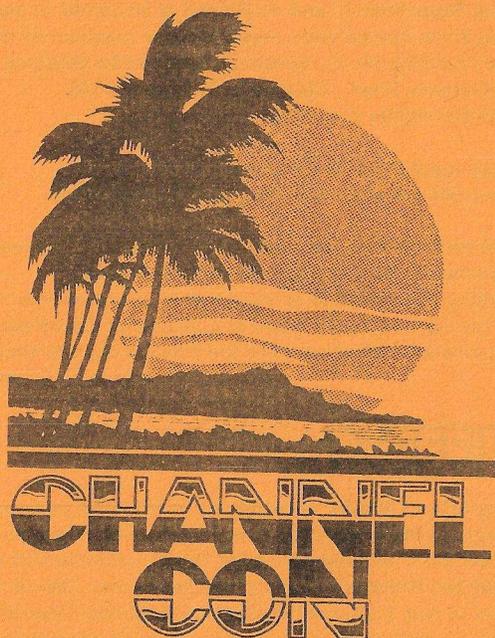


CHANNELCON

THE 1982 BRITISH EASTER SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION
APRIL 9TH-12TH, 1982

Progress Report 3

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1982



NINE WEEKS TO GO!

That's all there is now, so please don't lose this Progress Report or our final one at the end of March, since they'll be packed with vital information.

I don't intend using this space to expound on how great the convention is going to be, what a great time you're all going to have and how well our plans are progressing, since that's just courting disaster — suffice it to say that underneath the mad panic I'm feeling at this late stage, I'm really quietly confident.

The convention will officially commence at 12 noon on Friday, 9th April and will close at 5 pm on Monday, 12th — as for the time between, I'll leave it up to the rest of the committee to let you know what's in store.

Hotel rooms

The Metropole advises that bookings are coming in thick and fast now, so if you haven't yet sent in your form, please do so as quickly as possible or you may be disappointed. Remember, booking forms should be sent directly to the Metropole for the attention of the Advance Reservations Department, and no deposit is required — you must, however, return the signed booking form before your reservation is considered definite.

If you've lost your booking form, further copies can be obtained from the main Channelcon address, 4 Fletcher Road, Chiswick, London W4 5AY.

Room rates at the Metropole are still:

£13.50 per night for a single room

£12.50 per person per night for a double/twin room

This includes buffet English breakfast but will be subject to VAT (service is not charged). You are, of course, responsible for paying your own room bills.

Continental Breakfast is available in rooms at no extra charge for those staying at the Metropole. Dogs can be kept in the hotel at a charge of £2.50 per day excluding food, but we regret that cats are not allowed by the hotel. Cots are available at £1.50 per night (plus VAT).

— Eve Harvey

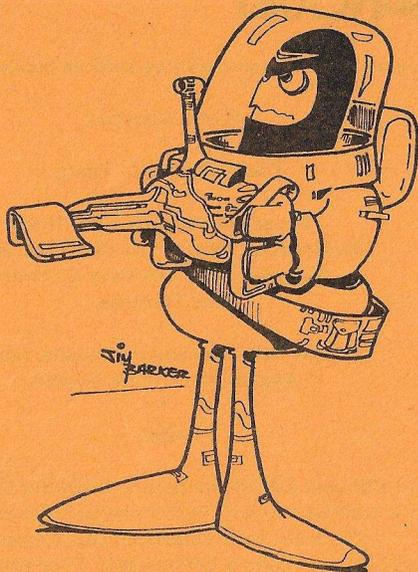
BUSINESS MEETING

With the ever-increasing size of Easter conventions come many problems which do not necessarily rear their ugly heads during the planning of smaller events. We feel, therefore, that the time is right for a full discussion of these problems and so we are hoping to provide a forum during the Business Meeting at Channelcon. One of the inherent dangers of such a discussion is that it degenerates into a rambling discourse by a few people on their pet subjects with no real conclusions reached. In an attempt to prevent this we intend formulating an Agenda for the meeting, so we need you to suggest subjects you feel ought to be raised and discussed. The proposed Agenda will then be printed in PR4, which should give those interested sufficient time to think about the topics to be raised.

If you have any ideas or comments, or any topics for the Agenda of the Business Meeting, please write to me.

— Eve Harvey, 43 Harrow Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3QH.

Programme



Well, Christmas is over, Easter is approaching very quickly, and the programme develops apace. The programme is now very nearly finalised. The timetable is drawn up, the panel items decided, and I am now busy securing the agreement of the panel members. There are a lot of interesting people coming to Channelcon, and I hope you will find that the panels are equally interesting.

It is probably too early to announce many of the programme items at this stage, but there are a couple I can tell you about. In the first place, I have been asking for budding Masterminds over the last two Progress Reports. Now is the time to let you know who will be taking part in the quiz. Jim Barker has taken as his specialist subject "Comics", Bob Day has chosen "Bob Shaw", Chris Morgan will be answering questions on "The Fantasy Worlds of Peter S. Beagle", while Joe Nicholas prefers "The Life and Works of Cordwainer Smith". A broad range of subjects, and on Easter Sunday afternoon you will be able to see for yourself which of the four emerges as Mastermind.

Perhaps a little more seriously, we are all, obviously, concerned with science fiction. Have you ever wanted the chance to question someone about what is happening in sf today? Do you want to know what opportunities there are for new writers, or why some highly praised novels seem to have difficulty getting into paperback? What is the value of the Hugo and Nebula Awards? Now you have the opportunity. A panel of writers and, hopefully, publishers will be there to answer your questions in Question Time, then take part in public discussion of the points raised. If there is something you want to know about the state of science fiction in Britain today, now you can find out. And if you have a question, please let me have a note about it by midday on the Saturday of the convention.

What else will there be? Quite a lot, including an Alternative Programme that will be of special interest for all new and would-be writers. And don't forget the Guest of Honour speeches by Angela Carter and John Sladek, which promise to be fascinating and entertaining. As for the rest of the programme, I'll be revealing some more in the next Progress Report.

— Paul Kincaid

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What is TAFF? The Transatlantic Fan Fund was created in 1953 for the purpose of providing funds to bring well-known and popular fans across the Atlantic. Since that time, TAFF has regularly sent North American fans to European conventions and European fans to North American conventions. TAFF exists solely through the support of fandom. The candidates are voted for by interested fans all over the world, and each vote is accompanied by a donation of not less than 50 pence (\$1.00). These votes, and the continued interest and generosity of fandom, are what make TAFF possible.

Who may vote? Voting is open to anyone who was active in fandom (clubs, fanzines, conventions, etc.) prior to May 1980, and who contributes at least 50 pence (\$1.00) to the fund. Contributions in excess of the minimum will be gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed—no proxy votes—and you *must* sign your ballot. Details of voting will be kept secret; write-ins are permitted. Money orders, postal orders and cheques should be made payable not to TAFF but to the appropriate administrator.

Deadline Votes must reach the administrators by 17 April 1982.

Voting details TAFF uses the Australian system, which guarantees an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in the exact order you wish to vote. If the leading first-place candidate does not get a majority, the first-place votes of the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are counted. This process goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore *important* to vote for second and third place on your ballot. It is also a waste of time to put any name in more than one place.

Hold Over Funds This choice, similar to 'No Award' in Hugo balloting, gives the voter the chance to vote for no TAFF trip should the candidates not appeal to him/her, or if he/she feels that TAFF should slow down its trips. 'Hold Over Funds' may be voted for in any position you wish.

Donations TAFF needs continuous donations of money, and material to be auctioned in order to exist. If you are ineligible to vote, or do not feel qualified to vote, why not donate anyway? Just as important as donations is publicity—in fanzines, letters, convention booklets, and by word of mouth—to increase voter participation.

Candidates Each candidate has promised—barring Acts of God—to travel to the 1982 Chicago Worldcon if elected, and has posted bond and provided signed nominations and a platform, which are reproduced overleaf along with the ballot.

Send ballots and contributions to:

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Dave Langford
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(Channelcon PR3)

Fancy Dress

Don't forget — the Fancy Dress Party is on Saturday night. It doesn't matter whether your costume is elaborate or simple, serious or silly — you can wear anything from a space-ship to a domino mask. The more the merrier — you don't have to enter the competition itself, as the event will be a party, not just a parade. There will be a camera call half an hour beforehand for those interested in photographing costumes entered in the parade.

If you want to enter for the parade, you can either use the entry form in PR2 or give in your entry form at the convention up to Saturday lunchtime.

See you soon!

— Anne Page, 11 Manor Farm Rd., Tyseley, Birmingham B11 2HT.

Book Room

There are still a few tables left in the bookroom, so reserve your tables now to avoid disappointment. Please contact me for details at 28 Duckett Rd., London N4 1BN.

— Chris Atkinson

Membership Rates

	By post (until 17th March 1982)	Registrations taken at the convention
Attending membership	£7.00	£8.00
Supporting membership	£3.00	Not available
Conversion from sup- porting to attending	£4.00	£5.00

Supporting membership does not include attendance at the convention itself; if you are a supporting member you will need to convert to attending membership either before 17th March 1982 or on arrival at the con, to cover your actual attendance at the con itself.

Please note that our cutoff date for receipt of postal memberships is Wednesday 17th March; after that date memberships will only be taken at the convention itself, at the increased rates shown above.

The £1.00 discount for presupporting members remains valid. Children under 12 attend free. Cheques and postal orders, payable to "Channelcon", should be sent (along with details of your name and address) to Channelcon, 4 Fletcher Road, Chiswick, London W4 5AY.

Please let us know, at the above address, if we've got your name and address wrong. We also need to know if you move: please let us know promptly, as Progress Report 4 will contain important information on how to get to the hotel, how to register when you get there and so on, and will be mailed out at the end of March — very close to the convention. If your PR has to be forwarded, you could well have left for Brighton before it arrives.

— Pat Charnock

Channelcon Members

from 8.10.81 to 15.1.82

A = Attending

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The British Science Fiction Association is an organisation for anyone interested in SF.

The Association regularly produces:

- VECTOR** – a journal about SF with reviews, articles, interviews and letters.
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The Association provides many services, including – the world's largest SF lending library, with over 3000 books, a magazine chain from which all the leading American publications can be borrowed; an SF enquiry service to help in answering your queries on science fiction.

Membership costs only £6 a year, or you can try a sample mailing first, containing Vector, Matrix, etc., for £1 (deductable from cost of membership if you join).

If writers such as Aldiss, Brunner, Clarke, Coney, Cowper, Harrison, Holdstock, LeGuin, Priest, Shaw, Watson and White (to drop a few names) think it's worth being members, perhaps you will, too.

The British Science Fiction Association

For further details from
The Membership Secretary, Sandy Brown
18 Gordon Terrace, Blantyre, G72
Lanarkshire, Scotland

President: Arthur C. Clarke

Fan Room

Much to my surprise, I seem to have acquired an alternative Fan Room programme. Looking around the Metropole, I discovered that there was this big empty dance hall next to the Fan Room, with nothing planned in it except the disco. And it seemed a pity not to make use of the empty space, so...

The main item to be featured in there will be the Great Pork Pie Race, mention of which was hurriedly made as a postscript to my piece in the last PR. The initial concept has gone through a few changes since then, the most obvious being that we've dropped the idea of transporting a pint of bitter, having discovered that the hotel were laying new carpeting in the dance hall. 'Nuff said. Anyway, the object remains the same: we're looking for the most ingenious method of shifting a standard Burgess Pork Pie from one end of the room to the other. We'll accept entries from either individuals or groups. There is a set of rules and regulations concerning this game, so if you're interested please contact me and I'll send them on. Get your thinking caps on, huh? I'd like to think that skiffy fans can show "The Great Egg Race" a thing or two. Oh, and thanks to Bob (Glasgow) Shaw for inspiration.

The main programme is coming together quite nicely now and I think I can promise a good time for everyone. I'll be presenting the new improved "Captive" Slideshow as well as Fan Turn Challenge. What's that? Come along to the Fan Room and find out. Lots of other Good Stuff will be going on too; more details in the next PR.

One item I'm looking for help with is a general sf knowledge quiz between a team of long-time fans and a team of first- or second-time congoers. I'm especially looking for volunteers from the latter section. If you'd like to take part please get in touch.

As usual, I'm still looking for news, fanzines, info on clubs and conventions, "SCI FI FREAKS" type news snippets and material on The Secret Life of Fans for the display. If you can help or want to volunteer (come on, it doesn't hurt) you can reach me at 113 Windsor Road, Falkirk, Stirlingshire, Central Scotland FK1 5DB. Telephone (0324) 35452.

— Jim Barker

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- ** Support our bid and get our bid literature and badge for £1 which is deducted from your con membership if we win the bid.
- ** Send £1.00 (payable to "Metrocon") to Ian Maule by March 31st.
- ** Convention membership rates: Supporting: £4.00 at all times.

Attending: £7.00 at Channelcon, £9.00 thereafter.

These rates will not change right up to the postal membership cutoff date, 1 March 1983.

Presupporting memberships to:

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Dave Langford,
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Tel. (0734) 863453.

Art Show

If you would like to exhibit work in the Art Show, please contact me as soon as possible. We are planning the displays in advance, so need as much notice as possible about the approximate space you will need. Contact me at 28 Duckett Rd., London N4 1BN. I would also be interested to hear from anyone who would like to help look after the show.

— Chris Atkinson

KEN McINTYRE AWARD

Fans die — sad but true. I won't put the melancholy list here — I've lost some good friends over the last few years. After Ken McIntyre died in 1969 a few people muttered about "doing something to commemorate him." Rog Peyton did more than mutter — he started a collection and from this collection sprang the Ken McIntyre Award.

As Ken was an artist who had never been known to refuse to supply artwork for a fanzine the decision on what to make the award for was easy:

"For the most worthy piece of artwork appearing in a fanzine in the year under consideration."

The award has been given to the following artists (the name of the fanzine concerned is in parentheses):

1971	Jim Pitts (Balthus 2)	1976	Jon Langford (Drilkjis 2)
1972	David Fletcher (Shadow 18)	1978	Steve Bruce (Tangent 3)
1974	Carol Gregory (Black Hole)	1981	Pete Lyon (Matrix 34)

The rules of the Award are these.

- 1) The Administrator is Keith Freeman.
- 2) Any piece of artwork (not necessarily full page and/or front cover) may be submitted (by the fanzine editor or the artist) along with the fanzine in which it appears. The fanzine must have been published in the year preceding the Eastercon it is judged at. To be submitted it must either be sent to the administrator or to the Easter Convention Committee Art Show organiser prior to Easter Sunday.
- 3) All entries (both artwork and fanzine) will be displayed in the Art Show room or some other room designated by the Convention Committee.
- 4) The panel of judges consists of a quorum from the following (a) the administrator (b) a Convention Committee representative (c) a BSFA representative (d) a representative of the Knights of St. Fantasy (e) Rog Peyton (f) the Convention Guest of Honour (1 or 2) and (g) a representative of past winners. A quorum is 4 people. (a) and (e) may delegate to other persons.
- 5) The panel of judges will make the decision and award the Ken McIntyre Memorial Award to the artist who is responsible for the piece of artwork they consider the most worthy. Note the wording of this carefully — the panel allow for the method of reproduction, layout etc. as well as straightforward artistic merit.

In the event of an award not being made any items submitted can be included in the submissions for the following year. Queries about the award should be addressed to the administrator:

— Keith Freeman, 269 Wykeham Rd., Reading, Berks. RG6 1PL.