



## Nnedi Okorafor Interview



Guest of Honour Nnedi Okorafor spoke openly about how scoliosis ended her promising pro-tennis career. During her lengthy rehabilitation, she turned to the written word and fell in love with storytelling. She then spoke about how her former strict athletics regime has given her the consistent discipline to meet or better her writing deadlines. Now working extensively in the Marvel Comics world, she has some Black Panther spin-offs in the pipeline.

### DDT miracle?

Once DDT was considered a miracle answer to the problem of dangerous insects. In the BSFA Lecture, Dr Sabine Clarke, a lecturer in modern history at the University of York, showed how DDT was used in 1946 in Kenya to control malaria.

In particular, she focused on a British propaganda film that

was used to persuade local people of the safety of spraying the chemical in and around their homes.

She found that their reluctance was probably not from ignorance but from their negative experience of the British applying arsenic to kill locusts, which had also accidentally poisoned cattle.

**“Don’t stand in the doorway, don’t block up the hall”**

*Bob Dylan*

Please don’t block up the North Lounge Fan Bar by putting chairs in access lanes.

There are plenty of big round tables in the Billiards Room suitable for large groups of fans to sit around and enjoy a pint and a chat.



**DON’T DO THIS!!!**

### Nearest cash machine

Go out the west entrance by the swimming pool. Follow the path through the hotel garden to the gate at the bottom. There is a machine on the

building to your left.

### Rapidfire Infoshots

Sat 10 pm. You have three minutes to talk about anything you want, with visuals! Bring a USB with .ppt or .pdf slides. Be ranty. Be funny. But don't be boring. There will be heckling and a prize for best rant/share!

### Programme Changes

#### *Easter Egg Hunt*

Sun 10 am. Egg Hunt Central will be by the revolving doors at the Terrace end of the bar, not at the Info Desk.

#### *Culture Clash Panel*

Sun 1:30 pm. Nnedi Okorafor can no longer take part in the Culture Clash panel. A replacement is being recruited.

#### *The Life and Work of Stephen Hawking*

Emma King will give her rearranged talk at 9 am on Monday in the Drawing Room.

### From Audrey

Can anyone who completed the park run please find Audrey who has a special souvenir for you.

[newsletter@follycon.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@follycon.org.uk)

Drop-off box at Info Desk

### Apocryphal outrage

Complaints have been received from several sources – including Satellite Conventions’ Apocrypha Emeritus His Malevolence Fluff the Plush Cthulhu – about the non-availability of

memberships and con badges for apocrypha. He informs us that the Follycon Committee may expect to have their brains sucked out shortly!

### **Wi-fi saturated**

Although the hotel assured us their internet provision was sufficient for a convention of this size, it's possible they weren't used to fans. All your tech devices are causing connectivity problems, meaning that other members can't log on. Please disconnect devices when you're not using them so that you know they're not downloading data in the background, and please avoid streaming and other data-intensive services.

### **Restaurant reviews**

#### **L'Abero Delle Noci**

31 Cheltenham Crescent.  
01423 565806

Traditional South Italian. Excellent food, friendly service. They warn you food might take a while because they cook it freshly, but there was no problem when it wasn't busy. Mains from £10.

*Tony Keen*

#### **Major Tom's Social**

3 The Ginnel 01423 566984

Excellent home-baked pizzas, many of which are suitable for vegetarians and vegans, in this quirky eclectic bar decked out in movie and music memorabilia. Pizzas £7-9. Four real ales and a selection of craft beers.

*Arthur Chappell*

#### **Loo-dicrous**

The gents toilet next to the Dealers Room is fast becoming the 'must see' stop



on the Majestic Tourist Tour. Indeed, so vast and palatial is its opulent interior, that the Committee considered using it for several functions. Committee members sent to investigate the facilities further are only now re-appearing in ones and twos.

### **Dept. of Fannish Export**

If you want to vote in the TAFF and/or GUFF races, see the Info Desk or vote online by Tuesday. Thanks to everyone who has donated items for Sunday evening's Fan Fund Auction; you can still donate at the Info Desk.

#### **Murder Mystery Clue 3**

Alice's room number was one greater than the room with the encyclopaedia.

### **Satellite in orbit**

The Satellite 6 con table has moved to the opposite side of the Dealers' Room. However they remain eager to sell memberships and hand out copies of Elf's utterly impossible incredibly easy Venus-themed Word Search. Meanwhile Venus de Glasgo' is guarding the Art Show.

### **The Daily Drabble**

This issue's drabble is a study from Charles Stross' laundryverse by Dr Adrian Emery:

#### **An Investigation of the Physical Properties of the Basilisk and Other Litho-transformative Species**

It had been previously reported in the literature that the Basilisk broke the law of mass conservation by converting carbon atoms to silicon via their gaze. Extremely careful dissection of the eyes and visual cortex coupled with experiments using juvenile creatures on live subjects, it is now thought that a form of "warm" fusion occurs with a large release of energy.

It is thought that the visual cortex is acting as a quantum computer entangling a pair of atoms then forcing them into the same point of space creating silicon and energy. This is now been classified at ULTRA level.