

PROGRAMME

At the Heathrow Hotel we have the facilities for triple programming---in the Con Hall, the film theatre and the Fan Room simultaneously---though we shall be careful not to put all the best items on together. The films are self-explanatory and the Fan Room is still in process of formulation within the treacle-like recesses of Ian Maule's mind. The main programme is also still at the discussion stage, but we do have a few things settled.

There will be a banquet and a fancy dress competition. There will be a quiz, with special rules to prevent Peter Weston and Malcolm Edwards winning. There will be a disco, full of sound and fury and signifying nothing. Naturally, since we have a GoH, there will be a GoH talk. The book room and art show will be open at times throughout the con in different places entirely. And finally---we think you'll like this---Bob Shaw has very kindly agreed to give yet another of his Eastercon talks. Thanks, Bob. You're in danger of becoming an institution, you realise?

We have lots of other ideas, none of which has yet been refined to a state deserving of the name "Programme Item", so we are still flexible in that respect. Any suggestion you may care to make will be given due consideration.

There is one specific area in which we require your aid. The hotel has a swimming pool which will be for our exclusive use. It seems a pity to use it in a purely conventional manner, for swimming, so we are offering a prize to the supporting member who gives us the best suggestion for a novel use for the pool. Judgement will be by the committee and the decision will be entirely arbitrary and unaccountable. The prize will consist of the balance to be paid for attending membership, so that although we cannot yet say how much it will be, we can say it will not be utterly worthless. Assuming you intend to attend, of course. Suggestions to the Skycon address as given on p.2, please.

GROVEL, GROVEL

There will be a brief pause while the committee says "Thanks" to a few people--- To John Bush, Keith Seddon, Ken Slater and International Computers Limited, for various reasons... To our talented but hitherto uncredited artists Deb Hickenlooper (for the hotel drawing on our first advertising flyer), Jon Langford (the Concordes on our second flyer and pre-supporters' badge) and D.West (the picture of Mr Kettle on the previous page)... Most of all, to the hordes of people who encouraged us by taking out pre-supporting membership. Remember: if you're a pre-supporter, supporting membership costs only £1.50p.

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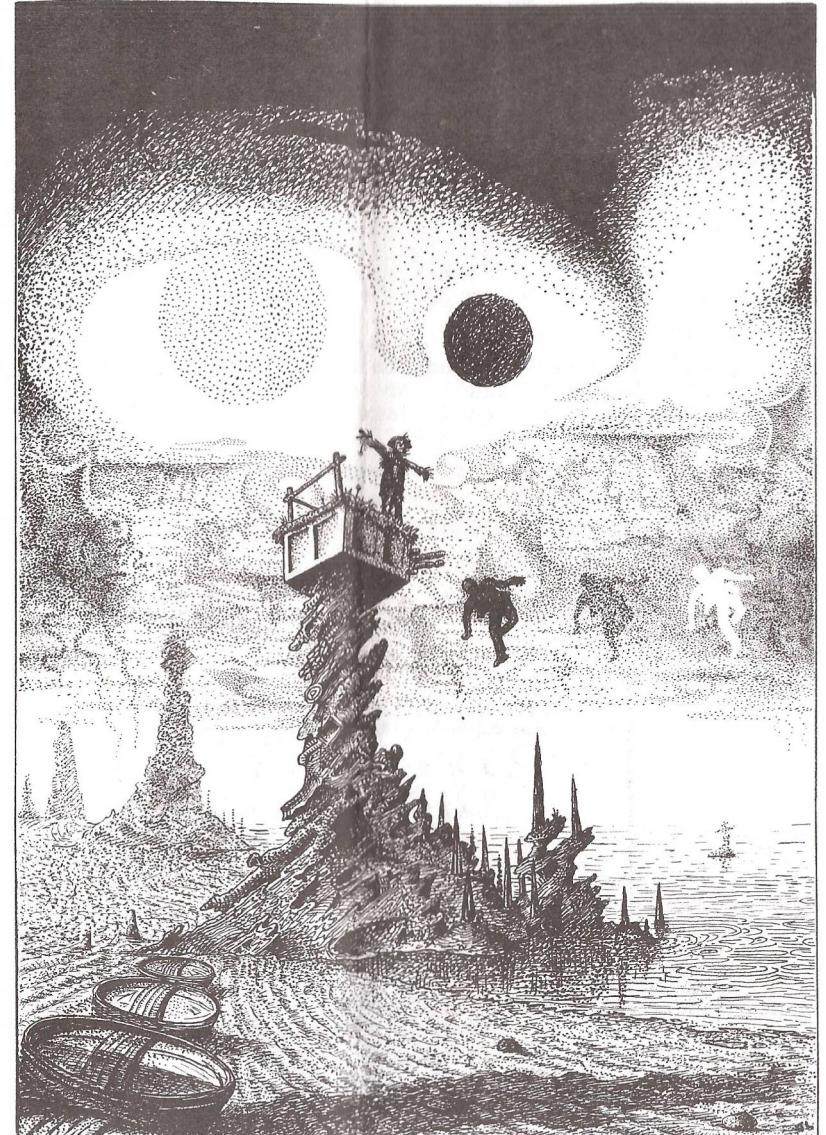
Various awards were presented at Eastercon '77, the most important being the following...

Books: The British Science Fiction Award went to Michael Coney for his novel *Brontomek!* (published in Britain by Gollancz).

People: The Doc Weir Award went to Keith Freeman, of BSFA fame, for being a nice fellow.

Art: The Ken McIntyre Memorial Award went to Jon Langford for his *Drilkjis 2* cover drawing, reproduced opposite.

Criticism: The SF Foundation Award for Excellence in Criticism went



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to Brian Aldiss, owing no doubt to the excellence of his criticism.

We are asked to point out that no collection for any of the above is made at Eastercon---some confusion having been caused this year by a collection for the hoax "Best Award".

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We've announced this so widely that it's difficult to remember some people don't know the Heathrow Hotel is charging £13.80 for all rooms (twins and doubles), excluding breakfast and VAT. More details, at great and tedious length, in PR2; until then, goodbye...



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