



TAFfLINE

THE NEWSLETTER

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THE 2012 TRIP

Jacqueline Monahan is this year's TAFf delegate, and (at the time of writing) has been in the United Kingdom for around a fortnight. As you can see below, she's been having a grand time, including a punt on the River Cam with Jim Mowatt, who is known for his TAFf candidate interviews.



Jacq has seen many places, including London, Croydon, Ramsbury, Solihull and Sheffield; she appears to be having a fantastic time. We managed to get hold of her whilst she was enjoying London, at the beginning of her trip, and she had this to say:

"I am enjoying the trip immensely and relishing all my new discoveries (Oyster Card! Free museums! Forbidden Planet bookstore! Kew Gardens!) And that's only London. Much more to come. You'll know precisely where I am at all times by the sound of the delighted squeal."

Jacq is in Sheffield at the time of writing, but will be travelling back down to London on Thursday 5th April, before attending the First Thursday London Circle pub meeting. This will take place at the Melton Mowbray pub (18 Holborn, EC1N 2LE). After that, Jacq will be at Olympus 2012 (this year's Eastercon) which is being held at the Radisson Edwardian hotel at Heathrow.

THE FAN FUND AUCTION

The fan fund auction is a staple of the Eastercon schedule, and this year is no different. As you can probably guess, we're always looking for items that we might be able to auction, so if you have anything you're thinking of getting rid of, please bring for us to sell! All proceeds from the auction go to GUFF as well as TAFf, so it supports multiple good causes whilst also being very good fun.

If we can't shift items at the auction, we will be giving it away – for a fee! – in our tombola, which will be located on a fan table somewhere at Olympus (we're not yet sure where) in conjunction with GUFF. Due to logistical issues this year, we're very likely to be unable to save anything we can't shift until the next auction, and so anything you bring that we can't auction and don't manage to tombola will either be given to charity or recycled.

The auction will be running from around 9:15pm on Sunday night in Room 41, and will feature John, Jacq, GUFF's James Shields & Kylie Ding, and various guest auctioneers from far and wide!

THE EASTERCON

There are many TAFff-related events occurring at Eastercon, and below is a list of the programme items you may want to attend, if you're interested in seeing Jac, seeing Kylie (the GUFF delegate), or interested in hearing more about the funds.

All items are in Room 41 except where noted.

The list below is accurate at the time of writing, but programmes change and shift before a convention and so this may not be entirely accurate. Please look out for programme alterations in the Olympus 2012 newsletter!

The first programme item listed below (11am on Friday) is a good chance for people to meet John and Jacq alongside representatives from GUFF, so do come along and partake in the coffee and doughnuts mentioned in the programme guide.

THE FRIDAY

11:00 – **Damn Fine Cons: What is fandom and why should we care?**

13:00 – **Bringing up fannish children.**

20:00 – **Do Swedes have more fun? (International fandom).**

THE SATURDAY

16:00 – **Why fan funds?**

18:00 – **Online fandom (saving fandom or killing it?).**

22:00 – **GUFF fundraiser party** [Room 38].

THE SUNDAY

20:00 – **Oliver! (With a twist): A Dickensian Tale** [Commonwealth]

21:15 – **Fan fund auction.***

THE MONDAY

15:00 – **Virtual convention.**

19:00 – **Fan fund quiz.***

Items that have been labelled with an asterisk are items that are scheduled to last for more than one hour. The fan fund auction may last until around 11pm, whilst the fan fund quiz probably won't last the full two hours allowed by its slot, although it's conceivable that this theory may fall down in practice.

THE 2011 TRIP

John's TAFff report is not going to be out in time for Olympus 2012. The current plan is still to release it before the next westward TAFff trip, but given the already high profile the funds will enjoy, it was felt that releasing it at Olympus could be oversaturating those in attendance.

THE OUTGOING ADMINISTRATORS

The current North American administrators, Anne and Brian Gray, will be stepping down to make way for Jacqueline's stint as administrator at some stage in the near future. They have done completely amazing work for the Fund, and John would like to thank them (and Rosie!) for their dedication over the last year.



This also seems like a good time to wish Jacq good luck over the next two years, which will see her preside over the eastbound TAFff race in 2014. Since London in 2014 is the only bid for the Worldcon that year, that TAFff race will probably be quite popular.

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