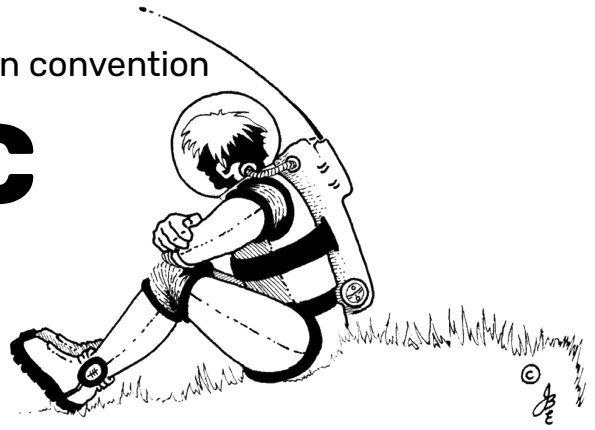


Levitation: The 75th British national science fiction convention

THE GALACTIC OBSERVER

Issue 2 – Saturday midday



Fitter fandom

18 intrepid Levitation members braved the morning fog today to walk through the town park and down to Ironbridge, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. We set out at 7am, passing some industrial archaeology and the scene of a mining disaster before arriving at the Iron Bridge itself two hours and five miles later, just in time for a lovely breakfast at Truffles café, recommended. The fog cleared en route, and by the time we arrived the sun was shining.



The fans at Bridgecon

Fantasy Book Swap swapped

Due to a clash of commitments, this podcast recording, featuring Ali Baker interviewing Tade Thompson, will be at 9pm tonight in Coalport not 1pm as shown previously.

Radical Kindness, also at 9pm, will now be in Wenlock 3 & 4.

Shops shut horror!

Just a reminder that, in common with most large shops, the Asda near the convention centre will be closed tomorrow, Easter Sunday. Make sure you've stocked up on any provisions before then. It will be open till 10pm Saturday, and then from 7am Monday.

Breakfast bonus

If you are insufficiently breakfasted, the café upstairs in the convention centre will sell you bacon, vegan bacon and sausages, mushrooms, tomatoes... all for £4.50 up until noon when they switch to the lunch menu.

Late night extra

Remember that the fun doesn't stop when the TIC closes its doors. We have a late bar and a games room running for as long as you're drinking, playing or both, over in the Holiday Inn. All convention members are welcome, but non-residents can only buy drinks till 11pm.

Hydro hunt!

The water cooler is not where we said it was yesterday, and has moved to the near corner of the bar upstairs. Stay hydrated! And let us know where you think it will be tomorrow.

Shy Discord

One of Discord's special 'features' is that it doesn't show you all the text channels by default. You can find them by looking at 'Channels and Roles', browsing channels and choosing them all. Every programme item has a forum thread where you can chat about the item with other congoers.

Got a story? Email us! newsletter@eastercon2024.co.uk

Saturday is hall costume day

This is your day to dress up and look amazing. It's also your day to give the hall costume token you got with your badge to someone you think has dressed up and looks amazing.

Buffalo girls

If you are leaving the Holiday Inn bar after the TIC has closed, you need to go round the outside to get back to other hotels in Telford. There is a map on the back of the Read Me to show you the way. If you find yourself scaling a fence, you've probably gone the wrong way.

Tiny LARP

Do you fancy a little live-action role playing? CM Lowry (check out Beyond Cataclysm in the Dealers' Room) has written us a game.

You are an alien at Eastercon.

Set a timer on your phone. Go and talk to a stranger in a weird alien language. Hand gestures are allowed.

Convey the following message to a fellow Easterconner: "I want to win a Hugo Award."

When they (eventually) understand you, stop the timer, submit time to newsletter. Fastest time will be announced tomorrow.

Postcard from Green Room

It's official: tech have been in to monitor and can confirm that the Green Room is full of hot air.



Stylish trendsetters spotted dressed up and looking amazing

Feedback feedback

Programme participants should try to leave plenty of time before their panel items. It might be slightly longer to walk between rooms here than you're used to, and panel and lecture timings are often tight so you will not be able to run late to make up at the end.

Levitation all over again

Catch up has launched; you can currently see Friday items from Ironbridge 1, with more items to follow.

Catch up preview

The trouble with reviews of programme items has always been, 'Gee that sounded interesting, shame I missed it!' But now you can catch up with things after the con, so go and look at the item on character and point of view at 11:00am Saturday, moderated by Juliet McKenna.

Yet another difference between boomers and millennials (or I think we're now up to generation alpha) is the voice we prefer. 3rd person past tense is over, apparently. The kids of today relate best to first person present. Go watch on catch up to find out why and to stay current with the latest authorial trends.

Early risers

If you're up early tomorrow, remember that the TIC opens for volunteers at 9am, but for congoers at 9:30am. Before that, why not chill in Telford's lovely park?

Calling all children

Crèche services can be found in the far corner of the dealers' hall. Please do sign up your children. Tinies childcare have made arrangements for activities suitable for up to pre-teens.

This issue was edited by Alison Scott with help from Steve Davies, Jan van't Ent, Steven Cain and really not enough coffee. The artwork is "Contemplative Spaceman" by Guest of Honour Jackie Burns. I only put the green picture in to balance the magenta one from issue one, toner fans!