



**NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2008**

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!** Congratulations to all those who went to Barga and represented us so well. If you have copies of photos/literature you could give Lorna Leyland for the Archive, that would be appreciated.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM.** We have been asked to accompany "The Cast" at the Traditional Music Awards in Glasgow on Saturday 6 December. This is quite high profile so it would be great if lots of you were able to go through that evening. Presently, we are thinking of having a sing at the SMG Ceilidh on Saturday 20 December 2008; this would be our end-of-year gathering. Also, I have just had a message from the Penicuik Folk Club asking us to sing for about 15 minutes on Tuesday 2 December 2008. The McCalmans are the main act and we would get half price tickets (£5).

**SANGSTREAM PHOTOGRAPHS DONE FOR BIZARRE BARGA BAZAAR BY JONATHAN.** The last date to order any of these is Thursday 30 October. Cost is £2.50 per photograph and any profit made will go towards Comrie Croft costs. The hostel is booked for 6-7 March 2009.

**CEILIDH CULTURE CONCERT.** This is now booked for Saturday 4 April 2009 at St Bride's. We have changed the date slightly to help Voices in Common as they are keen to visit in Spring next year. There will be a box for ideas for a name for the concert (we called it 'Guid Companions': Sangstream and friends) the last couple of years but thought we could do with a different one. If you have inspiration, please let us know/put a slip in the box by 6 November 2008. A few people have come forward to help organise this event which is much appreciated. The main tasks are: Preparing the information/photo for the brochure (deadline 24 November), helping with poster and fliers, ordering and collecting tickets from the Ceilidh Culture Office, ticket sales both beforehand and at the door, liaising with other performers – the Mandolin Group have offered again which is great! – and jobs on the night: stage managing and hosting the evening.

**DATES FOR 2009** 24 March: Singing after Women's Guild AGM at St Anne's, Corstorphine; 4 April : Ceilidh Culture Concert; 5/6 June : Three harbours Festival.

**POWER OF SONG 15 NOVEMBER 2008.** SMG's annual day of workshops celebrating traditional song in Scotland, will be on Saturday 15th November at Boroughmuir School. This year, in preparation for The Homecoming 2009, it features workshops on Burns in Harmony with Ali Burns and My Ain Countrie (songs of exile and homecoming) with Ewan McVicar. Other workshops include Harmonious Sangs with Christine Kydd and Rattlin Roarin Singin with Corrina Hewat. This may well be the last Power of Song as the Scottish Arts Council funding of the Scots Music Group ends in March, which gives all of us even

more reason to come together and enjoy a rich day of Scottish song in the company of some of the best singers Scotland has to offer. More details can be found at [www.scotsmusic.org/events](http://www.scotsmusic.org/events). We plan to co-ordinate Sangstreamers' bookings and offer a small subsidy.

### SANGSTREAM CALENDAR - Sept 2008 -June 2009

<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Term Week</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>Notes</b>
18/09/08	1	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	Self led	<b>Start of Term</b>
25/09/08	2	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	MC	
2/10/08	3	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	MC	
9/10/08	4	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	MC	
16/09/08	5	Thursday session	Boroughmuir	MC	
23/10/08		½ Term Break			
30/10/08	6	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
6/11/08	7	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
13/11/08	8	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
15/11/08		<i>Power of Song</i>	<i>Boroughmuir</i>		<a href="http://www.scotsmusic.org/events">www.scotsmusic.org/events</a>
20/11/08	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
27/11/08	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
2/12/08		? <i>Penicuik Folk Club Gig</i>	<i>Penicuik</i>		? <i>sing at Penicuik Folk Club</i>
4/12/08	11	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
6/12/08		<i>Trad. Music Awards</i>	<i>Glasgow</i>		<i>accompany 'The Cast'</i>
11/12/08	12	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		<b>End of Term</b>
20/12/08		<i>Sing at SMG Ceilidh</i>	<i>St Bride's</i>		<i>Christmas Gathering</i>
8/01/09	1	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		<b>Start of Term</b>
15/01/09	2	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
22/01/09	3	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
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		<i>W/E Away</i>	<i>Comrie Croft</i>		<a href="http://www.comriecroft.com">www.comriecroft.com</a>
12/03/09	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
19/03/09	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
24/03/09		<i>St Anne's</i>	<i>Corstorphine</i>		<i>sing after Women's Guild AGM</i>

26/03/09	11	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
02/04/09	12	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		End of term
04/04/09		<i>Ceilidh Culture Concert</i>	<i>St Bride's</i>		<i>Ceilidh Culture Concert</i>
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		
5-6/04/09		<i>Three Harbours</i>	<i>Prestonpans</i>		
11/06/09	8	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
18/06/09	9	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		
25/06/09	10	Thursday session	Boroughmuir		End of Term

#### **Notes & Other Events**

- Invitation to sing at Ocean Terminal in support of Children 1st (RSSPCC) Sunday late November date TBC
- Invitation to sing at Penicuik Folk Club 2 December 2008
- Invitation to accompany The Cast at the Traditional Music Awards Glasgow 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008
- Ceilidh Culture 27<sup>th</sup> March – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (our concert 4<sup>th</sup> April possibly with 'Voices' from Exeter)
- Three Harbours Festival opens Prestonpans, East Lothian, 5/6<sup>th</sup> June 2009
- Possible concert for MF late June, TBA
- 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.