



The expedition team are keen to involve as many people in this very special event in South East Scotland Scouting.

All Scouts will be involved through specially produced material to give them appropriate information about Project Malaysia 2009.

We invite anyone interested to become a 'Friend of Project Malaysia'.

Being a friend you will be entitled to receive regular information on the build up to the expedition and a complimentary copy of the final project report on the return of the expeditioners.

If you would like to become a Friend, please complete the form and send it along with a cheque for a minimum

donation of £10 to The Scout Association, 15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LP. Call 0131 229 3756 for more information.

If you do not wish to receive communication by email, please let us know.

I wish to become a Friend of Project Malaysia.

I enclose a cheque for minimum donation of £10, payable to The Scout Association.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# South East Scotland Regional Scout Council newsletter **135 degrees**

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## From the Regional Commissioner



**Firstly I hope it is not too late to send New Year greetings to everyone! I hope that this year will be a good one for you in all respects, including Scouting and that the issues in society at large will not cause too many difficulties for us all.**

I would like to begin this year with some really positive news.

I am happy to announce the appointments of two new District Commissioners to fill gaps in the Region.

Liz Wilson has become DC in East Lothian having served as a leader and AAC in the past. She will be looking to build a team to support the groups in their work across the district and will, I know, receive strong support from the leaders in the 11 groups.

In Blackford District, Mark McCraw, recently SL at the 157th Group has become DC, in place of Michael Herriott who will become ADC (AT). Mark has worked in the three younger sections and was a Sea Scout and Venture Scout in Inverleith too. He is looking to develop the team of ADCs and to look at the way ahead for Blackford.

This edition of the newsletter has a name: '135 degrees'. The numbers refer to the compass direction for South East so it ties in nicely with the badge! The badge is currently in production and we hope to have them available by the end of March at latest.

## From the Regional Commissioner (continued)

Can I urge you all, as we move into a New Year, to look at the training opportunities available and take them up. There are many leaders who would gain greatly from the fun and friendship formed at the training events and the whole process of course modules and validation is designed to support you in your work with young people.

There are of course, still vacancies within the Regional Team of Commissioners and Advisers to fill, particularly the post of ARC for Communications, but we are keen to move on and ensure that the best activities and support are available. Districts will have

received invitations to attend a number of events for commissioners and section representatives organised by SHQ. Please try to ensure that there is representation from your district at these and that the information from SHQ is always passed on to the sections in the district.

I know of many events around the Region being planned and I hope that they all go well, with good weather and strong attendances. If I can I will try and be there and meet you!

**Dorothy.**

## Contact Information

Contact can be made with South East Scotland Regional Scout Council, Bonaly Outdoor Centre, Longcraig Scout Centre by using any of the following methods:

**South East Scotland Regional Scout Council**  
**15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh EH3 9LP**

**0131 229 3756**

**info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk** [www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk](http://www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk)

**Bonaly Outdoor Centre**

**71 Bonaly Road, Edinburgh EH13 0PB**

**0131 441 1878** **info@bonaly.org.uk** [www.bonaly.org.uk](http://www.bonaly.org.uk)

**Longcraig Scout Centre**

**0131 319 1036** (Answer machine operating when the Centre is closed)

**enquiries@longcraig.org.uk** [www.longcraig.org.uk](http://www.longcraig.org.uk)

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## Edinburgh Gang Show around the City

The Edinburgh Gang Show continues to be hailed around the city.

In December the Gang were invited to sing at the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Corstorphine. Performing in front of a large gathering about 40 members of the cast sang a range of Christmas songs before Santa appeared on his sleigh to the delight of many local children!

In January in the *Edinburgh Evening News*, the following article appeared to the surprise of the Gang!

### City leader hails Gang for annual extravaganza

THE exploits of Edinburgh's famous children's theatre production the Gang Show have been recognised by city leader Jenny Dawe. The annual show has been running since 1960 and has built up a collection of over 18,000 costumes and props.

Ms Dawe said: "This year's Gang Show should be very proud of their achievements. "The Gang Show is a huge team effort and my thanks go to all who gave up their time to produce one of Edinburgh's 'certainties', which holds fond memories for many."

**Look out for more information about the 50th Edinburgh Gang Show coming out soon.**  
[www.edinburgh-gangshow.com](http://www.edinburgh-gangshow.com)

## SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL NEWS

It is with regret that we announce that June Graham, a vital member of the staff at the Regional Headquarters left at Christmas. June started work for Edinburgh Area Scout Council in February 1997 and has been a valued member of the team since then and has no doubt answered your calls and posted your mail on many occasions. June will be maintaining a link with Scouting as she is the Secretary of the Bonaly scout fellowship and is often seen at events.

She will be greatly missed.

In the next few weeks an advert for a replacement member of staff will be produced and an interview process will be held at some time in February. If you know of someone who would like to apply for the post of the office administrator for the South East Scotland Region (working about 30 hours a week) then they can register interest and receive the application pack by contacting [info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk](mailto:info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk)

In the meantime the office will be operating without the full staff complement so if you are planning to call to deliver or collect items it would be sensible to phone first and check if someone will be there as the Regional Secretary does get to go out of the building sometimes!

## Thank You

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone involved with the BONALY FELLOWSHIP for the lovely and totally unexpected presentation I received at the TRAMPS SUPPER on Tuesday 13th January 2009.

I have enjoyed working for you all during my 11 years at Valleyfield Street and look forward to now doing the same as a volunteer of the Fellowship and keeping many of those friendships made.

May I also take this opportunity to THANK all the other Scouters in the Region for their very kind wishes, cards and gifts.

**June Graham**

## Bonaly Scout Camping Challenge



12th to 14th  
June 2009





## Longcraig Scout Centre

Longcraig will open for the 2009 season on Tuesday 5th May. During this week (Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th inclusive) we will only be offering Kayaking or rafting sessions due to low tides. As at the time of writing this, all Friday sessions in June are already fully booked. Bookings can be made by phoning Regional Scout HQ during office hours on **0131 229 3756**.

**Session prices for 2009 have been held at the same as for 2008: £8 per head per session.**

Session numbers will not normally be allowed to exceed 30 for evening sessions and 40 at weekends. If wish to bring larger groups, these must be discussed and agreed with the Centre Manager before the booking will be accepted (lscmanager@longcraig.org.uk or leave contact information with Scout HQ).

When making a booking the following information will be required

- **Date you wish to book**
- **Contact name/address/phone number (including a daytime number in case we need to contact you on the day)**
- **Number of people wishing to attend**
- **Activities you are booking (sailing, kayaking, rafting or cruising)**

Maximum numbers for the various activities apply.

**We look forward to seeing you during the season.**



Longcraig Scout Centre

## LONGCRAIG 2009 COURSES

As always we will be offering a large number of courses during the year. The following are the RYA courses, dates and costs.

| Course                       | Dates                 | Cost |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Youth Stage one              | 30th/31st May         | £40  |
| Youth Stage two              | 4th/5th July          | £40  |
| Youth Stage three            | 29th/30th August      | £40  |
| Youth Stage four             | 23rd/24th May         | £40  |
| Adult level one              | 4th/5th July          | £40  |
| Adult level two              | 23rd/24th May         | £40  |
| Seamanship                   | 22nd/23rd August      | £40  |
| Spinnaker                    | 18th/19th July        | £40  |
| Day Sailing                  | 11th/12th July        | £40  |
| Powerboat Level one          | 4th April (5th April) | £40  |
| Powerboat Level two          | 25th/26th April       | £80  |
| Powerboat safety endorsement | 21st/22nd March       | £80  |

Kayaking courses will be run on Monday nights for BCU 2 Star ONLY starting on Monday 4th May and running for 9 evenings. The minimum age for this course is 14 years. This is a recommendation from the BCU and entrants for the course must also meet the pre-requisites set down by the BCU see <http://www.canoe-england.org.uk/media/pdf/Two%20Star%20Syllabus.pdf>

The cost for this Monday evening course is £80.

We will also be running a Scout Canoeist badge course in August (29th/30th). This is the equivalent of the BCU 1 star but aimed at those 14 years old and under.

**Bookings for all courses should be made to Regional Scout HQ (0131 229 3756) during office hours.**

# PEACE SCOUTS

In 1935 in his writings BP said "Friendship is like a boomerang; you give out your friendship to another and then to more and more and they give you their friendship in return. So your original friendship and goodwill, as it goes to others, increases in strength and brings back this good will to you in return, just as the boomerang comes back to its thrower."

**Bearing this in mind, make the most of your opportunities with your boomerang this summer.**

## ADULT TRAINING

We have had a great deal of success in contacting leaders and reminding them of training opportunities and we know that while many in receipt of these emails are not needing that particular module that you pass the information on or are at least accepting of the method of contact, using the national database. In time we hope it may be refined to enable only those needing certain modules to be contacted, until then please bear with us.

There are many training opportunities coming up in the next month or so and we hope to have good numbers on all of these.

| DATE            | MODULE   | VENUE                     | NOTES          |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| Thu 26 Feb 2009 | 9 Working with Adults  | Venue in East Lothian     | Evening course |
| Sun 1 Mar 2009  | 14 Young People Today<br>15 Challenging Behaviour                                | Valleyfield St, Edinburgh | Day course     |
| Wed 4 Mar 2009  | 12 Providing a Balanced Programme  | Galashiels, Borders       | Evening course |
| Wed 18 Mar 2009 | 11 Administration (Section Leaders)<br>13 Growing the Movement (Section Leaders) | Venue in East Lothian     | Evening course |
| Tue 24 Mar 2009 | 5 Fundamental Values of Scouting<br>6 Changes in Scouting<br>7 Valuing Diversity | Penicuik, Midlothian      | Evening course |
| Sun 29 Mar 2009 | 10 First Aid   | Galashiels, Borders       | Day course     |

I would encourage any one who needs to do this Module to take part.

If you wish to participate please send a completed application form (available through our website)

[www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk](http://www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk) and send to

**Alan Willoughby, Regional Secretary**  
**South East Scotland Regional Scout Council**  
**15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh EH3 9LP**

The venue in East Lothian will be surprisingly accessible to leaders in Edinburgh and Midlothian, it really does not take long on the bypass and A1 and the trip down to Gala for a course even for an evening is possible for most.

*Ken Thomson (ARC - AT)*

### ANNUAL CENSUS AND MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The annual census is due to be completed and your help and cooperation in ensuring a speedy submission is sought. Papers and details are with District secretaries at this time.

Group details have to be entered on to the website by 2nd February and the district and Region figures shortly thereafter. The passwords for access are with each district to forward to groups.

The membership subscription has been set at £19.10 by Scottish Headquarters (with a 50p prompt payment rebate if paid to district and to Region on time - 2nd March and 9th March respectively) and the Regional levy is £2.50 with a 10p prompt payment rebate.

So if paid promptly the cost per head is £21.00. (This excludes any district levy if charged)

Your help in a quick conclusion to the annual census is hoped for and the completion of the Scouter return, which has been sent to all groups, will enable us to accurately reflect the leader position across the Region.

A further form asking for details of meeting locations and times has also been sent to try and ensure that the information held at Regional level is as accurate as possible.



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## Project Malaysia 2009

In the summer of 2009 40 Scout members from the South East Region of Scotland will travel to Sandakan in the Sabah Region near Borneo, Malaysia. They will spend a month there, working together with local Scouts on environmental and community development projects.

As well as providing benefits to communities in Malaysia, the Scouts who participate will gain hugely their involvement in this project. Plans are progressing well and a team will be heading out in February to firm up plans with the Scout of Malaysia.

We invite anyone interested to become a 'Friend of Project Malaysia'. By being a friend you will be entitled to receive regular information on the build up to the expedition and a complimentary copy of the final project report on the return of the expeditioners.

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### INTERNATIONAL REQUEST

We have received a request for contact from a party of scouts from Hamburg who arrive in Edinburgh by air on July 19th to start a tour of Scotland.

The group is comprised of 10 boys and girls and 2 leaders who intend to travel, by train, to Glasgow and thence onto the West Highland Way to Fort William. From there they hope to travel to Mallaig (again by train) and explore Skye before heading south after taking in Loch Ness, Inverness and Dunfermline before reaching Edinburgh from where they fly back to Germany on the 5th August. Are there any offers of assistance out there?

**Edwin Maxwell, International Adviser**

