

THE SALMON OF KNOWLEDGE



Issue 6 – Saturday morning

Warm Bodies

As of Friday evening, we had 5,196 members (including one-day members) on site and we are approaching the theoretical maximum capacity of the CCD. Why not go and visit the Art Show down at The Point?

Warning! Hurling Ahead



The All-Ireland Hurling Final is in Dublin on Sunday afternoon. There will be extra traffic on the Luas, especially

between Red Cow and Connolly. Traffic out of Dublin on the N7/M7 will be heavier from 5.30pm onwards. Expect the city centre to be full of 80,000 sports fans from 11am onwards.

Volunteers

Done your 12 hours volunteering? Go to the Staff Lounge in the CCD (5th floor—no entry unless you have a staff/volunteer ribbon) and claim your t-shirt.

Volunteer raffle winners for Saturday: yellow 2, 7, 51, 151, 266, 298, 335, 367, 377, 378, 409, 434, 595, 797, 858, 863, 885, 913, 918 and 976. Pick up your prize at the Staff Lounge.

Tonight's Parties

ECOCEM	8pm	CoNZeland
Wicklow 1	8pm	Chicago in 2022
Wicklow 2	8pm	Memphis 2023
Wicklow 3	9pm	Glasgow in 2024
Wicklow 4	9pm	Nick Larter Book Launch.

Masquerade

Don't forget that the Masquerade is tonight. Remember to get your wristband between 1pm and 4pm, next to Registration. If the Masquerade isn't to your taste, why not head to Second Stage at 8pm for The Literary Bards and their versions of Top 40 hits?



More WSFS

Two works have had their eligibility extended for the Hugos. These are:

Movie: *Prospect*

Documentary: *The Worlds of Ursula K. Le Guin.*

Sunday Warnings

In case you had forgotten, tomorrow is Sunday and some shops and restaurants will be closed. In many cases, shops will close earlier than usual. Most large stores will be open from noon to 6pm, museums are open on Sunday but many close on Monday. Smaller shops may be open but check the individual store's opening hours.

Missing the Point

We're still getting requests for directions to The Point. If you have a copy of *Salmon of Knowledge* Issue 1, there's a map there, also in the Pocket Convention Guide or go to bit.ly/how-to-get-to-point-square.

Missing the Point #2

As you may have noticed, The Point is a little unfinished. If you need a first aider while over there, you should go upstairs and approach a member of the Odeon staff.

Access Issues

Please give priority for lift usage to our members with Access needs, including those on wheels of various kinds. Not all disabilities are visible, so please don't police other people's use of the lifts. But if you are able, please use the stairs (right next to the lifts!) and escalators if at all possible.

Use Your Vote

Don't forget that Worldcon Site Selection voting ends at 4pm today in the Exhibits Hall in CCD. Voting costs €40 and gets you a supporting membership in the 2021 Worldcon. The only bid to have filed by the deadline was Washington DC, but you can also vote for a write-in, no preference or none of the above.

Programme Changes

New Items on the Schedule

Grandville and the Anthropomorphic Tradition: ECOCEM Room [Capacity 100] CCD, Saturday noon

Bryan Talbot

When the Rains Come: Liffey Room 2 [Capacity 120] CCD, Monday 2pm

Dr Mary Talbot, Bryan Talbot

Terra Ignota Spoiler Meetup: Wicklow Hall 2B [Capacity 190] CCD, Saturday 10pm

Ada Palmer

People Added to Items

Karlin Lillington added to *The History of Censorship and Information Control*: Saturday 5pm (Wicklow Hall1 [Capacity 190] CCD)

Meetups

- Following on from the Trans and non-binary meetup today there will be a trip to Dublin's LGBTQ+ Resource Centre, Outhouse, on Monday morning at 10am. Meet at the rainbow umbrella by the main entrance to the CCD for the short tram ride and a ten minute walk at the end to the centre.
- Any Rotarians here at the convention? If you want to meet up, just message Jenny Ferne on Facebook.

In Memoriam

Steven Silver informs us of the death of Barry Hughart, the World Fantasy Award winning author of *Bridge of Birds*, on 1st August, aged 95.

We also heard that Australian editor and author Robert N Stephenson (b.1961) died on 15th August. Stephenson was the editor of *Altair* magazine as well as several anthologies. His short story "Rains of la Strange" won the 2011 Aurealis Award.

Fan Funds

The fan fund auction on Saturday in Wicklow Hall 2B will start taking bids on quality merchandise (and the other things) around 4:15pm. We have so many donations (thanks to all concerned) that set-up time is needed! Meet Geri Sullivan (TAFF) and Simon Litten (GUFF) and many former fan fund delegates still raising cash to send fans to meet one another.

A Salmon Writes...

Friends, admirers and fans of Vonda McIntyre and Andi Shechter may be interested to know that Kier Salmon has brought a few of Vonda's beaded and crocheted sea creatures to the con for people from Europe and the east coast of the US who couldn't get to the memorial. She would like those aforesaid friends, admirers and fans to have a memento. Kier will be at one of the tables to the left of the vendor area with said items on Sunday between 10am and noon.

This newsletter was produced by Steve Davies, with help from Mike Scott, Flick, Caroline Mullan, Diarmuid Fanning and Jan van't Ent. Illustrations by Sue Mason.

Hundreds of thousands of burned hazelnut shells, about 8,000 years old, have been found in a pit on the island of Colonsay in Scotland.

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Party Report

A clear measure of a convention party's quality is what happens when the booze (if any) runs out. By this yardstick, the Friday night parties must be declared an unprecedented success.

It is not the fault of any of our hosts that your intrepid reviewers arrived so late to the festivities; other convention duties detained us. We began at the Finnish Fandom party in Martin's Bar, were gutted to discover we'd missed the sponsored potables, then bravely bought our own ciders. We also discovered the amazing concoctions available from the London Essence bar which made this reviewer quiver with anticipation and then with appreciation.

We then ventured up to the second floor to continue our determined exploration. Nick Larter's book release party was cosy and cheerful. We chose not to deplete his (not yet exhausted) bar, snapped a happy portrait of the author and his work, and proceeded apace.

We sadly missed the Japanese HAL-Con party but had good reports of it from convention members we'd chatted with in Martin's. Our next stop was the Nice in 2023 party, where our handsome host treated us to the nicest Pastis it has ever been my pleasure to taste. We had some fun discussing the differences in how a pastis louches compared with an absinthe, and watching other fans try this unique drink.

The Chengdu in 2023 party was a little less frenetic than its neighbours, but most of the seats were filled with fans discussing matters trivial and profound quite animatedly. There was no signature drink to try, but no one seemed to care. There was a remarkably thoroughly autographed banner on hand as one of the items diverting partygoers.

Our final stop for the evening was the DC in 2021 party, which, miraculously, had not yet run out. This humble explorer did his best to reduce the surplus before retiring for the evening.

(If you wonder why your humble reviewers aren't commenting on the snacks at the parties, it's because they all seemed to be serving the same crisps. The drinks and the fan engagement were what made them stand apart from each other.)

As on the previous evening, we couldn't miss the fact that everyone seemed to be having a great time. Our compliments to the hosts for such convivial gatherings.

Ever endeavouring to properly reconnoitre all the parties on your behalf,

— K&A, your intrepid secret party reviewers

Hyphen Download

Rob Hansen lets us know that you can now download a copy of Hyphen #37 in multiple formats from the TAFF website at taff.org.uk/ebooks.php?x=Hyphen37.

Hyphen was a long-running fanzine edited by Walt Willis, with Chuck Harris, Ian McAuley and others, from 1947 onwards. Issue #37 was a 1987 fanzine celebrating 40 years of Irish Fandom.

The fanzine includes material from Patrick and Theresa Nielsen Hayden, Bob Shaw and James White, among others. It features

illustrations by ATom, Dave Wood and Stu Shiffman.

Also available in the Dealers' Room are copies of *Warhoon 28*, the collected writings of Walt Willis, edited by Richard Bergeron.

