



Update Number Six

Merry Yuletide Edition!

***“A merry Christmas, mother. Merry Christmas, ma.
Hi, mommy, mommy – and a hot cha cha!”***

NORWICH IS GETTING NEARER

According to Google, Norwich is 126.8 miles from Southend. And when 2018 arrives (I think it is scheduled on the first day of January) it will still be the same distance away. However, the 38th UK Convention in Norwich will be closer, just five months away. So even though you may be in the mid-winter wherever you live, remember that the ‘Sonshine’ of the L& H Convention is just around the corner.

All of this means that the Saps At Sea crew will be working harder in the forthcoming months to ensure that we stage an enjoyable and fun Convention for everyone in Norfolk. Paul and I will be going to the Mercure Hotel again in January to ‘top and tail’ some arrangements.

There are a couple of things to tell everyone in the meantime.

EXTRA NIGHTS AT THE HOTEL

As previously indicated (see Update One) extra nights are available for Sons before or after the Convention at a special rate. I have agreed with the Hotel that until the end of January you can book these by contacting me. If you have managed to book with the hotel direct that is fine but otherwise please do so by contacting me.



FINAL REQUEST

The vast majority of Conventioneers have either made paid in FULL or made substantial payments and appear to be on schedule to complete the payment by 1st FEBRUARY 2018. That is wonderful – Thank You.

However, there are 18 Sons who have booked a place and not made any payment whatsoever. I have previously requested that if the flow of money is a problem for you, then contact me so we can make some arrangements. I do appreciate that is the Christmas period where finances can be stretched.

I have decided that if I have not received any payment or not had any contact from anyone who has not paid any money by 31st December 2017, then I will assume that you will not be attending and offer your place to someone on the waiting list.

I think this fair as there are currently 12 people on the waiting list who want to come to Norwich. In addition, we need to collect all the Convention monies to make payments at this end. Thank you.

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DEALER'S TABLES

We have a very sizeable Dealers Room at the Mercure Hotel. If they haven't sold out before then, then those 'It Sure Is' books may be on sale! You can, of course, by one in advance.

We welcome other dealers, whether your items are L & H related or not, to book a table in the room. These tables are FREE – at the International Convention in Cincinnati they are charged at \$40 per day!!! So do take advantage of this if you are having a bit of a clear out – books, DVD's, comics, posters, pictures, postcards or anything related to TV, films and entertainment are ideal. But if you have anything that you would like to sell, then a table awaits you. Just drop me an e-mail in advance to book a table and I will pass this on to 'Mad Paul' (I think there is a remote possibility that he will be selling memorabilia?) who will co-ordinate the 'Dealer's Room'.

UPDATE NUMBER SEVEN

The next Update will be sent out towards the end of January by which time we may have clarified whether there are any changes to the original 141 Sons who have booked places. I will also give you news about 'Sons Entertain' if you are thinking of taking part.

HOTEL DETAILS

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8321-mercure-norwich-hotel/index.shtml>

The address of the hotel is:- **Mercure Hotel, 121-131, Boundary Road, Norwich, NR3 2BA**

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