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The Multimedia Science Fiction Convention

Progress Report One

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From the (Deputy) Chair

I trust you've all had a relaxing time since Redemption '07. It's been a busy six months for us, scouting the UK for a new hotel that will fit our needs. Hinckley's been a fabulous venue for us in the past, but it was clear from '07 that they're aiming for a different market now, and a change was inevitable. Our new Hotel Liaison, Fiona Scarlett, has undergone a baptism worthy of a Chris Boucher script, wrestling costs, details, conditions and sausage quotas (don't ask) from hard-to-contact Conference Managers, but we're finally sorted. And it's gonna be great. Now we know how many rooms we have and what they look like, we can get stuck into the programming.

There's been a couple of other changes in the staff for '09. In addition to Fi coming on board, Paul Taylor is now looking after our website and Daniel Tilley is guest liaison. Judith is juggling Orbital 2008 as well as Chair and Treasurer for Redemption, so I'm cracking the whip and poking the ribs as Deputy Chair. Sadly, it means I have to nag myself to write PR intros...

New town, new hotel, new staff – but same old Redemption spirit! Roll up your sleeves, read on, and start plotting all those programme items for February 2009.

Steve K

The New Hotel

We've moved. Redemption '09 will *not be in Hinckley* (Expect us to hammer that home in the next two PRs as well). The Hinckley Island Hotel decided that they didn't want us back, so in 2009 we'll be just up the road, in Coventry, at the Britannia Hotel. This is bang in the centre of Coventry, adjacent to the haunting cathedral and a whole two minutes' walk from restaurants, bars and precincts stuffed full of shops.

The hotel itself is an older construction than Hinckley, with a bit of character, and because it's smaller, we can book the entire place to ourselves (apart from the public bar, but we'll be in our own bar, so that's okay).

The hotel's about ten minutes' walk from the railway station, and has a bus station directly over the road. Coventry station is well-served by the Birmingham-London line, and is the next stop along from Birmingham International Airport.

Guest Update

We're pleased to announce Carrie Dobro as our first confirmed guest. Carrie played Dureena Nafeel in the short-lived *Crusade*, and has recently been heard in the new *Blake's 7* audio adventures, playing Jenna; Judith actually prefers her performance to Sally Knyvette's. She's guest-starred in *Babylon 5*, both in the *Call to Arms* TV-movie and in the episodes *Racing Mars* and *Exogenesis*. As well as various other TV and movie credits, Carrie has appeared in over 50 theatre productions, off Broadway, in Los Angeles and across the United States.

Carrie is also an accomplished improv performer, having appeared in comedy clubs in New York City and Los Angeles, and having performed the off-Broadway improv musical, *Anything You Say*.

Carrie currently runs her own production company in Los Angeles, with her writer/director husband, Mark Ciglar.

Membership Rates

For Adult Full Weekend Membership, the advance rates are:

Before 31 st Aug 2008	£50
1 st Sept 2008 - 6 th Feb 2009	£55

Other advance membership prices:

Under-3	Free
Under-18 Full Weekend	£15
Adult Day	£35
Under-18 Day	£10
Supporting membership	£15
Apocryphals (toys, etc.)	£1
Dealer and Dance Only	£5

On The Door prices will be:

	Adult	Under-18
Full Weekend	£60	£15
Day Membership	£40	£10

There are discounts for students, pensioners, members with registered disabilities and unemployed members, but please note that you will have to bring proof of eligibility with you to the con, or you may be asked to pay full price. The discounts are £10 off a Full Weekend membership, and £5 off a Day membership. These discounts only apply to the Adult memberships, and are not cumulative. Please contact David or Lesley McIntee at the address on page 2, if you have any membership queries.

Changing Your Booking Details

If you have Internet access and gave us an email address when you registered, you can change details of your booking – badge name, address, nights in the hotel, etc. – on-line using a web browser. Go to our website (see front cover), click on “Member Services”, and follow the instructions.

If you don't have Internet access, or we don't have an up-to-date email address for you, you'll have to contact us directly instead; see the address for David and Lesley on page 2.

We cannot accept booking changes after 9th February 2009. This is to give us time to communicate all the booking information to the hotel, print badges, and generally prepare for the con.

Remembering Lost Friends

We sadly have to report the loss of two Blake's 7 alumni since the last Redemption.

FRANK MAHER was a paratrooper in WW2 before entering the film business as a stuntman. He was stunt artist and co-ordinator for ITC's adventure shows throughout the 1960s, and became best known for his work on *The Prisoner*, though he also performed on *Randall And Hopkirk*, *The Champions*, *The Saint*, *Space 1999*, and *Danger Man*.

He was a stunt co-ordinator for Blake's 7's first two seasons, including the episode *Redemption*.

After retiring from the business, he moved to the Isle Of White, where, on July 13th, he finally succumbed to the emphysema which had forced his withdrawal from being a guest at Redemption '07.

PETER TUDDENHAM passed away at the age of 88 on July 9th. A character actor of long standing, he appeared in shows as diverse as *Campion*, *The Bill* and *Only Fools And Horses*.

He will be best remembered for his voice work, particularly in Blake's 7, in which he memorably gave distinct personalities to all three computers - Zen, Orac, and Slave - to the extent that many viewers shed tears at Zen's destruction. His association with the SF genre also extended into *Doctor Who*, where he did voice work in *The Ark In Space*, *Masque Of Mandragora*, and *Time And The Rani*. He further took part in two of the Kaldor City audio productions.

Both men were always friendly to fans and a pleasure to meet. Both will be sorely missed.

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We have also sadly lost one of our members recently. Sue Varley writes: MALCOLM MLADENOVIC was born in Burton on Trent and raised in Tamworth. His father, of Yugoslavian origin, settled in England after the war; his mother was a nurse.

After graduating from Girton College, Cambridge, Malcolm worked in software development. Malcolm was still at ARM when he suffered a stroke and a heart attack in June 2006. After three months in hospital Malcolm returned home, making steady progress throughout the winter and returning to work on a limited basis this spring.

He was in the process of returning to work more regularly, and becoming active socially again when he suffered another heart attack and died peacefully in his sleep early on 14th August. Malcolm is survived by his younger brother Maxwell, his other close family having also succumbed to heart conditions.

Malcolm was extremely well-read and could converse intelligently on everything from Greek Philosophy to Relativity Theory, and his book, film and music collection was legendary. As a child Malcolm learned to play both piano and violin, and he kept a love of music throughout his life.

Another of Malcolm's great loves was science fiction, books, TV series and films, particularly Tolkien, Pratchett, Blake's 7 and Babylon 5. He took a lot of pleasure in and made many new friends through the Redemption Conventions and was delighted to have been well enough to attend in 2007, his first outing after his stroke.

A favourite quote of Malcolm's was "I'm not stupid, I'm not expendable, and I'm not going". Malcolm was far from stupid, but sadly he has gone from us. A gentle and lovely man, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Political Upheaval

Redemption '07 played host to a tightly-fought election, with numerous candidates in the fray: Ambassador Kosh, Zaphod Beeblebrox, the Puppet Alliance, the Space Baron, the Tech Crew, the Narn/Cardassian Alliance, the Klingons, Mr Flibble and, of course, Londo Mollari. A 200% electoral turnout meant there were plenty of votes to go around; the Space Baron got the most, but some rapidly-shifting alliances during the closing ceremony confused everyone, and frankly, we've no idea who won. So we'll just have to do it all again in 2009. Submit your campaign statements for PR2...

Membership list.

This list includes members who joined before 21st August 2007. It excludes Apocryphal members (toys).

40	Catherine	Abbott	Catherine
111	Dr Andrew A	Adams	A ³
114	Melissa	Arnold	Cartagia I
115		Arnold	Mr Bigglesworth
142	Jonathan	Baddeley	Jonny5
82	Louise	Badsey	Louise
178	Nickey	Barnard	Nickey Barnard
83		Badsey	Bagpuss
136	Rachael	Baylis	wychwood
17	Ruth	Beckett	Avon
18		Beckett	Indy
146	Joshua	Bentley	Joshua Bentley
87	Maia	Bernstein	Maia
1	P.M.	Bingham	Bobby
159	Bridget	Bradshaw	Bridget Bradshaw
160	Simon	Bradshaw	Simon Bradshaw
88	Simon	Britton	Dr When
89	Helen	Brunton	Nurse When
96	Jane	Carnall	Jane Carnall
144	Jennifer	Chadburn	Jekesta
125	Eddie	Cochrane	Eddie
163	Debra	Collard	Debs
168	Chris	Croughton	Keris
49	Serena	Culfeather	Serena
50	Batty	Culfeather-Wilson	Batty
16	David	Curry	Gryphon
72	Debbie	Custance	Skylar
55	Christine	Davidson	Christine
56	Michael	Davidson	Michael
	Rebecca		
173	Elizabeth	Day	beccaelizabeth
91	Max P	de Vries	Max
100	Elsie	Donald	Elsie Donald
153	Tara	Dowling-Hussey	Tara Dowling-Hussey
59	Gina	Dungworth	(Pink) Dormouse
155	Greg	Elkin	Beeremat
156		Elkin	Bear
57	Mike	Figg	Mike F
58	Janet Shepherd	Figg	Janet Shepherd Figg

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77	Roger	Fishwick	Roger
175	Alison	Freebairn	Sneerpout
60	Nigel	Furlong	Nige - The Minion
61	Sabine	Furlong	Sabine - The Leather Babe
62	Karen	Furlong	Karen - The Babe
63	Simon	Furlong	Simon - The Eurovision Star
85	Janine	Gredig	Daisee Chain
176	Karen	Groves	Haldane
122	Stephen	Hannington	Overlord of the Moon
46	James	Harrington	The Inquisitor
47	Lisa	Harrington	L'Sar
143	Vicky	Hartell	Vicky
119	Robin	Haslam	Count Zero
120	Vicky	Haslam	Vicky
113	Joanne	Haswell	impy
7	Matt	Hay	Comstar
8	Rob	Hayward	Rob
9	Chris	Hayward	Chris
10	David	Hayward	David
12	Ed	Hodgkinson	
79	Alex	Holden	Alex Holden
81	John	Holden	JohnTheBookman
170	Phil	Huggins	Phil
95	Karl	Jackson	Karl Jackson, Shadow-Walker
92	Kathy	Jay	Selenay
67	Martin	Jones	Martin
104	Linda	Joyce	Linda Joyce
124	Steve	Kilbane	Steve Kilbane
32	Jane	Killick	Jane Killick
150	Lisa	Konrad	Mavin
151	Jocelyn	Konrad-Lee	Kyara
152	Dave	Lally	Dave Lally
94	Kin-Ming	Looi	Ming
165	Helen	Macneil	Granny Smith
166	Justin	Macneil	ABADDON
118	Koren	Maddison	Koren
38	Claire	Maher	Claire
27	Nic	Mayer	Nic Mayer (Paranoidangel)
171	Alistair	Maynard	Alistair Maynard
149	Sarah	McDermott	Sarah
101	David A	McIntee	TBC
102	Lesley	McIntee	Londo
75	John	Merry	John

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76	Loretta	Merry	loretta thessane
41	Colin	Milnes	Colin
6	Harriet	Monkhouse	Harriet Monkhouse
24		Monkhouse	Grego Jarriere
177	Ruth	Morris	Altaira
42	Graham	Mulholland	Magic Graham
43		Mulholland	Graham's Beeblebear
39	Ian	Murphy	Smurf
69	Anthony	Naggs	Tony
28	Carol	Naylor	Carol
29		Naylor	Lucas T Bear
106	Jane	Nicholson	Jane
112	Mary	O'Connor	Mary O'Connor
145	Tracey	O'Rourke	Tracey O'Rourke
126	Chris	O'Shea	The Magician
22	Jeremy	Ogden	Jeremy
169	Michael	Owen	MikeO
33	Stephen	Page	Olag Gan
34		Page	Troublesome
23	Brian	Parsons	Brian Parsons
121	Simon	Partridge	Simon Partridge
15	Andrew	Patterson	Andrew
117	Jenny	Pausacker	Nova
78	Kayta	Phillips	Kayta
98	Judith	Proctor	Judith Proctor
99	Richard	Proctor	Richard Proctor
31	Richard	Putley	Richard Who
105	Mark	Randall	Mark
172	Danielle	Ray	Danielle Ray
44	Douglas	Reay	Pallando
45	Louise	Reay	Sigma
4	Catherine	Reynolds	
5		Reynolds	
13		Reynolds	
51	Trevor	Reynolds	Trevor Reynolds
52	Patricia	Reynolds	Patricia Reynolds
65	Pat	Rigby-McMurray	Pat Rigby-McMurray
66	Julie Faith	Rigby-McMurray	Munquie
123	Raj	Rijhwani	Starfire
108	Paula	Robinson	Paula
70	Tony	Rogers	Tony Rogers
148	Susan	Rogers	Susan Rogers
103	Steve	Rogerson	Steve Rogerson
68	Glendora	Ross	Boreallis

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64	Mark	Rudling	Mark Rudling
2	Little	Samuel	Sam Bach
74	Ruth	Saunders	Lexin
110	Jenny	Saville	Jenny Saville
73	Ian	Sewell	Ian
25	Mark	Sinclair	Mark Sinclair
26	Paddy	Sinclair	Paddy Sinclair
164	Neil	Sluman	Squigs
86	Keith	Smith	Audio_n_Video
36	Douglas	Spencer	DougS
137	Graham	Spoor	Execurus Edun
19	Linda	Stratmann	Linda Stratmann
20	Gary	Stratmann	Gary Stratmann
107	Julia	Thomson	Julia Jones
35	Gemma	Tiley	Spacefall
84	Daniel	Tilley	Dan Tilley
174	Nat	Titman	Nat
97	Tony	Towers	Tony Towers
133	Krista	Tynninen	Snowgrouse
134		Tynninen	Mr Moley
157	Richard	Van Der Voort	At the sign of the Dragon
158	Marion	Van Der Voort	Marion VanDer Voort
11	Graham	Wade	Graham Wade
30	Robert A	Walker	George
37	Jem	Ward	Jem Ward
138	Sue	Wellings	TBC
139	Philip	Wellings	TBC
140	Edward	Wellings	Spud
141	Henry	Wellings	Pickle
93	Anne	Wells	Anne
154	Katherine	Westhead	Katherine Westhead
80	Nik	Whitehead	Nik
3	Wendy	Wilkins	Wendy
116	Ika	Willis	Ika
48	John Ross	Wilson	John Wilson
135	Terence	Wilson	Terry Wilson
53	Laurel	Wingfield	Lady Mollari I
54		Wingfield	Fluffy
90	Sarah	Wingfield	Sarah Wingfield
109	Helen	Wolverton	Hel
167	Katherine	Woods	KatW
147	Sarah	Wright	Sarah
71	Graham	Young	Graham Young