

Satellite 5

...back into orbit...

Marriott Hotel, Glasgow
28 - 29 May 2016

Mission Status

From the Mission Commander



Every committee brings its own character to its convention. Satellite conventions always have a strong science theme and a focus on the interface between science fiction and science fact – hardly surprising for a committee made up mainly of professional scientists! Satellite 5 will be no exception. However, building on links and experience gained from running Satellite 4 (Eastercon 2014) we hope to expand our scope just a little, whilst keeping many of the themes that fandom has enjoyed at our past conventions.

Our notional topic this time is the science and SF of 'built' structures – floating cities, orbital platforms, space stations and anything else bobbing around the universe with people (or other lifeforms) on or in it! Jaine Fenn, our author Guest of Honour is certainly 'on topic' with her *Hidden Empire* series. We are also breaking new ground (at least for a smaller Satellite convention) in having an artist Guest of Honour, the inestimable Ed Buckley!

You can read about our wonderful guests and find more information about our programme, the hotel and much more in the rest of this PR. I shall leave you to enjoy it and look forward to seeing you all at Satellite 5.

Michael, Mission Commander

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When, Where, Who, Which

Our Dates and Location:

Marriott Hotel, Glasgow, UK

28th – 29th May, 2016

Expedition VIPs (The GoHs):

Author **Jaime Fenn**

Artist **Ed Buckley**

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Programme

At the time of writing (November 2015) the programme is still very much under development but – as always – the goal is to reflect our core theme of *Science Fiction, Science Fact, Science Fun*. We're delighted to already have confirmed contributions from a handful of Satellite Stalwarts – fans who have participated in the programme at all previous Satellite conventions – but there is still plenty of scope to put forward ideas for programme items, and to volunteer to take part.

Some highlights so far:

GoH

We are hugely looking forward to Jaine Fenn's GoH talk, and also to hearing about things she really detests in *Room 101*. The 'Prop Elves' stand ready for the challenge! In addition to Ed Buckley's talk we plan to present a retrospective entitled *Ed's Early Daze*, featuring some of his favourite pieces of work from across the years. As always, our programme also will feature one or two Day Guests – local experts who come along to give an insight into a particular topic. Watch our website for announcements.

Panels

The SF Book Panel makes a re-appearance, moderated as always by Mark Meenan (we wonder how long the prescribed reading list will be this year!). And we shall of course be running the – now traditional – all Apocrypha panel (though sadly Apocrypha Guest Emeritus, Fluff the Plush Cthulhu will not be able to join us in person due to having brains to eat on the other side of the Atlantic the weekend of the convention).



Talks



Already confirmed are contributions on *Searching for SETI Megastructures* from Colin McInnes, another instalment of the ever-popular *Inadvisable Rocket Science* from Phil Wellings, and a talk exploring the





interface between science and art from Alligator Descartes. And of course no Satellite convention would be complete without a science presentation from Nik Whitehead. Additional items will be announced on our website.

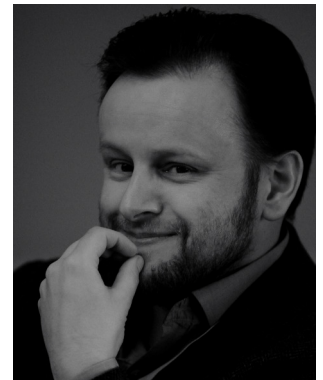


Other items



Satellite conventions are well-known for silly games – and we are pleased to confirm that both Munchkin and Co., and Cuddles and Throgg the Despicable, are already concocting their fiendish plans for fannish fun. In

honour of one of the most recognisable space stations in SF, Quark's Bar will be opening its doors for an alcohol-themed quiz – proving that hu-mons will drink virtually anything, if it's free!



We will also have an art workshop, and Saturday night is of course disco night. This time our theme is *Out of this World* and we hope many of you will consider putting together a costume on that – deliberately broad – theme: you might consider a representative of an alien species, a celestial object, or perhaps something outrageous in silver lamé from the Rocketpunk era of SF.

David Dryden and Alison McInnes have promised to treat us to another round of the best (read: strangest or most feliniferous) clips from the Internet, and Danae (Turtle Lady) will be organising another game of Werewolf.

We hope to confirm many more interesting programme items over the coming weeks and months – from the challenging and thought-provoking to the downright frivolous – and covering the breadth of speculative fiction, leading-edge science, and fannish issues. If you would like to be a part of the programme please email **programme@satellite5.org.uk** with a note of your suggested item, or information on your area of interest. We can't promise to use all the ideas we receive, but we will be sure to give them all serious consideration.

Miscellany

Some other information you may need to know...

Dealers' Room

Satellite 5 hopes to have a small dealers' room. As yet we have no dealers signed up, so if you are interested, or you know of someone who might be, please contact us at **enquiries@satellite5.org.uk**

Art Show

Our Dealers' Room will also be home to the Satellite 5 Art Show. As well as being the location of our retrospective of Ed Buckley's career, our Art Show will also have work from other convention members.

There will be no formal Art Auction, but bidding sheets will be provided for those wishing to sell their work.

If you would like to exhibit work please contact **enquiries@satellite5.org.uk**

Costumes

Hall costumes are welcome at Satellite 5 but any weapons carried as part of a costume must be clearly 'non-realistic' e.g. bright pink water pistols or similar.

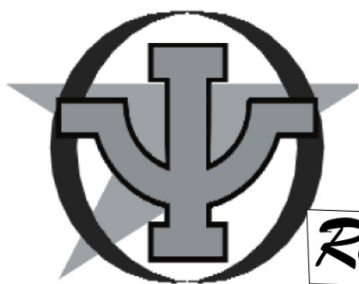
We will be running a Hall Costume competition, with a small prize for the winner. We'll be using the Token system, so you can vote for your favourites.

Children

Satellite 5 is aimed mainly at adult fans, but children are more than welcome to attend provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult. Much of Satellite 5's programme will be accessible to younger fans, but a few items may be age-restricted. We are unable to offer crèche facilities at the convention.

Fans with Special Needs

The Marriott is fully wheelchair-accessible. Seating will be reserved at the front of programme items for use by fans that have, for example, mobility or hearing difficulties.



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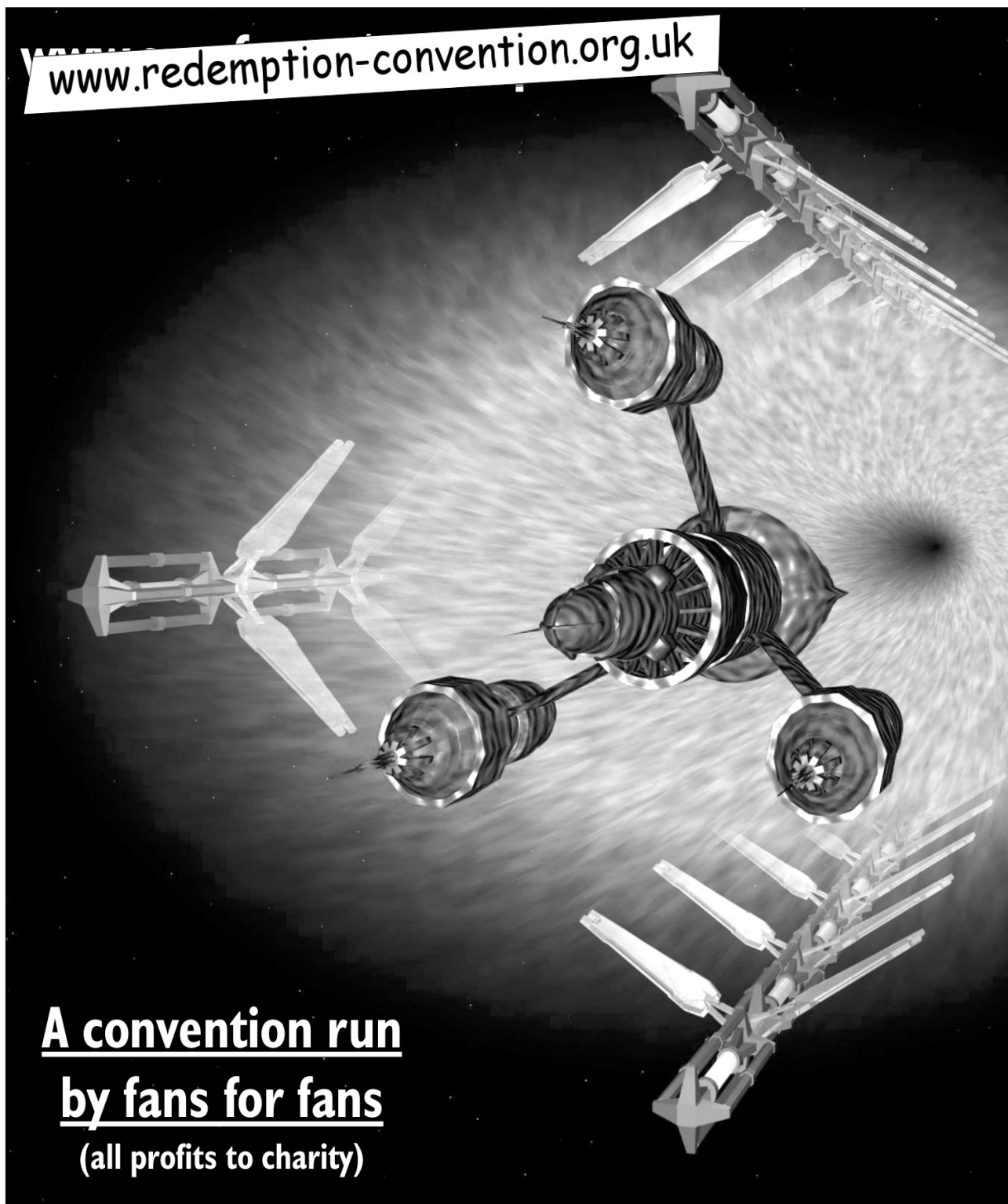
24-26 February 2017

Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield UK

Multimedia Science Fiction Convention

www.redemption-convention.org.uk

A convention run
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Expedition VIP: Jaine Fenn

Jaine Fenn, author of the *Hidden Empire* series of novels, was always a science fiction fan: brought up on a mixture of Doctor Who novels and Star Trek, she wrote her first “novel” at age 7. At age 11, she decided to make a career of writing unlikely stories. Jaine studied linguistics and astronomy at the University of Hertfordshire, where she also became the president of the local student Science Fiction Society. While at university, she met and married “the love of her life”.



Image by James Cooke

Jaine has had several short stories published in different magazines and her debut novel *Principles of Angels* was published in June 2008. Since then, she has published a further 4 novels in the *Hidden Empire* series and a short story collection, *Downside Girls*, set in the *Hidden Empire* universe. *The Ships of Aleph*, a novella first available as a limited-edition hard-copy chapbook produced by Novacon 42, is now available as an e-book. In her spare time, Jaine includes wild, green places, dancing like nobody’s watching and serious chocolate in her list of things to ease the trials of everyday life.

The *Hidden Empire* series:

1. *Principles of Angels* (2008)
2. *Consorts of Heaven* (2009)
3. *Guardians of Paradise* (2010)
4. *Bringer of Light* (2011)
5. *Queen of Nowhere* (2013)

Satellite 5 - the T-shirt!

Con t-shirts are available for sale on our website (www.satellite5.org.uk) for £16. They can be collected in person, or posted anywhere in the UK for an additional £4 per t-shirt.

T-shirts are a single-sided print on black, with the con logo on the front and the mission patch on the sleeve, and are available in all sizes from Small to XXXL.



Expedition VIP: Ed Buckley

Our Artist Guest of Honour, Ed Buckley, is a fan of long standing. In his earlier years he worked for Glasgow Buses and then at Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery. He has always had a keen interest in science and science fiction and is a current member of The Mars Society and The Space Settlers Society as well as being a regular at the Glasgow SF Fangroup "Resurgence of Trout". In the past, Ed has been president of ASTRA (Association in Scotland to Research into Astronautics).

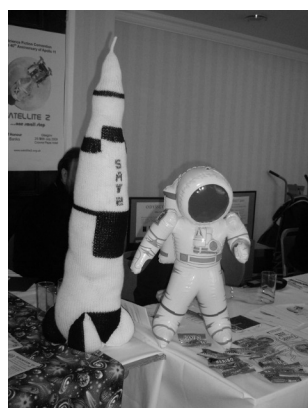


Image by Michael Davidson

Ed is a keen and talented artist, specialising in space art — space ships, space stations, futuristic planetary landscapes — and it is rumoured that he is being considered as Chief Artist for the first manned expedition to Mars because it is felt that his artistic talents will capture the beauty of Mars far better than any photographs. Ed regularly displays his art at Eastercon and created the cover picture for the Satellite 3 Programme Book.

Knit-wit

Over the years the Satellite Conventions have had a number of woolly mascots, all designed and created by Sha. She has taken our vaguest of requests, applied some needle, and come up with an outstanding range of original, bespoke items that have been admired greatly. Here are a few images of Sha's work. The originals will be making an appearance at Satellite 5, so do come and see the Real McCoy — it's well worth it!



The Saturn 5 and intrepid Roger<beep>

Beagle 2 in her knitted space suit.



Al the Albatross



Our darling Eyes-SS, Sha's latest creation.

Expedition Habitat (The Hotel)

Satellite 5 will take place in the Glasgow Marriott Hotel:

500 Argyle St,
Glasgow
G3 8RR

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The hotel is situated at Junction 19 of the M8, which makes it easy to get to by car. If you are travelling by train it is less than half a mile from Glasgow Central Train Station and has a local station just across the road (Anderston, with direct connections to Glasgow Central Low Level Station). The hotel has its own car park – parking charges are shown below. Hotel residents also have access to the leisure club and other hotel facilities.

Bedroom Rates

The following rates are available for 27th to 29th May 2016. Prices are shown as per room per night, inclusive of breakfast and VAT. Rates are valid until 1st April 2016 – please book before then to take advantage of our special deal.

Double Room	£110
Single Room	£100

Rooms can be booked on the hotel's room bookings page (see the Expedition Habitat page on our website for a link) or by calling Marriott Central Reservations on 0800 221 222 and give the booking code **Satellite 5**.

Special requests

If you have any special requests, e.g. family room, accessible room, twin room then please make a standard reservation through the booking site (see the Expedition Habitat page on our website for a link). Then contact Fran Hannaford-Bennett with your request and she will endeavour to assist. Fran's email address is:

Fran.Hannaford-Bennett@marriott-hotels.com

If you have any further questions about the hotel please email Fran. The direct telephone number for the Glasgow Marriott is 0141 226 5577.

Membership List

As of 2200 hours on the 5th of November, 2015, we have 116 members (including guests and non-sentients).

No.	Type	Name	No.	Type	Name
19	N	Al the Albatross	82	A	Heathcock, Julian
66	A	Alex Holden	77	A	helenex
55	A	Alligator Descartes	98	A	Hepburn, Alasdair (Audrey)
22	N	Ambassador Harold	118	A	Hunter, Bob
59	A	Ann	31	A	Incognito
39	N	Batty	67	A	Jack Deighton
18	N	Beagle 2	46	J	Jackson, Anna (Thing)
21	A	Beel, Catriona	45	A	Jackson, Glyn
74	A	Bhob	44	A	Jackson, Judith
105	N	Bluthu	26	A	James, Barbara
83	A	Bray, John	84	A	Jan Van'T Ent
53	A	Bridget Chee	70	A	Jo Thomas
80	A	Brown, John	117	N	Jofli A Bear
5	G	Buckley, Ed	38	A	John R Wilson
24	A	Campbell, Jim	120	A	Johnston, Cameron
119	A	Ceccarelli, Gianni (dakkar)	96	A	Julia Jones
40	A	cj muir	54	J	Kathryn Meenan
64	N	Clarence	50	A	King, Wendy
79	A	Cooper, Steve R	113	A	koren
69	A	David	49	A	KSimes
114	A	David U	86	A	Lakin, Nicholas (Nick Lakin)
12	A	Davidson, Christine	47	A	Leitch, Stuart (Stevie)
11	A	Davidson, Michael	27	A	Looi, Kin-Ming (Ming)
107	A	DC	7	E	MacLeod, Ken
68	A	Debs	61	A	Mad Elf
85	A	Doug S	57	A	Matthews, Elaine (Raistllynn)
34	A	Eddie Cochrane	58	A	Matthews, Sandy
88	A	Edwards, Sue	13	A	Meenan, Mark
87	A	Ellie Winpenny	78	A	Mendlesohn, Farah
6	G	Ellis, Dave	32	A	Mike Quin
115	A	Elsie WK Donald	112	A	Miriam Moss
103	A	Ewing, Allison	33	A	MM6LJQ
104	A	Ewing-Hepburn, Sarah (Silver tongue)	25	A	Mosses, Richard
15	N	Eyes-SS	35	A	Munchkin
1	G	Fenn, Jaïne	100	A	Nimmo, Andy (Andy Nimmo)
10	E	Fluff the Plush Cthulhu	102	A	O'Neill, Ken (PAWS4THOT)
52	J	Gallagher, Hugh	14	A	O'Neill, Morag
51	A	Gallagher, Morgan	48	A	Paul
111	A	Gryphon	20	A	Phil
73	A	Hazel C	56	J	Pog

No. Type Name

30	A	Raj
41	A	Ramsay, Malcolm (Cap'n Mal)
76	A	Red
95	A	Reilly, Frank
91	A	Reynolds, Patricia
90	A	Reynolds, Trevor
106	A	Rob Adams (@Tillane1)
17	N	Roger<beep>
42	A	Sacha
99	A	Scott, Jamie
37	A	Serena Culfeather
36	A	Sha
65	N	Skite
16	A	Sleith, Carolyn
28	A	Smitty
97	A	Sneddon, Robert (Nojay)
81	A	Stephenson, Richard (The legend that is)
116	A	Stevie Carroll
109	A	Stewart, Barbara
108	A	Stewart, John
9	E	Stross, Charles

No. Type Name

29	A	Taylor, Paul
71	A	The Fossil
89	A	Thompson, Jean (Rhionnach)
62	J	Turtle Lady
110	A	Vincent Docherty
63	A	Walker, Samantha (Esmerelda)
92	A	Wareing, Tommy
2	G	Weddell, Dave
93	A	Westhead, Kathy
94	A	Westhead, Peter
23	A	Whitehead, Nik

Membership Types

G	Guest
E	Guest Emeritus
A	Attending Member
S	Supporting Member
C	Child
I	Infant
N	Non-sentient (Toys, Mascots)



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