



About Koka2

Distribution points for the Newsletter and the daily programme updates are the Registration Desk on the ground floor and the main con bar (Carradale) on the Entresol floor. Look there for new issues.

The Newsletter office is in room 108, between Comms and the gopher hole/green room. Bring us your news, and we'll mutilate it, change the meaning, quote you out of context and print it with several new and interesting typographical errors.

The newsletter editor is Mike Scott, assisted by the *Plokta* Cabal and Jan van't Ent, and hindered by Marianne Cain. If you'd like to help out, please come along and sign up.

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Convention Strikes Iceberg

Due to flooding in room 109, the gopher hole has been combined with the green room in the Montrose Suite, on the first floor. This continues a fine tradition of floods at Glasgow Eastercons — at Speculation in 1991, Alison Scott went down ~~on~~ with her green room.

Restaurant Guide

Conveniently close by — actually just across from the hotel down Hope Street — is Bombay Blues, sporting a "Fine Indian Cuisine" sign. Choose from a £9.95 buffet or order from the menu.

Nice ambience, although maybe a bit too cleanly modern, and friendly staff serving good quality food.

— Jan van't Ent

Blatant Abuse of Power #1

<plokta.con> would like to remind our members that our room block expires at the end of April. If you want a room in the con hotel, **book it now** by calling the hotel directly on 0116 253 1161 and mentioning <plokta.con>. You can do this even if you haven't yet joined the con.

— Mike Scott

Imagine our shock when we discovered from the notices in the lobby that this is actually the Scottish Slimmers convention and not the UK National SF Convention at all. Of course, this could explain the lack of decent beer.

Breakfast Times

Breakfast will end at 10:30am on Saturday and Sunday, and 10am on Monday. Don't get caught out and left hungry.

Blatant Abuse of Power #2

To encourage Sue Mason's TAFF campaign, and, incidentally, raise some money, collections of her art and writing, along with some other people's writing, are available from Alison Scott. In the bar or in room 234. £4 for a very good cause. You know it makes sense.

— Alison Scott

According to our regular Weekly World News reader in Ops, Elvis has been sighted in the Green Room getting ready for a programme item. Rumours of flooding are merely a distraction to keep the hordes of lust-crazed fans away.

While on the subject, the committee tell us that they have discovered a leak and that the CIA are investigating it. A transparent ploy.

Beyond Cyberdrome

Wanted, Sprockettes willing to jump up and down and chant in binary. Must provide own PVC outfit. See Barbara, Cal, Eira or SMS.

—SMS

Fabulous Brighton

The Fabulous Brighton launch at 8pm on Friday (Arran Room) should show fans that Brighton is more than a place where Worldcons once happened. Brighton-based collective Shrewsbury Press has assembled a collection of SF/Fantasy stories set in Brighton by writers connected to the town.

At the reading will be joint Editors Liz Counihan and Liz Williams and general factotum Peter T Garratt.

— Peter T Garratt

The extremely large American gentlemen who have been wandering around are not Scottish Slimmers either. They are members of an American football team who have been staying here for the last five months. Following Fran Dowd's buttock-resilience survey, they have decided to move out and go somewhere safer for the weekend.

Blatant Abuse of Power #3

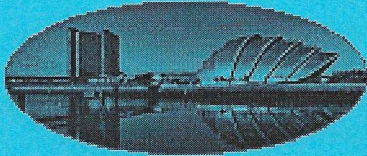
<plokta.con>, a small friendly fannish SF convention in the Leicester Holiday Inn over the Spring bank holiday weekend (26-29 May) is run by the awfully nice people who brought you Fourplay, Confabulation, the Hugo-nominated fanzine *Plokta* and this newsletter.

Attending membership is still £20, but will cost more on the door. Join at Sue Mason's table in the Dealers' Room (the one with the coloured wood products)

— Mike Scott

UK05

On Monday morning the UK05 Worldcon bid will be arranging a visit to the new facilities of the SECC — including the Armadillo. If you want to come along then come to the lobby of the Central at 11am Monday morning and we will take the low-level train service to the SECC.



For information on the bid, which is still deciding between Glasgow and Brighton sites, just come over to the con table in the Kintyre (non-smoking bar).

— *Vince Docherty*

Bar Correction

The *Read-Me* says the Arran room is a public bar. In fact, this is the Ailsa bar — the Arran is the Alternative Programme.

Blatant Abuse of Power #4

Be sure to consider Maastricht as a fun place to visit next November, the week after Novacon. Come see us at the ConTreaty desk and sample some Dutch chocolate in a classy hotel wrapper, while taking away a flyer, or better, handing us your money.

— *Jan van't Ent*

Keeps Them Off the Streets

2Kon can't have any childcare facilities, for all sorts of good reasons. However, Alison Scott and Steven Cain are, entirely privately, choosing to make their room, 234, available for parents and children who want somewhere quiet to hang out and play. 4-7 Friday, 10-6 Sunday and Monday. Pop up and see us.

— *Alison Scott*

Erratum

The convention Souvenir Book claims that Sparks once blew up £3 million pounds worth of military equipment. He would like to point out that this is blatantly untrue — it was in fact £8.5 million.

What's worse than being a neo-fan at your second convention? How about being a Dutch neo-fan in Glasgow, discovering that everyone around you in the bar are people you know from the Netherlands?

Chairman Renamed

Convention chair Andrew A Adams, the fan formerly known as A³, has been rechristened A₁ in the Souvenir Book. You read it one of his own convention's publication, it must be right.

Eastercon Moves

Paragon, next year's Eastercon, has been unable to agree satisfactory room rates with the Norbreck Castle in Blackpool and has decided to relocate. It will now be held in the Hanover International hotel in Hinckley, Leicestershire.

There will be a special presentation during the site selection meeting at 11 am on Sunday to explain the move, and details are also available from the Paragon con desk.

Late Night Laser Tag

Friday: midnight — 3am
Saturday: midnight — 3am
Sunday: midnight — 3am

In the basement — past the Leisure Centre entry behind the Registration Desk.

Come along for a game of Laser Tag. Places limited to 10 per game.

Capture the Flag
Free for All
Attack & Defend

Sign up at Registration or at Comms.

— *Ian Cairns*

Grand Opening

Waiting lines, queues, they were all there for the aficionados, who complained about acute queue-deprivation when registration failed to produce anything of Con Francisco-like standards.

As openings go, it did well, with a nice theme slide show before some famous con-face hologram called the committee to the stage and introduced the Guests of Honour. Obligatory chair comments by A₁ included the great Salthouse show — for which people have to pick up a ticket at registration for either the Friday evening or Saturday afternoon show, by the way.

That's it — off to the bar then...

— *Jan van't Ent*

Beltane Video

You may have heard of Edinburgh's Beltane celebration, when tens of thousands of people take over the city's Calton Hill for a night of fire, drums and ritual — not to mention a pretty good party.

This year's Beltane celebration takes place next Sunday, but if you can't be there, come along for our late night showing of the Beltane Fire Society's video of the Samhain celebration in room 153 (Workshop) tonight at midnight, and possibly also the Beltane (tomorrow) and Lunassagh or Imbolc (Sunday) videos.

— *Steve Glover*

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Hugo Nominations

Best Novel (334 nominations for 183 novels)

- ❑ *A Civil Campaign* by Lois McMaster Bujold (Baen)
- ❑ *Cryptonomicon* by Neal Stephenson (Avon)
- ❑ *Darwin's Radio* by Greg Bear (HarperCollins UK; Del Rey)
- ❑ *A Deepness in the Sky* by Vernor Vinge (Tor)
- ❑ *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by J.K. Rowling (Bloomsbury; Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic Press)

Best Novella (191 nominations for 58 novellas)

- ❑ "The Astronaut From Wyoming" by Adam-Troy Castro and Jerry Oltion (*Analog* 7-8/99)
- ❑ "Forty, Counting Down" by Harry Turtledove (*Asimov's* 12/99)
- ❑ "Hunting the Snark" by Mike Resnick (*Asimov's* 12/99)
- ❑ "Son Observe the Time" by Kage Baker (*Asimov's* 5/99)
- ❑ "The Winds of Marble Arch" by Connie Willis (*Asimov's* 10-11/99)

Best Novelette (168 nominations for 130 novelettes, six nominees due to a tie)

- ❑ "Border Guards" by Greg Egan (*Interzone* 10/99)
- ❑ "The Chop Girl" by Ian R. MacLeod (*Asimov's* 12/99)
- ❑ "Fossil Games" by Tom Purdom (*Asimov's* 2/99)
- ❑ "The Secret History of the Ornithopter" by Jan Lars Jensen (*F&SF* 6/99)
- ❑ "Stellar Harvest" by Eleanor Arnason (*Asimov's* 4/99)
- ❑ "1016 to 1" by James Patrick Kelly (*Asimov's* 6/99)

Best Short Story (189 nominations for 158 stories)

- ❑ "Ancient Engines" by Michael Swanwick (*Asimov's* 2/99)
- ❑ "Hothouse Flowers" by Mike Resnick (*Asimov's* 10-11/99)
- ❑ "macs" by Terry Bisson (*F&SF* 10-11/99)
- ❑ "Sarajevo" by Nick DiChario (*F&SF* 3/99)
- ❑ "Scherzo with Tyrannosaur" by Michael Swanwick (*Asimov's* 7/99)

Best Related Book (167 nominations for 74 books)

- ❑ *Minicon 34 Restaurant Guide* by Karen Cooper and Bruce Schneier (Rune Press)
- ❑ *The Sandman: The Dream Hunters* by Neil Gaiman and Yoshitaka Amano (DC Comics/Vertigo)
- ❑ *Science Fiction of the 20th Century* by Frank M. Robinson (Collectors Press)
- ❑ *The Science of Discworld* by Terry Pratchett, Ian Stewart, and Jack Cohen (Ebury Press)
- ❑ *Spectrum 6: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art* edited by Cathy and Arnie Fenner (Underwood)

Best Dramatic Presentation (304 nominations for 106 dramatic presentations)

- ❑ *Being John Malkovich* (Single Cell Pictures/Gramercy Pictures/Propaganda Films) Directed by Spike Jonze; Written by Charlie Kaufman
- ❑ *Galaxy Quest* (DreamWorks SKG) Directed by Dean Parisot; Story by David Howard; Screenplay by David Howard and Robert Gordon
- ❑ *The Iron Giant* (Warner Bros. Animation) Directed by Brad Bird; Book by Ted Hughes; Screenplay by Brad Bird and Tim McCanlies
- ❑ *The Matrix* (Village Roadshow Productions/Groucho II Film Partnership/Silver Pictures) Directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski; Written by Andy and Larry Wachowski
- ❑ *The Sixth Sense* (Spyglass Entertainment/Hollywood Pictures) Directed by M. Night Shyamalan; Written by M. Night Shyamalan

Best Professional Editor (203 nominations for 66 editors)

- ❑ Gardner Dozois (*Asimov's Science Fiction*)
- ❑ David G. Hartwell (Tor/Forge; *Year's Best SF*)
- ❑ Patrick Nielsen Hayden (Tor Books; *Starlight*)
- ❑ Stanley Schmidt (*Analog Science Fiction and Fact*)
- ❑ Gordon Van Gelder (St. Martin's Press; *Fantasy & Science Fiction*)

Best Professional Artist (196 nominations for 103 artists)

- ❑ Jim Burns
- ❑ Bob Eggleton
- ❑ Donato Giancola
- ❑ Don Maitz
- ❑ Michael Whelan

Best Semiprozine (168 nominations for 38 semiprozines)

- ❑ *Interzone* edited by David Pringle
- ❑ *Locus* edited by Charles N. Brown
- ❑ *The New York Review of Science Fiction* edited by Kathryn Cramer, Ariel Hamion, David G. Hartwell, and Kevin Maroney
- ❑ *Science Fiction Chronicle* edited by Andrew I. Porter
- ❑ *Speculations* edited by Kent Brewster

Best Fanzine (195 nominations for 94 fanzines)

- ❑ *Ansible* edited by Dave Langford
- ❑ *Challenger* edited by Guy H. Lillian III
- ❑ *File 770* edited by Mike Glycer
- ❑ *Mimosa* edited by Nicki and Richard Lynch
- ❑ *Plokta* edited by Alison Scott, Steve Davies, and Mike Scott

Best Fan Writer (191 nominations for 147 fan writers)

- ❑ Bob Devney
- ❑ Mike Glycer
- ❑ Dave Langford
- ❑ Evelyn C. Leeper
- ❑ Steven H Silver

Best Fan Artist (164 nominations for 101 fan artists)

- ❑ Freddie Baer
- ❑ Brad Foster
- ❑ Teddy Harvia
- ❑ Joe Mayhew
- ❑ Taral Wayne

John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer (110 nominations for 72 writers)

- Sponsored by Dell Magazines.
- ❑ Cory Doctorow (2nd year of eligibility)
 - ❑ Thomas Harlan (1st year)
 - ❑ Ellen Klages (2nd year)
 - ❑ Kristine Smith (1st year)
 - ❑ Shane Tourtellotte (2nd year)

Green Room

Could programme participants please come to the Green Room *before* their programme item so that we can keep the gophers well-fed get drinks for them. Besides, we get lonely.

— *The Green Room Team*

Snack Meals

Profuse apologies for the confusion about snack meals. The demand for later snacks, as opposed to the carvery 2-for-1 deal, was higher than expected.

New arrangements are:

Snack Meals

Sat: 1pm — 7pm (last orders 6:45pm)

Sun: 1pm — 7:30pm

Mon: 12 noon — 4pm

Carvery

The carvery evening deal will still be available from 6:30-9:30pm in the restaurant, but *the carvery lunch has been withdrawn* to meet resource demands for snack meals.

Once again, the committee apologise for any inconvenience and confusion on Friday evening.

— *Cuddles*

Lost Property #1

To the person who removed my brand-new leather tankard of ale from the shelf where I left it: I am back now, and you can return it to me. Thanks for looking after it.

— *Colin Fine*

Electrical Eggs

Could the following Electrical Eggs members please collect new alert badges from room 103:

- Steve Davies
- Miche Kiessling
- Andrew Kirkland
- Pauline McKendrick
- James O'Dell
- Stephen Rushe

Lost Property #2

Urgent request from the hotel. Can they have their trolley back please? It was borrowed yesterday and was not returned.

Leather Fetish

Fandom expects every leather fetishist to do their duty.

There is a leather shop closing today, virtually beneath the hotel (go out of the train station via escalator, the shop is under the railway bridge on Argyle Street).

Leather skirts, coats, waistcoats, dresses, trousers — nothing over £50, and perhaps even lower prices this afternoon.

— *Gail Courtney*

For a Few Hobbits More

Once upon a time in the Shire, the evil lord Sauron (or Soren in the local dialect) begat a son, who contrived an unparalleled rip-off of Morricone, Lucas, and Tolkien.

Frodo disappeared by getting his hand toasted (had the toaster been PAT tested?). Gandalf the Grey (and later Off-White) was taken down in Moria by a balrog not falling for odd-numbered parlour tricks. But the Ent was really nice (so I have some interest there, all right?) And in the end the audience got to play the part of the most expensive prop of all: a flapping, screeching, fire-breathing Nazgul of immense proportion.

— *Jan van't Ent*

Programme Update Update

A time was left off the Saturday programme update. *Behind the Scenes at Time Team* and *If I Ran The Zoo Con 2* are at 18:00, not 17:00

Film Extra

The Resurrection Works, a ten minute promo for an original, fan produced independent film, will be showing prior to the film programme items in Arran at approx. 2:45pm today and 3:45pm Sunday. Anyone interested in independent film making and in helping to make a film may want to attend.

— *Mark Slater*

Restaurant Guide

Thai Royale, Argyle St (close to the Carrick Hotel) has a three course set menu at £10.95 pp with a good selection of dishes from 5:30pm-7pm.

Food was delicious, and a treat for the eyes. I highly recommend the grilled pork ribs as a starter and the chicken satay as a main course. Dessert was a lovely vanilla ice cream. Recommended!

— *Cristina Pulido Ulvang*

Under the hotel is a tapas bar called Havana, with a restaurant attached. The restaurant has been closed for refurbishment for ages, but just reopened yesterday. So nobody knows it's open and it was empty. Food jolly nice, though. 3 tapas (from a short but reasonably interesting range) are £8.50; 12 tapas, some flat bread and olives fed four of us and a child comfortably. It's open tonight (Saturday) but will be closed tomorrow and Monday.

— *Alison Scott*

Blatant Plug #1

Come along and enter the Lexicon "Oxford and Angels" quiz — see the Lexicon desk in the bar for details. Grand prizes, including lots of books by our GoH Philip Pullman.

Also come along and collect PR1 and room booking forms — and join the convention! 18-20 August 2000, Exeter College, Oxford. £28.

— *Lexicon*



Reminders

Koka2 is distributed on the Registration Desk and in the main (Carradale) bar.

Alison Scott and Steven Cain are providing space for parents to look after their own and each other's children in room 234 from 10-6 on Sunday and Monday.

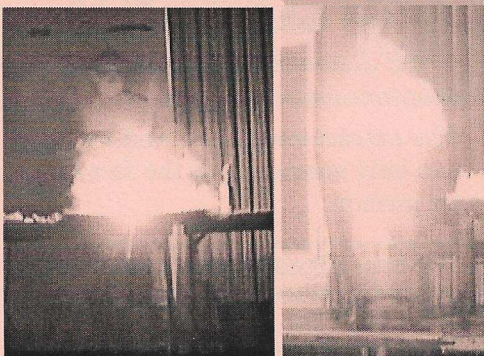
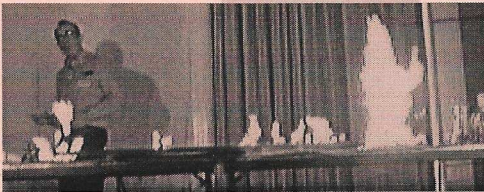
The carvery lunch has been withdrawn, but snack meals will now close at 7pm today (last orders 6:45pm) and run from 1pm – 7:30pm Sunday and 12 noon – 4pm Monday.

Programme participants should report to the Green Room 15 minutes *before* their programme items.

Alison Scott is selling a collection of Sue Mason's artwork (see samples in this issue of *Koka2*) and writing, in support of Sue's TAFF campaign and to raise money for TAFF. £4 from Alison, in the bar or in room 234.

Scientific Progress Goes "Bang!"

Our thanks to Roger Burton-West, who slid a disk of pictures of John Salthouse's presentation under the newsroom door.



Restaurant Reviews

Restaurant? Certainly! Carini's is the fish-and-chip place down Union Street (go down the stairs by the Burger King, cross the road and turn right, and it's on your left before you're past the flocks of marauding buses and taxis).

Well, I say fish-and-chip; they fry other things too, in what I'm told is a great Scottish tradition, and will also do pizza, burgers, kebabs, and all the rest of the usual suspects. Our intrepid party ventured out at 8 on Friday evening, by which time most of Glasgow seemed to have eaten and joined the queues for the nightclubs.

The first thing one notices is the music. It's not loud, exactly; it's more that it's the sort of music one expects to be loud. And if it were any quieter, you might be able to hear your arteries clogging up, which would be a pity.



The pizza is very highly recommended; they're generous with toppings in a way that has been completely forgotten in most places, and although they don't have every topping I've met (no fried eggs, for example) they do have most of the standards, as well as an appealing smoked sausage.

(Don't be surprised if there's not a lot showing; they hide it under the cheese.) Chips are obviously hand-made rather than bought in; fish are generously battered; even the burgers appealed to our test subjects.

As for cost, even Rog-O the Almost Human Dustbin was fed to repletion for just over a fiver, with others paying even less. And that's why it gets a restaurant review; on the best-closest-cheapest tradeoff, it's pretty close, pretty cheap, and — if you like any sort of fast food — pretty darn good.

— Roger Burton-West

Missed breakfast (the Central not being the only hotel with an early cut-off time), or maybe lunch, or even a dinner appointment? Famished for a quick snack, but wary of any Mac Wimpy Kentucky King product, I wandered into The Pancake Place, right around the corner of Central's Union Street exit. It serves some real nice sweet dreams, er, pancakes. Anything from intermediate snacks to filling plates — and for the unbelieving friends there are fries and burgers too....

— Jan van't Ent

Blatant Abuse of Power #5

Could British ConTreaty members please come to see us at the con table in Kintyre to pick up their PR1? We still have chocolates available to bribe others to become members — and visit Maastricht in November — you know, where that treaty was signed.

— Jan van't Ent

Chickens Beware!

The convention now has a voodoo board, cunningly secreted in a recess on the first floor landing.

Beltane Revisited

We will be showing the tape of last year's Beltane Fire Festival tonight at midnight.

The real thing takes place in Edinburgh West Sandy from about 10pm until dawn on Calton Hill.

— Steve Glover

PAPA Wants You

Come and talk to us: Sunday 4pm Room 153 (Workshop). We're weird, we're crazy, and we write. If this description fits you, come along.

— Bobby

Swedes Abroad

Glasgow is surprisingly adapted to Swedish visitors. Not only do the buses sport the legend "Får jag klappa din ren?" (May I stroke your reindeer? — that has *got* to be a euphemism for something or other, but I'd rather not speculate), but the waiters at the China Sea restaurant across the street from the hotel were transported with joy as three Swedes entered their establishment; one of them started shaking our hands and exclaiming "Tack! Tack! *Skål!*" ("Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Cheers!").

Definitely the most enthusiastic welcome to a restaurant I've ever received. The food was good, too, and the place is worth a visit just to see the dragon suspended from the ceiling.

Blatant Abuse of Power #6

Dutch fanzine seeks artists. *Holland SF*, the NCSF clubzine, now in its 34th year, seems to be running out of Dutch artist contacts — if there are any Brits fancying being published on the continent, come talk to Jan van't Ent or mail me later at vantent@few.eur.nl.

— Jan van't Ent

Fanfundery #1

The 2000 GUFF race has just opened. The candidates are Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber and Damien Warman & Juliette Woods. The winner will attend Paragon, next year's Eastercon, and will be the first GUFF winner to attend an Eastercon since 1984. Voting closes on 13 November 2000.

The ballot is available on the web at <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/guff2001.htm>.

Fanfundery #2

The 2000 TAFF race from the UK to Australia is approaching its climax. The candidates are **Sue Mason**, Tommy Ferguson and Tobes Valois. The winner will attend Chicon V, this year's Worldcon.

Votes can be given to Claire Brialey or Mark Plummer — voting closes in early May, so this is your last chance to vote at a convention.

This newsletter supports **SUE MASON FOR TAFF**.



Leather Fetish #2

Due to popular demand, the Suede & Leather Centre at 236 Argyle Street will also be open tomorrow, Sunday, from 12 noon to 4pm.

Thanks to Gail

— Suede & Leather Centre

Signing

Anne Sudworth will be signing copies of her new book, *Enchanted World*, published this month by Paper Tiger on the Andromeda table in the dealers' room, Sunday 2:30pm. Anne's work is also on show in the Art Show.

— Sonia Pugh

Vote Now

Voting in the Doc Weir award is still open. The ballot box is on the Registration Desk until it closes today, in Comms this evening, and back on the Registration Desk until it closes on Sunday.

— A

Expedition to the Entresol

The following extract, evidently from a travel journal of some kind, was found in a pile of melted organic matter on the Entresol level:

...and meanwhile, in the dealers' room, the condensation drips, the air shimmers in the tropical heat. Massive vines have grown overnight from seeds in leftover sandwiches. Clouds of iridescent insects hover, buzzing, sipping nectar from the hibiscus and frangipani.

A tribe of monkeys — or was it fans? — suddenly swoops, their raucous chatter frightening a basking alligator — or was it Rog Peyton? — back into his warm pool.

Boiling mud plops and eggs fry. Jewellery melts.

In the distance the first book spontaneously combusts.

The extract ends here, and we can only speculate on the fate of its author.

This issue edited by Mike Scott, assisted by Alison Scott, Steve Davies & Jan van't Ent. Art by Sue (for TAFF) Mason, photos by Roger Burton-West.



Helicon 2 Wins Eastercon Bid

Four bids were presented at the site selection meeting.

Movacon offered an Eastercon on the Glasgow Underground, with two tracks of programming — clockwise and anti-clockwise

e.con were in it for the money, and planned an Internet Eastercon with an IPO immediately before the con to allow the committee and members to sell out and cash in.

Conker was a parasitic Eastercon bid, offering to let Helicon 2 do the hard work of actually running the con.

Helicon 2 was a bid for the Hotel de France on Jersey, site of Contrivance in 1989 and Helicon in 1993. The chair was Martin Hoare, with a bid team including Chris Cooper, Tim Illingworth, Marcia Illingworth, Keith Oborn, John Richards, Tobes, Larry van der Putte, Kim Whysall-Hammond and Tony Whysall-Hammond.

The voting was:

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| Movacon | 1 |
| e.con | 7 |
| Conker | 11 |
| Helicon 2 | Many |
| Hold-over | 4 |

Abstentions were not counted.

The 2002 Eastercon will therefore be **Helicon 2**.

Membership is £15 for junior/supporting and £30 for attending. Rates will rise later.

Hotel rates are £55 per person per night for twin/double rooms and £60 per person per night for single. There are many cheaper hotels and B&Bs nearby.

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RG14 6SY

Floods Revisited

The Green Room and the Gopher Hole have been combined in Montrose, in the wake of the flood. The gophers have *not* been consigned to the outer darkness, and any rumours that they have are completely unverified.

The Art Auction is also being flooded, art having to be shown carefully to avoid the sheets of water cascading onto the auctioneer.

Restaurant Reviews

We can't recommend the Modern Indian on West Regent Street *at all*. Interesting food marred by indifferent service and inaccurate menus. Go to the Ichiban Japanese Noodle Bar on Queen Street instead.

— *Blatant plug-seeking
Lexicon committee*

At the Jade Garden on Sauchiehall Street, two big Yorkshire appetites were filled for £10 per head including drinks. It gets crowded so go early and eat up.

— *Nick Walker*

Crowding in Corridors

Members are respectfully reminded that, in the event of delayed entry to programme items, corridors *must* be kept clear. If possible, try to find seating off the thoroughfare to allow access to toilets, bars and exits until the programmed event opens. Thank you.

All the Con's a Stage

After the "success" of *Captain Tartan Saves the World* — *Again!*, David B Wake is considering something more ambitious for next year. If you want to take part, let him know.

— *David B Wake*

Errata

The *Koka2* team would like to point out that the TAFF winner will actually be visiting North America, not Australia (unless Tobes wins, of course). Five proofreaders failed to spot this — after all, "Australia" was *spelled* right.

In issue 3, *Swedes Abroad* was by Linnéa Anglemark and *Expedition to the Entresol* was by Giulia de Cesare.

Hey, we're running short on sleep. There'll probably be even worse typpographicla and other wombats in this and subsequent issues.

Hall Costume Day

Collect your ducats from the Centauri ambassador, and hand them to the person in hall costume who you think deserves it best.

Membership Stats

At 3pm Saturday:

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|---------------|--------------|
| Pre-Reg (All) | 856 |
| At-Con | Attending 83 |
| | Day 49 |
| | Other 9 |

Total 996

No Shows 93

Warm Bodies 903

— *Vince Docherty*

Send Lally to Sweden

Some Swedish fans have decided that it is of mutual interest to both Swedish and UK/Irish fandom to get Dave Lally to Upsala, Sweden in October.

Please make donations to this worthy cause to either Ylva Spångberg or Johan Anglemark. Thank you.

— *Johan Anglemark*

