

**SANGSTREAM NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2004**

Welcome to a new term with Sangstream, and some brow chances to sing to our hearts' content. Lets hope you used all the chances available to keep your voice in good shape over the summer; rusty vocal chords will be dealt with over the next few weeks!

Last term drew to a close with the magnificent concert at Crichton Kirk. Quality CDs will shortly be available for purchase at £7 (£2 going to the church funds to help its historic upkeep). The end of term party at Dave and Jean's house was enjoyed by all, and we want to thank them both for their warm hospitality and use of their acoustic garden.

This term officially starts on 16th September and runs through to 16th December. This will be a 13 week term, with a break on 21st October. (This October evening may be used as an extra rehearsal date for the St. Giles gig). There are a few dates ready to add to your diary. Please keep a look out for and add your name to the list of willing singers for each event. The dress code for all gigs has been agreed as "dark bottoms, and self coloured or single coloured top"

Events this term:

- **Tuesday 21st September:** Royal Scottish Museum, Chamber Street.
Rehearsal 5pm, or as soon as you can, Concert at 6.30-7.30pm in main hall (where the fish ponds are)
- **Sunday 31st October:** St. Giles Cathedral, High Street.
Rehearsal mid-afternoon, performance early evening - details to be announced later.
- **Sunday 19th December:** Museum of Scotland, Chamber Street.
Concert like previous years. 3.45pm. Rehearsal time will be announced.

Other dates to note:-

- **6th & 7th November:** Power of Song weekend with workshops.
- **11-13th November:** Carrying Stream Festival.
- **27th November:** Bella McNab Ceilidh, Portobello Town Hall. Including Sangstream sangspot.
- **4/5/6 February '05:** Special Weekend at Rowardennan Hostel (a la Melrose) Loch Lomond: space for friends/ family, & other singers.

Fees for membership this term are £40, or £15 concession. This MUST be paid by the third week of term, 30th September. The ALP Scots Music Group membership (£12 / 6 concs) is also recommended for extra value deals, and support for our nurturing body. Pick up the ALP SMG programme and class list for more details (p21) and an application form.

Music Organising Group (aka "MOG") - this small group aims to meet from time to time to discuss with Mairi the 'artistic' side of what we do - not just selection of songs, but also such things as styles of performance, format of rehearsals and set lists. We last met in late June and had a very useful and interesting session. Robin is responsible for coordinating the group so speak to him if you want to know more about what it's doing. But please speak to any member of the organising committee if you've any comments about what the choir is doing.

Committee Meetings: The next committee meeting will be on 1st October. Please have a word with any committee member (listed below) if you want anything clarified or brought for discussion.

Penny Forsyth Robin Dempsey David Leslie Gill Simpson Martine Robertson
Maureen Morris Louise Kelly Mary Deans Anmarie McRury

Sangstream Logo Competition

Members, friends and families are encouraged to dredge up their artistic talent to design a logo for use by Sangstream.

Closing date for entries will be 31st October,
5 x 5cms logo size, paper copy to Maureen, or e.mail digital format copies to Penny or Robin.
(addresses available on Thursday evenings)

There will be a £50 prize to the winner, decided by a blind vote by members.
(blind to the artist's identity, not the logo!)