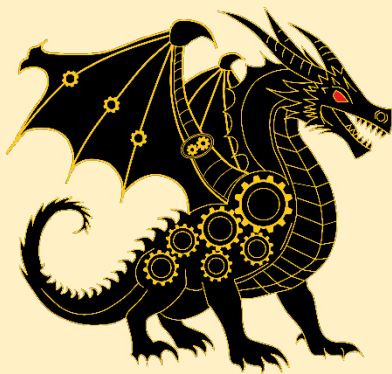


STEAMPUNK HALLOWEEN V

County Assembly Rooms | Lincoln

30 October – 1 November 2026



A MINISTRY OF STEAMPUNK EVENT

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fifth Ministry of Steampunk Halloween celebration. We must thank our friends at the County Assembly Rooms for their hospitality once again as we strive to put on the very best Halloween event that we can. Their kindness and support are invaluable.

The event will start with a new kind of immersive event on Friday night; *Fright Club*.

Saturday and Sunday daytimes you will find a carefully curated Steampunk Market in the Edwardian Suite at the back of the building and there will be a range of features taking place in the Ballroom and the Oval Room. As usual some of the features will be old favourites, but some will be completely new for this event.

And of course Saturday night, All Hallows Eve, will see *The Immortal Ball*, the centrepiece of the whole event. Have you got your tickets yet? By the time you are reading this in hard copy, it will be too late!

FRIGHT CLUB

Friday 30 October – Doors at 7 PM

The first rule of *Fright Club* is that “You don’t talk about *Fright Club*”. The second rule of *Fright Club* is also “You don’t talk about *Fright Club*’.

Operating very much under the radar of Lincoln’s paranormal and monster investigators, *Fright Club* will be an immersive, underground spooky experience.

There will be monsters and witches. There will be scary tales. There will be Victoria Frankenstein’s Lab, readings from Oracle Cards and we’re expecting a visitation from Violet Thorne, Seer of the Ipswich Veil.

You can expect gambling tables and cocktails. There are likely to be some illicit trading opportunities too; don’t be surprised if someone sidles up to you at the bar offering you the opportunity to purchase an unusual potion or one of Count Dracula’s back teeth.

There will be darkness, lots of darkness.

You might want to sleep with the light on afterwards.

SATURDAY DAYTIME PROGRAMME

Saturday 31 October 10 AM – 4 PM

Entry to the daytime event will be free to anyone who has a ticket to *Fright Club* on Friday night or *The Immortal Ball* on Saturday night. Entrance to anyone else will be £2 payable in cash (only) on the door.

TIME	FEATURE AND LOCATION
10:00	STEAMPUNK MARKET – EDWARDIAN SUITE The curated market of steampunk traders will be open for your delight and delectation.
11:00	STEAMPUNK ROCKS – OVAL ROOM Join Tan and Zoe to take part in a fun art activity to paint up some rocks in Steampunk Halloween style
12:00	ARGENTINE TANGO CLASS - BALLROOM Fiona and Nimrod will teach you the very basic steps of the Argentine Tango. If you are coming to <i>The Immortal Ball</i> we will be sure to play a couple of suitable tango tunes to try out your moves after the meal.
13:00	TEAPOT RACING – BALLROOM Join Richard Venture and Irene once again for high-adrenaline steampunk fun driving

	motorised teapots around Richard's special Halloween course.
13:00	TABLETOP ESCAPE GAME (SESSION 1) – OVAL ROOM You have heard tales of an old, abandoned house the other side of the woods. Tales of a family that disappeared and a child's laughter that is still occasionally heard. Finding the house and exploring it shouldn't be hard- in fact it should be child's play!
14:00	THE LAST WITCH – BALLROOM Helen Duncan was the last woman to be convicted under the witchcraft act. Hear her story from Lady Elsie and Major Tinker but come prepared for a surprising twist or two.
15:00	TEA DUELLING – BALLROOM Our Tiffin Mistress will once again take charge of proceedings as tea is poured, biscuits are dunked, breath is held, hands start to shake and ultimately somebody is determined to be the Halloween Tea Duelling Champion.
15:00	SPOOKY STEAMPUNKTIONARY – OVAL ROOM Join Mekala in the Oval Room for the first MoS-hosted Spooky Steampunktionary competition. You will be divided into small teams and one member of each team will be given a spooky word or phrase and will have the task of drawing

	it so that it can be recognised by their teammates. There will be a small prize for the winning team.
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THE 2026 STEAMPUNK HALLOWEEN MEDAL

In line with previous years we are pleased to offer a special limited-edition medal to commemorate this event. The design is shown below and you will find a photograph of the actual product on our Facebook page *Welcome to the Asylum* and on the Ministry's website. The medal will have a plain black ribbon and will be cast in antique brass effect metal.



You can pre-order the medal through the MoS website for collection at the event and if there are any leftover they will be available for purchase at the event.

THE IMMORTAL BALL

Saturday 31 October – Doors at 7 PM

The Immortal Ball on Saturday evening will once again be the centrepiece of the weekend.

Please be sure to arrive between 7 and 7:30PM as the doors from the Oval Room to the Ballroom will open at 7:30PM sharp at which point you might find you are not at the event you were expecting (about which all members of the MoS are bound to absolute secrecy).

The meal will then be served at your table. It is not possible to serve everyone simultaneously, so you will find a 'little something' on each table to entertain you while you wait for your food, or after you have eaten it.

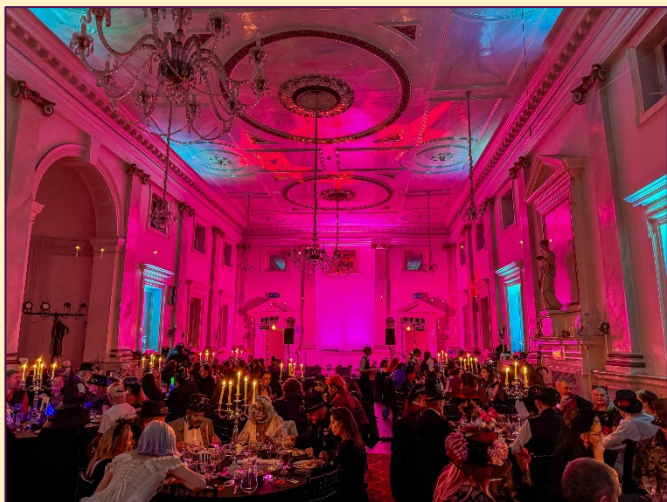
After the meal we will be making some announcements about Asylum 17 including the location and theme.

This will be followed by a couple of Argentine tango tunes so you can try out the moves you learned earlier before we introduce the main entertainment of the evening which will be a performance by *Jo Carley and the Old Dry Skulls*.

We are incredibly fortunate to have been able to book Jo and her very spooky bandmates to play on the most

spooky night of the year when her voodoo and black magic infused music will be the perfect way to celebrate and dance with the spirits and fellow Immortals.

The image below is from The Immortal Ball in 2025.



Hearses at Midnight.

SUNDAY DAYTIME PROGRAMME

Sunday 1 November 10 AM – 4 PM

Entry to the daytime event will be free to anyone who has a ticket to *Fright Club* on Friday night or *The Immortal Ball* on Saturday night. Entrance to anyone else will be £2 payable in cash (only) on the door.

TIME	FEATURE AND LOCATION
10:30	STEAMPUNK MARKET – EDWARDIAN SUITE Once again the curated Steampunk market will be open for all of your spooky needs.
10:30	MEET FOR PHOTOGRAPHS – LINCOLN CASTLE We will be meeting up on the banjo inside Lincoln Castle to take some photos of each other. Come in your finest steampunk attire, or ‘steampunk light’ or come in your outfit from <i>Fright Club</i> or <i>The Immortal Ball</i> – all are welcome.
10:30	STEAMPUNK ROCKS – OVAL ROOM If you prefer a more sit-down and arty start to your Sunday, come and join Tan and Zoe again to paint up some more rocks in spooky steampunk style.
11:00	THE MONSTER PARADE – CASTLE TO ASSEMBLY ROOMS

	We will meander at a leisurely pace to the County Assembly Rooms (note entrance fee above if you are not coming to <i>Fright Club</i> or <i>The Immortal Ball</i>). We might even get a chance to spook out a few of the locals
11:30	THE WITCHES DANCE – BALLROOM The Boston Witches will once again be performing for us and will also be running a workshop for those who would like to join in. This worked brilliantly at Asylum this year – as it has at previous events – and promises to be great fun.
11:30	TABLETOP ESCAPE GAME (SESSION 2) – OVAL ROOM You have heard tales of an old, abandoned house the other side of the woods. Tales of a family that disappeared and a child's laughter that is still occasionally heard. Finding the house and exploring it shouldn't be hard- in fact it should be child's play!
12:30	C IS FOR CLOWN - BALLROOM Why are clowns such polarising characters, loved by some and feared by others? Why do they give many people the creeps and why do they crop up so much in horror films? Join Nimrod as he tackles another letter in the alphabet, following 'D is for Dragon' at Asylum.

13:30	TEAPOT RACING - BALLROOM How are your nerves holding up after The Immortal Ball? Will you still be able to drive a racing teapot? Come and find out with Richard and Irene.
14:30	AN INTRODUCTION TO TAROT – BALLROOM Come and learn about Tarot from Imogen. She will explain the history of Tarot and provide a brief introduction on how to read Tarot. Time permitting, Imogen might then be persuaded to do one or two Tarot readings for interested participants.
16:00	MARKET CLOSES AND EVENT ENDS





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