

The 32ndAnnual UK Filk Convention

February 7th-9th 2020

Marks Tey



January 2020



Hello and welcome to the third and final pre-convention progress report for DemiSemiQuaver!

This PR includes:

- At-Con. Information
 - Notes on planned workshops and concerts, as well as things you may wish to bring.
- Con. timing and travel information;
- A membership form, including online payment options;
- A current membership list.

Please note that if you have not had confirmation of a hotel room booking request from us, you do not have a room booked at the hotel by the convention! (All submitted requests were approved.) There is still time to book <u>directly</u> with the hotel for yourself – rooms are still available but the pricing is no longer guaranteed.

(A huge thank you to FanTom for the cover art)

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DemiSemiQuaver Online

Our website can be found at: <u>http://www.contabile.org.uk/demisemiquaver/</u>

You can also find us on Facebook, for ease of sharing with friends who may be interested in coming:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1192020240969870/

Tickets can be purchased at: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/demisemiquaver</u>

You can contact the committee (Janet, Katie, and Phil) on the Facebook page, or at: <u>demisemiquavercon@gmail.com</u>.

What's On & Things to Bring

Filk Fund Auction

As is usual, there will be an auction to raise money for the filk fund, to allow us to import Guests of Honour, amongst other things! Please bring along anything you would like to contribute to the auction - from baked goods, to books, to instruments, anything (within reason!) is welcome, but please remember it is the responsibility of the contributor to take away any unsold items.

Please also bring money to buy things! It is generally a cash-only auction (although exceptions can be made for large purchases).

Workshops

Now, I don't think we need to *tell* filkers to bring their instruments to a filk con., but in case this influences your choice of instruments to bring:

- Our international Guest of Honour, Sunnie, will be running an instrumental improv . & jam workshop; and
- Our UK Guest of Honour, Annie, will be running a ukulele workshop.

Aquapella

There will be an "Aquapella" session on Sunday morning – *a capella* singing in the swimming pool! Please do bring your swimwear if you would like to join us in the water. In previous years, there have been some seats near the pool for anyone who would like to join in without getting wet!

...did someone say Steampunk?

I am informed that Steampunk costume is strongly encouraged for a Guest of Honour concert on the Sunday of the convention!

Main Concert & Additional One-Shots Concert

The normal, formal, Main Concert will take place, with a first-come, first-served signup sheet for anyone who wishes to do **one** song (or poem, or piece of music) on stage in the main programme room, with tech. (microphones etc.) available. As this is popular and often over-subscribed, we have decided to try something new in addition. There will be a sign-up sheet for a zero-tech. lunchtime one-shots concert in the alternative programme room. People are free to come and go, and bring lunch, to this informal concert. We will simply provide introductions and a running order. Those of you who went to the 30th filk con. may remember the anniversary concert, which had a similar format.

Timing & Travel Information

For those of you planning to leave Marks Tey on the Sunday, please be aware that there are planned engineering works so a rail-replacement bus service will be in operation. Services are due to be back to normal on the Monday.

The convention is due to formally open at 19:45 on the Friday - you are encouraged to be checked in and fed by then if you can be!

The last part of the formal programming is due to finish at around 18:00 on the Sunday. There will be a filk circle for those staying over until the Monday morning.

Memberships

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If your badge name is listed at the back of this PR, we have your membership form and payment as of January 25th 2020.

How to Register

Send us the form on the page 6 of this PR with a cheque by Feb. 1st at the latest, buy a membership online <u>via TicketSource</u> (additional booking fee applies), or register in person (cash or cheque) when you see one of us.

Day or full convention memberships can also be purchased on the door.

If you have any issues with TicketSource, *e.g.* if the text boxes for you to enter names, badge names, contact details and the likes do not behave, please email us:

demisemiquavercon@gmail.com

Day memberships for the convention will be available at the registration desk throughout the convention at the following rates:

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Waged	£10	£22	£22
Unwaged	£6	£15	£15
Child	25p per year of age	50p per year of age	50p per year of age

Pronoun Stickers

This year we will again have pronoun stickers available for people to add to their badges. These are not required, but we would like to encourage everyone to wear one, no matter how obvious you feel your pronouns may be. This is so that everyone can be referred to with the correct pronouns without othering trans and non-binary people. After all, if only trans and non-binary members choose to wear stickers, the act of wearing a sticker would identify someone as trans or non-binary. People are free to change their sticker, or to have multiple stickers.

"She/her", "he/him", and "they/them" will be available, as well as blank stickers. Please check badge stickers before you refer to someone with a pronoun. If you have any further questions or suggestions please contact the convention email address: <u>demisemiquavercon@gmail.com</u>.

For more information on gender neutral pronouns, there is a guide at: http://motto.time.com/4327915/gender-neutral-pronouns/.

(Some of this text is adapted from https://thebodyisnotanapology.com/magazine/pronoun-round-etiquette/)

ジ Beer & Cider

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be beer or cider sponsors for this year's convention, to ensure we can get some decent-quality drinks in! We will be in touch individually with more information and to confirm details.



That's all, folks – we're looking forward to seeing you soon!





MEMBERSHIP FORM

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UK Guest of Honour – Annie Griffith

International Guest of Honour – Sunnie Larsen

Membership:			Number
Adult (waged):	£ 42		
Adult (unwaged):	£ 32		
Child (0-17): £1 per year of age at time of sign-up			
		Total:	£

Payment at the con. can be cash, or a cheque payable to **UK Filk Convention**, handed to a committee member. Online payment can be made via TicketSource, here: <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk/demisemiquaver</u>or cheques can be sent to:DemiSemiQuaver, c/o K. Howe, 60 Durley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6RZ.

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Name(s): _____

Badge name(s): _____

Contact (Email preferred; postal address otherwise. Add a telephone number if you wish):

If you have any questions, the committee can be contacted at: <u>demisemiquavercon@gmail.com</u>

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We intend to publish a list of badge names of attendees on the website and in convention Progress Reports circulated to members and to store your contact details in a database. Your details will be kept for this convention's purposes only and will not be passed on. If you are **not** happy for your data to be used in this way, please indicate here, and we will ensure that your information is not included:

Membership as of January 25th 2020

Janet Maughan (C) KT (C) Phil (C) Annie (G) Sunnie (G) Alan Thiesen Alex Alex Alice Alison Richards Amy Andrew January Anna Raftery Anne Maria Anne Whitaker Aron Aunty Marion Barbara Stewart Bill Billy Bine Blind Lemming Chiffon Brenda Chantelle Chris Christo Colin Fine dakkar Dale Williamson Dave Stevenson David Debbie L. Deborah

Declan Meenagh Diana Joan (D.J.) Bass Diane Wood Donnacat **Emily January** FanTom Fhtagn Gwen Funnell Gwenzilla Hilary Ann Hitch James Whitaker Jane Janet Jela Schmidt Jenny Jenny H Jenny S-T Jessica Stevenson John Stewart Ju Karen Westhead Kate Kathy Westhead Katy Kev Lawrence Dean Lissa Liz Lydia Stevenson Mad Logician Marcos Duran Marilisa

Naomi Stevenson Nat (@quarridors) Odile Omega Oriole Paul Matt Melusine Mich Michael Michael Bernardi Mike Richards Mike Westhead Mike Whitaker Miki Minnow Paul B. =:o} Peter Tyers Peter Wareham Peter Westhead Pippa Rafe Culpin Rayner Rhodri Rick

Robert Robert Maughan Roger Robinson Senji Shadow Shawna Sibvlle Silke Simon Socrates Songbird Soren Nyrond Steffi Steve Steve Sue Edwards Susan Booth Talis Kimberley Teddy The Countess The Magician Valerie Wolfgang Yehuda Porath



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