

Sangstream Newsletter

February 2006

Come Join the Committee

Sangstream needs some enthusiastic volunteers to come and join the committee. What does the committee do? Do you have to behave in a formal manner and do lots of jobs? Not at all! The Sangstream Committee meet about 5 times a year for 2-3 hours to sort out and organise the smooth running of the choir. Meetings have an agenda and there is plenty of opportunity for discussion. Any jobs are shared out by committee or done by enthusiastic choir members. The main roles and tasks of the committee are listed below but volunteers from the choir are always welcome to take forward an idea, suggest gigs, organise an event or invite the choir to a party.

Membership secretary: Primary contact for new people joining Sangstream, Keeping up-to-date contact list for people, Up-to-date register for attendance each week, Preparing new members packs (with help!) and other minor bits and pieces

Chairperson: Liaison with Musical Director, organising and chairing meetings, organising AGM and making sure that things needing done have people to do them.

Vice Chair: Support and deputise to Chairperson with tasks above

Treasurer: Manage Sangstream finances in businesslike manner, alert Committee to problems and possible solutions, maintain good relations with 3rd parties, ensure cash and cheque book are kept secure, collect subscriptions and record payments and maintain cashbook and ledger.

Ad Hoc Responsibilities: Publicity, newsletter, Gig organising, Summer programme and venue co-ordinator, venue booking for choir and minutes of meetings

Other Roles (Any choir member welcome to undertake)

- **Special events organiser** – i.e. take charge of a particular event
- **Recordings of choir parts and repertoire**
- **Keeper of the songs** - ensuring copies of songs are available & filed, keep the two bulging box files (soon to be 3?) of paper copies of song words & music, update an index, add new songs, replenish copies as necessary, bring along a file of current songs every Thursday, prepare sets of current song words for new members, ideally, maintain computer folders/files of all the songs. *What You Need for this role!* Enthusiasm, access to free or cheap photocopying, strong arms or a big rucksack, ideally computer/scanner/printer, regular Thursday attender (or cover for absences), about half an hour per week.
- **Website upkeep** – training available, minimum time commitment
- **Yahoo groups moderator**
- **Archivist** – collecting memorabilia, taking photo's etc.

If you are interested you can put your name down for the committee at the next AGM on 11 May or you could come along to the next meeting at 7pm on Monday 13 March 06. Contact Penny if you'd like to attend.

Current Sangstream Committee

Chairperson: Penny Forsyth
Vice- Chair: Martine Robertson
Treasurer: Dave Leslie
Membership: Katty Proudfoot
Member: Annmarie MacRury

Logo Competition

Some time ago you may remember Sangstream asked members to vote on a logo for the choir. The design by Mary McCann was selected and is being developed for future use. Well done, Mary!

New Members Welcome

Sangstream tries to keep choir number around 50 and there are a few spaces available. If you know of anyone who enjoys singing please encourage them to come along. Men, young and old, especially welcome.

Coldingham Trip - Fri 10 March 2006

Thanks to Barbara and her helpers, preparations for the weekend in Coldingham Youth Hostel are well underway. Walks, jigsaws and mahjong are planned to cover all weather options. The hostel is on the beach so bring a bucket and spade. Tea, coffee, milk, sugar, butter and wine glasses are provided, but not for building sandcastles! Everyone is asked to bring something for Saturdays Bring and Share Supper and donations of raffle prizes are always welcome. If you would like to offer to help or organise an activity please contact Barbara Darcy or Annmarie MacRury on 0131 334 5941.

SANGSTREAM CALENDAR - Jan 2006 - July 2006

(as at 15th Feb 06)

Wk	Thursdays	Term Week	Format	Venue	Venue conf?	MD	MD conf?	Notes
1	05-Jan-06		XMAS BREAK					boroughmuir not available
Winter Term								
2	12-Jan-06	1	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
3	19-Jan-06	2	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
4	26-Jan-06	3	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
5	02-Feb-06	4	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
6	09-Feb-06	5	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	JJ		
7	16-Feb-06		BREAK					boroughmuir not available
8	23-Feb-06	6	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
9	02-Mar-06	7	Thursday session	tbc	tbc	MC		atrium not available
10	09-Mar-06	8	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		Coldingham 11/12 March
11	16-Mar-06	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		shop duty?
12	23-Mar-06	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
13	30-Mar-06	11	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		
14	06-Apr-06		EASTER BREAK					boroughmuir not available
15	13-Apr-06		EASTER BREAK					boroughmuir not available
Spring Term								
16	20-Apr-06	1	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y	MC		St Giles, Sun 23 April 06
17	27-Apr-06	2	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y			
18	04-May-06	3	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y			
19	11-May-06	4	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y			AGM
20	18-May-06	5	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Y			
21	25-May-06		BREAK ??					tbc
22	01-Jun-06	6	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	tbc			
23	08-Jun-06	7	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	tbc			
24	15-Jun-06	8	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	tbc			
25	22-Jun-06	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	tbc			
26	29-Jun-06	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	tbc			
27	06-Jul-06		BREAK					
28	13-Jul-06		BREAK?					
Summer Term								
29	20-Jul-06							start summer session?

Upcoming Events

Weekend away - Coldingham for 11/12 March 2006 (space for 38 at the hostel)

Upcoming Gigs

St Giles - Sunday 23rd April 2006

Sangstream Survey Results

Last year, around the time of the AGM, members were asked to respond to a series of questions related to the organisation of the choir. 23 people completed the questionnaire and, in summary, responses were very positive. Most people (16) said that they wanted to have the same level of effort in the choir as in the previous term, with 6 people wanting a bit more effort. The comments on effort mainly related to the need for prompt start times and a limit to the length of the break. 15 people felt it was important to have at least one performance per term and a further 6 people didn't mind. 11 people responded that they want the performance dress code to be the same as present (dark bottoms, single coloured tops) with a further 9 people stating they wanted a more formal dress code. There was one strong comment on not wanting a formal dress code. The committee have taken forward many of the comments into this years programme.