

# AXV – The Final Programme

THIS VERSION REALLY IS THE FINAL PROGRAMME

This document sets out the Ministry of Steampunk's plans for the forthcoming *Weekend at the Asylum* Steampunk Festival to be held in the Historic Quarter of Lincoln in August 2025 from the Opening Ceremony on Friday 22 August through to the Closing Ceremony on Monday 25 August.

The document has been prepared with minimal formatting and no photos in order to keep the file size low and make access to the document easier. It is not meant to be beautiful but simply informative; look up from the page or your screen and the beauty of Asylum will be all around you.

There are only a few small changes from the version of this document released on 1 August<sup>1</sup>

This document should be read alongside the event planner which is available separately and which gives an overview of what is happening when and where.

With a host of features taking place at the same time and in so many locations, many people will face difficult decisions over what they can attend. We are sorry if we have put two of your favourite features on at the same time. We know we can't please all of the people all of the time, but we try our best to get as close as we can.

We have some very special new features this year but have also retained many long-time favourite features of Asylum. We hope you enjoy the mixture of old and new.

As well as the timed features there are many other things that you can dip in and out of as time allows, including the Clockwork and Gaderian Quests, Where's Wally, the Old Curiosity Swap, spotting the Blue Plaques in local businesses, the Collect-15 game and so on. Some of these features have been allocated a time and a place where you can be sure to meet with the organiser, just because otherwise it can be really hard to find someone at an event amongst so many people.

We have added more content suitable for children this year; they are the steampunks of the future and we want to do all that we can to make Asylum a friendly place to be for all ages.

There are also a number of crafting workshops. Most will have limited capacity. If you or your children would like to attend, then where possible we suggest you try to make contact with the organiser in advance; in most cases we have listed where you will find them in the listing below.

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<sup>1</sup> The Kittysugar Powertex demo and workshop has moved to Saturday at 15:00 in Westgate and Dr Parker's Book of Machines has moved to Sunday at 16:00 in the Heritage Centre. A feature on Steampunk and Burlesque with Scarlet Butterfly has been added at 16:00 on Saturday in Westgate and a feature on Alchemy, the Steampunk Musical, has been added at 14:00 on Sunday in the AR ballroom. Two performances of Steampunk Poetry have been added on Sunday at 14:00 and Monday at 13:30, both in St Paul in the Bail. Steambards will be meeting in the castle grounds on Monday at 14:00

Another change this year is that we have increased our efforts to raise money for charity, particularly with the inclusion of the Performer's Auction and the collection during the Grand Promenade. Other smaller features like the fabric swap and repair station will also be making charity collections; please do support them where you can.

The Kings Lynn Steampunk Society (KLSS) will be manning a free repair stand in the Heritage Centre on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Many who attend Asylum put an enormous amount of work into their costumes and accessories but even so, disaster can strike when it is least convenient. Something breaks, stitches pop or fastenings fail to fasten. If such a misfortune visits you during Asylum, come along to the repair stand where you will have access to tools, equipment, materials and assistance to get you back into gear and out enjoying the events again.

There will be a number of large exhibits in the castle grounds where this year you will also find the Asylum Tea Tent which will be a place for wristband holders to rest their feet while drinking tea and enjoying a bite to eat. There will also be food traders in the castle and at Westgate Academy.

## Event Control

There will be a single Event Control which will be in Castle Square. Opening times will be:

Friday	09:30 to 17:00
Saturday	09:00 to 17:00
Sunday	09:30 to 16:00
Monday	09:30 to 15:00

## Markets

As usual there will be multiple Steampunk markets. Opening times will be as follows:

### Bailgate Methodist Church

Friday and Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00.

### Castle Square

Friday to Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00 and Monday from 10:00 to 16:00.

### Castle Grounds, Castle Marquee, St Paul in the Bail

Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00 and Monday from 10:00 to 16:00.

There is much more information on the MoS website at [www.ministryofsteampunk.com](http://www.ministryofsteampunk.com). You can go direct to the AXV Home Page by following the QR code below.

We hope that you all enjoy AXV – the fifteenth *Weekend at the Asylum*.

The Ministry of Steampunk  
18 August 2025



# FRIDAY

## 10:30    Opening Ceremony | AR [Assembly Rooms] Ballroom

Join the Ministry of Steampunk for the Grand Opening of Asylum XV. Catch up with friends you haven't seen for ages and find out more about what we have been planning since long before Asylum 14!

## 10:45    What's New at AXV? | AR Ballroom

Find out about some of the new features that will be happening at AXV with some tips on getting the best out of the weekend.

## 11:30    Asylum Fashion Retrospective | AR Ballroom

Join Lady Elsie for a celebration of Asylum fashions from 2009 to the present day. Please be warned – there will be frocks.

## 12:00    Teapot Racing Virgins | Westgate Playground

An event for the teapot-curious, a fun activity to see how you get on steering a teapot around a course. Who knows, it might inspire you to take part in one of the teapot racing competitions over the weekend? No previous experience required.

## 12:30    The Guild of Occult Steam Sciences | AR Ballroom

The Occult Sciences Steam Guild has been inundated by omens, warnings, and dire foretellings. It needs help sorting through the clues to uncover and perhaps even stop a dire mystery that threatens London, the Empire, and even next Tuesday's big village cricket match. Dare you dive into the deeper darkness beneath the smoke and help these mystical defenders of all that's right, proper, and doily-covered?

## 12:30    Teapot Tune-up | Westgate School

Have you tried building your own racing teapot? If so, have you run into any problems, or would you like some friendly advice on how to improve its performance? If so, bring it along to the teapot-tune-up-team and see if they can help.

## 13:00    The Mad Hatter's Tea Party | AR Edwardian Suite

*Please note that wristbands alone do not give access to the afternoon tea parties which require a separate ticket. Tickets are available in advance only (subject to availability) and cannot be purchased on the day.*

Join the Mad Hatter and friends for a sumptuous tea party in the elegant surroundings of the Edwardian Suite. If you are attending this event, you will have received full information direct from the Assembly Rooms.

# FRIDAY

## 13:30 The Egyptian Mummy Unwrapping Party | AR Ballroom

If the title alone isn't enough to make you want to attend this feature, yes, there will be a mummy and yes there will be unwrapping and yes, you will find out how mummies got to blighty in Victorian England and what happened to them.

## 13:30 Remote control dragonfly racing for virgins | Westgate Playground

Come and try your hand at flying miniature 'dragonflies'. It sounds simple enough, doesn't it? But is it?

## 13:30 This Is My Favourite | Westgate Academy

Many of us have a favourite steampunk 'something'. Why not bring yours along and tell us why it means so much to you, who gave it to you, how you made it or why you could never part with it. Sometimes the most unassuming objects have the most fascinating back-stories.

## 14:00 Tea Tasting | Westgate Academy

An opportunity to taste and learn about black, white and green tea, led by an expert from Stokes Tea and Coffee of Lincoln.

## 14:30 S.C.O.N.E. | AR Ballroom

Join the Steampunk Choir of Notorious Excellence for a session of rousing steampunk inspired singing. You don't have to wear purple but you will probably find out why so many fans do.

## 14:30 The Old Curiosity Swap | Westgate Playground

The 'OCS' is an opportunity for participants to swap trinkets, badges, patches or other items. No money must exchange hands; this is purely for swapping items. You can take part in this fun activity any time over the weekend – we just put a few 'meets' on the programme to make it easier to find like-minded people.

## 14:30 The Great Exhibition | Heritage Centre

The Great Exhibition will be located in the Heritage Centre at AXV. Please bring along any entries from 14:30 on Friday or from 10:00 on Saturday morning. There's lots of information about the Great Exhibition including eligibility criteria on the MoS website.

## 15:00 The 3 'o' Clock Tea Bell | Everywhere

The 3 o'clock' bell is such a pivotal part of English culture that it doesn't really require any explanation.

# FRIDAY

## 15:00 Teapot Racing | Westgate Playground

Bring your own racing teapot along or try one of the 'house' teapots in this adrenaline fuelled sport. With tea as one of the main themes of AXV what could be a more natural pastime than steering a motorised teapot around an obstacle course?

## 15:00 A Guided Tour of The Imaginarium | Westgate School

Join creator Gary Nicholls to explore some of the pictures he has on display. Find out more about the stories behind the pictures as well as the story in the book and also find out what is happening with The Imaginarium next.

## 15:30 Afternoon Tea with Steam Powered Giraffe | AR Edwardian Suite

*Please note that wristbands alone do not give access to the afternoon tea parties which require a separate ticket. Tickets are available in advance only (subject to availability) and cannot be purchased on the day.*

Join Steam Powered Giraffe for a tea party to remember forever. You will have an opportunity to meet with the band members as they visit each of the tables in the Edwardian Suite. Please note the band will not be in costume or makeup for this feature – so it is an opportunity for you to meet the people behind the robots. If you are attending this event, you will have received full information direct from the Assembly Rooms.

## 15:30 What's That Gadget? | AR Ballroom

Few things spark more excitement in the world of steampunk than new gadgets. Bring yours along and share a word or two about it. Tell us how you made it from an old badminton racquet and a box of rusty screws and in turn marvel at everyone else's creations.

## 16:00 Asylum Art Project | AR Ballroom

Come along and find out more about the special Asylum Community Art Project. Collect a small canvas (or bring your own – ideally 5 inches square) and decorate it to show what the Asylum means to you. The completed panels will be assembled into a joint artwork at the end of Asylum.

## 16:00 Decodance Workshop | Westgate Academy

Join Lady Elsie to learn a simple dance or two which you can try out at the DecoDance tomorrow night. You don't need previous dancing experience or a partner, but comfortable shoes are highly recommended.

# FRIDAY

## 16:30 Asylum Virgins Meet | AR Ballroom

Is this your first visit to the wonderful alternative reality of Asylum? If it is, then come along and hear from Major Tinker, joint founder of the original event in 2009. John will give you some tips on how to make the most of the time you have available.

# SATURDAY

## 10:00 The Illicit Market | AR [Assembly Rooms] Ballroom

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The illicit market is a combination of role playing and small-time peddling of wares of many shapes and sizes. This is a very popular feature at Asylum, and you will find out more about it under the 'Features' tab on the MoS website.

## 10:00 Embroidery Workshop | Heritage Centre Classroom

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Discover the traditional technique of Crewelwork with Amy Turner's beginner friendly taster session, whether you are new to embroidery, or are wanting to learn a new skill. This introductory workshop will last up to 1.5 hours, during which you will learn 5 stitches to create a design inspired by traditional Jacobean Crewelwork.

Minimum age 10 and children must be accompanied by an adult.

## 10:00 The Great Exhibition | Heritage Centre

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The Great Exhibition is a must-see for everyone coming to Asylum and this year will have its own stamp for your 'Collect XV' game so you can prove you visited!

## 10:00 Ticket collection for SPG Q&A session | Castle Merch Gazebo

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If you have a festival wristband (for Saturday or the full weekend) and would like to see Steam Powered Giraffe in their Q&A session at the County Assembly Rooms today you will need to pick up a free ticket in person from the Merch Gazebo in the castle, near to the courthouse (the building ahead of you when you enter through the East Gate). Strictly one ticket per person. If you manage to bag a ticket you will be in for a treat as SPG will be in full makeup and costume and will be performing a short acoustic set during the session.

## 10:30 Belly Fusion Dance Collective | Westgate Academy Playground

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Guaranteed to bring a smile to your faces and to lighten your mood, the wonderful and graceful ladies of Belly Fusion Dance Collective will perform a selection of dances with their trademark poise and synchronicity.

## 10:30 Box Set | Castle Bandstand

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Box Set will be opening the Airship Pirates evening gig with Abney Park on Friday night. We are thrilled that they have agreed to stay around a while on Saturday morning to do a short set on the castle Bandstand. It will only be a matter of time before they are invited to play at more Steampunk events.

## 10:30 The Horseshoe Game | Caravan in the Castle

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A fun western-themed activity for children. Come along to the painted time-travel caravan in the castle where you will find Tara and Ali who will tell you what it's all about...



# SATURDAY

## 11:00 Asylum Tea Duelling | AR Ballroom

Another favourite tea-related activity involving malted milk biscuits and nerves of steel. Come along and watch the Tiffin Mistress put contestants through their paces. You could even take part yourself and in doing so become the Asylum champion.

## 11:00 Beyond The Dawn | Westgate Academy Playground

A new musical project by Jane Clarity of Simply Kate Bush combining new Steampunk music with prog, pop and elven rock with a strong message of hope and restoration.

## 11:00 The Far Tea Challenge | Westgate Academy

The aim of this challenge is to see from how far away participants can get a teabag to land in a teacup. Standard class competitors will be tasked with throwing or otherwise propelling a standard dry unmodified teabag into a cup using nothing but their own strength and dexterity.

Open class competitors will be encouraged to use whatever gadgets and contraptions that they wish to bring along to get the teabag into the cup, and furthermore they can modify the teabag however they wish.

But there's a catch. Each competitor will only have one minute to set up their contraptions and modify their teabags. If you exceed the time limit, then the round will be forfeit.

## 11:00 Jetpack, Para and Wacky Racers | Castle Banjo

Some of the most quintessentially bonkers and 'pure unadulterated steampunk' features of Asylum are the jetpack race, para-racers and the wacky race.

Come and put your jetpack through its paces alongside other crazy inventors and see who takes home the Asylum jetpack medal for AXV. Once again, I am afraid the use of Unobtainium-15 as fuel is banned.

As for the wacky race, this really is your opportunity to see some highly wacky racers take part in a race along the castle banjo. Some will be powered by dubious means whilst others will be piloted by dubious pilots. There could be hobby horses. Some will finish the course, but quite possibly not all of them. The winner will receive a medal.

And then there's the para-racers' race. Contrary to what you might think, speed is a positive hindrance in the para-race which is all about style, creativity and entertainment. Because this is Asylum.

## 11:00 Box Set Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

You heard them play either at the Airship Pirates gig at the Engine Shed on Friday evening or just now on the castle bandstand. Now is your chance to pick up some merch from George and Tony of Box Set.

# SATURDAY

## 11:30 Photo session with Steam Powered Giraffe | AR Edwardian Suite

Please note you will require a Saturday or weekend festival wristband as well as a ticket to access this feature. If there are still tickets available on the day you will be able to purchase them from Event Control in Castle Square.

This is your opportunity to have a professionally taken photograph with Steam Powered Giraffe who will be in full costume and makeup. You will get to pose with the musicians and will have a hard copy photo to take away with you.

## 11:30 Steam Western Meet | Heritage Centre Outside

Come and say howdy to your steampunk western chums as tension builds towards the High Noon Shoot Out. There may be few survivors, so this is a good time to exchange some choice last words or seek forgiveness for past misdemeanours.

## 11:30 Peg Doll Workshop | Heritage Centre Classroom

Create a 'mini-me' Asylum XV Steampunk Peg Doll bag charm or badge to wear and love! The workshop will be led by artist Rachel Duffield and everything you need will be provided.

Suitable for ages 10 or over (under 13s need to be accompanied by an adult).

Numbers are limited so it would be best to see Rachel who you will find as Lady Dorianne Gray in the castle Tea Tent to book a place.

## 11:30 Captain Kuppa-T and the Zeppelin Crew | Castle Bandstand

You can't have too many cups of tea, and you can't listen to Captain Kuppa-T and the Zeppelin Crew too much either. After entertaining the audience at the Advance Guard on Thursday night, by Saturday morning they will be brewing up for another top-notch acapella performance combining fabulous lyrics and impeccable close harmony singing.

## 12:00 Q&A session with Victor and the Bully and Alice Strange | AR Ballroom

Victor and the Bully and Alice Strange are without doubt two of the most popular performers in the UK Steampunk scene. Come along and see them in conversation and answering questions from the audience.

## 12:00 Belly Fusion Dance Collective – Dance Workshop | Westgate Academy

This is your opportunity to come and meet the ladies of Belly Fusion Dance Collective and take part in a workshop to try out some of their moves. No former belly dancing experience is required!

# SATURDAY

## 12:00 High Noon Shoot-Out | Heritage Centre Outside

Please note that for insurance purposes you must be a wristband holder and must be aged 18 or over to take part in this feature.

Some steampunks duel with cups of tea and others with parasols, but there are still a few who are brave enough to fire nerf darts at each other (note the absence of the word straight) in this high-octane celebration of sharp(ish) shooting. Do you have what it takes to emerge the victor?

## 12:00 Minimum Altitude Display Team | Castle Banjo

The M.A.D.T.s (Minimum Altitude Display Team) are excited to be returning once more to put on their unique interpretation of the finest in daring do. In the finest traditions of the Red Arrows and satirical excellence the M.A.D.T.s are prepared, once more, to put life, limb and sanity on the line. Don't try it at home.

## 12:00 Kuppa-T & the Zeppelin Crew Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

Come and find Captain Kuppa-T and his Zeppelin Crew for a chat and to bag yourself some merch after their Bandstand performance.

## 12:30 The Steampunk Sallys | St Paul in the Bail

Under the masterful direction of General Anna Bollick, the other Annas (yes all of them are called Anna) will regale you with words of redemption and uplifting songs all designed to persuade you to give up the demon drink (and most of life's other pleasures).

## 12:30 Meet The Makers | Heritage Centre Classroom

Come and meet Grahame Jebb and his maker friends. Talk tinkering, bodging, fixing and any number of other 'making' verbs. Audience participation will be positively encouraged.

This session will be a safe space for people who like to talk about making things out of other things and want to meet other people who have been doing so for even longer.

## 12:30 Kitten Von Mew | Castle Bandstand

Ahead of her performance at the Decodance tonight, Kitten will be treating us to a set on the castle Bandstand. 40's pinup, fabulous songstress and all round superstar. Make sure you catch her performance.

## 12:30 Dr Who Meet-up | In front of the Castle Marquees

Set your TARDIS controls to 12:30 in front of the Castle Marquees in Lincoln Castle on Saturday 23 August 2025 and you might just bump into some other like-minded two-hearted people.

# SATURDAY

## 13:00 Unaccompanied Group Singing | Westgate Academy

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Come along to the Westgate Academy to try a feature that was very popular at Asylum last year – an unaccompanied singing workshop with Sarah Sim.

## 13:00 Meet the Droids | Heritage Centre Outside

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R2-SP (Steampunk R2-D2 from Star Wars) and his friends are always hugely popular at steampunk events, loved by children of all ages. Come along to the carpark area outside the Heritage Centre (you can bring a parent with you – they will love it too) and you can be sure to get to see R2-SP and his friends up close.

## 13:00 Dr Who Meetup | Castle Banjo

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The Steampunk Dr Who group have been meeting in the shadows the last few years, so we thought it was time to allow them out in the open for AXV. We've told them the castle is bigger on the inside. Come and meet them and find out what makes them tick.

## 13:00 Kitten Von Mew Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

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Kitten will be available to chat and sell you some of her fab merch following on from her castle bandstand performance.

## 13:30 Q&A session with Steam Powered Giraffe | AR Ballroom

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Please note that this feature is free to access to anyone who (a) has a festival wristband (Saturday or weekend) and (b) has collected a Q&A ticket from the Merch Tent in the castle on Saturday morning. The tickets will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Once everyone with a ticket has been given a chance to enter the Ballroom and further capacity will be available to a stand-by queue of wristband holders.

SPG will be in full costume and makeup for this feature in which they will not only ask questions from the chair and the audience, but they will also play a short acoustic set. If you are an SPG fan you will definitely want to be at this feature.

## 13:30 The Old Curiosity Swap | St Paul in the Bail

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Meet up here and now with like-minded folk and swap stuff. It's an addictive pastime and you may just go home with an enviable collection of treasures.

## 13:30 Belly Fusion Dance Collective | Castle Banjo

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Our favourite Belly Dance Troupe are back again with their signature synchronous moves, elegance and smiles. Don't try and stand still while they are performing – you won't be able to.

# SATURDAY

## 13:30 Victor and the Bully Meet and Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

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Following on from their Q&A session at the Assembly Rooms you will have an opportunity to chat and buy some merch from the band over in the Merch Gazebo.

## 14:00 Missed Any Steampunk Comics Lately? | Westgate Academy

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Attack on Titan, Gotham by Gaslight, Lady Mechanika, Grandville, The League of Extraordinary Gentleman...there are probably more steampunk flavoured comics & graphic novels out there than you realise. In this informal talk, comics creators David Morris (Norton, Baker Street Irregulars) and Colin Mathieson (Curious Chancer, Zulu) will guide you through some of the amazing titles available and invite you to share your favourites and make some new discoveries!

## 14:00 Teapot Racing | Heritage Centre Outside

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Roll up, roll up. It's time to sharpen your wits and compete to avoid the tea cosy of doom and if possible, to achieve the fastest time around the course. There will be medals for each 'teapot racing' session and an MoS medal for the fastest time over the weekend.

## 14:00 Beyond The Dawn | Castle Bandstand

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Last year Jane Clarity performed on the Bandstand as Simply Kate Bush. This year she is back with a new elven-themed style as Beyond The Dawn. Expect tales of time travel, other dimensions, inventions and astro extensions.

## 14:00 Fairytale Meet-up | In front of the Castle Marquees

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If you've been to any of the MoS steampunk fairytale weekends at Belvoir, Tutbury or Butterley this meet-up is for you. Come as a fairy, elf or any other magical or mystery creature whether good or evil.

## 14:30 Play the Tambourine with the Steampunk Sallys | Westgate Playground

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If you want to learn to play the tambourine the Steampunk Sally's way this workshop is for you. It is a great fun activity and of course The General is the perfect teacher. The Sallys tried this for the first time at Blists Hill recently and it was hilarious.

## 14:30 Fairytale Meetup | Castle Banjo

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This is the time for the fairies and other fae folk (and monsters) to make their way to the castle Banjo to chat to the gathering crowds. Expect magic and wings and weird and wonderful.

# SATURDAY

## 14:30 Beyond the Dawn Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

Come and catch up with Jane Clarity after her performance as Beyond The Dawn on the castle bandstand. Ask about her love of Tolkien and buy some merch!

## 15:00 The 3 'o' Clock Tea Bell | Everywhere

See explanation on Friday.

## 15:00 Q&A session with Abney Park | AR Ballroom

Abney Park will also be in their stage costumes for this question-and-answer session which will also include a discussion of the wider lore of Abney Park including the books, games and other creations – the life's work of the brilliant Robert Brown.

## 15:00 Kittysugar Powertex Workshop | Heritage Centre

Participants will explore Powertex fabric hardener to create a dimensional steampunk-inspired medal or brooch, learning fabric sculpting, texture building, and layering with metallic effects.

## 15:00 Virtual Cricket | Heritage Centre Outside

The cricket match at Asylum XIV last year proved beyond any reasonable doubt that the ball in a game of cricket is entirely superfluous. Come and watch the game again this year, see the (imaginary) ball fly, hear the (imaginary) 'thwack' of leather on willow and marvel at the team's ability to distil the essence of this finest of games to the enthralled crowd.

## 15:00 Steam Powered Giraffe Meet and Merch | Heritage Centre Classroom

Please note this session is separately ticketed. You will need both a wristband and a ticket to participate. Tickets are available through the MoS website. Subject to capacity there might be a few more tickets available from Event Control but at the time of writing this cannot be confirmed.

SPG love to meet their fans, and their fans love to meet them. This session fulfils both desires. SPG will be in full costume and makeup. You will be able to buy merch, have something signed, meet the band and take a quick selfie.

## 15:00 Meet the Great Exhibition Makers | Heritage Centre

The Great Exhibition is judged blind, and no names are on display – so nobody knows who made what. In 2024 we started this feature which is an opportunity for those who have entries in the exhibition to come and meet up with each other and talk about their creations. You don't have to be a maker to take part – all are welcome. Come and meet the people behind all the amazing creations on display.

# SATURDAY

## 15:00 PlayTaiko Performance | Castle Bandstand/Banjo

PlayTaiko bring you an exhibition of the vibrant and powerful art of Japanese Taiko Drumming. Intricate choreography binds together sounds ranging from earth shaking rhythm to the gentle flute. You can find out more at [www.playtaiko.com](http://www.playtaiko.com)

## 15:00 Panning for Gold | Caravan in the Castle

Another western-themed children's activity. Come along and learn how to pan for gold with Tara and Ali – you will find them near the painted time-travel caravan in the castle grounds.

## 15:30 The Clockwork Quest | St Paul in the Bail

Come and find the quest-giver – either to be given your quest, or to hand it back in. This was a hugely popular feature at Asylum XIV, and we are delighted the quest-giver is coming back to do it all again at AXV. Check out 'Clockwork Quest' on Facebook for more information.

## 16:00 Steampunk & Burlesque: what's the connection? | Westgate Academy

Have you ever wondered why steampunks love burlesque so much? Come along to listen to Scarlet Butterfly in conversation with Gary Nicholls about the creative artistry of burlesque and its connections to steampunk.

Please note that this feature may not be suitable for children.

## 16:00 Steam Heart Film Presentation | AR Edwardian Suite

Professor Terry Martin Mace retired from professional academic life to work on a trilogy of neo-steampunk films. Join the professor for the premiere of one of these films and to hear about the creative process behind them.

## 16:00 Gaderian Quests | Westgate Playground

Do you love a Quest? Do you love fantasy? Then we have some fun for you. A new free to participate Quest is coming to Lincoln this Asylum. Check out Gaderian Quests on Facebook for more information. This is a fixed time and place when you will be able to meet the quest-giver.

## 16:00 PlayTaiko Workshop | Castle Banjo

You've seen them being played. Now is your chance to try playing the Taiko Drums for yourself with this Midlands-based group. Learn a short rhythm in a fun and supportive atmosphere.

# SUNDAY

- 10:00 Steampunk Maker's Surgery**  
**AR [Assembly Rooms] Edwardian Suite**
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- How are you getting on with your latest project? Have you run across a problem or reached a point where you are not sure where to go next? Or perhaps you are having trouble getting started? Either way, there's a very real possibility that our panel of experienced makers will be able to assist – so come along and let them help you to take your project to the next level.
- 10:00 Knit and Natter (Crafting for all ages) | AR Ballroom**
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- After two long days on your feet, sometimes what you really need is a nice sit down, a cup of tea and a chat. If you have a suitably portable crafting project on the go feel free to bring it along. This informal session will be suitable for all ages, and we will have some simple crafting materials available which will be suitable for children.
- 10:00 Asylum Community Art Project | AR Ballroom**
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- Also in the ballroom on Sunday morning there will be an opportunity to find out about and contribute to the Asylum Community Art Project themed around "What the Asylum means to me". Michelle will be on hand to answer questions, provide materials and probably natter about it too.
- 10:00 Dreaded Mead | Westgate Academy**
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- So, you're a bit early for the Parade of Uniformed Groups and slightly thirsty. What are you going to do? Why not come along and hear from Dreaded Mead about their wonderful drink and maybe have a sip 'for the road' before you head off to watch the parade. Her Majesty would approve; I am sure.
- 10:00 Patreon's Breakfast | Heritage Centre**
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- If you are a member of the Ministry of Steampunk Patreon then this breakfast is for you. Come along, grab a drink and a bite to eat and meet the man behind the Patreon posts.
- 10:00 Belly Fusion Dance Collective | Castle Banjo**
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- Come and let the ladies of Belly Fusion bedazzle you with their moves. You won't see a happier looking bunch of friends anywhere (except in the other locations where they will be dancing or shopping this weekend).
- 10:30 S.C.O.N.E. | St Paul in the Bail**
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- The Steampunk Choir of Notorious Excellence (or was it elegance? I'm never 100% sure) will be performing for your aural intoxication in the amphitheatre of St Paul in the Bail. After hearing S.C.O.N.E. you will probably want a cup of tea.



# SUNDAY

## 10:30 The Teapot Promenade | Castle Banjo

The Splendid Teapot Promenade involves a procession of racing teapots driven by their creators. The event happens on the "Banjo" while the crowds around are waiting for the Parade of Uniformed Groups.

## 11:00 Peg Doll Workshop | Westgate Academy

Your second opportunity to 'create a 'mini-me' Asylum XV Steampunk Peg Doll bag charm or badge'. The workshop will be led by artist Rachel Duffiend and everything you need is provided.

Suitable for ages 10 or over (under 13s need to be accompanied by an adult).

Numbers are limited so it would be best to see Rachel who you will find as Lady Dorianne Gray in the castle Tea Tent to book a place.

## 11:00 Embroidery Workshop | Heritage Centre

Discover the traditional technique of Crewelwork with Amy Turner's beginner friendly taster session, whether you are new to embroidery, or are wanting to learn a new skill. This introductory workshop will last up to an hour, during which you will learn 5 stitches to create a design inspired by traditional Jacobean Crewelwork.

Minimum age 10 and children must be accompanied by an adult. Numbers will be limited so if you want to be sure to secure a place, please call in to see Amy in the Castle Tea Tent on Saturday or Sunday morning.

## 11:00 The Parade of Uniformed Groups | Castle Banjo

One of the pillars of the Asylum, the Parade of Uniformed Groups combines the majesty of impeccably turned-out groups with the majesty of the young Victoria.

It is a moment for the celebration of everything that is fabulous about steampunk coupled with a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to enjoy such freedom and privilege. It is an exquisite event but also a lump-in-the-throat experience.

## 11:30 Belly Fusion Dance Collective | Westgate Academy Playground

Another opportunity to exercise your smiling muscles with the fabulous ladies of Belly Fusion Dance Collective. Harmony in motion.

## 12:00 Sing Along with S.C.O.N.E. | AR Ballroom

Have you been inspired by S.C.O.N.E.? Would you like to learn to sing one of their songs along with the choir? Then come along to the Ballroom and surrender yourself to the brilliant leadership and tuition of Annie who will teach you to sing like a S.C.O.N.E.!

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## 12:00 Full Five Shanty Band | Westgate Academy Playground

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The Full Five Shanty Band are an acapella band who sing steampunked shanties about tea, cake, jetpacks, gin, biscuits, zeppelins, gin, shenanigans and gin.

Did I mention gin?

## 12:00 Wet Plate Photo Demo | Westgate Academy

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Would you like to find out more about old style wet plate photography? Come along to see Greg take his time while he creates exactly such a masterpiece before your very eyes. He will explain what he is doing and why and you will get to learn about the whole process. It is truly fascinating stuff.

## 12:00 Victor and the Bully | Castle Bandstand

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VATB have established themselves as one of the most formidable acts in the UK Steampunk scene. Does anyone know exactly how high Victor can jump? Come and hear them blow the roof off the bandstand and don't forget to take part in their signature 'Hokey Cokey' at the end of their set. Steampunk musical gold.

## 12:00 Steampunk Heroes & Villains Meet | In front of the Castle Marquees

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This is when the good and evil come together before making their way to the Banjo. Try not to blow each other up please or the next feature really won't work.

## 12:00 Sending an Owl | Caravan in the Castle

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Another fun activity designed for children. Come along to the painted time travel caravan in the castle where Tara and Ali will help youngsters make 'owls' and fly them through hoops in a fun gravity-defying activity.

## 12:30 Victorian Ships | AR Edwardian Suite

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Part of the fun in steampunk is being able to go a little bit over the top with your designs, but can your imagination exceed the craziness actual 19th century ship designers incorporated into some of their ship designs? Find out as a naval historian goes through some of the odder real-life ships from that period and why they ended up looking that way.

# SUNDAY

## 12:30 Where's Wally? | St Paul in the Bail

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"Where's Wally?" will be back again on Sunday at AXV. Look out for Wally, Wanda and special guest Odlaw who will be out and about and don't forget to shout out 'found you!' if you do. There will have hats and badges to give away, while stocks last.

If you're too weary to search all over the castle and surrounding areas we've been tipped off that the team are likely to be hanging out in St Paul in the Bail at 12:30 for a while – catch them while you can.

## 12:30 Gadgets by Rodney | Heritage Centre

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The gadget genius that is Rodney will share some secrets about how he makes the most incredible gadgets on a budget. You are bound to pick up some great tips.

## 12:30 Steampunk Heroes and Villains | Castle Banjo

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Many steampunks like to mash-up film characters, pop culture or cartoon characters with steampunk elements. It is a brilliant way to add your own creativity to what would otherwise be a pure cosplay. Come along and hear from (and photograph – don't forget to photograph!) the Steampunk Heroes and Villains Group.

"It's not who I am underneath but what I do that defines me": Batman.

## 12:30 Victor and the Bully Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

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VATB will be loitering at the Merch Gazebo after their bandstand performance so this will be a good time to say hello and treat yourself to some of their merch.

## 13:00 Sea Shanties with M/V Storm Petrel | AR Ballroom

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Join crew members of the M/V Storm Petrel for a session of shanties, sea songs, other work songs and the like, interspersed with the odd bit of history about the shanties themselves. The crew encourage you to sing along and maybe enjoy a drop of grog as you do.

## 13:00 The Illicit Market | Westgate Academy

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Nothing to see here. Move on. There will not be an illicit market. If it was going to happen (nudge nudge) it would be a mixture of role play and peddling of fascinating things, but the rozzers are coming so I can't say any more right now. And I wasn't here. Check out the Features page on the MoS website if you don't believe me.

# SUNDAY

## 13:00 Teapot Racing | Heritage Centre Outdoors

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Another teapot racing session with Richard and Irene – masters of the vehicle and the commentary. Whoever thought to race teapots neds their strainer examined – but that’s another story (maybe one for the International Symposium?)

## 13:00 Steam Powered Ghostbusters | Heritage Centre

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In the year 1885, the Steampunk Paranormal Extraction League (SPEL) was formed. Their motto? “No ghost too ghastly, no corset too tight.” Join SPEL for a tour through some of their favourite hauntings! The fog was thick, the tea was strong, and the spirits were restless....

This feature will be run by the Steampunk Ghostbusters of Ireland!

## 13:00 The Cogkneys | Castle Bandstand

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Steampunk Music Hall Royalty and Asylum Stalwarts, come and hear Tilly and Arthur bicker on the bandstand. Banter and fine voices. The Good Old Days all over again.

## 13:00 The Old Curiosity Swap | In front of the Castle Marquees

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Another ‘staged’ time when like-minded traders can find each other easily without wading through the zillions of people out on Castle Hill.

## 13:30 Victorian Netflix | AR Edwardian Suite

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Join Guillaume Normand for a talk about the birth of Information Technologies in the steam age - the forerunner of Netflix.

## 13:30 The Steampunk Sallys | St Paul in the Bail

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Join General Anna Bollick and the band of the Steampunk Sallys for some rousing tunes as they spread righteousness and silliness in equal measure. Prepare to turn from your wicked ways, give up your vices and keep those ankles covered.

## 13:30 Adult Costume Competition | Castle Bandstand

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At Asylum XV we will once again be awarding medals for the best adult scratch-built outfit and the best adult curated outfit (put together from purchased items).

If you would like to enter the competition, please come to the Bandstand at 13:15, bringing a card with your name, character name if wanted, and up to 100 words describing your outfit to be read out on the day.

The two winners will each be awarded one of the coveted Mos Awards for Creativity during the closing ceremony on Monday.

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## 13:30      The Cogkneys Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

If they haven't had too bad a 'domestic' during their performance Tilly and Arthur will be at the Merch Gazebo to sell you their merch. Buy it.

## 13:30      SPG Fans Group Photo | Near the Merch Gazebo/Courthouse

If you've come along to see SPG in concert tonight at the Engine Shed and have come in your finest SPG robot makeup, why not come along to the area in front of the courthouse (at the far end of the castle when you enter through the East Gate) to meet up with other SPG fans and have a group photograph taken by our official photographer?

Please note that SPG themselves will not be present at this feature – they will already be down at the Engine Shed preparing for tonight's concert!

## 14:00      International Symposium and World Tea Duelling Championship | AR Edwardian Suite

Join Major Tinker and a panel of international steampunks to find out about the Steampunk scene in other countries, the conventions, practices, games and friendships.

This session will also include the World Tea Duelling Championship; if you are a champion in your own country come along and take part – you might just be the next world champion.

## 14:00      Alchemy the Steampunk Musical – do you want to be in a movie? | AR Ballroom

The epic rock opera "Alchemy" by Clive Nolan is being filmed later this year and is looking for splendid costumes, props and people to help build this incredible Steampunk world. Come along to meet director Neil Monaghan and film maker Duncan Newham, see the preproduction and behind the scenes and find out how you can become involved.

## 14:00      Beyond the Dawn | Westgate Academy Playground

This will be Jane Clarity's final performance as Beyond The Dawn at AXV. Steampunk elven music. What's not to like?

# SUNDAY

## 14:00 Make a Comic Workshop | Westgate Academy

Can you leap a tall building with a single bound? Can you turn invisible? Have you a superpower that involves tea, cake or something even more splendid? Now is the chance to express yourself and accept the daring challenge of creating your own comic or character in this fun creative workshop!

Comic artists Colin Mathieson (Curious Chancer, Zulu) and David Morris (Norton, Baker Street Irregulars) will guide you through the creative process to make your own comic story or character to take home!

Artists & writers of all abilities welcome. Materials provided.

## 14:00 Belly Fusion Dance Collective | Heritage Centre Outdoors

I will never run out of superlatives to describe the poise, charm, smiles and costumes of the ladies of Belly Fusion. Catch them outside the Heritage Centre now and shopping in the charity stores later!

## 14:00 Big Black Jake | St Paul in the Bail

Come and hear John Welsh (aka Big Black Jake) read some of his Punk-Etry (Steampunk Poetry). John is a published author and self-confessed wordaholic with a great sense of humour.

## 14:00 Steambonsai | Heritage Centre

Not a martial art but the art of torturing small (fake) trees. Juniper, Quinine and Lemon have a very special meaning for Steampunks and together they make for the most evil Gin and Tonic in the Multiverse made from three sentient bonsai Ents.

Peter Harrow will deliver a class on faux mad xenobotany on how to build from scratch an artificial steampunk bonsai tree, where to source materials, construction techniques and a bit of (alternative) history on bonsai. Not for the faint-hearted Maker.

## 14:30 Remote Control Dragonfly Racing | Heritage Centre Outdoors

Another chance to come and fly remote controlled dragon flies. If you went to the practice session on Friday this will be a chance to compete in a race through an obstacle course.

## 14:30 Thomas Benjamin Wild Esq. | Castle Bandstand

Ahead of his performance at the sold-out Time Travellers gig tonight Tom will be treating the castle audience to a few of his inimitable songs which heavily feature humour, genius, satire and the occasional 'questionable' word although (I hope Tom is reading this) he is a master at making some of his favourite songs family-friendly when he's performing in the daytime at Asylum.

# SUNDAY

- 14:30     **Steam Trek Meet | In front of the Castle Marquees**

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- This is the time for Steam-Trekkies to assemble so you can all be beamed up to the Banjo in a few minutes time 'if she can take it'.
- 14:30     **Archaeological Dig | Caravan in the Castle**

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- Children are invited to join Tara and Ali at the painted time travel caravan in the castle grounds to dig for dinosaur bones! What (or perhaps who?) will you uncover? Come and be a time-travelling archaeologist.
- 15:00     **The 3 'o' Clock Tea Bell | Everywhere**

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- See Saturday.
- 15:00     **Performers' Auction | AR Ballroom**

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- Another new feature for AXV will be the auction of lots donated by our fabulous performers. You can expect some amazing once-in-a-lifetime lots and otherwise impossible to come by items. We hope to publish a list of the lots in advance so keep an eye on our Welcome to the Asylum page on Facebook. All the proceeds will be going to this year's Asylum charities.
- 15:00     **Full Five Shanty Band | Westgate Academy Playground**

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- Another chance to hear the acapella gin-and-tea-publicity outfit that is the Full Five Shanty Band. Steampunk songs at their finest.
- 15:00     **Steamstress Squadron Fabric Shop | Westgate Academy**

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- Once again, the Steamstress squadron will be hosting their fabric swap. There will be multiple tables of fabric and participants will be asked to donate £1 if not donating their fabric to charity. There is a serious risk that participants will go home with more fabric than they came with.
- 15:00     **Dieselpunk Aviation | Heritage Centre**

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- "Under blood red skies - aviation in the age of Dieselpunk"
- Matt Slater's talk will be based on the golden age of aviation through the 1910's to 1940's, its more unusual aircraft, and how they have inspired & been interpreted in contemporary Dieselpunk settings.

# SUNDAY

- 15:00**     **National Institute of Monster & Paranormal Hunters | Heritage Centre**
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- Over the last couple of hundred years the curators of NIMPH have amassed the most extraordinary array of magical and in some cases frankly disturbing objects. Come along to The Great Exhibition Hall to learn about the history and magic of some of these dark objects from the chief curator.
- 15:00**     **Steam Trek | Castle Banjo**
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- Hot on the heels of Rebel Steam, the Steam Trek group goes from strength to strength each year. You can expect some brilliant steampunk interpretations of Star Trek costuming and tribbles. Lots of tribbles. Come and find out what makes them go where no one has gone before.
- 15:00**     **Thomas Benjamin Wild Esq. Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo**
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- Come and see Tom. Come and buy his Merch. You know you want to.
- 15:30**     **The Clockwork Quest | St Paul in the Bail**
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- Another time and venue-locked opportunity to find the quest-giver either to receive or return your quest. Check out 'Clockwork Quest' on Facebook for more information.
- 15:30**     **The Wight Hot Pipes | Castle Bandstand**
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- The Wight Hot Pipes played the bandstand for the first time at Asylum XIV, and it was a blast. We loved it and they loved it, and they are back to do it again at AXV. Great fun. Great music. Kilts optional.
- 16:00**     **Steamstress Squadron Pattern Challenge | Westgate Academy**
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- Come and see what members of the squadron have done with this year's chosen patterns (Simplicity 1558 and Truly Victorian TV299); the breadth of interpretations is always amazing.
- 16:00**     **Gaderian Quests | St Paul in the Bail**
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- Another chance for quest and fantasy lovers to meet the quest-giver at a 'guaranteed' time and place. Check out Gaderian Quests on Facebook for more information.



# SUNDAY

## 16:00 Dr Parker's Book of Machines | Heritage Centre

Dr. Parker's Grandiose Book of Machines. Join the eminent Dr. in a creative writing session. Think about contraptions that never existed - but maybe they should have done! Using some pictures of real-life crazy inventions, construct a prospectus or a poem about your own best steampunk machine. Got a brand-new rocket pack? Tell us how to use it!

## 16:00 Facial Hair Competition | Castle Bandstand

Open to persons of all genders (Lady Elsie usually has some knitted beards for loan) the Facial Hair competition is another bonkers staple of the Asylum. The judging criteria vary according to Lady Elsie's whim, but the best beard always wins. If you are proud of your facial hair or just like beards and moustaches this is the place to be.

## 16:00 Wight Hot Pipes Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

Once the 'pipes' are done on the bandstand they will meander to the Merch Marquee where you will be able to say hi and buy some merch.

Ask them about the Isle of Wight Steampunk event while you are there.

## 16:30 The Steampunk Sallys | Castle Banjo

If you have by some twist of time and space managed to miss the Steampunk Sallys until now you will find their next joyous performance at Asylum on the castle bandstand. The Sallys are a special kind of crazy mixed with music and laughter but be sure to cover your ankles if the General looks in your direction.

# MONDAY

## 10:00 The Asylum Community Art Project AR [Assembly Rooms] Edwardian Suite

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We are excited to see what you come up with for the Asylum Community Art Project. Michelle will be in the Edwardian Suite on Monday morning so you can come along and draw/paint a canvas square to go into the final piece. The over-arching theme of the work will be 'What the Asylum means to me'.

## 10:00 Hogg Norton Fruit Liqueurs | Westgate Academy

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What could be a better diversion on your way to the muster point for the Grand Promenade than a talk and tasting devoted to the finest fruit liqueurs? The feature will finish in good time for you to meander to the muster point before the Grand Promenade sets off.

## 10:00 Muster for the Grand Promenade | Heritage Centre Outdoors

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The Grand Promenade will form up on the road behind the castle prison and the Heritage Centre. You will need a Monday or weekend wristband to take part in the official Grand Promenade.

## 10:00 Dystopian Wars Build, Paint and Game | Heritage Centre

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A truly steampunk tabletop wargame ranging across land and sea, Dystopian Wars has featured at the Asylum before, but since then the setting has come under new management, which means new lore, new models and new rules! Come and have a look or maybe try your hand at a quick test game, with a chance to win a model to take home with you!

## 10:00 Stalwarts Photograph | Castle Merch Gazebo

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Were you at Asylum I in 2009, Asylum II in 2010 or Asylum III in 2011? If you were then come along and meet the other Asylum Stalwarts in front of the Courthouse where the official Asylum photographer will take a photo or two to celebrate your long-time support for Asylum.

## 10:30 Steampunk Sallys | The Castle Bandstand

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The Steampunk Sallys will be warming up on the Castle Bandstand before they set off with the rest of the Grand Promenade around the streets of Lincoln

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## 11:00 The Grand Promenade | Set off from outside the Heritage Centre

Take part in the biggest steampunk promenade in the world as we stroll out of the West Gate of the castle, through the streets of the Historic Quarter of the City and then back in through the East gate to end up at the castle Banjo.

We will be joined this year by representatives of Mind Lincoln who will be conducting a licensed charity collection from the crowds who line the streets to watch this fantastic spectacle.

## 11:00 Nowhere Fast | Castle Bandstand

Nowhere Fast describe themselves as a “Steampunked 20s/30s rinky-dink jazz uke/vox duo with Bonzo/Python sensibilities, steampunk lyrics to covers and originals”. They will be playing to entertain the crowds in the castle while the Grand Promenade is setting off on its perambulation around the historic quarter.

## 12:00 Make a Finger Puppet | Westgate Academy

Join Emma for a workshop suitable for children age 5-10. You will get to make a finger puppet from the end of a tie embellished with a hat, eyes and moustache.

Numbers will be limited so please let Emma know you will be attending – you will find her stall ‘For Your Ties Only’ in the Castle Grounds.

## 12:00 The Brass Brothers | Castle Bandstand

Like the Blues Brothers but more brassy. Come and see the duo with the best top hats as they sing songs you know well with a steampunk twist. Expect to shake your tail feather.

## 12:00 Parasol Meet-up | In front of the Castle Marquees

Come along to the space in front of the marquees in the castle and don’t forget to bring your parasol – then you will be able to join the parade through the castle grounds and round to the Heritage Centre carpark where the Parasol Duelling competition will take place.

## 12:30 History of the Steampunk Sallys | AR Ballroom

Have you ever wondered how the Steampunk Sallys came to be? The General doesn’t seem to think anyone will be interested to hear the origin story of this steampunk phenomenon, but we fancy time will prove him wrong...

## 12:30 Witches Dance Workshop | Westgate Academy Playground

Join the Boston Dancing Witches for another lesson in ‘the witches dance’ – then join in with their performance later in the castle.

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## 12:30 Parasol Duelling | Heritage Centre Outdoors

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Another quintessentially Steampunk pastime, Parasol Duelling takes rock-paper-scissors to a whole new world of grace, poise, elegance and attempted deceit. Come and watch the experts and maybe take part yourself in this fiendish way to settle scores.

## 12:30 Cogling Costume Competition | Castle Bandstand

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The Asylum Costume Competitions are amongst the most prestigious events at Asylum. This will be the chance for youngsters (coglings) to come and show their outfits which will be judged by a panel of makers.

To take part please come to the Bandstand around 12:15, bringing a short written note stating your name, age and a short description of your outfit.

## 12:30 The Brass Brothers Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

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Bring your brass along and exchange it for some of the brothers' merch following their bandstand performance.

## 12:30 Rebel Steam Meet-up | In front of the Castle Marquees

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Set your coordinates for the space in front of the castle marquees and drop out of hyperspace to meet up with your fellows from a galaxy far far away before the Rebel Stem feature on the castle banjo.

## 13:00 Stories & Poetry | AR Edwardian Suite

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Join Tan Holmes for an eclectic mix of storytelling, comedy steampunk writing and poetry, sure to transport you to another world (or two) and back to Asylum before you realise you've left.

## 13:00 Cthulhu's Witnesses | AR Ballroom

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Why settle for the lesser evil? Are spoof religions all the same? Are you drawn to the darker side? Would you like to be drawn to an even darker side? Come and find out from Major Tinker how what was once a spoof organisation is fast becoming a true (cough) religion.

## 13:00 AXVI | Westgate Academy

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Join Nimrod Lancaster to talk about AXVI – or whatever we decide to call the 16<sup>th</sup> Weekend at the Asylum in 2026. Let him know what has worked well at AXV, what features you would like to see again and don't forget it is never too early to get involved.

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## 13:00 Steam Powered Giraffe Meet & Merch | Heritage Centre

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Please note that you will need a Monday or weekend festival wristband to access this feature.

This will be Steam Powered Giraffe's last fan-meeting experience of the Asylum Steampunk Festival. Come along to the Heritage Centre and meet members of the band. They will not be in costume – you will be meeting the real people behind the robots. Hopefully they will have some merch left for sale (this cannot be guaranteed) and you will be able to grab an autograph and a selfie.

Please be aware that this will be a time-limited feature. If the queue is long, we will do our best to advise those who are unlikely to gain entry before the event ends at 14:30.

## 13:00 Rebel Steam | Castle Banjo

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From a galaxy far, far away come a crowd of Star Wars inspired steampunks. Come along and see how they have created their outfits, hear what inspired them and take some photos. Maybe you will be amongst their ranks next year. But will you be a Rebel or will you lean to the darker side of the force?

## 13:00 The Old Curiosity Swap | In front of the Castle Marquees

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The final chance of the weekend to bring along your trinkets to trade with like-minded folk.

## 13:00 Teddy Bears' Picnic | Castle Grounds

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Children and adults alike are invited to join Helen and Chris for a Teddy Bear's picnic. Bring along your marmalade sandwiches or Hunny or whatever tasty morsels you wish for a relaxed picnic and maybe even a cup of tea on the lawn in the castle. A perfect way to relax as the event starts to draw to a close. Well behaved bears welcome.

## 13:30 Fictional characters and where to find them | AR Edwardian Suite

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Join E A Purle as we delve into the World of Tellus. Find out where it all began, and how the characters came to life.

## 13:30 Mad Scientists Meet | AR Ballroom

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It is time to don your lab coats and goggles for another meeting of the Asylum Mad Scientists. Come along and show off a gadget you have made or just join in the attempt to de-fuse (or set off) the Doomsday Machine.

# MONDAY

## 13:30 Tealeaf Readings | Westgate Academy

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If you are wondering what the tealeaves have been saying to you all these years, join Mark Simpson for a light-hearted tongue-in-cheek spot of tasseography (and chicanery). Who knows, a long-forgotten uncle may be about to leave you an enormous amount of money in his will. Readings will be offered subject to capacity on a first-come first-served basis, and the stated age of your tealeaves will not be taken into account. This will be a light-hearted entertainment feature with no predictive value beyond the expectation that it will be fun.

## 13:30 Teapot Hill Climb | Heritage Centre Outdoors

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The Splendid Teapot Hillclimb is much like conventional teapot racing, but instead of a course made of artificial obstacles on flat ground, the environment itself provides the obstacles as competitors try to be the fastest up the hill without hitting the route markers. A "House Teapot" will be available for those who want to give it a try but don't have a suitable teapot of their own.

## 13:30 Group Costume Competition | Castle Bandstand

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For family or friends' groups in coordinated outfits please come along at 13:15 and bring a short written description of your outfits.

## 13:30 Big Black Jake | St Paul in the Bail

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Another chance to Come and hear John Welsh (aka Big Black Jake) read some of his Steampunk Poetry and give your smiling muscles a work-out.

## 14:00 The Eternal Child | AR Edwardian Suite

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Come and meet Craig Gordon, author of this tale of monsters and mystery set in steampunk Britain, plagued by an oppressive regime and the living dead. The main story is told by Alice McInnes, private investigator and firm believer that nothing civilised happens before noon. Her world is turned upside-down when a dangerously beautiful woman walks into her office with a new case. Somehow, everything that transpires next all ties back to a child thought long-dead.

## 14:00 Unaccompanied Group Singing | Westgate Academy

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Join Sarah Sim for another spot of unaccompanied singing in Westgate Academy. It is bound to be a fun and joyous affair. Suitable for anyone.

## 14:00 The Clockwork Quest | St Paul in the Bail

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The final time and venue-locked opportunity to find the quest-giver to return your quest. Check out 'Clockwork Quest' on Facebook for more information.

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## 14:00 The Witches Dance | Castle Banjo

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The Boston Witches will perform their traditional Witches Dance and if you went to their workshop earlier you will get to join in too. Cast your spells before the Asylum is over for another year.

## 14:00 Gaderian Quests | Castle Merch Gazebo

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If you have taken part in the Gaderian Quests, this is your last time- and location-locked opportunity to meet up with the quest giver. Check out Gaderian Quests on Facebook for more information.

## 14:00 Steambards | Castle Grounds

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Do you write steampunk-adjacent poetry? Short stories? Lyrics? Monologues? In that case, Steambards, the *Guild of Steampunk Scribes, Imagineers and Poets* invites you to join Tan Holmes and Cap Nathaniel Tennyson Skirmish in the castle grounds; just head for the dragons! Open to all, whether reading or just soaking in the words.

## 14:30 Alice Strange | Castle Bandstand

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Our final musical performance on the castle bandstand this year will be from the wonderful Alice Strange. Alice never fails to wow the crowd with her performances which is why she will not only be headlining DecoDance this year but also performing on the Bandstand for our final feature before the closing ceremony.

## 15:00 The 3 'o' Clock Tea Bell | Everywhere

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See Sunday.

## 15:00 Alice Strange Meet & Merch | Castle Merch Gazebo

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After her performance on the bandstand Alice will be over at the merch gazebo in front of the courthouse where you will be able to stock up on your Alice Strange CDs and merch.

## 15:30 The Closing Ceremony | Castle Bandstand

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Not to be missed, the closing ceremony is where we bring the final threads of Asylum together to celebrate the awesome time we have all had. We will award the medals that have been won over the weekend, say some thank yous to our volunteers, the castle and other venue staff and everyone else whose hard work has made the event possible.

We will also be sharing some news about MoS events coming up over the next 12 months. Please join us if you can.

All times and performances listed above are believed to be correct as of the date at the top of the page.

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Despite the Minister of Time Travel's best efforts, time can be a little fluid at *The Asylum*, so please expect some slippage in the published times. All features, times and locations are dependent on performer availability, weather and a variety of other factors outside of our control.

Nimrod Lancaster  
The Ministry of Steampunk  
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