

METEOR

NO. 5

THE NEWSZINE OF THE 1968 BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

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ST. ANN'S FULLY BOOKED

A SUDDEN RUSH of hotel bookings since Christmas brought the total to date to 118. This fills the hotel to capacity and plans are being made for an overflow hotel.

Booking forms have been filed in order of receipt and members whose bookings were too late for accommodation at the St. Ann's will be notified in the same post as this issue of METEOR and their bookings transferred to the overflow hotel.

Stop Press

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Steve Stiles Wins His Way to Thirddmancon

AS WE ARE ABOUT TO GO TO PRESS the news of Steve Stiles' T.A.F.F. win has reached us. Heartiest congratulations to Steve, we know all Thirddmancon members will be anxious to meet him at Easter.

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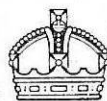
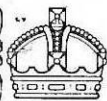
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METEOR *write*

At last, METEOR 5 springs to life many weeks after its promised schedule. Litholess as ever; we had hoped that Leeds University printing service would be in action by this time, but there is no sign of movement from that direction. We are very grateful however to the recently unveiled letterpress machine at the Delta Group's club room for the results you can see on the front page and with luck the next and final issue before the Con will be DeltaPress contrived too.

PROGRAMME

The Convention programme is taking shape and will include among other items an illustrated talk by Alan Whittaker, president of the Manchester Astronomical Society, on the subject of LIFE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM. Alan hopes to present some new research into the subject to our convention audience. This astronomy lecture is scheduled for 2.0pm on the Saturday and will be followed by our Guest of Honour's speech.

Later in the afternoon we hope to have a Professional Panel, and subjects for discussion by the writers and publishers present will be welcomed.

The THIRDMAN CON-SLIDE-SHOW-focus-puller Eric Bentcliffe, tells us he has a good selection of slides, mainly from past Conventions, to hold your attention for

- (2) Most Bemmish
- (3) Most Beautiful
- (4) Most Startling
- (5) Best Child's Costumes
(12 and under)

We hope that the next METEOR will contain some hints on preparing a fancy dress and showing just how simple it is to bring some form of fancy dress. Let's make a real effort and show all the critics that say fancy dress parties are out!

Further down the programme plans is an item marked "a good chance they can come". In fact this refers to Norman Foster who is assistant to Mr Gerry Anderson of Century 21 Productions. Century 21 are the people responsible for the magnificently produced TV puppets series WIREBALL X-L5, STINGRAY, THUNDERBIRDS, and now CAPTAIN SCARLET. With luck their studio commitments will allow them to come up to our Convention and speak about the production of their TV shows. We also have some film as illustration.

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The THIRDMANCON-SLIDE-SHOW-focus-puller Eric Bentcliffe, tells us he has a good selection of slides, mainly from past Conventions, to hold your attention for some thirty minutes. Although captions to the slides are being prepared, we have no doubt that you'll be able to supply your own when the time comes.

The SATURDAY NIGHT FANCY DRESS PARTY, will be just as it says. We want everyone to bring at least a paper hat and join in the fun. For the fans who really want to get into the mood of the party and don't full fancy dress we have some very worthwhile prizes lined up. The Con Committee are looking for MISS SCIENCE FICTION, so come on girls, let's see some great costumes! Prizes will go to the following in addition to the Miss Science Fiction Award:-
(1) Most Authentic SF or Fantasy Character

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A couple of Delta Group movies will see the light of day during the weekend, and the Friday/Sat Marathon Movie Show is planned to supply film fans with a feast without interfering with valuable Con time....last one awake switch off the projector please!

The Grand and Most Noble Order of St. Fantony will supply a great attraction over the Con weekend. You may have heard whisperings of a great Battle between two Knights in full armour at conventions over the past two years, but this year you really WILL see it! A Fantastic Spectacle, staged at great cost! But then nothing is too good for THIRDMANCON....!

HAVE YOU BOOKED? HAVE YOUR FRIENDS BOOKED? DO IT NOW!

ConCom address: 5, South Mesnefield Rd. Lower Kersal, Salford 7. Lancs.
Booking Forms to: Peter Day. Flat 4. Beau Manor, Roebuck Lane, Sale. Ches.

ALL THE REGISTRATIONS - HOTEL BOOKING CONFIRMED BY * A LAST NAMES

GoH.*Kenneth Bulmer	69. Tom Jones	138. Chris Cook
1. *Eric Bentcliffe	70. Jay Duncan	139. Tony Glynn
2. *Bill Burns	71. Tom Holt	140. *Gregory Pickersgill
3. *Brian Marshall	72. Mike Ashley	141. *Philip Cato
4. *Harry Nadler	73. John Quattromini	142. Joanne Burger
5. *Chuck Partington	74. L. Walton	143. Arnie Katz
6. *Lynda Partington	75.* Marie Nadler	144. Ray Fisher
7. *Peter Day	76. Colin Britch	145. Joyce Fisher
8. *Archie Mercer	77. *John Hutchinson	146. *John Newman
9. *Beryl Mercer	78. *R.J. Charlesworth	147. *Joan Newman
10. *Heinrich Arenz	79. Bob Bell	148. Chris Chandler
11. *John D. Roles	80. *John Owen	149. Elizabeth Chandler
12. *Norman Shorrocks	81. *Cyril Whitaker	150. Jennifer Chandler
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14. *Ina Shorrocks	83. *Val Jeeves	152. *Dave Summers
15. *Doreen Parker	84. *Darroll Pardoe	153. *Irene Boothroyd
16. Duncan Steel	85. *Ethel Lindsay	154. Brian Hampton
17. *Graham Boak	86. *Bob Mough	155. *Eric Abbott
18. *Eddie Jones	87. Charlie Winstone	156. *Brian Hill
19. *Tom Schülck	88. *John Brunner	157. *Julia Stone
20. *Phil Rogers	89. *Pete Taylor	158. Gerald Bishop
21. Ken Slater	90. *J. Ramsey Campbell	159. Julie Parsons
22. Joyce Slater	91. Janet R. Prince	160. *Valerie Hoddy
23. *Steve Widdowson	92. *Jack Wilson	161. Alfred H Beha
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26. *Tony Walsh	95. *Waldemar Kunning	164. *Graham Charnock
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28. *A.G. Cruttenden	97. Andy Porter	166. *Jill Mason
29. *Graham H. Hall	98. *Marge Edwards	167. N. Wnokowski
30. J. Michael Rosenblum	99. *Tony Edwards	168. David Lipsky
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 57. Dave Britton
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 60. Peter L. Dowson
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 119. *Ruth Kyle
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VERY LATE, LATE NEWS
 NEW REGISTRATIONS

178. *Don Wollheim
 179. Gardner R. Davis
 180. *Vic Hallet
 181. Hansjurg Auler
 182. Thea-Ruth Auler

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Artists Please Note.....

We haven't any ARTWORK on this page, but we need some for the Con Artshow....Please...?

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