



Griiffish Isles
Combook 2018

Welcome to the Griffish Isles

Hello! Pleased to meet you! My name is Bobbie and I am a friendly police griffon from a little island in Equestria called Griffish Isles. It's quite close to Trottingham, where UK PonyCon will be held this year. Griffons are a proud bunch but they could do with some cheering up. So I thought I'd put on a convention and spread the joy of friendship! I got some of my griffon friends to help, found some willing ponies too and we've already made so many friends while planning this, before the event's even started! Maybe you'll find your future friends here too?



Image by PuffySmosh



We have so much planned! We hope those of you who went enjoyed the pre-meet and there's plenty more fun today, just look at the schedule in this booklet to see what you can do. We also flew in Mistmane (and have the wing cramps to prove it). She looks very different in real life, but we promise it's her!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask at the front desk or flag down a roaming member of staff (provided they don't look too busy). They are the ones in blue t-shirts.

Thanks

Organisers: Griffons:

Hypnohooves
Aldersgate
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Nick
Librase

Glax
ZejoPonik
Matthew "Starlight Flux" Bailey
Gothica
Gallop Crush (Mark Hyder)
Tran Sketch

Amber Dragon
ScottishTwi
Kit Manners
Arek "LapWing" Czajkowski
Thomas " Sally Hoofster " Mettham
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We would like to thank the venues and their staff for providing us with a space and helping to set it up and keep everypony safe, Elley Ray and Lee Tockar for agreeing to take part in this event, the vendors and volunteers for their work in making the event run, our artists for providing their work for our conbook, flag, and shirts, and most importantly the attendees - without you there wouldn't be a Griffish Isles at all! Cover art by FishieWishes, watermark art by Stormblaze

Code of Conduct

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult and as much as we would love to party with you, you can only stay until 8pm. Please don't buy alcohol or have anyone buy it for you. If you look under 25, you may be asked for ID.

There will be no assaulting, harrassment, or general meanness to staff, guests, volunteers, or other attendees. If this happens to you, please flag down a staff member.

You may be photographed or videoed while taking part in the convention. However, please be respectful towards cosplayers, and ask permission before taking their photograph.

Only ticket holders may be allowed to take part in the convention. Please make sure you keep your wristband on you throughout the day, as you may be asked to leave or may not be allowed to enter the night venue otherwise. If your wristband is damaged, you can get a new one at the front desk.

Only those with vendor tickets can sell at this con. Any hugs offered must therefore be free.

Please be considerate toward our younger guests and behave appropriately. We griffons love our cosplay, and look forward to seeing your creations! However, please be aware that children may be present; keep things decent. When including weapons in your cosplay, there should be nothing real, nothing sharp, and prop guns should have a brightly-coloured tip. Also, if your cosplay involves body paint please be considerate of the furniture.

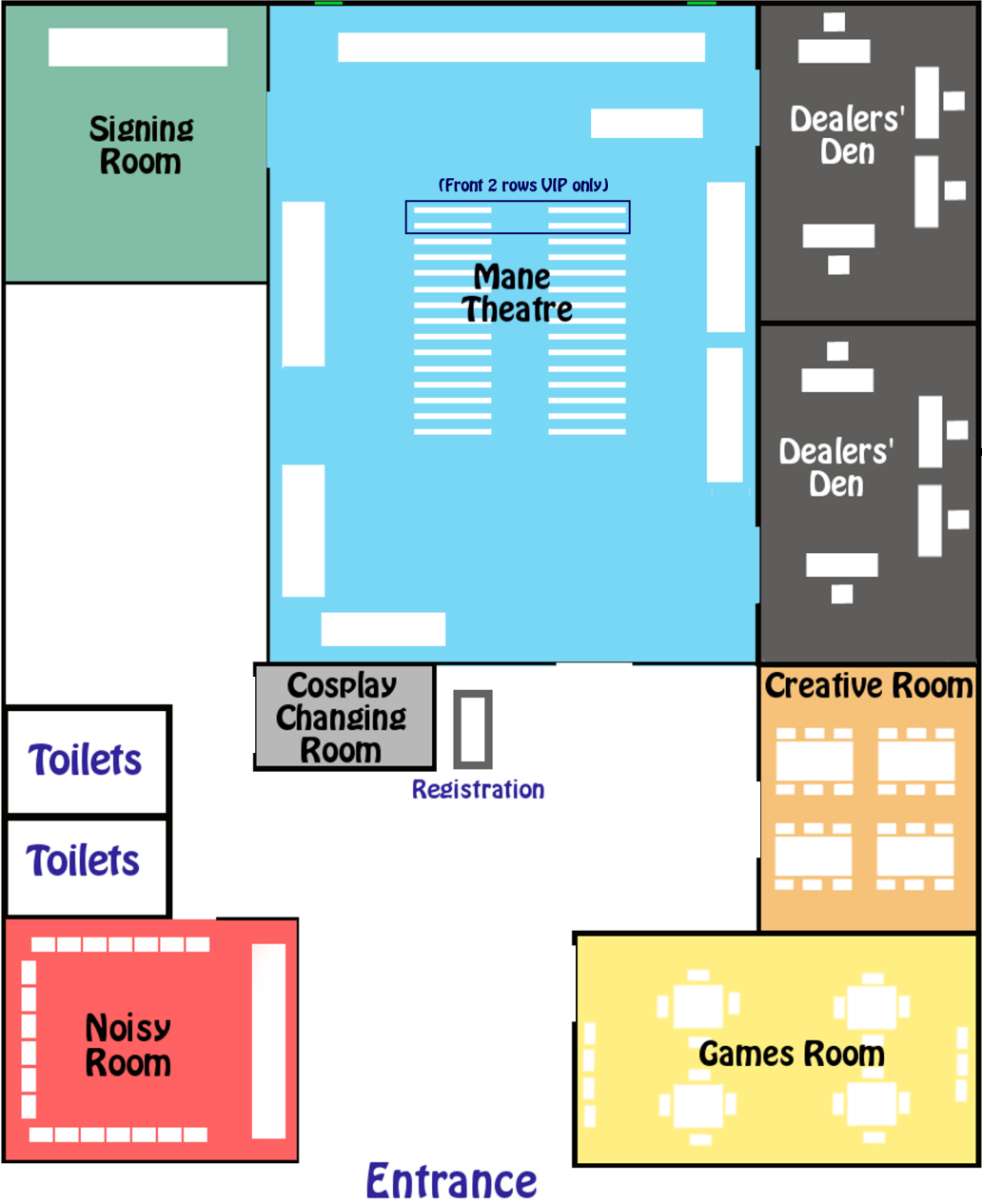
You can take food and drink into the day venue, but not into the night venue. However, there is a bar that serves food and drink at Powerleague as well as several eateries nearby.

Attendees will be responsible for their own belongings. Unfortunately there is no cloakroom at either venue.

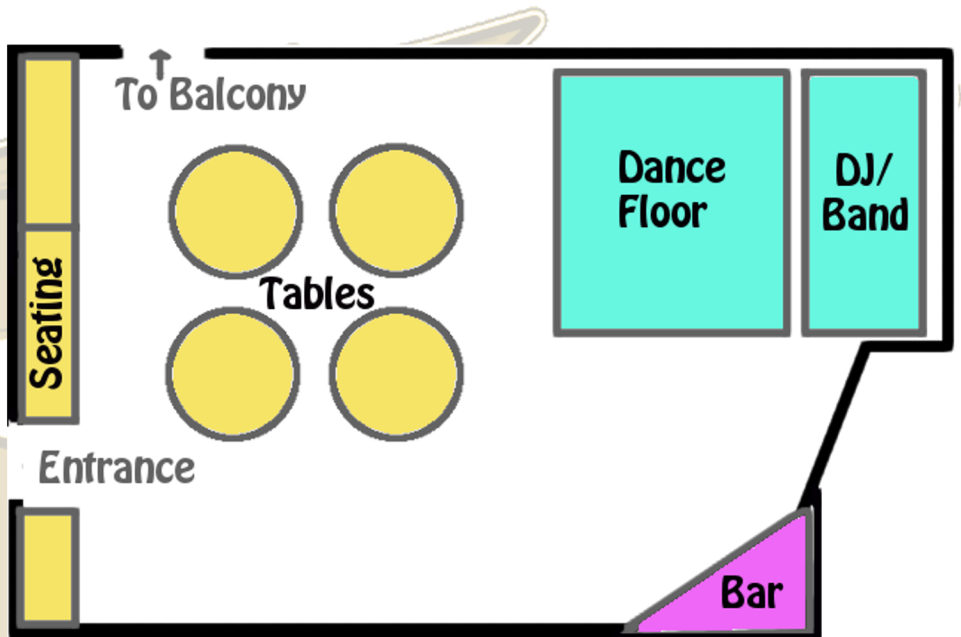
We are not responsible for squeaky truncheon attacks by overenthusiastic mascots.

We are law-abiding griffons, and as such any attendees engaging in illegal activity, carrying items prohibited by UK law, or in an extreme state of intoxication may be asked to leave the premises. If you are removed from the premises, tickets will not be refunded.

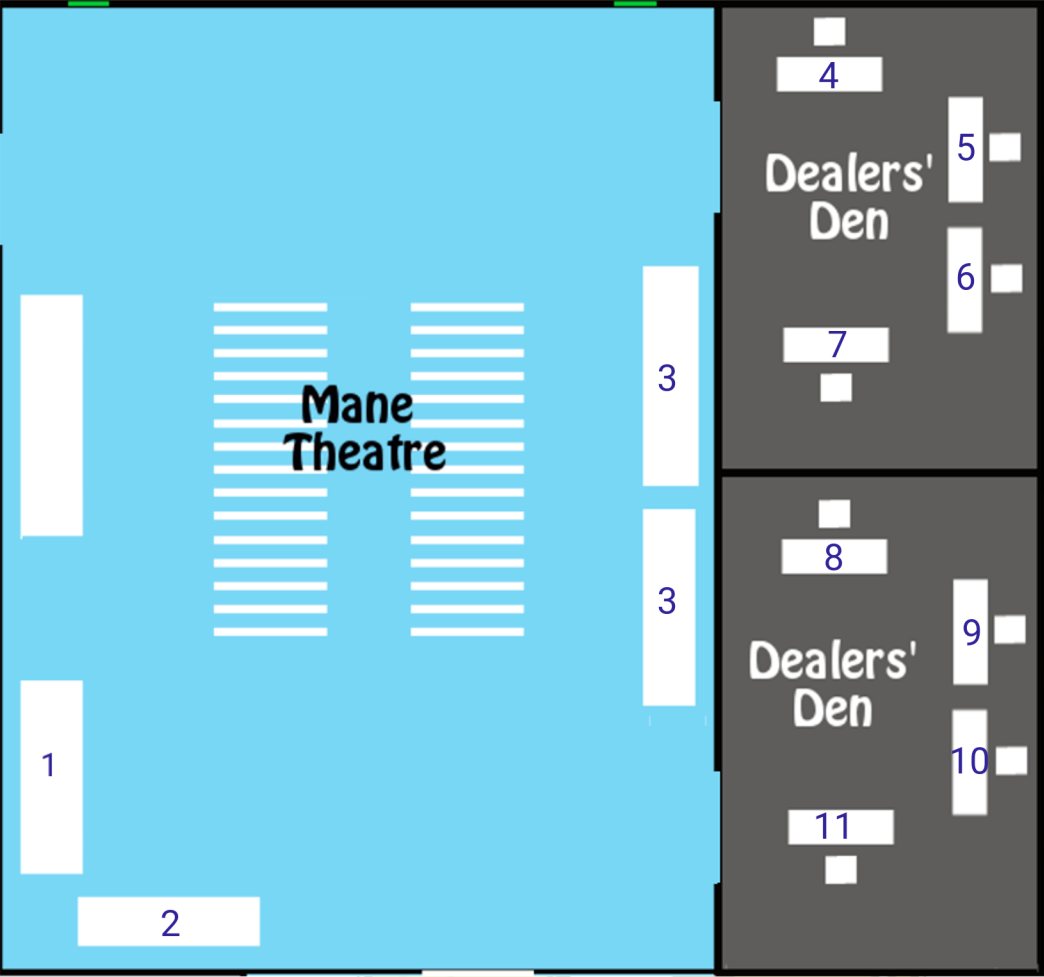
Day Venue (St Thomas Centre)



Night Venue (Powerleague)



Vendors



1. UK PonyCon

One of the biggest and longest-running MLP conventions in Europe! Geared toward collectors of pony merchandise from all generations. Visit their table and see what it's all about!

2. The Manic Sculptor

Creating dioramas and sculptures with beautiful detail of ponies, game characters, and popular cartoon characters, there is sure to be something you'll like enough to display in your home.

3. Torben Goldmund

Torben makes high-quality bags, cushions, coasters, mousepads...almost anything you can think of with original pony art from the community. Torben's merch is always popular, so get in there early!

4. SockJems Creations

Jem specialises in making fashion and homeware items (cushions, purses, scrunchies and more) from lovely MLP-themed fabric and fabric from other popular fandoms.

5. Stormblaze

The original designer of our mascot Bobbie, Stormblaze will have some exclusive merch of the cheerful griffon at this con! She will be selling her pony art on prints and stickers.

6. Pegasus Embroidery

Snuggably soft pony-themed scarves, hoodies, plushies and more! They're also known for their LGBT and pop-culture themed merch.

7. PoneBooth

Traditional cartoony adorable artwork of ponies and well-known game characters. You can buy this art on prints, badges, and stickers.

8. Greenfly

Adam is the creator of the comic "Greenfly Adventures"; based on his escapades with his little spider friend/hat Foolish. He will be selling prints and art tokens, which are A6-sized art cards. Come and say hello to Foolish, he doesn't bite!

9. AnticularPony

Anti is the artist and writer behind the Tumblr blog "Ask Sunshine and Moonbeams". He is a London-based artist who creates stunning art whether it be through animation, digital painting or traditional sketches.

10. Sew Wishful Crafts

FishieWishes creates the softest and sweetest of plushie pony friends, and occasionally bigger pony friends! Especially for this convention, she will be selling Bobbie plushies. Get yours before the staff buy them all!

11. The Strawberry Meadow

This artist makes beautiful hand-sculpted figures of ponies and characters from other series, as well as fan art prints and badges

Time	Mane Theatre		Creative Room	Games Room	No Ro
10-11am	Registration Opening Ceremonv	Silent Auction		Free Play	Po Kar
11-12pm	Elley Ray panel		How to draw ponies	How to play CCG	Not Toile ga
12-1pm	Freaks, Geeks, or Heroes		Pony Sculpting	MLP Game of Life	
1-2pm	Cosplay competition				
2-3pm	Intro to Pony Fursuiting		Plushie Making	MLP Top Trumps	Po Kar
3-4pm	Voice Actor Workshop			Pony Shuffle	
	Voice Call		Art Competition		
4-5pm	Awards Ceremony				
5-6pm					
6-7pm					
7-8pm					
8-9pm					
9-10pm					
10-11pm					
11-12pm					

Boys Room	Dealers' Den	Powerleague Pitch	Powerleague Bar	Fan Boy Three	Signing Room
Boys Karaoke	Dealers' den Buy merchandise from community vendors				
Get The Secret Roll Game					
Boys Karaoke					Elley Ray Signing
		Buckball			
			Music setup/ sound check	CCG Competition	
			Twilight Sparkle's Secret Shipfic Files		
			Pub quiz		
			Karaoke/ open mic		
			Live Music		

Event details

How to Draw Ponies workshop *Creative room Time: 11am*

Want to learn how to draw happy little ponies? Community artist Anticular Pony will teach you how! Materials are provided, all you need to bring is yourself and your creativity.

Elley Ray's panel *Mane Theatre Time: 11am*

We interview our guest, Elley Ray Hennessy (the voice of Mistmane)! Afterwards, you have an opportunity to ask her your questions

Cosplay Competition *Mane Theatre Time: 1pm*

All dressed up and nowhere to go? Not quite! Here you can show off your costume on our mane stage and maybe win a prize! Even if you're not in cosplay, you can watch the contest and it's a good opportunity for photos with cosplayers! If you wish to enter, please sign up at the registration desk. Judged by Hypnohooves.

Pony Sculpting workshop *Creative room Time: 12.30pm*

Ever wanted to make pony models and dioramas? Manic Sculptor gives you advice on how to get into sculpting. In this workshop, we all work together to make a scene to be sold in the charity auction. (Working together? It'll never catch on.)

Not The Toilet Roll Game *Noisy room Time: 12pm*

Bring a gift of £5 value and try your luck! Gifts are placed in the centre and everyone is assigned to a team - Earth ponies, Pegasi, or Unicorns. Pick a gift, then an Earth pony has their gift given to a Unicorn and they get a toilet roll. Then team names for each player are drawn. If yours matches your team name, you miss a turn. Otherwise, you have to swap your gift with that team. Will you get one gift, two, or will you get the toilet roll?

Plushie making *Creative room Time 2pm*

FishieWishes of Sew Wishful crafts talks about the art of crafting little plushie friends.

Intro to Pony Fursuiting *Mane Theatre Time: 1.30pm*

Always wanted to be a real pony? Unfortunately, fursuits are the closest thing we have. Phil Sims will show you how to get started making a fursuit and will give you some general tips on how to make the most of wearing the suit and being your new pony self.

Karaoke *Noisy room Times: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm and Powerleague Bar Time: 8pm-9pm*

It wouldn't be a brony event without hearing people sing pony songs at the top of their voices! Can't sing? Don't worry, neither can we. ALL TOGETHER NOW! "My Little Pony, My Little Pony, ah-ah-ah-AH!"

Art competition *Creative room Time: 3.30pm*

Can you draw well? Prove it here for the chance to win a prize! Judged by Stormblaze

Voice Call *Mane Theatre Time: 3.30pm*

Using human technology and unicorn magic, we will speak with Lee Tockar (the voice of Snips, Steven Magnet, Coriander Cumin and many other minor MLP characters) and you can ask him questions on the show, voice acting, or anything else you can think of!

Voice Actor Workshop *Mane Theatre Time: 2:30pm*

Interested in voice acting? Our guest Elley Ray Hennessy will help you improve your skills with her experience and insights! She has been a professional voice actor and coach for over 30 years and is very dedicated to helping people hoping to work in the profession - you couldn't really ask for a better instructor!

Freake, Geeks or Heroes? How the media portrays Pony fans *Mane Theatre Time: 12pm*

Dr Andrew Crome, a Lecturer in History from Manchester Metropolitan University examines the ways that fans have been portrayed – from coverage of early G1 collectors, to the most recent reporting on Bronies. How have fans reacted and are these press views accurate? And as it addresses fandom in episodes like “Fame and Misfortune” with characters like Quibble Pants, what does the show say about its own fans?

Elley-Ray Signing *Signing Room Time: 1:30pm*

Elley-Ray will sign your stuff! Autographs are £10, selfies are £15.

CCG trading and learn to play *Games Room Time: 11am*

Casual card game play, trade your cards with other players, and if you're new to the game we will teach you how to play! Also keep an eye out for giveaways!

MLP Game of Life *Games Room Time: 12pm*

The game where you win by acquiring friends and money. Much like the human game of life, there are multiple ways to play; take the shorter route and try to get to the end first, or take time to make friends!

MLP Top Trumps *Games Room Time: 2pm*

A card game where you battle with ratings! Each card has a pony with ratings for Wisdom, Laughter, Mischief, Top Trumps rating, and Spirit. See if you can get the highest number and win all the cards!

Pony Shuffle *Games Room Time: 3pm*

This is a card-matching game in which you use your cards to get the most gems, or help your friends to win! Don't forget to thank ponies who help you!

Buckball *Powerleague pitch Time: 3pm*

Time to get physical! This is based on the game featured in series 6 of MLP. Wings will be provided (not really). If you're unsure of how to play, you can find the rules on page 12.

Collective Card Game (CCG) Competition *Fan Boy Three Time: 4pm*

Play the Enterplay CCG against other ponies! Prove yourself, meet new friends and win prizes!

Pub Quiz *Powerleague Bar Time: 7pm*

How does your pony knowledge rate? Get into teams and take on our quiz. You might win a fabulous* prize!

*Fabulosity of prize not guaranteed. But let's be honest, you're really in it for the bragging rights.

Twilight Sparkle's Secret Shipfic Files *Powerleague bar Time: 5pm*

Can you feel the love tonight? Play Cupid and see how many ponies you can ship together in this game where you're rewarded for creating the most nightmarish of fanfics.

Silent Auction *Side of Mane Theatre Time: 10am-4pm*

Shhh! Quietly bid on beautiful pony pieces for charity. Held in the back of the main room. We will contact you at the end of the day if you have won something!

My Little Rock Band Free Play/Battle *Side of Mane Theatre Time: 10am-4pm*

Jam with your friends or test your guitar skills and try to win the contest in this ponified version of Rock Band! Battle starts at 2pm. This game is Maud Pie approved.

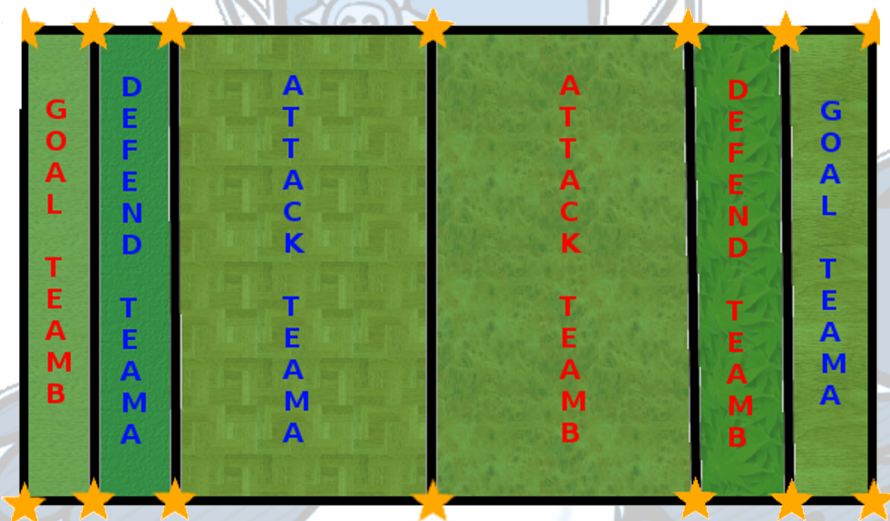
Live Music *Powerleague Bar Time: 9pm*

We have 3 hours of live pony music from musicians and later in the evening we will have a DJ playing for us. Get on the dance floor!

Events are subject to change

Buckball

Ever since its debut in the episode "Buckball Season", humans have wanted to have a go at this fun pony sport. Unfortunately, they lack the wings and magic of Pegasi and Unicorns so they've made a version they can play, which we will be playing at the convention! If you don't know how to play, here are the rules:



If there are 6 players, each team has an attack, a defend, and a goal player. If there are only 4 players, each team has an attack, and a goal player

Game Start

Referee will allocate which team is A or B based on a coin toss and the game starts with a Buckoff. The Referee stands between the two attack players, and bounces the ball into the air. Both Attack players have equal chance to catch the ball, or throw back to their defender.

A ball bouncing on the ground before it reaches a defender has Left Play. In this case, the Referee will throw the ball to the nearest defender or attacker. This in most cases will be the opposing team.

Movement

Attack is allowed to move inside the allocated area freely without holding the ball at any time. They can move in the area with the ball, provided they bounce the ball every 2 steps

Defenders and Goal Keepers are allowed to move inside the allocated area freely without holding the ball at any time, but not if in possession of the ball

All players must have their feet inside the their allocated area at all times and must not touch another player, except for Attack in a Buckoff only at the discretion of the referee.

Any violation of the Movement rules is a Foul and the opposing Attack player will be given the ball by the Referee. If the Referee deems the Foul major, a point will be awarded to the innocent team and a Buckoff will then occur.

Scoring

The Goal catching the ball with their hands/basket will score a point unless a foul has been committed by your team. If the ball bounces out of a basket it does not count.

When a point is scored, it will be added to the team's total. Then a Buckoff will occur, unless max score is reached (6 points). When a team reaches 6 points, a set is awarded and both teams will swap ends of the pitch. When a team wins 2 sets, they win the game

Guests

Elley-Ray Hennessy

Elley Ray Hennessy is the voice of Mistmane, the legendary unicorn who sacrificed her beauty in MLP Season 7 to help her village and her friend. Elley Ray is a talented voice actress and coach who has been working in film, theatre, and TV for over 30 years. You may have heard her voice in The Care Bears Family and The Bagel and Becky Show. She has also written Butterfly Kisses, a book of motivational quotes.



Elley Ray will be appearing in person at Griffish Isles, where she will be available to answer your questions, sign your items and perhaps help you develop your own voice acting skills! As an experienced coach, this is an excellent opportunity if you're interested in acting or voice work.

Autographs will be £10 and you can take selfies with her for £15.

Lee Tockar (voice call)



Lee Tockar is the voice of Snips, Steven Magnet, Gummy, Coriander Cumin, and many more! He has also voiced characters on an impressive range of cartoons, anime, and video games. Away from voice work, Lee is an artist whose work has been featured in exhibitions and an author of children's literature.

Lee will be joining us through Skype to answer your questions. Like Elley Ray, he is also experienced at coaching voice actors so you can get another perspective into the industry!

The voice call will be at 3.30pm in the Mane Theatre.

Charity Auction



Painting by BunnyPony

Griffish Isles is sponsoring a local charity called GMCVO (Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation). This organisation supports volunteer efforts (including community and faith work) in Greater Manchester by promoting diversity, sharing information through training and peer networks, and providing a structure for co-ordination and partnership between organisations. They have been working to improve the quality of life of local people since 1975 and manage the St Thomas Centre, our day venue.

We will be holding a silent auction to the right side of the mane theatre, where the My Little Rock Band competition is also being held. There you can bid on unique items crafted by the community, such as PuffySmosh and The Manic Sculptor. All of the proceeds of this auction, as well as any profit made by the convention, will go to GMCVO. The auction will end at 4pm and winners will be notified in the closing ceremony!



Handbag by SockJems

