

# CORFLU CRAIC PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 30 MARCH

- 14.00 Wine shopping trip, hosted by Tommy Ferguson
- 18.00 Meet in Malone Hotel bar
- 19.00 (appx) Evening Meal; venue to be agreed: Errigle Inn?
- 20.00 Belfast SF Group meet (Errigle Inn)

## FRIDAY 31 MARCH

### OLD BOTTLES

- 10.00 **Belfast Fannish Bus Tour**, hosted by Geri Sullivan and Eugene Doherty. See the places immortalised in *Hyphen* and *Slant*. If you haven't booked, you're too late!
- 15.00 Belfast Eastercon site visit
- 18.00 **Opening Ceremony**: welcome to Belfast, and Guest of Honour draw
- 18.20 **Fanzine Slam**: hosted by Rich Coad, with Tom Becker, Marcin Klak and Nigel Rowe. What's the fanzine that got you into this? Best fanzine in the past 40 years? Audience participation is very welcome.
- 19.00 Dinner break

**21.00 Turkey Buffet:** hosted by Eugene Doherty. Eugene is back with a whole new rendering of his infamous buffet show. Remember Spiderman in Belfast? And just what a genre actor will do for cash when no-one is looking? Eugene will reveal all.

**22.00 Whiskey Tasting:** hosted by Tommy Ferguson. Old bottles of whiskey will be tasted and notes and noses compared. Donations of bottles always welcome – but the con will be laying on its own favourites.

## SATURDAY 1 APRIL

### OLD BOTTLES

- 10.00 **Irish Fandom: The Wheels of IF:** hosted by Edie Stern, with John D. Berry and Sandra Bond. The importance of Belfast in the history of fanzine fandom. Walt Willis, James White and Bob Shaw will all be discussed – how they started our fandom and set the tone for the ways we write and communicate.
- 11.00 **The First Corflu:** A celebration of 40 years of Corflu. Hosted by Jerry Kaufman, with Lucy Huntzinger and Pascal Thomas. With stories of the best Corflu yet, (apart from this one), building on stories in the Programme Book, perhaps with some that can't be printed.
- 12.00 Lunch break

**14.00 In Memoriam:** hosted by Gary Mattingly. With contributions from all of us about those we have lost since the first Corflu in 1984.

### NEW WINE

- 15.00 **What's a fanzine these days?** Hosted by Tommy Ferguson, with Claire Brialey, James Bacon and Alison Scott. How we fight our way through the jungle of formats by which we communicate now, yet preserve the best traditions.
- 16.00 **Why am I here? The Future of Corflus:** hosted by Rob Jackson, with Linda Krawecka, Joseph Nicholas and Bill Burns. What sort of fun and satisfaction makes us do all this again and again? Where are Corflus going next? As well as Las Vegas, that is...
- 17.00 Dinner break
- 21.00 **Just a Minac:** hosted by Sandra Bond, it's back and ~~better than~~ well, just the same madness and nonsense, without hesitation, deviation or repetition but with all-new contestants, who will stay a mystery until the con unless you look up Just A Minac on the Corflu Discord channel...
- 22.00 **Wine Tasting:** Hosted by Spike. Bottles new and old; experts such

as Mike Meara will be on hand to tell you whether it's red or white, and if it's off or not.

**Followed by Bid Party** for the 2024 Vegas Corflu and 2025 Belfast Eastercon. Sandra Bond and Keith Freeman represent the Cor41u committee, and Tommy and the Belfast crew will give the Eastercon bid a good push.

## SUNDAY 2 APRIL NEW WINE

**Breakfast:** The Corflu Buffet is not too early, as the hotel's own breakfasts are fantastic. If you're not in the hotel, Maggie May's down the road does a great breakfast too.

**11.30 Convention Photo**

**12.00 Corflu Buffet**

**Followed by Auction:** Got some really great Wheels of IF stuff, and Greg Pickersgill has raided his stash as well! Bring your chequebooks or plastic – you'll need them.

**14.00 Awards Ceremony:** Toastmaster Tommy Ferguson. FAAn Award Presentations, Lifetime Achievement Award, Guest of Honour Speech, fwa nominations and award, Future Corflus and Closing Ceremony.

**19.00 Dead Dog dinner** and drinks: Whatever we all feel like doing and wherever we feel like going.

## OTHER ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

**Programme breaks:** Where panels are scheduled an hour apart, they will actually last 50 minutes, to allow a ten-minute break for a handover, comfort breaks, ordering of drinks and other essentials.

**Corflu Discord channel:** The one set up for Corflu Concorde still works – here: <https://discord.gg/rcQmjNdUCH>  
You can use your existing Discord logon or register with a new one, then just look for Corflu.

**Zoom links for Virtual Corflu:** We intend making all programme items available live on Zoom, and later archiving them (unlisted) on YouTube. This link is via Corflu Craic's own Zoom channel: <https://zoom.us/j/6037468803>  
Meeting ID: 603 746 8803. Passcode: Corflu40 (the 0 in Corflu is a zero).

**T-shirts** featuring Sue's lovely Corflu Craic fish are available for the foreseeable from <https://stow-shirts.myshopify.com>

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