

## Dulcimer World Congress 2015 Update

The Congress dates, venue and prices are now confirmed. The venue is **Malvern St. James School, Great Malvern**. The event will be preceded by the UK Nonsuch Dulcimer Club's annual weekend.

<http://www.malvernstjames.co.uk/facilities-for-hire>

### Pricing

Below are the prices for both the Congress and the Nonsuch weekend.

Description	From	To	Cost
<b>Dulcimer World Congress (full board)</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct (evening)	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct (morning)	£295 CWA members / partners price £354 non member's price
<b>Extra Days before Congress (full board with optional packed lunch)</b>	Any day from Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct (evening)	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct (afternoon)	£50 per day
<b>Extra Sightseeing Day (full board with packed lunch)</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct (morning)	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct (morning)	£50 + optional sightseeing tour cost (TBA, about £20 - £30)
<b>Nonsuch Annual weekend (full board)</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct (evening)	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct (afternoon)	£140 (early bird price up to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015) £160 (after 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015) Students in full time education £90

All costs shown above include, for the period specified: bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meal. Accommodation is mainly in single or twin-bedded rooms with shared bathrooms. If you also wish to attend the **Nonsuch Annual Weekend** as a full participant you will need to pay the weekend fee plus the extra day **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> through Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, to make a continuous stay.

### How to get to the Venue

If you are flying to the UK then we advise you to arrive into **Birmingham International Airport**. This airport has direct flights to many countries and you can change in major European cities to reach many more.

<http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/destinations.aspx>

The airport is about one hour's drive from the venue and it has good rail and bus transport links to other parts of the UK. Should you require it we can arrange transport between this airport and Great Malvern at the start and end of your stay.

It is also possible to arrive by train direct to **Great Malvern train station**, which is right opposite the venue. For those travelling by car, there is ample parking at the school.

### **Nonsuch Dulcimer Club Annual Weekend Option**

The Nonsuch Annual weekend is primarily a workshop weekend teaching techniques on the hammered and mountain dulcimer. On Saturday evening there is an informal concert and there are jam sessions every night. We expect to have a bigger weekend than usual with a mix of tutors from the UK and overseas.

Anyone arriving during the Nonsuch weekend (23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>) but not paying the Nonsuch annual weekend fees, is welcome to take part in the informal Friday/Saturday evening activities, but not the daytime workshops. There will also be practice rooms and common rooms available for your use.

### **Additional Member Information**

To actively participate in the Congress - by performing or giving a lecture - you must be a member of the CWA or an affiliated group (paid up by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015). If you are attending as a member you can also bring your partner, non-dulcimer playing musicians who are performing with you, and any dulcimer students aged 16 or under; all these may pay at the member's rate. For more information about how to join the CWA and also about how these rules apply in your circumstance, please get in touch.

### **Congress Programme**

There will not be a detailed programme for the Congress until much closer to the time, however the rough shape of it will be:

**Monday night 26<sup>th</sup> October** – UK opening concert, a top quality concert showcasing the dulcimer family in the UK and featuring some of our best players.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – all day and evening - a packed programme of concerts and lectures from all the different countries attending the Congress (between 15 and 20 countries).

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – morning programme followed by evening ‘gala’ concert with a whirlwind tour of all the countries participating, with some collaboration between countries.

**Every evening** there will be the chance to jam and socialise with other attendees. There will also be an on-site bar.

### **Booking**

The booking forms are not ready just yet; the above information is to allow you to start making your plans. Please do not contact the venue direct – all booking will be done via the UK Dulcimer World Congress organisation. The forms will be available in time for the next CWA News (January) or earlier. They will also be available on [www.cimbalom.org](http://www.cimbalom.org), on our Facebook pages, and emailed out on our mailing list. If you are an existing CWA member in receipt of CWA News then you should receive this information automatically provided the email address we hold for you is still correct.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email [dulcimer.world.congress@gmail.com](mailto:dulcimer.world.congress@gmail.com).

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