

POINTS OF VIEW

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■ Evening Times reader Terry McGeary, from East Kilbride, captured this great picture of the roof of the Kibble Palace in Glasgow's Botanic Gardens

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Early in the city where we had a Campus in the local schools. Winterfest - and on November, and last 20,000 in the past had a dramatic amount Since its there has reduction in

bonfires in Drumchapel and surrounding areas.

These measures have made a huge impact on rogue bonfires and attacks on fire crews.

Councillor Paul Carey
Via e-mail

Fort plan boost

IT IS great news to hear about the latest development planned for The Fort.

While it's already a nice place to visit, having a cinema and more restaurants is much-needed in that part of the city.

In addition, it will bring a welcome jobs boost to an area which like many places in Glasgow, has been badly hit by unemployment.

I can't wait for it to open.

Jean, Easterhouse

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



■ Stephen Fry, comic and author, left, 55.

■ Steve Guttenberg, actor, 54.

■ Rupert Grint, actor, 24.

IN OUR OPINION

Plan could kickstart street's revival

EGYPTIAN HALLS - P6,7

UNION Street was once one of the top retail streets in Glasgow, home to many of the big names now located in Buchanan and Argyle streets.

The empty and derelict Egyptian Halls has been a blight on the street for decades as plan after plan has fallen through and the historic building came close to being demolished.

It is a wonderful piece of Glasgow architecture and of course should be preserved but it must be found to have a viable use.

The new hotel plan might just be that use, and could help lift the rest of the street and attract other businesses to give it a new lease of life.

Some funding issues remain but if resolved it could be the start of a new future for a street that has suffered as a result of the dominance of Buchanan Street and the two major shopping malls at either end.

Glasgow must be about more than just one main thoroughfare and innovative solutions are needed for Union Street, Sauchiehall Street and Trongate.

The architecture on much of Renfield Street and Union Street is fantastic from the first floors and above.

Businesses are needed to fill the ground floors but the upper floors of these buildings need to be in use also. These are resources the city should not neglect.

ET'S have an argument. Wait, before we have it, let's have an argument about what we are going to argue. That'll be fun.

I'll spend so much time on pre-argument argument that I'll have less time to discuss

referendum question on the ballot paper is going to be a deciding factor on how anyone votes?

Most people in Scotland who will have a vote have already made up their mind, and by the time the poll comes round in two years' time, I doubt there will be many voters heading into the polling booth unsure of which way they will vote.

They would argue all day long about the colour of an orange, especially if commissioned (that is, paid) to do so.

Of course the question cannot be loaded or slanted and it must be clear that people know what they voting for.

This is the biggest decision he people of Scotland have ever been asked to make, and will affect not only this but every generation to come.

The consequence of the big decision is what we should be focusing on, not how the question is worded.

People should be examining the current situation and looking for

PLEASE can we get on with it, get agreement on the