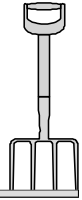


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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

I'm sitting indoors today, sheltering from the heat outside - 30° in the shade, and it's the second week in September. A bit of a contrast from the summer months which seemed very familiar from years gone by – optimistically called “soft” weather – cool and fresh, with plenty of rain. Certainly saved on the chore of watering.

SALGA's year has been as full as ever, thanks as always to the volunteers who run the shop, arrange the speakers and the day trips, and do the behind the scenes admin via the committee.

Speaking of the committee: as you will know from the last newsletter, Cindy Matthews has stepped down from her position as Chairperson. Four new committee members have been enrolled: Maurice, (now Secretary) Ellie, Sandie and myself. As the new Chair I have been handed the gavel so that, like Mr Punch, I can keep order by the threat of force if necessary!

The Horticultural Show at Pinehurst Community Centre was a lovely afternoon, and great to see the quality of vegetables and beautiful flowers. Not to mention fabulous tea and cakes to keep us going. As you'll see in other notices, feedback on this day will be much appreciated.

We have some good speakers coming up for the remaining months through to Dec 14th, when we'll be celebrating Christmas with a Quiz and Fish & Chips night – last year's was very popular. The quiz was great fun, the fish and chips very tasty, and generous contributions to the raffle gave a good number of participants a Christmas prize to take home.

We all look forward to a good growing year in 2024.

Best Wishes, Jane Farr Chairperson

SALGA SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2023

Emails were sent to 70 Primary Schools enquiring if they wanted seeds and inviting them to take part in the Swindon Schools Gardening Competition. 22 responded asking for seeds which were kindly donated by Kings Seeds and they each received a selection of 6 packets of seeds.

In addition, to try to help schools with gardening, a webinar was held in March to provide advice and support for schools and from this a WhatsApp was formed.

18 Schools originally asked to take part in the competition but when the schools were asked to send in photos of their entries, only 8 responses were received. Janet and Chris, the judges, visited all 8 schools. Each school we visited received a £15 voucher to spend at the SALGA shop. (Winners of last year's vouchers commented on how this helped them buy new compost!)

We were impressed by the enthusiasm of staff and pupils at every school that we visited, and it was apparent that the children were involved and knowledgeable about the plants and their care.

Judging between different types of schools with gardens of varying sizes is a challenge for the judges. We saw two large gardens at Shaw Ridge and The Chalet School and each were productive and well used by pupils and staff. Where there are children with complex learning needs more time is devoted to gardening. This was apparent at The Chalet School and the ARK at Millbrook School which had good quality plants. In mainstream education the demands of the curriculum mean that less time is available to fit in activities such as gardening but despite this the schools have been able to create successful gardens.

School	Award
Bishopstone CE Primary	Highly Commended
Millbrook Primary	Highly Commended
Westrop Primary	Best vegetables
Shaw Ridge Primary	Best fruit
St Francis CE Primary	Best flowers
The Chalet	SALGA Endeavour Childrens's Cup
Eastrop Infant	The School Trophy

SALGA HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year the annual show was again held at the Pinetrees Community Centre on Saturday 4th September. The weather was on our side with it being a dry and warm day.

A number of changes were made to the schedule this year, with the most important being able to enter 3 times into the same class. This resulted in there being more than double the amount of exhibits across all classes making the hall look very busy and colourful.

The children's class was well supported and the competition run by Holly was enjoyed by more children and the adults also enjoyed the free seed giveaway.

The schools competition was another success and my thanks go to Chris Cossey for all his hard work engaging with the schools throughout the year encouraging a large quantity of entries. It is very rewarding to see the schoolchildren attending the show to collect their cups.

A lot of work is undertaken by the committee to ensure that the day runs smoothly. This includes organizing and booking the judges and getting all the scores input into a laptop to calculate the winners. Unfortunately this year we had a software issue which only came to light when the judges scores were being collated together. This meant a long job became even longer and created a lot of hard work by having to do manual calculations to finally get the correct winners of the cups for presentation by BBC Radio Wiltshire presenter Ben Prater to everyone on the day. Unfortunately it did mean we could not give out any prize money on the day but hopefully everyone has now collected their winnings from the SALGA Shop.

Footfall was high with the hall and the refreshments opening at 2.30pm so that the catering team of Sandra and Christine assisted by Jessica, Wendy and Diane had a very busy day and we know that this did cause some congestion around the hall. This situation was caused by circumstances entirely beyond our control and we are discussing how we can resolve the issue for next year.

Raffle sales were again excellent due to the high calibre of prizes and my thanks go to Cindy Matthews for her hard work in organising the raffle and running it on the day which go to help cover the costs of the show. I should also like to thank everyone else involved in making the Show so successful.

I have received some feedback from members about the Show and welcome any more which can be sent to my email address of michael_carter32@yahoo.co.uk. All feedback will be discussed at one of our meetings and we shall consider your suggestions very carefully.

My thanks go to my hardworking committee who spent Friday night setting the hall ready for everyone to arrive early on Saturday, their hard work during the day and finally the take down when it was all over. We are only small in numbers and any new members would be welcome.

Lastly due to circumstances beyond our control the show will be on **Saturday 31st August 2024**, one week earlier than previous years. Please make a note and keep the date free.

Michael Carter

FEEDBACK ON THE ANNUAL SHOW

Following what seemed a very successful show, with many more entries than last year, the show committee and the main committee felt it would be good to have some feedback from members.

Regardless of whether you exhibited or not, we'd be really pleased to have your comments, both positive or things you felt we could have done better.

You can either send them to me or to the Show Committee Chair, Mick Carter, whose email is michael_carter32@yahoo.co.uk

Cindy

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY AT THE AUTUMN SHOW

To encourage active participation and learning among our youngest generation of gardeners (part of our charitable objectives as a club!) this year's children's activity involved extracting clues from each verse of a simple wildlife poem and matching these with pictures of garden insects 'hidden' within the show exhibits. It was a popular activity with an increase in participation on last year. Particularly appreciated were the cute knitted hedgehogs, slowworms and mice, and small easy-care succulents that each child 'won' as a prize. Many of the parents commented that it gave them a chance to have a much better look at the show while their children were so engaged and that they particularly appreciated, in these times, that the activity and prizes were free of charge. Thanks go to the knitters and succulent propagators who donated all the children's prizes to the show.

After the success of the children's activity last year, the 'activity table' was expanded with more seed giveaways, cuttings to propagate and some plants donated by a kind member. A seed identification activity proved a popular challenge and was particularly interesting for our more experienced gardeners.

In addition, the activity table area became a hub for talking about the show, for both seeking and discussing feedback from exhibitors and new members. The show committee always welcomes feedback and this year we have also sought feedback via email and at club meetings. This is being collated and reviewed, so watch this space for more exciting new show developments. Thanks to the many members who have given feedback - this rich source of feedback speaks well to the energy around our members-only show. There were also lots of requests for garden advice at the show. It was great that there were always more experienced club members and exhibitors who could be called upon to answer any gardening questions and offer advice. Gardeners are known as generous people who love to both learn and share their experience, and our lovely show is an opportunity to do just that!

Holly Barrand

AWARD WINNERS 2023

AWARDS		Winners: 2023
R.H.S. BRONZE MEDAL		Kevin Gibb
	<i>Awarded to the most meritorious exhibit in horticultural classes F0-F58 & V1-V50</i>	
R.H.S. BANKSIAN MEDAL		Gavin York
	<i>Awarded to winner of highest amount of prize money in horticultural classes F0-F58 & V1-V50. (Past winners in 2021 and 2022 are not eligible in 2023)</i>	
N.V.S. SILVER MEDAL & CARD		Gavin York
	<i>Awarded to the most meritorious exhibit in vegetable classes V1-V50</i>	
PERPETUAL ROSE BOWL		Holly Barrand
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Show'. All classes</i>	
THE VEGETABLE CUP		Holly Barrand
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Vegetable Section' classes V1-V50</i>	
THE ERNEST BRIGHT ROSE BOWL		Brian Reynolds
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Dahlia Section' classes F0-F10</i>	
THE EDDIE JEFFRIES CUP		Kevin Gibb
	<i>Winner of Chrysanthemum Class F11</i>	
GLADYS PLUMLEY SHIELD		Holly Barrand
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Flower Section' classes F20-F28</i>	
THE REMEMBRANCE CUP		Holly Barrand
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Pot-plant Section' classes F31-F41</i>	
W. RIMER PERPETUAL SHIELD		Shirley Forrester
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Domestic Section' classes H1-H15</i>	
SWINDON ALLOTMENT SHIELD		Sarah Hill
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Handicrafts Section' classes H31-H41</i>	
SKIPPER CUP		Terry Reynolds & Holly Barrand
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Fruit Section' classes F51-F58</i>	
SMALL CUP		Sandra Carter
	<i>Highest number of points in 'Wine Section' classes H21-H25</i>	
TOOMER CUP		Dianne Slater
	<i>Best exhibit in 'Floral Art' classes H51-H52</i>	
GREEN-FINGER TROPHY		Anne Reddan
	<i>Winner of Novice class V61</i>	
D & T BROWN CUP		Jessica Way
	<i>Awarded to Children's classes C1-C10</i>	
CHAIRMAN'S CUP		Michael Carter
	<i>Winner of Salad Class V39</i>	
ALICE MORROW POSY BOWL		Shirley Forrester
	<i>Winner of Posy Class H53</i>	
T4 CAMERAS CUP	Photographic class	Holly Barrand
THE SCHOOLS TROPHY		Eastrop Infant School
	<i>Winner of the Schools Garden Competition</i>	
	Best Vegetable Planting	Westrop Primary School
	Best Fruit Planting	Shaw Ridge Primary School
	Best Floral Planting	St Francis CE Primary School
	SALGA Endeavour Award	The Chalet School
	Highly Commended	Millbrook Primary School
		Bishopstone CE Primary School

KINGS SEEDS

The seed catalogues are in the Shop at Pickards Field ready for members to collect. If you haven't done so, please pick up your copy as soon as possible as the closing date for orders is Saturday 4th November. Those of you who have ordered before will know that this is a really excellent way of ordering seeds because of the discount the Association has negotiated.

1. All packet seeds including vegetable, fruit, herbs and flower seeds qualify for a 45% discount. Onion sets and shallots sets also can be bought at a 45% discount.
2. Artichoke crowns, garlic sets, horseradish, mushroom spawn do not have any discount.
3. Sundries have a 10% discount applicable.

The above items have a delivery fee of just £2.35.

4. Potatoes are available at the lowest price shown in the catalogue regardless of number of packs ordered. They incur a delivery fee of £3.75.
5. Fruit trees, bushes & soft fruit have no discount but again have a delivery fee of £3.75.

This means if you order both potatoes and Fruit, you will be paying £7.50. for this delivery.

There are full instructions and order forms with the catalogue. As in previous years, Kings intend to process all orders the first week back at work in the New Year, January 2024 so that you will receive them as soon as possible after that. All orders will be delivered by post or other carrier direct to your home address.

Please note that the letter I wrote has the incorrect date for next year's Show. Hopefully your copy will show the correct date of 31st August 2024 and we hope to see you there with the results of your seed growing. Good luck.

Glenys Dingwall

SALGA'S RECENT HERITAGE RAILWAY VISIT

Thursday, 7th September saw forty-six members arrive at Gorse Hill at 8.30 in the morning to pick up our Barnes coach, because of ill health down from the forty-eight who had booked. Marilyn had tried to arrange a visit to the Severn Valley railway, but the timetable meant an extremely early start from Swindon..... always a challenge for some of us!

Once again we had Phil, our favourite driver, who never fails to regale us with stories and snippets about the countryside that we're passing through. Arriving at the station in Cheltenham racecourse we were hit by the temperature as we left the comfort of Barnes ' air-conditioning.



An entire coach on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, (GWSR), train was reserved for the SALGA party, and we were accompanied by a volunteer who was a mine of information as we made our way along the fifteen odd mile track to Broadway on the northern edge of

the Cotswolds. All heritage railways depend on volunteers to keep them running and GWSR has over eight hundred.

With the Cotswolds on our right and open farmland on our left it really was a glorious sight in the sunshine. Many of the fields showed golden stubble where the cereal crops had been harvested and there was a view over to Tewkesbury as we approached our first stop at Gotherington. This is an interesting set-up. The line and the land to the east belongs to GWSR, but the siding, land and station buildings to the west are in private hands. It's said that the value of this private part could be of the order of one million pounds and it certainly looked most attractive with the platform area awash with planters that were ablaze with colour, notwithstanding the hot, dry weather.



Then we turned east, still skirting the northern edge of the Cotswolds, past Prescott Hill which is still used for the rather specialist sport of motor hill climbs and is the spiritual home in Britain of the Bugatti Owners' Club. Shortly after we entered the Greet tunnel, named after a neighbouring hamlet. The tunnel is just shy of seven hundred yards in length and the

second longest on a British heritage railway. It was here that we were reminded of the old days, when travelling by steam you always got a good dusting of soot if you kept the windows open.

Next stop Winchcombe, where the station was actually acquired by GSWR from a station in Monmouth, dismantled brick by brick and brought to Winchcombe to be rebuilt exactly as it had been in Wales. Those eight hundred plus volunteers must have been invaluable when that work was in progress! Turning north again we crossed the river Isbourne before halting at Hayles Abbey, presumably for the benefit of people wishing to visit the Abbey, which is only about a mile from the line. Snowhill Manor, managed by the National Trust, is also not far away. Those who have visited it will know it's absolutely stuffed with a hodgepodge of curios, not catalogued or arranged in any special order.



Then we arrived at Toddington. Although not as large as Winchcombe, Toddington appears to be the headquarters of the GWSR. As well as a restaurant it has a small museum, a souvenir shop, a picnic area and a children's play area. The station is original and when I first travelled this route, the line only went a couple of miles further north, but it has now been extended up to Broadway, almost five miles from Toddington. It was our planned lunch time stop, but before that we journeyed on to the end of the line, over the Stanway viaduct which stands some forty-two feet above the valley floor. I suspect the viaduct is named after the historic house and gardens located nearby. They boast the tallest gravity-powered fountain in the world and SALGA took a trip there to see it in action many years ago. Just beyond the viaduct, looking almost due north, we got a good view of the Vale of Evesham which really illustrates its name. The high Cotswold land of Conderton Hill to the left and that round Broadway to the right with the broad Evesham valley sitting between the two.



It's along this section of the line where filming takes place for any railway scenes needed for the TV series Father Brown. For those of you who don't know it, Father Brown is a sort of more genteel version of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple. Quite by chance I'd had lunch only a week earlier in the Baker's Arm in Broad

Camden, (or perhaps Chipping Camden), which is quite nearby, where the pub is sometimes used as a Father Brown set and displays on-site photos of the actors. Our volunteer guide told us that this is one way that GWSR supplements its normal passenger income, together with their Santa Claus specials and ferrying racegoers to Cheltenham on race days.

Then from Toddington, on for just a short stop at Broadway, the end of the line. This is another station that has been rebuilt by volunteers, largely from scratch. Then it was back to Toddington where most of the group had ordered the roast chicken lunch. I went for soup and a roll so as to leave room for afters, but I still

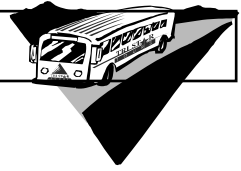


couldn't manage any, it was too hot. The plan then was for people to have time to look around the various exhibits before catching our train back to Cheltenham. However, while some people with clever mobile 'phones were saying it was only twenty-seven degrees Celsius, which I find quite tolerable, there were others saying that their 'phones said that the humidity made it feel more like thirty-four.

In the event most people just opted to sit around gossiping in the shade after lunch, possibly nursing some alcohol. Then it was back to Cheltenham, where our considerate driver brought the coach round to a lower gate, where we could all board without walking up a steep slope. All in all, a very pleasant day out.



Don Reeve



Snowdrops at Welford Park (February)

We had an enjoyable time during our visit earlier this year. One advantage of Welford Park is that the walkways are flat and level. We were previously advised that only limited lunches were available, but we were pleasantly surprised to find a selection of dishes served in a large marquee. We have now confirmed Thursday 8th February 2024 for another visit. Details for the coach and timings will be sent out when arranged.

A Summer Outing

This is still undecided. The Hampton Court Flower Show seems too expensive next year to attract enough people for a coach, so we're looking at other possibilities for an interesting day out. All suggestions welcome.

Malvern Autumn Show (September)

Dates for the 2024 show have not yet been released. It should take place during September. We should see the Flowers on show in the Floral Marquee, the Giant Vegetables on display (which frequently break records), and should have the opportunity to listen to the invited speakers, as well as visiting all the stalls and garden suppliers.

I will provide further information when it becomes available.

Marilyn Stott

SPEAKERS AT THURSDAY EVENING MEETINGS

November 16th 2023 South Swindon in Bloom 2023

This is a talk by Linda Kasmaty, a parish councillor for South Swindon.

Linda has been the lead on the project **“Old Town in Bloom”**.

The timing is perfect: the results will be known then!

December 14th 2023 A Christmas Party With a Quiz. Fish and chips will be provided. Numbers will be needed in advance, so be sure to order in time.

January 25th 2024

“How to adopt an orphanage without even trying!”

This is an unusual talk from local writer Rosa Matheson.

On a visit to Nepal, she and her husband, saw the poverty of children there, so they set up their own charity! This is gardening with a difference!. They help the villagers with seeds for a vegetable patch, and to grow on their roofs for them be self-sufficient.

*Please note, due to the Pantomime held at Immanuel, this meeting will be later in the month on the **Fourth Thursday** the 25th!*

February 15th 2024

“Upcycling” your clothes from Sharon Toombs.

Sharon is well known through her work for the **Dressability** Charity.

She will encourage you to repurpose clothes to prevent them from being adding to textile waste. Cottons, trims, and zips are all expensive so they would be welcome as contributions to the charity. Sharon will be happy to receive any of these.

March 21st 2024 ...

“Tales from the potting shed” from Nicola Hope

Nicola has worked as Head Gardener on the large estates of the “Great and Good “ and the famous! She promises to share tales to entertain us.

April 18th 2024

Our own “Gardener’s Question Time” from our SALGA experts!
There is plenty of Gardening Knowledge just waiting to be tapped!
Currently being arranged.

May 16th The AGM and Plant sale

June 20th “Growing, harvesting and storing vegetables” from Dr Keith Ferguson, chosen especially for our allotmenters!

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Further to my piece in the Summer Newsletter, I can say that the shop, despite the effect of price increases, has continued to function well, supported both by our loyal members and by the increased number of volunteers, ably organised by Viv Dipper. Sales to the weekend of 8/9 September amounted to £13,309, with purchases totalling £12,369. The shop will be open for business on Fridays and Saturdays up to and including 25 November and will re-open on Friday 16 February 2024.

We continue to offer a wide range of composts, including peat free as well as fertilisers, bamboo canes, soil improvement products, seeds and seed trays, amongst other things. Despite a swath of significant price rises earlier in the year, we endeavour to keep prices at a level lower than can be obtained elsewhere, for the benefit of our members.

The Committee is most grateful to Roy Strange and Sandie Mulcahy, who laboured long and hard last weekend to tidy up the old shop. They did a remarkable job, as was evidenced by the amount of rubbish that had to be disposed of. Our Show Chairman, Mick Carter and Viv also have to be thanked for tidying up the storage area behind the curtains, where we keep the tables that we use for the show and various other bits of show equipment.

We have had brand new lighting installed in the old shop, which the committee use during the summer months for meetings, in order to avoid

the need to hire community halls - which we do use during the winter months when the weather gets colder. The Parish Council condemned the old lighting for no longer conforming to regulations so they installed new strip lights and control box.

It will soon be time for the Annual Kings Seeds scheme to kick into action – more about that elsewhere – then it will be time for the shop to close for the winter and annual stocktaking to begin.

John Edgerton, Treasurer, September 2023

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRIAN REYNOLDS

We had a very large delivery of 10 pallets (over 620 sacks of compost and horse manure) on Friday 6 October. We had only four volunteers to unload, one of whom was Brian Reynolds. I would like to record special thanks to him as he must have handled every sack in making sure they were safely loaded into the containers.

John Edgerton

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Coincidental with our railway trip through the Cotswolds, our most local Railway Preservation Society here in Swindon has contacted SALGA in search of gardeners who might be interested in helping out with the station gardens in Blunsdon and Moulden Hill for the Swindon & Cricklade Railway.

One of the delights of the Cotswold trip was the beautiful floral displays and general care of each station along the line – there's no doubt this would be a very rewarding contribution to the preservation of Swindon's heritage!

Mike can be contacted by email: chairman@swindon-cricklade-railway.org

There's also a website with lots of information at the same address
<https://swindon-cricklade-railway.org>

Here is Michael Abbott's letter in full:

My name is Mike and I am the Chairman of the Swindon & Cricklade Railway. We desperately need some assistance with strengthening our gardening team at our Railway. We have 3 stations and other public areas in need of a lot of work to bring up to an acceptable standard. One station out of the three, Taw Valley Halt at Moulden Hill, requires a huge amount of attention. I am after some individuals and gardening clubs to come along and help us with this station and other areas around our railway.

I am hoping to get other current volunteers along to assist with these jobs and hold some working parties as this will be a great opportunity to work together, meet new people and help our charity with improving our site.

I am wondering if your club would be able to assist us with this and look at building a working relationship between both our organisations? We have a whole railway and various sites to offer for any hands on gardening activities.

*Kindest regards, Michael Abbott
Chairman Swindon & Cricklade Railway*

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And in case you need a little cheering up, here's an Eric & Ernie
joke:

*"My neighbour asked if he could use my lawnmower and I
told him of course he could, so long as he didn't take it out
of my garden." – Eric Morecambe*

LOVELY LENTIL AND CARROT SOUP

We thought you might like to try this recipe, which is also a good opportunity to cook with the vegetables that you may now have stored from this year's gardening!

The soup is perfect for the winter months – substantial without being too heavy. The combination of spices and lemon juice give it a wonderful warmth and flavour. Delicious with home-made bread!

LENTIL AND CARROT SOUP

Ingredients - Serves 4

400g red lentils
2 medium onions
4 cloves garlic
2 litres vegetable stock
Juice of 2 lemons
230g carrots
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
4 tablespoons olive oil



Method

1. Chop the onions. Grate the carrots. Peel and crush the garlic.
2. Heat the oil in a large pan and add the onion and garlic. Sauté gently for 5 minutes, until softening.
3. Crush the peppercorns with a mortar and pestle.
4. Add the pepper, cumin and coriander to the pan and cook for a further 2 minutes.
5. Add the lentils, grated carrots, lemon juice and vegetable stock. Cover and simmer gently for 25 minutes, until the lentils are soft. Stir regularly, to stop the soup from sticking to the bottom of the pan. You might need to add more water, if it gets too thick.
6. Season with salt to taste.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership can now be renewed for 2024 at the shop, at meetings, by post, by email or included in the seed order if ordering seeds this autumn.

1. At the Shop at Pickards Field – Renewals and new members.
2. Electronically – using a Membership form submitted by e-mail to **deniswmatthews@gmail.com** and payment of the £7 by bank transfer. Membership cards can be collected at the shop. If you would like your card posted, please add an extra 75 pence to your bank transfer to cover postage.
3. By Post – Existing members, send me your name, address & a cheque for £7. New members, please complete a membership form which is below, or under “Membership” on the SALGA website **salga.org.uk**. A stamped and self-addressed envelope would be very welcome if you require your membership card sent to you. My address is 3 Clevedon Gardens, Swindon, SN4 9EZ
4. At live monthly meetings.

We would very much like you to pay by bank transfer as our bank has introduced significant charges for cheques. Bank details: Salga Account **00020536**, Sort Code **40-52-40** and **include your name** as a reference. Please supply the following details for any new membership

Membership Number (for renewals).....

Name

Address

Post Code..... Telephone.....

E-mail address (please write clearly).....

Allotment site, (if any).....Plot number

GIFT AID If any member of the household is a UK taxpayer, SALGA asks that the membership is made out in that person’s name and the declaration below is signed accordingly. For every £7 subscription that is “Gift Aided” SALGA receives £1.25 from the exchequer at no additional cost to the member.

I am a UK taxpayer and would like SALGA to treat all subscriptions I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify otherwise, as Gift Aid contributions.

Date..... Signature

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Denis Matthews

CODE OF CONDUCT

In line with most other organisations, SALGA now has a code of conduct for members. The committee have agreed that this should be included on the back of the membership form, with a tick box to show that the member has read the Code and will comply with it.

SALGA Code of Conduct

1. Participating in Salga activities in a respectful, inclusive and positive way at all times and abiding by Salga policies and acting within the Constitution.
2. Showing respect, courtesy and consideration to everyone with whom you deal within Salga, related organisations and the general public in relation to Salga activities.
3. Observing strict confidentiality regarding organisational and members' personal information to which you may have access and never disclosing contact details of any Salga member to anyone without their permission unless these have been published in the newsletter.
4. Refraining from activities or comments that would place others in a vulnerable situation either financially, physically or psychologically.
5. Refraining from harming the organisation's reputation or relationships by any inappropriate or untrue comment or action.

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