

# DON'T PANIC!

DON'T PANIC! is written & distributed by Graham England, 1 Fleet Way, Didcot, Oxon., OX11 8BZ, UK. This issue is available because you're on my address list, I've met you at the One Tun, trade news, because you're mentioned, or for 10p.

There will be a further issue of DON'T PANIC! in March.

## NEWS

Frank Arnold has gone missing. After the 21st December 1978 One Tun meeting, his visitor's book was picked up by the police, who could not find him thereafter. Frank was not at the January Tun. He told me most of the history that's gone into the description of the meeting below.

There were 2825 members of SEACON on 8th January 1979, from now on SEACON's problems are the problems of success. There could be 4000 members by August, and between 2 & 3000 attenders.

Terry Hughes will publish chapters 5 & 6 of Peter Robert's Taff report in MOTA 27. To get your copy send Terry one US Dollar. His address is: Terry Hughes, 4739 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22205, USA. If you don't know how to send money to the USA, & don't want the trouble of finding out, send me 50p and I'll arrange it for you.

VECTOR 90 contains an interview with Frederik Pohl, in which Fred Pohl mentions that his biography should have been published last Autumn by Del Rey. It's called THE WAY THE FUTURE WAS. He also mentions Isaac Assimov's autobiography should be published in the USA during February 1979, it's 640,000 words long. Fred Pohl comments: "There's not 640,000 words to say about anybody."

Waldemar Kunming reports on EUROCON IV in Brussels during November (It overlapped with Novacon, & so only Ken Slater was there from



England). He lists the following award winners, each is called 'The Best European ...'

Book Series:AILLEURS ET DEMAIN(France)

Anthology:PLANETE SOCIALISTE, Kesselring

(Switzerland)

Novel:GAEHNEDE HOEHEN, A.Sinowjew

Short Story Collection:LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT,

J.G.Ballard(England)

Magazine:FUTURS(France)

Semi-professional Magazine:ORBIT(Holland)

Fanzine:ZIKKURATH(Spain)

Essay:LE FRONTIERE DELL'IGNOTO, V.Curtoni

(Italy)

Series:LA SAGA DE LOS AZNAR, G.H.White(Spain)

Illustrator:CHRIS FOSS(England)

Comic Strip:MAILIS, C.Auclair(France)

Initiative in the Area of Film-making:

THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH(England)

Initiative in the field of Theatre:

SODOMAQUINA - LE GRAIN DE SABLE, C.Frabetti  
(Spain)

Translator: Z.Zivkovic(Jugoslavia)

There are also 14 more prizes for the corresponding headings in Fantasy - I won't list them here. It's always surprising how much is going on which I hadn't heard of at all. The politics surrounding holding Eurocons, the anger of Eastern Europeans about inviting Mr. Sinowjew (try Zinoviev or ~~Zurobel~~ ), and the endless discussion about how to organise European SF, so that it's acceptable to fans, authors, and the officials of Eastern Europe.

Since only Ken was there from Britain, it's surprising that we got any prizes at all, Waldemar was equally surprised that Germany won anything as only two Germans attended. EUROCON IV had 397 members, an incredible number of day visitors & lost 200,000 Belgian Francs. That's still a nasty loss after dividing by 59. Luckily they may get state assistance, there are advantages in doing things as formally as the East Europeans require. (Source Munich Round Up 148).

NOREASCON II (Boston in '80) has sent me their Progress Report 0 (PRO), PR1 is due in mid February 1979.

Attending memberships have gone up to 20 US dollars for the 'first half' of 1979, I've guessed at converting this into £10 below in the Con listings - Andrew Stephenson will tell you if that's wrong.

PRO publishes the names submitted for their competition of naming the convention. Among these were: AbsCon, Ancalacon (the black), Sercon/Silicon, TeaCon & 'of course Noah Ward'. If there's to be a Novacon(West), why not a Silicon(West) that just happens to be a Worldcon as well.

The con has a discussion zine separate from the Progress Reports called THE VOICE OF THE LOBSTER

and charging two US dollars for all issues. I'll send Andrew £1 for this, & report what happens.

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BILL STICKERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

BILL STICKERS IS INNOCENT!

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## ONE TUN

Meetings of fans in London have been going on at monthly intervals since the war in three pubs.

THE WHITE HORSE 1946 - 1953

THE GLOBE 1953 - 1974

THE ONE TUN 1974 - Present Day.

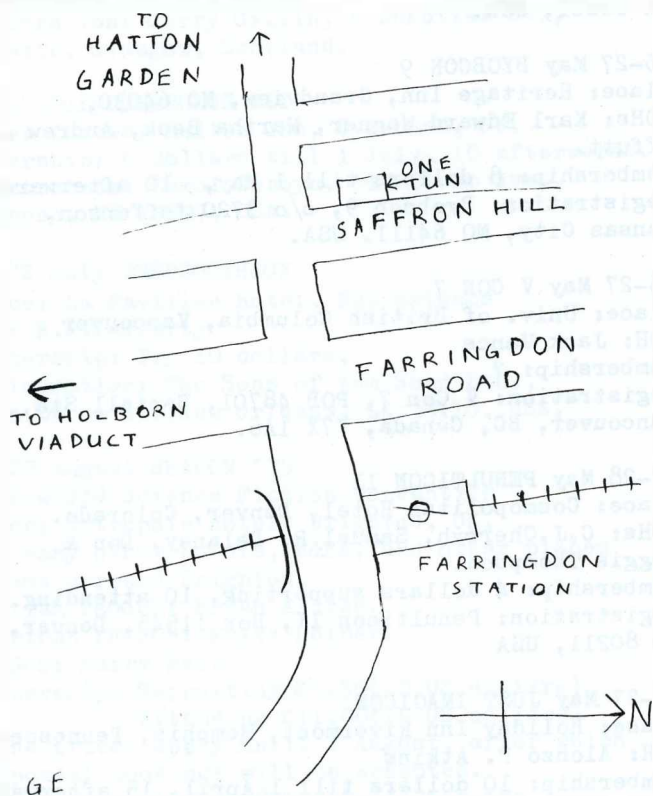
The White Horse has been written up in A.C.Clarke's TALES FROM THE WHITE HART, the Globe has been described in numerous fanzines, and old time fans often describe Tun meetings as Globe meetings, just to confuse latecomers.

The Tun has been overcrowded since soon after meetings started there. Part of the overcrowding is due to the number of Fringe Fans who want to meet their friends as well. The list of such activities starts with Star Trek, then there's Doctor Who, SCA, & now Blake's Seven & so on... In 1972 an attempt was made to start other meetings. Two such were at pubs near Paddington, one was at another pub called the Globe under London Bridge, and one in Kingston! The whole sequence appears to have lasted no more than 6 months, and to have been supported by only 12 to 15 people. Now the process seems to be repeating, with Ian Maule suggesting in the latest NABU that a notice be put on the door of The Tun to warn off non SF fans. While the overcrowding is unpleasant, the manager of the Tun might have strong opinions on doing this.

Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month, with additional meetings on the Thursday before Christmas, and before Eastercon.

The Pub is on Saffron Hill (there's a street name to conjure with). Farringdon is the nearest

Underground station, and the pub is about 150 metres from there.




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APATHY IS RUINING THIS COUNTRY.

WHAT'S APATHY?

I DON'T KNOW & I DON'T CARE.

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## CONVENTIONS

This convention listing will roll onwards as I get more information. One day, I hope to list all conventions in the world.

Jargon used, a PROGOH is a Professional Guest of Honour; a FANGOH a Fan Guest of Honour.

9-11 February PORTCON

GOHs: Gunn, Kyger, Bryant

Membership: 6 US Dollars.

Registration: Portcon, c/o CSU Anti-Martian Society, CSU Student Center, Box 407, Ft. Collins CO 80523, USA

9-11 February ROC\*KON 3

Place: Ramada Inn, 120 W. Pershing, North Little Rock, Arkansas, USA.

GOHs: Kelly Freas, Shelby Bush.

Membership: 8 dollars in advance, 10 dollars at the door.

Registration: Roc\*kon, POB 9911, Little Rock, AR 72219, USA.

16-18 February BOSKONE XVI

Place: Sheraton Boston Hotel.

GOH: Frank Herbert.

Membership: 8 dollars, life membership 80 dollars.

Registration: NESFA, POB G, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA

16-18 February QUAKECON

Place: Holiday Inn, San Francisco, California.

GOHs: Robert Anton Wilson, Bill Breiding, Elmer Purdue.

Membership: 6 dollars until 15 Feb, 7 dollars at the door.

Registration: Box 9990, 537 Jones, San Francisco, CA 94102, USA.

9-11 March COASTCON '79

Place: Buena Vista Motel, Biloxi, MS.

GOHs: Meade Frierson, George RR Martin.

Membership: 10 dollars at the door.

Registration: Micheal Bledsoe, 8401 Zanna, Biloxi, MS 39539, USA.

23-25 March NORWESCON II

Place: Seattle Hyatt House, 17001 Pacific Hwy. S Seattle, Washington.

GOHs: Philip Jose Farmer, Loren MacGregor.

Membership: 7 dollars until February 1979, 8 thereafter.

Registration: NW SF Society, POB 24207, Seattle, WA 98124, USA.

16-18 March MARGON xiv

Place: Howard Johnson Motor Lodge Hotel, Columbus Ohio.

GOHs: Katherine Kurtz, Fred Haskell.

Membership: 6 Dollars till 1st March, 8 dollars thereafter.  
Registration: Ross Pavlac, 4654 Tamarack Blvd., Apt. c-2, Columbus, OH 43229, USA.

29 March - 1 April AGGIECON X  
GOHs: Sturgeon, Vallejo.  
Membership: 5 dollars until 16 March, 6 dollars thereafter.  
Registration: Aggiecon, MSC, Box 5718, College Station, TX 77844, USA.

30-31 March ORANGECON '79  
Membership: 12 dollars.  
Registration: POB 15072B, Orlando, FL 32858, USA (They want a SASE, try an International Reply Coupon).

30 March - 1 April LUNACON '79  
Place: Sheraton Inn, La Guardia, N.Y.C.  
GOHs: Ron Goulart, Gahan Wilson.  
Membership: 7.5 Dollars till 15 March, 9.5 at the door.  
Registration: Walter R. Cole, 1171 East 8th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230 USA.

31-32 March STARTREKCON (STAG/EMPATHY)  
Place: Dragonara Hotel, Leeds  
PROGOH: Ann McCaffrey(?)  
Membership: £3  
Registration: Janet Quarton, 15 Letter Dail, Lochgilthead, Argyll, Scotland.  
(The Leeds Dragonara is popular for cons).

6-8 April AMBERCON  
GOHs: Zelazny, Richard Delap.  
Membership: 5 dollars.  
Registration: Gordon Garb, 505 Rock Road Apt 909 Wichita, KS 67206.

13-15 April BALTICON 13  
Place: Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, Maryland.  
Membership: 5 dollars in advance, 7 at the door.  
Registration: BSFS, POB 686, Baltimore, MD 21203, USA

13-15 April SF, HORROR & FANTASY CON  
Place: Los Angeles Marriott Inn.  
Membership: 12 dollars in advance, & 6 per day at the door.  
Registration: POB 69157, Hollywood, CA 90069, USA

13-16 April YORCON  
Place: Dragonara Hotel, Leeds  
PROGOH: Richard Cowper  
FANGOHS: Pat & Graham Charnock  
Membership: £2.50 supporting, £5.00 attending.  
Registration: Alan Dorey, c/o 20 Hermitage Woods Crescent, St Johns, Woking, Surrey, GU21 1UE.

27-29 April KUBLA KAHNCEPTION  
Registration: Ken Moore, 647 Devon Dr., Nashville, TN 37220, USA

Sometime in May French SF con in Toulouse, anyone know any more about it?

4-6 May BRIDE OF PARACON  
Place: Sheraton Penn State Inn, State College, PA  
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Membership: 5 dollars until 31 March, 7 after.  
Registration: Bride of Paracon (Paracon 2), Bob Castro, 425 Waupelani Dr apt 24, State College, PA 16801, USA.

25-27 May BYOBCON 9  
Place: Heritage Inn, Grandview, MO 64030.  
GOHs: Karl Edward Wagner, Martha Beck, Andrew J. Offutt.  
Membership: 8 dollars till 1 May, 10 afterwards.  
Registration: Byobcon 9, c/o 3720 Jefferson, Kansas City, MO 64111, USA.

25-27 May V CON 7  
Place: Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver  
GOH: Jack Vance  
Membership: ?  
Registration: V Con 7, POB 48701, Bentall Sta., Vancouver, BC, Canada, V7X 1A6.

25-28 May PENULTICON II  
Place: Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado.  
GOHs: C.J. Cherryh, Samuel R. Delaney, Don & Maggie Thompson.  
Membership: 4 dollars supporting, 10 attending.  
Registration: Penulticon II, Box 11545, Denver, CO 80211, USA

26-27 May JUST IMAGICON  
Place: Holiday Inn Rivermont, Memphis, Tennessee.  
GOH: Alonzo P. Atkins  
Membership: 10 dollars till 1 April, 15 afterwards  
Registration: Louis Armour, 4475 Martha Cole, Memphis, TN 38118, USA.

8-10 June WHATCON  
Place: Urbana Holiday Inn  
Membership: 5 dollars in advance, 7 at the door.  
Registration: Bill Roper, Box 100-R, Roger Adams Lab., University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801, USA.

22-24 June MIDWESTCON 79  
Registration: Lou Tabakow, 3953 St. Johns Terr., Cincinnati, OH 45236, USA

4-8 July WESTERCON 32  
Place: Sheraton Palace, San Francisco, CA  
PROGOH: Richard Lupoff  
FANGOH: Bruce Pelz  
Registration: Westercon 32, 4682 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94114, USA.

6-8 July XCON 79  
Place: Holiday Inn Central, Milwaukee, WI.  
GOHs: Ben Bova, Doug Price.  
Membership: 6.50 dollars till 1 June, 9 after.  
Registration: X-Con 79, 1743 N. Cambridge Apt 301, Milwaukee, WI 53211, USA.

13-15 July Darkover Grand Council Meeting  
Place: Laguardia Sheraton, NYC  
GOHs: Marion Zimmer Bradley, Jacqueline Lichtenberg.  
Registration: Send SASE to :- Armida Council, POB 355, Brooklyn, NY 11219, USA.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS BLOUSES SHOULDN'T SHOW BONES

13-15 July FAIRCON '79  
Place: Ingram Hotel, Glasgow.  
Membership: £1.50 supporting, £4.50 attending.  
Registration: Gerry Gillin, 9 Dunotter St.,  
Ruchazie, Glasgow, Scotland.

20-22 July CONEBULUS III  
Place: Thruway Hilton Inn, Syracuse, NY.  
Membership: 6 dollars till 1 July, 10 afterwards.  
Registration: Carol Gobeyn, 619 Stolp Ave.,  
Syracuse, NY 13207, USA.

20-22 July DEEPSOUTHCON  
Place: La Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans  
GOH: R.A.Lafferty  
Membership: Try 10 dollars.  
Registration: The Sons of the Sand Ltd.,  
1903 Dance St., New Orleans, LA 70118, USA.

23-27 August SEACON '79  
37th World Science Fiction Convention  
Place: Metropole Hotel, Brighton, UK,  
and many other hotels, B&Bs, and other places  
in and around Brighton.  
British PROGOH: Brian Aldiss.  
American PROGOH: Fritz Leiber.  
FANGO: Harry Bell  
Membership: Supporting £5.50 (10 US dollars)  
Attending £11.00 (20 US dollars)  
These prices apply until 1 August, after which  
no postal bookings will be accepted.  
On the door: £5 per day, or £13 for the  
whole Con.  
Registration: SEACON '79, 14 Henrietta St.,  
London, WC2E 8QJ, UK.  
There are loads of agents, write to the  
London address to find your local one.  
See also later article on Seacon.

30 August - 3 September NORTHAMERICON  
Place: Galt House Hotel, Louisville.  
GOHs: Fred Pohl, George Scithers.  
'This is the official continental convention'.  
Membership: 20 dollars till 30th June, 25 at  
the door. Supporting: 24 dollars.  
\* Could someone please confirm these rates, I  
don't believe in a convention that it's cheaper  
to attend than support %  
Registration: Northamericon, POB 58009,  
Louisville, KY 40258, USA.

31 August - 2 September SFCD and Fest der  
Fantasie.  
Place: Unterwoessen.  
Registration: Franz Ettl, Rathausplatz 2,  
D-8211 Unterwoessen, West Germany.  
Both con programs will mainly be separate,  
however there's nothing to stop you treating  
them as one.

31 August - 3 September SYNCON 79  
Place: Sydney, Australia.  
Registration: Syncon 79, POB J175, Brickfield  
Hill, N.S.W. 2000, Australia.

5-7 October INTERNATIONAL SF CON  
Registration: Theo Ochsenbein, Bernstr. 58,  
CH-3018, Bern, Switzerland.

2-4 November NOVACON 9  
Place: Birmingham - they were still negotiating  
with hotels last I heard.  
Membership: £2 supporting.  
Registration: presumably the Birmingham Science  
Fiction Group.  
Has anyone seen a progress report from this  
con yet? I have a supporting membership &  
haven't seen one yet.

2-4 November NOVACON 9(WEST)  
Place: The Turf Inn, Albany, NY  
PROGOH: Bob Shaw  
FANGO: Jack Cohen  
Membership: 7.50 dollars till 16th April, 10  
till 15th October, 15 thereafter and at door.  
However free to holders of UK or EIRE passports  
reckon on spending about £200 if you attend.  
Registration: Novacon 9(WEST), POB 428, Latham  
NY 12110, USA.

'The first British SF Convention this side of  
the Atlantic since prior to 1776!!!' says the  
blurb. This is Jan Finder's idea, no-one has  
told him yet that Ireland is part of the  
British Isles, but is not part of Britain.  
Sigh!  
Special guests include: Jim Barker, Marion  
Zimmer Bradley, Jacqueline Lichtenberg...

22-25 November FUTURE PARTY 79  
Place: Turf Inn, Albany, NY.  
GOHs: Jacqueline Lichtenberg, Hal Clement,  
Ted Sturgeon.  
Registration: Christine Bunt, Alpine Village  
606, East Greenbush, NY 12061, USA.  
Numbers are limited, send her an international  
reply coupon with a self addressed envelope.  
Membership: 5 dollars if you're early. Karass  
doesn't say how early is early, but then it  
came out in November 1978.

12 or 19 April 1980 Eagle Comic Con  
Membership: £1 supporting.  
Registration: R.W.Bayliss, Flat 4 Grassmere  
Lodge, 4 grassmere Road, Bromley, Kent.

1-4 May 1980 (or at beginning of November)  
EUROCON 5  
Place: Palace of Congress in Stresa on Lago  
Maggiore in Italy.  
Sounds wonderful, someone please tell me how  
to register.

29 August - 1 September 1980  
NOREASCON TWO - 38th World Science Fiction  
Convention  
Place: Sheraton Boston.  
PROGOHs: Damon Knight & Kate Wilhelm  
FANGO: Bruce Pelz  
(PRO describes Bruce as the 'incomplete' fan  
since he'd not been a FANGO, Karass lists  
him as Guest of WESTERCON 32, doesn't that  
count?)  
Membership: Supporting try £4, Attending try  
£10.  
Registration: Andrew Stevenson, 19 Du Pre Walk,  
Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP10 0QJ.  
US address: Box 46 at BOSKONE's Post Office.

## WORLDCON BIDS

### DENVER IN '81 - DENVENTION II

Organiser: Don C Thompson. Well really there are a lot of others, but you're more likely to have heard of him.

Address:- Box 11545, Denver, CO 80211, USA.

UK Agent: G A England, 1 Fleet Way, Didcot, Oxon., OX11 8BZ.

There's a pre-supporting zine DENVISIONS with short stories like an Ace Double under the name THIN AIR WONDER STORIES.

Presupporting Membership: 1 dollar or 50p.

### LOS ANGELES IN '81

Organiser: Chuck Crayne.

European Agent: Ron Bounds, Klingsorstr. 10, 8000 Muenchen 81, West Germany.

% For reasons reputed to be unprintable, many US fans have told me that they will not go to a con organised by Chuck Crayne. Perhaps the truth is more prosaic? %

### SEATTLE IN '81

Organiser: Greg Bennett et al of NWSFS

Pre-supporting Membership: 1 dollar.

Registration: Seattle in '81, POB 24207, Seattle, WA 98124, USA.

% This has a lot of support, due to the number of well known fans who live in the Seattle area now %

All these bids now have booked suites in the Metropole for SEACON, so they're all spending lots of money to try to get our votes.

Anyone know about bids for 1982?

Australia is bidding for 1983, so is Scandinavia. This may not be such a bad idea. Though it's tradition to hold Worldcon in August need this always be so? Why not have one con in Australia at the turn of the year, & another in Scandinavia during August? We all go to the nearer one. At £290 single air-fare to Australia not many British fans are likely to go. With air fares as they are at the moment, it's cheaper for us to fly to New York, & then to Stockholm, than to go direct! However beer at £1 a bottle and similar high prices puts me off the idea of going myself.

Any comments on how important it is to hold the Worldcon in August?

How do you feel about holding cons in the same year at opposite ends of the Earth?

LA is said to be bidding for 1984 (Source, a comic strip in Bruce Pelz's PROFANITY).

An ad appeared for Washington D.C. in '84 to be held in the Watergate Hotel, in a Suncon Progress Report. This breaks the rules on geographical distribution of Cons, & that's a fight that doesn't need re-starting.

## SEACON

There are a lot of rumours that Peter Weston is variously doing nothing in Seacon, wanting to run the con as an American & not a British con, and treating women on the con committee badly. Chris Priest worries about the Americanisation of SEACON in DEAD LOSS, apart from that these rumours are not repeated in print, until they are I report only the existence of rumours.

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Peter Roberts' law of Cons

There's always some sort of bust up in the con committee.

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Who Does What in Seacon (Correct on 21DEC78)

Chairman	Peter Weston
Accom Liason	Rob Jackson
Adverts	Graham Charnock & Colin Lester
Art Show	Marsha Jones
Auctions	Jack Chalker & Jo Nicholas
Banquet	Coral Clarke & Rob Jackson
Book Room	Leroy Kettle, John Eggeling & many others
Business Meetings	Don Eastlake
Fan Room	Eve Harvey
Fancy Dress	Coral Clarke & Rob Jackson
Films	John Brosnan, Leroy Kettle, Gerald Bishop & Kieth Armstrong Bridges
Function Rooms	Coral Clarke & Rob Jackson
Hotel Liason	Peter Weston
Hugos	Dave Langford
Main Program	Malcolm Edwards
Operations Manager	Kev Williams
Publications	Graham Charnock
Registration	Pat Charnock
Treasurer	John Steward
Use of Computers	Martin Hoare

Source - Rob Jackson. His name is repeated with Coral's so often, since I've split their empire up into its parts.

Other workers SFWA Liason - Marion Zimmer Bradley  
N3F (The National Fantasy Fan Federation) has a suite at the con.

Greg Pickersgill wanted to be mentioned as in charge of aggro (GREG ROOLS OK!).

Pat Charnock reported on 8JAN79 there were 2825 members of SEACON, & that she likes being Registration Secretary.

Graham Charnock has been ill, hope that he's better now.

DNQ13 reported that Liese Hoare had resigned from the SEACON committee. This is not true, she has not been on it. Eve Harvey gave up the job of Registration Secretary & is now planning the Fan Room. I had heard at Silicon that she

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HELP THE POLICE, BEAT YOURSELF UP.

AGGRESSION IS A LEARNED RESPONSE

was being ignored by Peter Weston, who was speaking to her husband instead of to her. That is hearsay & has not been confirmed, well it wouldn't be, would it, even if true. Just before I went to America a friend told me that Eve had resigned, & we swapped scandal about Pete Weston. In America, I told a few friends there of Eve's leaving the committee, at that time I did not know that she was organising the Fan Room. One of these friends garbled the story, & repeated it to Victoria Wayne, who then printed the garbled version in DNQ. At this distance in time, I do not remember if I said that the story was DNQ, but I'm certain that I did point out it was based on hearsay. Now that I've learnt how unreliable hearsay can get, it's a bit plainer why Courts have rules of evidence.

## MORE NEWS

Harry Bell writes:-

"I had thought that the information had been adequately disseminated by now, but it appears not. We aren't just thinking about dropping SILICON this year, we have dropped it.... The hotel is cancelled for '79, but is provisionally booked for August Bank Holiday 1980... I gather one or two folk are toying with a substitute SILICON at some other time this year. I'm neither for nor against the idea, but I must insist that it be not called SILICON (or any variation, like SILICON SOUTH)." This is a pity, but is understandable. Who is organising the substitute SILICON? What happened to the MAJORCON idea floated at last year's SILICON?

Thanks for the letter, Harry.

Pam Boal's book 'An ABC of Home Hints' will be published by W. Foulsham. This is about managing a house while disabled.

Pam feels that it's gadgetry will appeal to many SF fans.

Ethel Lindsay does not know how much to charge for FRIENDS OF DARKOVER, so apply direct to the States; Friends of Darkover, POB 72, Berkeley, CA, USA. They produce a quarterly zine called STARSTONE at 2.50 US dollars an issue. It's reviewed in SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW 28.

Ethel is also British Agent for ALGOL, she charges £4.75 for a year subscription, £9 for a two year one. The latest edition she has is issue 33 dated Winter 78/79. Andrew Porter is about to change the name to STARSHIP & go quarterly.

Chris Chivers was selling cassettes of English Folk Songs at the January Tun meeting, though I listened to part of one song, the noise at the Tun prevented me from making much out. The cassettes cost £3 (plus 25p for post & packing). Write to: Chris Chivers, c/o 90 Bristol Road, Gloucester.

Rob Jackson & Coral Clarke will be married on 17th February 1979. Best wishes to them, for all that is happy.

## HUGOS

If you haven't seen the Worldcon Constitution in SEACON PR3, then you doubtless soon will. Dave Langford asked me to read it, or at least the parts concerning the qualifications of fanzines. The con membership decides what is a fanzine, subject to the rules for nominations that the con committee may choose. Thus, if a majority of the con members decide that Analog is a fanzine, then it goes on the Hugo ballot. Even further, the membership could choose some other object to be a fanzine, & to demonstrate the point, I nominate the London Post Office Tower as best fanzine. The Worldcon constitution is a mess, & it is going to stay that way, for the majority of people will want to enjoy SEACON, not to spend the con in business meetings.

It would be nice to know how people have run the Hugo elections before. How does the counting get done? What point systems have been used, & why? The state of affairs with the Fanzine Hugo is needless. Either SFR, ALGOL, or LOCUS will probably win. Is there any support for my suggestion that the Hugo for best fanzine be awarded on a five year cycle as follows: year 1 to SFR, year 2 to ALGOL/STARSHIP, year 3 to SFR, year 4 to LOCUS, & year 5 to SFR? This cycle to repeat for as long as the recipients want the prizes. The art Hugo nomination is strange, with a split off committee. It is greatly to be hoped that this does not lead to fans in Britain posting their ballots to the USA, in order to have the results telexed back to Brighton in time for the prize presentation. While telecommunications have improved, they're still too expensive for personal message switching across the Atlantic.

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GRAFFITI SHOULD BE BANNED.

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## C.O.A.s

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Kevin Smith, 7 Fassett Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, UK.

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YOU CAN'T BEAT BRITISH QUALITY

YOU CAN'T FIND IT EITHER.

NOSTALGIA IS NOT WHAT IT WAS.

BUT IT NEVER WAS, DEAR.

# SCA

Helen McCarthy reports that she now has the title BARONESS OF THE FAR ISLES in the SCA group in Britain. During February they are holding Valentine revels, & a weekend in Tewkesbury. The group lacks singers & players of medieval musical instruments. For membership details, ring Val Scott on 01-388-5313 in the evenings.

# EDITORIAL

Lida, my wife, left me in February last year to go & live with her mother. We no longer wish to be reconciled, & I expect to apply for a divorce by agreement due to separation in February 1980.

I have copies of Joyce Scrivner's zine OF SUCH ARE LEGENDS MADE, which contains articles on US fannish legends, such as Mike Glicksohn on Ballantine's IPA (there once was a US IPA), Ginjer Buchanan's surrealist con report (about BAYCON 1968) & many others. It costs 62½p, all money goes to TAFF. Joyce would like some British fan legends for volume 2, her address is in the COAs.

I support: TERRY HUGHES for TAFF - THE LONDON POST OFFICE TOWER for fanzine Hugo - THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY by Douglas Adams for dramatic performance Hugo.

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