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Editorial

The Boss hasn't turned up yet, so we're not sure if we're allowed to do a newsletter or not. Luckily, he's left us a template to use!

It seemed a shame to waste all that lovely paper, though, and Jan was getting twitchy from toner withdrawal, so we thought we'd better get something out to you all.

You can contact us on newsletter@satellite4.org.uk, or find us in Orkney, past the Green Room. Or find me hiding from John in the bar....

—Flick

If you haven't already joined Loncon 3, you can save money by signing up at-con this weekend at the rate that applied before March's price increase: visit the dealers' room to find out more.

There will be a Loncon 3 tea party on Sunday, 17:00-18:00, in Barra/Jura. Come along — tea, coffee, and cake can be yours!

We'll be announcing the shortlists for the Hugos and Retro Hugos on Saturday evening, 20:30 in Barra/Jura/Shuna. This is one of the biggest events for us apart from the con itself, so come if you can!

Loncon4sale

Worldcon membership for sale for any reasonable offer: Contact Steve Grover (263) in the Gopher Hole.

Tweedle Argyle

Everything in the grid for Argyle One is in Argyll Two. And vice versa. Obviously.

Loncon 3

Food in the Hotel

Soup, sandwiches, salads and ploughman's [*Ploughmens'*? —Ed] are available in the Con Bar (Argyll Foyer), priced from £2 for soup and £2.80 for a sandwich.

Late night snacks will be provided from 23:00 to 01:00:

- Hot roll (sausage/bacon) - £2.50
- Chips & curry sauce - £2.80
- Small pizza - £5.50

The pre-theatre bar menu is available in the main hotel bar all day.

The hotel restaurant will do a two-course buffet lunch for £9.95 (main course only for £7.50) available from 12:30 to 14:30. A three-course dinner will be available from 17:30 to 22:30 for £17.95.

Fanfic Writing Date

Nine Worlds invite you to join them in a fanfic writing session on the Mezzanine (above the hotel bar) from 14:00 and 16:00 on Sunday.

Lost&Found

If a gentleman in a bowler hat with goggles left an item of his in the back of a taxi yesterday morning (Thursday, nine-ish), then please come to Ops to collect it.

Fans Looking Younger

One of the special features of Satellite is our Old Cons board, full of photos of conventions past. You can find it on the balcony outside the green room. If you've brought photos for it, hand them in at Ops.

Rosenblum

As many of you will be aware, Howard Rosenblum sadly died last year, shortly after Eastercon. Michelle and June Rosenblum are here at their first Eastercon since then. If you see them looking upset, please come and give them a massive hug (just don't sneak up on them from behind, please).

—Michelle and June

Marquez

Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez passed away last night at the age of 87. He was one of the foremost literary voices of Latin America and he defined the genre of magical realism.

Hall Costume Call

We have a press agency photographer visiting the main foyer tomorrow afternoon at around 15:00. We'd like as many hall costumers as possible to take part, and it might be a good spot to pick up some Tokens.

Restaurant Reviews

The Crowne Plaza restaurant has generous portions despite the price. We had penne pasta with roast chicken and chorizo ("a flavour tsunami"). Alligator had fish and chips ("Very nice. Nicer than Center Parcs").

—Dyllanne and Pog Descartes

The circular building between the Campanille and the Hilton Garden Inn contains Yen Rotunda, an Asian restaurant (there's also the Italian La Rotunda there).

It serves very tasty Thai, Japanese and Cantonese dishes, including a fine crispy duck with pancakes. I spotted many faces known from previous Eastercons, so it may get busy there.

—Jan van 't Ent

We're told that the concourse newsagent has a £3 sandwich meal deal: not a bad price!

Beer!

Got to ~~catch~~ quaff them all!

Pale Ales

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- ☐Pivo Estivo (3.9%)
- ☐Tartan Army (4.3%)
- ☐Jaguar (4.5%)
- ☐Cart Blanche (5.0%)

Red & Amber Ales

- ☐Misty Law (4.0%)
- ☐Red Smiddy (4.1%)
- ☐Spring Forward (4.3%)
- ☐Regnitz (4.4%)

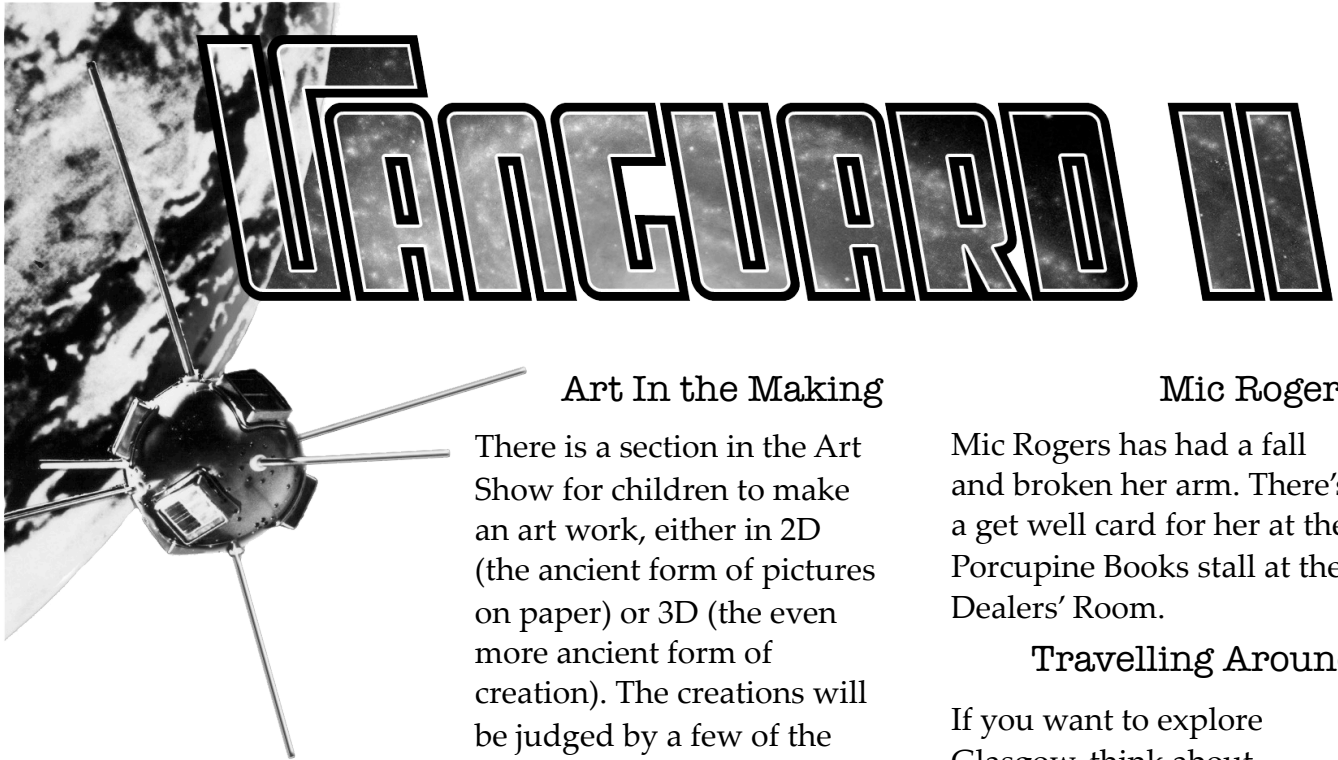
Dark Ales

- ☐Dark Moor (4.5%)
- ☐Oook Ale (4.5%)
- ☐Cart Noir (4.8%)

Ciders

- ☐Greyfield Farmhouse Repeat Prescription (6%)
- ☐WM Watkins & Sons Sunset Oak (6.7%)
- ☐Sarah's Cider Med. Dry
- ☐West Croft Janets Junglejuice (6%)
- ☐Gwynt Y Ddraig Happy Daze (4.5%)
- ☐CJ's Cider Wench (??%)
- ☐Days Cottage Farmhouse Cider (7.5%)
- ☐Legbender Sweet (6%)
- ☐Crossman's Med. (6%)
- ☐Wilkins Farmhouse Med. (6%)
- ☐Meare Farmhouse (??%)
- ☐Bollahayes Vintage Med.

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Editorial

Good afternoon Eastercon!
It's your editor-in-chief John here. Due to the poor selection of flights from EMA to GLA yesterday, I actually arrived subsequent to the publication of the first issue of the newsletter. Thanks to Flick for putting that together and also for doing a lot with this issue.

We've helpfully included the email address for newsletter, above, so that you can send us stuff for Vanguard III. Please do this, as we are only as awesome as the stuff we receive from the convention membership!

— John

Art In the Making

There is a section in the Art Show for children to make an art work, either in 2D (the ancient form of pictures on paper) or 3D (the even more ancient form of creation). The creations will be judged by a few of the artists, and of course there *will* be prizes.

— John Harold

Next Year

Dysprosium hopes to be the 66th (get it?) Eastercon and ask everyone who would like to give the Park Inn, Heathrow a whirl to come to the bid session at 10:30 on Sunday in Argyle I & II. If we're voted in, we'll be holding a party at 21:00 in Barra/Jura where the 1.1kg Thorntons bunny on the con table will be ceremonially beheaded and eaten so come along, meet the con com and eat chocolate!

— Judith Lewis

Which Was Odd

We've been asked to let you all know that you can't access the convention website from the hotel's Swisscom wifi. You'll have to use your phone, or something.

Mic Rogers

Mic Rogers has had a fall and broken her arm. There's a get well card for her at the Porcupine Books stall at the Dealers' Room.

Travelling Around

If you want to explore Glasgow, think about getting a Conference Rover Ticket, which is a flexible rail pass that gives five days unlimited travel within "The Conference Zone" for £5. You can buy one at the SECC ScotRail station; you'll need to have your membership badge when you buy the ticket and when you use it.

Sign Up, Sign Up!

There are still spaces available for:

- being announced at the Ambassador's Ball
- Ration Roulette
- Young Writers' Fantasy Workshop
- Improvisation for Actors
- Jim Burns kaffeeklatsch
- Using Visual References Workshop for Writers

Andy Robertson

We are sad to report that long-time fan Andy passed away on Thursday. Our sympathies to his family.

Restaurant reviews

The *India Quays*, along the Clyde towards the centre of Glasgow and opposite the Squinty Bridge, is quite pricy but serves very good Indian food: recommended.

—Anon

Via Italia (corner of Union Street and Gordon Street) serves Italian street food. It's very good and very convenient.

—John Harold

916 Diner on Sauchiehall Street serves an interesting Scottish, Mediterranean and Asian variety of excellent food at reasonable prices (around £20 for a three-course meal, excluding drinks and tip).

Warning: the Thai Green is not for lightweights.

Thai Siam, at 1191 Argyle Street, is a good quality, friendly Thai restaurant. Around £20 plus drinks and tip.

—Iain Alexander

Cupcakery

Behind the hotel is a covered walkway that will take you most of the way to Argyle St. Once you arrive you'll find three gems: *Coffee, Tea & Chocolate*; *Hot Licks*; and the amazing *Cupcakery*. They have a huge range of delicious cupcakes, baked on site every morning this gem of a shop is well worth the 8-12min walk from the hotel.

—Judith Lewis

Games

Some of you may have seen a *Nimla* multi-player chess game set up in the games room yesterday evening. Tonight, shortly after 17:00, we'll play a game or two. The invention of this game was inspired by reading an SF story in which characters whiled away a long space trip by playing 3D chess and if we can persuade a games company to take it up a percentage of any profit will go to the *Space Settlers' Society*. This is the first public event that *Nimla* has ever been at. Be among the first, and help make space happen, by coming along at 17:00.

—Andy Nimmo

Man of Iron

The great unfilmed (some might say unfilmable) Blakes 7 episode *Man of Iron* is to make its Eastercon debut at 19:00 on Sunday, in Castle 1.

Written by Paul Darrow, a star of all four series, *Man of Iron* is set in Series 4 and pitches the crew of the Scorpio against possibly their deadliest foe yet: the mighty, unstoppable, indestructible robot Gabor. See the crew fearlessly battle the lesser robots of mad scientist Algor before, egged on by the evil Servalan, he finally gives out his infamous cry: "Release Gabor!!!!"

—Stevie Carroll

Share And Enjoy

The lift by Argyll/Castle is out of service. We're very hopeful that mentioning it in the Newsletter will cause it to be repaired while we're printing, thus making us look out of date.

Riverside Museum

For those transport geeks that fandom harbours, the Riverside Museum is just a fifteen minute walk away. Turn right after the hotel entrance and follow the Clydeside path. (Watch out for cyclists and do not despair when you are turned inland past the Wastes of Despond.) Entrance both to the museum and the tall ship Glenlees (and the crews' quarters will remind you of certain con hotels in the past) is free. They are open every day of the year.

—Susan Booth

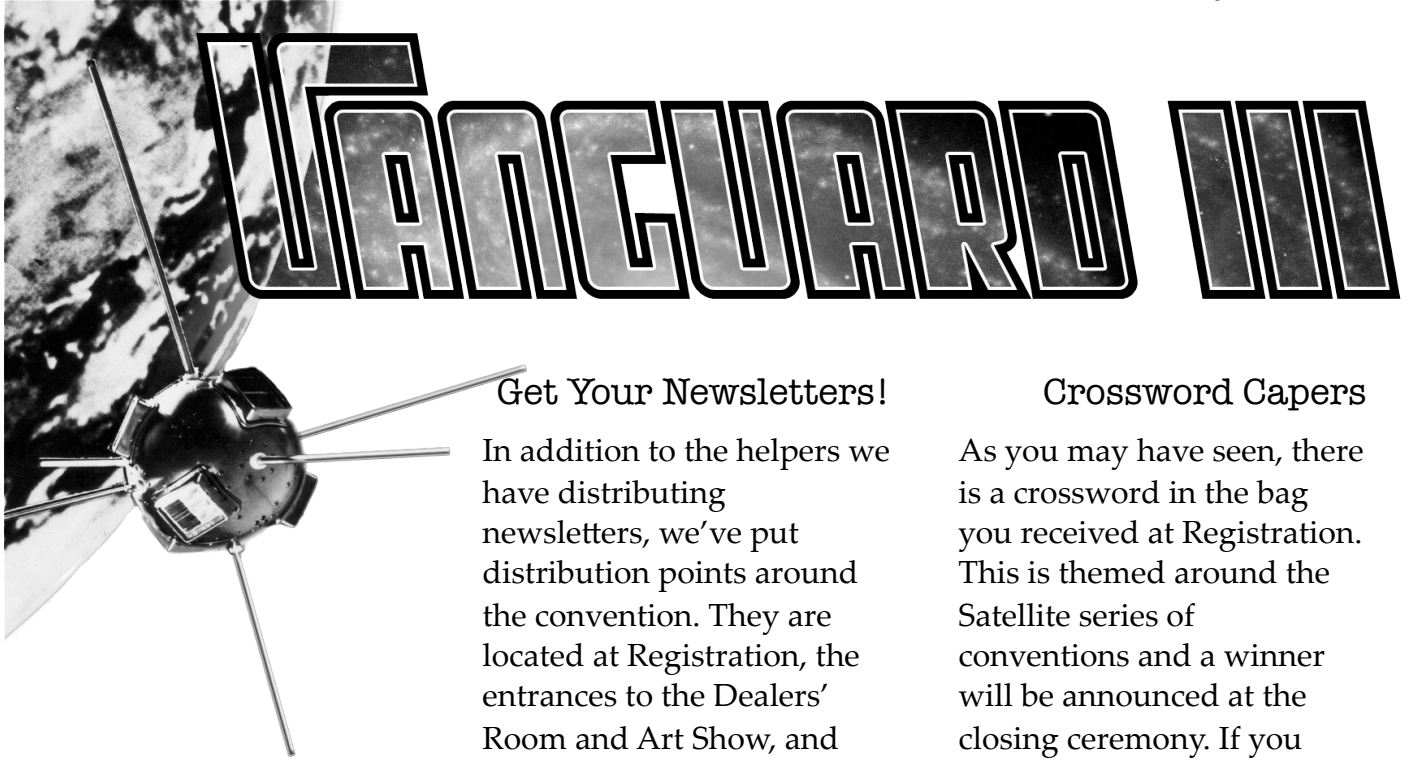


Ops, hard at work

Beer Tasting Notes

The Newsletter team has tasted lots of beer, using the handy checklist from issue 1 and reports that it is tasty. Mmm, beer.

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Get Your Newsletters!

In addition to the helpers we have distributing newsletters, we've put distribution points around the convention. They are located at Registration, the entrances to the Dealers' Room and Art Show, and the Corridor of Heat.

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Editorial

Feeling a lot more human with this issue, which I attribute to the application of sleep, Netflix and burgers since I was last in the newsletter office.

I'm really looking forward to the Hugo Awards nominees being announced later today. I've had the list for a couple of days [*gloat, gloat, gloat* – Ed] both to allow me to set out the newsletter and the Hugo ballot for Loncon 3.

I'm sure I'll argue about it with all of you in the bar!

—John

Doc Weir Award

We have a Doc Weir Award winner in the form of Jan van 't Ent. If you'd like to vote for this year's Doc Weir winner, please head to Ops and cast your ballot.

Kumming Celebration

On 31 July, German fan Waldemar Kumming will celebrate his 90th birthday. The Science Fiction Club Deutschland will produce a special edition of its Andromeda magazine to celebrate this event and is looking for contributions (photos, articles, etc) to show Waldemar's contacts to international fandom. If you have material to offer please send me an email at thomas.recktenwald@worldcon.de or leave a note at the CONFACT table.

— Thomas Recktenwald

Crossword Capers

As you may have seen, there is a crossword in the bag you received at Registration. This is themed around the Satellite series of conventions and a winner will be announced at the closing ceremony. If you want to be in with a chance, we're told by Ops you should hand it in by the end of Sunday.

Oi! That's my Alien!

Cuddles is looking for homes for the felt aliens used in the alien game, and some runners up have still to claim their Creme Egg. Find Cuddles!

Scotchear

SMS reports on Scotchear, the convention of cheerleaders going on at the SECC this weekend. He suggests that if we could get together enough zombies we'd be sorted. Applicants can find him in the bar.

Hugo Issue

Tonight is the night we find out the Hugo nominees! Loncon 3 is also hosting the 1939 Hugo Awards, so there are two rosters. Look out for this evening's Vanguard with the full list for 1939 & 2014.

Rock Musical

Do you sing in a choir? Are you an active member of your local G & S Society or Musical Theatre group? Do you do none of the above but have always wanted to have a go? Are you able to get to rehearsals in Peterborough/Ely/London?

A group of us are planning to put on a rock musical at Loncon 3. Arrangements are fairly advanced but we still have room for interested performers, particularly men, who would like to take part. There are even a few principal roles not yet cast. All the music is original, as is The Book.

If you would like to take part, or you want to find out a bit more before deciding, come and talk to me – I'm the one with the pink walking stick. You may find me in the bar or collapsed in a comfy chair, and I will definitely be at the late night filking for the first couple of hours or so.

Alternatively send an email to yhousden@cix.co.uk or nmc.conductor@gmail.com.

– Valerie Housden

Formal Challenge

We understand that the King's Musketeers are in the process of issuing a formal challenge to the Cardinal's Guards to meet them at the cabaret at Redemption 2015.

The issue at stake is believed to be the money (120 pistoles) appropriated from Athos' purse, and spent at the Satellite 4 bar on Friday night, by the Papal agent Count Riario. The Count left behind only a worthless credit note on the Pazzi Bank and three apple cores.

For further details, or to book your place to watch what promises to be a thrilling combat, visit the Redemption 15 stall anytime that it's staffed up until the Satellite 4 Closing Ceremony on Monday.

– Stevie Carroll

Reviews

Geek Retreat is located at 63 Union Street. You go down a small flight of stairs and walk into what feels exactly like a CozyCon. It's a comic shop cum cafe. It's a comfy place and you are more than welcome to just sit and read. The icing on the cake? Buy a coffee and you get to choose a free comic. To add some spice there's a whole selection of SFF literature and comics by Glaswegians and this is only available in Glasgow. Yesterday when we visited they were running a workshop on how to draw comics for children. Lovely people, free comics and great coffee. What else could you ask for?

– Nesa

There's a twenty-four hour **McDonald's** at the Skypark, if you start at the Campanile, walk towards Nuffield Health and turn left up that road. It sells the sorts of things that McDonald's sells. I got a free apple pie, so hurrah!

(Please send me more restaurant reviews.)

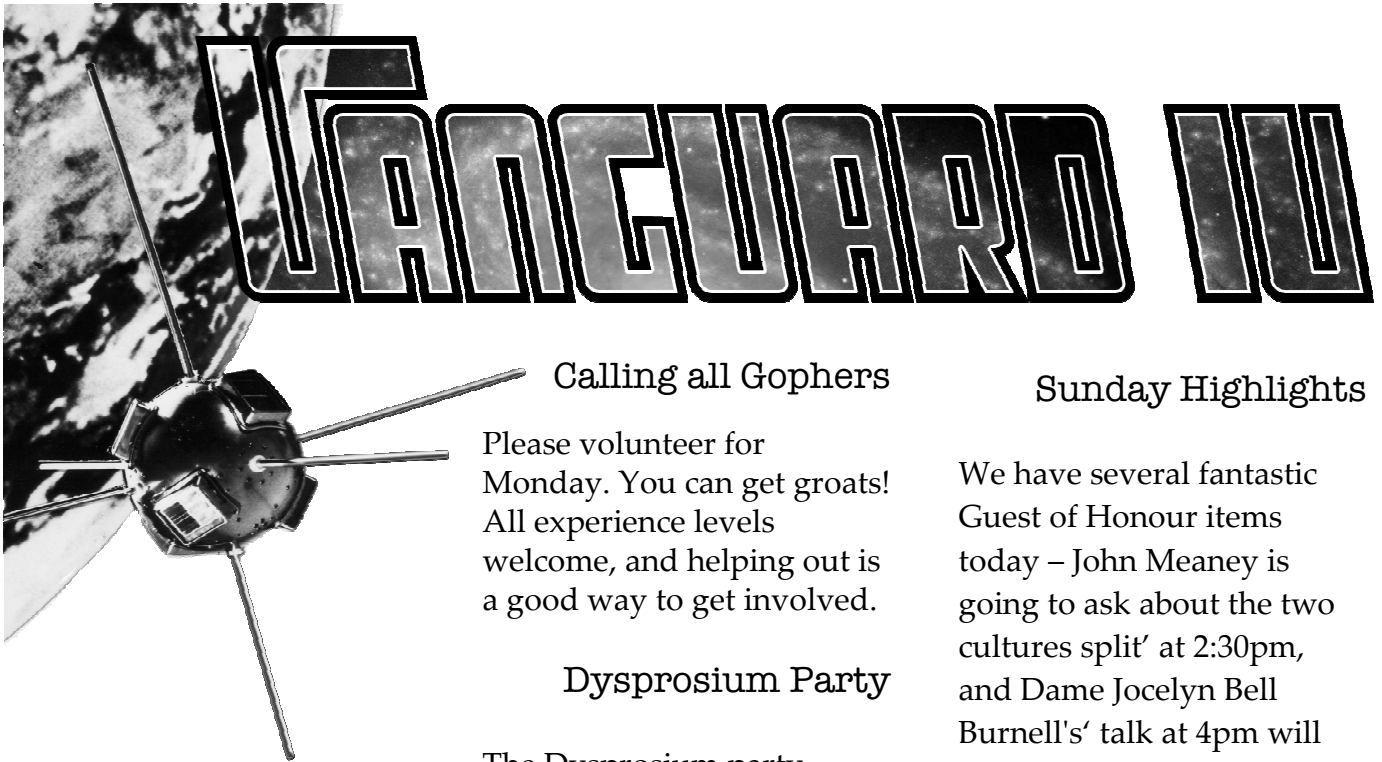
– the Editor

Head in a Pig

Of course, the lift by Argyll/Castle is now back in service & the second newsletter was indeed appropriately out of date, as we predicted.

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Calling all Gophers

Please volunteer for Monday. You can get groats! All experience levels welcome, and helping out is a good way to get involved.

Dysprosium Party

The Dysprosium party originally scheduled for 9:00pm on Sunday in Barra/Jura (for 1hr) will now be in Castle I at 10:00pm until we run out of food and drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). If we win, come party with us at the new time, in the new place.

—Judith Lewis

Proctor Card

As many of you will (hopefully) be aware, Carrie and Lindsey Proctor, Eastercon tech veterans, recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Oswin. There is a card in Ops awaiting the signature of anyone who wants to send congratulations, well-wishes, or similar. If the card is not in Ops, it will be in the Gopher Hole.

—Misha (Gopher Mum)

Sunday Highlights

We have several fantastic Guest of Honour items today – John Meaney is going to ask about the two cultures split' at 2:30pm, and Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell's' talk at 4pm will cover 'openings in astronomy – puzzles and opportunities'. Several of our guests are then going to celebrate the works of Sir Terry Pratchett at 5:30pm. After that, at 7:00pm we will announce the winners of the BSFA Awards for the best science fiction of 2013. We think it's a fantastic programme – make sure you're taking time to see things.

Taxi Sharing Boards

We'll be putting up two boards at registration desk for taxi sharing, for Monday taxis and Tuesday taxis. If you want to share your airport or station cab with other fans, check those boards to find people to share with.

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Editorial

Hello! Too much news! Bye!

—Carrie

Satellite Website Works Shock!

If you dial your computational engine to 217.112.92.65/programme/index.php you will be able to see the online programme in all its shiny glory, or you can use this QR code.



TAFF and GUFF

There will be a TransAtlantic Fan Fund (TAFF) and Get Up-and-over Fan Fund (GUFF) voting box on the Loncon 3 table in the Dealers' Room until 6:00pm today (Sunday). Online TAFF voting is available at: <http://tafftrip.com/taff-voting-using-paypal/> If you're really keen you can also chase Jim around the corridors waving money at him. The cut-off to vote in the 2014 TAFF race is midnight PST on 22 April.

SF Origami

Markus led a room full of kids (of all ages) through making an origami model of a lunar lander. This came in two parts... The living compartment and the landing legs which got left behind.

He brought along some he made earlier including a Star Wars fighter and Yoda...



Folded paper it is.

—Alex McLintock

Con Listings

Dave Lally's (in) famous display of Cons round the world – due to severe space restrictions – is limited to those up to and incl. Eastercon time 2015. The display is to the left of Argyll III and further over to the left, near the entrance of the Castle Suite.

However, at the "Upcoming conventions" item on Monday (6:00pm Barra/Jura) there is space – use your camera to capture any data – for them all (some even go as far as 2023).

Cash Machines

Dysprosium won the bid to be the 66th Eastercon! Unfortunately they are only taking cash and cheques and there is a rate rise immediately after Satellite 4. The nearest cash machines are located inside the SECC concourse about a quarter of the way down on the left hand side, opposite the deli/bakery.

Beer and Loncon 3

Some of you may have noticed that Loncon 3 happens at the same time as the Great British Beer Festival, which is also in London. As such, Steve Rogerson is organising a trip to the festival on the day before Worldcon starts. We

will be leaving from Excel at 2:00pm on the Wednesday and details of where we are meeting will appear on the Loncon website some point after Eastercon.

Restaurant Reviews

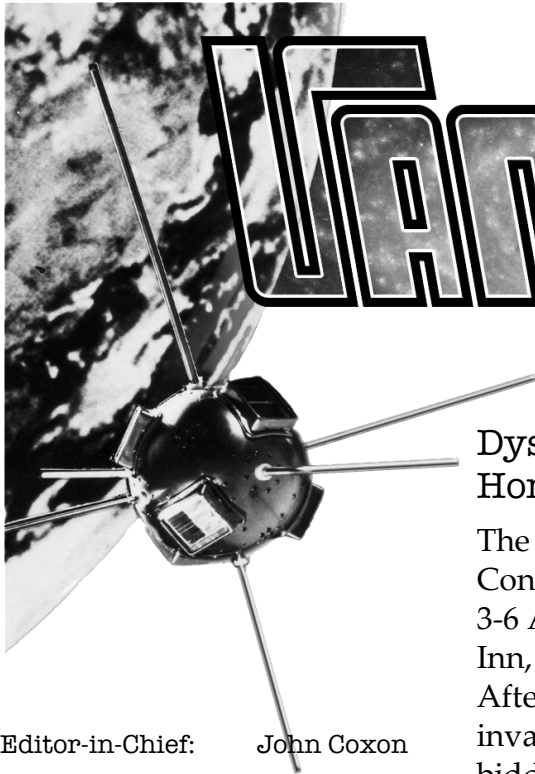
There is SO MUCH THAT IS WRONG in **The Rotunda's Casa Italiana** (between the Campanile and the Hilton Garden Inn) that I almost can forget that the food is excellent, the service friendly and quick, the prices reasonable, it is vegetarian friendly and the pizza guy tried to fix my broken watch. But chicken on pizza? Liquor in tiramisu? Heresy and sacrilege. Go, go, eat a full meal and then chide them for the many crimes against Italian cuisine! But first have dessert.

—Anna Feruglio Dal Dan

Possibly the closest eaterie to the Crowne Plaza for those not wanting a long walk or taxi ride – **The Clydebuilt Bar & Kitchen** at the SECC Centre, right between the Armadillo and The Hydro (which it faces). Substantial excellent burgers, mine came with black pudding and a bucket of chips, for £10 to £12 – no real ales but great food and service up to 7:00pm.

—Arthur Chappell

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BSFA Awards

Best Novel of 2013: tied between *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie (Orbit) and *Ack-Macaque* by Gareth L. Powell (Solaris).

Best Short Fiction of 2013: *Spin* by Nina Allan (TTA Press).

Best Non-Fiction: *Wonderbook* by Jeff Vandermeer (Abrams Image).

Best Artwork of 2013: cover of Tony Ballantyne's *Dream* by Joey Hi-Fi (Solaris).

GOH Items On Monday

Jim Burns at noon and Alice and Steve Lawson at 13:30 both in the Argyll.

All GoHs in the closing ceremony at 17:00 in Argyll.

Dysprosium Guests of Honour

The 66th British National Convention will be held on 3-6 April 2015, at the Park Inn, Heathrow, London. After the threat of Dalek invasion, the decision of the bidding session crowd was unanimously in favour.

The Guests of Honour will be Jim Butcher (Author), Seanan McGuire (Author), Herr Doktor (Artist) and Caroline Mullen (Fan GoH).

They have a table in the dealers' room so join early, join often!

The Ambassadors' Ball – We Have Winners

Judges Nik Whitehead, Chris O'Shea and Andrew Patterson chose:

1st *Sparks and Rickett of the Lifers* by Pete and Kathy Westhead.

2nd *The War Doctor* escorted by Athos of the King's Musketeers by David and Lesley McIntre.

Foodie Corner

Despite the logistics problem of sourcing fresh scones on an Easter Sunday enough were eventually rounded up and The Great SF Scone Tasting took place

this afternoon. The winner, in the absence of any actual home made entries, was mutually agreed to be Sainsbury's Taste The Difference All Butter and Sultana Scones. Thanks to Morag O'Neill and Catriona Beel for scone wrangling.

For those scone fanciers (and others) travelling back to the cold and windy wastes of England after the con, we recommend stopping off at Tebay services (M6 just before Junction 38 between Penrith and Kendal) to sample their award winning farm produce (both in the restaurant and for sale on site), including traditional cream tea with home made scones.

—Jean Sheward

Humans Are Weird

All true. The conclusion of the *Humans are Weird* panel: if you are a human then...

- Your eyesight is amazing;
- Your taste is fabulous;
- You evolved labour relations before you discovered fire;
- Your children are useless;
- You live too long;
- And your sex life is bizarre.

Fan Fundery

The fan-fund auction on Saturday afternoon raised over £390 in about 50 minutes, to be shared equally between TAFF and GUFF.

Thanks to everyone who donated items, money or times to the auctions.

Drink More Beer!

Or rather, we have a special request for you all to drink the Real Ale in the Main Hotel Bar first. There is ale there that has run out in the con bar, if you need any encouragement.

Newshounds shocked at lack of Klingons!

It must be a "slow news" weekend, the sort where they use the traditional Dead Donkey story to infill until something more interesting happens, because we've had a lot of press interest this weekend. I'm not saying we're not newsworthy or interesting but when you get *The Times*, the *Glasgow Herald* and a number of other news agencies tripping over themselves to interview us you know there's not much else going on!

Thank you to everyone who has put up with the journalists and photographers. We've had great press coverage in today's *Herald* and if you have seen us mentioned in other papers or online, please let the committee know. Good coverage means we're not labelled as

weirdos, Trekkies or similar, the usual cliched reporting. Our journalists left yesterday with a very different view of what the Science Fiction community does than they had on arrival – education is good!

We always ask for copies of articles and some photos and if we do get these it will likely be after the con; we will do our best to contact any of you highlighted and share these images. Having seen a few on a laptop yesterday the photos were fabulous.

— *Serena Culfeather*
& *John Wilson*

Stamps

If you have brought any used stamps for Albatross then bring them to the Gopher Hole on the Mezzanine level (through the Green Room).

Most Earthlike Planet Yet

It was announced on Friday that the Kepler Mission has discovered the most Earthlike planet found to date. Kepler 186f is one of five planets orbiting the M-type dwarf star Kepler 186 about 500 light years from Earth. It is about 10% larger than Earth, is thought to be a rocky world and is within its star's habitable zone.

The chances for life on this planet are uncertain. This means that the habitable zone of the system, defined as the region within which liquid water, thought to be essential for life, can exist on

the surface of a planet, is inside the tidal locking radius of the star. One side of the planet will thus always point towards the star, which may make it difficult for it to retain an atmosphere. Also M stars are more active than our own Sun, so the planet will be bombarded by hard radiation and cosmic rays.

— *David L Clements*
Interstellar correspondent

ZZ9

ZZ9 do not have a dealer table this year but members can renew by finding a current committee member. Look for lots of badges with Hitchhikers quotes on them.

Art Auction

Could these people please visit the Art Show as soon as possible to pay for their auction items:

Simon de Wolfe; Marcus Gipps; Martin Hoare; Karen Maddison; Katherine Taylor; Thomas Womack; and Throgg The Despicable.

Overheard

Taxi driver taking three of us home late Friday night: "So...do you all work for EasyJet, then?"

— *MahlerIan*



VANGUARD

The Luggage

If you've checked out of your hotel, you can store bags at reception.

Apology #1

The newsletter team is very sorry to Karolyne Mullan for spelling her name wrong in the previous issue.

The Fix Is In

The Doc Weir Award is our way of recognising the unsung heroes of fandom. Your newsletter team urges you to cast your vote for Vox Day. *[What do you mean, voting has already closed? —Ed.]*

Membership Numbers

Nobody appears to have any clue; the official line is 'some people have come to this con, and some have stayed at home'. We are unclear as to whether any of them have had roast beef.

Review of Iron Man

Entertaining. All actors do an admirable job of doing an ad hoc job of reading a script for the first time on stage. Had it ever been made into an actual TV show, I'm sure it would have been yet another forgettable typical Blake episode. Far better to be done so humorously that the laughs per minute exceed the standard l.p.m. of stand up comedy.

—Liz Zitkow

Fight! Fight! Fight!



Juliet demonstrates panel parity

Editor-in-Chief's Joke

What do you get if you cross a mountain climber with a mosquito?

Nothing; you can't cross a scalar with a vector!

Apology #2

½r wishes to apologise to Glaswegian fans everywhere for his neglecting to deep fry the fruit in his Dysprosium punch.

Beer Sales Update

Some beer has been drunk, some beer has not been drunk. However, all the fans have been drunk.

The Oook Ale beer clip will be auctioned immediately after the closing ceremony. Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Vote Rigging Scandal

Fans are accusing No Award of orchestrating a massive campaign for write-in Hugo votes. Sources claim that thousands of people are planning to vote for 'No Award' ahead of one or more of the nominees. When approached for comment, friends of No Award said 'This is long overdue. No Award's body of work stands head and shoulders above many of the nominees and it's time it was properly recognised.'

The Fix is In #2

It turns out the retro-Hugo equivalent of the *Best Doctor Who Episode* Hugo is the *Best Orson Welles Radio Theatre Retro Hugo*.

From the Guardian Archive

On Saturday, the Guardian printed its con report from the 1965 Eastercon, *"Bringing the SF fans down to Earth"*. Being pre-*Star Trek*, they had to call it that rather than *"Sci-Fi Fans Beam Down to Birmingham"*. A highlight of the weekend was Harry Harrison listing all the SF authors who would be coming to Loncon II in August.

Nimlas Wanted

Chaturanga was a 2-player game in the Punjab or Afghanistan over 1600 years ago after changes it became chess. Now if you come to the Games room you can learn to play a multi-player version at 14:00 on Monday! If you're interested in multi-player chess, chequers and similar games, you can learn more about the International Nimla club by emailing andynimmo@yahoo.com.

—Andy Nimmo

Crazy Dave Officially No Longer Crazy



Random Tweets

From Adam Christopher: I think they should run a retro John W Campbell Award like the retro Hugos. Then John W Campbell could win the John W Campbell. [*not-a-Retro-Hugo* —Ed.]

From @SecFails: Due to another software vulnerability, your biometric data might have been compromised. We recommend that you change your fingerprints as soon as possible.

Photo Credits

Many thanks to all the photographers who have dropped off their snaps from the weekend at the newsroom. For future reference, we have no further requirement for selfies taken in hotel bathrooms.

In Memoriam

The Hash House Harriers, the drinking club with a running problem, are on the run from the con today. It's been a year since the Boston Marathon bombing so they're remembering those lost.

Paper Blogs @Satellite

We have discovered that some fans at Satellite are giving out copies of a rudimentary paper form of blog or website, which they are calling "fan-zynes". These poorly-produced, hastily stapled imitations of

fan writing cover such science-fictionally relevant topics as the author's mates, assorted medical ailments, and real ale. One we found lying around included a picture of a sofa. While we appreciate the enthusiasm of fans in trying to take fan writing in new directions, we don't think traditional electronic fanac will be seriously troubled by these "fan-zynes" any time soon.

Handicrafts Corner

I have a 14th century house with a stone staircase and it is crying out for a triangular 'kneeler' or seat cushion with a medieval/pagan theme. I would be happy to sew but need someone to design a needlepoint for me? Please email rentawitch@gmail.com if you might be able to help! [*This can go in if we can embroider it a bit to make it funnier* —Ed]

Restaurant Review

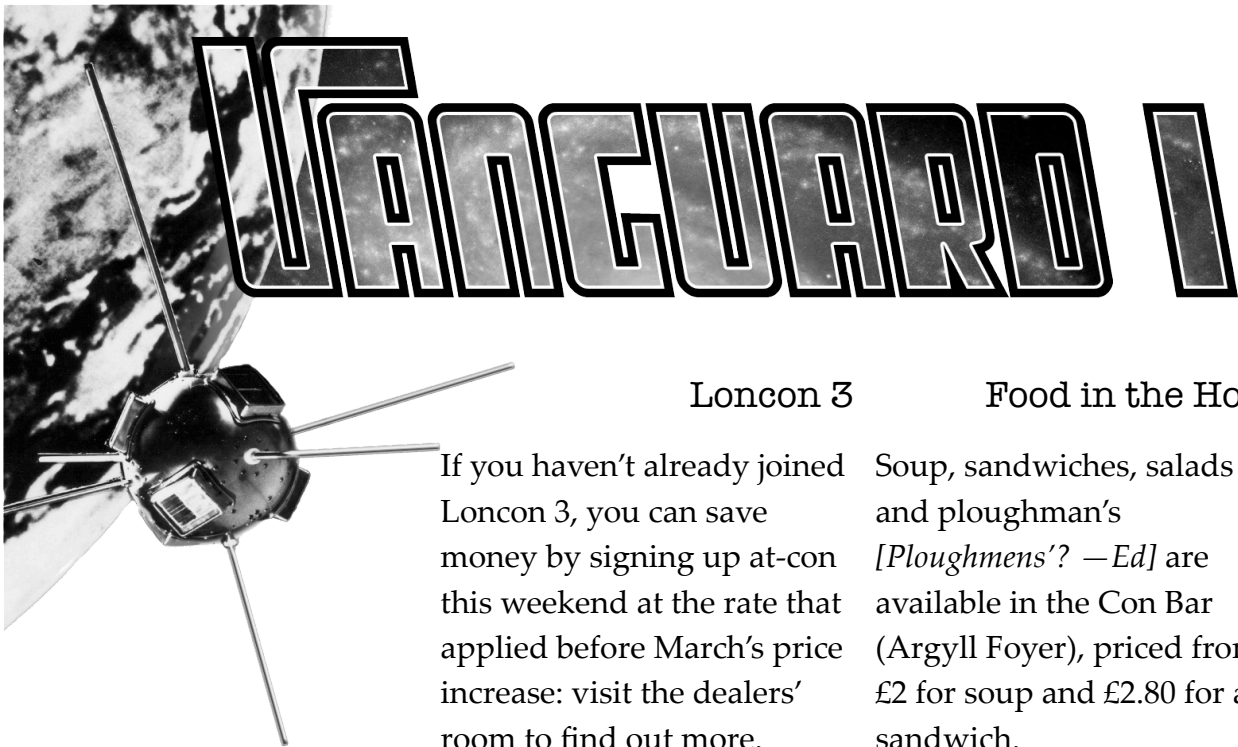
Balbir's Restaurant, Church Street (0141 339 7711, open Easter Monday)

Yums all round. [*We have had to shorten this review for reasons of space* —Ed]

Health Tips for Girls

From Fran Dowd: Salted caramel vodka is **NOT** your friend.

Vogon Van Guard by Sue Mason, who we wish was here to draw us spot fillos.. Do what you like with this newsletter. *Vanguard* in general has been produced by John Coxon, Flick, Carrie Mowatt, Susan Booth, Jean Sheward, and Jan van't Ent, and this issue was edited by Alison Scott with complete disregard for the 'rules' template. **Never explain, never apologise.**



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Editorial

The Boss hasn't turned up yet, so we're not sure if we're allowed to do a newsletter or not. Luckily, he's left us a template to use!

It seemed a shame to waste all that lovely paper, though, and Jan was getting twitchy from toner withdrawal, so we thought we'd better get something out to you all.

You can contact us on newsletter@satellite4.org.uk, or find us in Orkney, past the Green Room. Or find me hiding from John in the bar....

—Flick

If you haven't already joined Loncon 3, you can save money by signing up at-con this weekend at the rate that applied before March's price increase: visit the dealers' room to find out more.

There will be a Loncon 3 tea party on Sunday, 17:00-18:00, in Barra/Jura. Come along — tea, coffee, and cake can be yours!

We'll be announcing the shortlists for the Hugos and Retro Hugos on Saturday evening, 20:30 in Barra/Jura/Shuna. This is one of the biggest events for us apart from the con itself, so come if you can!

Loncon4sale

Worldcon membership for sale for any reasonable offer: Contact Steve Grover (263) in the Gopher Hole.

Tweedle Argyle

Everything in the grid for Argyle One is in Argyll Two. And vice versa. Obviously.

Loncon 3

Food in the Hotel

Soup, sandwiches, salads and ploughman's [*Ploughmens'*? —Ed] are available in the Con Bar (Argyll Foyer), priced from £2 for soup and £2.80 for a sandwich.

Late night snacks will be provided from 23:00 to 01:00:

- Hot roll (sausage/bacon) - £2.50
- Chips & curry sauce - £2.80
- Small pizza - £5.50

The pre-theatre bar menu is available in the main hotel bar all day.

The hotel restaurant will do a two-course buffet lunch for £9.95 (main course only for £7.50) available from 12:30 to 14:30. A three-course dinner will be available from 17:30 to 22:30 for £17.95.

Fanfic Writing Date

Nine Worlds invite you to join them in a fanfic writing session on the Mezzanine (above the hotel bar) from 14:00 and 16:00 on Sunday.

Lost&Found

If a gentleman in a bowler hat with goggles left an item of his in the back of a taxi yesterday morning (Thursday, nine-ish), then please come to Ops to collect it.

Fans Looking Younger

One of the special features of Satellite is our Old Cons board, full of photos of conventions past. You can find it on the balcony outside the green room. If you've brought photos for it, hand them in at Ops.

Rosenblum

As many of you will be aware, Howard Rosenblum sadly died last year, shortly after Eastercon. Michelle and June Rosenblum are here at their first Eastercon since then. If you see them looking upset, please come and give them a massive hug (just don't sneak up on them from behind, please).

—Michelle and June

Marquez

Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez passed away last night at the age of 87. He was one of the foremost literary voices of Latin America and he defined the genre of magical realism.

Hall Costume Call

We have a press agency photographer visiting the main foyer tomorrow afternoon at around 15:00. We'd like as many hall costumers as possible to take part, and it might be a good spot to pick up some Tokens.

Restaurant Reviews

The Crowne Plaza restaurant has generous portions despite the price. We had penne pasta with roast chicken and chorizo ("a flavour tsunami"). Alligator had fish and chips ("Very nice. Nicer than Center Parcs").

—Dyllanne and Pog Descartes

The circular building between the Campanille and the Hilton Garden Inn contains Yen Rotunda, an Asian restaurant (there's also the Italian La Rotunda there).

It serves very tasty Thai, Japanese and Cantonese dishes, including a fine crispy duck with pancakes. I spotted many faces known from previous Eastercons, so it may get busy there.

—Jan van 't Ent

We're told that the concourse newsagent has a £3 sandwich meal deal: not a bad price!

Beer!

Got to ~~catch~~ quaff them all!

Pale Ales

- ☐Goldihops (3.8%)
- ☐Pivo Estivo (3.9%)
- ☐Tartan Army (4.3%)
- ☐Jaguar (4.5%)
- ☐Cart Blanche (5.0%)

Red & Amber Ales

- ☐Misty Law (4.0%)
- ☐Red Smiddy (4.1%)
- ☐Spring Forward (4.3%)
- ☐Regnitz (4.4%)

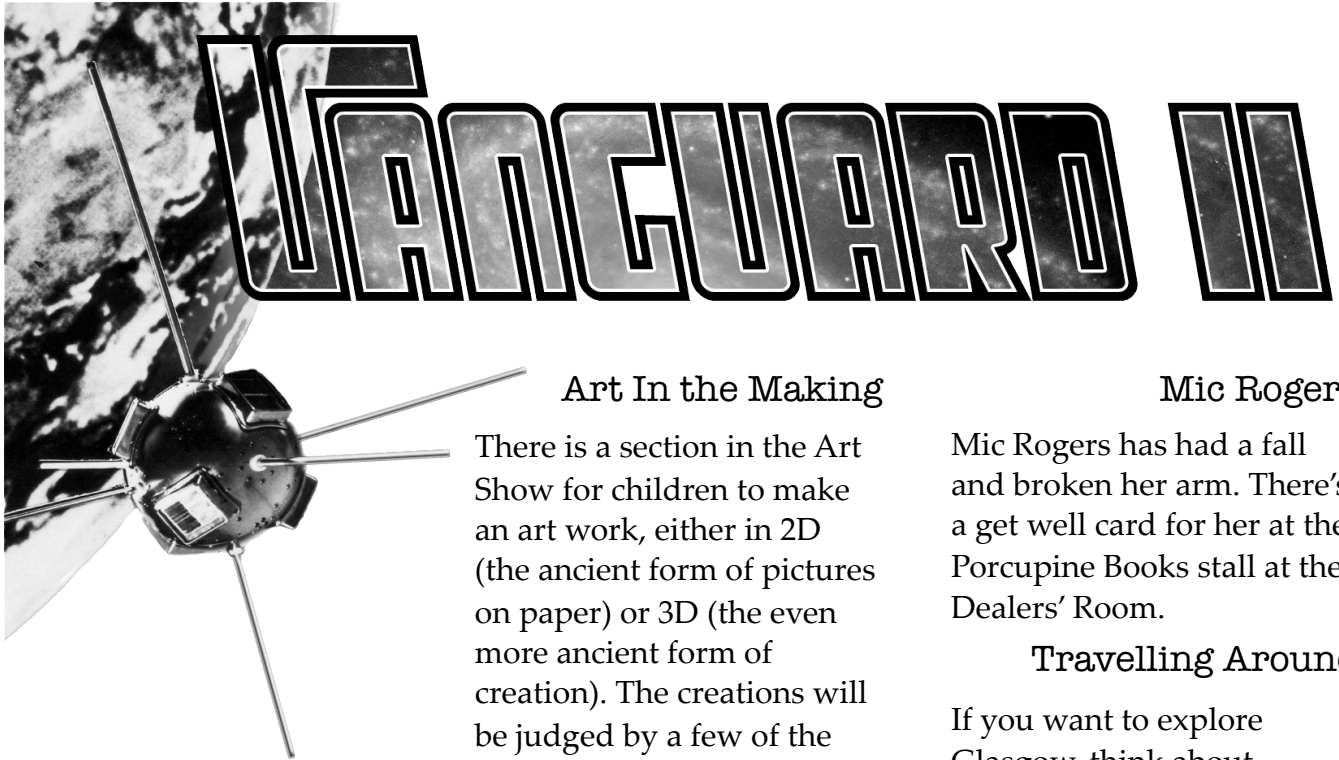
Dark Ales

- ☐Dark Moor (4.5%)
- ☐Oook Ale (4.5%)
- ☐Cart Noir (4.8%)

Ciders

- ☐Greyfield Farmhouse Repeat Prescription (6%)
- ☐WM Watkins & Sons Sunset Oak (6.7%)
- ☐Sarah's Cider Med. Dry
- ☐West Croft Janets Junglejuice (6%)
- ☐Gwynt Y Ddraig Happy Daze (4.5%)
- ☐CJ's Cider Wench (??%)
- ☐Days Cottage Farmhouse Cider (7.5%)
- ☐Legbender Sweet (6%)
- ☐Crossman's Med. (6%)
- ☐Wilkins Farmhouse Med. (6%)
- ☐Meare Farmhouse (??%)
- ☐Bollahayes Vintage Med.

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Art In the Making

There is a section in the Art Show for children to make an art work, either in 2D (the ancient form of pictures on paper) or 3D (the even more ancient form of creation). The creations will be judged by a few of the artists, and of course there *will* be prizes.

—John Harold

Next Year

Dysprosium hopes to be the 66th (get it?) Eastercon and ask everyone who would like to give the Park Inn, Heathrow a whirl to come to the bid session at 10:30 on Sunday in Argyle I & II. If we're voted in, we'll be holding a party at 21:00 in Barra/Jura where the 1.1kg Thorntons bunny on the con table will be ceremonially beheaded and eaten so come along, meet the con com and eat chocolate!

—Judith Lewis

Which Was Odd

We've been asked to let you all know that you can't access the convention website from the hotel's Swisscom wifi. You'll have to use your phone, or something.

Mic Rogers

Mic Rogers has had a fall and broken her arm. There's a get well card for her at the Porcupine Books stall at the Dealers' Room.

Travelling Around

If you want to explore Glasgow, think about getting a Conference Rover Ticket, which is a flexible rail pass that gives five days unlimited travel within "The Conference Zone" for £5. You can buy one at the SECC ScotRail station; you'll need to have your membership badge when you buy the ticket and when you use it.

Sign Up, Sign Up!

There are still spaces available for:

- being announced at the Ambassador's Ball
- Ration Roulette
- Young Writers' Fantasy Workshop
- Improvisation for Actors
- Jim Burns kaffeeklatsch
- Using Visual References Workshop for Writers

Andy Robertson

We are sad to report that long-time fan Andy passed away on Thursday. Our sympathies to his family.

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Editorial

Good afternoon Eastercon! It's your editor-in-chief John here. Due to the poor selection of flights from EMA to GLA yesterday, I actually arrived subsequent to the publication of the first issue of the newsletter. Thanks to Flick for putting that together and also for doing a lot with this issue.

We've helpfully included the email address for newsletter, above, so that you can send us stuff for Vanguard III. Please do this, as we are only as awesome as the stuff we receive from the convention membership!

—John

Restaurant reviews

The *India Quays*, along the Clyde towards the centre of Glasgow and opposite the Squinty Bridge, is quite pricy but serves very good Indian food: recommended.

—Anon

Via Italia (corner of Union Street and Gordon Street) serves Italian street food. It's very good and very convenient.

—John Harold

916 Diner on Sauchiehall Street serves an interesting Scottish, Mediterranean and Asian variety of excellent food at reasonable prices (around £20 for a three-course meal, excluding drinks and tip).

Warning: the Thai Green is not for lightweights.

Thai Siam, at 1191 Argyle Street, is a good quality, friendly Thai restaurant. Around £20 plus drinks and tip.

—Iain Alexander

Cupcakery

Behind the hotel is a covered walkway that will take you most of the way to Argyle St. Once you arrive you'll find three gems: *Coffee, Tea & Chocolate*; *Hot Licks*; and the amazing *Cupcakery*. They have a huge range of delicious cupcakes, baked on site every morning this gem of a shop is well worth the 8-12min walk from the hotel.

—Judith Lewis

Games

Some of you may have seen a *Nimla* multi-player chess game set up in the games room yesterday evening. Tonight, shortly after 17:00, we'll play a game or two. The invention of this game was inspired by reading an SF story in which characters whiled away a long space trip by playing 3D chess and if we can persuade a games company to take it up a percentage of any profit will go to the *Space Settlers' Society*. This is the first public event that *Nimla* has ever been at. Be among the first, and help make space happen, by coming along at 17:00.

—Andy Nimmo

Man of Iron

The great unfilmed (some might say unfilmable) Blakes 7 episode *Man of Iron* is to make its Eastercon debut at 19:00 on Sunday, in Castle 1.

Written by Paul Darrow, a star of all four series, *Man of Iron* is set in Series 4 and pitches the crew of the Scorpio against possibly their deadliest foe yet: the mighty, unstoppable, indestructible robot Gabor. See the crew fearlessly battle the lesser robots of mad scientist Algor before, egged on by the evil Servalan, he finally gives out his infamous cry: "Release Gabor!!!!"

—Stevie Carroll

Share And Enjoy

The lift by Argyll/Castle is out of service. We're very hopeful that mentioning it in the Newsletter will cause it to be repaired while we're printing, thus making us look out of date.

Riverside Museum

For those transport geeks that fandom harbours, the Riverside Museum is just a fifteen minute walk away. Turn right after the hotel entrance and follow the Clydeside path. (Watch out for cyclists and do not despair when you are turned inland past the Wastes of Despond.) Entrance both to the museum and the tall ship Glenlees (and the crews' quarters will remind you of certain con hotels in the past) is free. They are open every day of the year.

—Susan Booth

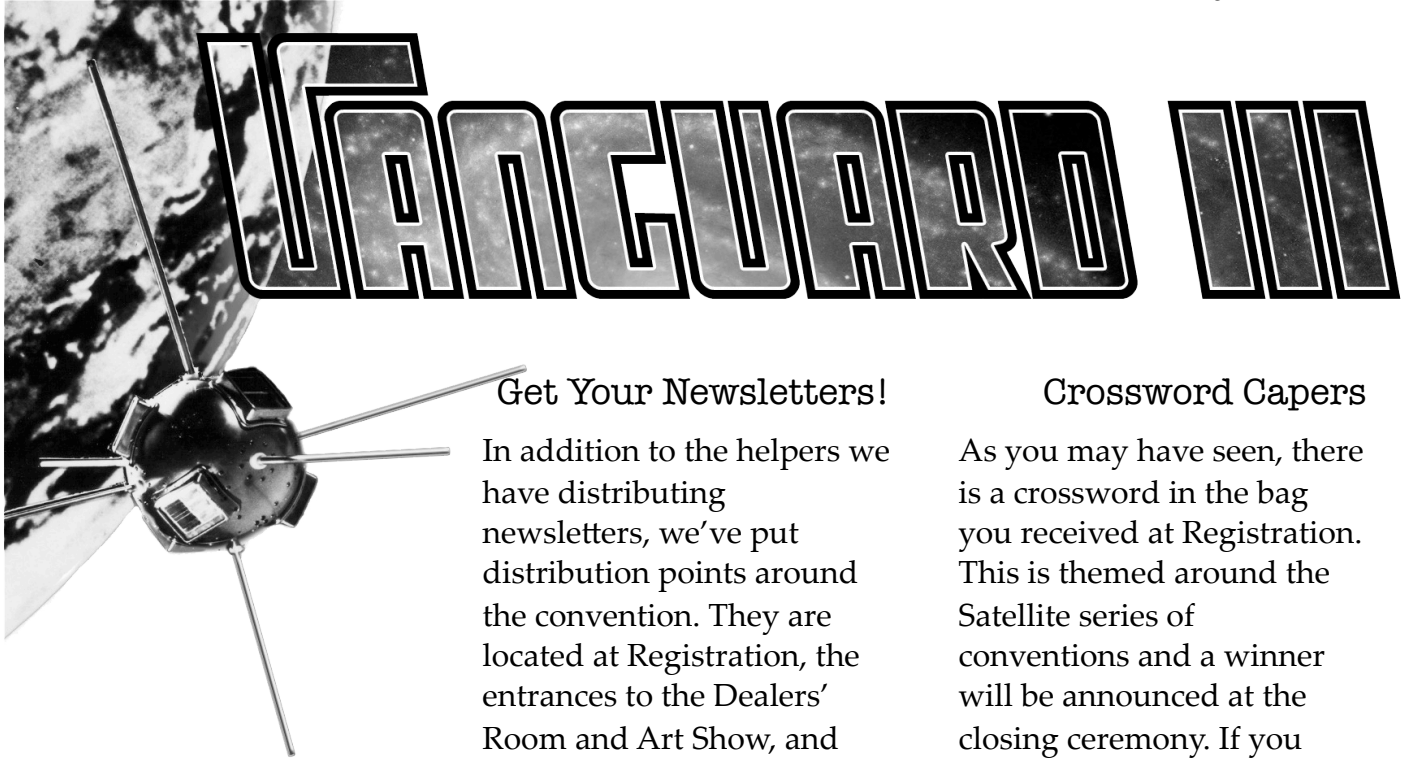


Ops, hard at work

Beer Tasting Notes

The Newsletter team has tasted lots of beer, using the handy checklist from issue 1 and reports that it is tasty. Mmm, beer.

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Get Your Newsletters!

In addition to the helpers we have distributing newsletters, we've put distribution points around the convention. They are located at Registration, the entrances to the Dealers' Room and Art Show, and the Corridor of Heat.

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Editorial

Feeling a lot more human with this issue, which I attribute to the application of sleep, Netflix and burgers since I was last in the newsletter office.

I'm really looking forward to the Hugo Awards nominees being announced later today. I've had the list for a couple of days [*gloat, gloat, gloat* – Ed] both to allow me to set out the newsletter and the Hugo ballot for Loncon 3.

I'm sure I'll argue about it with all of you in the bar!

—John

Doc Weir Award

We have a Doc Weir Award winner in the form of Jan van 't Ent. If you'd like to vote for this year's Doc Weir winner, please head to Ops and cast your ballot.

Kumming Celebration

On 31 July, German fan Waldemar Kumming will celebrate his 90th birthday. The Science Fiction Club Deutschland will produce a special edition of its Andromeda magazine to celebrate this event and is looking for contributions (photos, articles, etc) to show Waldemar's contacts to international fandom. If you have material to offer please send me an email at thomas.recktenwald@worldcon.de or leave a note at the CONFACT table.

— Thomas Recktenwald

Crossword Capers

As you may have seen, there is a crossword in the bag you received at Registration. This is themed around the Satellite series of conventions and a winner will be announced at the closing ceremony. If you want to be in with a chance, we're told by Ops you should hand it in by the end of Sunday.

Oi! That's my Alien!

Cuddles is looking for homes for the felt aliens used in the alien game, and some runners up have still to claim their Creme Egg. Find Cuddles!

Scotchear

SMS reports on Scotchear, the convention of cheerleaders going on at the SECC this weekend. He suggests that if we could get together enough zombies we'd be sorted. Applicants can find him in the bar.

Hugo Issue

Tonight is the night we find out the Hugo nominees! Loncon 3 is also hosting the 1939 Hugo Awards, so there are two rosters. Look out for this evening's Vanguard with the full list for 1939 & 2014.

Rock Musical

Do you sing in a choir? Are you an active member of your local G & S Society or Musical Theatre group? Do you do none of the above but have always wanted to have a go? Are you able to get to rehearsals in Peterborough/Ely/London?

A group of us are planning to put on a rock musical at Loncon 3. Arrangements are fairly advanced but we still have room for interested performers, particularly men, who would like to take part. There are even a few principal roles not yet cast. All the music is original, as is The Book.

If you would like to take part, or you want to find out a bit more before deciding, come and talk to me – I'm the one with the pink walking stick. You may find me in the bar or collapsed in a comfy chair, and I will definitely be at the late night filking for the first couple of hours or so.

Alternatively send an email to yhousden@cix.co.uk or nmc.conductor@gmail.com.

– Valerie Housden

Formal Challenge

We understand that the King's Musketeers are in the process of issuing a formal challenge to the Cardinal's Guards to meet them at the cabaret at Redemption 2015.

The issue at stake is believed to be the money (120 pistoles) appropriated from Athos' purse, and spent at the Satellite 4 bar on Friday night, by the Papal agent Count Riario. The Count left behind only a worthless credit note on the Pazzi Bank and three apple cores.

For further details, or to book your place to watch what promises to be a thrilling combat, visit the Redemption 15 stall anytime that it's staffed up until the Satellite 4 Closing Ceremony on Monday.

– Stevie Carroll

Reviews

Geek Retreat is located at 63 Union Street. You go down a small flight of stairs and walk into what feels exactly like a CozyCon. It's a comic shop cum cafe. It's a comfy place and you are more than welcome to just sit and read. The icing on the cake? Buy a coffee and you get to choose a free comic. To add some spice there's a whole selection of SFF literature and comics by Glaswegians and this is only available in Glasgow. Yesterday when we visited they were running a workshop on how to draw comics for children. Lovely people, free comics and great coffee. What else could you ask for?

– Nesa

There's a twenty-four hour **McDonald's** at the Skypark, if you start at the Campanile, walk towards Nuffield Health and turn left up that road. It sells the sorts of things that McDonald's sells. I got a free apple pie, so hurrah!

(Please send me more restaurant reviews.)

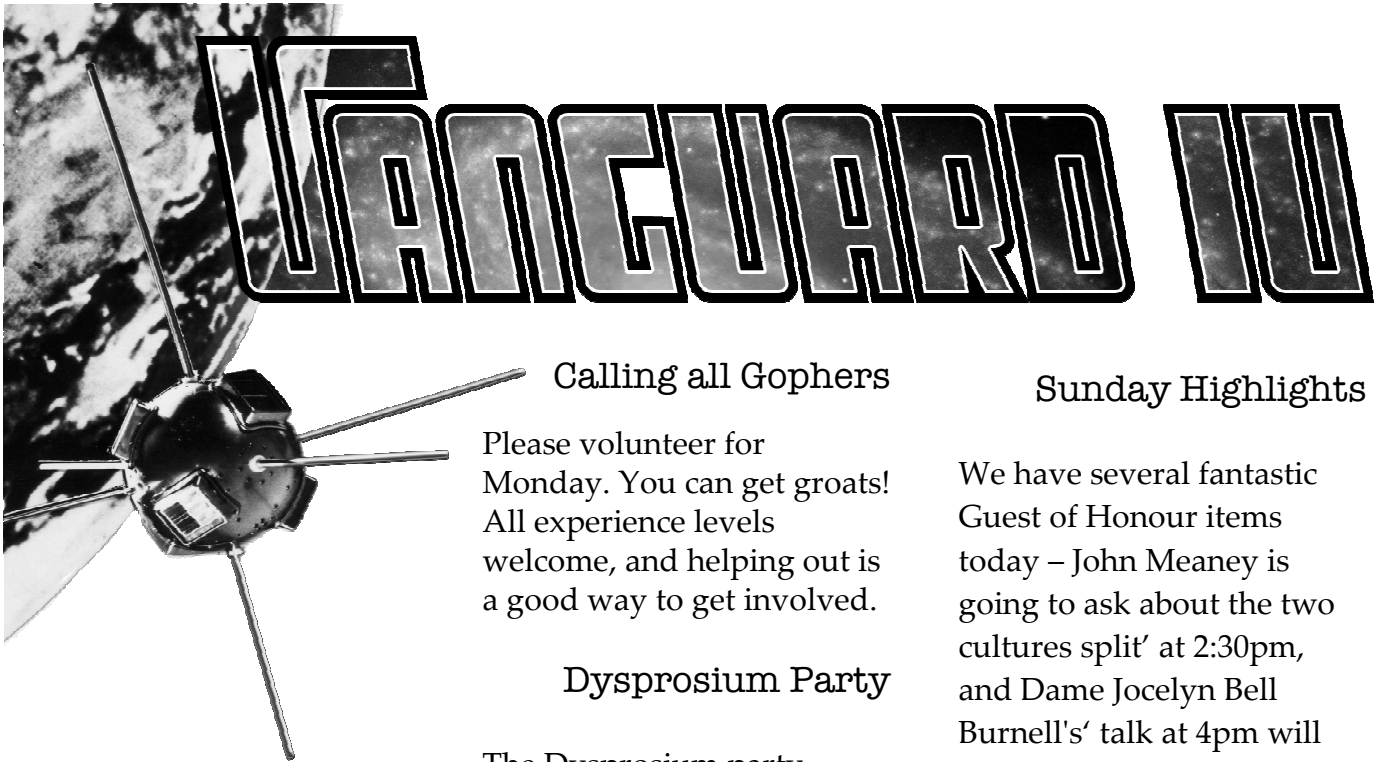
– the Editor

Head in a Pig

Of course, the lift by Argyll/Castle is now back in service & the second newsletter was indeed appropriately out of date, as we predicted.

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Calling all Gophers

Please volunteer for Monday. You can get groats! All experience levels welcome, and helping out is a good way to get involved.

Dysprosium Party

The Dysprosium party originally scheduled for 9:00pm on Sunday in Barra/Jura (for 1hr) will now be in Castle I at 10:00pm until we run out of food and drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). If we win, come party with us at the new time, in the new place.

—Judith Lewis

Proctor Card

As many of you will (hopefully) be aware, Carrie and Lindsey Proctor, Eastercon tech veterans, recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Oswin. There is a card in Ops awaiting the signature of anyone who wants to send congratulations, well-wishes, or similar. If the card is not in Ops, it will be in the Gopher Hole.

—Misha (Gopher Mum)

Sunday Highlights

We have several fantastic Guest of Honour items today – John Meaney is going to ask about the two cultures split' at 2:30pm, and Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell's' talk at 4pm will cover 'openings in astronomy – puzzles and opportunities'. Several of our guests are then going to celebrate the works of Sir Terry Pratchett at 5:30pm. After that, at 7:00pm we will announce the winners of the BSFA Awards for the best science fiction of 2013. We think it's a fantastic programme – make sure you're taking time to see things.

Taxi Sharing Boards

We'll be putting up two boards at registration desk for taxi sharing, for Monday taxis and Tuesday taxis. If you want to share your airport or station cab with other fans, check those boards to find people to share with.

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Editorial

Hello! Too much news! Bye!

—Carrie

Satellite Website Works Shock!

If you dial your computational engine to 217.112.92.65/programme/index.php you will be able to see the online programme in all its shiny glory, or you can use this QR code.



TAFF and GUFF

There will be a TransAtlantic Fan Fund (TAFF) and Get Up-and-over Fan Fund (GUFF) voting box on the Loncon 3 table in the Dealers' Room until 6:00pm today (Sunday). Online TAFF voting is available at: <http://tafftrip.com/taff-voting-using-paypal/> If you're really keen you can also chase Jim around the corridors waving money at him. The cut-off to vote in the 2014 TAFF race is midnight PST on 22 April.

SF Origami

Markus led a room full of kids (of all ages) through making an origami model of a lunar lander. This came in two parts... The living compartment and the landing legs which got left behind.

He brought along some he made earlier including a Star Wars fighter and Yoda...



Folded paper it is.

—Alex McLintock

Con Listings

Dave Lally's (in) famous display of Cons round the world – due to severe space restrictions – is limited to those up to and incl. Eastercon time 2015. The display is to the left of Argyll III and further over to the left, near the entrance of the Castle Suite.

However, at the "Upcoming conventions" item on Monday (6:00pm Barra/Jura) there is space – use your camera to capture any data – for them all (some even go as far as 2023).

Cash Machines

Dysprosium won the bid to be the 66th Eastercon! Unfortunately they are only taking cash and cheques and there is a rate rise immediately after Satellite 4. The nearest cash machines are located inside the SECC concourse about a quarter of the way down on the left hand side, opposite the deli/bakery.

Beer and Loncon 3

Some of you may have noticed that Loncon 3 happens at the same time as the Great British Beer Festival, which is also in London. As such, Steve Rogerson is organising a trip to the festival on the day before Worldcon starts. We

will be leaving from Excel at 2:00pm on the Wednesday and details of where we are meeting will appear on the Loncon website some point after Eastercon.

Restaurant Reviews

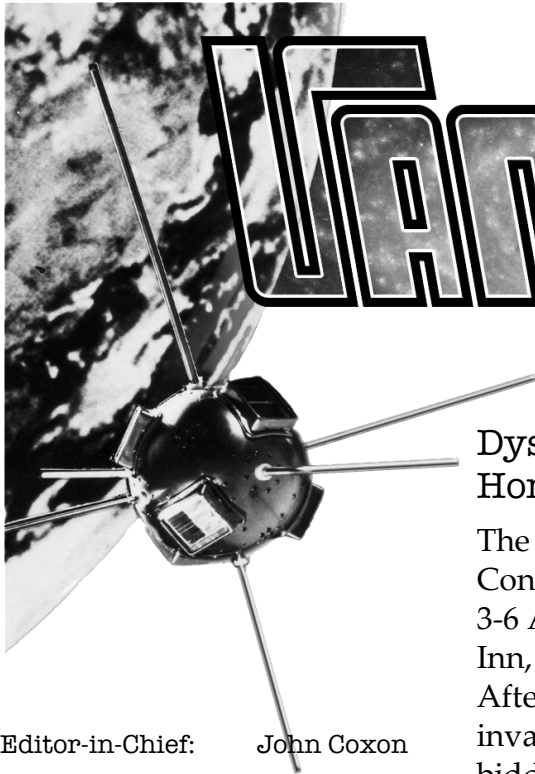
There is SO MUCH THAT IS WRONG in **The Rotunda's Casa Italiana** (between the Campanile and the Hilton Garden Inn) that I almost can forget that the food is excellent, the service friendly and quick, the prices reasonable, it is vegetarian friendly and the pizza guy tried to fix my broken watch. But chicken on pizza? Liquor in tiramisu? Heresy and sacrilege. Go, go, eat a full meal and then chide them for the many crimes against Italian cuisine! But first have dessert.

—Anna Feruglio Dal Dan

Possibly the closest eaterie to the Crowne Plaza for those not wanting a long walk or taxi ride – **The Clydebuilt Bar & Kitchen** at the SECC Centre, right between the Armadillo and The Hydro (which it faces). Substantial excellent burgers, mine came with black pudding and a bucket of chips, for £10 to £12 – no real ales but great food and service up to 7:00pm.

—Arthur Chappell

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BSFA Awards

Best Novel of 2013: tied between *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie (Orbit) and *Ack-Macaque* by Gareth L. Powell (Solaris).

Best Short Fiction of 2013: *Spin* by Nina Allan (TTA Press).

Best Non-Fiction: *Wonderbook* by Jeff Vandermeer (Abrams Image).

Best Artwork of 2013: cover of Tony Ballantyne's *Dream* by Joey Hi-Fi (Solaris).

GOH Items On Monday

Jim Burns at noon and Alice and Steve Lawson at 13:30 both in the Argyll.

All GoHs in the closing ceremony at 17:00 in Argyll.

Dysprosium Guests of Honour

The 66th British National Convention will be held on 3-6 April 2015, at the Park Inn, Heathrow, London. After the threat of Dalek invasion, the decision of the bidding session crowd was unanimously in favour.

The Guests of Honour will be Jim Butcher (Author), Seanan McGuire (Author), Herr Doktor (Artist) and Caroline Mullen (Fan GoH).

They have a table in the dealers' room so join early, join often!

The Ambassadors' Ball – We Have Winners

Judges Nik Whitehead, Chris O'Shea and Andrew Patterson chose:

1st *Sparks and Rickett of the Lifers* by Pete and Kathy Westhead.

2nd *The War Doctor* escorted by Athos of the King's Musketeers by David and Lesley McIntre.

Foodie Corner

Despite the logistics problem of sourcing fresh scones on an Easter Sunday enough were eventually rounded up and The Great SF Scone Tasting took place

this afternoon. The winner, in the absence of any actual home made entries, was mutually agreed to be Sainsbury's Taste The Difference All Butter and Sultana Scones. Thanks to Morag O'Neill and Catriona Beel for scone wrangling.

For those scone fanciers (and others) travelling back to the cold and windy wastes of England after the con, we recommend stopping off at Tebay services (M6 just before Junction 38 between Penrith and Kendal) to sample their award winning farm produce (both in the restaurant and for sale on site), including traditional cream tea with home made scones.

—Jean Sheward

Humans Are Weird

All true. The conclusion of the *Humans are Weird* panel: if you are a human then...

- Your eyesight is amazing;
- Your taste is fabulous;
- You evolved labour relations before you discovered fire;
- Your children are useless;
- You live too long;
- And your sex life is bizarre.

Fan Fundery

The fan-fund auction on Saturday afternoon raised over £390 in about 50 minutes, to be shared equally between TAFF and GUFF.

Thanks to everyone who donated items, money or times to the auctions.

Drink More Beer!

Or rather, we have a special request for you all to drink the Real Ale in the Main Hotel Bar first. There is ale there that has run out in the con bar, if you need any encouragement.

Newshounds shocked at lack of Klingons!

It must be a "slow news" weekend, the sort where they use the traditional Dead Donkey story to infill until something more interesting happens, because we've had a lot of press interest this weekend. I'm not saying we're not newsworthy or interesting but when you get *The Times*, the *Glasgow Herald* and a number of other news agencies tripping over themselves to interview us you know there's not much else going on!

Thank you to everyone who has put up with the journalists and photographers. We've had great press coverage in today's *Herald* and if you have seen us mentioned in other papers or online, please let the committee know. Good coverage means we're not labelled as

weirdos, Trekkies or similar, the usual cliched reporting. Our journalists left yesterday with a very different view of what the Science Fiction community does than they had on arrival – education is good!

We always ask for copies of articles and some photos and if we do get these it will likely be after the con; we will do our best to contact any of you highlighted and share these images. Having seen a few on a laptop yesterday the photos were fabulous.

— *Serena Culfeather*
& *John Wilson*

Stamps

If you have brought any used stamps for Albatross then bring them to the Gopher Hole on the Mezzanine level (through the Green Room).

Most Earthlike Planet Yet

It was announced on Friday that the Kepler Mission has discovered the most Earthlike planet found to date. Kepler 186f is one of five planets orbiting the M-type dwarf star Kepler 186 about 500 light years from Earth. It is about 10% larger than Earth, is thought to be a rocky world and is within its star's habitable zone.

The chances for life on this planet are uncertain. This means that the habitable zone of the system, defined as the region within which liquid water, thought to be essential for life, can exist on

the surface of a planet, is inside the tidal locking radius of the star. One side of the planet will thus always point towards the star, which may make it difficult for it to retain an atmosphere. Also M stars are more active than our own Sun, so the planet will be bombarded by hard radiation and cosmic rays.

— *David L Clements*
Interstellar correspondent

ZZ9

ZZ9 do not have a dealer table this year but members can renew by finding a current committee member. Look for lots of badges with Hitchhikers quotes on them.

Art Auction

Could these people please visit the Art Show as soon as possible to pay for their auction items:

Simon de Wolfe; Marcus Gipps; Martin Hoare; Karen Maddison; Katherine Taylor; Thomas Womack; and Throgg The Despicable.

Overheard

Taxi driver taking three of us home late Friday night: "So...do you all work for EasyJet, then?"

— *MahlerIan*



VANGUARD

The Luggage

If you've checked out of your hotel, you can store bags at reception.

Apology #1

The newsletter team is very sorry to Karolyne Mullan for spelling her name wrong in the previous issue.

The Fix Is In

The Doc Weir Award is our way of recognising the unsung heroes of fandom. Your newsletter team urges you to cast your vote for Vox Day. *[What do you mean, voting has already closed? —Ed.]*

Membership Numbers

Nobody appears to have any clue; the official line is 'some people have come to this con, and some have stayed at home'. We are unclear as to whether any of them have had roast beef.

Review of Iron Man

Entertaining. All actors do an admirable job of doing an ad hoc job of reading a script for the first time on stage. Had it ever been made into an actual TV show, I'm sure it would have been yet another forgettable typical Blake episode. Far better to be done so humorously that the laughs per minute exceed the standard l.p.m. of stand up comedy.

—Liz Zitkow

Fight! Fight! Fight!



Juliet demonstrates panel parity

Editor-in-Chief's Joke

What do you get if you cross a mountain climber with a mosquito?

Nothing; you can't cross a scalar with a vector!

Apology #2

½r wishes to apologise to Glaswegian fans everywhere for his neglecting to deep fry the fruit in his Dysprosium punch.

Beer Sales Update

Some beer has been drunk, some beer has not been drunk. However, all the fans have been drunk.

The Oook Ale beer clip will be auctioned immediately after the closing ceremony. Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Vote Rigging Scandal

Fans are accusing No Award of orchestrating a massive campaign for write-in Hugo votes. Sources claim that thousands of people are planning to vote for 'No Award' ahead of one or more of the nominees. When approached for comment, friends of No Award said 'This is long overdue. No Award's body of work stands head and shoulders above many of the nominees and it's time it was properly recognised.'

The Fix is In #2

It turns out the retro-Hugo equivalent of the *Best Doctor Who Episode* Hugo is the *Best Orson Welles Radio Theatre Retro Hugo*.

From the Guardian Archive

On Saturday, the Guardian printed its con report from the 1965 Eastercon, *"Bringing the SF fans down to Earth"*. Being pre-*Star Trek*, they had to call it that rather than *"Sci-Fi Fans Beam Down to Birmingham"*. A highlight of the weekend was Harry Harrison listing all the SF authors who would be coming to Loncon II in August.

Nimlas Wanted

Chaturanga was a 2-player game in the Punjab or Afghanistan over 1600 years ago after changes it became chess. Now if you come to the Games room you can learn to play a multi-player version at 14:00 on Monday! If you're interested in multi-player chess, chequers and similar games, you can learn more about the International Nimla club by emailing andynimmo@yahoo.com.

—Andy Nimmo

Crazy Dave Officially No Longer Crazy



Random Tweets

From Adam Christopher: I think they should run a retro John W Campbell Award like the retro Hugos. Then John W Campbell could win the John W Campbell. [*not-a-Retro-Hugo* —Ed.]

From @SecFails: Due to another software vulnerability, your biometric data might have been compromised. We recommend that you change your fingerprints as soon as possible.

Photo Credits

Many thanks to all the photographers who have dropped off their snaps from the weekend at the newsroom. For future reference, we have no further requirement for selfies taken in hotel bathrooms.

In Memoriam

The Hash House Harriers, the drinking club with a running problem, are on the run from the con today. It's been a year since the Boston Marathon bombing so they're remembering those lost.

Paper Blogs @Satellite

We have discovered that some fans at Satellite are giving out copies of a rudimentary paper form of blog or website, which they are calling "fan-zynes". These poorly-produced, hastily stapled imitations of

fan writing cover such science-fictionally relevant topics as the author's mates, assorted medical ailments, and real ale. One we found lying around included a picture of a sofa. While we appreciate the enthusiasm of fans in trying to take fan writing in new directions, we don't think traditional electronic fanac will be seriously troubled by these "fan-zynes" any time soon.

Handicrafts Corner

I have a 14th century house with a stone staircase and it is crying out for a triangular 'kneeler' or seat cushion with a medieval/pagan theme. I would be happy to sew but need someone to design a needlepoint for me? Please email rentawitch@gmail.com if you might be able to help! [*This can go in if we can embroider it a bit to make it funnier* —Ed]

Restaurant Review

Balbir's Restaurant, Church Street (0141 339 7711, open Easter Monday)

Yums all round. [*We have had to shorten this review for reasons of space* —Ed]

Health Tips for Girls

From Fran Dowd: Salted caramel vodka is **NOT** your friend.

Vogon Van Guard by Sue Mason, who we wish was here to draw us spot fillos.. Do what you like with this newsletter. *Vanguard* in general has been produced by John Coxon, Flick, Carrie Mowatt, Susan Booth, Jean Sheward, and Jan van't Ent, and this issue was edited by Alison Scott with complete disregard for the 'rules' template. **Never explain, never apologise.**