



# Taffluorescence! fifth issue



The clock ticks forward to July 2024. The Glasgow Worldcon looms like a cliff face. Are we at the top of the cliff or the bottom?

Don't ask. Some metaphors will not stand too close an examination. Neither will I, for that matter: I am your friendly neighbourhood TAFF administrator for Europe and I am Sandra Bond, 1B Chestnut House, Mucklestone Rd, Loggerheads, Market Drayton TF9 1DA, UK. North American admin (outgoing): Michael Lowrey, 1847 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Milwaukee, WI 53212, USA North American admin (incoming): Sarah Gulde, but don't let's pester her till her trip is over EU TAFF email: [EUTaff@gmail.com](mailto:EUTaff@gmail.com) ~~ NA TAFF email: [n.a.Taff.2020@gmail.com](mailto:n.a.Taff.2020@gmail.com) EU TAFF PayPal: [EUTaff@gmail.com](mailto:EUTaff@gmail.com) ~~ NA TAFF PayPal: [TAFF@toad-hall.com](mailto:TAFF@toad-hall.com) The online TAFF repository of all good things and also this newsletter: [taff.org.uk](http://taff.org.uk)



SHE LIKES TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT

As I write, less than 48 hours remain until 2024 TAFF delegate Sarah Gulde lands in the UK. By the time you read this she'll already be here. Says she:

*"I'm so grateful to be the TAFF delegate, and I want to make the most of the trip by meeting up with as many fellow fans as possible! Please do feel free to reach out if you're in or near one of my planned stops. Looking forward to meeting you!"*

Here is where she currently plans to be (or has been), compressed for space. Contact her at [sarahmiyoko@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmiyoko@gmail.com) if you want to arrange anything. (It is my avowed intent to meet Sarah once again in Stoke, and feed her Staffordshire oatcakes, whether she likes it or not.)

22-26 July: London... 26-29 July: Blackpool (Star Trek con)... 29 July-8 August: Inverurie... 8-13 August: Glasgow... 13-16 August: Elgin... 16-20 August: Inverness... 20-23 August: Newcastle... 27-30 August: Stoke... 30 August-3 September: Liverpool... 3-10 September: Wrexham... 10-13 September: Neath... 13-16 September: Broadway (Give my regards... oh, *that* Broadway...) 16 September-11 October: London, Bath, Cornwall, Stratford.

Meantime, TAFF and the other fan funds will be furiously shaking you down for money at Glasgow. Alison Scott and I will be knocking down wondrous artefacts and unique rarities at the Fan Fund auction, scheduled for 2030 Saturday. At other times during the con, come by the Fan Fund table in Hall 5, check out our wares, and try your luck at our Amazeballs Tat Tombola where you can win anything from a bottle of Henderson's Relish to a cuddly toy.

Not TAFF, but a worthy project deserving support: fandom's archivists, Joe Siclari and Edie Stern, will have a scanning station set up at the con, and if you have any old fanzines which don't yet appear on [www.fanac.org](http://www.fanac.org), they will be delighted to scan and return them, helping to immortalise that dangerously ephemeral art-form. We *invented* the word 'fanzine', damn it! The least we can do is show that we still care about the things.

TAFF thanks Conversation for its gift to our coffers. Other cons with leftover ££ please copy.

The League of Fan Funds now has a website, <https://lff.ansible.uk/> (basic, but it will grow).

Finally, let me recommend a super new book, out at the con; it's called – argh! No space!