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If you are reading this over somebody's shoulder and think it might be a good idea to register for Novacon 10 then you are going to be disappointed as we closed registrations on the 1st October. For the fortunate ones to whom this progress report is addressed congratulations! you only have one more of these incredible pieces of literature to read before Novacon as this is the final progress report for this year's convention.

**START TIME** We are not starting this year any earlier than 6.30 and it may be a little later as we have to wait for the person presenting our first item to arrive from London after work. (This is not one of the traditional excuses for late running at Novacon I realise but every convention should have its share of innovation.)

**HOW TO GET TO THE HOTEL** If you live in Birmingham, you'll find it easy. To all those living outside of Birmingham we are enclosing a map issued by the Royal Angus which should prove to be useful. In addition to this information we should point out that there is a bus route between New Street Station and the Hotel. (Or rather there may be a bus route between the two - it runs at the moment but there are suggestions which are being vigorously contested to shut this route down.) The bus runs from Stephenson Street. After coming through the ticket barrier at the Station you will see escalators ahead of you. Go up an escalator and turn left at the top, walking past the indoor fountain through the exit to New Street. Emerging from the Station complex you will find yourself at the top of a ramp leading down to New Street. At the top of this ramp, on your left-hand side you will find a narrow staircase leading down to Stephenson Street. The bus stop is at the bottom of this staircase. The bus required is the 101 and is always a single decker. There is a standard fare of 10p (no tickets are issued on this route). Following the map provided, the bus route is Stephenson St, Navigation St, up Hill St to Paradise St, around Paradise Circus, through Summer Row and into Great Charles St, around St Chad's Circus and up Snow Hill Circus. The bus stops about half way up Snow Hill Circus - get off at this point and walk back down the hill to St Chad's Queensway. **NOTE** this bus is the shopper's special and therefore does not run after 6pm or on Sundays. Up till 6pm it runs every 2 or 3 minutes.

**HOW TO GET TO THE CENTRE HOTEL** If you are booked into the overflow hotel, directions are a little simpler. The Centre Hotel is situated in New Street, exactly opposite the Odeon Cinema (No 35 on the map). Arrival by train - instructions as above out of New Street Station. Instead of descending stairs to Stephenson Street, go down ramp and turn right into New Street. The hotel is on the opposite side of the road about 30 yards along. Arrival by car from M6 - At Spaghetti junction take A38M to city and continue to end of motorway. Take left side lane into Lancaster Circus and along James Watt Ringway and Moor Street Ringway, clockwise around St Martins Circus and turn into New Street traffic lights and turn left towards and then right into Stephenson Street. There is an NCP car park on the left as Stephenson Street

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ends and Navigation Street starts. This is the most convenient car park to the Centre Hotel.

Arrival by car from M5 - instructions as map to Royal Angus as far as Broad Street. At end of Broad Street turn left into Paradise Circus and follow around clockwise to the Town Hall ( No 16 on the map ). Turn left into New Street. Continue down New Street until forced to turn left or right. Turn right. Then turn right again into Stephenson Street and the NCP car park is about 60yds along on the left.

Arrival by car from A34 - along the A34 into Digbeth and follow City Centre signs into and clockwise around St Martins Circus. At the Rotunda ( see above ) turn left into New Street and follow directions as from M6 above.

#### WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL AT THE ROYAL ANGUS

- 1) Book into the hotel on the ground floor and get to your room.
- 2) Proceed to the 2nd floor by lift. Turn right out of the lift and you will come to the convention registration desk.
- 3) At registration you will be asked for the balance of the registration fee if any - PLEASE NOTE -IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED A ROOM AND THUS PAID THE BALANCE OF THE REGISTRATION FEE COULD YOU PLEASE SEND SUCH BALANCE TO KRYSZYNA BULA BEFORE THE CONVENTION. The amount outstanding is £2.50 to convert from supporting to attending membership. Please make cheques payable to 'Novacon 10' and send them to Krystyna Bula, c/o 183 Shenley Road, Boreham Wood, Herts.
- 4) You will then be given your little bag of goodies, containing the programme booklet, the programme, your convention badge and your edition of a story written specially for Novacon 10 by Brian Alldiss. This story will be produced in a limited edition of 550. The bag will also contain the Nova Award voting forms, plus any odd leaflets that creep into the bag. Please wear your convention badge at all times as you should find it impossible to get served at the bar without it.
- 5) Go to the bar and buy the committee a drink. Repeat this step until the committee says "no thanks I've had enough."

#### PROGRAMME

- 1) University challenge. We have had eight teams entered for this event and will be having a pre-convention eliminator. We will be sending to the captains of the following teams; THE CITY ILLITERATES, THE GANNETS, THE RED ARMY CHOIRBOYS, THE SURREY LIMPWRISTS, YE DEF REDD INDIANS, ALCHEMISTS ANONYMOUS, THE SLY FOXES, CUSFS/STAFFEN LIMPWRISTS; a list of twenty questions which have to be answered by any means before the con. The best four sets of answers to these questions will then be included in the University Challenge proper. If the captains of any of the above teams has not received their preliminary questions by the time they receive this progress report please give me a ring on 021 236 1112
- 2) Fancy dress parade. For all those of you who haven't bothered to read your previous progress report - there is not a fancy dress parade this year but we will be giving spot prizes at the disco. Please therefore do not ask for special staging, lighting, or music as such things will not be available. Also do not plan to have very elaborate staged pieces as they will undoubtedly get in the way of and annoy all those people who wish to dance.
- 3) Slide show. We are still seeking slides and photos for the slide show, so if you are willing to loan us some of your slides of previous cons please send them to Krystyna whose address is given elsewhere in this progress report. We will take good care of such slides of course but we will not be able to accept them at the actual con.
- 4) Auction. All donations for this are welcome whether as donations to the convention or some other good cause such as GUFF or TAFF or the committee poor relief fund or as items to be sold on commission.
- 5) Art auction. Any queries please contact Marsha Jones.
- 6) general. Otherwise the mix is very similar to previous years with chat shows, debates, panel discussions and the like; plus the various films listed last time.

#### EATING

Where you eat and what you eat is entirely at your discretion. There is no Banquet this year. Half the Hotel Restaurant will be open Friday and Saturday evenings and Friday and Sunday lunch time. If you wish to eat in the Hotel you may be advised to book in advance. As for the reason that only half the restaurant will be open, keep reading and you will find out. In addition the Hotel will also be providing a cheap meal (£1) at the following times - Friday 5.30 - 8.30; Saturday 1.00 - 2.00 and 6.30 - 7.30; Sunday 6.30 - 7.30. They will also be providing similar meals on each at MIDNIGHT. The times of breakfast are:- Saturday 8.00-10.30; Sunday 8.00-10.30 and Monday 7.30 -10.00.

#### DRINKING

Obviously the most important part of any convention is the arrangements for drinking. This year the bar will be open until at least 3.00 am and probably longer as they will keep it open as long as there are a reasonable number of people still drinking. Also this year one half of the restaurant, the half not open as a restaurant, will be opened as an extension of the bar, so there should be far more room available this year than there has been in previous years. In view of the complaints that there have been in previous years I'm sure that you will be pleased to know that there will be no problem this year about drinking in the hotel during Sunday afternoon as we will still be resident in the hotel.

#### THE BOOKROOM

Books will be on sale during the weekend from various dealers who will be only too happy to part with various literary delights. Books will be on sale at the following times:

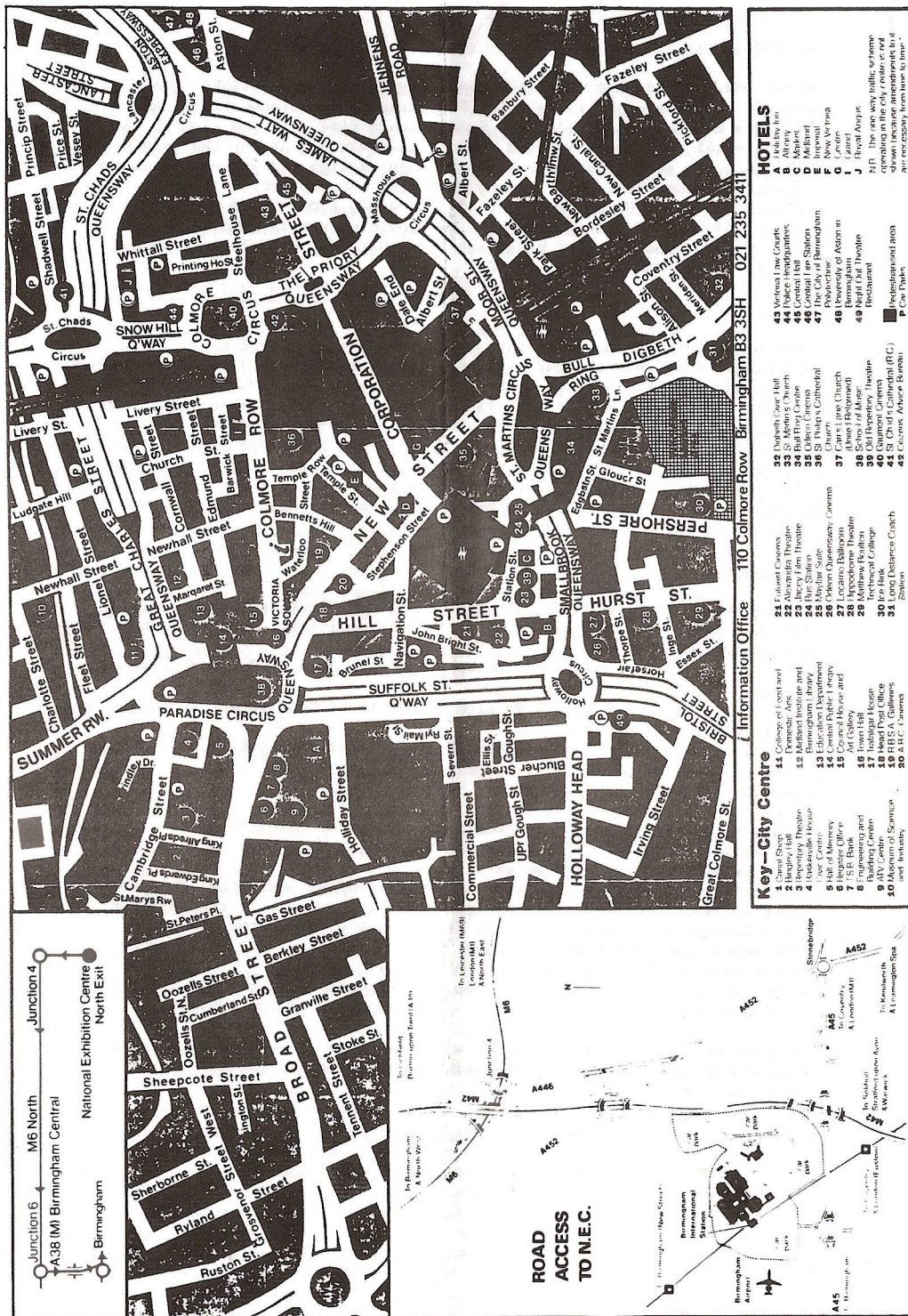
- Friday: the bookroom will open at 2pm and close at 6.30pm.  
Saturday: from 9.30am to 6.30pm (except during the Guest of Honours speech).  
Sunday: from 10am to approximately 6.30.

#### GENERAL

Remember that it is your responsibility to pay the hotel for your room. You must be out of your room by midday on the day you have been booked up to, or you will be charged for an extra day. By the time you receive this you will have received your hotel confirmation. Check to see that the details are correct. If you haven't received your hotel booking confirmation, or any details are wrong on the one you've received, contact Meg Peyton or Krystyna Bula at the addresses or phone numbers given on the last page of this report. We may still need to add to our supply of Gophers so if you are interested in helping in this way please contact Keith Obern at the convention.

That seems to be all for now so we will see you at the convention and hope that you all have as good a convention as the committee intend to have.





# REGISTERED MEMBERS FOR NOVACON 10 (continued from PR1).

If your name is incomplete, or wrong, on the following list please let Krystyna know you full correct name so that the badges can be done correctly.

307 Peter Worrall	362 Greme Stillie	417 Fred Indesit
308 Sue Wilson	363 Linda Stillie	418 Mike Scantlebury
309 Brian Wilson	364 Arther Kirby	419 Laurie Britton
310 Rob Hansen	365 Martha Kirby	420 Keith Guard
311 Greg Pickersgill	366 Kohn Owen	421 Joan Paterson
312 Andrew Hall	367 Terry Gibbons	422 Andie Burland
313 ?	368 Kathleen Mitchell	423 Geoff Rippington
314 Stuart Hall	369 Kevin Leonardi	424 SG Lawson
315 Philip Greenaway	370 Majorie Nuttall	425 T Young
316 Robert Heath	371 Stan Nuttall	426 Peter Cohen
317 Martin Reed	372 Terry Summerskill	427 Jan Huxley
318 Kate McAulay	373 Tina Davis	428 Chris Hughes
319 John Butcher	374 Trevor Davis	429 Brian Asbury
320 Kevin Anderson	375 Mary Stewart	430 Gerry Gillin
321 John Wilkes	376 Glen Pugh	431 ?
322 Peter Holdsworth	377 Chris Amderson	432 ?
323 Nigel Buckland	378 Roger Robinson	433 ?
324 Huw Parry	379 Chris Baker	434 ?
325 Phill Probert	380 A Cash	435 ?
326 Peter Seddon	381 John Welsh	436 ?
327 Arnold Akien	382 Doreen Toyer	437 Jonathan Flint
328 K Pugh	383 Tim Williams	438 Elise Pechevsky
329 Paul Thorley	384 Phil Collins	439 Mark Jeffcock
330 Janice Arter	385 Adrian Jordin	440 Kenneth Mann
331 Ian Lightbown	386 Lynn Brown	441 Andrew Bradbrook
332 Robert Holdstock	387 Sherrard Brown	442 Glen Warminger
333 Kevin Smith	388 Joe Gibbons	443 Sue Gadd
334 Leroy Kettle	389 Paul Foster	444 Mike Gadd
335 Kate Daies	390 Robin Levy	445 Mike Llewellyn
336 Malcolm Davies	391 Jim Allan	446 Mike Brown
337 Bob Shaw (the other)	392 Bill Carlin	447 ?
338 David Montgomery	393 Douglas Hill	448 Dave Raggett
339 Chris Lewis	394 Michael Hill	449 Volin Hand
340 Pete Wright	395 Marianne Wilding	450 Trevor Williams
341 William Foodall	396 Oxm Scoffin	451 Simon Beresford
342 D West	397 Andrew Rose	452 Bill Bains
343 G Day	398 Laura Wheatley	453 ?
344 Bonny Milner	399 Nick Mills	454 Roy Arblaster
345 Rod Milner	400 Chris Davenport	456 Tim Groome
346 Philip Griffiths	401 Timothy Colledge	457 Robert Hepple
347 Peter Jones	402 Denis Howe	458 Andrew Taubman
348 Isabelle Doyle	403 Aandi Inston	
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350 Ian Colbert	405 Marjorie Sachs	
351 Tony Ibbs	406 A Frost	
352 Heather Richmond	407 Mike Brown	
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354 Sheila Holdstock	409 Daniel Carr	
355 Roshan Dedhar	410 N Hardiman	
356 Anna Dedhar	411 Duncan Gilson	
357 Pete Tyers	412 Andrew Frost	
358 Pete Grove	413 David Hardy	
359 Simone Walsh	414 R D Swan	
360 Graham Andrews	415 ?	
361 N J Mann	416 Allen Boyd-Newton	



Corresspondence re NOVACON10 should be sent to one of the following addresses;

Registrations, Booking Forms, etc. to Krystyna Bula, c/o 183 Shenley Road,  
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Art Show queries,etc. to Marsha Jones, 9 Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead,  
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