



The Port Authority

News at Interaction

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VOLUNTEERS

Groats / Gopher Reward Tokens will be issued up to 15:00* when the Gopher Hole closes. The SECC catering outlets and the Offworld Design/Sales to Members table will accept them up to 15:00* too. The Moat House Fan Bar area should be accepting groats until midnight. If we keep buying food and drink then they may stay accepting them longer.

Closedown Sale

The auction of stuff will be in the Volunteer Party (in (M)Argyll-1) at about 22:00. Staff and volunteers only, though. Items include USB data keys and stuff not pre-bid. Prices could be low.

Anything you have won in the write-in auction can also be picked up and paid for at this time. Note this is a change from the time and place previously published.

Overheard in News Room

What's worrying is that the spell-checker still thinks Quidditch is wrong, but it's happy with YAFA.

Babies

It's just a wee bit early to tell if there are any Interaction babies on the way, but we can announce that Michelle Hiley, who managed the advance Information email system for us for a long time, had a son early last week. She's refusing to call him Hugo. Congratulations to Paul and Michelle.

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The Dowd family like a small port every now again – Felixstowe, or maybe Lowestoft or as we're in Scotland – Oban.



The Sproutlore Party

James Bacon and Stef Lancaster stand guard outside the Sproutlore party to help maintain its atmosphere of quiet respectable dignity.

Space Shuttle Delayed, Armadillo On Schedule

Due to low cloud cover, NASA's ageing shuttle's return had to be delayed by a day. The weather over Scotland is fine, and such minor details wouldn't hinder the Armadillo's departure, so passengers boarded according to schedule. Bon voyage!

Boxing Clever

There is a Staples shop (large stationery chain) by the train station – if you want to get boxes, plastic crates etc. to put your many purchases in for transport home, this could be a good place to go.

We're sending in Ray Liotta

To the American fan with his first pint of real ale, who discreetly wandered off and

poured it down the drain: we saw you ...

On t'Internet

Make a note for when you get home – there are loads of con reports, panel reviews, awards discussions etc. already up on the Interwebthingy. Most of the best ones can be found via www.livejournal.com/community/inter_action/ Online pdfs of the newsletter are being temporarily hosted on www.distraction.org.uk/interaction/

TAFF

The number of candidates for TAFF to go to LA next year has doubled in the past week. Existing candidates Bug and ½R have been joined by Sparks and Fran Dowd Sofa, who both confirmed their intent to stand at Interaction.

*because of publishing timetables use of a time machine may be necessary to make full use of this information

Final report from our glamorous party correspondent Flick

No of stickers acquired: three
No of Hugos vicariously acquired: four
No of parties attended: eight
Length of time spent waiting to get food and drink:
approx seven days



Went to Hugos. V excited, due to excessive number of Hugos won by Cabal and friends thereof. Yay!

Went to Denver In 2008. Boldly resisted when they attempted to corrupt me with cider, even when they pointed out that Official Escort was not there to stop me.

Went to Sproutlore: Mh-inge! Acquired Official Escort! V sad re: absence of Robert Rankin following embarrassing bowel-related disorder; signed get well soon card.

Went to Finland! Acquired sticker and vodka and tonic, but was somewhat crowded.

Went to Texas. In keeping with theme, room was incredibly hot. Acquired funky gold stickers.

Went to Welsh party. V impressed to receive gin and tonic as soon as walked through door. Sadly, no stickers.

Went to Sparklypoo party. Mmmm... gin and pretty hair! Then went to Christian Fandom party. Fortunately had Hugo as conversation starter.

Returned to Sproutlore party. Much chanting of Hugo, Chairman and similar. Received copy of previous Newsletter. V sad that have been edited out of existence, but enjoyed spoof greatly.

Went to Moscow and received sticker. Also vodka. Not sure where from.

Returned to Fan Room on grounds of wanting to show off Hugo. Drank poo and did astral pole. Oops.

At another little event down the road

HE'S SPARTACVS... make their Edinburgh Fringe debut this August with two new plays, *Groom* and *Stockholm*, both by David Wake. These hard-hitting productions were well received in their preview shows at the Birmingham *fringe* and picked up awards (Best Dramatic Moment, Best Original Script and the Will Horton Trophy) at the Birmingham regional heats of the All England Theatre Festival.

David recently scripted, starred in and directed *The Audience*

Participation Richard III for Paragon2, this year's Eastercon in the UK.

Info & images:
www.davidwake.com/spartacus

Restaurant Review – Café Cossachok 10 King St.

Went looking for authentic Russian – ended up getting more authentic than we bargained for – live entertainment by a troupe of Russian gypsies from Moscow. Wasn't sure about this at first, as we had been planning to have a quiet meal and early

night, but by the third song I thought "sod the early night, I'm enjoying this". So we stayed on for pudding and another beer. Good decision! Sadly, the Russian gypsies have gone off to perform at the Edinburgh Festival, but the food and the beer are still well worth the trip.

Correction

In issue 12 we incorrectly reported that Walter Ernsting had received The Big Heart Award. The true recipient is Waldemar Kumming.

An All Round Good Egg

When Robert Rankin was unable to do the Harry Potter reading for YAFA, Iain Banks stepped in to fill the gap. This was his only item as he's here as a fan, and YAFA feel very honoured.

Coffee

No-one managed to find a coffee machine for the newsroom. And we've had to give the grinder back. So if the newsteam seem particularly excitable this evening, it's because we're reduced to eating whole coffee beans alternating with mouthfuls of Maya Gold chocolate. Whee !! Bouncy !!

Thanks

Many area heads, division heads and other talking heads have asked us to put thanks in the newsletter to their staff. We cannot run an issue with just thanks, so we are printing a generic thanks.

If you have done anything to make this convention a success:

Thankyou

The newsletter editors would especially like to thank everyone who submitted information, whether we used it or not.