

# British Eastercon 1993

# Helicon '93

Helicon is the 1993 Eastercon, the British National Science Fiction Convention. It will take place over Easter weekend starting on Maundy Thursday (8-12 April 1993) at the Hotel de France in St Helier, the capital of Jersey.

# **The Hotel**

The Hotel de France hosted *Contrivance* in 1989 and was very well received by the membership. We had no hesitation in picking it for *Helicon*.

Room rates in the Hotel de France will be:

Single Room:	£32.00
Twin/Double Room:	£25.00
Triple Room:	£22.00
Quarduple Room:	£20.00

In addition we have arranged rates in the Rosebank hotel, on the same site, of:

Single Room:	£24.00
Twin/Double Room:	£19.00

Extra children can be accommodated at a rate of  $\pounds 15.00$  per child in the de France, or  $\pounds 11.00$  in the Rosebank.

All these rates include full English buffet breakfast.

Alterations to the Hotel since 1989 have provided us with even more space to play with and the chocolate shop and swimming pool have been joined by a camera shop and museum. We are even told that they intend to install flotation tanks.

# Travel

Following their success last time, we shall be organising a travel scheme for our members using Modemline Travel who gave us such good service in 1989.

Now that we know that many people will fly to the convention, we hope to get better rates on flights than at *Contrivance*.

# **Membership Rates**

We are setting three membership rates:

Soft Toys, Pets and Children under 8:	£1.00
Supporting Membership, Family Membership and Children between 8 and 14:	£10.00
Full Attending Membership:	£20.00

As a special introductory offer you can get Attending Membership for only £18.00 if you join before 8 May 91. So don't delay, go straight to your nearest *Helicon* committee member and give them your money now.

Notes:	Children's rates are calculated by age on Good Friday 1993. Family members get to use our travel and hotel rates but cannot attend the
	convention programme. Pre-supporting members get £1.00 off the above rates.

# Programme

We will run two main programme streams split between our three main halls, as well as a number of smaller events. We intend to put on a programme that will have a large element of serious science fiction whilst also being both enjoyable and thought provoking. We shall be adopting the thematic approach which has worked well at previous Eastercons and are already hard at work establishing what those themes will be.

We want to run as many streams of smaller items and workshops as we can get away with in the space available. Obviously this will require a large number of interested partricipants. This is where most people can get involved with the convention at a level other than simply being a member of the audience. We intend to build upon the 'discussion circles' idea used at *Inclination* and see how far we can go. We will be taking advantage of the cinema on our doorstep to show major films on 35 mm with other, 16 mm films included in the main programme.

We will also be taking advantage of the excellent cuisine available in putting on the awards banquet. This event was such a success at *Contrivance* that certain committee members have put together an entire convention based on it. This time we shall be letting the chef go a little more with a slightly larger budget. An event not to be missed, especially if you are a vegetarian

The other thing we plan to take advantage of is Madison's nightclub with another Sunday night disco. A full professional disco on site with sufficient sound-proofing not to disturb the rest of the hotel. How can it miss?

### Guests

#### George R. R. Martin

George R. R. Martin is our American guest. Long known in the States as a wit and raconteur, we are delighted to have the chance of introducing him to a wider European audience. He has won 3 Hugos and a Nebula award and has the usual bewildering array of jobs, including book-reviewer for *The Washington Post*, college instructor, chess tournament director, sports writer and creative consultant on the truly weird TV series *Beauty and the Beast*.

George's books cover a huge range of subjects from Ante-Bellum vampires on Mississippi river boats, to reformed rock bands making come-back tours and a space ship which conceals the scariest mother figure since Norman Bates.

# John Brunner

If any writer from this country deserves the title European it is John Brunner. John has worked for years to increase British fandom's awareness of the state of science fiction on the continent and has been invaluable to past conventions in suggesting continental guests.

John won the Hugo in 1969 with *Stand on Zanzibar* and anticipated cyberpunk by five years with his brilliant *Shockwave Rider*, based on the works of Alvin Toffler author of *Future Shock*. John is also the author of the definitive work on the care and feeding of guests which the committee has promised to study thoroughly.

# Committee

As ever, the Helicon committee is:

Tim Illingworth Rob Meades Chris Cooper Steve Davies Martin Easterbrook Martin Hoare John Richards Kathy Westhead Mike Westhead Chairman Treasurer

Communications with these reprobates can be established through the convention address, which is:

63 Drake Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1LQ, United Kingdom

Further information on how we spend our weekends is available through a subscription to HdF, our discussion fanzine,  $\pounds 5.00$  for a lifetime subscription of 10 issues.

# Members as at 6 March 91

Gill Alderman John Alderman Philip Allcock Ellen Anderson Fiona Anderson Neil Andrews Margaret Austin Amanda Baker Henry Balen John Bark Julia Barnsley Simon Barnsley David Barrett Toby Batch Norman Baxter Square (Ian Maughan) Bear Chris Bell Kenneth Bell Rachel Bell Michael Bernardi Peter Bibby Neil Blaber Lissa Blackburn Alan Blackley Hans-Ulrich Roettcher Frances Bonner Duncan Booth Judy Booth Susan Booth Kjell Borgstrom Alan Braggins Jon Brewis Ben Brown Denzil J Brown Pat Brown Steve Bull Saul A Bura Mary J Burns Steve Burridge Stephen Cain KIM Campbell Anders Carlsson Mary Carmichael K Carter Neil Chambers Mike Cheater

Dave Clements David Cochrane Malcolm Cohen Geoff Cook **Brigid Cooling** Barbara Cooper Chris Cooper David T Cooper Keith Cosslett Erik Coune George Coune Jonathan Cowie Adrian Cox Dave Cox John Crudgington Arthur Cruttenden Wendy Cruttenden Sharon Cullen Tony Cullen Rafe Culpin Patrick Curzon Patrick Curzon (friend of) John Dallman Mike Damesick Steve Davies Martyn L. Dawe Robert Day Simon de Wolfe Guilia P DeCesare Chris Denham Jain Dickson Dermot Dobson Vince Docherty Paul Dormer Dominic Earl Martin Easterbrook Cathry Santhope Sue Edwards Dave Ellis Udo Emmerich John English John Fairey Mike Figg David Allen Finch Colin Fine Philip Fine **Birgit Fischer** 

**Brian** Flatt Ian Francis Susan Francis Dave French Shirley French Wolfgang Frisch Karenna Fry Gwen Funnell Neil Gaiman Peter Garratt Joe Gibbons Steve Glover Tim Goodier Margaret C P Gordon Karen Goswell Roelof Goudriaan LA Graham Oliver Gruter Urban Gunnarson Nick Haines Tony Hammond Martin Harlow John Harold Eef Hartman Julian Headlong Martin Hoare Matthias Hofmann Derek Holt Susan Honeck Valerie Housden Terry Hunt Mike Ibeji Tim Illingworth Rhodri James Richard "Bazooka" James Will James Sie vart Johnson Kevin R Joyce Michael Kempler Eileen Kenny Rory Kenny Jutta Klumpp Alice Kohler Dave Lally H. J. Landis Colin P Langeveld Nick Larter

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#### Rates are:

# Membership

£1.00 for children under 8, soft toys and pets.

£10.00 for supporting membership, family membership and children between 8 and 14. £20.00 for full attending membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: £\_\_\_\_\_

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