

THE SENTINEL 6

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LONDON IN 2014 WORLDCON BID

At the Worldcon Bid Launch Party hosted by Chris Priest on Friday night, the Newbury suite was packed with fans eager to hear the announcement of the location chosen for the 2014 bid. Having eliminated such locations as Glasgow, Rockall and Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlilllantsiliogogoch, the bid city of London was announced, and the bid for the 2014 Worldcon officially launched. To the sound of The Clash's 'London Calling' the launch video showed London as it has appeared in science fiction TV and movies, mostly with Big Ben being destroyed by dragons, V, and Doctor Who villains.



Photo: Bo Hansen

London in 2014 bid logo with Gherkin and Spaceship. Twice the phallic symbolism, twice the fun!

The bid plans to hold the Worldcon at the new International Conference Centre, ExCel, in London Docklands on the weekend of 14-18 August 2014.

Pre-support and Friend memberships are available now from their bid table right in the middle of the Dealers' Room. These will give you a discount on your membership if the bid is successful. If you want to get involved, why not go along and volunteer to help with the bid. There is a free coach tour to get a preview of the new convention centre in Docklands leaving 10am Monday, and expecting to get back 3.15-3.30pm. Sign up for the tour at the bid desk any time today or Sunday. For more information go along and ask them at their table, or check out the bid web site at www.londonin2014.org

@c_dave #eastercon Gender exaggeration on comics. "Garfield's girl cat doesn't have six giant breasts."

DOCTOR WHO DEBUT!

Doctor Who, a small television programme that's been around since briefly after the Earth cooled, will be having the premiere of The Eleventh Hour, the first adventure of the 11th Doctor. It all starts tonight at 18.20 (or 6:20 to Americans, 1011010011101 to our robot friends) and you can join a gaggle of Eastercon's attendees to see it live on the big screen in the Commonwealth. Be prepared for hot Doctorial action! Expect the Con to grind to a halt while the programme is on!

ODYSSEY BY THE NUMBERS

By Chris Garcia

Number of Registered-types for this here con – **1367**

Number of people lined up at 9am for the Iain Banks Whisky Tasting at 4pm – **>50**

Number of tries it took to remember that > meant greater than – **4 (actually 5 Ed.)**

Number of Beeblebears that attacked me following their picnic – **3**

Number of Bondage/BDSM panels attended – **0**, unless that knitting panel counts...

LIFT TO OXFORD NEEDED

A ride is needed to Oxford after 10pm this evening. Contact Sean 07899 094772

EXTRA PROGRAMME ITEM

Meet the ESFS, Sunday Room 18 – 21:00 (9pm) Join other fans attending this Eastercon/Euroconference (those from the european continent are especially welcome) in an informal Meeting with the Board of the European SF Society (all 4 of whom are here at the con).

Amongst items up for discussion are: how the ESFS can assist in your own national fandom; in publicising your own National SF Con outside your own country; in promoting more Continental involvement in TAFF, GUFF etc (the various Fan Funds) and in the interesting proposal by Steve Green re. a European Fan Fund.

BCNU Dave Lally ESFS Chair

FRIENDLY SCANDINAVIANS

You are invited to the traditional Scandinavian Room Party in Newbury 1, 9pm Saturday. The largest fraction of non-UK attendees will welcome you, not with battle axes, but with drinks of various alcoholic flavours and fannish talk.



Yes!! - The Phlosque Award (above) is being awarded to whichever sensitive artwork with significance you nominate in the Art show. Last year's winner was Anne Stokes. Who will the public nominate this year?



The surreal ale drinkers of ZZ9 out in force.



Games Room going strong .



Photo: Chad Dixon



Lots of games to play, come see in Royal A.



Guest of Honour Iain Banks around the con.

@emmajanedavies Iain Banks coins a new word: *snobbertariat*, for those who think the M. in his name means he's lowering himself to write sci-fi. #EasterCon

Newsletter team: Wilf James, Eddie Cochrane, Jan van't Ent,
and a cast of 'honest and helpful' gophers, volunteers and random passers-by.