



# PROCLAMATION

The Newsletter of Reclamation, the 2022 Eastercon

Issue 1: Friday Evening

## The Doc Weir Award

The Doc Weir Award has been given at the Eastercon for nearly sixty years to a fan who has made a contribution to fandom that deserves public recognition. This year the voting is online, at [bit.ly/2022DocWeir](https://bit.ly/2022DocWeir) (or scan one of the QR codes we've put around the hotel). If you don't have access to the Internet, find a friend who does. Voting closes at noon on Monday and the award will be made at the closing ceremony. The winner receives a silver cup to keep for a year, which they need to get engraved themselves.

Cast your vote for the  
2022 Doc Weir Award  
at

[bit.ly/2022DocWeir](https://bit.ly/2022DocWeir)  
or scan here:



—Alison Scott

## In Memoriam

It is right that we remember, with respect and love, those whom we have lost.

It has been a tradition at past Eastercons to name members of our community who are no longer with us, and we'll be doing that during the closing ceremony this year.

You can use the form at <https://bit.ly/3jHNOTO> to supply a name of someone lost to us since the last in-person Eastercon, three years ago. To make sure it is recorded please submit the form before 9am on Monday 18 April 2022. Alternatively, you can find one of the sheets at Registration or in Ops.

## Vote in the BSFA Awards

Did you know that all Eastercon members, including virtual/supporting members, are eligible to vote in the British Science Fiction Society Awards? Awards are given for Best Book for Younger Readers, Best Novel, Best Shorter Fiction, Best Non-Fiction and Best Artwork. Voting closes at noon on Saturday April 16th. All voting is online this year at <https://www.bsfa.co.uk/Vote-for-the-BSFA-Awards>. Don't forget to vote in good time!

## Opening Ceremony

Member numbers were equally divided between the opening ceremony and the hotel check-in queue. While we waited for the start (maybe the committee were in the queue), we admired the disco lights, whose striking effect is demonstrated here by Gary Couzens.



Con chair Phil Dyson welcomed us effusively, thanking the committees of the last two Eastercons, whose efforts to bridge the interregnum made Reclamation possible.

Doug S then gave an overview of that interregnum, for the benefit of those who've been off-planet for the last two years. Caroline Mersey talked us through the con's Covid policy. Phil reminded everyone to vote for the Doc Weir, the BSFA awards and TAFF, introduced the Guests of Honour and the TAFF delegate, and then shooed us all out with an announcement that the real ale bar was now open.

The hotel check-in queue had not diminished in any way by the end of the ceremony.

—Giulia de Cesare

## Starting a Conversation

Conversation is one of the bids for the 2023 Eastercon. We're planning to run a hybrid convention, so that we can include as many people in the

Eastercon community as possible. Come and see us in Syndicate Room 3, or at our virtual con table in the Reclamation Discord, and pick up our puzzle page to win a very small prize. Over the weekend we'll be running some microprogramme, featuring a range of guests from around the world. All these will be live in our room, and there'll be Zoom links posted on our table in the con Discord.

**Saturday 10:30am:** Stop by for Café Moose featuring a kittercam live stream, and meet the kittens you can bid for the right to name at the fan funds auction.

**Saturday Afternoon 4:30pm:** Coming to us live from Nigeria, multi-Hugo finalist Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki will be joining us for an interview.

**Sunday Morning:** Start the day with a song, and join us at **9:30am** for a virtual visit by Marilisa Valtazanou, who'll be reading her short story and performing a couple of songs for all to enjoy.

Then at **10:00am**, we're hosting the launch of Gillian Polack's fantastic new book *Story Matrices* with Luna Press, including an interview with Gillian herself live from Canberra, Australia!

Stick around after the book launch to join us at **11:00am** for Tea Chat with Aliette de Bodard, where we'll be sharing some of our favourite brews, brew methods, and general tea trivia for a refreshing chat before the Bid Session at 1:30pm.

## Substitution

Call for panellists: a couple of people have had to drop out, so if you'd like to be on Looms, Needles, Linen, Wool (Saturday 7:30pm) or Witches, Wise Women, Seers and More: Women's relationship with Magic (Monday 1:30pm), please email [programme@reclamation2022.co.uk](mailto:programme@reclamation2022.co.uk).

## Covid-19

A convention member attending the convention in person has reported that they have Covid-19 symptoms. They are self-isolating. Please continue to comply with Reclamation's Covid-19 policy in order to minimise risks.

At the hotel breakfast, please put your mask back on when you get up from your table to visit the buffet and coffee stations.

## Nutrition

Sovereign Food & Wine, just across the A408 from the hotel (the side road from the corner with the petrol station), will be open from 6:00am to 9:00pm every day over the Easter weekend. It sells sandwiches and pretty good but fairly spicy curries that you can eat in (but there's limited seating space) or take away.

## All Hail Eris

Discord is a great way to chat to other fans, message other congoers, and find out what's going on during the convention. There are discussion threads for most of the programme items so you can get to know people with similar interests there.

You should have had a link to join the convention Discord in your email. If not, you can email [discord@reclamation2022.co.uk](mailto:discord@reclamation2022.co.uk) to get the invitation.

## Imbibing

The real ale bar is open until 2am, selling beer from the Beerblefish and Tring breweries. It also has cider and perry from Tutts Clump.

Pay at the bar and then take your glass and the receipt to the stand with the barrels where they will fill your glass.

Thanks to Tony Berry for saving the real ale from the vacuum of space.

## Submissions

If you have something to contribute to the newsletter, please email it to [newsletter@reclamation2022.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@reclamation2022.co.uk). We are also monitoring the convention Discord and the #Eastercon22 tag on Twitter.

## Parking

If you're not staying in the hotel but your car is parked in the hotel car park, please go to hotel reception and tell them your registration number in order to get the convention parking rate of £5 per day.

## HDMI

The Green Room has no HDMI cables. If you are using a computer on the programme, please bring your own cable. If you don't have one, please speak to Tech in advance.



In keeping with current social trends, the newsletter team is back in the office after working from home last year. All jokes are 100% recycled or reclaimed material. This issue was edited by Mike Scott, with help from Alison Scott, Giulia de Cesare and Steve Davies. Masthead by Alison Scott with art by Sue Mason.



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Issue 2: Saturday Afternoon

## Hotel Update

Thank you for your patience with the hotel. As a goodwill gesture, the hotel has agreed to give you 25% off your room rate for Friday night if you checked in yesterday.

—Reclamation committee

## Food and Drink Updates

In response to feedback, the system for buying beer in the Real Ale Bar is changing today and should be much faster. Please purchase multiple tickets when you buy your first pint(s).

The prices of burgers and other snacks is misprinted in the Read Me; the correct price is £7.

## Programmation

People signed up for the Kaffeeklatsch with Mary Robinette Kowal should be aware that it is **at 12:00 noon on Sunday**, rather than Saturday.

By popular request, there will be a second chance to take your Space Cadet Exams **on Saturday at 7:30pm in Tereshkova**.

The Art Auction is now taking place in Tereshkova **at 6:00pm on Sunday**. Don't forget to go and see the amazing art in the show in Atlantis before it ~~sinks below the waves~~ the auction!

## Code of Conduct

If you have any code of conduct concerns, see Ops (located in Syndicate 1).

## Persistence 2023

A message from Persistence, a bid for the 2023 Eastercon in the Birmingham Hilton Metropole:

“We have survived a lot of things. We have resisted. We have persevered, and now we are stronger.”

“Our dream is to make a convention that fully celebrates the resilience of fandom and its ability to go forward and grow stronger. We want to see new generations who are active in celebrating the traditions and building the future. And we have many plans for this.”

Need more info? Happy to provide it! The bid table is opposite Registration. If you want to help choose the team for next year's Eastercon, please join us at the bidding session on Sunday at 1:30pm in Discovery. And if you like what you hear there, please vote for Persistence!

## Eastercon 2024

The bid for Eastercon 2024 has put green and yellow eggs around the convention. We're planning to be a hybrid convention, with our physical presence in Telford. We don't have a table yet owing to space restrictions: should we be selected to run the Eastercon, we'll have a table where memberships will be available.

Visit us at [eastercon2024.co.uk](http://eastercon2024.co.uk) or approach committee members (who will have a badge with a picture of this egg).



## Glasgow parties

Glasgow in 2024 are running a hybrid party tonight, with a physical component in Discovery at 9:00pm and a virtual component through Zoom at the same time.

## Zoom party

If you're interested in Zoom parties, Peter Wilkinson has started a thread in #general on Discord to solicit interest and plan; go and post in the thread if you're intrigued!



## Volunteering

The volunteer room is open in Syndicate 2 and is always looking for more volunteers – if you're interested in meeting people and getting groats, do go and sign up!

## Discord

The Discord has lots of things on it, including discussion with all the members of the community who couldn't join us in person and the opportunity to snark at programme items with likeminded fans. If you haven't joined yet, just send an email to [discord@reclamation2022.co.uk](mailto:discord@reclamation2022.co.uk) to get online.

## Streaming

If you want to check out the streaming options, whether onsite or offsite, simply go to [bit.ly/reclamationstream](http://bit.ly/reclamationstream). Enter the email address you registered with to get an email; click the link in the email to log in to the member portal, and click the "Streaming" link on the toolbar. Then, you can select the channel to view.

## Playground

There is a children's playground and adult outdoor gym in a pleasant grassy park on Sipson Way, about ten minutes' walk from the hotel: perfect for ridding people of all ages of their spare energy. Exit from the hotel onto the main road, head right, and walk over the bridge. Sipson Way is the first street on the right, just before the Leonardo Hotel.

## Review: Madeirinhas

A Portuguese restaurant located just opposite the park on Sipson Way, we visited Madeirinhas late last night. There is plentiful seating both inside and outside the restaurant. Beers comprised "Portuguese lagers in bottles" and the food was very good. Members of our party had the octopus salad, the mixed meat stew, and the seabass, all of which were excellent. The restaurant also has a selection of Portuguese Easter cakes – quite the coincidence, given it's the Easter weekend.

—John Coxon

## Orange Mike

If you see someone dressed head-to-toe in orange through the weekend, that's probably Orange Mike, the TAFF delegate, who's finally enjoying his 2020 TAFF trip. He's here to meet people, so do say hi!



## Review: Three Magpies

The pub right opposite the Radisson is well worth a visit. It is now run by Greene King, with their ales on cask (guest ales had run out on my visit). Their food range is excellent: I had

the Duo of Fish (salmon and prawns) with chips, salad and Hollandaise sauce for just under £12. A vegetarian/vegan menu is also on offer and the music is unobtrusive. Well worth a look, though pre-booking for food may be wise.

—Arthur Chappell

## Woe, Woe, and Thrice Woe

Despite what it says in the Read Me, the Pheasant Inn, gastro pub of immense fame is closed all weekend. Woe, I say again.

—Mike Cule

## Freebies

There is a freebie table in the Fan Lounge where you can pick up things that people are giving away, or indeed leave things for other people to take.



The freebies include re-used tote bags, and who could resist this one?

—Giulia de Cesare

## Staying in Your Room

If you're staying in your room because you feel under the weather, don't forget to text friends and loved ones so they know what's going on.

"Does anyone have a funny joke for the colophon?", asked John. "Funny? Funny? This is a real departure from the norm!", hooted the *Plokta* cabal. This issue was edited by John Coxon, with help from Steve Davies, Mike Scott, and Giulia de Cesare. Orange Mike photo by Vincent Docherty. Masthead by Alison Scott with art by Sue Mason.



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Issue 3: Saturday Evening

## BSFA Awards 2022

The awards were presented by Mary Robinette Kowal and Ian Whates in a glittering ceremony in Discovery on Saturday evening, **very** shortly before this issue went to press: *[Mike – please fill in the blanks, I’m off to the bar win or lose – Alison]*

**Best Book for Younger Readers:** *Iron Widow*, by Xian Jay Zhao

**Best Shorter Fiction:** ‘Fireheart Tiger’ by Aliette de Bodard

**Best Non-Fiction:** *Worlds Apart: Worldbuilding in Fantasy and Science Fiction*, edited by Francesca T Barbini

**Best Artwork:** *Glasgow Green Woman* by Iain Clark

**Best Novel:** *Shards of Earth* by Adrian Tchaikovsky

Congratulations to all of the winners.

## Programme Changes

There will be a second chance to learn to read and write hieroglyphs:

12 noon - 2:30pm on Monday, 18 April 2022

Learn about the culture and people while being taught the basic alphabet and other hieroglyphs, together with some simple phrases that are commonly found in all

museums. You will also have a go at drawing the hieroglyphs.

**Please** sign up at the Info Desk near Registration.

There will be a Pokemon Go wander around the area Sunday morning at 11:30am. Meet outside the main entrance of the hotel.

Nicholas Jackson’s talk (Not The Only Game In Town, Sun 1:30pm) is cancelled.

## Quotes from Mary Robinette Kowal

‘We are always twenty years away from Mars’  
‘My voice has been in Space’  
‘In the same way that people say “I fell down the rabbit hole”, astronauts say “I fell down the gravity well.”’

MRK is also teaching her cat to talk. Our newsletter artist Sue Mason finds that her cat is entirely able to communicate using only his claws and teeth.

## Feedback

A reminder that the next feedback session will be in Bleriot at 9:00am on Sunday, giving you a further opportunity to provide feedback on the convention, whether good or bad.

## Persistence

Celebrating the persistence of that ‘joie de vivre’, the persistence of that sense of adventure even in the face of extreme adversity that characterises the human spirit.

That spirit that drives us to move forward, to reach for the stars, to, in the words of Brisco County Jr, keep searching for the next big thing. Persistence 2023—To Infinity and beyond!

## Congestion

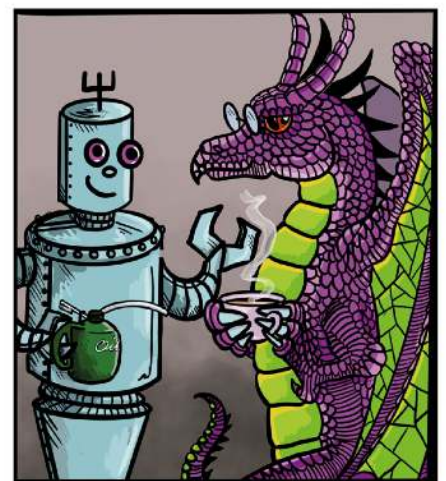
The main corridor along the row of syndicate rooms gets pretty crowded, so please keep moving and try not to stop for a chat. This means you, Alison.

—Phil Dyson

## Sunday Morning Conversations

The book launch (and precursor short story & songs) tomorrow will be moved to the sunken bar just the other side of the hotel bar from reception.

## CONVERSATION



*a bid for the*  
**2023 EASTERCON**

## Serious Scientific Inquiry

Some residents in the Radisson have noticed a strange effect while washing. If you observe your reflection in the bathroom mirror, you may see that the illuminated surround is just the same size as the pupils of your eyes, giving the impression that you have square eyes. Or, of course, you might just have square eyes.

## Some People Can't Find the Newsletter

It's right here, everyone!

## Support the Fan Funds

You may be wondering, "How can I support the fan funds at Reclamation?" Well, we have a couple of options for you.

First, we are having a silent auction. There are several amazing items for which you can bid. Examples to whet your appetite below, pics of all of them are on the Discord. Or come to Syndicate Room 3 and see for yourself! You can bid there or Discord. The silent auction will end at 11pm BST (UTC 00:00) on Sunday 17th April.

Philip Reeve original sketch:



Sara Felix Tiara:



Framed Dave Hardy print:



And many more, including the chance to name a variety of *adorable* kittens.

We are also having an ongoing spin to win contest, Fan Funds Amazeballs. You pay a pound, we spin a bingo spinner, and you win the relevant numbered prize. Prize every time! Some of the prizes are great! For an extra pound, you can give any unwanted prizes back. There are all sorts of amazing things to win. Hope to see you all this weekend.

## Lonely Dealers want your Money

Dealers in rooms at the Aviator end of the hotel would like you to remember that they're open and available to part you from your money. Please go and visit them.

## Dr Plokta's Nature Notes

Apparently the hawthorn is flowering, despite the fact that it is not yet May. This means that you may officially cast clouts. \*

\*Casting clouts may be a violation of the Reclamation Code of Conduct

## Lost and Found

If you have lost or found anything this weekend, please check with Ops in Syndicate 1.

## Another Take on the Three Magpies

(Hasn't anyone gone anywhere else this weekend?)

The Three Magpies looks like a traditional pub on the outside, but inside... it's also a traditional pub. The fairy lights on the walls add a lot to the ambience of the eating area, and the candlelit beer garden/ car park is charmingly eclectic, especially the repurposed drinking trough.

The staff were friendly, but seemed unprepared and almost put out by the fact that they had customers.

There's a decent range of drinks here if you are looking for a tippable that is cheaper than the hotel, and the food menu is quite diverse with everything from katsu to steak.

On Fridays they have a Disco night from 9 'til late, which was offensively loud considering we were the only people in, although I think we were in the louder part of the bar, so perhaps we should have moved, and I'm probably just being a grumpy old man.

—Omar Kooheji

This issue's editor is outraged, outraged I say, that newsletter supremo Mike Scott didn't bother to arrange an embargoed copy of the BSFA award results. This issue was edited by Alison Scott, with help from Steve Davies, Mike Scott and Giulia de Cesare. Masthead art and herald by Sue Mason.



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Issue 4: Sunday Afternoon

## Report from the Bid Session

**Conversation** is the 2023 Eastercon to be held at an as yet to be agreed venue over 7-10 April.

Guests announced include:

- Zen Cho
- Niall Harrison
- Jennell Jaquays (virtual)
- Kari Sperring
- Adrian Tchaikovsky
- Ursula Vernon (virtual)

Initial rates are as follows:

Attending	£70
Low wage	£40
Virtual/Supporting	£35
Teen	£20/£10
Child	£5
Infant	(free)

Conversation will hold these rates until they have confirmed a site.

## Voting Details

The vote was:

Conversation	148
Persistence	98
Abstain	16

For the first time, we combined in-person and virtual votes with 24 people voting via Discord. This was also the first lobby vote since 1989.

## Come to the 2024 Bid Session

Due to the 2023 bid session overrunning, the 2024 bid session has been moved to 9:00am on Monday in Discovery. We know it's early in the morning, but please do come along—we are very excited to be sharing the details of our venue and our bid with you.

—Eastercon 2024 bid committee

## Utter Drabble!

Have a major pseudo-scientific advance to announce but can't be bothered with all that writing? Then why not submit an (exactly) 100-word Drabble to Satellite Convention's next edition of *The Journal of PseudoScience*. Successful contributions will be published at Satellite 7 in May.

All submissions to the Satellite Convention desk (Syndicate room 5) or at [seven.satellitex.org.uk/misc/pscience](http://seven.satellitex.org.uk/misc/pscience)

—Michael Davidson

## Arc Lamps: Original Steampunk

John Holden's display of arc lamps will be set up in the Aviator conference centre, outside the Armstrong room.

Jules Duboscq was a world class Parisian scientific instrument maker.

He made at least 509 carbon arc lamps between 1840 to 1885 and these were bought by the most renowned scientists

around the world. Then many moved into national science museum collections.

The Arc Lamp man has found one percent so far.

Can you make it two percent by taking part in this hunt to find another half dozen?

## How to do it:

1) Log onto a national science museum, world class University or science research site from around the world.

2) Find the search collections part of the site. Filter for objects.

3) Search "Duboscq"

4) If you find one then send the picture and link to: [johnholdeno7450@gmail.com](mailto:johnholdeno7450@gmail.com)

Happy hunting and can we find where another six lamps live?

—John Holden

## The Sayings of Ops

Ops says "Please could everyone leave the restrooms in the state that you found them. This includes replacing the nappy changing table in the disabled loo."

Ops also says "Be careful of artwork and mirrors in the syndicate rooms and elsewhere around the convention."

## Overheard in Newsletter

There's nothing quite so persistent as children looking for non-existent Lego dinosaurs in the Newsletter office.

## Freebies for Children

Luna Press Publishing: Bring your little ones to the dealers (Bader) and pick a colouring book to celebrate with our artists!

—Luna Press

## Park Run

Happy runners demonstrating that glow of good health!



## Feedback session

Once again, there was little feedback at the session in Bleriot at 9:00 am, though a number of people had good things to say about the hotel staff. It was pointed out that having the Feedback Session at the same time as the Sunday Morning Worship was not helpful, but if we have Feedback at 8:00am there would be a lot more complaints.

Remember that the Monday session will be your last chance for feedback on this convention and your first opportunity to make requests of next year's committee.

—Steve Davies

## TAFfing Through Britain

TAFF delegate “Orange Mike” Lowrey hopes to come back to the UK for the last leg of his

2020 visit. He's hoping to arrive in Glasgow on Monday the 25th and work his way south to London to catch a plane back on Saturday. If any Glaswegians, Brummies or Mancunians might be willing to host him and/or to arrange for him to meet with local fans in pubs, clubhouse, subterranean lairs, union halls or whatever, please approach him during the remainder of the con. He's also on Facebook (Michael Lowrey) and checking his e-mail ([orangemike@gmail.com](mailto:orangemike@gmail.com)). He's cheap to feed and amenable to any sofa, futon or pile of cushions you might offer. (Non-smoker, non-drinker, no allergies and likes kiddos; can subsist on Irn Bru and crisps in a pinch.)

—Michael Lowrey

## MJ Simpson Says

MJ Simpson wishes it to be known that, although he will be departing at lunchtime on Monday, anyone who wishes to see more of his unique style, including the unexpurgated version of his moustache, can do so by tuning into the TV quiz *Lightning* on BBC2 at 6:30pm on Monday evening.

## Madeirinhas

Fandom love-bombed Heathrow's Portuguese restaurant last night. Well worth a visit, but you definitely need to book if you're thinking of going.

## More stuff for children

The Parent & Child room is available in room 1406 (off the Syndicate room crossroads - there are signs). Duplo and a quiet space if you or your kid need it.

## The Original Dropped Pin

In 1784 General Roy had to lay out a baseline for his Triangulation of Britain. He chose a 5 mile route across



Hounslow Heath, measured by chains, then glass rods aligned to 1/1000th of an inch.

The start point of the survey, a milestone in science, is only 400yds from the hotel by the airport perimeter road. Geek delight! [Settle.kept.snake](#) and [spicy.twice.palace](#) (*look at WhatThreeWords if this doesn't make sense to you* —Ed).

—John Bray

## Them's Fighting Words!

In *A Nice Cup Of...* (Bleriot, 12:00 noon) it transpired that deep and meaningful debate about real world issues generates a mere fraction of the energy displayed when fans are asked which tea is best for dunking.

And that's not even going near the question of which biscuit.

—Wendrie

[*Chocolate HobNobs*—Ed.]

This issue is edited, with gritted teeth, by Giulia “Mac Holdout” De Cesare, with a lot of help from Steve Davies and Mike Scott. Masthead art and herald by Sue Mason. Thanks to John Bray and John Holden for Windows-related sympathy.





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Issue 5: Monday Morning

## 2024 Bid Session

By overwhelming agreement (3 abstentions, no votes for Hold Over, around 100 for the bid) Levitation are now the 2024 Eastercon in 2 years' time.

The convention will be held in the Telford International Centre with accommodation in surrounding hotels.

Guests announced include:

- Jackie Burns
- Genevieve Cogman
- Michelle Sagara, aka Michelle West
- Tade Thompson

Initial rates are as follows:

Attending	£95
Concessions	£50
Supporting	£35
Infant	£5

Note that the attending rate will be rising in the future, so we advise you to sign up soon on the convention's website: [www.eastercon2024.co.uk](http://www.eastercon2024.co.uk).

## Levitation

Thank you to everyone who voted for us! We're thrilled to be running the 2024 Eastercon. We'll be called Levitation, but the egg and colours aren't changing!

—Levitation committee

## Lost and Found

If you have lost anything in the convention areas, check with Ops in Syndicate 1 in case someone has handed it in. Check at hotel reception for items lost in other areas.

Ops will retain found items for some time after the con; email the con address to make enquiries.

## Closing Ceremony

Don't forget that the Closing Ceremony is at 3:00pm on Monday.

## Staff Wanted

Unfortunately it appears that a number of the usual newsletter team are going to be otherwise engaged over the next two years. We're looking for volunteers.

Email us ([eastercon.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eastercon.newsletter@gmail.com)) or approach us at other conventions and ask us about the benefits of a career toiling in the newsletter mines.

## Milford

The Milford Science Fiction Writers Conference is happy to announce that the 2022 Milford bursary recipients, for attendance at the September 2022 workshop, are Somto Iheuze and Ramya Jegatheesan. Information on previous bursary recipients, and on all other things Milford, can be found at [www.milfordsf.co.uk](http://www.milfordsf.co.uk).

## Arc at That

Thanks to a fantastic bit of Duboscq hunting by Petrea Mitchell I think I know where 14 Duboscq carbon arc lamps live, out of the 509 maximum serial number that I know exist.

Petrea has added 8 to the 6 I knew about, giving a total of 14 lamps.

The 2% challenge has been smashed at 2.7% Can we reach 3% by the end of Reclamation 2022?

—John Holden

## Restaurant Review: Zayani

The Royal Manticoran Navy and Grayson Space Navy descended upon Zayani Fine Indian Cuisine on Sunday evening. Zayani is ten to fifteen minutes' walk north-west of the hotel. All agreed the food was delicious. Your correspondent had Amlī Chicken: full of flavour and nicely off-mild. Mains £7 to £13 not including rice or bread (or beer).

—Zoe Sumra

## Eastercon Websites

Some websites for previous Eastercons have lapsed and are now being used for other things. One in particular still has con info on, some bits about other (old) cons, and links to gambling sites.

This isn't the fault of any of the previous committees or whoever was looking after the sites. It costs to keep a domain name, and if we don't need one

any more it's easiest to let it lapse and let someone else pick it up. I don't think anyone wants any Eastercon involved with online casinos, though.

As one of the Eastercon Trade Mark holders, I'm going to write to the people I think now own the domain name and ask them to drop any Eastercon references (other than the domain name itself).

The online Eastercon FAQ will be updated soon to ask folks that if they're going to let an Eastercon URL lapse, could they please clean it of con stuff first.

—Harry Payne

## Confatuation

Did you enjoy this con? If so, come to another one! Upcoming UK and international conventions are mentioned in your Read Me, or have their own stands here. You'll also find a display of con fliers on the table opposite our Registration desk.

There is a lot of SF&F news and views, including info on many cons, in Dave Langford's multi-Hugo award winning SF monthly newszine *Ansible* at [news.ansible.uk](http://news.ansible.uk).

—David Lally

## Ringin' in Our Ears

Please note that the hotel tests its fire alarms weekly at 4pm on Mondays.

## Covid-19

Another positive test has been reported by a convention member this morning. We'd suggest that everyone continues to test for several days after getting home.

## From the Feedback Session

Today's feedback session raised several useful points; we focus here on ideas potentially useful to future cons.

- Big maps of the convention space in main areas
- Ensure that all essential information is in the same document, especially if using several hotels.
- Related point: ensure consistency of information via different channels, such as Twitter, Discord and the con's website.
- More subject matter experts on panels and more rigorous moderation, especially when dealing with audience questions.
- Make more use of different lanyards to indicate volunteers or other roles.
- Get younger people involved!

We hope that our two active Eastercon committees are taking notes and will try to improve matters in the future.

## Hotel Checkout

If you are checking out on Tuesday, don't forget that you can check out online as well as at the front desk, and checkout time is 12 noon. If you checked in on Friday and are thus eligible for the 25% discount on your first night, you'll be charged the full rate but receive a partial refund within a few days.

## Art Auction Pickup

Five people (at time of writing) have not yet picked up their art auction purchases, and they

should go to the Art Show as soon as possible to do so.

## Community Crafting

The Glasgow 2024 Tree of Life



## Floating on a sea of bheer

Reclamation launched with 2300 pints plus cider and perry.

Many thanks to the hotel staff who coped very well, despite never having encountered real ale (and its strange serving requirements) before the con.

## Dead Dog

Come to the Dead Dog in the real ale bar from 4:00pm and finish off the beer in the hotel.

Virtual Dead Dog on Discord at 7:00pm to finish off the beer in your own house.

## Committee Thanks

The committee would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered in any way, to all the amazing programme participants, and to all the membership for taking part in Reclamation and helping to make it a wonderful and memorable experience

—Phil & the Reclamation committee

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