

Head Me!

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	10.00 The Cult of Science	
	11.30 Book Auction	11.00 Chernobyl Revisited
	13.30 Conventions: What do we do next?	12.30 Art Auction
19.00 Opening Ceremony		14.00 Greek Theatre 101
	15.00 GUEST OF HONOUR	15.30 People who bought this also read...
	17.00 Television: Anything to do with us?	17.00 Awards Ceremony
	18.30 So what were fanzines, grandpa?	
19.30 Space Opera	20.00 Films: Pink Five	19.00 Beer Tasting and Scottish Food
21.00 Book Launch	21.30 Pub Quiz	
22.30 Room 101		
Late: Films		

The Programme by Dave Hicks

[Note: At time of writing, we don't expect any major changes to the programme. Last minute amendments will be announced at the opening ceremony and/or widely publicised both via notices and by the tried and tested method of a man shouting in the bar. More details in programme book.

Friday

7.00pm Opening Ceremony

In which the committee introduce Ken MacLeod, Guest of Honour, read any important notices and escape as soon as possible.

7.30 Space Opera

Will we change the Universe, or will it change us?

9.00 Book Launches

Featuring Ian Watson and Storm Constantine, free wine and nibbles.

10.30 Room 101

Steve Green grills Ken MacLeod about his pet hates.

Late Films:

Eddie Loves You/ Call of Cthulhu.

Saturday

10.00 The Cult of Science

Are we too reverent and uncomprehending of real science?

11.30 Book Auction

Rog Peyton will try and sell you an empty plastic bag. And some books.

1.30pm Conventions: What do we do next?

Worldcons, Eastercons and more.

3.00 GUEST OF HONOUR: KEN MACLEOD

5.00 Television: Anything to do with us?

TV SF and Fantasy. As fans, do we feel we "get it" more than non-fans?

6.30 So, what were Fanzines, grandpa?

What's the future for written fanzines, webzines etc.

8.00 Films: The Pink Five Trilogy

9.30 The Science Fiction Pub Quiz

We are looking for teams of up to 6, so get your team together! The bar in the Programme Room will be open, with a barrel of real ale so you don't have to walk too far.

People's Disco.

If you really feel the need to bop, then it's DIY.

Sunday

11.00 Chernobyl Revisited

Illustrated talk on what the site is like now.

12.30pm Art Auction

Your chance to buy from the artshow with master auctioneers, Rog Peyton and Chris Morgan.

2.00 Greek Theatre 101

Introduction to Greek drama with Tony Keen.

3.30 People Who Bought This Also Read....

What sort of non-sf do Fans read?

5.00 Awards Ceremony

The raffle is drawn, the Novas presented, the committee breathes a sigh of relief and we tell you about next year. But wait, it's not over yet because then it's...

7.00 Beer Tasting and Scottish Food

Ticket Holders ONLY for the hot food. The food will be served at 7.30pm. The traditional Beer Tasting will also be taking place. As usual admittance is by presenting registration with three bottles of beer (or £5.00 if you're really boring) in return for a BEER BADGE. Only badge holders may take part in the beer tasting although soft drinks are available free to all.

Dave Lally's Programme

In addition to the highlights above the Dave Lally Programme will run from 4pm on Friday until Sunday afternoon in the Dudley Room (straight down the corridor from Hotel reception, first syndicate room on your left after the stairs); see the flip chart outside for details of what Dave will have on offer.

Food and Drink

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the Saddle Room Restaurant (next to the bar) from 8am until 10.30am on Saturday and Sunday, and 7.30am until 9.30am on Monday. **BREAKFAST VOUCHERS** will be issued this year, which can be exchanged over the bar for a baguette if you're too hung over to make brekky.

Lounge (No 10) Bar

Will be open from 10.30am each day and cash and GRTs (Gopher Reward Tokens) will be accepted in payment for drinks throughout the weekend.

Also throughout the weekend Soup & Roll for £1.75 and a selection of filled baguettes (salad & filling) at £2.05 each will be available from the bar. Tea and Coffee will also be available from the bar throughout the weekend for £1.30 per serving, or you can order from the hotel's swish new coffee machine. Chocolate bars will also be on sale.

The Hotel have laid on a supply of Black sheep Bitter at the special price of £2.15 per pint. In addition the Hotel have arranged a supply of draught Addlestons Cider especially for the con at £2.20 per pint.

In addition to the Black Sheep, 10oz glasses of lemonade or coke at 80p each; orange juice and lemonade at £1.55 per pint

Convention Menu

Evening meals will be served in the Saddle Room Restaurant; Lunch time menus in the No 10 Lounge Bar on Saturday from 12.00-14.30, with a limited version throughout Sunday afternoon.

But please note that Sunday Lunch will be available in the Saddle Room Restaurant -- full Roast Carvery at £7.15 per head.

Friday

From the Saddle Room Restaurant 6pm-9.00pm. Selection of hot food with vegetarian option - £6.60 per person . Salad bar £2.00, jacket potato and filling £2.05. Dessert £1.55 extra (from the dessert "trolley").

From Servery in No 10 Bar Midnight

Bacon, Sausage or Chip rolls/baps/sandwiches £1.55 each. Vegetarian option

Saturday

From the No 10 Lounge Bar 12.00-2.30pm

As above.

From the Saddle Room Restaurant 6pm-9.30pm

As above

Or From the Saddle Room Restaurant 6pm-9.30pm

Salmon Steak £7.70 Rump Steak £8.70 Sirloin Steak £9.70

All steaks served with chips, mushrooms and a grilled tomato.

From Servery in No 10 Bar Midnight

Bacon, Sausage or Chip rolls/baps/sandwiches £1.55 each. Vegetarian option.

Sunday

From the Saddle Room Restaurant 12.00-15.00pm

Roast Carvery Selection / Hot Vegetarian Option

(NB: one course £7.15 per head)

From the No 10 Lounge Bar All afternoon

Selection of filled baguettes with Salad £2.05 each. Soup & Roll £1.75

From Servery in No 10 Bar Midnight

Bacon, Sausage or Chip rolls/baps/sandwiches £1.55 each

Novacon Registration

Novacon Registration will be open:

Friday: 4pm-6.30pm and 7.30pm-10pm for N36 Registrations ONLY.

Saturday: 10am-3.00pm and 4.00pm-6pm for all Novacon business.

Sunday: 10am-4.15pm for all Novacon business.

From Saturday morning onwards Registration will be selling: Novacon 36 day memberships at £20 Saturday and £15 Sunday; BEER BADGES for the Beer Tasting (£5.00 per person or your 3 bottles of beer); tickets for the Scottish Food at £9.00 (on sale until 4pm Sunday); memberships to Novacon 37 (just £30.00 at Novacon 36, rising to £33.00 after the con); raffle tickets in aid of the RNIB's Books for the Blind Project.

Dealers' Room

This is in the King Charles Suite and will be open from 4pm until 6.45pm on Friday, 10am until 2.45pm and 4.30 until 6pm Saturday, and 10am until 4pm on Sunday. Times are subject to change.

Art Show

In the Sedgley and Brierley Rooms (turn right at Hotel Reception and keep walking they're on your left). Next door in the Netherton, you will find our CD ROM artshow. They will be open from 10am until 6pm on Saturday and on Sunday from Sunday from 10am until noon.

Novacon Beer Tasting

As usual at such events we will be running the latest in a long series of Novacon Beer Tastings at the same time as our Scottish Food. This will be using the ever-popular BYOB (bring your own beer) format, at least 3 bottles to registration, or buy a badge for £5.

Novacon will have some beer on draught as well as a few other interesting bottles - the rest is up to you!

The Beer Tasting will start at 7pm on Sunday in the King Charles Suite. Scottish Food will be served from 7.30pm .

Gophers

If you *have* volunteered to be a gopher or if you *wish* to volunteer please report to Cat Coast or Chris Murphy in the Ops Room (Hatherton, up the stairs, which are down the corridor from Hotel reception).

R.N.I.B. Raffle

If you wish to purchase tickets for the annual raffle in aid of RNIB's Books for the Blind Project, Anne Woodford will be selling them around the con, but tickets will also be available from Novacon Registration -- Saturday onwards. In a change from established tradition, prizes will *not* be given out as the draw is made at the Award Ceremony. Instead prizes will be available for collection from a table set up in the Oliver Cromwell suite *after* the ceremony and winning numbers

will be posted on the flip chart outside the programme room.

Operations

Operations will be in the Hatherton Room, like last year we shall be operating a fascist 'tidy' Ops Room designated areas for stuff to be stored and no non-essential furniture (or people). However, you will still be able to leave coats and bags in Ops on request and **at your own risk**.

No Smoking

Please refrain from smoking in the Programme & Dealers Rooms, Art Show, and in other designated areas. Please note that the only *smoking* area of the Bar is on the left of the lounge area. Non-smokers please refrain from taking up all the seats in this area!

Dire Warnings

Please remember that the Quality Hotel is in the business of selling accommodation, drink and food for profit. Neither the management of the Quality Hotel 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".

Badges

As we have (again) failed to fill the hotel there will be non-convention guests in the Hotel. It is therefore essential that you wear your con badge **AT ALL TIMES!** If you do not you may be refused service in the con bars and food from the con menu. You **WILL** be challenged by our own security staff and prevented from entering function spaces and Hotel Staff may challenge anyone not wearing a badge.

Duplicate Room Keys

We have made arrangements with the Hotel so that if you are sharing a room and require a key each you should be able to get one this year.

(Unfortunately if you are in one of the 30 executive suites you cannot have a key each as they have different locks.)

However, if you require a key each you should have notified the Hotel of this on arrival. You may not be able to change your mind later because the Hotel will have programmed 100 rooms to accept duplicate key sets before we arrive. This is a time-consuming process and there are a limited number of these duplicate key sets available - the Hotel does not normally

use them and is buying them in especially for Novacon.

If you do have a key each please don't lose them! If you lose your key two new keys will be need to be issued immediately as your sharer's key won't work after you've used your new key! And if the hotel run out of pairs, then tough.

If you do not have a key each you can still easily gain access to your room by either tracking down your sharer or by asking Hotel Reception to let you in with a master, but please don't get them doing this all the time. The hotel will require you to produce your keycard as proof that it is your room, so please ensure you carry it.

Creche

There is NO formal crèche this year, but The Children's Play Room will still be available for parents to make their own arrangements. This is the Ashmore Room (down the corridor past Hotel reception, all the way past the Art Show Rooms, on the corner).

Check In & Out

Check-in time is from 2pm and check-out by 11am on the day of departure. (Bedrooms will be cleaned between 10am and 3pm). There is a special late check out time of 2pm on Sunday only.

Left Luggage

Luggage can be left in the Hatherton Room (upstairs).

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