

SOUPCON

Pr 2



OOH, DUCKYBOOS! COME ON, EAT UP NOW,
THAT NICE MR MARX GAVE ME THE RECIPE...

SOUPÇON P. R. 2 .

"The time has come", the PR said,
"To talk of many things.
Of Hotel Forms - and programme times-
Of creche - and banquetings-
And why Alaska's boiling hot
And whether fans can sing."

And so we shall. Firstly, however, we would like to thank Sue Mason for another "tasteful" cover, and to welcome all the new members who have joined since PR1. We now have enough members to make it a good weekend - though there is still a way to go before we start having to hide in corners when people want to give us money!

Enough chat. This is the important PR, full of business and practicality, stuffed full of information and a request for money, so let's get on with it.

Hotel Booking.

And we will start straight away with the important part of our second and penultimate Progress Report, which is booking your hotel room.

The room rates are as follows:

Type of room	Rate per person, per night.
Single	£30.00
Twin	£30.00
Double	£30.00
Triple	£25.00
Suite (per night, for up to two persons)	£100.00
Twin Bed, Single Occupancy	£50.00
Child <3 (in a cot)	Free
Child 3-11 (in a bed)	£15.00

Soupçon will take place over the weekend of Friday 25 October to Sunday 27 October, 1991, and will be held in the Hotel de France, St Saviour's Road, St Helier, Jersey.

Additionally, if you have decided to make a longer holiday of Soupçon, a discount of 5% will be given on the above rates for a stay of 7 or more nights. (We are not pressing this, and none of the committee are staying longer, but the facility is there).

All rates are inclusive of buffet English breakfast, and of course in Jersey VAT is not a factor.

To make it absolutely clear: for the seriously decadent, suites are available at a flat rate of £100 per night, whether occupied by one or two persons.

When you have completed the form, send it to our all-purpose address on Page 7.

Travel.

We've said it before, and I am going to say it again. We cannot provide a practical travel service for a con this small, so you will have to arrange it yourselves.

The important point is that the cheaper fares are limited in number, and in any case are only available for early booking. So go round to your travel agent and make a reservation as soon as possible - certainly no later than July is strongly recommended, or you may end up on scheduled fares which, believe me, is no joke!

You will usually also be offered cancellation and medical insurance, and these can be worth considering, as Jersey is not in the National Health Service (hospitals are free, but doctor's visits aren't).

Finally, if find you have to cancel and can't get a useful refund on your ticket (as can be the case on the cheapest offers), contact us to see if we can put you in touch with someone trying to get a late ticket. And vice versa of course.

Car Hire.

Another aspect of arranging your own travel is that you do not get the coach transfer to the Hotel that Modernline provided at Contrivance. Buses do exist, and taxis are relatively inexpensive, but it is worth bearing in mind that car hire is also very cheap, and with the programme not starting till after lunch a car gives you the freedom to see some of the island in the morning.

Again, speak to your travel agent, as you may be able to get a package deal. If they can't help, we normally use Falles Car Hire, on 0534 - 46373 who have proved perfectly satisfactory. Jersey being as small as it is, the smallest size of car is usually quite adequate (unless, of course, you are Chris Cooper).

Banquet.

As you will realise, the banquet on Saturday night is one of the main features of Soupçon, so I make no apologies for setting out here the anticipated menus, subject to the obvious caveat about availability "on the day".

There is another caveat on this, just to show the dedication of your committee. We are hoping to visit Jersey before October in order to "test run" the banquet; if this happens, and if any item doesn't work too well we will change it.

THE SOUPÇON BANQUET MENU	
Omnivore	Vegetarian
Leek and Potato Soup (with Crouçons)	
Sole and Salmon Mousse with a pink champagne sauce	Avocado Pear in a Raspberry Vinaigrette.
Passion Fruit Sorbet	
Roast Saddle of Lamb with a thyme and red wine sauce.	Mushrooms, panfried in a cream sauce filled in a Vol au Vent
Chateau Potatoes Medley of Jersey Fresh Vegetables	
Baked Alaska	
Assorted Cheeses & Celery	
Coffee	
Wines and liqueurs served on a cash basis.	

If you have any special medical or dietary needs, please detail them on the Booking Form, and we will see what we can do.

Sounds good, I hope, because we are asking you to book and pay for it with your hotel room booking. This is necessary because the lead time on preparing a meal of this type to a high standard requires us to give the Hotel firm numbers in advance of when we expect many people to arrive. Thus there may be some tickets available on the day - but don't count on it, and if so we will have to charge a bit extra to cover our risk of not selling them.

Hence the price will be;

£20 in advance - refundable with a fortnight's notice.
£22 at door on arrival.
£25 on Saturday.

Fill in your requirements on the booking form, and make your cheques payable to Soupçon.

The Programme.

The programme will start around 6.00pm on the Friday, and finish around 7.00pm on the Sunday, though this latter may be extended if enough people are still going to be around.

It will be held in the Golden Lounge (the Fan Room at Contrivance), and the Con Bar will be the Minstrel Bar, just across the corridor.

On Saturday and Sunday we will start at 2.00pm with a "comment" slot for 30 minutes. This is a soapbox type of item, an opportunity to be a bit controversial, and we are looking for volunteers who have a subject on which they would like to speak, and debate with the audience. Let us have your suggestions, or we might just let Tim harangue you on the Glasgow bid for the 1995 Worldcon!

We are hoping to create a different atmosphere to the programme, and if our plans work out, this means that instead of the audience being seated in neat rows we will lay out tables to create more of a café-bar informal style. To go with this we will be devoting a session on Saturday afternoon to holding discussion circles round a couple of the tables. Obviously for this we would again like your ideas, and volunteers to "lead" the discussions.

Subjects for both the comment slots and the discussion circles should be related in some way to SF, fandom, publishing etc.

What else will be on the programme? Well, we have already mentioned the talk by Kevin Stuckey on Friday evening, and there will also be a scheduled filk session at 11.00pm on Friday (which is not to say that filk will be banned on Saturday and Sunday evenings), following a party hosted by Jersey Tourism to encourage us to keep taking our business there.

On Saturday the main item will be the banquet (details elsewhere) followed by Ian Watson's speech as our Guest of Honour.

On Sunday there will obviously be less programme, but we are trying to put together a game/quiz called "Whose con is it anyway?" based on some TV programme - you will just have to turn up and see what that is.

We will end with something bearing little resemblance to the traditional business meeting, and then we will hand over to Helicon, the next con in Jersey over Easter 1993 (free commercial), and collapse gratefully into the bar.

Bits and Pieces.

Gophers We don't really need much in the way of gophering for this sort of Con, but there are just a few jobs, such as running the Registration Desk (which we expect to put in the bar) where help would be useful.

Participants We need people to sound off in the "comment" items and moderate each discussion circle. In addition we would like participants for a challenge quiz (in pairs).

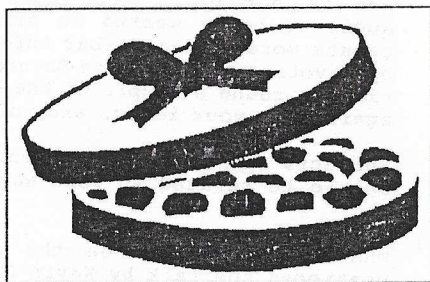
Creche There will be, it seems, only a few children present, so a proper creche is not practical; we will contact the parents concerned to see what sort of arrangements we can work out.

Would volunteers in any or all of these areas please complete Sections 8 and/or 9 of the Booking Form.

Confection.

Souppçon has competition!

Certain renegade fans, led by the infamous Hugh "chocolate fingers" Mascetti, are planning to hold an alternative event over the Souppçon weekend, and have also chosen the Hotel de France as their venue, thus cunningly getting round all memberships, hotel negotiations, room bookings, etc. by leaving it all to us!



Confection will have no formal programme, no guests, no publications, and membership is free to all members of Souppçon. What it will do is go to the Chocolate Shop in the Hotel de France and buy their excellent chocolates, both in made-up form and in the 5 kilo blocks that the shop uses as it's raw material. (That is a considerable bar of chocolate, and usually causes some puzzlement to airport security when searching your luggage, resulting in them overlooking the smuggled wheelbarrows).

Now, many cons have drunk their hotel out of beer, but at Contrivance we ate them out of champagne truffles! To try and help the shop with its planning, a section of the Booking Form is devoted to indicating your chocolate requirements. This is not a commitment, just an expression of probable intent.

The Committee.

Your committee for Soupçon comprises Tim Illingworth, Roger Perkins, Martin Easterbrook, Ben Brown, Ruth Le Sueur and Steve Bull. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Gytha North and Richard Rampant due to their impending move.

Membership Rates.

Actually there is only one membership rate for Soupçon, which is full attending membership at £20.00.

Accompanied children are admitted free - but if we have their names we will give them a badge.

Advertising.

We have not set an advertising rate for the Programme Book, because we are not sure if we are going to have advertising in it. If you are interested, however, please contact us at the address below.

Address.

All correspondence please to: -

Soupçon,
c/o Tim Illingworth,
63 Drake Road,
Chessington,
Surrey,
KT9 1LQ

Telephone: 081 391 0050

Warning! If you phone up you will probably get Tim's answering machine; however this does mean that you can leave a message at any time of the day or night.

Name: _____

Address: _____

(I agree to have my personal details kept on a computer database)
Please enter membership application overleaf.....

Membership

as at 26 April 1991

57A Allcock Philip	18A Easterbrook	114A Nanson Phil
68A Ameringen Brian	Martin	106A Nanson Tom
104A Anderson Fiona	61A Easthope Cathryn	53A North Gytha
94A Armstrong-Bridges	98A Edwards Sue	39A O' Shea Chris
Jill	85A English John	130A Oborn Krystyna
93A Armstrong-Bridges	66A Epstein Amanda	82A Page Anne
Keith	30A Fine Colin	120A Paterson Joan
19A Austin Margaret	103A Flatt Brian	23A Peek Bernie
65A Balen Henry	27A Francis Susan	10A Perkins Roger
107A Blackburn Lissa	89A Fry K. E.	99A Plumbly Phil
37A Booth Duncan	34A Funnell Gwen	126A Plummer Mark
36A Booth Judy	112A Griffiths Denise	79A Raine Jo
24A Booth Susan	100A Haines Nick	54A Rampant Richard
49A Braggins Alan	127A Hancox Kay	71A Ramsbottom Rae
15A Brown Ben	16A Hoare Martin	50A Richards John
90A Brown Pat	11A Illingworth Tim	38A Robinson Roger
117A Bull Di	58A James Rhodri	123A Rundle Anne
70A Bull Steve	40A James Wilf	32A Scott Alison
29A Cain Steven A.	131A Joyce Kevin R	31A Scott Mike
96A Cataroche Mrs S A	44A Kaill Mike	25A Sheward Jean
51A Cheater Mike	81A Kenny Elleen	109A Sidaway Kurt
72A Cochran David	80A Kenny Rory	108A Smith Lisa
"Eddie"	86A King Vicki	56A Smith Peter
12A Cooper Barbara	102A Kohler Alice	74A Southern Chris
13A Cooper Chris	69A Le Sueur Ruth	75A Southern Jenny
73A Cooper Kate	64A Linton Steve	41A Steel James
97A Cox Dave	95A Longley Bill	14A Stewart John
118A Cox John	122A Mascetti Barbara	59A Streets Marcus
129A Croft Andy	121A Mascetti Hugh	110A Stuckey Kevin
62A Cruttenden 1/2r	116A Maskens Paul	60A Suslowicz Chris
63A Cruttenden Wendy	67A Mason Sue	119A TIBS
47A Culpin Rafe	52A Maughan Ian	87A van der Putte
77A Curzon Friend of	78A Maughan R.	Larry
Patrick	113A Maund Kari	17A Van Toorn Kees
76A Curzon Patrick	20A McAulay Catherine	43A Van Zijh Desiree
22A Dallman John	101A Meades Rob	33A Wareham Peter
46A Davies Steve	91A Milford Christine	1A Watson Ian
125A Dawe Martyn	92A Milford Sheila	3A Watson Jessica
26A Day Robert	35A Mills Nick	2A Watson Judy
115A De Cesare Giulia	48A Mittenshaw-Hodge	88A Weller W. A.
83A de Wolfe Simon	Neale	105A Westhead Kathy
55A Dickson Iain	42A Morris Andy	124A Whitaker Mike
28A Docherty Vince	111A Mortimer Steph	84A Wickham W G
21A Dormer Paul	45A Mullan Caroline	128A Williams Linda

SOUPÇON, 63 DRAKE ROAD, CHESSINGTON, SURREY, KT1 9LX

I enclose:

£ ____ for ____ attending membership(s) at £20

Children are free - but if you give us their name they will get a badge.