

**NEUTRAL ZONE
SCI-FI NORTH EAST**

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March 2006

- 11th - First Newcastle meet at Benwell Library + charity breakfast. Britain's Biggest Breakfast
- 18th - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre. Britain's Biggest Breakfast

April 2006

- 8th - Newcastle meet at Benwell Library
- 15th - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

May 2006

- 13th - Newcastle meet at Benwell Library
- 20st - Darlington Meet at Arts Centre

June 2006

- 10th - Newcastle meet at Benwell Library
- 17th - 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**



Points Totals

This is the last month for points. We'll reset from the beginning of April ("**Easter Extravaganza**") and we'll have the presentations at the Benwell meet. Good Luck

Factions

Xeno (15 members) 622 points
Humanoid (10 members) 514 points
Cyborg (6 members) 345 points
Mecha (7 member) 192 points
Not allocated (1 members) 2 points

Individuals

Ray Hughes (335 points)
David Harrison (209 points)
Lee Doughty (168 points)

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SCI-FI NORTH EAST Neutral Territory

Latest:

- Star Trek is 40!!
- Peter Kay, yes that, Phoenix Nights Peter Kay is going to be playing a villain in episode 10 of the new series of Doctor Who.
- Lucy Lawless will become a full member of the cast in the next season of Battlestar Galactica
- 'Life on Mars' will continue.
- 'Hyperdrive' season 2 has been confirmed.
- Interesting link "www.fireflyseason2.com"

*Site of the
Month:*
www.startrekne.com
wvoyages.com

Movie

Taglines

"Movies were his passion. Women were his inspiration. Angora sweaters were his weakness.

*Answer to
splik@sfne.co.uk*

Food Glorious Fooooooood!!

Hey there,

This month we've got our Britain's Biggest Breakfast, so we hope you have brought along your weird food and jellied sweets. We had some fun last year, so hopefully this one will be just as silly.

Next months we've got the :-

First Annual Easter Extravaganza.

The presentations will be made to the winning faction and individuals of the years points and we'll also have our Easter Egg competition.

New Gamma Q due June

Following on from last months meeting Gamma Quadrant will be Bi Annually (twice a year), so the next issue will be coming out in June. More pages, better quality and more fun.

Paint up an egg in a SF style and the winner gets a prize. There will also be a charity raffle plus the usual fun and games.

Also bring in an chocolate Easter Egg which will be donated to the **Freeman Hospital**. 5 points per egg to start the year.

Catchalater Splik

P.S. For those that don't know Elaine and I are expecting a new club member on 25th August. So, we'll need lots of help with the club in the latter months. We may not be there at the September meet or cricket.

If you want to be part of a new generation, email or post your articles ASAP.
Articles to splik@sfne.co.uk

Birthday Boys and Girl

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

Keith Lawler (yippee!), Lee Doughty, Hugh Trevelyn and Jennifer Hutchinson.

We hope you have/had a great time and didn't get too drunk/overspent.

From the Yahoogroup

Currently there is an intergalactic war between the galactic noise abatement society and Bobocop who is currently being held hostage in a padded cell. Splik mentioned the problems with the lack of noise in space and now it continues. FREE BOBOCOP!

Missing out? To subscribe to the newsletter send an email to : neutral-zone-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and join in the fun.

More fun can be had at the website forum via www.sfne.co.uk

Report of AGM—9th April 2005

1. Opening address by Chairman—The Chairman opened the meeting at 2:05pm and thanked everyone present for attending.
2. Secretary's report
 - Current Levels— We have 37 current members, of whom four are Ewoks and 23 are Primary Members. We have lost a few former members but we have also gained a few new members in recent months.
 - Recruitment— Leaflets have been placed in Travelling Man and Forbidden Planet and have so far resulted in one new attender although he has not joined yet. David I will place leaflets in Washington Town Centre library, David H will put some in Darlington locations. We now need to try wider promotion such as free adverts in SFX magazine which we intend to do in the next couple of months.
3. Secretary's report

The secretary submitted figures for those present to view. The current balance in the account is £95.14 of which £52 is outstanding for forwarding to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. It was agreed to forward monies owing to them after 31st March each year.
4. Other committee reports

Simon - Librarian: Says he's in process of cataloguing. Requested by secretary that he sends what he has immediately to Keith for inclusion on the website.

David I - Vice-Chairman: has two friends and former members who is trying to persuade to rejoin.

5. Magazine

From annual membership fees we can just about afford 4 magazines a year, however we do not currently have sufficient members to provide the content for so many magazines. Alternatives of only two issues per year but perhaps with some colour content was suggested by Keith. This was agreed unanimously. Provisionally to be published in June and December, but these are not fixed issue dates and will depend on availability of content.

6. Website— Keith agreed that this needs updating more often and said that he would try to accomplish this.

7. Fees for 2006/07— It was unanimously agreed that the fees should remain the same to provide the club with the possibility of a financial cushion.

8. Venues— Everyone present agreed that they are happy with the Benwell venue. However, those present who regularly attend the Darlington meeting all expressed the opinion that the Arts Centre is too expensive for the club to continue to use. Debbie volunteered to research alternative venues in the Darlington area.

9. Committe members

a) Continuing service— All of the current committee members agreed to continue in their present roles

b) Resignations— There were no resignations.

c) Nominations for new members, if applicable— This was not necessary.

10. Any othe Business

Promotional items - Keith proposed to set up a site where members can purchase mugs, t-shirts, etc with the club logo and faction badges. [Update: this has now been done.]

Constitution amendments:

AGM Item 1— Meetings to be held in February of each year.

Memberships— Update info re: magazines, etc to "at least 2 magazines per year".

Magazines—Amend to 'minimum 2 issues per year'.

Delete item 6

Newsletter— Amend words 'an A4 newsletter' to 'a newsletter'.

11. Date of next AGM— Benwell meeting February 2007.

Elaine Palmer Lawler
Secretary/Membership Officer

February 2006