

# CESAN



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**LAST** ISSUE  
OF CESAN  
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# AREA CALENDAR

## APRIL

Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scout Post Meeting	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Module 10 – First Response	10am –4.30pm
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Module 25 – Assessing Learning	Lasswade

All events are at 15 Valleyfield Street (Evening meetings are at 7.30pm) unless otherwise stated.

## CONTACT WITH EDINBURGH SCOUTING

Contact can be made with Edinburgh Area Scout Council, Bonaly, Longcraig and the Scout Network by using any of the following methods.

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**Email** [info@edinburgh-scout.org.uk](mailto:info@edinburgh-scout.org.uk)

**Web Page** [www.edinburgh-scout.org.uk](http://www.edinburgh-scout.org.uk)

**Bonaly Telephone** 0131 441 1878

**Email** [info@bonaly.org.uk](mailto:info@bonaly.org.uk)

**Web Page** [www.bonaly.org.uk](http://www.bonaly.org.uk)

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

**Web Page** [www.longcraig.org.uk](http://www.longcraig.org.uk)

**EMAIL** [enquiries@longcraig.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@longcraig.org.uk)

**Some of these email addresses will eventually change after Regionalisation but the phone number, the address and the personal service will be retained!**

## ADULT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The First Response course scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> March has been changed and is now **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.00 am until 4.30 p.m. and will be in Edinburgh.

Module 25 will be held at Lasswade on 29<sup>th</sup> April

Modules 16, 17 and 18 will run on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June at Bonaly.

Applications for these Modules are invited now.

**CITY OF EDINBURGH SCOUT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 2008**

**G R E A T S C O T T I S H W A L K S**

Would you like to be part of the 'GREAT SCOTTISH WALKS' helping to raise much needed money for charity plus at the same time helping yourself to keep/get fit?

The 'Wee Walk' takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> June at Fettes College and the 'Great Scottish Walk' takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Meadowbank Stadium.

Why not get your Scouts to enter as a Group - you can choose from one of three distances 12, 6 or a 1 mile course at the end of which you will be presented with a medal, certificate and a goodie bag!

The organisers are also looking for marshals to assist with the WALKS.

More information can be found at [www.greatscottishwalk.com](http://www.greatscottishwalk.com)

**E D I N B U R G H T A T T O O**

**SCOUT and EXPLORER SCOUT ASSISTANCE**

All Scout Leaders and Explorer Scout Leaders will have received a supply of promotional leaflets asking for help with the 2008 Tattoo with the last issue of CESAN.

All Scouts aged 12 and over and Explorer Scouts are asked to assist with this major community event. Scouting has been part of the Tattoo since 1949 and we have been asked to ensure a good number of members are present to cover our duties this year.

**Please pass this information on to eligible young people and encourage them to take part.**

**NETWORK, FELLOWSHIP and LEADER ASSISTANCE**

**In the last issue of CESAN you** will have found a leaflet asking for assistance with this year's event. Please, if you have not participated in the Tattoo before, give it a try. If you have done it before please sign up for duties for this year. It really is a great way to get involved in this most famous international event and meet other Leaders at the same time. Most of all it is great **FUN**.

**SO FIND THE FORM**

**COMPLETE IT AND SEND IT IN NOW!!**

## LONGCRAIG WATER ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Bookings are now being taken for the 2008 season via Edinburgh Scout Headquarters (229 3756). The centre opens on **Tuesday 6th of May** and the last evening session for sailing will be on Friday 29th August. The last evening session for Kayaking and the launch will be on Friday 12th September. The centre will close for the season on **Sunday 19th October**.

The session price for 2008 is £8 (all day bookings at weekend count as two sessions) but any groups who book for May or June and book for another session in July or August will qualify for a 50% discount on the July/August session fees (all bookings must be made by 1st of May 2008 and discount applies to the smaller of the two bookings made).

The following courses are being offered in the run up to our new season.

20<sup>th</sup> Apr RYA Powerboat Level 1 course **Price £40**

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Apr RYA Powerboat Level 2 course, one w/e **Price £80**

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Apr RYA sailing Youth Stage 4 / Adult Level 2, **Price £40**

These are run at the Longcraig Scout Centre, Apply at least two weeks before the course via the Valleyfield Scout Centre, phone 0131 229 3756 during office hours.

### ACTIVITY BADGE COURSES RUN BY LONGCRAIG

The following Scout/Explorer badge courses are being run by Longcraig (where applicable the equivalent National Governing Body qualification is also shown):

**Scout Canoeist** Award (This is also the BCU 1 star)

One w/e 31st May/1st June. **Price £40**

One w/e 23/24th August **Price £40**

**Explorer Canoeist** Award (This is also the new BCU 2 star)

9 Monday evenings starting 28th April, then 5,12,19,26 May, 2, 9,16, 23 June **Price £80**

**Explorer Scout Water Activities** award - powerboat option. (This is also RYA Power Level 2)

One w/e 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April, shortly before the exams! Useful to have RYA Powerboat Level 1 but not essential. **Price £80**

**Scout Power Coxwain** activity badge course. (This is also the RYA Powerboat Level 1)

5 evenings in April. Wed 9<sup>th</sup>, Fri 11<sup>th</sup>, Mon 14<sup>th</sup>, Wed 16<sup>th</sup>, Fri 18<sup>th</sup>. **Price £40**

The above courses above are particularly recommend for any member of the Scouts or Guides who has access to a sports powerboat and may wish to enter the RYA-Honda Youth RIB competition. (See web site:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/Youth/hondaryayouthrib/>) The competition has two age ranges, under 17yrs and under 13yrs. The Scottish 2008 finals will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Port Edgar, South Queensferry.

**Explorer Scout Water Activities** award – sailing option. (This is also the RYA Youth Stage 4 and Adult Level 2 course) You should already have RYA Youth Stage 3 award.

One w/e 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April, just before the exams! **Price £40**

**Scout Dinghy Sailor** activity badge course.

This course will also be attractive to younger **Explorer Scouts** and **Senior Section** members of Girl Guiding, as a stepping stones to the higher RYA courses.

1<sup>st</sup> w/e : 31<sup>st</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June (This is also the RYA Youth Stage 1 course) **Price £40**

2<sup>nd</sup> w/e: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August (This is also the RYA Youth Stage 2 course) **Price £40**

These are run at the Longcraig Scout Centre, [www.longcraig.org.uk](http://www.longcraig.org.uk) Apply via the Valleyfield Scout Centre, phone 0131 229 3756 during office hours, **at least** two weeks before the course.

# B . A . T .

## Ever fancied being a BAT?

The BATS team (Bonaly Activities Team) supports the events held at Bonaly and is looking for additional members.

Events take place around 6 times a year and last from a half-day event to a full weekend. There is no commitment to help at every event, BATS are only asked to come along if they want to!

The next event being run is the Pentland District event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

If you think this is something you might like to get involved in phone Fee Cowan on 0131 449 7887.

## S A I N S B U R Y ' S A C T I V E K I D S 2 0 0 8

Edinburgh Area Scout Council has registered to be part of **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2008** campaign which gives us the opportunity to collect vouchers for active equipment that will make physical activity a more enjoyable and stimulating experience for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Scout Network members in the Edinburgh Area.

Until 4th June you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol and shopping for groceries online at [www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk)  
It couldn't be easier!

Then all you require to do is send your vouchers (any amount large or small) into Edinburgh Area Scout Council, 15 Valleyfield Street, EH3 9LP and we will do the rest.

There is no limit as to how many vouchers can be redeemed so please encourage all your family and friends to help gain the most from this campaign.

Your support and commitment will be crucial to making this a success.

A couple of other ways you can help are: -

- that for every £10 you spend on fresh fruit and vegetables (and all products displaying the healthy apple symbol) you will receive a bonus voucher.
- you can convert your Nectar points into vouchers by visiting [nectar.com](http://nectar.com) – simply select Edinburgh Area Scout Council from the drop down list and follow the instructions on screen.

**There is a very wide range of equipment to choose from so come on let's all start saving the Active Kids vouchers NOW  
and benefit our members- lets try and beat the number collected last year.**

**LAST YEAR BONALY AND AREA HEADQUARTERS GAINED EQUIPMENT BY THIS FUNDRAISING METHOD. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED – SEE YOU AGAIN?**

# MALYSIAN EXPEDITION

## Leaders Wanted for Malaysian Expedition

In summer 2009 there will be a development expedition to Malaysia for Explorer Scouts and Network members from all over South East Region. We have had an exceptionally strong response from the members and need to add to the leader team.

If you can spare four weeks and want to participate in one of the best activities in Scouting then call Brian Moretta on 0131 447 3795 or email [brianmoretta@mac.com](mailto:brianmoretta@mac.com).

# YOUNG LEADER TRAINING

I am pleased to announce that Jean Mowle has agreed to be the new Young Leader coordinator for South East Region. As well as bringing experience in adult training, Jean's son has been a Young Leader. Her role is to support all Young Leaders, Explorer Scout Leaders and Section Leaders. She will be helping to make everyone aware of their responsibilities towards developing Young Leaders, ensuring they have access to appropriate training and promote the scheme across the Region. Other Regions have made similar appointments and over time there should be a sharing of ideas and resources across Scotland.

Jean's contact details are:

Home phone: 0131 339 6579

email: [jeanpmowle@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanpmowle@btinternet.com)

Brian Moretta AAC Explorer Scouts and ARC Explorer Scouts

# DISTRICT DIARIES

## BLACKFORD

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> April District Executive Meeting

Liberton Kirk Hall 7.30pm

## PORTOBELLO

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> April Cub Football Competition

Duddingston Primary School 7pm

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Portobello Pack who won the district BP Shield,  
and to Rory Watson of the 4th Pack who won the photography competition

# AWARDS

Congratulations to Maddy Lumsden, District Secretary, Portobello on her recent award of the Award of Merit and to Douglas Whitehead, DESC in Portobello who has been awarded a Bar to his Award of Merit

# GANG SHOW 2008 auditions

## Senior Gang - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May - St Anne's Church Hall

2.45 - 4.00 - Girls aged 10

4.00 - 5.15 - Girls aged 11

5.15 - 6.30 - Girls aged 12+

6.30 - 7.30 – Boys

To be in the main Gang all cast must be in the Scouts by the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

## Junior Gang - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – St Anne's Church Hall

5.45 - 6.45 – Cubs

To be in the Junior Gang all cast must be in the Cubs by the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

St Anne's Church is situated on the corner of Kaimies Road and St John's Road, Corstorphine, (just past the Zoo coming out of Edinburgh).



## Haymarket District Scout Fellowship

### BEDDING PLANT SALE

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**10.00am - 12.00pm.**

**Magnet car-park, St John's Road**

A selection of bedding plants will be available at the Plant Sale on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. All proceeds go to the Scout Fellowship who assist in the furtherance of Scouting in the District.

We would look forward to serving you then.

# HISTORY OF CESAN

Over 400 editions of CESAN have been published and the A5 format was adopted in 1976. The name was coined by Kath Lucas and Ed was the Area Public Relations Officer when the first issue was produced. The publication has been printed or copied by Edinburgh Council of Social Service, our own Scoutprint team in the 1980s, Drummond Community High School and Barclay Church as well as by ourselves.

Grateful thanks to all who have contributed articles over the years and particularly thanks for the wonderful efforts of the BP Guild and Fellowship who have collated, stapled and enveloped the 100 issues each month for the past 18 years or so.

Watch out for the next publication.....

## Scouts in the Community 2007

The Centenary Celebrations in 2007 were many and varied and, community service, as an important element of the Scout programme, featured strongly. To match the centenary of Scouting, the Area was challenged to complete 100 community service projects during 2007. As usual, many members rose to the challenge, many projects were completed and reported to Area Headquarters, and many more were simply done, because that's what Scouts do!

When everything is taken into account, well over 100 projects were completed, and I thought it appropriate, in this last edition of CESAN, to give you a flavour of some of them.

Work protecting and enhancing the environment included planting trees and bulbs at Bonaly and other locations around the city, marine conservation work at Cramond, plant clearance at Corstorphine Hill, recycling toner cartridges and a number of litter picks.

A large number of Groups linked up with other charities to send gifts to groups abroad, and there was, of course, similar work carried out and linked to our centenary camp.

One cub pack notified completion of 60 hours of good turns, and I am sure many more packs would do many more good turns.

Bag packing is now a well established fund raiser for many Groups, who also share the proceeds with other charities. The same is true of Scoutpost, with many Groups across the city involved.

And towards the end of the year, at Christmas, a number of Groups contributed to their communities with carol singing.

Edinburgh Scouting rose to the challenge, and made a significant contribution to the community in the centenary year, as indeed you do every year. Well done to all!

John Kennedy            Area Commissioner

## EXPLORER SCOUTS

On the afternoon of 11th May there will be an event for everyone involved in Explorer Scouting in South East Region. It's a chance to meet your peers, share ideas, learn more about the recent changes in Scouting and, best of all, get free food!

It will be an afternoon event and, hopefully, won't clash with any other Explorer activities out there.

**More details coming soon but please put it in your diary now.**

## ANNUAL CENSUS

Final figures show an increase of 131 a rise of 3% on our overall membership.

Of this rise there are 51 more Beavers, 22 more Cubs, 86 more Scouts and 4 more leaders across the city with falls of 18 in the Explorer Scout section and 19 in administrators, Fellowship and individual members. Over the whole area there are 146 more young people in the movement, a rise of over 4%. Well done to all who have helped to secure this rise.

Thanks also for the speedy submission of membership subscription payments.

## WEST COAST SAILING

Craigmount High school arranges an alternative timetable for the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> May. Some pupils will have exams that week but this opportunity is open to all high school pupils who may be available.

Craigmount are offering a week sailing on the west coast of Scotland in a 22m ocean going yacht. It needs 6 pupils to sign up for the event to get school approval. Ten pupils went last year and had a fantastic time, including Explorer Scout Hannah from Maverick ESU. The opportunity is offered in conjunction with Ocean Youth Trust Scotland ( <http://www.oytscotland.org.uk> ) and is priced at £495, inclusive of return minibus transport . Craigmount offer a 50% subsidy for pupils from very low income families. The teacher co-ordinating the event is Mr Steve McCall, from whom fuller details are available at the school.

High school age Scouts and Explorers should be encouraged to investigate this opportunity. Other Scouts / Explorers have sailed with the OYTS in the past two years and have come back buzzing. Previously, members have successfully applied for financial support from the “William Lyburn Trust” and also from the SHQ “Development Fund”, so this should bring the cost down to a more manageable sum. Districts & Groups may also consider supporting individuals. Dave Roy (of Longcraig) may also be able to point Scout members in the direction of some additional funding.

The voyage is not exclusive to Craigmount – if high school age Scouts / Explorers can get time off from their school, then the opportunity is open to them as well. Contact Dave Roy for further information – phone 0131 667 8651

## END OF EDINBURGH AREA PARTY

To celebrate the 99 years of Edinburgh Area Scout Council all leaders, former leaders, commissioners, supporters and former commissioners and supporters, together with their partners are invited to attend a function to mark the cessation of Edinburgh Area Scout Council as a Scouting entity.

This will take the form of a ceilidh, with a finger buffet (and cash bar) to be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at The Hub, Telford College West Granton Road, where we have held a successful AGM ( in 2006) and an excellent dinner in 2007.

The event will run from 7.30 pm until 12.00 but leaders who have section commitments that evening can arrive at any stage in the evening.

The cost to each person will be £5.00 per head (the balance will be subsidised) and tickets must be ordered using the form below. There is a limit of 400 places.

**Please pass on this information to those you know who have been involved in Scouting in the city in the past 99 years and invite them to buy a ticket too!!**

Name

Address

Scouting role(s)

Dates

I wish to apply for 1/2 \* tickets for the End of Edinburgh Area Scout Council Party and enclose my £5/10 \*  
(\* delete as applicable) which I note is non returnable. Cheques payable to EASC.

# C H A N G E S ... . . .

Change is almost upon us, with Edinburgh Area becoming part of South East Scotland Region in the next few days. We all have tremendous opportunities to look forward to in the new structure, and there is no doubt Edinburgh Scouting is looking forward to the future in good heart.

We enjoyed a superb year for the centenary of Scouting last year with celebration events at Area, District and Group level. We are now building on that success, and benefiting from the excellent publicity we received. For the first time in many years we have seen an increase in numbers at the annual census.

Our young people have access to excellent programme opportunities. Over the years, dedicated and enthusiastic leaders have provided a wide variety of activities on a week by week basis. Many of our members enjoy regular camping opportunities and the international dimension features strongly throughout the Area.

We have a superb Scout Centre in Valleyfield Street, which is widely used. The efforts of our fundraising committee mean we have been able to invest extensively at Bonaly in recent years and we have excellent facilities there. And our water activities centre at Longcraig provides excellent opportunities for our members.

As the Area draws to a close, I want to thank all who have been involved over the years. In particular, my grateful thanks go to the team of Assistant Area Commissioners, District Commissioners, Committee Chairmen and members and our dedicated staff members Alan, Barry and June, who have supported me, and so many others, during my time as Area Commissioner.

It has been a real honour and privilege to have served as your Area Commissioner for the past three years. As I have said, Edinburgh Scouting is in good shape moving into the future, and I wish everyone well in the new structure.

Finally, I hope to see as many of you as possible at our End of Edinburgh Area Party on Friday 11 April at Telford College.

**John Kennedy**  
**Area Commissioner**

## Scouts at Calcutta Cup

The 8<sup>th</sup> March was the day when Scotland, once again, beat England to regain the Calcutta Cup at Murrayfield. This year was different as members of Edinburgh Area Scout Council were involved in the pre match build up carrying flags around the side of the pitch and holding the giant Saltires in the middle of the pitch ( in pouring rain!)

Who could have imagined that a simple request by a young leader in South Queensferry to take the Cubs from Kirkliston on a visit to Murrayfield would have resulted in that high profile work for Scouting.

42 Flag bearers were sought initially and then the request to carry the giant Saltires was added.

Scouts and explorer Scouts from Blackford, Inverleith, Morningside and Haymarket made the numbers up to the 100 required.

Everyone commented on the professional way that the Scouts conducted themselves in front of 67,000 spectators and even more who watched it on TV.

It was a great ambassadorial event for the Scout movement and a thrilling day for all who took part.