

Asylum 16 Daytime Programme v2

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 2026 from the Opening Ceremony on Friday 28 August through to the Closing Ceremony on Monday 31 August.

The document has deliberately 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 informative; look up from the page or your screen and the beauty of Asylum will be all around you.

This is the second version of this document, updated on 21 August 2026. The changes are as follows:

The Steampunk Sallys are no longer taking part due to illness.

Lily Lorraine will be performing in the castle on Saturday morning and at St Paul in the Bail on Sunday and Monday.

I have added a note about the A6 booklet below.

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.

A6 Booklet

For Asylum 16 we have had a number of A6 booklets printed. They will be available free of charge to wristband holders, so long as supplies last. Please note that the booklet *does not replace this document*. The booklet includes an abbreviated version of the planner with a double page for each of the four days. The centrefold is a map of the historic quarter where the daytime festival takes place and it includes the promenade route for Monday. There are only two other pages which give general information and list the evening events. In order to find out more about the features set out in the booklet you need to consult this document; this level of detailed information is not available anywhere else.

With multiple 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 Gaderian Quests, Where's Wally, the Old Curiosity Swap, spotting the Blue Plaques in local businesses 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(s), just because otherwise it can be really hard to find someone amongst so many people.

We have again included some content specially 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 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.

We continue to seek ways of increasing the amount of money we raise for charity and this year the British Heart Foundation will be joining us to collect from the crowds lining the route of the Grand Promenade.

The Kings Lynn Steampunk Society will once more 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 again find the Asylum Tea Tent, an oasis for wristband holders to rest their feet while drinking tea and enjoying a bite to eat. This year the Tea Tent will also serve alcoholic beverages. There will also be food traders in the castle and at Westgate Academy.

Opening times

Event Control

Event Control will again 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:

Castle Hill

Friday	10:00 to 17:00
Saturday	10:00 to 17:00
Sunday	10:00 to 17:00
Monday	10:00 to 16:00

Castle Grounds (including food traders), Castle Marquee, St Paul in the Bail

Saturday	10:00 to 17:00
Sunday	10:00 to 17:00
Monday	10:00 to 16:00

Westgate Academy (food traders)

Friday	10:00 to 17:00
Saturday	10:00 to 17:00
Sunday	10:00 to 17:00
Monday	10:00 to 16:00

Locations

All of the daytime activity at Asylum takes place in the Historic Quarter of Lincoln.

If you are not sure where to find any of the event locations, we recommend the what3words app which you can download on your phone; it divides the surface of the earth into more than 57 trillion 3 metre squares, each one of which has a unique address made of three random words (in more than 60 languages).

Lincoln County Assembly Rooms

The Assembly Rooms is at 76 Bailgate. The what3words address for the main entrance is [supply.frog.debit](#)

During much of the weekend there will be separate events happening in the Edwardian Suite and the Ballroom. You can access the Edwardian Suite (at the back of the building) either through the ballroom or via the 'M1' corridor which runs from the oval room (between the front entrance and the ballroom) along the right side of the ballroom.

St Paul in the Bail

St Paul in the Bail can be found on the corner of Bailgate and Westgate. It is quite a large outdoor area, covering many what3 words locations including [taxi.care.needed](#)

There will be an outdoor market as well as some outdoor performances and meets on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Westgate Academy

The Academy is situated on the right side of Westgate, a bit further down than St Paul in the Bail. A suitable what3words location is [grabs.gently.noted](#).

There will be exhibits, workshops, talks and other features taking place throughout the weekend.

In the Westgate Academy car park at what3words [scuba.string.drop](#) you will find a selection of food traders all weekend.

Lincoln Castle

The castle has two main gates. The main East Gate from Castle Hill which runs from Bailgate is at what3words [traded.hook.script](#), while the West Gate is at [preoccupied.acute.kind](#) (next to The Victoria pub).

You will find Event Control just outside East Gate on Castle Hill.

Inside the castle you will find a large market spread across one large and many smaller marquees as well as the Tea Tent and some additional exhibitors and traders in the other large marquee. Most of the group meets will begin in front of the two castle marquees around the what3words location [fired.gladiators.foil](#), but I have used a selection of close by what3words locations in this document so we don't have Steam Trek beaming themselves up where the Whovians have just landed their TARDIS.

The Great Exhibition will be in the Heritage Centre, the entrance for which is at [audit.pine.bound](#) where you will also find more talks, features and the costume repair stand. The Great Exhibition will be in the big room to your left when you enter the building. The talks will be in the room to your right.

Between the Heritage Centre and the prison is the car park at [unit.finely.taker](#) where teapot racing, cricket and other activities will happen. The Teapot Hill Climb is likely to take place around [duck.works.tidy](#).

The castle stage will be erected in front of the court house near to [jobs.thus.refuse](#) and activities taking place on the castle banjo will mainly be revolving around [jets.unable.spoke](#)

There is much more information on the MoS website at www.ministryofsteampunk.com. You can go direct to the Asylum 16 Home Page by following the QR code at the end of this document.

We hope that you all enjoy the sixteenth *Weekend at the Asylum*. It has been a year in the making and we are grateful to all of our partners (the County Assembly Rooms, Castle and other venues, the councils, Onyx Specialist Services, traders, contributors and many others) who have made this possible.

The Ministry of Steampunk

FRIDAY

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

This year's opening ceremony will be different from any other you have experienced at Asylum as we celebrate the coming together of each of the elements that make up the biggest Steampunk event in the world. Join us in the Regency splendour of the Assembly Rooms ballroom as we collectively enact a ceremony which would not have been out of place when the building first opened its doors in 1745.

11:00 D is for Dragon | AR Ballroom

Do dragons make good pets? Which zoos in the UK currently have breeding pairs of dragons? Why do so many people think dragons are mythical beasts when the evidence that they are real and live amongst us is so compelling?

Come and concentrate your minds on the reality, splendour and slightly dangerous nature of dragons with Nimrod Lancaster before we celebrate Steampunk amongst our dragon friends over the next several days.

12:00 The Asylum 16 Art Project | AR Ballroom

Last year's art project resulted in a beautiful collage. Join Michelle to find out all the information you'll need about this year's community art project.

12:00 Lightsaber/Screwdriver Class | Westgate Academy

Classic props of stage and screen, it turns out you can make your own steampunk version with some easy to acquire materials, join this class (reservation essential) and build one under the guidance of a crafter who has made several and will provide the materials and examples of how to do it. Take it home with you at the end!

12:30 48 hours to make a film | AR Ballroom

Can you make a steampunk film in just 48 hours? Drama, documentary or news? Experienced professional film maker John Naylor will set you off with some guidance and the rules of this fun competition. You can even shoot it on your phone!

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 Nimrod and Fiona for a sumptuous Mad Hatter's 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

13:00 Gadgets by Rodney | AR Ballroom

Rodney has been making great gadgets on a budget for years. Come along to discover some of his secrets and meet fellow gadget enthusiasts.

13:00 Teapot Racing Virgins | Westgate Academy

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.

13:30 SCONE | AR Ballroom

Join the Steampunk Choir of Notorious Excellence for a session of rousing steampunk inspired singing. This will be the only performance by SCONE at Asylum 16, so don't miss it!

14:00 Teapot Racing | Westgate Academy

It's back! Splendid Teapot Racing at Asylum 2026. Radio controlled teapots. Obstacle course. Compete against the clock. Time penalties. Medals. Championship points. Competitors. Spectators. Fun. What could possibly go wrong?

Friday's session will be indoors, so the course will be shorter – but that means the times will be faster!

14:30 Tea Tasting | AR Ballroom

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 The Great Exhibition | Heritage Centre

Please bring along any entries from 14:30 on Friday or from 10:00 on Saturday morning. You will find detailed information about the Great Exhibition including eligibility criteria on the MoS website.

Please note that you must be a wristband holder to exhibit in The Great Exhibition.

15:00 Decodance Workshop | Westgate Academy

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

FRIDAY

15:30 Afternoon Tea with Alice Strange | 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.

Alice Strange will be hosting the second afternoon tea party in the elegant surroundings of the Assembly Rooms Edwardian Suite. If you have purchased a ticket to this event you will have received full information about it directly from the Assembly Rooms.

15:30 The Illicit Market | AR Ballroom

Nothing to see here, certainly no small, independent creators and sellers peddling their wares. Sellers should not assemble 10 minutes beforehand, nor should they have a shiny coin of the £2 denomination as a charitable contribution for our silence.

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

09:50 The Queen's Keys | Castle West Gate

The castle's West Gate will see the first ever "Ceremony of the Keys" starting at 09:50 including our piper and a little tongue in cheek pomp and circumstance ready for the gates to open and allow entry at 10:00.

The West Gate is the gate at the 'back' of the castle on Union Road, at the top of the ramp next to The Victoria pub. What3words = [preoccupied.acute.kind](#)

10:00 Animated Steampunk | Westgate

Professor Terry Mace will be exhibiting in Westgate all through the festival. View his animated work, talk to him about how it is made and maybe join in by being filmed for inclusion in his next steampunk inspired project.

In this feature, Professor Terry Mace introduces his animated film work. Terry uses computer animation to create amazing worlds and creatures. Learn how he does it and dive into his world of imagination.

10:00 The Great Exhibition | Heritage Centre to 5PM

The Great Exhibition is a must-see for everyone coming to Asylum. You will find lots of information about The Great Exhibition on the MoS website, but there's no substitute for coming along yourself to see the amazing creations vying for the much-coveted Awards for Creativity which will be awarded at the closing ceremony.

10:00 The Repair Station | Heritage Centre to 5PM

Costume Malfunction? Everyone's Steampunk nightmare – you spend months crafting incredible finery just to have some vital element fail on the day!

Never fear, King's Lynn Steampunk Society will be hosting the Repair Station, with tools and materials to get you put back together, all free of charge. We will glue it, pin or screw it, we will sew up your hem, hem, hem ...

10:30 Lily Lorraine | Castle Stage

While studying composition at conservatoire, Lily Lorraine wrote a piece named Bitchcraft during a period when her dream of becoming a musician was beginning to feel like a nightmare. Written to summon a badass for the journey ahead, its mechanical-sounding, "fairground gone wrong" character eventually led Lily to buy her own mechanical street organ. She now arranges music for the organ and performs with it alongside her violin. What once felt like a nightmare has been completely transformed into a new sense of strength and musical freedom.

SATURDAY

10:30 Dragon's Breath/Navigate the Naughtylus | Castle Grounds

These games are aimed at our younger attendees.

Dragons Breath: use your dragon's breath to blow the 'pearl', but where will it end up? The castle guarded by knights, the crystal cave or the portal? Each location gives you a secret mission.

Navigating the Naughtylus: can you steer the Naughtylus around the track without getting stuck?

11:00 Dreaded Mead | AR (Assembly Rooms] Edwardian Suite

What is mead? Was it invented by the Vikings? Come and learn about the history of mead from ancient China to the modern day.

And what about your hosts, Dreaded Mead? How did they begin? Come along for a walkthrough of the various flavours they sell and why they have them.

11:00 Skysteamer to Athens | AR Ballroom

It's time to come on board as the skysteamer is about to depart! Join C.J. Carter-Stephenson as he brings his steampunk novelette Skysteamer to Athens to life, complete with a model airship soaring over your head and a talking automaton puppet. Prepare to be transported back to a fictionalised version of the 19th Century, where top hats and corsets are the height of fashion and the wonder of steam is transforming the world.

11:00 Belly Fusion Dance Collective Workshop | Westgate Academy

Join a small core team from Belly Fusion Dance Collective to learn some moves in a friendly workshop environment – then later on you will be able to join them on the castle banjo to take part in a very special performance!

11:00 Gaderian Quest | St Paul in the Bail

This year the quest giver will be bringing along two quests based on the works of the wonderful Terry Pratchett. One will be a full weekend gathering quest and the other will be a shorter one-hour quest.

You can find more information by joining the Facebook Group 'Gaderian Quests' which you will be able to make contact with the quest giver.

11:00 What was HMS Thunderchild? | Heritage Centre

Made famous by HG Wells famous novel "War of the Worlds", HMS Thunderchild gained fame in a few pages before being destroyed by Martian walkers. But what did she actually look like?

Join naval historian Drachinifel/Alex Pocklington to find out what she might have looked like, based on the book and on Royal Navy design trends at the time.

SATURDAY

11:00 Adult Costume Competition | Castle Stage

At Asylum 16 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 Castle Stage at 10:15, 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.

Please note that you must be a wristband holder to enter the costume competition.

11:30 Steam Western Meet | Heritage Centre car park

In just half an hour's time there will be trouble on the streets as the High Noon Shootout takes its toll on the good steampunks of this Western town. But who will be victorious and who will bite the dust? Come along to meet your fellow townsfolk and maybe see if you can settle a few disputes the nice way, avoiding bloodshed and nerf dart injuries.

12:00 Art project | AR Edwardian Suite

Our first timetabled session for creating dragon scales. Come along and use the provided materials to express yourself creatively. There are no rules and everybody is an artist!

12:00 Reality is for people without imagination | Westgate Academy

Gary Nicholls is the creator and author of The Imaginarium Trilogy—a 450 image fine art story, telling an intricate, fantastical, dark but ultimately beautiful steampunk story through fine art images. So far, ten years in the making, 'The Imaginarium' really is unique; telling a complex story in Fine Art Images has not really been seen since the days of Hogarth and 'Rakes Progress' Book 2 is now with the editor. Gary will be running through some of the Book 2 images to explain why, what and where.

The talk is designed to inspire the audience to try new ideas and ignore convention in creating a personal project using the camera as a tool to create Fine Art images from imagination to realisation to tell a story.

12:00 High Noon Shootout | Heritage Centre car park

Every year we debate what time to hold this feature.

Do you have the nerves of steel it takes to point a nerf gun at your opponent and hope the dart shoots straight when it comes out of the gun? You do? Then come along and see if you can reign victorious on the day.

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.

SATURDAY

12:00 The Teddy Bear | Heritage Centre

Who made the first Teddy Bear as we know them today?

Who are Streetebears and where do they come into it?

Teddy Bear related questions will be answered. You are encouraged to bring your bear or photo of him/her. Whose bear will be the oldest?

12:00 M.A.D.T. | Castle Banjo

The M.A.D.T.s (Minimum Altitude Display Team) are hugely looking forward to once again demonstrating their finely-tuned low-level aeronautical skills. As they put life, limb and sanity on the line, they fly so low, you could be forgiven for mistakenly thinking they aren't flying at all! No wonder the insurance costs are so high.

12:30 Toffs and Toolers | AR Ballroom

Step into the foggy streets of 19th-century London for a live podcast with Toffs and Toolers: A Criminal Victorian Adventure. We explore the gritty, bizarre, and downright hilarious history of Victorian crime, law, and order. From wealthy aristocrats (toffs) to underworld gangsters (toolers), we cover everything from eccentric scams and prison punishments to forgotten thieves' slang and questionable policing tactics. It's dark history served with a sharp, witty twist. Perfect for history buffs and true crime fans who don't take themselves too seriously. There will be a further episode tomorrow.

12:30 Teapot Racing | Heritage Centre car park

Taking place inside the castle on the car park between the prison building and the Heritage Centre.

Psst. It's the usual place with the usual suspects (& some new ones)? Usual fun. Open air, bigger course. Bigger spectacle. Pass it on.

12:30 Madam Misfit | Castle Stage

Come and see Madam Misfit in action for another high-energy dopamine-filled performance on the Castle Stage. There will be an opportunity to purchase merch from Madam Misfit after the show.

12:30 Dr Who Meet | In front of the large marquees in the castle

If you set your TARDIS controls to 12:30 BST in front of the Castle Marquees in Lincoln Castle on Saturday 29 August 2026 there's a very high chance that you will bump into another Time Lord or two. Or maybe a cyberman. Bring your sonic!

What3words [trucks.logic.listed](#).

SATURDAY

13:00 Imp Catcher's Musical Workshop | Westgate Academy

Come and explore a brand-new steampunk musical inspired by the story of the fabled Lincoln Imp! This workshop will explore the opening number through song and movement. Afterwards you will get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to develop a musical.

13:00 Corsets, Costumes and More | Heritage Centre

The Asylum has always been the place to wear and show your creations off. This has inspired so many people to create and sew fantastic outfits from the beginning. This panel is your chance to listen to a professional corset maker, a costume maker and an avid talented sewer. To ask questions and to gain insider knowledge which may help you to "Up your Game". Three different perspectives on the creative side of costume.

13:00 Dr Who Photoshoot | Castle Banjo

As if by magic, the Dr Who crew will re-materialise over on the castle banjo where you will be able to hear more about the inspirations for some of the outfits on display and there will be an opportunity for photos too.

13:30 Major Blunder | AR Ballroom

Join Major Blunder for some tall tales, oriental oddities and a few songs on a ukulele about life, the universe and cogs.

13:30 Alice Strange | Castle Stage

Come and hear Alice Strange perform on the Castle Stage in advance of her performance tomorrow night when she opens Time Travellers at the Engine Shed. There will be an opportunity to purchase merch from Alice after the show.

14:00 Splendid corpses and contraptions | AR Edwardian Suite

Join our parlour drawing game to collectively create curious characters and contrivances without consequence!

Your comic creator hosts, Colin Mathieson (Curious Chancer, Zulu) and David Morris (Norton, Baker Street Irregulars) will assist you embrace your inner surrealist in this fun, informal art workshop!

14:00 Weird Science with Jessica Law | AR Ballroom

Real science, steampunk science and everything you need to know about eels, through an in-depth interview and illustrated with music.

SATURDAY

14:00 Steamstress Squadron Meet | Heritage Centre

The Steamstress Squadron is a Facebook group who support each other's sewing projects both online and in person at various events. All current members of the Squadron are invited to meet up and invite anyone who is interested in joining to come along and have a chat. We will also discuss what happens at our two other events that happen during Asylum. The pattern/makers challenge and the fabric swap. This meet up will be followed by a picnic in the Castle grounds

14:00 Facial Hair Competition | Castle Stage

Do you have fabulous facial hair and would you like to win a medal for said facial hair? Or perhaps you don't have facial hair but would like to borrow a knitted beard? The facial hair competition is a riot of hilarity and hirsute majesty, a feast for the eyes and the pinnacle of facial landscaping.

You must be a wristband holder to enter the competition and vie for not only the MoS medal but also the prize and certificate from our sponsors Greek Gods Beard Care.

14:00 Fairytales & Dragons Meet | In front of the large marquees in the castle

The dragon's helper imps are visiting the Castle on Saturday - they will have trinkets galore for fellow fairytale and fantasy folk! Wondrous beings of all persuasions are cordially enticed to come and join them for some fun and frolics in the Castle grounds at 2pm. What fey mischief will ensue? There's only one way to find out.

What3words [quick.shirt.chemistry](https://www.what3words.com/quick.shirt.chemistry)

14:30 Make a Finger Puppet | Westgate Academy

Join Emma Jo 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.

14:30 The Old Curiosity Swap | St Paul in the Bail

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 Fairytales & Dragons Photoshoot | Castle Banjo

A fabulous assortment of sprites, goblins and fairytale characters will settle on the Castle Banjo to delight any mortal folk nearby. If you have an eye for the fantastical and a suitable lens speed, you might even get a photo of them.

SATURDAY

15:00 Steampunk Traitors | AR Edwardian Suite

Steampunk Traitors is a social deduction game (similar to Mafia). Contestants are secretly divided into two groups by "Caleda Vinkelman" - "Faithfuls" and "Traitors".

Have you got what it takes to be a Faithful and uncover who the Traitors are or perhaps be a Traitor and escape detection whilst killing Faithfuls? It's time to decide!

Maximum of 20 players, spectators are welcome.

15:00 NIMPH | AR Ballroom

Join Burn O'Wulf for a fascinating journey through the history of NIMPH: the National Institute for Monster and Paranormal Hunters. Discover the secrets of tackling vampires, taming unruly werewolves, and surviving things that go bump in the night. Burn will also unveil a selection of mysterious artefacts from the NIMPH archive - what magical wonders await?

15:00 Teapot Hill Climb | Grassy slope behind the Heritage Centre

Can you drive a splendid racing teapot up a grassy hill? Can you do so while following a course through progressively more challenging gates without touching any of the course markers? Can you do so quicker and more accurately than your competitors? Come and give it a go! New for this year: on-course recoveries are permitted, either by means of equipment carried on your teapot, that of a team-mate or a teapot tow truck.

15:00 Beyond the Third Dimension | Heritage Centre

Can't afford a 3D Printer? No space? Not tech savvy? You do not have to miss out because there is a cottage industry out there who can print to order and send to you an ever-increasing number of 3D printed items for you to Steampimp!

Peter Harrow, Esq presents the opportunities and pitfalls of using a 3D print as a starting point for an ambitious maker's project with a number of actual completed projects and one part completed.

15:00 Kitten Von Mew | Castle Stage

Kitten Von Mew, songstress and 1940's pinup model will be taking to the stage to entertain you.

15:00 Build a Dragon Game | Castle Grounds

A game aimed at our younger attendees.

Build a dragon: a competitive game where 2 -4 players compete to be the first to build a complete dragon using wooden blocks.

SATURDAY

15:30 Kitty Sugar Powertex workshop | Westgate Academy

In this workshop participants will explore Powertex fabric hardener to create a dimensional steampunk-inspired dragon plaque, learning fabric sculpting, texture building, and layering with metallic effects.

15:30 Jetpack, Para and Wacky Racers | Castle Banjo

Come and put your jetpack through its paces alongside other crazy inventors and see who takes home the Asylum jetpack medal. As usual, the use of Unobtainium-16 as fuel is banned.

The wacky racers are a different breed altogether. Some contraptions will be powered by unreliable means whilst others will be piloted by unreliable pilots. Some will finish the course, but quite possibly not all of them. Remember, style can trump speed. The best racer in the eyes of the judges will receive a medal.

The para-racers' race takes the irrelevance of speed to the next level. Don't go too fast, or you are sure to lose. This 'race' is all about style, creativity and entertainment.

Bribes are not out of the question.

16:00 Asylum Tea Duelling | AR Ballroom

Come along, meet the Tiffin Mistress and the Pot Master, learn about tea duelling, take part in tea duelling, and maybe win a place in the World Championship of tea duelling. Free biscuit for every participant!

16:00 Guild of Occult Steam Sciences | Heritage Centre

Witness the initiation mysteries of The Guild of Occult Steam Sciences!

Steampunk's self-proclaimed premier, and indeed only, group of esoteric, spooky, and sometimes effective researchers and defenders of the sanity of the mundane world from the supernatural are opening their impressively creaky doors to visitors for one hour only. Come see how they initiate new members. Bring a thurible.

16:00 Victor and the Bully | Castle Stage

Victor and the Bully are firm favourite performers on the Steampunk scene. For their set on the castle stage you can expect high energy, dancing, more energy, an above average risk of dancing the hokey cokey and more high energy dancing. It's probably worth having a small snack before they go on stage.

There will be a chance to buy some VATB merch both before and after their performance.

SATURDAY

16:30 Belly Fusion Workshop Performance | Castle Banjo

If you attended the Belly Fusion Workshop at Westgate Academy earlier today, please come along and take part in their group dance on the banjo this afternoon. Belly Fusion are known for their smiles and this is sure to be a gloriously joyful performance.

SUNDAY

10:00 Asylum Art Project | AR [Assembly Rooms] Ballroom

Another chance to come and make your creative contribution to our dragon. Running alongside is the Knit and Natter session where you can bring your own creative project, have a nice sit down, chat to fellow makers, or just sit quietly among friends.

10:00 Knit and Natter (Crafting for all ages) | AR Ballroom

So you've just spent two days and maybe part of two evenings on your feet and maybe what you really need at this stage 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 Lincoln Gin – Still Serving | Westgate Academy

From the frontline to the copper still. Matthew Felgate, a wounded veteran of Afghanistan and founder of Lincoln's first distillery since 1863, shares how a military career cut short led to a new life in gin. Expect tasters and a story of service that never really stopped."

10:00 The Great Exhibition | Heritage Centre

The Great Exhibition will be open all day today.

10:00 The Repair Station | Heritage Centre to 5PM

The Kings Lynn Steampunk Society will be running their repair station in the Heritage Centre all day today (see entry for Saturday for more details).

10:00 Patreon's Breakfast | Heritage Centre

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.

10:30 Teapot Promenade | Castle Banjo

A splendid racing teapot is more than just a thoroughbred racing machine. It is also a work of kinetic art. The Splendid Teapot Promenade is an opportunity to show off your teapot in a slow and completely non-competitive promenade in the company of fellow racing teapot aficionados. It is all about the spectacle, so fly your flags, raise your banners, dress in your finest tea-themed finery and promenade with pride!

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11:00 The Parade of Uniformed Groups | Castle Banjo

This traditional and formal feature combines the majesty of impeccably turned-out groups with the grace and majesty of the young Victoria.

This is a time when we get to celebrate everything that is fabulous about steampunk, but we also take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to enjoy such freedom and privilege. It is an exquisite event but also for many of us a lump-in-the-throat and tear-in-the-eye experience.

11:30 Life Drawing | Heritage Centre

Come and draw from our artist models in their finery; then have a go at modelling yourself! All materials provided. Run by the eminent ecology artist Professor Euphania Meantime and the superlative comic artist Caractacus McBane Sensei.

12:00 Lily Lorraine | St Paul in the Bail

This will be another opportunity to see and hear Lily Lorraine playing her mechanical street organ and her violin (see Saturday morning for further details).

12:00 Trixie Holiday | Castle Stage

After playing with her band The Vacationers at Decodance, Trixie Holiday will be performing solo on the Castle Stage following on from the Uniform Parade. Trixie will also have a small amount of special merch for sale after her performance if she doesn't sell out at DecoDance.

12:00 Heroes & Villains Meet | In front of the large marquees in the castle

It is time for the forces of good and evil to come together before making their way to the Banjo. Play nice. Forget about your old grudges for a few minutes and complement your nemesis on their costume choice.

What3words [prefer.lend.oldest](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/0G94-0G94-0G94)

12:00 Dragon's Breath/Navigate the Naughtylus | Castle Grounds

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Dragons Breath: use your dragon's breath to blow the 'pearl', but where will it end up? The castle guarded by knights, the crystal cave or the portal? Each location gives you a secret mission.

Navigating the Naughtylus: can you steer the Naughtylus around the track without getting stuck?

SUNDAY

12:30 Maker's Surgery – project discussion and maker advice | AR Edwardian Suite

This is a drop-in surgery session giving aspiring and experienced makers alike a chance to come and discuss their projects, seek advice, and delve into the mind of a maker by asking their burning questions on the finer points of getting a project over the line. If you're after advice on tools, materials, or managing a project, you can drop in and ask. Feel free to bring something along to show the makers and pick their brains on moving forward.

There's no agenda for this session, it is a chance for a face-to-face discussion with a maker to soundboard your ideas, or help you get past a roadblock in your project.

12:30 Ghosts of Victorian Theatre | AR Ballroom

Join author Toby Virgo to learn about events during one night in London's Theatreland involving two legendary figures who briefly ruled the West End - the actor and producer Sir Henry Irving and the renegade playwright Oscar Wilde. Toby will also be reading a few passages from his new short story called 'A Knight At The Theatre'.

12:30 Belly Dance Workshop | Westgate Academy

Come along for a 1 hour workshop and learn a dance number created especially for the Asylum by Zeva Dance, a Midlands-based troupe who combine fusion belly dance with unique props including swords and fan veils. Then perform the number as part of Zeva's set later on in the day.

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

Wally and Wenda will be returning to Asylum on Sunday, but they can be a bit elusive in the crowd, so we have obtained some highly classified information which tells us that they will be at St Paul in the Bail between around 12:30 and 13:00. Just in case you're looking for them...

12:30 Steampunk Heroes & Villains Photoshoot | Castle Banjo

Weaving steampunk elements into film characters, pop culture or cartoon characters can be a lot of fun. Come along and hear from a group of steampunks who have done exactly that - the Steampunk Heroes and Villains Group.

"Why so serious?" - The Joker.

13:00 International Tea Duelling | AR Ballroom

You asked, we deliver! A chance for our international visitors to come and represent their country in a round of tea duelling. The winner will go through to the World Championships on Monday.

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13:00 The Story of a Stitcher | Heritage Centre

Discover the fantastical and morbidly curious work of hand embroiderer Amy Turner, a graduate of the Royal School of Needlework, archivist and volunteer at Lincoln Cathedral's Needlework Guild. In this talk Amy will delve into the intricacies of her hand embroidery and her work at Lincoln Cathedral.

13:00 The Cogkneys | Castle Stage

The Cogkneys: purveyors of music hall merriment and steampunk delight! Expect parodies, a bit of chap hop and traditional music hall all thrown in the mix for toe tapping fun of the good old days!

There will be an opportunity to buy merch from The Cogkneys after the show.

13:00 Steam Powered Ghostbusters Meet | In front of the large marquees in the castle

Who you gonna call? While everyone else is enjoying the dragons at Asylum 16 there's a small team of professionals determined to keep the crowds safe from the most serious kinds of ghostly manifestation seen in recent times. Meet up to compare notes at this time and place.

What3words [busy.lists.head](#)

13:30 Line Dancing Workshop | Westgate Academy

In readiness for the Steam Western Evening tonight, Lady Elsie will be teaching some line dancing steps in this fun workshop. No previous experience or partner is required. Comfy shoes are a recommended – but if you want to come in your cowboy boots, that's all good too.

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

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.

What3words [puddles.glow.feared](#)

13:30 Teapot Racing | Heritage Centre car park

Teapot racing part III. The final part.

They're at it again matron! More thrills. More spills. More medals. By the end of the day we'll know. Be there if you dare, just don't tell the screws!

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13:30 Steam Powered Ghostbusters Photoshoot | Castle Banjo

The Steam Powered Ghostbuster crew will take up their positions on the banjo to deal with any class 5 or above ghosts. This will also be an opportunity for interested onlookers to snap some photos and (if the apparition count isn't too high) it may be possible to ask a few questions.

14:00 Toffs and Toolers | AR Ballroom

Your second opportunity to step into the foggy streets of 19th-century London for a live podcast with Toffs and Toolers: A Criminal Victorian Adventure. We explore the gritty, bizarre, and downright hilarious history of Victorian crime, law, and order. From wealthy aristocrats (toffs) to underworld gangsters (toolers), we cover everything from eccentric scams and prison punishments to forgotten thieves' slang and questionable policing tactics. It's dark history served with a sharp, witty twist. Perfect for history buffs and true crime fans who don't take themselves too seriously.

14:00 48 Hour Film Project | Heritage Centre

Come together to share your films for a viewing and the award of medals! Celebrate steampunk visually and premiere your work.

14:00 Paradox of Ravens | Castle Stage

Paradox Of Ravens are a synth duo who write and perform original music based on an 80s style with dark undertones. Formed in 2024 they have released two vinyl albums and are currently working on a third. Their songs combine Victorian characters and modern day themes which border on the world of Si-Fi.

Paradox of Ravens will also be playing at Cybernight-II on Friday evening.

14:00 Steam Trek Meet | In front of the large marquees in the castle

The crew of HMS Battenberg will be assembling and look forward to welcoming other interested parties who care to get beamed up to [what3words usual.sobs.solar](https://what3words.usual.sobs.solar) before teleporting together over to the castle banjo.

14:00 Build a Dragon Game | Castle Grounds

A game aimed at our younger attendees.

Build a dragon: a competitive game where 2 -4 players compete to be the first to build a complete dragon using wooden blocks.

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14:30 Belly Dance Performance | St Paul in the Bail

Midlands-based Zeva dance troupe combine mesmerising choreography with dramatic music and striking props, from flowing fan veils to gleaming swords. Expect an enchanting blend of elegance, power and a touch of the unexpected, as Zeva's dancers conjure a performance perfectly at home amongst the extraordinary characters and steampunk wonders of Lincoln.

14:30 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. This feature 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 the amazing creations on display. What were their inspirations and how did they make them?

14:30 Steam Trek Photoshoot | Castle Banjo

Now that the Steam Trek Squad have moved over to the castle banjo (was that a song in Klingon I just heard?) it's time for a photoshoot and some words from the top brass of the HMS Battenberg.

15:00 5 minutes, 5 hours, 5 days | AR Edwardian Suite

Would you like to exhibit your work using a fun and challenging format? Come along to this talk where we will be establishing the ground rules for the 5 minutes, 5 hours, 5 days challenge to be premiered in 2027. We will be using this time as a round table discussion to establish how potential participants would like to progress.

15:00 The Illicit Market | AR Ballroom

Nothing to see here, certainly no small, independent creators and sellers peddling their wares. Sellers should not assemble 10 minutes beforehand, nor should they have a shiny coin of the £2 denomination as a charitable contribution for our silence.

15:00 Steamstress Squadron Pattern Challenge | Westgate Academy

As there were limited options for new patterns this year the challenge has changed. This year you can make any garment or outfit, but the fabric type is limited. The challenge is to take bedroom fabric to make the outfit or garment of your choice. Either new or old (old is good; we like to reuse) but limited to duvet, pillowcases, sheets and curtains.

We will all gather to discuss what we made, with what items and what challenges they caused.

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15:00 Sindy Dolls | Castle - Heritage Centre

Step back in time to learn about and enjoy the many manifestations of Sindy, the great British toy that was made to last!

15:00 The Teddy Bear's Picnic | Castle Grounds

Children and adults alike are invited to join Helen and friends 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. Well behaved bears (and pet dragons) will be made welcome.

15:00 Jessica Law and the Outlaws | Castle Stage

Jessica Law, (formerly of The Mechanisms, and the Creepy Doll Lady in the Magnus Archives) brings her band the Outlaws to the Castle Stage. Don't miss a chance to catch long-time steampunks Jessica Law and The Outlaws, as they perform a selection of the indie singer-songwriter's quirky, captivating tunes.

15:30 Building a Steampunk World | AR Edwardian Suite

How one man accidentally wrote a novel and the lessons you could learn from it – with Gordon Craig

15:30 Virtual Cricket | Heritage Centre car park

The last two cricket matches at Asylum have proved beyond any reasonable doubt that the ball in a game of cricket is little more than a diversion. Come watch the game, 'see' the ball fly, 'hear' the 'thwack' of leather on willow and may the best team win.

There may be disputes.

15:30 The Group Costume Competition | Castle Stage

Family or friends' groups in coordinated outfits are welcome to enter the Group Costume Competition. Please come along at 15:15 and bring a short written description of your outfits.

Please note you need to be a wristband holder to enter any of the costume competitions.

16:00 Paul Eccentric | AR Edwardian Suite

Paul is a published songwriter, poet, playwright and novelist and is probably best known as being one half of the comedic beat poetry combo, The Antipoet. He is very much looking forward to returning to Lincoln Asylum with his Steampunk book series, 'The Periwinkle Perspective' and will be reading both snippets of the series plus his new series, 'The Gin Wars',

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16:00 Design and Flying Paper Planes | AR Ballroom

How far does a paper plane fly? Can you design one that goes further than most? Come and experiment with various design options and see if you can become the Asylum paper plane champion, with prizes!

16:00 Steamstress Squadron Fabric Swap | Westgate Academy

Bring your old unwanted fabric, haberdashery and patterns and join in. If you have no fabric you can buy into the Swap, all money raised goes to charity. The rules are as follows. Donate your fabric and get a token. Pay a fee get a token. All the fabric is laid out on tables for the participants to view. There are then rounds. For the first round you cash in your token and claim one item. There are then additional rounds until all the donations are claimed. The money donated is calculated and announced to participants.

16:00 The Expanse | Heritage Centre

A total and utter novice's guide to using expanding foam in sculpture and faux taxidermy.

Peter Harrow, Esq works with a new material for the first time and shows its application in relation to one of his favourite fields of making; faux taxidermy, opening it up to large scale projects.

The foam sets quickly enough so that people can see results over the course of the item and handle it safely and cleanly.

16:00 Belly Dance | Castle Banjo

Prepare for a spectacular hour of dance, drama and steampunk enchantment as Zeva Dance takes over the Castle Banjo! The show will burst into life with a special opening performance featuring members of the public who have taken part in Zeva's earlier belly dance workshop, stepping into the spotlight to perform the choreography they've learned that day alongside the troupe.

From there, Zeva Dance will take you on a thrilling journey of fusion belly dance, powerful movement and theatrical storytelling, brought to life with their signature swords, swirling fan veils and mesmerising props. Expect energy, elegance, unexpected twists and a generous dose of steampunk magic.

16:30 Terry Molloy | AR Edwardian Suite

Terry will be giving a snapshot of his life as Davros, creator of the Daleks, and then showing his other side with a reading from his fabulous children's book 'Montmorency Montgomery Bear'.

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10:00 The Asylum Art Project | AR [Assembly Rooms] Ballroom

Michelle will be putting the final touches to the dragon. This is your very last chance to bring your scale to be part of the dragon ahead of the grand promenade.

10:00 Hogg Norton Elixir of Fruits – Tasting Session | Westgate Academy

Let your taste buds run wild and experience the Elixir of Natural Fruits to tantalise the tastebuds and experience the Steampunk Fruits of Life. Come and try them and even make a Baby Guinness with Mike

10:00 Muster for the Grand Promenade | Heritage Centre outdoors

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 The Repair Station | Heritage Centre to 3PM

The Kings Lynn Steampunk Society will be running their repair station in the Heritage Centre again today (see entry for Saturday for more details).

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 the British Heart Foundation who will be making a collection from the crowds who gather in the streets to watch this fantastic spectacle.

12:00 Punketry | AR Edwardian Suite

John Welsh (aka Big Black Jake), published author and self-confessed wordaholic. Will be reading some of his Punketry (Steampunk Poetry).

12:00 Lily Lorraine | St Paul in the Bail

You may hear Lily Lorraine busking elsewhere over the weekend, but you can be sure to catch her performing with her mechanical street organ and her violin at noon on Monday amongst the crowds at St Paul in the Bail.

12:00 Poison Garden | Castle Stage

Poison Garden are one of the biggest Steampunk bands in Europe and they will be flying over from Italy to attend and perform at Asylum 16. This will be an opportunity to hear Anais Noir and Giuseppe Negri from the band perform as a duo on the castle stage.

MONDAY

12:30 Steambards | AR Edwardian Suite

The Guild of Steampunk Scribes, Imagineers and Poets (Steambards) invite you to join Tan Holmes and Cap Nathaniel Tennyson Skirmish in the Edwardian Suite to share steampunk-adjacent poems, stories, lyrics and maybe a monologue or two. The session is open to all, whether reading or just soaking in the words.

12:30 Mad Scientists Meet | AR Ballroom

Come along to the third Mad Scientists Meet. Do you have a paper with a dubious basis in actual science to present? Or would you like to help set off the Doomsday Device? Or just wear your lab coat and goggles?

Igor's, minions, henchpersons and goons also welcome!

12:30 Witches Dance Workshop | Westgate Academy

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

12:30 Parasol Duelling | Heritage Centre car park

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 Making Puppets with Keep Drawing, Charlie! | Heritage Centre

Have you seen Charlie and their dragon puppets around today? Have you ever thought about making your own? Well, this talk is just the thing for you!

Take a moment to sit down and soak up the ramblings of a jack-of-all-art-trades who has found their niche in making and bringing puppets to life. See stages of their work process, ask questions and get tips on starting your own build.

12:30 Dragon's Breath/Navigate the Naughtylus | Castle Grounds

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Navigating the Naughtylus: can you steer the Naughtylus around the track without getting stuck?

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13:00 Asylum 16 Feedback | Heritage Centre

The Ministry of Steampunk invite feedback on all of our events. You can get in touch with us through the website or pop along and meet Nimrod from the MoS today to share any thoughts you may have.

13:00 Scarlet Butterfly | Castle Banjo

Serenity Found: A beautiful, dreamy and serene act giving midnight fairy queen vibes. Performed to 'Serenity Found' by Lindsay Stirling

13:00 The Old Curiosity Swap | In front of the large marquees in the castle

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13:05 The Brass Brothers | Castle Stage

Back by popular demand! Inspired by the legendary Blues Brothers Rhythm and Blues Review, these steampunk showmen are on a mission from... well... probably the Ministry of Steam.

Expect classic rhythm and blues, irresistible grooves and enough energy to power a Victorian time machine. Sunglasses may be optional, but dancing certainly isn't!

Tighten your goggles, adjust your top hats and oil your clockwork knees; The Brass Brothers are ready to prove that the blues sound even better when they're steam-powered!

13:30 Lost Stories | AR Edwardian Suite

Can you help our careless comic creators complete their latest episodes which have lost their words or pictures? Simply add your own text or images to their pages to make your own fabulous story!

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

Artists & writers of all abilities welcome. Materials provided.

13:30 World Tea Duelling | AR Ballroom

This is it! Duellists from qualifying heats will battle it out across the tea table to discover who is the best in the world at cleanly nomming a soggy biscuit. Believe me, it's thrilling!

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13:30 Teapot Sheepdog Trials | Westgate Academy

There are few things stronger than the bond of understanding between a well-trained splendid racing teapot and its driver, and there are few better ways to put this bond to the test than Splendid Teapot Sheep Dog Trials! Can you and your splendid racing teapot work as one to herd our mischievous sheep into their pen? Can you do so in a head-to-head contest with another teapot and driver trying to do so faster than you? Come along and see!

13:30 Medal Decorating Workshop | Heritage Centre

The number one medal maker and her chief urchin from Unhinged Medals will be bringing along lots of cogs, buttons, lace and other adornments to help you make and decorate your very own Steampunk medal. Even if you don't think you have any crafting or artistic skills, come along for some fun and you will likely go home with a medal of your very own! This feature will run as a drop-in session, so you can arrive and leave as you please.

13:30 Cogling Costume Competition | Castle Stage

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 13:15, bringing a short written note stating your name, age and a short description of your outfit.

Please note that you need to be a wristband holder to enter any of the costume competitions.

13:30 Rebel Steam Meet | In front of the large marquees in the castle

Once again please set your coordinates for the space in front of the castle marquees (what3words [fired.gladiators.foil](#)) and drop out of hyperspace to meet up with your fellows from the galaxy far far away (or the other one featured in Ahsoka) before the Rebel Stem feature on the castle banjo.

14:00 Scarlet Butterfly | Castle Banjo

Circus: In this performance Scarlet Butterfly plays homage to the circus and reminds us that the vintage circus of old is not dead, it has just evolved!

Performed to 'The Show Must Go On' by Alice Strange.

14:05 Rebel Steam Photoshoot | Castle Banjo

Now is the time for the massed forces of Rebel Steam to take to the Castle Banjo for their annual photoshoot and to chat about some of their costumes to the gathering crowds. Please be careful with lightsabers – don't forget, they're not toys.

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14:30 Thomas Benjamin Wild Esq | Castle Stage

Tom is known for brilliantly witty songs, a few of which have been known to feature words they don't officially teach in school. Join Tom and the Fancy Chaps as they present some of Tom's best-known tunes in a family-friendly, sound-effect heavy performance.

14:30 Gaderian Quests | In front of the large marquees in the castle

If you have been taking part in this year's quests this will be an opportunity to meet up with the quest-giver again. You can find more information before Asylum starts by joining the Facebook Group 'Gaderian Quests'.

What3words [farmer.shop.much](https://www.what3words.com/farmer.shop.much)

15:00 Scarlet Butterfly | Castle Banjo

A second chance to see Scarlet Butterfly perform Serenity Found: A beautiful, dreamy and serene act giving midnight fairy queen vibes. Performed to 'Serenity Found' by Lindsay Stirling

15:05 Boston Witches | Castle Banjo

What better way could there be to prepare for the closing ceremony than to join the Boston Witches as they perform their traditional Witches Dance? If you went to their workshop earlier today (or if you know the moves anyway) please feel free to join in before the Asylum is over for another year.

15:30 The Closing Ceremony | Castle Stage

The closing ceremony is where we traditionally bring the final threads of Asylum together to celebrate the creativity, joy and friendship we have enjoyed over the weekend. We will award the medals that have been won, thank our volunteers, the castle and other venue staff and everyone else whose hard work has made the event possible. Asylum is first and foremost a collaborative effort and the ministry could not do it without your support.

Sometimes snippets of news 'slip out' at the closing ceremony, but who knows what will happen this year?

The official festival programme will then draw to a close, but if you have a ticket to the Dead Dog Party tonight, there is still more partying to be done before we all say our farewells.

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

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.

Thanks

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Any errors remaining are my own.

Nimrod Lancaster
The Ministry of Steampunk



Evening events

This document deals only with the scheduled daytime content at Asylum. Don't forget there's another whole Steampunk world taking place in the evenings, from the Advance Guard on Thursday night through to the Dead Dog Party on Monday evening.

You can find full details and the ticketing links for all of the evening events taking place during Asylum at <https://www.ministryofsteampunk.com/a16evenings> or by following the QR code above.