

# Skycon

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29th British Easter Science Fiction  
Convention: 24th to 27th March 1978  
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*Guest of Honour*

**ROBERT SHECKLEY**

## *Progress Report 3*

UK ADDRESS: *SKYCON*, 5 Aston Close, Pangbourne, Berkshire, RG8 7LG

A merry Christmas from your friendly Skycon committee: Kevin Smith (Chairman/Treasurer), Dave Langford (Publicity & Things), Liese and Martin Hoare (Secretary, & Registrations), Dermot Dobson (Auction), Keith Oborn (Machines), Stan Eling (Age & Wisdom)----and subcommittees Ian Maule (Fan Room), John and Eve Harvey (Films) and Mary Burns (USA Agent).

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP of Skycon (entitles you to all literature): £2.00  
FULL MEMBERSHIP (entitles you to attend): £4.50 -- £2.50 for supporters  
*WARNING! First-time registration at Skycon itself will cost £5.*

### BOOKING FORMS

With PR3 come the full booking details and two booking forms. One of these is for hotel room booking and has been produced by the miracles of modern technology, also known as Martin Hoare. The other is for other types of bookings such as banquet, book room space, art room space and advertising space in the programme book.

### HOTEL BOOKING

As stated in PR2, a deposit of half the basic room rate must accompany each booking form for the Heathrow Hotel to accept the booking. This deposit is £6 for a double or twin room and £3 for sharing a twin room. Make deposit cheques payable to the Heathrow Hotel.

Please send in your hotel booking forms as soon as possible, and in any case before 31st January 1978. Aha! 31st January 1978 is the *cut-off date*. Until then all rooms are being held for Skycon by the hotel. After that date the hotel reserves the right to let any rooms not taken by us to the horrid general public. Therefore we cannot guarantee rooms in the Heathrow for people booking late, although we may still be able to get them in competition, as it were, with the public. The special convention room rate will, of course, apply to all rooms booked through Skycon (£13.80 per room).

If you know anyone wanting to attend Skycon who has not yet registered, please tell them to get a move on and register before 31st January. We would hate anyone to be left out in the cold.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### (1) CONVENTION BOOKLET

The Skycon convention booklet is intended as a worthwhile souvenir in its own right, containing a good deal more than the mere programme details. Every member of Skycon will receive a copy. The basic advertising rates are as follows: all cheques payable to SKYCON, please...

	full page	half page	quarter page
Professional	£19	£11	£6
Amateur (Fan)	£13	£7	£4

All copy should be camera-ready in black and white, with a full-page size of A4 for 50% reduction to A5. Please leave margins all round of at least half an inch. The final copy date for Convention Booklet advertisements is *February 9th 1978*.

Half tone printing (copy must be ready-screened) is available for an additional £9.

Advertisements may be printed in coloured ink for an additional £5. The available colours are red, blue, brown, green, orange, yellow, pink, purple and turquoise. Colour printing is not recommended for finely detailed artwork.

If you have more complex printing requirements, we will be glad to consult our printers and quote an appropriate charge.

### (2) PROGRESS REPORT 4

The final Progress Report will burst upon an unbelieving world in February 1978. Advertisements will be accepted at the rates below.

	full page	half page	quarter page
Professional	£7	£4	£2.40
Amateur (Fan)	£5	£3	£1.75

PR4 copy should be camera-ready in black and white---no half-tones or other special treatment. The final copy date for PR4 is *February 2nd 1978*.

PLEASE SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE ON ADVERTISING TO DAVE LANGFORD, 22 NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE, READING, BERKS, RG2 7PW, U.K.

## SUNDRIES

*Worldcon News*: Iguanacon, next year in Phoenix, Arizona, will take sterling cheques for supporting membership. Send £4.25 to Iguanacon, PO Box 1072, Phoenix, AZ 85001, USA.

Seacon (Brighton in '79) will also accept sterling. £3 supporting or £4.50 attending, to Seacon, 14 Henrietta Street, LONDON WC2E 8QJ.

*Another Committee Success Story*: Dave Langford won the 1977 Nova Award for his scandal-sheet *Twll-Ddu*. We cannot imagine why.

## THE BANQUET

Saturday Evening

MENU

*Crème printanière*

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*Suprême de volaille  
maréchal*

*Pommes au four*

*Petits poids flamands*

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*Soufflé glacé au Grand  
Marnier*

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Coffee

Toastmaster: ROG PEYTON

TRANSLATION

Cream of fresh vegetable soup, with fresh cream

Breast of chicken, shallow fried and served with asparagus tips and artichoke bottoms

Baked potatoes in jacket, served with sour cream and chives

Buttered garden peas and diced carrots

Iced soufflé flavoured with Grand Marnier

Coffee

The price is £6.00 per person, inclusive of service and VAT. It does not include wine.

## NEW MEMBERS OF SKYCON

252 Charlotte Bulmer	269 Robert Day	286 Simon Beresford
253 Dave Holmes	270 Kevin Lee	287 Katie Chafen
254 Cathy Knight	271 Adrian Bunch	288 Malcolm Davies
255 P. Olroyd	272 Mark Chillingworth	289 Dave Kyle
256 Martin Easterbrook	273 Tom Jones	290 Gerald Bishop
257 Marion Atkins	274 Pamela Barnes	291 David Pringle
258 Graham Dresh	275 Stephen Jones	292 James Walshe
259 Malcolm Edwards	276 James Corby	293 Martin Tee
260 Chris Atkinson	277 Dave French	294 Edward Ward
261 Martin Crompton	278 Chris Morgan	295 Al Scott
262 Bill Little	279 Brian Lewis	296 R. van der Voort
263 Mike Meara	280 Robert Swan	297 Brian Smith
264 Pat Meara	281 Laurence Miller	298 Alan Dorey
265 Alan Frost	282 Sally Underwood	299 Hartley Patterson
266 Rob Hansen	283 Joan Fine	300 Pat Lennon
267 Anne Finlay	284 Peter Thomson	301 Leslie Flood
268 Andrew May	285 Peter Pinto	302 Karel Thole

This list is complete to 20th November 1977.

This has been Skycon Progress Report 3. PR4 will appear in February 1978, containing full details of how to reach the Heathrow Hotel. Your booking confirmations will also be sent with this final PR. (Exception: bookings of advertising space will be confirmed as soon as possible.)

# FABER SF

CHRISTOPHER PRIEST

A Dream of Wessex

Recent winner of The Ditmar Award  
for THE SPACE MACHINE

ROBERT HOLDSTOCK

Earthwind

GARRY KILWORTH

In Solitary

ROGER ZELAZNY

Sign of the Unicorn

HARRY HARRISON

Skyfall

ANTICIPATIONS

edited by Christopher Priest

a collection of new stories from  
Brian Aldiss, J. G. Ballard, Thomas Disch,  
Harry Harrison, Christopher Priest,  
Bob Shaw, Robert Sheckley, Ian Watson

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