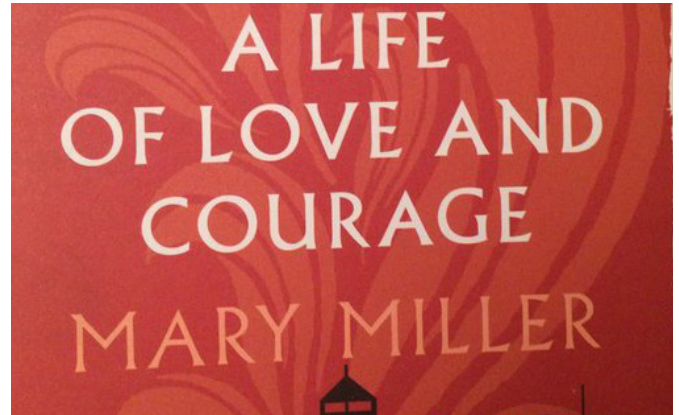


THE INSPIRING STORY OF JANE HAINING

Local author Mary Miller has written a book telling a story that needed to be told - that of Jane Haining.

Haining grew up in Galloway and went to work in the Scottish Jewish Mission School in Budapest, Hungary, in 1932, after living in Pollokshields and being an active member of the congregation in Queens Park Church (where commemorative windows to her can be seen). She was on holiday in the UK when war broke out in 1939, but immediately went back to the school and refused to leave the country in 1940 as the situation grew more difficult.

Haining remained for the next four years helping pupils in the school, writing 'if these children need me in days of sunshine, how much more do they need me in days of darkness'. Her work saw her protect and safeguard many young girls, but in March 1944 Hungary was invaded by the Nazis and she was arrested by the Gestapo the following month for 'offences' which included spying, working with Jews and listening to the BBC. She was sent to Auschwitz and died a few months later at the age of 47.



Mary Miller tells the powerful story of Haining well showing her courage, compassion and belief in helping others even as fascism and dictatorship closed in on her. Miller is an excellent and nuanced storyteller, having undertaken a life supporting people - from working in rural Zimbabwe under the Mugabe regime to closer to home setting up the Jeely Piece Club in Castlemilk to aid parents and children. Her book, 'Jane Haining: A Life of Love and Courage' is published by Birlinn Books, £14.99.

THE DEEP END - NEW ARTS SPACE

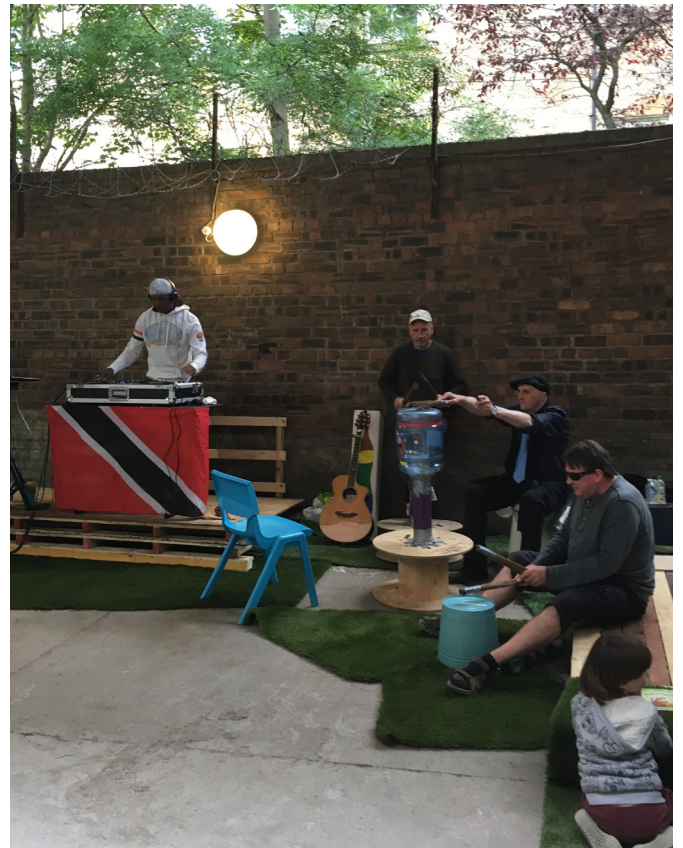
The Deep End is an exciting new community arts space and social enterprise developed by Govanhill Baths Community Trust. It houses Govanhill Baths Arts and the Rags to Riches upcycling studio and UpHub. It is also home to a variety of creative programmes delivered by the Trust.

"Our aim is to provide our programmes, artists, makers, creators and community groups with inspiring places and spaces to work in," said Fatima Uygen, Govanhill Baths Community Trust Manager

"The Deep End has been designed with the aim of meeting the needs of contemporary arts practitioners and makers and will provide an accessible and welcoming venue for local creative people and their audiences."

For details of what is happening at the Deep End, please call 0141 433 2919 or 0141 433 2999 or email deepend@govanhillbaths.com.

Govanhill Baths Community Trust is looking for new board members and would be particularly interested in hearing from people who would like to be involved who have a background in finance, HR and/or property development and management. Anyone who would like more information can call the Deep End and ask to speak to Fatima or email her at info@govanhillbaths.com.



GOVANHILL CELEBRATES ITS THIRD CARNIVAL AND FESTIVAL

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Highlights were hard to pick out in such a packed programme, but there was great walks on Jewish history and the culture of food in Govanhill, along with talks on themes such as local Govanhill legend R.D. Laing.

The inaugural Govanhill Book Festival was opened by the co-editors of the 'Bungo News' Gerry Hassan and Vivienne Wilson, and was followed by a discussion on the future of the area led by journalist Catriona Stewart. Other packed events included the launch of a book on Govanhill architecture and buildings by Bruce Downie, and Douglas Robertson detailing the history of social housing in Glasgow.

PARK LANE MARKET

Park Lane Market is a local pop up market in the Southside of Glasgow, hosting an array of stalls from talented local makers and merchants. The Market runs every first and last Sunday of the month from 11am-4pm

"The Lane has been part of my family for over 120 years, and has a rich history of artisans, artists and musicians." said Lewis Andrew, who runs Park Lane Market with Henry Olorunda. "It felt like a very suitable place for what we wanted the market to represent.

"In the late 70s my dad built a recording studio, which recorded a huge amount of music from Texas, Primal Scream, The Bluebells, Altered Images, Hipsway, Deacon Blue and Del Amitri to name some of the Scottish acts who worked here.

"Music became the main driving force of the lane for 40 years and still is!

"Since opening the market in 2018 we have hosted two markets every month with the exception of occasionally doing a handful of double weekend market specials, and hosting late night party events. The support we have received from the local community has been huge, and for me, seeing so many people using the lane as a place to come and hang is truly spectacular.



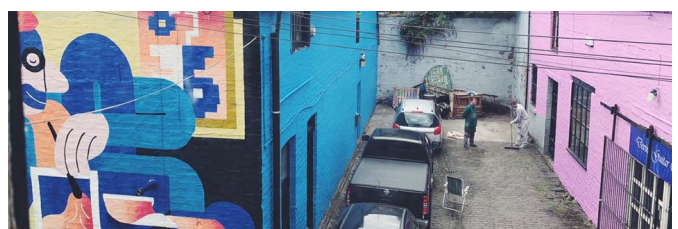
One exciting event was the tribute to Billy McNeill with football commentator and legend Archie Macpherson speaking with Bernard Ponsonby, Jeanette Findlay, and Margot McCuaig. Macpherson talked of his discussions with McNeill at some of the key points in Celtic history, from Jock Stein's early days to the winning of the European Cup, to how the game has changed since then. Govanhill International Festival and Carnival will be back next year and welcome ideas for events.

"There is an artist studio space called Tight City Studios, a couple of music rehearsal rooms, and with Jimmy and Joan from Moon guitars' retirement their shop has been taken over by Steven from 'Devine guitar repairs' who is in the process of reworking his entire workshop.

"Also, at the back of the lane, a unit has freed up which we are hoping to open up as a coffee/ bar. It will have indoor and outdoor dining, and a great feel channelling the musical vibes from the lane's rich history.

"For October, we plan to host a Halloween themed evening. We ran one in 2018 alongside the Shawlands BID who have been instrumental and supportive in the development of our market. Currently, if we have an idea for something we think might work down here we usually just dive right into it, so you will have to follow our social media pages for information."

If anyone is looking to book up a stall at the market, they can get in touch here: info@parklanemarket.co.uk



NEWS IN BRIEF

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



NEW CO-EDITOR - VIVIENNE WILSON

Our new co-editor, Vivienne Wilson, has lived in the Southside for 24 years and has been based in Strathbungo for the past five and a half of them. She is a Chartered Public Relations Practitioner and has worked for the NHS for twelve years. Most people will have heard about her PR campaigns on public health issues like alcohol consumption, Healthy Working Lives and cancer screening through TV and radio news or from reading newspapers or news websites. Locally, Vivienne sits on the board of Govanhill Baths Community Trust and runs the monthly Southside Record Club, which meets at Some Great Reward, with Gerry Hassan. She can occasionally be spotted performing poems at local literary evenings and is a member of two southside book groups. Born in London to a Gibraltarian mother and Mancunian father, she lived in different parts of the UK as a child and has a degree in Drama and English, which she managed to gain despite active participation in the early Madchester years. She also trained in photography alongside Sam Taylor-Johnson and worked on plays with Sean O'Brien while she was still at school.

"Now that my children have grown up, it's time for me to do things I'm interested in and to turn my attention to my local community," said Vivienne. She has previously written for Louder Than War and M62 magazine. You can follow her on twitter: @Viviennewilson and Instagram: @social6thdecade.

RUM DIARIES

Rum Diaries Presents Writers' Block Now in its fifth year, the Rum Diaries continues to support and nurture brand new writing with page to stage rehearsed readings. "We approached the Rum Shack and pitched our idea of putting on a once a month performance night, promoting new writing. It was incredibly important to find a Southside venue and we were hugely chuffed when they said yes," said Glen Dickson, Co-organiser of the Rum Diaries. The Rum Diaries provides and opportunity for new and established writers to show work-in-progress performances and to test drive them in front of a live audience to get honest, immediate feedback. The pieces are performed by professional actors and some of the writers themselves. Drama, prose, poetry, spoken word, stand up, short films and music videos are all on show. Established writers such as Robin Ince (comedian and writer), Ewan Morrison (novelist) and Victoria Madden (award winning TV and screen writer) have all premiered original work at Rum Diaries nights. Diaries presents team members are Glen Dickson, Vince Docherty and Karen Fraser. If you would like to submit a piece of writing, please send it to: rumdiaries2014@gmail.com. If you would like to come and be an audience member or would like more information, please join the Rum Diaries group on Facebook.



AUME

A new shop selling high quality home wares such as vases, candles, crockery and glasses has opened up on Pollokshaws Road. Items for sale are stylish and well-crafted. If you are looking for an impressive gift to present to a relative or friend, you would have

would have a good chance of finding it in Aume. The shop is situated across the road from Gnom. If you have yet to visit, drop buy and say hello to the friendly proprietor who will talk you through what she has in stock and let you know about items she plans to order in the run up to Christmas.



MARIANNE HERALDS STRATHBUNGO

Local journalist, Marianne Taylor, has done her bit to make us Strathbungo residents the envy of the rest of Scotland by writing an article championing the neighbourhood. Her piece appeared in the Scottish Life section of the Sunday Herald and explained where the best places to eat, drink and shop are locally and what there is to do in Strathbungo. Marianne states: "This area has it all: an enviable food and drink scene, great architecture, a much-loved park and a strong community spirit."



OUTWITH AGENCY

A Creative Soothing Space on the Southside

As the Southside changes so new and enterprising initiatives emerge. One of the most interesting is the Outwith Agency, on Albert Road, set up by Natalie Whittle. This is a welcoming space where people can come to write, think, reflect, have a bit of creative and/or quiet time, and something to have a tea, coffee and cake.

Natalie explains that: The idea behind the Outwith Agency is that everyone has an 'unwritten' part of their life. Something they always promised themselves they'd finally get round to writing - a short story, a novel, or an essay.' My thinking has been that: 'I wanted to create a writing environment that is soothing and a little bit sociable at the same time.'

Natalie moved to Govanhill from London because 'It's got a brilliant mix of people, with lots of young writers, artists and other new business owners who are very supportive of one another.'

Apart from the beautiful views of Campsie Glen from

Queen's Park and the wide boulevard of Victoria Road, one thing that surprised Natalie was the way some West Enders viewed the Southside and Govanhill in particular: 'Some West Enders told me crossing to the Southside would give them a 'nosebleed'. It didn't tally with the friendly, warm and characterful place that I found myself living in.'

The Outwith Agency is open and welcomes visits at 14 Albert Road, Wednesday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 11.30am-5pm and details: www.theoutwithagency.co.uk



LOCAL LISTINGS

16 - 22 SEPT

Doors Open Days Glasgow
Various Southside
Locations

29 SEPT

Park Lane Market
Pollokshaws Road

9 OCT

Glad Cafe Quiz Night
Glad Cafe

28 SEPT

Southside Artist & Makers
Market
McNeill's Bar

5 OCT

Southside Soul
Pollokshields Ex-
Servicemen's Club

29 OCT

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Queens Park Church

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