

THE SENTINEL 2

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Photo: Bo Hansen

NO PUB QUIZ RESULT?

The illustrious winning team of the Pub Quiz on Thursday evening unfortunately cannot be named. Apparently the winning team had no name. The rumour that the quiz was won by an unnamed team cannot be confirmed.

TAFF DELEGATES ARE GO!!!

TAFF, the Transatlantic Fan Fund, has been bringing North Americans to party in Europe, and vice-versa, for more than 50 years. This year's winners, Anne KG Murphy and Brian Gray, are here at Eastercon, bringing great stories and funny accents to all of European fandom!

You can certainly meet Anne and Brian, along with a bunch of former TAFF and GUFF winners, at the League of Fan Funds auction starting at 9:30 pm on Saturday.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of 9.30am Friday, walk-in memberships had taken the numbers past 1250. If you know anyone dithering about coming, even for one day, now's the time to persuade them!

BREAKFAST ROOM

Despite the programme scheduling of breakfast from 7 am to 10.30 am the hotel are in fact looking to stop serving by 10.15 am. Please make sure you arrive before this.

MEAL TICKETS

Tickets for all meals are now available from the Atrium bar *and* from the Brasserie. Please buy your ticket in advance.

NO RAIL STRIKE –AGAIN!

The well advertised and promoted strike by certain rail workers will not happen on the dates advertised. Those who will not be severely inconvenienced by this news may well decide not to apply to the High Court for no compensation.

QI

There is a sign-in sheet at Reception for any volunteers who wish to test their knowledge in a Quite Interesting quiz (in the style of the Stephen Fry-hosted TV show). The first few volunteers will form a team—but you can't all be Alan Davies!

The quiz will be held Saturday at 10 pm in room 12.

NAMING PLUTO: TODAY AT 3PM!

Let's say you're an 11 year girl and you are asked to name the most recently discovered planet. That actually happened to Veretia Burney back in the 1930s, and Ginitia Jimenez made a wonderful documentary on the day of her 89th birthday, to celebrate the young woman who named Pluto.

Odyssey is pleased to present this engaging documentary today at 3 pm in Room 42. If you believe that Pluto is still a planet, you'll want to see this magnificent short film.

FLICKR GROUP IS LIVE!

If you're a Flickr user, you can upload your photos of the con to the Flickr Group Odyssey 2010. Feel free to load your favourite photos to the group so all of Odyssey can share in the fun!

VOLUNTEERS STILL WANTED

The Sentinel, the official newsletter of Odyssey 2010, is appealing for reports, photographs, gossip and volunteers. If you know what you want to see in your newsletter but don't want to write it yourself, just come and see us in room 37! The newsletter office is in the **Business Centre** on the third floor.

The **BUSINESS CENTRE**
is **CLEARLY MARKED**
on the **GLASS PANELS**



NORTH-WEST MORRIS

This morning our head of programming, Judith Proctor, took some time out from running the programme to teach approximately 20 daring convention members to perform the Ashford Under Lyne dance; a Morris dance in the North-West style. Nearly all started out as complete beginners but by the end of the session were ranting and calling out for ale like well-seasoned fans^h^h Morris dancers. For those of you who missed this session, she will be running it again at 11 am on Monday.

FRIDAY PROGRAMME CHANGES

'Pink sheets' will be available throughout the Convention with any last minute changes as well. Keep watching The Sentinel for more information too.

New Item: 1pm Royal C&D 'Apple Tasting Workshop - All Apples Taste the Same? or do they?'

Come along and find out for yourselves.

SUITCASE GOING BEGGING

The illustrious Anders Frihagen has a surplus suitcase available for free or no money or nothing. This suitcase has a very low mileage—probably less than 20.

A MESSAGE FROM ERHARDT

Erhardt from Germany regrets that he can't be with us this weekend but hopes to be at Novacon and 2011 Eastercon. He sends his best wishes for a happy convention to you all.

YOU ARE TOO LATE

If you wanted to play April Fool jokes—when you read this you're too late—it is the 2nd April, and Odyssey officially opens today.

TLL MEET

Attention members of The Ladies Loos! We *still* had no firm decision on an official meet so let's try to meet up at the Ceilidh tonight? Leave a note for Jacqui at the Newsletter if you're interested.

CONVENTION CLOTHING

There are already lots of people wearing Odyssey 2010 official merchandise—join them and get yourself kitted out. There are T-shirts and hoodies on sale—just ask at

Registration.

You can also buy raffle tickets to win your very own animatronic dinosaur (Pleo).

ODYSSEY-BY-THE-NUMBERS

By Chris Garcia

Number of Registered Attendees – 1256 (more or less);

Number of panels on schedule for Friday – 70;

Number of former TAFF winners on site – 12;

Number of steps from nearest bar to newsletter office – 32;

Number of Extinction-level asteroids within striking distance of Earth – at least 2;

Number of bondage/BDSM panels I've attended – 0, but the con, she is still young.



Photo: John Wilson

HOSTAGE BEEBLEBEAR!

This beebear was found wandering last night and taken hostage—she's doing well but keeps trying to phone for room service!

GLASGOW OR LONDON?

Join the launch party for the UK 2014 Worldcon Bid in Newbury 1 at 9 pm Friday.

Join us for a drink and the announcement of which city will be bidding.