

THE SENTINEL 1

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WELCOME TO ODYSSEY

Congratulations—if you are reading this you are probably here early and enjoying all the fun of a not-quite-open-yet convention.



Rita/Gaspodia

Convention chair, Rita Medany/Gaspodia, would like to officially welcome you to the convention, and hopes that you enjoy yourself.

Today's activities have included the assembly of much flatpack furniture—contact Nige (Ops) if you want to reserve anything before the Dead Dog Sale on Monday evening. You too can own a sofa put together by the finest gophers the convention can muster.

A popular buffet meal was held in Newbury 2 this evening and as we go to print the pub quiz is about to start. More news tomorrow!

REAL ALE BAR

The Real Ale Bar in the Atrium is serving London Pride Ale and Old Rosie Cider at £3.50 a pint, and lager at £2.90 a pint. The Old Rosie is 7.5% ABV, and is a 'real scrumpy'—the original price was based on providing Strongbow. The Old Rosie is more expensive than previously advertised—but you're getting much more bang for your buck!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Sentinel, the official newsletter of Odyssey 2010, is appealing for reports, photographs, gossip, volunteers (knowledge of Publisher, IrfanView, Lotus WordPro particularly useful), and ideas for content—so if you know what you want to see but don't want to write it yourself, just let us know! The newsletter offices are in the Business Centre on the third floor, tweet using the hashtag #odysseynews or email us at odysseynews.2010@googlemail.com.

EVENING MEALS

Tickets for all evening meals will be available from the bar in the Atrium all day from Friday. This means you won't have to pay on the door, and can pay by card.

BURGER KING

The Burger King at number 34 on the README Outside probably doesn't exist. It shows up in a Yellow Pages search but not on BK's own website.

DRINK PRICES

If you drink in the Polo bar you will be charged normal hotel prices plus a 10% service charge. For convention prices come to the Atrium bars—and why not sample the real ale and scrumpy?



The queue outside Newbury 2 this evening, waiting for the buffet to start.

Photo: Bo Hansen

CLANGERS AND LIGHT SABERS

If you are an early riser, a keen knitter (or a willing learner) or can sew, and would like to make yourself a stuffed toy or three, come along to room 19 at 8am Friday morning and grab yourself a Clanger kit or the materials to make your own light saber. No knitting experience is needed, as we can teach you all you need. Children welcome if supervised.