



Opening Ceremony



Photos: Chad Dixon

I started the opening ceremony in the dark, standing in a line of other committee members and our guests of honour, waiting for the signal to emerge. It felt uncomfortably like the “exiting the tunnel” scene in *The Great Escape*, only without the rope signal. Our MCs, Emmzi and John kept things short and sweet, and our guests were excellent, but that’s why we chose them. *EC*

Programme Changes

5pm Saturday: Parris McBride added to *Wild Cards*

11am Sunday: Charles Stross added to *Meet the new king..*

Art for Children

From 10am Saturday the Art Show (Connaught) will have an area for children to make their own artwork, which will be judged by the artists and displayed. There will be prizes awarded on Sunday morning, so come along and have some fun creating art.

Author Signings:

Saturday:

Andy Bigwood
Gareth Powell
Aliette de Bodard
Linda Stratmann
James Treadwell
Freda Warrington
Lisa Tuttle
Emma Newman
Adrian Tchaikovsky
John Trevillian
Juliet McKenna
Mike Shevdon
Christopher Priest
Leigh Kennedy
Sophia McDougall
James Swallow

Sunday:

Adam Christopher
Jaine Fenn
Charles Stross
Leigh Kennedy
Susan Bartholomew
Anne Lyle
John Meaney
David Langford
Geoffrey Landis
Sophia McDougall
Mike Cobley
James Swallow
Andy Bigwood
Gareth Powell
Freda Warrington
Emma Newman
Juliet McKenna
Mike Shevdon



Any artists or authors who haven't signed Monkee, please find his owner, and sign in one of the vanishingly few empty spots.



Paul Graham Raven wants to know, have you sat on the Iron Throne yet?

Wanna Join The A-Men?

Riding the dystopian wave, the A-Men trilogy mixes the elements of *The Matrix*, *Mad Max* and *Blade Runner* into a post-apocalyptic adventure that Literary R&R is calling “a futurist action-lover’s must read!”

For the duration of the convention, author John Trevillian is offering a 3-for-1 deal. Buy the third novel in the trilogy and get the first two books FREE! More info at www.trevillian.com.

See him in the Dealers’ Room or at the author signing on Saturday at 9pm.

Finding Rooms 41 and 42

I hope this is a helpful guide to finding them (both are on the 4th floor).

Note : there are two lift systems in the hotel.

So, if on Ground Floor (Hotel Reception) and near the Brasserie (where some breakfasts are served):

For	Have the Brasserie on your	The relevant Lift is
41	Left , then pass Newbury 1 (breakfast also served here)	ahead on your right
42	Right (with the Bijou Bar on your left)	ahead on your right

Dave Lally

WLTM

Sacha (badge 738) would like to meet any other “Bronies” at the con! That’s slang for fans of My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic!

Tolkien I

The Tolkien Society is delighted that “Fantasy in Our Time” (7pm, Sunday, Royal A+C) is including consideration of the little-acclaimed Birmingham-born author JRR Tolkien. Those who would learn more about this oft-overlooked genius are encouraged to visit www.tolkiensociety.org

Dr. Pat Reynolds, Heritage Manager

Tolkien II

The Tolkien Society has a horrendous Hobbit quiz (with prizes!). Please visit the Tolkien Society desk in the dealers’ room to pick up the quiz. Competition closes at six on Sunday.

Fan Fundery

The fan fund table is now open in the lobby outside the dealers’ room. The table is selling tombola tickets to benefit TAFF and GUFF, and amongst those appearing on the table will be this year’s delegates, Jacq Monahan and Kylie Ding respectively. If you’d like to buy a tombola ticket, or if you’d like to chat about/make a donation to the funds, please feel free to drop by!

We also have a number of British Worldcon T-shirts, which you can buy for an appropriate donation. The shirts are mostly small and medium, with a few larger sizes, so come have a look at what we’ve got!

Beyond Cyberdrome – Titanics

The Hotel-spanning international sports event which is Titanics has obtained a sponsor. The sponsor is Power Beer™—the taste sensation that drinkers remember. In accordance with our Sponsorship policy this means that Power Beer will now be available at all bars. Whilst the bars change over to Power Beer™, we ask the public from drinking other, non-official beers. Anyone doing so shall be escorted from the convention.

Beyond Cyberdrome—Titanics. The sports sensation that brings everyone together.

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Create Your Own Doctor Who Monster, with Tricia Sullivan



The Fear

Photo: Zoe Sumra

This workshop ran Friday morning in Rm41 and was enthusiastically attended by some of the younger attendees, ardent *Doctor Who* fans all. (Asking them to name one *Who* monster led to dozens of answers!) With Plasticine and coloured pens, many imaginative and frightening monsters came to life, with creations ranging from a Dalek Destroyer and a

terrifying Clown to the man-eating Gog-nogs and a platypus who emits deadly radiation.

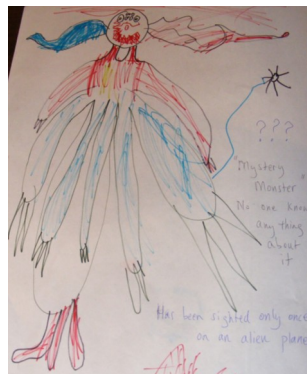
The children had a great time and their obvious enthusiasm and earnest concentration put some adult panels to shame.

One attendee said “*This was really really fun. Everyone should go to it!*”



Mystery Monster

Photo: Zoe Sumra



Mystery Monster

Photo: Zoe Sumra



The Clown

Photo: Zoe Sumra

Restaurants Near The Radisson

Two friends and I visited the Harlington Tandoori in Harlington, Hayes. The food quality was good and plentiful and prices were reasonable. A full range of Indian-style dishes was available. The Harlington Tandoori is accessible by foot if you are a good walker. Turn left (eastwards) outside the Radisson and walk to the traffic light junction. Then walk around 300 yards northward. The restaurant is on your left. If you go by car it is possible to park near the front of the restaurant. The journey there is short, but, the journey back takes one nearly two miles west of the Radisson before one can turn round on the other carriageway. *Wilf James*