



31-ET

*The 31st UK
filk convention*

Best Western Marks Tey Hotel
London Road, Colchester, Essex, CO6 1DU

1-3 Feb 2019

UK Guest: Chantelle Smith

US Guest: Cheshire Moon

Membership:

Waged: £38 (£36 if booked before 1-4-18)

Unwaged: £28 (£25 if booked before 1-4-18)

Children over 5: £1 per year of age (under 5s free)

Please make cheques payable to UK Filk Convention

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Child (yrs)

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New to Filk?

So you'd like to come and join in but don't want to be the neo at the back? Fear not, here's the essentials you need to fit right in!

What's filk anyway?

"Filk" has been described as the folk music of the science-fiction fan community. It's a mixture of song parodies and original music, humorous and serious, about subjects like science fiction, fantasy, computers, cats, politics, the space programme, books, movies, TV shows, love, war, death...

Filk music started off at sf cons, where people got together at night to have good old-fashioned folk music song circles. The name "filk" started out as a typo of "folk", but these days, there is such diversity in the music performed that a one definition of filk music is "music that filkers play"!

What happens at the con?

UK filk conventions are a mixture of concerts (featuring filkers ranging from the "just testing the water" through to those who are professional musicians), workshops, activity sessions and "circles".

Circles tend to be run in one of two ways:

Bardic, where we go round the circle taking turns to sing (or to nominate another singer), OR

Chaos, where people can jump in at random, especially where they have a song which follows the theme of the one before. Chaos sessions can get manic, so bring plenty of energy and enthusiasm!

Want to know more about filk?

There are lots of handy resources on the web, but why not start with:

www.filk.co.uk — Rafe Culpin's resource for information on filk in the UK, with links to the WiGGLe list, upcoming events, related links, news, history and other information.

Kay Shapero's [Filk Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.KayShapero.net/filkfaq.htm) (www.KayShapero.net/filkfaq.htm) covers a large and varied number of filk-related topics.

There is a [Filk-UK mailing list](http://www.filklore.com/filk_uk.html) (www.filklore.com/filk_uk.html) to help you keep up with the news, as well as Facebook groups and more.

Notes:

1. Cheques in pounds (GBP) should be made out to **UK Filk Convention**.
2. Contact us if you wish to make an electronic transfer.
3. All registration data will be kept electronically and will only be shared with other British Filk Conventions.

Please send completed applications to:

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