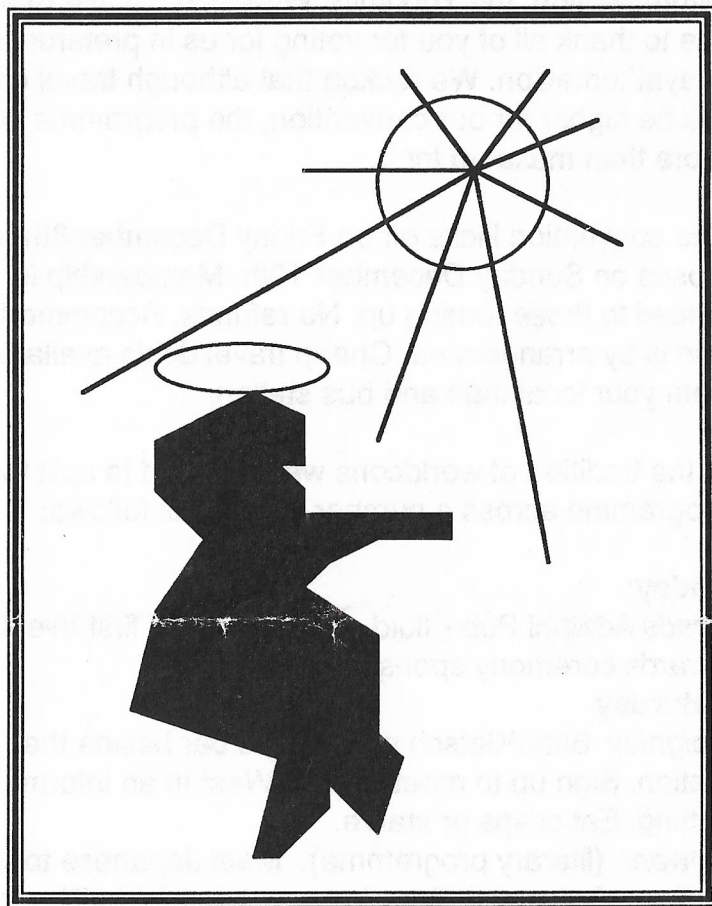




Wintersection

The Yorkshire Convention

Progress Report 1

Welcome to the first and only progress report for Wintersection, the Yorkshire Worldcon. I'd first of all like to thank all of you for voting for us in preference to StayathomeCon. We reckon that although travel costs will be higher for our convention, the programme will more than make up for it.

The convention kicks off on Friday December 8th and closes on Sunday December 10th. Membership is limited to those turning up. No refunds. Accommodation is by arrangement. Cheap travel deals available from your local train and bus station.

In the tradition of worldcons we have had to split the programme across a number of sites as follows:

Friday:

Leeds Adelphi Pub - fluid programme for first evening. Awards ceremony sponsored by Tetleys.

Saturday

Keighley BitterKlatsch at Boothy's bar beside the station. Sign up to meet GoH D West in an informal setting. Eat crisps or starve.

Howarth (literary programme). Meet Japanese tourists as they photograph the windswept heaths in Blonte county. Has the advantage of food in pubs and cafes.

Evening fan programme location to be decided.

Sunday

Leeds Pub lunch then closing ceremony.

A shuttle train service will run between Leeds and Keighley, possibly supplemented by cars. The alternative literary programme will be accessed by car or bus.

All Roads Roam to Leeds

In the beginning there was darkness. And D moved on the face of the darkness and said "Has anyone got 50p for the meter?". No answer came forth. And so D spake thus "I will toss, double or quits, with anyone who has a bloody 50p piece." But answer came there none. D was most angered and railed against the darkness, saying "Look, I only wanted 50p but I can see that you're all too chickenshit scared to even wager that much, so I'll bet 10p a game of dominoes and we'll make a night of it". At this there was a stirring in the darkness, then a voice spake thus "how can we play dominoes if there's no light?" "Well give me the bloody 50p for the meter first!" roared the mighty D. "OK then, don't lose the heid!"

Thus there was light, and there was dominoes, and all manner of ways for D to con money out of people.

Ages passed. Worldcons came and went. The people of the land grew prosperous. Yet they were not happy. They had fanzines aplenty, conventions to attend at will, drink for their thirst and food for their bellies. Yet they were not happy.

"We're not happy" they cried. We have money and no dominoes to lose it on. We have drink and no one to spill it on us. We have food but no one to make toasted cheese for us. We're pissed off."

And there rose amongst them a woman who had never played dominoes, who had never had drink spilt upon her and knew not what a cheese toastie was. She read the writings of the elders and thought them good. And her name was Jilly.

So Jilly became the prophet of D and smote mightily all unbelievers, of whom the biggest transgressor was known as Greg of the Hair. She smote about 10 a day, but still she was unsatisfied. So Jilly cried out "Oh D, why have you forsaken me? I will seek you out and you may instruct me in your ways."

Thus it came to pass that late in 1995 Jilly roamed far into the wastelands of the north in search of D. She came at last to the town of Leeds and there she found a group of believers who said that they had seen D and had spoken with him, but only on a Friday, the holy day of D. Her quest was over.

To prove to unbelievers that the faith is true and strong Jilly calls on all to join her in a convocation in Leeds on December 8th.

Be there or risk eternal damnation in Haverford West.

Awards Ceremony

In line with the Hugo and Nova awards rules allowing the committee to allocate awards in new categories. The Wintersection award nominations are as follows:

Best artist with long black hair: D West, D Mooring, S Polley, P Lyon

Best writer on health matters: S Polley, S Ounsley, I Sorensen

Best Blonde American Divorcee called Linda: L Krawecke, L Strickler

Best Hider in Corners Writing malicious articles: C Terran, I Gunn, K Pender

Largest CD Collection of Pseud Rock: M Ashley, A Freebairn, N Richardson

Best Excuse for not buying a Round: M Ford, I Sorensen*, D Mooring, D West, S Ounsley, D Kerr, C Terran

Most Accurate Recall of Timetables: M Ashworth, I Sorensen, M Ford**, M Strickler, H Ashworth

Voting will be by the modified Australian method where the winner is the person who ignores an Australian longest.

* Not eligible this year as has won past 5 years in a row.

** Wrong type of timetable. Sorry Mike. Teachers only.

Membership List as at 13.11.95

(A)=Attending apostle. (S)=supplicant possibly unworthy of attending.

D West (GoH - God of Honour)

Jilly Reed (A)

L Krawecke (A)

Dave & Scooter (S)

Christina Lake (A)

I Sorensen (A)

Lilian Edwards (S)

Jackie McRobert (S)

Alison Freebairn (S)

Sarah Dibb (A)

Dave Mooring (A)

Linda Strickler (A)

Simon Ounsley (A)

Nigel Richardson (A)

Michael Ashley (A)

Hazel Ashworth (S)

Malcolm Ashworth (S)

Simon Polley (S)

Debbi Kerr (A)

Mike Ford (A)

plus pilgrims encountered on the way.

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