

THE 35TH BRITISH EASTER SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION and EUROCON 1984 - COMBINED INTO SEACON '84.

AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL, BRIGHTON APRIL 20th to 23rd, 1984.

#### THE END OF THE LINE

This is it then, the last Progress Report before the convention itself. I'm sure I speak for all the committee when I say that this is probably going to be the most difficult period of the whole planning calendar. All that we have been working for has got to be brought together now, all the loose ends tied up, all those final letters of confirmation issued and the convention put on the road.

Everything seems to be running smoothly and apart from the odd minor panics, we are very confident of providing you with one of the best conventions for years. As you read this Progress Report, our Programme Book will be in the course of being printed - this book will be a real souvenir of the convention, something you'll want to take out after it's all over and read thoroughly. At the end of this PR you'll see an advert for the book which will tell you more about it! It's not to be missed.

This Progress Report contains comprehensive travel details, together with all the facts and information you are likely to want to know about Seacon '84. Please take the time to read it. A little time now will save you a lot of headaches when it comes to the con. Please forgive the amount of information contained in the PR; it

won't all be a joy to read, and I know that I will have left some details out. Please bear with me though and if you have any problems, or there's something that isn't quite clear, do please ring either Pauline Morgan on the Hotel Booking Hotline or myself at the editorial address.

#### THE COVER

This is another cover drawn by our Show Man, Pete Lyon. Art in the last Progress promised cover shows Roger Report, the Zelazny, our American Guest of Honour. All our Guests are the subject of an article and bibliography, with photographs, in the Programme Book.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Memberships continue to be available and we will accept them by post up to and including April 1st. The current rate is now £10 attending, and will cost £12 on the door. In an effort to be as fair as possible, we've had to give an 'official' deadline before 'On the Door' rates apply, but obviously we will be monitoring the position as carefully as we can, since we know that the Postal Service isn't all that it could be.

If you still only have supporting membership, but wish to attend, the conversion rate is now £6, and will be £8 on the door.

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

By the time you read this PR, the two main hotels (ie. the Metropole and the Bedford) will be completely full. If you still haven't got any accommodation lined up, I would suggest you contact Brighton Leisure Services direct (if time is short) to book into a Guest House, or alternatively, contact PAULINE MORGAN who will be best placed to let you know the exact position.

For those of you who have already booked rooms in either the Metropole or Bedford, you should by now have received written confirmation of your booking direct from the hotel. If there are any last minute cancellations, do please let Pauline know as soon as you can since we do have a waiting list of people who want to get into one of the main hotels.

There are numerous inexpensive Bed & Breakfast houses within a few minutes walk of the Metropole which start from as little as £5 a night. In addition, there are a number of self-contained holiday flatlets on a self-catering basis.

#### ADOPTION SCHEME (Colin Fine)

We have had a little response to our call for participants in the Seacon '84 Adoption Scheme: certain number of places will be available in private homes in the Brighton area, and we have been told of a few people who will need this accommodation. But not many members have contacted us on either side. Please, if you are coming from abroad, and will have serious difficulty affording accommodation, do contact me and I will try to find an 'adopter' for you. And if you can offer any assistance to a visitor during the time of the convention, equally you should contact me to put you in touch with somebody.

We have also had a number of offers from fans in the London area who would like to welcome foreign fans into their homes before and after the convention. Of course many people already have contacts, and will no doubt make their own arrangements with their friends: but there are perhaps visitors from abroad who, though not in need of assistance, would nevertheless enjoy staying with British fans. If anybody would like help in contacting 'partners' in this arrangement, please contact saying when and where you would like/can offer accommodation, and

what languages you can cope with, and I will try and put you in touch.

CONTACT: COLIN FINE, Eurocon Secretary, 205 Coldham's Lane, CAMBRIDGE, CB1 3HY.

#### MAYOR'S RECEPTION

The Mayor of Brighton has kindly offered to host a small reception on the final evening of the World SF meeting (Thursday, April 19th). Admission will be by ticket only. A few invitations may be available for members of Seacon/Eurocon; please enquire at the Registration desk upon your arrival.

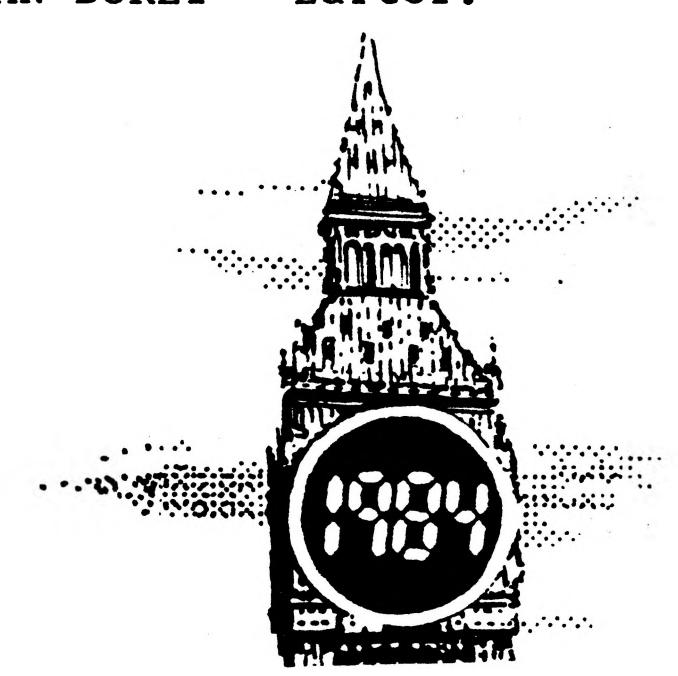
#### THE WRAP UP

My tasks for Seacon as far as publications are concerned are almost over. All that's left now is to produce the pub/restaurant guide and to issue the Programme Sheet, which because of the multiplicity of programming (and printing deadlines not being exactly convenient!) will be a supplmentary booklet to the Programme Book itself. It will still be small enough, however, to fold up and carry about your person during the convention.

All I can say now is that, we've done the work, the convention's happening - the rest is UP TO YOU.

Have a great convention.

ALAN DOREY - Editor.



## ART SHOW

Pete Lyon has been busilly arranging the Art Show which is shaping up to be one of the most varied and interesting in recent years. Although time is short, it is still possible to bring works along for display - if you still wish to do so, please complete the coupon below and send it post-haste to Pete Lyon.

The show itself will consist of paintings, drawings, sculptures, 3D models - and anything else you might have to suggest.

There will be an auction for those wishing to sell their work; this will be conducted according to standard practices. Written 'bid sheets' will be displayed for each item. Convention members wishing to buy are required to bid on the Artist's fixed minimum bid, or up from the previous highest bid. A Quick Sale Option will also be available, details of this, amongst other things, will be displayed at the Art Show.

Full insurance cover whilst in the Art Show will be provided, and a security system will be in operation when the exhibition hall is closed.

#### CUSTOMS and VAT

Exhibitors will be responsible for making their own arrangements for customs clearance on importing works into the United Kingdom, and for any taxes due on works sold.

The convention will charge a commission of 10% on all artwork sold. It is a general condition of sale of artwork that such a sale does not include reprint or

copyright, which must be negotiated separately with the artist/agent.

If you wish to exhibit works of art, please contact Pete Lyon by April 1st if at all possible, since display space after that date cannot be guaranteed.

#### DISPLAY SCREENS

Although a further acknowledgement will appear in the Programme Book, I would like to express our thanks Committee Channelcon the to (Eastercon 1982) for voting their surplus money of nearly £1300 to Seacon for the express purpose of purchasing Art Show Screens. These will be used by Seacon '84, and then stored each year and subsequently made available to which ever convention requires to make use of them.

Please return the Art Show Coupon to:

PETE LYON; 33 Haddon Place, LEEDS, LS4 2JU, England.

ARTIST:	convention number :					
TYPE OF WORK SUBMITTED:						
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DOES YOUR BOOKSELLER KNOW HIS ONIONS?

(G.Oliver, that is...) Those friendly rivals, Forbidden Planet and Andromeda Books, have agreed to meet in a grudge match to settle a long standing argument to see which of them a) knows the SF and Fantasy which they sell and b) can hold their bheer. AChallenge Quiz has been arranged for Seacon '84 where, before your very eyes, they will prove (or disprove) it. And their customers will ask the questions.

Members of Seacon '84 are invited to ask awkward questions about any SF book published in the English Langauge since the war (Eg: Who did what, to whom, how and with which piece of biological apparatus??). Teams from each bookshop will; be present to try to answer your questions. So, what makes this special? If one team gets the answer wrong, then each member of that team will have to consume half a pint of bheer before the quiz continues...Last ones capable of standing win.

Think up the most nasty questions you can and bring them along (with a copy of the book you are asking about, as proof of the correct answer). Then sit back and watch the teams slide under the table... There is one unfortunate aspect to this, in that each question submitted will cost you 50p (to cover the ensuing bar bill—any excess of money to TAFF and GUFF), but isn't it worth it to watch them squirm? No leaving the stage until the contest is over.

The Chairman's decision will be final in all matters (unless he awards himself a penalty pint)

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

INTERESTED IN Costume, jewellery, armouring or role-playing? Enjoy eating, drinking and making merry? Then we invite you to join us in the Middle Ages. Grimwood Medievalists; Paul Blackwell, 13b Kiln Road, Shaw, NEWBURY, Berks. Tel: Newbury 45771.

WANTED: SOMEONE who has access to (or owns) copies of the BSFA's VECTOR magazine issues 1-5 inclusive (Published 1958). I am preparing an index to the complete run and would be grateful for sight of these early issues. Contact: Alan Dorey (BSFA Chairman), 22 Summerfield Drive, MIDDLETON, Lancs, M24 2WW.

BRITAIN IN 1987! Support our bid to bring the World SF Convention back to Britain. Presupporting membership costs only £1.00 (it'll rise soon), so rush yours to bid chairman Malcolm Edwards, 28 Duckett Road, LONDON, N4 1BN. More details in the Seacon Programme Book.

ANSIBLE is the British SF newsletter, from six-time Hugo nominee Dave Langford. Only £2.00 for six issues, to Ansible, 94 London Road, READING, Berkshire, RGl 5AU. Testimonials and lawsuit threats may be inspected by appointment.

RARE BOOKS? No, just Dave Langford's hardbacks at bargain rates. War in 2080: The Future of Military Technology (£3.00); Account of a Meeting with Denizens of Another World (£2.50); Facts and Fallacies - Definitive Mistakes and Misguided Pedictions (£3.50). All post free from the Ansible address above ... or ask at Seacon.

SEACON '84 MASQUERADE ENTRY FORM
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Address (If wanting further info.)
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Original Design
Authentic Copy of Character
Humerous
First Time Entrant
(You may enter more than one category if you wish)
Number of people in entry:
Name(s) of people in entry:
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Did you make the costume yourself?
Is the maker of the costume professional
or amateur?
Are any weapons being used (Specify)
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Is there any script for the M.C?:
IF YOU WISH TO ENTER IN ADVANCE OF THE CONVENTION, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT TO:
ANNE PAGE, 11 Manor Farm Road, Tyseley, BIRMINGHAM, Bll 2HT.

# MASQUERADE

The Masquerade at Seacon will take place on the Saturday evening, and an essential part of the convention. We welcome entrants in both professional and amateur categories, especially newcomers. There is an entry form below for those of you who are incredibly organised, or who would advance information, but there will be entry forms at the Metropole Hotel in the Information Room. I'd forms like the back the afternoon on the Saturday (April 21st) in order to balance the running order and make copies for the judges. Entries can range from the simplest to the most complex, from glamour to humour, single entries to huge groups and so on, including action, speech, atmosphere, silence, flashing lights....and so on ad infinitum.

Would entrants please note, however, that in the interests of safety and coronaries, we state that no functional weapons, explosive devices or charges can be permitted. If you want to use/wear swords or non-functional weapons they must be peace-bonded except during the entry, and please notify me in writing with an exact description of the weapon at least a full week before the con at the address below.

If you've never entered a masquerade before, then this is your chance - there is no limit on age or experience and entry categories include:

- 1) Children's section
- 2) Professional Section
- 3) Original Design
- 4) Authentic copy of a character
- 5) Humerous
- 6) First time entrants

Should you wish to speak or have a short script or explanatory piece read out by the M.C., please indicate this on the entry form, and give me as much advanced warning as possible so that we can do the best for you. If you have any special needs, please let me know quickly and we'll do the best we can.

# The PROGRAME

As you read this, the final Programme Draft will have been compiled, the Programme Book will have gone to Press and we will simply be waiting for everybody to turn up.

The Programme Book will have an extensive list of all those appearing on our Programme, together with a short biography, and that combined with our Programme Pocket Guide, the daily convention newspaper (The Brighton Early), the teletext system (Seafax and Coracle) and the good old blackboard, will keep you well abreast of all that is going on.

Just to whet you appetites, here's a brief list of some of those people who will be appearing on our programme:

Maxim Jakubowski, Malcolm Edwards, Jack Cohen, Tom Shippey, Ramsey Campbell, Lisa Tuttle, Colin Greenland, Josef Nesvadba, Chris Priest, Roger Zelazny, Waldemar Kumming, Pierre Barbet, Forrest J. Ackerman, Suzy McKee Charnas, Frederik Pohl, John Brunner, Brian Aldiss, Dave Langford, Ian Ridpath, Bob Shaw, Charles N.Brown, Julian May, Anne Page, Ian Watson, Roelof Goudriaan, Harry Harrison, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Joe Haldeman and

dozens more yet, including one or two surprises who at the time of going to press had yet to confirm.

We can certainly guarantee you one of the most exciting, varied, comprehensive and lively programmes ever.

In addition to the two main programme streams, we'll be having a film and video programme (running round the clock), a fan programme, the Eurocon Programme and the Computer/Games Room programme - quite apart from the Art Show, Book Room and all the rest. And, running throughout the convention we'll be having the two quizzes:

THE TRIVIA BOWL - A University Challenge style quiz, consisting of eight teams of four people. There is an entry fee of 25 Starter Questions per team which should be sent, along with any queries to the organiser:

TIM ILLINGWORTH: - 63 Drake Road, CHESSINGTON, Surrey, KT9 1LQ.

THE SEACON MASTERMIND - consisting of four victims, each with their own speciallised subject. The contestants have been selected, and the subjects chosen are:

- 1) French Science Fiction since 1945
- 2) Cordwainer Smith
- 3) American comics since 1962
- 4) American SF magazines 1965-1970

Each speciallised round will be two minutes, with three minutes being given to the General SF Knowledge round.

A package of Harback SF novels will be awarded to the winner.

We are endeavouring to create the right sort of atmosphere in the Hall, so do come along and watch!

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#### SEACON OPERATIONS

A convention the size of Seacon '84 needs a lot of Behind-the-Scenes help to keep it running smoothly. We already have a number of willing volunteers to work in Operations - that is the team responsible for the "administrative" side of the convention - but as the man said, "Your convention needs you!".

You will see how a convention is run, get to meet many famous personalities, and come to the exclusive gophers party. You will even get the best seats for the programme: the front row of each hall will be reserved for convention helpers.

Operations also needs medics. If you are a qualified doctor or nurse and are willing to be on call for a few hours during the convention, your help would be welcome. You never know when a lift is going to crash!

SO IF YOU CAN SPARE HALF A DAY OR MORE TO HELP OUT AT SEACON '84, PLEASE CONTACT:

MARTIN HOARE, 45 Tilehurst Road, READING, Berks, RGl 7TT (Tel: 0734 588570).

## AWARDS

There are a number of annual awards made at the British Eastercon, and this year will be no exception. In addition, there are the Eurocon Awards, for which a separate ballot is enclosed with this Progress Report. Each Award will be described in detail in the Programme Book, but in order to prepare you for them, I list the

more important ones below:

BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION AWARDS:

These are presented for the best new work published in Great Britain for the first time in the preceeding year. There are four categories as follows:

Novel, Short Story, Media, Artwork

The ballot nominations are decided upon by the membership of the BSFA, and voting takes place between the begining of March to the Saturday evening at the convention. Voting is open to all BSFA members and all paid up members of Seacon '84. The ballot form will have gone out to BSFA members in March, whilst it will be made available to Seacon members with their Programme Book package on arrival at the convention.

These are the only awards of their kind in the UK and in recent yars they have gone to some very deserving works, and it is pleasing to see that not only is the number of people casting their vote each year increasing, but that publishers are taking more notice of the Awards.

Joseph Nicholas, the Awards Administrator, will be writing a short piece for the Programme Book.

#### KEN MCINTYRE AWARD -

This is an award for the best piece of Fanzine Art published in the preceeding year. Administrator Keith Freeman will again be talking more about it in the Programme Book, but advance warning is neccessary since the original artwork, together with the printed version, must be displayed in the Art Show. We will have separate display space allocated in the Art Show Hall specifically for this award, so if you have anything you wish to bring along, simply hand it in at the Art Show desk.

#### DOC WEIR AWARD -

This award hasn't been made for the last two years, but is traditionally given to someone who has made a significant contribution to fandom over the years, but who might have gone previously unrecognised. A list of past winners and further details will be published in the Programme Book, but this year it is being administered by the British Science Fiction Association and the winner will be decided (as usual) by popular vote.

The Award, a silver trophy, will be presented by the Chairman of the BSFA, your Progress Report editor, Alan Dorey.

#### KIDDIECON

The creche is now all set. It will be held in the Kent Suite, a collection of five inter-connecting rooms thus enabling sleeping infants to be separated from the more lively toddlers.

In order that we can all get the best out of the creche, there are a few simple guidelines we would like parents to observe, as follows:

- 1) We will not be able to take sick children (For obvious reasons!)
- 2) Parents will be expected to settle their children in the creche before they depart to enjoy the rest of the convention.
- 3) Parents will be responsible for providing their children's meals, although it is expected that a simple children's menu will be exclusively available for the creche users at modest cost.
- 4) There will be toys and games and other activities organised in the creche, so if parents want to bring their own toys in addition, they

must be clearly marked or identifiable.

We will be showing cartoons and slides and professional assistants will be running the creche during the day and evening. However, we wouldn't say no to any parents wishing to help out, no matter for how short a space of time.

If you wish to make use of the creche, please let Rochelle Dorey know quickly at:

22, Summerfield Drive, MIDDLETON, Lancs, M24 2WW.

#### GAMES AND COMPUTER FACILITIES

Dave Rowley and Joy Hibbert report that things are going very well with their part of the Seacon '84 programme. They have allocated a large area for the computer and games facilities and you are all welcome to bring along your games, computers and software. Whilst in the programme Hall, they will be insured by Seacon '84, although in transit to or from the hall, and whilst in bedrooms etc, they are entirely the owner's responsibility.

In addition to the above, a programme of events of specific interest to games and computer enthusiasts will be taking place. One item that will be taking place is a Vogan Poetry competition — if anybody is interested in this most masterful of artforms, could they please contact Dave Rowley in the first instance at:

ll Rutland Street, Hanley, STOKE-ON-Trent, Staffs, ST1 5JG.

# MEMBERSHIPS

This is our current membership list and is correct up to and including March 1st 1984. This list shows all those new members who have joined us since the last Progress Report, together with those pre-supporting or supporting members who have now converted to attending membership.

In the Programme Book, a complete list of members will appear, broken down into alphabetical listings by country. There will also be an outline map of Europe showing the points of origin.

In the following list the prefixes used are:

A - Attending S - Supporting

Our Guests of Honour have not been allocated numbers and are listed separately.

At the convention itself, the Guests, Committee, Gophers and Translators will be easilly distinguished by their coloured badges.

#### GUESTS OF HONOUR

PIERRE BARBET, JOSEF NESVADBA (European Guests)

WALDMAR KUMMING (Fan Guest)

CHRISTOPHER PRIEST (British Guest)

ROGER ZELAZNY (American Guest)

#### <u>MEMBERSHIPS</u>

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0025(E) Maria Ossintseva

0030(E) Jean-Paul Cronimus

0031(E) Evelyne Cronimus

0032(E) Pascal Ducommun

0033(E) Andrzej Wojcik 0034(A) John Stewart

0035(A) Anna Stewart

0041(A) C.S.H. Murphy

0048(A) Peter Nicholls

0050(A) Clare Coney

0051(A) Alasdair Montgomery

0052(A) Peter Wheeldon

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0064(A) Pete Tamlyn

0066(A) Kathryn Tamlyn

0075(A) Claire Russell

0082(A) Sue Simpson

0088(A) Howard T. Pell

0093(A) Jane Boster

0102(A) Susan Flood

0111(A) Scott Dennis

0116(A) Rusty Hevelin

0142(A) Olivier Raynaud

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0165(A) Moira Shearman

0167(A) Laurence O'Donnell

0170(A) L. Berkeley

0174(A) P. Hutson

0192(A) Deborah Cross

0193(A) Paul M. Wrigley

0194(A) Ramsey Campbell

0195(A) Jenny Campbell

0196(K) Tamsin Campbell

0197(K) Matthew Campbell 0198(A) Graham Tapp

0202(A) Peter Bole

0205(A) Julian Ranson

0214(A) Ross Sargent

0215(A) Ruth Sargent

0217(S) Brian Griffin

0226(A) Robin House

0228(A) Terry Hill

0231(A) John Hale

0234(A) Tony Walsh

0235(A) Jane Fletcher

0257(A) Ted Ball

0270(A) Helen Conner

0271(A) Rainer Dornke

0274(A) Leonard Wragg

0275(A) Jennifer Wragg

0280(A) David Clark

0283(A) Rosalyn Reuben

0285(A) Phil Masters

0286(A) Angela Masters

0287(A) Niall Judge

0289(A) Mike Garvey

0291(A) Charles A. Whyte

0292(A) Susan Stepney

0293(A) F. Gwynplaine McIntyre

0296(A) Rolf Schiffer

0297(A) Monika Koch

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	0863(A)	Stephen Coffin				Rory Kenny
	0864(A)	Philip Plumbly				Peter Watts
	0865(A)	Anthony Hampton				Rachele Watts
	0866(A)	Greg Hill				Pamela Watts
	0867(A)	Anke Karbe		-		Samantha Watts
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# MAPS TRAVEL INFORMATION

This is by far the most important part of the Progress Report. Accompanying this item you will find two maps; one, a map of south-east England showing the location of Brighton, airports, seaports, London, main road and rail links, whilst the other is a town-plan of Brighton, showing the location of the main hotels, bus, coach and rail stations and car parks.

For many 'old-hands', getting to Brighton should present few problems, but in the interests of the many new faces we expect to see, I have made the information given as detailed as possible.

However, please note, although I have extracted the times and schedules from the latest available timetable books, it is possible that alterations may be made at short notice.

#### RAIL

This will be by far the best way (and cheapest!) to get to Brighton. We have made exclusive arrangements with the Theatre & Concert Rail Club of St.Albans to permit bona-fide members of Seacon '84 to purchase their rail tickets through the Club at a massive reduction.

Full details are to be found on the accompanying Ticket Application Form, but suffice it to say, for less than £6 return per person, you can travel from anywhere within the UK to Brighton by scheduled British Rail train. From Southern Region stations, it's even cheaper.

We have worked very hard to get this marvellous discount, so do please use the offer - but remember, each application to the Theatre & Concvert Rail Club MUST be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and applications must go directly to the Club and not Seacon '84.

#### EXPRESS COACH

National Express, part of the National Bus Company, operate a wide, comprehensive network of services throughout England and Wales. Again, we have managed to secure discounts against their scheduled fares, and a separate application form and details are enclosed with this PR.

Unfortunately, Scottish fans won't be quite so lucky in that the Scottish Bus Group (responsible for express coaches north of the border) haven't been able to offer us a discout. However, their fares are very competitive over the long distance anyway, so if you cannot travel by rail, it is an option well worth considering.

#### RAIL & COACH TRAVEL FARES & TIMES

The following is a detailed list of rail and coach links, together with journey times, fares and frequency. The fares quoted are examples; you may be able to get them more cheaply if you travel at different times of the week. The discounts mentioned above obviously are the best way to get there, but these fares do show you what you would normally be expected to pay.

The list is broken down via the ports and airports appropriate to Brighton:

#### FROM SOUTHAMPTON

Rail (Via Portsmouth) £12.50 ret.

Southampton - Portsmouth (Every 30 minutes, takes 50 minutes)

Portsmouth - Brighton (Every 30 minutes, takes 75 minutes)

Coach (Direct)

£6.00 ret.

Coach (Via London)

£14.50 ret.

Portsmouth - Brighton

(Every 120 minutes, takes 110 minutes)

FROM NEWHAVEN

Rail (Direct)

£3.00 ret.

Newhaven - Brighton

(Every 60 minutes, takes 30 minutes)

Bus (Southdown, direct)

£2.20 ret.

(Every 30 minutes, takes 45 minutes)

FROM DOVER

Rail (Ashford & Hastings) £16.50 ret.

Dover - Ashford

(Every 30 minutes, takes 30 minutes)

Ashford - Hastings

(Every 60 minutes, takes 50 minutes)

Hastings - Brighton

(Every 60 minutes, takes 80 minutes)

Rail (Via London)

Dover - London (Victoria)

(Every 60 minutes, takes 110 minutes)

London (Victoria) - Brighton

(Every 30 minutes, takes 60 minutes)

Coach (Change Canterbury) £9.50 ret.

Dover - Brighton

(Infrequent, takes 240 minutes)

FROM FOLKESTONE

Rail (Ashford & Hastings) £15.10 ret.

Folkestone - Ashford

(Every 30 minutes, takes 20 minutes)

Ashford - Hastings

(Every 60 minutes, takes 50 minutes)

Hastings - Brighton

(Every 60 minutes, takes 80 minutes)

Rail (Via London)

Folkestone - London (Charing Cross)

(Every 30 minutes, takes 75 minutes)

London (Victoria) - Brighton

(Every 30 minutes, takes 60 minutes)

Folkestone - London

(Every 120 minutes, takes 150 minutes)

London - Brighton

(Every 60 minutes, takes 75 minutes)

FROM HARWICH

Rail (Via London)

£25.00 ret.

Harwich - London (Liverpool St.)

(07:50 only - meets boat; or change at Manningtree, every 60 minutes, takes 90

minutes)

London - Brighton

(Every 30 minutes, takes 60 minutes)

Coach (Via London)

£12.25 ret.

Harwich - Colchester

(Local Eastern Counties bus service)

Colchester - London

(Every 60-120 minutes, takes 120 mins)

London - Brighton

(Every 60 minutes, takes 75 minutes)

FROM FELIXSTOWE

Rail (Via London)

£25.10 ret.

Felixstowe - Ipswich

(Paytrain - pay local fare, then book to Brighton from Ipswich. Every 60

minutes, takes 30 minutes)

Ipswich - London (Liverpool St.)

(Every 30 minutes, takes 80 minutes)

London(Victoria) - Brighton

(Every 30 minutes, takes 60 minutes)

Coach (Via London)

£14.50 ret.

Felixstowe - London

(0745 only, meets boat, takes 180 minutes. Or, local bus to Ipswich, then

every 120 minutes)

London - Brighton

(Every 60 minutes, takes 75 minutes)

FROM HULL

Rail (Via London)

£53.20 ret.

Hull - London (Kings Cross)

(Three per day, takes 180 minutes, although by taking a local train to

Doncaster, every 30 minutes to London, journey time, 120 minutes)

London (Victoria) - Brighton (Every 30 minutes, takes 60 minutes)

Coach (Via London) £18.50 ret.

Hull - London (Three times a day, takes 360 mins)

London - Brighton (Every 60 minutes, takes 75 minutes)

#### FROM GATWICK AIRPORT

Rail (Direct) £ 5.40 ret.

Gatwick - Brighton (Every 20 minutes, takes 35 minutes)

Bus (Direct) £ 2.50 ret.

Gatwick - Brighton (Every 60 minutes, takes 85 minutes)

#### FROM HEATHROW AIRPORT

Rail (Via London) £11.20 ret.

Heathrow - London (Via Underground, Every 15 minutes, takes 40 minutes)

London - Brighton (Every 30 minutes, takes 60 minutes)

Coach (Via Gatwick) £10,00 ret.

Heathrow - Gatwick (Every 30 minutes via Green Line Coach No. 747, takes 70 minutes)

Gatwick - Brighton (Every 60 minutes, takes 85 minutes)

This is not an exhaustive guide and there are many alternative routes. Please always check at your British Rail Station for any late changes to the service, together with details of any bargain fares. Generally speaking, Big City Savers and Weekend Returns are much cheaper than the ordinary returns quoted above. Remember too that on the Bank Holiday Monday, the rail service provided may be only a Sunday schedule.

The British rail station in Brighton (see map for exact location) is a fair walk from the Metropole, so if you are bringing a lot of luggage with you, it may be better to take a taxi, or the Southdown Shuttle Bus which costs only 15p to Churchill Square.

#### BY CAR

The maps opposite show the main routes into and out of Brighton. The car parks are clearly marked, as is the best area for free off-street parking.

The area around the hotel is littered with car-parks, although they are all very expensive - the nearest sub-surface carpark is £3.90 per each 24 hour period. It holds 500 cars.

The railway station has a large open-air carpark which costs only 50p per visit.

The Metropole's own car park takes over 1000 cars and costs £3.40 per 24 hours.

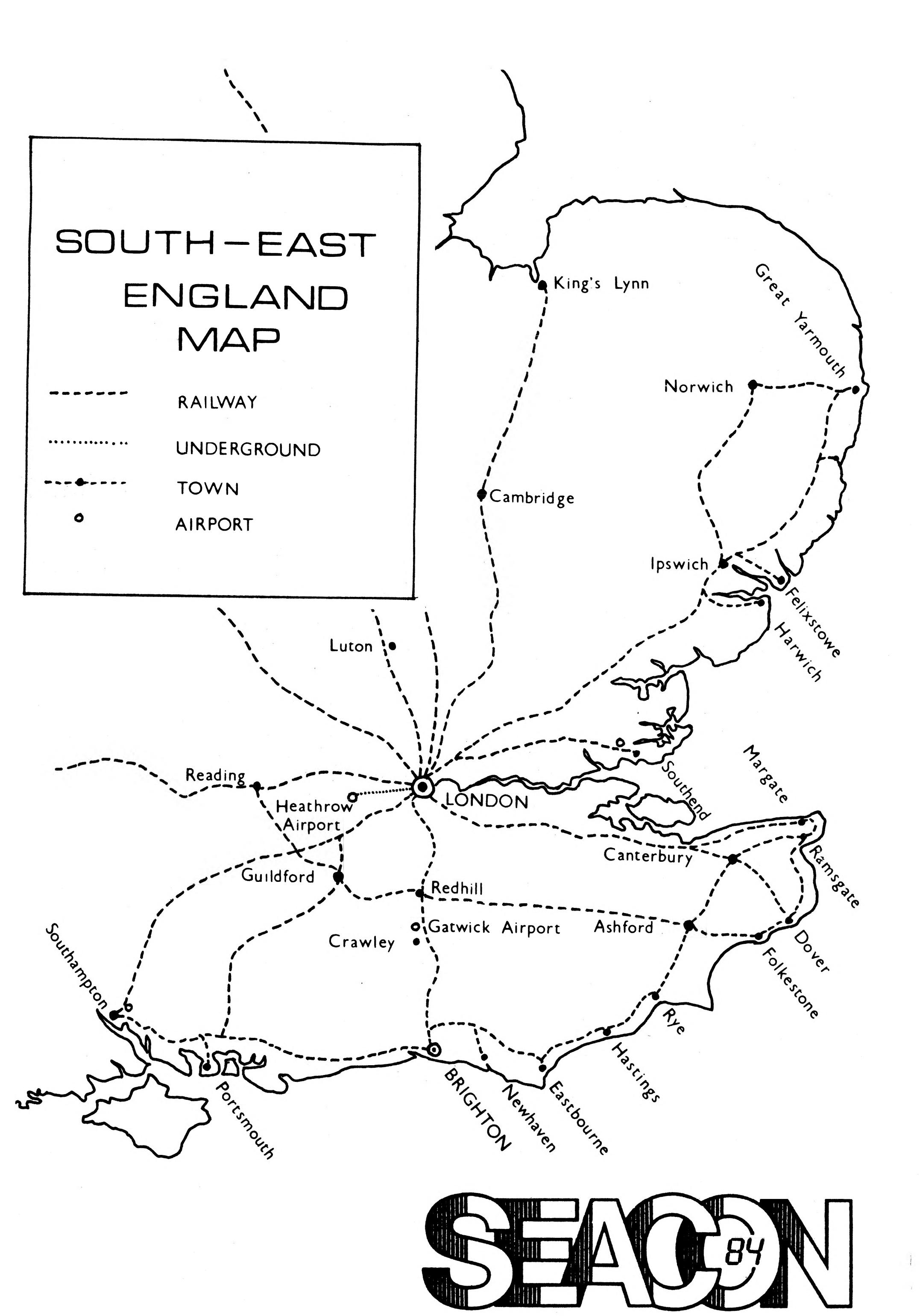
The Palmera street area (see map) has a lot of free off-street parking, whilst if you get there early enough, Regency Square has some parking meters which you'll only need to pay for on the Saturday.

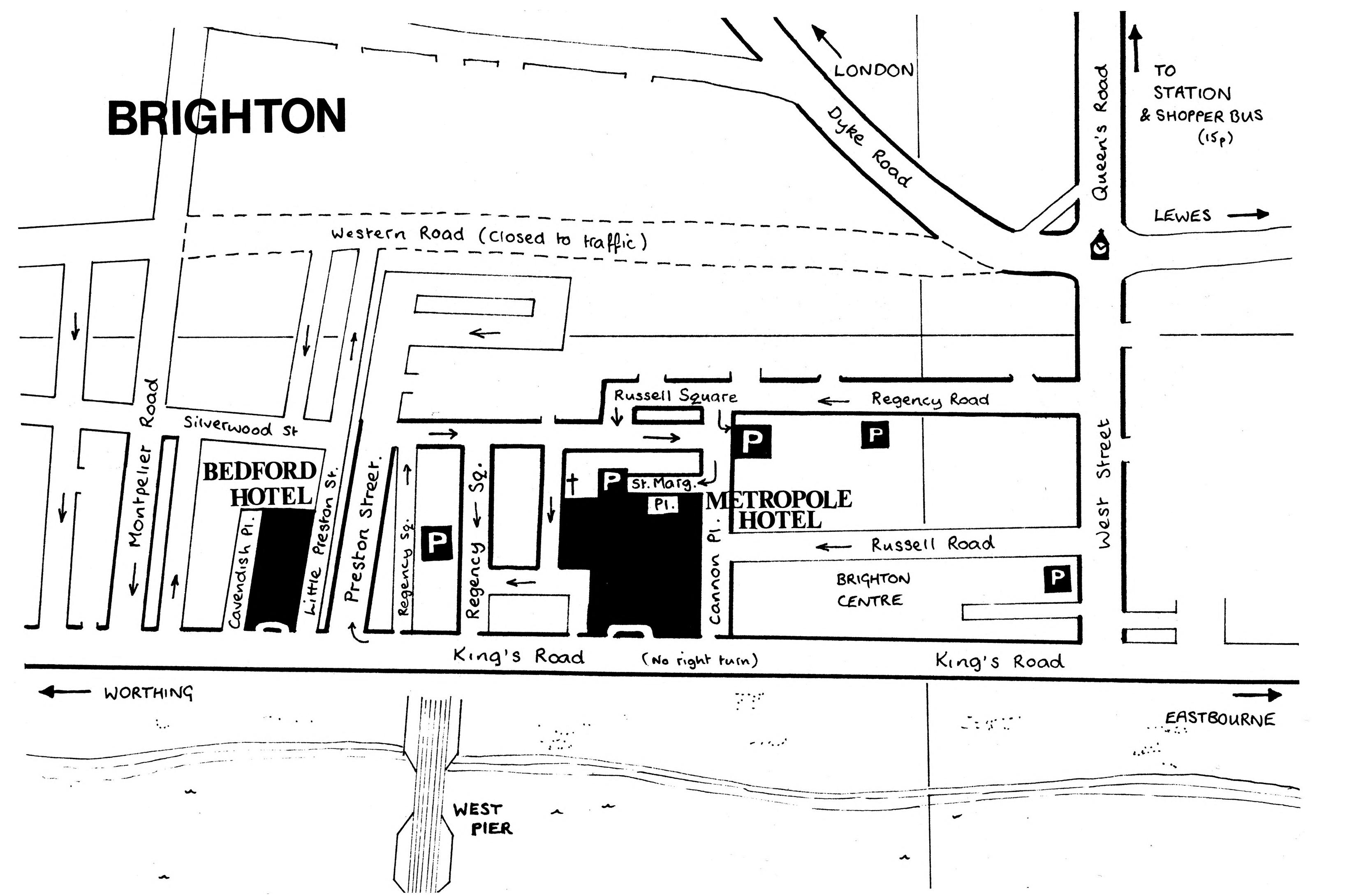
There is a pull-in right in front of the Hotel for unloading luggage, although cars should not be left unattended. Anyone delivering books or other heavy goods should Contact Martin Hoare at Seacon Operations and then go to the Loading Bay in St.Margaret's place. Bookdealers will be getting an explanatory letter which will go out in their package.

#### FACILITIES

People arriving from the continent either through the airports (Heathrow or Gatwick) or through the main coastal ports, will be able to change their money for local currency quite easilly.

The airports have their own 24 hour





banking services, together with Moneychanging offices.

The banks in Brighton all close at 3.30pm and will not be open at all during the four main days of the convention (April 20th to 23rd). However, Lloyds, Midland, National Westminster, Barclays and Trustee Savings Bank all have cash machines outside their main branches in Brighton. Most of these banks are a short walk up West Street from the seafront, and the machines are certainly cash available until 8pm each night. (Midland, Baraclays and National Westminster are 24 hours).

There is no 24 hour chemist, although there is a chemist's rota for late-night opening. Details are published each day in the Brighton Evening Argus newspaper and copies of this will be found in the information room.

A British Rail "Talking Timetable" is available 24 hours a day on 01-928-3424 for services to London and on 01-928-2113 for services to Gatwick Airport. Other train

enquiries can be made between 0800 and 2100 on Brighton 25476.

Shipping Services to the Continent: These can be enquired after as follows:

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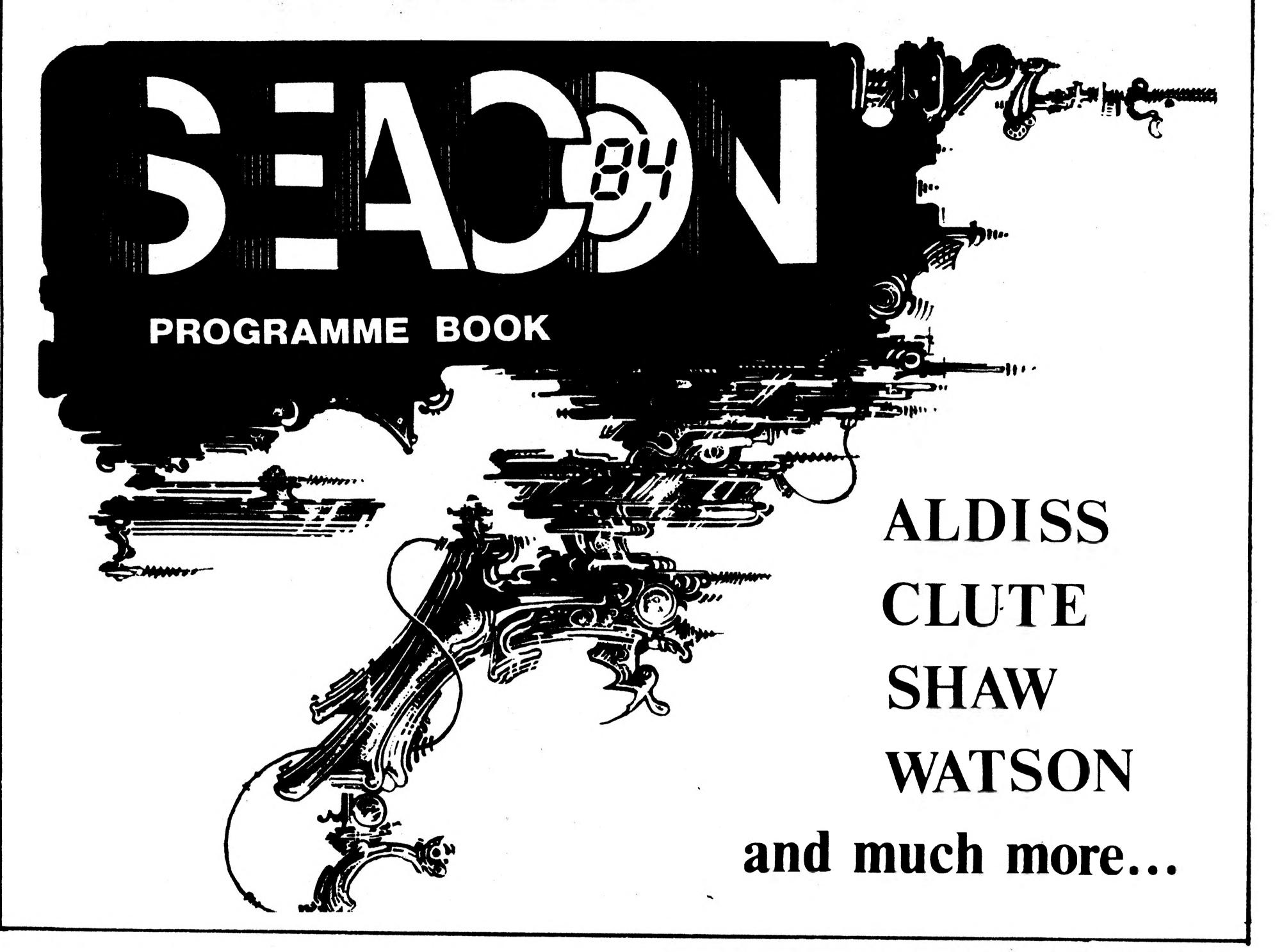




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(For Rail Card holders, the fares are £3.60 and £2.55 respectively)

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