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**UK PONYCON 2015**  
OFFICIAL CONBOOK



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## Get ready to blast off for Ponycon 2015!

It's hard to believe that it's been another year since the last Ponycon, but maybe that's because, for the first time ever, Ponycon has gone back to a previous venue. The feedback from last year regarding the venue was so positive we decided to go back there. Only now we have even more rooms!

The Committee have worked insanely hard over that last year ensuring that all that extra space is put to good use by filling out a timetable packed full of different events. There's certain to be something for everyone; whether it's strutting your stuff in our Cosplay Parade, checking out one of our panels or heading to the Saturday evening disco.

We're also proud to announce our guest for this year, Summer Hayes. Summer is the author of several collector guides to My Little Pony as well as organising the My Little Pony Fair in the US. Summer will be giving two talks over the weekend as well as signing copies of her books.

As always Ponycon isn't just about having fun, but also for raising money for worthy causes. The Riding for the Disabled Association will once again be joining us as our nominated charity for the year. As well as having their own stall over the weekend, we will also be running Ponycon's Charity Auction where we'll be auctioning off special pieces of merchandise to help raise money for the RDA.

From all of us on the Committee, we hope you have an awesome time at Ponycon 2015!

From,

*Archer*  
x

UK Ponycon 2015 Chair



## Newbies Guide to UK Ponycon

If it is your first time to UK Ponycon – don't fret! Here is our newbies guide to getting the best out of this year's con!

UK Ponycon is for fans of My Little Pony of all generations, from the original 80's ponies to the Friendship is Magic series. Whether you collect the pony toys or just love the cartoons, there is sure to be something for everyone!



Check out the Events Timetable as soon as you arrive and make a note of the times and locations of the events you wish to attend. Some events run at the same time, so choose wisely!

**Creative Competitions:** If you are entering a piece of art, destroyed fakie, custom pony or scene, please register it at the Ponycon Competition Stall by 1pm on Sunday.

**Charity Auction:** Save your pony pennies for our Grand Charity Auction which takes place on Sunday afternoon.

**Parents:** Pay a visit to Kids Corner for cartoons, drawing/colouring and face painting, or why not stop by the photobooth for an adorable family photo?

**Need Help?** Visit UK Ponycon Reception to find one of our friendly, helpful members of staff! :)

### Top 5 Things To Do at UK Ponycon

- Shop 'til you drop in the 'Mane' Hall.
- Strut your stuff in the Cosplay Costume Parade.
- Bid for cool pony stuff in the Grand Charity Auction.
- Listen to, or take part in a Panel discussion.
- Pay a visit to the lovely people from the RDA at their Charity Stall.



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Ponycon is coming soon,  
You haven't heard? Are you from the moon?  
Meet some friends and have some fun,  
Commiserate with a sticky bun,

Bright stalls in rows,  
And plushie shows,  
All generations,  
And some with bows,

You can fill your bag with pony's plenty,  
Not worth coming for less than twenty!  
So every pony should shout 'hurrah',  
And cheer that brony in cosplay!

by Idris



## Saturday Timetable

### KINGS HALL

11:00 - 11:30 - Opening Ceremony  
12:00 - 12:30 - Enterplay MLP CCG Demo  
12:30 - 1:00 - Cosplay Competition  
14:00 - 14:30 - Room 101  
14:30 - 15:00 - Build a Spaceship  
15:00 - 15:30 - Panel (Dr Ewan Kirkland)  
15:30 - 16:00 - Pony Bingo  
16:00 - 17:00 - Panel (Summer Hayes)  
17:00 - 17:30 - Talent Show  
20:30 - LATE - Disco

### TUDOR

08:00 - 09:00 - Volunteer Briefing  
11:30 - 12:00 - Getting to Know You  
12:00 - 13:00 - Cosplay Preparation  
13:00 - 17:30 - Enterplay MLP CCG Tournament

### CHARNWOOD

11:30 - 13:30 - Rainbow Dash Attack  
14:00 - 14:30 - Panel (My Little Customs)  
15:00 - 15:30 - Pinch the Parcel (Kids)  
15:30 - 16:00 - Pinch the Parcel (Adults)  
16:00 - 16:30 - Space Music Quiz  
16:30 - 19:00 - Oculus Rift  
17:00 - 18:00 - Changeling Resistance  
21:00 - 21:30 - Panel (Jolly Old Cinema)

### EMPRESS

All day activities: colouring books, paper based quizzes, dressing up.  
10:00 - 13:00 - Face Painting  
13:00 - 14:00 - Scavenger Hunt  
14:00 - 15:00 - Kids Customising  
15:00 - 16:30 - Karaoke  
16:30 - 17:00 - Draw a Pony

### CROMWELL

All day activities: colouring books, paper based quizzes, corner for non-pony fans!  
11:30 - 15:30 - Cartoon and movie screenings  
16:00 - 17:00 - Pony Cleaning  
17:00 - 20:30 - Cartoon and movie screenings

### QUEENS HALL & ALEXANDRA

09:00-18:00 Trader Stalls

### COMPETITIONS & RAFFLES!

Remember to enter your arts, crafts and destroyed fakies into our competitions at the table in King's before 15:30 on Sunday!

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY!

Come and take selfies with a selection of space themed props in the Charnwood room from 9:00-14:30 and 18:00-21:00!

## Sunday Timetable

### KINGS HALL

11:30 - 12:00 - Rainbow Relay  
13:00 - 14:00 - Charity Auction  
14:30 - 15:30 - Cosplay Parade  
16:00 - 16:30 - Mr and Mrs  
15:30 - Contest Entries and Raffle Close.  
17:00 - 18:30 - Closing Ceremony & Prizegiving

### TUDOR

09:00 - 09:30 - Volunteer Briefing  
10:00 - 10:30 - Getting to Know You  
11:00 - 11:30 - Panel (Nirvana Ponies with LadyG)  
12:00 - 13:00 - Panel (Summer Hayes)  
14:00 - 15:00 - Cosplay preparation  
15:00 - 15:30 - Panel (Flocking Ponies with Aflame)  
15:30 - 16:00 - Panel (Drawing Ponies with Kathryn Shaw)  
16:00 - 16:30 - Panel (My Little Customs)

### CHARNWOOD

11:00 - 13:00 - Oculus Rift  
11:00 - 12:00 - Speed Customising  
12:00 - 12:30 - Speed Drawing  
14:00 - 16:00 - Rainbow Dash Attack  
16:00 - 17:00 - Changeling Resistance  
18:30 - 20:00 - After Party

### EMPRESS

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10:00 - 12:00 - Face Painting  
12:00 - 13:00 - Kids Customising  
15:00 - 16:30 - Karaoke

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## Planet Ponycon by fizzy008ponies

Ground control to Ponycon,  
Countdown over, now it's on,  
So let's boldly go where we've been once before,  
And buy a few ponies - then buy a load more!  
Moving faster than the speed of light,  
When you see that elusive grail in sight.  
So climb aboard the mothership,  
And fall blissfully into this fandom's grip,  
Meet other humanoids, enter competitions,  
Having a blast is your number one mission.  
There's the cosplay parade for all to see,  
Will you be Luna, Star Swirl or Galaxy?  
But most of all, have some fun,  
We are so glad that you could come,  
Whether you've come from near, or journeyed from afar,  
You're all amazing awesome stars.  
Let's celebrate all things intergalactic  
UK Ponycon - it's fantastic!



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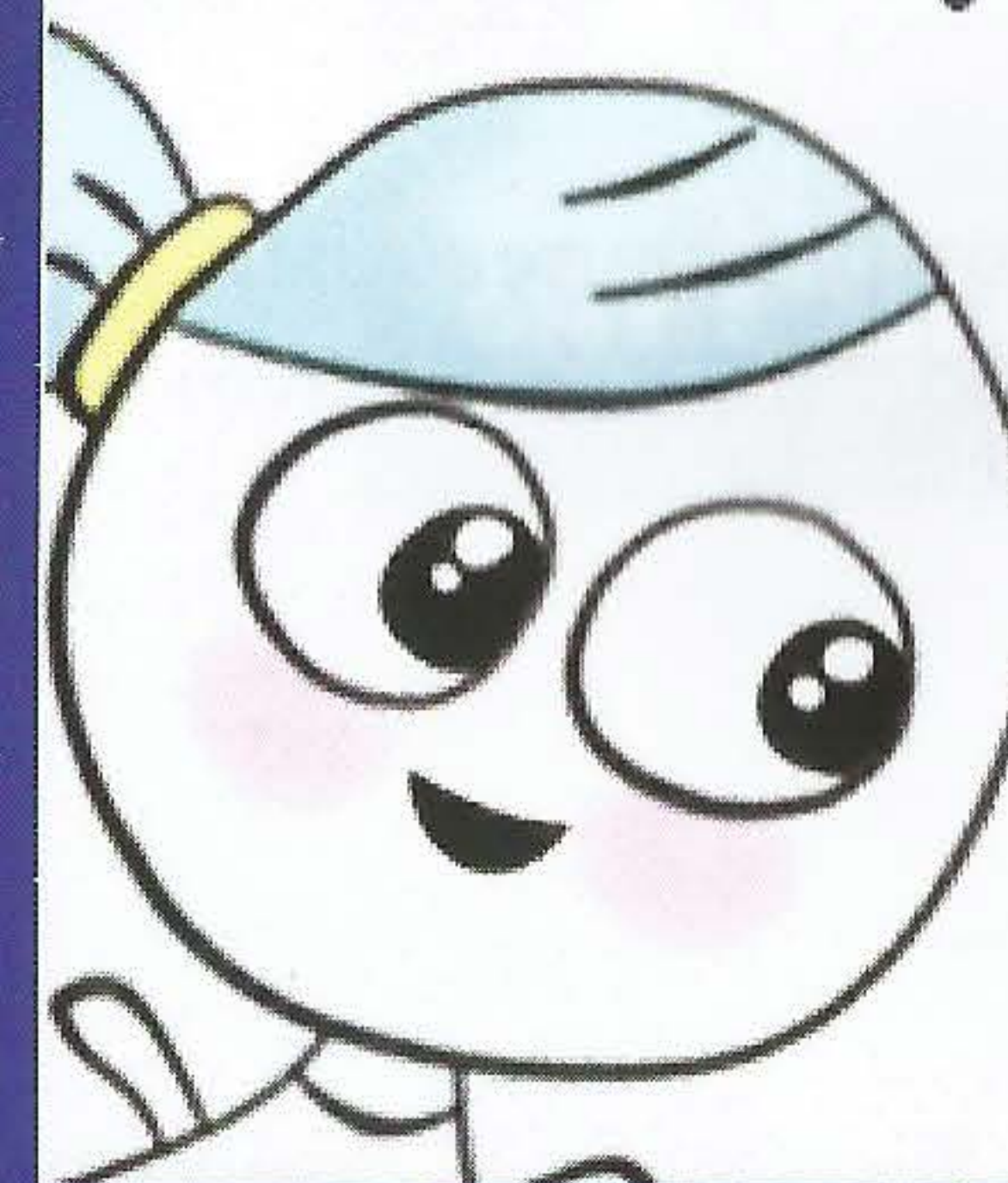


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### About RDA

At RDA, our horses and ponies provide therapy, achievement and enjoyment to people with disabilities all over the UK. Our network of 500 volunteer groups organise activities such as riding, carriage driving, vaulting and showjumping to up to 28,000 people each year.

We have been carrying out our life-changing activities for over 40 years, and take great pride in the exceptional standard of our instructors and volunteers (18,000 in all). We offer activities for all age groups and, wherever possible, to people with any disability – and you're just as likely to find an RDA Group in an urban setting as a rural one.

We rely on voluntary help, donations and legacies to deliver our services.

### Charity Auction

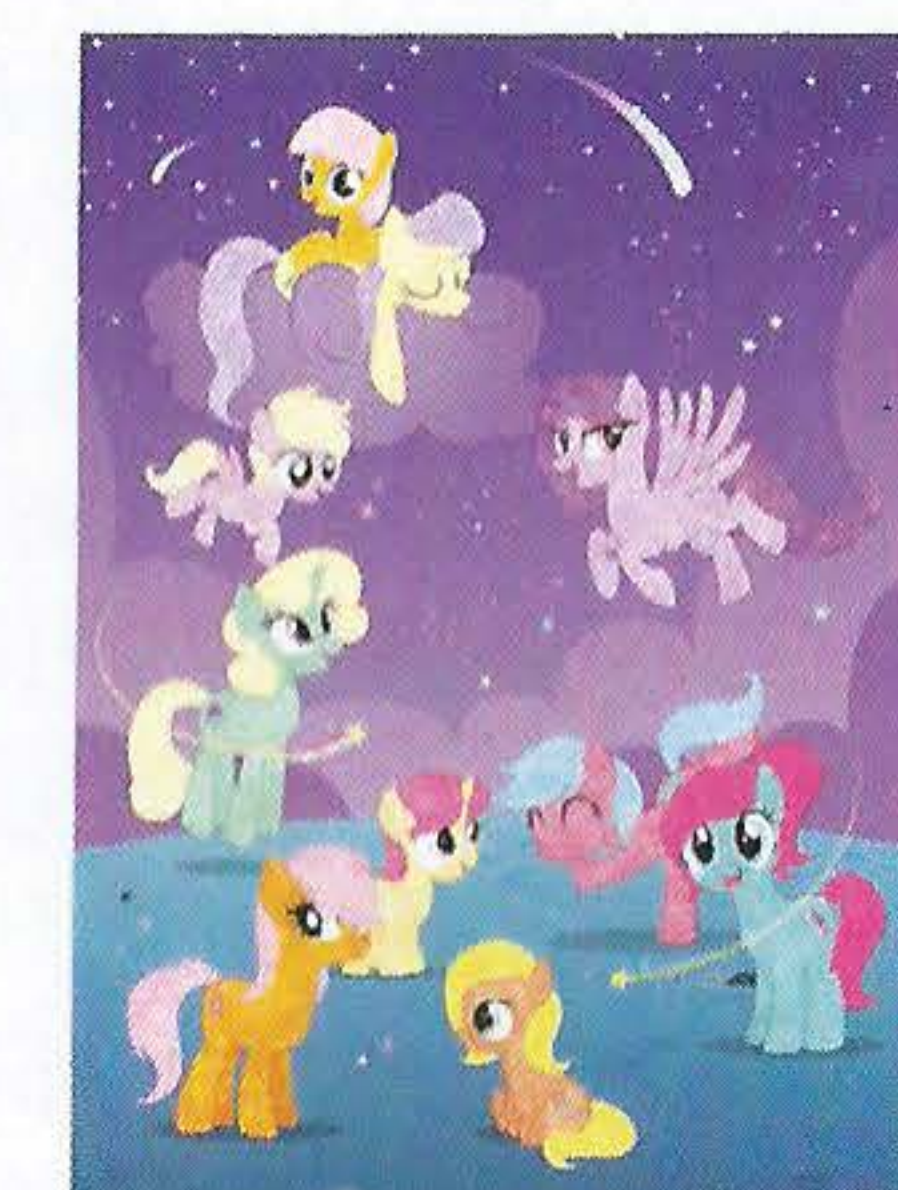
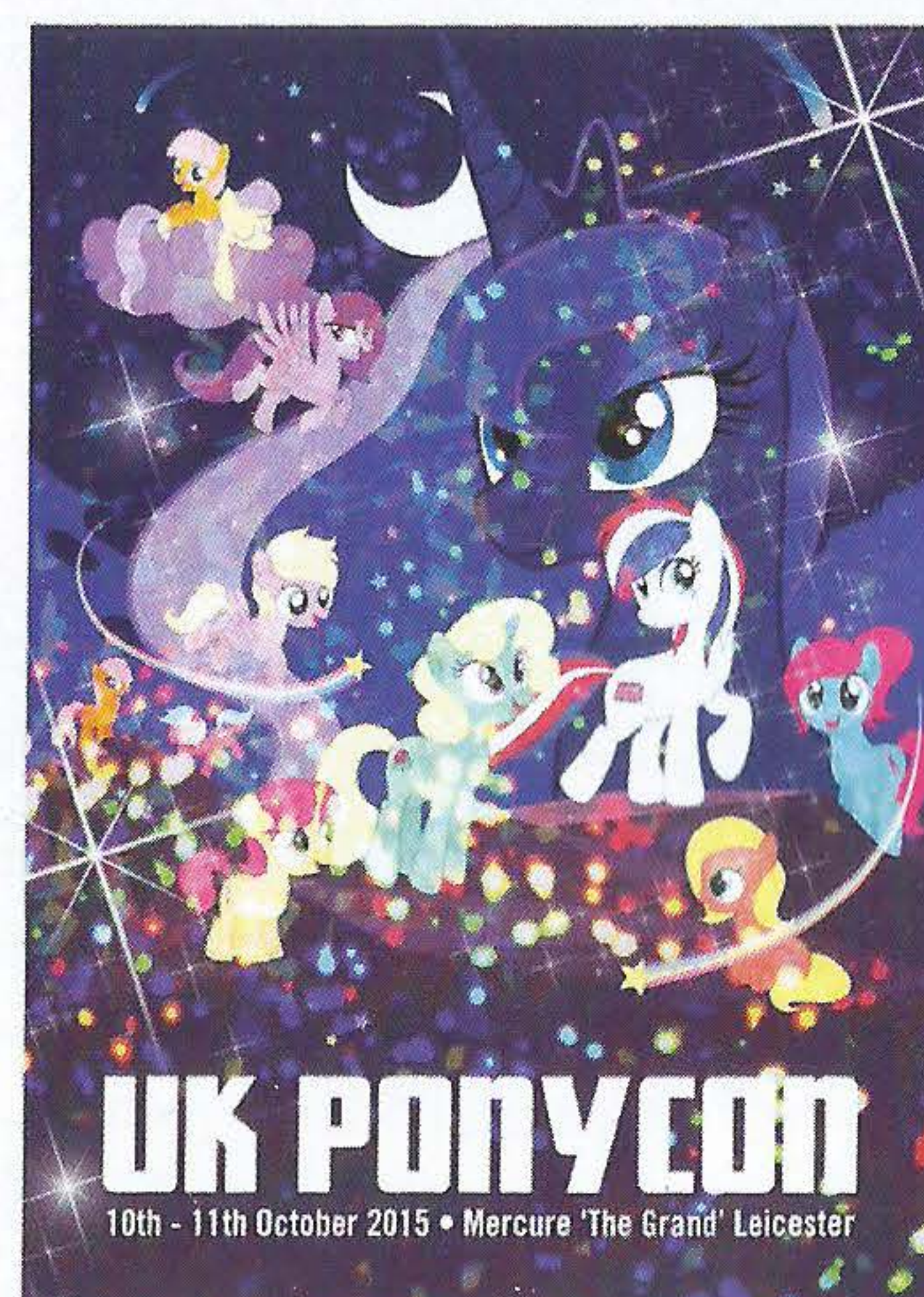
All the money raised at UK Ponycon's charity auction will be donated to the Riding for the Disabled Association.

Last year, we were able to give a fantastic £2500 - please bid generously and help us to make this year's total donation bigger and better than ever!



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the King's Hall!



## Moon Pony

A short story by Idris.

It had been a few days now since her launch into the history books. It had gone well, with the huge catapult throwing her high into the air as the rocket motors lit. The force had been so strong she thought her mane might come off! But the initial shock and noise had soon abated once the clouds had finished speeding past the port holes. From there on in it had become more like a silent dream, laced with an eerie dull black. She was literally along for the ride at this stage of the mission, sat atop a huge firework of metal and hope.

The next part was hers and hers alone. The small silver unicorn couldn't help but ponder how her attempts at landing would turn out? There was no second chance here and the moon looked awful big in the window. The hands on the clock showed it was time to take another sighting of her distance from the surface. She held the device firm, bracing herself against the walls of the small cabin so as not to float off halfway through. From its scale she could see that it was nearly time to slow down for landing. Pulling the check list from her pocket she glanced at its contents while adjusting various knobs and taps, so as to ready the machine for landing. Another reading showed it was time to suit up, strap in and fire the retro boosters.

The boost was a single button, to be pressed carefully and followed by a huge jolt as the great rocket steadied to a suitable velocity. She held on tight, feeling the straps yanking her back into her seat. The moon's gravitational force soon took hold and began pulling them down to its barren surface. This was her time to shine! A dream come true. A dream from long before the rocket shaped cutie mark had appeared on her flank. The cardboard tubes and singed mane of her youth had all led to this point.

Reaching out a gloved hoof she cut the boosters, silence returning to the craft. She activated the control thrusters and gingerly began to steer her way to the surface. She could see her shadow out of the window, the dark outline making an ideal reference point to stop her crashing into the surface. But it was moving very quickly indeed. Instantly she was in flight mode, her mind racing as the moon came rapidly up toward her.

"Not like this," she hissed through clenched teeth, steered this way and that, blasting the retro boost periodically, a blur of hooves as she fought to prevent herself slamming into the grey dust below. "Oh no, oh no, one last burn....." And touchdown! Within seconds it was all over, the metallic beast standing

four legged on the moon. Inside, sitting bolt upright with sweat pouring from her brow, was the most relieved pony ever.

Regaining her composure she raised the radio arial to report to base. "Phoenix to base, we have landed safely. Am making preparations walk on the surface," she called out across the ether. It was time to unbuckle herself, go through the shutdown procedure and open that door! A few minutes later the diminutive form climbed carefully down the steps, a huge life support pack tied to her back.

The moon felt weird, and none of the descriptions of low gravity prepared her for how light she felt. She half expected to feel like she did when she was small filly, riding high into the sky on the back of a pegasus. But she actually felt like she was supported by elastic! Bouncing along the surface she could travel huge distances in a single leap, landing gracefully on all four hooves with a giggle. Or at least, she could after a few goes, her first steps causing her to trip and fall. She jumped around a bit more, collecting small rocks and dust in a little bag before sitting down for a rest.

There was a very good reason for having a unicorn as mission commander. Eating in the vacuum of space would have been very difficult indeed, unless of course, you could levitate a carrot or two from an inner pocket. And no pony wanted to wander round a strange land without some sort of snack!

It was at this point the magnitude of the sight above hit her. The distant blue and green ball in the black sky looked alien and not at all like the place she lived. It was difficult to imagine her friends so far away living their every day lives? Oh well, time for a bit more exploring.

Too soon it was time to go. Oh how she longed to stay on the moon. A day or even a few more hours maybe? But she couldn't. Stepping back into the space craft she closed the door behind her, checking its seal carefully to make sure it would be air tight. It would be a miserable trip back home if she had to spend it stuck in a space suit, her food and water tantalisingly close but beyond reach in the supplies locker. Turning on the cabin lights she caught her reflection in the window, sad blue eyes looking back at her. No! She wouldn't let herself get like this. She was on the moon for goodness sake! This was the best day of her life. Strapping herself back into her seat she again reached for the main rocket switch. Slowly at first and then with greater speed, the moon shrank away in the distance. No denying it now, she was a space pony!



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Art by Neve Castley



Thank you very much to the wonderful artists and writers who contributed their work to make this year's conbook extra special!

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Colour in the  
Sparkle Ponies!



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UK Ponycon 2015!

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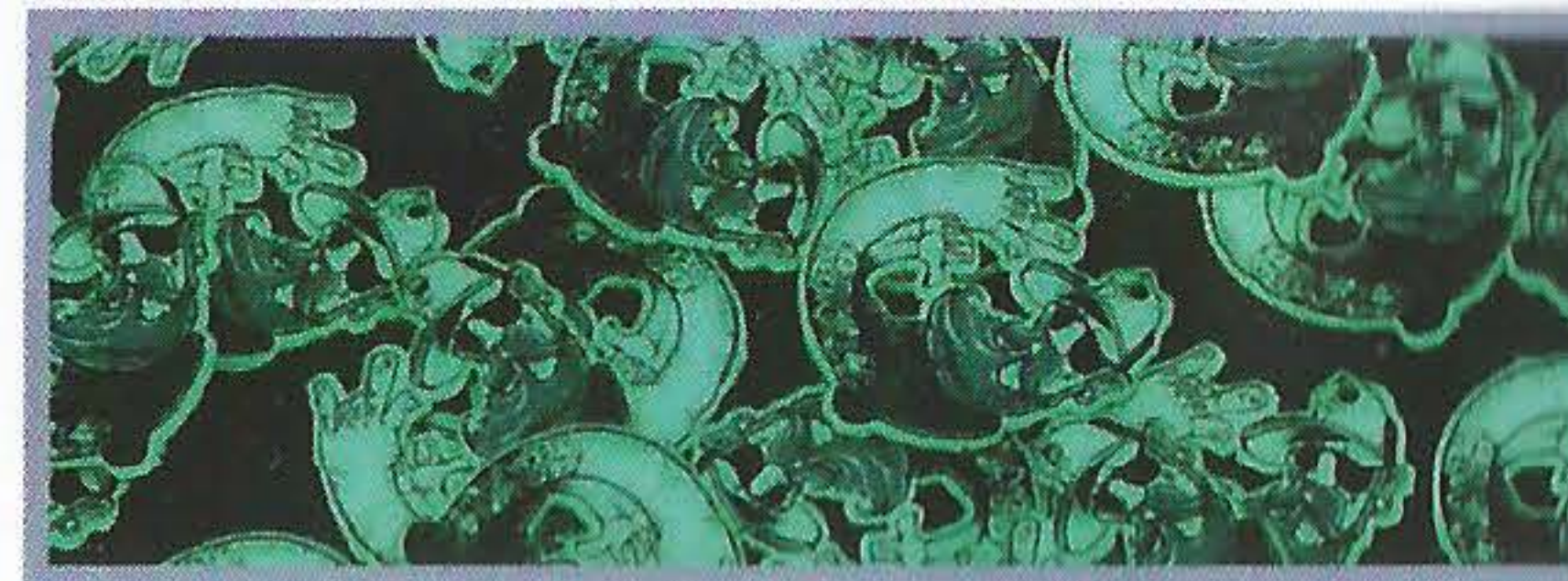
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