Illumination Issue #1 Easter '92

FIAT LUX

Daybreak Edition

Welcome to Illumination...
Well, the con is off to a good start. A few things you should be aware of.
1) The voodoo board is next to the information desk opposite the hotel reception. After the success of last year's voodoo board, which put up the list of members in numeric sequence, Illumination promised to learn from their mistakes. So the membership list is up in ... wait for it ... numerical order! There is an alpha list next to the main list for those who don't know their friend's membership numbers and a new list is promised.
2) A number of bags have been misplaced already, so it has been suggested that if you are going to be carrying a bag around the convention, make sure it is clearly marked with your name and/or membership number.
3) Mine's a pint of orange squash. Have Fun!

Program Changes
The 12 O'Clock Gopher meeting is/was cancelled. The Green Room meeting for interested people will be held in the Green Room not as advertised elsewhere. The video programme details are on display by the video room.

*Chris and Leigh Priest want it to be known that they wish they were here, with their twin toddlers, but are broke. "Deep down we still feel pretty f***ing fannish."*

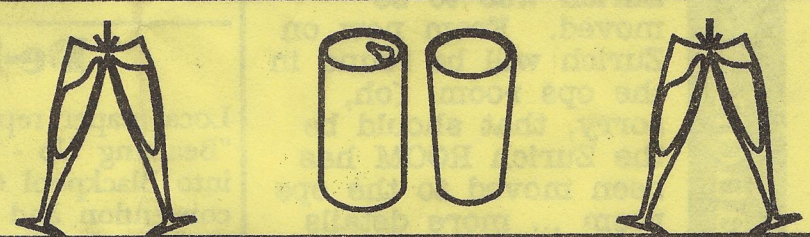
Dave Langford really has revived his SF newsletter Ansible but is not taking subscriptions - try flattery, or the stamped addressed envelopes prefered by the lazy sod.

Taff winner Jeanne Bowman is on a pilgrimage - or rather her chap Don Herron is - to places frequented by fantasy author Arthur Machen. News of any relevant Blackpool birthplaces, graves, pubs or candyfloss stalls eagerly sought.

Multi-Media Quiz, 4pm Saturday, requires 2 teams of 4 people to compete. Each team should contain: 1 Music specialist, 1 Film specialist, 1 SF Literature specialist and 1 'generalist' (or near approximation!) Team captains should get in touch with Pam Wells ASAP.

Bookshop Report - by the Book(shop)finder General
"In a four hour walk through Blackpool I found 1 bookshop, 4 market stalls (one of which was a bookshop in disquise), 10 charity shops, 3 complete or partial remainder shops and 1 Junk shop pretending to be a bookshop. I bought no books. The selection is better and the prices are lower in the book room."

"Keep them peeled" - Someone tried to break into one of the cars outside the hotel last night, no damage and nothing stolen because the alarm went off, but the thief may be luckier next time... keep your valuables with you and don't leave anything on view in your car (also look both ways before crossing the road and don't talk with your mouth full).



TWP 10th Anniversary Party (Remember Channelcon?). All members past, present and future come to the party. 11pm Sunday night, venue TBA, probably Cocktail Room. See Linda or Christina for details, contribs welcome (BYO).

Check the fire instructions - "In case of fire- Dial 666".

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"QUOTES"

Quotes heard around the convention (and environs)
To a barman: "Excuse me, do you have a ladies?"
Barman: "No, but I think we have orangina though."

"I told him to drive through Blackpool so that I could show him why I left, Blackpool puts the K in culture..."

"Norbrek - means No Breakfast" after being told there were no mushrooms, no black pudding, no tomatoes and apparently no tea or toast unless you mugged a waitress. I also heard complaints about the bacon being rock hard and the sausages being inedible. I guess Jersey has spoiled an entire generation of fandom!

Mundane to BNF: What's going on here this weekend then?
BNF: A Science Fiction Convention
Mundane: (pointing at con badge) What's that then?
BNF: A name badge.
Mundane: Does it light up then?
BNF: (puzzled silence).

Overheard - from a fan with a large pint of beer staring at wet, cringing, shivering figures beyond the Health & Fitness Club windows - "It's like that bit in St Augustine where he says the joys of heaven will be enhanced by looking down over the edge at the torments of the damned."

Dave Langford, Brian Ameringen, Caroline Mullan et al (hello all!)

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After the recent events in the (ex) Soviet Union, and with the EC becoming more powerful, it was announced today that Zurich was to be moved. From now on Zurich will be found in the ops room. (oh, sorry, that should be the Zurich ROOM has been moved to the ops room ... more details as we get them).

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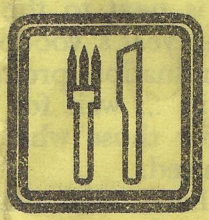
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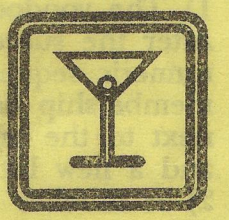
Food of the Gods?

The Fannish-mafia Restaurant Guide - Part 1

IL CORSARO 36 Clifton Street (nearest tram stop is North Pier). Recommendation for this restaurant. Good food, friendly (indeed rather OTT) service - food came quickly, but there was no rush to hurry us out afterwards. Meat dishes were moderately pricey, but pasta very reasonable and in great variety. Generous helpings, too!

Peter Wareham.





LAGOONDA on Queen Street (close to the North Pier) is a Caribbean restaurant. Small, slow service, undistinguished in appearance... Have I put you off? Good. Then I can go back being sure I can get a table.
Authentic? I don't know. But the served us cassava chips and sweet potato dumplings between courses. The 'buljoi' salt fish salad was good. So was the chicken wing stuffed with spiced pork, the salmon steak with fish pie, the (aphrodisiac) stuffed plantain, the spicy stuffed mushrooms...
It was all good. None of us wanted dessert. £15 per head included a couple of drinks each. Go in small groups - 6 maximum. Open all weekend they say.



De-Pressing Reports

Local paper report (Press, don'tcha just lurrve 'em?) "Beaming Up - Hundreds of sci-fi fans will be beaming into Blackpool tomorrow for the start of a weekend convention and the Gazette takes a look forward to their weekend and Saturday's masquerade ball." 'This is the trailer for the paper appearing at Noon today, I can hardly wait...

The Programme Book article on Pam Wells: More Than Chocolate was credited to Jeanne Bowman but was actually written by Lucy Huntzinger. Apologies to all three ladies on the unfortunate error!

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FIAT LUX

Morning Edition

Day 2 dawns and the convention rolls on. For those of you wondering about the heading (not FIAT LUX but the bit below) the convention newsletter is being produced over a virtual day, issue one was daybreak, issue two is morning, and the rest of the day is to follow! Issues will be appearing as often as there is text for them and someone to type it in.
Mine's still a pint of orange squash. Have Fun!

PROGRAMME CHANGES

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
We have some author readings confirmed as follows both in Cottontail:
S P Somtow Sat. 22:00 M John Harrison Sun. 23:00
More will be announced when the relevant authors can confirm details.

Plus C'est La Meme Chose - Additions and alterations to the programme:

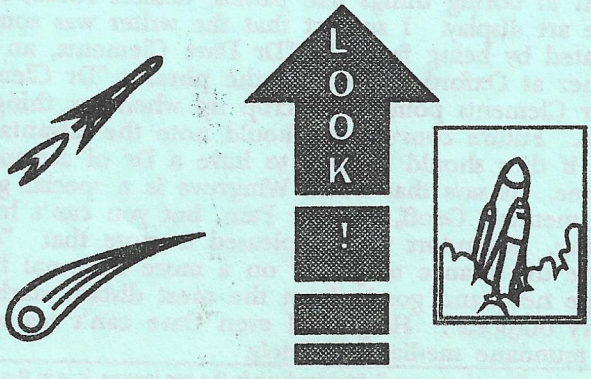
Saturday 12:00 Cottontail
No Shame Theatre
Following our success at Reconnaissance, No Shame is back with a ream of new sketches and ideas. Anyone interested in a bit of amateur dramatics and a lot of fun, contact Mike Ibeji (the "curly-haired git in the beige hat") and come along to our intro in Cottontail at 12:00 Saturday.

Saturday 19:30: change of time
Masquerade
Guess what? The masquerade now starts at 7:30 pm. "Be there," it says here, "or be absent."

Saturday 21:00ish
On the Beach: The Fireworks

Saturday 22:00 Flopsy
Principles Concerning Activities Following The Detection Of Extraterrestrial Intelligence and Proposed Protocols For The Sending Of Communications To Extraterrestrial Intelligence
These protocols are in the process of being discussed and ratified by various world science and political organisations. Would they work? Come and try them out in a none-too-serious group participation event chaired by Nick Larter.

Sunday 11:00: change of venue
Writer's Workshop Part 2
This has overfilled its workshop room and will be taking place instead in Peter Fan.



Animated Discussion

In 1990 "Wandering Kid" was one of the most popular (and controversial) video items at Easicon. Now... there is more. Watch the notice boards for further details.
NOT A BOATER PRODUCTION
GOSSIP ALERT...GOSSIP ALERT...GOSSIP ALERT
The organiser of the video programme feels 8 hours of Japanese animation out of about 60 hours of video programming is fair. Certain people feel otherwise; watch out for an alternative Japanime video room!

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FIAT LUX

"QUOTES"

"Fiona Anderson is completely impossible!" Anon Scott.
"Hold on! Let me get my leg in position and then you can suck it!" to foot fetishist
"During 'Stalker', not only did all the audience fall asleep, but so did the teddy bear!"

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TAROT READINGS (as per 'Read Me'). I'll be around in the Sun Lounge from 12:00-13:00 and 17:00-18:00 on Saturday to read Tarot for a donation to the con charity. Look for the guy with the black hat and blue red and yellow ribbons for a reading or to arrange another time.
Phil Bradley.

THE GAMES ROOM
There are two Games Rooms at Illumination. One is the hotel's room, behind the Courtyard Bar. The other is ostensibly Illumination's, but has been solely proposed and organized by CONTRAPTION, the UK Role Playing/Gaming Convention 1992. The Games Room is a central meeting place for all gamers, and has a noticeboard for advertising games.
CONTRAPTION have planned games of Traveller, Dr Who and Rolemaster; the rest is up to you.
CONTRAPTION have also brought along some relics to raffle off. Their guest of honour is being flown in from the US, and as they are a very small convention they need some help to fund his flight. Tickets are 25p each (or 5 for £1), and are available from the Games Room (Room 158).
MISCELLANEOUS: Mandrake would like to complain about the lack of dragons in the dealers' room.
After only two days of this convention, we have a new convert to convention running. The general manager of the Norbreck has asked how he would go about bidding for the next Eastercon!

This issue of Fiat Lux was brought to you by Chris "Will you all leave me alone and let me get this done!" O'Shea II, with help from the various contributers, Penny "How do I save this?" Hill, Simon "what do I do with this?" Bradshaw, Gordon "The Computer" Brignal and Anon T. Pseudonym III (Gossip Column). This was a Garlic Press Production from Out Of ConText Publications.

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The Fannish-mafia Restaurant Guide - Part 2

The Restaurant Guide will be appearing as a special issue later today (if I get enough help typing it in) (p.s. thanks, Penny!)

Signings - Ellen Kushner (author of "Thomas the Rhymer" and "Swordspoint" will be signing in the Peter Fan room on Sunday c. 15:00.
Readings - Steve Baxter & David Garnett on Saturday 18:00 Cottontail.
Ramsey Campbell on Saturday 23:00 in Cottontail.
Dave Langford is giving a NEW talk (never before heard) in the Peter Fan room on Saturday from 13:00.
Fireworks have been brought forward by 1/2 hour to 20:55 (that's 8.55pm in old money).
Bidding session has been moved to 11:00 in main. The 1994 Eastercon bids will give their presentations first followed by updates from the Glasgow and Atlanta WorldCon 95 Bids. The Art Auction will follow at 12:00, or possibly later, and will continue until 14:00. Any subsequent items are not affected.
Art Auction Notes. The art show will be open on Sunday morning from 10:00 until 11:30 for last minute viewing and bidding. Artwork with at least one bid will go into the auction. Time permitting, other artwork with no bids may also be included in the auction. Any pieces not sold will be re-hung and the art show will re-open for the End of Season sale. Unsold artwork with a Closeout Price listed on the bid sheet may be purchased for that price during the End of Season sale by bringing it to the art show desk (and paying money!). To be sure of getting the art you want, please bid.
ACHTUNG - Dut to a light fitting outside secure store becoming a 'heavy' fitting, all COn members are now advised to wear hard hats or similar protection - also anyone visiting that area should only do so wearing shoes as not all the broken glass may be swept up.
Just Keep Left Till You Get There
There's another convention going on this weekend; the Revolving Communal Party, otherwise known as the Lying-on-the-Sofa Tendancy. ("The line is that the revolution is coming anyway, so all you do is lie on the sofa and wait," an enthusiastic sympathiser explained.) The RPC's Con is terribly, terribly secret; so much so that as the cadres set off on Friday, only the bus driver had been informed where they were going. An apt metaphor for the Left in this darkest of hours? Or for fandom?
Complaints have been received by the AudioVisual organisers that by giving suggested classifications for items such as anime, they are providing implicit support for the principles of censorship. Any comments?

De-Pressing Reports

Well the Gazette printed its report on the convention as it promised (see FL#1) and predictably headed it "Sci-fi fans are beaming down: Castle is on frontier of escape into space" which achieves a near maximum irritation factor. However the person who wrote the piece probably can't be blamed for the headline, and the piece itself is rather good, informative and paying attention to boring things like panels, dealers room, science talks and the art display. I suspect that the writer was somewhat intimidated by being faced by "Dr Dave Clements, an astro-physics researcher at Oxford University", the phrases "Dr Clements believes" and "Dr Clements points out" crop up whenever things get too frivolous. Future conrunners should note the advantages of this gambit, if they should happen to have a Dr of astrophysics on the committee. It says that David Wingrove is a special guest and doesn't mention Geoff, Paul or Pam, but you can't have everything. Attendors will be pleased to note that "delegates will also have the chance to gather on a more informal basis to exchange news and gossip from the most distant starbases and planetary outposts". Heigh ho! even Dave can't restrain the urges of the mundane media completely.

If you lost a small drinking horn in the sun lounge, it is in Repro.

Illumination Issue #3 Easter '92

FIAT LUX

High Noon Edition

As Saturday draws to a close, we look back over the masquerade and fireworks (and Colin's wonderful piano playing) and wonder... "Whose round is it?". Not a lot of news or programme changes in this issue and I haven't been handed enough quotes for a full page so you'll have to put up with what you get! Oh, by the way, I received a note asking "Your what is still a pint of orange squash?" to which the answer is "It's now a pint of Coke, so don't worry about it!". Have Fun!

PROGRAMME CHANGES

Fan Room

Peter Fan Room Programme Sunday
11 Coffee/Tea
12 noon Why do a Fanzine? Martin Tudor and Bernie Evans elaborate
1 pm Richard Knaak. Author of the Firedrake series talks/answers questions
3 pm Tea/Coffee plus Disembodied Voices - held over from yesterday. Yoyo from Timecode reveals new research into realistic artificial speech and music.
4 pm Fanzine Auction. Pam Wells, saleslady of the year!
6 pm Unknown Programme Item
7 pm Silly Awards Ceremony. The results and the prizes!
9 pm Perceptions of Fandom - Report Back. How did our guinea pigs get on?
10 pm TAFF Auction. Pam Wells strikes your pockets again!

Readings

Sunday's readings schedule, all held in Cottontail: 19:00 Paul McAuley, 21:00 Graham Joyce & Sue Thomas, 23:00 M John Harrison

Do se ciniri ...?

DO SE CINIRI PEI LO RUTNI BANGU ("Are you interested in an artificial language?")
LOJBAN is an artificial language being developed by linguists, computer scientists and other interested people worldwide. It is a people language, not a computer language, though it is parsable by a computer.
Some people want to use it to talk to computers; some for experiments in psychology; I just relish the intellectual delights of thinking about, and in, a language that contains much that is common to human language but little of any particular language. If you are interested: -: Voodoo me -: Meet me at the reception end of the Sun Lounge at 11 am on Sunday -: Email me c.j.fine @ uk.ac.bradford. Colin Fine.

Animated Discussion 2

Anime in Cottontail at midnight (programme variable). Nobody under 18 years old permitted.

U.S.S.G. - An astonishing report from our secret agent inside the executive levels of the infamous U.S.S.G. In line with the new Thatcherite policy it has been decided that the union would be privatised, and shares would be made available at a special discount rate to convention members. As a result of this decision potential shareholders are invited to a shareholders meeting tonight in order to publicise this floatation. This will be held in room 367, meeting commences on 19th April 1992, 00:01.07. B.R. and O.L.

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"QUOTES"

10 year old mundane-"mutter mutter mutter Hippies mutter mutter mutter"
Firework observer - "It's rather like being in the middle of a bombing raid run by Salvador Dali"
Another observer - "Look, a tram!"
Convention worker as fire engine approached firework display - "Did anyone tell the fire department we were starting half an hour early?"

Sic Tramsit Gloria Rabbit

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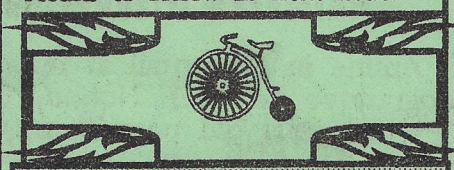
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Winners of the Multimedia Quiz: John Jarrold, Rog Peyton, Krystyna Obern and Dave Ellis

Winners of Pathfinder: Paul Dormer (Capt.), Susan Francis and Tim Illingworth (this means that Tim is entitled to another ribbon).

Masquerade Best in Show: Luggage & Co. (Based on Terry Pratchett's Discworld). All other results to follow in next issue.



This issue of Fiat Lux was brought to you by Chris "Look what you made me do now!" O'Shea II, with help from the various contributors, Carol "You misspied misspelled" Shetler, Simon "All the files are called 'LS' something" Bradshaw, Gordon "Fluid Damped Keyboard" Brignal, Stephen "Anneks" Rice and Ivan Awful-Secret (Gossip Column). This was a Garlic Press Production from Out Of ConText Publications.

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International Diplomacy

Fans Across the World are holding yet another raffle on the "Tact and Diplomacy" stall in the dealers room. Prizes include some Russian dolls donated by the Russians, a book from Friends on Foundation, a top and other wooden items from Sue Mason, and a drink bottle from Glasgow in 1995. Tickets 20p each - and a free "Tact and Diplomacy" entry with five tickets.

Video Highlights

The video programme will include the following: Without Walls (The Avengers), Resistance is Useless (Dr Who), South Bank Show (Douglas Adams/Hitch Hikers'): watch for announcements on video programme listing. Also included (0000-0100 Monday) will be one episode of the 60s German SF TV cult programme Raumpatroille (Starship) Orion - but it's German language only. The video programme short (S(4)) features the Late Show mini-tribute to Isaac Asimov.

Alison Scott Terrorises Blackpool

Your roving reporter travelled into Blackpool this morning. The cabbie hailed us with cries of "cheaper than the Tram", which is a traditional Lancashire hunting song, and after some negotiations allowed as how they were more expensive than the tram, but it was raining, and anyhow we'd just missed one.
We wandered around the vicinity of North Pier, and dicovered a super puzzle shop on Deansgate with 6000 jigsaw and other puzzles to enjoy. The official Green Room jigsaw puzzle came from here. We also went to the sea front in the wind and rain, and the other members of the party forcibly prevented your intrepid reporter from buying a hat saying "I'm too sexy for this hat". We discovered a reasonable tea and cake shop, 20's, and a thoroughly wonderful matched pair of off-licences, The Odd Bottle and The Wee Dram. An excellent place to buy souvenirs of your trip in the form of beer and whisky. Particularly recommended is Preston Guild Ale - only 80p (though admittedly a very small bottle). There are lots of interesting shops and a few good-looking restaurants. On the whole not a bad convention town.
We took a tram back (having been warned by the cabbie that taxis back cost more) and found it busy but cheap and pleasant. Recommended.
Alison Scott.

"Sh*t, Wrong Order": 1992 Eastercon Rules for Pool

1. Lose the cue ball from your set of coloured pool balls.
2. Designate an alternative coloured ball as the cue ball.
3. WARNING: Should you accidentally sink this designated cue ball, it will not be returned by the automatic mechanism of the table. In this case, return to Step 2.
4. WARNING #2: A similar fate will befall the #8 (black) ball should you sink it accidentally. In this case, return to Step 2.
5. In the event that both Step 2 and Step 4 have occurred, the designated alternate 8-ball will become the cue ball for purposes of continuation of the game.
6. In this event, the first player who requires to sink the 8-ball to win must sink the cue ball (8-ball) with a bank shot, in which the ball must bank at least once.
7. The second player has the option, in sinking his/her final target ball prior to attempting to sink the 8-ball (cue ball), of attempting to sink both sequentially with one shot.
SEQUENCE IS CRUCIAL.
The action of the cue ball (8-ball) striking the target ball automatically converts it into an 8-ball (cue ball). However, should the 8-ball (cue ball) sink into a pocket prior to the target ball sinking into a pocket, the game will be forfeit as the opponent no longer has any balls to play with. Hence the phrase, "Sh*t, wrong order".
8. FINAL WARNING: It must be noted that, should you choose to add balls into the game as cue balls and/or 8-balls, this will result in uneven distribution of cue balls (8-balls) (target balls) being returned by the automatic return mechanism. The players must then use any permutation of Steps 1 through 7 to continue play.

Carol Shetler and Stephen Rice

Issue #4
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FIAT LUX

Lunchtime Edition

A Fiat Lux Special. Enough people have asked for it, and so here is an extra issue dedicated to the most important thing to a fan, food! It doesn't contain an exhaustive list of restaurants but a selection of ones that we have had particularly recommended or warned about. I've been working non-stop on this newsletter since Friday morning and can only make comments about the hotel breakfast and the rolls from the snack bar in the sun lounge (which are expensive but quite edible if you're hungry enough!) If you still haven't figured it out, It's now "a pint of Coke, a packet of crisps and some chocolate". Have Fun!

PROGRAMME CHANGES

Fan Room

Peter Fan Room Programme Sunday
Change of item, Death of Unknown Programme. Due to lack of interest, the Unknown Programme Item remains unknown. The slot will be used instead for "No Shame Theatre" rehersals
6 pm No Shame Theatre - ??Rehersals??
HAVE WE NO SHAME?
High Jinks in the street of the taverns? Sam Beckett at Eastercon? Modern marriage ceremonies & virtual reality? On Monday, all will be revealed

MAJOR PROGRAMME CHANGE

The Awards ceremony will be at 20:00 as advertised, followed by the two Worldcon bid presentations at 20:45, then the Cabaret at 21:30. The Worldcon bid parties will be in Flopsy and Mopsy at 22:00.

SHOCK EXCLUSIVE

Fun Guys or Fungi?

THIS WAS THE QUESTION AN ENTIRE nation asked today as it was exclusively revealed that the committee of an unnamed "Eastercon" got mushrooms with their breakfast! When questioned one committee member, who shall remain nameless, refused to deny the facts in this case. "You mean the punters, sorry, delegates DON'T get mushrooms?" said a prominent Doctor of Astro-Physics with a major British university. After confrontation with the said-committee, they have promised to talk to somebody about something. If you get mushrooms tomorrow, remember you read it here first!

Masquerade Results

Best in Show: #8 Luggage & Co. : James Steel, Jane Smithers, Richard Fox
Simplicity of Presentation: #5 The Corpse of Laura Palmer: Emma Taylor
Best Puppet: #13 Campaign for Real Animated Puppets (C.R.A.P.): Eira & Feryal
Best Make-Up: #20 Vampire of History: Simon Crick
Best Faery: #11 Lady Ivyleaf: Jette Goldie
Best Alien: #9 QT: Cuddles
Children's Awards
Best Recreation: Alan Webb as Batman
Best Aliens: Karen & Peter Westhead as Martians
Best Presentation: Serena Browne & Natalie Sutherland as Exotic Dancers

Apologies to Krystyna Oborn on the misspelling of her name.

The Games A-foot

Last night, in a moment of unbridled passion, a certain young lady of this convention, in one of the thousands of hotel rooms she spent time in, left her shoes somewhere. If you were the lucky recipient of these shoes, could you please leave them with the convention information desk.

Animated Discussion 3

All function rooms being fully booked today, there will be no alternative anime programme. HOWEVER... From 13:00 tomorrow (Monday) in Cottontail, there will be a full anime programme until 19:00, and possibly beyond... Parents should note that the alternative programme contains adult-oriented material. In the mainstream programme, however, we shall be showing material suitable for children of all ages: 'My neighbour, Totoro', and the Samurai Pizza cats.

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FIAT LUX

Teatime Edition

As Sunday draws to a close, and the last day of the con is upon us, we try to recover from the award ceremony, the worldcon bid presentations, the cabaret and the worldcon bid parties. By far the most difficult thing (aside from trying to figure out how you ended up in this particular bedroom) is sorting out the raffle tickets. Tickets from Glasgow, from Critical Wave, from the British Diabetic Society supporters, from the convention charity and probably from the hotel staff retirement fund! Ok, for those of you who feel it is insufficiently macho to be seen buying me a pint of Coke, one last chance: It's now "a double ginger ale". Have Fun!

PROGRAMME

Fan Room

The tea and coffee session has been called off due to lack of interest. The only remaining programme item (aside from Le Chien Morte soire) is a reading session at 12:00 to 13:00 by Simon Ings and Ian McDonald.

EXCLUSIVE

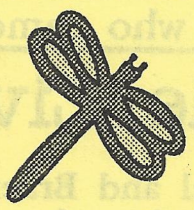
THERE'S NOT MUSHROOM IN HERE, but there should be at breakfast, after your soar-away Fiat Lux's hard hitting report into the corruption rife within the committee of this convention. The hotel manager apparently has shown a member of the committee a vast pile of mushrooms ready for tomorrow's breakfast.

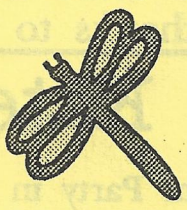
I've Been Done Seen, Just 'Bout Everythin', But...

DRAGON FLYS HIGH IN BLACKPOOL

Many observers reported seeing a dragon over Blackpool today. He was a gentle shade of lilac and is believed to be of the genus Lockheedus Glaswegius Lionae. Noted scientist Dr. Jack Cohen demonstrated the scientific method, which has made Britain great, by ignoring the evidence of his own eyes and stating that dragons could never fly.

Stephen Rice.





Eastercon Awards

Long Text - Take Back Plenty by Colin Greenland
Short Text - Quantum Choc-o-dynamics by Sean Ellis & Others
Graphic - The "Milton Keynes" T-Shirt by Smitty
Dramatic - Red Dwarf V by Grant Naylor

Silly Awards

1 Most Promising Newcomer: D. West (Lobster)
2 Most Active Fan: B. Evans (Expelair)
3 Most Inactive Fan: Brian Davis (Tim Illingworth / Isaac Asimov)
4 Most Fanciable Fan: Teddy (The One Over There in the Purple T-Shirt / Vicki Evans)
5 Most Talented Fan: Dave Mooring (Gamma (Piss Artist))
6 Most Untalented Fan: Steve Green (Chris O'Shea²/ D. West)
7 Most Boring Fan: Nigel Richardson (and No One Else)
8 Most Exciting Fan: Dave Lally (Gerald the Sloth / "Me" / John Major)
8a Most Excitable Fan: Pam Wells
9 Fan Most Likely to Succeed: B. Evans (Budgie Without Teeth / "Me")
10 Fan Most Likely to Fail: Tony Berry (In Producing Another Copy of His Fanzine) ("Me")
11 Most Chauvinistic Fan: Nick Farey (Rog Peyton / Ian Sorensen)
12 Best Bum In Fandom: Dave Mooring (James Steel / Vibrating Bum Faced Goats)
Note: between 2 and 3 hundred votes were cast.

Animated Discussion 3

Monday Anime Schedule : Staring at 1300 in Florey
1300 - 1330 : Intro to Anime; a short panel/discussion on how to find & get anime.
1330 - 1515 : Venus Wars (SF) - subtitled.
1515 - 1600 : Outlanders (SF)
1600 - 1700 : Dreamhunter REM 2 (SF/Fantasy/Horror)
1700 - 1745 : Dominion(Tank Police) Part 2 (SF/Humour)
1745 - 1900 : Iczer-1 (SF)
We may carry on showing after this; program by request.

Illumination Issue #5 Easter '92

"QUOTES"

"If they brought the Mona Lisa to Blackpool, it'd be a piece of tat within a week."

Couple looking at table heaped with devastation: "Perhaps we should leave the waitress a tip." - "We already did."

Hotel staff member on seeing Sue Mason encounter and carry off Teddy - "Andrew Lloyd Webber's missing one, isn't he?"

"The frog is locked in with his rubber chicken and a duplicator."

On seeing Larry van der Putte, with Snuggles the bear in back pocket of camera vest, eating vast amounts in a local Chinese - "Now I know why Larry eats so much, he's eating for two!"

Over the tannoy in reception - "Attention Disembodied Voices...".

"I'm going to join in the overthrow of the committee...wait a minute, I AM the committee!" - Famous Astrophysicist from Oxford.

"My attempt to wipe out British fandom failed" - Kees Van Toom, after the skip fire he 'spotted' failed to set fire to the hotel.

"When is the hotel going to issue us with the 3D glasses?" - after looking at the carpet in reception.

"You're not changing the speed of light, just the speed at which light travels" - Short Scientific Scientist

Sou'Wester treasurer, after having won the bid - "Oh dear, does this mean we don't get to keep the pre-supports?"

"God, these Brits sure drink a lot!" - anonymous American Atlanta rep.

After eating in Indian restaurant reviewed in earlier issue - "My God, that was the best meal I've had all week, and that was only the starter!"

John Richards - "I never want to get less mad."

Wallyphone wielding person in local Chinese - "Security to Ops. Security to Ops. Do you have any soy sauce left? Over."

This issue of Fiat Lux was brought to you by Chris "You mean they have PARTIES at this convention?" O'Shea II, with help from the various contributors: Simon "Do you like my hair?" Bradshaw, Gordon "I'm just nipping out for a beer" Brignal, Stephen "Big Rock Candy Mountain" Rice, Carol "Parallel Construction" Shekler and John Doe-Smith III (Gossip Column). This was a Gartic Press Production from Out Of ConText Publications. Typing was done by hitting the keys in succession on a keyboard.

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SUSPENDED ANIMATION

Wall Street fell to an all-time low today on news that Walter Elias Disney ("Walt Disney") was adopted. His birth certificate found today in a safe deposit box in Toyko identifies him as Teriyaki Yashimoto. Walt (or "Terry" as he should now be called) was brought to the US at the age of three and grew up in the mid-West and West Coast. His parents, fearing that the Japanese Emperor would declare war on the US (as he did in 1941) changed their son's name, got a back street surgeon to alter his eyes and bleach his skin and put him up for adoption. Subsequent to today's revelation, Japan has claimed "Terry" as their own and have instituted law suits to recover "their" property of Disneyworld, Disneyland and EuroDisney. In a separate court case the Japanese have been granted all rights to the cartoons Walt's company produced over the years. On hearing this news, David banned that well known 'stag film' "Bambi" from this convention as Japanese Animation.

More Programme Details

NO SHAME THEATRE
Mismatched men in the street of the Taverns. Quantum leaps, quizzes and virtual reality. And since we have absolutely no shame, we shall show you what adverts really say. Turn up at the Alternative Programme on Monday 12 noon to experience the ultimate in theatrical entertainment.(At least for this con anyway!)

Schismatic Tricks

Dateline Blackpool 19/4/92, 11.00 PM
In a surprise move tonight's evangelical council decided that the state religion of fandom will henceforth be sado-masochism. Speaking ex-cathedra, spokesperson Alison Scott stated that "Alternate pineapple rings and whipped cream" leave brown stripes on male sexual organs. It was also decided that Teddy would be the living deity, and that this new dispensation would "really rake in the cash", and attract a wide variety of wealthy converts of all races and sexes. A schismatic move to retain fandom as a religion in its own rite was voted down, to much applause. Afterwards, one commentator suggested that the new services would be "personal, not religious."
Marcus L. Rowland

Pravda and Taff

The TAFF auction raised £126.51. Many thanks to all those who came along

Kate Adie Lives

Room Party in Presidential and Braemor Suites @ 12.30 tonight. See how the other half lives.

Illumination Issue #6 Easter '92

FIAT LUX

Sundown Edition

The trouble with earthlings is that they spend all their time stating the blindingly obvious, like "It's a nice day" or "Have you had an accident?". This rises to a pinnacle with statements like "So this is it, we're all going to die" and "Well, the convention's over."

Well, the convention's over, and we're starting to clear up. The closing ceremony will probably be over by the time I get this finished and handed out, and that will only leave some video programmes, some gaming and the Dead Dog Party. For those of you who have not attended one before, it is basically a no-programming get together for the remaining fans after the convention officially finishes. After that it is several months of forgetting to write to people, receiving fanzines you'll never send a Letter of Comment to, and then the panic of getting packed for your next convention. Of course the rich b*stards are on their European tour and will be going to the con in Germany next weekend, lucky swine! See you next year - Chris.

P.S. if you see me in the bar, it'll be a pint of orange and lemonade. Have Fun!

PROGRAMME

The con is over, GO HOME!

Other Major Awards

Doc Weir award: Roger Robinson.
Ken McIntyre: Colin Johnson, Illumination programme book cover.

BSFA Awards

Novel: Fall of Hyperion
Runner-up Eternal Light.
Short: Bad Timing, Molly Brown, IZ 54
R.U. - Floating Dogs, Ian MacDonald, NW1.
Art: Mark Harrison, IZ 48 cover
R.U. - Geoffry Taylor IZ 45.
Dramatic presentation: Terminator 2,
R.U. - Red Dwarf IV.

Yesterday, all my money seemed so far away, now it's gone and I had to pay, I believe I'll have another drink.

Friends of Foundation was set up to assist the work of the Foundation, an organisation with a large SF research library (including an amazing fanzine archive). Foundation also produces a critical magazine, also called Foundation. They are currently located at a polytechnic in north-east London, but have been informed that unless they can pay for the cost of the space and staff required by the poly for each year (circa £44,000) they will have to leave. Hence they are currently in the process of generating the funds required to obtain a more permanent and sensibly funded location for the archive, library and the Foundation office. All funds will be gratefully received.



How many telepaths does it take to change a thought lightbulb?

Wincon surplus disposal was announced: £150 Fans Across The World (bringing fans from countries where hard currency is not available), £350 Friends of Foundation.

Eastcon surplus disposal was also announced: aside from the money already allocated to areas such as the convention charity, Fans across the World and various fannish causes; the remaining money will be used in two ways. The vast majority of the money (somewhere in the range £1500-£2000) will be given to the Friends of Foundation to assist in their search for a permanent site for the Foundation. A sum of about £500 will be used to send someone, hopefully Eastcon's Fan Guest of Honour: Anne Page to CostumeCon in the US, as a representative of Glasgow in '95. The Eastcon committee feel that the money should be spent in the furtherance of SF fandom in Britain.

Illumination Issue #6 Easter '92

"QUOTES"

"For the purposes of this conversation, I declare this location to be a staircase."

At breakfast this morning - "I'd like two teas and one cup please"

Puzzled ops manager - "I'm trying to figure out how I'm going to run ops ... my floppy disk has five bad sectors."

During the fireworks - "Wow, look at Dermot go!"

After the muzak had started in the bar this morning - "They should run jukeboxes like turkey readings."

"He's been kidnapped, poked, squeezed to death by insensitive people, punched and now just wants his mummy."

A certain Famous Oxford Astrophysicist (FOAP for short) - "I'm trying to arrange being in Hawaii during August 1995." reply "If Hugh Mascetti has his way with the fireworks at Glasgow, nowhere is safe!"

"You're only as old as the woman you feel ... the Golden Girls are starting to look good to me."

"MUFF - Mortar Under a Fan Fund. Dermot has a 5" one he'll contribute."

"Ops to Martin Hoare ... Martin, you're totally incomprehensible."

"A spermicidal jelly fish ... it's not much diferent from doing it in a swimming pool, is it?"

"I had a young lady at breakfast" - well known fan replying to comment that all the waiters were male.

"They drink like rugby players and cause as much havoc as chess players."

"If I were to join fandom today, I would probably try filking" - anonymous fan guest of honour (Hi Pam!)

This issue of Fiat Lux was brought to you by Chris "All right, I'm ready for the convention now" O'Shea, II, with help from Gordon "Now you've used my equipment, your own will seem pathetic" Brignal, Stephen "FrogStar" Rice, John "It was not me, it was the others, they made me do it" Dallman (Gossip Column). This was a Garlic Press Production from Out Of Context Publications. Typing was done by hitting the keys in succession on a keyboard.

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FIAT ACCOMPLI

By the way, there have been a few people who wanted to know why the newsletter title "FIAT LUX" refers to an Italian Car Wash. For those people I will reveal that "FIAT LUX" actually means "Let there be light" as in the Bible (a good book, or so I'm told).

Did you have a good time at the Con?

Last night, strange things happened...

Breaking Rule 2 ("No public displays of Rut")

"Rule 2A: Rule 2 is suspended while the head of security is joining in"
I was introduced to foot-fetishism by Birmingham fandom.
If you tickle me, I'll decapitate you.
You wash it in Stroh, you put a condom on it, than you let him get to work.
We're having a conversation, and Rob's having sex with your feet (with a condom on)... You're getting wierder, Rob!
If you were to ask the Hotel for some whipped cream, I'm sure this lot would appreciate it.
Bucket of water?? - nah, get lime jello.
Rob! You're leaving me for another foot!

"Sou-Wester is going to be FUN"
OK, so he was just resting his hand on your breasts while you moved them up and down...
Some bits of her are still visible.
I'm not sure what it was, but I'm sure we blew it out of the water...
I CAN find the gaps in the chainmail.
If that fan wants something to do, we could add her to the pile?
1/2R is inevitable - you just have to accept it.
It does actually get fairly painful if I'm held down in three different directions.
One of these days, SOMEONE's going to find a way to embarass you.

"It's all Alison's fault - except for the bits that are 1/2R's"
Can I come back and snap your suspender belt again please?
I'd like HIM.
I've stolen Oliver's security ribbon!
Chicken-powered!
Basically, I do that and his toes twitch.

"To think that all this led to my legs getting coloured in by a bunch of fans."
One can only be an innocent bystander for so long.
If I have to use a felt-tip, you'll feel the knife first.

"Who?"
I think I may HAVE to have a cigarette.
"It looks like I've managed to maintain my anonymity" - John English.
This will HAVE to be an item for the Sou-wester programme.

John Dallman, innocent bystander with notepad.

Play by Play

KJC Games, the well known games importer, and PBM company, are only 1 1/2 miles from the Norbreck. They are expecting a shipment from America on Tuesday. Simply turn right out of the Norbreck, go through the second set of traffic lights and do a U turn and it is 100 yards on the left. Their phone number is 885511 if you want to check details of deliveries.

Helicon News

Next year sees a major change in the way convention publications are distributed to the attendees. After this year's Eastercon, where over 90% of members had a pocket computer or similar, it was realised that 25% of membership costs are due to publications. Hence, all members of Helicon will be expected to dial into CIX or CompuServe to download the PRs and upload the hotel forms. The programme book and Read Me become PROGRAM.TXT and READ_ME.TXT and will be available on diskette or network at registration. If you are one of those annoying people who forget their pocket computer, there will be an additional charge of £15 to print out the documentation. Due to this cost cutting exercise, current members of Helicon are entitled to a £10 refund available from Tim Illingworth. The treasurer says to make sure you get your refund in cash, for reasons he won't go into any further.

Apologies to Penny Heal on misspelling her name, and to all the other people who have had their name misspelled or their articles unacknowledged.

Issue #1
Easter '92, Liverpool 3
Deepening Gloom

FIAT UNO

Out of Time Edition

Welcome to the Editorial. We as the members of the Fandom International Assault Team Using Novel Ordinance believe that the Capitalist Warmongering 'Illumination' Committee are in fact trying to keep us all in the dark. As revealed earlier in their toadying production, the committee have been witholding all the mushrooms. It appears that they have been keeping them all for themselves, bathing in them in their luxury penthouse suite.

We feel that it is your right to know, as loyal members of this convention, the vileness of the goings on in this 'El Presidente' suite. The nubile young women in the hot tub of chocolate sauce (with glace cherries), the Read Ale Bar (17 hand pumps - no webboes) and the black pudding mountain... all has now been revealed.

Rise up against your oppressors, break your chains, stand together against the so called 'Committee', did you vote for them? Be with us comrades, when we storm the stronghold of the oppressors. Tonight at midnight, bring a cocktail (Molotov or similar as to taste) to registration where we will rise up and create a new tomorrow!

Dedicated teams of suicide gophers (lemmings ribbon anyone?) will ascend the staircase to attack floors one and three. (Floor two contains the wounded guests of honour, who should be left to recuperate from their grevious panel items).

VIVE LA REVOLUTION, VIVE LA REPUBLIC, VAUXHALL VIVA HATCHBACK!

Program Changes

In your Program Book this:

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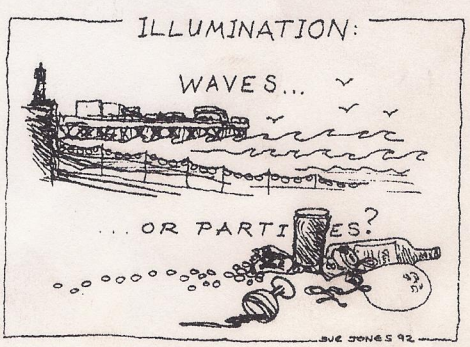
Sky News tonight reported a 'coup d'etat' in Jersey. The British government has been alerted and a UK task force is being prepared for any action necessary. The new Jersey government has passed three decrees: The Chocolate Restriction Order which restricts the sale of chocolate to non-islanders; The Decorations Restriction Order, which prohibits the display of medals and ribbons of all kinds; The Assembly Restriction Order which prohibits gatherings of four or more people. A worrying aspect of this Order is a specific reference to SF. Quite what this refers to is as yet unclear.

Convention Symbolism

Under con conditions it has been observed that committee ribbons are fraying significantly faster than any other ribbons.

STATUS KUO

Relentless self-publicist David Wingrove has distributed a multitude of T-shirts advertising the herpetology .Note: not a typo. Chung Kuo: The Thick Books. There is a prize for the most scurrilous adaptation of a CK T-shirt, entries to the Green Room please. Don.t worry if you have no T-shirt, we may be able to mutilate one for you.



We wish to make it perfectly plain that the following had nothing whatsoever to do with this: Chris 'Who Me Guv?' O'Shea IV, Gordon 'I Vas Only Obeying Orders' Brignal, Cosmic 'Well known Oxford Astrophysicist' Ferret, Dave 'Hirohito' Lally and The Dagenham 'Can you put your floppy in here?' Girl Pipers.