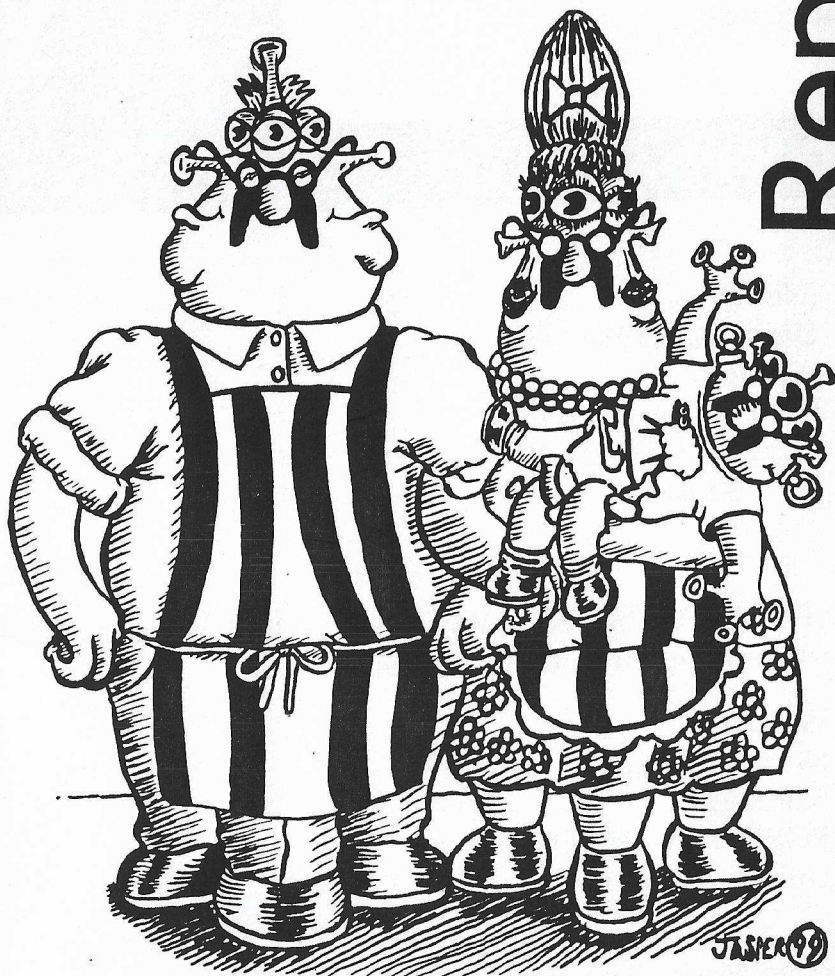


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Editorial

Here it is; the final *Report* for Wincon V. In it you'll find travel information and a variety of announcements concerning Wincon matters and the future of Unicons

It's pity that at the time of writing we've had no formal approaches from anyone wanting to carry on the Unicon series of conventions. If you're still thinking about it and aren't sure about how to run a bid, why not talk to us? John Richards and Phil Plumbly take you through what's required later in this *Report*. In the event of no-one bidding to host the next Unicon, we'll be discussing what to do next and how or whether to wind the series up. Will Wincon V be the last Unicon? *You* decide.

On to happier matters—the Cake-Burning Contest returns. Our highly skilled team of judges have been honing their palates to a fine degree of, well, honing. Do bake a cake for the contest; not only does it make the judges waistlines (even) bigger, it raises money for charity.

Registration opening times will be from 3:00–10:30 PM on the Friday, 10:00 AM–10:00 PM on the Saturday and 10:00 AM–2:00 PM on the Sunday. If you've volunteered to help us out, please let the registration people know, and they will point you in the direction of the right committee member to talk to. If you are driving to Wincon and wish to use the car park at King Alfred's College, please let us know when you register. We'll give you a parking permit—without it dire things, such as clamps, may be applied to your car.

The Duty Committee Member—DCM, for short—will be contactable directly by phone on 0411 315827 if you have a pressing problem that he or she can help sort out. Please note that this number belongs to a hired phone and is, therefore, only available during the course of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please do not attempt to use it at any other times.

Jasper Smithers, who has kindly provided us with the covers for the Reports so far will be showing some of his work at Wincon. No doubt some will even be for sale.

Please could organizers of programme items let John Richards know in advance of any technical requirements you may have? Leaving it until the convention isn't recommended; although we would try to meet your requirements, we can't guarantee that we'd be able to meet them.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know in advance so we can ask the college to provide the correct food for you for your breakfast. Similarly, if you have mobility difficulties we can, for a nominal fee, hire some electric wheels for you. Please contact Andy Croft at the convention address, or send him an email message at andy@punit.demon.co.uk

Pete Wright

IMPORTANT!

If you have booked a room at King Alfred's College, you should have received a booking confirmation slip with this *Report* listing the nights you wish to stay and any special requirements you may have. If it's missing, please let us know now. Either write or send an email. The addresses are given on the inside front cover.

Unicon Wants You!

Wincon V: Unicon'99 is currently the last of the Unicon series of conventions. The series has been running since Keele University hosted the first Unicon in 1982. It's a great shame that such a fannish tradition may die with Wincon V.

Originally, devised as a training convention for new would be conrunners. It was also a cheap student oriented convention to allow low-income earners and students to attend a convention that didn't cost the earth. Unicons these days are small-relaxed conventions that are still relatively cheap to attend, and on the whole great fun.

If you want to save this tradition then we need a follow up committee to turn up or at least send a representative to place a bid at the bidding session at Wincon V. The session will be on Sunday 15 August. Once a bid is put forward, the membership of the current Unicon vote on whether the bid is acceptable.

However, despite some verbal enquiries at this year's Eastercon in Liverpool, at the time of writing no committee has contacted us formally. If you are out there and seriously interested in keeping the tradition alive there are a few things you will need to know:

1. All Unicon committees have to agree to be bound by the Unicon charter, copies available from the Wincon contact address and on our Website <<http://www.pompey.demon.co.uk/wincon.htm>>.

2. You don't have to be a student to be on the committee of a Unicon.

3. You have to put the event on at a place of further education.

4. Other than the above you are more or less free to do what you want!

Still interested in carrying on a great Fannish convention series? Please feel free to form a committee and come along and bid! Wincon V Cake Burning

In the grand old tradition of Wincons, we looked at each other at a committee programming meeting, and said what do we want to keep a tradition going? Yes, was the answer. So here it is for the last time this Millennium. The Wincon Cake Burning Competition rules are simple and as follows:

1. To enter you must be a member of the convention. 2. There are four categories a. The Best Overall Cake b. The Best Chocolate Cake c. The Best Tasting Burnt Cake d. The Best Cake made by a Child

3. You must cook the cakes at home and transport them to the site yourself.

4. Fridges may be available on site at the convention, but please ask us beforehand if you will need to use one.

5. You must fill in an entry form listing all the ingredients used; this is to allow those who are allergic to certain of the ingredients the chance to avoid them.

6. The judge's decision will be final.

7. After the competition the cakes will be cut up and sold, with the proceeds going to charity.

Signings

Our guests have kindly agreed to carry out scheduled signing sessions during the convention. We will also have Gwylim Hunter and Juliet McKenna signing, and others may be announced at the convention. These signings will be on Saturday or Sunday in the dealer's room—we will provide exact details of times and dates at the convention.

We would ask that you extend the courtesy to our guests of not asking them to sign at other times and places during the convention. We may place limits on how much can be signed by any given author, and we'll make this clear at the signing session.

Finally, we would like to use this opportunity to raise some money for our convention charity and we would suggest a donation of 20p per item signed, in addition to any cost of buying the item.

Win a Million Competition

Want to Win a Million? Come along to the Wincon grand Mixer Quiz on Friday evening after you get to Wincon. Anyone can enter, in the grand tradition of the Wincon early Friday mixer quizzes this is a quiz open to all and sundry. Please come along and participate, all are welcome, and the more entries there are the better the event. This year to spice the event up a prize of One Million is on offer. The last survivor in the quiz will be the winner.

The format of the quiz is that everyone entering forms a line, the person at the head of the line answers a question. If the answer to the question is correct they go to the back of the line and get to go again. If the answer is wrong they get to sit down and watch the fun. The questions are based on SF general knowledge; books, films, TV, SF Cons, Fandom, Comics, awards, and anything else fannish.

Please come along and have a go, old timers and people who have come to their first convention are equally as welcome, and equally in with a chance of winning.

See you all on Friday evening at Wincon for the chance to WIN A MILLION!

Travelling to Wincon V

by Terry Hunt

By Car

Now that you're homing in on Winchester, you might find yourself approaching on any one of several routes. Here's what to do if you're on the...

A3090 Romsey Road—Opposite the gates of Winchester Prison and at the corner of the Royal Hants County Hospital, turn right into St James Lane which then curves left, and then take the first right into Sparkford Road just before the corner of the cemetery, and look for the signposted Wincon registration and parking entrances which are the sixth and seventh turnings on the right.

A272 Stockbridge Road—After passing the Roebuck on your right, take the second exit from the roundabout up St Pauls Hill and along Clifton Terrace, turn right into Romsey Road and look for St James Lane (as above).

B3420 Andover Road—After passing the Jolly Farmer and the railway-bridge chicane, go straight through the (green!) lights up Sussex Street, past the War Memorial, turn right into Romsey Road and proceed as above.

A333 St Cross Road (from the south)—Turn left up St James Lane opposite The Green Man and look for Sparkford Road which is fifth on your left, just after the cemetery.

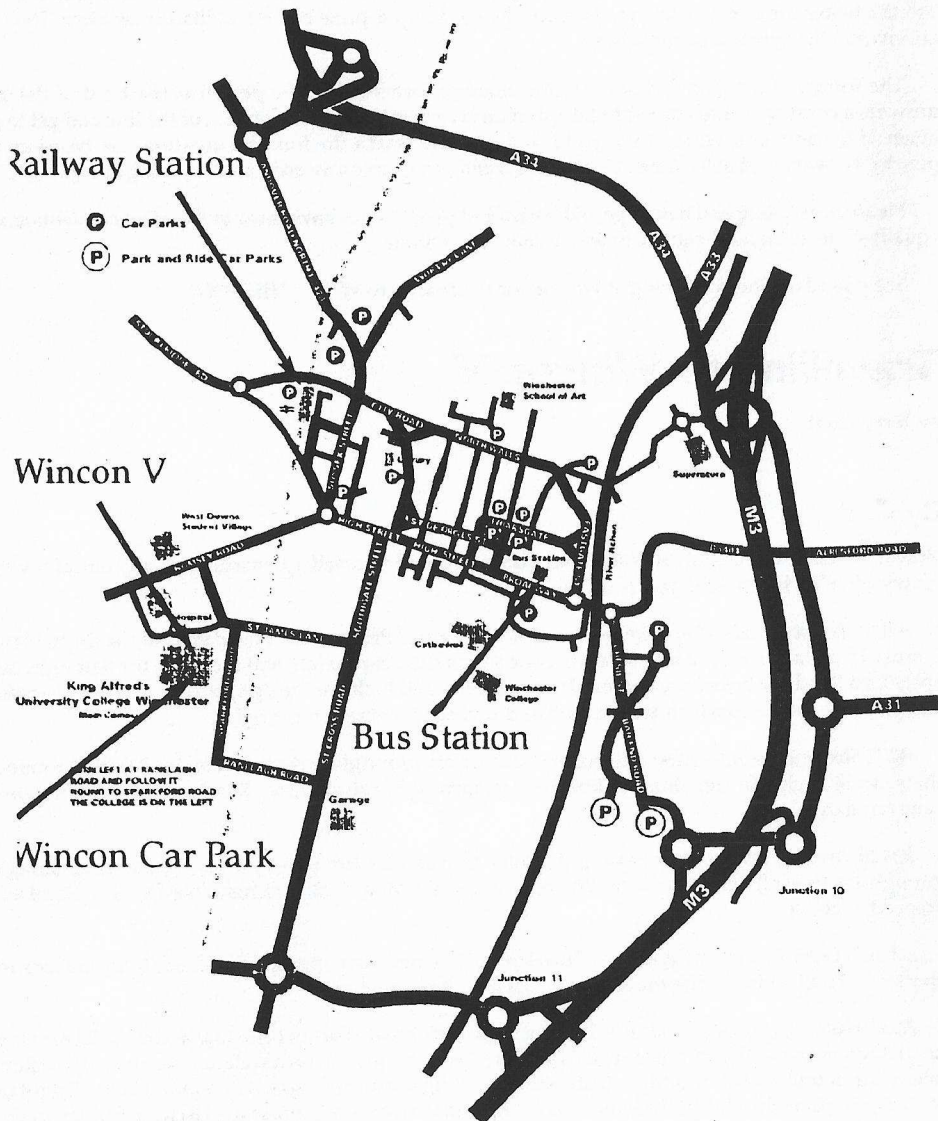
A333 Hyde Street (from the north)—Take the right fork on to Worthy Lane to join the B3420 Andover Road, then as above. If you miss it you'll have to turn right down North Walls on the one-way system; follow this round via Union and Eastgate Streets and right into Friarsgate, left on Brook Street, right up St Georges Street then left at the lights and swing right to the next lights in the High Street. Depending

on which lane you find yourself in you can then either turn left into Southgate Street and look for the right turn into St James Lane opposite the Green Man, or carry on up the High Street past the West Gate and on up the A3090 Romsey Road to St James Lane's other end.

Easton Lane (from M3 Junction 9)—Follow your nose down into Winchester until you encounter part of the one-way system already described. If you find yourself at the roundabout looking at the back of King Alfred's statue, turn right into Eastgate Street then left into Friarsgate: while it's possible to carry straight on up the Broadway, ambiguous precincts and jay-walking pedestrians make this inadvisable for non-Wintonians.

B3404 Alresford Road —Much as for Easton Lane.

A272 Chesil Street (from M3 Junction 10)— Turn left at the mini-roundabout at Bridge Street, over the bridge and then as for Easton Lane.



Parking at King Alfred's College

There are ample parking spaces at the College, and we have permits to issue when you register. Don't venture past any signs designating County Hospital territory, or try to park in Milnthorpe Lane, or you're liable to be clamped.

From the Railway Station

From outside the station main entrance you can get a taxi or walk. Take the path south along the railings and above New Station Road, turn right to go over the bridge then left along Clifton Terrace. Cross the Romsey Road and go through the iron stanchions and along St James Terrace to St James Lane, cross to the corner of the cemetery and take the first left fork in the path, which will bring you out opposite King Alfred's College. The walk should take about 15 minutes.

From the Bus Station

You're strongly advised to check details with National Express and book your tickets in advance. If you don't want to get a bus (or taxi) to King Alfred's it's about a 25-minute walk, mostly uphill. Go straight up the High Street in the direction King Alfred is gazing, through the pedestrian precinct; turn left into Southgate Street, right up St James Lane and across the cemetery. In doing this you will learn where the restaurants, take-aways and pubs nearest to the College are.

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60	A	Allum, Mike	78	A	Brice, Martin
122	A	Alver, Liv Margareth	87	A	Brignal, G. W.
43	A	Ameringen, Brian	29	A	Brown, Denzil T.
74	A	Amies, Chris	85	A	Brown, John
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136	A	Benzler, Meiko	88	A	Clements, Dr D. L.
148	A	Bernardi, Michael	98	A	Coast, Catriona
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104	A	Hardie, Andrew	48	A	Slater, Kenneth
96	A	Harris, Colin	117	A	Sloss, Alison
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97	A	Hicks, David	30	A	Stone, M. W.
21	A	Hill, Geoff	134	A	Summers, Rod
90	A	Hill, Stephen	101	A	Tegen, Nadja
105	A	Hunt, Terry	73	S	Telka, Clive
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