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Cake Policy

The swagman shall provide cake at selected dance outs. This responsibility may be delegated to another member of the society.

Child Protection Policy

Granta Blue Morris membership may include children. Children are those under the age of 18 years. Granta Blue Morris recognises the importance of Child Protection and requires all members to adhere to the following code of practice. Members of the society do not require an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau because they will not have unsupervised contact with children during the activities of the society.

Code of Practice

- Avoid unnecessary physical contact.
- Do not take a child alone in a car on journeys, however short.
- In a situation where you are alone with a child, make sure that others can clearly observe you.
- Avoid personal relationships with a child.
- Do not make suggestive or inappropriate remarks to or about a child, even in fun, as this could be misinterpreted.
- If you have any suspicions or concerns regarding possible child abuse, or if there is anything, with which you feel uncomfortable, you should raise these with an officer of the society.
- If a child accuses a member of the society, you should report this immediately to an officer of the society.
- If you are the recipient of any complaint or accusation from a child, it is important to listen without making or implying any judgement as to the truth of the complaint or accusation.
- If a child makes a complaint, or if there are other reasons for suspecting abuse, you should not attempt to investigate this yourself, but should report immediately to an officer of the society.
- Good practice includes valuing and respecting children as individuals, and the adult modelling of appropriate conduct “ which would exclude bullying, aggressive behaviour, racism, sectarianism or sexism.
- Remember that those who abuse children can be of any age (even other children), gender, ethnic background or class, and it is important not to allow personal preconceptions about people to prevent appropriate action taking place.

Dealing with reported suspicions and allegations

It is the responsibility of the officers of the society to deal with any reported concerns about or allegations from children in the society. If appropriate, contact should be made initially with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the child concerned. Investigations into the concerns or allegation should be made and if necessary details passed to the Social Services Department, Police or NSPCC.

Kit Policy

For public performances members of the society should wear:

- Black trousers
- White shirt
- Black shoes
- Baldrick with the side emblem of the front and a rosette in the colours of their college/school/other appropriate institution on the back (dancers only)
- Dark blue neckerchief
- Bell pads (dancers only)

Musicians may wear a jacket or waistcoat. Beasts and Fools may wear a costume of their own devising.

Music Policy

At dance outs there should be only one musician playing at any one time, unless the committee decides otherwise. Instruments should be appropriate to the tradition.
