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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

As some of you who know me will be aware, I am a huge fan of Douglas Adams and his *Hitchhiker's Guide* trilogy. Some of you will have noticed the T-shirt in your registration pack with "FROODY" written on the front. If anyone has an XL (of which there are rumours), I will swap them an L for it and buy them a drink of their choice. Come and see me and I'm yours.

We are currently discussing which *Mythbuster* is the sexiest – Adam Savage (the manic one), or Jamie Hyneman (the quieter one). Opinions to the usual place, please.

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

For the second time, there are no corrections from the previous newsletter. Given I did the last issue on two hours' sleep, there's no logic there. Again, I do apologise!

THE VOICE

GARCIA GENIUS!

Chris Garcia, known to many for being absolutely mad, extremely Californian, but still an absolute genius, has revealed on Twitter that he has hidden something under a seat in a public area, and the one who finds it, gets to eat it. (We have no idea about this either.)

CHILDREN'S CAPERS!

Here are Monday's child-friendly programme items:

'Paper airplane session' at 10am: Create a paper plane or a miniature model of the solar system in this paper art workshop that will culminate in a paper plane piloting competition.

'Dirty Water' at 2pm: The latest Bond movie is about a fight over clean water. Can you clean up dirty water with the the supplies we offer? Prizes for the most successful team.

REAL ALE REVELATION!

Blind Pew reports that the hotel staff do not believe that we are going to drink them dry of real ale. The newsletter team thinks that this is a challenge and would like to urge everyone to go and drink as much as humanly possible this evening (responsibly).

QUOTATION QUOTIENT!

Fran: "I don't bother with names, I just lech."

MONDAY MAYHEM!

Emma Peel, of *Odyssey 2010*, reports: For those of you staying on Monday night, there's an exciting (or at least loud) audience participation event. This will be singalongaweedon, followed by Singstar, with prizes for the following (judge's decision final):

- highest score;
- lowest score despite effort;
- most entertaining performance.

The event will start when we have determined people are drunk enough to be uninhibited!

KETTERING KARNAGE!

Stef and Fran report: There were two clans in the 'Battle of Kettering' item. Clan McHinge, who believed that Kettering took place and therefore this is the 61st Eastercon; and Clan McChuff who believed that Kettering did not take place and therefore this is the 60th Eastercon.

Two warlords led the clans: Tamar for McChuff and Gary for McHinge. After a fierce battle - the warlords surging forth with magical swords - one by one the non-believers were cut down to a single survivor, Tamar. Gary gallantly offered her a single combat to the death for total victory, which she accepted. As she swung the lethal stroke, his evil cohorts struck her down from behind to cries of "Treachery!"

So we still don't bloody know!

Ilana reports on the presentation of the Worldcon bid. There is not yet a con committee, but there is a group of people who have joined an online community to discuss the bid at tinyurl.com/crn36u (EUI415 on Google Groups).

Currently, the plan is to select a site this year and launch the Worldcon bid next year. Several possible sites were discussed during the presentation, boiling down to two possibilities – the SECC in Glasgow and ExCel in London (the Olympics mean that the facilities required are going to be present by the convention).

The chair of the bid will be decided in May, and the bid will be voted on at the 2012 Worldcon. European fans should become supporting members of that Worldcon if they want to vote for this bid. Join the group for more information and to contribute to 2014!

ED ECSTASY!

Ed tells the newsletter team that he will be providing free massages to anyone who wants one this evening in one of the bars downstairs (most likely the main bar).

CHAPTER FIVE: 1988-1997

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

Adelphi, Ammonite, Ansible, Attitude, Attitude, Aztec Century, Banks, Baxter, Burns, Clarke, Contabile, Critical Wave, 'Dark Night in Toyland', Desolation Road, Encyclopaedia of Science Fiction, Eternal Light, Fairyland, Greenland, Griffith, Holdstock, Incon, Intersection, Interzone, Jarrold, Jersey, Jones, Kairos, Leeds, McAuley, Mexican, MiScon, Moorcock, Mooring, Newman, Other Edens, Ounsley, Pasquale's Angel, Pickersgill, Pringle, Rastus Johnson's Cakewalk, Red Dwarf, Ryman, Science Fiction Foundation, SMS, Stableford, Take Back Plenty, Talbot, The Adventures of Luther Arkwright, The Child Garden, The Empire of Fear, The Prestige, The Star Fraction, The Time Ships, Then, Titan, Unquenchable Fire, Use of Weapons, Voyage, Vurt, Wells, West, White, Willis, Zenith.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

Shalamar

862 Manchester Road, BD5 8DJ
01274 726468

The restaurant about 10-15 minutes' walk from the Cedar Court (turn right at the Craven Heifer pub). Good curry at around £6 for a main course with rice or chappatis. There's not much for vegetarians and it isn't licensed. There are five tables seating 18 people, and it's open til lam all weekend.



Turn right at the Heifer! by Sue Mason

Akbar's The Restaurant

1276 Leeds Road, BD3 8LF
akbars.co.uk
01274 773311

A cab ride away, this modern-style eatery didn't look very Indian. Stepping inside, it proved to be very busy and noisy as well, but despite us not having a reservation, they lived up to the promised table in ten minutes. The menu was perhaps a

bit limited (lots of Balti, nada Tandoori), and in white on black a tad hard to read, but the food was excellent. On a side note, the oversized nan was a bit much. If you're going out for a conversation over dinner, this is not the place to go for, as the chatter from all around the rather bare rooms reflects back to white noise – Jan van't Ent.

PROPERTY PROPERNESS!

Ops would like to remind people that they are responsible for lost property (well, not responsible for you having lost it, responsible for receiving any that is found around the hotel), and so anything you find should be delivered to them posthaste. If you have lost anything they will be only too happy to lend you a hand.

'BOUT BITTERCON!

On LiveJournal, brisingamen is running a series of entries intended to spark discussion based on panel items at LX under the banner of Bittercon. If you're interested in saying more about topics LX is covering, please go along and join in with the debate – the URL is brisingamen.livejournal.com.

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter is due to be published on Monday morning, and will be the penultimate issue! Content should be e-mailed to news@lx2009.com, given to a newsletter person or put in the Big Newsletter Box in Ops.

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