

The storm-lashed sea pounded the shore, wind blasted the lonely keep, and thuder rattled the windows in their frames. Was this really the end? Only the Ten Invisible Masters knew for sure...

### Illumination

The 1992 British National Science Fiction Convention 17-20 April 1992 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool

#### **Progress Report 5: "Grummet"** Easter 1993

And there was light

#### **Chairman's Announcements**

Oh We Did Like To Be Beside The Sea-Side...

Hello, good evening and, for the very last time, welcome to this Illumination Progress Report. What you are reading is our final post-con presentation, a collection of reminiscences that should bring back happy memories for those of you who attended, and thoroughly irritate those of you who didn't. And this article, in particular, is where the chairman is allowed to give you his own highly biased opinion on the subject, coincidentally filling up the front page and introducing the whole shebang.

In fact, the committee of any convention is in a peculiarly bad position to tell how it went. They (we) are the ones who have to attend to the details of how the con is running pretty much the whole time, heads buried in the minutiae of the organisation with no chance to step back and see the con as a whole. The old saw is true; con committees really do organise the con that they want to go to, and then don't get to see any of it. Still, I have a publications officer to keep happy, so I'd better give you some idea of what the committee, or at least the chairman, saw of the con.

My convention, like the rest of the committees', started on Wednesday, slowly and carefully driving an overloaded car up to Blackpool, then stuffing bags and membership packs into the small hours. Then getting up the following morning, with the panic starting to rise, and shuffling bits of the hotel around until they were in the right place. And stuffing more bags. And opening registration. And panicking.

Sometime in the night I broke through the panic barrier, and actually started to enjoy myself. I think this was when I was given the chairmaniacal wallyphone (ahhhh) and allowed to play. I relaxed; the safety net of operations was up and running, so I could start to enjoy things. Also Chris Bell hugged me every time she saw me, which certainly helped; future chairmen take note!

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As I said, I didn't get to see much of the con, except for the bits that I was on. I did, however, get to wander up and down the hotel a lot, and everyone certainly seemed to be enjoying themselves. The bars, all of them, were well packed, and despite being taken by surprise (why oh why do hotels never believe how much we drink?), the Norbreck staff managed to get a big enough supply in that they never ran out more than momentarily. The dealers also seemed happy, although they only occupied about a third of the huge Norcalymia room. Much to my surprise they liked having the bar open in there. I had thought that they would have been nervous about having spillable alcohol so near their stock, but no. The art show too seemed to be well attended, although I never had time to take a good look. It needed better lighting than we had, un-

My memories of Illumination are but isolated moments scattered across a beery backdrop, the Jewel in the Pint as it were. Things like the fireworks display, together with racing fire engines, trams and Dermot and co's subtle method of determining which cars had alarms in them; Bernie Evan's face on being told the Guinness was back on; Colin Jack's infectious enthusiasm; Jack Cohen's chaise-longue approach to workshops; Chris Bell's late night debauch; John Bray eating a ribbon to keep it from Alison; and for some strange reason, the taste of diet coke at 3am.

fortunately, something that we'll have to take in to account for future occasions.

I really must take this last opportunity to thank my committee, without whom Illumination couldn't have happened; Alice and Steve Lawson, David Cooper, Nick Mills, Dave Clements, Amanda Baker, Ivan Towlson, John Bray and Anne Page. Thanks also to Guests of Honour Paul McAuley, Geoff Ryman and Pam Wells, without whom it wouldn't have been half as much fun; to everyone who helped out, from department heads to gophers; and to everyone who came. It would have been terribly boring without you all.

**Rhodri James** 

#### Lost Property

Some people did manage to lose things at the convention which were later found by hotel or convention staff. Those items that were not claimed at the convention are still residing at Rhodri's house. He would like people who lost things at the convention to contact him as soon as possible, as he can only keep the lost property box for so long. Items not claimed within two months of PR 5's publication will be donated to charity.

Please contact Rhodri at:

25 Wycliffe Road Cambridge.

Thanks!

#### **Illumination Wins!**

The Illumination Fireworks, run by Armageddon Engineering, won the 1993 Eastercon Award for dramatic presentation. This award was announced at the 1993 Eastercon, Helicon, and was voted on by members of that convention.

We'd like to congratulate Armageddon for this well deserved prize, and look forward to their next pyrotechnic extravaganza!

**Dave Clements** 

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#### **Illumination Accounts Summary**

#### Income:

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Memberships	17467.00
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Art Auction	405.30
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Publicity	1260.44
Publications	1677.42
Administration	1033.18
Insurance	475.00
Bank Charges	43.90
Postage	482.19
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Badges	257.81
Films	432.91
Disco	94.00
Parties	300.00
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Hotel	1371.29
Guests	2137.58
Drinks	1459.69
Prizes	212.88
Creche	56.00
Gratuities	500.00
Equipment	3293.27
Transport	267.60
Fireworks	1200.00
Newsletter	149.00
Charity (Baby C	Care Unit) 500.00

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Profit to be distributed = 1837.23 less costs of PR5

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**Dave Cooper** 

#### **Important Note**

Illumination will be closing its books and dispersing its remaining funds to our Charities before very long. If you still have claims to make from Illumination for costs incurred in the running of the convention, we need the **as soon as possible** or we may not have the money to pay you.

Send in your claims NOW to the convention address:

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#### **Impressions of Illumination**

Blackpool is a very particular kind of town. Slightly down-at-heel, but relentlessly friendly. Full of the same food and the same standard of service at the same type of restaurant one hundred times over. This is what the regular holidaymakers want: this is why they come back year after year. But woe betide anyone who turns up before Good Friday, for then the entire town is shut.

I arrive on the Wednesday night, full of hopes for two days of English seaside chips-and-candy-floss, kiss-me-quick fun before the duties of Illumination took me in their grip. I got to the Pleasure Beach by seven that night. It was closed indeed a taunting image of hundreds of amusement booths, their welcoming facades belying the bars and padlocks at the exterior. The wind gushed and gusted, stealing my words the moment they left my mouth; I sought solace in a hamburger. It was burnt, and stale.

Not a very positive introduction to the town in which I planned to hang my hat for the next eight days, but after such a ropy start things could only improve. Thankfully for us all, improvement duly ensued.

The Norbreck Castle is an ideal venue for a convention of around a thousand people. I remember visiting it with the committee a couple of months before Illumination, and being impressed with its size and layout. I commented then that any Eastercon to fail in a hotel such as this would have to be run by a determinedly inept committee, and I think that turned out to be an accurate prediction. Far form 'determinedly inept', the Illumination committee were enthusiastically eager, but not always - er - administratively correct. The convention seemed to lead a charmed life: they got away with howlers that certain duller and more experienced conrunners would have undoubtedly been lynched for, but nobody seemed to mind.

There is a lot to be said for enthusiasm Certainly I felt 'properly honoured', a situation which is not always the case with fan guests. My Guest of Honour Interview was ably conducted by Anne Page, and both this and my other guest slot, in which I read excerpts from some of fanzines, were scheduled at prime time in the main programme hall. In all, I appearing on programming in most of the different function rooms, including one workshop. This gave me a feeling of being part of the fabric of the convention, of really belonging there. I got to meet several different Green Room shifts, and to wonder if this was a job I would enjoy doing at some other con. People said 'hi' to me a lot, and I had a number of enjoyable conversations with people I hadn't known before.

Perhaps the most memorable new person I met was a guy called Martin Stewart, and I say this largely because I met him at a London Wellington meeting after the convention, so he's not so jumbled up amongst my bustling memories of Illumination itself. He came over to talk to me because he'd been to my Guest of Honour item and wanted to find out more about doing fanzines. Wow! A convert!! I gave him some names and addresses of fanzine editors to contact, and wait with bated breath in daily anticipation of his own first fanzine. It's wonderful to come across such tangible evidence that people have listened to you and want to do something as a result, and it's almost immaterial whether they actually end up doing it or not.

Perhaps it's odd for someone who's been a fan Guest of Honour to raise this, but being honoured at Illumination put me in an ideal position to see how high a profile fan guests have a national convention. As I said, the committee 'treated me right' every step of the way, but when you sit at a workshop and just one participant shows up, or on the stage for a panel where the participants outnumber the audience, or prepare to be introduced as a Guest of Honour in front of a handful of people, it makes me wonder how much the rank and file convention attendees want to have a fan Guest of Honour at their convention.

I ask this question to see whether it is an issue of importance to convention members in general; I'm not complaining about the small audiences - honest! In many ways it's easier to talk to fewer people, because you recognise many of the faces, and you've got a pretty good idea that those who do turn up have a real interest in being there. I have gone on record as saying that I prefer small conventions (50 - 300 people) to large ones, and partly thanks to my small audiences Illumination felt more like a small convention to me. This is high praise, believe it or not.

To put it bluntly, I would like all convention committees to think seriously about whether they which to honour a fan guest in this way, and if so, to be clear about the particular reasons why (that is why honour a fan at all, as well as why honour that fan in particular).

I have no doubt that Illumination knew why they wanted me for their fan guest: they used me well in their programming, and their outlook was one which matched my own profile over the years and complemented my various areas of involvement in fandom. I am less sure if they knew why they wanted to honour a fan at all, and suspect this was probably because conventions before them had one so and they wanted to maintain the tradition.

The convention's four days pass in a blur: I work, eat, sleep, have fun hour on hour without taking the time to savour each experience separately. By Monday night I am in that strange mental state combining stress and elation, fatigue and triumph. I survived! I behave like a wild primadonna, unable to calm myself down or to wind down unaided.

Tuesday and Wednesday are for holidaying and returning to normal. The trams, Fleetwood and Cleveleys, shopping and wandering, pace slowing and fame passing. The leisurely tram ride from Fleetwood wood to the Pleasure Beach ends the week more auspiciously than it began, whirling on rides and munching on hot doughnuts; that heady feeling between sheer exhilaration and not quite being violently sick.

Blackpool is truly open now.

Pam Wells: Fan Guest of Honour

#### Editorial

Conventions live and die by their publications. This is not always apparent, but they are the only real face of a convention for most of its members until it actually takes place, and by then its too late. I hope these PRs have been part of what made Illumination a success.

Running the publications has been a strange experience. I'm much more used to writing for other poeple rather than getting them to write for me, and this has led to deadline problems. Its been mostly enjoyable, but the high point has always been seeing what marvellous new art Colin has done for us. I'll see you all at a Con sometime!

#### **Illuminated Aliens**

[This article originally appeared in the magazine of the CONTACT organisation which arranges an annual meeting simulating first contact with aliens. We thank Martin Fogg jor allowing us to reprint it here]

The staging of an 'Alien Design Workshop' at Illumination came at the instigation of CONTACT member John Bray, the convention's science coordinator. My role was to report to John how the Americans go about designing their aliens with nine years experience behind them and also to give a talk about my own CONTACT experiences to an Illumination audience. Because all the organising had to be done at the last minute and because our effort was strictly a trial run, it was decided not to adopt the standard CONTACT framework. The duration of the workshop, which had to compete with many other activities, was just three hours, as opposed to three days, and the work of alien design teams was not cloaked in secrecy until a final role-played climax. We may attempt to stage a full fledged emulation of CONTACT at a future Eastercon .

We were very fortunate to have a magnificent panel of experts who gave a series of introductory talks before the practical work started and who were on hand to give advice as the design process unfolded. Reproductive biologist Jack Cohen started the ball rolling with a hilarious talk, illustrated by slides from his cartoon collection, about the evolutionary pitfalls of designing aliens, in particular those of the humanoid variety. Many of you will have heard of Jack, especially if you happen to have been in the same room as him for more than about a nanosecond! He helps science fiction writers design 'scientifically correct' aliens as a hobby. Some of his past co-creations have been the Yilrane from Harry Harrison's West of Eden

series; the Phagors from Brian Aldiss' Helliconia series and the Grendels from Niven, Pournelle and Barnes' The legacy of Heorot. Jack seemed particularly excited about the new aliens to be revealed soon in a second Heorot book, but was very guarded and mysterious about what was so special about them.

Our second speaker was the internationally known palaeontologist and science writer Dougal Dixon. Dougal first gained recognition in 1982 with the publication of his book After Man in which was presented a hypothetical zoology of the Earth, fifty million years into the future. It remains to this day an unequalled masterpiece, combining attention to detail with magnificent illustration and scientific and aesthetic plausibility. His later evolutionary thought experiments have been the books The New Dinosaurs, in which he speculated over how dinosaurs might have looked today had the asteroid missed 65 million years ago, and the bizarre, and overtly science fictional, Man After Man. His talk, for me at least, was the best at the whole convention. Even Jack Cohen appeared completely stunned as Dougal took us through a slide show of some extra-terrestrial life-forms he had been working on some years before. They were by far and away the most impressive aliens I have ever seen, having been evolved in Dougal's mind from starfishlike ancestors. Although some possibilities in nature can be proved by mathematically defined laws of science, others cannot and to make a judgement one still uses gut instinct. Dixon's aliens looked weird, unearthly, but without gimmickry or 'clever' ideas which would render them impossible. One could sense the gut instinct of the whole audience was unanimous, these fantastic creatures really were possible, at one and the same time horrific 7

and beautiful, seemingly poised on the brink of leaping out of the screen into reality.

Next, it was up to me to deliver my account of CONTACT IX. Since I only had fifteen minutes, I concentrated mainly on COTI (Cultures of the Imagination), describing the efforts of this year's two teams in the context of a three stage process of designing 1) the planet, 2) the alien, and 3) the culture. I think it went over pretty well, although it must be admitted that CONTACT IX's Elvi, with its perfect vertebrate body plan and overall *Star Trek* appearance looked rather a forlorn sight in view of what had been said by the previous speakers.

The introductory session was wound up by a few brief words by biochemist Nick Larter and science fiction author James White. I was particularly interested to meet Jim, the author of the Sector General series, including novels such as Hospital Station and Star Surgeon, about a gigantic hospital capable of admitting patients from virtually any sentient race in the galaxy! He expressed considerable humility at being in the presence of such leading luminaries as Jack and Dougal, claiming that he had always invented the alien races for his novels purely to please himself rather than to satisfy evolutionary principles. However, I felt his modesty was a little excessive - if one looks through Barlowe's Guide to Extra-Terrestrials, an illustrated catalogue of the most famous ET's from science fiction, White's sophont the Cinruss is more convincing than most.

Basically, the upshot of the panel discussion was that humanoid aliens are an understandable requirement for Hollywood film makers who have to fit actors into rubber suits. However, the probability of evolution independently producing another perfectly humanoid body plan on some other planet is so remote that a serious attempt to design a plausible alien has to be a little more imaginative about anatomy. It was with these thoughts that the 'Build An Alien' workshop finally got underway.

The attendance at the workshop exceeded all expectations: over forty people wanted to participate and the room was packed. Any notion of just having two teams, COTI style, soon evaporated. For a while, it looked as if the entire venture was about to degenerate into chaos. However, eventually Jack, John and myself dragooned the crowd into six groups. The eventual plan we came up with was that we were going to design between us six alien races. At the end of each hour, each group would give a two minute presentation of their progress, aided if needs be with viewgraphs and plasticene models. None of the panellists joined any of the teams, but instead were free to provide commentary and assistance on demand. The groups took to the task with enormous enthusiasm, each huddled around a melting pot of ideas from which their sophont was eventually to emerge. Personally, I found merely watching the creative process unfold almost as enjoyable as participating. I chipped in with an occasional piece of planetological expertise, but mostly I wasn't really needed. The process soon gained an almost unstoppable momentum of its own. The participants were learning without having to be taught -they were doing it the easy way - easy because it was fun.

At CONTACT IX the two COTI teams had three days to re-run Genesis; at Illumination we only had three hours. Nevertheless, what was achieved in this short space of time was quite impressive and in contrast to CONTACT IX, where the bulk of creative energy was allocated to designing the 'culture', our people concentrated more on the biology of their particular alien. All the races designed at Illumination were very strange - none even remotely human. Some teams really did get it together and design quite convincing life forms: plausible because their creature's anatomical and physiological adaptations sprang logically from their phylogeny (evolutionary history) which itself was created as an outcome of natural selection occurring in the chosen environment. Others lost their way a bit, designing ex-cathedra creatures, organisms freakish to the point of gimmickry, with body parts that were either physically impossible or inconsistent with its purported ancestry. However, the irrepressible Jack Cohen was always at hand to prevent any group from straying too far into comic book territory. Even he though couldn't prevent one lot from ending up with a completely daft creature with a 'carbon fibre' skeleton and the shape, locomotive ability and brains of a sidewinder missile! Well, it got a lot of laughs anyway...

There is insufficient space here to go into detail about the various aliens designed at Illumination, even if I could remember it all. Memorable creations included a sluglike creature from a five gravity planet, living above the ground in a form of vegetation resembling a latticework of woody Gothic arches. They evolved sentience in conjunction with two kinds of communication: 'piping' by blowing air through a dorsal organ situated behind the eyes and 'branch vibes' which involved rapid tapping on branches with their three anterior appendages. One would think that with gravity five times that of Earth, it would be much safer on the ground. Not so in this particular ecological niche! The Gothic arch 'trees' were partially carnivorous, dropping heavy, javelin-like, 'seeds' down on any intruders under the canopy. Eventually however, the slugs learned to modify the trees for their own ends, rendering them harmless and adapting their arching form into dwellings which allowed living at ground level.

The most radically alien creature created at Illumination didn't live on a planet at all. Instead, one team thought they would try and design a free-fall life-form. Its habitat was a Larry Niven-style gas torus, created by the leakage of the atmosphere of a moon orbiting a very hot and massive gas giant. I was very dubious about the realism of such an environment, but taking it as given, it was fascinating to see what the group came up with. They designed a loosely knit colonial organism, consisting of a number of sub-units. These units had once been independent creatures, but were now co-existing in symbiosis, each performing a particular specialised task as part of the overall functioning of the colony. The open structure of the creature, and the fact that it did not have to worry about gravity, allowed the team to come up with some lovely ideas which they illustrated with models. For instance it could change its shape at will, in order to better catch the wind, or to hunt and feed. In particular, when faced with danger, it could completely invert its structure via a simple topological transformation which rearranged sub-units specialised for defence from storage in the interior to form a protective outer layer. Other ideas included a method of genetic information transfer between different colonial species as a by-product of predation. In other words, when you ate something, you could also absorb and incorporate a few of the prey's sub-units as an alternative to digesting them. Jack Cohen was not too keen on this as it replaced his beloved evolution by natural selection totally. However, whether it could have worked is another matter altogether! The creature was finally elevated to sentience by combining imitative behaviour and 'complex game theory interactions' with a neural net-like nervous system and optical and magnetic senses. I didn't understand all of this, but there were some quite highpowered people in this group. At the end of three hours, they had actually succeeded in achieving space flight. It was

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quite simple really - light pressure alone was enough to allow solar sail equipped aliens to escape the upper bounds of the gas torus.

One team that was especially keen skipped lunch to go for a fourth hour of brainstorming. They had invented a planet with a powerful magnetic field, an elliptical orbit and a highly inclined spin axis which was prone to intense seasonal variation and violent atmospheric turbulence and oceanic storms. Their sophont evolved from a radially symmetric, frisbee shaped, creature with a row of water jets and suckers about its rim. It preyed on smaller versions, and was preyed upon by bigger versions, of a genus of bizarre organisms which looked like flattened triangles with jets at each corner. These triangles had the ability to extract energy from storm-driven ocean currents by spinning up. Organs capable of generating an electric field allowed the conversion of this spin energy into chemical energy or into an electric discharge for use in attack and defence. As the frisbees evolved into a more directional lifestyle, their morphology altered to incorporate some bilateral features. Eyes were retained in only the front and rear and some of the lateral suckers became modified into flippers. After evolving onto the land, they never completely lost their affinity with the sea. They became seasonal amphibians, returning to the waters during the Winter for their stored warmth, and to close their life cycle. Not only did they mate in the sea, but they also had developed an intimate relationship with the triangles which they herded in large numbers. Eventually, this relationship became totally symbiotic, each frisbee actually incorporating a spinning triangle into its body, providing protection in return for electrical power and access to electromagnetic senses. I needed a lot more convincing that this would actually be possible, but it was a nice idea nonetheless. Like the free-fall colonials described above, the frisbees did manage to get into space by the end of the session, but alas time was not available for a COTI style role-played contact between them. It would have been fascinating, both races being as utterly different from each other as they were non-human!

All the participants and organisers of Illumination's 'Build An Alien' workshop greatly enjoyed the experience. As a trial run it was a resounding success and a great credit to John Bray for setting it up at such short notice. Hopefully, the seeds sown by CONTACT this side of the Atlantic will grow and we'll go bigger and better next Easter.

Martyn Fogg

#### Special Care Baby Unit Appeal

Dear SF Fans,

A letter of introduction from us. We hope to raise money for our local Special Care Baby Unit at the Blackpool Victoria Hospital by supplying SF Fans plastic construction models at reduced rates.

We have raised £18,500 to date and have purchased two monitors worth £16,000 and hope to raise a further £25,000 to purchase one might say a "space age" portable incubator.

We received help from Illumination in Blackpool, April 1992, with a magnificent £813.00, so we are hoping you can help us again by sending for our price list. We are stocking: Horizon, Halcyon - Alien, Dapol Collectable Figures - Dr. Who, AMT - Star Trek, Comet - Dr. Who, Sevans - Dr. Who, Imai - Thunderbirds/ Captain Scarlet.

We hope our prices will be of interest to you and help us raise much needed funds.

lan Short, Special Care Baby Unit Appeal, 69 Cunliffe Road, Blackpool 0253 798580

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#### The Illuminates

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362 a David Allan Finch 176 a Colin Fine 283 a Nigel Fisher 220 a Brian Flatt 552 a Jane Fletcher 563 a Jo Fletcher 357 a Martin Fletcher 609 a Ronan Flood 570 a Martyn J Fogg 195 a Mike Ford 886 a Estelle Fortnam 831 a Jon Foster 712 a Aletia Fountain 529 a Mark Fox 531 a Richard Fox 628 a Vikki Lee France 332 a Susan Francis 900 a Alison Freebairn 586 a Dave French 587 a Shirley French 280 a Anders Frihagen 395 c David Frisch 397 i Leana Frisch 394 a Rosi Frisch 396 i Sobastian Frisch 206 a Wolfgang Frisch 892 a Abigail Frost 947 y David Frost 679 a Tor K Fuglerud 228 a Christine Kylea Fulton 57 a Gwen Funnell 629 a Malcolm Furness 610 a T1 Furniss 441 a Kathy Gale 153 a Jim Gallaghe 932 v Stephen Gallagher 542 a Gamma 201 a Simon Gardner 337 a David Garnett 335 a Peter T Garratt 805 a James Garry 948 2 Alan Garside 950 z Keith Garside 779 a Anne Gay 939 y Ron Gemmell 691 a Alexander Genin 389 a Mary Gentle 499 a Elzbieta Gepfert 320 a Joe Gibbons 922 y Liz Gibbs 894 a D G Gibson 732 a Gary M Gibs 770 a Anthony Gilbert 771 c Thomas Gilbert 818 a Patrick Ginnelly 30 a Jenny Glover 156 i Robert Glover 29 a Steve Glover 155 c Tara Glover 810 g Anne Godwin 674 a Jette Goldie 365 a Clare Goodall 485 a Simon Goodier 605 a Charles Goodwin 604 a Helen Goodwin 602 a Irene Gordon 361 a Margaret Gordon 476 a Stephen Goudge 226 a Friend of Peter Grace 225 a Peter Grace 312 a John A Graham 657 a Wendy Graham 317 a Alistair lames Grahame 923 y Peter Gray 363 a Carol Ann Green 941 y Stephen Gregory 640 a Rog Grey 260 a Nicola Griffith 524 a Jill Griffiths 678 a Catherine B Gronnerod 324 a Steve Grover 415 a Jacky Gruter-Andrew 59 a Oliver Gruter-Andrew 182 a Alan Gunn 110 a Urban Gunnarsson 414 s James Hamilton 455 a P F Hamilton 245 a Tony Hammond 553 a Tom Hanlon 662 a Judith Hanna 801 a Th I M Hanou 252 a Bridget Hardcastle 202 a David A Hardy 273 a John Harold

106 a Colin Harris 825 a M. John Harrison 286 a Sue Harrison 853 a Chris Hart 626 a Frank Harves 76 p John Harvey 914 c Lois Harve 869 a Jeff Haughton 966 z Dharann Haworth 97 a Penny Heal 217 a G.F.J.C. Hedger 331 a Karen Heenan 838 a Martyn Heitlager 442 a Mary Hemmings 653 a Jeancite Hempstead 274 a L. Hendley 417 a Alasdair Hepburn 895 a Alison Hepworth 581 a Don Herron 505 a Johan van den Heuvel 583 a Richard Hewison 303 a Sara Hewitt 933 a Graham Higgins 651 a lez Hildred 96 a Martin Hoare 673 a lain Hobdell 565 a Andrew Hobson 840 a Rob Holdstock 47) a Dave Holladay 533 a Simon Holland 573 a Liz Holliday 817 a Mike Holmes 152 a Marina Holroyd 99 s Derek Holt 418 a Niall Hosking 60 a Valerie Flousden 888 x M L Howell 401 i Andreas Huber 399 a Gabi Huber 400 i Johannes Huber 398 a Karl-Heinz Huber 802 a Robert Hummerstone 793 a Terry Hunt 780 a Johny Hunter 223 a Graeme Hurry 832 a Jonathan Huston 833 a Karen Huston 891 a Mike Ibei 23 a Chris O'Shea II 17 a Tim Illingworth 889 a Simon Ings 944 y Les Isbister 547 a Daniel Ives 595 a Colin Jack 957 z Antony lacksor 960 z Dean Jackson 857 a Glyn Jackson 856 a Judith Jackson 559 a Niall Jackson 8 a Rhodri James 151 a Richard James 288 a Wilf lames 738 a Bo Jangeborg 449 a John Jarrold 627 a Steve Jeffery 55 p Christine Jennings 338 a Frances Jobling 73 a Colin A Johnson 513 a Jane Johnson 969 z Stafford Johnson 622 a Stuart Johnson 561 a Al Johnston 953 z Les Jones 631 a Martin L Jon 618 a Stephen Jones 470 a Steve Jones 564 a Sue lones 473 a Graham Joyce 198 a Kevin R Joyce 351 a Dicklude 390 a Roz Kaveney 847 a Paul Kearney 33 a Karen Kelly 946 a Kevin Kelly 450 a Alex Kennedy 348 a Debbi Kerr 347 a Barbara Kershaw 298 s Vicki King 120 p Christina Kinsella 41 a David Kirby 263 a Tim Kirk 574 a Richard A Knaak 81 a Alice Kohler 690 a Leonid Kouritz 465 a Linda Krawecke 789 a Ellen Kushner

118 a David Lally 826 n Geoff Landergan 897 a Geoff Landergan 611 a Andy Lane 544 a Colin Langeveld 334 a Dave Langford 333 a Hazel Langford 94 a Nick Larter 193 a Adrian Last 405 a Eira L Latham 523 a Crispin Laverack 11 a Alice Lawson 17 a Steven Lawson 214 a Paddy Leahy 796 a Amanda Leeds 440 a Paul Lennox 457 a David Lermit 757 a lason Lester 776 a Konstantin Lifvuchenko 635 a Alex Lindsey 257 a Christine Linton 256 a Steve Linton 902 a Travis Linton 723 a Dee Ann Lipscomb 737 a Scott (Saku) Lipton 488 a Michael Llewo 498 a Oscar Logger 963 z Hilary Longhurst 61 p Bill Longley 149 a Hans Loose 101 p Alan Lord 316 a Karen Lukawski 639 a Lorna Lutz 89 p Heidi Lyshol 166 a Peter Mabey 755 a Tim Macaire 711 a Brian MacDonald 728 a lan MacDonald 729 a Patricia MacDonald 328 a David Mace 359 a Dalva Machardo Cordeiro 819 n l Mackinlay 816 a Dave MacKinnon 376 a Bobby MacLaughlin 749 a Jan MacLeod 753 a Justin MacNeil 784 a Tim Maguire 129 a Nickolas Mahoney 387 a Chris Malme 606 a Rob Malos (03 a Darnen Mann 676 a Hazel Marchington 619 a Craig Marnock 267 a Chris Marriott 765 a Mayo Marriott 767 a Mr Marriott 62 a Paul Marrow 911 a Karen Marshall 910 a Kevin Marshall 706 a Michael John Marshall 921 c Davina Marsland 877 a Keith Marsland 764 a Sarita Marsland 758 a Lucy Marsterson 865 a Keith Martin 535 a Jurgen G Marzi 589 a Barbara Mascetti 16 a Hugh Mascetti 301 a Sue Mason 938 y Audrey Masters 937 y Margaret Masters 493 a Jean Maudsley 509 a lan Maughan 124 a Robert Maughan 255 a Kari Maund 132 s Krsto Mazuranic 1 g Paul J. McAuley 443 a lo McCahy 672 a Martin McCallion 424 a Angus McCallister 322 a Doug McCallum 962 z Neil McCallum Beighton 525 a Naill McCarthy 731 h Tommy McClellan 375 a Alastair McCullough 656 a Emily McEwan 262 a P. McGarvey 842 a Lorna McIntyre 800 a Richard McKelvie 851 a Heather McKiegan 884 a Hamish McKinlay 510 a C S McLean 959 z Michael McLean

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355 a Christina Lake

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79 a Rory McLean 356 t Angus McMuffin 19 y Key McVeigh 63 a Rob Meades 595 a Andrew Neil Meadowcroft 265 a Kenny Meechan 80 a Mark Meenan 569 a Gabor Megyesi 551 a Friend of Meike 681 a Sally-Ann Melia 536 a John Merdith 717 a John Merry 484 a Martin Merryfield 350 a Carl Midgley 205 a WAC Mier ed rzejowicz. 549 a Ray Miller 898 a Rob Miller 259 a Dave Mills 9 a Nick Mills 291 a Rod Milne 42 a A.N.G. Mittenshaw Hodge 427 a Debby Moir 428 a Mike Moir 462 a Michael Molloy 752 c Geraldine Montgomerie 751 a Lee Montgomerie 358 a David C. Moor 121 a Dave Mooring 239 a Chris Morgan 315 a Darrin Morgan 240 a Pauline Morgan 487 a Tim Morley 49 z Andrew Morris 64 a Andy Morris 875 a Simon Morris 425 a Steven B Morrisor 785 a Gerry Morton 84 a Peter Morwood 339 a Steve Mowbray 515 a Sue Mowbray 100 a Caroline Mullan 621 a Ian Murphy 814 a Colin Murray 65 p Penny Myles 138 a Harry Nadler 137 a Steven Nadler 254 a Phil Nansor 447 a Tom Nanson 007 a Natasha 633 a Caroline Needham 588 a Helen Nemeth 808 n Helen Nemeth 497 a Kim Newman 677 a Robert Newman 577 a Cherry Newton 579 i David Newton 576 a Henry Newton 578 i Perry Newton 663 a Joseph Nicholas 880 a William V Nicholson 775 a Vladimir Nipyvoda 86 a Andrew Norcross 74 a Lisanne Norman 42 a Gytha North 299 a Heather North 713 a Ian O'Brien 13 a Andrew O'Donnell 285 s Linda O'Donnell 24 t T D O'Shea 848 a Caroline Oakley 823 i Jonathon Oborn 862 a Keith Oborn 822 n Keith Oborn 600 a Krysia Oborr 646 a Alan David Oliver 26 a Omega 746 i Amy Oudot 744 i Georgia Oudot 745 i Jessica Oudot 743 a Susan Oudot 545 a Jean Owen 84 a Anne Page

530 a Paul Paolini 799 a John Parker 590 a Dave Parkinson 881 a El Parsons 422 a Joan Paterson 66 a Harry Payne 899 a Nigel Pearson 32 a Jon Peatfield 35 a Bernie Peek 224 t Felicity the Penguin 490 a Ken"The Penguin"Waltor 31 a Roger Perkins 532 a Simon Perkins 54 p John Perry 67 p Jerome Peters 287 a Nick Potts 740 a Wendy Petty 520 a Arline Peyton 290 a Rog Peyton 917 a Dennis Phillips 916 c loe Phillips 915 c Matthew Phillips 413 s Albert Pickard 727 n Annabel Pickering 726 n John Pickering 370 t Lehpy Pienfur 685 a Laurie Pinsker 492 s friend of peter pinto 489 a peter pinto 670 a Marion Pitman 709 a Jim Pitts 710 a Sandra Pitts 849 a Sarah Platt 183 a Phil Plumbly 680 a Mark Plummer 275 a Norman Plumpton 349 a Simon Polley 518 a Alan Poppitt 420 a Jean Porter 419 a Jim Porter 682 a Dean Powell 686 a Jason Powell 951 z Martin Powell 592 a Sherrie Powell 650 a Josephine P Price 795 a Ann Pringle 794 a David Pringle 302 a Ceri Pritchard 786 a Geoffrey Punshon 108 a Larry van der Putte 360 a Terry Pyle 798 a Phil Race 374 a Phil Raines 289 a Feryal Rajah 188 a Andrew Ramage 189 a Deborah Ramage 43 a Richard Rampant 381 a Rae Ramsbottom 890 a Stuart Raper 954 z Kevin Ratt 309 a Bill Ray 233 s Suzanna Raymond 836 a Douglas Reay 458 a Thomas Recktenwald 692 a Chris Reed 367 a Gareth Rees 234 a Alastair Reid 242 a Malcolm Reid 378 a Peter Relton 773 a Peter Rendle 689 a Dan Renney 506 a Stephen Rice 760 a Andy Richards 277 a John Richards 237 a Mike Richardson 649 a John D Rickett 843 a Chris Ridd 967 i Cassie Riley 936 y D Riley 964 z D Riley 965 z Lindon Riley 436 a Cara Roberts 885 a Dave M Roberts 934 y lill Roberts

39 p lan Robinson 763 a Nicholas Robinson 68 a Roger Robinson 540 a Terry Robinson 734 a Hilary Rochford 392 a Mic Rogen 69 a Tony Rogers 835 a Deb Rohan 834 a Mike Scott Rohan 139 a Howard Rosenblun 140 a June Rosenblum 539 i Michelle Rosenblum 222 a Steve Rothman 162 a David Row 870 a Clive Rowland 173 a Marcus L. Rowland 125 a Katie Runciman 3 g Geoff Rynun 437 a Marjorie Sachs 873 a Ian Sales 241 a Jim Samuel 929 a Darren Sanderson 909 a Lucifer Satan 591 a Adam Saunders 860 a Michael S Saunders 568 a Yuri Savchenko 114 a Bruce Saville 918 y Andy Sawyer 759 a Keith Scaife 216 a Alison Scott 215 a Mike Scott 204 a Angus Scott-Brown 864 x John Seed 159 a Chris Seller 160 a Cill Sellor 005 a Bill Sellers 852 a Bill Sellers 407 a Sioukie van de Sevo 665 a Bob Shaw 999 a Bob [Fake] Shaw 855 a Jo Shaw-Hamilton 624 a Carol Shetler 169 a Jean Sheward 647 a Ken Shinn 269 a Linda Shipman 809 g Ian Short 777 a Boris Sid yuk 194 a Pat Silve 871 x lan Simister 872 x Susan Simister 383 s Cyril Sinsa 896 a Amrik Singh 867 a Ivan Sinha 293 a Joyce Slater 292 a Ken Slater 466 a Mark Slater 766 a Martin Smart 130 p Alice Smith 112 a Frank R Smith 555 a Gus Smith 720 a Jason Smith 556 c Leo Smith 384 a Lisa Smith 486 a Margaret A Smith 353 a Martin Smith 70 p Tony Smith 5 g Valerie Smith 251 a Dan Smithers 244 a Jane Smithers 846 c Lech Smolinska 920 a SMS 697 a Christine Smythe 696 a Colin Smythe 703 t Emie Smythe 701 i lennifer Smythe 700 i Luke Smythe 698 a Rose Smythe 702 t Zebra Snivthe 22 a Robert (Nojay) Sneddon 157 s Robert J Sneddon 472 a Adrian Snowdon 51 a Kate Solomon 790 a S P Somtow 345 a Ian Sorensen 92 a Chris Southern

93 a Jenny Southern 508 a Georgina Spary 115 a Simon Spero 408 a Richard Standage 961 z Barry Stanley 71 a James Steel 221 a Helen Steele 479 a Andrew Stephenson 584 a Susan Stepney 15 a Jason Stevens 388 a Alex Stewart 178 a Barbara Stewart 174 a John Stewart 652 a Martin Stewart 172 a Paul A Stewart 612 a Helen Stirling 454 a Chris Stock 945 a Derek Stokes 719 a Arthur Straker 154 a Lars Strandberg 625 a Gary Stratmann 104 a Marcus Streets 630 a Charles Stross 336 a Robert Stubbs 571 a Alan Sullivan 806 a Chris Suslowicz 593 c Natalie Sutherland 747 a David Sutton 748 a Sandra Sutton 340 a Lesley Swan 791 a June Tabor 928 y Alwyn Talbot 926 y Bryan Talbot 927 y Mary Talbot 541 a Dave Tamlyn 305 s Alison Taylor 906 a Emma Taylo 203 a Graham Taylor 379 a Teddy 558 a Rachel Thomas 404 a Sue Thomas 687 a David Thomassen 82 p Donald Thompson 693 a Manda Thompson 83 a Peter-Fred Thompson 512 a Paul Thorley 750 a Kristin Thorrud 270 a Jennifer Tibbets 423 a Tibs 364 a Helen Tidswell 469 a Alison Tomkinson 468 a Neil Tomkinson 637 a Jackie Toombs 821 n Mr Toombs 165 a Angelique van Toorn 503 i Annabel van Toorn 163 a Kees van Toorn 164 i Lennart van Toorn 14 a Ivan Towlson 318 a Barry Traish 212 a John Trasler 211 a Karen Trasler 103 a Paul Treadaway 75 a Chris Tregenza 123 p Neal Tringham 694 a Ninna Jean Tromlin 171 a Mark Tucker 7 a Martin Tudor 903 a C F Tunbridge 307 a Heather Turnbull 306 a John Turnbull 308 i Luke Turnbull 410t Teddy Turnbull 632 a Helen Turner 421 a Louise Turner 813 a Lisa Tuttle 683 a Howard Tytherleigh 774 a Alexandr Vasilkovsky 433 a Paul Vincent 504 a Richard Vir 615 a David Wake 614 a Helen Wake 616 i Rachel Wake 495 a Paula Wakefield

879 a C'N Walker

554 a Jim Walker 645 a Keith A Walker 119 p Nigel Walker 684 a B Walmisley 311 a Stephen Walters 491 a Jo Walton 161 a Christine Ward 145 a Edward Ward 643 a Lesley Ward 648 a Danie Ware 58 a Peter Wareham 236 a Freda Warrington 368 a Jan Watsor 739 a Jennifer Watson 522 a Jessica Watson 521 a Judy Watson 460 a Nina Watsor 958 z Richard Watson 562 a John W Watt 705 a Brian Waugh 78 a Gerry Webb 722 i Guest of Gerry Webb 721 a Guest of Gerry Webb 439 a Dave Weddell 438 a Jaine Weddell 2 g Pam Wells 136 i Karen Westhead 18 a Kathy Westhead 19 a Mike Westhead 135 c Peter Westhead 502 a Alison Weston 313 a Eileen Weston 956 z John Weston 282 a Peter Weston 314 a Susan Weston 688 a Jim Wetherall 660 a Alastair Wharton 464 a Elda Wheeler 830 a Mandy Whitaker 72 a Mike Whitaker 480 a Donya Hazzard White 543 a Janves White 246 a Kim Whysall 585 a Charles A Whyte 247 a Colin Wightman 736 a Paul Wilder 608 a Andrew I Wilkinson 354 a Bridget Wilkinson 38 a Colin Wilkinson 607 a Pauline Wilkinson 548 a L B Williams 279 a Matt Williams 327 a Robert Williams 40 o Chris Williamson 546 a Carol Willis 671 a Phil Willis 878 a Andrew J Wilson 266 a Caroline Wilson 699 a Jean Wilson 863 a Robert Wilson 380 t Windbag 859 a David M Windett 742 a David Wingrove 181 a Simon de W 326 a Sarah Woodall 845 n Oyvin Wormnes 925 y Yo Yo 268 a Mark Young 704 a Martin Young 597 a Melinda Young 567 a Andrei Zakhartchenko

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