



THE FIERY CHICKEN

The Newsletter of Iridescence, the 2026 Eastercon

Issue 4, Sunday lunchtime

Future Eastercons #1

Contract has won the bid to be the 2028 Eastercon and will be held at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole. Chair Marcus Streets has also announced their first three guests, Aliya Whiteley, Adam Roberts and science guest Chris Lintott.

- ◆ Attending membership £90
- ◆ Low income attending £50
- ◆ Supporting membership £40
- ◆ Child/Teen attending £20
- ◆ Infant (0-6) Free
- ◆ Apocryphal (toy/pet) £2



You can join now on the Contract website, www.eastercon2028.org.uk, or go see Marcus at Registration. Announced as card only, thanks to tech wizardry groats and cash are now enabled. Membership prices will be held at this level till later this year, possibly longer.

Sketchy Sketchers

If you're one of the lovely artists sketching things at the con, remember that the rules for photography here also apply to you. We're happy for you to sketch panelists during a programme item, but please get the consent of con members at other times before sketching them.

Last Call for the Art Show

Today (Sunday) is your last chance to see and buy items from the Iridescence Art Show. It's open until 4pm and you can collect your purchases between 4pm and 6pm.

Future Eastercons #2

Farah Mendlesohn and Mike Scott presented for Chronologicon, a small Eastercon in 2029, a Worldcon year, in the Crowne Plaza Chester; they will formally bid next year. It will be capped somewhere around 650 onsite attending members (regular readers will know that we are over 900!) Virtual members will be unlimited.

Chronologicon also showed off their convention art, featuring Kate Towner's instantly recognisable dragon and the medieval Chester clock.



Future Eastercons #3

Allen Stroud presented the BSFA's bid for 2030, to be both Eastercon and Eurocon and to be held in the Birmingham Hilton Metropole. There was brisk discussion of possible governance issues arising.

Quiz Time

Which of these space projects has, to date, been cheaper to run than an average Worldcon?

- ◆ Mirrors in space to reflect sunlight at night
 - ◆ Blockchain in space
 - ◆ Nuclear powered spaceships
- Answer to be revealed in Monday's issue, but if you can't wait that long you can find out at my Space Is Commercial talk in Balmoral at 6pm today.

—Bill Ray

Future Eastercons #4

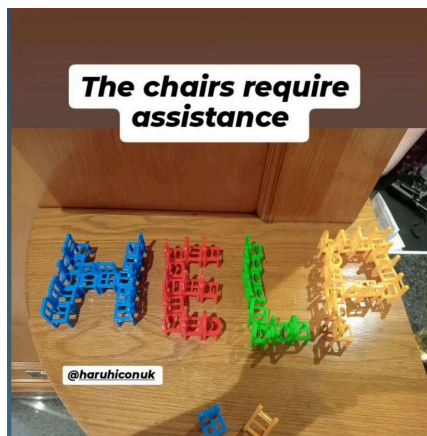
At this morning's Eastercon bid session, Mark Bailey announced an expression of interest from Tommy Ferguson and other Belfast fans to bring Eastercon back to Belfast in the early 2030s, possibly 2031. It would be held at the Belfast ICC, like the 2019 Eurocon and 2025 Eastercon.

I'm Sorry I Can't Do That Dave

From the Iridescence Discord:
JC: TIL that hotel room locks can run out of power
Flickums: Door lock seems to be channelling HAL9000
Gabrielle Steele: You would think they could build wireless charging into the door frame.

Tiny Chairs Evolving Shock

The tiny chairs are evolving! Spotted on the HaruhiCon socials, a cry for help.



How to Find the Newsletter

People keep asking us how to get copies of newsletters that they've missed. They should all be available from Registration or in the Fan Lounge.

Australian Fauna Warning

We have received reports of an infestation of *plummetus urseus*, aka the lesser drop bear. This specimen has been safely contained and will be returned to its native habitat.

Please keep an eye out for these dangerous creatures.

—Rebecca Hills-Duty



There's a Greedy Dragon About

Author Nathan Philpott has written *Greedy Dragon*; a four part serial especially for Eastercon. Post-apocalypse, dragons and hand-drawn illustrations: what's not to love?

It's been released day-by-day, and today is your chance to pick up the whole thing, or whichever bits you've not picked up yet. Stall C13 in the Dealers' Room if you've got a quid spare.

Last Chance to See #2

If you haven't yet ventured over to HaruhiCon to visit their rather splendid Vendors Hall [*do they mean Dealers' Room?* —Ed.], today (Sunday) is your last chance. It closes at 4pm and won't be open tomorrow.

We have Circuses

The Science Circus Crew want to thank everyone who made the Cosmic Circus performance possible, and the audience for having a good time. If you saw the show, please visit linktr.ee/Science.Circus and complete the questionnaire to help them improve and secure funding for future versions of the show. And don't forget to join them at FunCon2. If you missed the show, it will be on catchup.



Eastercon TNG

Three of our younger fans entertained and informed a number of us this morning with their short talks. We are now much better informed about ferrets, seals, jellyfish and octopuses. Thank you to Emily, Leon and Cyril.

Fan Funds Update

Last night's fan fund auction was a great success, raising, provisionally, £882. Thank you to everyone who turned up and supported us.



But the fun doesn't stop there! Look out for the Fan Funds Gameshow tonight (Sunday) at 19:30. Watch teams of previous fan fund winners battle it out in a totally unique format not at all based on popular TV quiz shows.

Impromptu Committee Easter Egg Hunt

A Code Red was declared on Saturday evening when the prizes for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt could not be found. Committee members desperately scoured the hotel for a bag containing large and small Easter eggs and vegan chocolate bunnies.

After a tense couple of hours, the bag was located and the Egg Hunt saved. Luckily none of the contents had escaped.

Thanks to whoever set up this distraction for the committee, who might otherwise have found themselves at a loose end.