

# Uniconze

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# Guests

Our revered chairperson, Rhodri James, has told me that there have been many inquiries from Uniconze members about the identity of the guests, and that PR3 should contain some brief descriptions. I must say, I find it surprising that serious sf fans should have failed to have read everything by Lionel Fanthorpe, to name but one of our illustrious guests. My advice is to buy them a drink, and they'll be happy to tell you all about themselves.

# Barrington Bayley

A New Wave author still writing for *Interzone* at the forefront of British sf. His most famous novels are *Soul of the Robot* and *The Zen Gun*.

# Lionel Fanthorpe

A one-time prolific hack author, now (he claims) turned serious with an allegorical fantasy trilogy opening with *The Black Lion*. He will be giving a talk on his researches into Mysteries of the Unknown.

# Dave Langford

Dave Langford needs little introduction except to say that he is a prolific and popular fan author and mainstay of countless conventions and other fan events. He writes books with titles like *The Dragonhiker's Guide to Battlefield Covenant at Dune's Edge: Odyssey Two.* 

#### Bill Sanderson

An artist who has worked very successfully with Harry Harrison, New Scientist and Uniconze, Bill will be hosting an art workshop as well as displaying his work.

#### Ian Watson

A polymath of the sf field, Ian writes metaphysical sf (Miracle Visitors, Alien Embassy), allegorical fantasy (The Book of the River, The Gardens of Delight) and horror (Meat, The Fire Worm), while still finding time to be a poet and a politician.

# The Programme

# Masquerade

In traditional style (which means we did it before so we'll do it again), there will be a Masquerade at Uniconze on Saturday afternoon. This won't be a large affair, but it would be a shame if you didn't volunteer to take part as Master of Ceremonies Bob Dowling will be doing his acclaimed impression of a pressgang. So, if you've ever felt the urge to dress up for the occasion, or you're just and old sew-and-sew, come to the Masquerade. And if you aren't sure about it, or would like some advice on how to turn your ideas into reality, Kate Solomon will be only too glad to help you in the Masquerade Workshop.

#### Auction

The inevitable Unicon Auction will also be running in the capable hands of Brian Ameringen and Roger Robinson. If you have any books you would like to put into the Auction, please tell us when you arrive. Otherwise, come along and ease that painful swelling in your wallet.

# Food Tasting

Following on in the tradition of many Unicons past, Uniconze will be running a Food Tasting event. Really it's just an excuse to get those awfully nice Soupcon people in practice. Anyone who is interested should bring along their dishes (anything which can be divided up into enough bite-sized portions for the judges to have lunch—er, taste it) on Saturday morning. There will be a microwave for warming up hot dishes, but everything should be cooked beforehand (if it need cooking, of course). Small prizes will be given to those that the judges enjoy most.

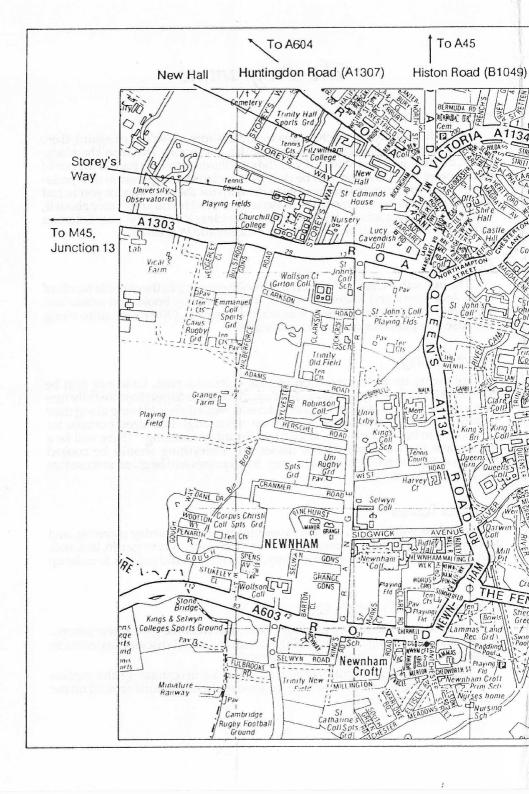
#### Musical Tastes

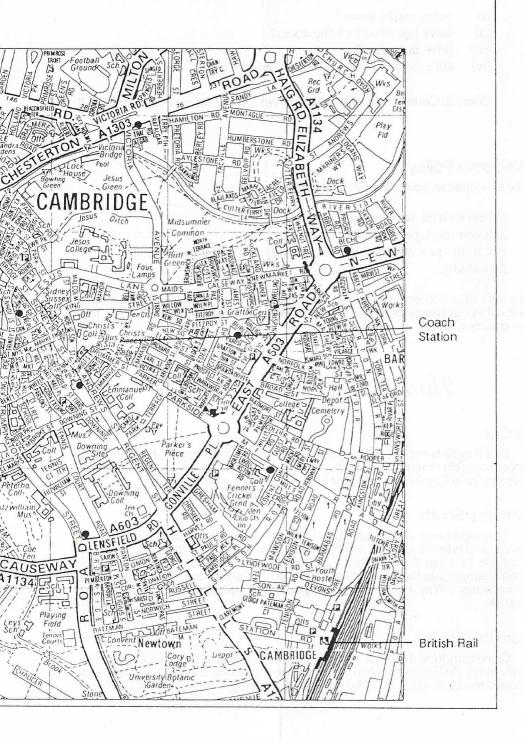
Four fans will be sharing their favourite music on Saturday morning, and talking about how they came to enjoy it in the first place. Avant-garde, jazz, rock and filk will all get their moment of glory. What more could you ask to wake up to?

#### Contest—the Pundit's Quiz

Worse than the turkey reading... better fun than the games workshop... wittier than the filking... more intelligent than the panel discussions; come to Contest, the silly game to end all silly games!

Contest is a game for two teams. I will be investigating the victims contestants' long-repressed aptitude for making dreadful puns around on the word con. Is it possible to





- (i) outguess the teams?
- (ii) leave before we lock the doors?
- (iii) bribe the judges?
- (iv) fail to attend this most enlightening of items?

Come to Contest, and wish you'd never left the safety of your barstool!

**Huw Walters** 

### Weapons Policy

The Uniconze weapons policy is very simple, really.

- 1) Don't. (Well, we can always hope...)
- 2) If you must, peacebond it.
- 3) If it isn't peacebonded, we reserve the right to use it on you. Repeatedly.

The basic idea is to let everyone have fun, but to make sure that not only are you safe with your weapons, but so is the drunken idiot standing next to you. Just use common sense.

# How To Get To Cambridge

### By Car

East Anglia is not the easiest place in the world to get to, but Cambridge is more accessible than most. The map in this PR shows how to get to New Hall once you're in Cambridge, but first you need to get onto the map...

#### From the South

The easiest way into Cambridge from London and the south is to come up the M11 and take the junction which comes up on Madingley Road. Beware, this is not the first junction labelled Cambridge! It is the third junction, and is unsurprisingly labelled for Madingley as well as Cambridge. From there, turn left up Storey's Way, right onto Huntingdon Road and right into the New Hall car park.

#### From the North

Come trundling down the A1 and the A604, following signs for Cambridge all the way. At the point where the A604 runs out into the M11, the A45 and assorted minor roads, follow the signs for Cambridge (A1307 I think) and you

will shortly discover that you are on Huntingdon Road. New Hall is then on your right, before you get to the amazingly complicated traffic lights.

#### From the West

Follow the A45 for Cambridge and Madingley (the American Cemetery is worth a visit if you have the time), and lo and behold you are on Madingley Road. Turn left up Storey's Way, right onto Huntingdon Road and right into the New Hall car park again.

#### From the East

Probably the best route is to come in along the A45, and take the turn off to the left down Histon Road. Conveniently, this is marked by Histon village on the other side of the A45, as once again this is *not* the first junction labelled Cambridge. Once on Histon Road, carry on until you run out of Histon Road at the amazingly complicated set of traffic lights mentioned above. Here you want to turn right and right again in quick succession, without hitting the kamikaze cyclists, please. New Hall is then on your left about 50 yards up the road.

# By Train

Trains leave Liverpool Street and Kings Cross every hour for Cambridge, taking an hour or more to arrive. Cambridge station is on the opposite side of the town centre to New Hall, so you may wish to take a taxi up to the college, which will cost you in the region of £3.

### By Air

Pluted Bloatocrats may wish to note that Cambridge has an airfield, and does run regular flights. Not to anywhere useful, but it runs them. Since the airfield is even further away than the railway station, it will cost you even more in taxi fares, but you can probably afford it anyway.

# By Water

If you really want to, you can punt into Cambridge along the Cam. I wouldn't advise it, as New Hall is on top of the only hill in town...

# Membership List

79A Michael Abbott 28A Phil Allcock 108A Brian Ameringen 68P Kate Anderson 47A Simon Arrowsmith 136A Philip Badger 98A Amanda Baker 83A Henry Balen 24P Sean Bamforth 132A John Bark G Barrington Bayley 65P Adrian Beattle 140A Peter Bibby 95A Matt Bishop 54A John Botham 44A Alan Braggins 114S Michael Braithwaite 76A John Bray 130A Paul Brazier 51A Jon Brewis 89A Tim Broadribb 19A Ben Brown 97A "Bug" 32P Steve Bull 35A Mike Cheater 94A Dave Clements 104A Peter Cohen 42P Chris Cooper 13P David Cooper 135A Keith Cosslett 101A Adrian Cox 52A Cardinal Cox 49A Jonathan Coxhead 70A Paul Cray 2A Richard Crook 57A Rafe Culpin 22A John Dallman

72A Mike Damesick 61P John F. David 103A Roger Dearnaley 25A Paul Dormer 78A Bob Dowling 63A Peter Dunn 56P Martin Easterbrook 102A Sue Edwards 71A Dave Ellis 17P Flyie 111A David Elworthy 131A Juliet Eyeions G Lionel Fanthorpe 18A Colin Fine 14P Philip Fine 105A Nigel Fisher 129A Naomi Ford 34A Susan Francis 99A Bill Frugg 37A Gwen Funnel 87A Ye Gerbish 40P Darren Gill 43P Steve Glover 3A Alastair Grant 134A Grunthos 5A Nick Haines 126A James Halcrow 11P Jackie Hawkins 66P Joy Hibbert 116A Martin Hoare 55A Valerie Housden 90S (Paul) Terry Hunt 41A Tim Illingworth 1A Rhodri James 128A Kelvin Jav 124A The Jester 85A Kevin R. Joyce

50A Vicki King 93A Alice Kohler 113S Pompino the Kregoyne 82A Marcus Rowland G Dave Langford 119A Brenda Law 12P Steve Lawson 31P Ruth Le Sueur 15P Steve Linton 120A Ken Longford 10A Bill Longley 81A P H Money 137A Marco 77A The Magician 121A Chris Marriott 69A Paul Marrow 100A Jane McKie 9A Rory McLean 127A Alan McTernan 92A Rob Meades 88A Ancty Morris 30A Caroline Mulian 91A Tom Nanson 60P Linda Parkin 26P Jon Peatfield 122A Alex Perry 16A Phil Plumbly 27A Henry Potts 23P Elinor Predota 139A Ceri Pritchard 64A Larry van der Putte 115A Rae Ramsbottom 8A Douglas Reav 39A Gareth Rees 53A John Richards 48A John Rickard 142A Andy Robertson 143A Sylvia Robertson

74A Roger Robinson 84A Steve Rothman 67P Dave Rowley G Bill Sanderson 33P Alison Scott 106A Mike Scott 141A D M Sherwood 117A Mrs J.E.Slater 118A K.F.Slater 62P A. D. Smith 109A Dan Smithers 86A Robert (Nojay) Sneddon 110A Kate Solomon 123A Neil Spenley 75A Simon Spero 133A Stephen 80A James Steel 96A Helen Steele 45S Marcus Streets 107A Chris Stocks 58P Ganesh Suntharalingam 4A Graham Taylor 6P Julian Todd 21 A Ivan Towlson 7A Paul Treadaway 59P Martin Tudor 125A Vicky 20P David Vines 138A Wendell Wagner, Jr 38ADH Watters 46A Huw Walters 36A Peter Wareham G lan Watson 73A Kathy Westhead 29P Mike Whitaker

112A Sarah Woodall

# Credits

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See you at the con!