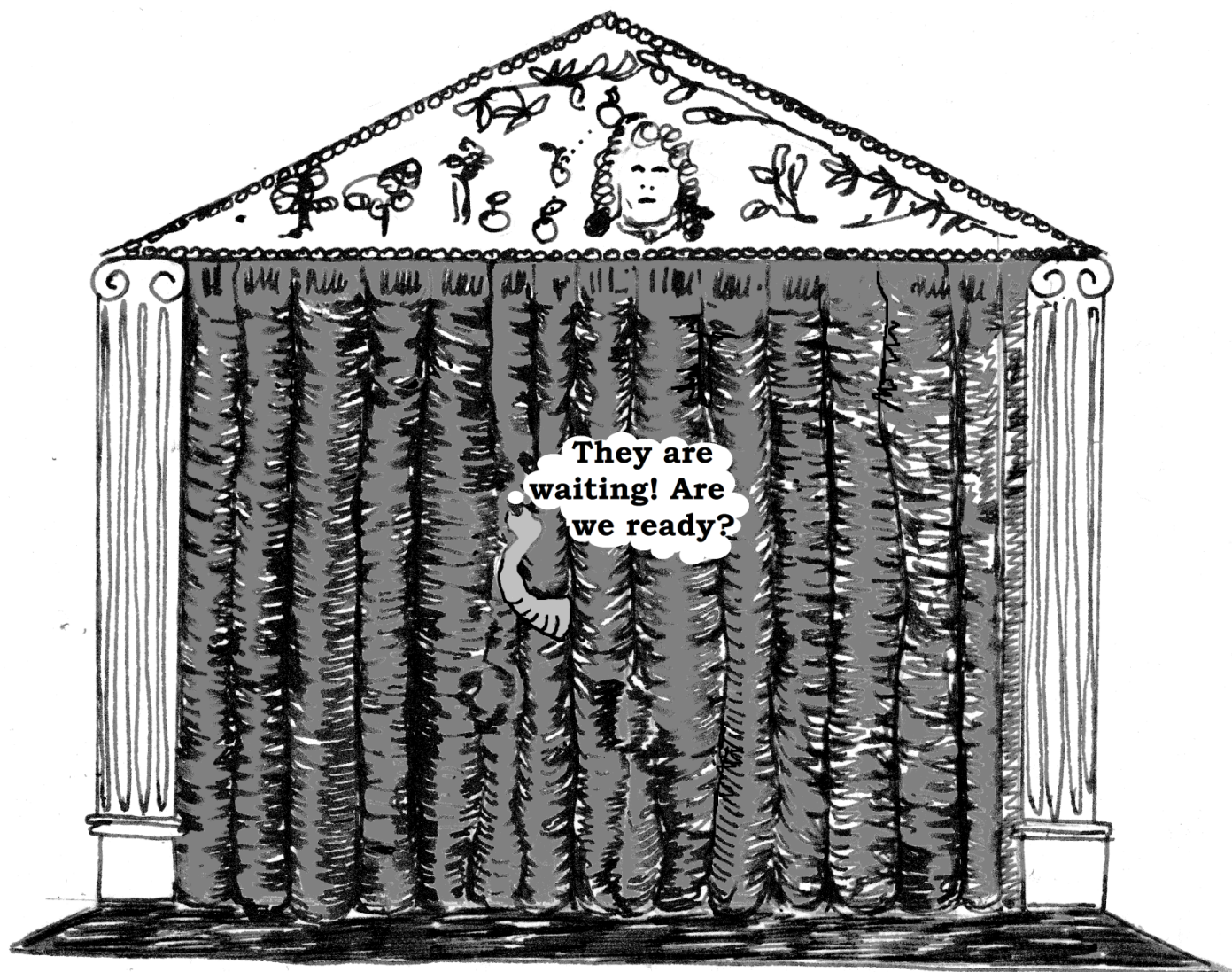


♪ *Quarter Tone PR3* ♪



1st – 3rd February, 2013
The 25th Annual UK Filk Convention
Ramada Grantham Hotel, Grantham

The view from the bush

England in December has its cold and wet side. I like to get away. I flew south, away (as I thought) from the cold and the wet. Here in Kenya it's been much warmer, but we had about 200mm of rain over the Xmas holiday, so I didn't entirely escape the "wet".

I've been wandering through the bush with a train of camels. Camel riding is an uncomfortable occupation. I did try riding on a camel one day, but it sat down more than once, so I figured it figured I weighed too much and could use the exercise, and Shanks' pony has some distinct advantages.

What has this to do with a filk convention? Well, one of the advantages of being Kenya is that it's away from the Net, but one of the disadvantages of Kenya is that it has somewhat less Net connection than some parts of the world. The convention programme, however, has been receiving some thought. Inevitably there will be some juggling to do, and I've been contemplating what juggling can be managed...

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season, whether you were stuck somewhere cold and wet, or in sunshine and heat. I also hope you're all looking forward to Quarter TONe.

Rick Hewett

The Hotel

Hopefully you sent back details about your hotel requirements after the previous PR. We think we have heard one way or another from everyone; with this PR you should have been sent what we have lined up for you. Please check and let us know if it is incorrect!

Check-in is after 2pm.

The Programme

The programme order is in the process of being finalized; if you are doing an item, you should have been contacted by Rick to choose a suitable time. We aim to start the opening ceremony at 7:45pm on Friday.

Themed Concert

Remember that this year we will be having a *Themed Concert*, on the loose theme of *Silver*. We welcome songs on this subject (and entertaining justifications as to why your song fits the theme). Of course, songs in the concert do not have to be new.

This concert is in addition to the usual Main Concert, which as ever is open to everyone and material on any topic.

Directions to the hotel

The hotel is close to the intersection of the A1 and A607, located just off Swingbridge Road. The postcode is NG31 7XT.

From the North: Take the A1 to Grantham and exit on the A607 (signed to Grantham and Melton Mowbray). The slip road is Swingbridge Road.

From the West: Take the A52 to Grantham until you reach the A1, then turn south and exit on the A607.

From the South: Take the A1 to Grantham and exit on A607. Turn right at the roundabout and go under the A1. Take the first left.

From the East: Take the A607 to and through Grantham, following signs to Melton Mowbray. Just before the A1 flyover turn right on Swingbridge Road.

At this point you should be on Swingbridge Road; the hotel is just off the roundabout.

By train:

Grantham station is on the main London Kings Cross to Edinburgh line, with regular north/south trains. The station is one mile from the hotel.

By air:

East Midlands (EMA), Leeds/Bradford (LBA), and Stanstead (STN) are the closest, although the first two need a bus or taxi to the nearest station. From London Heathrow (LHR) or Gatwick (LGW) we advise getting the train from London Kings Cross.

The hotel address is *Ramada Grantham, Swingbridge Road, Grantham*; telephone UK +147 6593 000. For those of a more technical disposition, the GPS coordinates are N52 53.989 W0 39.718 (WGS 84)

The Filk Fund Auction

Roger Robinson has once again agreed to handle the Filk Fund action. Please do consider whether you have anything you can donate. It's through your generosity, via the Filk Fund, that we are able to bring our overseas guests to the convention. Roger will also be running his usual dealer's table and is willing to host sales for people.

The Quarter Tone Songbook

The Quarter Tone songbook has now gone to the publishers: 71 songs in just over 100 pages. We'd like to pass on our gratitude to everyone who has supplied us with material, and a special "thank you" goes to Miki, for stepping in to do extra artwork at the last minute.

The Quarter Tone committee would also like to thank Alison for all her work in compiling it.

Membership as of January 6th, 2013:

Cat Faber	Hilary Ann	Roger Robinson
FanTom	Hitch	Tony Rogers
Aileen	Ju Honisch	Silke
Alice	Katie Howe	Smitty
Alex Allcock	Jackie	Socrates
Amy Allcock	Andrew January	[Kathy] Songbird
Lissa Allcock	Emily January	Barbara Stewart
Phillip Allcock	John G.	John Stewart
Anna	Kate	Bill Sutton
Diana Joan (DJ) Bass	Debbie L	Brenda Sutton
Michael Bernardi	Le-Matya	Steffi
Chavalai	Liz	Dave Stephenson
Christo	Mad Logician	Jessica Stephenson
Ewan Clark	The Magician	Naomi Stephenson
Colin	Marilisa	Steve
Countess Axylides	Aunty Marion	Sven
Abi Crook	Janet Maughan	Talis
Alistair Crook	Robert Maughan	Teddy
Rachel Crook	Melusine	Thesilée
Rafe Culpin	Mich	Thomas
David	Miki	tiggy
Deborah	Minnow	Peter Tyers
Donald	Nall	Valerie
Donnacat	Nat	Peter Wareham
Katie Draisbach	Zander Nyronnd	Karen Westhead
Martin Easterbrook	Paul ☺	Kathy Westhead
Sue Edwards	Peredar	Mike Westhead
Eva	Pippa	Peter Westhead
Simon Fairbourn	Rhodri	Anne Whitaker
Ferret	Alison Richards	James Whitaker
Gwen Funnell	Mike Richards	Mike Whitaker
Gavran	Rick	Dale Williamson
Heike	Rika	Ωmega

Membership costs £40 for waged and £27 for unwaged. Children under 5 are free.
Discounts for under 18s.

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