

NOVACON 5

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group

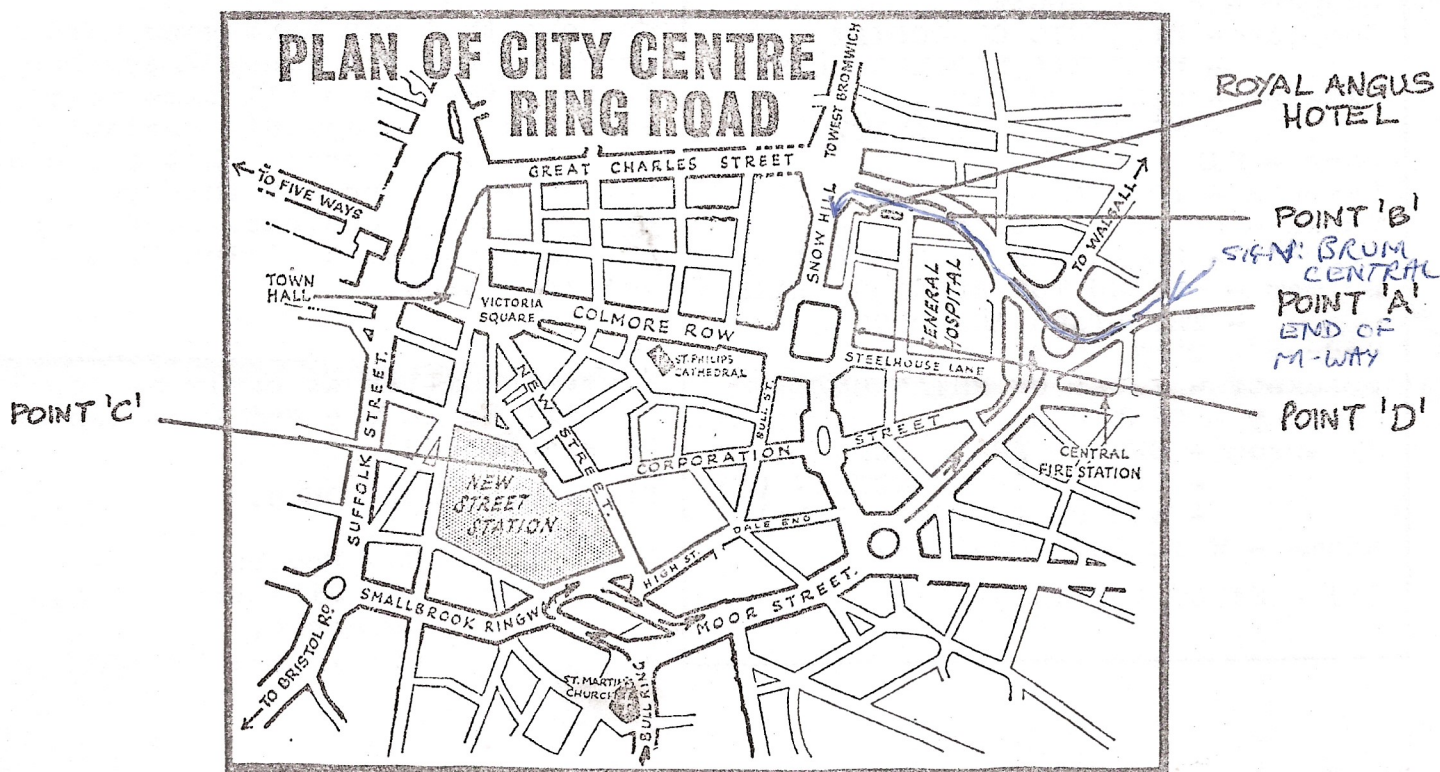
7th-8th-9th November 1975

Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham

By now you should have received confirmation of your hotel booking (if not please phone me on 021-236 1112 during shop hours). There is almost three weeks left to NOVACON 5...the programme booklet is at the printers and it is just a matter of tying up several loose ends at our end (like arranging a programme, etc!). The convention will doubtless start on the Friday afternoon when the book room and the art show will be open, but the official programme will not be starting until about 7.00pm when we'll be having the first film (SECONDS) and PETE WESTON'S FILTHY PICTURE SHOW. The Saturday will have Dan Morgan's Guest of Honour speech, Phil Strick's programme of short films, a panel item 'Does the Team Think', the auction, the banquet and a couple of films. The Fancy Dress Parade will start late Saturday through to early Sunday. After breakfast on Sunday there will be a quiz, the Jim White Chat Show, the art auction, a discussion on War Games in SF and the final film.

The committee have done 90% of the organisation...all you have to do is get to the hotel...which may not be as difficult this year as in previous years. Fortunately you will not have to drive into the one-way system of Birmingham's City Centre...mind you, if you miss the hotel... Below is a map of Brum City Centre and a few tips on How to Get There With a Minimum of Trouble. Directions are from 'Spaghetti Junction' as most will be travelling via the M1, M5 or M6....

- 1) Leave the M6 at the junction for 'Birmingham (Central)'. This is the famous 'Spaghetti Junction'
- 2) You will now be on the Aston Expressway heading for the City Centre.
- 3) The Aston Expressway is a motorway approximately 2 miles long. At the point where the Expressway ends (large sign 'End of Motorway' - Point 'A' on the map below), there is a choice of directions. Keep right which will take you over a small flyover. (A 41)
- 4) At the end of the flyover, keep to the left - do not go under the tunnel, (Point 'B' on map).
- 5) THE ROYAL ANGUS HOTEL is a few yards past Point 'B' and the entrance to the car park is at the far end of the hotel.



HARDCOVER COPIES WANTED

(not book club please)

Fred Hemmings, 20 Beech Road,
Slough, Berks. SL3 7DQ
(Better still - bring them to
the Con)

Zelazny - ISLE OF THE DEAD
Williamson - BRIGHT NEW UNIVERSE
Wibberly - WRATH OF GRAPES
 - MOUSE ON THE MOON
Tucker - YEAR OF THE QUIET SUN
Thomas/Wilhelm - CLONE
Sturgeon - CAVIAR
 - WITHOUT SORCERY
Sheckley - PEOPLE TRAP
Roberts - INNER WHEEL
Nourse - TROUBLE ON TITAN
Niven - INCONSTANT MOON
Matheson - STIR OF ECHOES
Mantley - 27th DAY
Maine - COUNT-DOWN
 - CRISIS 2000
 - SPACEWAYS
McCaffrey - RESTOREE
Leslie - AMAZING MR LUTTERWORTH
Le Page - ASTEROID FORMA
Leinster - TIME TUNNEL
Hodder-Williams - CHAIN REACTION
Heinlein - I WILL FEAR NO EVIL(*)
Harrison - 2 TALES AND 8 TOMORROWS
 - WAR WITH THE ROBOTS
Hamilton - HORROR ON THE ASTEROID
Grey - ENTERPRISE 2115
Green - LOAFERS OF REFUGE
Garner - RESURGENT DUST
Galouye - COUNTERFEIT WORLD
 - DARK UNIVERSE
Forester - PEACEMAKER
Falkner - UNTRODDEN STREETS OF TIME
Duncan - OCCAM'S RAZOR
Dick - HANDFUL OF DARKNESS
 - DICK OMNIBUS
De Camp - SEARCH FOR ZEI
Cooper - A FAR SUNSET
Compton - ELECTRIC CROCODILE
 - FAREWELL EARTH'S BLISS
Clement - CYCLE OF FIRE
 - MISSION OF GRAVITY
Carr - FIRE BURN
Cameron - LOST AEONS
Burke - HOTEL COSMOS
Burgess - CLOCKWORK ORANGE (*)
Bulmer - QUENCH THE BURNING STARS
 - THE STARS ARE OURS
Budrys - UNEXPECTED DIMENSION
Brackett - SWORD OF RHIANNON
Anthony - OMNIVORE
Anderson - BEYOND THE BEYOND
 - PLANET OF NO RETURN (*)
 - WAR OF TWO WORLDS (*)
Adams - WATERSHIP DOWN (*)
(*) - FIRST EDITIONS ONLY

If you are travelling by rail or by coach, you will arrive at New Street Station. At the front of the Station (Point 'C') you will be able to catch the 101 bus (City Circular Shoppers Special). This runs every five minutes (but only up to 6pm) and has a standard fare of 2p irrespective of distance travelled. Ask to be put off at the Post & Mail Building (Point 'D'). From this point it is a short walk back to the hotel.

On arrival at the hotel, please book in at the reception desk on the ground floor. The Con registration desk will be set up outside the lift area on the second floor (please note that at this hotel the ground floor is the first floor!). At the registration desk you will be able to get your programme booklet, Con badge (please wear this at all times), banquet tickets, etc. The entrance fee is £2 (your original 75p registration fee will be deducted from this).

Banquet tickets are still available at £3.25 each. Please see Pauline Dungate or whoever is on the registration desk for these.

WE URGENTLY REQUIRE AUCTION MATERIAL - although we have several scarce items for the auction we do need books, magazines, artwork, prints, fanzines, old Con programme books, etc. We are also prepared to auction off items for convention members (15% commission to the Con funds). Anything you have...please bring with you to NOVACON.

We hope that you have your costume prepared for the Fancy Dress Parade. If not, there's still time to rig something up - anything relating to SF, Fantasy, Horror. Let's see a really good turn-out this year with everyone in a costume...and we promise not to organise anything like last year's fiasco.

Any art exhibits should be handed to Laurence Miller as early as possible. He will be in the Art room (which will be signposted).

See you at NOVACON 5.

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