

SUPPCON #3

HEY! WAITER! THERES AN EYE IN MY SOUP. MAN.



S'RIGHT!



ORADUNA
DIPCMAS

June 91

SOUPÇON P. R. 3 .

Another Con, another Progress Report. This year they seem to have come through the door faster than the junk mail.

Well, at least you won't get any more from Soupçon - this is absolutely and positively the last, the ultimate, the final PR. So you might as well have a quick look through to see if it contains anything of interest, such as how to find the Hotel de France when you arrive on Jersey, or says you have volunteered for something you have never heard of.

Soupçon will take place over the weekend of Friday 25 October to Sunday 27 October, 1991, and will be held in the Hotel de France, St Saviour's Road, St Helier, Jersey.

Travel.

Hopefully you have now booked your flight or ferry ticket to Jersey. What, you haven't? Well there's only one thing to do - go out immediately and do so!

Seriously, by the time you get this you have probably missed the cheapest flights, but you might get lucky. One we can recommend, if there are still seats, is the Dan Air flight. This is **not** on the computers - the travel agent will have to phone Dan Air and ask!

Remember that cancellation and medical insurance can be worth considering, as Jersey is not in the National Health Service (hospitals are free, but doctor's visits aren't).

On the other hand, you do not have to worry about passports (unless taking a side trip to France), or getting foreign currency, as English (and Scottish) money is eagerly accepted; just be careful of the colours of Jersey notes, eg £10 is brown.

Again, if find you have to cancel and can't get a useful refund on your ticket (as can be the case on the cheapest offers), contact us to see if we can put you in touch with someone trying to get a late ticket. And vice versa of course.

If you intend to hire a car, speak to your travel agent, as you may be able to get a package deal. If they can't help, we normally use Falles Car Hire, on 0534 - 46373. A small car is perfectly satisfactory on Jersey, and rates are quite low.

If you are bringing your own car, arrive with an empty tank, as petrol is very cheap!

Finding the Hotel.

Go to Jersey.

If you arrive at the Airport;

You will see from the enclosed map that you are at the wrong end of the island. If you have hired a car in advance, find the hire firms desk or pick-up point, and collect your car; then use the rather better map that will come with the car to drive to the hotel. (Alternatively you may be able to hire a car on arrival, though this has never been tried).

If you are not hiring a car, there is a bus service, but it does not have a high reputation for frequency and reliability; taking a taxi is much quicker and easier, and will probably cost about £7.50. Carry this PR prominently, and you may find someone to share your taxi.

If you arrive at the Harbour;

Instructions are basically the same, though it is possible to walk to the hotel, which will take about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, and the taxi fare obviously will be a lot cheaper.

If you are flying from Heathrow and have a bit of time to kill, we have had good recommendations for the Haagen-daaz(?) ice cream parlour in Terminal 1. "Seriously decadent" was the phrase used.

Customs.

Since Jersey does not have VAT or Import Duty, you must be able to prove that anything you have taken to Jersey **and are now bringing back** was originally exported from the mainland - or you could potentially be charged VAT and Import Duty on it.

This is not a problem for items usually carried by tourists, such as cameras, but if you are taking anything more unusual, such as your PC, it could be different (we have never had a problem, but that is not proof for the future).

If you do not have receipts you can take with you, we would advise you to try to get Customs to certify it before leaving the mainland; for this you need to prepare in advance a note of the equipment, in some detail and particularly including serial numbers, and ask customs to stamp and sign it to say they have seen it in the UK.

Banquet.

Almost everyone who has booked a room has also booked a banquet ticket, so the banquet on Saturday night will definitely be one of the main features of Soupçon.

We have not yet, as we proposed in PR2, managed to visit Jersey in order to "test run" the banquet, but may still be able to fit this in during September.

Just to remind you, the price for the Banquet will be;

£20 in advance - refundable with a fortnight's notice.
£22 at door on arrival.
£25 on Saturday (if available).

In case anyone is worrying, dress will be optional (as long as you wear something), but if you like to be posh, feel free to go ahead.

The Programme.

Flouting all precedent and tradition, we put lots of details of the programme in our last PR. This challenge to the fates was taken up, and we have now almost completely re-arranged our schedules.

It will still be held in the Golden Lounge (the Fan Room at Contrivance), and the Con Bar will be the Minstrel Bar, just across the corridor. Registration will probably also be in the bar, to stop the workers claiming that they are being left out of the socialising. If you can't find it, look for a committee member, who will tell you where to go.

We are going ahead with plans to create a different atmosphere to the programme, and this means that instead of the audience being seated in neat rows we will lay out tables to create more of a café-bar informal style.

In PR2 we said that the programme will start around 6.00pm on the Friday, and finish around 7.00pm on the Sunday. This latter is now going to be extended through the evening, as the majority of people are still going to be around.

Friday night goes back to "ordinary" programming, with a panel for children's TV nostalgia buffs called "Noggin the Nog vs the Mutant Ninja Turtles".

On **Saturday and Sunday** we will start at 2.00pm with a "comment" slot for 30 minutes. This is a soapbox type of item, an opportunity to be a bit controversial. We have got some "volunteers" who have a subject on which they would like to speak, and debate with the audience (either at the time or in the bar afterwards), so we hope you will go along and listen to them.

To go with the informal room layout, we will be devoting a session on **Saturday afternoon** to holding discussion circles round a couple of the tables. The actual number of these circles is variable, so if you have a subject on which you would like to moderate a discussion, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Subjects for the discussion circles should be related in some way to SF, fandom, publishing etc.

Naturally the Banquet remains on **Saturday** night, but now instead of a party on Friday night we will be having pre-dinner drinks with Jersey Tourism. A gap will be allowed beforehand to "dress for dinner" - not compulsory, but I know there are some who like to dress up in DJ or whatever.

What else will be on the programme? Well, we have already mentioned the talk by Kevin Stuckey on **Friday** evening, and there will also be a scheduled filk session at **11.00pm on Friday** (which is not to say that filk will be banned on Saturday and Sunday evenings).

On **Saturday** the main item will be the banquet (details elsewhere) followed by Ian Watson's speech as our Guest of Honour. This will still be followed by the **Challenge Quiz** - so be ready (in pairs) to take on the temporary champions.

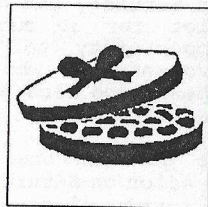
On **Sunday** there will be a couple of panels, one discussing the SF that the participants are currently reading; the panellists for this were selected at random from the membership, but generated a potentially interesting group. The other panel will be more fannish, discussing why a variety of people actually attend conventions.

We will close with something bearing little resemblance to the traditional business meeting, and then we will hand over to Helicon, the next con in Jersey over Easter 1993 (free commercial), and collapse gratefully into the bar.

The collapse will, however, be of short duration, as "close", in true con tradition, does not mean "end". To round off the Convention we are planning to hold a party, with a "French" (or more accurately Franglais) flavour (who mentioned garlic?). Bring striped sweaters, berets, and bad Maurice Chevalier accents.

If anyone is coming who can play the accordion, please contact us urgently.

Confection.



ConFection - The Appetiser

Probably the crumbliest, flakiest, convention since...

We apologise for the misprint in the previous PR. The membership rate for ConFection is actually 175 pounds, however bribes (of chocolate) to the committee will be accepted in lieu. All bribes (aside from administrative overheads to the publications sub-committee) will be put into the chocolate tasting, so make those bribes good! In addition to the chocolate tasting, we hope to have additional programming to include a tour of the chocolate shop (and hopefully a guide to making designer chocolate), a chocolate eating MasterClass (if I can get in touch with Alison Scott!), and maybe an author reading from the guy who writes the Cadbury flake ads.

More details at the convention, but if you have any ideas for this, or ConFection - The Main Course (in Jersey over the Easter 93 weekend), please drop me a line c/o the Soupçon address.

The Committee.

Your committee for Soupçon comprises:

Tim Illingworth, Roger Perkins, Martin Easterbrook, Ben Brown, Ruth Le Sueur and Steve Bull.

(Martin Easterbrook tried to get out of it by emigrating to Belgium; we ignored this rather desperate ploy).

Membership Rates.

Actually there is only one membership rate for Soupçon, which is full attending membership at £20.00.

Accompanied children are admitted free - but if we have their names we will give them a badge.

Memberships should not be sent by post after 18 October (1991). Phone us if you want to join that late, particularly if you want accomodation.

Address.

All correspondence please to: -

Soupson,
c/o Tim Illingworth,
63 Drake Road,
Chessington,
Surrey,
KT9 1LQ

Telephone: 081 391 0050

Warning! If you phone up you will probably get Tim's answering machine; however this does mean that you can leave a message at any time of the day or night.

Members List.

as at 10 September 1991.

57 Allcock Philip	73 Cooper Kate
68 Ameringen Brian	97 Cox Dave
104 Anderson Fiona	118 Cox John
94 Armstrong-Bridges Jill	129 Croft Andy
93 Armstrong-Bridges Keith	62 Cruttenden 1/2r
19 Austin Margaret	63 Cruttenden Wendy
65 Balen Henry	47 Culpin Rafe
107 Blackburn Lissa	77 Curzon Friend of Patrick
37 Booth Duncan	76 Curzon Patrick
36 Booth Judy	22 Dallman John
24 Booth Susan	46 Davies Steve
49 Braggins Alan	125 Dawe Martyn
15 Brown Ben	26 Day Robert
90 Brown Pat	115 De Cesare Giulia
117 Bull Di	83 de Wolfe Simon
70 Bull Steve	55 Dickson Iain
29 Cain Steven A.	139 Dobson Dermot
96 Cataroche Mrs S A	140 Dobson Perdy
51 Cheater Mike	28 Docherty Vince
72 Cochran David "Eddie"	21 Dormer Paul
12 Cooper Barbara	18 Easterbrook Martin
13 Cooper Chris	61 Easthope Cathryn

Name: _____

Address: _____

(I agree to have my personal details kept on a computer database)
Please enter membership application overleaf.....

98	Edwards Sue	130	Oborn Krystyna
85	English John	82	Page Anne
66	Epstein Amanda	120	Paterson Joan
30	Fine Colin	23	Peek Bernie
103	Flatt Brian	10	Perkins Roger
27	Francis Susan	99	Plumbly Phil
89	Fry K. E.	126	Plummer Mark
34	Funnell Gwen	79	Raine Jo
112	Griffiths Denise	54	Rampant Richard
100	Haines Nick	71	Ramsbottom Rae
127	Hancox Kay	50	Richards John
16	Hoare Martin	135	Roberts Margaret
11	Illingworth Tim	136	Roberts Tony
58	James Rhodri	38	Robinson Roger
40	James Wilf	123	Rundle Anne
131	Joyce Kevin R	32	Scott Alison
44	Kaill Mike	31	Scott Mike
81	Kenny Eileen	25	Sheward Jean
80	Kenny Rory	109	Sidaway Kurt
86	King Vicki	108	Smith Lisa
102	Kohler Alice	56	Smith Peter
69	Le Sueur Ruth	74	Southern Chris
132	Levrier Michelle	75	Southern Jenny
64	Linton Steve	41	Steel James
95	Longley Bill	14	Stewart John
122	Mascetti Barbara	59	Streets Marcus
121	Mascetti Hugh	110	Stuckey Kevin
116	Maskens Paul	60	Suslowicz Chris
67	Mason Sue	119	TIBS
52	Maughan Ian	87	van der Putte Larry
78	Maughan R.	17	Van Toorn Kees
133	Maund Irene	43	Van Zijh Desiree
113	Maund Kari	134	Waggott John L
20	McAulay Catherine	33	Wareham Peter
101	Meades Rob	1	Watson Ian
91	Milford Christine	3	Watson Jessica
92	Milford Sheila	2	Watson Judy
35	Mills Nick	88	Weller W. A.
48	Mittenshaw-Hodge Neale	105	Westhead Kathy
42	Morris Andy	138	Westhead Mike
111	Mortimer Steph	124	Whitaker Mike
45	Mullan Caroline	137	White Margaret
114	Nanson Phil	84	Wickham W G
106	Nanson Tom	128	Williams Linda
53	North Gytha		
39	O'Shea Chris		

SOUPÇON, 63 DRAKE ROAD, CHESSINGTON, SURREY, KT1 9LX

I enclose:

£ ____ for ____ attending membership(s) at £20

Children are free - but if you give us their name they will get a badge.

DRA
0/11