

# BSFA

## Newsletter

This newsletter is a little later than I promised. Now it is here it contains the final and definite arrangements that have been made, on your behalf, for the 1960 BSFA Easter Convention.

First, I would like to say that any BSFA members who have not received their copy of VECTOR ~~4~~6, should write and let me know immediately. Some were returned to me with the address labels ripped off. Thank you.

CONVENTION NEWS: The fee for attending the Convention has been lowered. It now stands at; non BSFA members 10/-, members and JNR non-members (up to and including 18) 7/6, JNR members 5/-. This covers the three days of the Convention.

A different hotel has been chosen with lower rates. Prices quoted are inclusive of the 10% hotel charge and are; singles, 30/3, doubles, 58/-, four rooms are available each holding four beds and will be charged at the rate of 22/6 per person. This is, of course, B&B. We have tried to evolve a fair system for the lower priced beds and the fairest idea that comes to mind is as follows. First chance to BSFA members; those living 300 miles from London. Next in line come those who live under the 300 but over 100 miles away, if we still have some left then come those who live from 100-50 miles out. Last come those BSFA members who live in or near London. (in every case JNRs get priority). Any cheaper beds still left will then be offered to non BSFA members following the same scale. I hope this proves fair to all.

You will appreciate that this means getting your bookings in as soon as possible. All reservations to be made through Ella Parker, whose address will be found at the foot of this circular. No verbal bookings accepted. All to be sent in writing, and please indicate whether you are willing to share a room for either 2 or 4. No deposits, please. Any member who books then finds he can't come must endeavor to get his cancellation in one clear week before the convention. If you fail in this the manager is logically entitled to charge you for the whole amount.

The hotel is in two parts one of which will be given over entirely to us. There will, inevitably, be some overflow into the other half. I would like to make it quite clear that the manager - who has worked hard to fit is all in under the one roof, and is no spoil-sport - has no objections to room parties PROVIDED they are confined to, the part of the hotel filled entirely by Convention members. This shouldn't be difficult to arrange. There is one stipulation; no high jinks. This includes zap-guns, throwing bottles out of windows and route marching along the corridors at dead of night. The hotel doesn't have a licence but, there's no objection to you bringing your own in. We are requested to keep our liquor quaffing to the lounge - of which we have exclusive use - or our bedrooms. If you are doubtful about the lack of a bar, remember that being allowed to bring in your own drinks will be far cheaper than buying it at a hotel bar.

Meals will range from approx 5/- to 8/6 in price, according to the kind of meal required. The manager is prepared to stagger the breakfast hour until 10 or 10-30 in the morning. Please, don't all of you decide to come down to the last sitting or the scheme will collapse. A night porter will be on duty to provide tea/coffee to those who desire it.

A fancy dress parade will be held on the Saturday night with prizes for the best male and female costumes. Will any clubs or groups who have items they would like included in the programme please get in touch with Sandra Hall, address below. For preference these should be about 15-30 minutes long. I haven't forgotten the hotel address, that is down below with all the others, including Archie Mercer's, to whom you should send your Convention fees.

If you are bringing anything of value e.g. tapers, typers, cine-cameras etc. and you'd like them insured please send the relevant information (make, serial number and value), to John Newman....yes, that's right, his address is below. All donations for auctions and raffles will be accepted at Ella's address. Please mark clearly on the parcel which fund it is to benefit....TAFf or the BSFA, so she can hand them over to the people concerned when the time comes.

This notice cancels all previous information published anywhere regarding the 1960 BSFA Easter Convention. All fmz appearing before April, please copy. Thank you.

Bobbie Gray.,  
BSFA Editor.

Sandringham Hotel,  
25/26, Lancaster Gate,  
London. W.2. AMB.2246/2367.

Hotel bookings to...  
Ella A. Parker,  
151, Canterbury Road,  
West Kilburn. N.W.6.

Convention fees to...  
Archie Mercer,  
434/4, Newark Road,  
North Hykeham,  
Lincs.

Programme offers to...  
Sandra Hall,  
41, North End House,  
Fitz James Avenue,  
W.14.

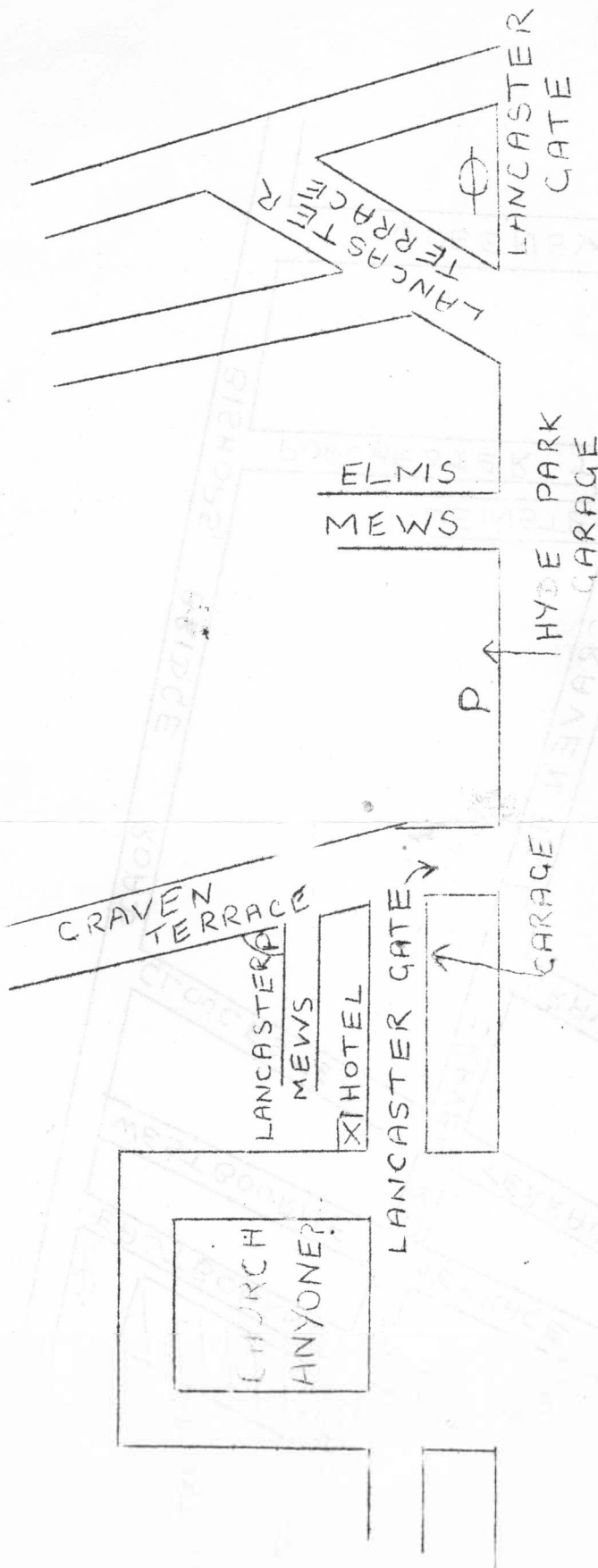
Insurance queries to...  
John Newman,  
36, Bulstrode Ave.,  
Hounslow.  
Mdx.

The all-important dates are APRIL 15, 16 and 17.  
Come on, folks, let's have us a ball!

10- ARCHIE MERCER,  
434/4, Newark Road,  
North Hykeham,  
Lincs.



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These are maps of the area surrounding the Convention hotel and environs. Cafes and restuarants are not marked as there are plenty of them around.

Key to map....

P. Public house.(they sell booze)

G. Garage which charges 3/- per night. Hyde Park Garage charges 5/- per night which renders further comment superfluous.

X. marks the spot, namely the Convention Hotel.

From Paddington there are 2 underground lines as well the main line station, they are the Metropolitan and Bakerloo.

Unfortunately there are no off licences in the immediate vicinity

