



Happy Easter!

Your Editrix is this morning unbearably perky and in an infuriatingly good mood. People have been asking her who she is and what she's done with Abi. This morning's music has been her overly chirpy singing, much to John's distress.

Sunday Programme Changes

- **Interplanetary Runabout Design Workshop 2** is in Elizabeth at 17:00.
- **Solar Systems For Kids Workshop** has moved from George to Edward.

Monday Programme Changes

Tai Chi is at 09:30 in George and Elizabeth. This is half an hour earlier so that they get the two rooms joined into one.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who organised, took part in, and attended the interdenominational Easter Service this morning. It was an exhilarating start to the day.

- Marion Pitman

Thanks Again

Many Thanks to the three lovely ladies who attended my "Tongue-Twisters and Limericks" programme item. I enjoyed their company.

- Mic Rogers

Yours is a pint

We're still not selling enough beer, you know. Come on, everyone – you're letting the side down! It is a bit chilly in there but that's good for the beer and there are lots of much warmer places that you could then take your pint to...

Interweb Thingy

PDF versions of this newsletter will be available online – but due to technical constraints we are not promising how quickly that will be. Links will be on eastercon.com and orbital2008.org. If you are interested in helping out with eastercon.com please contact The Magician sometime after the con when he is more relaxed.

Party!

Anticipation, The Montreal Worldcon in 2009, invites you to attend a party this evening in the Belvedere Room at 22:00. Interesting drinks brought from Canada will be available.

OVERHEARD

When asked on a panel what her PhD education did for her, (Dr) Liz Williams replied, "It means people phone me back quickly as they think I'm their GP."

The **TWP PARTY** will be this afternoon at 16:00 in either Aintree or Kempton, which are right next to each other – it'll be easy to tell!

PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Persephone Hazard, Chief Organisatrix, has been faffing about sorting out interviews and skiving-off delegating all the typing. **Alex Mc** has been typing things up and being generally helpful, and **Jan van't Ent** has been wrangling with all this complicated technology that I don't understand like, you know, printers. **John Coxon** is still doing exactly what Seph tells him to, and has edited a bit, too. **ZoeP** very kindly came along and did some proofreading, as the rest of the team are exhausted after staying up till three last night to get the Masquerade issue out, and **Fran Dowd** also provided a helping hand. Seph now owes Fran her soul.

Paul Crowley has lost his rucksack, which is black and silver with an image of the Rosetta Stone on the front. If found, could you please hand it into Ops. Thank you!

Speaking of Ops, they still have some other lost property – please check in to see if they've got yours.

The Great Exhibition Needs Exhibits

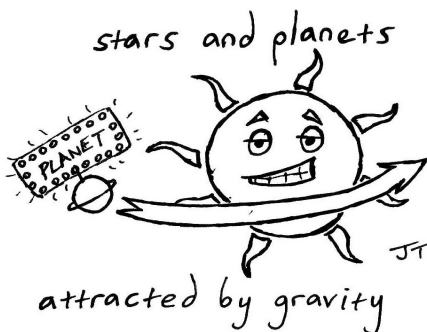
Convention attendees are politely invited to bring any curiosities they have encountered or obtained in their travels to the Great Exhibition, in Newbury 1 on Monday. Exhibits may be three dimensional or conceptual. All that we ask is that they are awesome and allow an insight into a hitherto unimagined universe. Exhibits may, in the intervening time, also be dropped off at 'SCRAP' Workshop in Kempton. God save Mr Tesla!

Gophers

Remember your friendly, hard-working gophers. They are part of a team, and as a team they and their team leader know what the overall picture is at any given time. Thus, they may occasionally ask you to do something that seems irrational or annoying to you. Please believe us when we say that there is nearly always a very good reason for the request. Be nice to our gophers. Please do not argue with them. Do not shout at them. Do not tease them. Smile at them. Feed them chocolate. Happy gophers make for an efficient, well-run convention.



- The Committee



Doc Weir

Vote for the Doc Weir Award; vote for someone you think deserves it; don't forget - drop off the ballot in the box at registration. Remember, voting closes by noon on Monday.

Odyssey 2010

There will be another non-Euclidean Eastercon! The bid session for the 2010 Eastercon was fairly short, there only being one bid, and was voted for by most present; Rita Medany will chair it, with help from a provisional core committee consisting of Judith Proctor and Fiona Scarlett, and the venue will be ...here! The hotel offered about

the same deal, and while there was a question about temperatures (Judith is already on that for this con, and things are improving) the good news is that the hotel will be upgrading the air conditioning. The Guests of Honour are Alastair Reynolds, Liz Williams and Mike Carey, and the Fan Guests of Honour will be Fran and John Dowd, both well-known for being involved with Eastercon committees over the years. Join Odyssey now, only £35 at the registration desk, not the dealer's room, or visit odyssey2010.org.

- Jan van't Ent

STOP PRESS!

- The Committee and Orbital members would like to send their best wishes to Misha, our chief judge (Gopher). A get well card will be available for people to sign in the Ops room.

- Reports are coming in that it has been declared by Polo Bar staff that the football will not be turned off on the fans' request. Fans who dislike this may want to **drink more real ale** instead by going to the real ale bar and taking their drinks over to the Atrium. Remember that the Polo Bar is for the general public and so the usual policies will apply over there - don't take it out on the hotel staff.

- If you took photos of the Opening Ceremony please take them to the Photo Wall. If it is unmanned, try the Newsletter office.

- Your last chance to vote for your 'favourite cute fantasy artwork with significance' is coming up - it's the Phlosque award. SMS says the smart money is on Margaret Walty.

- Authors, artists, anyone who wants to make a contribution to the Match It For Pratchett website, can contact Fran Dowd at the convention or by email at **fran at matchitforpratchett dot org**.

- If you didn't receive your Souvenir Book from Contemplation, there are some spares on the LX desk in the Dealer's Room.

- Your Emergency Contributor can highly recommend hanging out in the Zen Room in the Spa, drinking camomile tea and eating chocolate. You have to take your own chocolate. Bah.

- Do not eat wasabi peanuts and rub your eyes while watching subtitled movies.