

Zemígreve

The word 'Zemígreve' is written in a large, black, hand-drawn font. Behind the text is a faint, grey illustration of a musical staff with several notes and a treble clef, giving the impression of a musical score.

The 26th UK filk convention
Grantham Ramada Hotel
7-9 February 2014

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January 2014

Chairbeing's note

At the time of writing:

Days to the convention: 24

Members registered so far: 106

Games of GoH luggage Tetris planned: 1

Cakes consumed in committee meetings this year: about 3,547

Instruments listed in concert tech requirements so far: over 50

Kegs of real ale and cider on order: 4

Excitement levels: Through the roof

The hotel rooms are booked, the programme nearly finalised. From Germany to Gravesend and from Sheffield to Salt Lake City, filkers are busy preparing their sets. Wooden mannequins are being attacked with glue guns, badges are being assembled, and cupboards searched for items to go in the auction. Mysterious masked individuals are sitting in their garrets (or so we like to imagine), penning guest bios and designing programme book artwork. Reports of a headless chicken (bearing a strange resemblance to the convention chairbeing) running up and down the A12 remain unconfirmed.

We can't wait until the convention (or the day after it, when we can collapse into a gibbering heap). Are we nearly there yet?

Arriving at the convention

The registration desk will be in the hotel reception area, and will open at 17:00 on Friday.

The opening ceremony will start at 19:45.

Auction

If you have something to contribute to the Filk Fund auction, don't forget to bring it along! Your wallets and an insatiable appetite for chocolate are also useful things to bring into the auction with you.

Raffle

As mentioned in previous progress reports, we will be running a raffle to raise some extra funds for the Filk Fund, since we have a higher-than-usual number of overseas guests. To whet your appetite, here is a sneak preview of the prizes:

- A beautiful rag doll handmade by Teddy to your specifications.
- A DVD of the web series Raising Kayn, which our GoH Taunya Gren wrote and starred in.
- A batch of delicious baked goods made by Lissa Allcock.
- A CD with three rough tracks from Playing Rapunzel's upcoming second album.

Programming

Main concert

The main concert will be on Saturday afternoon. You can sign up to perform one or two songs (depending on demand.)

Feldenkrais workshop

Just a reminder that Rika will be running a Feldenkrais workshop at the convention. Bring a blanket or towel to lie on comfortably. Places are limited due to space.

Once more with feeling

There will be an audience participation/singalong rendition of the Buffy musical episode, *Once more with feeling* on Saturday morning. There's time to (re)watch it before the convention and brush up!

Hotel things

Hotel bookings

Hotel bookings are now closed, and you should all have received confirmation from Jackie, either by email or enclosed with this PR for those of you receiving it by post. If you have not had confirmation, or have any other hotel-related queries, please get in touch with the concom as soon as possible.

Day room

We are aware that there are some issues with the hotel's accessible rooms, which have led some people to book more suitable accommodation elsewhere. We have booked a twin room in the hotel for anyone who is not staying in the hotel, but needs to go and lie down/rest for a while during the day. It will be available from Friday afternoon until the checkout time on Sunday morning. Please approach a committee member at the convention if you would like to use the room.

Membership list

Marilisa (C)

Jackie (C)

Hitch (C)

Debbie L (C)

Deborah (G)

Alisa Garcia (G)

Luis Garcia (G)

Taunya Gren (G)

Paul Kwinn (G)

Roger Robinson

Mike Richards

Alison Richards

Ωmega

Anna

Emily January

Andrew January

Rika

John G

Chavalai

The Magician

Aunty Marion

Rafe Culpin

Kate

Minnow

Peter Wareham

Gwen Funnell

Tony Rogers

Rhodri James

Sue Edwards

Kathy Songbird

Silke

Rick

Peter Tyers

Nat

Melusine

Lissa

Phil

Alex

Amy

tiggy

Janet Maughan

Robert Maughan

Ju Honisch

Valerie

Liz

Alistair

Abi

Rachel

Christo

Michael Bernardi

Colin

Miki

Kathy Westhead

Mike Westhead

Karen Westhead

Dale Williamson

Peter Westhead

Katie Draibach

Alex Clarke

Matt Beswick

James Noble

John Stewart

Barbara Stewart

Michael (2 of 5)

Bine (1 of 5)

KT

Donnacat

Hilary Ann

Steffi
Bill
Brenda
Mich
Steve
Sven
Gerd
Bamboo
MeToo
Teddy
Fantom
Jessica
Dave
Naomi
Mad Logician
Diana Joan (DJ) Bass
Katy
Steve
Zander Nyron
Countess Axylides

Lawrence Dean
Fhtagn
Thesilee
Peredar
Volker
Kirstin
Martin Easterbrook
Paul B. =:o}
Lisa Burscheidt
Ben Supper
Michelle Supper
David
Socrates
Rayner Lucas
Beckett Gladney
Casey Kwinn
Riley Kwinn

(C): Committee
(G): Guest

