

NOVACON 7

ORGANISED BY THE BIRMINGHAM SCIENCE FICTION GROUP

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ROYAL ANGUS HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM

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Greetings!

The hangovers fade; 1977 moves vaguely to its puberty; in the fields young semicolons begin to sprout; and with this same inevitability there comes a Novacon progress report. As Erich von Daniken and his merry men are wont to enquire, can this be coincidence?

Changes and Otherwise

Some of the Birmingham SF Group's more far-flung members have been caught up in the One-Year Plan for Novacon 7---see below. "New Blood" is supposed to be an asset; we only hope it doesn't end up spattered on the Con Hall floor.

We duly considered, and rejected, the notion of holding this year's Novacon outside Birmingham. The Royal Angus Hotel is once again offering the best terms around, so Novacon 7 will have the same venue as numbers 5 and 6. By now, at least, everyone should have learnt how to reach the Royal Angus (in Birmingham, remember? B-I-R-M-).

A famed Guest of Honour will be announced in the next PR. We have to keep some news for next time---as a clue to his or her name, think homicidally of one of our committee members (not too difficult, surely?).

The Nova Award rules are undergoing alterations, which we hope will cause no inconvenience to the public. The general idea is that the award should be voted for, by informed fans who know something about fanzines (i.e. who publish, write to or appear in them). Again, more later.

A dynamic concept of parallel programming will be put into action at Novacon 7, as follows--- In the Con Hall: Talks (Brilliant), Films (Stupendous) and Things (Diverse). In the Bar: Everything Else.

---Something, as they say, for everybody: although thout-breeding will not (we regret) be permitted in the lifts. Use the stairs.

EASTERCON '77: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The venue of this convention has been changed from Leicester to the De Vere Hotel, Coventry. If you are registered for Eastercon '77 but have not received PR2 with this news, please contact Dave Upton (49a Moor St, Brierly Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3SP).

NOVACON: Registration

The current list appears overleaf. For those still lurking beyond the pale, a form should be enclosed. Supporting membership, which brings you all the literature as it appears, costs £1; send it to Martin & Liese Hoare, 5 Aston Close, Pangbourne, Berks, RG8 7LG.

Full attending membership £3 (£2 for supporting members).

Chairman: Stan Eling

Vice-chairman: Martin Hoare

Committee: Liese Hoare, Janice Maule, Ian Maule, Dave Langford

Registrations Received To Date

1 GoH	34 Dewi Williams	67 Richard Wheatcroft
2	35 Howie Rosenblum	68 Keith Plunkett
3 Stan Eling	36 Ian Robinson	69 Vernon Brown
4 Helen Eling	37 Paul Kincaid	70 Pat Baxter
5 Martin Hoare	38 Coral Clarke	71 Brian Hampton
6 Liese Hoare	39 Martin Stallard	72 Ken Slater
7 Dave Langford	40 Bruce Healy	73 Joyce Slater
8 Hazel Langford	41 Marcus Rowland	74 Rod Milner
9 Janice Maule	42 Alex Debettencourt	75 Bonny Milner
10 Ian Maule	43 Dave Cluett	76 Jake Grigg
11 Joseph Nicholas	44 Joyce Deeming	77 Ken Bulmer
12 Dave Upton	45 Chris Fowler	78 Michael Walshe
13 Graham Dresh	46 Kev Smith	79 Edward Ward
14 Pauline Dungate	47 Darroll Pardoe	80 Greg Pickersgill
15 Flo Russell	48 Rosemary Pardoe	81 Simone Walsh
16 Mike Damesick	49 Ray Harrison	82 Pat Charnock
17 Chris Southern	50 Demrot Dobson	83 Graham Charnock
18 David Wakelin	51 David Lewis	84 Mike Gray
19 Christine Wakelin	52 Peter Mabey	85 John Piggott
20 Mike Skelding	53 Phil Johnson	86 John Eggeling
21 Bryan Bird	54 Elaine Wash	87 Judy Mansfield
22 Dai Price	55 Craig Johnson	88 Ron Bennett
23 Bill Bains	56 John Lowe	89 Rob Jackson
24 Norman Weedall	57 John Steward	90 Chris Priest
25 Philip Barnard	58 John Mansfield	91 Nellie Pardoel
26 Brian Ameringen	59 Colin Fine	92 Ray Bradbury
27 Keith Oborn	60 Richard Hughes	93 Andy Ellesmore
28 $\frac{1}{2}$ r Cruttenden	61 Tim Illingworth	94 Joyce Mains
29 Wendy Cruttenden	62 Paul Dormer	95 Paul Thompson
30 Vera Johnson	63 James Burnett	96 Stephen Wilford
31 Jeffery Hacker	64 Irene Bell	97 Norman Shorrocks
32 Andrew Stephenson	65 Harry Bell	98 Ina Shorrocks
33 Ye Gerbish	66 David Kyle	99 Hazel Reynolds

Can 99 people (to 16th February 1977) be wrong? Register at once, you curs who haven't---we'd like ~~lots of lovely money~~ to know who's coming with plenty of time to spare!

Meanwhile, very late New Year greetings, and exceedingly early Easter ones, from Your Friendly Committee. And goodbye until PR2 (SON OF PR.1! The Horror That Devastated Scunthorpe! Cert X! etc.).

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