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**February 2005**

- 5th - Centre for Life, Newcastle upon Tyne. Meet 12.30pm under the big Life sign.
- 19th - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

**March 2005**

- 12th - First Newcastle meet at Benwell Library + charity breakfast
- 19th - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

**April 2005**

- 9th - Newcastle meet at Benwell Library
- 16th - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

**May 2005**

- 14th - Newcastle meet at Benwell Library
- 21st - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

**June 2005**

- 11th - Newcastle meet at Benwell Library
- 18th - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

For more details check the diary page on the website which now includes notable events and conventions.

**Classified Ads  
Wanted—Send  
to usual email**



**That's all folks**

That's it for this month.

We're back in the swing of things from next month. New venue, new meets and a month after that we're starting the whole new points and faction system.

If you haven't picked your species yet then you'd better give it a go and let us know as soon as humanly/inhumanly possible.

Also of note is that attending meetings and/or events also gets you points. Next newsletter we'll publish a full breakdown of the new points system, ready for April.

Keith

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**Latest:**

- New Babylon 5 movie gets the go-ahead "The Memory of Shadows" and it will be filmed in the UK.
- "Farscape the Peacekeeper Wars" will be available on DVD to buy from 14th February 2005, and it would seem that the Region 2 is better than the Region 1.
- 'Dead Like Me' will not be returning for a third series. Mwah!
- Farscape's Ben Browder will be joining SG-1 next season. Also promised is the return of Claudia Black for a number of episodes.

**Sites of the Month:**

[www.starshipexeter.com](http://www.starshipexeter.com)

Fan made films that look just like the original series but with updated effects.

**Film/TV**

**Quote:**

"Voila: the ZF-1. It's light. Handle's adjustable for easy carrying; good for righties and lefties."

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**I think I joined the wrong Intelligence Service**

For the first time in a while you've got in your hand a newsletter that is available before the meetings for the month concerned. Wow!

January has been both a quiet and busy time for the club. January's event at the Metrocentre turned out to be a little slim on attendance due to high winds and national chaos. We did on the other hand have a constructive meeting at Darlington.

This coming weekend on the 5th February we've got an event at the Newcastle Centre for Life. Meet 1.30pm under the large Life Sign.

It's £6.95 (adults) entrance fee but we could get discount depending on our numbers. Also if you are travelling by Metro, bring your ticket for a discount of up to £1.50. The centre includes the Spongebob Squarepants motion simulator ride... Whooh!

We've also got info on the Benwell venue, the first meeting and the Cancer Research Charity Breakfast tucked away inside this yummy paper based lifeform. It needs a hug, but caress it gently and keep it away from fire.

Catchalater

High Commander Splik

**New Gamma Q due in March**

The current issue of the magazine will hit the street of Feb 5th, so we're working on the next four issues. These things won't fill themselves, so send us your original articles, cartoons, untold knowledge,

and/or gardening tips. So don't forget spring is the time to prune your clematis because flowering will diminish on all clematis vines without pruning.

Articles to [splik@sfne.co.uk](mailto:splik@sfne.co.uk)

## From the Forum/Yahogroups

Last months yahogroups has been buzzing with comparisons on how quickly/slowly certain members can eat different sweets. Plus a few bits of 'aggressive negotiations' about the Exeter/NZ week 1st Saturday clash and subsequent move.

If you want to subscribe to the newsletter send an email to :

neutral-zone-  
subscribe@yahoo.com and  
join in the fun.

### Interesting Facts...

Only two countries in the world are doubly landlocked: Liechtenstein and Uzbekistan.

Sick of crowds? Try Greenland where there's 38 sq km per person.

## New Races/Divisions

We've gone Harry Potter style. All of the species you've decided to become in the club will be subdivided into four factions depending on race. The four factions are:-

- Humans-Humans, including Time Lords, Peacekeepers
- Cyborgs-Borg, and Cybermen, Terminators types.
- Aliens-Klingons, Scarrans,

- Robots-Androids, and any other killing machines.

We'll have some more discussion as to which species is in each faction so we'll be in place for April.

## Debs Returns

After her brief stay in hospital and subsequent recovery time, Debs managed to make it to the Darlington Meet. Welcome back from all of us.

## Birthday Boys and Girl

To all of the members who's birthday falls on a February we hope you have/had a good one.

DAVID A HARRISON  
DOMINIC HIPKIN

REBECCA RENTON

We all hope you have great days and we full to the brim with chocolate, toys, clothes, motor bikes or whatever you wished for.

## New Newcastle Venue—Benwell

On **March 14th** we'll be holding our first meeting at our new Newcastle venue at Benwell Library

On the **2nd Saturday** of each month from **11:00am** til **4:30pm**, the Newcastle meetings will be held in one of the **20 capacity rooms** on the first floor of the Library on Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8XS. Buses to the library include the 10, 11, 17, 35a, 38, 39, 40, 81, N11, 30, 31, 32, 32a and X82. Most of which can be caught outside the front of Central Station. The main doors to the library are closed between 1pm and 2.15pm. There is a side door, during that time, for our use.

Also on the first meeting in March we are holding a charity event in aid of Cancer Research. It's gonna be a Sci-Fi Themed Big Breakfast. Throughout March Cancer Research are encouraging groups and people to hold Breakfast Parties throughout the UK to raise funds. Not ones to be boring old farts we're getting involved. Check out the links via the website.



If you want to bring some Gagh, Spoo, Blue Milk or whatever, bring it down... but pop and biscuits would also work. Come in your uniforms, costumes and the like if you want. But don't scare the library staff too much. Lets get some photo ops for the newsletters and magazines and start this thing with a bang.

I hope you'll all come and raise a little money for charity. Bring food, bring games, bring a donation and get some raffle tickets. I'm sure Debbie is itching to get back into that ticket selling vibe.

