



covid restrictions

As you are probably aware we were hoping that the Covid-19 restrictions would have been lifted by now, meaning that we could present a near normal event. However, with a new date of 19th July we will have to implement several measures to stay within the parameter of the guidance and to keep you safe.

The most notable change to the weekend will be that we will have to limit numbers to those who have already purchased tickets, and no additional tickets can be sold as we have met the maximum number of people allowed within the theatre space for talks.

Ultimately as the audience for the event is smaller this also impacts on the number of guests and activities, we will be able to present. There will be no second stage area as intended, as all talks and themed panels (such as commentaries, Room 101 etc) will take place on the main stage.

In approximately a week's time you will be asked what your family or social bubbles will be – this will allow us to allocate appropriate seating within the main stage area; this will be your seat for the entire weekend.

Wyboston are committed, together with Fantom delivering an entertaining and safe weekend.

STAGE ACTIVITIES

We will present a full schedule of stage panels, however due to the lack of a second stage as intended you will also see many of the small sessions presented on the main stage.

You will be allocated a seat for the duration of the event. As we are limited by the movement of people and with the allocation of seating you won't be allowed to enter a panel if it has started. However the panels will be streamed in other parts of the building including the bar, giving you access to as much of the stage activities as possible.

AUTOGRAPHS

This format will be similar to those who have attended our Chiswick events; autograph sessions will be spread across more rooms in order to reduce the number of people in a room at any one time.

Signing Tables will be laid out lengthways offering a natural 2m space between attendee and guest. There will be no body contact between attendees, crew and guests – including handshakes or hugs. When passing items to sign please place them on the table, do not hand them to the guest.

Guests will be using pre-sanitised and quarantined pens and sharpies for signing, that shall exclusively be used by the guest. Guests will not be able to use pens supplied by attendees. Photography or selfies are not allowed.

PHOTO STUDIO

Again, like our Chiswick events, social distancing within the photo studio will be maintained with the use of props to give the most natural looking photo. Face masks can be removed for the photo. We intend to have a group photo as usual, however this will be more visible as all guests will need to be 1m apart.

Should the weather be nice some activities may be held outside.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

There will also be a room for props, including a full-sized TARDIS console and a room for the sale of merchandise. However, there will be limits on the number of people allowed in these rooms at any one time.

SOCIALISING

The bar and restaurant area will be open all day as breakout space to socialise with friends in no more than tables of 6; there is also outside seating available. The stage panels will also be streamed down in the bar on the big screen.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

There will still be stage activities in the evening, however we are limited to one presenter and two guests on stage so the formats will be altered to suit the current regulations. There will also be a pub quiz on the Friday evening and bingo on the Saturday evening in the bar area. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to hold a disco or karaoke.

FACE MASK POLICY

Unless exempt, you will be required to wear a face mask or covering whilst moving about the hotel from activity to activity, and whilst meeting guests for autographs. During the panels, whilst seated, you will not be required to wear a mask.

If you were exempt, reception have a lanyard you can wear so the staff don't ask you to put a mask on.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

Wyboston are still running a buffet system for all meals, you will be seated on tables of six and/or with your social bubbles. When collecting your food and refreshments you will be required to wear your mask and maintain a 1m social distance.

