



Above and below: Some of the many films the group has been to in its first few years.



Northumberland Heath Science Fiction Society

Bexley Borough's only SF Society



Meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month, Northumberland Heath SF is...



...the only society on the Heath with your future in mind.

Meetings

The group meets once a month on its second Thursday in the evening from 8.00pm, for informal chat over a drink about anything related to science fiction.

There is no agenda. Topics are highly varied and relate to the enjoyment science fiction in all its forms: films, books, television, graphic novels *etc.* Members discuss what they want and topics can spill over into things like genre related science (such as space exploration).

Meetings are free.

Other activities

Additionally, members engage in a number of other activities. These include:

- outings to the cinema to see a film
- outings to exhibitions
- a seasonal, new book circulation (courtesy of a sponsor)
- a magazine circulation
- other (typically weekend) social events



Beyond Northumberland Heath

The group has its connections with the broader SF community beyond Bexley Borough and gets news of national and international level SF fan activities.

It is also connected to the *SF² Concatenation* news and reviews website (hence the seasonal new book circulation).

A few regulars belong to other SF groups.

The group has a social media dimension and is on Facebook facebook.com/northheathscifi

Roughly half the group's Facebook page followers live in Bexley Borough, but half live further away and nearly all these belong to the broader Science Fiction community. The Facebook following (both local and distant) is far greater than the number regularly attending monthly meetings.

SF² Concatenation provides the group with a web page concatenation.org/n-heath-sf.html

History

The group was formed in the autumn of 2017 with the help of Northumberland Heath Community Library, local businesses and local social media.

However it had a previous, quasi-incarnation in the form of The Phoenicians: NW Kent SF Society of the 1990s and early 2000s that met in Dartford.

The image shows the cover of the magazine 'Concatenation'. At the top, it says 'The Science Fact & Science Fiction' and 'CONCATENATION' in large red letters. Below that, it says 'News and Reviews from the year to Easter 1993'. In the top right corner, there is a diagonal banner that says '1993 SF Eurocon FREE Proceedings of Science and Conventions of audience engagement'. The main illustration is a sci-fi scene with a character in a yellow and blue suit standing on a platform, looking towards a large, complex structure in the background. At the bottom, there is a list of featured authors and topics: John Gribbin, Jack Cohen, Deborah Beale, Storm Constantine, SF on radio, Science exotica, Video top ten, and SF&F book reviews. The name 'Ross Dearnley' is visible in the bottom right corner of the illustration area.