STRATHBUNGO NEWS

The Strathbungo Society
A quarterly newsletter

SUMMER 2024

BUNGO IN THE BACK LANES RETURNS TO STRATHBUNGO IN JUNE 2024!

Saturday 22nd June, 1pm - 5pm



This summer, the annual Bungo in the Back Lanes will return to the lanes of Strathbungo on Saturday 22nd June, 1-5pm, promising a day filled with fun, food, play, stalls and music for all ages.

Celebrated every year, the event has grown into one of the Southside's most eagerly awaited events.

Throughout the day, visitors can explore a variety of stalls offering everything from antiques to kid's baking. We have the Makers' Market again for the second year in Marywood & Vennard Lanes, and bars from The Bungo, Simple Things Fermentation and MacMillans.

Live music, carefully curated by Crawford Smith from the Southside Sessions will set the soundtrack for the day, with performances by local artists across two stages.

The children's garden will be plentiful, including face painting and free play in a relaxed tenement garden. Joining in will be Merry Go Round and Apparel Exchange, who will be bringing kids' clothing from the ages of 0-16.

Food enthusiasts will enjoy the diverse array of local and international cuisine available at numerous food stalls. Or try your hand at chess, courtesy of Queens Park Chess Club.

Bungo in the Back Lanes not only celebrates the warmest season but also fosters community spirit and showcases local talent, making it the must-visit event this summer.

Are you planning a stall of your own this year? What will you do?

See our FAQ filed under Events at bungoblog.com

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WILL A PAVEMENT PARKING BAN IN STRATHBUNGO WORK?



It was an otherwise innocuous Monday afternoon in early February. The rain was torrential and constant. As the afternoon darkened to its close, two sodden traffic wardens emerged from the gloom attaching papers to the windscreens of parked cars in Vennard Gardens. Residents had been issued with Warning Notices.

Like Edinburgh, Glasgow City Council is to implement a ban on pavement parking, and these warnings were notification of that. Unlike Edinburgh, where pavement parking is confined to the city centre, Glasgow's will be city-wide.

Vennard Gardens, unbelievably now, was once a two-way street. Nowadays, as a one-way street, most residents currently park one wheel on the kerb to allow easier access for larger or emergency vehicles. The pavement measures 1.6m allowing for a car wheel and access for buggies and prams.

The front gardens are attractive, creating pleasant streets and residents do not want to see them being turned into monoblock driveways. However, in some parts of Strathbungo pavement parking is causing grief, with residents either unable to access the street or accept deliveries, as cars parked on the pavement are inches from garden gates.

Our streets were never created for vehicles, especially the ever-larger vehicles we choose to drive today. From a pedestrian's perspective, it's one of the reasons we adopt the unusual practice of walking in the centre of the road in the Squares and Gardens (although, another reason is the overgrown hedges). So, what is the solution?

The Strathbungo Society met with Karen Venables, the Neighbourhood Liaison Manager (South) to discuss the specific problems in Strathbungo.

Glasgow City Council is currently conducting an extensive audit of on-street parking, which will identify streets where the ruling will be exempt. The outcome will be shared by September 2024 at the earliest.

A summary of the state of Strathbungo parking was recently republished on www.bungoblog.com which discusses the issues faced, street by street.

The council have also just issued a map, showing which streets will be spared the ban pending further review, and this includes most of our streets - so no more warnings for now.

For more info about Pavement Parking in Glasgow, FAQs and the new map can be found at www.glasgow.gov.uk/pavementparking



ALL THINGS BUNGO THIS SUMMER

What's on this summer, business spotlight, community and more

Once again, Queen's Park will be the place to indulge in a wide range of events from 28 June - 21 July, including open-air cinema, creative workshops, fitness classes and great food and drinks.

So what's on the schedule? Take a peak at the Queen's Park Arena summer programme below and plan your summer viewing. More events have been added - scan the QR for the full programme. See you there!





BUNGO BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Apparel Exchange | 65 Nithsdale Street

Apparel Exchange on Nithsdale Street, Strathbungo was established in 2018 by Izzie Erikson. The business's vision is to create a sustainable clothing system for young people age 7-17 and is a social enterprise dedicated to reuse, repair and recycling for childrenswear.

How did you end up starting a business?

When my children went to school, there was nothing dedicated to reuse for their age range. With the growing amount of clothing waste it was the perfect opportunity to provide an alternative to new plus help support young people and families to be more sustainable.

What do people like most about the business?

We are unique to this age group, our customers like the choice, quality, accessibility and price. It is a really great shopping experience and one which puts the kids' sense of style at the heart of it.

How hard has it been to stay afloat over the last few years?

There have been challenges with the pandemic, finding and establishing a new shop and the costs of running a shop too. We still have a long way to go to become a well-known place to shop.

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BUNGO BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT Continued...

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What are your plans for the rest of the year?

The focus is on growing our profile as a shop but also as a community space. We ran some brilliant workshops this year and so want to do more of that and grow them too.

More local collaborations with the Fair Fashion Collective are also a priority.



BUNGO PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT

The Thane, Christy and Thane Junior Campbell story | Regent Park Square

Where are you from?

Thane: The Bahamas

Christy: I was born in Edinburgh and spent my childhood and teenage years in Trondheim, Norway.

Tell us a bit about what you do?

Thane: I'm Dean at Deep Science Ventures. My team focuses on Education and delivers a PhD program where diverse students build their own science companies.

Christy: I'm a Singer/Songwriter and a musician at Fischy Music. You can find my work at **www.christycampbellsongs.com**.

What brought you to Strathbungo?

Thane: Back when we were dating, Christy was visiting her grandmother, Edna, here in Regent Park Square (Edna Thomas moved to Strathbungo from Lebanon in 1976, but that's another story...). Christy had lost her voice and so I came along to talk for her. We stayed over that night and the very next day was March 22nd 2020 – and Scotland was locked down because of Covid. It was no time to abandon Edna so we basically moved in and have been here ever since.

Favourite places in the Bungo?

Christy: Queen's Park, the bridge over the railway and Regent Park Square because you always end up having a chat with someone.

Lasting memory

Christy: the moment I asked my neighbours if they were disturbed by my daily singing warm-ups – and they said no.



Thane: The day after we brought our newborn baby, Thane, home from the hospital, was Bungo in the Back Lanes. We thought we would be enjoying the festival, but we didn't make it out the house. I remember all the buzz from outside the window mixed up with the first nappy changes.

How could Strathbungo be better?

Christy: I dream of car-free streets but recognise that's a touch idealistic.

What does the future hold?

Thane: June will be a big month. Thane is turning 1 this year and then look out for Christy Campbell playing live at Bungo in The Back Lanes!

COMMUNITY COUNCILS FUND LOCAL PLACE PLAN



How can we make this place more appealing?

Shawlands & Strathbungo and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Councils have funded work to develop a Local Place Plan for neighbourhoods surrounding Queen's Park, including Strathbungo.

The aim is to develop a Place Plan that has the backing of local communities and will be adopted by the City Plan and provide a community-led view of the southside's place priorities.

A kickoff meeting was held in May 2024 and one of the areas that was mentioned for inclusion in the Place Plan was Nithsdale Road.

It has the potential to become a much better space/place for the community and the Place Plan will seek people's views on how this – and other areas surrounding the park – can be improved.

As one of our only potential public places, it's surely worth the effort to think about how it could be transformed to community benefit be that as a new active travel route or simply reconfiguring the current parking arrangements.

The Strathbungo News will keep you posted on progress.

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Would you like to get involved? Please reach out if you have a story idea or creative piece to feature in our next issue.

If you're interested in contributing, please send your story to *news@strathbungo.co.uk* with your name and contact information.

Advertising enquiries welcome.

Bungo Binthe Lanes

Sat 22 June 1-5pm

RESIDENTS' STALLS
BEER GARDENS
LIVE MUSIC
HOME BAKING
FOOD STALLS
TEA GARDENS
TOMBOLA
PLANT SALE
MAKERS MARKET
CHILDRENS GARDEN

All events take place in the back lanes between Nithsdale Rd & Vennard Gardens





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