



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2009

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

CEILIDH CULTURE CONCERT. This will Saturday 4 April 2009 at St Bride's, starting at 7.30 p.m. Voices in Common are visiting so we will be needing hosts in due course. A few people have come forward to help organise this event which is much appreciated. Some helpers are busy already and others will be asked to be included as we get closer to 4 April.

IMPORTANT DATES DATES FOR 2009 14 February, Singers' Gathering, Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate; 9 March, Jacobite Evening at Prestonpans Library; 24 March Singing after Women's Guild AGM at St Anne's, Corstorphine (30 mins approx.); 4 April : Ceilidh Culture Concert; 3 June : Three Harbours Festival; 20 June: Charity concert for Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture, St Augustine's, George IV Bridge

SINGERS' GATHERING FEBRUARY 2009. Leaflets are available at our Thursday night sessions. Please book your place by post or phone as soon as you can and we plan to offer a small subsidy from Sangstream funds.

COMRIE CROFT WEEKEND. We have booked exclusive use of the main lodge on weekend of 6-8 March 2009. See www.comriecroft.com for information on this 4 star independent hostel. Barbara has been busy organising; she will be away for most of February and Dave Leslie is taking over arrangements while Barbara is away. On the Friday, people can cook or eat in Comrie (2 miles) or Crieff (3 miles).

The weekend is self-organised and self-catering with a simple breakfast provided; basics like milk, bread, marmalade, butter, fruit juice, tea and coffee will be supplied. The key event is the Bring and Share Supper on Saturday. There will be a play on the Saturday evening : Jekyll and Hyde and Elspeth is inviting the Aberfeldy folk choir to join us in the evening (Christine Kidd's group) . We hope the musicians will play for us again.

All rooms have bunk beds, bedding is provided but we need to supply towels. The lodge has 2 cosy sitting rooms and large fully equipped dining kitchen. There is also a meeting/conference room (separate building) and a large playing field and a games barn and games room. Check-in time is any time after 3pm. Check-out time from all bedrooms and bathrooms in the morning on Sunday 8/3 is 10.30am. We can use the kitchen and sitting rooms until 2pm.

There are local walks and also mountain bikes for hire at the venue which are cheaper if we prebook (£16 for a full day, for example). You could bring your own bike of course, should you wish. Local attractions include the Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre; Glen Lednock with waterfalls and the very small, rather run-down Earthquake House.

SANGSTREAM CALENDAR : Jan - June 2009

29/01/09	4	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
5/02/09	5	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
12/02/09	6	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
19/02/09		½ Term Break			
26/02/09	7	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
5/03/09	8	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
6-8/03/09		W/E Away	Comrie Croft		www.comriecroft.com
9/03/09		Jacobite evening	Prestonpans Library		Around 8-10 singers needed for shortish slot
12/03/09	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
19/03/09	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
24/03/09		St Anne's	Corstorphine		sing after Women's Guild AGM
26/03/09	11	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
27/03/09		SMG end of term stramash	St Oswald's, Montpelier		Probably 2/3 songs
02/04/09	12	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		End of term
04/04/09		Ceilidh Culture Concert	St Bride's		Ceilidh Culture Concert Voices in Common visiting
9/04/09		Easter Break			
16/04/09		Easter Break			
23/04/09	1	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		Start of Term
30/04/09	2	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
7/05/09	3	AGM?	Boroughmuir		
14/05/09	4	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
21/05/09	5	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
28/05/09	6	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
4/06/09	7	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
3/06/09		Three Harbours	Prestonpans		
11/06/09	8	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
18/06/09	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
20/06/09		Benefit Concert	St Augustine's George IV Bridge		
25/06/09	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		End of term

Notes:

- Ceilidh Culture 27th March – 19th April 2009 (our concert 4th April with 'Voices' from Exeter)
- Sangstream Summer sessions: 16 July, 23 July, 30 July and 6 August 2009, venue TBC

COMMITTEE. Shauna Dickson (Chair), Katty Proudfoot (Vice Chair), Maureen Morris (Treasurer), Marion Mullins, (Membership), Carol Forsyth, Kate Frame, Nancy Davis, John MacLean and Lorna and Sylvester Leyland.