

Membership renewal – change of date

The SPA is now a charity as of the end of November 2018. This impacts our membership renewal date as both our membership listing and renewal times will now have to relate more strictly to our financial and yearly reporting requirements.

At last year's AGM it was successfully proposed that our financial year would from 2018 -19 run from April 1st to March 31st. Over recent years many have paid their membership fees between October and the end of January, which is fine. However, a few have forgotten and paid later in the year. This has resulted in some confusion as to who is a paid-up member and who is not.

With apologies for the short notice, the committee have determined that we must introduce a stricter policy for membership renewal and payment of fees. Therefore, with thanks to all those who have already paid, we ask you to note that we require members to pay their annual membership fees by 1st of February in 2019 and ensuing years. We are allowing a grace period until the end of February. Any member who has not paid to renew their membership by the end of February will be considered lapsed and no longer a member of our SPA. Of course, it will be possible to re-join later if you miss that deadline, but this will require completion of a new membership form.

This policy will allow us to consolidate our membership numbers and our financial status in time for the required statutory reports to the Office of the Scottish Charities Register each year.

It would greatly help if you would consider creating a standing order with your bank to pay every year on 1st February. We cannot as yet arrange Direct Debit payments, but a Standing Order is easy to set up and can be easily cancelled. The next best way is to pay by bank transfer. A third alternative is to use the SPA website and pay via PayPal, but it is understood that some people find the website difficult to navigate. We would hope eventually to move away from using cheques which are more time consuming to handle. For all those attending Tulliallan in March 2019, your renewal must be made before the end of February, especially if you benefited from the Early Bird booking.

The Scottish Potters Association bank details are as follows!

Sort Code: 80-05-25

Account number: 00161983

The current Membership fees are as follows:

Apprentice £22

Individual £36

Senior Citizen (65+) £22

Student (full time ceramics course) £0

Workshop/Family £48

Overseas: Individual £44

Overseas: Workshop £55

Committee of the Scottish Potters Association (SPA)

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