

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2015/2016

Our membership has risen again this year to 365. A number of members did not renew for this year, but 32 new members joined. Our year ran from April 1st 2015 to March 31st 2016.

Number of Members by year

2009/10	252
2010/11	270
2011/12	291
2012/13	296
2013/14	310
2014/15	348
2015/16	365

Managing our Subscriptions and your Personal Data.

We are continuing the use of the annual Membership Letter we send you in the first quarter of the year. It serves several uses and is delivered to your address. It allows you to check the Personal Information we keep concerning you and it gives you details about renewing your Subscription. During the year we have reviewed how we keep your personal data in our systems, so that we can protect it as the law requires.

There have been changes in the detailed rules about Gift Aid too, and the new wording is included in our Application and Renewal forms. As a result we now tell you which of the members in a joint membership we believe to be the Gift Aid claimant, and ask you to correct this information if necessary.

The Membership Letter

- reminds members about their current subscription and Gift Aid arrangements
- shows members the personal data we have for them in our database records
- encourages members who can use email to give us their email addresses
- encourages members to pay subscriptions by standing order where appropriate, and to claim Gift Aid where they can.

Membership Renewal

Members who pay by Standing Order have their memberships renewed automatically so they do not have to do anything. Your Membership letter you received in February reminded you how you paid your subscription last year.

Members who subscribe by Cash or Cheque who have not renewed for 2015/16 should renew before the end of June. If they do not renew by June 30th they cease to be members and they will no longer receive our newsletters and invitations to attend our events. A list of members in this situation will be available at the AGM.

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