



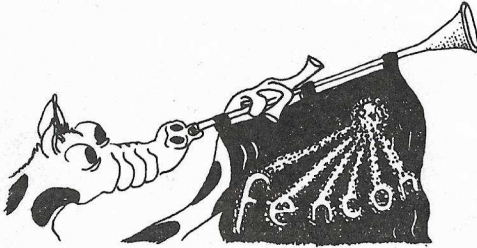
Saturday,

October 16th

The University Centre

CAMBRIDGE

From the University that brought you Malcolm Edwards, the Goodies, and the atom...



The Cambridge University Science Fiction Society (pronounced CUSFS) invites you to its 21st birthday celebration at the University Centre, Cambridge, on Saturday October 16th. Fencon will be a small, imaginatively programmed event which we hope will be attractive to both hardened fans and to students and real people in Cambridge.

The Venue

"This is a town of dreaming spires, as I think the poem goes."

"Oxford's the town of dreaming spires," he corrected her.

"Cambridge is more like perspiring dreams."

- Gregory Benford, Timescape (1980)

"So this is the city of dreaming spires," Sheila said.

"Theoretically that's Oxford," Adam said. "This is the city of perspiring dreams."

- Frederic Raphael, The Glittering Prizes (1976)



The University Centre (alias the Grad Pad) is idyllically situated overlooking the River Cam, and a few minutes walk from the centre of beautiful, historic, etc (yawn) Cambridge. Actually, you won't have time to see any of that, but it is a good place to watch tourists watching students falling out of punts. The con rooms are grouped around the central cafeteria, which will be open to Fencon members. The main hall has seats for 150 people, and there will be ample space for alternative and video programmes, bar, coffee lounge, and display room. In accordance with ancient student tradition, alcohol will be available during licensing hours, and caffeine all day.

If you're intending to stay in Cambridge over the weekend, the town is well equipped with everything from four-star hotels to bed & breakfasts. A list of these will go out with the Progress Report in August, but Fencon cannot book your accommodation for you.

The Programme

The Fencon committee, thinking laterally at the speed of light, are providing a programme that could permanently alter your reality-experience. Where else could you...

- SEE local teams of Scientists vs. Philosophers vying to satisfy the audience with their answers to Ultimate Questions
- PLAY Spacetime Masquerade
- HEAR talks by local geniuses, including several well-known future Nobel Prize winners, on various SF related topics
- SPOT the wandering alien and win a £5 book token
- FANCY yourself as a writer (and get quizzed on your ability)
- DERIDE the morons playing the Total SF panel quiz, featuring the Summarise the Lensmen Series contest

Not to mention the familiar fare of films, talks, slideshows, panels, videos, discussion groups, workshops, and the inevitable Sprodzoom classes...

Who are all these people, anyway?

"Let's face it, there is no more snotty and stand-off-ish bunch in fandom."

- Phil Palmer in The Chocolates of Lust

"Glasgow University's team had yet another contest ... against the Cambridge Limpwrist ... We got pasted ..."

- Faircon '82 PR

"Ever wondered why other people are immune to Kryptonite?"

- CUSFS election manifesto

'CUSFS'??

"You're all so brilliant and wonderful you ought to be shot."

- Alfie Bester



Behind all the rumours CUSFS is a fairly ordinary bunch of anarchists dedicated to destroying normality wherever it rears its ugly head. You can meet some of our 200 odd members if you come to Fencon - they can easily be recognised by their bicycles and by their inability to say 'plagiarist' when drunk.

The Fencon committee itself is composed of hardy perennials like Nick Lowe (our chairman), and bright young things like Scott Goodfellow, who have actually got us off our bums to create CUSFS's first ever convention.

Other committee members:

Jonathan Coxhead, Colin Fine, Mike Hardy, Paddy Leahy, Tibs.



How to join

Just fill in the form below, and send it to

FENCON
27, Newmarket Road,
Cambridge
CB5 8EG

Membership rates are:

	Current CUSFS members	Real people
Before 1st Sept	£ 2.50	£ 3.00
From 1st Sept	£ 3.00	£ 3.50

CUSFS membership (available on the door): £ 2.80

Please make cheques payable to FENCON

What to do next

Either Send off the membership form, sit back, and wait for our Progress Report (due out mid-August)
Or Read this leaflet again.

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Name:

Badge Name:

Address:

I would like to join FENCON. I enclose a PO/cheque made payable to 'FENCON' for

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