

**ST. MARY'S PLAYERS
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ST. MARY'S PLAYERS CONSTITUTION**

Constitution adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 5th October 1989 and incorporating the changes adopted at the AGMs on 30th October 1997, 22nd October 2009, 21st October 2010 and 15th December 2022.

1. The Society shall be known as the "St. Mary's Players".

2. The objects of the Society shall be the performance of operas, operettas, musical plays, revues and plays, and the raising of funds for the furtherance of the Society and for such charitable or philanthropic purposes as the Committee may decide. In the event of dissolution any balance of cash remaining after the realisation of assets and payment of debts shall be handed over to a charity or charities, disbursed as the Committee shall decide.

3. The Society shall comprise:

i. A President

ii. A maximum of two (2) Vice-Presidents

iii. A number of Honorary Life Members

and

iv. The general membership comprising:

a. Full Members

b. Associate Members

c. Student Members (see note 1)

d. Junior Members (see note 2)

Note 1. Members over the age of 16 and still in Full Time Education shall be deemed Student Members.

Note 2. Members under the age of 16 shall be deemed Junior Members.

Each member who was on the Society membership roll of the previous financial year (1st July to 30th June) shall have one vote at General Meetings. Any person wishing to join the society will complete the appropriate application form, and the application will be considered for approval (or otherwise) at the next meeting of the General Committee, the result to be communicated to the applicant thereafter. Each Full Member, Associate Member, Student Member and Junior Member shall be subject to an appropriate annual subscription, due on 1st July, and all members shall abide by the membership rules to be decided by the General Committee at any time. All members of the Society who wish to use the facilities of Page Hall shall also be an Associate Member of Page Hall Community Association - the annual subscription for which being due on 1st April shall be collected at that time.

4. The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a General Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Hon. Vice Chair, the Hon. General Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Business Manager and the Hon. Public Relations Officer (Business Manager and Public Relations Officer may be combined) - all ex-officio - and not less than three nor more than seven other members of the Society. The Committee shall be empowered, at any time, to co-opt members of the Society onto the General Committee and to fill any vacancy which may arise.

5. Meetings of the General Committee shall be convened by the Secretary whenever deemed necessary or at the instance of five members of the General Committee.

6. The quorum for a meeting of the General Committee shall be five members.

7. The General Committee shall be empowered to do all such things as may be calculated directly or indirectly to further the object of the Society.

8. The General Committee may delegate any of their powers or duties to sub-committees and may appoint to such sub-committees and may give such sub-committees power to co-opt members of the Society who are not members of the General Committee.

9. At every Annual General Meeting one third of the members of the General Committee shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Ex-officio members shall normally seek re-election every three years.

10. The Committee shall recommend to the Annual General Meeting for election:

i. a President

ii. up to two Vice Presidents

iii. any further Honorary Life Members considered worthy of such honour for exceptional services rendered to the Society.

11. The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting on a day to be fixed by the General Committee, to receive a report on the year's work and a statement of accounts, to elect such members of the General Committee as required for the ensuing year and to do any other business of which due notice shall have been given. At least 14 days' notice of the calling of the Annual General Meeting should be given to every member of the Society. A copy of the accounts shall be made available to any member, on request, during the 7 days prior to the meeting. Nominations for membership of the General Committee shall be given to the Secretary in writing at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting, together with the names of proposer and seconder who must ensure that the nominee is willing to stand for election. The full list of nominations received shall be displayed at the premises of the Society at least 7 days before the meeting. (see note 3).

Note 3. All notices and information shall be transmitted electronically in the first instance (with the exception of individuals unable to access email, in which case it will be posted) and displayed at the company premises where available. The notice periods may be reduced in extenuating circumstances, at the committee's discretion.

12. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time on the application of not less than one-fifth of the members of the Society or by a majority of the members of the General Committee.

13. This Constitution may only be altered by the Society at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, notice of any proposed alterations having been included in the notice calling the meeting, any proposed amendments to such alterations having been lodged with the Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting.

14. St. Mary's Players may, if deemed necessary by the General Committee, perform any production as detailed under Section 2 of this constitution under another name selected by the Committee.

15. Any member of St Mary's Players shall seek the General Committee's permission, prior to using the SMP logo or St Mary's Players name, for any purpose outside of St Mary's Players.