

NOVACON 6

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Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham

PROGRESS REPORT 3.

And so, dear fen, we come to one of the crucial elements of any convention. I mean, of course, the booking form and card. Already Novacon 6 looks like being even larger than Novacon 5 was, so it's in your own interest to complete both and return both to me, Stan Eling, 124 Galton Road, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands, B67 5JS, as soon as possible. Remember, the only way we can deal with Hotel bookings is, first come, first served, so if you wish to avoid the overflow, don't delay, post today. The card should have sections asking for your name and address and your SIGNATURE on one side, and on the other side put the date of your arrival, departure, name, accomadation(double,twin or single), and fill in 'NOVACON' where Requested By is printed. Don't forget to SIGN both card and form, without your signature, your reservations cannot be made.

FULL MEMBERSHIP of the convention stands at £2.00 (£1.00 to pay for those already registered) until the 9th October, then it becomes £2.25. We would welcome full membership payments with the booking forms. This is optional but will save you money and us time at the registration desk.

The optimism I felt in May concerning a full programme by this date was wishful thinking it appears, however the following items are arranged:- The Jim White Chat Show.

A quiz with the quiz-master who surpasses all others, Bob Shaw.

A talk by Tom Shippey on Telepathy in S.F.

A talk by John Mansfield- 'Through Dungeon & Dragon with pocket book and camera.

Films 'Westworld' & 'Soylent Green' are now booked.

A discussion on SF's future by Chris Priest, Ian Watson, Rob Holdstock and Andrew Stephenson, referee (pronounced Chairman) Peter Weston, but don't tell anyone because we haven't asked him yet.

Jack Cohen, returning from his three year sojourn will give a talk entitled 'Alien life by the rules'.

This arrangement leaves room for the odd celebrity who is sure to be visiting these shores in November.... Look out, I'm getting optimistic again.

AUCTION APPEAL, this is the third time of asking, please make sure our auctioneer has plenty to go at, bring along all your ~~valuable~~ redundant items and he will do the rest. Seriously, if you have any valuable items, runs of early mags, Gnome Press first editions, anything worth £2.50 or over which you would like us to auction for you, we will gladly do so, taking 10% commission as we do with the Art Auction.

I regret to say that Brian Aldiss will not be entertaining us with his flute as he is unable to attend due to pressure of work. Also I stand corrected as he assures me that it is in fact a South Korean Nose Flute, though only an expert could tell the difference, so perhaps I may be excused.

I think a word here, about our Guest of Honour's book, is appropriate. Two months late in publishing it may be, but just one glance shows it to be well worth waiting for. Some 250 superb illustrations, at least a third in full colour (some of which must surely be new to everyone), combine with the text to produce a work both beautiful and edifying, not just SF history but an inside job which can't help but reveal something of the inside of its author's mind.

If you have trouble getting a copy I'm sure the dealers at Novacon will be only too happy to help out and with Dave there to autograph, what could be better.

Members received since PR 1 :-

187 Darrol Pardoe.	204 Tina W.Pole.
188 Rosemary Pardoe.	205 T.J.P.Illingworth.
189 Hatton B.Trevor.	206 P.R.Dormer.
190 Anita J.Robson.	207 Paul Vincent.
191 Philip M.Sargent.	208 Susan Busby.
192 Jeffrey Perkins.	209 Paul Edward Thomson.
193 Richard H.Wheatcroft.	210 Paul A.Ryan.
194 Mick Gray.	211 Zoe Hesse.
195 Ed Phipps.	212 John C.Kerr.
196 Dewi Williams.	213 C.Beaumont.
197 Jeremy Pike.	214 David J.Kemper.
198 Chris Southern.	215 Andres Lucas.
199 Bill Bains.	216 Graham Bullock.
200 Andy Booth.	217 Sue Chatfield.
201 Keith Plunkett.	218 Charles F.Radley.
202 Geoff Winterman.	219 Dave Taylor.
203 Tom A.Jones.	

Till Progress Report Four and the map and directions for getting here.

Best,

Stan Eling