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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

There has been drama in the newsletter room – a USB stick had a worm on it, and we're currently taking steps to safeguard against infection. All very exciting stuff, I think you'll agree!

We have heard back from you about breakfasts. Apparently in the Campanile, today's scrambled eggs were yesterday's, yesterday's were last week's. The Rosenblums were not impressed. Few people in the Midland will discuss the meal on the grounds that we'll all crash it and there won't be any left for them.

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

We would like to apologise sincerely, but it appears that we didn't make a mistake in the last issue and so this section is pointless. We promise to do worse in the future.

THE VOICE

AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT!

After a wonderful introduction by Kim Newman and Paul McAuley, involving Galileo and astrological predictions (via Wells and Gernsback in 1909 and a Frost interview of Clarke in 1969 looking forward to the great future of 1999 and 2009 – phew!) it came to the presentation of the BSFA Awards for the best works in 2008.

Best Artwork: Andy Bigwood, the cover of *Subterfuge* (presented by Jon Courtenay Grimwood).

Best Non-fiction: Farah Mendlesohn *Rhetorics of Fantasy* (presented by Ken MacLeod).

Best Short Fiction: Ted Chiang, *Exhalation* (presented by Alastair Reynolds).

Best Novel: Ken MacLeod, *The Night Sessions* (presented by Tim Powers).

Well done to all who won awards!

The BSFA Awards may be over, but you can still join the BSFA, or renew your membership, at its table in the Dealers' Room next to Newcom Press. It's £26 for a UK resident, £18 for a reduced UK membership and £32 for those outside the UK.

DOOR DRAMA!

When you open one of the doors to a programme room while an item is happening – whether you're coming in, going out, or being indecisive – would you please quietly close the door fully behind you? Thank you very much!

CASHPOINT CALM!

It appears that the cashpoint at the garage (mentioned in issue #1) is now working.

SCANDINAVIAN SHINDIG!

You are hereby cordially invited to the Friendly Scandinavians' Party. It starts at 8:30pm in Directors.

SPLISH SPLASH SPLOSH!

Alison Scott reports that the splendid pool and gym are open from 8am to 9pm, with kids' times from 9am to 7pm. For those looking for a quiet swim, you should note that we took the children swimming this morning at 10am, and we had such fun that we're going to do it again tomorrow.

Kids will need to bring a parent, or somebody responsible who is prepared to act as their parent, so that we have a reasonable number of adults.

WEBCAST WONDERS!

In what we believe is a first for a major British science fiction convention, several items are being broadcast online under the "LXtra" label. It isn't official, but is being organised on an ad-hoc basis by Steve Green and Peter Sullivan, building on the experience of webcasts at various US conventions, most notably Corflu.

Peter reports: To find us, our page is at ustream.tv/channel/LXtra, and an updated schedule is available at tuckerverse.livejournal.com. We are starting small, and have covered three panels and a number of less formal happenings across the weekend so far.

To avoid privacy violations, we are only webcasting panels with the consent of the panellists and have agreed guidelines with the committee to minimise concerns. If you see us around the convention with our bright orange warning signs, come up and say hello to The Internet!



SATELLITE SILLINESS!

While today is Gagarin Day, in July it's the 40th Anniversary of Apollo 11, the good people of Satellite 2 in Glasgow (25th-26th July 2009) have bribed us to tell you.

Astronaut Roger, the Satellite 2 con mascot, has escaped! He was

last seen wandering round the convention bars on Saturday at 2pm, giving out chocolates. If you find him, please bring him back to the Satellite 2 table and sign up whilst you're there. Where else would you want to spend the Apollo anniversary, than at a con?

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

After hearing some complaints floating around we are including a street address for each of the restaurants reviewed so far. Apologies if you couldn't find anywhere to eat because of this!

Prashad: 86 Horton Grange Rd

Nawaab: 32 Manor Row

Toby Carvery: 244-246 Rooley Lane

3 Singhs: 254 Sticker Lane

ChinoThai

Centenary Square, BDI 1SD

www.chinothai.co.uk/bradford/
01274 723388

Good quality, reasonably priced Chinese and Thai restaurant. Friendly staff and an unhurried atmosphere with very tasty food. I recommend Thai mussels as a starter, and duck stuffed with seafood as a main. Jungle curry fairly spicy, with a lovely complex flavour. Panang curry very tasty. Good with seafood in sauce of your

choice. Ice creams looked decorative and were eaten fast. Srsly, eat here. This review handwritten by at least seven people!

LOST LAPTOP!

A laptop (a grey Gateway laptop with a cow-type pattern logo) appears to be missing from its rightful home in the newsletter office. The power cord is still here, it's running Windows XP, and is password protected. If you know anything about this please get in touch with us ASAP.

PAPERBACK PROMOTION!

Multi Award winning publisher Elastic Press in the Dealers' Room, near the fire exit, is running a last stock opportunity offer! Two free books with every purchase of any of their books which are only £5! Nothing can beat that! (The books are not available online or in stores.)

Visit the Fantast Three stall, also in the Dealers' Room, and ask for a free sample copy of either Locus or F&SF in return for your name and address. Whilst there buy some bargain priced books!

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter will be published whilst reasonably drunk at something ridiculous like 2am. The next sober newsletter will be published tomorrow, in the early afternoon. 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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CHAPTER THREE: 1968-1977

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2001, A Clockwork Orange, Aldiss, Bayley, Bell, Billion Year Spree, Boak, Brunner, BSFG, Bulmer, Burns, Checkpoint, Clarke, Compton, Coney, Cooper, Dark They Were and Golden-Eyed, Dumarest, Eastercon 22, Egg, Foundation, Gannets, Inverted World, Jackson, Jerry Cornelius, Jones, Kettle, Mancon 5, Maya, New Writings in SF, Novacon, Orbitville, Pavane, Pickersgill, Priest, Rats, Rendezvous with Rama, Roberts, Roberts, Saxton, Science Fiction Monthly, Shaw, Silicon, Space:1999, Speculation, Stand on Zanzibar, Stop Breaking Down, The Jagged Orbit, The Jonah Kit, The Man Who Fell to Earth, The Moment of Eclipse, The Tomorrow People, True Rat, Tubb, Tynecon, UFO, Vector, Watson, Weston, Wrinkled Shrew, Zimri.