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Full Nova Results Released

Tony Berry, Nova Awards Administrator, has released the full results of the Nova Awards. Tony comments "Yvonne came within a nanometre of winning 3 times in succession which would have been a first. If she'd only bought a few more drinks." 36 votes were cast, which Tony stops short of describing as an absolutely pathetic turnout, so we will.

Fanzine: 1. *Head!* ed. Christina Lake and Doug Bell (55 points), 2. *Plokta*, ed. Steve Davies, Alison Scott and Mike Scott (45), 3. *Gloss*, ed. Victor Gonzalez and Lilian Edwards (39), 4. *Shebang*, ed. Alison Freebairn (38), 5. *Tortoise*, ed. Sue Jones (23), 6. *Adverse Camber*, ed. Yvonne Rowse (18), 7. *Idiosyncrasy*, ed. Dave Hicks (15), 8. *Ansible*, ed. Dave Langford (14), 9. *International Revolutionary Gardener*, (ed. Judith Hanna and Joseph Nicolas) (13), 10. *This Here*, (ed. Nic Farey) (11), 11. *Bogus*, (ed. Sandra Bond) (8), 12. *Barmaid*, (ed. Yvonne Rowse) (7), 13. *Connections*, (ed. Simon Ounsley) (6), 14= *Xyster*, (ed. Dave Wood) (5), 14= *Everlasting Lamentables*, (ed. Elizabeth Billinger) (5), 16. *Parakeet*, (ed. Claire Brialey and Mark Plummer) (4), 17= *Dops Bollocks*, (ed. Anthony Shepherd) (3), 17= *Convertible Bus*, (ed. Tony Keen) (3), 19. *Three Minute Access*, (ed. Kev McVeigh) (2), 20= *Bob*, (ed. Ian Sorensen) (1), 20= *Guffaw*, (ed. Paul Kincaid) (1), 20= *Drunken Fuckwit*, (ed. Tobes Valois) (1) 20= *Fermat* (ed. Rob Newman) (1).

Fan Writer: 1. Alison Freebairn (47 points & 8 first place votes), 2. Yvonne Rowse (47 points & 4 first place votes) *Not at all close*. 3. Dave Hicks (27), 4. Christina Lake (24), 5. Lilian Edwards (20), 6= Sandra Bond (19), 6= Claire Brialey (19), 8. Alison Scott (17), 9. Sue Jones (13), 10. Mark Plummer (11), 11. Simon Ounsley (10), 12= Victor Gonzalez (9), 12= Nic Farey (9) points, 14= Doug Bell (7), 14= Judith Hanna (7), 16. Dave Langford (6), 17= D. West (5), 17= Sue Mason (5), 19= Steve Davies (3), 19= Tony Keen (3), 19= Andrew Butler (3), 22= Steve Green (1), 22= Elizabeth Billinger (1), 22= Ian Sorensen (1), 22= Dave Wood (1), 22= Tobes Valois (1), 22= Steven Cain (1).

Fan Artist: 1. Dave Hicks (125 points) (*Possibly the largest winning margin*

ever), 2. Sue Mason (55), 3. D. West (50), 4. Steve Jeffery (28), 5. Alison Scott (10), 6. Anne Stokes (8), 7. Sue Jones (6), 8. Graham Higgins (5), 9= Harry Turner (3), 9= Jim Barker (3), 11. Dave Mooring (1)

Well, what does rhyme with Camelot?

If you've been suffering because you can't buy the Lego Hogwarts Castle for love nor money, then Lego have provided you with a consolation. Their website <http://www.lego.com/eng/studios/screening/movie.asp?opt=qt1> now has the Camelot scene from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, re-enacted entirely in Lego figures.



PNN editors are easily amused.



Watch out for the dead parrot.

Come To Corflu

Corflu Valentine (14-17/01/02) has revamped their website <http://come.to/corflu>. It's now fast-loading, and includes some neat pictures from Corflu 18 as well as all the stuff you'd expect a con website to have, and Horrible Pink Backgrounds. Hotel rooms are \$89 a night, and there's allegedly rooms at the Best Western next door for \$52 for cheapskates.

There will be a Fanthology, covering 1996 and edited by Greg Pickersgill (with production by Steve Swartz), and the banquet will be a Maryland Crab Feast. What's more, a planned Ian Sorensen Rock Opera will feature one or more *Really Scary Women Called Alison*.

All this and it's in Annapolis, a tourist destination easily accessible from 99% of the known world, and air fares have never been lower. What more incentive do you need? See you all there.

Imminent Death of the Nurse Predicted

Alex McLintock of *Diverse Books* has been spreading consternation by publicly fretting about the future of the first Thursday meetings at the Florence Nightingale. The rumour mill has detected (correctly) that Kev the landlord has moved off to a different—and less suitable—pub, and has deduced (incorrectly) from this that fans will either be turfed out of the Dead Nurse, or that the pub will stop selling real ale.

Turns out that the pub is booked for all first Thursdays in 2002, and there are no current plans to stop serving real beer. Mind you, given the vinegary rat piss that this reporter has been served the last couple of times she's gone, I'm not entirely sure we'd notice.

News from Novacon - Cons

Seacon 03, the 2003 Eastercon, will be back in the Hanover International Hotel in the famous seaside resort of Hinckley, scene of this year's Eastercon. Their guests will be Chris "Fangorn" Baker, Christopher Evans and Mary Gentle. Croydon's most illustrious living fan, Noel Collyer, has been recruited to their committee "They seduced me with women and booze," complained Noel, with little conviction.

Helicon 2, next year's Eastercon, handed out Progress Report 2, including the hotel booking form. Book now if you want a single—there are only thirty, and the con is currently projected to have at least fifty members.

Rumours of a 2004 Eastercon bid were rife, helped out by Chris O'Shea dropping in to the convention late on Saturday having spent a hard day checking out hotels and having them laugh at the pitiful sums we're prepared to pay for function space. And Robert Newman is talking wildly of a Croydon bid for 2005.

Next year's Novacon, the 32nd, will have Ian McDonald as guest of honour, and will return to the Quality Hotel in Walsall.

It looks as though we're all going to have to get used to conventions in modern business-meeting hotels off motorway exits, with three major cons in such venues this year (Paragon, Second and Novacon), and forthcoming Novacons and Eastercons returning to some of those hotels.

Snippets Nicked from Ansible

We thought *PNN* readers would want to know these things, so we've nicked them out of *Ansible*, helpfully published a couple of days earlier than usual this month.

Chris Priest was presented with the Prix Utopia 2001, in honour of his complete body of work, at Utopiales 2001

Still on awards, the Rotsler Award, given by LASFS in recognition of a lifetime's achievement in fan art, went to **Brad Foster**. Weirdly, I was about to wonder why I'd never previously heard of the Rotsler Award, when a quick Google turned up a previous mention of it on *PNN*. Cue eerie music.

Finally, the alleged bid for an Aussie Worldcon in 2007 is quaking at the force of the unstoppable Nippon bid, and is considering instead Sydney in 2008, Melbourne in 2009, or Woomera in 2011. Well, we lied about that last. But wouldn't it be cool?

Tobes for TAFF for Real

Dave Hicks reports that **Tobes Valois**, famed Channel Islands resident, editor and exemplar of *Drunken Fuckwit*, plans to stand in the 2002 TAFF race from Europe to North America. Now we just need another candidate, since TAFF rules don't allow a one-horse race.

Cordwainer Smith Rediscovery Award Ceremony

Andy Sawyer wrote to us to report on the hand over of the first Cordwainer Smith Rediscovery Award, (designed to focus new light on an important SF or fantasy writer whose major work has in recent years fallen into undeserved obscurity) announced at Worldcon, to John Stapledon, son of **Olaf Stapledon**.

While *PNN* agrees that Stapledon's works remain well worth reading (highlights of the field, in fact), we are slightly surprised to see him cited as 'deserving renewed attention'. Just how obscure is he? Well, you can buy several of his books in new paperback, for example, and there are dozens of web pages devoted to him. It doesn't seem like a particularly brave or challenging decision to make the first award to someone so relatively famous amongst the SF authors of his period. Why, the man even has a fan club. We are probably being curmudgeonly.

News from Novacon - fanzines

Fanzines handed out at Novacon included the "rumours of its death are greatly exaggerated" *Ansible 172* (ed. **Dave Langford**), the first of these *PNN* news, *Guffaw 6* (ed. **Paul Kincaid**) announcing that nominations open in February for a proposed UK to Australia GUFF race., *Floss* (ed. **Lilian Edwards**) explaining

how **D West** is past it, *Head! 4* (ed. **Doug Bell & Christina Lake**) which refuted the proposition by printing D's most fannishly relevant cartoons in years, *Wabe 4* (ed. **Tracy Benton, Bill Bodden & Jae Leslie Adams**) with an all-**Georgie-Schnobrich** issue, *Strangeness and Charm* from TAFF candidate **Tobes**, who protests that he's not actually a drunken fuckwit ("I earn a living wearing a suit and tie for fuck's sake") and welcome newcomer *The Cosmic Hairdryer* (ed. **Max**).

And doubtless many more that were not vouchsafed to Dr Plokta. Sadly nothing from **Sue Jones** (but we've had a *Tortoise* recently), **Yvonne Rowse**, the **Banana Twins** or Transatlantean **Victor Gonzalez**.

UK 2005 Bid Reorganises

UK in 2005 announced the formation of an Executive Board, with responsibility for setting policy for the 2005 Worldcon Bid. The elected Officers of the Board are **KIM Campbell** (convener), **Vince Docherty** (treasurer), and **Colin Harris** (board secretary).

The Board immediately appointed Vince Docherty as chair of the operational bid committee, preparing for the vote at Con Jose next summer.

Seattle announces 05 NASFiC Bid

You know the SMOFs have stiched up the Worldcon Bidding when NASFiC bids appear. SWOC, the Seattle Westerncon Organizing Committee, have announced a pre-bid to hold the NASFiC at Seattle Airport from 2-5 September 2005. With UK05 going for early August dates, this should make it easy for people who want to attend both. Or, in fact, neither.

NYRSF publishes special 9-11 supplement

Steven Silver reports in rec.arts.sf.fandom.com that *The New York Review of Science Fiction* has published a special supplement to its November issue.

The supplement contains essays by members of the SF community on their experience of the September 11 attacks. Contributors include **Teresa Nielsen Hayden**, **Kathryn Cramer**, **David Hartwell**, **Ellen Datlow**, **Matthew Appleton**, **Patrick Nielsen Hayden**, **Alice Turner**, **Avram Grumer**, **Eleanor Lang**, **Kevin Maroney**, and others.

Bombs for Beginners

Recently the papers and news media were full of the story that journalists entering the abandoned Al-Qaeda (now confirmed as the Arabic title of Asimov's *Foundation*) safehouse had come across piles of instructions on how to build nuclear bombs. Well, someone thought they recognised the tale they were telling, and

sure enough, has tracked the 'instructions' back to the article "How to Build an Atom Bomb", from *The Journal of Irreproducible Results*. This frankly hilarious article was quoted in some detail on air, and clearly paraphrased in reports. Are we to assume that the journalists failed to notice it was funny? Scary. Alternatively, there's *PNN*'s conspiracy theory: that it took reporters and spooks exactly one nano-second to work out it was a joke, and a further two nano-seconds to work out that putting about the rumour that Al-Qaeda's making nukes is all good grist for the propaganda mill. Scarier. Don't try this at home, kids.

RIP

Terry Hughes (1950-2001), 1979 TAFF winner and editor of MOTA, died on 14 November. Dan Steffan wrote "*He was one of the best men I have ever known. He treated his friends with respect and love and was always willing to help those in need. He will be profoundly missed by everyone who knew him.*"

Dorothy Dunnnett (1923-2001), author of the Lymond Chronicles and House of Niccolo series, among others, died of pancreatic cancer on Friday 9 November after a short illness.

MemeStream

New website about *Nebula SF* magazine: <http://members.aol.com/nebulasf/>, Screech thrash biographies of SF authors: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?Y2E61243>, **Eric Lindsay's** latest fanzine, *Gegenschein 91*: <http://www.ericlindsay.com/sf/geg91.htm>, Resources for font queens: <http://www.myfonts.com/WhatTheFont>, <http://www.identifont.com>, Archive of **Bill Rotsler's** art: <http://www.rotsler.com>, **tnh's** review of *Fascinating Womanhood*: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?E1D61243>, Comparison of legislative process and conrunning by the mysterious "CB": <http://www.smocon19.org/Articles/WordconBill.htm>, Smofcon 19 programme online: <http://www.smocon19.org/Programme/Items.htm>, **Evelyn Leeper's** report of Millennium Philcon: <http://www.geocities.com/evelynleeper/milphil.htm>, **Arthur Hlavaty's** report of Millennium Philcon: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?V2B61243>, **Alex McLintock's** report of Novacon: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?Z4C62043>. And we probably ought to mention Make a Shorter Link: www.makeashorterlink.com

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