



# THE FIERY CHICKEN

The Newsletter of Iridescence, the 2026 Eastercon

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## Ribbons Galore

One of the things that we're doing at Eastercon for the fan funds is a Ribbon Amnesty. Do you have half-empty bags of forgotten badge ribbons from events past, or jokes that are past their sell-by date? Bring them to the fan funds table in the dealers' room and we will give them a good home, or a decent burial.

In unrelated news, one of the things that we're doing at Eastercon for the fan funds is a Ribbon Lucky Dip! Do you want to have a unique badge ribbon that nobody else has? Well, you can try your luck with our lucky dip; one pound for a ribbon or £5 for six.

## Pour Les Tricoteuses

Any knitter who finds themselves without knitting needles for the weekend after shopping too wisely at Third Vault Yarns in the Dealers' Room may borrow what they need from the Peachfield Press stall. A selection of straight pins/wires/needles will be available from Saturday morning.  
—Kate Macdonald

## Are You Looking for Something?

Ask Ops if you've lost anything. We understand that someone has handed in a quantity of a strange paper substance called "cash". Meanwhile, could the people who left a thousand angry wasps please pick them up at their convenience? Or even at their inconvenience?

## Fill Your Boots Bookcases

We learn from intrepid book hunter Brian Ameringen that the UK Bookfest is happening this weekend at the National Conference Centre in Solihull (not to be confused with the NEC). There are 100,000 books (that's over 9,000!) and none of them costs more than £3, dropping to £1 by Monday, and 'fill a bag for a tenner' on Tuesday.

## Tread Carefully!

The good news is that the hotel has provided a Lego station. The bad news is that active supervision by a parent or guardian is required. Would anyone like to adopt any members of the Newsletter staff?

## Ring! Ring!

Please remember to put your phones on silent when you are in a programme item.

Also, please remember to close programme room doors. Noisy people in the corridor can be very disturbing.

## TWP Meetup

There is a meeting for current, past and prospective members of TWP from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday in the bar. All women welcome.

—Caroline Mullan

## Workshops

Remember to sign up (using the web link in the online programme guide) for any workshops that you'd like to attend.

Already signed up for a workshop and not sure if you're on the list? Check your email.

## Keep on Trucking

The food trucks are outside the hotel entrance—look forward and to the right and you'll see them. Today, they are open from noon until 9pm. On Sunday it's also noon until 9pm and on Monday, it's noon until 3pm.

Street Souvlaki—Greek BBQ street food including a vegetarian option

Nayia's Nuggies—excellent chicken nuggets and skin on fries  
Victoria Creperie—desserts

Important stuff: the food trucks don't take groats (card or cash only). And when you've got your food, please eat it in the Fan Lounge (in Arden, near the dealers' room).



## Gaming Update

Have you discovered the Games Room yet? There are lots of games to play, both in formal sessions with sign-up or just with your pals or whoever happens to be around.

Some of the games can be taken away with you, in return for a modest donation to the fan funds. Have you ever wanted to whack the Millennium Falcon with Imperial star destroyers?

## Gild Food Discount Details (Saturday Edition)

The limited menu on the tables in the Gild Bar is 20% off with a convention badge, but you may have to ask for the discount. The discount is not available on the full menu or at the sandwich shop.

## Fun and Games

FunCon 2, which is happening next year in Buxton, ran a frankly hilarious fun and games session last night, featuring live action RoboRally, pass the parcel and musical chairs. Nerf guns with real lasers were sadly deemed 'too dangerous'.



## Papers, Please

People keep telling us how much they miss their printed copies of the convention guide. We understand, but progress must progress. Meanwhile in unconnected news, if you're staying in the hotel they'll probably do small quantities of printing for you, just saying.

We are assured that at next year's convention you will simply have to scan a QR code tattooed on the Chair's forehead to see the Read Me.

The newsletter of course remains resolutely print-positive. Look, is that a giant asteroid?

## This is a Fanzine Too You Know!

The Fanzines in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century panel was alive and kicking at 9am, with an audience that outnumbered the panel and everything. Highlights were Tommy Ferguson explaining that he had just discovered the marvellous website Tumblr, and Roseanna Pendlebury having no idea what a stencil duplicator was. It turns out that if you have a manual typewriter and a hand-cranked duplicator, you do not need electricity to make paper fanzines; a comfort in our politically trying times.

## London Calling

Until September, the *Star Trek At 60* celebration is at the Science Museum in London. The Star Trek Trail and pop-up shop are free to visit. Museum entry is free but it's best to book a time slot to ensure entry as it gets very busy. There's also a special season of all 13 *Star Trek* films at the Science Museum IMAX.

If you are visiting from outside London, you might like to combine it with joining London fandom at the monthly "First Thursday" gathering upstairs at the Bishops Finger pub near Smithfield Market, from 6pm.

—Dave Lally

## Parkrun

A bunch of fit and enthusiastic fans went off to Brueton for their 9am 5k this morning. Tragically I was unable to join them for my constitutional because I had to moderate the fanzine panel then.

—Alison Scott



## We're Saved!

We are pleased to report that the Gild Bar does indeed have a supply of lemon-soaked paper napkins.

