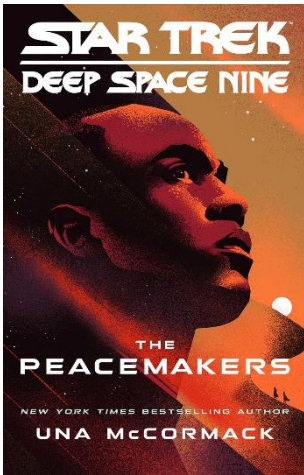




PROGRESS REPORT 2

Guest of Honour



Una McCormack

6th – 8th November 2026

Palace Hotel Buxton

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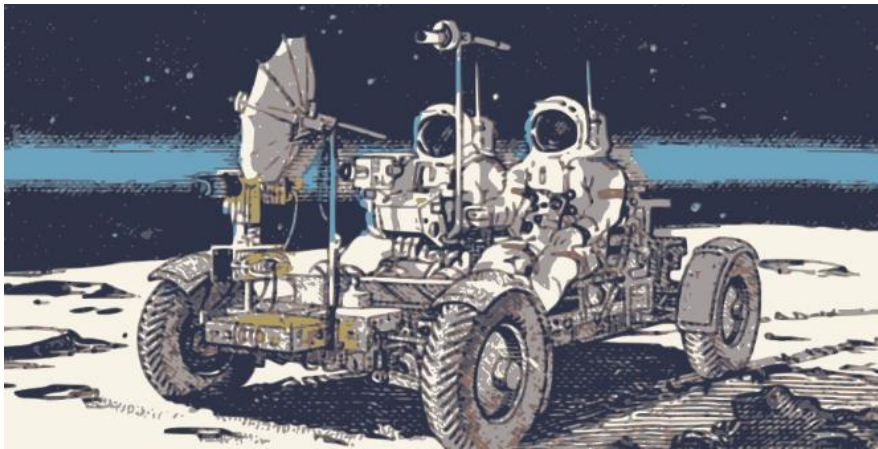
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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRS



Hi all

Welcome to PR2. We hope you all fared well with the very hot weather we had. Despite the weather the committee have been working hard to bring you Novacon 55. Esther is very busy working on the programme to make sure there is something for everyone and there will be more on that in PR3. There are also ongoing discussions with the hotel and they are looking forward to welcoming us back.

If you haven't booked your hotel rooms yet, it's a good time to do so. Details are further on. If you would like to be a part of our art show, we would be glad to have you. Please contact John and Serena at artshow@artistsink.uk for more details.

Our guest of honour Una McCormack is very much looking forward to the convention and is quite excited to meet our members.

We are sorry to say that Novacon lost one of its own this year. John Dowd was a regular Novacon member and a founder member of the Vauxhall club. (if you know, you know) He will be sorely missed by many people.

The committee are looking forward to seeing you all in Buxton.

Alice and Carol

HOTEL & CONVENTION INFORMATION



Palace Hotel Buxton
Palace Road
Buxton
SK17 6AG

As before, all the convention rooms including Programme, Off-piste, Art show and Dealers are all on the ground floor along with bars and toilets. There is ramp access at the rear of the hotel for those with difficulty with steps.

Please note if you have specific requirements, don't hesitate to contact the hotel directly at 0871 221 0253.

Convention Room rates and Booking

The Room rates have, gone up this the year and we now have the following rates.

- Standard room: rates are: £126 per night for a Double or Twin room (i.e. £63 per person with two people sharing).
- Single rooms are £78pp.
- Executive room: rates are: £146 a Double or Twin room (i.e. £73 per person with two people sharing)
- Single rooms are £98pp

Rates include Breakfast.

To reserve a room call Central Booking 0333 323 1574 and use the code NOVA051126 to get our rates. This number is available 8am - 8:30pm, Monday - Friday, 9am - 5:30pm Saturday.

Please note that we ran out of rooms last year and rooms are going fast so book as soon as possible.

Anyone with mobility requirements should call the hotel on 01298 767000 and use the option 2. This number is not available evenings and weekends. If you have a problem getting through please email sales753@theelitevenueselection.co.uk with your contact details and someone will call you back. Sadly they still will not allow scooters in the lift.

More information on Buxton can be found at www.visitbuxton.co.uk.

SCIENCE GUEST – Dr Christine Davidson.



As previously revealed via our social media, Novacon are really pleased to announce that Dr Christine Davidson BSc. CChem. FRSC. FHEA. has agreed to be our Science Guest at this year's Novacon in November. As well as being a regular Novacon attendee,

she is also an internationally-recognised scientist. We are sure she will add interest and expertise to the Novacon Programme and are looking forward to welcoming her.

In her professional life, she is a Reader (Associate Professor) in Analytical Geochemistry and Associate Dean Postgraduate Research in the Faculty of Science at the University of Strathclyde

in Glasgow. She has more than 30 years' research experience bridging analytical and environmental science, with over 120 papers in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. She has supervised over 40 (mainly international) PhD students to successful completion; worked extensively with industry on Knowledge Transfer Partnerships; and served as Chair of the Royal Society of Chemistry Analytical Division Scottish Region.

In fandom she is best-known as one of the co-founders and organisers of *Satellite*, Scotland's (roughly) biennial SF convention, which explores the interface between real-world science and speculative fiction under the by-line Science Fiction, Science Fact, Science Fun. She was co-Area Head for the Science & Technology Programme track at Glasgow 2024, the 82nd Worldcon. In 2025 she was delighted to receive the Doc Weir Memorial Award.

ART SHOW

If you want to show your art it is free to convention members, but you will need to reserve space. So, contact us to discuss what you need and so that we can do a little planning. If you have any questions related to the art show, please contact Serena.

DEALERS' TABLES

Dealers' tables (6 ft) are available at £20. Dealers normally have to be a member of the convention. Also, we are open to discussion if you wish to only come for one day. Contact Tony at the email address on Page 2

CONVENTION TABLES

These are free to anyone who is running a convention. Contact Tony for reservations.

NOVACON ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

Novacon is committed to making our convention as accessible as possible for our members. Details of the current policy can be found at www.novacon.uk/policies.

STAR TREK AT 60

As our GOH, Una McCormack has written extensively in the various *Star Trek* franchises, I thought it was quite serendipitous that this year sees *Star Trek* reach its 60th anniversary. September 8th has been designated as Star Trek Day, as this was when the first episode was aired on NBC in the USA in 1966. The UK had to wait until 1969 before it aired for the first time.



As part of this, there will be re-releases of some of the films as newly re-mastered 4K versions, with *STAR TREK IV: THE VOYAGE HOME* in particular, as this is also celebrating its 40th Anniversary.

By the time you read this, these events will have already occurred, but the Science Museum was planning to organize an immersive Star Trek Late event, with immersive experiences, live speakers and aa world record attempt at the Most People Performing the Vulcan Salute via social media and livestreams. Also in London, Kings Cross/St Pancras and South Kensington Underground station



were to receive Star Trek-themed “takeovers” as part of a four-location trail around the city.

In a reflection of just how global and inspirational the reach of this show has become, the European Space



Agency confirmed that French astronaut, Sophie Adenot (who is on an 8-month mission on the ISS) wore the Captain's Delta badge (originally worn by Anson Mount in *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*) to mark Star Trek Day and released special social content from orbit, "exploring the connections among science, discovery and humanity's ongoing quest to explore new

frontiers, themes that have inspired generations of *Star Trek* fans".

Lego will also release only its second ever *Star Trek*-themed set, the LEGO Icons Star Trek: USS Enterprise NCC-1701 Bridge Set including eight all-new Starfleet Minifigures including Kirk, Spock, Uhura, Sulu, McCoy, Chekov, Chapel and Scott and even includes Tribbles.

The Royal Mint is even getting in on the act and launching two collectable 50p-coins, the first time the franchise has appeared on official UK coinage.



Available Now



Available November

All in all, not bad for a show that was cancelled after only three seasons run. Long may it continue to prosper!

CODE OF CONDUCT

A Convention is a private event and, as such, the Committee has always had the right and the ability to remove any attendee for antisocial behaviour. Over recent years, it has become standard

practice for such events to publish a Code of Conduct providing guidelines as to what that antisocial behaviour may include.

The Code of Conduct is a living document. It evolves, intending always to reflect current best practice. The version in use at each Novacon is fixed in advance of the convention, and the version for Novacon 55 will be available on the website (www.novacon.uk/code-of-conduct) and will be printed in the convention Programme book. It should be noted that the Code of Conduct governs not only behaviour at Novacon, but also in certain spaces elsewhere, including but not limited to activity online, such as in messages or replies to Novacon accounts on social media, and posts in Novacon pages and groups.

The Novacon Code of Conduct team receives complete information from preceding Novacon Code of Conduct teams, and passes complete information to future Novacon Code of Conduct teams. It also maintains an awareness of activity which has been of concern to other conventions. For most people, the simple principle of, “Behave like a decent human being,” is enough of a guideline. However, if in any doubt, please consult the Novacon website or contact the team at CodeOfConduct@novacon.uk

DISEASE MITIGATION POLICY AT NOVACON

It has become increasingly clear that even though things have improved since the height of the pandemic, an awareness of the potential for the spread of infectious disease in convention spaces needs to be always considered.

At this point in time, as a minimum, we would ask that:

- All attending members are **fully vaccinated** against Covid where possible.
- We request members to **take a lateral flow** test prior to attending convention.
- If you have any symptoms of an infectious respiratory infection, please do not attend the convention. If you take ill during the convention, please consider isolating yourself from other attendees.

Other specific measures may be announced nearer the convention, and the committee will continue to monitor things. We will keep members up to date with any other proposed restrictions.



MEMBERSHIP LIST SEPTEMBER 2026

1 Una McCormack	18 Douglas Spencer
2 Emily Tesh	19 Flick
3 Allen Stroud	20 Martin Smart
4 Carol Goodwin	21 Pauline Morgan
5 Alice Lawson	22 Chris Morgan
6 Serena Culfeather	23 Charlotte Bulmer
7 Kari	24 Steve Dunn
8 Claire Cartwright	25 Keith Martin
9 Steve Lawson	26 Simon Beresford
10 Esther MacCallum- Stewart	27 Chris Bell
11 Helena McCallum	28 ½r
12 Magdalen Standage- Bowles	29 Sue Jones
13 David Stokes	30 Alan Woodford
14 John Wilson	31 Anne Woodford
15 Tony Berry	32 Rob Jackson
16 Noel Collyer	33 Cat Coast
17 Catherine Flick	34 Dave Hicks
	35 Peter Hicks
	36 Christine Davidson

37 Michael Davidson
38 Sue Edwards
39 Alison Tomkinson
40 Neil Tomkinson
41 Alan Fleming
42 David Bamford
43 Tim Kirk
44 Niall Gordon
45 Ian Sorensen
46 Yvonne Rowse
47 Sally Rowse
48 Morag O'Neill
49 Dave Lally
50 Marcus Rowland
51 Ian Warner
52 Chris Stocks
53 Richard Standage
54 Helena Bowles
55 Roger Robinson
56 Harpal Singh
57 Omega
58 Harry Payne
59 Jodie Payne
60 Hal Payne
61 Caroline Mullan
62 Brian Ameringen
63 Emjay Ameringen
64 Alasdair Hepburn
65 Allison Ewing
66 Jackie Burns
67 Tommy Ferguson
68 Rosie Oliver
69 Mike Scott
70 Dominika Klimczak
71 Flis Brown
72 Ben Brown
73 Jean Thompson

74 Claire Brialety
75 Mark Plummer
76 Margaret Mary Macdonald
77 Laura Wheatly
78 Adrian Snowdon
79 Neil Simpson
80 Ian Maughan
81 Giulia De Cesare
82 Steve Davies
83 Sandra Bond
84 Alison Scott
85 Steven Cain
86 Angela Rosin
87 Jamie Scott
88 Fran Dowd
90 Vincent Docherty
91 Naveed Khan
92 Lesley Scott
93 Ila Khan
94 Hannah Glancy
95 Katherine Franklin
96 Alexander Clarke
97 Kevan Grayson
98 Susan Peak
99 Dave Brzeski
100 Jilly Paddock
103 Phillip Carter
104 Christina Lake
105 Doug Bell
106 Heidi Mounsey
107 Tracy Sharples
108 Fabrizio Harley
109 Chris Murphy
110 Simon Kewin
111 Alison Johnson
112 Richard Cooper
113 Peter Buck

114 Alison Buck	150 Jackie Duckworth
115 David Hodson	151 Tim Duckworth
116 Nicholas Jackson	152 Alistair Williams
117 William Goodall	153 Simon Mark de Wolfe
118 Adrian Rogerson	154 John Clarke
119 Ian Jones	
120 Regina Curley	
121 Nicholas Whyte	
122 Ian Stewart	
123 David Cartwright	
124 Geoff Landergan	
125 Stephen Walters	
126 Amy Orrell	
127 Simon Guerrier	
128 Penny Cruise	
129 Simon Cruise	
130 Steve Lockley	
131 Paul Lewis	
132 David Packwood	
133 Esther Selhi	
134 Jocelyn Britcher	
135 Roy Gray	
136 Chris Jones	
137 Linda MacCallum	
Stewart	
138 Helen Gould	
139 Simon Dearn	
140 Tobes Valois	
141 Mike Richardson	
142 James Clarke	
143 Alison Clarke	
144 Dermot Dobson	
145 Kevin Mortimer	
146 Anders Hedenlund	
147 Jeanette Hedenlund	
148 Cherry Newton	
149 Victoria Ling	