

Granta Blue Morris

Historical Constitution

Granta Blue Morris has formally dissolved as a University of Cambridge society and is currently an unregistered ad-hoc society formed mostly of students and recent graduates in Cambridgeshire.

This constitution was used while we were a registered society of the university.

The final committee of the registered society can be found [here](#)

1. NAME:
 1. The name of the Society shall be "Granta Blue Morris" hereafter referred to as "the Society", except in a dancing context, where it is referred to as "the Side".
2. OBJECTS:
 1. The Society's aims shall be to promote the traditional display dancing of England, Wales and any other regions which the Society sees fit to study, with particular emphasis on the dances of Oxfordshire, Gloucester, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and elsewhere in that region, commonly grouped under the heading "Cotswold Morris".
 2. In pursuance of its aims the Society shall offer instruction in the aforementioned dance forms and will perform them to the general public or by request at appropriate times determined by the Committee.
3. MEMBERSHIP:
 1. Membership of the Society shall be open to all members of the University, members of any Cambridge Cotswold Morris side or any other person who exhibits an enthusiasm in carrying out the aims of the Society.
 2. Membership is divided into two categories, "Member of the Society" and "Fellow of the Side"
 3. A Member of the Society is defined as one who is registered on the mailing list of the Society and who has attended an appreciable amount of Society events, dance-outs or practices.
 4. Members should earn their colours, and hence become a "Fellow of the Side", by performing, or playing for, a solo jig at an AGM, EGM or Dance out, to a standard accepted by the committee. A Fellow of the Side has the right to wear the totem of the side as defined in kit policy.
 5. There shall be no annual fee for membership; instead a charge will be made when purchasing kit, the magnitude of which to be determined at regular intervals by the Committee.
 6. Membership is for life unless revoked.
 7. The Committee reserves the right to revoke membership for those members whose conduct seems likely to bring the Society or the Dance into disrepute. Such expulsion shall be subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting

of the Society and will involve the removal of the right to wear the Baldric and, where applicable, the totem of the side.

4. THE COMMITTEE:

1. The day-to-day management of the Society's affairs shall be in the hands of the Committee, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. The Committee shall consist of a Squire, Bagman/woman (hereafter referred to as Bagman for convenience), Swagman/woman (hereafter Swagman), Foreman/woman (hereafter Foreman), Ragman/woman (hereafter Ragman), Archivist and Webmaster, who shall be elected by the members as laid out in Section 6. In addition there shall be a Senior Treasurer, who shall be a resident member of the Senate or other person approved by the Junior Proctor. The Senior Treasurer shall be appointed by the elected members of the Committee and shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
3. The Squire shall be the President of the Society, Leader of the Dance and Captain of Sword*.
4. The Bagman shall be Secretary of the Society (responsible for the day to day administration of the Society).
5. The Swagman shall be Junior Treasurer of the Society, Guardian of the Tin and Purveyor of Cake.
6. The Foreman shall be the Teacher of the Dance, Master of Sword*, Chief of Fools and Keeper of Beasts.
7. The Ragman shall be the Equipment Officer of the Society, Bearer of the Colours, Armourer* and Custodian of Sticks.
8. The Archivist shall be the Recorder of the society, Loremaster and Scrivener of the Log. This may be combined with any other Committee position or made a separate post in its own right.
9. The Webmaster shall hold the passwords for the mailing lists and website. This may be combined with any other Committee position or made a separate post in its own right.
10. The titles marked with asterisks (*) may be used if and when the Side is performing or is planning to perform sword dances in public.
11. Meetings of the Committee shall be chaired by the Squire or in their absence the Bagman. If neither the Squire nor Bagman is present, the remaining members shall elect a chairperson for that meeting. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be at least half of its members and a written record of each meeting shall be kept.
12. The dances to be learned shall be decided by the Foreman in consultation with the Squire.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

1. The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) during each Academic year. The AGM shall be held in Cambridge during Lent Full Term. All Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting. At least fourteen days written notice shall be given to members before the AGM.
2. The AGM shall approve Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Society's Accounts for the preceding year, elect the Committee for the year ahead as laid out in Section 6 and conduct such other business as is necessary. It will also determine with which of the Morris Associations to affiliate.
3. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be held at any time during Full Term. It shall be held in Cambridge and may be called by the Committee

or at the written request of at least ten members. Fourteen days written notice shall be given to members before an EGM is held. An EGM shall have the same powers as an AGM.

4. The Squire or in their absence the Bagman shall take the Chair at any General Meeting. In the absence of the Squire and Bagman the meeting shall elect a Chairperson for that meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be one quarter of the membership or ten people, whichever is the lesser. A written record of every General Meeting shall be kept.
5. A Harp (Ordinary Meeting) may be held at any practice with no written notice in order to discuss the organisation of events and other matters arising from the business of the society.

6. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The committee shall be elected by majority vote of all members present at the AGM. The elections shall be conducted in the order laid down in Section 4. Candidates may be nominated in advance of the meeting to the Bagman in writing. Such nominations must bear the name of the candidate, the office for which he or she is nominated, the names of the proposer and seconder and the countersignature of the candidate (this may be sent to the Bagman via email).
2. A candidate may be nominated verbally at the meeting. A proposer, a seconder and the candidate's consent are required. There may be hustings at the AGM.
3. Votes shall be counted by two persons chosen at the AGM, who are not candidates for committee posts. Only Members of the Society may vote at the AGM. The Squire shall have the casting vote.
4. Upon election a Jig or Tune from an appropriate Tradition may be performed at the discretion of the Officer-Elect if they so wish. In addition the former Squire may perform a Jig or Tune at their own discretion.
5. The new committee shall take over on a date specified by the retiring committee, which shall be no later than the end of the term during which they were elected. They shall be assisted by the retiring committee where necessary.
6. The committee may, at its discretion, co-opt additional committee members where it perceives the need, or to fill any vacancies that may arise. Should a post not be filled at the AGM, it will be treated as vacant.
7. The removal of a member of the committee must be by unanimous vote by the other members of the committee.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Swagman to ensure that all monies received are properly accounted for and that the Society's financial records are kept in good order.
2. The Senior Treasurer shall make arrangements for the Society's Accounts to be properly audited, either by themselves, or by some other person approved under University Ordinances.
3. The Senior Treasurer shall not be liable for any financial debt or other obligation of the Society unless he or she has personally authorised such a debt in writing.
4. For so long as the Society shall be registered with the Junior Proctor, it shall be the duty of the Committee to ensure that the Society complies with the requirements for Registration as a University Society.

5. Any money raised through dancing out shall be used to pay for subscription fees to a Morris Organisation, subsidies for kit, instructionals, sticks and staves, Cake or any other outlay authorised by the Committee.
 6. At each AGM, a portion of the profits from the year may be donated to a registered charity. The amount of money shall be decided by the Swagman and will be confirmed by a vote at the meeting. The Charity shall be determined by the membership at the meeting.
8. THE COLOURS & KIT:
1. The colours of the Society shall be Cambridge Blue and Dark Blue.
 2. The Emblem of the Society shall be as follows: "An escutcheon Argent, an ermine spot in fess point, the letter G in dexter base, the letter B in sinister base, the letter M in middle base within an Orle all of Dark Blue".
 3. A policy on kit shall be kept and published on the website.
9. DANCE OUTS:
1. The Side shall dance in public in accordance with the regulations laid out by the Statutes and Ordinances of the University of Cambridge, the Morris association to which the side is affiliated, Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Common Law of England, the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Parliament, the United Nations, or any other relevant body.
10. SAFETY:
1. The side has a duty of care to its Members. To this end a Safety Policy and Code of Conduct shall be drawn up each year and ratified by the committee. This should be published on the website.
 2. A Committee member shall be designated Safety Officer by agreement with the rest of the Committee.
11. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:
1. May be proposed by any five members of the society, and must be submitted to the Bagman in writing. This constitution may only be amended at an AGM or EGM. No vote on a constitutional amendment shall be valid unless at least one quarter of the membership or ten people, whichever is the lesser, is present at the meeting.
12. POLICIES
1. Policies shall be kept on music, kit, safety and any other aspect that the committee deems fit. These should be published on the website.
13. DISOLUTION:
1. The Society may be dissolved at a General Meeting provided that at least twenty-one days written notice of the intention to dissolve the Society has been given to the members. At least two thirds of those present and voting at the General Meeting must vote in favour of the motion for Dissolution for it to be effective.
 2. Any motion for Dissolution of the Society shall provide that all equipment remaining after all liabilities have been met may be donated to the other Morris sides in Cambridgeshire and any financial assets be donated to a registered charity, voted for at the meeting.