

NOVACON 2

ORGANISED BY THE
BIRMINGHAM
SCIENCE FICTION GROUP

4-5th November 1972

IMPERIAL HOTEL CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM

PROGRESS REPORT 2

Progress Report 1 was our way of letting you know that the committee are still alive and have not yet set sail for South America with the proceeds.

PR1 was very nearly a disaster. First the typing; my typewriter shows a considerable lack of little eyes and will not cut stencils. Fortunately Eileen Weston offered to do them and except for putting the carbon in backwards the operation went smoothly. A few days later came the duplication, and trouble. The stencil started wrinkling, the "duplicating" paper wouldn't absorb the ink properly, the stencil began to split along the wrinkles and the ink was going everywhere except on the paper. Then we discovered that the printing was showing through the paper.

At this point Stan and I were ready to abandon the whole project. However that inkstained Nite of Science Fiction, Peter R. Weston materialised from behind the duplicator and generously offered to do the whole thing again using his own stencils, paper and time.

That is why PR2 is being duplicated by an entirely new process by committee member Richard Newnham.

GUEST OF HONOUR

As most of you already know, Doreen Parker has agreed to be Guest-of-Honour at NOVACON 2. Doreen, although not a professional like most G-o-H's, is a figure well known in fandom, and a lively convention going personality. In our choice we hope to lay a foundation for the future personality for the November conventions.

IMPERIAL CENTRE HOTEL

All I have spoken to are in unanimous approval of the choice of the Imperial Centre Hotel as the site of NOVACON 2 and again the hotel is giving special rates for the attendees. If there are too many people wanting rooms the overspill hotel will be the New Victoria Hotel just round the corner.

Room Tariffs (Bed & Breakfast)

Single	£2.90
Double & Twins	£4.90
Cots	.60p

(plus 11% service charge)

These prices will apply on both the Friday and Saturday nights. Hotel booking forms will be distributed at the earliest opportunity.

Food can be obtained in the hotel restaurant at very reasonable prices, from 85p for a 3-course meal.

For those who are wondering whether they will be able to obtain sufficient alcohol, the manager is arranging to have bottles and 5 and 7 pint cans for sale at prices similar to Off-sales, as well as a selection of reasonably priced wines. If beverages are brought in from outside the management warns that it is at liberty to charge corkage.

FANCY DRESS PARTY

By popular demand the Fancy Dress Room Party will reappear on Saturday night/ Sunday morning. Party sippants are invited to come to the George Room (next to the Bar!!!) after the films have finished. Costumes of an S.F. ilk will be considered for a valuable (liquid?) prize. This is a ROOM PARTY so anyone carrying a fullbottle will be joyfully admitted. Aliens welcome!

For further information contact

Hazel C.Reynolds, 40 Portia Ave. Shirley, Solihull. or
Meg Palmer, 33 Nigel Ave. Northfield, Brum, B31 1LL.

((n.b. the chairman declines responsibility for the spelling in the above paragraph.))

GRAND AUCTION

Inevitably Novacon will have an auction. If you have anything you wish to donate to the auction; Fanzines, Books, Artwork etc. we would be very pleased to receive it. Should you have too much to post and live within a 12 mile radius of Birmingham we will gladly collect it.

Otherwise please bring it to the Con.

Address for Auction Material
or Anything Related

Stan Eling
124 Galton Road,
Smethwick,
Warley,
Worcs.

BOOK AND ART ROOM

For Book Dealers and anyone who wishes to display and sell S.F. material; pictures, posters etc. we will have the same room available as at NOVACON 1, Charge as before £1.00 per table (size 6' x 2½'). To reserve tables or floor or wall space, charged at similar rates, Please write to Stan Eling, letting us know your requirements: same address as for the auction.

PROGRAMME BOOKLET

Even at this stage we are gathering material for the programme booklet. The advertising rates will be;

Full page	£1.50	Non-pro ads	Full page	£1.00
Half page	£0.75		Half page	£0.50

Copy Requirements For:

Booklet size will be A5 (8¼" x 5⁷/₈")
Printed offset-litho
Black ink on white paper
All half tones must be screened and typeset by the advertiser

All copy to;

Richd. Newnham,
4 Argyle Close,
Walsall, WS4 2EY,
Staffs.

PROGRAMME ITEMS

At this early stage very few programme items have reached

confirmation stage.
However, there will be:

- * Fancy Dress
- * Films
- * Guest-of-Honour speach
- * Banquet on the Saturday evening
- * Birmingham S.F. Group "Surprise Item"
- * Alcohol
- * People

In a later progress report you will be asked to order the number of banquet tickets you require.

OVER 70 REGISTERED

The convention committee were very encouraged to see that by the end of Chessmancon the numbers of registrations for NOVACON 2 had reached well over the 70 mark, a fact which can be attributed to members of the Committee spending a large part of their time at The Blossoms pushing registration forms into peoples hands and asking if they had registered yet.

With just over 6 months to go before the convention, there are signs that NOVACON 2 will be as good, if not better than last year and with the number of professional authors and well known fans already registered it looks like making a memorable two day convention.

If you are reading this report and have not yet registered there is still time. Registration is 50p, which will bring you all convention literature, including the programme booklet even if you do not attend.

Registrations to:

Jeffrey D. Hacker Registration Secretary
92 Wisley Way
Birmingham
B32-2JU

All cheques and postal orders etc. made payable to; NOVACON

Registered Members

1 Doreen Parker GoH	7 David A. Kyle
2 Pauline E. Dungate	8 Ruth Kyle
3 Mario Bosnyak	9 A.C. Kyle
4 Bernard Peek	10 Kerry Kyle
5 Keith Freeman	11 Harry Nadler
6 Wendy Freeman	12 Marie Nadler
	13 Vernon C. Brown

14 Norman Shorrocks
15 Ina Shorrocks
16 Ken Eadie
17 James White
18 Dave Rowe
19 Eddie Jones
20 Prof Doran
21 Avril Barnes
22 James Turner
23 David Simmons
24 Jeffrey D. Hacker
25 Andrew M. Stevenson
26 A. Graham Boak
27 F. John Steward
28 Arthur Cruttenden
29 Brian J. Hampton
30 Hazel C. Reynolds
31 Meg Palmer
32 Stanley A. Eling
33 Roger G. Peyton
34 D.F. Bouvet
35 Richard Newnham
36 Michael Meara
37 Patricia Meara
38 Peter R. Weston
39 Eileen Weston
40 Paul Olver
41 Geoff Winterman
42 John Farrimond
43 Mark Adlard
44 R. Mortimore
45 B.M.E. Stokes
46 Hartley Patterson
47 Michel Feron

48 Arline Peyton
49 Anne McCaffrey
50 Derek J. Waters
51 Ted Ball
52 D.G. Gibson
53 Vic Hallet
54 Peter Mabey
55 Ken Bulmer
56 Sam Long
57 James Campbell
58 Jack Cohen
59 Judy Cohen
60 George Hay
61 K.M.P. Cheslin
62 Barry Hatton
63 Linda Hatton
64 John Figgott
65 Keith A. Walker
66 Tony Moran
67 Fred Hemmings
68 David Sutton
69 Sandra Sutton
70 Rita Malcolm
71 Donald Malcolm
72 Chris Morgan
73 Gerry Webb
74 Bill Burns
75 Tony Walsh
76 Simone Walsh
77 P.N. Weedall
78 Tony Edwards
79 Marge Edwards
80 Mrs. I. Walton

ANNOUNCEMENT

Pete Weston is a father!

On Wednesday, 19th April Eileen gave birth to a
9lb 3oz girl. Their daughter is as yet unnamed.
Congratulations from NOVACON committee
to both of you.

COMING EVENTS

Speculation III 24th June. Tickets 70p from Extra-mural Department, B.M.I. Margaret Street, Birmingham 3.

Eurocon 1 in Treiste 12th-14th July 1972. Attending membership \$7, supporting membership \$4 to; Eurocon 1, c-o CCSF casella postale 423, -30100 Venezia, Italy.

Ompacon is the next British Easter Convention. Information from Ken Cheslin, 56 Chapel Road, Wordsley, Stourbridge. Registration 50p.

Torcon World convention 1973, September 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in Toronto. British agent is; Peter R. Weston, 31 Pinewall Avenue, King's Norton, Birmingham 30

Birmingham S.F. Group meets on the 3rd Friday in each month at the Imperial Centre Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham 3. All Welcome.

The Globe, Grey's Inn, meeting place of the London Circle, on the 1st Thursday in each month.