

# Van der Filk UK Filk Convention

## Progress Report Two

5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

at the

Grantham Ramada Hotel

Featuring  
Gwen Knighton Raftery  
and  
Vixy and Tony

and a cast of thousands (well, a hundred or so anyway)

# Introduction

Welcome to the second Progress Report of the Van der Filk convention. This one contains important information, so please read it! Especially if you either want somewhere to sleep or want to perform...

## The Hotel, more information

The Grantham Ramada Hotel (formerly the Grantham Marriott Hotel) is situated just off the A1, near Grantham in Lincolnshire. It has good access by road, rail and air. Many of you will have been there before, this will be our fourth filkcon at this hotel. It has a good selection of function space (a 150 person room and two 50 person rooms) and enough bedrooms, a restaurant, and an open bar with a large area for socialising. All of the public areas and function space are now completely non-smoking, there are some smoking bedrooms available.

The hotel room booking form is included with this PR (or if you are reading it online you can get it from the same page). The room rates (per room) are:

Double/twin	GBP 85 per night
Single	GBP 55 per night

A child in the same room with their parents (using a Z-bed) only pays for breakfast, under 4 is free.

As is standard with British hotels, all of these include a buffet-style breakfast (this includes cereal, fruit, toast, up to Full English). Note that these rates are **per room**, so for per-person costs divide the double or twin price by two. For those who may not know UK terminology, a double room has one large bed to sleep two people together, a twin room has two separate beds (one person in each).

And for those who drink alcohol, we are informed that the hotel will be sourcing Real Ale and Cider for us.

# Programme

There will of course be the usual items by other people (the guests, filk fund auction, circles, one-shots/main concert, workshops, etc.) but we'd like something else to fill up the time as well. Programme slots will be available at three lengths – 20 minutes, 40 minutes and, if you really need it, an hour (an hour is only available for groups, not solo). Remember in your planning that this time includes setting up and clearing down.

Get your requests in as soon as possible. Note that all participants in an item must be members of the convention by the cut-off date (for large groups at least half of them must be members at the time of requesting, but preference will be given to ones who have completely joined earlier). Requests may be emailed to the contact email address.

If you are not sure of your exact tech requirements yet, please list everything you think you might need, and say what's definite and what's not. Remember to include the things that are “always there anyway.” (They might not be, if nobody asks for them!)

## Contact details

Please use the UK postal address below for general contacts with the committee, or you can email the committee at

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**Note the cut-off dates: for programme items 1<sup>st</sup> December, for hotel booking 31<sup>st</sup> December!**

# Membership List

Committee and guests are first, everyone else is sorted by badge name if any, otherwise surname and forename. Type of membership is C for committee, G for guest, and M for everyone else.

C Paul Bristow	M Dave S	M Rika
C Colin	M Lawrence Dean	M Roger Robinson
C Keris	M DJ Bass	M Tony Rogers
C Mike Whitaker	M Donnacat	M Snowdrop Explodes
G Gwen Knighton Raftery	M Sue Edwards	M Soir
G Tony	M Pippa Fairbourn	M Songbird
G Vixy	M Footloose Filker	M Talis Kimberley
M Lissa Allcock	M Gwen Funnell	M Tarkara Kamaris
M Philip Allcock	M Hilary Ann	M Teddy
M Aunty Marion	M Rhodri James	M The Magician
M Azakir Devaris	M Jessica	M Peter Tyers
M Barbara	M John	M Valerie
M Andrew Barton	M Ju	M Vaurien
M Michael Bernardi	M Kate	M Vera Emlyn
M Bill	M Janet Maughan	M Vera's Zimmerframe
M Brenda	M Robert Maughan	M Peter Wareham
M Christo	M Melusine	M Karen Westhead
M Corwin•K	M Mich Sampson	M Kathy Westhead
M Countess Axylides	M Miki	M Mike Westhead
M Abigail Crook	M Minnow	M Peter Westhead
M Alistair Crook	M Tom Nanson	M Tricia Williams
M Deborah Crook	M Nat	M Zander Nyron
M Liz Crook	M Alison Richards	M Zelandeth
M Rachel Crook	M Mike Richards	M Omega
M Rafe Culpin	M Rick H	