

# REMINISCENCE GROUP KEEPING THE HISTORY ALIVE

**The Govan Reminiscence Group are a breath of fresh air as they discuss what 'Govan Life' really means**

**Meeting with the Govan Reminiscence Group is something that I had been advised to do by many people in the area since the inception of the first issue.**

A collective of men and women who have lived in the area for a long time, one member having lived in Govan for over 70 years.

This is Govan. This is the history of Govan wrapped up in one amazing group.

The Govan Reminiscence Group was founded 25 years ago and since then they have worked together to help keep the history of Govan alive.

Over the years, the group have done so much to help the local community, including working with local charities and schools and just recently, being the driving force behind a new memorial that has been erected in Elder Park.

It was such a privilege to be a part of a Reminiscence Group meeting. Every Tuesday between

2pm and 4pm the group meet at Elderpark Workspace to discuss life in Govan. Then and Now.

The banter is in full flow with stories about living in single-ends, working full-time at just 14 years old and school trips 'back in the auld days'.

When I mentioned that Govan High School took their pupils to Spain last year their was surprised rumbles from the group.

'Our school trip when I was in school was a day trip on a horse and cart!', said one of the group.

'Really? Where did you go? I asked.

'Rouken Glen Park!' came the reply, sparking huge laughter in the room.

It's this humour and the relationship of the group that has allowed them to make a success of it for the past 25 years. *Long may it continue.*

As long as we have wonderful people like the ones in the Govan Reminiscence Group, keeping the history of Govan alive, Govan has a bright future which will never forget it's amazing past.

