



2t0nic

THE 20TH UK FILK CONVENTION

**RAMADA HOTEL, GRANTHAM, 1-3 FEBRUARY 2008
PROGRESS REPORT 3**

A welcome from the 2t0nic committee

Three weeks and a bit to go, and we're into the last stage of our preparations. Applications for programme items are now closed, although we still have some spaces for the performance workshop and Filkaoke. There will be sign-up sheets for individual performance slots (2x10 format – 2 songs or 10 minutes) at the convention itself.

If you have asked for a programme item, you should by now have been contacted by the committee with more details – if you have not been, please let us know by email to enquiries@contabile.org.uk or using the website at <http://www.contabile.org.uk/2t0nic>.

As usual, there will be an auction to raise money for the Filk Fund that pays for the air fares of our foreign guests of honour – if you have items that could be auctioned to help this, please bring them.

If you haven't already got your hotel booking in, please could we have it urgently – hotel form on the website or hotel@contabile.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

A welcome from the hotel

Welcome to the Ramada Grantham Hotel. We are delighted that you are staying here with us and hope that you have a thoroughly enjoyable time at the music convention.

The convention is being held in our Lincoln Suite and Dunsdon room together with three smaller rooms, one of which is a room especially laid out for children to play in.

The hotel has 89 comfortable bedrooms which are all equipped with tea and coffee facilities, an ironing board, trouser press and a hairdryer. Whilst at the hotel, we hope that you will take full advantage of our complimentary leisure facilities which include a heated swimming pool, sauna, steam room and fitness centre.

Enjoy a meal in our spacious restaurant or a bar snack in our relaxing lounge area.

Our friendly and approachable staff are always on hand to ensure that your stay is as comfortable as possible.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming you to the Ramada Grantham Hotel.

Ramada Grantham

How to get there – by road...

From the A1 North: Take the A607 Grantham, Melton Mowbray turn off. At the end of the slip road is a small roundabout, take the first exit on the left and then turn immediately right into the Hotel entrance.

From the A1 South: Take the A607 Grantham, Melton Mowbray turn off. At the bottom of the slip road you will come to a T junction, turn right towards Grantham. Travel under the A1 flyover and take the first turn on the left, signposted the A1 South, London and Stamford. You will come to a small roundabout, take the second turn off and the Hotel entrance is on the right.

From the West A52 (Notts): From the A52 take the A1 South. Then take the A607 Grantham, Melton Mowbray turn off. At the end of the slip road is a small roundabout, take the first exit on the left and then turn immediately right into the Hotel entrance.

From the East A52 (Boston): Follow the A52 into Grantham, past the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks and to the set of traffic lights at the bottom of the hill. At these traffic lights continue straight over, signposted towards A607 Melton Mowbray. At the end of this road you will come to another set of traffic lights with a pub on the right, turn left here. You will go past the Fire Station on your right, take the next turning on the right signposted A1 South, London, Stamford. You will come to a small roundabout, take the second turn off and the Hotel entrance is on the right.

by train...

Grantham is on the East Coast main line between London Kings Cross and Edinburgh. London Kings Cross also sits directly opposite the new Eurotunnel terminal at St. Pancras, providing an easy tube-free change. The station is about a mile from the hotel.

by plane...

The nearest airports are East Midlands, Leeds/Bradford and London Stansted. The first two require a bus journey to connect to the nearest station, while Stansted is directly on the rail network and, although further away, may be easier for transfers.

or using International Rescue

Make a radio call on any frequency using the words “calling International Rescue”. John on Thunderbird 5 will pick it up on the appropriately shaped speaker and flash his eyes at his dad, who will then despatch his sons to pick you up. You will need a moveable swimming pool to allow the ship to land...sorry, I think I've been watching Sam's DVDs too much...