

Hi, Everyone!

Karen here, faithful Fanzine secretary for STAG. And the answer is no, Jenny hasn't eloped with Jim and George, nor have I siezed control of the club! I just happened to be the last to leave after our last committee meeting, and Jenny grabbed me and threatened all sorts of nasty things if I didn't write the next letter, so...here I am! From now on you'll be hearing from all the committee in turn, even from Terry, who'll be outnumbered in the argument as to why he shouldn't have to do it!

Well, how do you all feel? The committee is still trying to convince it'self that the whole thing actually happened, but I think we're still suffering from shell shock! Despite all the setbacks and problems, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves at the con, and are ready to support the club as we begin to plan the 2nd British Star Trek Con, next September. So, keep your fingers crossed.

We couldn't even rest after the con was over, because George and Jim didn't go back to the states until several days later, and we had to keep them entertained, didn't we? On Monday we all spent the day in Birmingham where Jim and George were doing a book signing session, and quite an eventful day that proved to be. On Teusday (which the stupid typist has spelled wrong,) we were all shown round Corahs, a large factory in Leicester. Jim may not have actually taken the machines to peices, but he probably knows more about them now than the mechanic! Tuesday evening found everyone at a Mediaeval Banquet at Coombe Abbey, complete with daggers, mead, monks and mucky fingers! On Wednesday, Jim went to visit relatives, but George and everyone else were shown round a wild animal preserve in the country, then at night when Jim was back, we had a last fling at a disco, where Jim was deafened and George, naturally, was recognised for his dancing! That's the committee's diary for the days following the con. Hope you all found it interesting, but even if you didn't, you'll have to put up with it 'cos I couldn't think of anything else to write.

That's about it for now. Plenty of zines in stock if you want one.

Pastak,

Karen.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

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Star Trek Action Group would like to welcome all new members to our "family." We hope you will enjoy being with us, and find much friendship and happiness within our circle.

Please feel free to comment at any time, and don't hesitate to ask if there is something you want to know, either concerning the club, or about Star Trek in general. We will at least attempt to answer you! We would also like to encourage your talents! Artists and authors...send your work to the appropriate committee member; articles, Star Trek fiction, black and white artwork are all welcomed...but be patient! we cannot print everything in one go, and we usually wait until the appropriate zines just happen along! One thing we beg of thee! Whenever you write to a committee member, please include a stamped addressed envelope. With a membership of about 300, postage can be VERY expensive.

Here is an introduction to your committee, and their various functions. PLEASE write specifically to them as their various duties suggest for your queries and needs, or your reply may be delayed until it reaches the correct department. (i.e. Jenny can't deal with zines, she hasn't got them, and Karen can't deal with art, because that is Helen's department.) This has been designed for your convenience, so please help the system by using it fully.

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Well, it's all over now, although it doesn't really seem possible! The committee would really like to thank you all for all the support you gave to us, especially at the convention. This was new to all of us, and we learned many things, which will be of great value to us next time.

And, most important of all, we raised £250 for WORLD WILD LIFE FUNDS, which was the profit from the convention. Thankyou all for the generosity and this magnificent achievement.

At the last minute, Paramount England decided we couldn't have the banned episodes after all, despite the fact that they had said previously they would be available to us. However, we have since received a formal letter of apology from Paramount USA, after the visit of Mr Lou Mindling to the con, and we have been assured that we will have no such trouble next time, and that we will have their full co-operation. Hooray!

BBC did their usual! After making arrangements to come down complete with camaras, they then proceeded to change their plans no less than three times, so in the end, we told them what they could do with their camaras. It was not, after all, very courteous of them to treat either us or our guests in such an offhand way. However, Barney Banford of Radio 4 was very gracious, and he interviewed both Jim and George, and included the interview on his radio programme, as did BBC Radio Leicester. So, fairs fair. BBC do have SOME redeeming features.

It was a great shame that James Blish was sent urgently into hospital only days before the convention. We all wish him well.

AND NOW...WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR...(Get yer diaries out!)  
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WRITE: KAREN GILMURRAY, 105, WIGSTON LANE, LEICESTER.

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Thanks to Mark Harris, who not only had an interview about Star Trek in the "Liverpool Echo," but also on Radio Merseyside, and radios 3 & 4. Good work, Mark!

YOU SAY ABOUT THE CON. WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT THE CON. WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT THE CON. WHAT YOU SAY

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EILEEN SKIDMORE.

"I really enjoyed it. It did me the world of good. I was dancing around all the following week. I loved Jim and George, they were super guys and such good sports to mix with us at the disco. I bet there's a few so called "stars" who'd think themselves above that. (Must preserve the air of mystery, darling.) George was just as I expected; a real character, and Jim has the most devilish pair of eyes I ever saw; Gorgous pair of fellers. I only hope we gave them something in return for all the pleasure they gave us, and I hope they enjoyed their first British Star Trek con as much as I did. Here's to the next one! One of the things which made the con so nice was that there wasn't too many people there. I felt I really knew everyone and that they were all my friends, or soon would be. From the reports of some of the USA cons they are so big that it's a miracle they don't all get trampled.

YVONNE BROWN.

The convention was fantastic. I never got any sleep Friday night and travelled 150 miles from Liverpool on the Saturday. You can imagine that by the time of the disco, I was shattered. I finally collapsed into bed at 2.30 am. The Blooper reel was better than any comedy written, I could have watched it all day, and I bought 40 photos of Bill Shatner. Are we going to have another one next year?

CHRISTINE ARTHUR.

What a memorable weekend! I still haven't come down to earth yet. I'm not a fan of Star Trek anymore, I'm a slave!

ANDY WELTON.

The con was a great success. I must admit that at first I was a bit reluctant about attending, as I had never been to a convention before, and I wondered what I was letting myself in for. But I would not have missed it for the world. It was really a fantastic weekend. Isn't it marvellous, friends at school thought I was mad, but now that I've told them how much I enjoyed it they wish they had come too, and blame me for not taking them!

BARBARA CARTER.

What a fantastic weekend. Jim and George lived up to all my expectations, they are great. I'll never be able to listen to "Kung Fu Fighter" again without seeing in my mind's eye George doing his "thing" at the disco! Felt rather a lemon when I first saw Jim. I was dashing up the stairs, and like the gentleman he is, allowed me to go first...it was only then I realised who he was. I didn't know what to do! And the Blooper reel was the funniest thing! Even now I think of parts and get peculiar looks from people at the bus stop!

JOHN TESSYMAN.

I have just had a lovely weekend at the con. Better than going to the South of France. (Ha.) I only hope I can wangle my holiday for next year. There will be another convention next year? Don't say no, please, you'd never hear the last of it if you did, so see you next year!

HELEN MCCARTHY.

The best parts of the con for me were;  
Arriving at the reception desk of the hotel and being greeted with that lovely smile and a kiss from George.....  
Looking into Jim Doohan's beautiful eyes for the first time....  
Meeting all those fantastic fellow trekkies....  
Talking SF films in the bar with a new friend....  
Coffee drinking until 2 am with Barbie, Fran and Sheila...  
Finding a fantastic pic from "City" on the WSE stall...  
Racing down the hotel corridors like a lunatic to Sheila's room to see the animations...  
Winning my Nova award...  
Dancing non stop until they stopped the music, and hearing Jim tell me he liked my dress! (Someone pinch me, I'm dreaming.)....  
Laughing myself silly at the bloopers....  
Seeing PS's delight when she got the tape of Bill Shatner...  
Looking forward to the new Star Trek film, and the next British con.

ROBIN HILL.

How much I enjoyed the convention! And please say Hallo to George and Jim, and thank them for coming. Here's hoping they survived the trip. Special thanks to Jim for his technical explanations... That's another thing I like about Star Trek, no-one tries to fob you off with meaningless rubbish and contradictory double talk. And Jim and the other actors are dedicated enough to work out sensible answers to the technical questions put to them. It also proves they are people, (and very intelligent at that) and not just cutouts mouthing someone else's words.  
I really enjoyed the con, especially the Bloopers. I often wondered what the clip of Greg Morris shovelling coal into the Enterprises engines looked like. The really funny bit was the incident of Kirk and the arrow. Not many actors would risk that sort of self derision... yet another insight to the one big happy family that was, and still is, Star Trek.

IVY WILKINS.

Although it (the con) seems light years away now, it really was a super experience, and I did enjoy it all so much. Just two criticisms, tho' they're not very serious. I think that at the opening meeting you should have told everyone why the banned episodes were not available, and that James Blish could not be present because of being hospitalised. Maybe we could have sent good wishes from us all... And why didn't the BBC give any help, as they had seemingly promised to do when the project was first born? (See "Con News.")

Jim and George were all you said they'd be. Really, truly SUPER guys... and I did get my kisses from them; twice from George! What a dear he is! So natural and friendly and bouncy! I'll never forget my amazement at the

amount of movement he put into his dancing, and not even my surprise at finding myself "Coming in fighting" or whatever you call the Kung Fu with him. At my age, I should have known better, but it was great fun.

JACKIE DUNHAM.

I really loved the convention, and I thought Jim and George were really great. I even joined Jim's fan club in the club room. And as for the Bloopers, SUPER! I thought they were so funny. Even after we watched them for the fourth time I could have sat watching them all day and still got a laugh out of them.

Good old Gene, it was nice of him sending the Bloopers for us to see. I even won one of the raffles. I've never had such a good time Star Trek wise, so please, will there be another con soon?

One of the things I liked was that all profits went to the World Wild Life Fund, I think it was a good idea doing that, because I love animals and I liked watching the wild life film that was shown.

I thought that Jim and George were very nice people. I'm not just saying that because they were on Star Trek and all that, I really mean it. They talked to us with feeling, and when they signed their autographs, they always asked us for our names. They seemed to like talking to us and I felt that they were very good friends. Most of all, they treated us as people on a level with themselves, if you know what I mean. They were not at all bigheaded like some actors and singers sometimes are. The con was ggrrreeeeaaattt!

Does Star Trek live in GB? You bet your cotton socks it does!

DENISE WHALEN.

I really had a tremendous time at the convention. It was the weekend of a lifetime for me and I only wish it could have gone on longer. Everyone was so fantastic, and as for Jim and George...well, in their own words, they really are the most gorgeous people I've ever met. Needless to say, I can't wait for the next one.

IVY SANDS.

My thanks to the committee for the most fantastic weekend I have ever spent. I enjoyed myself immensely, and would like you all to know how much I appreciate all the time and energy you expended to make the weekend so fabulous for so many people.

FLOSS DEL VECCHIO.

Since you are so way up in the clouds that your con was such a success...it was a total "Bomb out", you lost yourself in the managing and technical things, ignored the people as people and it was boring. At least New York manage to conduct a con in order even with thousands of people because they give them the best possible, and the people are nice enough to know who to receive it. Only one man did anything to make it otherwise and that was corrected. You made more bloopers than the bloopers and I'm glad I was included as STAG committee member in name only. Thanks, you did me a great favour.

AND FINALLY.....FROM THE ONE AND ONLY...

GEORGE TAKEI.

Can't believe I'm already two weeks from that fabulous experience with all of you.... I'm now inundated , and catching up with all the work that has piled up. Wonderful memories and great new friends make the labour bearable. Thanks to all for the gracious and generous hospitality accorded to me and Jim.

Always,

George T.

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LAMENTATIONS OF A PUBLICATIONS SECRETARY. By JENNY HARDING.

I was once a perfectly happy and normal Star Trek nut, but then, about four months ago, I started to get fits of depression, feelings of loneliness, and utter unwantedness. Why? Because I became STAG Publications Secretary, and no-one, with a few exceptions, sent me any articles or stories. So how about taking pity on me by sending me some material? Stories, poems, articles, quotes...almost anything...PLEASE! My name and address is quite easy to remember. JENNY HARDING, 221, WIGSTON ROAD, OADBY. So, git writing!

ANY COMMENTS on the club or the convention? Write to Marian Kennedy, 30, Lancaster Road, Leicester.

WATCH OUT FOR an article in "THE WEEKLY NEWS" all about STAG and Star Trek from a telephone interview with Jenny Elson. Sorry, don't know the date, but it should be in sometime before Christmas.

ARTWORK FOR ZINES! Now that STAG are having their zines printed, we are able to accept any form of artwork, preferably action scenes or unusual drawings rather than static portraits, and NOT all of them involving Spock. Must be bold black and white, not larger than quarto size. Please send your artwork to HELEN MCCARTHY, 56, TUFFNELL PARK ROAD, LONDON, N7. (Cartoons too!)

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