



Naked Ladies at the Beer Tasting

Steve, Anders and Feorag took 30 beer-loving fans on a magical mystery tour through the world of brewing and beer. Each participant received a packet containing examples of some barley, hops and malts to sniff, rustle and generally examine. A short introductory talk about the brewing process was followed by the all-important tasting. The beers got darker as the tasting progressed, and we sampled such delights as Buxton SPA, Naked Ladies and Espresso beer. This was a sociable way of trying new and occasionally alarming tipples, notably the one that tasted of salami! Sadly I can't remember the name of the salami one, but it made rather an impression and so I suspect that the other participants will be able to enlighten anyone who really wants to locate a beer that tastes of salami...

Carrie Mowatt

1/2r's Trousers Aren't Full

NO! We're talking about the illustrated, embroidered ones. Artists who have a small, quick illo are invited to add to it. He'll probably be near the real ale bar.

Podcast General

Jim Mowatt has been surreptitiously sneaking off to his room at various times during this convention to spend a little time alone with his computer.

From these disappearances he has produced a series of audio podcasts detailing some of what he's been getting up to at the convention.

You can find Jim's podcast at

<http://easterconpodcasts.wordpress.com>

Strapped for Cash?

If the hotel's ATM doesn't work for your card, there is also one at the McDonalds.

Non-Guest of Honour autographs at 8pm are being moved from Room 12 to the Fan Lounge in Royal B. This means the fan lounge will be closed for that hour.

Charge!

If you have a Samsung phone charger, Runesmith would be very appreciative if you could lend it to his stall in the dealers' room, and might offer a discount or prezzie in return.

And Then There's Tech!

I discovered a whole new world today at Eastercon. I mentioned I was doing a podcasting workshop at 5pm on Sunday and someone suggested this was a terribly 'brave' thing to do. This obviously worried me and I thought that maybe it was the tech aspect that she thought might be the terror part of the process. I promised myself I would consult tech crew.

Tech Crew lurk near the back of program items and do knowledgeable looking things with wires, knobs and sliders. They seem to live mostly in the dark, speak in hushed tones and have a language all of their

own. I tracked them down through Ops and a helpful chap came with me to assist in an ambush. He'd hunted tech crew before and knew their burrows, their paths and their little ways. As a result we quickly spotted one out in the open and pounced. He looked initially perturbed but soon recovered and seemed very willing to help. He checked that I had a VGA port and that their chart signified that I would have a projector there. He also pointed me toward Green Room where there was a projector for me to test my computer on. All was well there until I realised that it wouldn't also give me sound. Back I went to the Tech Crew lair at the back of the main programming room. The chap there was initially worried about this sound request as room 41 wasn't set up for sound so he referred me to their Queen. She knew exactly what to do. She commanded one of her minions to bring her a Sharpie and the planning board was soon updated to include my request for sound. All seems good. Now the acid test is will all this tech be available for me on Sunday at 5pm? I'm sure it will but still worried that it might be 'brave'. Brave is such an unsettling word.

Jim Mowatt

Twittery Review

McDonalds next to hotel. They have burgers.



The Magician bids you welcome to

The Eastercon Masquerade



*Warehouse 11 - Nigel Furlong, Sabine Furlong,
Gary Stratmann, Karen Furlong*



*Brotherhood of Mars
Eggbrite and Beth*



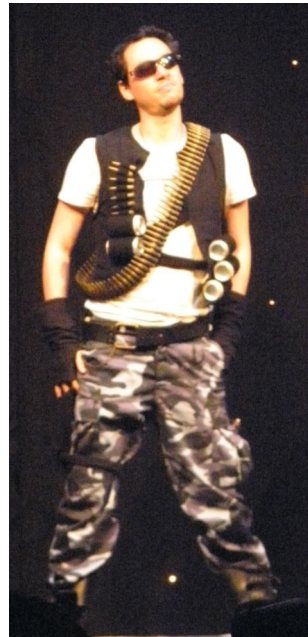
Arven - Think Becca



*3rd prize --Witch Hunter General
Peter Westhead*



*Edward Scissorhands
Lucky Kaa*



Jim Raynor - Tim



Glados - Sacha



Starbuck - Severine M



*2nd prize - Morgana
Ranger Hilary and Nicky*



*Masquerade Winner
Wirrn - Joe Halse*