



DemiSemiQuaver



The 32nd Annual UK Filk Convention

February 7th-9th 2020

Marks Tey



Progress Report 1

April 2019

Hello and welcome to the first progress report for DemiSemiQuaver!

This PR includes:

- Introductions to the committee and our wonderful guests;
- A set request form;
- Hotel information (booking instructions to follow);
- All-important alcohol information;
- A membership form, including online payment options; and
- A current membership list.

“So, why the dragon?”, I hear you ask. Firstly, why not? Secondly, a demisemiquaver, or thirty-second note (hence the name of the 32nd Filk convention), is a note played for 1/32 of the duration of a whole note (or semibreve)... It is such an itsy-bitsy bit of a note that we’re fairly sure it was pre-chewed by *something*.

(And a huge thank you to FanTom for the cover art – there’s more to come!)



DemiSemiQuaver Online

Our website is now up and running!

Visit us at <http://www.contabile.org.uk/demisemiquaver/>

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/>



The Committee

Janet Maughan

Janet married into UK filk fandom when she got together with Robert Maughan, and was at least partially responsible for the 14th, 18th, and 20th UK filk conventions. She then took over a decade off. During that time she's also been an intermittent member of the NMC. Now she's back in con committee mode, and currently in the role of Speaker-to-Hotels.

Katie Howe

KT did not run away fast enough.

Having been caught in the Con. Committee net, her goal is now to try not to let Janet do All Of The Things. KT stumbled into filk in a side room at a roleplaying convention eleven years ago and has never quite left. She can generally be identified by her "everyone should have a pet ferret" sales pitch and abundance of ferret photos (you can take the girl out of Yorkshire...). Sadly* the hotel is not pet-friendly, or a warning to check your trouser legs might be in order.

*Opinions may vary

Phil Allcock

Many people say Phil needs not so much a bio as a "Thieves Operate In This Area" warning notice. So as not to disappoint such people, he has therefore stolen from KT's bio to say that he too didn't run fast enough, and stolen and reworked Janet's to say he was at least partially irresponsible for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 12th, 16th, 28th and 29th UK filk conventions.

It is also widely said that crime doesn't pay, which may be why he agreed to be Treasurer.



You can contact the committee at demisemiquavercon@gmail.com.



Our Guests

UK Guest of Honour: Annie Griffith

The first thing that you need to know is that Annie Griffith is (not so) secretly a mushroom. Anyone who sees her in a hat is well able to see the truth of this, as it ruins all her other cunning disguises. She is a mushroom who owns too many ukuleles (she used to be a mushroom who owned too many harps, though she denied that one. She doesn't deny the one about the ukuleles), is mad as a stick (or a box of frogs, take your pick) and suffers from Chronic Con-running Syndrome. She is also a delight and an inspiration and has a fabulous laugh and an amazing smile, aaaand she plays a host of instruments, leads a variety of choirs, writes fabulous music and will blow all of our socks off at next year's con. Pack extra socks.

Before the con, find her on [SoundCloud](#), and her fabulous choir, The Steampunk Choir of Notorious Excellence (S.C.O.N.E.) [here](#).

International Guest of Honour: Sunnie Larsen

COMING SOON TO A UK FILK CON NEAR YOU!

From the farthest reaches of space (the final frontier)...

from the deepest fathoms of the oceans of Earth...

from Themyscira's sandy shores...

You won't want to miss the interstellar marvelous mermaid Amazon champion that is...

SUNNIE LARSEN!

Sunnie and music have walked together for almost her entire life, and their friendship has touched the ears and hearts of many people across this lovely blue and green planet. Violin, viola, vocals...filk, folk, improv...Sunnie does all of this and more, solo and collaboratively. Her wit, her grace, and her passion are truly amazing to behold.

This filker is rated A for Awesome and Amazing for All Filk Audiences.

Before the con, find her at [sunnie.org](#)! Also, don't miss her upcoming album, *The Space Between Notes*.

Set Requests

Interested in performing, or in running a workshop, at DemiSemiQuaver?

You can fill in the form on page 6 of this PR, or on the website, and email or post it to the committee (demisemiquavercon@gmail.com), or *DemiSemiQuaver, c/o K. Howe, 60 Durley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6RZ*). Don't worry if you don't know all the details of your set yet - just let us know the extra details when you can.

You can ask for a 30 or 60 minute slot - we will try to accommodate you if you would like a different length but can't guarantee it! Please bear in mind your slot time will include set-up and teardown. If we get too many set requests, you may get a shorter set than requested.

If you're not sure what your technical requirements might be, get in touch and we'll help you work it out.

We'll remind you again about this in the next PR, but we'd like set requests in by September 1st.

Depending on how many requests we get, we may not be able to fit everyone in, so please don't assume you have a set until you've had confirmation from us.



Memberships

If your badge name is listed at the back of this PR, we have your membership form and payment (with the exception of Phil, but we know where he lives....).

How to Register

Send us the form on page 7 of this PR with a cheque, buy a membership online [via TicketSource](#) (additional booking fee applies), or register in person (cash or cheque) when you see one of us. If you are coming from overseas and are worried, contact us and we will discuss options with you.

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

The Hotel

We are once again returning to the Marks Tey Best Western Hotel, near Colchester, which is just off the A12, and is also relatively easy to reach via public transport. The address is: **Marks Tey Hotel**, London Road, Marks Tey, Colchester, Essex, CO6 1DU.

You can see details of the hotel here: <http://www.marksteyhotel.co.uk/>

The hotel has a large car park, and parking is free. Marks Tey train station is a relatively short walk away. If this walk is too much for you, we may be able to coordinate lifts from the station, so please contact us to see if we can help.

As ever, the hotel room prices have gone up a little this year, and are as follows:

Room only (per night):	Room plus breakfast(per night):
Single Room: £72	Single Room: £80
Double/Twin Room: £77	Double/Twin Room: £88
Adjoining Room (4 adults): £140	Adjoining Room (4 adults): £160
Adjoining room (2 adults, 2 children): £120	Adjoining room (2 adults, 2 children): £140

More details on how to book these rooms will follow in PR2!

Beer & Cider

As we have discovered in previous years that the Hotel's beer and cider selection is... not to everyone's tastes... we have ordered in beer and cider from a local brewery in previous years. The convention has to pay for any un-drunk beer that we order, and gauging amounts can be difficult! We therefore want to try a different system this year – **would you like to be a Beer Sponsor?**

A Beer/Cider Sponsor can select a beer or cider from the list (Colchester No 1, Jack Spitty, Tumble Down Cider) and a corresponding amount of beer/cider, and agrees to reimburse the convention for any un-drunk beer/cider from that Sponsor's pin. The Sponsor also has first dibs on taking any left-overs home. Specific options and prices to be confirmed!

If you would be interested in sponsoring a demi pin (18 pints, around £45), poly pin (34 pints, around £85), or even a firkin (72 pints, around £180 – although note that they want the barrel back, so you can't take any spare home with you unless you bring containers!), please drop an email to demisemiquavercon@gmail.com (or send a letter to the postal address on the membership form if you prefer).

No commitment at this stage; we want to gauge interest. More detail in PR2.



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SET REQUEST FORM

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Set Title: _____

Name(s) of act/performer(s): _____

Contact details

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Set length desired (short sets are 30min, long sets are 60min, including set up and break down time. Other lengths may be possible if required, please state): _____

Tech. requirements (the more details you can give about number of performers, instruments etc., the better):

Description for programme book:

If you have any further requirements/info, such as days/times when you would not be available, please state it here: _____

The logo for DemiSemiQuaver features a stylized musical staff with a treble clef on the left and a single eighth note on the right. The text 'DemiSemiQuaver' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font across the top.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Membership:	Until Nov. 30th	Afterwards	Number
Adult (waged):	£ 39	£ 42	
Adult (unwaged):	£ 29	£ 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:*

www.ticketsource.co.uk/demisemiquaver or cheques can be sent to: DemiSemiQuaver, c/o K. Howe, 60 Durley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6RZ.



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: demisemiquavercon@gmail.com



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 April 9th 2019

Annie Griffith (G)	Kathy Westhead
Sunnie Larsen (G)	Katy
Janet Maughan (C)	Kev
KT (C)	Lawrence Dean
Phil Allcock (C)	Liz
	Mad Logician
Alison Richards	Melusine
Andrew January	Michael Bernardi
Aunty Marion	Mike Richards
Barbara Stewart	Mike Westhead
Billy	Miki
Chris	Minnow
Christo	Nat (@quarridors)
Dale Williamson	Omega
Debbie L.	Peter Tyers
Deborah	Peter Wareham
Diana Joan (D.J.) Bass	Peter Westhead
Emily January	Rafe
FanTom	Rayner
Fhtagn	Rhodri
Gwen Funnell	Robert Maughan
Gwenzilla	Roger Robinson
Jane	Shadow
Jenny H	Silke
John Stewart	Songbird
Ju	Steve
Karen Westhead	Teddy
Kate	Valerie
	Wolfgang

(G) – Guest

(C) - Committee