

NEWS BULLETIN

Conventions are a regular part of the science fiction calendar, bringing together readers and authors for an informal weekend of talk and discussion, often with an official programme featuring authors and critics, sf artwork, auctions, films, and other events – from quiz shows to fancy dress parades.

The first organised convention was held in Leeds, way back in 1937, and since then the idea has spread around the world, with scores of conventions being held each year, from Norway to New Zealand. The annual World Sf Convention is the giant of the field, and everyone taking up a membership, whether attending or supporting, is entitled to nominate and vote in the annual Hugo Awards, presented at a special ceremony during the convention itself.

In Britain, the major science fiction convention is the annual Eastercon; but in recent years many

additional conventions have become established throughout the year and have already proved immensely popular.

Some forthcoming conventions are briefly listed below. If you are interested in finding out more about them, write *directly* to the addresses given at the end of each entry.

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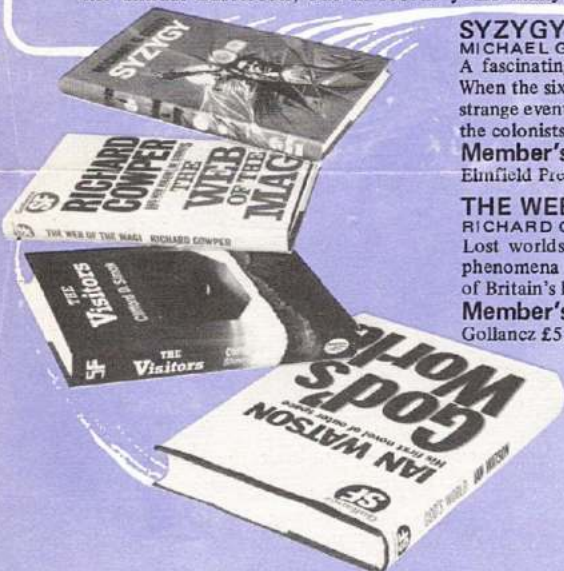
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