

YOUR PLANET NEEDS YOU...

You have been selected for a delicate and dangerous operation. A number of suspected alien entities have infiltrated this planet, masquerading as “filkers.” Your task is to study them in their natural habitat—a simulation of a “filkering convention”—and determine if indeed they are of extra-terrestrial origin. Naturally, this operation is for volunteers only, and due to the sub rosa nature of the subject matter, sadly ineligible for government funding. However, we are confident that your natural patriotism will not allow you to let Earth down in her hour of greatest need.

YOUR COMMANDING OFFICERS:

Gwen Knighton (code name “Telynor”)—overall co-ordination
(though why we should be wearing co-ordinated overalls I do not know)

Joe Raftery (code name “Filceolaire”)—hotel liaison

Emily Raftery (code name “Pola Bear”)—programming, guest liaison

Anna Raftery (code name “Mokatiki”)—beer liaison (*is this right? Ed.*)

Marion Beet (code name “Aunty Marion”)—treasurer

Janet Waite (code name “Axyldes”)—artwork co-ordination

Zander Nyronde (code name “Smallship1”)—publications

THE SUBJECTS:

Lady Mondegreen

Three of our suspects have fiendishly contrived to blend in with filkeristic society by founding a nine-woman intercontinental ballistic band, thus surrounding themselves with innocent humans to avoid detection. It is hoped that you will succeed in isolating the three in question in the course of this convention, so that their true origin can be determined. They definitely fulfil the first criterion laid down by the British Government’s Commission for Alien Detection, viz. they have peculiar non-English-sounding names. Note: one of them is alleged to be a member of a species known as Toons. A list of precautions to be taken when dealing with this species is being drawn up. (Example: never enter a tunnel with a pot of black paint standing nearby.)

Mike Richards

This suspected alien has cultivated the appearance of a harmless and inoffensive human to such perfection that he has managed to attain a government post of some sensitivity. We are under considerable pressure from the department in question not to expose him as an alien, as no-one else is trained to do his job. However, we cannot be swayed by such considerations. Earth must be protected.

THE VENUE:

The Basingstoke Hilton is a hotel in Basingstoke. (*You were supposed to say nice things about it. Ed.*) I can’t think of any. (*You’re fired. Ed.*) Oh, all right. The Hilton Basingstoke is just off junction 6 of the M3 and within walking distance of the town centre and 60 minutes from Heathrow airport.

Car parking is available for £3 per night

Meals in the Britisserie Restaurant and bar. The Caffè Cino serves coffee, tea, chocolate, pastry, sandwiches, panini and snacks

141 bedrooms each 24m² with internet.

BT Openzone Wireless internet

Fitness Room: Free for hotel residents. Full range of cardio machines and free weights.

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?moreDesc=true&ctyhocn=BASINHN>

or

<http://www.hilton.co.uk/dispatch/ViewPropertyHomePageForm?hid=11001793&ViewPropertyHomePage=&formName=ViewPropertyHomePageForm>

Room rates: £70 single occupancy, £75 double occupancy.

THE DATELINE:

2nd-4th February 2007

CONVENTION RATES:

£27.00 for publications on paper and delivered by post or by hand

£26.00 for publications delivered electronically

AND FINALLY, A WORD ABOUT THE NAME...

The D’zenove Convention (pronounced "The Ge-nó-vah Convention") will be the nineteenth UK filk convention. There is no causal relationship between the fact that "dezenove" means "nineteen" in Portuguese and 2/7 of the convention committee (counting one member not officially on the committee) are half Portuguese. Absolutely none. The fact that three members of the convention committee are in the same family (not counting one member not officially on the committee) is completely coincidental as well. There may or may not be two married couples on the convention committee (after we’ve finished!), but we can say pretty firmly that the convention is called "The D’zenove Convention." Just think of it as a friendly reminder that there is a strong Portuguese bias on the committee. Except sometimes.

Membership List as at 28/04/2006

Mike	Richards	Guest	Valerie	Housden	Internee
Alison	Richards	Internee	Diana	Bass	Internee
			Joan		
Seanan	McGuire	Guest	Deborah	Crook	Internee
Batya		Guest	Omega		Internee
Merav		Guest	Vera E	Croughton	Internee
Gwen	Knighton	Concom	John	Gunn	Internee
	Rafty				
Joe	Rafty	Concom	Andrea	Gordon-Kerr	Internee
Marion	Beet	Concom	Martin	Gordon-Kerr	Internee
Zander	Nyrond	Concom	Liz	Crook	Internee
Janet	Waite	Concom	Alistair	Crook	Internee
Emily	Rafty	Concom	Abigail	Crook	Internee
Anna	Rafty	NOT	Rachel	Crook	Internee
		Concom			
			Sybille	Machat	Internee
John	Stewart	Internee	Michelle	Sampson	Internee
Barbara	Stewart	Internee	Marilisa	Valtazanou	Internee
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Peter	Wareham	Internee	Juliane	Honisch	Internee
Gwen	Funnell	Internee	Lissa	Allcock	Internee
Tom	Nanson	Internee	Philip	Allcock	Internee
Teddy		Internee	Alex	Allcock	Internee
Lawrence	Dean	Internee	Amy	Allcock	Internee
Rafe	Culpin	Internee	Chris	O'Shea	Internee
Rick	Hewett	Internee	Lisa	Smith	Internee
Roger	Robinson	Internee	Rhodri	James	Internee
Robert	Maughan	Internee	Kathy	Sands	Internee
Janet	Maughan	Internee	Leo	Sands	Internee
Sue	Edwards	Internee	Kathy	Westhead	Internee
Chris	Bell	Internee	Mike	Westhead	Internee
Melusine		Internee	Karen	Westhead	Internee
Katy	Dröge	Internee	Peter	Westhead	Internee
Steve	Macdonald	Internee	Bill	Sutton	Internee
Michael	Bernardi	Internee	Brenda	Sutton	Internee
Patricia	Williams	Internee	Jennifer	Blackburn	Internee
Kate	Barton	Internee	Andrew	Smith	Internee
Andrew	Barton	Internee	Josephine	Gilbert	Internee



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