

WELCOME

Well here we go again. Another year, another Con. But Chessmancon isn't going to be just another Con, we don't want you to sit down and wait to be entertained, we want you to take part, join in, have fun and most of all forget the worries and strife of the world outside.

Although in the paragraph above I have told you not to sit back and wait to be entertained, we have assembled a good and varied programme for your enjoyment. Charles Partington began this job early in 1971 and after much hard work and soft talk has come up with a first rate selection of personalities. My job was made a lot easier by having on call the experience of both Norman Shorrock and Harry Nadler: I won't say that we didn't have any insurmountable problems and that we won't have some more before the Con is over, but when you look back on them they seem to dvindle into insignificance. The points you really remember are the things that made you laugh, like the letter | got from one fan, part of which read, "I will not require a private hath because | will bathe immediately before the con dates, and again after." I hope this isn't to wash away the taint of fandom!

If this is your first convention, or you have some problem....like the bar is shut, it's 4]30am and you need a real drink....just look for the men with an S/F symbol on their tie or blazer, these are the Knights of Saint Fantony and they will be only too pleased to assist you in your problem.

When we came to decide upon an Art Consultant it was a close thing between Eddie Jones and the amazing artistic talents of J.Ramsey Campbell - but by the superb cover of this Programme Booklet you can see why we chose Eddie Jones.

Thanks are also due to Dave Britton who has organised the Art Show.

Bill Burns our official treasurer flew over the Atlantic early in 1971, taking with him £354,768.29p or was it 28p?....seriously though he went to America to get married and had to leave the job of treasurer in my hands....will they never learn!

Well, that's it, now just go and enjoy yourself, have fun and don't forget to buy me a drink, I need it!

Cheers,

Tony.

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A special note of thanks to the wives - who brewed the coffee and froze the ice cubes for the Committee meetings' refreshments. Thanks to Ina, Marie, Marge, Lynda and Mary for bringing back the treasurer! 1 Ye Clde King's Head 2 ween's Head

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LARRY NIVEN

Seven or eight years ago, when I was editing IF, I had this crazy policy of publishing one story in each issue which was written by a total unknown---i.e., somebody who had never published a story before, most of them people who had never even published a want ad or a letter to the editor before. Along came a story by somebody with the improbable name of "Larry Niven" (who would call himself that? Some kid impressed by the urbane David?) and, while it wasn't the best story that had crossed my desk that year, it wasn't the worst either. And it had one thing that appealed to me very much. It was called THE COLDEST PLACE, and it had to do with the known scientific fact that the hottest planet, Mercury, due to its locked-in relationship to the sun, kept one side always turned to space and thus was, in fact, on that side, the coldest place in the solar system.

That was some time ago. Since that time Larry has turned into the fellow who is very close to being my favorite science-fiction writer alive. He has written things like NEUTRON STAR, and RINGWORLD, and any number of other stories which I not only have been delighted to publish when I had the chance, but have been almost equally delighted to read for fun, when I didn't have the pleasume of being the editor who bought them. He's a great fellow, this Larry Niven. He has a pretty wife named Fuzzy Pink, a fine large house without which (or without the financial advantages of participation in the gambling hell he runs there) the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society would be far poorer monetarily and and awful lot less fun, nad most of all he has a talent for combining what is really going on at the observational and theoretical limits of science with good writing, inventive characters and delightful stories. There's not all that much <u>science</u> fiction being writer these days. Most of what we see is "sf", in the inclusivist sense, but science walks through on stilts if it is present at all. Without Larry we might have to change the name of the whole field, and that would be a pity.

So welcome, all, Larry Niven, the fellow who puts the science back in science fiction!

Oh, by the way. Turned out between the time I bought the story and the time it got into print that Mercury, after all, did rotate, and so the scientific principle that made it interesting was in fact all wrong. No matter! It was a great story anyway, and if what Niven said about Mercury differs from what is in fact there, let the facts change and Larry Niven stay what he is!

Fred Pohl

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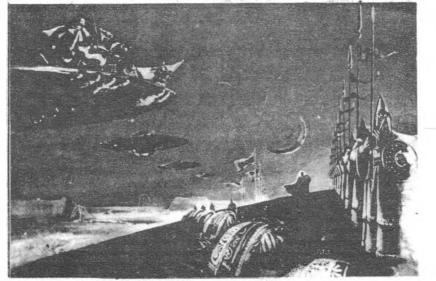




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'DOC'

The "Doc" Weir Award, named in memory of the late Dr Arthur Weir, is presented every year at the annual British SF Convention.

Doc's name was Arthur Rose Weir, D.Sc., of Prague University and he was by profession a schoolteacher, with a strong literary interest both in "hard" science fiction and in general fantasy. As a professional sideline he used to translate scientific things from Czech into English, and his wife (who survived him) was Czechoslovakian by birth.

He was in his sixties when he discovered fandom – via the Cheltenham SF Circle, which was in full flower at the time – and he thoroughly enjoyed the resulting social and epistolatory contacts which this brought him.

He was secretary of the BSFA at one time but had to resign owing to chronic ill-health. The Award was started in his memory, after a scheme to purchase his collection for the BSFA Library had fallen through.

The annual winner does not get the Award for any particular activity, but

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simply for being the person thought by the electorate at the time to be most deserving of the distinction. Past winners have been:-

1963 Peter Mabey 1964 Archie Mercer 1965 Terry Jeeves 1966 Ken Slater 1967 Doreen Parker 1968 Mary Reed 1969 Beryl Mercer 1970 Michael Rosenblum 1971 Phil Rogers

Nomination and voting forms will be distributed at the convention, and by post to BSFA members.

Vote counting will take place towards the end of the convention and the Award presented at the Banquet. It is not too late for you to nominate a candidate of your choice if you have not already done so.

Archie Mercer

KEN MCINTYRE

WHO WAS KEN MCINTYRE ?.....Ken McIntyre was an artist whose work appeared during the 1950's in NEW WORLDS, NEBULA, and SCIENCE FANTASY. Ken was a keen SF fan, a regular attendee of the annual SF convention, and a Knight of St Fantony. He was always willing to do work for amateur magazines completely free of charge and his work can be seen in many fanzines of the last twenty years. Ken died from a heart attack in 1968.

WHY AN AWARD?.....Three people suggested independently that some form of memorial was needed, and after discussion the KEN MCINTYRE MEMORIAL AWARD was formulated. Although there are awards presented in the SF field, there is no award for artwork presented in Britain. It was felt that an award for art would help give encouragement to young artists in the field as well as give some form of reward to established artists.

The award will be presented at the banquet on Sunday evening.

In Memoriam

TED CARNELL

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of E.J. (Ted) Carnell just as we were going to press.

Ted was editor of NEW WORLDS from its inception until its change into the 'new' NEW WORLDS, and as editor, anthologist, literary agent, and fan, he probably did more to guide British science fiction in its formative years than anyone else in the field. Most recently, his anthologies NEW WRITINGS IN SF have provided the major British outlet for those authors whose work did not fit into the so-called New Wave, and have given an j opportunity to many new authors to have their work published in this country.

The loss of Ted Carnell will be deeply felt by many in the science fiction field, both as a professional in the fullest sense of the word, and as a close friend.



The convention committee would like to thank Mr. John Bush of

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PROGRAMME Friday

11.00am

REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

| 3.00pm | FILM PROGRAMME IN THE CONVENTION HALL |
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| | Vincent Price in "C O O K I N G P R I C E W I S E" (co1/25mins) |
| | Donald Rawlings present "TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME" (Col/15mins) |
| | Diana Rigg, Patrick McNee and Peter Cushing in "R_ETURN OF THE CYBERNAUTS" (col/50 mins) |
| | An exciting example of the TV series THE AVENGERS during the good days of the show. |
| 8.30pm | THE OFFICIAL OPENING-OF-THE-CONVENTION SHOW !!! Anthony F. Edwards your chairman, introduces the - Chessmancon Committee and Dave Kyle invites you to MEET THE CELEBRITIES! |
| 9 . 15pm | THE FRIDAY MOVIEPhilip Strick and Ramsey Campbell introduce, show and afterwards offer a critical analysis from opposing viewpoints of |
| | "F A H R E N H E I T 4 5 1" (Colour/112 minutes) with Julie Christie, Oskar Werner, Cyril Cusack |
| | Saturday |
| ł | The REGISTRATION DESK will be open from 10am for those not yet registered, or for enquiries in general. |
| 10.00am 🖣 | Wake up with Harry Harrison as he discusses some "SYMBOLS IN SCIENCE FICTION" |

10.45am "FIFTY YEARS OF SCIENCE FICTION" An illustrated lecture by Pete Weston.

11.45am "VIOLENCE IN SCIENCE FICTION" Philip Strick on a controversial aspect of SF, old and new

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LUNCH 12.30 to 2.30pm

| | Saturday |
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| 2 . 30pm | LARRY NIVEN, our Guest of Honour. |
| | followed by " T H E J E S T E R ' S T A L E " (Sub-titles/85 mins) Directed by Karel Zeman Karel Zeman's highly specialised line in artistic trick films places him in an outstanding position in world cinematography. In his creative approach he uses different techniques, tricks, puppets, animation and live actors. |
| 5.00pm approx | K. "THE SHAPE OF SCIENCE FICTION TO COME" Fred Pohl. |
| 8.30pm | "THE FANCY DRESS PARADE" Prizes will be awared for the best costumes in the following catagories:- BEST SF COSTUME BEST FANTASY COSTUME BEST B.E.M. MOST STUNNING FEMALE COSTUME MOST INGENIOUS COSTUME |
| 9.30pm | "THE CHESSMANCON AMATEUR FILM COMPETITION" |
| ju fo | esenting the finalists in our amateur film competition in which we invite you to dge the following films by indicating on the forms to be issued the film you and to be most entertaining. ^P lease hand in your completed form before leaving e convention hall. One vote only. |
| | The Films:- |
| | "AND ON THE EIGHTH DAY" 8mm colour. Sound on Stripe. Produced by Altrincham Cine Club. Directed by Arthur Smith. "THE HORLA" 8mm colour. Sound on Stripe. Produced by Selby Cine Club Directed by Bill Davison. "THE VISITORS" 8mm B&W. Sound on Tape. Directed by Peter Phillips. "CAPTAIN CELLULOID v THE FILM PIRATES" chapter 2 "Nitrate Fury". 8mm B&W Silent. Directed by Louis McMahon. "PURCHASE OF THE NORTH POLE" 16mm. Silent. Directed by Keith Hodgkinson. |

11.30pm approx. Head to the bar, fill up your glasses and get back in the Con Hall for THE MIDNIGHT MOVIES.....

"FINE FINNEY FIENDS" sod: Une Adam West, Burt Ward in a TV Batman show. (Colour/50 minutes)

"BARBARELLA" (col/scope/100 mins)

Sunday

| 10,30am | A choice of entertainment or discussion is offered. You may attend:- 1: THE BRITISH WIERD FANTASY SOCIETY in the Art Show Room (Open to All) |
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| | 2: THE TOLKIEN SOCIETY in the television Lounge (Open to All) |
| | 3: THE BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION LTD. (A.G.M. for Members Only) |
| | 4: In the Convention Hallthe amazing "G O D Z I L L A versus T H F. T H I N G " (col/scope/90 mins) Directed by a Japanese guy. Repeated tomorrow just to prove that you can have too much of a good Thing! |
| 2.30pm | "TCURIST CLASS UTOPIAS" An ideal 'after-lunch' talk by Brian Aldiss. |
| | Followed by THE AUCTION |
| 5.00pm approx. | "D I S B E L I E F B E H A N G E D ! ! ! ! " A Pro-panel chaired by John Brunner with Fred Pohl, Ken Bulmer and Bob Shaw. |
| 7.00pm | "T H E C H E S S M A N C O N B A N Q U E T" admission to which is by ticket only. After the banquet it will be time for various speeches and the presentation of prizes and awards. This part of the festivities will be open to those not taking the banquet itself. Among the presentations are THE KEN MCINTYRE MEMORIAL AWARD, THE DELTA FILM GROUP AWARD, and the AUGUST DERLETH AWARD. After the prize giving it will be time for 1973 EASTER CONVENTION BIDDING. |
| | Representives of Fan groups wishing to organise next year's event may "sell" their site to the audience. |
| 10.00 approx. | SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIES: Ramsey Campbell introduces a film you'll be talking about for months "THE SARAGOSSA MANUSCRIPT" (Sub-titles/B&W/124 mins) |
| | Poland 1965. Directed By Wojciech J. Has. Cinemascope. |
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| | and after, should demand warrant it, another chance to see the Avengers episode "RETURN OF THE CYBERNAUTS for those who arrived after Friday after- noon's showing. |
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Monday

9.45am

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Convention

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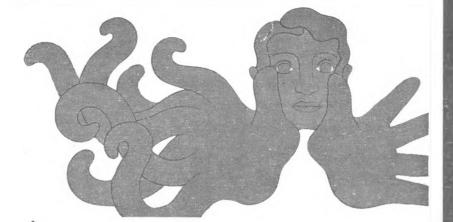
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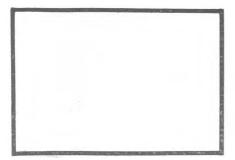
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While I have this large page to fill, let me remind you that ALGOL is only one fanzine in the globe spanning net of the Lindsay-Porter-Bangsund CoProsperity Sphere. Our other publications include Ethel's own SCOTTISHE, a general interest fanzine with more than 60 (!) issues to its credit. Price for SCOTTISHE is 15p. per copy, \$3.00 for 10 issues (ask Ethel what that translates out to in your money). Ethel also publishes HAVERINGS, a fanzine of comments on fanzines received. It's invaluable if you're new to the world of fanzines and want to learn which ones are worth buying; or perhaps Old and Fired and want to look on the world of fanpublishing from the comfort of your armchair... Price for HAVERINGS is 40p. for 15 issues.

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If you're worried that ALGOL is another fanzine doomed to a few brief issues before disappearing back into the primordial ooze (a good fanzine, that), rest assured. The current issue is #17, and ALGOL has been published to these past 8 years. A pretty good record for any fanzine...

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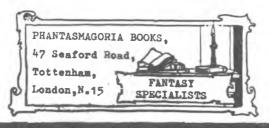
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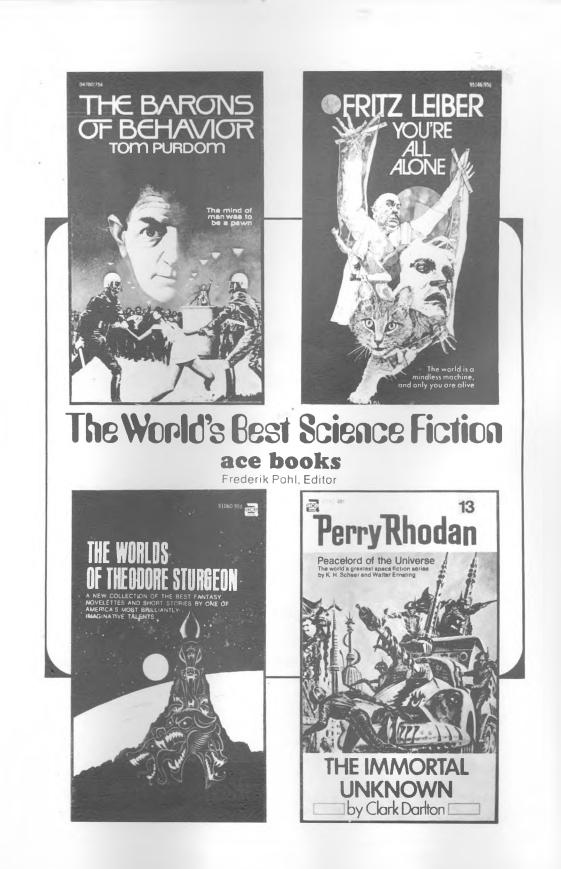
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