

## Community Policing – Sgt. Tom Johnstone

**Tom Johnstone** is the community policing sergeant for a recently formed community policing team, which patrols the Hillhead Ward area. Tom has been a police officer for almost 21 years and acted as the community policing sergeant for the whole sub division extending from Knightswood through Yoker to Anniesland, Broomhill, Hyndland, Partick and Hillhead.

The past few months have seen the number of community police officers double and several of the constables are straight from the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan, where they undertook induction training. The majority were cadets, in the police organisation for the past 2 years.

In response to community

concerns regarding underage drinking and the irresponsible sale of alcohol by off sales premises to under 18 yr olds, they have conducted several intelligence-led test purchase operations.

With the winter weather and frost, all drivers are reminded not to leave cars unattended while defrosting the windscreen.

Currently, there is an ongoing campaign to combat graffiti taggers, which will see community police working alongside Glasgow Community and Safety Services (GCSS) to clean up areas spoiled by graffiti, causing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage.

In a bid to deter this type of



The posters will also reassure residents of the action being taken to tackle vandalism.

The graffiti 'tags' will be photographed before being reported to GCSS who will remove the graffiti through their Environment Enhancement Teams.

Areas that have been targeted recently include: Clydeside Express Way at the harbour side, underpasses and railway bridges.



**If anyone has information on who may be responsible for any 'tags', please contact Glasgow West End Police Office at 0141 532 3510 or CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800555111 where anonymity can be maintained.**

crime, officers from Glasgow, Central and West Division have developed a poster, to be placed next to new graffiti tags appealing for information on people who are spray painting public property illegally.



## Gibson Street Gala

**The countdown begins** to this year's Gibson Street Gala! Held in June, this annual street party is a must see west end street fest. Musicians play on the main stage, located at Gibson/Otago Street entrance, while local vendors give you an array of goodies to indulge in. The GOW backcourt also hosts activities and music. The entire block comes alive with visitors and residents, all out to enjoy local activities, food and fun.

**Would you like to become involved with GOW and this year's Gibson Street Gala? Visit the GOW website for Gala meeting dates.**

**GALA DATE – 21 June 2009**

## GU Rugby Ban

**Recently, an article printed in the Glasgow University Guardian newspaper** announced that the University Rugby Football Club (GURFC) have been prohibited from using the University's name and facilities for the remainder of the year.



*Glasgow University*

The action, taken by the Glasgow University Sports Association, follows the October 2008 decision to ban the GURF from the University Union (GUU). The ban followed several reports of members' bad behaviour and a complaint from a GOW resident, which included photographic evidence, sent directly to the principal of the University.

The message is clear: anti-social behaviour within GU unions or spilling out into residential areas will not be tolerated.

**On a related note, the GUU is again in severe financial trouble and may face closure.**

**The board of management has indicated it may have to declare bankruptcy.**



# Backcourt Events & Clean ups

