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Mythcon 83 will be held at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, England, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday 16th September and ending at 5 p.m. on Sunday 18th September, although the Fan Room and Video Room will be open later.

Our guests are Joy Chant, author of 'Red Moon and Black Mountain' and 'The Grey Mane of Morning', and Bryan Talbot, artist for such varied magazines as 2000AD, Psst, Ad Astra and Near Myths, who has just published his first book, 'The Adventures of Luther Arkwright'. Neither Joy nor Bryan have been guests at a convention before.

In contrast, our third major guest is Mat Irvine, BBC Special Effects wizard, and Technical Editor of 'New Voyager'. He often appears on TV and has been a guest at several conventions, but still comes back for more. He will come subject to work commitments.

What is more, Marsha Jones will be returning to talk again on children's fantasy, and Avril Lansdell with yet more slides of fantasy costumes of other years, and Jack Cohen will give one of his scintillating talks on alien creatures.

We will have a full film programme, as well as a Video Room, a Dealer's room and Fan Room, and a Dungeons and Dragons Room.

There will also be an Art Room, open to all entrants, and an Art Auction, a disco on the Saturday evening, with a party for non disco enthusiasts, and a short story competition, if enough people are interested.

We are also having another D & D competition, but this year for teams, instead of single players.

There will be no Fancy Dress Competition, but anyone brave enough to turn up in a costume for the Parade before the disco will receive a free drink from the Committee.

We are asking for Stewards again, for looking after the Art Room and Video Rooms, as well as the Registration Desk and a few other duties. We are asking only for an hour each, and if everyone was prepared to give an hour we would have no problems, especially as all rooms will be shut for the guests' talks. Nothing spoils a convention more than having items damaged or stolen, so please consider if you personally are prepared to give one hour out of the whole weekend.

Now let's talk about money. Supporting Fee £2.00. Registration Fee £8. One Day Registration Fee £4.50.

Hotel Rates per room per night - Single Room £17.50, Double or Twin £30.00 This includes full English breakfast. It is possible to have an extra bed in a room for £5.00 per night, excluding breakfast, which must be paid for separately in this case. If anyone just cannot afford the hotel rates, as they are not in employment, please write to Marion van der Voort, 131, Sheen Lane, London SW14 8AE.

We will be supplied by the hotel with meals at a reasonable rate again, so as everyone agreed at the Feedback Discussion we will not be having a Buffet Supper this year.

We will be having a Feedback form and discussion after the convention again, so look for your form in the Convention envelope and be prepared to criticise - and praise, we hope.

Please book as early as possible as we have to restrict numbers, and late bookers will probably have to have an overspill hotel.

Your Registration Form is overleaf, please read it carefully before you fill it in, and enclose 2 stamped addressed envelopes, for your receipt and for another Progress Report.

See you in Birmingham!

IMPORTANT! We cannot accept registrations on the door.

We cannot accept a change from Supporting to Attending Membership after the 1st September 1983.