



**THE RUSSELL HOBAN SOME-POASYUM
LONDON, 11-13 FEBRUARY 2005
AGENDA & INFORMATION**

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

From 5pm: Informal pre-dinner drink at the Friend at Hand, 4 Herbrand Street. The pub is about 20 yards from Russell Square tube (turn left out of the station and take the next left).

7pm: Il Fornello Group Dinner, 150 Southampton Row. Nearest tube Russell Square; turn left out of the station, take the 2nd left into Southampton Row and walk straight on for 2-3 minutes. Watch out for your welcome pack, which will include, among other exciting items, a **Some-Poasyum Quiz Sheet** which you can enter for the prize draw on Sunday evening. First prize is a complete set of signed Bloomsbury editions of Russell Hoban novels. If you are not coming to the Troubadour on Sunday night please contact one of the convention organisers to make alternative arrangements for the delivery of your prize should you win!

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

9am: London Tour – Optional Start for Early Birds. Meet outside Hammersmith Tube Station (District & Piccadilly Lines). Please see the London Tour sheet for full details.

10am: A Guided Tour of Russell Hoban's London. Meet outside Fulham Broadway Tube station. Please see the London Tour sheet for full details.

A few hours' free time is scheduled between the end of the tour and the main event of the weekend...

7pm: Russell Hoban and Mr Punch at Nomad Books, 781 Fulham Road. The nearest Tube is Parsons Green – turn left out of the station into Parsons Green Lane, walk up to Fulham Road and turn left; Nomad is about 300 yards on your left. Fans of *Angelica's Grotto* meanwhile might prefer to take the 14 bus, which stops in Fulham Road very close to the shop. (Please note the event is scheduled to end at 10.30pm.)

SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

DAY TRIP TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL (Optional)

9.15am: Meet at **Victoria Coach Station** for the **9.30** coach to Canterbury. The journey takes approximately 1hr 50 minutes. Please don't be late as your ticket

cannot be transferred to another coach! The nearest tube for VCS is Victoria - take the exit marked Victoria Street, turn left, then left again, then walk 5-6 minutes straight up Buckingham Palace Road – VCS is on the corner of Elizabeth Street but is not very obvious as it is currently covered in scaffolding! You can also take bus numbers C1, N11 and 239, 11, 211 and C10 direct to the coach station.

11.30am: Meet outside the Cathedral Gate in the town centre. (From the coach stop, turn right towards Fenwick, then left into the main High Street and follow the signs.) You are free until 1pm, so have lunch, go shopping, explore Canterbury...

12.55pm: Meet outside the Cathedral Gate for group entry to the Cathedral and a private tour with Andrew Webster, Director of Development. Because normal church services will be taking place at the Cathedral on the day of our visit, the tour of the main Cathedral must end by **2pm**, but we will then head down into the Jesus Chapel in the crypt where we have been allowed to have a reading from *Riddley Walker*. Please note there is a fee to enter the Cathedral of £4, not included in the convention ticket price.

3.40pm: Meet back at the coach stop for the return coach to London (departs 3.50, arrives 5.50 approx).

7.30pm: Troubadour Group Dinner: Meet at The Troubadour Restaurant and Coffee House, 263-267 Old Brompton Road (nearest Tube West Brompton; turn right from the station and walk straight ahead for about 5 minutes). This evening will include the presentation of the prizes for the Hoban quiz, a lucky dip, audio-visual treats and an open-mic spot for short readings of favourite Hoban extracts. There will also be the opportunity to trade Hoban collectables, so please bring along anything you might wish to sell or swap.

11pm: The Russell Hoban Some-Poasym Closes – officially, anyway...