

Recombination



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Unicon 21
Harmuni 3
2007 British Roleplaying Convention

A science fiction, fantasy, filk, and roleplaying
convention to be held at

New Hall, Cambridge
10th-12th August 2007

Guests of Honour
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Progress Report 3

Welcome to PR3!

A little over a month to go before Recombination, so welcome to PR3 which should give you enough information to get to the convention in one piece and leave it in not too many more pieces! If you have *any* questions that you need the answers to before the convention, don't hesitate to contact the committee by email to info@recombination.org.uk and we'll do our best to help.

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The Money

If you know anyone else who would like to come to Recombination, now's the time for them to join. Advance memberships can be bought until 27th July, current prices:

Adults: £28
11-17 years: £14
5-10 years: £7
0-4 years: free

Memberships will also be available on the door, but will cost more, so tell all your dithering friends to book now. On-the-door prices will be:

Whole weekend: £32
Friday only: £8
Saturday only: £16
Sunday only: £12

Things to do before Recombination

- book a room, if you'd like one and haven't booked one yet. There's an accommodation form with this PR3, or you can download one from the website. To guarantee your room, the form must reach us by 16th July so do this now! (See the address label on the envelope this PR3 came in to see whether you've booked.)
- volunteer! We are all volunteers and can't do this without extra help. If you can spare an hour or two to man the front desk, serve beer, cart things about, or run useful errands then please help us out. There's a volunteering form included with this PR3 or you can email the committee at info@recombination.org.uk
- let us know if you'd like to be on any of our panels. See the draft programme at <http://www.recombination.org.uk/programme.html> for what we're planning to run.
- tell us about any games you'd like to run – if you know when you'd like to run them we can put them in the official timetable so everyone can tell they're there.
- In particular, if you'd like to run a LARP, please get in touch as we've had no LARP offers yet.
- tell us about anything else you'd like to run – we have plenty of small rooms suitable for workshops, game demos, book groups, etc. Again, let us know you want to run it and we'll put you in the programme all official-like

What you need to bring

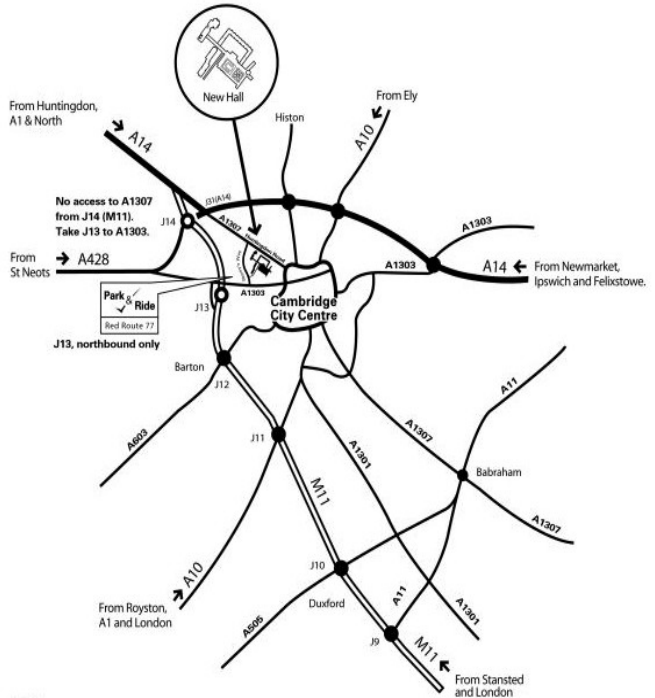
- yourself
- clothes, toothbrush, you know, the usual stuff. (Towels, soap, &c. will be provided with the accommodation)
- money to spend in the dealers' room – see later for the delights you can expect.
- things to auction at the RPG auction
- cheque book – we can only take accommodation payments in cash or cheque.
- games you'd like to play – there will be plenty of space for gaming
- games you'd like to sell – enter them into the auction and hope to swap them for filthy lucre (see later)
- musical instruments – if you fancy joining in the filk stream. There will be a secure storage area available for instruments (excepting voices, which we would prefer were stored in their usual owner)
- a thing your aunt gave you which you don't know what it is – our very own Professor Yaffle will be on hand to identify mystery objects and tell you more than you wanted to know about their history and purpose. Please bring something along with which to challenge him!
- something to read – if you'd like to join our free-for-all reading, bring a short piece of favourite SF or fantasy you'd like to share (no more than 4-5 pages).

Getting There

Our venue is New Hall, a college of the University of Cambridge. The front entrance (and Recombination reception) is on Buckingham Road, off Huntingdon Road (A1307).

By car:

From the south on the M11, leave at junction 13 and turn right onto the A1303 towards the City Centre. You'll pass various University buildings. Just after the modern college stretched out along the left hand side of the road, just where the 30 mph speed limit starts, take the turning on the left (Storey's Way) and turn right into New Hall where the road bends round to the left.



From the west on the A428 you'll cross the city boundary just before you cross the M11 at junction 13. Follow the directions above from there.

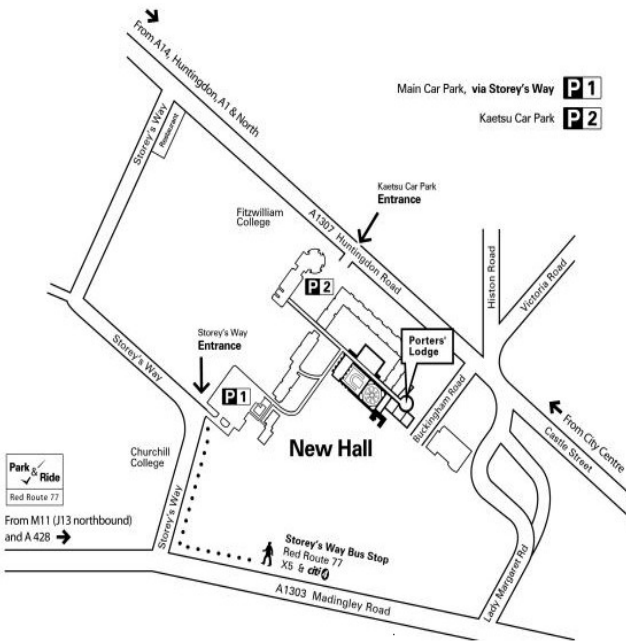
From the north on the A14, take junction 31 onto the A1307 through Girton, heading towards the City Centre. This means keeping left to avoid joining the M11 soon after the turning to Dry Drayton and Oakington, and then keeping right to leave the A14. Storey's Way is on the right just past a small cemetery. The road width at this end of Storey's Way is restricted to 6'6". After the restriction, turn left, still on Storey's Way, and the New Hall entrance is at the corner where the road goes through another right angle.

From the east on the A14, take junction 32 signed Cambridge to the south and Impington & Histon to the north. Follow Histon Road (B1049) towards the City Centre and then turn right onto Huntingdon Road (A1307) at the end. You'll pass New Hall, Fitzwilliam College, and some playing fields on your left, and then Storey's Way is on your left.

Parking:

The Storey's Way car park should have enough space, but if it fills up there is additional parking in the Kaetsu Centre car park off Huntingdon Road, and free parking along Storey's Way.

Dealers wishing to unload will need to go to the Kaetsu Centre car park and find temporary parking close to the Vivien Stewart Room (dealers' room).



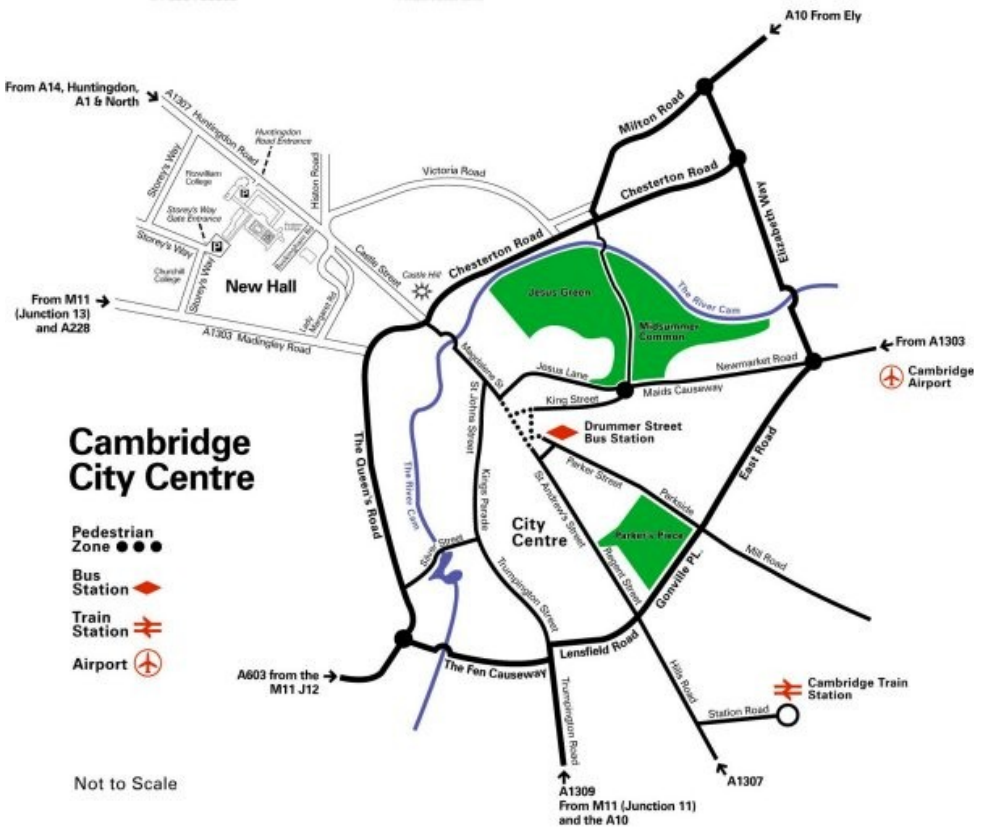
By bus or coach:

Long distance buses and coaches (including services from airports) take you to the Drummer Street bus station in central Cambridge. From there you can take the Citi 5 or Citi 6 bus to New Hall.

By rail:

First Capital Connect run regular train services between Cambridge and London King's Cross. Services to London Liverpool Street are provided by 'one'. Central Trains services run to Peterborough, Birmingham, and Liverpool.

Cambridge rail station is a little way out of the city centre. From there, you can either take a taxi to New Hall directly, or take a bus. The Citi services 1, 3, and 7 go to the centre. Then, from outside the Post Office on St. Andrew's Street, take the Citi 5 or Citi 6 bus to New Hall.



What to do on arrival

Report to the convention desk, by the Porters' Lodge at the front of the college. Be prepared to give us a cheque to pay for your room. The Porters' Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day, so if Recombination reception is not open, you can collect your room key from the Porter. If the Porter is out on a security check, there will be a sign with a telephone number for you to call.

Food and drink

New Hall will be providing breakfast as part of the accommodation for people who book rooms, and lunch and dinner in the cafeteria for cash payment. Sandwiches, sweets etc. will be available in the bar. We will have a real ale and cider bar, open for as much of the convention as we can find gophers for (hint!) in addition to the main college bar.

Internet / WiFi access details

We plan to pay for wifi access for all con members for all of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Wifi will be available in the games area outside the dealers' room.

Buying and selling stuff

In fairness to our dealers, commercial activity is restricted to (1) the dealer's room, (2) the auction, and (3) the book launch. If you have something you want to sell, contact the committee.

The Auction

The RPG auction is a staple of BRSScon. It is an opportunity for members to simultaneously prune and expand their gaming libraries. Unwanted games seeking new homes and rare out-of-print gaming books jostle with signed copies of new books, manuscript copies, and other memorabilia for the attention of the connoisseur. Prices vary according to the audience's interest, from a couple of pounds upwards to tens of pounds. (A copy of the Ringworld RPG sold for seventy pounds at one previous convention.) A 10% commission is charged on all items sold at the auction - the money raised from this commission will be used to support future BRSScons and Unicons.

For would-be sellers, the auction procedure is quite simple.

First, decide what items of your library you wish to part with. Bring these items to the convention!

Secondly, complete an auction lot form for each item or group of items. For related items, it may make sense to bundle them into a single lot as this will usually increase their value. If you are feeling enthusiastic, you can download auction forms from our website, print them off and complete them in advance. Do remember to decide what commission rate you wish to assign to the convention (10% is the minimum), and if the item is to have a reserve price, note that as well. Write legibly, as our auctioneers and our clerk need to be able to read your forms easily. Do not fill in the lot number - we will do that.

Thirdly, hand the items for auctioning, plus auction forms, into the committee at the front desk on Friday or on Saturday before the auction.

We will then securely store the items until the auction.

Fourthly, attend the auction as there may be items you wish to bid on yourself!

At the auction, our auctioneers will proceed through the lots in whatever order they or the committee deems most sensible. The auctioneers will suggest an opening bid for each lot and seek a bidder willing to meet that price. Members may then bid against each other; the winner will be the person who bids the highest amount. The winning bidder should then proceed immediately to the Clerk of the auction and pay the bid price, preferably in cash, and collect their prize. Cheques (made payable to Recombination) may be accepted if a member is deemed to be in good standing with the community, usually by being known to multiple attendees.

Sellers of items should approach the Clerk at the end of the auction in order to collect the money due to them (minus commission fees).

Convention members who wish to auction items other than games should contact the committee regarding their suitability and effective placement in the auction order to attract appropriate interest.

The Sunday

Our main programme will finish at 4pm with the closing ceremony, but please feel free to hang around after that for silly games and the dead dog party.

The Future

Unicon and BRSScon are both run by volunteers; without volunteers they will not be run. Please consider offering to help run the next BRSScon in 2009 and/or the next Unicon whenever that may be. Email the committee (info@recombination.org.uk) if you'd like to offer your services.

Those Stylish T-Shirts

Recombination T-shirts are still available! All shirts are orange on black, as modelled right, and cost £10 including postage.

If you'd like one, email the Recombination committee at info@recombination.org.uk and don't forget to tell us what size you'd like.



Membership List as of 5th July 2007

A117	Alcuin	A69	Emmet O'Brien
A158	Alexa	A97	Eva Myers
A122	Alexander Long	A107	Fabienne Gunkelmann
A154	Alison Richards	A151	fanf
A99	Andrew	A153	fedf
A145	Andrew Grant	A133	Flick
A52	Andy Leighton	A75	Fluffymormegil
A78	Blufive	G104	Franklin Gunkelmann
A88	Brian Ameringen	A106	Freddy Gunkelmann
A1	Bridget Bradshaw	A171	Gareth Owen
A166	Buzz	A62	Graham Taylor
A79	Cal	A94	Grim
A32	Cardinal Cox	A31	Gwen Funnell
A89	Caroline Mullan	A77	Hazy Jayne
A114	Chris Kreuzer	A93	Henry Proctor
A113	Chris Lupton	A142	Hilarita
G71	Chris Pramas	A140	Hitch
A3	Clare Boothby	A86	Iain Emsley
A124	Colette	A27	Ian Jackson
A173	Colin Tuckley	A34	Ian Miller
A162	Corwin Kimberley	G98	Ian Watson
A144	Craig Oxbrow	A49	James Hamilton
A134	Dave Clements	A126	Jan van't Ent
A16	David A. Harvey	A108	Janet Maughan
A10	David Damerell	G68	Jo Walton
A137	David Haddock	A168	John Constable
A15	Denzil J. Brown	A67	John Coxon
A87	Dougs	A6	John Dallman
A61	Dr. Bob	A112	Joy
A26	Duncan MacGregor	A101	Ju
A82	Eddie Cochrane	A91	Judith Proctor
A35	Emily Raftery	A81	Julie Rigby

A22 Karen Gilham
A43 Karen Westhead
A24 Kari
A100 Kate
A175 Kate Soloman
A40 Kathy Westhead
A37 Keris
A102 Lissa Allcock
A125 Liz Batty
A12 Madeleine Eid
A176 Malcolm Davies
A11 Marcus Rowland
A118 Marcus Streets
A147 Marica Sjödin
A45 Marilisa Valtazanou
A55 Marisa
A28 Mark
A47 Mark Baker
A25 Mark Waller
A150 Martin
A148 Martin Pickett
A143 Matt R
A110 Matthew Hambley
A63 Matthew Woodcraft
A116 Maurice Casuman
A149 Melica
A90 Meriol Ameringen
A44 Mich Sampson
A66 Michael Abbott
A59 Michael Bernardi
A9 Michael Roe
A48 Michele Minett
A157 Mike Cule
A65 Mike Figg
A155 Mike Richards
A132 Mike Scott
A41 Mike Westhead
A46 Miki
A121 Minnow
A111 Minstrel
A105 Molly Gunkelmann
A56 Mongoose
A54 Naath
A18 Neil Taylor
A2 Nicholas Caldwell
A169 Oliver Bailey
A60 Owen Dunn
A51 Owen Smith
A165 Ozzy
A80 Pat McMurray
A14 Paul Blackwell
A13 Paul King
A64 Peter Cohen
A30 Peter Wareham

A42 Peter Westhead
A53 Peter Wilkinson
A5 Phil Masters
A23 Phil Nanson
A103 Philip Allcock
A163 Pippa Fairbourne
A119 Rae Streets
A29 Rafe Culpin
A50 Rhodri James
A76 Richard Kettlewell
A92 Richard Proctor
A33 Rick Hewett
A174 Rika
A152 rmcf
A109 Robert Maughan
A177 Robert Rosenfeld
A135 Roderick O Hanlon
A8 Roger Burton West
A83 Roger Robinson
A7 Rory McLean
A17 Rosanna M. Day
A138 Sarah Haddock
A70 Sasha Walton
A96 Sebastian Bleasdale
A73 Senji
A74 Shadow
A172 Sheila Cataroche
A20 Sheila Thomas
A39 SIB
A4 Simon Bradshaw
A160 Simon Fairbourne
A146 Snowdrop Explodes
A72 Songbird
A141 Sphyg
A127 Square Bear
A167 Steve Ellis
A21 Steve Gilham
A38 Sue Edwards
A164 Susan Francis
A159 Sönke
A161 Talis Kimberley
A123 The Bellingman
A95 The Crypt Keeper
A36 The Magician
A120 Tilly Streets
A139 Tim Deacon
A19 Tim Ellis
A170 Tim Kirk
A136 Tlanti
A156 Tom
A57 Tom Womack
A58 Valerie
A115 Vicky Ayech

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