

## Welcome New Member

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### **I. Constitution**

The Constitution forms the rules by which the Society is run – a copy is enclosed in your Membership Pack for reference.

Note that membership is conditional on passing an audition and the payment of the annual Subscription Fee.

### **II. Committee**

The Committee is made up of a collection of members elected at the AGM who hold specific jobs within the Society. Contact details for the current Committee are included in your Membership Pack.

Any issues relating to the Society or the production should be raised through the Committee.

### **III. Junior Membership**

Members under the age of 16 are classed as “Juniors” and are subject to Child Protection regulations as set down by their local Education Authority.

Applications for performance licences under the Child Protection regulations are made by and enforced by the Membership Secretary. Juniors are not permitted to perform if parental consent is not provided using these licences.

Under Child Protection regulations, Junior members may be supervised and assisted at performances by the Society’s trained and approved chaperones only. Family members are not permitted backstage at any time, unless they are a trained chaperone approved by both the local Education Authority and the Society.

### **IV. Adult Membership**

All members aged 16 or over are classed as “Adults” and are subject to full Adult Membership Subscription fees.

Adult members who are in full-time education, i.e. students in Further or Higher Education, or who are unemployed, are entitled to a reduction in Subscription fee.

### **V. Productions**

The Society stages two productions each year – a summer concert in early July and a pantomime in late January.

Members are expected to arrive at rehearsals by 7:20pm, to be ready for rehearsal to commence at 7:30pm.