



Pill & District Memorial Club

Club Rules

2016

1. NAME

The club shall be called "The Pill & District Memorial Club" and the registered offices shall be Keswick House, Lodway, Pill, North Somerset.

2. OBJECTS

The Club is established for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the Fallen in the two Great Wars and to provide a place of resort for social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvements and rational recreation.

3. APPLICATION OF FUNDS

All monies received on account of the Club from any source shall be applied in carrying out the objects of the Club according to the Rules.

4. PROFIT

The Profits of the Club shall be applied as follows: for the upkeep and improvement of the Club for such repairs, replacements, etc. as may be deemed necessary by the Committee. No profits shall be distributed amongst the members.

5. INVESTMENT AND BORROWING

Such funds not required for immediate use shall, with the consent of the Committee or a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting, be invested in anyway the Trustees are, by law, authorised to invest Trust funds.

6. MEMBERSHIP

The Club can consist of female and male:

- a. Ordinary Members
- b. Honorary Members
- c. Life Members
- d. Temporary Members

A candidate for election to membership must not be less than 18 years of age. They must be proposed by one member and seconded by another and enter the candidates name and address on a Nomination Form at least seven days before the date on which the name is submitted for election, until which they will not be entitled to the privileges of membership. Every member upon election will be furnished with a Membership Card, which must be produced to the Steward, Club Officers or any member of the committee when requested to do so.

Honorary Membership

The general committee shall have the powers to elect Honourable Members in suitable cases on such terms as they may decide.

Honourable Members may enjoy all of the facilities of the Club including right to vote, to be an officer of the Club or member of the Committee. No membership fee shall be paid by an Honorary Member.

Life Membership

Life membership shall be granted to a person nominated and approved at a General Meeting of the Club. Such persons shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the membership and shall not be required to pay membership fees.

7. TEMPORARY MEMBERS AND VISITORS

A member of the team visiting the Club, in connection with any sports contest, a person specially invited by the Committee to visit the Club, or a member of an Orchestra or Group engaged by the Club for a social event may become a Temporary Member for the period of such a visit or engagement only. A list of the names and addresses of such members shall be lodged with the secretary at least forty-eight hours prior to admission.

Temporary members or visitors shall not attend or vote at any meeting of the Club, be nominated as a candidate for the Committee or any other office, nor introduce visitors. They shall enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership and be subject to such regulations as the Committee shall make regarding temporary members and visitors at any time. Intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons defined above (and are over the age of 18 years) for consumption on the premises.

A member introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the conduct throughout their stay at the Club.

No persons resident in the parishes of Pill, Easton-in-Gordano, Abbots Leigh or Portbury may be introduced as a visitor on more than three occasions in any twelve calendar months.

No persons whose membership has been terminated or suspended or whose application for membership has at any time been rejected shall be introduced as a quest or a visitor.

8. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Any person omitted to membership shall be liable for such membership fees or subscriptions, as agreed in a General Meeting. Members may renew their membership by paying to the Club treasurer the annual subscription which falls due on the 1st January each year. Any person who has not paid their subscription

within twenty-eight days of it being due shall, cease to be a Member. The Committee shall have powers to make exception in the cases of members who are sick, or are working out of the district or in any other extenuating circumstances.

Every member, on introducing a visitor, must enter the visitor's name and address as well as their own name in a Club Visitors Book. A visitor shall pay such a sum by way of a visitor's fee as determined by the Club Committee. The members introducing a visitor shall be responsible for their visitor's conduct throughout their stay in the Club.

The Committee may expel or suspend for a given period, from Membership, any member wilfully disobeying any of these rules, Bye-laws or Regulations that are enforce at the time, or who shall be guilty of any conduct rendering them unfit, in their opinion, to be a member of the Club. Provided that before expelling them the Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and hear their defence. A member thus expelled shall have no claim on the Club and shall not be eligible for re-election as a member.

9. CHILDREN

Children may only be admitted to the Club premises when accompanied by adult, who shall be responsible for their behaviour throughout their stay.

Children under 18 years of age will not be allowed in the Dance Hall except for private function and they must remain in the room set aside for their use.

Persons under the age of 18 years cannot purchase or consume intoxicating liquor in the Club.

10. Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall not be held later than September each year for the following purposes:

- a. To elect the office and the Committee
- b. To receive a Report and Statement of Accounts
- c. To appoint a Chartered Accountant
- d. To consider any other business

Fourteen days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club notice board.

A Half-yearly General Meeting shall be held not later than February each year on a date fixed by the Committee. Fourteen days notice of the meeting shall be posted on the Club notice board.

In the event of a casual vacancy appearing on the General Committee, such a vacancy will not be filled until next General Meeting when the normal voting

procedure will be adopted. The Committee can, at any time, co-opt on to the Committee any member with specialist knowledge to assist the Committee.

11. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee think expedient or upon a requisition signed by twenty-five paid up members and forwarded in writing to the secretary stating the purpose for which the meeting is required. Notice of such meetings shall be posted on the Club notice board fourteen days before holding the said meeting. The business at that meeting shall be confined to the purpose named in the requisition or notice. The result of the Special Meeting shall be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

12. OFFICERS

The Club shall have the following officers:

Three Trustees, a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and at least seven Members elected at the Annual General Meeting to form a Committee.

No person shall be elected an officer of the Club or member of the Committee unless they have been a paid-up member of the Club for at least two years prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are nominated.

The chairman does not have a casting vote.

13. SECRETARY

The secretary shall keep a record of all members admitted, suspended or expelled; they shall also keep Minutes of the Meetings of the Club. They shall conduct all correspondence and business on behalf of the Club, and any actions on the direction of the Committee.

14. TREASURER

The treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Club under the direction of the Committee. They shall, when required, render to the Committee an account of the monies received and expended by them.

15. STEWARD

The Management of the Bar shall be the responsibility of the Steward or Stewards appointed by the Committee, who shall, at their discretion, fix the method by which such stewards shall be remunerated. The Steward shall have the power to refuse to serve any member or guest whose conduct in their opinion is objectionable. No-one shall be allowed behind the bar except Stewards and bar staff without permission of the Steward. The General Committee has powers to engage, control or dismiss and Club servants.

16. INSPECTION OF BOOKS

Every member, upon application to the secretary, can request to inspect the Club Books of Account and Minute Book after the Minutes have been duly passed and signed by the Chairperson.

17. NOTICES

No paper, notice or placard, written or printed shall be exhibited in the Club without the permission of the Secretary or Committee.

18. STOCKTAKING

A stock take shall be carried out annually and at such other times as the Committee may determine.

19. DISPUTES

If any dispute shall arise between a member or any officer of the Club, it shall be referred to the Committee, who may appoint a Arbitrator, who shall be agreed upon both parties to dispute.

20. ALTERATIONS OF THE RULES

The rules may be repealed, amended, or new rules made by the Committee and/or the majority of members present, and voting at, the Annual General Meeting provided that notice of such appeal, amendment or new rules has been given at least fourteen days before such a meeting is held.

21. ENTERTAINMENT

The Committee may, on any occasion when entertainment is provided at the Club premises, charge members or any guests an admission fee to that part of the Clubs premises where the entertainment is provided.

Guests attending private/Club functions will be restricted to the function venue, entrance lobby and toilets only.

22. INTOXICATION LIQUOR

The supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club shall be permitted during the following hours:

Mondays to Thursday	10.30 a.m. to Midnight
Fridays	10.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.
On Saturdays:	10.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.
On Sundays:	10.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

and such additional hours as the Licensing Body may for time to time authorise.

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to any person under the age of 18 years.

Only Intoxicating liquor, or soft drinks purchased on the Club premises can be consumed on the Club premises.

23. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

Neither the Club nor any Officers thereof shall be liable to any member or guest for loss of any damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises and such a notice to this effect shall at all time be displayed in a prominent position on the Club premises.

24. GAMING MACHINES

The Committee may make application for the Club to be registered under the Gaming act at that time. A separate account shall be disposed of in accordance with rule 4.

25. BYE-LAWS

The Committee from time to time may make, vary or revoke Bye-laws (not consistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of members. The Bye-laws for the time being in force shall be binding on all members.

26. DOGS

No Animals other than Dogs will be allowed in the Club buildings. Dogs are allowed into the bar during quiet periods accompanied by their handler, if authorised by the Steward. At busy times Dogs would only be allowed to use the Lobby and must be accompanied by their handler.

27. CAR PARKING

The car park is provided for staff, members and guests using the Club during licensing hours.

28. ZERO TOLLERANCE POLICY

The Club will not tolerate any physical and/or verbal abuse against Staff Officers, Members and Guests. The Committee will take appropriate action against those offenders, which could lead to expulsion for the Club.

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