



Helicon 2 Wins Eastercon Bid

Four bids were presented at the site selection meeting.

Movacon offered an Eastercon on the Glasgow Underground, with two tracks of programming – clockwise and anti-clockwise

e.con were in it for the money, and planned an Internet Eastercon with an IPO immediately before the con to allow the committee and members to sell out and cash in.

Conker was a parasitic Eastercon bid, offering to let Helicon 2 do the hard work of actually running the con.

Helicon 2 was a bid for the Hotel de France on Jersey, site of Contrivance in 1989 and Helicon in 1993. The chair was Martin Hoare, with a bid team including Chris Cooper, Tim Illingworth, Marcia Illingworth, Keith Oborn, John Richards, Tobes, Larry van der Putte, Kim Whysall-Hammond and Tony Whysall-Hammond.

The voting was:

Movacon	1
e.con	7
Conker	11
Helicon 2	Many
Hold-over	4

Abstentions were not counted.

The 2002 Eastercon will therefore be **Helicon 2**.

Membership is £15 for junior/supporting and £30 for attending. Rates will rise later.

Hotel rates are £55 per person per night for twin/double rooms and £60 per person per night for single. There are many cheaper hotels and B&Bs nearby.

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Floods Revisited

The Green Room and the Gopher Hole have been combined in Montrose, in the wake of the flood. The gophers have *not* been consigned to the outer darkness, and any rumours that they have are completely unverified.

The Art Auction is also being flooded, art having to be shown carefully to avoid the sheets of water cascading onto the auctioneer.

Restaurant Reviews

We can't recommend the Modern Indian on West Regent Street *at all*. Interesting food marred by indifferent service and inaccurate menus. Go to the Ichiban Japanese Noodle Bar on Queen Street instead.

– *Blatant plug-seeking Lexicon committee*

At the Jade Garden on Sauchiehall Street, two big Yorkshire appetites were filled for £10 per head including drinks. It gets crowded so go early and eat up.

– *Nick Walker*

Crowding in Corridors

Members are respectfully reminded that, in the event of delayed entry to programme items, corridors *must* be kept clear. If possible, try to find seating off the thoroughfare to allow access to toilets, bars and exits until the programmed event opens. Thank you.

All the Con's a Stage

After the "success" of *Captain Tartan Saves the World – Again!*, David B Wake is considering something more ambitious for next year. If you want to take part, let him know.

– *David B Wake*

Errata

The *Koka2* team would like to point out that the TAFF winner will actually be visiting North America, not Australia (unless Tobes wins, of course). Five proofreaders failed to spot this – after all, "Australia" was spelled right.

In issue 3, *Swedes Abroad* was by Linnéa Anglemark and *Expedition to the Entresol* was by Giulia de Cesare.

Hey, we're running short on sleep. There'll probably be even worse typographicla and other wombats in this and subsequent issues.

Hall Costume Day

Collect your ducats from the Centauri ambassador, and hand them to the person in hall costume who you think deserves it best.

Membership Stats

At 3pm Saturday:

Pre-Reg (All)	856
At-Con Attending	83
Day	49
Other	9
Total	996
No Shows	93
Warm Bodies	903

– *Vince Docherty*

Send Lally to Sweden

Some Swedish fans have decided that it is of mutual interest to both Swedish and UK/Irish fandom to get Dave Lally to Upsala, Sweden in October.

Please make donations to this worthy cause to either Ylva Spångberg or Johan Anglemark. Thank you.

– *Johan Anglemark*

Masquerade Results

Reduction Unit Award: the Dr. Who Radio Show featuring Karen Furlong (aged 8 months) as Sgt. Benton assisted by Sabine as Corporal Furlong.

Sith Most Likely to do Evil Award: Darth Maul, William Cooper (aged 8) in costume and make up by Jane Cooper.

Primal Scream Award: Michelle Rosenblum (aged 10) as trainee Dr. Who assistant.

Honourable Mention for Make Up: (real names not know) Angel & Doyle (deceased).

Honourable Mention for Presentation: Heather McKeegan as the Succubus.

Best Presentation Award: Ed Buckley as Con Man.

Best Workmanship Award: Will Adams as Lara Croft.

Best in Show Award: The Wacky Racers, made by Mark Slater, Elaine Coates and the cast (of 13).

For A Good Cause

Rog Peyton is auctioning a proof copy of a new book by Steven Erikson (*Deadhouse Gates: A Tale of the Malazan Book of the Fallen*) due for publication in September 2000. The highest bid received by 4pm Monday gets the book. All proceeds to go to the Ray Gibberd fund.

Ventilation Squad

Gary Stratmann has been tasked with making some extra holes in the Dealers' Room, to bring the temperature down to a few degrees *below* the boiling point of lead.

If any convention members happen to have a few shaped charges with them, see Gary.

Programme Change

Katherine Kurtz's reading will now take place at 5pm in Workshop.

Blatant Plugs #2-4

The Complete Lojban Language by John Woldemar Cowan. 608pp. Cloth £28. Available from the Foundation stall in the Dealers' Room, or from me.

– Colin Fine

Hogmanaycon is in this very hotel from 29 December 2000 to 1 January 2001, celebrating the *real* Millennium. Membership is £35, but goes up to £45 after this convention. Join at their table in the bar or send your money to 26 Avonbank Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 2PA.

Ken Slater asks us to mention **Tricity, Eurocon 2000**, which will be held in Gdynia, Gdansk and Sopot, on the Polish Baltic coast, from 2-6 August. Membership is £17 – see Bridget Wilkinson or Ken to join. A return flight will cost about £250, but a coach will be chartered from London, if there is sufficient demand, leaving on 31 July (arriving on 1 August) and returning on 7 August (arriving back on 8 August), for approx £100 or less.

2Kon Embroidery

Advertised in the PRs but unfortunately not available when the con opened, these can now be ordered at registration. There's also a T-shirt on display with the same logo. Embroidery kits are priced at £4.50; the T-shirt will cost £5.

– Wilf James

My Hovercraft Is Full of Gaels

Kay at the Pulp Fiction table in the Dealers' Room is looking for someone who can translate a simple phrase into gaelic for her. You see, there's this pewter flask she wants, and it would look really good with an inscription on it. Pulp Fiction are just on your right as you enter the Dealers' Room, the pewter flasks are on your left... .

Chaos Masquerade

Forces of Entropy 4, Convention Organisation 0 (after extra time). Before the Big Bang Show there was ... waiting! Corridors overflowed and hotel/fire regulations kicked in to ask for a quick dispersal of warm bodies. On the rebound half an hour later everyone finally got into the big hall, where a Pratchettian roundabout was to be circumnavigated before finding the quickly disappearing available places. Late arrivals had no chance, as that same entrance had to be used by the performers, but it seemed the hall was full anyway.

Alas Tech failed dismally – leaving video-linked Teddy struck dumb, despite the rushing in of several replacement mic's. He gave up and whirled up onto stage centre to pick up the presentation to good effect.

SMS and Matt experienced grave difficulty because somehow Sparks hadn't come up with the necessary CGI effects, leading to a red-hot row about ordering tech in time – good show (but almost too real after the initial tech difficulties).

We then had *The Matrix*, *Trek* (but not as we know it), mysterious swordmen of past and future, an inimitable Con Man costumed hero, the indomitable Lara Croft (pretty damn good, but how cruel on the kitty!), only to be outshone by the luscious Succubus with a truly classy performance. Lots of fun was provided by Beryl's Blue Rinse Brigade (credits to Aliens stole my handbag) and the grand finale: the Wacky Racers (who needs to see Silverstone after this?) circling the stage, battling for the lead.

– Jan van't Ent

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Give us a Hugo, you bastards.