

# **Sangstream Newsletter - November 2003**

## **Hi folks!**

Who can believe that the end of November is almost upon us? We have enjoyed our sessions with Mairi as our new MD and she seems to have enjoyed them too. We look forward to a great partnership.

## **Meanwhile, here are a few dates for your diary.**

### **Museum Gig**

This will be on Saturday 13th December. For the warm up we will arrive at 2.15 for a 2.30 start. The performance will be 3.45pm-4.15pm. Remember to round up all our fan club.

### **Christmas Party**

We have booked the upstairs room in the West End Hotel, Palmerston Place from 8pm till Midnight on Thursday 18th December.

The price is £3, including food, and tickets are available on Thursday nights. Partners and friends are welcome but please let us know in advance, as we have to inform the hotel of our numbers. Singing voices and musical instruments also most welcome!

### **Dates for next Term**

Resume Thursday 8/1/04 and end Thursday 1/4/04.  
Thursday 19/2/04 will be a holiday.

Due to previous commitments, Mairi is not available from 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb until 1<sup>st</sup> April. This gives us 5 weeks (plus 1 weeks for the AGM) free and we are hoping to find someone to do the whole 5 weeks – watch this space.....

### **Update on our weekend in Melrose: Jan 30 - Feb. 1 2004**

Our weekend at Melrose Youth hostel is booked. Sangstream has exclusive use, and permission to drink, from 5 p.m. on the Friday. Whether you fancy a restful weekend in winter sunshine or an activity-packed experience, Melrose is for you!

Friends and family are welcome, including babies. There are 86 beds in the hostel, many in family-sized rooms so we'll try to please everyone. We'll share cars and possibly rent a minibus. No need to bring a sleeping bag, bedding is provided. There's a large kitchen so we can cook whatever and whenever

we wish. On Saturday evening we have a Bring and Share Party. This will include haggis and neeps for all. Bring something to drink too.

What activities would you enjoy? Hill walking, sketching, storytelling, sightseeing - all are possible. What about some song-writing or a tin whistle extravaganza? If you have an idea, we' ll help you organise it. There' ll be lots of singing, of course. Perhaps a visitor will teach us some new songs?

We hope everyone will come, particularly our new members. If you can' t come for the full weekend, come for one night or for a day. At present we think the cost will be about £15 for two nights, £10 for one. Sadly there are no concessions except half-price for school age children and under 5s are free. If we fill the hostel, the costs may come down.

Ideas, queries, offers of help to Barbara Darcy or Gill Simpson, please

### **And then...**

We are investigating gigs for next year but that's for another newsletter! Meanwhile the committee would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all the very best of wishes for a wonderful festive season.