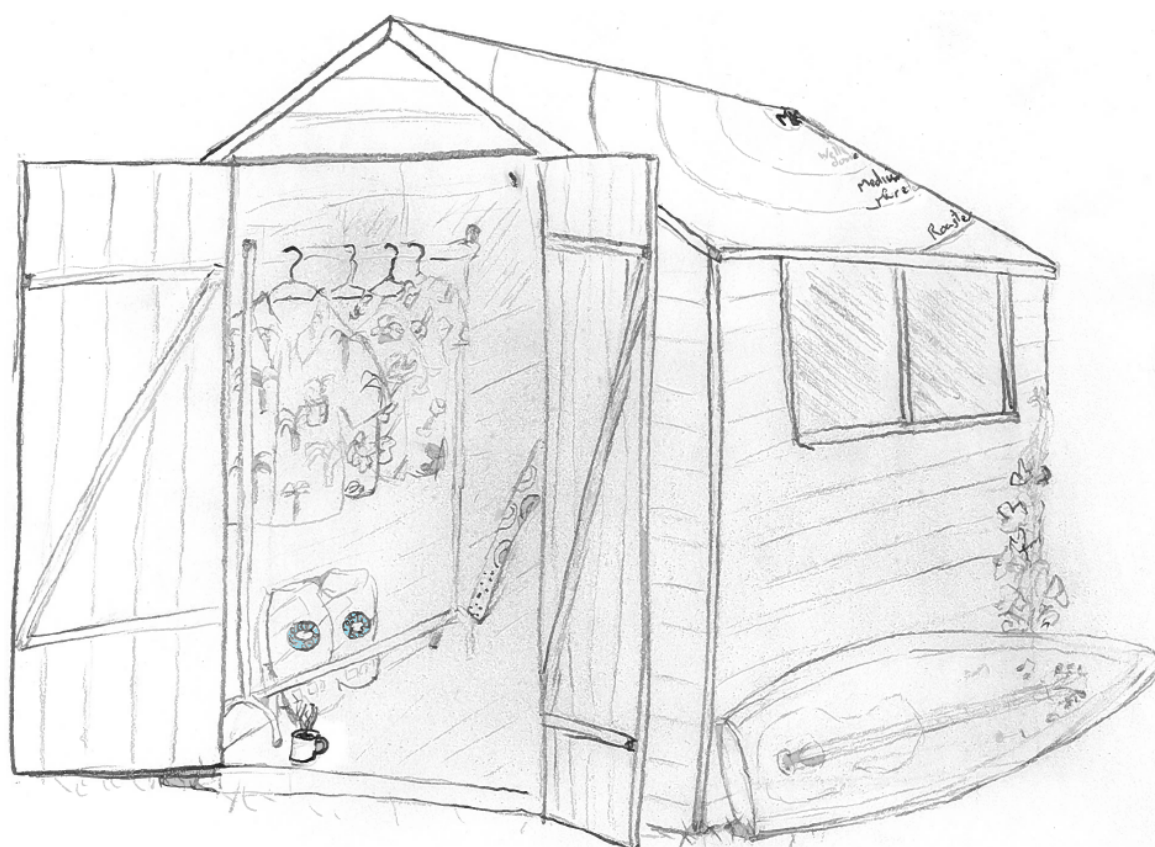


Conz Filkin



PR1

YOUR CONCOM

Scene1: A windy hillside, somewhere outside Grantham. Thunder rolls, lightning strikes [maybe once, maybe twice, ah – and it lights up the night...].

Concom 1: I am Lissa Allcock, admirer of lemurs, lover of purple and evil librarian by night and DAY!!! Mwoohahahah!!!! I shall work my evil magic by ensnaring innocent fen and selling them memberships to my convention, whilst simultaneously making sure that the rest of my Concom forgets NOTHING!!! Mwoooohahahahahah!

Concom 2: {Flourishes long and floofy skirt} And I am Annie Walker, mistress of all that is green, I shall do what I'm told by Lissa, because above all things, I'm not stupid, and I know what side my bread is buttered. I shall write really dodgy PR articles, schedule wonderful music, talk to the hotel and play harp when no-one is watching. And occasionally when they are, too! Mwoooohahahahahah!!!!

Concom 3: Philip Allcock, bard am I, quick of word and sort of sly. With word and rhyme and bad intent, I've parodied where'ere I went. My given task before this con, to track where all the money's gone! Mwoooohahahahahah!!!!

Concom 4: Errr, Tim here. I'll be building a wall, replumbing four bathrooms, playing the melodeon, learning the violin, singing in two folk duos, playing a ceilidh for a wedding, teaching twelve small children to play the guitar, and another one to play the tuba. I'll also be learning how to lay bricks, plastering the music room and eating a Ginsters' pasty. In my copious spare time, I will be liaising with Guests of Honour and doing whatever my wife tells me. [Stands up, looking shamefaced.] "My name is Tim Walker, I have a problem saying 'no'. It has been three nanoseconds since I last agreed to do something...."

[Exeunt stage left, pursued by a bear...]

OUR MASCOT

We've run conventions before. Some of you may remember them. Some of you may even remember our mascot – Brooce, the Concrete Cow.

Brooce has had many adventures over the years – surfing, learning to play the Didgeridoo, opening a chip shop and many more...

This convention is an Allcock-Walker-Allcock-Walker collaboration, so of course, Brooce has to be involved. We searched high and low for Brooce when discussing whether to run a convention again. We couldn't run a convention without a Concrete Cow! Such a thing was **unthinkable!!!!**

Thankfully, after hiring a Private Detective, we tracked down Brooce in Miss Portland's Home for Disturbed Cementitious Ruminants, and after a serious talk involving promises of a new coat of paint and all the Hawaiian shirts he could want, we are pleased to announce that Brooce is back on board.

There has been some kind of incident involving Alien Abduction and Concrete Cattle Mutilations that we have, as yet, to get to the bottom of, but Brooce is back on board, and that is all that matters!

OUR HOTEL

...is a very, very, very nice hotel:

The Best Western Marks Tey Hotel, London Road, Marks Tey, Essex, CO6 1DU.

You will note that it IS NOT IN GRANTHAM. A change! Gasp!!!! It is nice and easy to access from the A12, and within easy walking distance (about 7 minutes) of Marks Tey train station. The walking route takes you across the slip road for the A12, though, so it is recommended that one doesn't hang about whilst crossing. If you prefer to avoid walking, though, a taxi should cost a very small amount of money.

The area around the hotel has extra facilities – there is a “truckstop” style diner a couple of minutes away, and the best foodie restaurant/shop in Essex just another minute after that.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The foodie shop “The Food Company” has a handmade chocolate stall. If your Concom look stressed at any point, we highly recommend applying large amounts of chocolate. If they don't look stressed at all, we highly recommend applying large amounts of chocolate. If they look slightly stressed, we highly recommend applying large amounts of chocolate. In fact, if you see them, apply large amounts of chocolate.

There is also a chemist, a small supermarket, a convenience store/petrol station and a PA shop within two or three minutes walk in both directions.

It has two function spaces (both **very** large) one upstairs and one downstairs. There is a lift to the upstairs main room, but we ask that it is prioritized for use by those using wheelchairs or with mobility problems (or loading heavy equipment in and out).

There is a health spa with swimming pool a very short distance outside of the main lounge/lobby (about 20 feet or so). They have bemusedly agreed to allow

us to stage an “Aquapella” singing event in the pool. We recommend packing your swimming costume!

There are two fully equipped rooms suitable for wheelchair users and their partners/carers. We have checked door widths, turning circles, and facilities and they certainly appear to be fit for use by wheelchair users.

CON ETHOS

Yes. We have a con ethos. Shocking. The ethos is this:

“Music is more fun when we make it **together**”.

Be prepared for sing along songs, familiar songs, songs with chord sheets so that everyone can join in, workshops on **how** to join in, spontaneous harmony, planned harmony and any other kind of harmony that you might feel like. Be prepared for unison singing, silly singing, heartwarming singing and just being part of this beautiful community of ours in whatever way you feel comfortable with.

Bring things to **share**. Sharing is where it's at for this convention.

SET REQUESTS

If you would like a set, please let us know as soon as possible, along with some idea of what sort of thing you plan on doing, and with whom. If you'd like to do 45 minutes of balloon-modelling (and believe me, we have AT LEAST two people in the community who could do that...) then let us know. We cannot guarantee sets, but the earlier you let us know, the more chance we have of making sure that as many things as possible can be fitted in.

GUESTS

Graham & Becca Leathers:

I think I was sold on Graham and Becca when Tim and I attended OVFF and were just bemoaning the fact that we'd forgotten to bring any teabags with us when there was a knock at the hotel room door. We opened the door and Becca and Graham were standing there when Becca uttered the most wonderful words ever heard by English people in a foreign country: “I have teabags and a kettle in my room, you know...”.

How these people aren't English is beyond me – Becca loves tea, and Graham has a sense of humour so dry that he really should have been born in this country. Finding out that the two of them were wonderful and consummate musicians

was just the icing on the cake. We knew that we'd have to get them over to this country at some point, and Con27ilkin' has given us just that excuse.

Clare Goodall:

Courtesy of Lissa:

"Clare says that everyone should wear well-fitting clothes to reduce the likelihood that she will blast them from your body with her awesomeness (and volume. Seriously people.)"

Clare likes instruments like a drowning man likes air. One glance at her car boot when travelling to and from a gig confirms this. It's like Dean's Impala in "Supernatural" if Dean were a medieval musician instead of a supernatural hunter...

We don't know exactly what Clare will be performing at the convention, but we know that it will be beyond awesome, because that's how Clare is at everything she does. It will almost certainly feature extraordinarily loud musical instruments, costume and the sound crew having to lie down in a darkened room with a damp cloth over their foreheads... We can't wait to welcome Clare and her instrument collecting habit to Con27ilkin'!

ROOMS

Room booking forms will be included in PR2 to be issued later in the year, but so that you can budget, room prices are as follows:

Single Room £50.00 – room only

Double / Twin £58.00 room only

Adjoining Room £95.00 room only (For families with more than one child)

Single Room with Breakfast - £57.00

Double Twin Room with Breakfast £65.00

Adjoining Room with Breakfast- £102.00 (For families with more than one child)

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Abi	ch	Gwen Funnell	A	Alison Richards	A
Alistair	ch	Hilary Ann	A	Mike Richards	A
Alex Allcock	ch	Inamac	A	Rick	A
Amy Allcock	ch	Jackie	A	Roger Robinson	A
Lissa Allcock	C	Rhodri James	A	Tony Rogers	A
Philip Allcock	C	John	A	Steve	A
Michael Bernardi	A	Ju	A	Dave Stevenson	S
Mary Bertke	A	Kate	A	Jessica Stevenson	A
Bill	A	Katy	A	Naomi Stevenson	C
Jenny Blackburn	A	Kirstin	A	Barbara Stewart	A
Susan Booth	A	KT	A	John Stewart	A
Brenda	A	Becca Leathers	G	Teddy	A
Chavalai	A	Graham Leathers	G	tiggy	A
Chris	A	Lisa	A	Peter Tyers	A
Christo	A	Liz	A	Valerie	A
Clare	G	Mad Logician	A	Volker	A
Colin Fine	A	The Magician	A	Annie Walker	C
Countess Axylides	A	Marion	A	Ellie Walker	ch
Rafe Culpin	A	Janet	A	Tim Walker	C
Lawrence Dean	A	Robert Maughan	A	Peter Wareham	A
Debbie L	A	Melusine	A	Karen Westhead	A
Deborah	A	Miki	A	Kathy Westhead	A
Donnacat	A	Minnow	A	Mike Westhead	A
Katie Draisbach	A	Nat	A	Peter Westhead	A
Sue Edwards	A	Omega	A	Dale Williamson	A
FanTom	A	Rachel	ch	Zander Nyron	A
Fhtagn	A				
Guest	G				
Committee	C				
Attending	A				
Child	ch				