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Edited and produced for The British Science Fiction Association Limited by Archie Mercer. Proofread by Beryl Mercer. Publications Officer: Tony Sudbery, 14 Botolph Lane, Cambridge. The B.S.F.A. Bulletin is a reasonably informal publication, its main function being to keep the Association's members in touch with affairs and with each other.

RENEWALS AND GUARANTEES Subscription renewals are now tied to the month in which the individual member joins, instead of all being set to expire together on the 31st of December each year. With this issue of the Bulletin, members whose subscriptions expire in December 1967 and January 1968 should be receiving renewal notices. It will, unfortunately, be observed that as part of the new "company limited by guarantee" set-up, the three former classes of membership (full, associate and overseas) have had to be combined, and the annual renewal subscription in all cases is now £1.10.0d. We hope you'll agree that the Association is worth your thurty bob a year, and would point out that most comparable hobby-associations charge an annual subscription of from two to five guineas.

Another result of the new set-up is that it is a condition of membership that members and applicants must sign the guarantee. The Form of Guarantee for existing members is included in the renewal form, its text reading as follows:

"I, the undersigned, being a Member of the above Association pursuant to Clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association of the Association hereby undertake to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of the same being wound up while I am a Member, or within one year after I cease to be a Member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before I cease to be a Member, such amount as may be required not exceeding the sum of £1 (One Pound)."

Finally, just in case anybody asks, a five shilling entrance fee is still charged to new or lapsed members over and above the thirty shillings. regards the period of grace given to members whose subscriptions are due, your Bulletin-editor is not at present certain of its exact definition. subscriptions will now be falling due throughout the year, the grace can no longer be tied to one particular date for everybody. He has every confidence, however, that a reasonable period of grace will continue to be given.

VECTOR 47 - ERRATUM The Secretary's Report in VECTOR 47 lists member Keith Bridges as being on the Management Council. Unfortunately this report was slightly premature. Keith Bridges was away from home when the letter asking him to serve was sent to him, and by the time it finally reached him he'd been given up for "lost". The 15th place on the Management Council has therefore been given to - coincidentally - another Keith, Keith Freeman. full Management Council therefore comprises:

Bruce Montgomery ("Edmund Crispin") (Chairman)

Kenneth F. Slater (Vice Chairman)

Mrs. Doreen Parker (Secretary)

David S. Barber (Treasurer)

T. Anthony Sudbery (Publications Officer)

J. Philip Rogers (Parliamentarian)

Brian W. Aldiss, Tom Boardman Jr., E.C. Tubb, H. Kenneth Bulmer, Dan Morgan, J. Michael Rosenblum, S.R. Dalton, A.H. Mercer (speaking) and Keith Freeman.

MAGAZINE CHAIN Talking about Keith Freeman, the B.S.F.A. Magazine Chain which he runs now has vacancies. The terms are: 4d per magazine, plus postage on to the next member of the chain. Contact him at (overleaf)

(Keith Freeman's address for Magazine Chain): 128 Fairford Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. Reading, Berks, for Reading-on-the-Cheap;

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The First Annual General Meeting of THE BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED will be held at St. Ann's

Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire, on Easter Sunday the 14th of April 1968.

Items for the Agenda should be sent, not later than mid-February 1968, to the Secretary: Mrs. D.E. Parker, 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.

CONVENTION REMINDER

The reason why Buxton and Easter Sunday respectively should have been chosen for the A.G.M. is of course that there and then are the location and date respectively for the B.S.F.A.'s annual Convention. The Convention lasts over the whole Easter week-end, and Kenneth Bulmer is to be Guest of Honour. 7/6d registration fee to Bill Burns, 13 Swanage Road, Winton, Eccles, Manchester, will bring you full particulars and programme book, besides being deductible from the admission fee if you attend. A sensational fancy-dress masquerade and some memorable film shows (including nocturnal ones) are amongst the promised attractions - besides talks, discussions, auctions, and general conviviality. See you there.

SOCIAL NEWS Heartiest congratulations to two of the Bulletin's favourite B.S.F.A. members, Charles Legg of Stevenage and Mary Reed of Banbury, on their engagement. (We suspected it was coming, mind...)

NEW INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE Members interested in international contacts should know about the EUROPEAN NEWSBULLETIN. No. 1, published in December 1967, contains news about sf and its fans in Britain, Italy, France, Germany and Scandinavia. This being a brand-new publication, it is looking for a "shape", in all senses, and you may well be one to help mould it. 1/6d to Jean Muggoch, Flat 15, Balcombe House, Taunton Place, London NW.1.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

Jack J. Marsh (32): 76 Brookmead Way, Orpington, Kent. Interests include traditional jazz and his 3 children. Correspondents in UK or USA.

David R. Woodward (16): 8 Hamerton Road, Northfleet, Kent. Short wave amateur radio, astronomy, space science, archery. UK.

M.J. Freeman (28): 31 Hillcrest Avenue, Whitehaven, Cumberland. Cinema, painting, reading, cycling, camping. USA and Europe.

All three of the above would be interested in receiving specimen fanzines, as would: Kenneth J. Fulcher (16), 21 Beechcroft, Wostessey, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR. 38.K

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

GERALD BISHOF, of 10 Marlborough Road, Exeter, Devon, intends to publish a list of bibliographies and checklists of the works of S.F. authors and would appreciate details of lists stating author, publication, publisher and date to which list complete.

WANTED: "Impulse" Nos. 1,4,7,8,9,10:
"Worlds of Tomorrow" - whole set or singles (British Edition preferred)
"New Worlds" 172 and after.

All in good condition, please. Also any fanzines, particularly BADINAGE 1. Peter Roberts, 87 West Town Lane, Brislington, Bristol 4.

WHO POSTS MAIL IN BARNET ??? Archie and Beryl Mercer (10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol 2) have received an unsigned Christmas card posted in Barnet, Herts, on the 21st of December last. Please put us out of our misery by telling us who it was !!!

SPEAKERS AND WRITERS WANTED
University of Manchester Faculty of Technology
Union Speculative/Science Fiction/Fantasy Society
(4You can say that again ! AM), largest known student body in the country,
requires:

(1) Speakers, capable of surviving a hostile student audience. The Guest Speaker Secretary at our Union has a vast grant and no one to spend it on.

(2) Writers, for fanzine. Articles, poems, stories from anyone involved in higher education (that restriction can be stretched ad. inf.). We have access to the Union's brand new offset litho, and a large campus to sell in. Address: H.H. Patterson, Dalton Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester 14.

ASTON UNIVERSITY S.F. GROUP This Group is likewise part of its local Students' Union, being located in Birmingham. Membership fee 5/- for students of other colleges or universities, 15/- for non-students (which includes registration as Associate member of the Students' Union). There is also a move afoot to link up this group with a similar one at Birmingham University, on the other side of the city. ({In the mean time, why don't you start your own fanzine? You could call it ASTONishing Stories. AM)) Contact Robert J.M. Rickard, Flat One, 225 Hagley Rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham 16.

NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS

M.878 Jack J. Marsh: 76 Brookmead Way, Orpington, Kent

M. 279 Colin D.J. Morris: 37 Southdown Road, Shoreham by Sea, Sussex

A.880 David R. Woodward: 8 Hamerton Road, Northfleet, Kent

A.881 Kenneth J. Fulcher: 21 Beechcroft, New Costessey, Norwich, Norfolk.NOR.38.K

M.882 Michael J. Freeman: 31 Hillcrest Avenue, Whitehaven, Cumberland

M.552 Laurence S. Elliott: 17 Langdon Crescent, London E.6

WHOLEHEARTED APOLOGIES to Phil Rogers (M.20) whose name appears on the 1967 Membership List as "Roberts". AM

WANTED - Collections, Accumulations, and job-lets 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.

SALE OF OMPAZINES still continues. Surplus magazines originally distributed through OMPA, the Off-trail Magazine Publishers' Association, are selling nicely thank you - but there is still a boxful left. The zines were produced variously in Britain, the U.S.A., New Zealand, and Germany (in English though). Anybody wishing to try a batch, please state how much money you are prepared to spend. They are sold at approximately double the postal charge, in aid of OMPA funds by Archie Mercer, 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol 2.

ANYONE FOR DOC WEIR? Those of you who have registered, or who will register, for the Easter Convention (see Page 2) will be entitled to vote for somebody to receive the "Doc" Weir Award. This Award, presented annually at the Convention, goes to whoever the voters would most like to see win it. The holders so far have been Peter Mabey, Archie Mercer, Terry Jeeves, Ken Slater, and (the present holder) Doreen Parker. So if you're registering for or attending the Convention, perhaps you'd like to start thinking about your choice for this year's Award.

BSFA/AGM If you haven't already done so, please take note of the announcement just below the top of Page 2, regarding the First Annual General Meeting of The British Science Fiction Association Limited.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (or) PEOPLE IN MOTION ...

starting with one that your Bulletin-editor (not to mention the Association's Assistant Secretary) considers to be of particular importance:

M. 3 Mercer, Archie) now 10 Lower Church Lane,
M.416 Mercer, Beryl) St. Michael's, Bristol 2

M.655 Hearnden, Trevor: now 245 Couture, Arvida, P.Q., Canada

M.787 Lanham, Rex A.: now 1 Tyfield Road, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants

M. 241 Otter, Keith: now 34 The Albany, 69 Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey

M. 267 Pardoe, W. Darroll: now 95 E. 12th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201, U.S.A.

M.614 Piper, David C.: now 24 Dawlish Drive, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex

M.405 Stone, Miss C. Julia: now 17 Badlands Court, Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford

The above, together with the list of new members on the reverse, constitutes the fourth list of amendments to the 1967 B.S.F.A. Membership List. E&OE