European Beat Studies Network Conference, Manchester, June 27-29, 2016

We have block-booked a number of discounted hotel rooms close to the <u>Wonder Inn</u>, where the conference will take place. Please contact the organisations directly (details below) and please note that the rooms will be held until the 27th May/ 31st May (but it's advisable to book much sooner).

- 1) We have 25 rooms block booked at the Holiday Inn at Goadsby St, Manchester M4 5JY which is less than 5 minutes' walk to the Wonder Inn. Rooms, which include Wi-Fi and breakfast, have been booked from June 26, 27, 28 and 29 (although you may stay for fewer nights). The rooms cost £70/ 90 euro per night.
 - To book, please contact in-house reservations at the hotel on either 0161 836 9666 Monday Friday 9am 5pm, quoting block code MAC; or by email reservations@hixmanchester.com quoting block code MAC. Unfortunately our Central Reservations office (operating out of hours), or hotel Front Desk will not be able to make those bookings. Please note that bookings need to be prepaid in full at the time of making a reservation, and are non-refundable and non-transferable once made. All bookings need to be made by 31st May 2016.
- 2) We have also block-booked rooms from a range of hotels near the Wonder Inn via Visit Manchester. Follow this link: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/EBSN2016 which will give you information on the price of each hotel and the distance to the Wonder Inn. There is another Holiday Inn listed on Oxford Road, which is 15 minutes from the conference venue. If you require further assistance, support is available via the Accommodation Booking Service (ABS) team Tel: 0161 238 4514 / 4563 or email: abs@visitmanchester.com

Arriving from Manchester Airport: best to get a train from the airport to Manchester Piccadilly. Return tickets cost c. £10 (off peak, i.e. after 9.30 a.m.). You can get a tram but it takes longer. Taxis will cost c. £25 to get to the city centre. Train times

You can find the **tram** (Metrolink) map and information here. Tickets are bought from machines on each tram station (cash or card). The nearest tram stop to the Wonder Inn is Shudehill, which is close to the other main railway station, Manchester Victoria. Once you're in the city, you shouldn't need to use public transport unless you want to venture out to music venues, galleries, etc. (info to follow).

We will provide more information nearer the time on where to eat, drink and get good commemorative tattoos but for now, here are a few links to whet your appetite. The Wonder Inn is at the edge of the <u>Northern Quarter</u>, which is less than ten minutes from Manchester Piccadilly railway station and 5 minutes from Manchester Victoria station.

Northern Quarter

Bars: http://www.manchesterbars.com/location-northernquarter.htm
Record shops: http://www.creativetourist.com/shopping/record-shops/manchester-record-shops/
Gig venues: Matt and Phred's (jazz club), Band on the Wall, Night and Day, Gulliver's, The Castle (the

last two are also great pubs)

What's on in Manchester (not just the Northern Quarter) http://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Manchester/

Best wishes, Oliver and Doug