



HELICON



1993 British National Science Fiction Convention and 1993 European SF Convention

Helicon:

8-12 April 1993

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What is Helicon?

Helicon is the 1993 British National Science Fiction Convention and is also the 1993 European SF Convention. It will be taking place over the Easter weekend of 8th to 12th April 1993 at the Hotel de France in St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, Great Britain.

The British National Convention is generally known as the "Eastercon" and has been taking place every year since 1948. It is an occasion when the entire British SF community can take part, with a deliberate effort being made to offer something for everyone. Since the 1993 Eastercon is also the Eurocon, we are hoping to widen the normal scope to include all of Western and Eastern European SF. The week after Helicon, we will also be holding Smofcon 10, though membership for this is separate from Helicon.

John Brunner

John Brunner is one of the great European Science Fiction writers. He is responsible for such classics of the genre as *Stand on Zanzibar*, *The Sheep Look Up* and *Shockwave Rider*, which is frequently quoted as being the precursor of the Cyberpunk movement. John has always been very involved in European SF, especially in Eastern Europe at a time when most SF was oriented towards the USA.

George R.R. Martin

George R.R. Martin is a well-known American SF writer. His books include *Windhaven*, *The Armageddon Rag* and *Fevre Dream*. He also edits the Wild Cards shared universe anthologies, soon to be a major film, and has written many episodes of the TV series *Beauty and the Beast*. We believe that George will make an excellent guest for Helicon, and we hope that he will enjoy his first Eastercon.

SMOFCON 10 is being held the weekend after Helicon, by a subset of the Helicon committee. The membership rates are:

£20/\$35 attending
£10/\$20 support

There is a £2/\$5 discount if you join both Helicon and Smofcon at the same time.

Hotel de France:

Swimming pool
Chocolate shop
Camera museum
Jewellers
Cinema
Night Club
Fitness Centre
Restaurants
Numerous bars

and now...
HELICON!

Membership

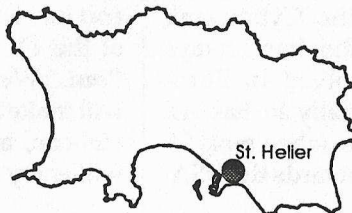
Helicon will be operating mostly in UK pounds, all rates will be tied to this currency and may fluctuate if the exchange rate changes. If in doubt, convert the current UK membership rate and round up slightly to allow for conversion charges. These rates are valid until May 1st 1992.

Attending	£22 \$44(US) Dm60
Supporting	\$22
Junior	\$22
Child	\$2

Junior members are aged between 8 and 14 on 9th April 1993. Children are 7 years or younger on the same date.

Why Jersey?

Jersey is one of the Channel Islands, a small group of islands off the coast of France that belong, through historical accident, to Britain. They have the most pleasant weather of any of the British Isles and survive mainly on tourism, conferences and as a tax haven. Jersey is for the most part bilingual in English and Norman French, and the food is much closer to French than to English.



Also on Jersey is the world-famous zoo of the writer Gerald Durrell. Jersey previously hosted the 1989 Eastercon, Contrivance, which was generally agreed to be a great success. The hotel, the De France, has some of the best facilities available for holding conventions and the staff are invariably friendly and cooperative.

The Committee

The Helicon committee includes both experienced con-runners and complete new-comers. About half of us were on the committee of Contrivance, so we have a lot of experience with this site. We also have an extremely wide range of experience in putting on conventions of every type, from Worldcons of 4-5000 to gatherings of a mere 10-20 people.

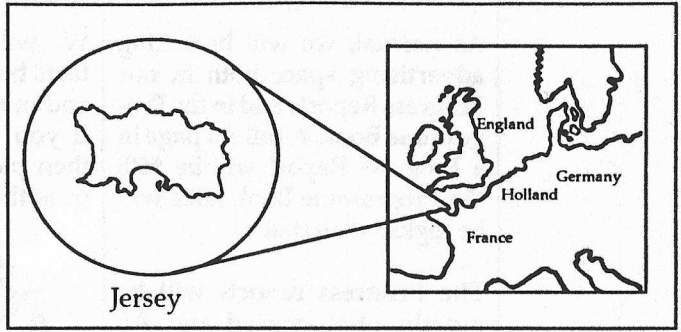
Having proved that Jersey is an excellent site for a convention, we want to combine both the British Eastercon and the Eurocon to produce a convention where both traditions can add to the experience without either one dominating.

Ferries:

Weymouth
Poole (SuperCat)
Poole (Jetfoil)
St.Malo

Planes:

Heathrow
Gatwick
Southampton
Manchester
Glasgow
Schipol
etc.



Where are we?

As you can see from the map above, Jersey is just off the northern coast of France. It is a short (30 minute) plane trip from the major British airports, Heathrow and Gatwick. You can also reach it from other major European airports in France and Holland. A regular hydrofoil service shuttles between the Channel Islands and the French port of St Malo. This also takes about 30 minutes. If you don't want to fly, there are ferry services from the south of England, a large car ferry from Weymouth(takes about 7 hours) and a hydrofoil (takes about 3 hours) from Poole.

What else is on Jersey?

Jersey has an ancient and curious history. To this day it is not part of Britain but is a possession of the Queen, with its own government and laws. There are a wealth of interesting sites ranging from 5000-year old Neolithic tombs to extensive underground fortifications built by the Germans when they occupied the islands during the second world war. There are also two magnificent castles, one dating from the early 1200s, the other from 1590. Furthermore, the island is covered with forts and towers from the Napoleonic Wars, including the massive Fort Regent which has been converted into a fun-fair and sports centre. Other tourist attractions include two manor houses, the world famous Jersey zoo, a butterfly farm, a pottery and numerous museums, craft centres and churches.

Jersey is a rural island and is excellent for walking round. Unfortunately, Helicon is a little early to make best use of Jersey's sandy beaches and picturesque bays, though hardy swimmers may be in luck. Jersey is also renowned for its good food, and there are many restaurants of all sorts and price-ranges.

Advertising

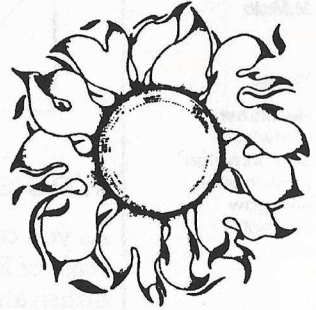
As normal, we will be selling advertising space both in our Progress Reports and in the Programme Book. A full A5 page in a Progress Report will be \$50; the Programme Book rates will be higher than that.

The Progress reports will be mostly photocopied and A5 size, the Programme Book will be printed and will probably also be A5. However please supply camera-ready artwork as A4 for reduction.

We can accept PC-compatible files for direct inclusion. We are using Ventura 2.0 for DTP and can use a variety of formats for artwork. If you want to send us text for inclusion, we would prefer WordPerfect or plain ASCII, again on PC format disks. Please note that we cannot guarantee what your ad will come out like e.g. we can't put photographs in the PRs.

Help Wanted!

We will be looking for volunteers both at the the convention and in the time leading up to it. If you would like to help out then please get in contact with us at the address on the form.



T-Shirts

Helicon T-Shirts are available in a number of colours. These are printed with our sun logo and the words "Helicon, Jersey in '93, SF Convention". The shirts cost \$10.00 and colours currently available include black, blue, green and white. Red shirts are reserved for the committee.

T-Shirts:

\$10.00 each

Yellow on White
Yellow on Black
White on Green
White on Blue

Please note that we cannot guarantee that the colour you want will be available. If at all possible, please give an alternate colour.

HELICON, 63 Drake Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1LQ, Great Britain

I enclose \$..... for membership(s) of Helicon at a rate of \$44 per attending membership. I agree that my name and details may be held on computer database (in accordance with the terms of the UK Data Protection law).

Name:

Address:

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