

# NOVACON 9

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group

2nd-3rd-4th November 1979

Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham

## PROGRAMME

ALL CONVENTION PROGRAMME ITEMS WILL BE HELD IN THE CON HALL - THE WROXTON SUITE.

### FRIDAY

- 3.30pm The Convention Chairman Rog Peyton will open the convention by introducing our Guest of Honour Christopher Priest plus other famous names for the benefit of newcomers.
- 3.45pm Film: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. A British film from 1946 directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. It stars David Niven and is a fantasy film telling how, in the mind of a man undergoing a critical brain operation, a court trial takes place. Fantasy sections are in colour - the rest in black and white.
- 5.30pm "Where Have All the Aliens Gone?" - a talk by Gerry Webb suitably illustrated with slides.
- 6.30pm Dinner break.
- 8.30pm Science Fiction "University Challenge". First of the eliminating rounds - teams are the Surrey Limpwrist vs The Brummies. Quizmaster: Chris Morgan.
- 9.30pm The NOVACON Chat Show. An informal and relaxed programme item in which our hostess, the blonde and beautiful Eve Harvey chats to three members of the convention.
- 10.30pm Film: DOC SAVAGE: THE MAN OF BRONZE. The Michael Anderson/George Pal movie of the invincible superhero, made in 1975. Stars Ron Ely in the title role. (Running time: 1hr 40min)

## SATURDAY

- 10.00am Science Fiction "University Challenge". Second eliminating round. Teams are Scotland vs Cambridge University. Quizmaster: Chris Morgan.
- 10.45am Tea/Coffee break.
- 11.00am "The Science Fiction Boom...and the Aftermath" - a panel discussion chaired by Ken Bulmer. The panellists are Mike Dickinson, Ken Slater and Andrew Stephenson.
- 12.00 Book Auction Part 1. Auctioneers: Chris Morgan & Rog Peyton.
- 1.00pm Lunch break.
- 2.30pm "Meetings with Remarkable Men" - a talk by our Guest of Honour Chris Priest, followed by a chance to ask Chris questions on any subject.
- 3.15pm "This House believes that characterisation is not necessary for good SF." A debate under formal debating rules. Speaking for the motion will be Ian Watson and Dave Langford. Speaking against the motion will be Pam Bulmer and Pete Weston. In the chair will be Tim Stannard.
- 4.15pm Tea/Coffee break.
- 4.30pm Short Films: (1) INCIDENT AT OWL CREEK BRIDGE - 1961 French film based on story by Ambrose Bierce.  
(2) THE ASIMOV INTERVIEW. First showing in UK of a film made in August this year by the BBC (Not yet shown on TV!)
- 5.30pm Book Auction Part 2. Auctioneers: Chris Morgan and Rog Peyton.
- 7.00pm Dinner break.
- 10.00pm The Fancy Dress Parade. Your host: Martin Hoare.  
Followed by THE DISCO - dancing to all types of music to the early hours.  
Your Dj this year: Geoff Kemp.

## SUNDAY

10.30am Science Fiction "University Challenge" - Grand Final.

11.30am Tea/Coffee break.

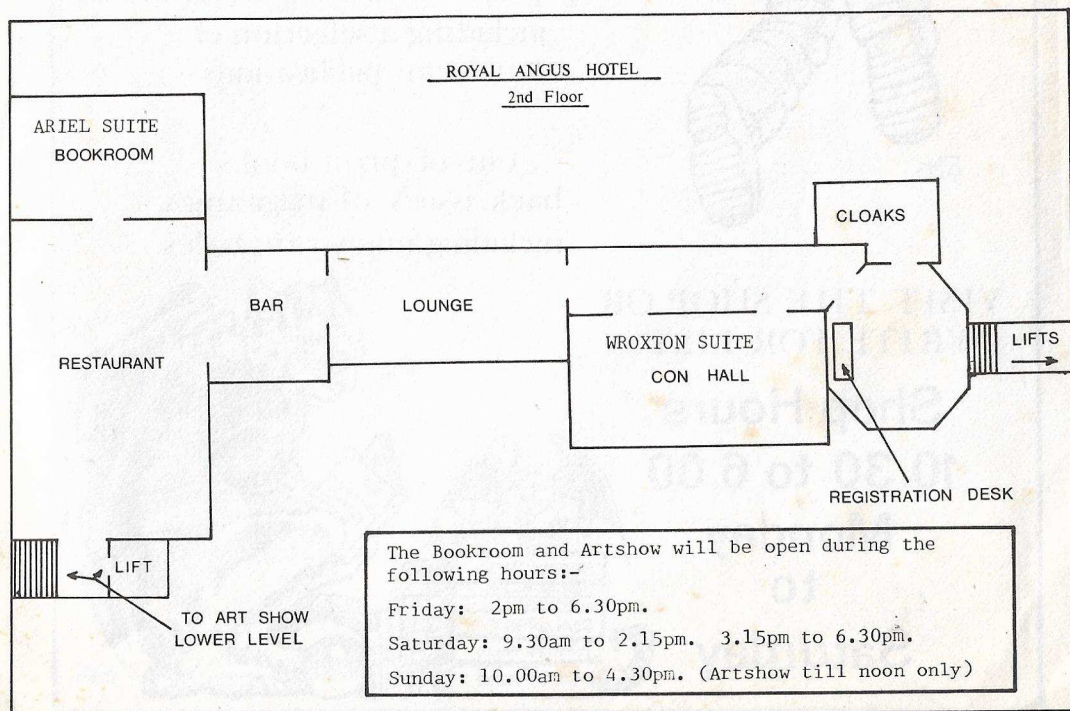
11.45am Open Forum - the Future of NOVACONS. This is your chance to air your views on how NOVACON should be run in the future - bigger and bigger each year or smaller affairs in line with the original intentions of NOVACON? If we have smaller NOVACONS how do we stop people registering?

12.30pm Lunch break.

2.00pm Art Auction. Auctioneer: Rog Peyton.

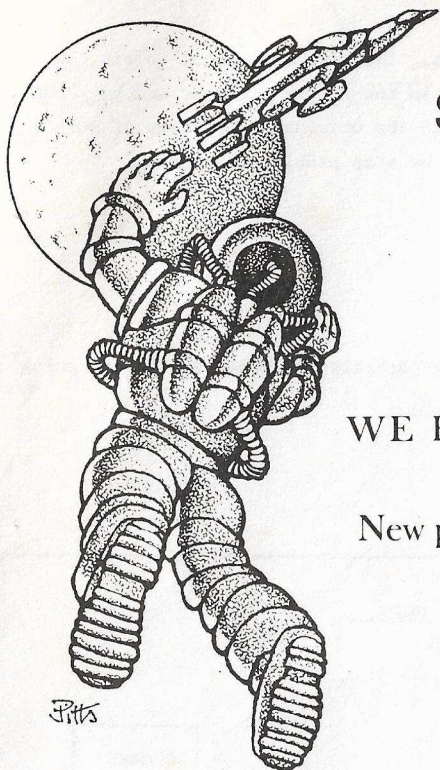
2.45pm (approx) A Selection of short films. Details not known at time of going to print.

4.30pm (approx) END OF CONVENTION.



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