

Hi there, everyone,

Newsletter time again! The time seems to be flying on towards September, which gives me and the rest of the convention committee nightmares! Anyone know how to hold back time for a few days? Nevertheless, I'm pleased to report that everything continues to go well, big sighs of relief! And despite the problems with time, which is never on the side of anyone, the committee are looking forward to the Convention with as much enthusiasm as the rest of you. They just may have difficulty in showing it some times.

Had some crazy weekend just recently! What else can one expect when Chris PS Jones bombs down...or is it up?... from Manchester for two whole days. We never stopped laughing, except to sleep, and we didn't get much of that! Now, anyone coming to our house who notices that part of the blue carpet happens to be a curious shade of pink, don't tell us, ...ask Chris! Pooh Dog has just about recovered from that particular weekend!

Then there was the STAG coffee evening, arranged for the members who live in Leicester. Don't reckon my Mum knew what she was letting herself in for when she agreed to the meeting taking place at her house, but she soon found out! We had a great time...all thirteen of us, crammed into Mum's lounge, watching slides, listening to tapes, thumbing through fanzines, talking, and talking, and talking and.... well, you know how it is when a bunch of Star Trek fans get together, especially if two of 'em happen to be John Hind and Michael Rossiter of STERB, who managed to take two hours getting from Nottingham to Leicester. Did they visit the moon in between, one wonders? Six of us had to cram into our little I3,000 for the journey across Leicester. I'm still not sure who was squashed the most in the back, John, Michael or Karen Gilmurray! All I can remember of that journey is praying that we didn't have a bump, as we're not insured for more than 5 people. Still, we made it, and had a fantastic time. Thanks, Mum. May tribbles never breed in your attic! And thanks for everyone who attended.

Must flit! Not fed the Pooh Dog yet, and she's just about ready to nibble the newsletter, she's that hungry. Terry says hi! Henry can't say much, he's chewing a carrot, and as for Pooh.....

Grrrrr!

Until next time, live long and prosper,

Jenny.

TREASURERS REPORT. By Terry Elson.

STAG has come a long way since the first bank deposit of £12.45 on June 26th '73. In the beginning, the 1st British Star Trek Convention was only a dream, but now it is a reality, thanks to the loyal support of all our members. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to thank every one, and look forward to your continuing support.

	<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		<u>PAYMENTS:</u>
Balance on 1/6/73:	---		
Membership 73/74:	154.35-		
Zines:	37.96	Postages;	50.32.
Misc:	519.93.	Bank: 709.41.)	
Photos:	50.89	Cash i/h; 3.40)	712.81.
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Misc includes £284.80 main convention. (31/5/74.)

CLUB RE-ORGANISATION. Due to the continuing expansion of STAG, we have now appointed a full working committee, which we hope will bring greater efficiency to the club. The appointments are as follows;

President: Jenny Elson, 16, Stafford Drive, Wigston, Leicester. LE8 2YA.

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Overseas Representatives: Floss Del Vecchio. (U.S.A.) Diane Marchant. (Australia.)
(Further Vice President, and German representative is being negotiated.)

In future, please forward;

Artwork to Helen McCarthy. Fiction to Jenny Harding. Membership dues to Janet Quarton. Fanzines to be purchased from Karen Gilmurray. Any queries dealing with club matters, please write to Jenny Elson or Marian Kennedy.

Convention News;

An appeal from Terry Elson! Will all stewards please let him know as soon as possible the date and time of your arrival at the hotel. Thankyou.

VACANCIES! Three stewards are still required. If you are a registered attending member aged over eighteen and would like to help, please contact Terry Elson.

CAN YOU HELP? Sharon Finney, travelling from Shrewsbury, and who has to change trains at Birmingham New Street Station would be grateful if she could be met there and be accompanied to Leicester. Please write to STAG HQ if you can assist.

LIFT OFFERED! Mr Bert Lewis, Carthoris, 150, Lytham Road, Ashton on Ribble, Preston PR2 2EP will be willing to share his car with one or two people, in return for sharing expenses.

FINAL REMINDER! For all those wishing to enter for artwork, fiction and fancy dress, please bear in mind the final closing dates.

Kirk to Scotty; "What's that dreadful noise of singing and crashing glass coming from the transporter room?"

Scotty: (Slightly inebriated and indignant:) Why, Captain, it's the landing party you ordered Sir....Hic!
(Thanks Ann Wigmore!)

WHAT YOU SAY.....About STAG articles.

Club Spotlight....

Helen Sneddon: "I find it hard to believe that there are readers who have to be reminded that there is more to Star Trek than Spock and Leonard Nimoy. We all have our favourites. Different characters are bound to attract separate followings, but it is all in good fun. The Spock build up was caused by the publicity media, not by the programme which never set out to make Spock more important than any of the others. This was the first thing which struck me when I first watched Star Trek. I expected him to be treated apart, but instead he was no more than a part of an efficient team. I am not directing this to the man in the street, but to the so-called Star Trek fans, who seem to think there is no more to Star Trek than their particular favourite. I would ask them one question; Why the hell did they join? Because somewhere along the line they have missed the Star Trek message.

Lynne Bates: You make me feel quite ashamed of myself. Here I am going on about Spock and Len as if Bill Shatner wasn't fit to lick his boots when all along I do really admire Shatner, and all the actors who can succeed in their precarious profession. I admire everyone in Star Trek, right down to the tea masher.

The American Language.....

Lynne Bates: I think Chris Jones is quite right on the Americanisation of Star Trek, although there are no comparisons between it and Dr Who.

Phyllis Bridgeland:..I think it's charming the way the Americans pronounce their words, I could listen to them all day.

Jenny Harding: I must agree with Chris Jones, apart from the Omega Glory. AND I must disagree with Lynne Bates. Kirk is not just another all American clean cut boy, and what if he does speak with an American accent? No-one pretends he comes from England, he IS American.

The Kirk/Spock relationship.....(Yeah, STILL!)

Carol Smith: I really felt I had to say something on the relationship article. Why do people have to bring sex into every relationship? Haven't they heard of true devotion, friendship and trust? Has sex become such a part of our society that we cannot think of anything without including it?

Judy Baily: In some languages there is more than one word for Love, depending on the type of love spoken about. This is logical. The love of God is different to a man/wife relationship, and another word is needed for the love of one person to another, as intended in the statement that Spock loved Kirk.

Bill Shatner and Star Trek.....

(Although it seems now that Bill has never made such a statement, some interesting suggestions for captain came out of it.)

Barbara Carter: The only substitute my daughter could think of was Roger Moore.

Anne Wigmore: A new captain might be fun, so long as they didn't try to make him into another Kirk. What they need is a new man, with a different story and background. I'm not silly enough to suggest Spock, although that did seem interesting to me two years ago!

Jenny Harding: I do not really like the idea of a European captain, although I suppose it does have it's possibilities. Or they could introduce the first female captain to a Starfleet command.

Anyone interested in trading pix from UFO; also pix of L.N. and Smith and Jones? Have a lot to trade with. Write Miss Anne Cockett, 9, Gonville Ave, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 0EG.

DeForest Kelley reports on New York ST Convention. (Continued from last time.)

(Taped messages broadcasted during ST reruns on channel 48, Philadelphia.)

FRIDAY 22/2/74. Hi, this is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy with my special report from the ST convention in New York. The huge ballroom here at the Americana is filled to capacity everytime the six uncut full colour ST episodes are shown, from "City on the Edge of Forever" to "Ultimate Computer." They were recieved with joy and wrapt attention. The infamous blooper reel was shown several times a day. Each time, the hall reacted with the same hysterical glee. The idea of Spock walking into a nonfunctioning door, or Kirk being picked up and carried off the set kicking and laughing, or me flubbing a line and breaking up seemed to crack the funny bone in every fan. I can't really describe it, you must see it for yourself. This is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy, reporting from the ST convention in New York.

SATURDAY. 23/2/74. Hi, this is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy with my special report from the Star Trek Convention in New York. The feeling in the convention is running high concerning the possibility of Star Trek returning to television. The more realistic fans, however, feel that a movie is more likely. George Takei, Nichelle and myself think that the publicity generated by this convention...and now get this...that 18,000 fans that attended it could possibly start those stubborn heads at Paramount thinking, yes, 18,000. Now doesn't that count the thousands of fans who had to be turned away because there was no room. There was no room for a tribble, let alone a 15 year old Trekkie from Brooklyn. I get the feeling that I was most fortunate to be invited as a guest. This is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy, reporting from the Star Trek Convention in New York
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AND NOW...What every Trekkie should know! (Well, some of you did ask!) WHAT ON EARTH, several of you wrote, does "PS" stand for in the middle of Chris Jones name. So now, all will be revealed.! Don't know if you noticed, but Chris is a Double rated, extra special fan of Paradise Syndrome. ...Hence, "PS", her personal Star Trek nickname.

WHAT EVERY STAR TREK FAN SHOULD OWN! The Trekkies Bibles...three delicious books packed with information and pics. "The Making of Star Trek," "The World of Star Trek" and "Trouble with Tribbles." Available from Andromeda Book Shop, 67, Summer Row, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

JAMES BLISH, author of the Star Trek Books will be a guest at the 1st British Star Trek Convention, to give a talk on how he came to write the series and the "Odder pieces of mail I have recieved."..His words not mine! He has also agreed to autograph Star Trek books, and be a member of the panel, providing he can yet the questions first. All this is dependant on the fact that he may have to go to USA in September, so fingers crossed!

IT'S STAG'S BIRTHDAY! So, we're raffling off a birthday gift! (Thanks Fran Toosey for the idea.) First prize, 5 mounted clips of winners choice...i.e. state character preferences. Second prize, 3 mounted clips. Raffle tickets 5p each, available from STAG HQ. Closing date, 1st August. (That's this year, of course.)

MORE CONVENTION NEWS. Other talks include "From Science Fiction to Science Fact" by Bert Lewis, and "The Investigation of UFO's. Also have a film on the work of the World Wild Life Fund.

MY FAVOURITE STAR TREK EPISODE. By Lynne Bates.

I have decided that my favourite episode is Amok Time, because I am a Spock nut of the first order. For me, Amok Time encapsulates the personality of Spock; we see him at his best and his worst, and, more importantly, as a Vulcan.

The Spock revealed to us in Amok Time was of a being ensnared in his own private hell, at first unable to confide in anyone. Only after a lot of heart-searching was he able to tell Kirk this intensely personal thing which was happening to him.

His attitude to Nurse Chapel changes too. His hostility towards her at the beginning is totally evident, but later, when he thinks he is heading home, his manner changes and becomes more gentle until he appears to feel genuine regret; regret because things could have been so different had he not been half Vulcan. The worst side of Spock becomes apparent after he, Kirk and McCoy transport down to Vulcan for the marriage ceremony.

It was unexpected, (at least for me,) when T'Pol chose Kirk as her champion, although I have to agree that it was a logical thing for her to do. The fight was fierce and long, and Spock's expression of blind hatred made me realise that beneath our cloak of civilisation their lurks a beast of some kind. Spock was reverting to the nature of his barbaric ancestors!

When, after he thought he had killed his captain and friend, he was filled with remorse. Then he again controlled himself and became correct and logical once more, as he began to make arrangements for his arrest. He had killed his best friend. It was only logical to surrender himself to the nearest starbase.

For me, the best part of this episode was undoubtedly the end. When Spock realised that Captain James Kirk was still alive his craggy Vulcan face became alight with joy. And then the predominant Vulcan side of his nature once more took over, and he became the man most people know:

Mr Spock, First Officer of the USS Enterprise.

SPOCK'S BRAIN. Compiled by Jane Sayle

Devil in the Dark;

SPOCK: Captain, there are approximately 100 of us engaged in this search against one creature. The odds against you and I both being killed are 2.228 to 1.

KIRK: 2.228 to 1? They are pretty good odds, Spock!

SPOCK: And they are of course accurate, Captain.

City on the edge of forever:

EDITH KEELER: What on earth is THAT?

SPOCK: I am endeavouring, Ma'am, to construct a mnemonic circuit using stone knives and bearskins!

THE TROUBLE WITH TRIBBLES:

BARIS: Kirk, I'm going to hold you responsible. There must be thousands of them!

KIRK: Hundreds of thousands!

SPOCK: One million, seven hundred and seventy one thousand, five hundred and sixty one. That's assuming one tribble, multiplying with an average litter of ten, producing a new generation every twelve hours over a period of three days.

KIRK: That's assuming they got here three days ago....

SPOCK: AND allowing for the amount of grain consumed, and the volume in the storage compartment.

WITH A FIRST OFFICER LIKE THAT, WHO NEEDS COMPUTERS?

Anyone want excellent recordings of Star Trek episodes? (Reel to reel or cassette) Contact Jack Clayton, 10 Hythe Walk, Crossley Estate, Chadderton, Lancs.

JAMES DOOHAN INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB.

Honourary President: JAMES DOOHAN, of Scotty fame. (Meet him at the con!)
Active President: ANNA HREHA. A great gal who does a great job!

As I've mentioned so often before, the JDIFC is the MOSTEST! And I'm not just saying that because Jim is one of my personal favourites, but because it's absolutely true. Those of you who have been cajoled, bullied, sweet-talked and ordered to join JDIFC will know exactly what I mean! There is not a single person who has ever been disappointed, and I think they'll all agree with me that waiting from one journal to the next is the most excruciatingly horrible thing that could ever happen to a Star Trek fan! (Of course, the "speed" of the postal services makes things worse!) So, if you've never tried JDIFC, try it now. But I won't bet on it that you won't become as addicted as existing JDIFC-ers, cos that's a certainty! YOU WILL! Can you help yourself with Jim around? So, whether you're a Bill/Len/Jim or whatever nut, join JDIFC. There's something for everyone and a bit more besides.

Publications; The JDIFC journal...and if you've never seen the SIZE of one of these, then you've missed out on something! Every journal is as big as a yearbook, and packed solid from beginning to end with goodies. Star Trek stories, articles, newspaper cuttings, information, black and white photos of Scotty/Jim and, the most popular section of all; "Quizzing Jim." Jim answers every question you care to put to him...but don't expect a straight answer every time! He's got a great sense of humour and fun. You can almost see the Irish twinkle in his eyes. He gives some great recipes too, providing you can cook, of course!

DUES: \$4.50. (That's about £2, and cheap at any price.) Write; Mrs Anna Hreha, T5T9, N.W. 204th Street, Washington 98177, USA. Dues to be sent by IMO or a cheque made out in dollars. (Tip! Cooks cheques are cheaper than IMO's, and they give you it immediately.) Or you can send the English money to me, (Jenny at STAG HQ) and I can send several off at once on one cheque, (Does that make sense?...Well, you know what I mean...don't you?)

THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH STAR TREK CLUBS. (ABSTC) The following clubs, in alphabetical order, have now formed an association; Beyond Antares, STAG, STERB, William Shatner Enterprises. In no way does this mean that we have amalgamated. The clubs are still individual and separate entities. The Association, it is hoped, will bring about closer co-operation between the ST fan clubs in great Britain, to bring YOU, our members, a better deal, and a guarantee of absolute satisfaction. So, when you join a Star Trek fan club, look for these words; "Member of the ABSTC."

BEYOND ANTARES. A great club, with a big newsletter every two months...articles; information, competitions, and stories, plus a liberal sprinkling of humour too. Write Sheila Hull, 35, Merley Ways, Wimbourne, Dorset.

STERB (And if you want to know what that means, ask John! Humour beyond compare! You'll fall off your seat laughing when you read the STERB publications! So, have yourself a ball, and write to John Hind/Michael Rossiter, 14, Bingham Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham.

WILLIAM SHATNER ENTERPRISES. A MUST for all fans of Bill Shatner and Star Trek. The ONLY official club for William Shatner in Great Britain and Europe, and well worth joining for the really big newsletters. Write: Miss Christine "PS" Jones, 222, Manchester Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport, Cheshire.

CONFRONTATION By Dawn Del Vecchio.

A dialogue between Spock's human half and Vulcan half.....

Hey, why don't you try reaching out to the other side. Face it, you need me. You wouldn't be able to exist with humans without me. You couldn't make half of the decisions you do if it weren't for me. Because human lives, human cultures, human futures often hang in the balance. And you can see their side of the question through me. I have quite an influence over you. Even though you won't admit it.

Now that's illogical!

Yes, but even though you do, I'm still here. Your logic cannot deny that reality.

And because you're able to keep me hidden from sight constantly you see no reason to admit my existence, right ?

Are you trying to be funny?

Hm.

Well I do.

Thank you. Don't you see ? I am trying to prove that I am as important as you are. Each must co-exist with the other or sanity is forfeit, To allow that to happen would be illogical.

Remember when our Captain was caught in interspace in the Tholian sector ? If I hadn't tried my damndest to keep you from making the decision to leave,

That is true, as I have often observed. But as to whether or not I acknowledge that influence, that is irrelevant.

Your statement is an emotional one and emotions are alien to me. My responses are purely motivated by logic, regardless of how your reactions may interfere. I have been careful to keep you submerged most of the time and I shall continue to do so in the future.

Correct.

Check.

Never.

I see no reason for continuing this interchange.

Very well, continue

Yes.

Jim would have been lost.

True. But risking the entire crew was hardly.....

Hang on a minute. It was a calculated risk. We calculated it together. And we won in the end.

That is correct. But it is illogical to assume that all situations will be so resolved.

Look, two halves make a whole. And since we're both apparently stuck with each other for life, don't you think it's logical to make the best of it? I can be an enormous asset. But you've got to take the good with the bad. I can't always be right, but logic doesn't provide all the answers, either.

What you are saying does make sense. That is very well taken.

We reach.

We reach.

LIGHTER MOMENTS from Jill Cressey.

There was a tall Vulcan called Spock,
Whose door on the Enterprise did lock.
He was stuck on the outside
When he should have been inside,
And the lock of poor Spock, made a mock.

RECORDINGS! Jackie Dunham of IO5 Somerleyton Gardens, Norwich, NOR 92H. is willing to record the "Touch of Leonard Nimoy" on cassette. If interested please send blank cassette and return postage.

IMPORTANT! As everyone must now be fully aware, the postage rates have been increased again. STAG postal costs are high, therefore we would appreciate it if every member could enclose a S.A.E. when writing to us. Thank you.

LATE NEWS FLASH! James Blish has just confirmed that he will definitely be attending the convention.