

**SIX OF ONE - SOCIETY DETAILS**  
**Honorary President - Patrick McGoohan 1977 - 2009**  
**The following details should be regarded as the basis for membership of Six of One.**

These details clarify the overall situation in relation to the society for the benefit of potential new members and can also act as a reference for existing members who wish to refresh their knowledge about any aspect of Six of One. With the current existence of 'freedom of information', data protection, human rights and mass communications, it is necessary to understand precisely how the society is organised and to avoid infringing any rights or laws. We try to operate outside 'the Village' and we try to keep officialdom and bureaucracy to a minimum, and while these details might be regarded as such, they are simply a record and only need to be read once! For members' information, there are also FAQs about our convention at [www.portmeiricon.com/informat.htm](http://www.portmeiricon.com/informat.htm).

For convention registrations contact: Convention, 16 Whitecroft Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 7TJ, UK. For enquiries email: [prisoner.convention@virgin.net](mailto:prisoner.convention@virgin.net) or register online at [www.sixofone.co.uk/convention.htm](http://www.sixofone.co.uk/convention.htm) and [www.sixofone.co.uk/convention\\_reg.htm](http://www.sixofone.co.uk/convention_reg.htm)

Six of One operates on its past record and the official recognition it has enjoyed from owners and distributors of the series, actors and crew, and associated contacts like Portmeirion Hotel. It was felt, however, that there was a need for clarification in these days of the Internet, anonymous e-mail, newsgroups and non or past members who retain an interest in the series. Six of One merely wishes to continue its own operations and therefore the details below should make the society's position clear. In this way, Six of One is not putting controls on any other individuals or activities outside the society but merely preserving its own position, for the benefit of members.

### **About Six of One**

Six of One, established in 1977, is a non-profit making society. Officially recognised over the years by ITC, PolyGram, Carlton International Media Limited and now Granada Ventures, the society operates on a subscription basis. Apart from an annual convention and local meetings, the society organises no other events - except occasional special events - and produces no merchandise for sale outside the membership except for the clearance of surplus back catalogue material, the proceeds from which are fed back into the society to help fund new material and limited souvenir packs. For many years Six of One has been given exemption from VAT and the material provided comprises mainly reading and printed matter. The society enjoys a close relationship with Portmeirion Hotel, where the Prisoner series was filmed. Patrick McGoohan accepted the position of Honorary President at the time of the society's official inception, the Sixth of the First, 1977, and retained this title until his death in 2009. Six of One is an informal society and is co-ordinated through various individuals who provide services in their spare time and without payment (save for reimbursement of printing, postage, production and event costs etc).

Minimal data is held on behalf of individual members on computer, in correspondence and on written subscription cards, for the purposes of membership and providing mailings. The information is not provided to any source outside the society, except accommodation booking details required by Portmeirion, or by the society's own event organisers, or by the operator of the US society website, who handles email. The society does not exist to create any legal relations between its members or its outside contacts. Six of One is and has always been created for the sole purpose of appreciating the TV series, The Prisoner. No responsibility can be accepted by the society for loss of items or damage to property at events or other occurrences giving rise to any claim, whether in respect of injury or otherwise. Individual responsibility applies to all members at all times.

### **Subscribing to Six of One**

Joining the society is by using the online subscription facility or by sending a society joining form by post with the required amount to the society's postal address. Subscribing using either method is on the basis that new members or renewing members join or renew according to the society printed details, whether online or supplied in ongoing mailings. If joining procedures are not followed or if renewal of subscriptions does not occur as required, membership of the society may be treated as having lapsed. It is only while current membership subsists that mailings will be sent. If changes of address are not notified, or joining or renewal procedures are not followed, the society is under no obligation to replace lost or missed mailings. Six of One reserves the right not to accept any new application for membership or renewal if deemed appropriate.

Payments should always be made to 'Number Six' and not to 'Six of One' or 'The Prisoner Appreciation Society' etc. Overseas members should check with their bank, post office or convenience store as to whether the method of payment being sent will be capable of being encashed in the UK. An annual subscription to the society entitles members to receive a welcome letter and items, 3 main mailings, including the glossy "Contact Imminent" magazine and a spring mini-mailing which includes the annual subscription renewal form. Postage within the UK and overseas is included in all the subscription figures. No additional benefits accrue to members apart from sharing in the information and presentations which the society offers.

### **Subscription Material**

A subscription to the society signifies acceptance of the details in this notice and the society's terms and conditions. With regard to subscription funds, if necessary and where possible an amount might be held towards the next subscription year's mailing(s), while production is also enabled by continuing and incoming subscriptions. The society reserves the right to revise the annual subscription amount from time to time (but not during any subscription year), as well as the content, size, quality and frequency of mailings. For this reason, renewing members are always asked to send renewal subscriptions as early as possible as this helps the co-ordinating team with forward planning. After receipt of subscription material, no refunds later during the year can be provided, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

The society will offer backnumbers and past issues from time to time and to the extent that this is possible. All funds received from sale of convention packages or past mailings etc. are used towards creating new material for the society and production costs whether as separate items for sale to members or as ongoing subscription items. After payment of the subscription, members receive all material free, including postage and packing, and are not under any further obligation to the society in terms of providing payment or actions, except for registration fees in respect of events.

The society has enjoyed an ongoing licence to use Prisoner material within its activities for the membership, without payment and this permission cannot be extended to members. Any production of items or activity which includes the use of images or material from The Prisoner or other copyright matter must be covered by written permission obtained in advance from the copyright holders. The society has an address at **Box 228, St. Leonards on Sea, TN38 1EX** for administration within the society and to provide a contact address. For queries concerning subscriptions there is an email address: **djchantry2of8@hotmail.com**. Members should not use the society name or address on an official basis without approval.

Members are always asked and encouraged to provide contributions for the mailings and if material is to be returned to members a return envelope (stamped, or with the required number of International Reply Coupons) is requested. All enquiries to Box 228 should please be accompanied by a return envelope (stamped, or with the required number of IRCs).

#### Society dealings

Members are asked to have due respect for the society and its co-ordination, the interests of Granada Ventures, Portmeirion Hotel, or other venues at which society events are held. The society operates a non-discriminatory policy in all ways and intends fairness and openness in its dealings. Members are asked to respond in a similar manner and the society reserves the right to cancel membership (with appropriate refund) in any serious case where after due consideration it does not appear appropriate to continue the membership. The society acknowledges that over the years it has enrolled thousands of members and there are also thousands of individuals who have access to the Internet and a vast amount of unofficial Prisoner material.

The society therefore has provided these details in order to clarify that for individual activities involving The Prisoner, whether in respect of members or non-members or past members, Six of One cannot be held responsible in this respect. Members should not assume that any official-looking material on the Internet or from other non-Six of One sources is genuine. Any declaration that an item or activity has been produced or arranged with the endorsement of Six of One should not be relied upon unless society subscription material has made this clear. Any description of products, activities or websites given within the mailings is to be regarded as being for the information of members only and it should not be inferred that Six of One endorses these things, or implies suitability or security. The views and opinions expressed by members within the society's mailings are their own and the society reserves the right to edit comments where appropriate. The current society magazine from time to time is the responsibility of the editor and the individuals whose contributions appear and any material or commentary is to be treated on that basis. Every attempt is made to verify the accuracy and authenticity of submitted items, plus the identity of the sender, but in the case of emailed submissions it should be borne in mind that source and origin cannot always be verified.

#### Internet dealings

The society is aware that non-members sometimes attend Six of One meetings or events, as well as visiting the society's website or expressing opinions about the society or The Prisoner on the Internet or in newsgroups. The society's connection is only with its current members and Six of One is not associated with other persons or groups or with views expressed from anonymous sources. We cannot vouch for the accuracy of any questionable statements made outside the society. If you have any questions, concerns or queries, they can be addressed to the society at any time via letter, email or verbally at our social gatherings. Confidential responses can be provided if a letter is sent to Box 228 and with an paid reply envelope provided.

Six of One's co-ordinating team also has a US member Bruce Clark who provides a website for the society on a voluntary basis and enquiries can be send through him at [sixofone@netreach.net](mailto:sixofone@netreach.net).

There are other websites operated from within Six Of One, including ones from France and Germany. These are clearly interlinked on each website and are the only ones which can be classed as "official". No responsibility is accepted by the society's co-ordinating team in respect of any statements or actions arising or occurring from the use of the Internet. If members are in doubt about the validity of any statement or activity they should please check with Box 228 before taking any steps or paying money. The same applies to Internet auctions websites where items are offered for sale by individuals. These are often past Six of One material (perhaps being sold by former members) or might be items claimed to be official or original memorabilia. Six of One cannot accept any responsibility for online auction transactions which are organised by private individuals. Items relating to The Prisoner are also sold by Portmeirion and can be found from time to time online.

In short, the society exists to preserve interest in The Prisoner and to provide information about the series, along with a forum for the free exchange of constructive views and criticism. The right is reserved not to use submissions sent with only a pen-name or anonymously. Where members wish for their own name and address to be withheld in mailings, the request can be made at the time of submission. However, only the general geographical area is stated in mailings where a member submits a contribution and addresses are never disclosed without permission (apart from the limited examples stated above, regarding event bookings).

All material received from members for publication is accepted in good faith and on the basis that a member has given accurate and permitted details. In the event that this is not the case, the society will be regarded as having acted in good faith and will not be liable for any hurt or other loss arising, beyond giving an apology or relying upon justification or fair comment.

## Postal Matters

The society receives money from within the UK and from overseas and payments are sometimes lost in the post or are incorrectly made out. If payments have to be returned and are not received, the society will review each case with regard to its individual details but is not liable for refunds lost through no fault of the society. In these circumstances members are requested to make compensation claims through the appropriate postal sources. In the event that mailings or other subscription material is lost or damaged as a result of the postal system the society will consider replacements if a member will agree to bear the additional postage (see Postal Dealings information below). If there are no spare copies of a mailing which has been lost in the post the society will not be able to make any additional offer. All mailing items are sent out with the correct address and postage, together with other additional required posting labels or markings.

Will members please notify the society as soon as possible of any problems and particularly in respect of any change of address. On occasions the handwriting on membership forms has been difficult to read and members are asked to write their name and address details clearly to avoid postal loss. If any member wishes to have his, her or their name(s) removed from membership records, a request should please be made.

If letters are sent to Box 228 or through one of the official websites or by e-mail to the magazine etc. it should be clearly stated if these are not intended for publication. In these cases the request of members will be respected but all other contributed material is regarded as being offered for possible publication (except in the case of queries or complaints or ordinary membership administration correspondence). Contributions can be sent for the magazine by email to: no2@mypostoffice.co.uk

Payments are sometimes received which are non-negotiable, for example, outside the USA and any loss to members or potential members as a result of sending the wrong kind of payment cannot be the subject of a refund. Also any delay in sending the correct method of payment does not guarantee receipt of the most recent mailing if these are no longer available. However, in these circumstances the society will try and reserve the particular mailing so that it can be held pending receipt of the correct method of payment.

## Society Basis

The society owns no money or property (apart from convention audio visual items and props), save that the annual subscription funds are held and used towards mailings and connected expenses, as described above. Six of One is analogous to a 'fan club' and does not operate on a commercial basis. The co-ordinating team members do not accept individual responsibility or legal liability in respect of material provided to members or activities organised etc. If members offer items for sale through classified advertisements within the society, the responsibility lies between the seller and purchaser and does not fall upon the society or its co-ordinating team.

As the society operates on no other formal basis, it has no annual general meeting or formal accounts and should be regarded as carried on upon a basis of trust and for the mutual benefit of members and the society's co-ordination. The society should not be regarded as any form of club, firm or company or other formal association.

Six of One has enjoyed an enviable reputation for quality and value over many years and intends to continue to promote the society and appreciation of The Prisoner at all future times.

## Email Queries

Please keep email queries to a minimum. There have been recent cases of people joining online and then sending an email to check whether the payment was received, followed by a further email a few days later stating that nothing had yet been received. Please always allow in the UK up to 14 or 21 days for receipt of the first mailing in the case of new members who join online or 4 weeks in the case of members outside the UK who join online. First mailings and joining packs are usually sent out within a week of payment being made but at certain times of the year and when holidays occur, this response time can be longer. In the case of payments not made online, these have to be cleared through the bank first (except for cash or uncrossed postal orders) and this adds an additional week or two to the above time periods, depending upon time of year and holidays etc. In the case of renewals, whether effected online or through a postal payment, the same time factors apply. See also the next paragraph about postal losses.

## Postal Dealings

Occasionally a member reports that a particular mailing has not been received. Where ordinary mailings are sent, the ordinary post and air mail is used. There is nothing more the society can do except to ensure the correct address is used and to apply the correct postage and markings. However, in the case of souvenir packs or other limited merchandise purchases, a certificate of posting is held by the society and sometimes a digital image is taken of the package, as proof of posting. In cases of any loss of such packages, the member must request proof of posting and must claim compensation through the postal service, a process with which the society is pleased to help. However, as stated previously, replacement of packages lost due to failings in the postal system cannot be the responsibility of the society. Finally, on the topic of email, will members always state their NAME AND ADDRESS. If our US website operator simply receives an email from e.g. "villager17" or some other such pen-name, it is difficult or impossible to identify the sender. Subscription records have to be checked at Box 228 and so even by email a query must contain a member's name and address.

Late renewals can mean that a member does not receive a missed mailing. For example, after renewal forms are sent out in the spring of each year, some members do not renew until late summer. If in the meantime renewals have reduced but new

memberships have increased, along with requests for back material, some issues might become no longer available. Therefore, all members intending to renew subscriptions should please do so as soon as possible after receiving a renewal forms.

### **Non-Society Dealings**

If members are solicited by non-Six of One sources, please report this to Box 228 or by email. Although there have only been a few such past cases, it is the practice of some websites, independently run by single individuals, to purport to give information about Six of One. The society has noticed much inaccuracy and negative content from limited sources outside the society. On some occasions, criticism of the society has even been made where Six of One was unconnected with the particular item or event in question. Members are reminded that where some individuals post messages to bulletin boards, message boards, newsgroups, chat rooms or by email etc, use of the Internet often involves anonymity, a pen-name or a false name. For the avoidance of doubt, Six of One's co-ordinating team's policy is never to post any response to the deliberately misleading comments or criticism outside the society. In cases beyond the society, where Six of One has no control, a non-response can be the only appropriate policy. No similar negative or critical comments have been made by Six of One during the time that such non-society websites have been in operation. Members are therefore reminded to use their discretion and where in doubt, to check with the society's co-ordinating team.

### **Data Protection**

Regarding Data Protection, Six of One's standard letters inform existing and lapsed members respectively as follows:

"Six of One does not hold data in relation to current members, except for mailing address details. These are also used sometimes for event registration purposes. Mailing contributions or submissions received from members are regarded as being available for publication unless members state otherwise. Communications received other than for publication are retained for a reasonable period. In the case of a member whose subscription to Six of One lapses, any correspondence etc is held for a reasonable period, for reference, in the event that the lapsed member might send a future communication."

"Six of One does not hold data in relation to former members, except for correspondence with former members or documentation created by former members. Former members who request copies of such former correspondence or documentation which they have created are provided (if held), at their expense."

The names of persons co-ordinating Six of One are given in each mailing. There are also local group or overseas publications which are the responsibility of the particular organisers. Thus the official output of the society is via its mailings and in the form of its notified events, but all other related publications, Internet content or local events are not covered by the above society details and in each case individual circumstances apply.

### **Summary**

Six of One has operated successfully for over 30 years and provides regular quality material for members. Annual convention details and other online material can be found on various society websites and those operated by society members.

Six of One, Box 228, St. Leonards on Sea, TN38 1EX, U.K.

General email enquiries about the society: [sixofone@netreach.net](mailto:sixofone@netreach.net)

Contributions to the society magazine: [no2@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:no2@mypostoffice.co.uk)

Postal contributions to the magazine: Box 228, St. Leonards on Sea, TN38 1EX, U.K.

Convention registrations: Convention, 16 Whitecroft Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 7TJ, UK or email: [prisoner.convention@virgin.net](mailto:prisoner.convention@virgin.net) or register online at [www.sixofone.co.uk/convention.htm](http://www.sixofone.co.uk/convention.htm) - and also - [www.sixofone.co.uk/convention\\_reg.htm](http://www.sixofone.co.uk/convention_reg.htm)

Other websites include:

Online joining website: [www.sixofone.co.uk](http://www.sixofone.co.uk)

Main/original society website: [www.ThePrisonerAppreciationSociety.com](http://www.ThePrisonerAppreciationSociety.com)

Convention website: [www.portmeiricon.com](http://www.portmeiricon.com)

In addition there are some other society websites which may or may not still be in operation after time has passed since the production of these society details in the winter of 2010:

[www.sixofone.org.uk](http://www.sixofone.org.uk)

[www.portmeiricon.com](http://www.portmeiricon.com)

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/sixofone.society>

[www.the-prisoner-6.freemove.co.uk](http://www.the-prisoner-6.freemove.co.uk)

<http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/tauspace>

[www.portmeirion-history.co.uk](http://www.portmeirion-history.co.uk)

[www.leprisonnier.net](http://www.leprisonnier.net)

[www.match-cut.de](http://www.match-cut.de)

[www.dangerman.org.uk](http://www.dangerman.org.uk)