



THE PIGEON POST

Issue 1: Thursday daytime

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Thank you!

Loncon 3 has been a great convention and we want to thank everyone who has attended this weekend, everyone who has volunteered, and all those hardworking people who have spent the last six years making it happen.

A special thanks to our wonderful guests, John Clute, Malcolm Edwards, Chris Foss, Jeanne Gommoll, Robin Hobb, and Bryan Talbot.

We wish Iain M Banks could have been here, and all miss him.

—*The Chairs*

Art Show pick-ups

Please remember to pick up purchased artwork. If you are an artist, remove your unsold work before 1pm. Artist Showcases can be collected from the table outside N11 after Exhibits closes.

Dave Kyle says Hi!

Dave Kyle has attended *all* previous Worldcons, including both previous Loncons. Unfortunately, his doctor felt the journey would be too much for him this year. In response to those who've sent him messages, Dave said: "This is a Worldcon historical moment for me—being so far away from where I should be! Thank you for the greeting and 'hello' back to you all!"

New Worldcon Bid

The Paris in 2023 bid has now officially launched. Please visit their table in the Fan Village or go to parisin2023.org for more information.

Sunday Night Party Report

Do the Finns (Archipelacon) ever get sleep? I am glad they were partying still, but I think it just might make me break down and weep if I had to pick up their bar bill. It's the same in DC, Montreal is the same. They just seem to keep going with glee, but if I were engaged in a similar game I'd be dead by the end of day three. I had hoped to find Kansas still plying their trade with their pork and their five kinds of goo. When I looked at their tent I was briefly dismayed to discover a substitute crew, but it seems MidAmeriCon II's the same tent who last night were just running a bid, and their ribs and their wings and their cider were meant to thank voters for all that we did. I'd heard that some group in a nearby room (small) had been trying to get us to sing but I skipped all that nonsense and stayed in the hall. Karaoke's not really my thing. The Croatians had built us a beach to enjoy, with schnapps and liqueurs we could taste which had tickled my tastebuds but helped to destroy a few brain cells I fear I can't waste, but the Japanese tent, with their sake and sweets and wasabi-tinged crisps and the rest, makes me hope that the Nippon bid easily beats all the others and comes out the best.

See History On Us

If you plan to do some sightseeing after the con, Historic Royal Places (hrp.org.uk) have a discount for attendees

who show their Loncon 3 badge. The discount is group rate for an individual entry, and is available up to and including 20 August:

- ♦ **Tower of London** (Tube: Tower Hill. DLR: Tower Gateway)
- ♦ **Banqueting Hall (Whitehall)** (Tube: Westminster)
- ♦ **Kensington Palace** (Tube: Kensington High St)
- ♦ **Hampton Court Palace** (DLR to Canning Town, then Jubilee Tube to Waterloo, then NR (South West Trains) train to Hampton Court. It takes about an hour. Sit on the right hand side to see Battersea Power Station.

Sound Effect Contest

Can you imagine the sound of travelling through time? Is it like flying in a plane? Or more of a dreamy, zero-gravity ambient sound? Could you create it? Angel Media Productions CIC, a nonprofit social enterprise discovering and developing diverse talent in media and music, need the sound effect for our audio book of 'Danny and the Codebreaker' by Paul Morris. The book is about a boy who travels back in time to meet Alan Turing after he dials '15798' on his mobile phone and hears "a faint high-pitched whine, far off but coming nearer". We'll use the best sound effect in the audio book and you could also win a prize and royalties from the sale of the audio book. Get more information, or submit a sound file, by emailing pwontheradio@gmail.com.

Recycling, Fannish

Next year's Eastercon wants your lanyard (please) to re-use at the convention. Once you are finished with your lanyard, take it to the Dysprosium table in the Fan Village (by the entrance) or find one of the committee. They need around 1,300. Thank you!

Kansas City Dispatch

Did you know that Missouri can pronounced multiple ways? "Missouree" or "Missouruh" or if you're Native American, Mih-SOO-rih. All from the word "ouemessourita" which means "One who has a canoe" or "You can't take the sky from me"—scholars are still debating.

Nearest Coin Laundry

For the benefit of fans who are in the middle of a long trip, needing to do laundry and not wanting to face hotel laundry prices, there is a coin-operated laundry at 47 Freemasons Road, just north of ExCel. To get there, cross over the DLR tracks at Custom House station (west end of ExCel), then head east: Freemasons Road is the first street to the left, and Custom Cleaning Services will be on the left just past Coolfin Road. Freemasons Road has a pharmacy and several small restaurants, plus a discount store that stocks sundries such as

batteries cheaper than the shops near and in ExCel.

FitGit

The highest score we've received is Tommy Waring's 23,678 steps. Which, curiously, equals the total number of pints drunk at the con so far...

WORLDCONWOCKY:

'Twas Worldcon, and the myriad fans
Did queue up at the eastern gate:
All whimsy were the Beeblebears,
And the panting people late.
"Beware the Dealers' Room, my son!
The signed editions, that rare first catch!
Beware the TV tie-in, and shum
The frumious Cumberbatch!"
He took his credit card in hand:
Long time the *Game of Thrones* he sought—
So rested he by the Fan Lounge tree,
And stood awhile in thought.
And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The bar was calling out his name,
The bid parties with beer and food,
Were also saying the same.
One, two! One, two! And through and through
The credit card went clicky-clack!
He found those purchases were true
And filled his luggage sack.
"And, has thou slain the bank account?
Come to my arms, my poor skint boy!"
My Worldcon purchases in large amount
He chortled in his joy.
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Did queue up at the eastern gate:
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And the panting people late.

—Alasdair Hepburn

Mensa Dinner

There will be a Mensa dinner at 7:30pm, at 07 Zero Sette Italian Restaurant. All are welcome!

Dead Dog

Remember the post-con party is in the Fan Village tonight!

Membership stats

At the end of yesterday, Loncon 3 had 10,762 total registrations and 7,439 warm bodies, made up of:

	Full Memberships				Day Memberships and Hall Passes	Exhibits	Programme and Events	Warm Bodies
	Adult	YA	Child	Infant				
Thursday	4,206	347	155	43	224	275	N/A	5,250
Friday	4,689	393	172	52	606	293	N/A	6,222
Saturday	4,814	400	181	55	1,080	305	198	7,033
Sunday	4,831	401	183	55	1,445	315	209	7,439

Totals are cumulative, but don't include Sunday walk-ins. Guest of Honour, Guest and Comp memberships are included in Adult.

This issue was produced by Zara Baxter, with help from Jan van 't Ent and Flick. Masthead by Jeanne Gomoll. Today is the start of Cỗ Trách, which celebrates Trần Hưng Đạo. How many Mongol invasions have you held off this weekend?.