

BRANCH & OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Jubilo Choir Baroque Concert – 5th April, 7.30pm, St. Cuthbert's, Lothian Road EH1 2EP. The choir, which has selected Parkinson's UK Edinburgh Branch as its charity for 2013/2014, has now raised well over £1200 for us. Further details of the concert can be found on their website www.jubilo.org.uk. On **31st May at 12 noon**, the Choir will be organising a Charity Concert – details to be announced.

Parkinson's Awareness Week – 7th to 13th April: our week to tell the world what life is really like for people affected by Parkinson's. It also gives us the chance to let people know about Parkinson's UK and what we do. Watch out for events.

Branch Meeting – Wednesday 9th April, 2.00-4.00pm, Bellevue Chapel, Rodney Street, EH7 4EL. The meeting will provide the opportunity to further discuss the findings of the Branch questionnaire documented in the enclosed report. The intention is to identify activities, refinements or changes that could be done to further support members. We don't often get time to share views about ourselves as a community and how we can work more *together* to enhance the support members would like. Please use this date as an opportunity to do so.

Annual Coffee Morning – Saturday 26th April, 10am to 12noon, Craiglockhart Parish Church, Craiglockhart Drive North, EH14 1HS. ***This is a highly sociable event, not to be missed.*** Stalls include books, home-baking, flower arrangements, bottle tombola, original artwork, and crafts (Younger Parkinson's Group). There will also be brief performances by our Singing4fun and Dance for People with Parkinson's groups. Entry, which includes tea or coffee and scone, is £1.50 payable on the door, or tickets can be purchased in advance at our regular activities groups.

Edinburgh Parkinson's Lecture 2014 – Thursday 15th May, 6.30 for 7.15pm. This is a popular and much appreciated event in our calendar. This year Professor Tony Schapira will talk on **Recent Advances in the Cause and Treatment of Parkinson's**. Attendance is free but ticketed. *Please see enclosed flyer for more details.*

Ceilidh – Saturday 24th May, 7-11pm, Stewart's Melville Rugby Pavilion, 523 Ferry Rd, EH5 2DW, £10, extensive free parking. Another ***highly enjoyable and sociable event*** and with a live band. *Please see enclosed flyer for more details and to book.*

Scottish Annual Gathering – Wednesday 28th May, 11.am-3.30pm, Stirling Management Centre, University of Stirling, FK9 4LA. This is an opportunity for members of all Branches in Scotland (not just Committee Members) to come together for discussion and exchange of information. Contact *Lena Sibbald, Scotland Office Co-ordinator, 01786 433811, scotland@parkinsons.org.uk or Pat Stewart, Branch Hon. Sec, 0131 449 2705, Honsec@edinburghparkinsons.org.*

Relaxation Group – for those with PD and their carer's (if they would like to attend). This is a new group organised by *Helen Galliard and Nick Earley*, Department of Clinical Psychology, Western General Hospital, 0131 537 3810. It takes place on Fridays at 9.30am for five weeks. The first session lasts 1½ hours, subsequent sessions an hour. Contact the Department for more details or our Branch website under *Training & Care Programs*.

The Branch is always keen to have more volunteers, especially those with particular administrative skills and experience. If you would like to become more involved, please contact Patrick Mark (0131 663 3108) or Pat Stewart (0131 449 2705).