



The Daily Drone

The Newsletter of Ytterbium, the 2019 Eastercon

Issue 3, Saturday Evening

2018 BSFA Awards

Best Novel: Gareth L Powell
—*Embers of War*

Best Shorter Fiction: Ian McDonald—'Time Was'

Best Non-Fiction: Aliette de Bodard—'On motherhood and erasure: people-shaped holes, hollow characters and the illusion of impossible adventures'

Best Artwork:
Likhain—'In the Vanisher's Palace: Dragon I and II'

Many congratulations to all from everyone at Ytterbium.

BSFA Lecture Update

Due to circumstances beyond the control of our original speaker, the BSFA lecture will now be given by Dr Tony Keen. 'A Brief History of the Ancient Worlds of Greece and Rome in the Cinema' is on Sunday at 3:15pm in Discovery 1.

Dragon Egg Hunt

This year our Easter eggs looked so pretty that they've all been stolen by greedy dragons to add to their hoards! Hidden around the convention are 45 Easter Eggs, each labelled with the name of the dragon that stole it. Find as many as you can and hand in your list of dragon names to the Registration & Info desk between 9am and noon on Sunday for a small prize.

There will be prizes for the most eggs found and for the best dragon picture handed in to the entry box at Info Desk by 6pm Sunday. We may print the best ones in the newsletter. *[If space allows, nobody asked us, you might want to bribe us with Easter eggs—Ed.]*

Salutations for an Expeditious Reinvigoration

We're sorry to hear that John Clute is tucked up in hospital in London with no WiFi following an unfortunate altercation with the stairs on a London bus. Fans wishing him may want to sign the card that we have for him at the Info Desk.

Curry Quest

We recommend Taste of Hyderabad, a curry van on Sipson Road less than 5 minutes' walk from the main hotel entrance.

Simple but generous curries all for less than the price of a pint at the real ale bar (4 or 5 veggie options as well as meat). Open 10am -10pm all weekend.

The curries from the supermarket nearby (next to the much-missed Il Basilico Italian diner) are also recommended (there is seating to eat in).

—Lucy, Jane & Dan Smithers

Lost and Found

Farah has lost a grey fleece and an iPhone (in a green cover with cartoon owls). If you find either of them, please drop them off at Ops.

Helen Foster-Turner would like to report that she found a parking space in the hotel car park.

Everyone else: if you lose or find things please ask at Ops or take them to Ops accordingly.

Car Parking

Car Parking at the Park Inn will be charged at £5 per day for all Ytterbium members, whether or not they're hotel residents. You can pay at hotel reception at any time.



Priority Green

Remember that Green Room gets to jump queues at the bars. Please make way for the people wearing a green sash.

Signings

There are no organised signings this weekend other than as part of parties (there just isn't space). However, many authors have told us on Twitter that they're happy

to have people stop them and ask for things to be signed. If there's a particular author you want an autograph from, check online. Please be considerate when asking!

Models Wanted

Models (clothed!) wanted for the Drawing Workshop! All you have to do is sit or stand still for a few minutes at a time. You don't need to stay for the whole two hours

either. If you are interested in helping, come and say hello at my stall in the Dealers' Snug, put your details on the workshop sign up sheet, or send me an email to jackie@jackieduckworthart.co.uk.

—Jackie Duckworth

Only Talk To Me if You're Red/Green Colour Blind

Everyone at this convention is so lovely and sociable that we've run out of the green 'anyone can talk to me' badges. *[It's not like I didn't tell them they'd use twice as many green ones and incidentally did I mention that they're Stow Shirts products?—Ed.]*

BidSpotting

Choose fandom. Choose a Worldcon. Choose a forking big, armadillo-shaped convention centre. Choose t-shirts, badges, ribbons, laptops and custom-printed pop-up banners. Choose health, safety and Hiscox event insurance. Choose giving up your entire social life and all your spare time for five years. Choose Advance Super Friend Membership for three hundred forking pounds. Choose rotting away at the end of it, smoffing your last in a miserable real ale bar, nothing more than an embarrassment to the forked-up pink-haired millennials that you spawned to replace yourselves. Choose weekends spent on endless bid desks and jet-lag. Choose 2024. Choose Glasgow.

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