WINDOW WANDERLAND RETURNS TO STRATHBUNGO IN FEBRUARY 2024!

Saturday 24th February, 6pm - 9pm

We are thrilled to announce the return of Window Wanderland to the streets of Strathbungo on 24 February 2024. This beloved community event transforms the neighbourhood into an outdoor art gallery for one magical night.

Window Wanderland showcases the community's incredible creative spirit and talent, filling the streets with families, friends, and art lovers as they wander about admiring the creative window displays. The event provides a platform for residents to express themselves, whether young or old, artistic or not, and share their creativity with their neighbours and spectators.

But the magic of Window Wanderland doesn't happen in isolation; now is your chance to get involved! No matter your skills or experience, start brainstorming how to transform your windows into a work of art for the community to enjoy this February.

Not sure where to start? We plan to host a collaborative creative workshop on 10 February from 2-4 pm to help spark your imagination, encouraging seasoned veterans and event newbies to share ideas and window decorating techniques.

Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbours if you're a budding artist. Come along to The Point, Queens Drive on 10 February and lend your talents to help others create eye-catching windows. To get involved, express your interest by emailing: *bungo.windowwanderland@gmail.com*.

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ANYONE FOR TENNIS?
OR CRICKET, ROUNDERS, FOOTBALL, SHINTY?

When Strathbungo's Victorian terraces were built, the developers encouraged the new name of Regent Park for the area. Building stalled in 1884 on Marywood Square, and I always assumed the remaining land towards Titwood Road remained fallow. How wrong I was. The fields were christened Moray Park, and developed a significant sporting history, now all but forgotten.

Sport for the masses became a big thing in the late 19th Century, and in 1885 Langside Rounders team were playing on the the fields, swiftly followed by cricket, tennis and football. In 1887 Rangers FC proposed building their new stadium here, but the Bungo locals objected and they chose Ibrox instead. George Morrell, a member of one Moray Park team, Glenure Athletic, went on to manage Arsenal FC and Third Lanark. The park was also the first home to Cartha Athletic, before they moved to their current home in Pollok Park and turned to rugby.

But it was shinty for which Moray Park was particularly famous, becoming home in 1892 to Glasgow's greatest shinty team, the mighty Glasgow Cowal. A famous victory the following year against Kingussie led to moves to formalise the rules of shinty and create the Camanachd Association. Kingussie revenged their defeat by the Cowal in the first Camanachd Cup Final in 1896.

Shinty has a tradition of New Year's Day games, and for the occasion of a game on 1st January 1897 at Moray Park, John MacKay, Cowal supporter and editor of Celtic Monthly, published a glowing account of such tradition, inviting his readers to the game (which sadly was called off as Oban couldn't travel). However he illustrated the article with the first ever published photographs of a shinty game.

The photographs (above) were taken at Moray Park, and 33 Moray Place, the nearest Victorian house, can be seen in the background.

After the Great War the land was given over to allotments, then around 1922 Titwood Road was realigned and the land began to be feued off.

Commercial activity began on Titwood Road, including the Moray Park Covered Tennis Courts (below). Meanwhile James Wright completed the Moray Park Housing Development in 1928, but the name has been largely lost; we now know it simply as "The Gardens".

So how about in future we follow one local tradition, Bungo at the Bells, with another, a New Years Day shinty game, to be played along the length of Carswell Gardens? What could possibly go wrong?

The full story of Moray Park, and more on Strathbungo's past, can be found online at Bygone Bungo (bygone.bungoblog.com).

RUBBISH ISSUES – SOLVE THEM WITH THIS ONE CLEVER TRICK (SORT OF)

The Society gets many complaints about litter and overflowing bins, though not so much in the Squares and Gardens. We suspect the main problems are on Pollokshaws Road and in the park.

While we don't have solutions to all the ongoing issues with rubbish, there is one simple thing that can help a little, with minimal input from you. Yet it isn't widely known.

Every GGC street bin now has a QR code attached. Scan the code and it takes you to a page where you can report an overflowing or damaged bin. It takes three clicks (scan, tick, submit) and you're done. While it asks for your contact details, they are purely optional.

This has two advantages:

1. The Council will (well, should) come and empty the bin.
2. The Council can build up a picture of the most troublesome spots and can modify practice accordingly.

So please, let's all start reporting bin problems, and it might get more attention from the refuse folk at the council.

GLASGOW SOUTHSIDE U3A
Learn, Laugh and Live with likeminded individuals in the Southside

In May 2023, the Glasgow Southside U3A held its inaugural meeting. With just under 100 members and 17 groups formed, they meet regularly and look forward to welcoming new members.

So, what is the U3A? It's a UK-wide organisation for those no longer in full-time work and/or raising a family. It allows our members to enjoy their third age by continuing their creative, educational or social interests in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. It's about Learning, Laughing, and Living!

The groups cover a wide range of topics, including:
- Art Appreciation
- Indoor Bowling
- Gardening
- Walking
- Theatre
- Local History, and much more!

The monthly meetings have included the history of Holmwood House and Life in China over the past 100 years, and future topics include the History of Auld Langside. Coming soon is a discussion on Bet Low, a Scottish figurative and landscape painter, notable as one of the Glasgow Girls and as a co-founder of the Clyde Group.

Want to know more?
Drop into one of their monthly meetings to talk to them about the U3A in more detail.

Contact the Glasgow Southside U3A directly by emailing: *info.gss.u3a@gmail.com*; on Facebook: Glasgow Southside u3a or have a look at the UK website: *https://u3a.org.uk/*

BUNGO AT THE BELLS

Where 2023 met 2024 at the corner of Moray Place and Queen Square

As the clock wound down on the final moments of 2023, anticipation filled the air, and a sense of excitement took hold. We bid farewell to the past and ushered in the promise of a new year.

The community gathered at Queen Square and Moray Place to celebrate Bungo at the Bells. As the chimes struck midnight, we cheered, sang, hugged and danced with our family, friends and neighbours to bring in 2024.

The success of yet another Bungo at the Bells celebration is a testament to the lively community spirit of Strathbungo. Here's to keeping traditions alive in 2024 and beyond!

As always, a big thank you to our host, Teresa Mooney, for making this happen.

SAVE THE DATE

Looking ahead to the summer festival that brings the community together:

Bungo in the Back Lanes will be back on Saturday, 22nd June!