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PROGRESS REPORT 4

"Once more out of the void, dear friends," (Famous Misquotes, vol.iii) and with PR4 not only do we revert to the well-tried process of stencil duplication, but we also bring to you the patiently awaited booking forms. When you have diligently filled them in, send both card and forms to me, your chairman NOT to the hotel.

Bonfire Night

For those for whom November 5th is not complete without some kind of show, Birmingham Parks Committee have kindly arranged firework displays on:-

3rd Nov.

at Handsworth Park, and; -

4th Nov. at Somerfield Park. Entrance fee is 'Op (5p for children and O.A.P's) and lighting up time just after 6 pm.

Programme Pooklet

The format of this will be A5 $(8\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{7}{8}$ "). Let us have your copy of this size in black ink on white paper without tones, unless specially screened for the litho process.

Rates are:-

Full page £1 50p

Half page 75g

Non-pro ads. Full page £1 00p

Half page 50p

Publishers have responded well so far but we would like any of the associations, fanzines and booksellers that inhabit the SF world to take space.

Final copy date:

September 23rd

Copy, please, to:

Richd. Newnham

4 Argyle Close,

Walsall WS4 'EY in the County of Stafford.

Small Ads. 5p/sq.inch.

Auction

As yet we have recieved only a small amount of stuff for the auction and need lots of Mags. Fanzines, Books, Artwork etc. to make this the type of great thing we all enjoy. So please see if you have anything to donate, and send it to:-

Stan Eling
1°4 Galton Road,
Smethwick,
Warley,
Worcs.

or bring it to a meeting of the Birmingham SF Group if you live in the Birmingham area or to the Con. itself.

If you have too much to send or carry and live within 12 miles of Firmingham write to me at the above address and we will arrange to collect it.

Book and Art Room

Some of the tables in the dealers room have now been reserved, so if you intend selling Pooks, Pictures or what ever and require tables, floor space or wall space write now stating your requirements and avoid disappointment. Rates for tables, size $6' \times 2' = 1.00$ each, same charge for equivalent floor and wall space. Address same as for the auction.

Registration

Entrance fee for Novacon 2 will be 75p for those that have already paid their 50p registration, and for those people that register on the first day of the convention the total amount will be £1.25p

It has been decided by the committee to make a special reduced rate of 50p for any registered but only able to join us on the Sunday.

Registration Desk

Novacon? registration desk will be open on the Friday evening for early arrivals and on the Saturday from 10.00 am. to the early evening.

Volunteers Wanted

We are seeking volunteers to spend an hour or so on the

registration desk helping the comittee.

If you would like to help either write to the Chairman, Pauline E. Dungate, or contact one of the committee when you arrive at the convention.

WANTED....JOE LAMPTON (or like being)

We need a witty, dynamic, terran with plenty of ideas to organise the third NOVACON next year.

There should be little trouble in finding a supporting committee, but our need is for a Chairman to provide the driving force! Preferably, but not necessarily from the local area. Spelling an advantage.

If interested, contact me, Pauline E. Dungate.

KEEP UP THE SPIRIT OF FANDOM !

Win yourself a bottle of whiskey (generously donated by Andromeda Books Co.).

All you have to do is to convince our illustrious judges G.o.H Doreen Parker

> and Anne McCaffrey

that YOUR fancy dress costume is better than anyone else's (don't forget it must concern SF) at the Fancy Dress Party in the George Room (next to the bar) on Saturday evening/ Sunday morning.

Films Have been ordered and we are awaiting confirmation of our first choice ... Marooned.

Tom Shippey after his success at the Brum SF Group has agreed to talk at Novacon.

<u>Ian Macauley</u> recently returned from the american scene is joining Ken Bulmer on the "Con" panel.

New members registered since Prian Aldiss are:97 Mike Brain 98 Mike Rowley

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COMING EVENTS

Ompacon Registration fees of 50p to Fred Hemmings, 20 Beech Road, Slough, SL 3 7DQ

Torcon World Convention 1973, Sept. 1,2,3, in Toronto Canada. Pritish agent; P.R.Weston, 31 Pinewall Ave, King's Norton, E'ham 30

Pirmingham S.F. Group meets 3rd Friday of each month at the Imperial Centre Hotel, Temple Street, B'ham 3. All Welcome.

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