



Really Important News

To avoid dehydration during the Ceilidh, the Logie Baird bar is licensed until 3am. The other convention bars are licensed until 1am, but Central Hotel residents should still be able to purchase drinks in the Ailsa.

– Cuddles

Reminders

The newsletter office has **no copying facilities**.

Central Hotel Breakfast will finish at **10am** on Monday morning.

Snack meals will close at 7:30pm today and run from 12 noon – 4pm Monday.

Programme participants should *still* report to the Green Room 15 minutes before their programme items.

Alison Scott is selling a collection of Sue Mason's artwork and writing, in support of Sue's TAFF campaign and to raise money for TAFF. £4 from Alison, in the bar or in room 234.

The voodoo board is on the first floor landing.

Leather Fetish #3

The nice ladies in the leather shop would like to thank the assembled masses of fen for buying so much that their boss gave them all a bonus yesterday due to the vast sales. They also thank the fans for being so polite, funny, patient and nice.

The shop across the road (Leather 2000) is part of their chain, and we're all welcome. Future conventions might like to note that if we come back to Glasgow, and ring them a couple of weeks before the con, they might be able to "arrange something".

– Sue Mason & Gail Courtney

Restaurant Review

I was going to the *State of the Universe* panel, but no one was there, so I concluded the universe had come to an end and I should write a review of the last place I ate.

This was the fish'n'chip shop opposite the hotel front door. I had been dreaming of a pakora supper all those months in the wilds of England, and my dreams came true: six large onion pakora, a large portion of chips, salt, vinegar and curry sauce, all for £2.75. My French companion called the pakora "greaseballs", but I notice that she ate them.

The Scots will eat any food from anywhere in the world so long as you can dip it in batter and deep fry it. If you *can't*, we will anyway.

– Jane Carnall

It has been rumoured that at the Scottish Slimmers Convention they eat deep-fried Granola bars instead of deep-fried Mars bars.

– Chris Bell

Gratuitous Toucan Photo



Blatant Abuse of Power #7

If anyone would like to share a taxi to Glasgow airport on Monday evening at 7:30pm (for a 9pm flight), see Mike Scott in the newsletter office.

If anyone else would like to put a similar announcement in the Monday issue of *Koka2*, bring it along to the newsletter office in room 108.

– Mike Scott

Fan History?

A piece of fannish history will be up for grabs in the book auction – A copy of an early draft of the script of *Captain Tartan Saves the World – Again!*, containing lots of bits that didn't make it to the stage, signed by Gerry Anderson and Ed Bishop. The lot will also contain a copy of the play on video and a programme booklet. All proceeds to the con charity.

– Mark Slater & David B Wake

Blatant Plug #5

If Redemption 01 (Ashford, Kent, Feb 23-25 2001) is a Blake's 7/Babylon 5 convention, why is one of their committee wandering round in a Klingon costume?

Answers on the back of a Centauri to their desk in the Kintyre room, or to:

www.smof.com/redemption/

Membership costs £40 attending. The guests are Gareth Thomas, Ron Thornton and Michael Sheard.

Pre-Emptive Strike

The Steven Erikson proof mentioned in issue 4 of *Koka2* has been acquired by John Meaney, who made Rog Peyton an offer he couldn't refuse.

Bad News

Cuddles regrets to inform regulars at the Central Hotel that Maria has left early following the death of her son. Maria has been a popular member of the hotel staff for both local and visiting fans for many years.

– Cuddles

Blatant Abuse of Power #8

If you wish to join <plokta.con>, you should go and find Sue Mason in the dealer's room and give her twenty pounds.

– Alison Scott

The Great Koka2 Caption Contest – Interim Report

As you remember, we asked you to provide a caption for this picture, which shows Guy Dawson warming his conkers in his consort's capacious cleavage.



Entries so far include

- ❑ *Guy Dawson demonstrates his patent method of treating conkkers (anag.) Does it make them tougher?' Koka2 asked Guy. 'Who cares?' said Guy.*
- ❑ *If I pull this string, it'll all fall off.*
- ❑ *Help, my conker's stuck.*
- ❑ *Guy demonstrates the correct use of the Orgasmatron.*
- ❑ *Can you feel anything when I do this?*
- ❑ *Guy shows off his new design of nutcracker.*

More entries welcome.

Behind The Scenes

Dropping in on the Masquerade feedback session as a true gutter reporter, I'm afraid there are mostly only good explanations and sincere apologies to report.

The video-link tech apologises – it worked fine during the Opening Ceremony, but they forgot about the Teddy Effect. They promise to introduce Teddy-testing of all equipment next time. All of the mic's *did* work before and after Teddy got at them.

The contestants found that working "in the round" caused a few problems, especially for some costumes and for speaking parts, not being able to project properly – you really have to know about this in advance. The raised stage was not up to standard, and indeed it was supposed to have been replaced by the hotel a couple of weeks ago. On the other hand, it did help to give people in the back of the audience a decent view of the performance.

– Jan van't Ent

Blatant Abuse of Power #9

Please all come along and bid for a variety of fine artefacts in the United Fan Funds auction – 9pm tonight in the Arran. TAFF candidates Sue Mason, Tobes Valois and Tommy Ferguson will be strutting their stuff, and we have persuaded all manner of people to donate interesting things for auction. If you have interesting things to auction, please give them to any member of the Plokta cabal (that's Alison Scott, Steve Davies, Sue Mason, Mike Scott, Steven Cain or Giulia de Cesare). Otherwise we may resort to auctioning personal services. Again.

– Alison Scott

Dick Dastardly in Maiden Heist Shock



Reports have reached us that Dick Dastardly (shown above, right) has besmirched the honour of one Muttley (shown above, left). Oh, well, all right, he married her. Congratulations. Koka2 asked Muttley for a comment. "Sniggersnickersnickersnicker snigger," said Muttley.

How can you tell someone who has never been to a con in the Central before? They're the ones in the Kintyre Room (non-smoking bar) opening the windows for a bit of fresh air.

Strange Noises

After watching Chris Bell explode at a member of hotel staff about the muzak, we talked to convention chairman A_ about this. He told us that the committee have arranged for the hotel's usual banal choice of music to be replaced by 2Kon's own selection of SF themes and related music. Unfortunately, nobody seems to have noticed.

The "Return of the Colophon" issue was edited by Mike Scott, assisted by Alison Scott, Steve Davies and Jan van't Ent. Logo by Sue (for TAFF) Mason, photos by Steven Cain & Alison Scott.

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