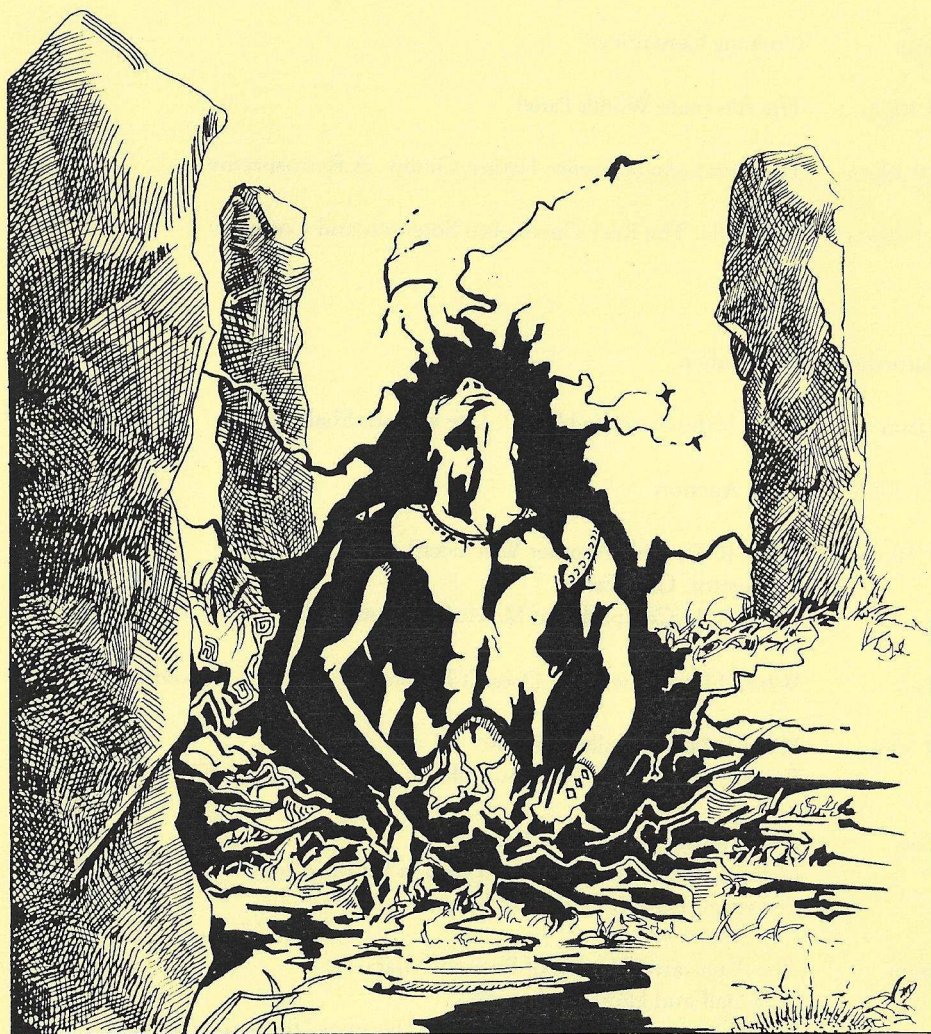


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Novacon 26 Programme of Events

Friday 8th November

- 6pm *The Dave Lally Programme begins in the Flying Scotsman*
(see notices in the room for details)
- 8pm Opening Ceremony
- 8.30pm The Alternate Worlds Panel
- 10.30pm The Birmingham Science Fiction Group: A Retrospective
- 11.30pm Farberella: The Rock Opera - Ian Sorensen and Company

Saturday 9th November

- 10am What If the Swan Had Sunk? Life without Shakespeare
- 11.30am Book Auction
- 1.30pm What If We Held Another Worldcon?
Moderator: Gary Farber.
Panel: KIM Campbell, Pat McMurray, Pam Wells
- 3pm What If David Gemmell Doesn't Present the Guest of Honour Speech?
- 4.30pm What If Magic Really Did Exist?
Panel: Storm Constantine, Sue Mason, Freda Warrington
- 5pm *Diana Wynne Jones Launch Party*
Gollancz host a signing session and party in the Dave Lally
Programme Room (the Flying Scotsman)
- 6pm The Alternative Version of Shooting Stars
A Siddall and Hicks Production
featuring Alice Lawson and Michael Abbott as "the Team Captains"

- 8pm What If Beer Was Never Invented?
Panel: Iain Banks, Julian Headlong, Greg Pickersgill
- 9.30pm The band "Bad" - half the members of the popular four-piece "Bad Influence" present the first of two acoustic sets in the bar. 9.30 - 11.30
TWP party 211
- 10pm WipeOut
Hosted by Quiz Mistress and Diva Pam Wells
- 11pm "Bad" present the second of two acoustic sets in the bar.
- 11.30 TAFF auction main prog bring stuff

Sunday 10th November

- 10am What If...?
Dr Jack Cohen talks about alternate ecologies
- 11.30am Art Auction
- 1.30pm The Scope of Alternative Worlds In and On Literature
Andy Sawyer
- 3pm TALES OF THE LEGION
Sandman Productions present their new film
(Please note: this film contains language that some people may find offensive.)
- 4.30pm Awards Ceremony
- 7pm What If Mike Siddall Rants and Rants and Rants?
Featuring the TAFF Auction, Big Spiders, Pam Wells and Her Team

Please note that the programme may have changed since this was produced (surprise, surprise). Any last-minute alterations will be posted on the flip chart next to the Novacon Registration Desk/Ops Room.

Unless otherwise stated all programme items will be in the George Stephenson/James Watt suite.

Restaurant Guide by Tony Morton

For those not "in the know", the Hotel Ibis lies within Birmingham's Chinese Quarter. There are therefore several good restaurants in close proximity. The area also boasts some good - for wants of a better expression, "Other" restaurants and cafes, etc such as Mr Egg (you probably passed it on the way here..) which is cheap, close and opens VERY late (see map). The list is undoubtedly not extensive, so any you find that we should know about, pass it on. And so, see below for ...

Places to eat out at Novacon (close to the Hotel Ibis.)

Restaurants	Location and telephone number (if known)	Number on map	Type of Cuisine
ABBASS	Bristol St	1	Indian-Balti
AGRA FORT	Suffolk St Queensway: (643 2230)	2	Indian - general (?)
ALOKA TANDOORI	Bristol St (622 2011)	3	Indian-Tandoori
ASIA BALTI HOUSE	Horsefair	4	Indian-Balti
BAMBOS	John Bright St (643 5621)	6	Greek
BOMBAY	Essex St (622 3106)	7	Indian - general
CHINA COURT	Ladywell Walk (666 7031)	9	Chinese
CHINA VILLA	Bromsgrove St (622 4730)	10	Chinese
CHUNG YING	Wrottesley St (622 5669)	11	Chinese
CHUNG YING GARDENS	Thorp St (666 6622)	12	Chinese
DYNASTY	Hurst St (622 1410)	14	Chinese
FESTIVAL BALTI	Arcadian (622 6289)	15	Indian-Balti
GOLDEN POND	Pershore St (622 7395)	16	Chinese
JUST HEALTH	Arcadian (622 5923)	18	Health food
KOH-I-NOOR	Horsefair (622 2053)	19	Indian - general
LA CAPANNA	Hurst St (622 2287)	20	Italian
MAHARAJA	Hurst St (622 2641)	21	Indian - general
MR YEUNG	Arcadian (622 5677)	25	Chinese
NEW HAPPY GATHERING	Station St (643 5247)	27	Chinese
PIZZA HUT	Arcadian (622 7479)	31	Pizza
ROYAL TANDOORI	Smallbrook Queensway (643 0976)	34	Indian - tandoori
SHAH'S	Station St (643 5723)	36	Indian - general
TAJ MAHAL	Theatre Approach (643 3695)	39	Indian - general
TEPPAN YAKI	Arcadian (622 5183)	40	Japanese
TONG LEE	Corner Bromsgrove St/Hurst St (622 1989)	41	Chinese (and personal favourite)
ULYSSES	Bristol St (622 3159)	42	Greek

Note : The Arcadian is on TWO levels

Pubs Serving Food	Location (Map No.) and telephone number (if known)	Number on map	Type of Cuisine
AUSTRALIAN BAR	Corner Hurst st/Bromsgrove St	5	Pub serving food
FOX	Hurst St	17	Pub serving food (Real Ale)
MARCO POLO	Ladywell Walk	22	Pub serving food
MOON & SIXPENCE	Arcadian/Ladywell Walk	23	Pub serving food
PAT O'CONNELL'S	Hurst St	30	(Irish)Pub serving food

Cafe/Takeaway	Location and telephone number (if known)	Number on map	Type of Cuisine
CAFE SURF	Arcadian	8	specialist tea/coffee -and Internet
CITY FISH BAR	Inge St	13	Fish & Chips
JUNCTION	Horsefair	17	Fast food
MR EGG	Hurst St	24	eggs and everything. Open VER late and cheap
MR YEUNG	Kotwall House, Ladywell Walk	26	Chinese takeaway
OSCARS	Hurst St	28	Kebab House
PARTNERS	Hurst St	29	cafe/bar
PIZZA PIE	Holloway Circus	32	Pizzas
QUICK EATER	Holloway Circus	33	go and see
SATIS-FACTORY	Hurst St	35	Sandwiches
SHAMRAM KEBABS	Smallbrook Queensway	37	Kebabs
SUM YE	Arcadian	38	Chinese fast food

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The Novacon committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked on this year's convention - thanks!

Location of Restaurants





Hotel Food and Drink

Breakfast: Will be served from 6.30am-10.30am in the restaurant and in the non-smoking lounge (Brunel) that adjoins the restaurant area. (A "light" breakfast is available from 4am on request.)

Buffet: Given the enormous selection of nearby outlets the hotel will NOT be offering the customary Novacon range of "cheap snack foods". However, on FRIDAY evening they will be offering a choice of a one course buffet meal for £6.50 or two course for £9.50. This will be open from 7pm-10pm. If there is sufficient demand on Friday the hotel will offer this service again during the weekend.

(As this publication went to press we were still awaiting a final decision from the hotel as to whether or not rolls and soup will be available from the bar.)

Bar: The will be open from 11.30am until approximately 2am (later if sufficient demand).

The Hotel: Given the size and straight-forward layout of the Ibis, a hotel plan does not seem necessary. However, this brief guide to facilities should prove useful:

Main Programme	-	George Stephenson/James Watt
Book Room	-	Caledonian
Dave Lally Programme	-	Flying Scotsman
Art Show	-	Earl Haig
No Smoking Lounge (Overflow Breakfast Area)	-	Brunel

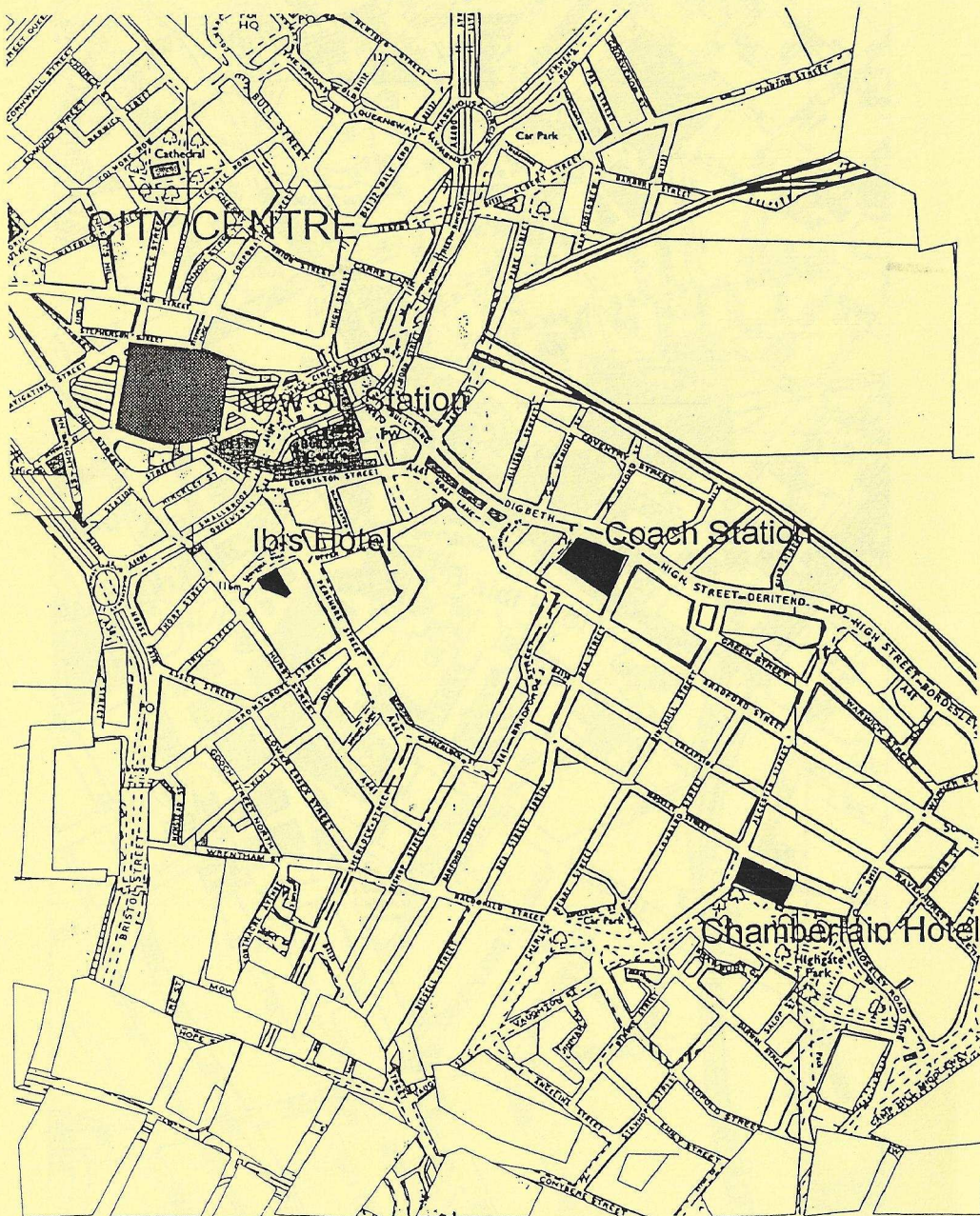
Dire Warnings: Please remember that the Hotel Ibis is in the business of selling accommodation, drink and food for profit. Neither the management of the Ibis nor the Novacon committee will approve of people "crashing" in rooms they haven't paid for, and/or smuggling food/drink into the hotel. The Novacon committee will obviously support the hotel in any dispute with members of Novacon caught crashing and/or smuggling.

No Smoking: Please do not smoke in the function rooms nor in designated no smoking areas in the lounge, restaurant and bar.

Location of the Hotel Ibis



Location of Ibis Hotel and Route to City Centre



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David Brin, John Brunner,
Ramsey Campbell, C J Cherryh,
Storm Constantine, Neil Gaiman,
David Gemmell, Simon Green,
Harry Harrison, Graham Joyce,
Gary Kilworth, Stephen Lawhead,
Paul McAuley, Anne McCaffrey,
"Grant Naylor", Terry Pratchett,
Robert Rankin, Michael Scott Rohan,
Kim Stanley Robinson, Bob Shaw,
Dan Simmons, Sheri S Tepper,
Patrick Tilley, Ian Watson,
Tad Williams and "Jonathan Wylie"**

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