

Griffish Isles



2019 Conbook

Intro and thanks

Here be dragons!

Hello again, and welcome to the second Griffish Isles! You might notice that some of our scaly friends have arrived on our shores but fear not, for your friendly neighbourhood Bobbie is here to keep them in line!

Yes, the theme for this year is all things Dragon! They have come to join us for the festivities and to learn more about the magic of friendship, so I hope you'll make them feel welcome.



Games, panels, and karaoke make a comeback this year and I hope every creature will join in! However, if a dragon invites you to dinner make sure you're reading the guest list and not the menu...

Thanks

Organisers

Hypnohooves
Aldersgate
ponePete
Old Tech
Librase

VIPs

Sky Spectre
Pieter Van Den Broeck
JDM Pon3
Ocean Whirlpool
Searing Sapphire
Catriona Ferguson
Starlight Flux
Jiří Engliš

Spirit tickets

Bunnypony

Griffons

Cherry Sparks
Load Data
Tran Sketch
JDM Pon3
Irish O'Conner
Kit Manners

Amber Dragon
Starlight Flux
Gallop Crush
Dashie Fan
Lapwing
Twistar

Artist credits

Front page: Stormblaze
Page 2: AnticularPony
Page 3: Ponebooth
Page 14:
-Pyrography by Bunnypony
-Bobbie by Sketchypon3
-Dragon fight by Greenfly

Other thanks

Thanks to the venues that have given us their space to fill with madness, to all who have donated items to our auction, to all those who have let us litter their premises with leaflets, to BronyScot and UKPonyCon who have given us space to promote ourselves, to ponePete for his eagle-eyed help checking over this conbook, and to the good ponies of UK Bronies and Pegasisters for their support and friendship.

Rules 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, harassment, 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. Please be respectful towards cosplayers, and ask permission before taking their photograph.

Only ticket holders will 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 event. 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 venues, 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 but items can be left at the front desk at your own risk. Sweets may be eaten.

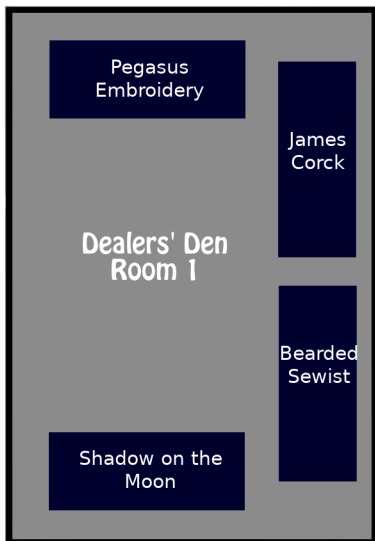
We are not responsible for squeaky truncheon attacks by overenthusiastic mascots.

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.

Thank you for reading all this. Have a Bobbie picture!



Vendors (St Thomas Centre)



James Corck

James is the creator of the blog Ask Movie Slate and is an enthusiast on all things cinema. He will be selling his original artworks and prints. Just don't get him started on Doctor Moreau.

Bearded Sewist

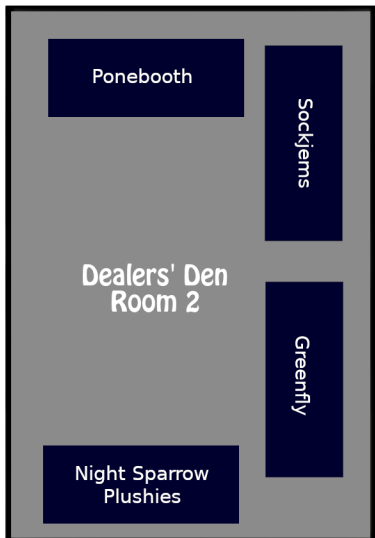
The plushies made by this artist are so tiny and cute and detailed. And they don't take up a lot of room in a case, so you could take all the plushies home!

Shadow on the Moon

A good range of handmade pony merch from G1 all the way to G4. Customs, crocheted plushies, jewellery, and little shiny things. A must see for fans of the earlier generations

Pegasus Embroidery

Selling LGBT and MLP-related embroidered hoodies, plushies, dogtags, dice sets, and resin-printed 3d ponies at affordable prices!



Ponebooth

Ponebooth sells prints, badges, postcards, stickers, and other things from her traditional hand-drawn illustrations. She will also be available for commissions

SockJems

SockJems makes handmade clothing, accessories, bags, and various pretty things out of custom MLP fabric. Ask her if you want a custom item made!

Greenfly

Adam is a Scottish artist and the creator of the comic "Greenfly Adventures", who in addition to prints also makes A6-sized token cards. Say hello to his spider friend Foolish!

Night Sparrow Plushies

We like big plushies and we cannot lie. Perfect for all your cuddling needs!

Vex's CCG cards and supplies (CCG Room)

Need to update your deck with some new cards? Feeling lucky and think you might get some ultra rares? Game mat seen better days? Want a binder to put all your cards in? Well, what a coincidence, we just happen to have Vex who can supply you with everything you need for your CCG game!

Vendors (Seventy7 Studio)



Stormblaze & Featherpaw

StormBlaze (the creator of our mascot, Bobbie) returns and this year she brings her sister who will be selling her plushies and crafts. StormBlaze herself will be selling traditional art.

Torben Goldmund's Art N Prints

If you can imagine it, Torben can print a pony on it. With a wide selection of bags, cushions, badges, blankets, and mousemats, you're sure to find something with your favourite character!

Sparklepaws

Another Manchester artist, Sparklepaws makes adorable pins, charms, and stickers based on popular shows and games.

Chaosmauser

Chaos is a local artist who likes to experiment with different art styles but loves to draw with BOLD colours. One to visit if your wall could do with a bit of brightening.

Jowybean

Producing beautiful digital art and prints, Jowy can also make on-site commissions of your OC or favourite character.

BaNoodle

Bringing happiness to the community, one beautiful artwork at a time. BaNoodle will also have trinkets and merch for sale.

Violet Rose (Stitches and Sews)

Violet has been a familiar face at various UK conventions with her adorable sleepy-eyed chibi plushies! They never seem to stick around on her stall for long...

BronyScot

BronyScot is a My Little Pony convention based in Scotland that has been running since 2013. It has a lovely intimate atmosphere with around 200 attendees, ideal for making new friends and for those who can get overwhelmed at bigger events.

UK Ponycon

UK Ponycon is the biggest and longest-running My Little Pony convention in the UK. Celebrating all generations and including family-friendly events, you're sure of a wonderful time here!

Event Details

Opening Ceremony (Mane Theatre, 10:30am-11am)

Hello! What in Equestria have you let yourself in for? Find out here!

Card Giveaway (CCG Room, 10am-12.30pm)

Do you play the Collectible Card Game? Do you like free stuff? Come to the CCG Room in the morning and see what's up for grabs!

Making your first plushie (Creative Room, 11am-12:30pm)

Violet Rose presents this hands-on workshop where you will be given materials and tips on making your own plushie! This workshop is perfect for beginners but since Violet has many years of experience she will have advice and pointers for intermediate makers too.

MLP and the meaning of life (Mane Theatre, 11am-12pm)

What is life? Is it nothing more than the endless search for a cutie mark? Well, join Dr Andrew Crome and Dr Ewan Kirkland who will explore this topic and hopefully we'll all find out!

How to Cosplay (Mane Theatre, 12pm-1pm)

Ever wanted to have a go at cosplaying but terrified and don't know where to start? Fear not, for experienced cosplayer Cherry is here to guide you through and answer your questions.

CCG Competition (CCG room, 1.30pm-4.30pm)

Now you've got a bunch of free cards, it's time to put them to use! Can you come out on top?

Art Class (Creative Room, 1.30pm-3pm)

"But I want to learn how to draw ponies!", I hear you cry. Or the voices in my head, I'm not sure which it is. Either way, this workshop should give you a good start!

Cosplay contest (Mane Theatre, 1pm-1.30pm)

All dressed up and nowhere to go? Not so! You've worked hard on your outfit and now it's time to show it off and see if you can win a prize.

Guest signing (Green Room, 2.30pm-4pm)

We've got Lee Tockar over from Canada and we've let him loose with a pen! Come along, say hello to him and get your merch signed. Autographs will be charged.

My Little Rock Band Free Play (Noisy Room, 1:30pm-3pm)

You'll want to bring some friends with you, in this game you can pick up a guitar and rock out to pony songs together!

Lee Tockar (Mane Theatre, 1.30pm-2.30pm)

Everyone's favourite sea serpent/pony/diamond dog/philosophical gator/human will be here in Manchester! With a wealth of voice acting experience, this is an excellent opportunity to ask him your questions.

Event Details (cont)

Pony games (2nd Venue, all day)

Bring your friends around and have some fun! Games include MLP Monopoly, MLP Game of Life, MLP Top Trumps, and others!

Vendors (Both venues, all day)

We have MORE vendors this year for all your purse lightening needs. To the right of the mane theatre in the St Thomas Centre and in the main space next door.

Pony Museum (Pony Museum, all day)

With the end of G4 coming up, why not take a look at this collection and remind yourself what previous generations of ponies looked like? It's not the end, but another beginning. Also join the History of MLP talk on the mane stage at 2.30pm.

Karaoke (Noisy Room, morning and afternoon sessions)

There's music in the treetops and there's music at this convention, but you're providing the vocals! Don't be (Flutter)shy, step up to the mic!

Ali Milner voice call (Mane Theatre, 3.30pm-4.30pm)

Do you seek the knowledge of the Dragonlord? Well, due to our portal technology (thanks, Aperture) you can! She might have a problem telling you apart though, ponies all look the same.

Art competition (Creative Room, 3pm-4pm)

Do you think you're an artypants? Well, come along and prove it! Prizes will be awarded.

History of MLP (Mane Theatre 2.30pm-3.30pm)

Join Midnight Dynasty on an adventure discovering the history of our favourite pastel ponies, from beige beginnings to the rainbow colour cuteness we all know and love today! Includes a Q&A session.

Closing ceremony (Mane Theatre, 4.30pm-5pm)

All good things must come to an end. Say goodbye and if you've entered a contest you'll find out here if you've won. Join us for the evening events!

Buckball (Powerleague pitch, 7pm-8pm)

A human version of the popular game from the show! Don't be afraid to have a go! If you think you might look silly, remember you're at a convention centred around magical talking horses. Rules at <http://www.buckball.uk>

Pub Quiz (Powerleague, 9pm-9.30pm)

This year the questions are even harder! Think you know your ponies? Prove it and see if you can win the prize!

Live music (Powerleague, 9.30pm-midnight)

Enjoy live music from our acts Steely Hooves, DJ BassPon3, and Prince Whateverer! Get on the dancefloor and shake your flank!

Live Auction (Powerleague, 8pm-9pm)

Donate to charity and get something unique all in one go! Read more on the Charity page.

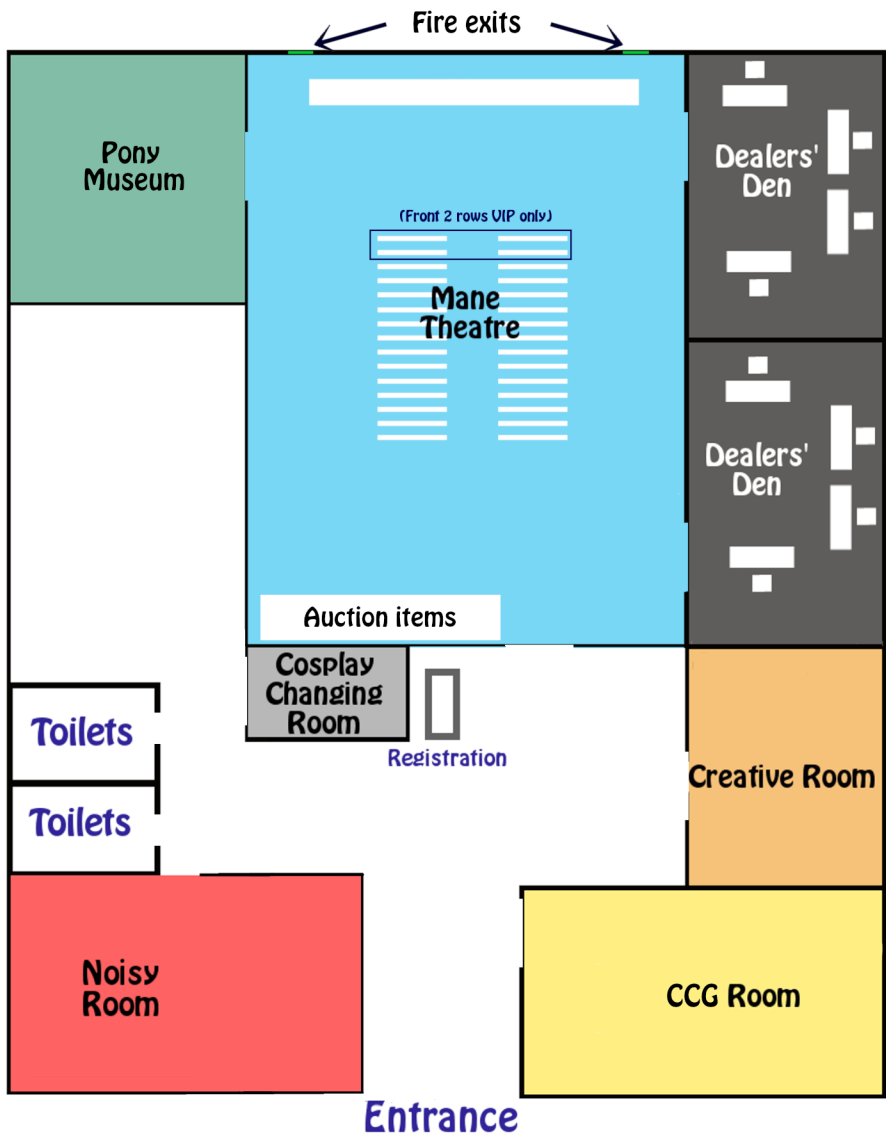
Schedule

	Mane Hall	Creative Room	Noisy Room	CCG Room	Dealers' Den
9-10am					
10-11am	Opening		Karaoke	Card Giveaway	Vendors
11-12pm	MLP and the meaning of life	Making your first plushie			
12-1pm	How to Cosplay				
1-2pm	Cosplay comp				
2-3pm	Lee Tockar	Art Class	My Little Rock Band	CCG Competition	
3-4pm	G1-G4 fans talk	Art competition	Karaoke		
4-5pm	Ali Milner Voice Call				
	Closing				
5-6pm					
6-7pm					
7-8pm					
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11-12am					

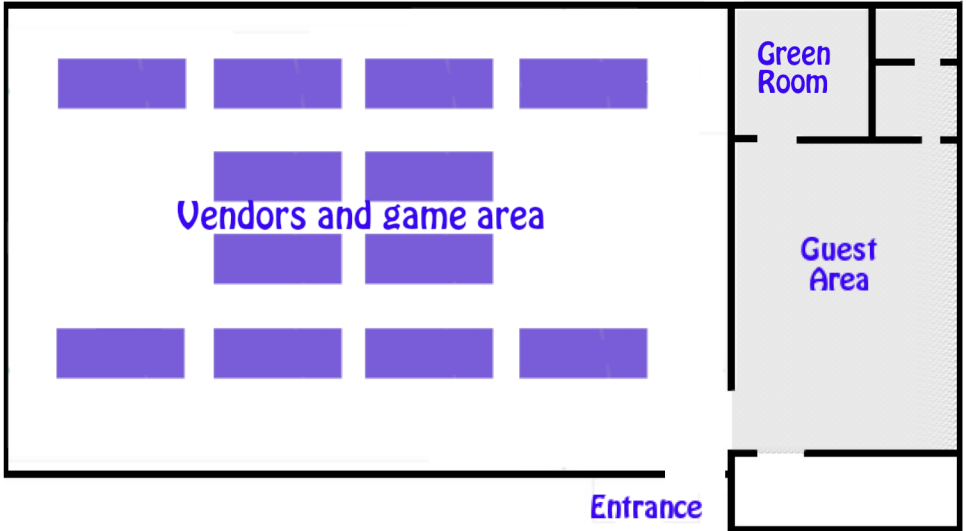
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	Pony Museum	Green Room	Venue 2	Powerleague
9-10am				
10-11am				
11-12pm	Pony Museum		Vendors, games and chill	
12-1pm				
1-2pm				
2-3pm				
3-4pm		Guest Signing		
4-5pm				
5-6pm				
6-7pm				
7-8pm				Buckball/bar open
8-9pm				Live Auction
9-10pm				Pub Quiz
10-11pm				Steelyhooves
11-12am				Prince Whatever
				Basspon3

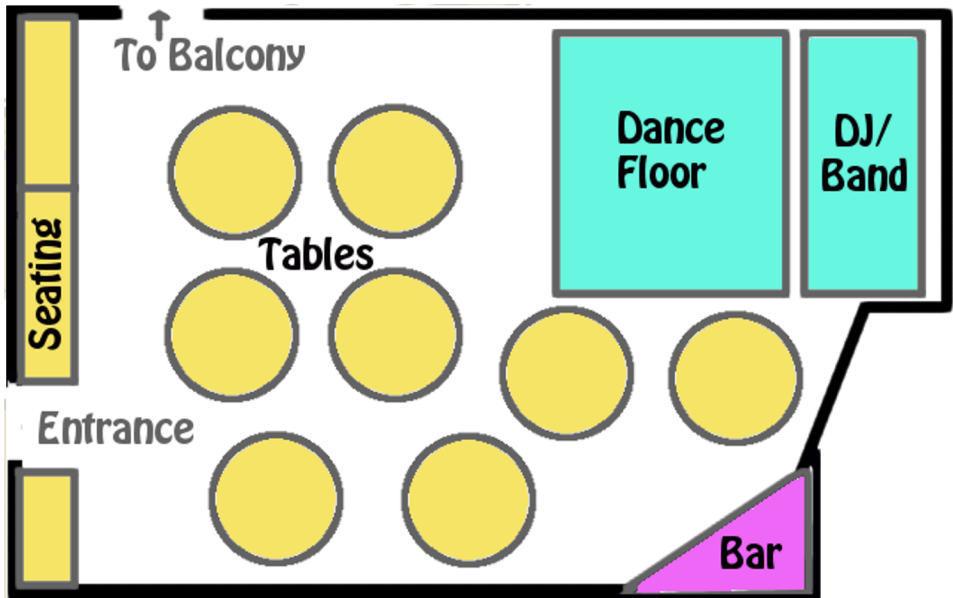
St Thomas Centre Map



Venue Map (Seventy7 Studio)



Venue Map (Powerleague)



Charity

This year, Griffish Isles is again supporting the local charity GMCVO (Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation) which supports volunteer efforts in Manchester. Hopefully this year the dragons can give them some extra firepower!

Last year we raised £600 for the charity, and hopefully this year we can raise even more, so please bid generously in our charity auction. You'll have the chance to get hold of some unique merchandise crafted from the community.

In a change from last year, we will be holding a live auction in the evening and you will be able to view the pieces during the day in the Mane Hall. If you can't attend, you can submit proxy bids to the Griffons running the auction stand, and they will bid on your behalf. All the proceeds of this auction (in addition to any profit made by the convention) will go to GMCVO.

Here are some of the pieces some very talented ponies have submitted for this year's auction (credits on intro page).



Guests of honour

Lee Tockar

I hope you'll join me in welcoming Lee Tockar to the Griffish Isles! Lee joined us by voice call last year and we must not have scared him off because now he's here in person! Lee provides the voices of Steven Magnet (he of the fabulous moustache), Gummy, Snips, Coriander Cumin and far too many characters to mention here!

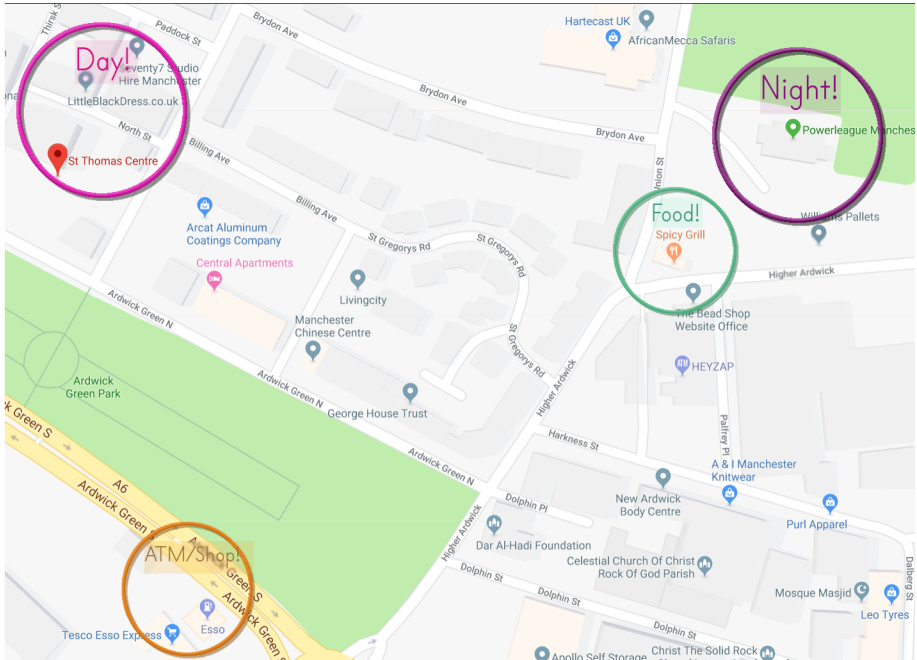
You will have the opportunity to have photos taken and have Lee sign autographs, but these will be charged.



Ali Milner

Ali (or Willa) Milner is best known to us as the voice of Dragonlord Ember, but she is also an actress and singer. She'll be joining us through the magic of the internet at 3pm in the Mane Hall, where you'll be able to ask her questions! Listen to her song "Take it or Leave it" at <http://smarturl.it/willaTIOLI>.

Venue Info



Day venue:

St. Thomas Centre: Ardwick Green N, Manchester M12 6FZ
Seventy7: Old School House, Thirsk St, Manchester M12 6PN

Nearest ATM: Tesco Express (0.1 miles)
Nearest shop: Tesco Express (0.1 miles)
Nearest food: Spicy Grill (0.2 miles)
Nearest station: Ardwick (0.4 miles)

There will be limited free on-road parking on site.

Night venue:

The evening's events will be taking place at the Powerleague just a short walk away (as shown on the map). Please note that your fillies and colts will have to go to bed after 8pm.

Power League, 20 Union St, Manchester M12 4JD

If you want help finding anything in the local area, or would like a bigger map please go to the registration desk in the St Thomas Centre.

