



## About Koka2

Distribution points for the Newsletter and the daily programme updates are the Registration Desk on the ground floor and the main con bar (Carradale) on the Entresol floor. Look there for new issues.

The Newsletter office is in room 108, between Comms and the gopher hole/green room. Bring us your news, and we'll mutilate it, change the meaning, quote you out of context and print it with several new and interesting typographical errors.

The newsletter editor is Mike Scott, assisted by the *Plokta* Cabal and Jan van't Ent, and hindered by Marianne Cain. If you'd like to help out, please come along and sign up.

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## Convention Strikes Iceberg

Due to flooding in room 109, the gopher hole has been combined with the green room in the Montrose Suite, on the first floor. This continues a fine tradition of floods at Glasgow Eastercons – at Speculation in 1991, Alison Scott went down ~~on~~ with her green room.

## Restaurant Guide

Conveniently close by – actually just across from the hotel down Hope Street – is Bombay Blues, sporting a “Fine Indian Cuisine” sign. Choose from a £9.95 buffet or order from the menu.

Nice ambience, although maybe a bit too cleanly modern, and friendly staff serving good quality food.

– Jan van't Ent

## Blatant Abuse of Power #1

<plokta.con> would like to remind our members that our room block expires at the end of April. If you want a room in the con hotel, **book it now** by calling the hotel directly on 0116 253 1161 and mentioning <plokta.con>. You can do this even if you haven't yet joined the con.

– Mike Scott

Imagine our shock when we discovered from the notices in the lobby that this is actually the Scottish Slimmers convention and not the UK National SF Convention at all. Of course, this could explain the lack of decent beer.

## Breakfast Times

Breakfast will end at 10:30am on Saturday and Sunday, and **10am** on Monday. Don't get caught out and left hungry.

## Blatant Abuse of Power #2

To encourage Sue Mason's TAFF campaign, and, incidentally, raise some money, collections of her art and writing, along with some other people's writing, are available from Alison Scott. In the bar or in room 234. £4 for a very good cause. You know it makes sense.

– Alison Scott

According to our regular Weekly World News reader in Ops, Elvis has been sighted in the Green Room getting ready for a programme item. Rumours of flooding are merely a distraction to keep the hordes of lust-crazed fans away.

While on the subject, the committee tell us that they have discovered a leak and that the CIA are investigating it. A transparent ploy.

## Beyond Cyberdrome

Wanted, Sprockettes willing to jump up and down and chant in binary. Must provide own PVC outfit. See Barbara, Cal, Eira or SMS.

– SMS

## Fabulous Brighton

The Fabulous Brighton launch at 8pm on Friday (Arran Room) should show fans that Brighton is more than a place where Worldcons once happened. Brighton-based collective Shrewsbury Press has assembled a collection of SF/Fantasy stories set in Brighton by writers connected to the town.

At the reading will be joint Editors Liz Counihan and Liz Williams and general factotum Peter T Garratt.

– Peter T Garratt

The extremely large American gentlemen who have been wandering around are not Scottish Slimmers either. They are members of an American football team who have been staying here for the last five months. Following Fran Dowd's buttock-resilience survey, they have decided to move out and go somewhere safer for the weekend.

## Blatant Abuse of Power #3

<plokta.con>, a small friendly fannish SF convention in the Leicester Holiday Inn over the Spring bank holiday weekend (26-29 May) is run by the awfully nice people who brought you Fourplay, Confabulation, the Hugo-nominated fanzine *Plokta* and this newsletter.

Attending membership is still £20, but will cost more on the door. Join at Sue Mason's table in the Dealers' Room (the one with the coloured wood products)

– Mike Scott

## UK05

On Monday morning the UK05 Worldcon bid will be arranging a visit to the new facilities of the SECC – including the Armadillo. If you want to come along then come to the lobby of the Central at 11am Monday morning and we will take the low-level train service to the SECC.



For information on the bid, which is still deciding between Glasgow and Brighton sites, just come over to the con table in the Kintyre (non-smoking bar).

– *Vince Docherty*

## Bar Correction

The *Read-Me* says the Arran room is a public bar. In fact, this is the Ailsa bar – the Arran is the Alternative Programme.

## Blatant Abuse of Power #4

Be sure to consider Maastricht as a fun place to visit next November, the week after Novacon. Come see us at the ConTreaty desk and sample some Dutch chocolate in a classy hotel wrapper, while taking away a flyer, or better, handing us your money.

– *Jan van't Ent*

## Keeps Them Off the Streets

2Kon can't have any childcare facilities, for all sorts of good reasons. However, Alison Scott and Steven Cain are, entirely privately, choosing to make their room, 234, available for parents and children who want somewhere quiet to hang out and play. 4-7 Friday, 10-6 Sunday and Monday. Pop up and see us.

– *Alison Scott*

## Erratum

The convention Souvenir Book claims that Sparks once blew up £3 million pounds worth of military equipment. He would like to point out that this is blatantly untrue – it was in fact £8.5 million.

What's worse than being a neo-fan at your second convention? How about being a Dutch neo-fan in Glasgow, discovering that everyone around you in the bar are people you know from the Netherlands?

## Chairman Renamed

Convention chair Andrew A Adams, the fan formerly known as A<sup>3</sup>, has been rechristened A\_ in the Souvenir Book. You read it one of his own convention's publication, it must be right.

## Eastercon Moves

Paragon, next year's Eastercon, has been unable to agree satisfactory room rates with the Norbreck Castle in Blackpool and has decided to relocate. It will now be held in the Hanover International hotel in Hinckley, Leicestershire.

There will be a special presentation during the site selection meeting at 11 am on Sunday to explain the move, and details are also available from the Paragon con desk.

## Late Night Laser Tag

Friday: midnight – 3am  
Saturday: midnight – 3am  
Sunday: midnight – 3am

In the basement – past the Leisure Centre entry behind the Registration Desk.

Come along for a game of Laser Tag. Places limited to 10 per game.

Capture the Flag  
Free for All  
Attack & Defend

Sign up at Registration or at Comms.

– *Ian Cairns*

## Grand Opening

Waiting lines, queues, they were all there for the aficionados, who complained about acute queue-deprivation when registration failed to produce anything of Con Francisco-like standards.

As openings go, it did well, with a nice theme slide show before some famous con-face hologram called the committee to the stage and introduced the Guests of Honour. Obligatory chair comments by A\_ included the great Salthouse show – for which people have to pick up a ticket at registration for either the Friday evening or Saturday afternoon show, by the way.

That's it – off to the bar then...

– *Jan van't Ent*

## Beltane Video

You may have heard of Edinburgh's Beltane celebration, when tens of thousands of people take over the city's Calton Hill for a night of fire, drums and ritual – not to mention a pretty good party. This year's Beltane celebration takes place next Sunday, but if you can't be there, come along for our late night showing of the Beltane Fire Society's video of the Samhain celebration in room 153 (Workshop) tonight at midnight, and possibly also the Beltane (tomorrow) and Lunassagh or Imbolc (Sunday) videos.

– *Steve Glover*

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