

◦ WINCON ◦

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A bid for

◦ Unicon 9 ◦

King Alfred's College ◦ Winchester

UNICON LIVES!

The UNICON tradition is alive and well with the WINCON bid. Conceived at Consept in 1986, WINCON will continue the UNICON line into 1988.

WHY?

We want to give you a convention you'll remember for a long time - and at a price you can easily afford. At the heart of WINCON will be a strong, serious programme focused on SF as literature. To make this successful, we are working on a plan to attract more than one Guest of Honour within the limits of a small convention budget. In addition, we aim to have an alternative programme and all the usual UNICON fare, such as the food tasting, quiz and masquerade.

WHERE?

King Alfred's is a teacher-training college set in beautiful wooded grounds 10 minutes' walk from Winchester city centre. It has an attractive mixture of old (c. 1862) and purpose-built modern buildings. Two of the more important from our point of view are the large Union bar and a 280-seater theatre with professional lighting and film equipment. Good single-study bedroom accommodation is provided in 4 halls on site. In line with our value-for-money policy, we expect room rates to be under 10 pounds.

Winchester is a small, pleasant city so steeped in history that William the Conqueror's curfew still sounds at 8.00pm daily. Its sights include the magnificent cathedral, King Alfred's statue (featured on our cover) and the mysterious Round table in Winchester Great Hall.

Modern transport however makes Winchester highly accessible. The M3 runs close by, there's a direct line to Waterloo and less than one hour away by rail is Reading, a major junction with direct trains to almost every corner of the country. Winchester is also less than half an hour from Southampton's Eastleigh airport.

"WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WOULD LEAVE A DRUNKEN TEDDY-BEAR IN CHARGE OF A RECEPTION DESK?" - TANITH LEE

Joy Hibbert (Treasurer) 10 years con-going, nearly 50 cons, two con committees (Hitchercon and Seacon 84), NICON Fan Guest of Honour. Likes fanzines, LoCs and vegetarian food.

Dave Rowley (Membership Secretary) 35 Cons, two con committees (UNICON 3 and Seacon 84). Likes Indian food, mushrooms and Sixties music.

John Bark (Publications) 10 years in fandom, 13 cons, Treasurer Edinburgh University SF Soc, Chairman SHSFG. Likes badminton, jogging and folk music.

Dave Collins (Art) 6 years in fandom, fan art in two apas and growing number of fanzines across three continents, cartoons in The Beano and the Sun(!). Likes propping up bars and sleeping on floors.

Mike Cheater (Anarcho-Capitalist) 8 years in fandom, active in SHSFG, written and edited Death Rays. Likes total freedom to exploit the masses.

John Richards (Invisible Guitar-Player) Dangerously responsible irresponsible lunatic, convinced he carried out assassination of JFK, Crucifixion and Big Bang. Likes forms, albums and tactical nuclear weapons.

Phil Plumbly (Committee Scapegoat) If anything goes wrong it's his fault. Likes to keep a low profile

Peter Cohen (Site Liaison) "There I was at Consept, celebrating being the only committee member not to have let himself into running another con when..."

Guinness (Chairbear) 'nuff said.

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"Comparable to Tolkien at his best..."

THE WINCON BLURB QUIZ

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1. "A person of rare goodness and sanity." - The Sun.
2. "As a piece of writing --- soars to the level of mediocrity. Maybe the crassly explicit language, the obscenity of the plot, were thought to strike an agreeably avant-garde note. Perhaps it is all a joke, meant to fool literary London into respect for rubbish." - The Times
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5. "Daring men and women brave the unknown potentials of an alien transport machine - and discover more than expected!"
6. "Fascinating... it could so easily have happened." - Patrick Moore.

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