



ISSUE 1 - FRIDAY AFTERNOON - THE NEWSLETTER OF ORBITAL, THE 2008 EASTERCON

Panic Stations!

This first newsletter comes to you from Shakespeare (our office, sadly, not the bard himself), where it was thrown together in an amusingly short amount of time by Abi and Jan. Disorganisation reigned for a while, but as Jan pointed out at least by Monday we'll know what we should have done.

This is all being written to the dulcet tones of Hazel O'Connor, which I suspect will be much to the disapproval of anyone who walks in here and Jan when he comes back from registration.

A note from Erhard

Erhard Leder is still in hospital after a traffic accident in September, but he sends his greetings and best wishes to everyone and hopes to see you all next Eastercon.

Programme Changes

There are the usual swathe of last-minute programme changes as follows:

- All the programme items in Aintree and Kempton have **swapped round**. This shouldn't be too difficult to work out, as they're right next to each other!
- On **Judging a Book by Its Cover** (today at 16:00), Alex Ingram will be replacing Pete Young.
- The video programme in Forsyth now includes the Hugo nominated *Doctor Who* episode *Blink* at 18:00 today.
- **The Tai Chi sessions** at 10:00 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday will now be in George and not Elizabeth.
- On **What's the Point of Fannish Awards** (Saturday at 17:00), Mark Plummer will be replacing Pete Young.
- **The Scandinavian Party** will be at 21:00 on Saturday in Newbury Two.
- **A Sensation of Vertigo** at 22:00 Saturday will include Mike Carey.
- *Scream* (18) will be at midnight instead of at 23:00 on Saturday in Forsyth.
- The Easter service at 9am on Sunday will be in Elizabeth and not in George.
- There is an extra panel at 16:00 Sunday in Victoria/Edward: **The Work of**

OVERHEARD

I may have only been here for two hours, but that's already been enough time for someone who hasn't seen me since I was fourteen to come over and say "Oh, Abi! I've not seen you in years! Is your dad coming? I know your mum is."

"My mother?" I shriek, horrified at the thought. "I bloody hope not!"

"I saw her on the membership list - isn't she called Tanya?"

Brown is quite a common surname. Oh, that's such a terrifying thought - just as much for Tanya as for me, I suspect...

If you would like something included in the newsletter, either bring it to Shakespeare, (follow the room round to the back to find us!), which you will find on your map (it's on the third floor), or email it to **persephonehazard at googlemail dot com**. You can give it to one of us in the bar if you like, but we don't promise not to lose it.

PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Jan van't Ent very kindly did all the setup in the newsletter office, because I wasn't here yet. He's very experienced in running at-con newsletters which is handy, because at least one of us needs to know what we're doing. I am **Persephone Hazard** or Abi, Chief Organisatrix, and I haven't got the foggiest idea what's going on but I'm sure I'll pick it up! **John Coxon** did exactly what I told him to.

Arthur C. Clarke. This panel will include Edward James, with more panellists to be announced.

- **The kimono fitting workshop** scheduled for 19:00 on Sunday has been dropped but if you really want to do something, see Flickr.
- **Death of UK Physics** at 20:00 Sunday will now include Phil Lucas.
- **Chaos Costuming** and **Chaos Robotics** have swapped rooms. Robotics is now in Kempton and Costuming is in Cheltenham.

Green Room

The Green Room should be open daily from 09:30 until shortly after the 22:00 hour items start. If you're on one of the items starting at 23:00 hours or midnight, please would you drop by earlier in the day and claim your drink then or the means to get it yourself later?

–Sue Edwards

The Video Programme in Forsyth

We will be showing two programmes in tribute to the late Arthur C. Clarke: the mid-1980s "This is Your Life" programme and the 1997 "The Man Who Foresaw The Future". Times TBC.

For all sharing photographers

If you are uploading pictures/videos to Flickr, YouTube or some other public site, please include the tag "orbital2008" (no spaces, no quotemarks) to make it easy for other convention members to find.

–The Magician

After It's Over

Don't forget there are lots of SF cons happening after this one (for example, next weekend in Dublin: P-Con V). Details of a large number of forthcoming cons – from all over Europe – are on display in the Royal Foyer outside the Edwardian Lounge (en route to the Real Ale bar). We've also put the obituaries done for Arthur C. Clarke from The Times, The Daily Telegraph and The Guardian up on display.

– Dave Lally

ZZ9 Plural Z Alpha

The Official Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Appreciation Society will be holding an impromptu Beeblebears' Picnic on Saturday the 22nd at 12:30. Meet in con bar at 12:30, all cuddly toys welcome. Neither the beebear nor the picnic are compulsory for attendance!

– Carrie Gillespie

There are plenty more of us, but as of half one on Friday they're not here yet...

STOP PRESS!

- The bar staff **should** give change for groats.
- We have stickers at reception for those who are here at their first SF con or Eastercon.
- Unlike all the other bars in the hotel, the Polo Bar is **not** serving drinks at con prices.
- More gophers are needed! Please report to Ops if you'd like to volunteer.
- The signup sheets for workshops with limited capacity are in the County Foyer.
- If you find a blue sash, please return it Ops.



ISSUE 2 – SATURDAY AFTERNOON – THE NEWSLETTER OF ORBITAL, THE 2008 EASTERCON

Another Day, Another Newsletter

This newsletter is brought to you by MIKA, because I felt like some crappy cheesy pop music. Also it's great fun. And John just brought me a gin and tonic. This gig's not bad, all things considered.

Mine's a pint

Please buy more beer in the real ale bar – the prices are reasonable and everything. Actually mine's a G&T, but for some reason they're selling plenty of that...

Teledoux!

Your gracious editoress is abusing her privileges to shamelessly plug her own con. Teledoux is to be the one-day follow-up to Year Of The Teledu, run by me in London. The venue is still to be confirmed but I assure you that it will have all the necessary, plus a suitably silly programme and the return of the MP3 disco in the evening. For more details please have a look at www.teledoux.org.uk!

Something to do at Heathrow Airport

If you have a few hours to spare at Heathrow, you may consider visiting a small but extremely interesting museum all of you will love. The British Airways Museum, which is very close to Hatton Station. Three of us took the opportunity to go there and had a marvellous time. The museum is small, but has so much wonderful stuff: models, posters, uniforms and especially tales. It's run by a group of enthusiasts with many stories about the history of the different airlines that today form British Airways. You like technology? You like history? You like stories? You like beautiful artwork? (Hey, you like uniforms?) Visit! For more information, check the website: www.bamuseum.com. One thing though, visits by appointment only. But well worth it.

–Jaap Boekestein

Friday Panels

The panels began with a well-filled Elizabeth Room to discuss Russell T. Davies; and then the Nuts and Bolts of SF Writing, from traditional advice to using the web. Many of the audience had written short stories, and some had a novel on the go. Warning: if you publish your story on your blog – it's been published!

The room filled up for a panel on Reassessing Heinlein. Chairman Peter Weston spoke of initial enthusiasm cooling as he re-read the books later in life. Such controversial books as *Starship Troopers*, *Farnham's Freehold*, and *Puppet Masters* were discussed, as well as female protagonists, with special mention for *The Door Into Summer*, and little approval for the later novels.

The session concluded with approval for *Citizen of the Galaxy*, a tribute for

OVERHEARD: GREEN ROOM

Anne: Shall we throw away the copies of yesterday's newsletter?

Newsletter Editor: No! I haven't read it yet!

The **TWP PARTY** will be on Sunday afternoon at 16:00, venue TBC.

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PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Persephone Hazard, Chief Organisatrix, has been taking hundreds of little pieces of paper and trying to edit them into this slightly dodgy template. **Jan van't Ent** is as ever being incredibly helpful, collecting and collating stuff as well as knowing how the printer works. **John Coxon** has been doing exactly what Seph tells him to. **Jess Bennett** has been hanging around the Newsletter Office being fabulous.

There are **no** additional programme changes, but check the previous issue for ones already announced.

Kipling, *Double Star*, the *Prisoner of Zenda* in space, and the advice to go on reading Robert Heinlein; plus authors who respond critically to his views, such as Joe Haldeman and Orson Scott Card.

-Jesca Yates

Calling All Posers!

If you fancy having your photograph taken in your best costumes, meet up on the lit bridge in the Atrium (by the water feature with the really cool glass fish in it) at half five. Bring your glad rags and your camera for the flashmob.

- Helen Cross

Call for photos

If anyone has any photographs of Blind Pew's guide dog Faldo, a regular at cons who has very sadly passed away, could they please email them to blindpewbooks@beeb.net - thanks!

Forbidden Planet Charity Monquee

Danacea of Forbidden Planet has a giant white plastic Monquee. This is a call out to all authors and artists - please come and sign him. He will be with the FP stall in the Dealers' Room or with Danacea in (probably) the bar. He is to be auctioned for Terry Pratchett and the Alzheimer's Research Trust. Thanks.

- Danacea

Tonight's Filk Programme

The Filk programme will be running in the Tetworth Room from 10pm - midnight tonight, and will feature Gwen Knighton, Tim and Annie Walker and Circle.

Everything's Going So Well

The number of bodies on site currently stands at about 1300, making this the largest Eastercon since Seacon in Brighton in 1984. I was reliably informed of this fact by a charming Scotsman who I met outside while having a cigarette. See, smirking is good for something!

Restaurant Review

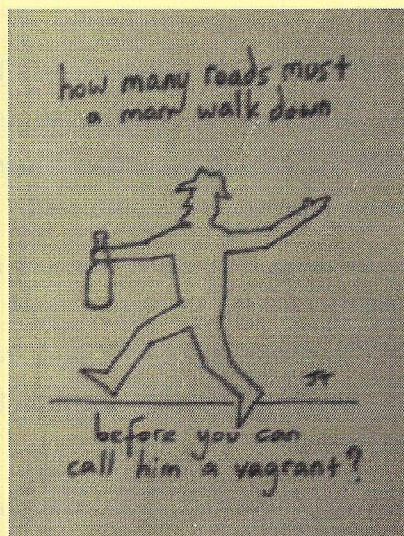
VII Indian Restaurant (it's on the con registration list) is a 5 - 10 minute drive east along Bath Road, on the south side. The food is better than either the interior or the exterior décor would suggest, and the service is good. The poppadom and plain rice are very good. The main courses are about £5 and are decent portions. Cobra or draught are available and on the whole VII comes recommended.

- Steve Grover

Stop Press - Gerald

Exclusively in Elizabeth at 15:30, Neil Gaiman's original doodles for Gerald. With extra Bacon.

- Chris Garcia



STOP PRESS!

- Gaming sign-up sheets are now in the Games Room.

- Paul Allwood has a DENVENTION Worldcon 2008 membership for sale, priced at early purchase rate of £70. Anyone interested please phone 07810 868775.

- Furniture was built for your convenience by early gophers (from Sweden to England with some Dutch helpers even - just the one sofa, so if one collapses, we didn't do that one, really) - don't be mean, come to ops and volunteer some time yourself, please.

- Jaine Fenn would like to find out what it feels like to be hypnotised. This is a genuine request - in the interest of research - and should not be seen as a chance to make her think she's a chicken, or take her clothes off in public. If it works, you get a credit in the next book. Please make contact via the voodoo board.

- Avedon Carol has forgotten the charge lead for her laptop and would greatly appreciate the loan of a power supply. She has a Dell Latitude C640. If you can help, go and leave either the lead or a message with Ops. Thank you!

- A child of one of the con members, who has been using the childcare facilities, has come down with chicken pox. They are keeping to their room for now but parents may wish to keep an eye on their children if they have not already had it.

- Ops has a few things in Lost Property. If you've mislaid anything, please go and ask them about it.

- Elanor needs volunteers to help out with the signing session this afternoon. If you can lend a hand, turn up in Ops at 15:30.



THE Sun



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Masquerade



First Prize: 'Generic Elf Number Five' – **Gavin Knighton**

Second Prize: 'Bar Trek 3 – The Wrath of Mum' – **June and Michelle Rosenblum**

Third Prize: 'The Baron' – **Peter Westhead** (and minion, **Dawn Abigail**)

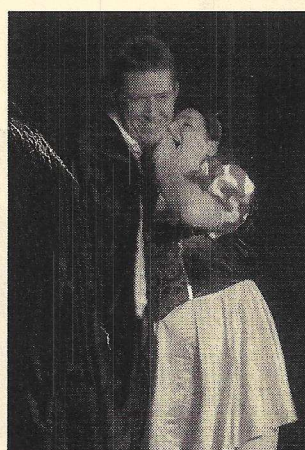


Seven years on from nightfall

Heather McKigan-Fee
Debbie Custance
Richard James



Star Wars the Old Generation
(Most creative use of a light sabre)
Roger and Heather



Sleep
Neil and Tal

BSFA AWARDS

And the winners are...

Novel

'Brasyl' (Gollancz)
Ian McDonald

Short Fiction

'Lighting Out' ('disLocations'
anthology; Newcon Press)
Ken MacLeod,
accepted by **Ian Whates**

Artwork

'Cracked World' (cover of
'disLocations' anthology;
Newcon Press)
Andy Bigwood

1958 Novel

'Non-Stop'

(originally published by Faber
& Faber; now a Gollancz
Masterwork)

Brian Aldiss,

accepted by **Jo Fletcher**

This was a special award to
celebrate the 50th

Anniversary of the BSFA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BSFA!

There was an additional
special presentation,

awarded to **Peter Mabey**.
Peter was a founder member
of the BSFA and has been a
member of the association
for the full 50 years!



Ian McDonald with his award

We would like to say thank
you very much to Flick, who
designed and made the
awards.



Rainy day fairies
(Best family)
The Furlong family
(harp by **Gwen Rafferty**)



Clasher
(best monster)
Cvileann



Trees versus Flowers
(best vegetation)
Kathryn Meenan and Isla Khan

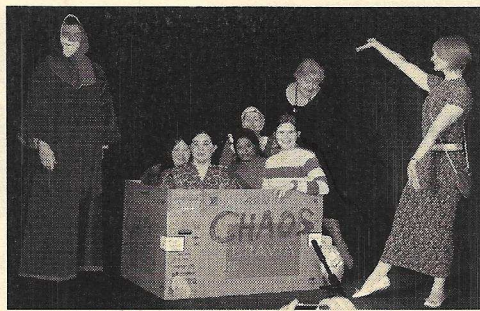


Pyar the Angel
Frank Wu

Meet the most beautiful
creature of the future



Miss Kaywinnet Lee Fry and Escort
Cathy Holroyd and Tom Nanson
and Kaylee's Shindig Dress
Ranger Hilary



Schrodinger's Cabaret
James, Barbara, Anna, Emily,
Sheila, Lucy and Cal



Miss Solar System
(special mention:
"out of this world!")
Mikki Dennis



Barbarella
Brianna Flynt



The Wrath of Mum
June and Michelle Rosenblum



Presenter: **Sue Mason**
Judges: **Wombat,**
Judith Proctor, Ian Coleman

PROGRAM CHANGES!

- Interplanetary Runabout Design Workshop 2 (due to take place In the Royal: George at 11 am).

This item has been moved. Please see sign on Royal: George door for more information.

- The Space Art talk at 2pm on Saturday is cancelled.

- The Make your own Dragon sewing workshop for children at 3pm Saturday is now a balloon modelling workshop for children.

- The "A Sensation of Vertigo" panel at 10pm Saturday will include **Mike Carey** and **Matt Brooker**.

- The Easter service at 9am on Sunday will be in Elizabeth and not in George.

- Extra panel, 4pm Sunday, Victoria/Edward. "The Work of Arthur C Clarke. Panel will be moderated by **Graham Sleight** and will include **Edward James** and **Martin McGrath**.

- We are hoping to show the Arthur C Clarke tribute videos mentioned in Issue One in Newbury Two once we get the tech for that room sorted. More details to follow.

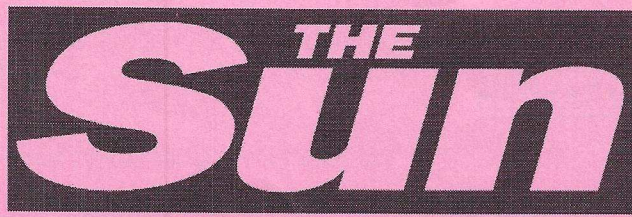
SHARING PHOTOGRAPHERS

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-The Magician

THIS NEWSLETTER WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY

Persephone Hazard (Chief Organizatrix), **Carrie Gillespie**, **Jan van't Ent** (Photos and wonderfulness), **John Dallman** (Photos), **Bernard Peek** (Photos), **Juergen Mazi** (Photos), **Jaap Boekestein** (Photos), **Alex McIntock** (Typing and support).



ISSUE 4 – SUNDAY MORNING – THE NEWSLETTER OF ORBITAL, THE 2008 EASTERCON

Happy Easter!

Your Editrix is this morning unbearably perky and in an infuriatingly good mood. People have been asking her who she is and what she's done with Abi. This morning's music has been her overly chirpy singing, much to John's distress.

Sunday Programme Changes

- **Interplanetary Runabout Design Workshop 2** is in Elizabeth at 17:00.
- **Solar Systems For Kids Workshop** has moved from George to Edward.

Monday Programme Changes

Tai Chi is at 09:30 in George and Elizabeth. This is half an hour earlier so that they get the two rooms joined into one.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who organised, took part in, and attended the interdenominational Easter Service this morning. It was an exhilarating start to the day.

– Marion Pitman

Thanks Again

Many Thanks to the three lovely ladies who attended my "Tongue-Twisters and Limericks" programme item. I enjoyed their company.

– Mic Rogers

Yours is a pint

We're still not selling enough beer, you know. Come on, everyone – you're letting the side down! It is a bit chilly in there but that's good for the beer and there are lots of much warmer places that you could then take your pint to...

Interweb Thingy

PDF versions of this newsletter will be available online – but due to technical constraints we are not promising how quickly that will be. Links will be on eastercon.com and orbital2008.org. If you are interested in helping out with eastercon.com please contact The Magician sometime after the con when he is more relaxed.

Party!

Anticipation, The Montreal Worldcon in 2009, invites you to attend a party this evening in the Belvedere Room at 22:00. Interesting drinks brought from Canada will be available.

OVERHEARD

When asked on a panel what her PhD education did for her, (Dr) Liz Williams replied, "It means people phone me back quickly as they think I'm their GP."

The **TWP PARTY** will be this afternoon at 16:00 in either Aintree or Kempton, which are right next to each other – it'll be easy to tell!

PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Persephone Hazard, Chief Organisatrix, has been faffing about sorting out interviews and skiving off delegating all the typing. **Alex Mc** has been typing things up and being generally helpful, and **Jan van't Ent** has been wrangling with all this complicated technology that I don't understand like, you know, printers. **John Coxon** is still doing exactly what Seph tells him to, and has edited a bit, too. **ZoeP** very kindly came along and did some proofreading, as the rest of the team are exhausted after staying up till three last night to get the Masquerade issue out, and **Fran Dowd** also provided a helping hand. Seph now owes Fran her soul.

Paul Crowley has lost his rucksack, which is black and silver with an image of the Rosetta Stone on the front. If found, could you please hand it into Ops. Thank you!

Speaking of Ops, they still have some other lost property – please check in to see if they've got yours.

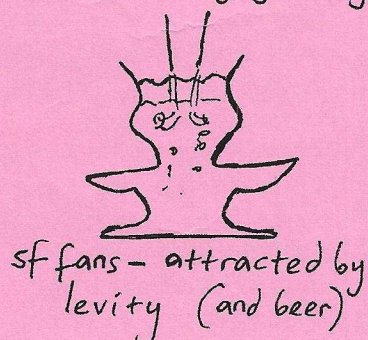
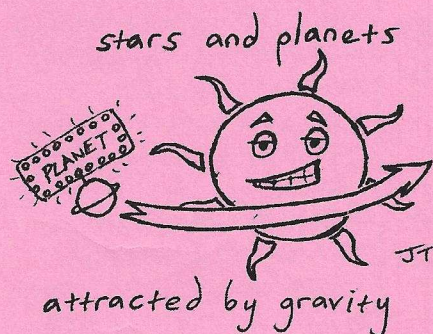
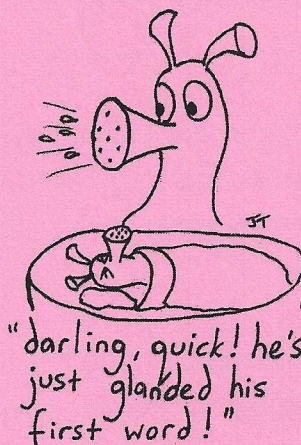
The Great Exhibition Needs Exhibits

Convention attendees are politely invited to bring any curiosities they have encountered or obtained in their travels to the Great Exhibition, in Newbury 1 on Monday. Exhibits may be three dimensional or conceptual. All that we ask is that they are awesome and allow an insight into a hitherto unimagined universe. Exhibits may, in the intervening time, also be dropped off at 'SCRAP' Workshop in Kempton. God save Mr Tesla!

Gophers

Remember your friendly, hard-working gophers. They are part of a team, and as a team they and their team leader know what the overall picture is at any given time. Thus, they may occasionally ask you to do something that seems irrational or annoying to you. Please believe us when we say that there is nearly always a very good reason for the request. Be nice to our gophers. Please do not argue with them. Do not shout at them. Do not tease them. Smile at them. Feed them chocolate. Happy gophers make for an efficient, well-run convention.

- The Committee



Doc Weir

Vote for the Doc Weir Award; vote for someone you think deserves it; don't forget - drop off the ballot in the box at registration. Remember, voting closes by noon on Monday.

Odyssey 2010

There will be another non-Euclidean Eastercon! The bid session for the 2010 Eastercon was fairly short, there only being one bid, and was voted for by most present; Rita Medany will chair it, with help from a provisional core committee consisting of Judith Proctor and Fiona Scarlett, and the venue will be ...here! The hotel offered about

the same deal, and while there was a question about temperatures (Judith is already on that for this con, and things are improving) the good news is that the hotel will be upgrading the air conditioning. The Guests of Honour are Alastair Reynolds, Liz Williams and Mike Carey, and the Fan Guests of Honour will be Fran and John Dowd, both well-known for being involved with Eastercon committees over the years. Join Odyssey now, only £35 at the registration desk, not the dealer's room, or visit odyssey2010.org.

- Jan van't Ent

STOP PRESS!

- The Committee and Orbital members would like to send their best wishes to Misha, our chief judge (Gopher). A get well card will be available for people to sign in the Ops room.

- Reports are coming in that it has been declared by Polo Bar staff that the football will not be turned off on the fans' request. Fans who dislike this may want to **drink more real ale** instead by going to the real ale bar and taking their drinks over to the Atrium. Remember that the Polo Bar is for the general public and so the usual policies will apply over there - don't take it out on the hotel staff.

- If you took photos of the Opening Ceremony please take them to the Photo Wall. If it is unmanned, try the Newsletter office.

- Your last chance to vote for your 'favourite cute fantasy artwork with significance' is coming up - it's the Phlosque award. SMS says the smart money is on Margaret Walty.

- Authors, artists, anyone who wants to make a contribution to the Match It For Pratchett website, can contact Fran Dowd at the convention or by email at **fran at matchitforpratchett dot org**.

- If you didn't receive your Souvenir Book from Contemplation, there are some spares on the LX desk in the Dealer's Room.

- Your Emergency Contributor can highly recommend hanging out in the Zen Room in the Spa, drinking camomile tea and eating chocolate. You have to take your own chocolate. Bah.

- Do not eat wasabi peanuts and rub your eyes while watching subtitled movies.



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The Eastercon Forum

Eastercon has had to be rescued at least three times in recent years. Eastercon has no constitution (a topic discussed and rejected at previous Forums). Should there nevertheless be a pre-agreed framework, which automatically comes into play in cases of difficulties? Please come along and join in the discussion at 13.00 in Royal.

–Dave Lally (Eastercon Forum Chair)

LFF Auction

The League of Fan Funds auction on Sunday evening raised over £900, which is brilliant: thank you to everyone who came along and spent far more money than they meant to.

Thank you too to everyone who donated items to be sold, especially this year's incredibly generous Dealers' Room (who loaded Flick with bags of books, con memberships and other great stuff), Neil Gaiman and Mitch Benn (who sent sketches along for auction) and Paul Cornell (who provided the Best Tuckerisation Ever, raising over £100 to make Dr Plokta into a villain in an upcoming Marvel comic).

Finally, a big thank you to the Australia in 2010 Worldcon bid, which provided vast quantities of Australian tat for us to give away during the auction.

Does anyone want a koala? We seem to have some spare!

Poly people

There are so many polyamorous people at the con that they've decided to meet up, with their push-pins and coloured string, at 15.00 in Kempton.

Air Guitar

The AlphaIndigoRomeo band would be extremely grateful if anyone who took photos of us at our début performance at Saturday's disco could kindly email a copy to us at grikmeer@gmail.com. Many thanks and rock on!

George Hay Memorial Lecture

Several hundred fans packed the Commonwealth Hall to hear Professor David Southwood of the European Space Agency, and look at some amazing pictures from space, including the oldest galaxies. He spoke about the influence of Dan Dare in inspiring his interest in space, and claimed it was imagination which drove space scientists on. It was brilliant to hear about space exploration from an expert, and to view his pictures of Mars and Saturn.

–Jessica Yates

Lost

A beige windbreaker jacket disappeared from a chair outside the men's loo during a ten minute interval on Saturday. Going home to Sweden without it will be very cold, so if you have it please contact Anders or any of the Swedes, or bring it to ops.

PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Persephone Hazard, Chief Organisatrix, hasn't been seen, so **Flick** has taken over her newsletter while she's not looking. **Jan van't Ent** has continued to be wonderfully helpful with typing and technology wrangling, and **Helen** popped in at just the right time to proof read.

MONEY

The cash machine of this hotel seems to have run out of money, if you need some to put into the real ale bar or the dealer's room, your wallet can get filled up at the Marriott's cash machine.

OVERHEARD

We used to go looking for crash space; nowadays we go looking for crèche space!

FOR SALE

Membership to Denver Worldcon for £70; contact Michael Pargman.

PARKING

To get the agreed special rate for hotel parking, please visit Hotel Reception and ask (do not use the payment machines).

LOST

Two voices. If found, please return to Jaine Fenn and Abi Brown.

MORE CHARLIE

Anyone who wants to experience more of Charles Stross might want to consider Mecon 11 (29-31 August) in Belfast, where he is Guest of Honour.

BSFA Awards: voting breakdown

Total ballots cast: 122

Best novel. 103 votes	by	1st place	2nd rnd	3rd rnd	4th rnd	5th rnd
Alice in Sunderland	Brian Talbot	23	25	26	27	
Black Man	Richard Morgan	22	23	25	32	37
Brasyl	Ian McDonald	30	30	34	40	53
The Execution Channel	Ken MacLeod	14	15	17		
The Prefect	Alastair Reynolds	9	10			
The Yiddish Policemen's Union	Michael Chabon	5				
Best Short Fiction. 86 votes						
Lighting Out	Ken MacLeod	18	23	26	38	
Terminal	Chaz Brenchley	16	16	21		
The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate	Ted Chiang	25	31	32	34	
The Gift of Joy	Ian Whates	14	14			
The Sledge-Maker's Daughter	Alastair Reynolds	13				
Best Artwork. 82 votes						
Cracked World	Andy Bigwood	26	28	42		
HP Lovecraft in Britain	Les Edwards	27	28	36		
Lucas Flare	Richard Marchand	10				
Metal Dragon Year	Kenn Brown	19	26			
BSFA Fiftieth Anniversary Award. Best Novel of 1958. 92 votes						
A Case of Conscience	James Blish	27	28	30	33	37
Have Spacesuit, Will Travel	Robert A. Heinlein	19	20	21	25	
Non-Stop	Brian Aldiss	24	25	26	28	38
The Big Time	Fritz Leiber	12	13	13		
The Triumph of Time	James Blish	6	6			
Who?	Algis Budrys	4				

A display about the **origins of the BSFA** and its establishment at the 1958 Eastercon in Kettering can be found on the way to the real ale bar on the third floor. The BSFA is very grateful to Peter Weston (who created the display panels), Mark Plummer and other researchers.

Free Fanzines can also be found on the way to the real ale bar, providing a variety of views of fan history, opinion, speculation, rumour, and ruminations by SF fans about SF fans about SF, fandom, and anything else in their experience that they wanted to share with other fans. These are spare copies and will not be saved after the convention, unless you choose to take some home with you.

The Terminal Zone

A fine production of Andrew J. Wilson's play about Rod Serling. The contrast of David Wake as Serling-the-man and James Steel as Serling-the-presentation emphasized the difference between reality and what people see. The only down side to the production was the poor view for those in the back of the room, who missed nice touches such as the helmets used to produce a corpse's silhouette under the sheet at the end.

City developers of all ages

Come along to the 'SCRAP' Workshop (Kempton), where you can help to put the finishing touches to the City Of The Future, which will be on display in Newbury 1 from 14:00 on Monday. There are two cities under construction: the Overcity, with trees and shining glass towers, and the Undercity, with rust, decay, mutants and any smog we can generate.

The Martian Race

Sparks tells us that his team has won, that he's in charge of all the teams, and that he rules the world. Evilily.