

The 26th UK filk convention Grantham Ramada Hotel 7-9 February 2014

Progress report 3 January 2014

Chairbeing's note

At the time of writing:

Days to the convention: 24

Members registered so far: 106

Games of GoH luggage Tetris planned: 1

Cakes consumed in committee meetings this year: about 3,547 Instruments listed in concert tech requirements so far: over 50

Kegs of real ale and cider on order: 4 Excitement levels: Through the roof

The hotel rooms are booked, the programme nearly finalised. From Germany to Gravesend and from Sheffield to Salt Lake City, filkers are busy preparing their sets. Wooden mannequins are being attacked with glue guns, badges are being assembled, and cupboards searched for items to go in the auction. Mysterious masked individuals are sitting in their garrets (or so we like to imagine), penning guest bios and designing programme book artwork. Reports of a headless chicken (bearing a strange resemblance to the convention chairbeing) running up and down the A12 remain unconfirmed.

We can't wait until the convention (or the day after it, when we can collapse into a gibbering heap). Are we nearly there yet?

Arriving at the convention

The registration desk will be in the hotel reception area, and will open at 17:00 on Friday.

The opening ceremony will start at 19:45.

Auction

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.

Raffle

As mentioned in previous progress reports, we will be running a raffle to raise some extra funds for the Filk Fund, since we have a higher-than-usual number of overseas guests. To whet your appetite, here is a sneak preview of the prizes:

- A beautiful rag doll handmade by Teddy to your specifications.
- A DVD of the web series Raising Kayn, which our GoH Taunya Gren wrote and starred in.
- A batch of delicious baked goods made by Lissa Allcock.
- A CD with three rough tracks from Playing Rapunzel's upcoming second album.

Programming

Main concert

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

Feldenkrais workshop

Just a reminder that Rika will be running a Feldenkrais workshop at the convention. Bring a blanket or towel to lie on comfortably. Places are limited due to space.

Once more with feeling

There will be an audience participation/singalong rendition of the Buffy musical episode, *Once more with feeling* on Saturday morning. There's time to (re)watch it before the convention and brush up!

Hotel things

Hotel bookings

Hotel bookings are now closed, and you should all have received confirmation from Jackie, either by email or enclosed with this PR for those of you receiving it by post. If you have not had confirmation, or have any other hotel-related queries, please get in touch with the concom as soon as possible.

Day room

We are aware that there are some issues with the hotel's accessible rooms, which have led some people to book more suitable accommodation elsewhere. We have booked a twin room in the hotel for anyone who is not staying in the hotel, but needs to go and lie down/rest for a while during the day. It will be available from Friday afternoon until the checkout time on Sunday morning. Please approach a committee member at the convention if you would like to use the room.

Membership list

Marilisa (C)

Jackie (C)

Hitch (C)

Debbie L (C)

Deborah (G)

Alex

Amy

Alisa Garcia (G)

Melusine

Lissa

Phil

Alex

Amy

tiggy

Alisa Galcia (G)tiggyLuis Garcia (G)Janet MaughanTaunya Gren (G)Robert MaughanPaul Kwinn (G)Ju HonischRoger RobinsonValerieMike RichardsLizAlison RichardsAlistairΩmegaAbi

Anna Rachel Emily January Christo

Andrew January Michael Bernardi

Rika Colin John G Miki

Chavalai Kathy Westhead
The Magician Mike Westhead
Aunty Marion Karen Westhead
Rafe Culpin Dale Williamson
Kate Peter Westhead

KatePeter WestheadMinnowKatie DraisbachPeter WarehamAlex ClarkeGwen FunnellMatt BeswickTony RogersJames NobleRhodri JamesJohn StewartSue EdwardsBarbara StewartKathy SongbirdMichael (2 of 5)

Silke Bine (1 of 5) Rick KT

Peter Tyers Donnacat Nat Hilary Ann Steffi Lawrence Dean

Bill Fhtagn
Brenda Thesilee
Mich Peredar
Steve Volker
Sven Kirstin

Gerd Martin Easterbrook

Bamboo Paul B. =:0}
MeToo Lisa Burscheidt
Teddy Ben Supper
Fantom Michelle Supper

Jessica David
Dave Socrates

Naomi Rayner Lucas

Mad Logician Beckett Gladney

Diana Joan (DJ) Bass Casey Kwinn

Katy Riley Kwinn

Steve

Zander Nyrond (C): Committee Countess Axylides (G): Guest