



The Port Authority

News at Interaction

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James Bacon hears the news that the police are cool about the Yafa explosives

Newsletter Teams

There are four Newsletter Teams bringing you The Port Authority. They can be identified by the colour of the newsletter and the name in the masthead.

Team Lilac is edited by John and Fran Dowd and has produced this issue.

Team Blue is led by Jan Van t'Ent and Zara Baxter.

Team Green has an American flavour with Mike Nelson as editor.

Team Yellow with Wilf James at the helm completes the list.

We hope that this will produce an interesting variety of flavours of newsletter with something for everyone.

Convention Guide Map Error

The map shows a rail link between Queen St and Central stations. Although it would be useful, no such link exists.

Best wishes

"I am so sorry not to be able to deliver this message in person, as I am truly grateful for all the support that I have received from fantasy fans over the years, and was thrilled to receive the Hugo in 2001. I hope you have a wonderful conference and an inspiring time in Scotland."

J. K. Rowling

Come Dancing

We're having a Ceilidh in the Hilton on Saturday night. If you've never been to a traditional Scottish Ceilidh, and would like to practice come to our class in Argyll-3 at 6 pm Thursday and learn a few steps.

Hang on to your stuff

Please do not leave any bags (back-packs, holdalls etc) lying unattended within the SECC concourse or halls. With the present situation this could cause alarm and your bags are liable to be removed.

If you see an unattended bag and asking within the immediate area does not identify an owner, please speak to a member of convention operations or an SECC staff member.

Pagan Social Moot Tonight!

Glasgow has a thriving pagan community, and tonight pagans who have come to WorldCon are welcome to join some of us this evening for a relaxed social gathering with members of the local moots. This is an opportunity to talk to pagans you'd otherwise never get the chance to meet. All pagans, whatever their tradition, are welcome to

join us, whether for the whole evening or only a part of it.

This informal gathering will take place in the Quarter Deck Bar of the Moat House (outside the Con space so local pagans who aren't Con members can join us) from 6:30pm onwards.

If you want any further information, ask DC or Jean (often to be found at the Info Desk).

Gamerz Premiere update

Gamerz is a new full length comedy movie from Scotland – an engaging love triangle with a strong twist of fantasy. The premiere of the movie will take place at 8 pm this evening in the Lomond Suite. We have 310 tickets to give away to members, for both the film and the preceding reception which will be held in the SECC Concourse from 6.30. This is your chance to come along and join the cast, crew and press for this event, and enjoy a free drink and entertainment!

Tickets will be given out first come, first served from the Information Desk in the Departure Lounge (SECC Hall 2) from 3 pm. We will also be showing the film again later in the weekend for those who cannot get in to the premiere.

If you need to talk

We are told that the best deal in town for a mobile phone is a Motorola C115 from Carphone Warehouse with service by T-Mobile. Total price is £19.99 which includes £10 of call credit. However, ask the salesman about Mate's Rates which allows cheap calls to other T-Mobile numbers.

Party On

During the evening parties at the Hilton, the Hilton will be selling real ale. The Foyer bar will be opening at 7:30 pm on Thursday night. There will be a variety of beers on tap and in bottles. The Hilton will also be running some special sales of their beer and some other drinks as well, so take advantage of it.

The bar will also be open until 3:00 am on the Interaction party nights (Thursday - Sunday).

One very important reminder: Any food or drink that is given out by parties must stay on the 1st and 2nd floors. It cannot be taken down to the lobby level. Food or drink purchased from the Hilton may be taken anywhere within the hotel.

WSFS Business Deadline

The deadline for submitting new proposals for this year's WSFS Business Meeting is 18:00 Thursday. To submit a proposal, bring 200 copies of the proposal (including an original signed by at least two members of Interaction) to Con Ops and ask them to put it in Pat McMurray's mailbox, or give the copies to Pat McMurray in person, before the deadline.

The Preliminary WSFS Business Meeting will be 10:00 in the Forth Room (Armadillo). Every member of the World con may attend, debate, and vote on changes to the WSFS Constitution. Tea and coffee will be provided thanks to a grant from No-reascon 4/MCFI in memory of long-serving WSFS Secretary George Flynn.

Restaurants closed

The Crème de la Crème and the Havana (no. 48 in the Convention Guide) are now closed.

First food of the day

Many of Interaction's hotels offered both Room Only (RO) and Bed & Breakfast (B&B) options. If you selected the RO option, ate breakfast in the hotel restaurant, and were asked for either simply your room number or signature, you will be charged the hotel's regular price for breakfast (which can be quite high).

The difference between the RO rate and the B&B rate is usually less than or equal to the cost of two breakfasts. If you selected the RO option and would like to convert to the B&B rate, please check with the front desk of your hotel to see if they have offer a B&B option.

The Hilton was one of the hotels that did not offer a B&B option. They plan to offer a special £9.50 breakfast during Interaction.

Thai Siam Restaurant

Two recommendations for the Thai Siam (ConVention Guide page 115) at 1191 Argyle Street: Nice décor, tasty food, friendly service. Most of the dishes are on the mild side [unless you ask]. Recommendation for spice addicts: try the larb. Good vegetarian options too.

Not Out of (Good) Beer Yet

On Wednesday night many pints of real ale were poured at the fan room in the Moat House. One cask was completely emptied, leaving seventeen to go. This was not bad for an initial effort, but fans should know that Kelburn Brewing will make additional deliveries during the convention.

Alison Scott tells us that the Fan Room has custody of the

real ale and has programming related to fandom. The Fan Room is in the Moat House and is only a 30 second walk from the SECC if you know the secret passage.



How To Kafeeklatsch

A chance to meet your favourite author, but you have to follow some simple rules.

You must sign up in advance. Go to the information desk in Hall 2 ("H" on page 9 of the book). You have to do this in person, not by proxy. Sign up sheets open 24 hours ahead of the corresponding klatsch, and stay open until it has nine names or one hour before.

There's a list of klatsches in the introduction page for each day -- pages 29, 41, 59, 77 and 93.

If your favourite author is full, why not choose a new favourite?

Full o' beans

The newsletter team have been given a bag of coffee beans and a grinder. If anyone has the kit to turn this into drinkable coffee many people with a serious caffeine habit will be very happy.