



Follycon

Welcome to the second Follycon Factsheet! Follycon will be the 69th British National Science Fiction Convention, or Eastercon. It will be held at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate, from 30 March to 2 April 2018.

This is a short update on the convention, but you can find much more information on our website, follycon.org.uk, our Facebook page, facebook.com/follycon2018, or through our Twitter account, @follycon2018.

You'll be able to find us in the fan table area at Innominate, the 2017 Eastercon: please come and say hello! We're also running a Follycon Taster programme item with a range of talks, so look out for us there as well.

Hotel Bookings and Access

Hotel bookings will open at 9am on 3 April 2017. Please don't try to book before then, as we don't want to annoy the hotels.

Follycon will be held in the beautiful Yorkshire spa town of Harrogate, at The Majestic Hotel. There are several other hotels onsite and nearby, and Harrogate also has plenty of B&Bs, many listed in the accommodation section of visitharrogate.co.uk.

The Majestic Hotel is housed in a listed building that was not originally designed with accessibility in mind. However, ramps and lifts have been installed where possible to improve access. We are working closely with the hotel to make the convention as accessible and enjoyable as possible for everyone.

If you require an accessible room in any of the hotels listed below, or need to be in the main hotel for access reasons or because you have small children then please contact access@follycon.org.uk by 20 March if you haven't already done so. All accessible rooms have walk-in showers except as noted.

Hotel Details

All hotel rates include breakfast and VAT. All hotels have a limited number of cots available on request.

The Majestic Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 2HU tinyurl.com/FollyMaj

Room rates: £115 for double or twin; £80 for single; children aged under 16 can share an adult's room for £6.50 per night.

One fully accessible room. Standard rooms have space for wheelchairs / scooters but all have showers over baths. There are showers available in the pool area that are reached by one step.

To book, call 01423 700300 or email reservations@majestichotelharrogate.co.uk, quoting 'Follycon'.

The Holiday Inn, Kings Road, Harrogate HG1 1XX (0.1 miles from the main hotel) tinyurl.com/FollyHoliday

Room rates: £139 for double or twin; £129 for single; children aged under 12 can share an adult's room free of charge.

A few rooms are suitable for wheelchairs/scooters, however all bathrooms have baths with showers overhead.

To book, call 01423 849988 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 9pm) or email revenue@hiharrogate.valoreurope.com, quoting 'Follycon'.

Kimberley Hotel, 11–19 Kings Road, Harrogate HG1 5JY (0.2 miles) tinyurl.com/FollyKimberley

Room rates: £110 for double or twin; £95 for single; children can share an adult's room free of charge (aged 3 and under) or for £15 per night (aged 3 to 16).

One room is fully accessible and six have walk-in showers.

To book, call 01423 505613 or email sam.burton@thekimberley.co.uk, quoting 'Follycon'.

Crown Hotel, Crown Place, Harrogate HG1 2RZ (0.3 miles) tinyurl.com/FollyCrown

Room rates: £99 for double or twin; £69 for single; children under 12 can share an adult's room for £15 per night.

Two rooms are fully accessible and two others have walk-in showers.

To book, visit www.crownhotelharrogate.com and use the offer code 'Follycon' or call 01423 706607.

The Old Swan, Swan Road, Harrogate HG1 2SR (0.3 miles)

tinyurl.com/FollySwan

Room rates: £112 for double or twin; £87 for single; children under 18 can share an adult's room for £15 per night.

Two rooms are fully accessible, on the third floor with lift access.

To book, call 01423 500055 (Monday to Saturday, 9am to 6pm), quoting 'brit290318'.

Yorkshire Hotel, Prospect Place, Harrogate HG1 1LA (0.3 miles)

tinyurl.com/FollyYork

Room rates: £110 for double or twin; £65 for single; children can share an adult's room for £5 (aged 10 and under) or £10 (aged 10 to 16) per night.

One room has grab rails in the bathroom and extra space, but the shower is over the bath. Five rooms have step-in showers.

To book, call Lucy on 01423 706705 or email lucy.mccarthy@the-yorkshire.co.uk, quoting 'HARR82232'

The nearest overflow hotel is the **Premier Inn**, which is in the Majestic's back garden. Unfortunately, Premier do not arrange block booking or special rates. If you want this hotel you can book from 3 April by going to tinyurl.com/FollyPremier. If you call them on 0871 527 9432, you can get information about accessible rooms.

We are still completing arrangements with some other hotels in the area. When the details have been finalised, they will be added to our website at follycon.org.uk/hotels.

Guests of Honour

Follycon's four fabulous Guests have been keeping busy over the last few months, and have various new books, comics and academic publications coming out soon. Among **Kieron Gillen's** many releases for 2017 are three ongoing comic series: *Doctor Aphra* (with Kevin Walker), *Uber: Invasion* (with Daniel Gete) and *The Wicked and The Divine* (with Jamie McKelvie and Matt Wilson). His *The Complete Phonogram* (with McKelvie and Wilson) will be released in April, collecting all of *Phonogram* as a single volume for the first time. **Christina Lake** submitted her PhD thesis (on utopian and dystopian eugenics) in January and is preparing for her viva in March. **Nnedi Okorafor's** *Binti: Home*, the sequel to the Hugo- and Nebula-award winning *Binti*, came out on 13 February, and she has a new story in *The Djinn Falls in Love*, an anthology released on 9 March. **Kim Stanley Robinson** has a new novel out on 16 March, *New York 2140*.

Programme

We'll be asking everyone for programming ideas and participation in the programme, and hope to have a form for that up on the website before Easter. If you ticked the appropriate box when you joined the convention then you'll automatically be sent an email about it after Easter as a reminder. If you would like to send us an idea or volunteer for programme, email us on programme@follycon.org.uk, or if you don't have email access, please write to us at the address below.

Volunteering

If you'd like to help out with the running of the convention, whether beforehand or on the day, please send an email to volunteers@follycon.org.uk letting us know what you'd be interested in doing.

And thanks to those who've already done that! We will be in touch soon with everyone who has volunteered so far and before too long there'll be a form on the website to help you to offer to help us.

Getting in Touch

If you have any **access**-related questions or requirements, please email us at access@follycon.org.uk.

If you'd like to register an interest in space in the **Dealers' Room**, please email dealers@follycon.org.uk.

If you're interested in exhibiting in our **Art Show**, please email artshow@follycon.org.uk.

There's a list of these and other contact email addresses on our website, or you can send an email to info@follycon.org.uk if you're not sure who's the best person to answer your query.

If you'd prefer to contact us by post, please write to Follycon, 19 Uphall Road, Cambridge, CB3 1HX.

How to Join

If you're not already a member of the convention, you can join by visiting follycon.org.uk/join.

We hope to offer day memberships for Follycon, and details will be announced near the time of the convention.

Our rates until 1 May 2017 are:

Adult (25+)	£60
Young Adult (18-24) / Unwaged	£45
Child (5-17)	£30
Infant (0-4)	Free
Supporting	£30

Ages are as at 1 April 2018.