

11-13 April 2025

LIFE, THE UNIVERSE & CORFLU

The Chequers Hotel, Newbury, UK



Memberships:

As of 14/09/2024, we have 66 members; 54 currently plan to attend, with 9 supporting and 2 virtual members. A list of all members can be found at:

<https://corflu.org>

Membership rates:

Attending membership rates are currently £75/\$95, whilst supporting memberships are £25/\$32 and virtual memberships are £10/\$15

Day rates coming soon!

Payments:

Please refer to the website at:

<https://corflu.org>

Sometimes an image is too good not to re-use...

Progress Report 2 – September 2024

Corflu 42 staff:

David Hodson – Chair
Claire Brialey – Memberships/
Money/General All-round
Good Sense
David, Mark Plummer & Tommy
Ferguson – Programme
Tommy Ferguson – Resident
Tech Geek
Nigel Rowe – U.S. Agent
Bill Burns – Website

First up, an apology.

This PR is either two or three weeks or several months later than I intended, but I reckoned without the knock-on effects of a Worldcon, the numerous overseas visitors that it attracted (mostly Australians), and the way I feel a Worldcon tends to suck all the oxygen out of a fannish room. Having said all that, I also feel I got plenty done in Glasgow. Doug Bell agreed to edit the fanthology, which will be a collection of original pieces about music, so some of you should expect an email shortly about your contributions (Jerry Kaufman: you really shouldn't have reminded me about the anniversary of hip hop. You only have yourself to blame). Plans were put in place for the FAAn Awards. And programme ideas were put out into the ether, discussed over various tonsil lubricants, and are now starting to be refined by myself and a couple of fishlifters; some of those plans might even involve fanzines.

Dave



Free Fanzine Table

James Bacon

Corflu will have some tables set aside for fanzines to be recycled. We already have a couple of boxes coming, but if you want to downsize, or would like to see fanzines handed on to other fans, please feel free to bring them along. We will be working to try to have some fanzines available that contain work by D. West, Peter Weston, Eve Harvey and Abi Frost as we consider their work, but make no promises.

We'll also have a system in place where we will take fanzines, comics and books away and get them to the Eastercon in Belfast where a similar Free Fanzine and Free Books/Comics/Ephemera table will be happening, so they can be passed forward. Please contact James directly via jamesbacon74@gmail.com to plan donations and logistics.

Revised PR Schedule:

PR3 **WILL** appear at the end of November because Novacon will be another hive of activity for all involved here. It will have details of day rates for the convention because there are several people who would like to attend – and who we would like to attend – who have various other responsibilities which make being there in person all weekend an impossibility.

PR4 is planned for the end of January 2025 and PR5 for the end of March 2025, approximately a fortnight before the convention.

The Fanzine of Honour

Claire Brialey



In PR1 we briefly trailed the idea of a 'Fanzine of Honour' programme item. I've suggested this before but want to see it through this time. It's based on the 'Book of Honor' concept from the Potlatch conventions and is our attempt to crowdsource a focused discussion on a fanzine that members of this Corflu would really recommend.

Any member can nominate one or more fanzines: email corflu42@corflu.org or tell me direct by Sunday 10 November. In PR3 I'll reveal the nominations, and all Corflu members can then vote on what our Fanzine of Honour should be, chosen from those nominated. In PR4, early next year, we'll announce the result (and where to find that fanzine) and then everyone will have a chance before the con to (re)read as many issues as we each want to, to inform a programme discussion. We'll ask a few people to lead the item, but everyone will be welcome to come along and join in – or just to listen, if you prefer.

Thanks for the response already received to that passing introduction in PR1: now let's get some more nominations in and get this process rolling!

Claire