



# The Cotswold Magical Society

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Title . . . . . First Name . . . . . Surname . . . . .

Stage Name (if any) . . . . .

Address . . . . .

Town . . . . . County . . . . .

Post Code . . . . .

Phone Home . . . . . Mobile . . . . .

Email . . . . . Website . . . . .

Pro/Semi-pro/Amateur . . . . .

Membership of other magical societies . . . . .  
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Other interests or hobbies . . . . .

### DECLARATION

I . . . . . promise and agree

[1] to abide by the rules of the Cotswold Magical Society

[2] not to intentionally disclose any magical secrets or principles other than to other members of the magical fraternity.

[3] not to copy or infringe any original effect or routine, without the intentional consent of the originator or owner.

SIGNED . . . . .

DATE . . . . .

Proposed by . . . . .

Comments
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## RULES

1. The name of the Society shall be "**The Cotswold Magical Society**" hereinafter on occasion referred to in these rules as the Society.

### 2. OBJECTS:

- (a) To promote the Art of Magic, to encourage magical inventions, and to engender a feeling of good-will among all its members.
- (b) To organise lectures, displays, conferences, etc. when the occasions arises.

### 3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS:

- (a) Amateur and Professional Conjurers shall be eligible for membership and all intending members shall sign a Membership Proposal Form and shall be eligible for election on receipt of said form. The Membership Secretary with the approval of the Council has full power to refuse any application for membership if 50% or more of the Council deem the application to be unsuitable.
- (b) No persons under the age of 16 years shall be elected as a full member, but in the case of young people of proven ability, these can be accepted upon the approval of the Council. Members under 16 years of age and/or in full-time education shall be designated Student Members.
- (c) Members under the age of 16 can only be admitted to the society with the consent of their parents or guardians, which must be endorsed on the proposal form. Members under the age of 16 shall have no voting powers at an Annual General Meeting
- (d) All applicants for membership to the society shall be interviewed by the membership secretary who will make recommendations to the council.
- (e) Each member shall agree to conform to the rules of the society and shall not expose upon platform, or any private or public meeting place any trick or magical secret, and shall refrain, under power of expulsion from the society, from appropriating the original effects or routines of other magicians. (This does not apply where the owner of the effect has given permission). In the case of any dispute on this matter, the Council's decision shall be final.
- (f) Any member who is three months in arrears shall automatically cease to be a member, but at the discretion of the council shall be re-admitted to the Society on the payment of a re-entrance fee with their subscription.

### 4. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The annual subscription and entrance fee shall be reviewed yearly at the A. G. M. Any member joining after April 1st shall pay pro rata. Student members and members in receipt of a State Retirement Pension shall pay a percentage of the annual subscription and entrance fee as decided at the AGM.

## **5. ORGANISATION & MANAGEMENT.**

- (a)** The management shall be vested in the Annual General Meeting.
- (b)** The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date most convenient to the anniversary of the Society's formation, the date to be made known at least two months prior to the meeting.
- (c)** Resolutions for the A.G.M. shall be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least one month before the meeting.
- (d)** The Council may call a Special General Meeting of the Society at any time and shall be required to do so on receiving a requisition of not less than 50% of members, and such meeting shall be convened within 28 days of receipt of such requisition. Notice of such meeting to be posted to every member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting and state matters to be discussed. No other business shall be transacted.
- (e)** These rules shall not be amended except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- (f)** The Council shall have the power to decide on any these rules, and to give decisions as to the interpretation of any rule, should the occasion arise.
- (g)** The presence of 50% or more of Council members shall constitute a quorum.

## **6. OFFICERS**

- (a)** The Officers of the Society shall be President /Chairman; Hon. Secretary; Hon. Treasurer, Hon Programme Organiser; Hon. Membership Secretary; Hon. Librarian; Assistant Librarian, Editor of club magazine The Devil's Chimney and two members without office. The Immediate Past President shall also be an ex-officio member of the Council.
- (b)** The post of President shall only be held for two consecutive years.
- (c)** The Council shall be elected by secret ballot at the A.G.M.
- (d)** In the event of any vacancy arising the Council shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the current year.

## **7. COMPETITIONS**

Competitions for fully paid up members may be held annually at the discretion of the Council. Rules for the competitions will be provided by the competition organisers well in advance.

## **8. MEETINGS**

Full meetings to be called at least once a month excepting such circumstances - which may be decided at the discretion of the Council.