

SMOFCON 19

7th - 9th December 2001

Smofoon is coming to the UK!

SF Fandom is so big that some conventions can focus on particular subjects. Smofoon is about sharing your experiences of convention running with other con runners. If you are interested in discussing good/best practices, what works, what doesn't and why (e.g. local circumstances), dealing with common and not so common issues, problems and solutions that have worked before, then Smofoon is for you. Smofoon depends on the participation of its members, so if you have a knotty problem with your convention, this is where you will find the largest concentration of SF con organising experience. Above all, Smofoon is the annual chance for con runners to talk to each other in person, over a beer or several, instead of electronically or at a committee table.

Smofoon 19 will have as its programme theme "People and Personalities". What is the best way to turn an informal fan grouping into an effective committee? How can you find people's unexpected strengths? Why does someone you enjoy talking to as another fan turn out to be so difficult to work with? How can we avoid putting round fans in square holes?

People vary a lot and fans can vary even more. Some like small cons but are horrified at the idea of anything larger. Some work well meeting in person, others on the phone and others via e-mail. Join us as we hunt 'The one true way', and then murder it. Instead we want to give everyone a chance to look at different ways of con running from across the world and choose what suits them.

The 2001 convention will be held in York on the 7th - 9th of December at the Monkbar Hotel. Membership is £25 per person (UK cheques payable to SMOFCON 19).

Room bookings are being dealt with directly by the hotel. Room rates are £75 per room per night with full English breakfast and VAT, based on two people sharing. Some singles are available at £55 per night with FEB and VAT.

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The committee are: KIM Campbell as Chair, Margaret Austin, Martin Easterbrook, and Mike "Sparks" Rennie constructing the Program, Vince Docherty for Publicity and Ben Yalow for Sound Advice. With assistance from Kat Rennie, Publications Editor and Nigel and Sabine Furlong for Program input.

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