

CESAN



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AREA CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Mon 5 th	Bonaly Committee	Bonaly
Mon 12 th	Business Committee	
Wed 14 th	Regional Executive Meeting	Venue tbc in the Borders
Sun 18 th	Modules 8, 9, 11 & 13	Penicuik
Mon 19 th	AAC's Meeting	
Tue 20 th	Module 19 (International)	East Lothian
20 th – 25 th	Gang Show	King's Theatre
Sun 25 th	Module 10 (First Response)	Penicuik
Wed 28 th	Commissioners Dinner	Edinburgh's Telford College 6.30pm
Fri 30 th	Scout Post Opens	venue to be confirmed

DECEMBER

1 st - 2 nd	Young Leader Weekend	Bonaly
Wed 5 th	Scout Post Closes	venue to be confirmed
Fri 7 th	Scout Post Delivery begins	
Tue 11 th	Area Executive Committee	
Wed 12 th	Gang Show Board	
Wed 17 th	Scout Post Final Delivery	
Fri 21 st	School Term Ends	

All events are at 15 Valleyfield Street (Evening meetings are at 7.30pm) unless otherwise stated. The closing date for the December issue of CESAN is 15th November. All material for inclusion should be sent to the Area Secretary at 15 Valleyfield Street, EH3 9LP prior to this date.

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

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Bonaly Telephone 0131 441 1878

Email info@bonaly.org.uk

Web Page www.bonaly.org.uk

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

Web Page www.longcraig.org.uk

EMAIL enquiries@longcraig.org.uk

Scout Network for all the latest news information <http://www.edinburghscoutnetwork.org.uk/>

CITY OF EDINBURGH SCOUT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2007

C U B S C O U T N E W S

With the new session well underway and the summer holidays a distant dream, it has been great for me to get out and about and see whats going on within the Area.

I was very impressed with the Fun Day that Pentlands and Almond Valley District provided at Bonaly for all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers on Sunday 30th September. The sun shone and a great day of activities eats and enjoyment was had by all ending with a Campfire where everyone was in good voice!

Some of the Packs from Haymarket ventured off to Lochearnhead during the first weekend of October and a busy weekend was enjoyed by the Cub Scouts.

This year once again will see some of our Cubs taking part in the Gang Show. Rehearsals are underway and going well and I would recommend a Pack outing in Centenary year to this popular event.

As part of Scottish Cub Scout Centenary celebrations a specially commissioned Totem Pole has been commissioned. Each Area has been given two wooden woggles, one bearing our Area name and the other a part of the promise.

The Edinburgh woggle has so far visited Pentlands and Almond Valley and Haymarket and over the next few weeks will be coming around the Area. If you are having an event please let me know and we can arrange a photo with the Cubs. The Totem Pole will be finally put back together at the end of the year and I will let you know where it will be on view nearer the time.

We have been approached by a Cub leader in Rearsby Leicestershire who following a visit to the Tattoo would like to establish a pen friends project. This can be done either by writing or email. If any Pack is interested please contact myself or Alan at Area HQ and we will give you the necessary contacts.

Please let us know what's going on in your Districts. I know there are football competitions coming up as well as, dare I say it, Christmas, Good turns and outings.

Best wishes to you all as we continue to celebrate Centenary Year.

Diane Marshall
AAC (Cub Scouts)

R E M I N D E R

A reminder to all Scouters that as from 1st December 2007 Pentlands and Almond Valley District will no longer exist, with the four Southern groups joining with Merchiston District to form a new District and the two Northern groups joining Inverleith District.

Any questions phone Aileen Thomson (DC) 331 1108

**South East Region
MALYSIA EXPEDITION 2009**

In July 2009 Explorer Scouts & Scout Network members from all over Edinburgh, The Borders, East Lothian and Midlothian will be going to Malaysia. The main aim of the expedition will be to work on one or more Community Development projects working in conjunction with local people and local Scouts.

There will also be opportunities to participate in various adventure activities in Malaysia. These will depend on which part of Malaysia the expedition goes to, but may include jungle trekking, mountain climbing or wildlife spotting. Alternatively expeditioners may get the chance to travel and share in the different cultures that exist in Malaysia. Local Scouts will give unique opportunities to see Malaysian life from the inside. This is not your average tourist trip!

Participating in the expedition will require a substantial commitment, but the more you put in to the expedition the more you will get out of it. This commitment will include a series of training weekends, to allow you to get to know your fellow expeditioners and help give you skills for working in Malaysia. There will also be a substantial fundraising commitment. This should not be seen as a barrier to participation - if you really want to go you will raise the money! Support will be available from the expedition as well as your local Groups/Units. We are intending to arrange a bag pack before Christmas to set the ball rolling.

As well as Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members there are spaces to be filled on the leader team. To express an interest in the expedition (this is not a commitment to going yet!) fill in the form and return it to Brian Moretta, 3F2 31 Falcon Avenue, Edinburgh EH10 4AL. The current expedition leader team are happy to answer any questions you may have about the expedition and contact details are given below.

Brian Moretta Brian Donoghue Ronan Millar
0131 447 3795 0131 539 2273 0131 441 1770
brianmoretta@mac.com bdonoghue@blueyonder.co.uk ronan.millar@tiscali.co.uk

Scout and Explorer Scout Football

These competitions are due to take place on Sunday 18th November at Powerleague, Sighthill and you received an application form with the last issue of CESAN – if not contact Valleyfield Street.

The cost will again be £20 per team. However all teams will get a number of matches and the games are independently refereed. Trophies and medals for winners in each age group etc.

The Area will continue to support the entries by a subsidy in excess of £5.00 per team.

Remember that two years ago the winners went to Cardiff and played in the Millennium Stadium representing Scotland against a Welsh Scout side. Who knows where you will end up!!

Y O U N G L E A D E R W E E K E N D

Each Section Leader will receive a copy of the application form for this weekend to be held from 30th November – 2nd December at Bonaly.

Please pass this to any Young Leaders working in your Section and encourage them to attend.

CARING CHRISTMAS TREES

Edinburgh's Scouts make a huge difference through supporting Caring Christmas Trees.

Caring Christmas Trees 2007 is now open for business and leaflets can be found in this month's edition with details on how you can help.

By buying a tree from www.caringchristmastrees.com today, you help to support Bethany's Winter Care Shelter that offers emergency shelter, hot food and advice to homeless people. Your help is needed to sell trees and spread the word. Could you volunteer 4 hours of your time to hand out promotional flyers and / or Christmas trees? (Details available on website).

Thank you and have a Caring Christmas.

SUNRISE MALAWI

This summer 40 Scouts and leaders took part in a Scout expedition, Sunrise Malawi 2007, 12 were from Edinburgh. In 2005 it was discovered that, due to a quirk of history, UK Scouting still owned the Malawian Scout National Campsite, Makwawa, and it was felt that in this day and age that this was inappropriate.

With this in mind an expedition was set up to take a group of Scouts to Malawi to upgrade the facilities before handing the campsite back to the Malawian Scout Association. The team was split into two groups, North and South with each team spending five weeks working in Malawi. The projects included renovation of three buildings and the extension of a fourth, with the young people's enthusiasm and help from the Malawian Scouts all projects were completed.

This was a wonderful experience for everyone, we spent five weeks living and working with Malawian Scouts, made lots of friend who we all miss, shopped in the local markets and visited a National park where we saw a fabulous array of wild life.

There will be a photo presentation of the expedition on the evening of Saturday 1st December, venue to be arranged, all welcome.

For further information please contact Anne Masino. Email: anne.masino@easie.org.uk or telephone 01301 703 138

SCOUTPOST 2007

The 2007 Scout Post scheme will collect cards **until** 5th December (local closure dates will vary) and deliveries will be between 8th and 17th December.

The cost will be 19 pence per card.

Any offers of help to Alan Willoughby or John Bruce on 229 3756 will be gratefully received.

INTERNATIONAL

Over the summer various publications from foreign Scout Associations have come to hand-and if you wish to consider visits to SLOVAKIA , POLAND or SLOVENIA just pop into Area HQ and have a look at the literature.

KANDERSTEG-----Some time ago we advised you of the refurbishing of the United Kingdom room in the chalet and the news from Switzerland is that £19,000 has been raised so far as a result of the appeal. Only £1000 is outstanding to achieve the target of £20,000 and already donations have been sent from Edinburgh Area scouts---but if you have enjoyed the facilities in the past or are intending to visit in the future here is an opportunity to assist.

GREETINGS FROM TEXAS!

Looking ahead to 2009---The Kwahadi Indian Dancers from Amarillo aka-Venture Crew 9 of BSA are planning their tour of the British Isles and are happy to perform at camps or public events and for community or church groups also.

They tour annually during the Spring break from school as well as in the summer, often spending 40 nights on the road. Their show features a variety of American Indian dance styles, the Hoop Dance, the Eagle Dance etc.,with related stories. Contact details for Venture Crew 9 are available from Area HQ.

WORLD SCOUT WINTER GAMES 28th Feb until 3rd March 2008

The Kandersteg Fellowship are co-ordinating this event and are accepting one team from each country a team comprises up to 6 people (over 16 yrs and under 25 yrs) If of interest I'm sure SHQ would be pleased to note your names.

The competitions include skiing, cross country skiing, snow shoeing.ice skating, curling--and more-- further details can be found on <http://www.kisc.ch/?tkw=wintergames>.

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD UPDATE

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award that can be gaining in Scouting; it requires commitment and dedication over an extended time period. There seems to be some confusion over the delivery of the award in Edinburgh Area and hopefully this article will clarify the situation.

In order to gain the Queen's Scout Award you must be a member of either Explorer Scouts or Scout Network. If you are 18 – 25, you cannot gain the award without being a Network Member, and the Network review has now stated that members must now join Network, no one is automatically a member.

If you are currently working on your Queen's Scout Award and are not a Network member then please get in touch ASAP. No further requests for Queen's Scout Awards for members 18+ will be sent by Edinburgh Area, without being processed by the Network Team.

Network in Edinburgh is active and successful; the Queen's Scout Award is part of the youth programme and as such should be delivered in a youth section.

If you have any questions or queries, then please get in touch

Barry Hewitt, Edinburgh Area Network Leader, Tel. 07709 339432 or email baz1980@gmail.com

EDINBURGH GANG SHOW 2007

Tickets on sale **NOW** for this years Gang Show.

Call 0131 529 6000 or 0131 529 6005 – Book online at www.eft.co.uk

This is a very special Gang Show this year. Make a Promise to come to the King's Theatre 20 - 24 November. If you haven't been before or have not seen the show in a few years then we hope to see you there.

Keep up to date with the Gang at www.edinburgh-gangshow.com

ADULT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

If you require to complete any of the undernoted courses please submit your application form along with your cheque payable to **Edinburgh Area Scout Council** at 15 Valleyfield Street, EH3 9LP as soon as possible so you can be included in the Course list.

Module 8	(Skills of Leadership)	18 th November 10.00 -11.00 am	Penicuik
Module 9	(Working with Adults)	18 th November 1.30 - 3.15pm	Penicuik
Module 11	(Administration Section Leaders)	18 th November 11.15 am - 1.00 pm	Penicuik
Module 13	(Growing the Movement Section Leaders)	18 th November 3.30 - 5.30pm	Penicuik
Module 19	(International)	20 th November 7.30pm	East Lothian
Module 10	(First Response)	25 th November 10.00-4.00pm	Penicuik

AREA DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

Haymarket

Susan Ross - ADC (Beaver Scout) Business Tel No 0131 228 8319

Morningside

Malcolm Cutt – District Treasurer Business Tel No 0131 474 0000

P & A Valley

Pat Brown - District Secretary Email address db9@talktalk.net
John Bruce – Training Coordinator Email address pav@johnrbruce.co.uk

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS TRAINING LIBRARY

I am delighted to be able to report on progress of the Alternative Formats Training Library. I should like to begin by thanking those leaders who have used the library and to encourage those who have not already made use of it, to do so.

I have always been an avid reader but as a visually-impaired person I only have access to less than 5% of the books published in the UK each year, as they are not in suitable formats. To some extent, my thirst for reading has been quenched by my being able to access the Internet, but so far I have only been able to download books which are in the public domain.

When I was asked to run the Alternative Formats Training Library, I jumped at the chance. When I did my Wood Badge training (more years ago now than I'm prepared to admit here!), it could only be done at a residential course. Now, with people having family and work commitments and generally leading busier lives, the Adult Training Scheme is being offered in a range of different ways including IT based formats. The library is part of the South East Region Training Pilot which is trialling the training arrangements which will be introduced in April 2008.

The library holds CDs, DVDs and videos, which are available on loan, usually for a period of 3 weeks. Workbooks for some modules are also available. The training materials available were listed in a recent South East Region Newsletter, but if you do not have this to hand, I can provide the details if you contact me. My contact details are: -

By email: jim.mc_cafferty@tiscali.co.uk

By telephone: 0131 667 4337 (either during office hours, evenings or at weekends)

By writing to: Mr J McCafferty, 242 Causewayside, Edinburgh, EH9 1UU

I hope you will access this training material if this is the most suitable way for you to learn. While IT based material will not have the same social element that time with other leaders can have, I want to make this as useful a service as possible. I would be interested in hearing of ways you would like the library to be developed.

I very much look forward to hearing from you, either to borrow material or to let me have your ideas. I wish you all well for the training you undertake and for your future in Scouting.

Jim McCafferty

DISTRICT DIARIES

MERCHISTON (All Courses below are at Valleyfield Street 7pm – 9.30pm)

Thur 8 th Nov	Module 1
Tue 13 th Nov	Module 3
Tue 27 th Nov	Module 1 or 3 (depending on numbers)
Thur 29 th Nov	Module 3 or 1 (depending on numbers)
Thur 6 th Dec	Provisional Warrant Completion (Mod 2 & Validation)

PORTOBELLO

Tue 6 th Nov	Centenary of Scouting Exhibition	St Margarets Church Hall	7-9pm
Thur 15 th Nov	Cub & Scout Quiz Competition	Duddingston Primary School	7-9pm

Tiso-Rose Street-Discount Night

This is an invite to all members of the Scout Association to come along to the discount night taking place at Tisos' in Rose Street to take advantage of the discounts on offer on the night.

25% OFF mountaineering and climbing equipment
(inc hardware, ropes, rock shoes, harnesses....)

15% OFF waterproof jackets, clothing, footwear and equipment **10% OFF** books, and maps

Tue 6th November 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tiso Rose Street, 123-125 Rose Street Precinct,
Edinburgh EH2 3DT 0131 225 9486

THE GREEN TEAM 2008

The Green Team is a voluntary organisation, working with young people to improve and enjoy wild places. They offer a range of projects throughout the year carrying out practical conservation and having fun. This is a charitable organisation supported by Scottish Natural Heritage and the City of Edinburgh Council.

To get more information or to become involved it could not be easier – email: info@greenteam.org.uk or telephone 0131 558 9571 or www.greenteam.org.uk

A full programme has already been planned for 2008 both as day projects or residentials from February through until November – there is something for everyone.

SLEEPOUT 2007

Would you like to take part in this event and help make a difference for the homeless?

The annual Sleepout is being organised by The Rock Trust and is taking place on Friday 30th November between 10pm – 6am (Sat) at St Andrew's and St George's Church in George Street. All the funds raised go to The Rock Trust to help homeless and socially excluded young people in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

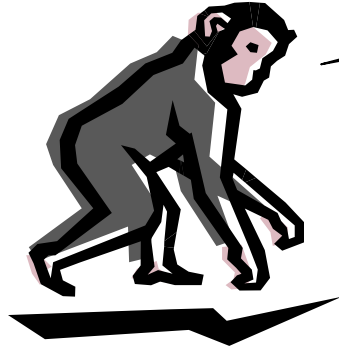
Additional attractions this year include a guest magician and a prize quiz

For more information and to enter contact www.rocktrust.org or call 0131 524 9880
Groups are welcome and there will be FREE hot drinks and snacks plus toilet facilities!

CENTENARY EVENTS

Well Done to Blackford ,Merchiston ,P & AV for their centenary reunions, to Leith for their Dinner Dance and P and AV for their celebration day and Good Luck to Morningside for their event on 9th November.

Brass Monkey Camp



*Only for the
hadiest Scouts !*

- Held at Bonaly Outdoor Centre.
- 16/17th Feb 2008
- £15.00 per head
- All food and activities are provided – just bring your tent and personal kit.
- Apply as an individual as a patrol or a group

Numbers are limited – book early!

*Closing date – 28th January
2008*

For an application form contact
email : info@bonaly.org.uk