

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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### Exotic birds set to fly in

GLASGOW Museums Resource Centre is holding a special family event to celebrate exotic birds of the world.

On Saturday, November 28, you can get a close look at the beautifully preserved creatures from 1-2pm.

It will be followed by a workshop where kids can make a bird mobile.

A Countdown to Christmas children's workshop is also being held on December 29 from 1-3pm.

Suitable for kids aged seven and above, children will be able to make their own advent calendar.

Places are limited for both free events and booking is essential.

Call 0141 276 9312 or e-mail gmrbookings@csglasgow.org

The centre, which is home to a vast collection of objects from around the world, is at 200 Woodhead Road on South Nitshill Industrial Estate.

### Residents help clean-up

DOZENS of residents in Priesthill joined in a clean-up at the weekend.

Priesthill Youth Club, social housing and refurbishment specialists Connaught, Glasgow Community and Safety Services, Sanctuary Housing, Strathclyde Police Pollok Community Officers and Orlit Tenants Group also donned rubber gloves to help.

They cleared litter and dumped items from the Muirshiel area with equipment supplied by Glasgow City Council's Clean Glasgow campaign

Organiser Donna Foote said: "We're delighted so many made it along to help us with the clean-up."

### Fair bid to aid charity

NEWLANDS South Church held a Christmas fair on Saturday in aid of the new Teenage Cancer Trust Unit at Yorkhill's Sick Kid's Hospital and Alzheimer's Scotland.

Stalls including home baking, crafts and a tombola helped raise £1,500.

Cancer Research

and CHAS also benefited from selling Christmas cards.

The choir of Langside Primary School also sang.

The next event at the church, on Riverside Road, will be the Children's Club Christmas party on December 5 and new kids are welcome.

### Market comes to town

SILVERBURN'S Farmers' market is on this Sunday outside Next from 10am until 3pm.

The market runs the last Sunday of every month at the shopping centre in Pollok.

### New twist on panto fun

PANTOMIME Cinderella is coming to Pollok Community Centre.

A new twist on the festive favourite is being performed on Friday, November 27 at 1.30pm and 6pm.

Organisers said: "Get ready to boo the evil Madame De'mon and the ugly sisters,

Fifi and Fou-Fou, who all conspire to ruin Ella's chance of going to the ball."

The festive show is written by Johnny McKnight.

For tickets, which cost £7 £5 and £3.50 call 0141 276 9696 (choose option 1) or visit [www.platform-online.co.uk](http://www.platform-online.co.uk)

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## FACES IN THE NEWS

### Primary praised for curriculum



A CLYDEBANK primary school has won an award for outstanding development of the international dimension of its curriculum.

Kilbowie primary headteacher Julie Cameron collected the award from the British Council at a ceremony in London to mark the 75th anniversary of the council. Kilbowie was one of only eight Scottish winners.

### Prof puts brain under spotlight



PROFESSOR Roddy Williamson, dean of the University of the West of Scotland's

Faculty of Science and Technology, will look at how the brain works in a public lecture at 5pm on December 3 at the Paisley campus.

For tickets to "Models for the Amateur Brain Surgeon", call 0141 848 3598 or email [inspiringpeople@uws.ac.uk](mailto:inspiringpeople@uws.ac.uk)

### MSP is warm on energy action



MSP Patricia Ferguson got a warm welcome as she visited Glasgow Housing

Association tenants to learn about home improvements.

Ms Ferguson visited Alex and Hettie Ogilvie as part of the Warm Homes Campaign, led by charity Energy Action Scotland to raise awareness of the issue of cold and expensive-to-heat homes.

### Ryan lands top hospitality title



CLYDEBANK High School pupil Ryan Kee has been named Scotland's top hospitality student by Quality Meat Scotland.

Ryan was presented with a £250 prize at the school recently after emerging as the best student from a total of around 6,500 youngsters taking hospitality courses.

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## CITY LINK Developer proposes new lane

# IT'S THE WORD ON THE STREET

By GRAEME MURRAY

**THE owners of one Glasgow's forgotten architectural gems believe it could form part of a 'cultural corridor' bringing together two of its most famous architects.**

The "Mackintosh-Thomson Mews" would create a new path connecting Alexander 'Greek' Thomson's Egyptian Halls on Union Street with Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Lighthouse building in Mitchell Lane.

The ambitious proposals hinge on the first phase of the Egyptian Halls being completed and either a retailer or hotel operator occupying the historic halls which have lain empty for decades.

The move would involve creating a "combined retail and parking asset" using NCP's Mitchell Street car park which would link with The Lighthouse via a newly-created lane leading from Union Street via Mitchell Lane to Buchanan Street.

Union Street Properties believe the idea offers a one-off opportunity to increase awareness of both architectural treasures and create a vibrant commercial retail and leisure route opposite the Union Street entrance to Central Station.

Derek Souter for Dundee-based Union Street Properties (USP) said: "Already there is quite strong interest in The Egyptian Halls, however there is a one-off opportunity to think out of the box and speculate whether Thomson's architectural masterpiece can be merged with NCP's Mitchell Street car park to create a new retail and car parking asset.

"Basically, we create a thoroughfare from Union Street through to NCP's car park in Mitchell Street. The fusion of the car park and the Egyptian Halls pivotally links this new architectural entity to The Lighthouse and to Mitchell Lane which exits on to Buchanan Street, Glasgow's prime shopping area."

The Lighthouse, which was once the home of the Evening Times and latterly a centre for design and architecture, is facing a battle for survival after a cash crisis.

But Culture Minister Michael Russell yesterday said he was committed to reuniting an architecture centre in the building and staff would transfer their employment from The Lighthouse Trust to Architecture and Design Scotland.

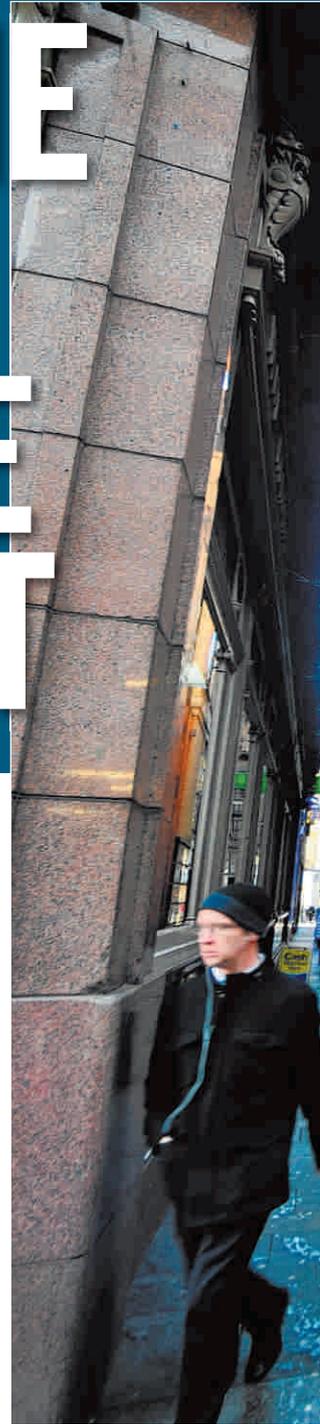
**USP, which has invested £5.5million into restoring the Egyptian Halls, has now started marketing its historic building.**

Bosses today admitted talks had been held with the car park operator about the ambitious Mackintosh-Thomson Mews blueprint which is now being given more consideration.

No link currently exists between Union Street and Mitchell Lane, but developers believe the move would bring together Glasgow's most famous architects in a project which could help regenerate down-at-heel Union Street.

The proposals could also see the creation of landmark meeting place on Buchanan Street which would mark the entrance to the new mews.

Mr Souter added: "Outline discussions have been held with NCP over the past few



years and they will now be revisited."

Bosses claim the potential of a re-modernised NCP car park at the rear of Egyptian Halls and the creation of the mews would increase awareness of The Lighthouse and help it achieve commercial sustainability.

Car park operator NCP today confirmed it was investigating the feasibility of USP's proposals.

A spokeswoman said: "NCP recognises this opportunity and we are looking into it."

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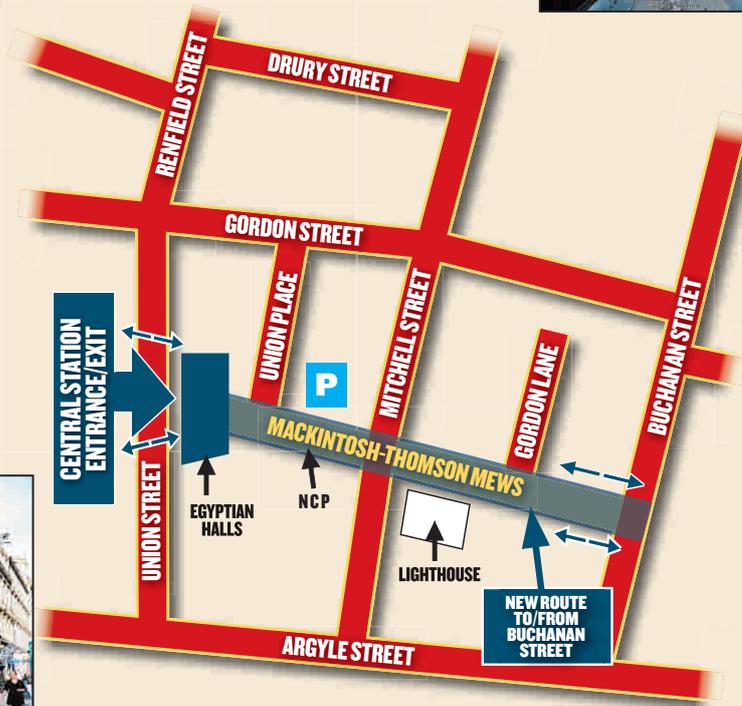
# linking two of Glasgow's architectural masterpieces



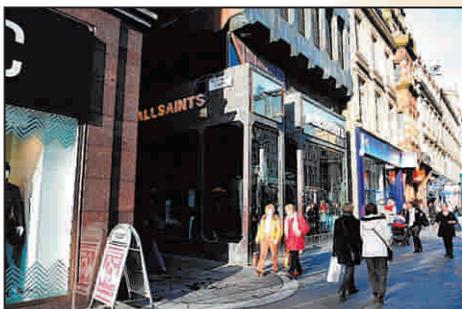
■ The revamped Egyptian Halls in Union Street, above, could be linked to Mitchell Street car park



■ Mitchell Lane, right, is already home to stylish bars, a boutique and a trendy hairdressers



■ The new route would offer a direct link between Central Station, the Egyptian Halls, the Mitchell Street car park, the Lighthouse and stylish shops and boutiques of Buchanan Street



## Star coaches share advice with parents

TOP tennis coach Judy Murray and SFA director of football Jim Fleeting are among the leading names from sport taking part in a question and answer session for parents.

Scottish Athletics national performance coach Laurier Primeau and former rugby internationalist Sir Bill Gammell will also join the panel for the parenting workshop organised by Positive Coaching Scotland.

The panel will urge parents to set the right example to their kids on and off the sports field, as a positive step in alleviating the high levels of drop out from youth sport. The event takes place at 8pm tomorrow at Eastwood Theatre, East Renfrewshire.

## Online boost for planning applications

ONLINE planning in East Renfrewshire is achieving its three-year target within six months of starting.

Planning applications can be put in online and residents can also see plans, track the progress of applications and see decisions via the web.

Analysis by the Scottish Government revealed that with eight per cent of applications online, East Renfrewshire is two and a half years ahead of schedule.

East Renfrewshire's planning convener, Councillor Ian McAlpine said: "This is wonderful news. Having the planning information online makes it simpler, faster and much easier for residents."

## Military band marches into local schools

MARINE musicians have staged an invasion of our schools.

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines performed a mix of military music, chart-toppers and classic rock hits at Linwood High School in Renfrewshire today, having already played at both Bishopbriggs and Lenzie Academies.

In addition to the short concert, pupils were also given a presentation on life in the Royal Marines Band Service before taking part in fun music workshops.

Members of the Royal Marines Band provide musical support for the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines at every type of occasion.