



ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH, PENWORTHAM.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN GROUP.

RULES & CONSTITUTION.

General.

1. The Group shall be known as St. Leonard's Gilbert & Sullivan Group.
2. The Objectives of the Group shall be:
 - a) to educate the public in the arts and sciences and in particular the art and science of music, by the promotion, primarily, of the works of Gilbert & Sullivan in concert and operatic form.
 - b) to assist in raising funds for charitable purposes.
3. Membership of the Group is available to all comers. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership at any time.
4. All auditions for Principal Roles will be open to all comers, but before taking part in any production, such individuals must be members of the Group. All decisions taken by the auditioning panel in casting forthcoming productions shall be regarded as final.

Election of Officers.

5. The Officers of the Group shall consist of: the President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and other such Officers as shall be determined at The Annual General Meeting.
6. The Group's Officers shall be elected annually at The Annual General Meeting.

Committee.

7. The Group's Committee shall consist of the Officers, (together with the Musical Director, and Director, annually elected by the Committee) and four members elected at the AGM (or such other number as shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General Meeting) of which 50% shall retire annually. The latter being eligible for re-election.
8. The Group's Committee shall have the right to co-opt voting members (no more than six).
9. At any meeting of the Officers and the Committee, five of them shall form the quorum.

10. The Committee, on behalf of the Group, is able to confer Life Membership of the Group. Any nominations for consideration for Life Membership must be in writing and given to the Hon. Secretary in the strictest confidence.
11. All the Group's Business, other than scheduled for the AGM is to be decided by the Committee.

Finance.

12. The end of the financial year of the Group shall be on the 31st October in each year, or at such time as shall be determined at an AGM.
13. The annual subscriptions shall be determined at the AGM and be payable from that date, and no later than 31st January of the next calendar year.
14. The Group is willing to accept Patrons on payment of an annual sum to be decided at the AGM. Such Patrons will receive free admission to the Group's performances for two people on each appropriate occasion during that financial year.
15. At least once a year two checkers shall check the accounts of the Group, as soon as possible after the financial year end, and before the Annual General Meeting. The checkers should be:-
 - a) Chosen from and by the Committee (but NOT the Honorary Treasurer).
 - b) One chosen by the Members and elected at the AGM.
16. The income and property of the Group shall be applied solely towards the stated objectives of the Group and no members of the Group and no member of the Committee shall receive payment for their services, other than for legitimate incidental expenses incurred in the work of the group

Annual General Meeting.

17. The Annual General Meeting shall take place in December, on a date to be set by the Committee. Notice of the meeting will be given for the benefit of members not less than 14 days before the appointed date. The business at the AGM shall be:-
 - a) Apologies for absence.
 - b) Minutes of the previous AGM.
 - c) Matters arising from these minutes.
 - d) Correspondence.
 - e) Chairman's report.
 - f) Finance
 - i) To receive the Honorary Treasurer's checked accounts.
 - ii) To determine the next Annual Membership Subscription.
 - iii) To determine the next Annual Patrons' Subscription.
 - g) To elect the Officers.
 - h) To elect two Members to the Committee.
 - i) To elect one Checker.
 - j) To receive the Group's annual record of Safeguarding and Child Protection Training.
 - k) To note that all policies pertaining to the Group have been reviewed on an annual basis.

- l) To consider any matter of importance to the Group, including any business of which notice, in writing, shall have been given to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.

Extraordinary General Meeting.

18. An extraordinary General Meeting of the Group shall be convened at any time
 - a) if the Committee of the Group so determines, or
 - b) by the Honorary Secretary, if such a meeting be demanded by no less than one third of the current membership.

Dissolution.

19. The Group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of the Members present at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Notice must be given to all members at least twenty-one days before the day of the meeting, stating the proposed dissolution.

If, upon the dissolution of the Group, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any income or property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Group, but shall be transferred to The Parish Church of St. Leonard's, Penwortham.

Alterations.

20. The Rules and Constitution shall only be amended at an Annual General Meeting of the Group or an Extraordinary General Meeting called specifically for that purpose. Any alteration to the Rules and Constitution of the Group must have the assent of no less than two thirds of such members of the Group present, provided that no alteration shall be made which may result in the Group ceasing to be established for exclusively charitable purposes.

Addendum.

As allowed in item 20 above, at the Annual General Meeting held on 15th December 1995 the functions and responsibilities of both the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer were agreed to be undertaken by the same person for the period of December 1995 to November 1996. In order to maintain the balance of the Committee as stated, an Officer post of Membership Secretary was created and ratified at the same Annual General Meeting.

01 March 2018

At an EGM held on Friday 24th February 2018 the following amendments were agreed:

2 a) 'The Objects of the Group...' be changed to 'The Objectives of the Group...'

17) The addition of Chairman's report as an item at the AGM of the Group. This now becomes item e)

17 i) 'To receive the Group's annual record of Child Protection Training' be changed to

'To receive the Group's annual record of Safeguarding and Child Protection Training'.

This now becomes item j) on the agenda of the AGM.