



# Waggle Dance

Issue 2: Saturday midday

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## From the Chair

Please keep the walkway and cross bridges outside Deansgate tidy and clear of obstructions to avoid access issues.

People are also having problems going to and from the lifts through the bar, and we'd be grateful if you could leave a clear passage.

As you may have noticed, the programme rooms are very busy. To make it fair for everyone, one person can only occupy one seat and not save empty seats for other people. Please listen to the stewards if they tell you that an item is full.

Speaking of which, we do need more gophers. If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two, please come to the gopher lounge on Level 1.

## From the Feedback Session

We're experiencing a few teething problems.

The committee are going to talk to the hotel about trying to open up the fire escape stairs so you don't have to wait 20 minutes to go down one floor. In the meantime, note that the lifts and corridors are very busy between items and plan your travel accordingly.

Also, please be sensible using the lifts: if the overweight buzzer sounds when you get in, it's not going to move until you get out.

The committee have spoken to the hotel about the con food regular (non-brioche) burger buns will now be available at the convention food points if you ask. Non-brioche buns are vegan, brioche buns aren't. Sandwiches and chocolate will be available at the downstairs bar as well as upstairs. If you have food complaints, please talk to the hotel at the time so they can help right away.

Paper versions of the convention menu will be available at all food points: if you can't see one, please ask.

Paper towels and bins will be put into the disabled loos as has been requested.

## Upstairs, Downstairs

The Newsletter team are sometimes in the downstairs bar under the sign of the Moose. There's a box for submissions in Ops, please use it or send email to [dancewaggle@gmail.com](mailto:dancewaggle@gmail.com)

## Manchester. Rain. No Surprise

The Met Office is currently forecasting that Storm Katie

is going to hit southwest England and Wales in the early hours of Monday morning with gusts of up to 65 mph. Aren't you glad you're in the northwest where it just rains all the time? However, be aware of possible travel disruption on your journey home.

## Wi-Fi Issues

The password for the wi-fi is still guest2016. Don't use it all at once, they aren't making it any more.

## Buy All The Stuff

The Fan Fund Auction at 4pm on Sunday in Room 8&9 includes a number of choice items including:

- ♦ Fishlifter Stout brewed by Seattle fans and donated by the Fishlifters;
- ♦ Real Morporkian chocolate donated by Malcolm Hutchison.

## Tech Questions

Tech would like would to apologise for the unscheduled creative lighting differences. It won't happen again.

## Apology

We are sorry for referring to the lift buzzer as 'overweight'. It wants us to know that it's just big-boned.

## Restaurant Reviews

### Home Sweet Home

235 Deansgate

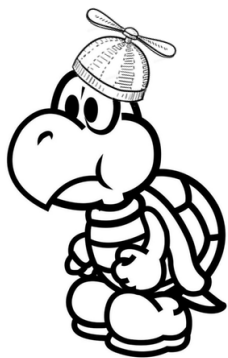
If you head up Deansgate to the Great Northern Square, alongside the trendy-looking bar/restaurants is one that stands out from the crowd. Home Sweet Home does what only can be described as "American Comfort Food", playing with sweet/savoury combinations. Chicken and Waffles was a wonderful combo of chicken, bacon, waffles and pepper sauce with maple syrup, while the fish tacos were light but not skimpy. The kids menu offered interesting things for a fiver and we left stuffed but impressed at a cost of around £45 for three. Not what we would call allergy friendly. Fans leery of vegetables will be in heaven.

### Indian Tiffin Room

1 First Street M15 4RL

Very nice street food, curry.

## KoopaCon



**A bid to hold the  
2017 Eastercon  
In the Kuiper Belt**

### Hunan Restaurant

1st floor, 19-21 George Street

[www.hunanrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.hunanrestaurant.co.uk)

Chinatown is about 15 minutes walk from the hotel and it's full of interesting restaurants. The Hunan was superb, but this isn't your common or garden Cantonese. They'll cook standard restaurant food if you insist, but this is a place where you'll want to eat *a la carte*. Don't go for the banquet or the Cantonese section. They specialise in the Xiang food of Hunan province. This has a lot of chili in it, vegetarian dishes, smoked bacon and tofu, garlic and hot pots. The restaurant is very friendly and was happy to make dishes with less chili for those of us with a low tolerance. We can recommend: mixed preserved duck egg & beancurd, stir fried aubergine with string beans. If you really want to go off-piste, they have a vast array of offal dishes including more sorts of spicy tripe than you would think possible.

Chinese food will never be the same again.

### Evuna

277 Deansgate

The Evuna tapas bar, just a couple of minutes along this side of Deansgate. Very good tapas, with a lunchtime offer of three for £9.99.

[NB: Evuna are fully booked tonight—Ed]

## Programme Changes

The San Jose in 2018 Worldcon bid will be holding a party in the Convention bar this evening from 9:30pm. Go and ask them about their bid and they'll reward you with a groat!

*An Adventure in Time and Space: 53 Years in 53 Rels* will be starting at 9pm, not 8:30pm, this evening in Deansgate 2&3.

The kaffeeklatsch with Sebastien de Castell will take place this evening at 8:30pm, not 8pm as originally listed.

Disco Surprise! There will be a surprise disco on Saturday night from 10pm in Deansgate 2&3, DJ'ed by the lovely Jo Playford.

Sadly, the showing of *Adventurados* at 8:30pm on Saturday has been cancelled. Instead, as a tribute to the late Alan Rickman, we'll be showing *Galaxy Quest* at the planned time.

### Ocean Treasure

Watson Street M3 4LP

(Chinese/Thai/Vietnam) good on seafood, veggie.

### And Finally

Amazing Bee Facts! Male bees develop from unfertilised eggs, meaning they only have one parent. So their family tree is the Fibonacci sequence.