

**Convention Information**

The Stereoscopic Society Convention and AGM 2017 will be held at the Angel Hotel, in the city centre of Cardiff from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The Angel Hotel is a beautiful Victorian landmark in the very heart of the city, located directly over the road from Cardiff Castle. The Hotel is perfectly placed for discovering on foot the Welsh capital and the city centre shops. Cardiff Central railway station is just 7 minutes walk. Cardiff Bay widely regarded as one of the most successful regeneration projects in the United Kingdom is a 20 minute walk or short bus, taxi or even boat ride. The bay has many tourist attractions including The Senedd, home of the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Marina and International White Water Centre, the Doctor Who Experience and many more.

The hotel is significant in the history of Cardiff and has many period features including a large elegant double sweeping staircase in the lobby, a great group photo opportunity. Cardiff Castle is straight over the road giving picturesque views from the bar and dining room and some of the 102 bedrooms. All bedrooms are non-smoking and with en-suite facilities, television, telephone, Free WiFi, tea and coffee making equipment. All the bedrooms are an extremely nice standard and decoration, and the staff are very helpful. The hotel is part of the same hotel group we used last year and is actually the same hotel the society used 30 years ago for the convention in 1987.

Projection will take place in the Dragon Suite which has a very high ceiling to allow comfortable clear views of our 3D screen. It is a similar large size room to last year and Nottingham, allowing our usual 100+ seat theatre setting and plenty of surrounding space for displays and workshop and sales tables.

The price is the same as last year, **£67.00 Dinner, Bed and Breakfast per person per night** during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of the convention. (Note there is a £10 per day parking charge, details over the page.) *For those of you who want to extend your stay and explore further afield, additional nights may be booked subject to availability at the best rate available at the time, so don't delay booking. The hotel have offered adjacent nights 4th & 8th of May as Bed and Breakfast only room rates per night : £67.00 Single occupancy or £77.00 Double occupancy, subject to availability.*

Dinner will be served each evening in the restaurant as a single sitting. The hotel has a number of facilities including a bar and a number of communal areas which are perfect locations to relax, unwind, catch up with friends and discuss all things 3D. There is no gym at the hotel but they have an arrangement with one near by.

The hotel has a block of bedrooms reserved for us, any spare rooms will be released after the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, so please book in good time to avoid disappointment, price and availability from then on is not guaranteed. **You can cancel your hotel booking up to 2pm on day of arrival, there after subject to full payment.**

**To book**, please phone the hotel **Reservations** preferably during office hours on **02920 649 200** and quote booking code **'STER050517'** to receive our agreed price of **£67** per person, per night, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Please discuss any mobility and road noise concerns when reserving your room. The hotel has steps at the front entrance but a discrete side door and internal lift from pavement level. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bedroom corridors on the castle side have some steps, easily avoided with room choice. Also this is a city centre hotel; rooms on the castle side overlook a main road which some people may find noisy. If you are a light sleeper request a room on the Westgate Street side or an 'internal' room overlooking the car park. This is a listed building with internal double glazing which the majority of online reviews found quite adequate (complimentary ear plugs are available from reception if you find otherwise).

The hotel address contact details are as follows:

The Angel Hotel, Castle Street, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, CF10 1SZ

[www.angelhotelcardiff.co.uk](http://www.angelhotelcardiff.co.uk)

Telephone: 02920 649 200

**If you have any questions please contact: [convention@stereoscopicsociety.org.uk](mailto:convention@stereoscopicsociety.org.uk)**

*The convention organisers would appreciate if you could book a.s.a.p.*

**Please remember to also send in the Convention Registration Form to Mary Paul, so the society is aware of your intention to attend.**

For further details and updates see the society website: [www.StereoscopicSociety.org.uk](http://www.StereoscopicSociety.org.uk)

## Sunday Outing Information

The Sunday outing will be to Caerphilly Castle; the biggest in Wales and to St Fagans National History Museum.

Dominating an impressive 30 acre site, Caerphilly Castle is Wales' largest and Britain's second largest castle behind Windsor. This medieval fortress was built around 1268 by Gilbert de Clare. The design is based on a concentric ring of walls and an extensive ring of water defences and huge gatehouses. This mammoth stronghold remains a striking testament to the Anglo-Norman domination of the area and recently had a starring role in the BBC TV series Merlin.

The castle is located straight over the road from Caerphilly town. Having seen and photographed the castle inside and out, we will be free to explore the town, find the statue of Tommy Cooper who was born here, or seek out refreshment.

We will then spend the afternoon at St Fagans, Wales's most popular heritage attraction. Open to the public since 1948, the museum stands in the grounds of the magnificent St Fagans Castle and gardens, a late 16th-century manor house. Over forty original buildings from different historical periods have been re-erected in the 100-acre parkland, among them houses, a farm, a school, a chapel and a splendid Workmen's Institute.

Traditional crafts and activities bring St Fagans alive, in workshops where craftsmen still demonstrate their traditional skills. Their produce is usually on sale. Native breeds of livestock can be seen in the fields and farmyards, and demonstrations of farming tasks take place daily. St Fagans explores all aspects of how people in Wales have lived and worked, visitors gain an insight into Welsh traditions and lifestyles. The Welsh language can be heard in daily use amongst craftsmen and interpreters.

St Fagans is very interesting and recommended by many members and constantly changing with buildings added in recent years. A number of catering outlets exist across the site serving good, quality food which is cooked on site using local, Welsh products. Gwalia Tea Rooms is a traditional 1930's tea room serving light lunches and afternoon teas.

For more details see: <http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/caerphilly-castle>

<https://museum.wales/stfagans/>

### Hotel Parking

Like most inner city hotels unfortunately there is a £10 per night parking charge (discounted from £13). The car park holds 45 cars on first come first served basis. This should be enough as we will be the majority of guests in the hotel and about a third of our members come by train.

Cardiff Central railway station is just 7 minutes walk, or short taxi or bus ride. Please consider coming by train.

The hotel is surrounded by double yellow lines, so arriving with suitcases go into the car park at the rear on Westgate St. and walk right back to the front of the hotel, anyone with difficulties a member of staff will be happy to help with luggage.

A 24 hour NCP and Cardiff Arms Park Stadium car parks are immediately over the road. The stadium car park is locked at night but allows over night parking for the same £10 rate as the hotel. (There is no rugby match planned, but this could change closer to the time). The NCP can be pre-booked to get a cheaper rate, but not as cheap as the hotel or stadium.

We are negotiating possible free parking at Cardiff University; about 15 mins walk. Further details nearer the time.

### Getting to the Convention

**By Road:** M4 Jct 29 onto the A48(M). Continue 7.5 miles, then left A470 for the city centre. Continue 1.6 miles, bear right onto Duke Street which quickly becomes Castle Street. The Angel Hotel is on the left. Sat Nav: CF10 1SZ

**Nearest airport:** Cardiff International – 15 miles

**Nearest train station:** Cardiff Central – 0.5 miles (Direct trains from London and Birmingham but choose carefully as some change at Bath or Bristol.)

**Nearest bus stop:** Walking distance outside the hotel (via Cardiff Bus Company local bus service)

### What else to visit locally

See [www.angelhotelcardiff.co.uk](http://www.angelhotelcardiff.co.uk) - "Local Area" for a descriptive list.

Cardiff Castle, Llandaff Cathedral, National Museum Cardiff & Art Gallery, The Principality (Millennium) Stadium tours.

Cardiff Bay: Techniquest science and discovery centre, The Doctor Who Experience. Cardiff has several parks and Gardens including Bute Park & Arboretum, Roath Park. Further out are Brecon Beacons National Park, Dyffryn Gardens, Castell Coch, Tredegar House, Roman Legion Museum, Newport Transporter Bridge.

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*For Your Use:*

Date Phoned Hotel:

Nights Booked:

Number of people:

Date Arriving:

Date of Departure:

Hotel Booking Number: