

A Programme of Events

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that are associated with

THE CUNNING ARTIFICER'S
Hogswatch Celebrations

and the **TOWN TWINNING** between

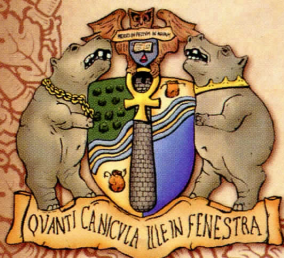
WINCANTON

A Town that offers a welcome rest for
Travellers and is Centre of Culture and
Hospitality amid the hills of Somerset.

and

ANKH-MORPORK

A City of a thousand Surprises,
that does similar things.



The most venerable Mayor of Wincanton

The twinning ceremony and two day Hogwatch Festival will bring our two worlds together, attract visitors to the town, boost trade and add a little sparkle to events in the run-up to Christmas. When Bernard Pearson, Wincanton's Cunning Artificer, first suggested Wincanton and Ankh-Morpork should twin, I was a little sceptical. But the idea took hold, grew and took on a life of its own.

For the weekend of the 7th and 8th December hundreds of Ankh-Morpork enthusiasts will descend on the town and I'd like to see local residents making them welcome and joining in the spirit of the occasion.

During Hogwatch there will be a lot happening in the town and there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Frank Foster, Mayor of Wincanton

A few words from Lord Havelock Vetinari

My friends...It is with extreme pleasure that I welcome this - I believe - very first twinning between one real and one apparently unreal city. I say apparently because here in Ankh-Morpork we are taking firm steps to make it clear to our citizens that there is indeed a place called Wincanton and that it just hasn't been made up.

Fortunately, we in Ankh-Morpork have the advantage of being the home of Unseen University, whose magical library potentially contains any book that will ever be written anywhere. And it was here, after some searching, we located 'A specially Written Guide to Wincanton.'

We learned that it is a town noted for the extreme wisdom of its men and the unsurpassed beauty of its women, for its racecourse and for its traditional manufacture of some wondrous thing known as 'bed ticking.' Beyond that, it would appear that it does what my own town does, which is to buckle down and make sure that tomorrow happens.

But we noted with particular interest its provision of large breakfasts to the passing world. According to the wizards of Unseen University, who are no strangers to the art of the knife and fork, this is surely one of the noblest activities of mankind. We find, though, that after provisioning the hungry traveller the citizens of Wincanton let them continue on their way with most of their money intact, an oversight which would not be allowed in my own city, let me assure you.

Since an experimental portal was accidentally opened in the High Street, the citizenry may have noticed, in recent years, the occasional strange-garbed yet free spending visitor from my world, just as we have occasionally received lost souls looking for a really good breakfast or the way back to a place called the Ae Three oh Three.' After a meeting with your venerable councillors, it was decided that the only way to resolve the problem was to make this link formal.

And thus to the people of Wincanton we most heartily extend our hand of friendship, with the other hand hidden behind our backs, and I for one am looking forward to some big sausages and hearing my bed tick.

Lord Havelock Vetinari, Patrician of Ankh-Morpork



When First you Arrive...

Your initial port of call should be the



Cunning Artificer's Emporium

at 41 The High Street, Wincanton.

Here you can purchase your official Programme. You will know this, as you are reading it, if you don't know this, please stop reading immediately and go forth and buy yourself a copy. Alright, now that we are all here...

This useful little programme book will enable you to receive your free refreshments at the Thud Room, as well as being accompanied by a raffle ticket, which you should now have stored somewhere about your person. This ticket gives you a chance win one of the truly amazing prizes that are in the great Twinning Raffle (more details later).

Many happenings both varied and exciting are taking place this weekend, over the page there is everything you need to plan your whereabouts in such a way as to avoid the crowds.

About The Balsam Centre

I need to raise lots of money to build a workshop for the handicapped within Wincanton's Balsam Centre. Not just an ordinary workshop, but also one that uses clay as the main therapeutic and recreational material. A pottery designed so that disabled folk can use and benefit from the environment and material.

I was a potter for thirty years, a master potter in fact. I'm retired now, but during my time I worked with some very clever people who used hand crafts to help rehabilitate stroke and accident victims. The results were astonishing; I took one young man on a journey that started with a road traffic accident that left him brain damaged and finished two years later with hope for the future. He is coping, confident and living a full life. I know from Des Underwood of the Balsam Centre that there's no similar scheme in the area. But it takes money to build and run a unit like that and that's where the twinning comes in.

Buy yourself a fancy piece of stuff

The Cunning artificer has bowed to public pressure and reproduced the ancient coat of arms of the Wincanton Guild of Artificer's. Much secrecy surrounds the inner workings of the guild, but traditionally entered Apprentices were awarded the shield on completion of a verbal exam and the exchange of negotiable tokens. This will still be the case.

The question will be put. "Can you afford this". The Correct answer is 'yes, here is Seven pounds fifty in coin of the realm' To which the reply is given, 'thank you, now you are an-entered apprentice Artificer, here is a bit of tissue paper, wrap it yourself. The motto for those who have not had the benefit of a classical education, is the cry heard by apprentices, and journeymen the world over from the lips of the master craftsman. It is "pass me a bigger hammer"



Programme of Events

If you are lost, or just confused about any of the events mentioned here, then please call in to The Cunning Artificer, 41 High Street and ask the nearest intelligent looking person. We are open from 9am to 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

Friday 6th December

7.00pm - Prelude & Gathering (A Gastronomic Horsed'uvre to the weekend.)

Meet in The George, There is a special meal laid on for us, and the beer is superb.

Saturday 7th December

First Day Cover

From 9am in the Post Office Wincanton. This unique first day cover will be stamped with the Ankh-Morpork Post Office seal, and inside the envelope there will be a commemorative certificate. Thus the world of the Philatelist, & Discworld Collector, are well served in the name of Charity. All Proceeds go to the Handicapped Workshop Fund.

PLEASE NOTE: This item is available for only on Saturday, and only from the Post Office.

The Merchants Hall


The Merchants Hall which is in the Balsam Centre will be open from 10.00am until 6pm. Merchants include Messrs Clarecraft, Ken (wooden thud things) James, Master Paul Rood, The Guild of Fans and Disciples and Lady Kayla, and who knows who might also be in attendance. Sod's law says CMOT Briggs will be lurking somewhere.

Exhibition and sale of prints and cards & other divers Works of Art

From 10.00am to 6pm in the gallery at the Balsam Centre. Discworld Artist, Mr Paul Kilby who will also sign things at the appropriate time.

Phase Two
Clothes for being Naughtly in


Mrs Palm will be on hand to help those customers who may have a 'special' problem in getting the right fit. She is kindly offering a discount of 10% to those bearing this Program.



The Market Place
Wincanton

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HOGSWATCH SPECIAL
TWINNING BANGER
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THUD

From 10.00am until 6pm in the Dolphin Thud Rooms. Games for beginners, journeymen and masters. New players welcome. Thud Meister Professor Trevor Truran and Rona will preside

Paint It Yourself

10am-5pm (approximate times only). Little treasures made by Bernard may be purchased from The Cunning Artificer, taken to the studio at The Balsam Centre where Dominic (our artist in residence) will be there to guide and inspire.

Puppet Master Class

In the Dolphin Skittle alley. From 11.00am till later. Puppet master David Leach will instruct and delight in the magical world of marionettes.

A Town Trail

This pays homage to Discworld in the clues and signs that litter its route. Devised by Professor Truran and Rona. Collect your free entry from The Cunning Artificer. Completed entries need to be returned by midday Sunday. There will be prizes.

Inaugural Fly Past

1.30pm. Maj Dwight Alltenbrewer III (a keen Discworld Fan) has arranged to fly over the town in his USAF Stealth bomber on his way back from a training flight over the Bristol Channel. Give him a big wave as he flies over folks.

Town Twinning

Starting at 2pm in the Mayors Parlour. Due to space restrictions, this part of the ceremony will be by written invitation only. Invitations will be awarded to civic dignitaries and those people deemed to be apparelled as recognisable Discworld characters. The City Watch will be in attendance. A public declaration between mayor and patrician will be made in the old market place.

The Mayors Perambulation

3pm Weather permitting, gathering in the Market Square. For those with an interest in history, our very own Mayor Mr Frank Foster, will perambulate around the town pointing out and detailing some of the many historical facets of this ancient town.

THUD

12noon. 'THUD - The Big Problem' an Inaugural Lecture by Professor Trevor Truran. Trevor will become a Professor when he is awarded the 'Chair of Thud in the Unseen University' at the Twinning Ceremony. All are welcome to what promises to be a most interesting and novel occasion.

Book Signing

4pm-6pm. Terry signs books (not more than 3 books per person) in the Balsam Centre.

The Hogswatch Sausage Supper

Starting 7.30pm sharp at The Bear, The Dolphin & at The George, simultaneously, so no trying to turn up at all three. If you have pre-booked to attend this feast collect your ticket from The Cunning Artificer sometime during the day. Payment should be made directly to the appropriate hostelry.

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Continuation of The Town Trail

A chance to complete the treasure hunt. All entries returned to The Cunning Artificer by midday.

THUD

From 10.00am until 3pm in the Dolphin Thud Rooms. Games for beginners, journeymen and masters. New players welcome. 1pm Grand Thudmeister Tournament Final.

Book signing

Terry will sign books in The Balsam centre from 1.00pm until 3.00pm

Grand Raffle Draw

3.30pm at the sign of the Bear, the Grand raffle draw and the awarding of prizes will take place. 1st prize is the magnificent Coat of Arms of Ankh-Morpork, as can be seen displayed in the Emporium. One of only Three in the world to have this incredible finish, the product of many hours labour by our own Artist in Residence, Mr Dom Edgar.



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Other prizes donated by Clarecraft, Ken James, Paul Kidby, Transworld publishers and Isis audio Books. Certificates will be awarded to all those who appeared at the Twinning Ceremony in Discworld costume.

The Cunning Artificer's bit.

And when this is all over, we hope you'll come again to Somerset and enjoy the landscape and the people, to take a break from the busyness of life, and relax. It's a long way to come, even if there are some rather superior sticky buns on offer at the end of the journey.

So why bother, well, you'll never see such a collection of Discworld Memorabilia and objet d'art in one place outside Colin Smythe's private museum.

But even he doesn't have some of the little trophy's that we have hoarded over the years, and there is the added bonus of seeing work in the process of design and creation. There is even a chance your visage may be incorporated into a piece, or your initials intricately inscribed on a wall or outhouse of the latest piece of Discworld Architecture.

We make, Puppets, Architecture, Sculptured Plates, Plaques, Door Signs, Strange Objects, Discworld Devices, and THUD pieces. We sell, Prints from Mr Kidby, Originals from Mr Higgins, Clocks from Master Ayling, Thud Boards, cabinets, tables, and stuff made from wood, from the venerable Ken James. There is jewellery, the occasional oddity from CMOT Briggs, Books, Maps, Plays, Isis Tapes, Wizards Staffs, with knob attached.

That's just the Discworld, there are other strange and interesting creations we both make and sell including clocks, garden pots, stuff to draw with, litter your home, and generally add to your burden of possessions. But please remember, nothing we make or sell is in any way useful, essential to life, or particularly cheap. It may in fact contain nuts, and we do offer tick.

Footnote: Obviously I'm writing this before the event, I hope to the Gods it's all gone reasonably well, that it's not pissed with rain, rabid dogs, or fish. That no one has fallen in the river, gutter, in with bad company, and that despite it all, you have enjoyed yourselves. If this is a success, we might do it again. Whatever the outcome, thank you Isobel for all the love support and help, and a big manly handshake to Terry, who when he stopped laughing at the idea was like unto a 'Gosling & Gatsby ball and socket truss' a support you could rely on. Thanks mate.

Acknowledgments & Thanks

Terry, that goes without saying, but I'm writing it 100,000 times along the A303, as instructed. Frank Foster and people of Wincanton. All those lovely people who helped from Town and Fandom. The Balsam Centre For Hosting and helping. To all those who purchased this programme. It was done by John Pagan, the clever bits were his, the spelling mistakes mine, and remember, in two thousand years time, this document will be worth almost as much as you paid for it.

Signed in my name, Bernard the Cunning Artificer.

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THE GEORGE

Landlady: Alli
Friday Night Meeting
Point & Grandson of
Sausage Supper

THE BEAR

Landlord: Ian
Sausage
Supper

THE EMPORIUM

The centre of your world for this weekend

Go here first!

Car Park

Uncle Toms

Landlord:
Will aka Smiler

Town
Hall

BALSAM CENTRE (Merchants Hall)

Mr Kidby (Artist)
Mr Ken James (Thud bits)
Clarecraft (objet d' art)
Misc (Misc)

BOOK SIGNING BY
MR T PRATCHETT

THE DOLPHIN

Landlord: Mike
THUD
& Son of
Sausage Supper

Car Park
Disabled
Toilet

