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PROGRESS REPORT 4

"Once more out of the void, dear friends," (Famous Misquotes, vol.iii) and with PR4 not only do we revert to the well-tried process of stencil duplication, but we also bring to you the patiently awaited booking forms. When you have diligently filled them in, send both card and forms to me, your chairman NOT to the hotel.

Bonfire Night

For those for whom November 5th is not complete without some kind of show, Birmingham Parks Committee have kindly arranged firework displays on:-

3rd Nov.

at Handsworth Park, and;-

4th Nov. at Somerfield Park.

Entrance fee is 20p (5p for children and O.A.P's) and lighting up time just after 6 pm.

Programme Booklet

The format of this will be A5 ($8\frac{1}{4}"$ x $5\frac{7}{8}"$). Let us have your copy of this size in black ink on white paper without tones, unless specially screened for the litho process.

Rates are:-

	Full page	£1 50p	Half page	75p
Non-pro ads.	Full page	£1 00p	Half page	50p

Publishers have responded well so far but we would like any of the associations, fanzines and booksellers that inhabit the SF world to take space.

Final copy date: September 23rd

Copy, please, to: Richd. Newnham
4 Argyle Close,
Walsall WS4 2EY in the County
of Stafford.

Small Ads. 5p/sq.inch.

Auction

As yet we have recieved only a small amount of stuff for the auction and need lots of Mags. Fanzines, Books, Artwork etc. to make this the type of great thing we all enjoy. So please see if you have anything to donate, and send it to:-

Stan Eling
124 Galton Road,
Smethwick,
Warley,
Worcs.

or bring it to a meeting of the Birmingham SF Group if you live in the Birmingham area or to the Con. itself.

If you have too much to send or carry and live within 12 miles of Birmingham write to me at the above address and we will arrange to collect it.

Book and Art Room

Some of the tables in the dealers room have now been reserved, so if you intend selling Pooks, Pictures or what ever and require tables, floor space or wall space write now stating your requirements and avoid disappointment. Rates for tables, size 6' x 2½' £1.00 each, same charge for equivalent floor and wall space. Address same as for the auction.

Registration

Entrance fee for Novacon 2 will be 75p for those that have already paid their 50p registration, and for those people that register on the first day of the convention the total amount will be £1.25p

It has been decided by the committee to make a special reduced rate of 50p for any registered but only able to join us on the Sunday.

Registration Desk

Novacon 2 registration desk will be open on the Friday evening for early arrivals and on the Saturday from 10.00 am. to the early evening.

Volunteers Wanted

We are seeking volunteers to spend an hour or so on the registration desk helping the committee.

If you would like to help either write to the Chairman, Pauline E. Dungate, or contact one of the committee when you arrive at the convention.

WANTED.....JOE LAMPTON (or like being)

We need a witty, dynamic, terran with plenty of ideas to organise the third NOVACON next year.

There should be little trouble in finding a supporting committee, but our need is for a Chairman to provide the driving force! Preferably, but not necessarily from the local area. Spelling an advantage.

If interested, contact me, Pauline E. Dungate.

KEEP UP THE SPIRIT OF FANDOM !

Win yourself a bottle of whiskey (generously donated by Andromeda Books Co.).

All you have to do is to convince our illustrious judges

G.O.H Doreen Parker

and

Anne McCaffrey

that YOUR fancy dress costume is better than anyone else's (don't forget it must concern SF) at the Fancy Dress Party in the George Room (next to the bar) on Saturday evening/ Sunday morning.

Films Have been ordered and we are awaiting confirmation of our first choice ...Marooned.

Tom Shippey after his success at the Brum SF Group has agreed to talk at Novacon.

Ian Macauley recently returned from the american scene is joining Ken Bulmer on the "Con" panel.

New members registered since Brian Aldiss are:-

97 Mike Brain

98 Mike Rowley

99 PoE Rickard	112 Alan Denham
100 Graham Howard	113 P.T. Johnson
101 Pam Christian	114 Lisa Conesa
102 S. French	115 Simon Joukes Pel.
103 Kevin J. Smith	116 Tsot Al deBettencourt Ger.
104 Allan Scott	117 I. Roll
105 Ian T. MacCauley	118 Eric Bentcliffe
106 Mrs. I.T. MacCauley	119 Michael James Walshe
107 Mary Smith	120 Pat Andrews
108 Bob Smith	121 Howard Rosenblum
109 Chris Priest	122 L.A. Kettle
110 M.J. Davies	
111 Jean G. Mugoch	

COMING EVENTS

Ompacon Registration fees of 50p to Fred Hemmings, 20 Beech Road, Slough, SL 3 7DQ

Torcon World Convention 1973, Sept. 1, 2, 3, in Toronto Canada. British agent; P.R. Weston, 31 Pinewall Ave, King's Norton, B'ham 30

Birmingham S.F. Group meets 3rd Friday of each month at the Imperial Centre Hotel, Temple Street, B'ham 3. All Welcome.

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As the last progress report in this series it will probably be worth my while telling you how to find the Hotel. Over the page you will find a map decorated with lots of little arrows. They show the way of uni-directional traffic flows.

By Rail You will be spewed out with other commuters through the ticket barrier. Opposite is an escalator. Go up it and turn left past the greenery and fountains (which may not be working) and down the ramp. Turn left. Temple Street is the third turning on the right.

By Coach You will probably disembark at Digbeth Coach Station. Emerge from the main Exit/Entrance. Turn left. Either catch a bus with "To City" on it or walk up the road to St. Martins Lane on your left. Follow it past the church and shopping centre until you reach the Midland Red Bus Station. Proceed as for following.

By Midland Red. You will be deposited somewhere in a huge bus infested cavern. Exit by the bus entrance where you will meet the walkers from the Coach Station. Walk right up Station Street to a road junction. Turn right. At the traffic lights turn right again. Look out for Hudsons Paperback Shop. It is at the bottom corner of Temple Street. Turn left up it and continue over New Street.

By Car You will enter the map overleaf by one of the marked "A" roads. Follow the arrows to New Street. If you wish to use the underground carpark (fee is £1 per 24hrs) and enter from St. Martins Circus end (Full Ring) turn left at the traffic lights at the bottom of Corporation Street. Entering New St. from Paradise Circus end (Town Hall) take the third turning right. Starting from either end the carpark will now appear on your left. To the Hotel join the route of the walkers from the bus station at Hudsons.

By Air The airport bus stops on the Ringway by the Railway Station. Walk through the station to the escalator and follow those coming by train.

By Local Bus For those who have hitched and elected to come the last part by bus, you will alight either in Corporation or High Street. In Corporation Street walk back to the

BIRMINGHAM

→ One Way.

▨ Tunnel.

A475

A456

A41

A34

M1 M5 M6
A38

New Street
Station

Car Park

■ New Victoria Hotel.

■ Imperial Centre Hotel.

● Rotunda.

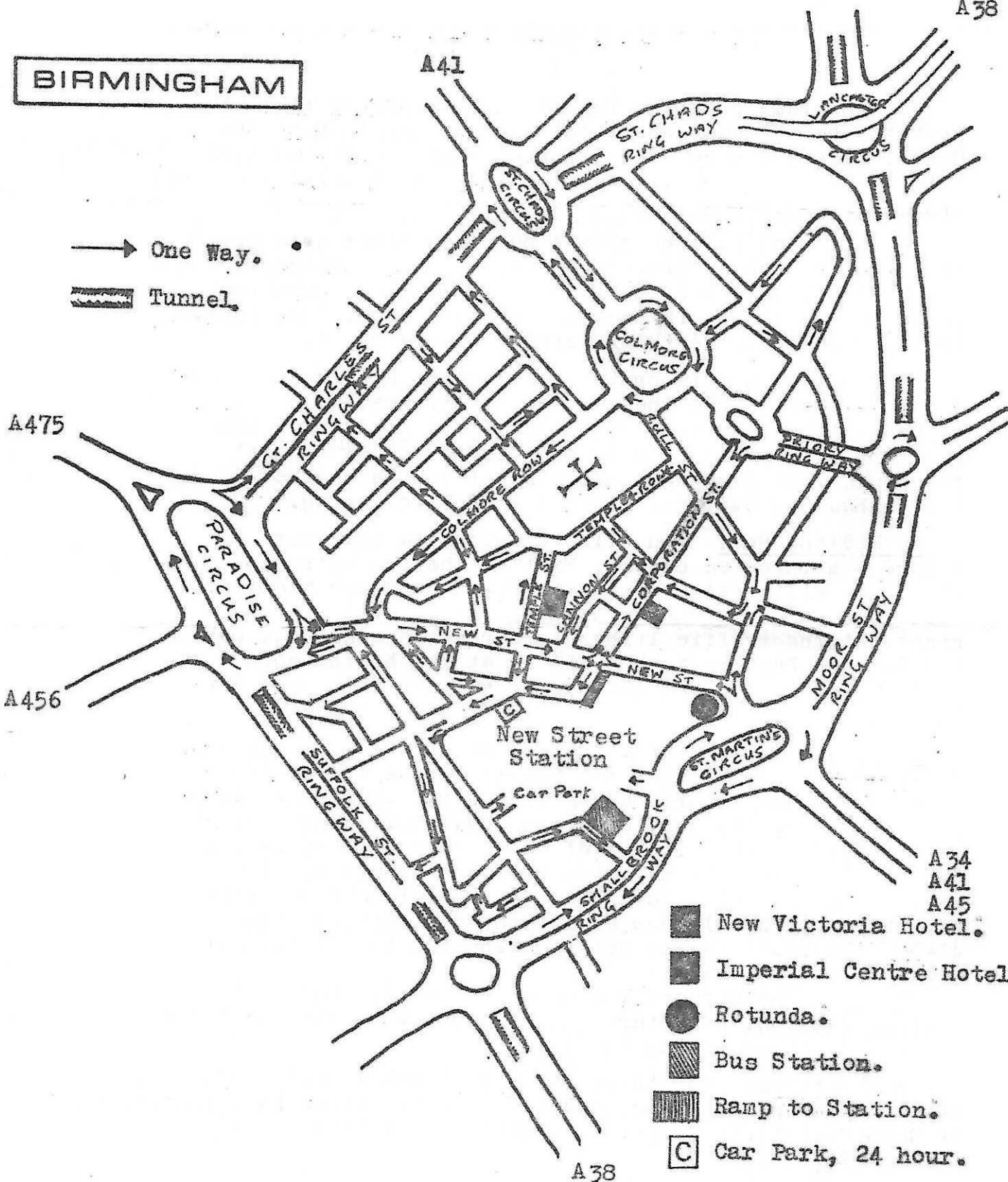
▨ Bus Station.

▨ Ramp to Station.

□ Car Park, 24 hour.

A38

A34
A41
A45



lights at the bottom. Opposite is the ramp from the station. In the High Street walk back past the Co-op and turn right up New Street to the traffic lights at the bottom of Corporation Street. Temple Street in both cases is in the same place as if you came down the ramp from the Station.

N.P. The Imperial Centre Hotel is on the right, half way up Temple Street.

When You Arrive

If you are staying in the Hotel, book in first. Then, close by you will find the registration desk where you can collect your programme booklet, badge etc. in exchange for 75p entrance fee (50p if you arrive on Sunday). If you have not yet paid your 50p registration fee, that will be extracted as well.

The registration desk will be open for a while on the evening of Friday 3rd Nov. and will reopen at 10 am on Saturday 5th Nov.

REMEMBER

Please wear your convention badges at all times as persons not doing so may be asked to produce them. This is the only way in which the hotel staff can ensure that members of the general public do not avail themselves of our facilities.

Also remember that the management has the right to charge corkage on any alcohol brought into the hotel. It will be possible to buy Off-sales at the hotel bars, price lists of which will be put in the rooms of all convention members.

Auction

There is still time to send, or bring auction material to the Con. Stan Eling at 124 Galton Road,

Smethick,
Warley, Worcs.

is eagerly waiting to hear from you.

If each member of the convention were to just one article, be it book, fanzine, or other, it would help to make the auction a splendid affair.

Films

will be "Marooned" and "Island of Lost Souls"

On the "Vision In S.F." Panel WILL be Eddie Jones, Jim Pitts, and Phil Strick.

Tom Shippey will be speaking on "The Interpretation of History in Science Fiction"

Prian Aldiss will be waking us all up on Sunday morning with a talk improbably entitled "SF I.Q.v.GNP: i.e. U.K., USA or EEC?"

New Members (since PR4)

121	Graham Andrews	136	Gillon Field
122	Andrew Prior	137	G. Hart
123	Howard Rosenblum	138	Greg Pickersgill
124	L.A. Kettle	139	Leslie Flood
125	J.E. Slater	140	Frank Arnold
126	Mrs J.E. Slater	141	Julia Stone
127	Trisha Parker	142	Roy Shorrocks
128	Daphne Sewell	143	Linda Shorrocks
129	John Philip Peewick Rogers	144	Marcus L. Rowland
130	M.W. Stallard	145	Mr D.R. Symes
131	David A. Poole	146	Ramsey Campbell
132	Robert Hepworth	147	Jenny Campbell
133	John Ashton	148	J. Fawson
134	Richard E. Cotton	149	George Locke
135	K.S. Armstrong		

To ensure that you receive exactly what you have asked for please check the following details and let me know at once if any are incorrect

Your Con Number is 123

You have/ ~~have not~~ returned your booking forms

You have asked for 1 single
twin rooms

(please note that the hotel has very few double-bedded rooms. If you have asked for one and been allocated a twin room, this is the reason)

You intend staying in the hotel Fri/Sat/~~Sun~~ night(s)

You require Banquet tickets

You hope to be coming to the Fancy Dress Party in costume (N.B. If you don't come in costume, come in Pyjamas) Yes/No

You have offered to run next years Novacon Yes/No

You have Offered to help sometime Yes/No

If you have not sent in your booking form, do so immediately or you may find yourself in the overflow hotel or without the banquet ticket you want.

Pauline E. Dungate of 8 Stirling Court, Stirling Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 16

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If you don't want to use the carpark mentioned on page 1 note that the centre of town is in the meter