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09:00 Sunday Feedback

James Bacon, Alice Lawson, John Dowd

09:00 Tai Chi

Fiona Anderson

10:00 The Appeal of Steampunk

Costumes, home-brew clockwork technology, even steampunk tea-parties and dances: why is steampunk an increasingly popular genre and aesthetic? Does it point to dissatisfaction with current technology, and its lack of romance and flamboyance? Does the hands-on nature of retrofitting your own technology give it new appeal? Does steampunk consider the less appealing aspects of the Victorian era they are emulating?

Kim Lakin-Smith, Tim Powers, Peter Harrow, Toby Frost, Cory Doctorow, Venetta Uye

10:00 SF and Crime Writers Moving into Comics

Many novelists now write for comics, and not just from the SF&F genres. Peter David, Orson Scott Card, Brad Metzler, Denise Mina, Ian Rankin - what is the appeal of writing for comics, and are they any good at it?

Maura McHugh, David Bishop, Mike Carey, John Medany

10:00 What the Phlosque?

The annual award gets an explanation
SMS

10:00 Music as Universal Communication

Could music be the basis for a universal language, given its mathematical basis, centrality to most human cultures and use by many other species? Will 'first contact' be made via music?

Liam Proven, Ricardo Pinto, Sparks

10:00 The Mighty Guff

Some current and previous winners introduce you to the ins and outs of the Europe/Australasia fannish exchange programme.

Claire Brialey, Ang Rosin, Sue Ann Barber, Trevor Clark

10:00 How Movies and TV get their Martial Arts wrong (on purpose)

Al Davison demonstrates where the pros get it wrong

Al Davison

11:00 2011 Bid Session

James Bacon, Rita Medany

11:00 They Keep Killing Hitler

There are many alternate histories which use the same turning points, from the outcome of World War II to the assassination of JFK. Why are they used so often, and is there a greater challenge in coming up with your own spin on an often-used scenario? What neglected moments in history would make a good turning point for an alternate history?

Paul McAuley, Julian Headlong, David Devereux, Edward James, Jon Courtenay Grimwood

11:00 The Science and Science Fiction of Fred Hoyle

A talk on the Bradford-born astronomer and science fiction author.

Andrew Patton

11:00 Twitter – Ego boosting or information busting

Twitter has recently hit the news and is the latest Internet fashion. Is it full of trivia, rubbish and egotistical nonsense, or is it a useful tool for collecting information and communicating? This panel takes a look at how Twitter is developing and its potential impact on the Internet.

Phil Bradley, John Coxon, Danie Ware, Ross Younger, Jim Mowatt.

11:00 Steampunk my iPod

Turn mundane gadgets into fascinating Victoriana style talking pieces.

Alex Holden, SMS, Peter Harrow, James Shields

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11:00 Best Con Ever

Help Dr Plokta and his minions determine once and for all what the best ever con was in a highly accurate scientific study.

Mike Scott, Dave Mansfield

11:00 Start writing NOW

Find out from some professionals why starting to write early will help you succeed in future.

Jane Killick, Alette de Bodard, Tony Ballantyne, Jaine Fenn, Chris Wooding

11:00 Family Business (Gaming)

Make your gang the last to survive. More importantly, destroy your 'friends' gang first. Warning this game is the agent and vehicle of grudges.

12:00 The Throne Of The Black God - A Musical Voyage

A musical adaptation of Phillipe Druillet's classic comic strip 'Le Trone du Dieu Noir', specially composed and presented by award winning composer Martin Kier Glover - and presented for the first time in public as a multimedia experience alongside a specially prepared film of the comic strip. First published in French fantastic magazine 'Pilote', and later in 'Metal Hurlant', this is the origin story of the legendary Lone Sloane, in the future year 800 after the 'Great Fear' - experience the Cosmic Horror of his encounter with the Black God as never before.

Martin Kier Glover, Mark Slater

12:30 Tim Powers GoH

Interviewed by John Berlyne

Tim Powers, John Berlyne

12:30 Spring-heeled Jack

Dr David Clarke works for both Sheffield Universities, and is an expert on both UFO's and Folklore. A contributor to Fortean Times he is the acknowledged expert on the Victorian Phenomena known as Spring-heeled Jack, who terrorised Sheffield (amongst other

places) during that era. Urban myth, demon, alien, Spring-heeled Jack uniquely bridges traditional folklore and the more recent mythology of aliens and UFO's.

David Clarke

12:30 Zone Trouper

The Twilight Zone is now 50 years old. Steve Green is set to take you through the classic show's history.

Steve Green

12:30 Depictions of music in SF&F literature and dramatic features.

How do SF&F novels portray the future of music? Which authors have a good depiction in their work?

Mike Cobley, Tanya Brown, Gary Lloyd

12:30 Pirates vs. Jedis

Build and decorate a light sabre or cutlass "boffer" weapon, and settle the age-old question of who would win in a fight.

Stef Lancaster, James Shields, Doug Fazzani

12:30 Parental Discretion Advised

How much should parents monitor their children's reading? Do you let them roam free around the library, or vet their reading?

Ruth O'Reilly, Marianne Cain, Ian Taylor, Jocelyn Konrad-Lee, Chris Beckett, Sue-Ann Barber

12:30 Art Auction

In the conservatory bar

Chris Morgan, Rog Peyton

12:30 Kitchen Science

In the Hotel Garden

13:00 Time Tarts

Professional historical and fantasy prop-makers and costumers 'Time Tarts' will be talking about their work, and presenting some of their film and television work, along with examples of their art. Come along and see how the professionals do it.

John Naylor, Karen Grover

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14:00 David Lloyd talks about V for Vendetta

David Lloyd talks about the creative process behind the famous graphic novel.

David Lloyd

14:00 Pacifism and non-violence in SF & fantasy

In a genre known for swords and blasters, is a pacifist universe a viable alternative? What challenges does it present, and where has it been used successfully?

Farah Mendlesohn, Sam Kelly, Nick Harkaway, Kim Lakin-Smith

14:00 A Little Learning is a Dangerous Thing

Can you enjoy books which rely on allusions to past works without being widely read or knowledgeable of other genres? Do you miss the joke in Jasper Fforde and Terry Pratchett, until someone explains it to you?

Lee Harris, Jim de Liscard, Tony Keen, Edward James

14:00 Future Bristol launch

Swimming Kangaroo books launch their latest anthology, with readings from featured authors.

Colin Harvey

14:00 Wish You were here

Chat with other fans about who you are missing this weekend, whether they're absent due to gaffing or worse.

Colin Harris

14:00 Sci-Fi London Previews

Louis Savy presents a selection of shorts and previews from the upcoming London International Festival Of Science Fiction and Fantastic Film

Louis Savy

14:00 Abduction (Gaming)

You've been abducted by aliens. Be the first to escape... The others better not get in the way.

15:00 Behind The Iron Sky - 'There Are Nazis On The Moon'

You may have seen the trailer for this Finnish 'fan' film online, if so you'll probably have been blown away and will be eagerly anticipating the final product. But in the meantime the producers have generously allowed us to screen the exclusive behind-the-scenes documentaries released in limited numbers as part of their 'War Bonds' initiative to raise funds to produce the film. In addition, their previous feature, the brilliant and hilarious 'Star Wreck - In The Pirkinning' can be seen at 14:00 on Saturday.

15:30 BSFA Lecture

Dr Shana Worthen talks on the subject of Visualising Time in the Middle Ages

Shana Worthen

15:30 Urban Fantasy

What exactly is it? Is supernatural romance it, does it have to have supernatural creatures in a realist urban setting? Is Buffy the prototypical urban fantasy? Is it a growing subgenre of its own? What about a fantasy city not in our world?

Freda Warrington, Tim Powers, Suzanne McLeod, Liam Sharp

15:30 Quantum Craziiness

An introduction to the world of Quantum Mechanics, and some of the weird and whacky things it includes, such as wave-particle duality, quantum tunnelling, entanglement and, of course, the infamous uncertainty principle.

Heisenberg compensators at the ready!

Emma J. King

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15:30 Composers who write music for SF&F

From the early composers inspired by fantasy and mythology, to more recent composers of music for SF television and film

Martin Kier Glover, Gary Lloyd, Tanya Brown

15:30 How to make a book

Marianne Cain, Flick

15:30 Space Captain Smith's Steampunk Tea Party

A tea party with a Victoriana theme. Bring along your freshly steampunked gadgets and consider dressing for the occasion, whether it's just a suitable hat or a full costume. Steampunk, space and Victorians are the order of the day - can you be the best dressed tea party attendee?

Peter Harrow, Toby Frost, Tamar Hershko, Simon McGrory, Helen Wallace

17:00 Liam Sharp Book Launch

Liam Sharp launches his new book from Mamtor

Liam Sharp

17:00 Mutation and innovation: the trans-media proliferation of Steampunk fiction and the presence of the Gothic

A paper focusing on the still-forming canon of Steampunk, the works which are important for the development and persistence of the genre, and the gothic

elements which run alongside SF in the ancestry of steampunk.

Venetta Uye

17:00 New brush and palette - the rise of computers as an artistic tool

Design and illustration have often competed and complemented one another on the cover, but are artists now under threat from designers with a vision? Are traditional media being replaced with digital artistry in the book cover industry?

Chris Morgan, Jim Burns, Chris Moore, David A. Hardy

17:00 Extreme Art

We offer you a huge blank "canvas", paints and other materials and a chance to get messy. Your opportunity to create something unique... or perhaps just make a mess.

Anne Stokes, SMS, Oisin McGann, David Angus, Sue Mason, Ralph Horsely

17:00 Ancient Martial Arts, Ronin and Katanas

Al Davison, Sparks, Simon McGrory, Phil Nansen

17:00 Dave Stewart Auction

Padraig O'Mealoid, Rog Peyton

17:30 Blow Things Up

As a 30 minutes homage to "V for Vendetta" we have a special effects and music extravaganza of bangs, explosions and demolition.

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18:00 2014 Worldcon Presentation

After the success of the 2005 Worldcon in Glasgow, a large group of con-runners came together at ConRunner to look at the next European bid to host Worldcon, targeting 2014 as the preferred year. Steve Cooper, one of the group co-ordinators, will present the status of the bid and introduce the two leading contenders for the next bid (Glasgow & London). This is your opportunity to quiz those who want to run the bid.

Steve Cooper

18:00 The SF Savvy Criminal

What tools, techniques and technologies are needed today for someone to break the law and evade detection or capture? What does SF do to keep ahead of criminals?

Colin Harvey, Tony Ballantyne, Mike Carey, Sabine Furlong, Jon Courtenay Grimwood

18:00 Jack Kirby and Classical Mythology from Mercury to the Eternals

A talk on the classic comics

Tony Keen

18:00 Fan Artists: dying breeds

Why are the same names repeatedly appearing on the shortlist for fan art awards such as the Novas? Shouldn't it be easier than ever to contribute art to a fanzine? Some current fan artists discuss and try to stoke your enthusiasm.

David A. Hardy, Dave Hicks, Alison Scott

18:00 Idiosyncratic Anime (2 hours)

Anime is a big commercial business in Japan and is becoming more and more popular in the West. Despite the requirements to target shows at consumers and make money there are gaps within the field for the enthusiastic amateur and visionary professional to creep in. Here are some examples; "Hoshi no Koe" (Voices of a Distant Star) and "Haru no Ashioto" (Step of Spring) by award-winning Shinkai Makoto and

"Ame to Shoujo to Watashi no Tegami" (Rain, the Little Girl and My Letter) by an internet artist known only as Imperial Boy Plus a surprise extra...

Robert Sneddon

18:00 Settlers of Catan

Spread and colonize, in this highly successful trading and resource game

19:00 Ricardo Pinto Book Launch

Ricardo Pinto launches his new book from Transworld

Ricardo Pinto

19:00 Near-future, optimistic SF

Two impossibilities, or something we can pull off?

Jetse de Vries, Chris Beckett, Jaine Fenn, Charlie Stross, Tony Ballantyne

19:00 The David Gemmell Awards

This new award rewards fantasy books in the spirit of the late David Gemmell.

What is this spirit, and do the works on the long and shortlist embody these qualities?

Debbie Miller, Juliet McKenna, Mike Cobley, Jon Ely

19:00 Filk Concert

We encourage the filkers to come out of their darkened rooms and share some of their songs with the rest of us. If you've ever wondered what they get up to, this is your chance to find out. Performance by Valerie Housden

Chris O'Shea, Valerie Housden

20:00 Couldn't I just waste him with my crossbow?

What if books were more like games, with no need to take into account pesky things such as plot lines and narrative coherence? What alignment would Gandalf be? How many hit points does one give Sauron? Couldn't Bilbo just jump on Gollum's head? A humoristic look at how famous (and not so famous) works of fiction would have played out.

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*Marcus Rowland, John Coxon, Johnny Nexus,
Amanda Kear*

20:00 Writers, artists and fans discuss their musical inspiration

Many of us listen to music for recreation and sometimes even for inspiration. What do the panellists listen to for fun and for ideas?

Persephone Hazard, Mike Cobley, Paul McAuley, Jetse de Vries, Alastair Reynolds

20:00 Baron Munchausen - An Extraordinary In Memoriam

It is the eighteenth century. A group of nobles are gathered in a location where there is a good stock of wine, and pass the long evening by entertaining each other with tales of their travels and surprising adventures. Munchausen! Our panel spin crazy historical yarns, with invited interruptions from the audience suggesting a new topic. With (some) free alcohol!

Assaf Hershko

20:30 Play "Insidious"

Insidious is the sequel to Inveigle and carries on the story after a gap of two years

David Wake & Cast

21:00 Who Watched the Watchmen?

Now we've all seen the film, how well did it translate to the screen? Were the small changes needless tampering with a classic work, or was it too faithful to the book to make a satisfying film? And how did it work for fans who've never read the comic?

Steve Kilbane, Padraig O'Mealoid, John Medany, Jim de Liscard, Jack Vickeridge

21:00 Why do fans love cats and can we get them to stop?

"I find it morally inconceivable that any human could waste their affection on a creature that takes such delight in torture and selfishness." - Adam Roberts, in his review of Accelerando. Our panel of cat people explain the appeal.

Sue Mason, Farah Mendlesohn, Tanya Brown, Jon Courtenay Grimwood

21:00 Science of Chocolate

Find out more about chocolate and indulge in a chocolate swap fest. Discover just how useless a chocolate teapot is in a live revisiting of the Plokta experiment.

Doug Spencer, Julia Daly

21:00 Sunday Filk (till 2am)

22:00 Fan Fund Auction

Bridget Bradshaw, Claire Brialey, Alison Scott, Ang Rosin, Trevor Clark, Sue-Ann Barber, Flick

22:00 E-Books - are they the future?

E-book readers are being sold in high street stores. Has the time finally come for them to achieve mainstream popularity?

Alex Ingram, Mike Scott, Lee Harris, Jetse de Vries

22:00 Rock Band: Battle of the Bands

Form a band and come along to rock out.

David Devereux, Danie Ware

23:00: A Brief History of the Universe

From the Big Bang through to today and the eventual fate of the universe. This will be followed, if weather permits, a small amount of moon and star gazing.

Emma J. King