

Frimley and Camberley Society of Arts Constitution

1. NAME – The name of the society shall be the “Frimley and Camberley Society of Arts”.
2. OBJECT – The objects of the Society are:-
 - a. To provide a meeting ground for those interested in the practice and appreciation of drawing, painting and allied art forms and the encouragement of them in Camberley and District.
 - b. To hold exhibitions in order to create a wider local interest in the arts and expand the cultural life of Camberley and District.
 - c. To promote any activities likely to serve the purpose of the Society.
3. THE SOCIETY – The Society shall consist of:-
 - a. FULL MEMBERS elected subject to rule and on payment of the current Annual Subscription agreed by the Committee and ratified by the AGM (Annual General Meeting).
 - b. STUDENT MEMBERS admitted on payment of reduced rate as determined by the Committee. Student Members shall be between 10 & 18 years, or in full time education up to 22 years.
 - c. HONORARY MEMBERS elected by the Committee by reason of their outstanding work or service on behalf of the Society, in recognition of which they shall be exempt from the requirement to pay any annual subscription.
4. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES – Subject to the provisions of Clause 8 hereof, all members shall have the right to submit works for the Society’s exhibitions, to vote at General Meetings and to receive copies of all notices.
5. MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS – Any person may become a member of the Society when their application is accepted and approved by the Committee. Annual subscriptions shall become due on 1st January each year from Full Members and Student Members. For new members joining after the start of the financial year, the first subscription shall be of such reduced amount as the Committee shall determine. Full Members and Student Members whose subscriptions are 1 month in arrears, shall be deemed to have lapsed and their names shall be removed from the register and no further notices shall be issued to them.
6. FINANCIAL YEAR – The Financial Year shall run from 1st January to 31st December each year.
7. GENERAL MEETINGS – The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on the first Friday in February after the close of the Financial Year or as soon as possible thereafter as can be arranged by the Committee. Any General Meeting other than the AGM shall be known as an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Notice of any General Meeting shall be sent to every Full Member, Student Member and Honorary Member with a minimum of 10 days notice. The agenda shall include items to present Reports from Officers as appropriate, and in the case of an AGM, accounts for the financial year just ended shall also be presented. An EGM of the Society may be called by the Chairman or Honorary Secretary at the request of the Committee, or following a written request for same by not less than ten Full Members or Honorary Members, stating the nature of the business. Such a meeting shall be held within four weeks of the request.

Except as otherwise provided in Clause 14, the Chairman or Vice-chairman, together with not less than twenty Full Members or Honorary Members shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, a Full Member or Honorary Member may be appointed as Acting Honorary Secretary for that meeting

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8. EXHIBITIONS – The dates of Society-based exhibitions shall be notified to all members. A member whose subscription is unpaid at the time works are submitted shall not be eligible to exhibit. The Society reserves the right to deduct a percentage of the catalogue price (the percentage to be decided by the Committee from time to time) from any works sold at such exhibitions.
9. OFFICERS – The Officers of the Society shall be drawn from Full Members or Honorary Members and shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
10. COMMITTEE – The administration of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee, comprising the five officers defined in Clause 9 hereof and a minimum of three ordinary members drawn from Full Members and Honorary Members.

The business of the Committee may be conducted at a duly convened meeting attended by either the Chairman or Vice Chairman, together with any four other members of the Committee. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Committee shall appoint from among those present an Acting Honorary Secretary for that meeting

11. POWERS OF THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES –

Normally all cheques and other instruments of financial dealings on behalf of the Society shall be signed jointly by the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary in accordance with financial decisions taken in committee. However, to prevent funds becoming blocked in emergency circumstances cheques may be signed by any two of the first four officers listed in Clause 9 hereof. Prior arrangements must be made with the bank and building society to ensure this is possible.

The Committee may establish sub-committees as necessary to assist in the work of the Society, and appoint co-ordinators for various aspects of this work. Sub-Committee members and co-ordinators so appointed, if not already members of the Committee, may be invited to attend Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity as and when appropriate.

The Committee may co-opt additional members temporarily to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

The Committee shall have the right, by means of a two thirds majority of those voting at a committee meeting, to refuse an applicant for membership or withdraw membership from any Member or Student Member whose membership is believed to be not in accord with the interests of the Society.

12. PERIODS OF OFFICE – All Officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall retire at each Annual General Meeting. Subject to nomination and election or re-election at each Annual General Meeting, Officers of the Society may serve for a maximum of three consecutive years in any one office, with a maximum of six years in any two offices, on completion of which, retirement from the Committee for a minimum period of one year becomes mandatory. Subject to nomination and election or re-election at each Annual General Meeting, ordinary Committee members may serve for a maximum of three consecutive years, but if elected to be an officer of the Society a maximum consecutive period of service on the Committee may extend to nine years. Where there are insufficient new members available to fill the vacancies on the Committee, retiring Officers or retiring ordinary Committee members who have completed a maximum term shall be eligible to be elected for a further year, subject to their consent.

Co-opted Committee members may submit themselves for election at the first AGM after the date of their co-option. At subsequent AGMs the above rules shall apply where appropriate.

13. ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION – No alteration, addition or repeal of these rules shall be made except by a General Meeting of the Society.
14. WINDING-UP – The Society may be wound-up only as a result of a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority made up from the presence either of Full Members and Honorary Members or by not less than thirty of the same (whichever is the greater) at an EGM convened in accordance with the provisions of Clause 7 hereof. All members of the Society shall be informed of the result and such monetary assets as shall be extant after meeting all outstanding financial liabilities shall be distributed equally among Full Members and Student Members whose subscriptions are fully paid-up as at the date of the aforesaid Resolution being passed.

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