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TONY SUDBERY BECOMES PUBLICATIONS OFFICER The Publications Officer of the B.S.F.A., and consequently VECTOR's new editor, is now Tony Sudbery. (This announcement is mainly for the benefit of those who missed it in VECTOR itself, not to mention in the "credits" up top there. Also for the record.)

HATCHES Brian and Margaret Aldiss are now the proud parents of a son, Timothy. Brian, it will be recalled, besides being one of Britain's top-ranking sf authors and literary editor of the Oxford Mail, was for several years President of the B.S.F.A. I guess he's just versatile. Heartiest congratulations, anyway, Margaret and Brian.

THE BRITISH FANTASY AWARD, 1968 Nominations are once again called for for the British Fantasy Award, this time (as last year) consideration only being given to published books. One can nominate at any time, any book published in Great Britain for the first time during the calendar year 1967 being eligible. Final nominations must be posted (to the Secretary, the Publications Officer or the Vice Chairman) not later than February 10th 1968. A form is enclosed giving fuller details.

(It will be remembered that this year an additional Award was given, to Michael Moorcock for services rendered to magazine sf in this country. This was a special award thought up by the adjudicators to meet a specific situation. Nominations were then, and are now, only called for in the case of the Award's present mainstay, published books.)

LOCH NESS INVESTIGATION Anybody interested in the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau, particularly anybody who wishes to join, is invited to get in touch with: Martin J. Pitt, 84 Wood Lane, Handsworth, Birmingham 20.

B.S.F.A. TABLE AT CONVENTION, 1968 Volunteers are wanted to help man the B.S.F.A.'s table at the 1968 Easter convention. Duties include accepting subscription renewals, handing out literature to prospective applicants for Association membership, and similar. It is hoped that several offers will come forward in good time in order that a roster may be made out, and volunteers be acquainted with the procedure, well in advance. At the 1967 Convention, owing to one thing and another the manning of the table was left mainly to two people - Doreen Parker herself, and Jill Adams. In 1968 we want to be a bit better-organised, to give the volunteers more time off. Offers, please, to the Assistant Secretary: Beryl Mercer, 9 Cotswold Road, Bedminster, Bristol 3. Thank you, one and all.

WHO'S GOT THE ORBITER ??? The B.S.F.A. Orbiter, the round-robin scheme for mutual criticism of amateur fiction and artwork, is not being passed along quickly enough. One needs time to read and digest it each time, fair enough - but there is a reasonable limit. Please help by passing it on as soon as possible. Again, thank you.

Anybody who would like to get into the chain, or help form a parallel chain, by the way, should contact the organiser: Robert L. Cooper, Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham.

FOR SALE CHEAP 2,000 envelopes, 10" x 7", with approved-pattern tuck-in flap and with "printed matter" printed in one corner. Some of these can be yours for 7/6d per 100. Apply to the Secretary, Mrs. Doreen Parker, 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.

SF FOR SALE BIG PLANET by Jack Vance, Avalon 1957 - for sale along with hundreds of other British and American sf titles in bound, paperback and magazine form. Complete sets of U.S. Beyond; - a great many titles published this year in mint condition at less than half price. Write now for full lists: P.R. Weston, 81 Trescott Road, Northfield, Birmingham 31.

(SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS AS A B.S.F.A. SERVICE)

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

Robert Wells (35), 38 Agnew Road, London SE.23. Britain and overseas (all parts). Interests: archaeology, Latin languages. Wishes also to widen contacts with amateur writers/publishers.

Anna Surry (Mrs.) (34), 6 Guildford Road, Canterbury, Kent. Anywhere, preferably U.S.A., Australia, N.Z., Japan. Interests: cats, 35mm photography, gardening, collecting Oriental art (mainly Buddhas).

Grahan Andrews (19), 53 Columbia St., Crunlin Road, Belfast BT 13 3 HL, Northern Ireland. UK and U.S.A. Interests: astronomy, swimming, astronautics.

Chris G.L. Wolfthane (22), 29 Salisbury Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey. U.K., U.S.A., Commonwealth. Wide interests.

John P. Mackay (17), 34 Barony Square, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Scotland. U.K. only. Interests: fishing, golfing, general reading, French language & literature, open-air life.

THE FOLLOWING also express a potential interest in amateur magazines, and would appreciate samples: Anna Surry, Chris Wolfthane, and also Peter M. Howells (15), of 402 Broadway, Dunscoft, near Doncaster, Yorks.

USUAL REMINDER The B.S.F.A.'s annual convention takes place over the Easter weekend, 1968, at the St. Ann's Hotel, Duxton, Derbyshire. Dubbed "The Thirdmancon", it is the third major British sf convention to be held in, or organised from, the Manchester area. For full details, send 7/6d to Bill Burns, 13 Swanage Road, Winton, Eccles, Manchester. Well-known author Kenneth Bulmer is to be Guest of Honour, and plenty of other interesting events and personalities are being marshalled for the occasion.

OMPZINES STILL FOR SALE Archie Mercer, of 9 Cotswold Road, Bedminster, Bristol 3, is still trying to dispose of surplus stocks of magazines on behalf of the Off-trail Magazine Publishers' Association (OMPA). Many assorted titles, amateur magazines produced in Britain, the United States, the Antipodes and on the European continent. There are too many to catalogue individually, but ^{they} will be sold in batches for approximately double the postal charge involved. State how much you're willing to spend if interested.

WANTED - Collections, accumulations, and job-lots of FANZINES and anything of a bibliographical nature pertaining to Fantasy, Science Fiction and etcetera. Harold Palmer Piser, 41-08 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, New York 11355, U.S.A.

EVICTION ORDER COMING UP... PADS, the Printing and Distribution Service of the B.S.F.A., still has not found a home to move to when Archie and Beryl Mercer turn it out of their house at the end of the year.

Unless a new administrator can be found to run it, it will have to be suspended. The use of a duplicator, and the time in which to use it and to wrap up packets, are essential qualifications for anybody wishing to rescue the service.

COMPANY BUSINESS Things are, the Bulletin is given to understand, now moving fast in this particular department. For full particulars this time, see VECTOR 47. And kindly excuse over-employment of "particular" in this particular paragraph...

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

- M.357 Myers, Alan G.: 37 Dunyan Rd., Hitchin, Herts
- M.416 Mercer, Beryl (Mrs.): 9 Cotswold Road, Bedminster, Bristol 3
- O.708 Piser, Harold Palmer: 41-08 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, New York 11355; /U.S.A.
- M.783 Morgan, Dan: 1 Chapel Lane, Spalding, Lincs
- M.863 Abraham, Harvey D.: Canbro House, Kingsbarn, Fife, Scotland
- M.864 Madracki, Jon A.: 220 Deepdale Rd., Brightmet, Bolton, Lancs
- M.865 Lennox-Martin, Ian D.: Flat 2, International House, Oxted, Surrey
- O.866 Arenz, Heinrich R.: D-6000 Frankfurt, Postschliessfach 5002, Germany
- M.867 Bulner, H. Kenneth: 19 Orchard Way, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent
- M.868 Wells, Robert: 38 Agnew Road, London SE.23
- M.869 Peachy, Brian J.: 29a Langtry Rd., St. John's Wood, London NW.8
- M.870 Surry, Anna (Mrs.): 6 Guildford Road, Canterbury, Kent
- A.871 Howells, Peter M.: 402 Broadway, Dunscroft, near Doncaster, Yorks
- M.872 Andrews, Graham: 53 Columbia St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast BT 13 3 HL, Ireland/Northern
- A.873 Young, Thomas: 130 Hayling Road, S. Oxhey, Watford, Herts
- M.874 Bishop, Gerald: 10 Marlborough Road, Exeter, Devon
- M.875 Wolfthane, Chris G.L.: 29 Salisbury Rd., Carshalton Beeches, Surrey
- A.876 Mackay, John P.: 34 Barony Square, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Scotland
- A.877 Gill, Anne (Miss): 31 Falcon Crescent, Enfield, Middlesex

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- M.801 Flanagan, Helen: now Flat 3, 33 Park Road South, Birkenhead, Ches
- M.637 Jennings, Peter G.: now 1 Colwyn Avenue, Morecambe, Lancs (TERM TIME ONLY)
- A.697 Kettle, Leroy R.A.: now c/o Mr. & Mrs. S.F. Roberts, 40 Westminster Road,
Coventry, Warks CV 1 3 GB
- M.267 Pardoe, W. Darroll: now c/o 38 Perrins Lane, Wollescote, Stourbridge, Worcs
- M.825 Rabson, Stephen: now 110 Churchfield, Harlow, Essex
- M.753 Tordoff, Thomas: now c/o Mr. & Mrs. J. Dalson, 34 Traffwll Road,
Caergeiliog, Holyhead, Anglesey (temporary until he settles)
- A.811 Williams, J.J.H.: now 134 Caulfield Road, East Ham, London E.6

ADDENDUM - CORRESPONDENTS WANTED DEPT.

Anne Gill (Miss) (16): 31 Falcon Crescent, Enfield, Middlesex. UK, Europe and other parts. Interests: chess, music, political science, reading anything & everything. (Music includes particularly jazz.) Is "a very quick writer".

Would also be interested in specimen fanzines.