



Waggle Dance

Issue 4: Sunday afternoon

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BSFA Awards

The BSFA awards were announced last night, as follows:

Best Art Work: Jim Burns, *Pelquin's Comet*.

Best Non-Fiction: Adam Roberts, *Rave and Let Die: the SF and Fantasy of 2014*.

Best Short Story: Aliette de Bodard, "Thirty Cups of Grief, by Starlight".

Best Novel: Aliette de Bodard, *House of Shattered Wings*.

There were 145 votes cast.

Restaurant Reviews

Bollywood Masala

15 Liverpool Road

We recommend the Bollywood Masala restaurant, almost opposite the hotel up Liverpool Road. Good inventive Indian cuisine—filling too.

—Ramsey Campbell

Seconded: nice portions, good quality, great price; chicken jalfrezi was well-cooked soft meat in a wonderful curry; fish garahi was very well done too; and for everything, including drinks, we paid less than £15.

—Nesa Sivagnanam

Ox and Noble

71 Liverpool Road

This pub (almost opposite the Science Museum) serves a

traditional English roast lunch, all day. The steak and ale pie was very rich, well-cooked, and came in big portions. The fish and chips were very nice as well, and if you order a full course with dessert you can add side dishes for £3 if you're still peckish. The pub also serves a nice selection of ciders.

—Nesa Sivagnanam

Almost Famous

100-102 High Street

Although it took a while for them to seat us, the food is fantastic if you can spare the time. Burgers are great, fries are amazing, and the wings are, to use an underrated word, awesome!

—John Coxon

Overheard in the Lift

Random member of the public: "There are lots of people with that kind of badge: are you here together?"

Hazel Newman: "Yes, it's a science fiction convention."

RMOP: "Oh... I thought you were bee-keepers."

Lost and Found

A walking stick was left in the Presidential Suite on Saturday. If you would like to claim it, please go to Ops.

Programme changes

Virginia Preston and Phil Nanson have been added to *Criminality in SF&F* (Monday at 2:30pm), but Chaz Brenchley can't make it.

Alison Sinclair has been added to *The Deeper the Grief, the Closer to Life* (Monday at 11.30am).

Claire Goodall's item on *Ancient Music and Storytelling* at 8:30pm on Sunday is about the Iliad, if you were wondering what it's all about.

And Relax

Today's first programme item, a non-demoninational service in Rooms 8&9 was apparently not disturbed by nationalist demons.... Phew!

Rocky Horror Tonight

Dancing in the aisles: yes!

Dancing on the stage: no!

(It wobbles when you walk on it, so it's probably best not to risk it.)

Freebee Table

There are still books available on the freebie table, which is with the fan tables on the 1st floor. Come and get some.

Up The Walls of the World

Gillis Lundgren, the designer of IKEA's Billy bookcase, has died. He was 86. The Newsletter team have dozens of Billies between us, and we're sure Mancunicon's members must collectively have thousands.

Gophers

The convention still needs more gophers. Go to the Gopher Hole to volunteer.

Fan Fund Auction Plug #3

The fan fund auction, which takes place at 4pm today, will include a couple of very special items from Mancunicon guest of honour Ian McDonald.

First is a "Tuckerisation", the winner of which will have a character in the third volume of Ian's Luna series named after them. Ian has promised the character will die in a most unpleasant way. We hope the same fate will not befall the auction winner.

Ian has also donated the script of the screenplay for *Necroville*, which was optioned for a movie, but never actually made. Ian says the script is better than the novel.

Also in the auction is a rare copy of Ian R MacLeod's novel *Frost on Glass*. Most copies of the first printing got pulped after the wrong file got sent to the printer, but we managed to nab one.

Easterconalia

The new 2017 Eastercon (replacing Pasgon, which has had to cancel) will be **Eastercon 2017** (aka Innominate) from 14 to 17 April 2017, chaired by Steve Cooper. It will be in the Hilton Birmingham Metropole at Birmingham International station and the NEC. The Guests of Honour are Pat Cadigan, Judith Clute and Colin Harris. The full adult attending membership is £55, in a special introductory offer that will be short-lived. Lower rates are available for children, young adults and the unemployed. Hotel room rates are £100 for a twin/double room including breakfast and VAT. You can join at their desk on the ground floor, where Mancunicon registration was. The website is not yet operational, but will be at www.eastercon2017.uk.

The 2018 Eastercon will be **Follycon** from 30 March to 2 April 2018, chaired by Alison Scott. It will be held in the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate. Guests of Honour are Kieron Gillen, Christina Lake, Nnedi Okorafor and Kim Stanley Robinson. Full adult attending membership is £60 until at least 30 November this year, with lower rates for children, young adults and those unwaged for whom paying £60 would be difficult.

Hotel room rates are £115 for a twin/double room, including breakfast and VAT. They also have a desk on the ground floor, but the preferred way of joining is on their website at www.follycon.org.uk. Come to the desk if you want to pay with cash or a cheque.

Pasgon members can obtain cheques refunding their membership from the Pasgon desk in the fan table area until 4pm today.

Getting Buzzed

Cocaine turns bees into big fat liars. Bees "dance" to communicate—a way of giving fellow bees directions to good food. But high honey-bees exaggerate their moves and over-emphasise the food's quality. They even exhibit withdrawal symptoms

Glasses

Please do not take glasses into the pool outside the hotel.

