

NOVACON 6

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group

5th-6th-7th November 1976

Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham

PROGRESS REPORT ONE.

As announced at Novacon 5, the Guest of Honour this year will be Dave Kyle who is known to almost everyone, but if you don't happen to be in that category let me enlighten you a little. He is an American member of First Fandom who has been living in England since the early seventies. Tall and dignified in appearance, he has a ready wit and a wealth of fannish anecdotes. Dave was co-founder of Gnome Press and his book 'The Pictorial History of SF', which will be published in May, is a must for all fen. We are very pleased that Dave has agreed to be our GoH.

We have again decided to hold Novacon at the Royal Angus Hotel this year, as the few complaints received by last year's committee, (chiefly concerning a lack of heating in some parts of the hotel, which the management assure us will not occur this time) were far outweighed by the many favourable comments.

For those who did not attend Novacon 5, The Royal Angus is a modern hotel only six years old. It can accommodate 222 guests, with each bedroom having bathroom, shower, radio & TV. The hotel has its own car park and is situated on the inner ring road, which can be reached from the M 6 by a direct expressway. For those travelling by rail it is easily reached by Centrebus, (only 2p) from New Street Station. A map and directions will be included with the final progress report.

Room rates show a slight increase on last year which we naturally regret, a single room will be £5.75 a night and a double or twin room £4.90 per person. These rates include continental breakfast, VAT and service charge. Full English breakfast will be available for an extra 75p. These rates are the lowest we could negotiate with the management in the face of current inflation, but they are definitely fixed and will not increase between now and Novacon. Booking forms will be dispatched in August.

Novacon will be held over the first weekend in November, i.e. 5th, 6th & 7th beginning Friday evening with a film. We are already in the process of selecting films in order to secure their booking, with the almost certain knowledge that the BBC will show one of them two weeks before the Con. Please bear with us as this is now traditional.

The programme, need I say, is two stages prior to embryonic at present, but there are nine months to go, (as I write this) and hopefully it will have developed somewhat by Progress Report 2.

May I appeal to you as faithful conventioners not to throw out anything remotely SF in the coming months, no matter how childish or inept you consider it, (remember, one person's meat.....) and place all such items in a box labeled 'Novacon 6 Auction' and bring it with you to the con. Thank you.



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The Art Display, which is now a regular feature of Novacon, will be staged in a room separate to that of the Book Dealers this year. Once again we hope to attract the work of the many excellent artists, working in visual SF, for both display and/or auction. Inquiries concerning space for art work, etc. should be addressed to :-

Marsha Elkin Jones,
25 Mount Way,
Bebington Hall Park
Higher Bebington,
Cheshire L63 5RA.

Marsha has kindly agreed to handle art show arrangements for us.

After the disappointingly low number of entries in the Fancy Dress Parade at the last two Novacons, it occurred to the committee that the making of two costumes a year is maybe too time consuming for many fen, and we have therefore decided to have a discotheque following the banquet. Anyone, is of course free to attend the disco in fancy dress, if they wish to do so. Have no fear, the disco will end to leave sufficient time for those who wish to attend dawn room parties which will, no doubt, be in full swing by then.

Don't forget to nominate a Fanzine for the NOVA Award, open to all non-professional magazines relating to SF or Fandom (the award will not be presented to the first issue of any 'zine) published between October 1st 1975 and September 30th 1976. All nominations & queries to:-

Hazel
40 Portia Avenue,
Shirley,
Solihull,
Warks.

There follows a list of Novacon 6 members, if your name does not appear you will receive no further information, you can rectify this by filling out the accompanying registration form and returning it to us with your fee.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED.

1 Dave Kyle	23 Hazel Salter	45 Pat Meara
2 Ruth Kyle	24 Jan Howard Finder	46 Miss E.D.Wash
3 Stan Eling	25 Andrew Stephenson	47 Brian Hampton
4 Helen Eling	26 Phil Johnson	48 Rod Milner
5 Arline Peyton	27 John Eggeling	49 Bonny Milner
6 Roger Peyton	28	50 Kevin Easthope
7 Laurence H. Miller	29	51 Charlie Winstone
8 Elaine Miller	30 Pauline E. Dungate	52 Colin J. Fine
9 Chris Morgan	31 Coral Clarke	53 Robert Jackson
10 Vernon Brown	32 Bruce Healey	54 Mike Brown
11 Howard Rosenblum	33 Bernard Peek	55 Ken Bulmer
12 Pandora Birch	34 Ron Bennett	56 Michael D. Damesick
13 Roger Perkins	35 Hazel C. Mansfield	57 Graeme Stillie
14 Martin Hoare	36 John Mansfield	58 Jake Grigg
15 Liese Hoare	37 Chris Fowler	59 Vera Johnson
16 J. David Hacker	38 Keith Freeman	60 Simone Walsh
17 Craig Johnson	39 Florence Russell	61 Greg Pickersgill
18 Brian Burgess	40 Ken Slater	62 Brian Rouse
19 Keith Oborn	41 Joyce Slater	63 Alan P. Isaacson
20 Martin Stallard	42 Phil Rogers	64 Harry Bell
21 Kevin Smith	43 Peter Mabey	65 Dave Cockfield
22 Dave Langford	44 Mike Meara	66 S. Bowmer

Committee by order of experience

Helen Eling the Registration Officer, after sitting at the registration desk for three Novacons, is now sitting on the committee for the first time and also pours our coffee.

Laurence Miller, committee member Novacon 5, is serving this year as Treasurer.

Arline Peyton is Novacon's intrepid secretary for the third year running.

Stan Eling attended Novacon 1, met Vernon Brown and has never recovered. Committee member Novacons 2, 3 & 4, escaped last year but was finally tracked down and in a ~~drunken~~ ~~weak~~ inspired moment volunteered to chair Novacon 6.

Till Progress Report Two,

Best

Stan Eling

NOVACON 6 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
in block capitals please

ADDRESS: _____

Please enclose £1.00 registration fee with this form for which you will receive all progress reports and the Programme Booklet. If you attend the Convention it will be deducted from your entrance fee.

Send To:- Helen Eling,
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Smethwick,
Warley,
West Midlands,
B67 5JS.

