

NOVAcon 3

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group
2nd-3rd-4th November 1973 Imperial Centre Hotel, Birmingham

PROGRESS REPORT 4.

Good morning people!

Glad to see you're still with us, and a hearty welcome to those of you who have just joined us.

Your ever-faithful committee had been hard at work sorting out lots of exciting programme items for you. Films, fantalks, protalks, parties, auction..... Oh! what lucky people you are. You're going to have such a wonderful Con..... I wish I could be there (What am I saying? I will be there, won't I?).

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.....HUGO AWARD 1973 - THE GODS THEMSELVES - ASIMOV - HUGO AWARD 1973.....

Don't forget we will be holding a panel on the Hugo nominees:

The Gods Themselves	Asimov	G.B.	Gollanz	(hard)
A Choice of gods.	Simak	G.B.	Sidwick & Jackson	(hard)
There will be time.	Anderson	U.S.	Signet 1.1.	(paper)
Dying Inside	Silverberg	U.S.	Sgrivners	(hard)
Book of Skulls	Silverberg	U.S.	Signet	(paper)
When Harlie was One.	Gerrold.	U.S.	Ballantyne.	(paper)

As you can see, this P.R. includes your booking-forms. Please fill these in and return them to GEOFF WINTERMAN, as soon as possible. We'll fit as many of you as possible in the con. hotel, but the New Victoria (the overflow) Hotel is only a short walk away. Please remember we don't want to ask people to change hotels half way through the con. so those who stay two or three nights will be given priority in the con. hotel over those who stay only one night.

Don't forget to order your ticket for the greatest event of the year. "The Galactic Buffet" where among other things, Ken Bulmer will be presenting the "NOVA" award to the editor of the best British Fanzine.

Next time we'll send all the "how to get there" info etc.

See you then,

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ADVERTISING.

Advertising rates for the programme booklet will be:

PRO. ADS.	£1.50 - Full page.	NON-PRO ADS.	£1.00 - Full page.
	£0.75 - Half page.		£0.50 - half page.

Copy requirements: The size of the booklet will be A4 (8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") printed offset litho. black ink on white paper, all half tones must be screened and typeset by the advertiser.

Final copy date SEPTEMBER 21st.

All copy to:- Stan Eling,
124, Galton Road,
Smethwick,
WARLEY B67 5JS.

AUCTION.

To date we have received very little for the auction. We need lots more books fanzines, magazines etc. to make this a super auction and fun for all the fans who attend.

Send anything you have to donate to STAN ELING, or bring it along to the Brum. Group or to the con. itself.

FANCY DRESS PARTY.

As mentioned before - Fancy dress will be compulsory - so get thinking ??????? It's easy really! For those unable to create anything suitable dress will be available at the door (for a small fee).

ADVERTISEMENT.

SCIENCE-FICTION AND FUTUROLOGY

a weekend course to be tutored by JOHN BRUNNER & PROFESSOR JOHN TAYLOR

FRIDAY 9th - SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER

John Brunner is well known as a writer of Science Fiction and John Taylor, Professor of Mathematics at London University, is a leading expert on Futurology. The combined experience of these writers cover a very wide field and bodes well for the success of the course. Whilst we expect that it will centre on the writing of Science Fiction we cannot predict what form the course will finally take. It will very much depend on those attending the course. IT IS UP TO YOU. So if you are interested in Science Fiction, whether you have any experience of writing or not, do come along and join us.

The Course will take place at TOTLEIGH BARTON MANOR, a fully modernised 11th Century farmhouse, set in the heart of the most unspoilt part of Devon.

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For further information please contact:

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THE NOVA.

Quite a number of people have not yet nominated a FANZINE for the NOVA award. If the NOVA is to be accepted as a worthwhile part of British S.F.Fandom, it must be supported.

An award for the best British Fanzine is a worthwhile event.

So let us have your support.

send nominations to: Gillon Field,
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So far we have received nominations for:-

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