



THE PIGEON POST

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Unaccompanied Children

Remember that children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult at all times. You should always be in the same Hall or Room as your child, and they should know where you are at all times: if ExCeL find an unaccompanied child who can't locate his or her parents immediately, they *will* call the police.

If you'd like something to occupy small children, pick up a Parker Pigeon colouring-in pack from the Exhibits Desk.

Photo Opportunity

The Events team is looking for photos of the convention that are suitable for possible use in the introductions to the Hugo Awards and Closing Ceremony. If you've taken a particularly good shot, please email it to events-photos@loncon3.org in a format suitable for inserting into Powerpoint. Emails have to be under 5MB each: please just send your best pictures!

ISS Passes Over Loncon

The International Space Station will be particularly visible tonight, at 9:30pm, weather permitting.

Stroll With The Stars

Meet at 9am on Saturday morning, in front of the Aloft, to Stroll with Robin Hobb, John Chu, Scott Edelman, Bill Fawcett, Thomas Olde Heuvelt, Jody Lynn Nye, Jeff Vandermeer and Ann Vandermeer, all led by Edward James.

Tourist Tips

The Natural History Museum has a spectacular climbing frame shaped exactly like a dinosaur skeleton. See how quickly your five-year-old can get to the top!

The Vorpall Blade Went Snicker-Snack!

The Jabberwocky music festival, which was to be at the west end of ExCeL tonight and tomorrow, has been cancelled: the Boulevard will stay open as usual, not be closed off part-way.

Programme Updates.

Two items in the BIS programme stream have changed. At 6pm, we now have *BIS: Worldships 1 - Living in Worldships* with Richard Osborne and Rachel Armstrong. At 7pm, it's *BIS: Colonisation of Space 2 - Growing into interstellar civilisation*, with Richard Osborne and Stephen Ashworth. *BIS: Freedom on the Moon*, with Stephen Baxter, is at 7:30pm (all in CS14).

Know Your Foxes

Obviously, the best place to enjoy a beverage is the Fan Village, but those of you going to publishers' events might find themselves being directed to a Fox Bar. If so, be careful: there are two Fox bars, one at either end of ExCeL. The Fox@Excel is just outside the west end of the convention centre, The Fox@Connaught is to the east, just past the Ramada. Take time to make a note of which one you want: it could save you a half-mile walk!

Tolkien Day

Yesterday's Tolkien programme stream was very well attended, and well received, even at 10am on the first day of the convention. Panels discussed the impact of the Peter Jackson films and the changes made during the adaptation, the debt that genre authors owe to Tolkien, and a presentation from David Brawn, who handles Tolkien for Harper Collins.

A Convocation of Eagles

On 14 April 1950, a new comic was born and Dan Dare embarked upon his illustrious career. Porcupine books, stand C in the Dealers' Zone, has an almost complete run of Eagles from issue 1 to 1960.

Ribbons

If this is your first Worldcon, please head over to the Info Desk and collect your special first-time attendee ribbon.

1939 Retro Hugo Awards

Last night's Retro Hugo awards were a unique event, featuring musical interludes from the Brideshead Ballroom Stompers.

Presenters Mary Robinette Kowal and Robert Shearman welcomed us to 1939, and Radio LNCN3 was live on air to entertain us.

Remember, always choose *Cold Be Gone* to deal with all your con-crud needs!

Fit Git

Send us your step counts, let's see who gets the highest score!

MIT Alumni

There will be an informal gathering of MIT alumni in the Fan Village bar, near the Literary Beer area, on Friday for an hour from from 6pm #mitalumni at #loncon3

Eastercon

Dysprosium, the 2015 Eastercon, will be Jim Butcher's first European convention appearance. To celebrate (and convince you to buy a membership) they're having a party in the Fan Village tonight.

Chesley Awards

The presentation of the Chesley Awards for achievement in science fiction and fantasy art will take place this evening from 7pm in the Art Show, followed by an open reception where you can take a look at the amazing work in the Art Show.

Parties

In the Fan Village this evening, we have parties from **DC in 2017, Scandinavian fandom, Nippon in 2017, Beijing in 2016 and KC in 2016.**

We're also welcoming **Brotherhood Without Banners** and **Dysprosium** (the 2015 Eastercon) into the Village. Our Welcome Party will be in the Fanac Tent from 9pm. At 9pm in the bar, please raise a glass in memory of Harry Harrison.

Parties will stop serving at 2am, and throw you out at 2:30am. The last DLR into London is at 00:42am.

If you're taking a taxi to your hotel, remember that only black cabs can take un-booked jobs on the street or on the rank outside ExCeL: an unbooked mini-cab is just a stranger's car.

Language Lessons: Finnish

There are a number of Worldcon bids coming up from non-English-speaking countries. We recommend that you start practicing now for your trips, so we've asked the bids to provide us with some useful phrases to use around their convention. You can even practice on the bid staff during Loncon.

My hovercraft is full of eels — Ilmatyynyalukseni on täynnä ankeriaita

The truth is out there — Totuus on tuolla ulkona

It's a trap! — Se on ansa!

One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.

Yksi sormus löytää heidät, se yksi heitä hallitsee,
se yksi heidät yöhön syöksee ja pimeyteen kahlitsee
maassa Mordorin joka varjojen saartama on.

I've seen things you people wouldn't believe.

Attack ships on fire off the shoulder of Orion.

I watched c-beams glitter in the dark near the Tannhäuser Gate.

All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain.

Time... to die.

Olen nähnyt asioita, joita te ihmiset ette uskoisi.

Hyökkäysaluksia tulessa Orionin edustalla.

Olen katsellut c-säteiden kimaltelua pimeässä lähellä

Tannhäuser-porttia.

Kaikki nuo hetket katoavat aikanaan kuin kyneleet sateeseen.

Aika... kuolla.

The Helsinki team also has some language lessons online: youtu.be/emQI9X7JH6I and youtu.be/fXSLJcIVWJY.

Fannish Traditions

Young ladies should beware of men offering to show them their astral pole. Often mistaken for a set of physical exercises utilising a broomstick, this is actually fan code for sexual availability.

Instead, suggest a quick game of Fizz Buzz.

Prize Winners

The winners of yesterday's DC17 *Truth is Stranger Than Science Fiction* contest, sponsored by the Destination DC Convention Bureau, are Mick Taylor, Alaina Evans and Lauren Bohaczuk. Please go to the DC17 tent to pick up your prizes. DDC will be hosting their contest again

during tonight's *A Night at the Smithsonian Museum: Air & Space* party.

Restaurant Review

The Masala Deck, Bar & Restaurant, by the Novotel (telephone 020 7476 2852) is a "traditional English" Indian restaurant with a wide, unadventurous menu. Halal, caters well for vegetarians, if you are vegan/lactose intolerant remember to ask for no butter; also tested by GF diner, no problems. The food was good but on Tuesday night they were chronically understaffed and it was two hours to the main course. Two courses, £25.

—Farah Mendlesohn

This issue was produced by Flick, with help from Jan van't Ent and Alison Scott. Masthead by Jeanne Gomoll. Today it's the Feast of the Dormition, commemorating the falling asleep and later rebirth of the God-bearer. I don't *think* that's from a GRRM novel, but I could be wrong.