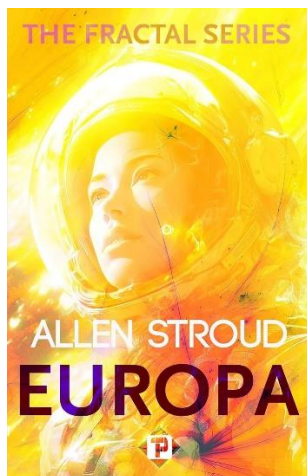
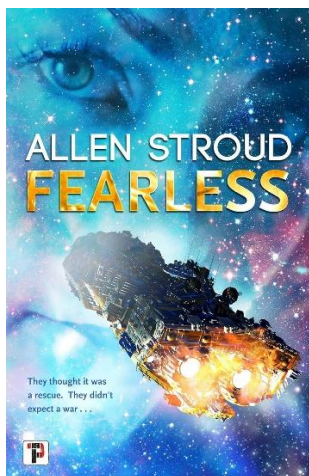




PROGRESS REPORT 2



Guest of Honour

Allen Stroud

8th – 10th November 2024

Palace Hotel Buxton

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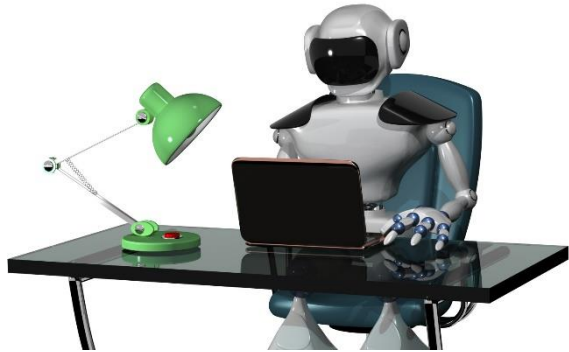
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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRS

Hi everyone. We're post-Worldcon and refreshed and ready to bring you another Novacon in just 9-weeks' time. Our programme team Helena and Richard are hard at work to bring you an



exciting programme. More on that in PR3, but we are really looking forward to it, and we're sure there will be something for everyone.

Our guest Allen Stroud is looking forward to the convention and has chosen Carvery as his choice for the Sunday night banquet. We need a little help from our vegetarian friends, please can you help us choose the best vegetarian option for the carvery? We have a choice of pasta, curry, or nut roast. If you could let us know by email to chair@novacon.org.uk it would be gratefully appreciated.

Those of you who were at Funcon may have already seen the refurbishments at the Palace Hotel, but the ground floor is looking fantastic, and we are hoping to present the newly refurbished Rippon Bar to our attendees. Keep your fingers crossed!

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. Looking forward to seeing you all in a couple of months.

Claire.

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.

HOTEL & CONVENTION INFORMATION



Palace Hotel Buxton
Palace Road
Buxton
SK17 6AG

As we said in PR1 Novacon 53 will be returning to the Palace Hotel in Buxton in the Peak District.

For those who have not been before Buxton a thermal spa town, with lots of interesting buildings and places to visit for those who wish to venture outside the hotel. These include the Opera House, the Devonshire Dome (once the largest unsupported dome in the world), a restored



Georgian crescent and the ornamental Pavilion Gardens. There are supermarkets nearby (Waitrose, Aldi & Sainsburys Local) and plenty of cafés and restaurants, not forgetting the lovely real ale pubs. More information can be found at www.visitbuxton.co.uk.

As before, all the convention rooms including Programme, Off-piste, Art show and Dealers are all on the ground floor. The bars and toilets are also on the ground floor and there is plenty of seating. 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.**

We mentioned in PR1 that there would be a few changes; however it has been decided to keep the Dealers' room in its usual place and it will once again be in the Cavendish room next to the Art Show.

Robert Rippon Bar - Those of you who were at Novacon 51 will remember the Robert Rippon bar. The refurbishment is almost complete and will be open in time for us to enjoy at Novacon 53. We have been told that it will have real ale from the Buxton brewery which is good; however it also means the hotel is reluctant to get in the number of real ales we have had in the past.

Convention room rates and Booking

The **Room Rates** (given below) are per room per night. Convention room rates: Rooms with Breakfast are: £110 per night for a Standard Double or Twin room (i.e. £55 per person with two people sharing). Single rooms are £70pp.

To reserve a room call **Central Booking 0333 323 1574** and use the code **NOVA080224** to get our rates. This number is available 8am - 8:30pm, Monday - Friday, 9am - 5:30pm Saturday.

Anyone with **mobility requirements** should call the hotel on **01298 767000** and use the option 4. This number is not available evenings and weekends.

If you have a problem getting through please email Sarah Shilcock with your contact details and she will call you back sarah.shilcock@theelitevenueselection.co.uk

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 53 will be available on the website (www.novacon.uk/n53/) 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

DEALERS' TABLES

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

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.

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. We are still working with the hotel to see what is feasible given the nature and age of the Palace hotel. Once this is complete, we will publish a detailed policy, via the website and convention publications.



MEMBERSHIP LIST SEPTEMBER 2024

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| 2 Jen Williams | 9 Helena McCallum |
| 3 Carol Goodwin | 10 Magdalen Standage-Bowles |
| 4 Claire Cartwright | 11 Richard Standage |
| 5 Tony Berry | 12 Alex Storer |
| 6 Helena Bowles | 13 Serena Culfeather |
| 7 Alice Lawson | 14 John Wilson |

15 Noel Collyer
16 Martin Smart
17 Vanessa May
18 Pete Randall
19 Sue Jones
20 Jamie Scott
21 Dave Hicks
22 Peter Hicks
23 Cat Coast
24 Pauline Morgan
25 Chris Morgan
26 William Goodall
27 Chris Bell
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29 Gwen Funnell
30 Peter Wareham
31 Stephen Cooper
32 Nick Mills
33 Tommy Ferguson
34 Caroline Mullan
35 Brian Ameringen
36 Emjay Ameringen
37 Harry Payne
38 Hal Payne
39 Jodie Payne
40 Omega
41 Bridget Wilkinson
42 Claire Brialey
43 Mark Plummer
44 Chris Stocks
45 Tim Kirk
46 Steve Dunn
47 Anne Woodford
48 Alan Woodford
49 Marcus Rowland
50 Christine Davidson
51 Michael Davidson
53 Roger Robinson
54 Morag O'Neill
55 Tim Stannard
56 Paul Dormer

57 Flick
58 Ian Sorensen
59 Yvonne Rowse
60 Sally Rowse
61 Hazel Ashworth West
62 Jackie Burns
63 Jean Thompson
64 David Langford
65 Alexander Clarke
66 Kevan Grayson
67 Kate Solomon
68 Malcolm Davies
69 Niall Gordon
70 Adrian Snowdon
71 Alan Fleming
72 David Bamford
73 Kevin Mortimer
74 Neil Simpson
75 Ian Maughan
76 Andy Sawyer
77 Peter Newman
78 Karen Fishwick
79 Henry Eggleton
80 Roberta Roe
81 Peter Buck
82 Alison Buck
83 Jeffrey Wasserman
84 Melania Ion
85 Dominika Klimczak
86 Phil Nanson
87 Kari
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89 David Hodson
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92 John Dowd
93 Angela Rosin
94 Tobes Valois
95 Ian Stewart
97 Susan Peak
98 Helen Gould