

An Outlaws of Torn proclamation...

*The sale of Francis of Westwood's
Edgar Rice Burroughs collection.*

To all great knights of the castle Torn,

It is with great sadness that our brother in arms, Francis of Westwood has departed from this mortal coil. Earlier this year, surgeons, the ilk of the mighty Ras Thavas himself, had done a superb job in giving him a triple by-pass operation that everyone had hoped would see him through for many years to come. Unfortunately Francis then suffered a severe stroke whilst recuperating at home that immobilised him for several weeks before finally succumbing to its toll. On 28th September, Francis of Westwood took his final pilgrimage down the River Iss leaving behind his beloved Doreen of 40 years and a collection of the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs that he had spent his whole life in building.

Doreen has asked for my assistance in selling off his collection. Unfortunately this left me with a great dilemma. Do I try and sell the books at their market value on forums such as eBay, or do I take it to a Burroughs convention and hopefully sell the books there. At the very best, book dealers may only offer at best 20-25% of their worth and make their own fortune from it. As nearly all of the Burroughs conventions are in the United States, just the transportation would cost more than the value of the collection.

Faced then with this dilemma, it has been decided that you, the friends of Francis of Westwood and fans of Edgar Rice Burroughs will have the first opportunity to purchase his collection at approximately the same value as a book dealer would give. What could be better than to see his books in the hands of true fans, to be cherished in the years ahead, than to a dealer who seeks only to fill his own coffers?

In a sense, the books will be sold at a convention but located not in the United States, but at the home of Francis and Doreen of Westwood in the realm of Seven Kings, Essex. There will be no agenda for this event other than for you to come along, meet and greet fellow knights and purchase whatever books, comics, stills, fanzines and whatever else that may take your fancy. This will be a one day event only on Saturday, January 25th, 2014 at 77 Pembroke Road, Seven Kings, Essex IG3 8PQ between the hours of 11:00am and 5:00pm

It has been 16 years since Burroughs fans have had the opportunity to visit with one another here in England - home of the Outlaws of Torn. Climb then upon your mighty steeds and set forth to Seven Kings as I hope to see many of you there.

*Respectfully yours
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