



# The Daily Drone

The Newsletter of Ytterbium, the 2019 Eastercon

Issue 2, Saturday Morning-ish

## Read Me, Not the Read Me

**Green Room's** hours are actually:

Saturday and Sunday:  
9:45am to 8:45pm

Monday: 9:45am to 4pm

(At other times, please go to Ops to claim your drink.)

The **Art Auction** will be held on Sunday at 5pm in Tereshkova. It will be a traditional auction, and any item with two bids or more will be included.

## International Trade Deal S. 42: Fans

Do you want to import a fan from North America and/or the Antipodes to Dublin 2019 and beyond? Vote in the TAFF and GUFF races at the Info Desk, and help to raise more funds for this at the fan fund auction (Saturday, 7pm, Tereshkova: may contain chocolate).

—Claire Briailey

## How Can You Help?

Eastercon is entirely run by volunteers. If you've got some time and would like to help out, please go along to Syndicate Room 18 and volunteer.

We can't run the convention without people who are willing to help out!

## Smart Photography

For lots of people, your smartphone camera is the only decent camera you own. If you want to find out how to get the best out of your devices, come along to my Smartphone Photography workshop on Saturday in Armstrong at 2pm. Don't forget to clean that lens!

—Chad Dixon

## Thog's Masterclass

Dave Langford writes: 'I have another little titbit, sent to Thog's Masterclass, which you are also welcome to use in the newsletter if you feel it would improve that nice Mr Scalzi's morale.'

*Antifreeze Dept.* Our characters have found an ancient mystery spaceship: ... the air rushing in.

'It's still got an atmosphere,' Sherrill said.

'Want to take your helmet off, Sarge?' Ganis said.

'I wouldn't suggest it,' Hanton said. 'Not unless you like breathing air that's 270° below zero.'

(John Scalzi, *The Consuming Fire*, 2018)

—SF<sup>2</sup> Concatenation

## DC/DC

A reader writes: "I was struck by the resemblance between the 2021 Worldcon bid and the Ytterbium Guest of Honour. Could they by any chance be related?"

## Scalzi Kaffeeklatsch

The initial ten places on John Scalzi's kaffeeklatsch (Sunday at 12:45pm in Bader) have been filled.

There are two more places, which will be made available by a lottery draw. If you would like to sign up for this draw, please do so at the Info Desk before 5pm today.

The list of people with places on the kaffeeklatsch will be available at 7pm today.

## Meetups for Fans With Disabilities

Caroline Humes will host an informal meet-ups to offer support and welcome for people with disabilities, people who find it difficult to talk to others or people who are here on their own.

Come along to Tereshkova on Sunday at 9am.

## Hall Costume tokens

In your membership pack, you'll find a blue cloakroom ticket with a star on it. This is a hall costume token, which you should give to someone whose costume impresses you.

If you're impressed by more than one costume, you can get more tokens from the Info Desk.

## Overheard at Ytterbium...

'Do you know whose picture was on the back of my toilet cubicle?'

'Humphrey Bog-Art!'

*[Is it just me that finds them very creepy?—Ed]*

## Doc Weir

The Doc Weir Award celebrates the un-sung heroes of fandom. It's voted for every year by the attendees of Eastercon, and you can vote by going to the Info Desk.

This year, Flick has put together biographies of the past winners of the award. If you were organised and requested a printed copy of the biographies, you can collect it from the newsletter office, thanks to Steve 'always carries some card' Lawson and Eddie 'two long-arm staplers' Cochrane.

It's also available online, at [efanzines.com/DocWeir/history.htm](http://efanzines.com/DocWeir/history.htm).

## Space Talks

On Sunday there will be two space-related talks in Bleriot.

At 10:15am, Dave Hardy will speak about 'Artists in Space: The Early Years'.

At 11:30, Gerry Webb will speak about 'From Fandom to the Stars: The History of the British Interplanetary Society', after which (around noon) he will present Dave with a Fellowship of the British Interplanetary Society.

## Food News

All the restaurants listed in the Read Me are within a 15-minute walk of the hotel, and TfL buses are free between Heathrow and Hatton Park. (But remember the Hotel Hoppa, which goes to the terminals, costs £5.)

The hotel assure us that there will be better vegan options on the buffet this evening. And that they will restock more promptly.

You can buy Tuck Shop items from the real ale bar bar, the hotel restaurant, and the hotel bar. Just ask if things are not immediately visible.

Lunch is actually 12:30 to 3pm.

Visitors to the Three Magpies (over the road) report that more than half the menu and beer is off, with the staff not expecting a re-stock over the weekend,

## Not-So-Smart Photography

Please remember that there is **no photography** allowed in the Art Show.

Please could the person who snuck photos delete them? You know who you are.

## Frying Pan / Fire

We understand that you can buy beer vouchers at hotel reception, to save time.

We do not yet know whether you should queue at the bar to get your keycards replaced.

## Need a Bag?

There's a hat-stand full of surplus canvas bags by the Orbital fan table, near Info Desk. Please help yourself.

## #EasterconRebellion

Conrunners objecting to two-queue systems for beer and groats are using peaceful protest to blockade the long thin corridor. You can identify these dissidents by their 'gilets roses'. People unsure what to do with their hall costume token may wish to reward the excellently accurate Metropolitan Police cosplayers.

## parkrunning

A group of 14 Ytterbium attendees went to the Bedfont Lakes parkrun this morning, where we were made to feel very welcome and completed the 5k run. Everyone made it around relatively unscathed despite a giant ball of fire in the sky casting its rays on us. Thanks to the convention for arranging the minibus for us *[I can see how that would make a 5k easier—Ed]*.

—James Shields



Eastercon parkrun attendees, picture by James Shields

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