



# Concourse

## Read Me





## Introduction

Welcome to Concourse. We hope you have a good time and enjoy the convention.

This is the Read Me. It will tell you virtually everything you may need to know to get you through the convention. Further copies are available from Registration at a cost of £1 each.

## Hotels

If you have not already booked accommodation, the Tourist Board Office located in Clifton Street will be able to assist you in seeking a hotel: Tourism Office, 1 Clifton Street, Blackpool FY1 1LY. Telephone: 01253 478225 or 01253 478216

## Masquerade

Due to a lack of entries there will not be a masquerade at this year's Eastercon

If you intended to enter the masquerade but have failed to tell us contact the Information Desk on Friday. If there are sufficient entries by the end of Friday, we may arrange a masquerade.

Chaos Costuming will be open as usual and there will be a hall costume competition and a children's masquerade.

Those with hall costumes may use the changing rooms in the Arena suite.

## Voodoo Board

The 'voodoo board' is a place where messages can be left for other convention members. It is located in the Spanish Hall Suite, along with instructions about how to use it. You can also use the board to leave general notices about ride sharing, meeting up for meals etc.

## Badges

Please wear your badge at all times. It is your proof that you're a member of Concourse; without it, you're liable to be refused admission to the designated convention areas of the Winter Gardens.

There will be a £5 charge for replacement badges. The convention reserves the right to refuse to replace lost badges.

## Dealers' room, Art Show and Con Desks

These are located in the Horseshoe. It is open during the following hours:

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| Friday:   | 12 noon–6 pm  |
| Saturday: | 10 am–6 pm    |
| Sunday:   | 10 am–6 pm    |
| Monday:   | 10 am–12 noon |

You must not eat, drink or smoke in the dealers' room unless you're a dealer.

You must not eat, drink or smoke in the Art Show.

## Information Desk

The Information Desk is located next to registration in the Ballroom Foyer. It is open during the following hours:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Thursday: | 2 pm–6 pm    |
| Friday:   | 9 am–6 pm    |
| Saturday: | 9 am–6 pm    |
| Sunday:   | 9 am–6 pm    |
| Monday:   | 9 am–12 noon |

## How to get help

If you have a problem that we can do something about during the convention, contact the Information Desk.

During hours when the Information Desk is closed, you contact the Operations Room in the Ballroom Foyer. If you cannot for any reason get to the Information Desk, ask a member of the convention staff for advice.

There are also Concourse feedback sessions programmed on Saturday and Sunday at which you can raise any issue about the convention—but if you do have a problem, please contact us immediately so we can try to put it right.

If, however, you have a problem with your hotel, please take up the matter direct with them.

Paragon 2 will be hosting a feedback session on Monday but this is really an opportunity to make suggestions to the people running future Eastercons about matters of policy or problems which might also affect them.

## Volunteers

Concourse is run entirely by volunteers willing to give up some of their spare time for the benefit of the convention. If you've already volunteered to help, or if you'd like to volunteer now, please contact the Information Desk.

There will be briefing sessions held with the Winter Gardens staff about security, fire evacuation etc. We ask all volunteers to please sign up for a briefing. This is required by the Winter Gardens.

## First aid volunteers

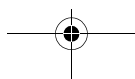
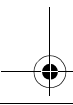
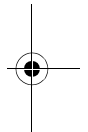
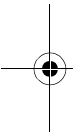
Could volunteer first aiders please contact the Information Desk as soon as possible and collect a first aid badge.

Volunteers must hold a current St. John's Ambulance certificate (other nationality qualifications will not be acceptable, even if equivalent).

## Newsletter

Pieces for inclusion can be handed in at the Information Desk or brought direct to the news room also in the Ballroom Foyer.

If the news room is closed, please leave your contribution in the plastic wallet by the door. Line or box adverts can be placed in the newsletter for a small fee; contact the news room for more information.





## Awards

All members of Concourse are eligible to vote for the Doc Weir and BSFA Awards.

The Doc Weir Award was set up in 1963 in memory of fan Arthur Rose (Doc) Weir who had died two years previously. Weir was a relative newcomer to fandom, he discovered it late in life - but in the short time of his involvement he was active in a number of fannish areas. In recognition of this, the Award is sometimes seen as the "Good Guy" Award; something for "The Unsung Heroes".

Fandom needs volunteers. Conventions, clubs, fanzines—they all require an extensive workforce, people who do 'stuff' for no financial reward. Some people have a high-profile role but there are many who don't, whose involvement goes almost unnoticed and may even be taken for granted.

In some respects, the ideal Doc Weir Award candidate is the sort of person who doesn't immediately spring to mind but makes perfect sense if somebody else suggests them.

A Doc Weir ballot form should be in your registration package; if you can't find it, a further copy is available from registration. Completed ballots should be placed in the box provided at the Information Desk by 12 noon on Sunday.

BSFA Award ballots are available from the Cold Tonnage tables in the dealers' room and from the Information Desk. Completed ballots may be placed in the boxes provided at the Cold Tonnage tables (during dealers' room opening hours) or at the Information Desk, by the same time.

## Auctions

For dates and times, please see the programme. However, if you have material you wish to include in any of the auctions, please note the following:

Book Auction: all material should be handed in to Brian Ameringen. Items should be clearly marked with the name of the owner, any applicable reserve price and on whose behalf the item is to be auctioned.

Art Auction: contact Mary Burns in the art show.

## Mobile phones etc.

If you have a mobile phone, pager or anything else liable to make a noise, please turn it off while you're in any of the programme rooms.

## Posters and signs

Please bring any posters and signs you wish to have displayed to the Information Desk.

## Video recording

Videoing programme items is not generally permitted; if for any reason you wish to do so, please obtain the explicit permission of the moderator of the item.

## Weapons policy

No weapons or facsimiles thereof will be allowed to be carried at the convention. This includes edged weapons, projectile firing weapons, any replica or facsimile weapon, or any other object the committee deems to be dangerous. If an object looks dangerous enough to cause concern to other convention members, please keep it in your hotel room.

## Smoking

There is no smoking in programme rooms, Dealers Room, Art Show or the Spanish Hall and the relevant sections of the Backstage Bistro and Coffee Shop.

You may smoke in the Floral hall, Bars and in relevant sections of the Coffee Shop and Backstage Bistro.

In addition, smoking will be permitted in the Arena during the Ceilidh on Friday night and the disco on Saturday night.

## Winter Gardens food and drink

The Windsor Bar will be open between 10 am and 2 am. Food is available in the Spanish Hall Suite from 12 noon until 1 am. These are restricted to convention members.

The Coffee Shop, Backstage Bistro and Public Bar will also be open but are open to the public. The Ship Bar may be used as an overflow bar for the Opera House.

## Childcare

Safehands Network Ltd will be operating the crèche which is located in the Opera House function room.

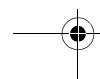
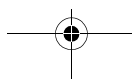
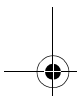
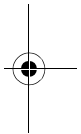
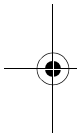
The operational hours are 10 am–4 pm on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

There is a charge of £10 per day to assist in the running costs and children of all ages are welcome.

We have arranged enough staff based on the crèche booking forms received. If you did not send in a form, then it will be at the discretion of Safehands to decide whether they have room for additional children in any particular session.

The facilities available are: arts and crafts equipment, books, toys, televisions and videos, Sony Playstations, video games, dance mats, together with a soft play area which includes a ball pool.

In addition to the crèche, Safehands Network will be supplying the convention with childcare in hotels. A 4-hour minimum applies and the service costs £9 per hour (plus VAT). You can book this via your hotel, or direct with Safehands on 0870 844 6688.





## Friday

### 1 So this is you first con

Renaissance: 12:00

An old hand tells you some of the thing he wished he had known when he came to his first convention.

Chris O'Shea

### 2 Looking back – Classic Fantasy

Balcony: 12:00

A look at some of the classic fantasy books with recommendations for those new to the genre

Freda Warrington, Farah , Liz Williams, Janet Figg

### 3 Opening Ceremony

Arena: 13:00

In which guests are introduced and announcements made.

Committee, Guests

### 4 Weapons Display

Ballroom: 14:00

A demonstration of the art of the sword

Academie Glorianna

### 5 The future of Dr Who

Renaissance: 14:00

So it is going to be Christopher Eccleston. Will this be better than Paul McCann?

Kerrie Dougherty, Andrew Adams, Steve Rogerson, Gary Stratman, Wendy Bradley

### 6 Beyond Money – Neverness, the Culture ...

Balcony: 14:00

Many SF authors create worlds where money has ceased to have meaning. Do we believe in any of them?

Bridget Wilkinson, Andrew Adams, Justina Robson, Cheryl Morgan

### 7 Sue Mason

Arena: 15:00

Auntie Sue—our fan Guest of Honour amazes us with anecdotes of her life as award-winning artist, TAFF-winning travelling fan and member of the Plokta cabal.

Sue Mason, Fran Dowd

### 8 Weapons Workshop

Ballroom: 16:00

A chance to try out some of the techniques you saw earlier under expert supervision.

Academie Glorianna

### 9 Museum of Myth

Pavilion: 16:00

Kerrie Dougherty, curator of space technology at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney, talks about putting on Star Wars and Star Trek exhibitions.

Kerrie Dougherty, Mike Figg

### 10 Alternative Histories

Balcony: 16:00

A look at turning points in history. What if William had landed first and Harold defeated him before marching North? What if the Spanish Armada had succeeded or if King Charles or General Lee had won their Civil Wars?.

John Dallman, Harry Harrison, Simon Bradshaw

### 11 George Hay lecture

Arena: 17:00

The Fall and Rise of the British Boffin.

Francis Spufford

### 12 The future of SF publishing

Pavilion: 18:00

How healthy is the SF publishing industry?

John Jarrold, Darren Nash, Simon Spanton, Ann VanderMeer

### 13 Looking Back on Feminism

Baronial: 18:00

In the 1960s and 70s there was a wave of feminist SF. Is feminism still an issue for current authors?

Liz Sourbut, Gwyneth Jones, Cheryl Morgan, Deirdre Counihan

### 14 Belly Dancing

Renaissance: 18:00

Sue introduces you to the joys of belly dancing.

Sue Mason

### 15 Designing an alien – drawing

Balcony: 18:00

Danny Flynn shows we can all design our own aliens. Paper and pens will be provided.

Danny Flynn

### 16 Filk concert

Arena: 19:00

Award-winning filker TJ Burnside Clapp and a few friends sing a few songs.

TJ Burnside Clapp, Filkers

### 17 Journey into Space

Baronial: 19:00

'It's 50 years ago today' A look back at the classic radio series.

Peter Redfarn, Peter Weston, Gerry Webb

### 18 The Templars

Baronial: 20:00

Lionel talks to us about the mysterious knights.

Lionel Fanthorpe

### 19 Buffy – the end?

Renaissance: 20:00

A discussion of the stake-wielding vampire killer

Liz Sourbut, Julian Headlong, Paul Dormer

### 20 Ceilidh

Arena: 21:00

Come and dance the night away. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Interaction

### 21 I'm sorry I haven't an SF-ing Clue

Baronial: 21:00

The antidote to panel items

Tony Keene (quizmaster) Mike Scott, Neil Johnstone

Chris O'Shea with Ian Sorenson at the piano.

### 22 Children's books – Are the classics still classic?

Renaissance: 21:00

Are the books we read as children really the best to read to our kids?

John Clute, Ian MacLeod, Farah, Janet Figg

### 23 Slash fiction

Renaissance: 22:00

What is it? Why do we write it? Why do we read it? Who else could we pair up?

Jane Carnall, Smitty, Sue Mason, Gail Courtney

### 24 Escaping the Gravity Well – it's not rocket science

Baronial: 23:00

We have been hauling ourselves off the planet for 50 years—are chemical rockets the only way to go?

Gerry Webb, Mitchell Burnside Clapp, Kerrie Dougherty

### 25 The future of fandom

Renaissance: 23:00

So where will fandom be 10 years from now?

Claire Briailey, Fran Dowd

### 26 Late night filk

Arena: 24:00

Songs old and songs new.

Filkers

### 27 Enterprise – the future of Trek

Baronial: 24:00

Is Enterprise a new dawn or the last throw of the dice?

Judith Proctor, Andrew Adams, Liz Sourbut, David

Stewart

### 28 Is SF a race and class issue?

Renaissance: 24:00

Is SF all white and middle class?

Mike Cobby, Farah, Tony Ballantyne, SMS, Janet Figg

## Friday

|       | Ballroom           | Pavilion                       | Arena                      | Baronial  | Renaissance  | Balcony                                     | Empress Dressing                       |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 12:00 |                    | Play rehearsal                 |                            |   | 1 So this is you first con                         | 2 Looking back – Classic Fantasy            | Chaos Costuming<br>Cyberdrome Workshop |
| 13:00 |                    |                                | 3 Open                     |   |  |   |  |
| 14:00 | 4 Weapons Display  |                                |                            |   | 5 The future of Dr. Who.                           | 6 Beyond Money – Neverness, the Culture ... |  |
| 15:00 |                    |                                | 7 Sue Mason                |   |  |   |  |
| 16:00 | 8 Weapons Workshop | 9 Museum of Myth               |                            |   |  | 10 Alternative Histories                    |  |
| 17:00 |                    |                                | 11 George Hay lecture      |   |  |   |  |
| 18:00 |                    | 12 The future of SF publishing |                            | 13 Looking Back on Feminism                             | 14 Belly Dancing                                   | 15 Designing an alien – drawing             |  |
| 19:00 |                    |                                | 16 Mitch and TJ in concert | 17 Journey into Space                                   |  |   |  |
| 20:00 |                    |                                |                            | 18 The Templars   | 19 Buffy – the end                                 |   |  |
| 21:00 |                    |                                | 20 Ceilidh                 | 21 I'm sorry I haven't an SF-ing Clue                   | 22 Children's books Are the classics still classic |   |  |
| 22:00 |                    |                                |                            | Reading   | 23 Slash fiction                                   |   |  |
| 23:00 |                    |                                |                            | 24 Escaping the Gravity Well – it is not rocket science | 25 The future of fandom                            |   |  |
| 24:00 |                    |                                | 26 Late night filk         | 27 Enterprise – the future of Trek                      | 28 Is SF a race and class issue?                   |   |  |
| 1:00  |                    |                                |                            |   |  |   |  |

## Saturday

|       | Ballroom                    | Pavilion                                      | Arena                    | Baronial                                 | Renaissance                                 | Balcony   | Empress Dressing                       |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| 10:00 |                             | Play rehearsal                                |                          |  | 29 Feedback                                 | 30 Looking back – classic Sf                    | Chaos Costuming<br>Cyberdrome Workshop |
| 11:00 |                             |   |                          | 31 God in space                          |   | 32 The future of Eastercon                      |  |
| 12:00 |                             |   | 33 Not the Clarke Awards |  | 34 Beyond this Sceptred Isle – Europe       | 35 The Salmon of lost tales                     |  |
| 13:00 |                             | 36 Danny Flynn                                |                          |  | 38 Belly Dancing                            | 39 10 years of the Science Fiction Encyclopedia |  |
| 14:00 | 37 Tesla coil demonstration |   |                          |  |   |   |  |
| 15:00 |                             |   | 40 Chris Priest          |  |   |   |  |
| 16:00 |                             | 41 The Chesley award                          |                          | 42 The Peter T. Garratt memorial reading |   | 43 Who was Nicholas Tesla?                      | 44 Bondage workshop<br>• in Diana      |
| 17:00 |                             | 45 City of Saints: A Rough Guide to Ambergris |                          |  | 46 Tove Jansen                              | 47 Designing an alien – character               |  |
| 18:00 |                             |   | 48 Filk Concert          | Wedding setup                            | 49 Does a fantasy require elves?            |   |  |
| 19:00 |                             |   |                          | 50 Wedding                               | 51 Superheroes pen and ink or silver screen |   |  |
| 20:00 |                             |   | 52 Disco                 | 53 Beyond the sceptred isle – Ireland    | 54 The most erotic Sf character ever?       |   |  |
| 21:00 |                             |   |                          | Reading                                  | 55 Holistic Hitchhiking                     |   |  |
| 22:00 |                             |   |                          | 56 Fan Fund auction                      | 57 Blake's 7 Wobblevision                   |   |  |
| 23:00 |                             |   |                          |  | 58 A pain in the neck                       |   |  |
| 24:00 |                             |   |                          |  | 60 Technobabble                             |   |  |
| 1:00  |                             |   |                          |  |   |   |  |

## Sunday

|       | Ballroom | Pavilion           | Arena             | Baronial  | Renaissance                    | Balcony  | Empress Dressing                       |
|-------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 10:00 |          | Play rehearsal     |                   |   | 61 Feedback                    | 62 Looking Back<br>Modern SF   | Chaos Costuming<br>Cyberdrome Workshop |
| 11:00 |          |                    | 63 Bid Session    | 64 How the embryo<br>knows its arse from its<br>elbow |                                | 65 Writing – writers<br>groups   |  |
| 12:00 |          | 66 Art Auction 1   |                   |   | 67 Retellings – Fairy<br>story |  |  |
| 13:00 |          |                    |                   | 68 Pressing Ctrl, Alt,<br>Delete on Zen               |                                | 69 Retelling<br>D'artagnan   |  |
| 14:00 |          |                    | 70 Philip Pullman |   |                                |  |  |
| 15:00 |          |                    |                   | 71 Book Auction                                       | 72 After Cyberpunk             | 73 Farscape – Weird,<br>amazing, "psychotic" ...<br>and in technicolor |  |
| 16:00 |          | Play rehearsal     | 74 Awards         |   |                                | 75 The golden age –<br>will it ever be repeated                        |  |
| 17:00 |          |                    | 77 Filk Concert   | 78 Fanzines Why not<br>blog                           | 79 Children's<br>Masquerade    |  |  |
| 18:00 |          |                    |                   | 80 What the Victorians<br>did for SF                  | 81 The Eagle has<br>landed     |  |  |
| 19:00 |          |                    |                   | 82 Magic realism – is it<br>good SF                   | 83 Alternative religions       |  |  |
| 20:00 |          | 84 Tartan Restrung |                   |   | 85 Deadheads and<br>Dorsai     |  |  |
| 21:00 |          |                    |                   | 86 Firefly – hit miss or<br>maybe                     |                                |  |  |
| 22:00 |          |                    |                   | 87 Fanish history – my<br>favourite feuds             | Reading                        |  |  |
| 23:00 |          |                    |                   | 88 Realistic magic                                    | 89 Sexual Call My Bluff        |  |  |
| 24:00 |          |                    |                   | 90 Late night filk                                    | 91 Sprokette                   |  |  |
|       |          |                    |                   |   |                                |  |  |

**Monday**

|       | Ballroom             | Pavilion                      | Arena                         | Baronial                   | Renaissance                                       | Balcony                           | Empress Dressing   |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| 10:00 |                      | 92 Art Auction 2              |                               |                            | 93 Beyond this sceptred<br>isle – Across the pond | 94 Looking back<br>Modern fantasy | Chaos Costuming<br>Cyberdrome Workshop                   |
| 11:00 |                      |                               | 95 Mitchell Burnside<br>Clapp |                            |   |                                   |  |
| 12:00 | 96 Beyond Cyberdrome |                               |                               |                            | 97 Innocence and<br>Experience – Blake's 7        |                                   |  |
| 13:00 |                      | 98 The Art of<br>Illustration |                               |                            | 99 Writing – Getting<br>published                 |                                   |  |
| 14:00 |                      |                               | 100 Close                     |                            |   |                                   | 101 Head Massage /<br>Reflexology workshop<br>• in Diana |
| 15:00 |                      |                               | 102 Before the BSFA<br>Awards |                            |   | 103 Eyre Affair                   |  |
| 16:00 | 104 Silly Games      |                               | 105 Final Filk                |                            | 106 Feedback with '05                             |                                   |  |
| 20:00 |                      |                               |                               | 107 Dead Dog<br>in the bar |   |                                   |  |





## Saturday

### 29 Feedback

Renaissance: 10:00

A chance to tell us if things are going wrong.

Jonjo, Marcus Streets, Chris O'Shea

### 30 Looking back—classic SF

Balcony: 10:00

A look at of those books that we may have forgotten, with recommendations for those new to the genre.

Chris Priest, John Clute, Farah

### 31 God in space

Baronial: 11:00

A look at SF books that feature religion: from the Jesuits in 'Canticle ..' to 'His Dark Materials'.

Lionel Fanthorpe, Chris Beckett, Jennifer Swift, Harry Harrison

### 32 The future of Eastercon

Balcony: 11:00

The now-annual discussion of where Eastercon should go.

Fran Dowd, Tim Illingworth, Dave Lally, Jonjo

### 33 Not the Clarke Awards

Arena: 12:00

A discussion of the works on the Clarke Awards short-list by some ex-judges.

Claire Brialey, Francis Spufford, Caroline Mullan, Liz Sourbut, Edward James

### 34 Beyond this Sceptred Isle—Europe

Renaissance: 12:00

A look at science fiction from the mainland of Europe

Bridget Wilkinson, Oscar, Christina Hansen

### 35 The Salmon of Lost Tales

Balcony: 12:00

Why do publishers keep on publishing after the author is dead?

MJ Simson Pat Reynolds Deirdre Counihan

### 36 Danny Flynn

Pavilion: 13:00

Talks to us about his pictures

Danny Flynn

### 37 Tesla coil demonstration

Ballroom: 14:00

A prestigious demonstration of an amazing scientific curiosity - and lots of pretty sparks. Be amazed and astounded by what you can do with electricity. Do not try this at home.

HVFX

### 38 Belly Dancing

Renaissance: 14:00

For those who missed Friday's session - or just want to try again. Sue introduces you to the joys of belly dancing.

Sue Mason

### 39 10 years of the Science Fiction Encyclopedia

Balcony: 14:00

The authors of the Science Fiction Encyclopaedia talk about their work.

John Clute, Peter Nicholls

### 40 Chris Priest

Arena: 15:00

Our Guest of Honour talks about his work.

Chris Priest

### 41 The Chesley Award winners

Pavilion: 16:00

The Chesley award is the ASFA's award for artistic merit, presented at Worldcon. Some award-winning British artists take a look at some of the winners.

SMS, Danny Flynn, David Hardy, Deirdre Counihan

### 42 The Peter T. Garratt memorial reading

Baronial: 16:00

A selection of readings in memory of Peter—who died suddenly last month.

Roy Gray (organiser)

### 43 Who was Nicholas Tesla?

Balcony: 16:00

More than just sparks—the life and works of Tesla.

HVFX

### 44 Bondage workshop

Diana: 16:00

An introduction to bondage—over 18s only.

Phil Bradley

### 45 City of Saints—A Rough Guide to Ambergris

Pavilion: 17:00

World Fantasy award winning author gives us a multimedia presentation of his latest work.

Jeff VanderMeer

### 46 Tove Jansen

Renaissance: 17:00

A look at the classic children's author and her most famous creation, the Moomins.

Philip Pullman, Janet Figg, Gail Courtney

### 47 Designing an alien—character

Balcony: 17:00

Are aliens doomed to be humans in rubber suits—or can we create truly alien characters.

Liz Sourbut, Martin Sketchley, Alistair Reynolds, Tony Ballantyne

### 48 Filk concert

Arena: 18:00

More music—the best British filkers, including the n'Early Music Consort.

### 49 Does a fantasy require elves?

Renaissance: 18:00

Are we doomed to live in a post-Tolkien world?

Miller Lau, Mike Cobley, Jeff VanderMeer, Jessica Rydill

### 50 Wedding

Baronial: 19:00

Jonjo and Sharon plight their troth—Lionel officiates.

Lionel Fanthorpe, Jonathon Jones, Sharon Lewis

### 51 Superheroes—pen and ink or silver screen?

Renaissance: 19:00

Do superheroes work best on film, or should they be left on the pages of comics?

Philip Pullman, Gerry Webb, Danny Flynn

### 52 Disco

Arena: 20:00

Jonjo and Sharon invite you to a Disco to celebrate their nuptials.

### 53 Beyond this Sceptred Isle—Ireland

Baronial: 20:00

A look at writing from Ireland—including the works of Bob Shaw and James White

James Bacon, David Stewart, tba

### 54 The most erotic SF character ever?

Renaissance: 20:00

Just who does it for you?

Sue Mason, Gail Courtney, Jill Bradley, Phil Bradley

### 55 Holistic Hitchhiking

Renaissance: 21:00

Douglas Adams, his life and works.

MJ 'Simo' Simpson, Flick, Gerry Webb, Chris Priest

### 56 Fan Fund auction

Baronial: 22:00

To raise money for TAFF, GUFF and the Flying Filk Fund.



**57 Blake's 7 Wobblevision**

Renaissance: 22:00

Your chance to recreate Blake's 7.

Steve Rogerson

**58 A pain in the neck**

Renaissance: 23:00

Blood-sucking monsters, erotic beings—or just misunderstood?

Liz Sourbut Jill Bradley Ann VanderMeer

**59 Late night filk**

Baronial: 24:00

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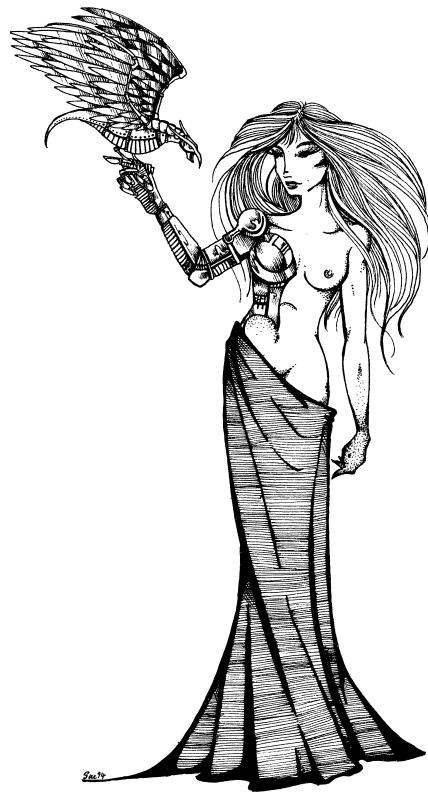
Filkers

**60 Technobabble**

Renaissance: 24:00

A late night quiz—how much do you know?

Neil Johnstone (quizmaster)



**Sunday**

**61 Feedback**

Renaissance: 10:00

A chance to tell us if things are going wrong.

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A look at some of the best of the current books and authors with recommendations for readers new to the genre.

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**64 How the embryo knows its arse from its elbow**

Baronial: 11:00

Just how does an embryo change from a ball of cells into a recognisable being?

Lucy Smithers

**65 Writing – writers groups**

Balcony: 11:00

How useful are they for new writers?

Wendy Bradley, Rae Streets, John Jarrold

**66 Art Auction**

Pavilion: 12:00

The first tranche of pictures and items from the art show.

The remainder will be sold on Monday.

**67 Retellings – Fairy story**

Renaissance: 12:00

A look at the use of Fairy Story in writing.

John Clute, Philip Pullman, Farah

**68 Pressing Ctrl, Alt, Delete on Zen**

Baronial: 13:00

or why the computers in SF are not like the ones in real life.

Bridget Wilkinson, John Dallman, Charlie Stross, Andrew Adams

**69 Retelling D'Artagnan**

Balcony: 13:00

Kari tells us all how the young Gascon has fared since Dumas.

Kari

**70 Philip Pullman**

Arena: 14:00

Philip Pullman interviewed.

Philip Pullman, Edward James

**71 Book Auction**

Baronial: 15:00

Brian Ameringen

**72 After Cyberpunk**

Renaissance: 15:00

A discussion of the life and death of cyberpunk and what new work may take over from it.

Martin Sketchley, Justina Robson, Ian McDonald, Farah

**73 Farscape – Weird, amazing, \*psychotic\*... and in technicolor**

Balcony: 15:00

Discussion of the TV series.

Christina Hansen, Liz Sourbut, David Stewart

**74 Awards**

Arena: 16:00

We present the BSFA, Phlosque, James White and Doc Weir awards.

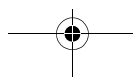
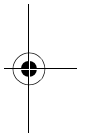
John Jarrold, SMS, James Bacon

**75 The golden age – will it ever be repeated?**

Balcony: 16:00

Will it ever be repeated, or have we left it behind?

John Clute, Peter Wareham, Ken Slater, Tony Ballantyne





#### **76 Body Painting workshop**

Empress Dressing: 16:00

Phil Bradley

#### **77 Filk Concert**

Arena: 17:00

More music—Mitchell Burnside Clapp headlines.

#### **78 Children's Masquerade**

Renaissance: 17:00

#### **79 Fanzines—Why not blog?**

Baronial: 17:00

Why commit to paper when you can blog instead

Chris O'Shea, Justina Robson, Cheryl Morgan

#### **80 The Eagle has landed**

Renaissance: 18:00

A look back at the Eagle comic—home of Dan Dare.

Gerry Webb, Peter Redfarn, Peter Weston, David Hardy

#### **81 What the Victorians did for SF**

Baronial: 17:00

A look at the fascination of the Victorian for modern writers.

Chris Priest, Philip Pullman, Marcus Rowland

#### **82 Magic realism—is it good SF**

Baronial: 19:00

Is magic realism the future of speculative fiction—or a cop out?

Janet Figg, Jeff VanderMeer, Simon Bradshaw

#### **83 Alternative religions**

Renaissance: 19:00

A discussion of some different belief systems.

Arthur Chappell Feroag NicBhríde Farah Jessica Rydill

#### **84 Tartan Restrung**

Pavilion: 20:00

A play by Dave Wake.

A cast of thousands

#### **85 Deadheads and Dorsai**

Renaissance: 20:00

From Allen Steele's space jacks listening to Dylan and the Dead, music often takes centre stage in SF.

Mitchell Burnside Clapp, Mike Copley, Paul Dormer, Martin Sketchley

#### **86 Firefly—hit, miss or maybe?**

Baronial: 21:00

A discussion of Joss Whedon's new work.

TJ Burnside Clapp, Martin Easterbrook, Phil Nansen

#### **87 Finnish history—my favourite feuds**

Baronial: 22:00

Throughout the history of fandom, there have been personality disagreements. We look at some of the classic feuds.

Peter Weston, Mark Plummer, Gerry Webb

#### **88 Realistic magic—oxymoron or necessity?**

Baronial: 23:00

Does the magic in fantasy have to make sense—or should it just be left as magic?

Miller Lau, Peter Wareham, Mike Copley, Jessica Rydill

#### **89 Sexual Call My Bluff**

Renaissance: 23:00

A look at some words and their meanings—adult content.

Bill Ray, Alicia Ray—quiz masters

#### **90 Late night filk**

Baronial: 24:00

Songs old and songs new.

Filkers

#### **91 Sprokette**

Renaissance: 24:00

SMS and Eira recruit sprokettes for tomorrow's Beyond Cyberdrome.

SMS, Eira

## **Monday**

#### **92 Art Auction 2**

Pavilion: 10:00

A second session of the Art Auction, if needed. Your last chance to buy art from the show.

#### **93 Beyond this Sceptred Isle—Across the pond**

Renaissance: 10:00

A look at writing from USA and Canada

Leigh Kennedy Priest, TJ Burnside Clapp, Jennifer Swift, Jeffrey Ford

#### **94 Looking Back—modern fantasy**

Balcony: 10:00

A look at some of the best fantasy books by current writers, with recommendations for readers new to the genre.

John Clute, Jeff VanderMeer, Ian MacLeod, Cheryl Morgan

#### **95 Mitchell Burnside Clapp**

Arena: 11:00

Our Guest of Honour talks about planes, spacecraft funding and filks.

Mitchell Burnside Clapp

#### **96 Beyond Cyberdrome**

Ballroom: 12:00

You will believe a robot can fly.

SMS, Eira

#### **97 Innocence and Experience—Blake's 7**

Renaissance: 12:00

Blake's 7 revisited.

Judith Proctor, Steve Rogerson, Eddie Cochrane

#### **98 The Art of illustration**

Pavilion: 13:00

How do you set about illustrating a book?

Sue Mason, Danny Flynn, David Hardy, Judith Clute

#### **99 Writing—Getting published**

Renaissance: 13:00

Advice from authors on how to make the jump from scribbler to dirty pro.

Deirdre Counihan, Liz Sourbut Simon Spanton

#### **100 Close**

Arena: 14:00

So long. Goodbye. It's time to say farewell

Jonjo, Chris O'Shea, Marcus Streets, Guests and Staff

#### **101 Head Massage / Reflexology workshop**

Diana: 14:00

A chance to relax

#### **102 Before the BSFA Awards**

Arena: 15:00

The three heat winners in a final showdown.

Marcus Streets TBA

#### **103 Eyre Affair**

Balcony: 15:00

A session for people who are interested in working over the next year on the "Eyre Affair" Richard III Project, as cast members or developers of the audience participation script.

Fran Dowd and friends

#### **104 Silly Games**

Ballroom: 16:00

The intelligence behind 'Aliens Ate My Handbag' and 'They Came And Shaved Us' entertains us with silly games.

James Bacon

#### **105 Final Filk**

Arena: 16:00

A final chance for the filkers to sing.



#### 106 Feedback with '05

Renaissance: 16:00

Your last chance to comment—with next year's committee on hand to listen and learn.

Fran Dowd, Marcus Streets, Jonjo, Chris O'Shea

#### 107 Dead Dog

Windsor Bar: 20:00 till late

## Workshops and Readings

### Chaos Costume

Empress Dressing Rooms

Your chance to complete a costume for the hall costume competition or children's masquerade.

Open 10-6 Friday to Sunday and 10-12 on Monday

### Cyberdrome Workshop

Empress Dressing Rooms

Your chance to build a robot for Beyond Cyberdrome

Open 10-6 Friday to Sunday and 10-12 on Monday

### Author Readings

Authors reading from their own works. See newsletters and posters for details and times

Daytime in the Diana Room.

