

## From the Chair

Please remember we are keeping access lanes clear: don't obstruct them or put furniture in them. They are clearly marked with yellow tape. Please respect the needs of Con members with access badges. And please don't complain to volunteers who ask you to move out of the access lanes.

## Sign-up items

Spaces are still available on many of Sunday's sign-up items, including the crafting workshops, poetry and beer tasting. Please go to Info Desk to put your name down.

## Probing quality merchandise

If you can't wait for the fan fund auction on Sunday, and still have any money left after going to Friday's TAFF Extravaganza, do visit Claire Wardell's jewellery table in the Dealers Room. There you can buy lapel pins based on USPS stamps commemorating planetary probe missions - with all profits going to the fan funds.

## Imagined Things

Harrogate bookshop *Imagined Things* is just down the hill from the Majestic. Opening hours over the Easter weekend are Saturday 10am-5:30pm, Sunday closed, Monday 10am-4pm. They have a couple of special author signing events today  
3 pm: Science fiction authors  
4 pm: Fantasy authors

## Poster presentations

Don't forget to check out the excellent posters on display in the Half Moon. Check the signs in the poster area for times when individual presenters will be available to talk about their work.

## Poetry

Poet Chrissy Williams has written a poem especially for the Newsletter:

### ***Robot Unicorn Attack***

(a love poem for a videogame)  
Possibility bursts like a horse full of light, accelerating into a star. Explosion. Hit <X> to make your dreams crash into stone. Death. Diatonic chimes of joy. *I want to be with you.* Let dolphins fly in time. Swim through air, leap past sense, past sin and then hit <Z> to chase your dreams again. *Always. Harmony.* Up, smash goes the rainbow-trailing heart again. Again. Again, again! *I want to be with you* when make-believe is possible. I want to be with you when robot unicorns never cry, hit stars collapse in quiet love. When there is only love. *Harmony.* No shame.

*Chrissy Williams*

Chrissy will be appearing on *Poets on Poetry* at 4:30 pm on Saturday and *Poetry Comics Workshop* at noon on Sunday.

Please sign up for the workshop at Info Desk.

## From the vaults

Follycon 88 ran out of real ale at noon on Saturday. Their hotel didn't believe the committee when they predicted how much beer fans could drink. We are pleased to report that Follycon 18 is in good shape, with 24 casks remaining.

## SF in WW1

Prof Edward James' display on science fiction in WW1 is now in the Billiards Room. Do go and have a look. It is absolutely fascinating!

## Smoking Area

Please don't smoke in the area outside hotel reception. Use the designated smoking areas.

## Dealers Room

Please don't take large bags into the Dealers Room. If you're passing through on the way to a programme item in the Dance Studio, please make sure any drinks are in closed containers rather than open pints etc to avoid spillage on the shiny things!

## Lifts and stairs

Please can everyone who is able use the stairs and leave the lifts for those who need them. And please try to have no more than four people in the lift at once. Otherwise it will break (again)!

## Lost and found

One shoe, last seen half-way round the quagmire of the Harrogate Park Run.

## Grenadine solution

If you downloaded the FOLLY18 schedule before the clocks changed last weekend your notifications may come an hour late. A workaround is to go to options, click on reminders, turn them off and then turn them back on (by selecting the minutes before).

## Restaurant Reviews

### Brio Ristorante (Gianni's)

40 Kings Road, HG1 5JW, 01423 553953  
Excellent. GF pizza and pasta. Wide choice for vegetarians. No vegan menu but if you say you are vegan they will negotiate a dish to your taste with enthusiasm. Several vegan salads. £26 for two courses + alcohol per person.

*Farah Mendlesohn*

**Thai kitchen** 33 Cheltenham Crescent. 01423-525551. Various curry and noodle dishes. Great taste, Nice portions though appetizers somewhat large (good chicken satay). Coffee not so good! Mains £15-20.

*Jan van't Ent*

**Lucia Italian** 3 Ripon Road 01423 500071

My lasagna was excellent, Martin's pizza was good, and the staff were cheerful and efficient. Mains from £10.

*Margaret Austin*

### Gelateria Ice Scoop

14 Kings Road. Excellent ice cream, waffles, and pancakes. Fri-Sat: 1 - midnight  
Sun-Thu: 1 - 11 pm

**Burgers and More** 11 Kings Road 01423 523796

Great staff and unique substantial burgers, including the Bucking Bronco served

with deep-fried chillies. Burger and pint of Black Sheep £18.

*Arthur Chappell*

## The Lally Wonderwall

The traditional Eastercon installation artwork containing information on future cons (and bids) can be seen displayed along the walkway leading towards the swimming pool. Photography very much encouraged!

## Child's play

There is a large playground towards the far end of Valley Park, 5 mins from the Majestic.

Please can parents and guardians makes sure youngsters are not left unsupervised in the games room.

## Doctor Boo

There is much criticism of the programme team for not arranging with the BBC to have a live showing of Dr Who on Saturday night.

## You have been warned!



To enforce the four person per lift policy, the Committee has engaged bouncers to manage the doors.

## From Shadow

Can Ingress players who complete the Follycon banner please find Shadow (Ingress: NeverSeenByDay) to receive a small token.

## From Jackie Burns

Can the person who purchased a set of jewellery at *Innominate*, Eastercon 2017, but hasn't yet received their bracelet please contact Jackie in the Dealers Room.

## The Daily Drabble:

### An investigation into quantum uncertainty and the undead

In this experiment a vampire was tricked into wearing ski goggles with mirrored lenses. Mirrorshades reflect most light, the rest gets through. That should be the only light entering the goggles, so it should be able to see ahead. However, vampires don't reflect in mirrors; light from behind should hit the lenses, and should be visible to observers in front of it, and the vampire should see objects behind itself reflected in the lenses. This suggests some form of quantum uncertainty. In practice the vampire instantly crumbled to dust. Our tentative conclusion is that the universe really dislikes a smart-arse

*Marcus L. Rowland*

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## Murder Mystery Clue 2

Phil was in room 1