

cre2c3ndo

The UK's 23rd Filk Convention

Progress Report 2

4-6 Feb 2011

The Ramada Hotel, Grantham

UK guest

Marilisa Valtazanou

International Guests

Heather Dale and Ben Deschamps

Your Committee

Mike: Chair, Hotel, Guest of Honour liaison
Colin: Membership, money
Rika: Programming
Tricia: Publications

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Rates (*will be increasing on Dec 15*):

UK: Waged £ 35, Unwaged £ 22, Child (5-18) £ 1/year of age at joining,
Child (<5) £ 1
US: Waged \$55, Unwaged \$33, Child (5-18) \$1.50/year, Child (<5) \$1.50
Europe: Waged €40, Unwaged €26, Child (5-18) €1/year, Child (<5) €1

Hotel Room Rates

Twin/Double: £ 70
Single: £ 55

A word or two from the Chair

the chairman's a big girl's blouse...
... or a dress, or something.

Welcome to PR2, the second and final progress report for Crescendo, the 23rd UK Filk Convention. We're rolling along nicely - our guests are bouncing with eagerness and in Heather and Ben's case have booked their flights and can't wait to get over here.

So, what have we got to tell you? Last chance for programme requests is pretty much as soon as you receive this: our lovely programming queen would like some time to get out the post-its and marker pens and shuffle you around on a grid before the con (Rika, could you take that pen out of my ear, please?), not least so we can plan things like sound checks, and let everyone who asked for a slot know when it is.

Hotel booking deadline is the end of December. I (Mike) will be going to the hotel with a definitive list shortly thereafter: if you don't have a booking form in by Dec 31, while we can and will make every effort to sort out a room for you,

we can't guarantee it.

**Membership rates go up on Dec 15th, to
£ 38/ £ 25 waged/unwaged (\$60/\$47, €45/€30).**

Our innovative under-18s rate remains £ 1/\$1.50/€1 per year of age.

Join, as they say, early and often: if you don't have access to a membership form, just drop the committee an email or a letter, or even a phone call, and we'll sort you out - contact details elsewhere in this fine publication.

Those of you with a SMOF-gene spliced into your DNA will be pleased to know that some bearers of that gene have nobly stepped up to the oche to deliver a bid for the 2012 convention. Obviously, I can't tell you any more details than that, and there's always room for a second bid, should anyone feel so inclined. And it's not too early to start thinking about 2013 - if you'd like to see something different, get yourself onto a concom and brainstorm!

As ever, the wonderful Mr Roger Robinson will be handling the Filk Fund auction - please bring along anything you can think off that'll raise money for our overseas guests. We have lately had something of a habit of bringing duos over, which does stretch the Fund more than single guests: so, get your thinking caps on. Remember that things like one-off CDs or songbooks (for the performers amongst you) tend to go for well above the cost of producing them, so if you're feeling that you can't afford to contribute by buying stuff, think if there's anything you can make that might sell! There will be a couple of rarities this year, we promise. Roger will also be running his usual dealers table - if you have stuff to sell, he'll be willing to host it for you for the usual rates (which I believe tends to work out at around one unit of that currency known to fen as Beer).

Directions to the hotel can be found elsewhere - there'll be folk from the committee there from lunchtime on Friday to welcome you. Remember there's a pool, and pack your swimming costumes!

Please note that there is no children's programming room this year - last year it sat empty for the entire con, and we have photographic evidence of a large kids' DS party on the sofa under the stairs in reception!

And I think that's it for now: any questions can be directed via the contact address, and we'll be sure and sort you out.

Till February!
Mike

The Foot Loose Filker

The UK Filk Fund (FF) committee have again decided that it would be a good idea if some of the upcoming talented European Filkers were able to come to the British Filk Convention so that they could benefit from exposure to the wider circle of filkers present at the UK con and also for UK filk fandom to get to meet some of the newer talent coming out of Europe.

To make this possible The FF offers a grant/bursary to one or two such "Footloose Filkers" as such are identified and decided upon by the FF committee. The grant is intended to cover the cost of travel to the convention and the majority of the accommodation costs.

Next years convention organising committee have also allocated a free membership and a short performance spot as part of the award.

Footloose Filkers will *not* be guests of the convention, rather they will be there to learn more about filking and to gain experience in a convention environment that is different from their home convention.

For the 23rd British Filk Convention (Cre2c3ndo) to be held in Grantham from February 4th to 6th 2011 we are pleased to announce that Kamen has been invited to be our "Footloose Filker".

Kamen lives in the bright frankonian city of Nürnberg, Germany. She has a nearly four-year-old son and is studying book-science and mediaeval literature. Most of her funtime she spends with Bollywood, role-playing, writing, singing and music.

We hope you will enjoy meeting and listening to her and we look forward to seeing Kamen at Cre2c3ndo.

The Hotel

Have you booked your bedroom yet? No? It might be a bit chilly sleeping in your car so please book NOW. There is a form on the website, and a copy attached with this PR.

Those of you who've been before should know the hotel by now, but for any new members (welcome!):

Ramada Grantham
Swingbridge Road
Grantham, NG31 7XT

0147 6593000

<http://www.ramadagrantham.co.uk/>

the prices include breakfast

the bedrooms are on two floors, so if you can't manage stairs please ask for a ground floor room

all the con rooms are on the ground floor

Programming

Deadline for programme requests was 1 Dec.

Rika will be sorting out requests for a draft programme later this month.

Pen portraits of the ConCom

Some of you have been asking for more information about your friendly Concom for 2011, so I commissioned this.

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of meeting our illustrious Committee members for 2011, we have obtained these small vignettes from a reliable source.

Mike

Little is known about Mike's early beginnings but he was born in Easthampton in 1982. He first came to our notice when we heard rumours of a gentleman who danced so divinely that he was in great demand for Edinburgh soirées. More recent;y he has been polishing up his quickstep and tango for a very special programmes item. Those of you who haven't yet seen Mike in his white ties and tails are in for a fantastic session on Saturday night!

Mike is a great forward planner, so this year, in case the hotel is over-booked, he has booked the ConCom in the (redacted) hotel. We will be arriving each day by limousine so we don't miss anything.

Rika

Rika is of course one of our well-known musicians, coming from a long line of filkers going back to Bach himself. What you may not know is that she shaved her hair off for Comic relief 2007, and now wears a wig.

She has taken an innovative stance for the programming this year – abandoning the traditional GoH slots and pre-booked slots for a raffle. Anyone arriving by 17.00 on Friday is invited to buy ticket to appear at the

opening concert. The two winners will be announced ten minutes before the concert starts so that Tech can set up. Tickets for Saturday slots will be available at breakfast, from 06.30 to 08.30, and again for Sunday. Tickets to enter the raffle for the closing ceremony will be double price (half price for any GoH who would like a chance to perform)

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Colin

Colin has been busy recruiting new filkers to boost this years profits (he's already booked the ConCom's post event relaxation week at Champneys). He can be seen each weekend offering cut rate memberships at the big events – the comeback for Take That, Madonna, Kylie, Mitch Benn. He even flew out on expenses to attend Neil Gaiman's wedding in the hope of selling a couple of memberships to the happy couple.

And finally, and very least, **Tricia**

She joined the ConCom at the last minute in order to take over the menial task of putting together the PRs. Her greatest achievement so far is to put together this PR at the same time as taking part in NaNoWriMo for the first time. She apologises for any inadvertent overlap.

Members so far

- 1co Mike
- 2co Colin
- 3co Rika
- 4co tigg
- 5g Heather
- 6g Ben
- 7g Marilisa
- 8f Kamen
- 9 Keris
- 10 Rick
- 11 Omega
- 12 Rafe
- 13 Miki
- 14 DJ Bass
- 15 Aunty Marion
- 16 Songbird
- 17 Peter
- 18 Smitty
- 19 Roger
- 20 Valerie
- 21 Robert
- 22 Janet
- 23 Mad Logician
- 24 Kate
- 25 Dave
- 26 Jessica
- 27 minnow
- 28 Professor Friendly
- 29 John
- 30 Barbara
- 31 Melusine
- 32 Tom
- 33 Teddy
- 34 Martin GK
- 35 Andy GK
- 36 Philip
- 37 Lissa
- 38 Alex
- 39 Amy
- 40 Liz
- 41 Deborah
- 42 Alistair
- 43 Abi
- 44 Rachel
- 45 Steve
- 46 Katy
- 47 Nat
- 48 Martin
- 49 Michael
- 50 Ju
- 51 Sue
- 52 Tony
- 53 Peter
- 54 Gwen
- 55 Rhodri
- 56 Mike Richards
- 57 Alison
- 58 Zander Nyron
- 59 Countess Axylides
- 60 Kathy
- 61 Mike
- 62 Peter
- 63 Karen
- 64 Katie
- 65 Jackie
- 66 Silke
- 67 Thomas
- 68 Heike
- 69 Aileen
- 70 Clare
- 71 Ewan
- 72 KT
- 73 Vaurien
- 74 Talis
- 75 Pippa
- 76 Debbie Levy
- 77 Mich
- 78 Hilary Ann
- 79 Donnacat
- 80 Franklin
- 81 Jela
- 82 Steffi
- 83 Jenny
- 84 Andreas
- 85 Hitch
- 86 Gerd
- 87 Soir
- 88 Dale
- 89 Crystal
- 90 Alex
- 91 Le-Matya
- 92 Shaya
- 93 Pug
- 94 Red dragon Simon
- 95 Green dragon Raphael

And the last important bit!

If you haven't joined yet, please use the membership form. Otherwise pass it on!

UK residents, please make cheques payable to *UK Filk Con* and post to:

Crescendo
c/o 16 Ann's Road
Cambridge
CB5 8TN

US residents, please make checks payable to *Colin Tuckley* and mail to:

Crescendo
c/o 9838 W Fond Du Lac Ave Apt 5
Milwaukee, WI 53224-5239
USA

For other countries, please contact us and we'll work something out.

Hotel rooms are only held till the end of December, so book now.

Membership form

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(rates rise on 15 Dec 2010)

Name:.....

Address:

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Post Code :

Telephone # **Badge Name:**.....

Email:

I wish to receive Progress Reports etc by: EMAIL POST (circle one)

Membership Type: Full Unwaged Child (6-18) Age:.....

I agree to having the information provided here stored in electronic form for the purposes of UK Filk Conventions.

Signed:..... **Date:**.....