

THE OBSERVANT OCTOPUS

LUNCH EDITION

13TH OCTOBER 2019

Programme Announcements

- CE Murphy is unable to attend due to illness and will sadly miss her panels. We send her our best wishes and hope she gets well soon.
- Sign up for Paul Carroll's 'Creating Indie Comics' Workshop at the registration desk to ensure your place.

Avoid the crud!

To avoid con crud we suggest fist bumps not hugs; approach co chair Janet with caution we hear she is infected.

Panel Report

There were floods of tears at the Dublin Worldcon reminiscing panel at 10:15. Catherine hosted bravely. Carol reported that she loved seeing all those positive tweets that people posted during the Con. So, do tweet more.

Dealers' Room update

Swan River Press are unfortunately not able to attend.

Billy Edwards update

Billy Edwards looked outside and found that the weather is poor. Therefore, she has decided not to attend Octocon, and will remain curled up by the fireside today. Please send home her humans (Ian and Irene) intact for feeding time.



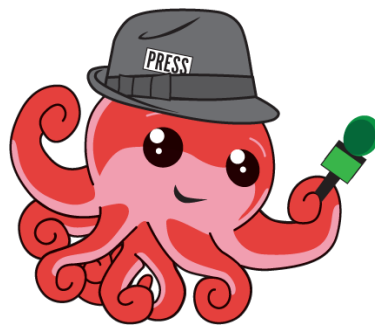
Workshop Report

No arms were harmed in the making of the wings. It was flapping amazing. Time flew by...

Story challenge Mark 2

Even a frog with an interestingly deep ribbit. Just an ordinary, green, fairly quiet frog. But it did live next to a castle owned by an evil ogre. I probably should have lead with that...

- Carol Connolly



Steampunk Raphoe!

Attending Octocon this year are Fox and Patricia Purtill, newly-weds who have recently moved from Sweden and New Hampshire (one from each) to the metropolis of Raphoe, Co. Donegal, to renovate a seventeenth century house into a Steampunk Coffee Experience! The whole town (population 1,089) are enthusiastically getting involved in the project, which will feature a Zeppelin-like experience, a steampunk shop, artworks and displays, workshop nights, plus, obviously, coffee. Fox brings experience from working on special effects for Disney to create something that sounds pretty special. You can read more at www.parallaxhouse.com and if you are an artist or content producer, get involved!

- Fionna O'Sullivan

Self care is important

Massage Therapist Keri Denney is set up in the Dealers' room. The price is €10 for 10 minutes, and credit/debit cards accepted. Claim your slot with Keri directly.

Overheard in the Committee Room

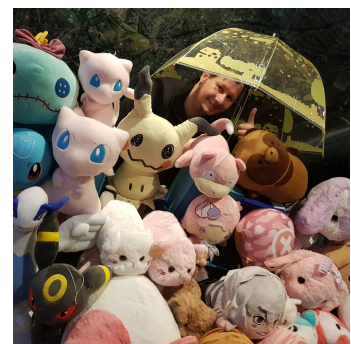
We swear we 're professionals!
"It looks official if we go in pairs"

- Jack jack

Glitter Warning!

A flurry of winged convention attendees emerged from Room 12 at midday. We're not sure if it was a mutation or magic but it definitely has something to do with the Wing workshops. Be warned that their glittery fairy dust could contaminate the wall.

Don't Try This At Home



Octocon dealer Graham (@Kumakollect on Instagram) has acquired stock in an interesting way. It turns out that his entire stock comes from an online crane game called "Crane Game Toreba"

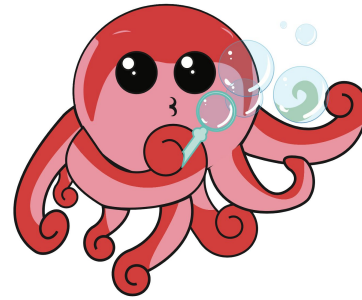
Over a live video link you operate a crane on the other side of the world to win prizes, but beware many of the competing games are fakes showing you a video of games that trick you into thinking you have almost won. Please help Graham by picking up some of his exclusive and hard won plushies in the dealers area.

Octopuses eat their arms when they're bored

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The Observant Octopus Word Search



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