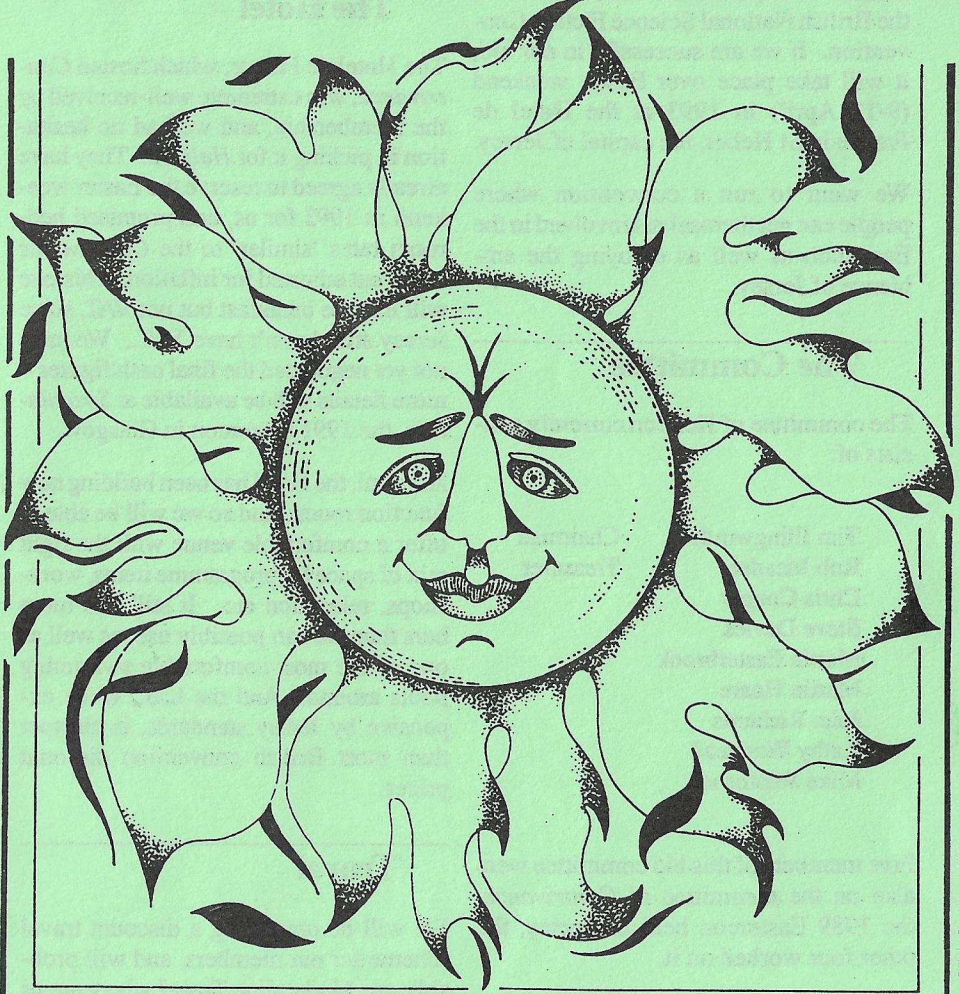


# HELICON



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## Progress Report 0.1



# Helicon '93

*Helicon* is a bid for the 1993 Eastercon, the British National Science Fiction Convention. If we are successful in our bid, it will take place over Easter weekend (9-12 April) in 1993 at the Hotel de France in St Helier, the capital of Jersey.

We want to run a convention where people can get themselves involved in the Eastercon as well as enjoying the ambience of Jersey.

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## The Committee

The committee of *Helicon* currently consists of:

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| Tim Illingworth    | Chairman  |
| Rob Meades         | Treasurer |
| Chris Cooper       |           |
| Steve Davies       |           |
| Martin Easterbrook |           |
| Martin Hoare       |           |
| John Richards      |           |
| Kathy Westhead     |           |
| Mike Westhead      |           |

Five members of this bid committee were also on the committee of *Contrivance*; the 1989 Eastercon held on Jersey, the other four worked on it.

The committee address is the usual: 63 Drake Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1LQ, United Kingdom.

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## The Hotel

The Hotel de France, which hosted *Contrivance*, was extremely well-received by the membership, and we had no hesitation in picking it for *Helicon*. They have already agreed to reserve the Easter weekend in 1993 for us, and promised bedroom rates 'similar' to the *Contrivance* rates, but adjusted for inflation. This rate will include breakfast but not VAT, since Jersey still doesn't have VAT.. We have not yet negotiated the final cash figures – more details will be available at *Speculation*, the 1991 Eastercon in Glasgow.

As usual, the Hotel has been building new function rooms, and so we will be able to offer a comfortable venue with the right mix of space for programme items, workshops, relaxation etc. It still has more bars than we can possibly use, as well as one of the most comfortable swimming pools around. And the beer, while expensive by Jersey standards, is cheaper than most British convention discount prices.

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## Travel

We will be organising a discount travel scheme for our members, and will probably use Modernline Travel who gave us such good service in 1989. Now that we know that many people will fly to the convention, we hope to get better discounts on flights than at *Contrivance*.



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## Membership Rate

Pre-supporting membership of *Helicon* is just £1. This will, of course, get you a discount of at least £1 off conversion if we win the bid.

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## Programme

We will run two main programme events at most times, split between the three main halls, as well as a number of smaller events. We currently intend that the programme will have a large element of serious science fiction whilst also being both enjoyable and thought-provoking. Building the programme round a number of 'themes' has worked well at recent Eastercons and *Helicon* intends to carry it on.

We intend using the cinema for major films on 35 mm format, with 16 mm films shown as part of the main programme. We also want to run as many streams of smaller programme and workshops as we feel we can in the space available – this is where most people can get involved as participants as well as audience. We should like to take the 'discussion circles' idea that *Eastcon*, the 1990 Eastercon, was trying to set up, and see what can be done.

One highlight that we have always planned for this particular site is the awards banquet. The banquet at *Contrivance* was a major success, and so we are planning to try again with a slightly larger budget and a wider brief for the chef. Don't miss it, especially if you're vegetarian.

And of course, how could we run an Eastercon at the Hotel de France without the Sunday night disco in Madison's nightclub?

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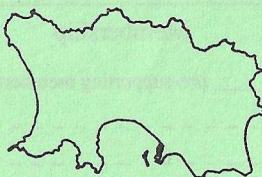
## Guests

It is our intention to invite both American and European Professional Guests of Honour. We want to honour both a major figure in the field and someone who, we feel, deserves a wider exposure in fandom. We have not yet approached any guests, and we would be interested to receive suggestions from our members.

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## Appeal

Not the usual sort for money; what we would like is copies of people's photographs of *Contrivance* that we could use for ~~blackmail purposes~~ in our publicity. The con committee were too busy then to take any (and besides, we were never ever going to do anything ever again at all ....)





## Pre-supporting Members as at 13 August 1990

|                         |                    |                        |                     |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Gill Alderman           | Steve Davies       | Adrian Last (1)        | John Richards       |
| John Alderman           | Robert Day         | Adrian Last (2)        | Roger Robinson      |
| Philip Allcock          | Simon de Wolfe     | Adrian Last (31)       | Steve Rothman       |
| Fiona Anderson          | Iain Dickson       | Alice Lawson           | David Row           |
| Neil Andrews            | Dermot Dobson      | Steve Lawson           | Marcus L Rowland    |
| Amanda Baker            | Vince Docherty     | Steve Linton           | M Sachs             |
| Henry Balen             | Paul Dormer        | Bill Longley           | Alison Scott        |
| John Bark               | Dominic Earl       | Alan Lord              | Mike Scott          |
| Toby Batch              | Martin Easterbrook | Jan Lord               | D M Sherwood        |
| Chris Bell              | Cathryn Easthope   | Gary A Loveridge       | Jean Sheward        |
| Peter Bibby             | Sue Edwards        | Brian MacDonald        | Joyce E Slater      |
| Neil Blaber             | Dave Ellis         | Hugh Mascetti          | Kenneth F Slater    |
| Lissa Blackburn         | Udo Emmerich       | Paul Maskens           | Anna Smith          |
| Alan Blackley           | John English       | Krsto Mazuranic        | Lisa Smith          |
| Hans-Ulrich Boettcher   | John Fairry        | Helen McCarthy         | Chris Southern      |
| Frances Bonner          | Mike Figg          | Peter McGarvey         | Jenny Southern      |
| Susan Booth             | David Allen Finch  | Joe McNally            | Maki Spanoudis      |
| Kjell Borgstrom         | Colin Fine         | Rob Meades             | Sylvia Starshine    |
| Alan Braggins           | Philip Fine        | Mark Meenan            | James Steel         |
| Jon Brewis              | Birgit Fischer     | Neale Mittenshaw-Hodge | John Stewart        |
| Ben Brown               | Brian Flatt        | Debbie Moir            | Lars Strandberg     |
| Denzil J Brown          | Dave French        | Andy Morris            | Marcus Streets      |
| Pat Brown               | Shirley French     | Caroline Mullan        | Neil Summerfield    |
| Saul A Bura             | Gwen Funnell       | Cherry Newton          | Chris Suscлович     |
| Mary J Burns            | Neil Gaiman        | Henry Newton           | Alyson Taylor       |
| Steve BurrIDGE          | Peter Garratt      | Andrew Norcross        | Graham Taylor       |
| Stephen Cain            | Joe Gibbons        | Gytha North            | Iain C Thomas       |
| Kim Campbell            | Steve Glover       | Chris O'Shea II        | Margaret Tout       |
| Mary Carmichael         | Tim Goodier        | Krystyna Oborn         | Ivan Towlson        |
| Mike Cheater            | Margaret Gordon    | Dave Packwood          | John Trasler        |
| Dave Clements           | J A Graham         | Anne Page              | P Treadaway         |
| David Cochrane          | Oliver Grütter     | Joan Paterson          | Mark Tucker         |
| Malcolm Cohen           | Urban Gunnarson    | Bernie Peek            | Larry van der Putte |
| Brigid Cooling          | John Harold        | Roger Perkins          | Hans van der Zee    |
| Barbara Cooper          | Martin Hoare       | Nick Petty             | Kees van Toorn      |
| Chris Cooper            | Derek Holt         | Arlene Peyton          | Bert Visser         |
| Keith Cosslett          | Valerie Housden    | Rog Peyton             | Joyce Visser        |
| Erik Coune              | Terry Hunt         | Annabel Pickering      | Peter Wareham       |
| George Coune            | Tony Ibbs          | Fran Pickering         | Kathy Westhead      |
| Jonathan Cowie          | Tim Illingworth    | Phil Plumbly           | Mike Westhead       |
| Dave Cox                | Rhodri James       | Mark Plummer           | Mike Whitaker       |
| John Crudgington        | Wilf James         | Terry Pratchett        | Margaret White      |
| Arthur Cruttenden       | Karen Kelsall      | Ann Pringle            | Kim Whysall         |
| Rafe Culpin             | Eileen Kenny       | David Pringle          | Bridget Wilkinson   |
| Patrick Curzon          | Rory Kenny         | James Pringle          | Paul Winship        |
| Patrick Curzon's friend | Alice Kohler       | Terry Pyle             | Mark Young          |
| John Dallman            | Dave Lally         | Richard the Rampant    |                     |
| Mike Damesick           | Nick Larter        | Thomas Recktenwald     |                     |

I want to join Helicon.

### Membership

... so here's £\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ pre-supporting memberships at £1 each.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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