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Welcome to the SCDA National Newsletter.

Membership Renewals 2020-21

Renewal forms have been sent out to all clubs and individual / joint members. Update forms have been sent to all life members. If you have not received yours yet please get in touch with HQ and a replacement will be sent out.

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.

Whatever payment method you use, 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. We are currently unable to process cheques as the office is closed. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club on YouTube:

Penguin Diplomacy by John Finnemore won the Cambeltown Festival and was set to go to the Western Divisional Final. Benderloch and North Connel Drama Club were approached by the Oban Times to film it and broadcast - with the permission of the author and licence holders – of course.

The play will be Premiered on Friday 3rd April at 8pm but will stay on the site for 3 months.

Details can be seen on

<https://www.obantimes.co.uk/2020/03/31/free-stream-of-penguin-diplomacy-a-play-by-john-finnemore-3rd-april/?fbclid=IwAR3BEDUrnZ0-K03F0siEbNG-XoVOOrGnUH1qdrElfaYBsxhYcxB4is-Xtw>

The Youtube link is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxywj1PiPgY&feature=youtu.be>

A Word About HQ Operations:

As I'm sure many of you are finding out for yourselves, working from home has it's ups and downs!

I only have access to any files that are on my memory stick so can't look up anything that's lying in a ring binder in the office filing cupboard, and the WiFi connection is such that I have been found doing SCDA office work in the garage, the garden, and on occasion wondering if it would improve the

connection if I climbed the lamp post outside the house!! Some days it just disappears completely!

The cost of mail redirection was prohibitive, so I am only able to access any post by going to the office to collect it, something that I am only doing a couple of times a month to keep any risks to my and my family's health to a minimum.

So, please bear with me if it takes a little longer to deal with queries than usual! I will deal with everything as fast as I can, and if it's something that I can't sort out just now I'll let you know.

To make email communications easier, HQ has another email address for use while the office is closed. You can still send email to the normal headquarters@scda.org.uk but you will probably get replies from scdaheadquarters@outlook.com so please add that address to your safe senders list.

Stay safe, stay well and be happy

Brenda Williams, National Office Administrator.

Script Discount Scheme and Samuel French:

While the SCDA HQ is closed due to coronavirus, Samuel French have agreed that all script orders will be despatched direct to clubs rather than being sent to HQ. Simply order your scripts as usual via HQ and you will receive your discounts.

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?

Quiz Winner:

Thank you to all who participated in the wee quiz we promoted in the last newsletter. The deadline for entries was midnight on the 24th April...no co-incidence that this was to have been the quiz night at Scottish Final. We have a winner; well done to Amy Hanson. It was a bit of fun, but it did also raise some funds for SCDA so thanks to all who took part.

*****Workshops are Moving Online*****

SCDA is committed to continue to provide learning opportunities for our members. In order for us to make sure we are on the right track we are asking you to submit expressions of interest in advance. Reserve Adjudicator Training – led by Dave Bennet, we will provide participants with materials in advance of a group session where we will walk through the adjudication process. We will then all carry out individual adjudications of the same online streamed performance before reconvening in a digital session to discuss our individual marks and what we have learned. This is suitable for anyone with an interest in understanding the adjudication process. We also hope that this will provide a bigger pool of reserve adjudicators for future festivals.

Say What you Mean and Mean what you Say – Carole Williams will take you through a process for working with monologues. After some vocal warmups, we will take a very structured approach to delivering the text – identifying some of the common pitfalls as well as considering the dramatic arc of

the whole piece. All materials will be provided and some individual pre-work will be required. This course is suitable for anyone interested in exploring performance text.

If you would like to sign-up for either or both of these courses please contact Carole on nda@scda.org.uk by Friday 8 May.

'Cuppa and a Chat'

We have launched an online social meeting on zoom which we plan to run on a weekly basis. It is called Cuppa and a Chat and full details will be posted on our website and Facebook page every week. In order to come along you need to contact Carole in advance so that she can send you the link. It's a great opportunity to connect with others and find out what they are doing as well as share your news. We'd love to see you there!

Merchandise:

We've had enquiries about merchandise and garments in particular. The stock we have is accessible and can be easily posted.

If you wish a garment, please check the sizes and colours on the order form, ([click here to download](#)) but email fundraising@scda.org.uk to establish if what you require is in stock.

We also have: lanyards, soft toys, highlighters, pens and keyring torches in reasonable quantities (and a very small number of jute bags)

The soft toys are also available via eBay, if you prefer, as are our new highlighters and keyring torches

https://www.ebay.co.uk/sch/scda12/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&_ipg=&from=

Remember the more you buy, the less we have to count at the year end!

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



"The Virtual KKF 2020"

Oh No, It's Not?? KILLIN KOMEDY FESTIVAL cancelled????

Killin Drama Club are normally frantically running around at this time of year getting everything ready for this fundraiser and we in the Club are proud to have raised roughly £1,000 every year for the last 9 years.

This would have been Number 10!

All of this has been donated to SCDA.

We'll miss seeing all the friends we've made over these years, but look forward to the next time, when we'll gladly rid your wallets and purses of all that cash once more....but wait..... 🧐

If you were going to come along and can't (cos it's cancelled) - why not send us your "raffle ticket money" so that maybe, just maybe, we can send some lolly to the SCDA once more. Target? Well, if we usually send £1,000 we might make it to £500 with your help.

Here's how: send funds via PayPal to

killindramaclub@btinternet.com; or send a cheque to Killin Drama Club, c/o Loch Tay Cottage, Killin, FK21 8UH (payable to Killin Dramatic Club); or pay direct to KDC account, sort code 80 05 91, number 00551749, **reference KKF2020** and add your name if you wish.

We guarantee that every penny received will be passed to SCDA.

Here's hoping for a nationwide response to support our National SCDA

See you in 2021, if not sooner, Killin Drama Club

(The above photo shows an auction item which Gordon was determined must not be won by his grandson! Captions welcome.....)