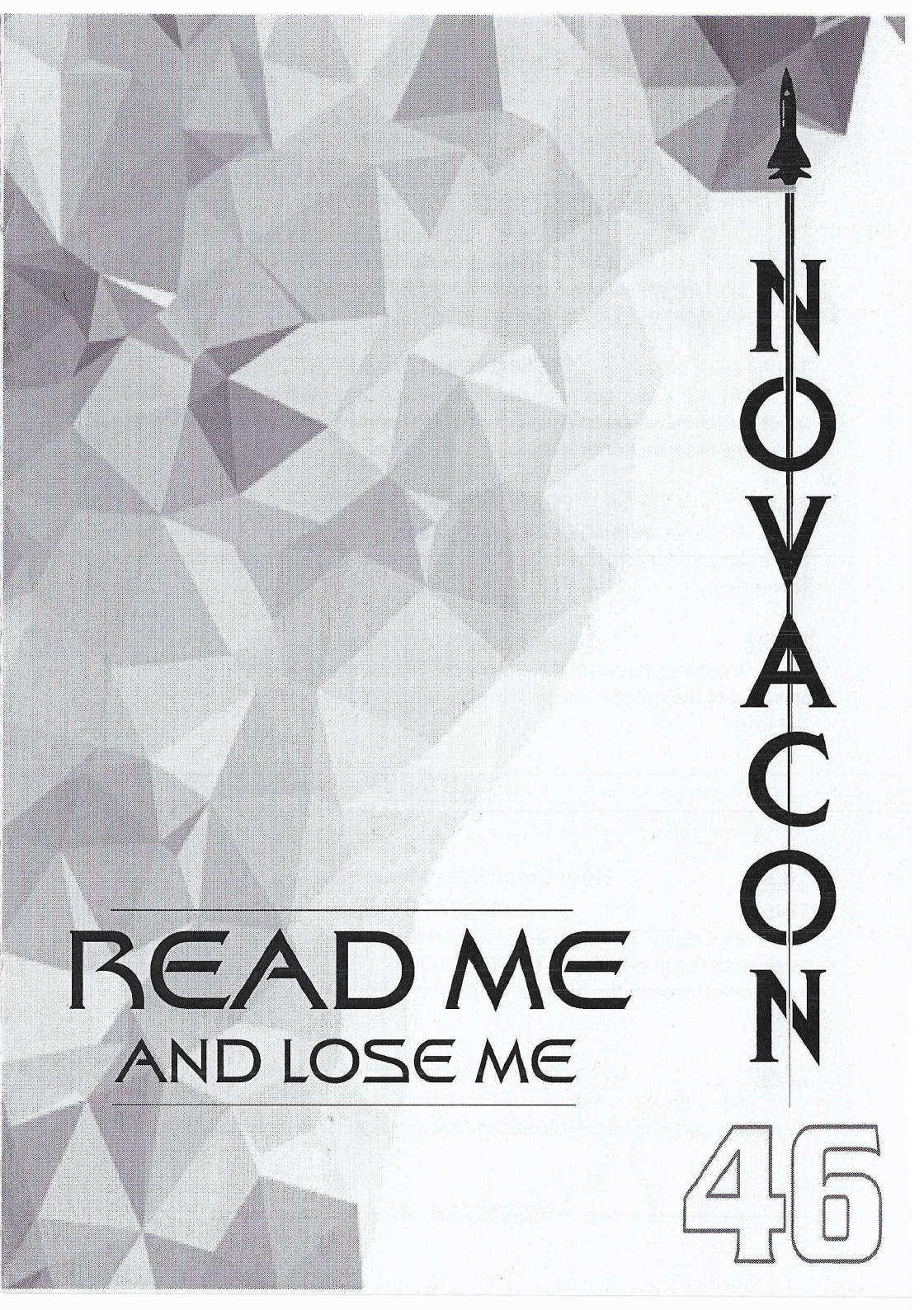




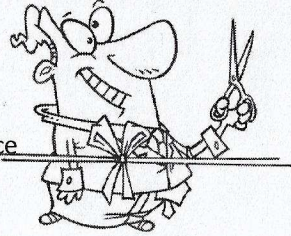
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Friday



19.00

Opening Ceremony

In which we welcome everybody and introduce our splendid **Guest of Honour Juliet McKenna**

19.30

Desert Island Books

No, not a misprint but a cunning twist on the traditional format where **Juliet McKenna** will be interviewed about the *eight* books and *two* pieces of music she'd like on her desert island.

21.00

Book Launch Party

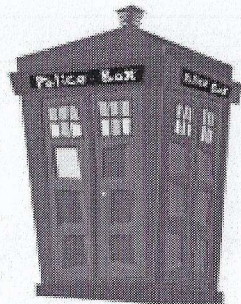
Join us in celebrating the launch of Juliet's new collection of short stories and a novella: *Shadow Histories of the River Kingdom* from **Wizards Tower Press**.

22.30

Science Fiction Pictionary

A rematch between Dave Hicks and Smuzz, other artists who are not attached to their dignity are welcome to join in and the audience can supply the titles.

Saturday



10.30

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How Green Was My Death:

Ecology of Dr Who

Back due to popular Demand: A breakneck rush through the ecological issues of 1963- 2016 as interpreted through the medium of Teatime Terror by Smuzz

12.00

Gerry Webb: Interplanetary Man

Gerry has been a fixture in British fandom since about the time you were born and involved in the British Interplanetary Society since before then

13.30 My fandom, Your Fandom, *Their* Fandom

At **Novacon 1** it was quite simple: there was pretty much one fandom and that was it. Now there are myriad fan cultures shaped by nationality, language and technology. So we've convened a panel of people from to give us their opinion.

15.00 Juliet McKenna:

Shelf-life and eBook undeath for the 21st Century Author

A talk by our **Guest of Honour**. The Dealer's Room will be closed for this item.

16.30 Fantasy Now.

A broad discussion on the state of contemporary fantasy writing. A panel including **Stan Nicholls** and **Kari Sperring** discuss the state of the "genre".

18.00 Writing what you know?

What actually can and can't be taught to aspiring writers? A panel including our Guest of Honour **Juliet McKenna**.

19.30 Poetry Readings

Poetry used to be a staple form of fan writing and while we may have fewer practitioners in our community these days we still have some gifted ones

21.00 The Collecting Bug

What is it about shiny helmets, pens, badges or - heaven help us - science fiction that drives people to collect so much junk?

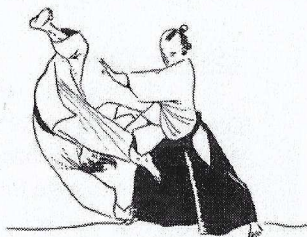
22.30 Call My Blurb

"Funnier than *Psycho*, more chilling than *Jeeves Takes Charge*".

Sunday

10.00 The ABC Of Aikido

Juliet McKenna will wake you up with some introductory martial arts techniques, not in your room... in the Main Room



11.00

Things That Fall To Earth

SF Author and scientists **Helen Gould** returns with a fresh talk on meteorites (with sample) and some interactive geology about matter from beyond our world (yes, that means outside the Midlands...).

12.30

Art Auction

One day some of this stuff will be taken by your grandchildren to an episode of *Antiques Roadshow*. Invest in their future now by buying some of the marvellous art that's been on display over the weekend. Chris Morgan will be banging the gavel.

14.00

Cover Art – What Do We Want Versus What Works

The publisher has a vision of the cover, the artist has a vision, the writer has a vision. If only they were the same. Guest of Honour, **Juliet McKenna** presides.

15.30

THEN - From Genesis To The Bastard Offspring of Science Fiction Monthly

A panel of erudite and learned fans discuss Rob Hansen's recently published *THEN - Science Fiction Fandom in the UK: 1930-1980*, a period that includes the first ten **Novacons**. One of these will be Rob himself and you'll be able to buy copies from him over the weekend.

17.00

Awards Ceremony

It's not called the 'closing' ceremony because **Novacon** never closes... like *Tesco*. Time to say a big thank you to all those who made it possible, plausible, difficult, give out lots of fabulous gifts and prizes and enjoy the best-run raffle in fandom.



19.30 – Late

Beer Tasting and Dinner

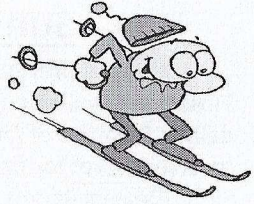
There are separate tickets available for the Beer Tasting and the Convention Meal (Chinese food this year). These will be available at the Registration Desk throughout the weekend. You can also gain entry to the beer tasting in exchange for three bottles of "interesting" beer, take them to Registration. There is a cut-off time for buying tickets, see Registration.

Off Piste Stuff

We hope to announce readings and kaffeeklatches with various authors including Juliet and sign up sheets will duly appear at Registration.

ELSEWHEN BOOKS will be launching *Freedom's Prisoners* by Katrina Mountfort at 5pm downstairs on Saturday.

There's loads of free spots if you want to organise something or hold a meeting of the *Guild Of Calamitous Intent....* Or some such.



Art Show

The Art Show is down stairs in Room 2 and will be open 10.00 – 18.00 on Saturday and 10.00 – 12.00 on Sunday.

Drop by and see some of the fabulous art some of our attendees are capable of.... You could even buy it if you wish.

Dealers Room

All that stuff you've been wanting to buy...here it is. The Churchill Suite will be hosting this event to if you have a yen to buy things (Pounds Sterling works better) then mosey on down and see what's on offer.

Dave Lally's Room Of Moving Images

Dave turns up year after year and puts on a staggering array of interesting stuff. Where does he find all this? Drop in and see what's on offer. There will be something for everyone.



Sunday Evening Beer Tasting

As in previous years this is our version of a Dead Dog party. Tickets are available from registration for £6 or alternatively you can deliver 3 bottles of "interesting" beer to registration and you will receive a ticket for free. The beer tasting will be in the Churchill Suite (Dealers Room). Check Registration for ticket availability.



Sunday Evening Meal

This is a Ticket only event and they can be purchased from reception. This year's meal, at our G.o.H's request is Chinese. All food will be dairy free. Tickets are £14.50 and are available from Registration and it will be held in Churchill Suite (dealers Room). Black tie is optional.

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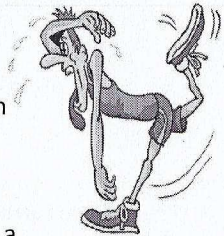
Information on this can be gleaned from any Committee member. Finding one is relatively easy, they will either be manning the registration table, or recovering from a hangover under it. Contact one of these reprobates if you require any help with storage or special equipment.

Duty Committee Member

(or designated sober person) Throughout the weekend various members of the Committee will be saddled with this and can be identified by the very fashionable **gold waistcoat** that they will be wearing. Any questions, problems, queries or fashion advice can be directed at this person.

Leisure Facilities

As a guest of the hotel you have full access to the pool, sauna and gym. So we look forward to seeing you all in here first thing every morning for the regular committee workout. Douglas will be holding a gymnastics class at 5.30 every morning, Cat will be doing her usual spin classes throughout the day while Gary will be splashing around like a wounded duck in the pool.



Outside The hotel

There is a cash machine and assorted shops within a few minutes' walk of the hotel for all those last-minute items or medical supplies. See a committee member and they will tell you where to go (boy will we)

Food And Drink

Convention food will be served in the Main Bar on the ground floor and is cooked to order... so there may be a wait.

Soup and Roll.....£2.50

Baguettes.....£3.00

Sandwiches.....£2.50

Ham & Cheese

Cheese & Onion

Tuna Mayo

Egg Mayo

9" Pizza.....£5.00

Cheese & Tomato

Pepperoni & Jalapeno

Chicken & Pepper

Extra Toppings.....50p

BBQ Melt & Chips.....£5.50

Cheeseburger & Chips.....£6.50

Curry of The Day & Rice.....£6.50

Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas.....£6.50

Jacket Potato & 2 Fillings.....£5.50

Coleslaw

Cheese

Bakes Beans

Chilli

Tuna Mayo

Fries, Garlic Bread, Salad Each.....£1.80

Cheesy Chips, BBQ Wings Each.....£2.50

Every Night Is Chip Night!

Yes, by popular demand late in the evenings Bacon, Sausage or Chip butties will become available.

Apart from this smorgasbord of food there will be the usual bar menu and the restaurant, though if you want to eat in the hotel restaurant it may be a good idea to reserve a table... it can get busy and they may have to drag an unconscious Committee member off your table.

AT A GLANCE

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