

FunCon 1: Space Leopards (Probably) Won't Eat Your Face**31st May - 2nd June 2024****Palace Hotel, Buxton**

FRIDAY 31st MAY 2024			
Start Time	Item Title	Description	Room
4:00 PM	Leopard Lego	Leopards, could be a leopard tank! Build something leopard related out of lego.	High Peak Ballroom
5:00 PM	Mini Scavenger Hunt	[Taskmaster Item] Can your team gather the list of items the fastest? Come along and find out!	Chatsworth Room
5:30 PM	FunCon Party Games	Get to know your fellow Funcon attendees with these ice-breaking kids party games for adults. Join in with games such as pass the parcel, musical chairs, what's the time Mr Space Leopard?, and the human knot game, to a background of (in)appropriate music...	High Peak Ballroom
7:00 PM	Opening Ceremony	This is the official opening of the convention. Here we will tell you about the fun you are about to have and update the probability of your face being eaten by a leopard.	Cavendish Room
7:30 PM	Dessert Cocktail Workshop	All your favourite puddings, in alcoholic form - a bit like having your brains smashed out by a slice of lemon wrapped around a large gold brick... What could possibly go wrong....?	High Peak Ballroom
8:30 PM	Comedic Confessions of a Science Communicator	In an effort to avoid doing her PhD, science show presenter Sarah-Jane Judge took up stand up comedy. Turns out SJ's as good at making people laugh as she is at science. Come to her session to find out how's she's marrying comedy and science, and you be the judge if she's any good at either!	Cavendish Room
9:00 PM	Inappropriate Children's Songs Quiz	[Taskmaster Item] A music-based quiz!	Cavendish Room
9:00 PM	Intergalactic Disco	You know that outfit you love? The one you've had for ages but never get the chance to wear.... Wear that! Something you bought for a special occasion, or just because you loved it? Perfect! Cosplay you made for a convention a decade ago and has been gathering dust ever since? Absolutely!! Maybe it's just something you love to wear and feel super comfy in, like a leopard onesie? Definitely!!! The weirder the better... Then join us to rock out to some of our favourite tunes for the evening.	High Peak Ballroom

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8:30 AM	Parkrun!	Parkrun is a timed run that takes place around the country every Saturday morning. It's friendly and it's free - all you need to do is sign up and get your barcode in advance. Meet in the lobby at 8.30am to head over to the start. The course is accessible and mainly flat, with one small slope at one end. The entire thing takes place on tarmac. Some will be walking the course, which is totally fine!	Outside/Lobby
10:00 AM	Ready for Take Off.....	It's not quite space travel, but aerial arts get you off the ground and performing gravity-defying feats... Twice failed ESA astronaut candidate Emma talks about her aerial fitness experience, with videos, demos, and an opportunity to get upside down, and out of this world!	Cavendish Room
10:00 AM	Assemble an Alien	Assemble your own alien! Using our carefully curated* selection of teddy bears and soft toys, chop off heads and limbs and reassemble to design and build your very own personalised and unique alien pal... *found in a charity shop	High Peak Ballroom
11:00 AM	Learn to Play a Ukulele Tune!	Bring along a ukuele if you have one, or we have a few we can provide, and learn to play a tune (or at least some chords!)	Chatsworth Room
11:30 AM	Correlation = Causation?	What does the number of space leopards have to do with the number of faces being eaten? Absolutely nothing, we assure you! After all, correlation doesn't equal causation... Or does it? Our panellists explain this and other strange coincidences in this amusing gameshow-style panel item.	Cavendish Room
11:30 AM	Stage And Other Combat	The arts of mangling without mangling. Stage combat, re-enactment, LARP, and real life history - why do those fighty and swordy things do the same stuff differently? May or may not include mangling. Q&A questions welcome. Bring your own safe foam sword-analogues if you like; the more the merrier. There will be swords, lightsabers and gratuitous Princess Bride riffs.	High Peak Ballroom
12:30 PM	The Duvet Challenge	[Taskmaster Item] Putting a duvet inside a cover is easy right? Well, maybe.... we might add some elements to make it a bit trickier! Come along and try to do it the fastest to win points for your team!	Chatsworth Room
1:00 PM	Writing 'Micro' Science Fiction - How to Improve Your Motivation and Overcome Writer's Block	We will explore some very short science fiction stories and talk about how to write them, which will be FUN!! And we will discuss motivation - how to increase your motivation, both for writing stories and for life in general, using my useful three step SELF-HELP SYSTEM. ** Will include opportunities for audience participation: questions, comments and suggestions from the audience! ** [BONUS TASKMASTER CHALLENGE] - Write a micro fiction and submit for judging! 2 rules: they must be science fiction (interpreted very loosely), and maximum 100 words, not including the title. Deadline: Midday Sunday.	Cavendish Room
1:00 PM	Live Action Board Games	Some of our favourite board games, such as Hungry Hippos and Robo Rally, life size and with added Nerf guns! Come along to take part, or to watch and cheer on your friends and enemies.	High Peak Ballroom
2:30 PM	FanFic Confessional	Welcome to the FanFic Confessional - air your dirty secrets - what cringeworthy fanfic have you written and why did you write it? Unburden yourself in a non-judgemental room of your peers! This is one panel where we encourage comments as well as questions!	Cavendish Room
3:30 PM	Blackout (Vogon) Poetry	[Taskmaster Item] Make poetry from existing texts by leaving chosen words visible. Best ones win points for your team!	Chatsworth Room

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4:00 PM	It's a conspiracy!	The Earth is flat, Finland doesn't exist, and birds aren't real. Our panel discuss their favourite conspiracy theories and cults, and why they are so fascinating.	Cavendish Room
4:00 PM	Air Guitar Workshop	Join the Convention Inflatable Rock Band "Con Air" and show off your air guitar techniques! Practice your Rock Guitar Face, learn some established* poses and create and name some of your own (*created at previous conventions). Includes the: "I got yer back" pose (buddy up with a friend for some back-to-back guitar action); the "OMG Why?" and "Ruined Hairdo" poses. Then perfect your guitar solos with moves such as the "Be Brian May" sequence or the "Roj Blake Manoeuvre".	High Peak Ballroom
5:00 PM	Air Guitar Performance	[Taskmaster Item] If you can still walk after the Air Guitar Workshop, then invite your friends to admire your skills at an "Air Guitar Performance" in front of judges who will award Taskmaster points for Guitar Face, Poses and Guitar Solo Sequences!	High Peak Ballroom
5:30 PM	The Great Novacon Gin Tasting	Botanicals wasn't just a week on Bake Off. Join Claire as they take you through the potted and murky history of Gin in the UK and abroad, while you taste a selection of Gins with paired mixers and botanicals.	Cavendish Room
5:30 PM	Zine Collages	Come create collage art from zines/comics.	High Peak Ballroom
6:30 PM	~ DINNER BREAK ~		High Peak/ Cavendish
8:00 PM	Time Travellers' Ceilidh	Step back in time for an evening of traditional Scottish dancing to lively tunes, sponsored by the Glasgow 2024 Worldcon.	High Peak Ballroom
8:30 PM	Doctor Hills Cabinet of Curiosities	The usual collection of random bizarre strange but true tales from around the world.	Cavendish Room
10:00 PM	Reverend Jim's Bible Reading	Can you resist King Solomon's chat-up lines? Do you know what Gomorrah-y is? The Good Book is full of sex and violence that doesn't make it into the average sermon, This is not the average sermon (or any sort at all). Come along and hear more of "the rude bits", or be Unclean Till Evening.	Cavendish Room
11:00 PM	Cosmic Campfire Singalong	Join us for a silly sing-along of campfire favourites such as She'll be Coming Round the Mountain and What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor. Feel free to bring along your own suggestions! Anticipate adult lyrics as the evening gets later, and sillier... No talent required, just enthusiasm!	High Peak Ballroom

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10:00 AM	MICHAEL BAY MURDERED MY CHILDHOOD!	Over the years many childhood favourites from the 70s, 80s and 90s have been revisited or reimagined with a great deal of love, care and fidelity to the originals... But many more have been used as crass Hollywood nostalgia cash-ins with little to no creative integrity or loyalty to the fandom! In this panel we discuss some of the best (and worst) revisits to the shows we enjoyed in our youths (don't expect objectivity, bring your rose-tinted spectacles).	Cavendish Room
10:00 AM	Jewellery Making Workshop	Workshop using old jewellery pieces and wire to fashion new creations.	High Peak Ballroom
11:00 AM	Blindfolded Drawing	[Taskmaster Item] Come attempt to make some art without using your eyes, and to win points for your team!	Chatsworth Room
11:30 AM	Serious Scientific Talk: The Science of Cheese	Milk is difficult to store for extended periods because it spoils badly at ambient temperatures. Historically, one solution to this problem has been to make cheese, by ensuring that it spoils correctly. This talk is difficult to deliver for an extended period, because the probability of bad puns means it, too, can be badly spoiled. I talk about various different kinds of spoiler, and explain how the wrong kind of spoiling can be avoided.	Cavendish Room
11:30 AM	Crochet a Space Leopard...	...okay, maybe it's more like a small cat! Either way, come along and have a go at creating a crochet coaster in feline form. No experience necessary! We will have several patterns available to choose from, depending on your skill level, and instruction available for those completely new to crochet.	High Peak Ballroom
12:30 PM	Cheese Tasting	Following the Science of Cheese talk, an opportunity to try a variety of cheeses!	Cavendish Room
1:00 PM	Our Flag Means Death! Queer Pirates through the Ages	If they're going to hang you anyway, you might as well be Gay! Our Flag Means Death has found a place in our hearts as a fandom, with it's unapologetically queer peep into the history of the Golden Age of Piracy. Come and discuss how the people living outside the law at a time of larger-than-life outlandish characters made history a lot gayer than the textbooks would have you believe.	Cavendish Room
1:00 PM	Circus Skills: Defying Gravity and Flying Space Balls	AcroYoga, Juggling and Poi! AcroYoga is a playful form of partner acrobatics where you will be moving and balancing other humans on your feet! No experience required. High level of fitness not required, but you should be physically well/sound. (Bring a yoga mat if you have one). Poi is a performance art which originated with the Māori people of New Zealand, involving swinging tethered weights through a variety of rhythmical and geometric patterns. Juggling involves continuously throwing a number of objects into the air trying to catch them again. Come along and have a go at the basics - bring your own Poi or Juggling balls if you have some!	High Peak Ballroom
2:00 PM	Nerf Wars	[Taskmaster Item] Space Leopards vs Armadillos in the ultimate Nerf battle! Will be held outside, weather depending, or in the High Peak in case of inclement weather.	Outside/Lobby
2:30 PM	Maths Talk - Asymmetry of Leopard Spots	Patterns on animal skins form by a process of "symmetry breaking" - learn more at this talk, and watch out for leopards hiding in the corners.	Cavendish Room
2:30 PM	Percussion Workshop for Beginners	A fun chance to try some small percussion instruments of different types from around the world. Come along and have a bash!	High Peak Ballroom
3:30 PM	Spoon Throw Challenge	[Taskmaster Item] How far can you throw, and more importantly, catch, an egg tossed with a spoon? Have a go and win points for your team!	Chatsworth Room
4:00 PM	Vent your Spleen!	Hated characters from SF/F TV and films will be defended by the panellists with the audience voting to pick the best. Or worst. Or something.	Cavendish Room
4:00 PM	Save the Space Leopards!	Armed only with Nerf guns and your brains, save the space leopard eggs from predatory attacks with a combination of (mild) violence and puzzle solving.	High Peak Ballroom
5:30 PM	Closing Ceremony	The official end of the convention where we tell you how much fun you have had, and count any casualties from face-eating leopards.	Cavendish Room