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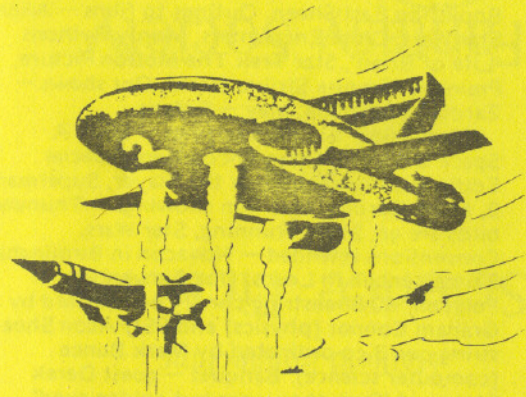
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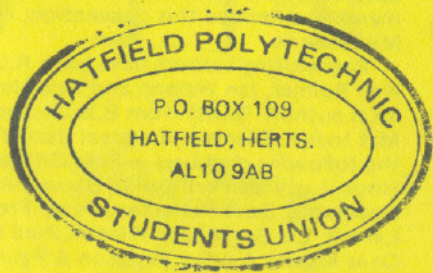
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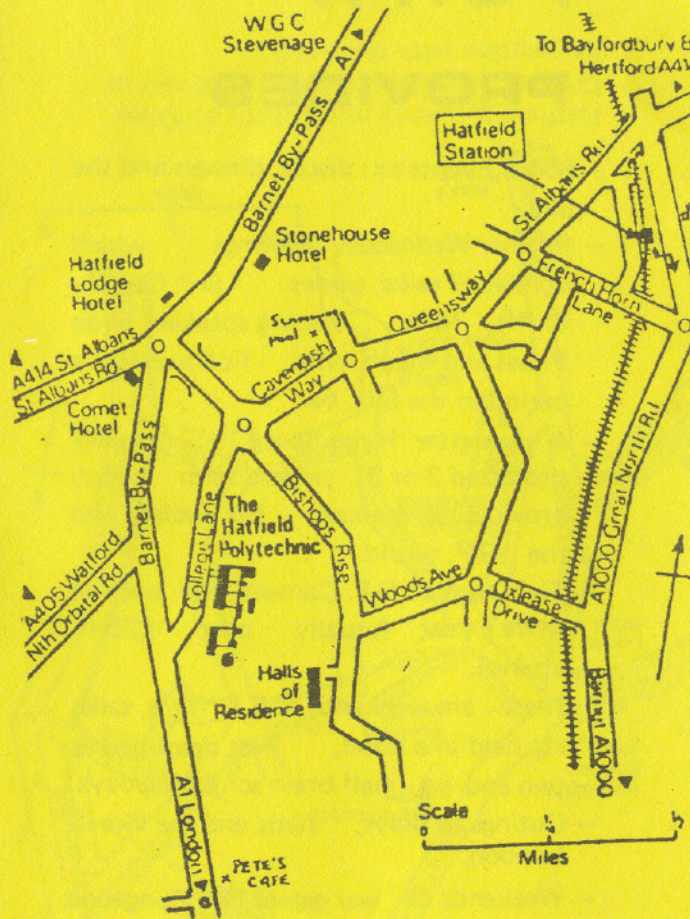


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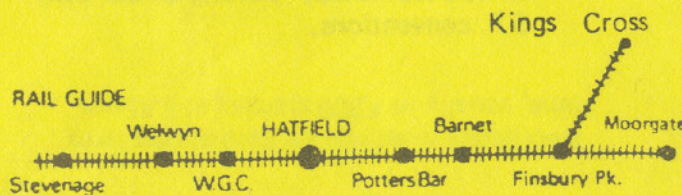


DO NOT JOIN IF YOU DO NOT INTEND COMING TO MEETINGS AS WE DO NOT PROVIDE A MAIL SERVICE.

Wednesday meetings are held during term time, usually in F309 starting at 6.45pm.



Hatfield is twenty miles north of Kings Cross or 19 miles up the A1. just east of its junction with the A405.



P.S.I.F.A.

Hatfield Polytechnic
Science Fiction
and
Fantasy Society



The Gronk, official P.S.I.F.A. mascot
From 2000AD; each Saturday.

WE ARE

A Society for those interested in Science Fiction & Fantasy and their borders (ex: science fact & mythology). P.S.I.F.A. was founded in October 1978 at the Hatfield Polytechnic. It provides a comprehensive service for students though outside members are always welcome. (5% of our members in 1981 were non-students).

P.S.I.F.A. is best summed up by its constitution - 'To promote the enjoyment of Science Fiction and Fantasy in all its forms'.

PSIFA PROVIDES

- Social Events ex: discos, dinners and the like.
- Regular Wednesday Meetings which consist of talks, games (ex: Call My Bluff), films, visiting speakers, slide shows and much more. Followed by a period in the S.U. bar.
- A newsletter 'Hypo-Space' usually produced 2 or 3 times a term which provides news about the Society and the S.F. world.
- Field trips to S.F. Conventions once or twice a year (usually cost £25 to attend).
These are weekends of S.F. films, talks etc held in a hotel. Best described as two and a half brain scrubbing days.
- Outings to plays, films and the like in London.
- Weekends of war games like Dungeons and Dragons, Dune etc.
- Special Projects which in the past have been a radio show, building a robot, writers workshop, putting on our own S.F. conventions.

A CONDENSED HISTORY OF P.S.I.F.A.

Founded in October 1978 by Steve Ford (computer science) and Jonathan Cowie (environmental studies). Society Mascot - The Gronk from 2000AD.

Year 1978-'79. Trip to Warwick University S.F. all-night film show. Trips to World S.F. convention season in Brighton, Novacon S.F. Convention in Birmingham. Debate on 'Are aliens on an Earth like planet likely to be humanoid'. Film showing of 'Dark Star'. S.F. Fancy Dress Disco in Hutton Hall. Trip to the offices of 2000AD. Speaker the astronomer Iain Nicholson.

Year 1979-'80. Outings to Novacon in Birmingham, Albacon in Glasgow, Unicon 1 at Keele University. Polycon '79 Shoestringcon 1 but on at Hatfield (co-ordinator John Watkinson, maths student). Society radio show three series of 10, 2 and 10 episodes by three teams of society members. Society Banquet, guest Alan Grant of 2000AD. Writers workshop, 6 meetings once every three Sundays. Regular wargames in St Albans. Outing to Richard and Marion's S.F. Bookshop East Sheen. Outings to films - Alien, Star Wars, Close Encounters, Monty Pythons 'Life of Brian', Star Trek The Motion Picture, Premiere 'Empire Strikes Back'. Our shows - Zardoz, Barbarella, play - Solaris.

Year 1980-'81. Film outings - 2001 A Space Odyssey, Close Encounters (Special Edition), Airplane, Hawk the Slayer, Superman 2, Flash Gordon. Our film showings - Thunderbirds are go, Silent Running, Star Wars. Conventions attended - Novacon in Birmingham, Fandersoncon in Leeds. Our Conventions - Polycon '80 Shoestring-con 2 co-ordinated by Graham Connor (physics) and PSIFAcon Shoestring con 3 co-ordinated by Mark Bunce (computer science). Banquet - guest Derek Stokes of 'Dark they were but golden eyed' bookshop (organised by Miles Harris). This year two of our members (J. Cowie and Anthony Heathcote) were on the committee of an external convention Becon. Some 20 of our members attended this convention, room party by Miles Harris.

Past visiting authors have been R.L. Fanthorpe, Ken Bulmer, Ian Watson and Rob Holdstock (our local author). Guest from B.B.C. special effects - Mat Irvine. Events and a great deal of help from the following members - Pete Gilligan, Andy Hope, Lucy De Peri, Julian Barker, Anthony Heathcote, Dave Patterson, Perry French, Dave Lemit, Liz Burak, Jon Alcock, Neil Henderson, Dave Mosely & Mike Simpson & Paul Smith. Thanks.

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