

Committee's note

Hello!

It's three weeks to the convention! How is it three weeks to the convention? We're not panicking or anything. Nope.

By the time you read this, you will hopefully (SUBTLE HINT) have booked your hotel room. If you've asked for a set, you'll have heard back from us. (If you think you've asked for a set and haven't heard back from us, now would be a great time to get in touch!) If you're waaaay more organised than us, you may have even started packing your bags.

We are getting closer and closer to being ready to go. As some of you may have noticed by now, the committee have had an overabundance of Real Life going on in the last year; thank you for bearing patiently with us and for all of the offers of help. We really appreciate it.

This PR has useful bits and pieces about when to arrive, what to bring, and what to expect in general. We hope it will get you in the mood for the con, and we all look very much forward to seeing you all soon (and also to not being the committee anymore...)

Arriving at the convention

The registration desk will be upstairs outside the main programming room. (Take the stairs that are just to the left of the reception desk as you come into the hotel.) Registration will be open from 17:00.

The opening ceremony will start at 19:45.

Auction

As is traditional, we will be holding an auction to raise money for the Filk Fund. This allows us to bring over our amazing overseas guests of honour every year.

If you have something to contribute to the Filk Fund auction, don't forget to bring it along! Your wallets and an insatiable appetite for chocolate are also useful things to bring into the auction with you.

Cream teas

There are cream teas at the hotel! Mmmm, cream teas. They need to be pre-ordered, so if your plan is to arrive at the hotel on Friday and dive into a scone or three, don't forget to get in touch with them and book your tea at least 24 hours in advance. And if you want tea on Saturday or Sunday, you'll need to book for both of those days on Friday.

Lanyards!

Do you have a lanyard or three lying around somewhere? You probably do, even if you have never deliberately owned one, because, let's face it, those things materialise out of nowhere like mysterious socks in your laundry. Anyway. If you do, please bring them along.

Programmíng

Main concert

The main concert will be on Saturday afternoon. You can sign up to perform one or two songs (depending on demand.)

Sams workshops

Do you want to build your own Sam?

Come on, let's go and play! As part of our 30th anniversary celebrations Omega will be running a series of workshops over the weekend for people to make their own mini Sam award statuettes. For almost two decades Omega has been making all sorts of amazing creations from a base of an artist's mannequin to serve as the awards at the UK Filk Awards, known as the Sams.

There will be a limited number of spaces on these workshops, so please sign up soon by dropping us an email to enharmonicon@gmail.com

All materials will be supplied, so whether you have never won anything in your life, or want to add to your well-stuffed trophy cabinet, please join us.

Hotel bookings

By now you should have booked your hotel room. We'll be dropping you a note to confirm your booking in the next week. (If you're receiving this by post, confirmation of your booking will be enclosed.) Let us know asap if you have any hotel queries or need to change something.

Getting to the hotel

Address

Best Western Marks Tey Hotel
London Road
Marks Tey, Colchester
Essex CO6 1DU

Car

From the M25, exit at J28 onto the A12 towards Chelmsford. Stay on the A12 for approximately 34 miles and then exit onto the A120, signposted Stansted/Marks Tey/A120(W). At the roundabout take the third turning signposted to Stanway. Follow the road over the A12. At the next roundabout take the first turning. The entrance to the hotel is 200 yards on your left.

Parking

The hotel has a large car park. Parking is free, but you must register your car with their system as soon as possible after arrival. There is a touch-screen device for this purpose at reception.

Public Transport

The hotel is a 0.5 mile walk from Marks Tey train station. The walk is simple, but does require crossing the A12 and going over a bridge. Taxis are available to go between the station and the hotel.

PLEASE NOTE that, as is by now sacred tradition, there are disruptions to the line Saturday and Sunday only. Please check the National Rail website for details if travelling by train on those days.

Membership list

Abi Crook (G)	Janet Johnston	Kathy Westhead
Alistair Crook (G)	Talis	Mike Westhead
Rachel Crook (G)	Silke	Peter Westhead
Betsy Tinney (G)	Debbie Levy	Hitch
Ωmega (G)	Rayner Lucas	Tiggy
Jackie (C)	Steve Macdonald	Dale Williamson
KT (C)	Sib	Inamac
Emily January (C)	Minstrel	Teddy
Marilisa (C)	Billy	Nye
Kate Soley-Barton	Janet Maughan	Paul Bristow
Shadow	Robert Maughan	Andrew January
Andrew Barton	Steve Melnikoff	Jane
Aunty Marion	Jackie	Bill Sutton
Minnow	Bob Moore	Brenda Sutton
Michael Bernardi	Lesley Moore	Chris Power
Matt	FanTom	Faith Dillon-Lee
Susan Booth	James	Sunnie
Lisa	Alex	Lissa
Blind Lemming Chif- fon	Alison Richards	Annie Griffith
Fhtagn	Mike Richards	Jared
Christo	Roger Robinson	Shaya
Deborah	Mich	Anna
Liz	Songbird	Dave Tinney
Rafe	Dave Stevenson	Marcos
Miki Dennis	Jessica	David
Katy	Lydia	Phil
Sue Edwards	Naomi	Rachel
Pippa	Barbara Stewart	Chantelle
Simon	John Stewart	Ellie
Colin Fine	Ben	Pug
Gwen Funnell	Micken	Chris Jolliffe
Franklin	Nat	Socrates
Rick Hewett	Melusine	Red Dragon Simon
Ju Honisch	Colin Tuckley	Green Dragon Raphael
Valerie Housden	Peter Tyers	Amy
Rhodri James	Peter Wareham	(G: Guest
	Karen Westhead	C: Committee)