



QUOI DE NEUF

The 29th Annual British Filk Convention, 3rd – 5th February, 2017
The Best Western Hotel, Marks Tey, Colchester

UK Guest of Honour: **JACKIE MITCHELL**

Overseas Guest of Honour: **CECILIA ENG**

There are as many definitions of filk as there are filkers – possibly more. The most basic form is “the music of the SF fannish community”. In the UK, it started with groups gathering at cons late at night with singalong songs; some brought guitars, and then new songs. Gradually it diversified, with a wide variety of styles, subjects, and instruments. Parodies, comedy, and serious; fiction, history, and hard science; literature, films, and original topics; choirs, bands, and soloists... all have their place and all are welcome. At its heart filk remains a community: as well as concerts and featured performers, an important part of any dedicated filk convention is the circles running late into the night, where anyone is welcome to take their turn – whether novice or expert.

Why *Quoi De Neuf*? Why the goldfish logo? The name is from French Instant Massager slang, where *Koi29* means “What’s new?” Speculative fiction has always been asking that question – whether it is from advances in science, or looking at an old story from a new perspective. At *Quoi De Neuf* we hope to balance the new with the old... and the borrowed, the updated, and all the enormous variety of material that forms “filk”.

Jackie Mitchell got into filk after overhearing a conversation at a Gilbert and Sullivan rehearsal about a choir that sang songs about SF and Fantasy works. After expressing an interest she quickly found herself invited along to a rehearsal of the N’Early Music Consort, and has been an active member of both choir and wider community ever since.

Cecilia Eng wandered into filking in 1984 when she got bored with the gaming one night at a large convention and heard music coming from down the hall. She’s been writing and performing filk ever since, from the silly to the sublime, with lots of stops in between. She’s an engaging performer, and she’s one of the most welcoming filkers in any circle.

For more details see <http://www.contabile.org.uk> or email quoideneuf@hewett.org

Membership costs £36 (€45) for waged adults and £25 (€31) for unwaged adults. Children under 5 are free. Discounts for under 18s.

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I enclose cash or a cheque made payable to **UK Filk Conventions** for £.....

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I wish to receive PRs by (pick 1): PDF via EMAIL POST

I agree to have my details stored in a database for the use of *Quoi de Neuf*? and as an initial mailing list for the next annual UK filk convention.

If you would like a programme slot, please say how long and any restrictions on timing. We cannot guarantee to fit everyone in, but we will try!

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