



THE PORT AUTHORITY

NEWS AT INTERACTION

EDITORIAL TEAM: LILAC

DATELINE: 18:00 FRIDAY

Credit Card Charges

Large credit card bills may be charged in dollars. This can be expensive as there will have been a conversion to pounds. The merchant may have used a poorer exchange rate than your credit card company will provide. You can save money by insisting that the merchant charges in pounds. At least two hotels have charged Americans in dollars already. The staff seem unaware of the problem, but can void the transaction and re do it in sterling.

Late Night Programming Vanishes from Grid

You need to know that all our late night programming in the Moat House (after 10pm) doesn't appear on the grid. It's in the lists of descriptions and will be going ahead. Most of it is "rather silly".

Macmillan Draw

There is a daily prize draw at the Macmillan Cancer Relief stand in Hall 2. For £1 you have the chance of winning framed pictures of the Doctor Who companions: Leela, Romana, Tegan Jovanka and Victoria Waterfield. There are also framed pictures of Westmore Alien Bill Blair and Star Trek Enterprise Sub Commander T'Pol (Jolene Blalock). Other prizes are: a fully signed script of Star Trek Nemesis; a Time Machine Script signed by Jeremy Irons and Guy Pierce; and signed first editions of The Twilight Zone scripts volumes 1 and 2. The winner of Thursday's draw is Annette Graham. Larry van der Putte, drew the winning ticket.

Queer fans meet

Queer fan meetup Saturday 15:30 until 17:00 in the Castle Suite entrance hall (left side of the fan bar, Moat House). All LGBTQ fans welcome.

YAFA

I am obviously too old. The YAFA (Young Adult Fan Activities) programme looks like it is great fun. Just today I watched a gang of teenagers (without hoodies) pour paint over someone being spun round in a boiler suit. Jackson Pollock eat your heart out. Emma and Simone put various things in a microwave which the manual tells you not to. The audience sat behind a sheet of safety glass and wore safety goggles to highlight the seriousness of the scientific demonstration. I'll be there later on fighting the kids for access to the crate of Lego. - *Alex Mc*

If you smoke and party you need to know

Starting with Friday night's parties on the Hilton's 3rd level, the entire Grand Ballroom foyer, including the Bar area, will be non-smoking. Smoking will be permitted in the area of the 3rd level that overlooks the Hilton's Main Lobby.

Big Kids in YAFA

The organisers of YAFA would like to remind all members of the convention that they are welcome in YAFA, but it is a programme for young people. Adults and large people should **sit at the back** and allow smaller younger people to see and take part in what is designed as their programme.



Hugo recipient announced

In recognition for his work as Chairman of Conspiracy the 1987 Worldcon, Paul Oldroyd was presented with a replica Hugo. The presentation was made by current co-chair Vince Docherty at last night's 5 - Timer party. Paul was reported as being pleased to receive it.

Honeymooners

Did you honeymoon at Worldcon? Are you? Will you? If so, you are cordially invited to the Honeymooners party, Room 903 Hilton. Usually lowkey, please be considerate of other hotel guests as you arrive and leave. Runs 9 - midnight

Missing zeitgeist

Fandom can't find its zeitgeist. If you have it please bring it to Argyll 3 in the Moat House for 11:00 tomorrow.

Souvenir Artwork

Spaceport Glasgow, the Jim Burns artwork for the souvenir book and the membership badges, is available as a limited edition signed print from the print shop in the art show for £75 rolled or £90 framed.

Party report

Thursday

No of parties attended: seven (vg, as quiet night for parties)



No of cigarettes smoked: approx ten (vg that smoking is allowed in the corridors)

No of units alcohol drunk: quite a lot (may possibly have been slightly squiffy)

No of ribbons acquired: four (acceptable, although am unsure where Evil Smof came from and *why*)

No of stickers acquired: two (v bad. Clearly unacceptable level of sticker provision on part of party organisers)

Started evening with quick visit to Ceilidh. Was impressed by the number of people taking part, particularly as the caller was apparently not used to beginners, and so didn't actually do any calling once the music had started. Declined to dance on the grounds of stilettos.

Visited (SFCD) Germany party. Had a pretzel. Bar had huge scrum around it. Attempted to lose the Strange Man following me around the room. Looked at Perry Rhodan poster but failed to be able to read it due to language incompatibility, i.e. it was in Foreign.

Visited Denver In 2008 party. Got sticker, grapes and glass of wine. Felt much better.

Went to DC In 2011 party. Had a corn chip thing. Bar only had bourbon. No stickers.

Went to Tolkien Society party. Cute little apple pies had sadly all gone; considered slice of cake but did not want to appear messy or otherwise undignified,

and so declined. Had cider-with-rats-in: v tasty. Still no stickers.

Remembered that I had Party Host ribbons to hand out, and so went back to Germany, where bar was now visible, revealing lots of beer and Strange Man. Popped into Denver long enough to hand over ribbon.

Went back to DC and was handed bourbon, of a variety that was far less nasty than usual but still revolting on the grounds of made of grain. Had English wine at Tolkien party: surprisingly un-revolting.

Went into UK 5 party. All parties v hot by this point; may have to reconsider wardrobe for rest of con, ie, wear less. Found gin. All well in world, although still sad re: lack of stickers.

Went to Brotherhood Without Banners pre-party party. Nice man provided more gin. At some point, drank all gin in UK 5 party and all tonic in BWB, a problem requiring lateral thinking.

Popped into Qanonreip party: vg, and had both gin and tonic, as well as tasty nibbles. They had run out of stickers by the time I got there: v sad.

Was persuaded to give Germany one last try by Tame Man who wanted beer. Presence of Tame Man seemed to prevent Strange Man from appearing: vg, but Tame Man v disappointed that beer was American, not German.

At some point, teleported back to Fan Room and sat on Liam's lap until telephone call from Dr Plokta suggested that perhaps it was time for bed. Would like to categorically deny having

ever fallen off my stilettos, but find that memory is unaccountably fuzzy, and so am unable to do so.

Hugo and JW Campbell award Presenters

Please make sure you have picked up your ceremony packs from the Hall 1 programme participants check in.

Priority seating raffle winners:

The following lucky people have worked for the convention and have won the seat raffle for "Lucas back in anger" **tonight** They should check in with the door staff.

N Cenke Gokce x 2
Leo Brabaant x 2
Anders Holmstrom x 2
Neil Sluman x 2
Judy Newton x 2

back up:

Kirk Masubuchi A 259
Madelein Tyrell A 2928

Lost ring

A silver band with green inlays of great sentimental value has been lost. If found please contact Becky Thomson at the Moat House Room 1472.

Space Cadets!

Please visit the L.A.con IV table in hall 2 and pick up your new patch. We'll be there thru 3 pm on Monday.

Or join us at our joint L.A.con IV / Nipon 07 party in ballroom 1 on Friday night after 9.00pm.

Afore Ye Go

The Cook's Room Restaurant (p.116 con guide) is no longer in business: a fact discovered after a long walk, reminding us that it's a good idea to phone first.

Antoniou's nearby served an excellent Greek meal. Their Meze assortment was more than we could eat at £15 per person.