

CONQUEST

Science Fantasy

Convention

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Hello again. I would say Good Morning, but since I last sat at this console there has been a Postal Strike in this area and I bet this won't get to you till the afternoon...

Find enclosed even more details about our spiffing convention. There have been no major problems so far (we are starting to get worried about this) and there is a steady stream of members coming in. This should make its first appearance in time for ALBACOV, so if any of you want to either a) give me money b) buy me a drink or c) complain, I will be there somewhere. I am kind of hard to miss...

One snag that has arisen since the last PR is that another convention that was booked into the Ingram for this month has folded, and obviously the management of the hotel are slightly nervous about our booking. Therefore, we would really appreciate it if you could send in your deposit for your hotel room as quickly as your bank manager is happy with; just to make the hotel manager sleep more easily at night. October is the hotel's busiest time and he has already turned down bookings for business conventions on that weekend.

Another word about the postal strike. We have heard of people who have not received the first PR and there may be some people who have enquired about something and as of yet not received a reply. This is probably caused by the pieces of paper in question still being locked in the postal system somewhere, so if you know of anyone missing information and/or PRs, please either try to let us, or then know about the strike. The safest way of getting in touch with me is by phone, number at the back

The Penultimate PR will be out in time for MYTHCON in September, so look out for it.

See you around

Linda Miller

NOT A GUEST OF HONOUR

Last PR we introduced you to our Guests of Honour. Now we have great pride in introducing you to our first Not A Guest of Honour. Yes, folks in the great tradition of Not The Nine o'clock Whatdoyoumccallitt and Not The PR, we are proud to announce our first Not A Guest of Honour... He may look like a Guest of Honour, he may act like a Guest of Honour (Give talks, accept free drinks, sign books, accept free drinks, etc.) but do not be deceived, he is just a normal (?) member of the convention pretending to be a Guest of Honour. Indeed, there will be many such creatures at CONQUEST but more of those in the last PR. For now, let us dwell, briefly, on the many and varied talents of

BRYAN TALBOT

Bryan managed to find himself as a Not A Guest of Honour by first of all signing up as a normal member of the convention and then agreeing to doing some talks, panels debates etc. This tends to show him up as the nice person he is. It doesn't say a lot about his talent as a writer/artist though and believe me, he is talented. His first foray into professional comics was in the early seventies with BRAINSTORM; his latest with his invitation to take over GENESIS the WARLOCK in 2000 AD. In between there exists a great deal of excellent work, especially his Luther Arkwright stories, which blend together, history, the future, alternative dimensions, differing timelines, goddies, haddies, James Bond etc. into a coherent, intelligent, relevant storyline. No mean feat. Reading Luther requires as much commitment from the reader as was obviously put in by the writer... not your every day image of a comic book. Bryan is like many present day comic writers/artists, in that he treats his audience as adult and expects them to treat his stories the same way. As a person he is great fun, too generous for his own good ("Yes, of course I'll do a talk on the History of Comics; sure I'll take part in some panels for you, yes, by all means...") and just insane enough to fit in with the rest of us. You will recognise him easily by his hair, and buy him a drink when you do; you'll find yourself on the receiving end of a good conversation...

CONQUEST, THE PROGRAMME, PART II

As promised last issue, here be the sequel to CONQUEST, THE PROGRAMME.

VIDEO

We will be showing every episode of all the series of these television shows over the weekend: Star Trek, Blake's Seven, The Prisoner, The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, Gay of the Triffids, The Black Adder and Robin of Sherwood. (Please note that when we say EVERY episode, we mean every episode. This includes the whole of the first season of Blake's Seven.)
Again we stress the point that these items will only be transmitted into the bedrooms at the Ingroup and those especially interested in seeing them are advised to book their rooms as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

For those convinced that they will miss at least three episodes of their favourite serial due to the necessity of eating, sleeping and the results of drinking over the weekends, rest assured that you have been catered for. The video programme has been left blank for the latter part of Sundays if you drop a

note to those in the video control room, (previously known as the Manager's Office) with the details of the missed episode, we will attempt to reshoot it. Obviously, the more requests any particular episode has, the better chance it has of being shown again.

One word of warning about this. Gordon Cowden is running the videos, and within his domain, he is God. If he says it can't be shown because it is at the bottom of the boxes of tapes and would take three hours to get to, it can't be shown. Comprendez?

WARGAMING

There are two wargaming areas in the Hotel; two interconnecting rooms high in the dizzy heights and an open area deep in the bowels. The interconnecting rooms (The Wargaming Suite) will be run on a block booking system. You can book playing time in advance (in 6 hour blocks) and, if there is time vacant, on the day of the con. The open area (between the main hall and the largest bar) will contain one large continuous game/s and you take pot luck on getting in to play. You, or any group, can pre-book time in the Wargaming suite by getting in touch with Wolf Corbett, address at the back.

ART ROOM

Sue Mason is running the Art Room and those wishing to exhibit their work should get in touch with her, stating number and size of items and their approximate value (for insurance purposes). Those with working models please remember to state if you will need access to an electric point.

As fixing art to display boards has been a problem with conventions of late, please remember to state if art is suitable to be hung by cord or fixed by blue tack to backing etc.

ART COMPETITION There are five prizes in the art competition. One each for:

BEST CARTOON/HUMOUR

BEST BLACK AND WHITE COMPOSITION

BEST COLOUR COMPOSITION

BEST MODEL and

BEST PAGE OF ILLUSTRATED NARRATIVE (i.e. Best Page of Comic Art.)

Bid sheets will be available for those selling their work. The Art Auction will take place on Sunday morning and the usual auction charge of 10% will be levied.

WRITING COMPETITION

Those of literary aspirations can attempt to construct a prize winning short story within the following restrictions and present it to either the Chairman, by post, or to those on the registration desk by 6 o'clock on the Friday of the con.

The story must be no longer than 3 000 words and no shorter than 1 500.

It must either start with one of the following four phrases OR include the rhyme somewhere in the text.

The rain was heavy with the scent of air. (this is not a typo...)

"But I am sure I saw..."

The river flowed gently towards the cliff and then threw itself off the edge

Golden afternoon sunlight slanted through the coloured glass

My first is in Death
My second in Pain
Twirl my third around
And I will come fourth again

Entries must be typed, double spaced and on one side of paper only. The author's name must not be on the manuscript itself but in a separate, sealed envelope firmly attached to the title page. The word count must be included on the script itself.

FILMS

As you would expect, we have a lot of good films booked for the weekend and we are just dying to tell you what they are. However, as a few of you will know, due to some obscure ruling on copyright law we are allowed to book and show films at convention but not actually name or advertise them... Suffice to say, fans of early Ralph Bakshi films will be catered for. We are confident that those of a horrific rock disposition shall be pleased and we shall definitely encourage members to spend sleepless nights viewing a continuous show of the very worst that hollywood has to offer. Please do not bring your own tomatoes to throw at the screen, we will provide killer ones of our own... You will just have to wait till the actual programme on the day to know any more...

FILKING

For you filkers, we have myriad delights to come. As well as a WHOLE BAR to your self for singing in all night, we are planning a performance of new filk songs, by some of the best filkers around. So if you are interested in those good old folk songs of the future; this is the convention for you. If you are interested in performing yourself, either solo or with others, please get in touch with Cytha North.

... enough of these tantalising glimpses of the pleasures to come.. on to more solid things..

SECURITY

As usual, the main security warning with any con is that members must be wearing their convention badges All THE TIME. Anyone not clearly showing their badge will not be allowed entrance to any of the convention rooms. We would ask that everyone please remember this, it is a nuisance but it must be done.

An equally important warning is that there will not be any drinking, eating or

smoking allowed within the Book Room, Art Room or Computer Room. There will be a table on the outside of each of these rooms for you to deposit your pint and your bag before you go in, reclaiming them as you leave. Anyone found breaking this rule will be handed over to the offended dealer/artist/computer... have you seen what Richard Van der Voort can do with a crowbar...? Not to mention what Sue Mason can do with a short dagger...?

A point to remember at CONQUEST is that we will allow members to wear weapons, as part of costume etc. but they must be 'peace-strung' or otherwise rendered harmless. As the Security Team MUST pass all weapons before you can walk around with them at the con, you would be advised to check with them as soon as possible on the safety of your weapon. This applies to ANY weapon you wear, from a broad sword to a torch masquerading as a laser.

VOLUNTEERS

Here it comes, the usual plea for COPEPERS.
What is a Copher? A Copher is a friendly, helpful, obliging creature that 'Does For' things. You know, you cry "Go 'fer" something, and it goes. Cophers are the life blood of any convention. They provide the energy that an exhausted committee member lost three weeks before the con, and many a con has been saved from disaster by these erstwhile volunteers. And CONQUEST needs Cophers. So, if you are an intelligent, quick witted, fleet of foot individual, with a desire to volunteer a couple of hours a day in the Quest to make sure the programme goes out on time, and in order, let us know now. You get the advantage of your own party and priority in seats etc for programme items... okay?
Volunteer to the Chairman, either by post or on the phone. (Especially needed are those with any knowledge useful to the convention...wiring up speakers, running a projector, fixing fuses, changing bulbs etc...)

Another things we need volunteers for are the quizzes. There are three quizzes, as outlined in the last PR and they have very good prizes. So if you wish to answer questions on the subjects of Books, Comics or RLPQUEST, volunteer now and ensure your fame and fortune on the day.

We are also asking for contributions for the programme book; articles, art, letters, anything you feel like sending in...

TRAVEL

We have had a few enquiries about the overnight luxury coach to Glasgow, picking people up from all parts in the South but we need more details of who wants to come and from which destinations before we can quote a definite price. It shouldn't be much more than about \$20.00 return though (from the London area). If you are interested, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can obtain a reliable quote.

For those travelling by car, the Ingram has it's own free car park. Details on how many it holds next PR.

The following page contains all the addresses and information you need to know. Please feel free to get in touch with the relevany committee member on any query you might have.

MEMBERSHIP

Pat Brown
104 Pretoria Road
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FANCY DRESS

Gytha North
50a Gladstone Place
Brighton
East Sussex

BOOK ROOM

Richard & Marion van der Voort
131 Sheen Lane
London
(Tables \$15.00 each)

ART ROOM

Sue Mason
3 York Street
Altrincham
Cheshire

ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES

Linda Miller
1a Aylesham Way
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Camberley
Surrey
GU17 7AR (0252) 874308

WARGAMING

Wolf Corbett
205 Allenton Road
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Lanarkshire
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ML7 5AH

Convention rates at the moment are: FINAL ATTENDING: \$12.00
SUPPORTING: \$5.00. SINGLE DAY MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 each day.

Will any European member please remember that only INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDERS will be accepted by the membership secretary.

North Americans wishing to attend should send a SASE to
April Lee
25 Tahoe
Irvine
California for full details.

(Anybody coming into the country for the convention and wishing to holiday here at the same time should get in touch with Linda Miller to see about arranging to stay with fellow fans and thus making the whole thing affordable.)

HOTEL RATES

SINGLE ROOM: \$18.50 per night
TWIN ROOM: \$16.00 per person, per night

Price fully inclusive of VAT, full Scottish Breakfast and morning paper. Every bedroom has private bathroom/shower, tea and coffee making facilities and full colour TV.

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CONQUEST HOTEL BOOKING FORM

Tick the appropriate box for nights staying and type or room wanted.

SINGLE

TWIN

DOUBLE

NIGHT

Thursday 11th

Friday 12th

Saturday 13th

Sunday 14th

Monday 15th

NAME

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Post Code.....

Telephone.....

Return to The INGRAM HOTEL, INGRAM STREET, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, with a \$5.00 deposit, per person, NOT TO THE CONVENTION. Cheques/postal orders payable to the INGRAM HOTEL.

CONQUEST CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP FORM

FULL

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Post Code.....

Telephone.....

RATES FULL ATTENDING \$12.00

SUPPORTING \$5.00

I enclose a cheque/postal order/international Giro for the sum of \$..... for full attending/supporting memberships.

CHEQUES/POSTAL ORDERS/INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDERS TO BE MADE OUT TO "CONQUEST" AND TO BE SENT TO

PAT BROWN
104 VICTORIA ROAD
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BRISTOL
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Your canceled cheque is your receipt. Enclose a SASE if you wish a personal acknowledgement of delivery.

Do you have a collection of fanzines on STAR TREK/ BLAKE'S
7/ PROFESSIONALS/ DR. WHO/ STARSKY & HUTCH/ MAN FROM UNCLE?
Would you like to exchange these collections for hard cash?
American fan coming to CONQUEST wishes to buy any collection,
no matter what size. Contact: Kathy Sands, 3360 Greenbunt
Ave. Balto, Md. 21218, U.S.A.

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film posters, magazines, second-hand books etc. Drop in
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