

Diana Wynne Jones Conference

3rd-5th July, 2009

Frenchay Campus, UWE, Bristol

Pre-Conference Information

How to get to Frenchay Campus

From Bristol International Airport

From Bristol Airport catch the Airport Express Flyer coach 331 to the main Bristol Bus Station in Marlborough Street. £8 return. Tickets can be purchased online or from the driver. (Note that the drivers do not always have change. If in doubt, it may be worth making a small purchase from the newsagent in the arrivals lounge, to supply yourself with some UK cash.)

http://www.bristolairport.co.uk/getting_to_bia/by_airport_express_link.aspx

Turn left out of the main entrance to the bus station, and go around the corner to the rank of bus stops outside the Beefeater/Bristol Fashion and Travel Inn. Catch bus number 70 which goes every 15-20 mins; journey time 35 mins. The bus comes right into the Frenchay Campus.

By rail

From Bristol Parkway (the nearest mainline station to UWE: frequent direct trains from London):

Take bus number 312, 318, 319, 518 or 581 to the Frenchay Campus (a five minute journey).

Alternatively: turn left out of the station, under the railway bridge, and straight over a small roundabout. Carry on straight over the next roundabout (with Axa on your left). At the next roundabout, take the third exit, and continue up to the next (big) roundabout. Take the first exit, and go up the dual carriageway. If you are on foot or bike, turn right at the pedestrian crossing, and you will find the entrance to the top corner of Frenchay Campus on your left. Otherwise, continue down to the lights, turn right, and the main entrance to the Campus is off the next roundabout.

There is a taxi rank outside Bristol Parkway station.

From Bristol Temple Meads (frequent direct trains from London):

Catch the U1 from the front of the station towards Frenchay Campus. Alternatively from the station approach take bus number 8 or 9 to Haymarket (Debenhams). Cross via underpass to bus stops by Travel Inn and take 70 to the Frenchay Campus (15 or 30 minute journey).

From Filton Abbey Wood:

It takes about 20 minutes to walk from Filton Abbey Wood to Frenchay Campus. Take the exit from platform 1, turn left out of the station, and walk along the path next to the MOD. Cross the road at the entrance to the MOD, and walk past the lake and fountains. Cross two busy roads, then walk up the hill, keeping to the right along the dual carriageway. At the top, turn right at the pedestrian lights: the HP entrance is facing you. A gate on the left takes you into the top corner of the Frenchay Campus.

Bus number 581 (43 minutes past every hour) from inside the station.

For more information visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or www.thetrainline.com. Most city bus journeys cost in the region of £1-£3. The drivers will normally give change, but try not to give them anything larger than a £10 note.

By road

From M4: exit the M4 at junction 19 onto the M32. Almost immediately, exit the M32 at junction 1. Turn right at roundabout onto the A4174 ring road (dual carriageway) following signs for Filton and Bristol Parkway railway station. Go past the Holiday Inn hotel on the left, turn left at the first set of traffic lights into Coldharbour Lane. Turn right at the roundabout into the Frenchay Campus.

From M5: exit the M5 at junction 15 onto the M4 eastbound towards London. Exit the M4 at junction 19 onto the M32 and follow the directions from the M4 given above.

From the south: from Bristol City Centre follow signs for the M32. Exit M32 at junction 1. Turn left onto the A4174, following signs for Filton and Bristol Parkway railway station. Go past the Holiday Inn hotel on the left. Turn left at the first set of traffic lights into Coldharbour Lane. Turn right at the roundabout into the Frenchay Campus.

Arrival and Registration

If you are coming by car, please stop at the Gatehouse at the entrance to the University to collect a parking permit, and use Car Park Number 1. If you are staying at the Student Village you can park outside in order to unload. **Keys can be collected from the Student Village Mendip Reception.**

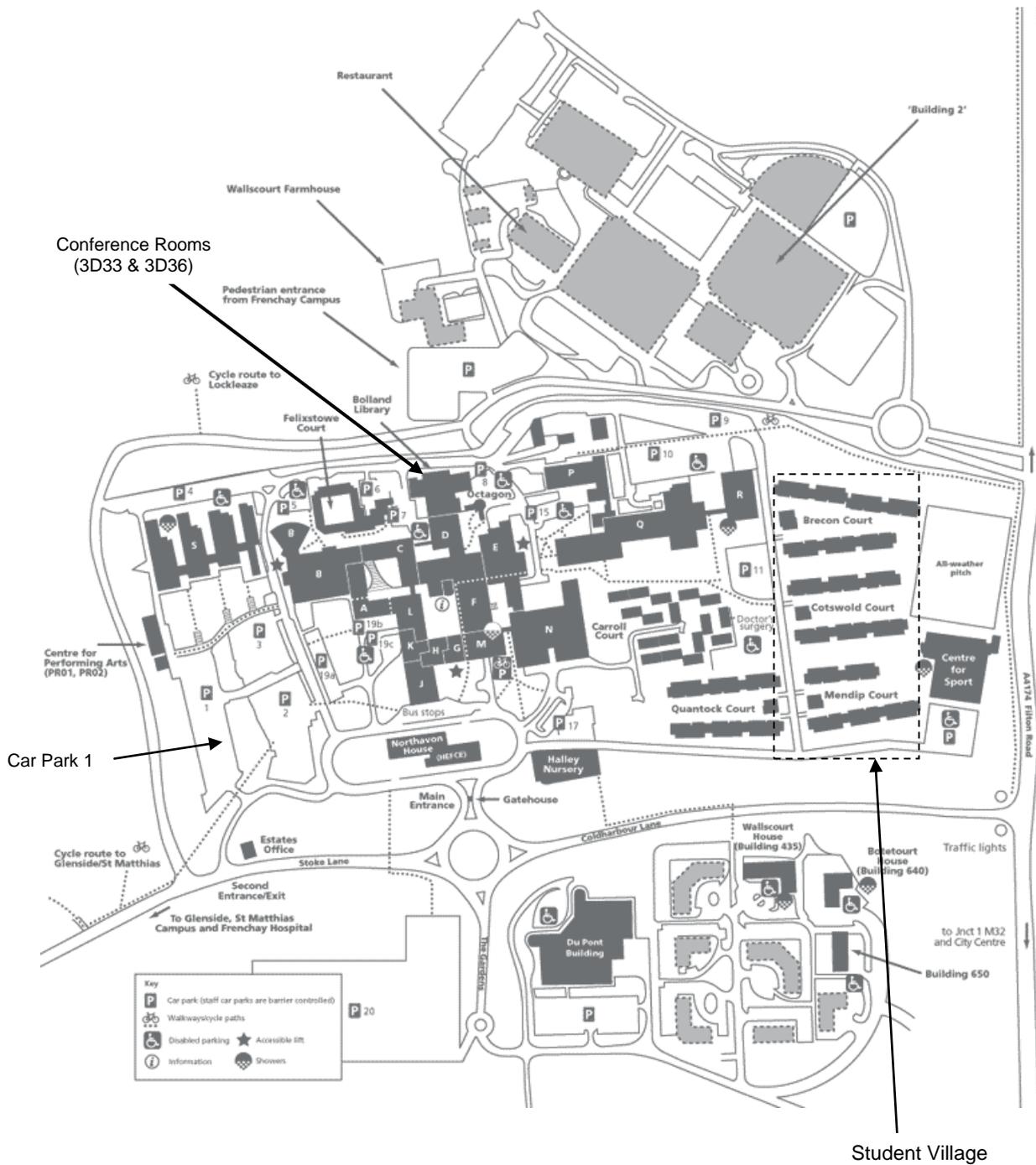
There will be signs directing you to the main Conference Rooms (3D33 and 3D36), the residential accommodation in the Student Village, and Felixstowe Court, where meals will be served.

Registration for the conference will take place from 2.00-3.00pm on Friday 3rd July, in Room 3D36. In case of late arrival, make yourself known to one of the conference organizers: Farah Mendlesohn or Charlie Butler. In case of emergency, their cell/mobile phone numbers are +44 779 9771309 (Farah) and +44 787 7686895 (Charlie). If you cannot find either Farah or Charlie, Hallie O'Donovan and Edward James will also be available to assist you.

If you are presenting a paper...

Note that computer and projection facilities will be available in the conference rooms, as will a DVD player. Powerpoint displays should be stored on a USB drive, and there will be Mac and PC available.

We hope to be able to film at least some of the proceedings, as a record and for possible dissemination through Youtube or a similar site. If you would rather *not* be filmed, please let the organizers know.



Frenchay Campus

Coldharbour Lane
 Bristol BS16 1QY
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The Student Village and General Facilities

The Student Village, which opened in September 2006, offers 1,932 en-suite rooms with internet access and tea/coffee making facilities. The area is friendly and welcoming with on-site staff present 24 hours a day and is safe and secure with swipe access and extensive CCTV monitoring. All rooms are Disability Discrimination Act compliant. Many of them have been specifically adapted for guests with particular needs, and the ground floor has been fully adapted to provide study bedrooms for guests with disabilities. Tea and coffee making facilities are provided, and each study bedroom is provided with towels, soap and shampoo which will be replenished during your stay. Maid service can be arranged with prior notice. An additional charge is made for this service.

All bedroom keys must be returned to the pavilion reception on the date of departure. Please note unreturned keys will be charged for. Check Out Time is 10.00am on the morning of departure.

In case of emergencies please phone Frenchay Campus Gatehouse on 0117 32 82552 (24 hours, 7 days a week). Security Campus Support Officers are always on duty.

In the event of a fire, or if you hear the fire alarm, please evacuate the building without delay. Specific evacuation instructions are posted in your room.

Smoking is not permitted inside the buildings on any campus. If you wish to smoke please do this outside of the buildings.

Internet Access

Wireless access is available throughout the university, however please note that there are certain areas where wireless access will not be available.

Residential delegates will be provided with user id's and log-ins when they check-in for their accommodation. Delegates bringing their own laptops will be able to plug in and log-on to the internet from their bedrooms using the user id's and log-ins provided on arrival. PC's are also located around the university campus and can be used provided the delegate has a user id and log-in.

Book Stall

On Saturday the campus bookshop, Blackwells, will have a stall in the foyer of D Block, where they will be selling a range of books by and about Diana Wynne Jones.

Sports Facilities

The Centre for Sport hosts a multi-purpose sports hall with under-floor heating and is the size of eight badminton courts. It is designed to cater for a range of sports and activities including 5-a-side football, cricket, basketball, short tennis, badminton, trampolining and exercise classes. The facility also provides access to the all-weather astro pitch and hosts two glass-backed squash courts. The fitness suites have state-of-the-art equipment including cardiovascular machines, resistance machines and a large free weights section. They are fully equipped with AV technology which enables you to watch or listen to eight different TV and radio stations. Residential delegates will be able to make full use of this facility free of charge whilst on campus.

Bank

A NatWest cash machine is available on campus, which will work for cards with all the major UK and some foreign banks.

Meals and Refreshments

Morning and afternoon refreshments will be served in 3D36. Otherwise, all meals will be served in the Felixstowe Court Brasserie.

Breakfast for residential delegates will be served from 8.00-9.00am.

On Friday, a buffet supper will be served from 6-7pm. There will be a cash bar facility from 6.00-11.00pm.

On Saturday HarperCollins have kindly sponsored a drinks reception from 6-7pm, which will be followed by a buffet supper from 7.00-8.30pm. Again, there will be a cash bar facility from 6.00-11.00pm.

Lunch (Saturday and Sunday) will be served from 1.30-2.30pm.

Anyone staying overnight on Sunday is welcome to join the organizers for dinner at a local restaurant that evening.

Local Travel

Frenchay Village

Frenchay Village itself is a pleasant semi-rural village, with a green, a pub, riverside walks along the Frome, a historic Unitarian Chapel and Quaker Meeting House, and a handsome church. It is about 1.5 miles from the campus. To reach it, turn right at the main campus exit, and follow the road over the motorway to the bottom of the hill. Turn left at the lights, and then right at the mini-roundabout (next to Frenchay Hospital), some three hundred yards further on. A right-hand turn shortly afterwards is signposted to 'Frenchay Village Only'.

Let's Play Bristolia™

Bristol is an interesting and historic city, as well as having numerous connections with books by Diana Wynne Jones, and if you have time you may well wish to explore. The official tourist site is <http://visitbristol.co.uk/>. In particular, this page - <http://visitbristol.co.uk/site/visitor-information/multimedia> - contains a gallery of images, Bristol-connected videos, and also MP3 audio tours that you can download and use as a guide to the city.

The UWE campus is some five miles from the centre of Bristol, but travel links are plentiful:

Taxi companies

Bob's Cabs 0117 979 2261
Euro Taxis 01454 320 101
Spirit Travel 0117 979 9535
B&D Taxis 0117 965 2222

Bus Services

The following buses go to the Frenchay Campus. Most journeys cost in the region of £1-£3. The drivers will normally give change, but try not to give them anything larger than a £10 note.

- **70** City Centre-UWE
- **312** Thornbury-Alveston-Parkway Station-UWE
- **318** Cribbs Causeway (shopping centre)-Keynsham
- **319** Cribbs Causeway (shopping centre)-Bath

- **518** Shirehampton-Downend
- **581** Emersons Green-Shirehampton via Filton

For timetables of services 70, 318 and 319

visit <http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/southwest/bristol/>.

For timetables of service 312 and 581 visit <http://www.southgloucestershirebus.co.uk/>.