

**The Griffin Hotel, Leeds. March 13-16, 1998**

## **Readme: Your Guide to What, Where & Who**

### **Hotel Information**

#### **Breakfast**

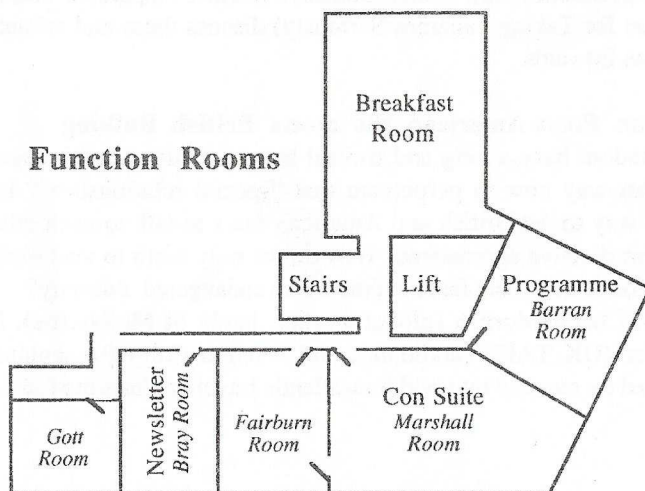
The breakfast room is on the first floor. It can only take 40 people at a time so please don't all turn up in the last half hour! Breakfast times Friday & Monday 7.15 - 9.15am but Saturday & Sunday 8- 11am. On checkout day please vacate your room by 12 noon. Luggage can be securely stored by the hotel until departure.

#### **Bar times**

11am until too few people are drinking. The bar may close temporarily at 11pm to clear out non-residents. Thereafter you must be a resident to be served. There will be a waiter service available to serve drinks upstairs in the evening.

#### **Catering**

The hotel does not have room service and there are no kitchen staff in the hotel after breakfast. If you go out and buy fast food please do not bring it into the hotel to eat.



## The Programme

**Thursday** Cafe Crawl. Meet 7pm in hotel bar.

### Friday

**1pm** Meet in reception. Walking tour of Leeds city centre, including Royal Armouries, Corn Exchange and Harvey Nicholls.

**8pm** *Marshall Room Pub quiz.* Meet your fellow team members for a rollicking battle of wits and fannish knowledge. At approximately 9.15 we have The Opening Ceremony in which we select the Guest of Honour.

**10.30pm** *Barran Room Milk and Alcohol* Mike Abbott (ch) (famed hyperactive teetotaler) asks Ted White (famed Sercon Fan), Mark McCann, Sheila Lightsey (been there, done it, given it up), and Ken Brown (Christian drinker and proud) if UK and US fandom are really two cultures separated by their choice of recreational drug. Are we moving to a world where nicotine will be illegal and marijuana given away on prescription? Is the British pub culture a healthy social scene or a one-way ticket to alcohol abuse and violence? Will E save us all (or damage our brains?)

### Saturday

**1pm** Optional trip to football match. See notice board and newsletter.

#### **1pm** *Barran Room Fanzines: Smells Like Team Spirit?*

Recent years have seen a growing tendency for fanzines to be produced by collectives of fans, for reasons as disparate as sharing postage costs or the excuse to have a dinner party before, after and while collating. Can fanzines survive only by evolving into a team sport? Or are no-shagging disclaimers wrecking any chance fanzines have to be taken seriously as the product of an individual artistic vision? Alison Scott (star of the Plokta collective), Rob Hansen (instigator of transatlantic experiment Pulp), Victor Gonzalez (former Apparatch-nik) and Paul Kincaid (Famed for Taking Fanzines Seriously) discuss these and related topics, chaired by Lilian Edwards.

#### **2.30pm** *Barran Room American Pie meets British Bulldog*

US and UK fandom have a long and fruitful history of links and interaction but what is the best way now to perpetuate that "special relationship"? Is TAFF really the best way to get British and American fans to talk to each other or are there easier, less divisive approaches? Why do we only seem to visit each other's countries for Worldcons where fanzine fans are an endangered minority?

Spike Parsons, Cheryl Morgan (global worker, lately of Melbourne), Maureen Kincaid Speller (UK TAFF candidate), and Avedon Carol (transplanted East Coaster), chaired by recently returned transatlantic traveller Christina Lake.

#### **4.00pm Barran Room Fanzine Auction.**

Loads of rare and wonderful delights for sale on behalf of fannish good causes.

**8.30pm Marshall Room Shooting Stars:** an extravaganza!! Dave Hicks & Mike Abbott entertain in a fannish version of the indescribable TV game.

#### **10 pm Marshall Room Getting Laid At Cons : A User's Guide**

Karen Babich (chair), Martin Smith, Bridget Hardcastle, Steve Swartz, Naomi Saunders. Is there really more sex going on in US fandom than British fandom, and if so, is it of the oral, anal or Internet variety? Is fandom really the tolerant arena for personal exploration and "safe sex" some claim it is, or a hotbed of sexual tension and pressure? If fans can't dance can they really flirt? Are \*you\* getting laid enough?

**11-ish Fairburn Room Christina's Four Decades of Decadence party.** Help Christina celebrate with drink, dance and other delightful distractions.

#### **Sunday**

**1pm Assemble in reception. Banquet** including FAAN awards, GoH speech, presentation of the bid by rich brown for next year's Corflu.

**3.30-ish Cricket match** led by Martin Smith. Meet in reception.

**4 pm Barran Room Bugger Me - It's a Fanzine!** Instant fanzine reviewing, including, with any luck, zines issued at Corflu itself. Claire Brialey (chair), Ulrika O'Brien, Nigel Rowe, Joseph Nicholas.

**9.30pm Barran Room** Closing announcements.

#### **9.35pm Barran Room The Future of Fandom!**

After Corflu UK, what next? 1997-98 has seen the end of the Attitude fanzine/convention project; the terminus (allegedly) of the MisCon series; the waning of the somewhat unexpected post Intersection fanzine renaissance; and the hotly controversial beginnings of a new UK Worldcon bid. Now that Corflu has made the great leap across the Atlantic where does it go next? What do we expect for fandom in the year 2000 and what, if anything, can we do about it? (Ch) Greg Pickersgill ; Mark Plummer; KIM Campbell, Pam Wells

#### **Monday**

Trip to Haworth & Saltaire. Meet in reception at noon after checking out.

**Time To Go Home**



## Where To Eat

Restaurants, all within easy walking distance. It is advisable to book a table as all these restaurants are very busy at weekends. Maps are available at reception.

**Brigg-Shots Bistro**, Queens Court 168 Lower Briggate, 242 5629  
Modern English Av cost for 3 courses £15-20 evenings Tues-Sat £5/10  
pre-theatre menu 5.30-7pm

**Rascasse**, Canal Wharf, Water Lane  
Modern French/Mediterranean Lunch 14, Dinner £18-24

**Pizza Express**, White Cloth Hall, Crown St, 246 5207  
Pizzas, pasta & salad 3 courses £9.50

**Brasserie 44**, 44 The Calls, 234 3232  
Modern English/Classic French Early bird 7.15-8.15pm 2 courses £9.75, 3  
courses £12.95 Av cost £27

**Shabab**, 6 Eastgate 246 8988  
India Av cost £15

**Shear's Yard**, The Calls 244 4144  
English & Tapas bar Av 3 courses £18

**Sous Le Nez Basement**, Quebec St 244 0108  
Av cost 3 courses £22 Fixed price £14.95

**Thai Siam**, 68 New Briggate  
Thai food Av cost 3 courses £15

**Whitelocks**, Turks Head Yard, Briggate 2453950  
Traditional English Av cost 3 courses £10

**Oporto**, 31 Call Lane, 243 4008.  
English & Mediterranean. Av 3 courses £15

**SoHo**, 35 Call Lane, 242 9009.  
International. Av cost 3 course £15