

Young Leaders Weekend

The second weekend for all young leaders will be held in the Chalet at Bonaly on 5 - 7 March. The weekend will be fully catered and will cost £30 per person. Those who went to November weekend and don't need to do Module A can come from Saturday morning and pay £23. If a young person cannot do either of those options, but can attend part of the weekend then this can be accommodated at a reduced cost.

An application form has been included with this issue for all Explorer Scout Leaders and can also be downloaded from the website. Please return all forms with cheques made payable to *The Scout Association* by Friday 26th February to 15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh EH3 9LP

From Doldrums to Shipshape

In 2007, the Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) of the 82nd Inverleith (Cramond) Sea Scouts was vandalised beyond repair, and they were left without a rescue boat. No RIB meant no sailing and no powerboating activities for the Scouts. The Sea Scouts were sinking fast and went into the doldrums during 2008. In the autumn of 2008, the 82nd Scout Group decided to make an effort to 'refloat' their Sea Scouts.

A community appeal was made for new leaders, and the Scouts and Explorer Scouts bagpacked and carbooted to raise enough money to buy a new RIB. The 'Beserker' was launched in June 2009 at Longcraig. Nine new Sea Scout leaders were found and the 82nd Sea Scouts were again able to provide sailing, kayaking and powerboating activities. They discovered however, that a lot of their other Sea Scout equipment needed replaced. So whilst the new leaders got themselves AAP'd (Adventurous Activity Permitted) a substantial Sea Scout shopping list was produced. It was obvious that to become shipshape would take a serious amount of money!

Undeterred, a small fundraising team was set up in the summer of 2009 to pitch for grant monies, and organise bagpacking. Three trust applications were made and backpacks at Tesco, Marks & Spencers and Sainsburys were secured.

In Nov 2009 the Sea Scouts were delighted to find out that the Peoples Post Code Trust were to award them £10,000, and then within weeks, Trinity House Trust (A Sea Scout Fund) confirmed their award of £5,500. The festive backpacks raised an additional £2,400.

The Sea Scouts are now busy purchasing their equipment, refitting their Sea Scout cellar at Cramond, and planning the Sea Scout programme of activities for the coming sailing season.

The 82nd Sea Scouts are now indeed shipshape

Well done to the 82nd, proof that a well planned approach can bring rewards and the troop is now in the high 50s in numbers!



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From the Regional Commissioner

A New Year and for some a chance to resolve to do something you've always wanted to do ... so why not? Scouting is about pushing the boundaries and enjoying life!

Before Christmas some colleagues and I were lucky enough to be part of the selection process for Sweden 2011. What talented young people we have in the region! We had to select 27 out of nearly 60 applicants, which was a difficult task. We wish those who were selected every success and hope that those who were not will get another opportunity to experience an international event at some other time.

Reflecting back on 2009 as usual there have been a number of challenges for a whole range of people and you know what? We always meet these head on, with the needs of our young people at the heart of what we do. ...I'm proud to be part of South East Region and look forward to another challenging year working with a strong and motivated team.

Speaking of teams, welcome to Alan Hunter who has recently been appointed as Regional Gang Show Adviser.

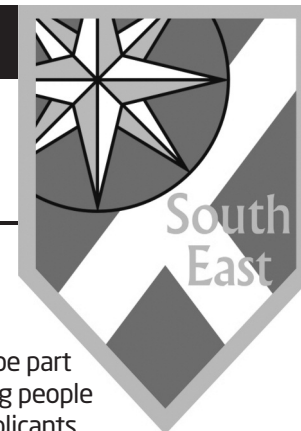
I look forward to seeing more of what our young people are doing throughout 2010 so please remember to invite me to events, large or small... The more fun the better!

Take care and I look forward to seeing you during 2010.

Dorothy

Got something to say?

Have you, your group or your young people done something that you think everyone should know about? Then write it down and sent it in. Please send articles in whatever format you like to us here at: **15 Valleyfield St, Edinburgh EH3 9LP** or **info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk**. Please send them in by the **12th March** to get in the next edition of 135 degrees



Haymarket

A big thanks to all in Haymarket who took the time out to come along to the 'Innovate and Invigorate' evening at the start of December. I hope you agree that it delivered on its title!

A lot of great ideas and comments were generated throughout the evening, and they are influencing the content of the sectional leaders meetings throughout January. The points raised are being formulated into a report and this will contribute to the district development plan. This will be distributed (via email and on paper!) at the start of February.

If anyone has any further comments that they thought of after the evening please do not hesitate to get in touch with Amy.

Please note, the date of the next District Executive meeting has been changed to MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY, same venue.

East Lothian update

Tranent Group had a big presentation on 8th December when members from Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts were presented with awards gained throughout the year. Thanks must go to the dedication and hard work of the Leaders in the Tranent Group.

East Lothian District is progressing on the District Team front with the addition of a new Secretary - Carolyn Cunningham, 19 Clerkington Road, Haddington EH41.

An informal get together of all Leaders will take place in Haddington Scout Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 11th February. We look forward to a really good turn out!

Big thanks to John Gibson from Cockenzie Group who has put together a Blair Athol promotional display, which can be borrowed by any Group - contact Liz (lfw52@hotmail.co.uk).

Explorer Scouts from North Berwick are looking forward to taking part in the Borders Brass Monkey Camp at the end of January.

Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2010 kicks off on 17th February and there are lots of exciting new products, especially for Scouts. We will be registered here at Headquarters so please keep your vouchers and send them into us at Valleyfield St. Thanks to everyone who collected vouchers last year, we got some great equipment for Bonaly Outdoor Centre.

Contact Information



South East Region

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

Bonaly Outdoor Centre, 71 Bonaly Road, Edinburgh EH13 0PB
0131 441 1878 info@bonaly.org.uk 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



South East Region

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council **newsletter**

Scouts Online

Have you logged in recently to the Scout website? - it's all changed!!

Are your details on the <http://scouts.org.uk> up to date - not sure? Go to the website - look at the right hand corner, there will be a couple of boxes with username and password - login here and then you'll see all your details including your home address, email, any training etc.

Please check it and see if your details are correct and up to date. Not only is this useful for us so we've got the right address for you and but you can check other details of your membership. If you've never done it before then you'll need to register - this is quick and easy. You'll need your membership number and an email address.

If you've forgotten your password or username or get stuck - give them a call on 0845 300 1818 and get them to talk it through with you.



Bonaly's Birthday Bash

Bonaly Outdoor Centre will celebrate it's **80th Anniversary** in 2011! So plans are afoot for a whole year of celebrations. These include:

- An international camp 30th July - 6th August 2011 - further details to follow.
- A birthday event for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts
- A 1930's style event for Explorer Scouts
- A touring exhibition
- A celebratory dinner
- A history of Bonaly including memories, photos, anecdotes from users over the last 80 years

Further details will be sent to District Commissioners. There will also be updates here in **135 Degrees** and as plans firm up there will be direct mailings to leaders about relevant events for their sections. **Anyone interested in helping with any of the above events, please contact Regional Headquarters 0131 229 3756**



ANNUAL CENSUS

By now all groups should have completed their census returns on the national database and we look forward to a further year of growth across the region. The first group to complete their form was one of our newest Groups, well done Jedburgh!

Membership subscriptions due at 1st March are based on the census and will be £23.50 per heads less a prompt payment rebate of £0.50 (excluding any district levy). Please settle promptly to enable the rebate to be claimed and the sums settled with districts, region and SHQ.

Communications Update

You will recall that last year we conducted a survey in relation to communication in the Region. A number of you took part, some by post and the majority by email.

There were a number of very helpful points raised by the survey and the comments that you made and a recent meeting of a small communications group is taking some of these forward.

A regular issue of the newsletter was confirmed as a necessity and we are now proposing to issue 6 copies a year and these are confirmed as follows: *End of January (this one), end of March (next one- with a deadline for copy of 12th March) and the end of May (13th May). After the summer the issue dates will be 20th August, 15th October and 10th December giving a total of 6 per year and linked to start of terms or specific periods in the Scouting calendar.*

There will be a planned move, by the August issue, to send the Newsletter by email to as many people as possible, as many people would prefer this method as well as reducing costs, paper consumption and saving staff and volunteer time in enveloping and posting over 1300 copies.

There will, of course, be the option to continue to receive the copy by post in a paper format and details of how to opt in to this posting process and how to ensure we have your correct email address will be in a future edition.

At this time though, it would be sensible to check that your email address (if you have one) is correct on the scout database (or add one if it is not currently there). You access this by www.scouts.org.uk and use the members' area, which you reach by putting your user name and password in the boxes in the top right hand corner of the page. The site has recently been changed and was previously known as 'my backpack'

The group are also looking at ensuring that the Regional website and the newsletter address the needs of the members and to this end **any comments** on what you would expect to see/ like to see in the newsletter or on the website would be helpful (ideally by 22nd February). Email on info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk, call **0131 229 3756** or of course write to **15 Valleyfield St Edinburgh**. There will be further updates on communications in the next two issues.

Network News

Since our inception as Blackford Network at the beginning of 2009, we have had a very busy year. After taking care of the mundane but necessary (the name, the committee, the neckie design etc.) tasks, we launched straight into a very busy programme. From District to Regional to National, Blackford Network has been busy on every level.

The highlights of our year include: the Network Burns Supper Ceilidh (which this year features a very heavy representation from our Network), the Dragnet challenge in Cumbria (where we were the "international contingent"), as well as meeting Peter Duncan (and being in his sketch show at the Fringe!). This is amongst our "usual" evenings of croquet, Laser quest, Gang Show trip, and Games Workshop visit with the District Explorers. Also not to mention the many Network camps that our members attended over the year: Insight, The Gathering, Pub Scouts, Intense, and Leeds SSAGO rally.

On top of this, Blackford District Scout Network Members have done their part to help out and make sure our name has had plenty of limelight. From helping out at the Moonwalk (and getting our interview and pictures on their website), to organising and running Blair Atholl selection camps, to running fundraising events at Sky TV's annual fun day. Yes indeed, 2009 has been a big, big year for us.

It is also worthwhile to mention that all this ties in with many other duties that our Networkers have. Many are Leaders at other sections or sit on committees to represent the views of young people. For us, Scout Network really is a vital part of our Scouting life, and it merges well with the rest of our responsibilities.

With such a busy year behind us, can we really top it in 2010? Well, time can only tell but with Queen's Scout Award on our agenda; Blair Atholl to come, as well as many other exciting activities on our mind, it sure looks positive. All we can say is... watch this space.

Pasha Korniyenko
Blackford Network Chair

If you'd like join in the fun then contact Neil Burn, ARC (Network) on sesnetwork@hotmail.co.uk

Global Xchange



In April 2010, a team of volunteers aged 18-25 from Bangladesh and all around the UK will arrive in the UK to spend 10 weeks volunteering in local community projects.

Could you host a pair of volunteers in your home for anything from 2-10 weeks?

Global Xchange is currently looking for local people in Edinburgh to provide host homes for the volunteers during their stay in Edinburgh. This is a great opportunity for any families wishing to experience and learn something about other cultures. Global Xchange will provide an allowance per pair. Two programme supervisors will be on hand for support.

Contact **Peppy Sparrow, Global Xchange Programme Supervisor**
Team 105: Rangpur, Bangladesh/ Edinburgh, Scotland
email: peppy.sparrow@vso.org.uk website: www.globalxchange.org.uk

DEVELOPMENT

There are always great opportunities for development of Scouting and this region is no exception. In the past few weeks we have heard of two new Explorer Scout Units that are beginning in Galashiels and Kelso as well as plans to consider restarting a troop in Innerleithen, a plan for a new Group in the centre of Edinburgh at the Catholic Cathedral and advancing plans for a Cub Scout pack in the Burdiehouse area of the city.

In relation to this last initiative all members are asked to consider if they would be able to assist in the developing of this new section (as part of an existing group) in this part of the southern fringes of the city.

Could you help train volunteers and work with them for a couple of terms? Would you like to be a leader there? Would you know of someone who lives in the area who might be able to help?

It is a new section, which will be part of a group which already has a colony, pack, troop and a link to an explorer unit in the locality and there is a GSL and a committee already in place. A great chance to give some youngsters in the community an insight into scouting and as the Pack will be run in a brand new community facility there are lots of appealing factors.....could you help??

Contact Regional HQ on 0131 229 3756 or info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL

There are two possible opportunities for troops or groups this issue

A group from Frankfurt in Germany is coming to camp at Bonaly from July 5th to 16th and would like to meet with a local (Scottish) group while here to share activities and perhaps arrange a return visit to Germany.

The leaders will be in Edinburgh at the start of March and if you would be interested in sharing an evening of activities in July or camping with the group then please contact Edwin Maxwell on 445 1222 or emaxwell519@aol.com and you can meet up in March.

We have also been advised of a Russian Scout Jamboree this summer in the Novogorod area of Russia. Time is tight but the programme looks wonderful and including activity bases with such diverse titles as eco centre, centre of Slavic culture, GPS navigation centre, monkey camp and knight battles!! There is also the reconstruction of the battle of Shelon (1471)!

Again details from Edwin and the dates for this event are August 1st - 10th 2010

Longcraig Scout Centre

Bookings are still being taken for the 2010 season, which starts on the Monday 3 May and the last evening booking will be Sunday 28th August. Weekend bookings are available from Saturday 8th May with the last one on Sunday 26th September. Sessions cost £10 per head. **All bookings should be made through Regional Headquarters on 0131 229 3756 during office hours (10.00am - 3.00 pm). Please have a few dates in mind when you call, as your preferred dates might not be available.**

At the time of writing the dates for courses were still being finalised, however if you are interested in taking either RYA sailing (adult or youth), RYA powerboat or BCU kayak courses (to get a proficiency badge), please contact Regional Headquarters (0131 229 3756) who will be keeping a list of potential course members.

Bonaly Scout Camping Challenge



When **4th to 6th June 2010**
Where **Bonaly Outdoor Centre**
Cost **£15.00 per head**

Bonaly Scout Camping Challenge is a three level award, designed to encourage and allow Scouts to get full enjoyment from camping and to achieve a standard that they can be proud of. The three standards progress from bronze to silver and then onto gold. Badges are available to be awarded and can be worn on the triangle of the uniform neckerchief. Although the award is designed for groups of up to six, it is also possible to achieve the awards in smaller groups undertaking lightweight camping. It may also be appropriate to present different levels of award to different members of the patrol.

Contact <http://www.bonaly.org.uk/>

Come and learn new skills and have a go at challenges you might not on a troop night!

SCOUT LEADERS PLEASE NOTE - FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON A SEPARATE LEAFLET ISSUED WITH THIS EDITION OF '135 DEGREES NEWSLETTER'.

Community cleanup - Volunteers wanted!

Please come and help clean up the cycle paths of Edinburgh between Roseburn - Leith

Sunday 28th March 9am - 1pm

Meeting place **Ainslie Park Leisure Centre (tbc)**

Snacks / refreshments 1pm - 2pm.

To register or for further details; Tel: **07786632114** Email: edinburghcyclepathcleanup@hotmail.com

Facebook group: **'Clean Up Edinburgh Cycle Paths'**

ADULT TRAINING

Contacts: **Ken Thomson** ARC (Adult Training) 0131 663 2979
or arc_training@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

Alan Willoughby (Regional Secretary) 0131 229 3756
or secretary@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk

Forthcoming Training Opportunities:

Please contact the office on **0131 229 3756** or email info@southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk if you've got any queries about booking yourself about these training courses. In order to confirm your place please send a completed application form, which you can get from <http://www.southeastscotlandscouts.org.uk/booking-and-forms> or from Valleyfield St

SECTIONAL TRAINING WEEKEND 3 during weekend Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March *For Section Leaders - experimental!*

We shall try to run those Modules from the list 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 & 19 to best meet those requested by applicants and run them in appropriate venues.

Please just send in your request with a note of any time you cannot manage between Friday and Sunday inclusive. Please note that for planning purposes applications for this weekend will close on Friday 5 March.

ONGOING LEARNING Tuesday 23 March *For all, at Valleyfield St, Edinburgh*

Child Protection 19.30 - 22.00

STAND-ALONE MODULES Thursday 25 March

For Section Leaders, Managers, Training Advisers, at Valleyfield St, Edinburgh

25 Assessing Learning 19.30 - 22.00

FIRST RESPONSE MODULE Sunday 28 March

For all, at Lasswade HSC, Midlothian

10 First Aid 10.00 - 16.30

NIGHTS AWAY FOR BEAVER SCOUT AND CUB SCOUT LEADERS for Residentials (Indoors only)

We are planning to meet a need expressed by some leaders for this additional, limited module. I will email Leaders in these Sections early in the new year, when more details have been finalised.

Support for Districts

Members of the training team are available to support Districts to run Getting Started courses (i.e. modules 1, 2 and 3 or 4), with validations, with other modules that are needed and with ongoing learning and team development programmes.

Please contact Ken Thomson to discuss what could be done.