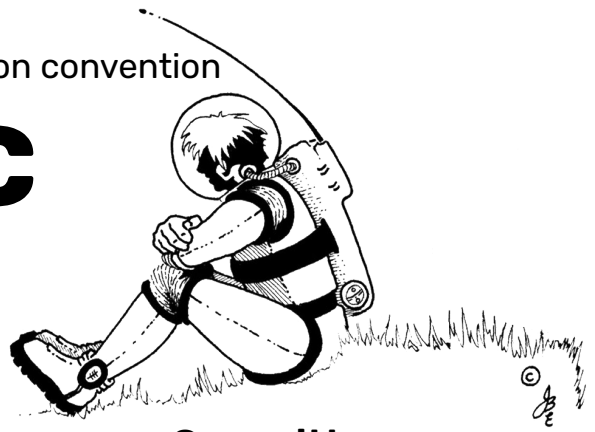


THE GALACTIC OBSERVER

Issue 3 – Saturday evening



BSFA awards

The BSFA awards were presented earlier today, and the winners were as follows:

- **Best Artwork:** The cover of *The Surviving Sky* by Leo Nickolls.
- **Best Audio Fiction:** *The Dex Legacy* by Emily Inkpen.
- **Best Collection:** *The Best of British Science Fiction 2022*, edited by Donna Scott.
- **Best Fiction for Younger Readers:** *The Library of Broken Worlds* by Alaya Dawn Johnson.
- **Best Non-Fiction (Long):** *A Traveller in Time: The Critical Practice of Maureen Kincaid Speller*, edited by Nina Allan.
- **Best Non-Fiction (Short):** *Project Management Lessons from Rogue One* by Fiona Moore.
- **Best Novel:** *The Green Man's Quarry* by Juliet McKenna.
- **Best Short Fiction:** "How to Raise a Kraken in Your Bathtub" by P. Djèlí Clark.
- **Best Shorter Fiction:** *And Put Away Childish Things* by Adrian Tchaikovsky.
- **Best Translated Shorter Fiction:** *Vanishing Tracks in the Sand* by Jana Bianchi, translated by Rachael Amoruso.

Congratulations to all the winners, and to the BSFA on a great ceremony!

Clocks change

There will be a panel entitled **The arguments for and against British Summer Time** at 1am on Sunday.

First-time attendee shortage

The **Introduction for people new to cons/Eastercon** panel had exactly one person in the audience, so they got particular care and attention from the panel. Are there no other first-time Eastercon attendees here?

Multiple attendee proliferation

If you were a member of last year's Eastercon, we've sent you a link to the PDF and ePub of our Souvenir Book. If you would like a paper copy, please come and pick one up from the dealer's room.

—Alison Scott

Wandering registration

The main registration desk is now closed because most people have registered. *[And if you're reading this, you're probably one of them—John]* You can register for the convention in Ops, and also sign up for items requiring signup there.

Committee statement

On Thursday the Levitation (Eastercon 2024) executive committee was informed that a person, whose presence we believed would cause significant interference with the operations of the convention, was intending to join on the door.

The Levitation executive committee took the decision to refuse membership to this person.

An email was sent explaining our decision and referencing our code of conduct which states that we may revoke or refuse membership under these circumstances.

When this person then chose to enter the convention the next day, we told them that they would not be allowed to buy a membership and asked them to leave the site. They repeatedly refused to do so. We explained that if they did not leave we would ask site security to escort them out. They did not leave, and security did therefore escort them from the premises.

A second person of concern who purchased a membership in 2022 was permitted to remain under specified conditions, and has abided by those conditions.

—Farah Mendlesohn, chair

Joining libraries

Emily January was on **What is the appeal of libraries for SF readers?** and has pointed out an interesting fact about Telford and Wrekin Library Services for members who enjoy ebooks and audiobooks.

You can join with the form at telford.gov.uk/info/1012/libraries/3/join_the_library/ but you need to go to an actual branch to finalise the membership. Fortunately, Southwater Library is just up the hill from the convention centre (opposite the Nando's and cinema). We're unsure of their Bank Holiday opening hours, but members staying until Tuesday can sign up.

Emily reports that their SF selection isn't spectacular, but they did have lots of the **Murderbot** books.

Department of new-fangled inventions

"Did you get my very important email?" said Pat McMurray. "I wanted to say that a personal item of value was found in Coalport last night. If you have lost such an item please contact Ops in Beckbury."

We checked but had not had the email. "Whoops," said Pat, "I sent it to newsletter at eastercon204.co.uk, let me send it again." After it still didn't arrive it turned out he'd sent it to newsletter at eastercon2014.co.uk.

Remember, people, our email address is newsletter@eastercon2024.co.uk. (Meanwhile, ten years ago, the newsletter team at Satellite 4 are a bit confused.)

Henrietta Swan Leavitt

We asked España Sheriff (who drew the egg that Levitation has been using for its logo) to draw Henrietta Swan Leavitt, and she has given us the below illustration. *[She's very talented and lovely and also my wife—John]*



Noted astrophysicist Dave Clements pointed out on Discord that Henrietta Swan Leavitt measured distances to other galaxies, not to other planets. We regret the error. *[Wouldn't have happened if I were in the room—John]* *[And why precisely weren't you in the room, John?—Marianne]*

Feedback

Reminder that the Sunday Feedback Session is at 10am in Atcham. Do come along even if you don't have any complaints: compliments are always acceptable.

Hugo Pope trivia

Turns out having Nicholas "Hugo Pope" Whyte on your team for a Worldcon pub quiz is handy.

—España Sheriff

Don't fall off

Anyone on programme in Ironbridge must sign to say they've been told not to fall off the stage as there are no safety rails.

Amazeballs

Come and get your amazing tat at the Amazeballs Fan Fund tombola in the Dealers' Room. There's lots of stuff and it's all for a good cause.

This issue was edited by John Coxon with help from Marianne Cain, Alison Scott, Jan van't Ent, and a motley crew of other people. The artwork is "Contemplative Spaceman" by Guest of Honour Jackie Burns. Alison says she's looking forward to staying up late tonight without staying up late, so please keep her out till 4am.