Beyond Bree

Back Issues: The First Decade

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June 1981: name changed to "Beyond Bree": "Orphans" by N. Martsch, "Fantasy in Real Life - The Ten-foot Pole", quiz, Bakshi film, Science Fiction Book Club. 5 pp.


May 1982: "Crowning of King Elessar picnic (Nargothron Fellowship, Southern Calif.) report (photos) by N. Martsch, "Do You Really Care How They Went to the Bathroom, or How Realistic Should a Fantasy Be?" by Robert Acker, "What You Always Wanted to Know About Middle-earth but Were Too Embarrassed to Ask" by N. Martsch, "In Defense of Dragons" by John Hebert, jokes, quiz, Letters, "Middle-earth names in the real world" contest rules. 10 pp.


May 1986: Ill "Gandalf" by N. Martsch, "Tolkien, Politics, and Morality" by Juan Grijalvo, ill "Ar-Pharazôn and Sauron" by George Dunn, "Tolkien's Inspiration" by Geoff Davies, "The Engine and the Match" by Robert Acker, review of "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Pearl, Sir Orfeo" by Acker; "Enjoy the Alliteration", "Tolkien and Humor" by Richard Blackwelder, "Different Views on Tolkien" by Paul Hudson, "The Archives of Middle-earth by Richard Kovac, "Should Tolkien's Works be Published Posthumously?", reviews: Good news from Tolkien's Middle Earth, The Dragonlance Chronicles, Tain, films Highlander, Legend; games Tolkien Quest, Lord of the Rings: Game One, Publications, Letters, News, Word Search. 11% pp.


June 1989: Ilos “Nienor Nfinel” by Tom Loback, “Maedhros Seeks Dior’s Children” by Dunn; “Pamphlets and Other Short Works Published about J.R.R.

July 1989: Ilo “Eül and Aredhel” & “Noldorin Bias by the Chroniclers of The Silmarillion” by Tom Loback; reviews BBC radio The Hobbit: “Hobbit Foreign
Exchange” (books from German & Dutch readers); Games: “Middle-earth Games from Iron Crown Enterprises”, “Middle-earth Role Playing Figures from Mithril Miniatures”, “Middle-earth” play-by-mail”, War in Middle-earth computer game; The Fellowship of the Ring computer game; films Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade, Star Trek V; Quenya Lesson 12, The First E.L.F. Meeting; “Tolkien Scrapbook”; Letters, News. 12 pp.

August 1989: Ilo “Aragorn at Helm’s Hold” by George Dunn; “Race, Rivalry, and Rebellion: The Kin-strife” by David Cofield; “The Nibelung Ring at the


PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST DECADE


June 1981: Name changed to “Beyond Bree”. Logo by Nancy Martsch.


July 1982: Editor gets electric typewriter. First decorative border.

October 1983: First "Roster" of Subscribers’ Names and Addresses. Roster updated twice a year.

September 1984: First "Newsletter Exchange" column.

Fall 1984: First "Beyond Bree" Calendar published, for 1985. It’s 11 x 14", black and white with yellow covers.

November 1984: "How I First Learned About Tolkien" series begins. It runs several years.

March 1985: "Newsletters" becomes "Publications".

C. May 1985: "Beyond Bree" becomes 12 pages, mailed without an envelope.

September 1985: From now on the Roster is published once a year.


July 1986: Editor moves to new home, "Beyond Bree" gets a PO Box.


December 1987: Ballantine sends review books to "Beyond Bree". This continues through 1993.


October 1989: Editor gets computer. Much variation in typeface.


The Back Issues from the First Decade are reprints, the best that could be obtained from the original art. However, some of the originals have deteriorated; most were typed on a typewriter and copied by Xerox; and, as Xerox machines of the 1980s could not reproduce grey tones, some of the photographs are very black. Thus the graphic quality of "Beyond Bree" from the First Decade is not as good as that of today. But the content is just as good.

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