

June 2020

Welcome to the SCDA National Newsletter.

A Word From The Chairman

These are indeed strange and challenging times but SCDA is trying to meet some of these challenges by focusing on providing and linking to on-line resources that people can access from their isolation. Since the end of March, Carole Williams has been writing a weekly [blog](#) (published on Fridays). These are full of information and links of interest to thespians everywhere. We also have a [Tech Talk blog](#), and actor, director, lecturer, GoDA adjudicator and all-round friend of SCDA, Ben Humphrey has recorded the first [video](#) in what will be a continuing theme of choosing and directing a play. The second video will follow soon and there will then be a webinar discussion as a follow up. We are working on other ideas too.

None of this would have happened in normal times but it all deserves more attention. When I talk to people about what we are doing, it's clear that only a few are aware of these activities, but those that are, are very complimentary. Somehow the message isn't getting through. Please check out our website as it's changing regularly and I guarantee you will find something to interest you. And please share.

Finally thanks to Northern Division for Donating £500 to Headquarters. The Treasurer, Peter Esson said *"Having reviewed the Division finances at the recent committee meeting, we felt that we had sufficient funds to contribute towards reducing the shortfall that will result from the lack of surplus from this years cancelled Scottish Finals.*

We'd hope that other Divisions might like to consider their financial position and decide what support they felt able to contribute to keeping the association running during this unique year."

Keep safe
Tony Flisch

Scene Magazine

Due to various issues with the covid-19 virus, the Summer issue of Scene due out in May will be delayed. It has been agreed that we will produce a bumper issue hopefully around September. Meanwhile it would be good if clubs and individual members let us know how they spent their time keeping in touch during the lock down. Great to get small articles and photos, email them to scene@scda.org.uk. Meanwhile take the opportunity to look on our scda facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ScottishCommunityDramaAssociation/> for info on what the

association is doing to keep everyone in contact. Also take a look on the website scda.org.uk and see Caroles' Community Connection blogs.

Morna Barron, Editor

HQ has a new phone number

While the office is closed and Brenda is running the admin function from home accessing the office phone is difficult, so HQ now has a mobile number: [074 07 38 70 86](tel:07407387086).

This number will act as an answering service for HQ. Simply leave a message and Brenda will call you back as soon as possible.

The phone will be checked for messages every day (Mon-Fri)

Membership Renewals 2020-21

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid your membership renewals. *Please remember, however you have paid your fee, that you need to return your membership form to HQ so your renewal can be properly processed.*

If you have not received your renewal form (or update form for life members) please get in touch with HQ and another one will be sent out. headquarters@scda.org.uk

To benefit from the best rates, you need to pay your renewal by **30 June**. Remember, the cheapest way to renew your membership is to set up a standing order. Full details are on your renewal form, and if you're not sure how to do it, your bank will be happy to help you.

Please make sure you return your checked and/or amended renewal form to HQ. In the current climate, it would be really helpful, if possible, if you could return your renewal form by email rather than post.

Please only pay by cheques if you really can't pay by any of the other methods available. It is currently difficult to process cheques as the office is closed. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

A Word About HQ Operations

The admin function is still being operated from my home, with a corner of the lounge being turned into Operation SCDA HQ! I'm even getting used to the vagaries of the wi-fi!

Post is being collected from the office every week - 10 days, and we now have an answering service for HQ on the following number: [074 07 38 70 86](tel:07407387086) Everything else is being dealt with electronically.

It's very strange to see the Enterprise Park so deserted when I do venture out to the office. The up-side of it all is that there's never any problem parking!

Stay safe, stay well and be happy

Brenda Williams, National Office Administrator.

Support SCDA while online shopping:

More and more people are doing online shopping now and there's a free and easy way to support SCDA while you do it. Simply sign up to [Easy Fundraising](#) or [Give As You Live](#) and select SCDA as the charity you wish to support, then do your shopping via these sites and every transaction will generate a donation for SCDA without it costing you anything. Why not give it a go?

Geoffrey Whitworth Competition 2020

The results are in for this year's Geoffrey Whitworth Competition. Unfortunately there will be no public presentation this year, but arrangements will be made to present the trophy when possible.

Thank you to everyone who took time to enter, and of course the reading panel and judge.

WINNER

LATE NIGHT FISH By Liam Alexandru (2m)

RUNNER UP

ADRIAN'S WALL by Bob Davidson (1m 1f)

HIGHLY COMMENDED

BAG FOR LIFE by Nick Fearn (2f)

HIGHLY COMMENDED

MINUS TWO SEVEN TWO by David J Robertson (2m)

COMMENDED

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE by Paul Spencer (2f 1m)

COMMENDED

THE COVENANT by Tom Casling (6m 4f 2m or f + extras)

Dingwall Players on YouTube

Last year Dingwall Players took a new play, 'Midges', to the Fringe. One of our number documented the rehearsal process through to first Fringe performance. He also recorded in full the first performance in Edinburgh. Both can be found at the link below and may be of interest to SCDA members.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9bNejMnfVZrRVtPDhSR5Rw>

Midges would also make a good SCDA One Act Play if anybody is interested in the script.

Cheers

Nick Fearne

URY PLAYERS

AT HOME

CHRISTMAS - THE UNTOLD STORY
MONDAY 18TH MAY 19:30

AT THE GATES OF VALHALLA
MONDAY 25TH MAY 19:30

THE DREAMING
MONDAY 1ST JUNE 19:30

THE BAG LADIES
MONDAY 8TH JUNE 19:30

STREAM AT:
WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USERS/URYPLAYERS

AT THE GATES OF VALHALLA
BY TLK CREATIVE

THE DREAMING
BY RICHARD JAMES

MAP OF THE WORLD
GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY, NO. 4
CHRISTMAS: THE UNTOLD STORY
BY JACK BURGESS

THE BAG LADIES
BY FRANK GIBBONS

Ury Players: At Home!

Whilst we wait for social distancing to be lifted for the performing arts, Ury Players have decided to start recording a series of short sketches and one act plays to help us all remain connected.

Here's a list of what we've been up to so far and when they'll be released. We've had great fun doing them and are hoping to record some more soon. Access the videos via www.youtube.com/users/uryplayers or follow the link from their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UryPlayers>

Please add scdaheadquarters@outlook.com to your safe senders list. Replies to any emails you send to HQ will usually be sent from this email address.

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BRITISH FINAL OF ONE ACT PLAYS

<http://www.ukcdff.org/>

GOOD NEWS

The British Final Festival of One-Act Plays has been re-booked for:

25th+26th June 2021 at The Rhyl Pavilion

Put this in your diaries and while you're about it, why not take a look at their website and see how fabulous the Theatre is.

<http://www.rhylpavilion.co.uk/>

In this time of uncertainty, it's good to be able to share some positive news with you all.



