

# Expression Theatre

## Membership Rules 2007/8

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### 1. TITLE

The group shall be called Expression Theatre and shall be inaugurated on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

### 2. OBJECT

- a) To create an exciting and dynamic amateur dramatic society that will entertain the public.
- b) Charitable aims within the community; 50% of profit to go to *Cucklington Village Hall*.
- c) To provide social facilities for its members.
- d) To encourage the performance of dramatic works by amateurs.

### 3. CONSTITUTION

The group shall consist of acting and non acting members, and may also include life members who have made outstanding contributions to the group.

### 4. MANAGEMENT

The group shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the following offices, namely;

Chairperson – *Kate Giles*, as Founder  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Publicity Officer  
Sponsorship / Advertising Officer  
Social Secretary / Fundraising Officer

### 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all those having sympathy with the object of the group and desiring actively to further it and pay annual subscription.

### 6. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new members and applications may be made to the Secretary. Application forms must be duly signed by the applicant and by the parent/guardian of junior members (under 16yrs). Membership Forms will then be submitted to the Committee for its decision. The Committee may, for good reason, decline an application if they see fit.

### 7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription shall be £10.00 per adult, and £5.00 per child (U16) per annum payable at the AGM. Any alteration to these amounts may only be confirmed at an AGM by a bare majority vote. New members must apply in writing and be accompanied by the first years subscription. The Committee may waive the membership fee on a discretionary basis for any member.

### 8. FINANCE

- a) The funds of the group shall be applied solely to the stated objects of the group.

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- b) No member shall receive payment directly or indirectly for services to the group other than legitimate expenses incurred in its work.
- c) No expenditure shall be incurred by any member of the group without the authority of the Treasurer or Chairman.
- d) Bank Account set up at Lloyds TSB as a Club/Society in February 2007.

### 9. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the group shall commence on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and an annual profit/loss account and balance sheet shall be prepared within one month after 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

### 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM will be held in the month of November when the report of the Committee and the accounts for the past year, duly audited, shall be presented – the officers, other members of the Committee and any life members elected for the Committee.

### 11. SPECIAL / EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

A Special General Meeting of the group may be called at any time at the discretion of the Committee and shall be called within 21 days after receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing to that effect. Every such request shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened and no other business shall be transacted at this meeting. The Chairman shall have the power to adjourn any meeting of the group.

### 12. RESOLUTIONS AT AGM / EGM

All resolutions brought forward at an AGM shall be decided by a bare majority vote of the membership present with the Chairperson having the casting vote (providing the meeting is quadrate). Any resolutions for the AGM must be submitted to the Committee at least six weeks prior to the AGM.

### 13. RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The Committee shall retire annually but still be eligible for re-election. Nominations of the candidates may be submitted at the AGM and if more names are proposed than the number of vacancies, election shall be by ballot. Kate Giles, as the Founding Member will continue in her role as Chairperson without re-election unless she chooses to stand down.

### 14. COMMITTEE POWERS

This is the only set of rules that relate to Expression Theatre. Any items not covered in these rules can be discussed and decided upon by the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to decide any question arising from these rules and other matters connected with the group (other than and except those which can only be dealt with by the group in General Meeting).

### 15. SELECTION OF WORKS / CAST

- a) The Committee shall select works to be produced (as submitted by any member) and consequently appoint the Director, Producer and Stage Manager.

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- b) The cast for any production shall be selected by the appointed Director of that production in closed audition. The Director may discuss auditions with the Producer, MD and Choreographer before casting.

### 16. PRODUCTION ACCOUNT

Within two calendar months after the final performance of any work produced by the group, the Committee shall prepare a full statement of the receipts and expenses of each production and the same shall be available for the inspection of all members.

### 17. RECOVERY OF MONEY DUE TO THE GROUP

All monies due to the group, including the subscription of members shall be recoverable by law in the name of the Secretary.

### 18. DISSOLUTION OF THE GROUP

The group shall only be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority vote of at least five sixths of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose of considering such a dissolution. In the event of such dissolution any balance of cash remaining shall be donated to Cucklington Village Hall.