



THE FIERY CHICKEN

The Newsletter of Iridescence, the 2026 Eastercon

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The Mystery of the Tiny Chairs

Tiny chairs are appearing all around the convention. We are reliably informed that the chairs of HaruhiCon and Iridescence are both mystified as to what's going on. There was a suggestion that it might be a "stealth Coxon treasure hunt" but we can reveal that John Coxon denies all responsibility.

Tip-offs welcome! In the meantime, in the immortal words of Sandra Bond "I saw a chair! Where? There on the chair! Where on the chair? Right there!"



Workshops today

We have three great workshops at 7:30pm in Pavilion:

- ◆ Superpowers: fun creative writing session
- ◆ Erasure Poetry: poetry and visual art (no poetic or artistic experience needed)
- ◆ Microfictions: write a page-long story in an hour

Sign up via the programme guide or you can probably just turn up!

There are more great workshops tomorrow and on Sunday, so make sure you look ahead in the programme guide so that you don't miss out.

Easter Worship

In Salisbury-Wellington at 9am on Sunday, there will be a meeting to celebrate the principal festival of the Christian year, and to worship together; broadly grounded in Anglican, Methodist and Reformed traditions but aiming to provide space for anyone familiar with any of the mainstream denominations.

—DougS

Reasons to Get Up Early on Sunday

Got the convention bug? At 9am on Sunday you can hear from some current and future Worldcon bids and find out how you can help.

At 10:30am you can hear from next year's Eastercon, Unconfined. We understand that there are also bids for future years.

More Fun and Games

The Satellite 9 fan table (in the Dealers' Room) has a challenge for you. How quickly can you hook the rubber ducks? Play solo or go head to head, and try to climb the leaderboard.

Satellite 9 runs from 22nd to 24th May 2026, at the Clayton Hotel in Glasgow.

Gild Discount News (Saturday Evening Edition)

If you order your bar food using the QR code on your table, there is an automatic 20% "Easter discount".

Fabulous Fan Funds Auction

There will be an auction of wonders at 7:30pm in Salisbury-Wellington.

You can view the catalogue by scanning the QR code below, but rare and unique items include a bottle of Glasgow 2024 Gin, original artwork, and three terrible board games about poop.

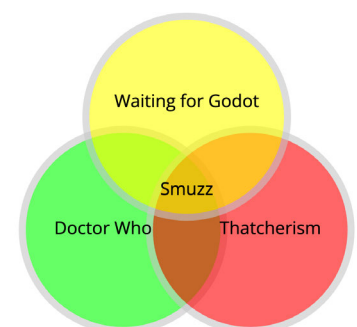


Dramatis Personae

From 9pm on Saturday in Sandringham, there will be two new dramatic performances.

Deity of the Day features a TV chat show host interviewing gods and goddesses from around the world.

It will be followed by *The Enemy Within*, which is sure to appeal to those who fall into the centre of the Venn diagram of *Doctor Who* fandom, cognoscenti of *Waiting for Godot* and those with a keen interest in 1980s asset-stripping of public utilities.



Lightbulb Moment

Britain's first lightbulb museum will be opening in Reading in June, operated by TheArcLampMan to showcase lamps from the 1870s to the present day.

A few of the bulbs have escaped from captivity and may be seen around the hotel on Sunday. Can you help the curator catch them and return them to their boxes?



More Uses for Groats

Most of the HaruhiCon dealers are now accepting groats. If you already have enough groats to buy a bottle of sake then you need to stop working and go to bed.

Happy Half Century

The Hilton Metropole is celebrating its fiftieth birthday in 2026, a thing which we learnt from staring obsessively at the posters in the lifts. The first time we came here for an Eastercon (Beccon '87), it was only 11 years old!



Shameless Plug

D12 things you can find at an Eastercon:

1. Person carrying unwieldy stack of 19 paperbacks
2. Lost anime cosplayer from another convention
3. Empty space shuttle
4. A small fortune in groats
5. Toilet doors that don't quite lock
6. Famous author you are scared to talk to
7. Famous author you aren't scared to talk to
8. A cool book that you think you already bought last year
9. Terrifyingly intense *LotR/Star Trek/Ringworld* fan
10. Friends you really should see more often
11. £11 pint
12. Another jewel for the collection

Find more RPG-adjacent silliness on the *Beyond Cataclysm* stall in the Dealers' Room.

Virtuous Calories

This morning's urban sketching trip went well, and we'd like to thank Miss Macaroon for their sponsorship.

Miss Macaroon is a social enterprise dedicated to helping unemployed young people gain skills that will change their lives. And they make tasty macaroons, so it's well worth walking over to visit their shop in Resort World.

Bar Music

The bar staff are very good at turning down the music when asked, but unfortunately someone else comes along half an hour later and turns it back up. If it's getting too loud, please ask Ops to speak to the hotel. Again.

Overheard at HaruhiCon

"The other bar is full of nerds, but they're not our nerds."

Come To The Dark Side

Eastercon Tech always needs more volunteers to do Audio-Visual Room Tech and help with setup and teardown, not just for Iridescence but for future Eastercons.

"AV Room Tech is easy and lets you see lots of programme items at the same time as being helpful," says our contact. If you're not sure whether it's for you, ask at Tech Ops (in the Ops room) if you can shadow one of the tech volunteers to find out more.

Sufficiently Advanced Technology

The Green Room would like to thank the hotel for the new, high tech drinks delivery service. The top secret system, codenamed "Santos", allows drinks orders to be placed remotely and simply materialise, as if by magic.

Gophers facing unemployment as a result are invited to apply for retraining as AV Room Tech.

Portal to the Portal

Can't remember how to access the Members' Portal? Just scan this QR code!

