

STRATHBUNGO NEWS

The Strathbungo Society

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Winter 2022

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY AGM ROUNDUP

The Strathbungo Society AGM took place on the 8th November in Queen's Park Church Hall



First meeting of the new committee, from left to right; Nick Kempe (Acting-Chair), Rhys Crilley, Rhiannon Spear (Secretary), Steven Good (Treasurer), Paola Rezzilli, Heather Flynn, Graeme Walker

The Strathbungo Society had its AGM on Tuesday the 8th of November in Queens Park Church over on Queens Drive. The meeting was well attended and discussion included the ongoing road works, the potential for local community asset transfers, proposed lane repairs, the event diary for 2023 and a comprehensive update on local issues from Cllr Jon Molyneux.

Before the Committee our well loved Chair Jane had told us that she was standing down. After almost 5 productive years in the job Jane has handed the reigns over to a new committee.

Over the next year there will be lots to do to help out and volunteer. In January we will be convening a Newsletter Sub Group to ensure that this helpful local resource continues to reach your homes. Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly Society Meetings.

Chairperson: Nick Kempe (Until March)

Vice Chair: Paola Rezzilli

Secretary: Rhiannon Spear

Treasurer: Steven Good

To contact the Society email chair@strathbungo.co.uk

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY MEETINGS

*The Committee usually meets at 7:30pm in
The Bungo on the third Tuesday of the month*

Jan 17th

Feb 21st

March 21st

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 18th

Aug 22nd

Sept 19th

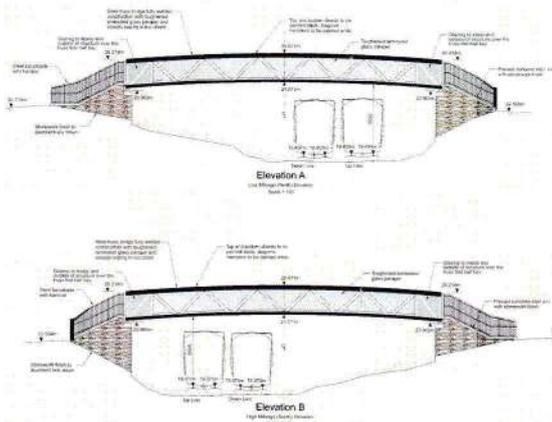
Oct 17th

Nov AGM TBC

Dec 12th

ONE BRIDGE OPENS & ANOTHER CLOSES

The new road bridge is due to open and the footbridge is now closed.



Nithsdale Road bridge is on target for full re-opening to road traffic on 20 January 2023. The bridge is already open to pedestrians.

Our beloved footbridge is now closed and due to be removed on the 5th and 6th of January, when work will begin on building its replacement. According to Network Rail the replacement pedestrian bridge should be completed and open in May 2023.

The Strathbungo Society had been hoping to hold an event to mark the removal of the bridge, however it appears that Network Rail has now removed that option from us without consultation or notice.

It is proposed that the new footbridge will be made of steel with toughened glass sides so our younger residents (and admittedly some of the older ones too) can still wave at the trains.

The existing bridge needs to be replaced so Network Rail can electrify the line and install overhead wires along the tracks. The current footbridge sits too low to allow this to take place.

Whilst the new footbridge is being built, pedestrians will still be able to safely cross the railway line via the new Nithsdale Road bridge.

The existing footbridge dates from 1877 and was built by the Paisley engineering firm Hanna, Donald and Wilson. You can read more about the history of the bridge on the www.bygone.bungoblog.com website.

We have assurances that this piece of our history will find a new home somewhere in Glasgow, though it has not yet been confirmed where that will be.

To see the designs of the new footbridge for yourself you can visit the Glasgow City Council's Planning portal: www.glasgow.gov.uk/onlineplanning and search for 22/02303/PDE.

BUNGHO HO HO

Due to the ongoing local roadworks we have received notification from Santa's forward planning team that he may have to come and survey the area to see where it is safe for his sleigh to land.

He is due to be walking down the streets in the local area at about 6pm on Saturday the 24th of December.

If you see Santa please give him a big wave from your doorstep or window but allow him to get on with his work as he will be extremely busy.



WINDOW WANDERLAND RETURNS!

Window Wanderland is returning to Strathbungo on Saturday 25th of February 2023, 6pm - 9pm. Here's how you can get involved!



After a two year hiatus, due to Covid, we are delighted that Strathbungo Window Wanderland will return, on Saturday 25th February!

The Guardian, described our last event, in 2020, as 'a glorious psychedelic playground... a retina-shredding explosion of pop culture' and this year's return promises to be just as incredible, transforming our streets into a spectacular outdoor gallery for all to enjoy.

Now in its 5th year, and fast becoming a cultural highlight of the community calendar, our beautiful neighbourhood will once again play host to a street party like no other, as we transform our windows into a dazzling display of colour, creativity and community spirit.

HOW TO CREATE A DISPLAY

The success of the event is down to your incredible efforts in creating the most wonderful window displays. If you're new to the area or haven't yet planned a display, please don't be intimidated!

A display can be a string of fairy lights or an image in your window or an all out performance in your front room. Simple or spectacular, it's entirely in your hands.

Previous years have seen dance parties in front rooms, projections on buildings, human jukeboxes, political pronouncements, mythical creatures, intricate installations, pop up bingo halls, hair salons and tattoo parlours, fantastical faraway lands and music filling the streets.

We imagine the ups and downs of the past 2 years will provide rich fodder for many residents planning their displays! Colourful tissue paper, sticky back plastic and large sheets of paper and cardboard are your friends.

For ideas and inspiration, visit our Facebook and Instagram accounts to see residents' window displays from past years. Please reach out to neighbours or email us if you need any advice or support in creating your display and we will try to help.

Organiser, Sarah Reid, is over the moon! "After such an unsettled period, that has been stressful and isolating for so many, it feels more exciting than ever to be organising this event that brings so much joy and magic to so many. Window Wanderland highlights what's so special about our community and the beautiful and incredible things we can do when we come together."

Mainstays Brass, Aye? will once again bring their unique and nimble-footed take on New Orleans funk to the streets.

One window wanderer, at our last event said, "There's a real sense of integration and if you were someone who felt a wee bit isolated, this gives you a platform to have the power to that feel that, if you put something in your window and come out into the street, you're no longer non-visible. What a wonderful thing to embed such a sense of community."

At a time when its more important than ever to support one another and celebrate the good things that we have, let's get the date in our diaries, get planning, invite our friends, get plotting with our neighbours and let's make this year's Strathbungo Window Wanderland one to remember!

Here's what you need to know:

- Tell your friends and neighbours, you could even work together on a display across your homes!
- Create a window display in the front windows of your flat, house or business.
- On the evening of 25 February, between 6pm and 9pm, go for a walk around Strathbungo and enjoy our wonderful street festival!
- As word of the event spreads, increasing numbers mean that the streets become incredibly congested at points. We ask again, that residents please kindly park their cars outside the Strathbungo area in order for people to move more freely through the streets.
- We also strongly request that people avoid driving in Strathbungo on the evening of Saturday 25 February and ask visiting friends and relatives to please use public transport to get to the event.
- You can follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates on our event. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact sarahkreid@me.com

Q&A: PAM DUNCAN GLANCY MSP



Who are you, where do you live, and how did you end up in Strathbungo?

I'm Pam Duncan-Glancy, I stay on Nithsdale road and we moved here because we loved the easy access to town and the local pubs and cafes.

What is it that you value most about the local area?

The buzz. It has everything! And the people.

Which local business do you visit and use, and why?

Zinfandel. It's a great bar. The owners are lovely and the food is amazing. You should go! Also Bespoke Beauty, I love the family who run it and the laugh I always have when I'm there. Their professionalism and kindness has kept me going back every 6 weeks for years.

What's the one thing you want to see to improve the area?

Access for wheelchairs to the train stations.

What do you think is special about Strathbungo?

It has a lovely community and great links to the rest of Glasgow. It's inclusive and welcoming. And it's so vibrant.

You can contact Pam's office on:

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We have created a mailing list for The Strathbungo Society.



If you would like to receive email notification of future meetings and events please just scan the QR code using the camera on your phone and enter your name and email address or email chair@strathbungo.co.uk

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Advertising enquiries welcome.

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

BUNGO AT THE BELLS!

all welcome

Friends & Neighbours -
Come raise a glass, make a noise and
ring in the new year BUNGO style!

GATHERING FROM 11.45PM / MORAY PLACE AT QUEEN SQUARE