



Scottish Community Drama Association

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Dear Club Contact

SCDA wants to keep in touch with its members!

We are well aware that our structure of District and Divisional meetings to keep everyone in touch with happenings at SCDA does not always work well, and we're aware too that in many clubs, our Scene magazine is not read by all club members.

To improve our communications, email newsletters from our new HQ in Stirling will be used on a regular basis as a reminder of the services we offer, and also to keep everyone up to date with what's happening. *Please forward this email to all members of your Club*, and if possible, please send a list of your members' names and email addresses to HQ so we can send future newsletters direct.

Headquarters

HQ has seen another change in personnel. Nikki Dougherty was settling in well, but sadly, her husband could not find suitable work locally and, to cut a long story short, the family have relocated to New Zealand where they have better prospects. We wish them all the best for the future.

Nikki gave us a good period of notice and we used the time to quickly re-advertise and once again got a huge response with over 80 applicants for the job. We interviewed five people and appointed Brenda Jane Williams who is now in post. Nikki was able to assist briefly with a handover, so it's business as usual at the office, which is open Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 3pm. If you need assistance or information, then Brenda is there to assist you. Tel: 01786 440077 Email: headquarters@scda.org.uk

Those of you who receive Scene magazine will also be aware of another appointment. Carole Williams has joined us as our National Drama Advisor. Carole has been thrown into the deep end handling our Arts Council funding application, but now that is behind us, she will hopefully get to see some daylight and meet our members.

We hope that you will extend a warm welcome to both ladies as they feel their way into our association.

Script Ordering

Every SCDA club can make huge savings by using our ordering service for script purchases. We have around 10 publishers involved in the scheme and some clubs are fully covering their membership costs with the savings they enjoy through this service.

All orders should be placed with Brenda at HQ. Tel: 01786 440077 or email headquarters@scda.org.uk

SCDA Merchandise

HQ has a variety of SCDA branded items available for purchase at special offer prices. All items show the SCDA logo in gold on a blue background:

Individual items:

Lapel badges £4.50 now £3.50 saving £1

Tie pins £4.95 now £3.75 saving £1.20

Cufflinks £8.95 now £7.00 saving £1.95

Sets:

full set (lapel badge, tie pin and cuff links) for just £11.40 saving £7

tie pin and cufflinks for £8.90 saving £5

tie pin and lapel badge for £6.75 saving £2.70

Bulk buys:

10 lapel badges for just £32.00 saving £13.00

10 tie pins for just £34.00 saving £15.50

10 cufflinks for just £65.00 saving £24.50

P&P free. Please send your order and payment to Brenda at HQ. Orders received Monday – Thursday will be despatched the same day by 2nd class post.

Long Service Medals

HQ also has a supply of SCDA Long Service Medals available for purchase. The cost for a medal, ribbon and blank top bar is £9.00.

Separate top bars are also available, and are engraved with 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 or 70 years at a cost of £8.50 each.

Please order direct from Brenda at HQ. P&P will be charged at cost, and charge will be done by invoice to the club with 30 day payment terms.

Please note that current stocks are fairly low, and items requiring re-order will take approx 6 weeks, so please order in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

Easyfundraising – we need your help

Many of us shop online for insurance, travel etc. Over the past year, around 60 or so SCDA members have raised over £400 by using the Easyfundraising site for their shopping. By registering with Easyfundraising, and then using their links to access online shops and suppliers, a % of your spend is donated to SCDA. It doesn't cost you anything extra to support us in this way, but the funds are much appreciated.

You can also raise funds for SCDA by using the Easysearch internet search facility. Again it's free to use, but a % of the advertisers' fee is donated to whichever club/organisation you choose to support.

In recent weeks, the level of funds raised through Easyfundraising has dropped off, so please consider signing up to this service if you can.

Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and www.easysearch.org.uk

That's it for now !

Best wishes

The team at HQ