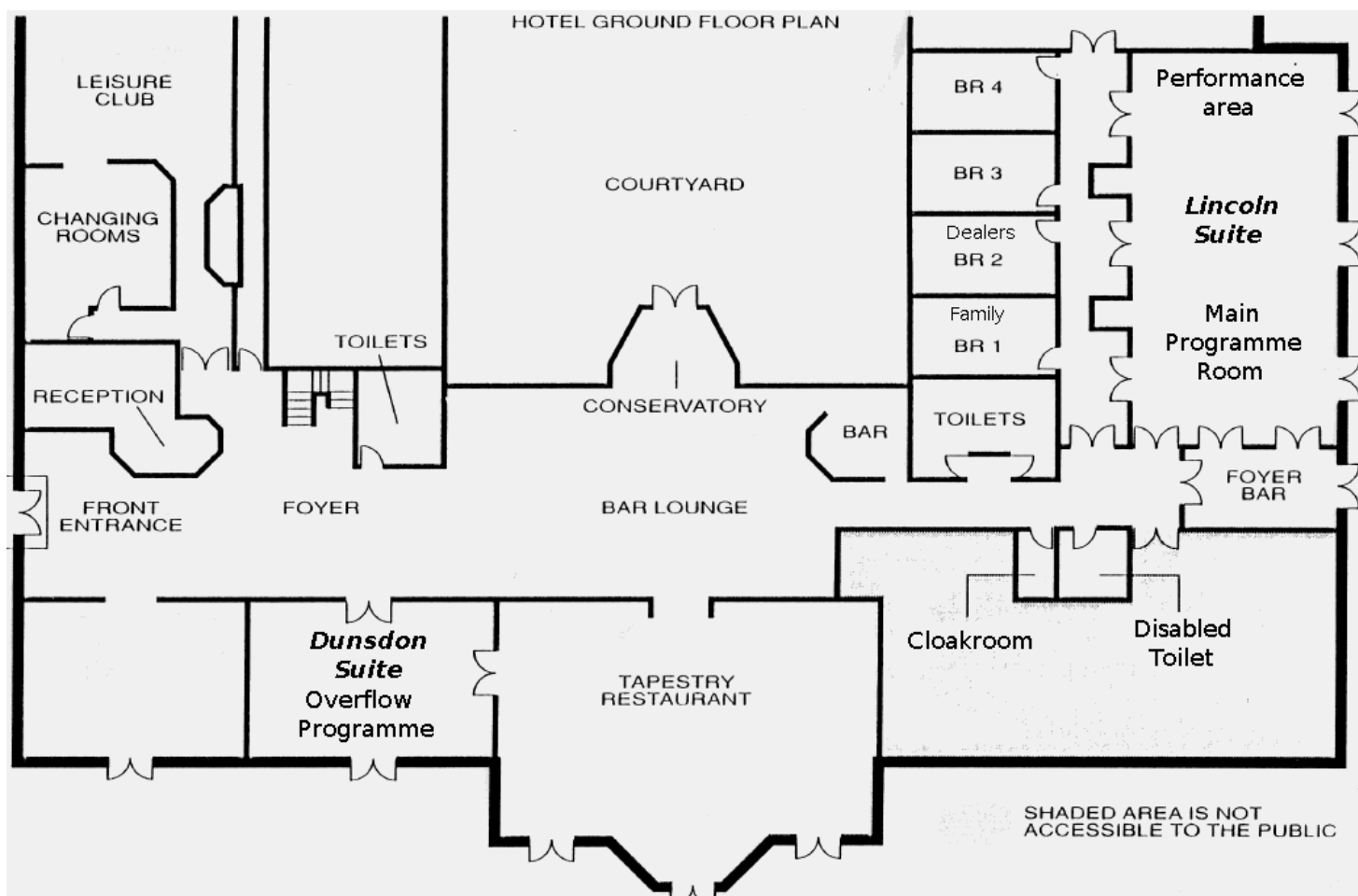


Van der Filk Read Me

UK Filk Convention 2010

Well, you're here! So we don't have to tell you where it is. But you might need the phone number: **0147-659-3000**.



Recording Policy (short form)

The convention is held for the benefit of all its members. Any recording, videoing, photography, etc., shall be considered secondary to, and must not interfere with, the enjoyment of the con by its members. That includes setting up equipment, switching it off if asked, and not leaving it unattended.

Any recording you do must be **FOR YOUR OWN USE ONLY**. If you want to use a recording of anyone apart from yourself for any other use, you **MUST** get permission.

Our Guests

UK Guest: Gwen Knighton-Raftery is our very own imported American solo artist, as well as being founder member of Three Weird Sisters. It's our gain that she married Joe and moved over here, so we get to enjoy her harp playing, rich distinctive voice and songwriting, as displayed on her album 'Box of Faries', at close quarters.

US Guests: Vixy and Tony are a pair of Seattle based filkers who have been wowing audiences on the far side of the pond for several years now, as well as producing their brilliant debut album 'Thirteen', and helping out on other folks' recordings.

Footloose Filker: Lastalda is from Dresden in Germany (yet another one!). She is twenty three, has a one-year-old daughter and is currently studying molecular biology. For fun she enjoys music, books (especially but not limited to fantasy), roleplaying, and talking with people

Where to Eat

In the Hotel: the nearest place. Breakfast is FREE, included in the room rate, served from 7am to 10am on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch will be served in the bar area from 12:30 to 14:30 price £6.50, dinner in the restaurant from 5:30pm to 8pm, price £18. Bar snack menu is available, bar opens at 8am, hot bar snacks finish at 9:30pm (bar will be open until midnight, after that you need to find an on-duty member of staff).

Important: like most hotels, they have a strict corkage policy. Do not bring alcohol or outside food into the hotel, you'll get in trouble. (If you need food for medical reasons, or confectionery, that's OK, but don't bring in fish & chips or whatever.)

Outside: there isn't much. There's a Traveller's Fayre about half a mile away, across the A1 (you go under the A1), and a fish & chip shop about half a mile to the north. Ask at reception for directions. Otherwise, it's a trip into the town about 2 miles away, where there are Chinese, Indian and pizza places.

Time	Friday		Saturday	
	Main	Other	Main	Overflow
10:00			Gwen workshop	Rescuing tapes tech discussion
10:20				
10:40				
11:00			Tom Nanson	Open filking
11:20				
11:40				
12:00				
12:20				
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12:00 to 14:00				
14:00			nMC	Open filking
14:20				
14:40				
15:00				
15:20				
15:40	Tech setup	Registration in hotel lobby	Talis Kimberley	
16:00			Business meeting	
16:20			Bid session	
16:40			Soir	
17:00			Lastalda	
17:20			Steve Mac	
17:40				
18:00 to 19:30	Dinner		Dinner	
19:30	Opening Ceremony	Open filking in overflow room	Gwen concert	Open filking
19:50	Heather Borean			
20:10	Snowdrop Explodes			
20:30				
20:50	Vixy and Tony concert			
21:10	Nat Titman			
21:20	Mike W			
21:50				
22:10	Cosmic Trifle			
22:30 to late	Open filking	Open filking		

Time	Sunday	
	Main	Overflow
10:00	Vix and Tony workshop CD recording	Ecumenifilk
10:20		
10:40		
11:00	One shots	Open filking
11:20		
11:40	Kathy Songbird	
12:00	Gwen concert	
12:20		
12:40		
13:00 to 14:00	Lunch	
14:00	I'm Sorry...	Open filking
14:20		
14:40	Vixy and Tony concert	
15:00		
15:20		
15:40	Sams Ceremony	
16:00	Auction	
16:20		
16:40		
17:00	Sams Concert	
17:20	Closing Ceremony	
17:40	Tech teardown	
18:00 to 19:30	Dinner	
19:30 to late		The Dead Mouse (where? There on the stair) Filk

The nMC -- N'Early Music Consort -- is the UK's premier filk choir. An hour of (mostly) *a capella* filk.

At the business meeting we discuss the state of the Filk Fund and any business related to it. Followed by the bid session at which next year's filk convention will hopefully be announced.

The filk auction is where we raise money for our future filk guests to travel here. Buy early, buy often!

Cosmic Trifle are one of the UK's filk bands. Their style is approximately "folk rock", having influences from many musical genres.

One shots are a set of sets, each of which is a single song from a performer who doesn't have a full set at the convention. Sign up before they start if you want to perform.

"I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue

Who's Line It Is, Just Filk With It Anyway 3: Have I Got Quite Interesting Buzzcocks?" Paul Bristow attempts to herd two teams (plus The Band) in the general direction of mounting a filkish game-show type thingie... with hilarious results (it says here).

The Sams are British filk's answer to the Oscars, our awards. Nominations will be taken up to midday on Sunday, and then voting for another hour or so.