

Can you handle the Truth?!

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THE LUNATICS ARE RUNNING THE ASYLUM! - This year the Spring Fling has been brought to you by a dedicated team of volunteers who have been working tirelessly to bring you this weekend of merriment, for which we would ask you raise a glass (possibly your own) to their hard work and attention to retail. Without further ado, we welcome you to Wincanton, where we hope you'll meet new friends and old, enjoy the hospitality of our numerous hostellers and have a jolly good time in the company of your fellow disciples and the creator himself, Sir Terry Pratchett.

THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND-

'The Magnificent Makers Market, Spring Fling Special Edition' will be open for your perusal in the Balsam Centre (through the arch opposite the shop and straight on through the carpark). Here you will find the finest craftsmanship on offer, with demonstrations throughout the day, and enjoy refreshments in the relaxed surroundings. Open 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday, with different stalls on either day.

Board Games will be played in abundance throughout the weekend at both the Bear Inn and Dolphin Hotel. Find a space, pull up a chair and prepare to do battle.

Itinerant Knitting some of the Seamstress guild will be on hand throughout the weekend to share with you their knowledge of all things woolly. Probably near a bar!

FRIDAY NIGHT 21:00 Sweetman Rm: didjabringabeeralong Party - Calling all Bruce's and Sheila's and guys "who dress with style" (Davina will buy a drink at the bar to the first person to tell her where that line comes from...?). In honour of Sheila - Princess of Power being crowned Miss Discworld, her home town is hosting the Friday night party. Bring your hats with corks, your Boomerangs, Didgeridoos Wobble Boards, but you will have to leave your kangaroos at home. But we don't need you to bring beer, the pub has plenty! And it wouldn't be a night in the bush without a Bush Tucker Trial, so we present....
The 1st Assassin's Guild Sponsored Bush Tucker Trial. Are you man (or woman, or Dwarf) enough to take part and swallow random things the assassins have brought along?

SATURDAY

10am The Discworld Emporium opens its doors to all and sundry

10-11am At the Dolphin Hotel: The Humourously-Shaped Vegetable Competition: Examine the Spring fayre on show or make your very own on the day!

10am-12 Sweetman Rm: Burlesque Workshop The girls had such a good time last time, they are back to tease again - and this time they are doing "glove work"... We didn't ask questions.

11am Balsam Centre: Seamstresses are selling kisses: Well, sort of... come along to find out more about this charitable enterprise!

12:15 - 13:15 Sweetman Rm: Assassins Canteen and the 1st Discworld Poetry Writing Contest -

Calling all poets, compilers of witty ditties, odd odes or even laughable limericks. We want to hear your words on the subject of The Discworld.

14:00 - 17:00 Sweetman Rm: The Iconographers Workshop - Part 1

If you are an iconographer and want to have a go at portraits, come to our studio and have a go. Show us what you can capture for posterity - or if you like to pose in front of a camera, come and model for us in whatever you want to wear... costume or no costume... (just as long as you wear something!)

5.30-7.30 Room change- Please make your way to one of our excellent public houses to celebrate the transition of the sun over the yard arm, a remarkable celestial feat.

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SATURDAY CONTINUED....

19:30 Dolphin and Bear: The Spring Fling Dinner

If you have not already done so, please book a table with these most salubrious of establishments as soon as possible to enjoy their usual excellent culinary delights.

21:00 Sweetman Rm: A short display of "Arts & Culture"

A superb display of poetry and Burlesque performed, for your pleasure, without a safety net.

21:30 Sweetman Rm: The Spring Fling Charity Auction

Your chance to bid on divers items of cunning artifice along with some rare and unusual Discworld delights, not offered on the open market. All proceeds from this wonderfully entertaining evening will go to our chosen charity, R.I.C.E, whose research institute for the care of older people has been greatly praised by Sir Terry.

SUNDAY

10am The Discworld Emporium Opens its doors to all and Sunday.

10am-5pm The Magnificent Makers Market reopens

10am Sweetman Rm: The Spring Fling Flower Show

Come and have a go at the Guild of Bakers 'flower arranging' (Note - I'm terrible at spelling...)

11am Dolphin: Sunday worship at the Church of Om...

We are assured that this will be a nice quiet event to pause and reflect for all those who supped too deep on the previous evening. Hosted by Mightily Oats himself, what could be more pious?

13:00 - 16:30: The Iconographers Workshop - Part 2

In conjunction with the Ankh-Morpork Trespassters Society, the iconographers are off on a field trip (with costumed models, of course) to the National Trust property of Stourhead House (about 5 miles East of Wincanton). So this is your chance to pose in stunning surroundings and make the tourists' day! (Transport will be by Car-share and there is a charge to non-National Trust Members for entry).

Meet at 13:00 in The Bear Carpark.

2.00-3.30 Fireside Chat with the Cunning

Artificer: Bernard will be regaling small groups with tales of a life lived in Discworld, in the shop. Tea may well be involved!

17:00 Sweetman Rm: The Great Tea and Tiara Party

Mrs Dibbler is at home resting (must have eaten one of Mr Dibblers pies....) But we still have a Cake Competition. It's also Princess Day, so you can wear you Sunday best, (and Tiaras), to afternoon tea and much munching of cake.....

18:30 The Bear: Sunday night pre quiz meal

20:00 The Bear Charity Quiz Night

These are always worth doing - with some great questions and we Discworld fans have a rather good record of winning.

MONDAY

10:00 - 16:00 Sweetman Rm: Dr Hix's "Not Evil" Scavenger Hunt

After a weekend of eating drinking and laughing, Dr Hix is here to resurrect, I mean revive, your spirits with a hunt with a twist.....

16:00 The Cunning Artificers; Farewell
We finish the weekend with Bernard saying some naughty words.