

CORFLU COBALT PROGRAMME

Lordy, Ma, no one said it would be easy but I didn't know it would be this hard. In 'another place' Curt Phillips neatly undermines my basic operating principles in programming this Con by speculating on how he would handle a Corflu: "the unique thing about a Corflu is that one isn't designing an entertainment for an audience; one is coordinating a reunion for the family. If I had to worry about *entertaining* all you lot I'd run away screaming right now. You don't need me to *"*entertain*"* you...' Well, thanks Curt, that puts me in my place, and makes all my meticulous planning over the last few months rather irrelevant, but I'm afraid it's too late for me to tear it up now, so the rest of you are stuck with it. Not Curt though because unfortunately he won't be attending.

All events take place in the Main Malory Hall unless otherwise stated.

Finally, please remember folks, this is not only "your convention" but it is you who can make it memorable for all.

Graham Charnock

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

2.30pm TONY KEEN will be leading a ***GUIDED TOUR*** of Winchester's historical, architectural and picturesque features. This should last 60 to 90 minutes and will be on the basis of first come first served. Sign up beforehand by posting your name on our communal notice boards, or turn up, but note we reserve the option to limit numbers if it seems more than Tony can manage. Assembly in the main hotel lobby.

8.30pm ***OPENING CEREMONY***. Be there or be unaware. Festivities will include drawing the GOH's name out of a hat in the time-honoured tradition; otherwise be prepared to be indoctrinated by our Chairman in what exactly is and isn't expected of you this week-end.

9.00pm ***JAMES BACON DOES BOB SHAW***. Bob's tongue-in-cheek, deadpan lectures were a highlight of many UK conventions. That other famous Irishman James Bacon will undertake the best impersonation he can manage of one of these acclaimed performances. We remind you that food is not allowed to be brought into the hotel, so please make sure you disguise your rotten tomatoes and mouldy cabbages.

10.00pm ***THE EXPLICATOR STRIKES BACK*** Hosted by John Nielsen-Hall. Foolish people will be given foolish topics to explicate on. The audience will vote on who they think is the most effective explicator. Other arcane details and rules of this event remain unknown even to me at this juncture.

SATURDAY 20TH MARCH

10.30am **PANEL: I BLAME DR WHO** Hosted by Graham Charnock. 1980 before and after. Did the rise of media fandom drive fanzine fandom down the drain or was it already well on its way there. Martin Easterbrook. Joseph Nicholas, Mark Plummer, Jerry Kaufman will wrestle with this overwhelming topic.

11.30am **BILL BURNS INTERVIEWS EARL KEMP.** Bill puts the Corflu Fifty delegate and King of Sleaze under the spotlight, possibly illustrated with salacious material from Earl's esteemed fanzine el

12.15pm **PANEL: GRUMPY YOUNG GIRLS** Hosted by Graham Charnock: Lilian Edwards, Anne Murphy, Claire Brialey, Sue Mason and Judith Hanna get a lot of stuff off their... er... chests about what really irks them about fandom, fanzines, fans and conventions. Expect blood or at least nail varnish to flow.

1.00PM TO 2.30 PM—BREAK FOR LUNCH

2.30pm **ROB JACKSON'S TEAM QUIZ.** This is a pub-style quiz— everyone can take part! Get into teams of four (or less). Please put your names up on the Bulletin Boards.

3.30pm **STEVE STILES' ROTSLER AWARD PRESENTATION.** Steve will give an illustrated commentary on the previous winners of this prestigious award for a lifetime achievement in fanzine art.

4.30pm **AUCTION.** Peter Weston and Alison Scott invite you to bid your heart out for many rare and intriguing items, proceeds as always to a variety of Fannish charities.

5.30pm: **PANEL: DIGGING UP THE DIRT.** Peter Weston, Rob Hansen, Ted White, Jim Linwood and Sandra Bond talk about Fannish History and the problems and rewards of archival research.

6.30pm **THE ADVENTURES OF PAT AND THE ELECTRIC MOTORMAN.**
No, not more porn from Earl. A cast of thousands deliver a radio play from the Classic Era of Fannish Radio Plays that was written only last week.

7.30 PM—BREAK FOR DINNER

10.00 ONWARDS

WHAT HAPPENS IN LAS VEGAS COMES TO WINCHESTER. Slide Show with commentary on Corflu Silver in Las Vegas in 2008. A chance for UK fans to make the acquaintance by proxy of many regular US Corflu Con-goers, and see how much better we do things over here.

LATE NIGHT CABARET/OPEN MIKE SPOT - We will be twisting various people's arms and legs for a bit of impromptu entertainment, be it singing, poetry, or performing the Astral Pole. Check our Bulletin Boards for what's on.

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH

GROUP PHOTO

Before the Banquet/Buffer we will be organizing people for a Group Photo. Please see notices about where and when to assemble. Depending on weather conditions the photo will either be taken in the Con Hall itself or in the public car park in front of the hotel.

12.00 BANQUET/BUFFET

As is customary at Corflus there will be some business to get through after people have finished stuffing their faces. If the GOH wants to say a few words he or she will be given the opportunity. The FAAn Awards will be announced by organizer Mike Meara with the assistance of his glamorous assistant John Nielsen-Hall, and prizes will be given. There will also be prizes for the winner of the Bonnie Bairns competition and a prize for the Bairn voted the most Bonnie* (see below). Someone may even give us some idea where they would like Corflu 2011 to be held.

ONGOING EVENTS

ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR RENOVATION PROJECT: At vast expense we have saved a Ro-neo duplicator from a Council tip where it has happily been rusting for several years. Supplies of Kitchen Towel, Swarfega, Wire Wool, Rubber Gloves, and WD40 will be made available for anybody willing to try their hand at renovating this item in the Chaucer Room. For many we realize this will also be the chance to actually see what a real-life old-fashioned duplicator such as was used by our forefathers, including Walt Willis, actually looks like.

***BONNIE BAIRNS:** Check our bulletin boards where childhood photos of various fans will be displayed. You will be invited to try and match the Photos with the Names and the best-guesser will receive a special prize. We will also be asking people to vote on who they think the bonniest bairn of all is and he/she will also receive a prize.

OTHER: We cannot guarantee at the present time that there will not be ad hoc musical performances, poetry recitals, and other spontaneous displays of fannish exuberance unbounded by taste or reason., some of them maybe involving Astral initiation rites. Keep watching the Notice Boards.

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