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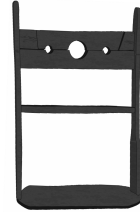
The Tawsingham Society



(Incorporating The Other Pony Club)



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turning fantasy into reality!

Handbook Published

If you've joined The Tawsingham Society or your Membership of The Other Pony Club ran out recently then a draft Tawsingham Handbook is enclosed.

If you've not yet joined there'll be a letter inviting you to do so!

News Of Events!

Period Dress:

Girls said, 'if we're going to be treated as wenches (and please do!) then we'd like to dress as wenches!'

So we've people dressing in period clothes from Viking to Edwardian, but modern will always be OK too.

I list sources of period gear in the Handbook, most are general historical re-enactment suppliers, but there's one who knows, if you have any special needs and/or want to go to someone without risk of embarrassment.



Workhouse

That's where the singleton submissives go after the Hiring Fair, if they've not been picked out by a Master or Mistress.

For now, and probably for the first few events, Sir Guy will be Workhouse Master, ably assisted by his wife and grown-up daughter, two ladies who are not actually related much as he may wish they were!

Most Workhouse inmates will be put to work in *The Green Dragon*, the ale-house that will form the community centre.

Probably slave-girls as waitresses, who may enjoy the attentions of the customers, bondmaids as bar staff because they may prefer a bar between the customer and themselves!

Costs

It is still true that nobody need pay more than the £400 per person (at least for Tawsingham SW) that our questionnaires suggested would be acceptable.

Most will pay rather less, some may even make a profit. **(In particular, ladies born that way, whether a Mistress or a slave!)**

See the relevant pages of the Handbook to see how it works.

Otherwise costs have gone up just a little, as budgets are worked out and calculations made, unexpected costs discovered and allowed-for, see the enclosed Handbook.

If I quoted lower prices to you, and to pay more would cause hardship, then I will not insist for those who booked early.

Tawsingham SW June

Evening of Sunday 12th until early morning of Friday 17th.

The facilities are luxurious, very comfortable indeed

So far there are six households: a Mistress and husband, a Mistress and wife, a Master and slave-girl, a Master looking for staff and one who isn't, a Spinster, and Sir Guy with his wife and daughter.

Not counting Sir Guy, who as Workhouse Master needs none extra, they plan to take on six serfs; with six serfs booked in so far and available, two slave-girls, one slave-boy, two bondmaids, one bondman.

Enough to form a community already, with a really good balance. We can take maybe half a dozen more serfs and also have an interesting need for a human guide dog for one man coming, who is blind.

There is a cottage spare, with a double and a twin-bedded room. It has no cooking facilities, so guests who either have to eat out in the Green Dragon or come to an arrangement with the 'Lady of the Manor' who can help if she wishes, or perhaps they could eat with another household

Sir Guy would like to see two couples sharing it, or a four-person household, particularly if one or both were led by a Mistress. Other groups are feasible. Please contact him if interested.

We can accommodate several more caravans or motor-homes, but only if they have their own sanitary facilities, etc.

What Will We Actually Do?

I have set the major events of the timetable; arrival of the households on Sunday Evening, singleton submissives arriving noon Monday, Hiring Fair on Monday afternoon.

If interested in ponyplay you can join the De Ferre event on Sunday and go with us to De Ferre again on Tuesday.

There will be some at the venue (or even at De Ferre again, if enough are interested) on Wednesday and Thursday. There may be puppy-play too!

On Wednesday evening there will be a Dinner party for the Householders and their wives and husbands, etc. served by the smartest and best-trained maids.

Thursday evening there will be a general party, after everyone has been released from their Contracts, etc.

Aside from that there may be a daily Magistrates Court, with the subsequent incarceration of miscreants in the stocks or pillory, floggings at the whipping post or army-style triangle or naval grating.

Some days the Tawsingham Corporation may meet too.

One person at least is bringing a guitar, and I hope it will be played in the Green Dragon. I hope others will come with any instruments they can play too.

The facilities of the site, from the sauna to the dungeon really have to be seen to be believed and I envisage many hours will be spent exploring ways to use them!

My experience of events with independent-minded Dominants is that inventing a detailed timetable without their prior agreement and expecting them to keep to it is somewhat akin to herding cats—it doesn't work, they don't like it and it can make one look more than a little ridiculous!

We will only finally see what people will do, when they meet and discuss it together—but let me know before if you can, so I can ensure we have whatever we need to make it happen!

The people booked in so far have a wide and hugely varied knowledge of life and the scene.

As Workhouse Master I hope to tap into this pool of expertise to eg help the girls in the Workhouse (and any others) be even better girls, to pass on as much as possible of the hints, tips and techniques involved in domestic or other service.

I hope to encourage any with knowledge in eg Japanese Rope Bondage, electric play, depilation, massage or whatever to share it with others. I want to get away from any idea that the organisers are there to entertain the guests, and the guests are just there to passively watch the show .

I want to involve as many of us in as many different ways as possible and make it very much an event for all of us.

Of course, if you just want to take your own household, lock yourself in your cottage and play, you can do that too.

Afterwards you can come and talk about it in The Green Dragon, show us the marks, and let us to share that very special post-scene glow; or not ...

Tawsingham Denmark

**Sunday 3-10 July at
SISC camp.**

The facilities are very different from Tawsingham SW.

Where Tawsingham SW is 3 star luxury, Denmark is more laid-back Scandinavian 'Youth Hostel'.

Do what you want, wear what you want, even nothing at all, everywhere on site, keep it safe, sane and consensual, do recycle the bottles!

The facilities for scene activities are far better in many ways. The sauna can accommodate 10.

There are three dungeons; a big sand-floored one, with slings, suspension facilities, St Andrews crosses, cages, webs, benches, horses.

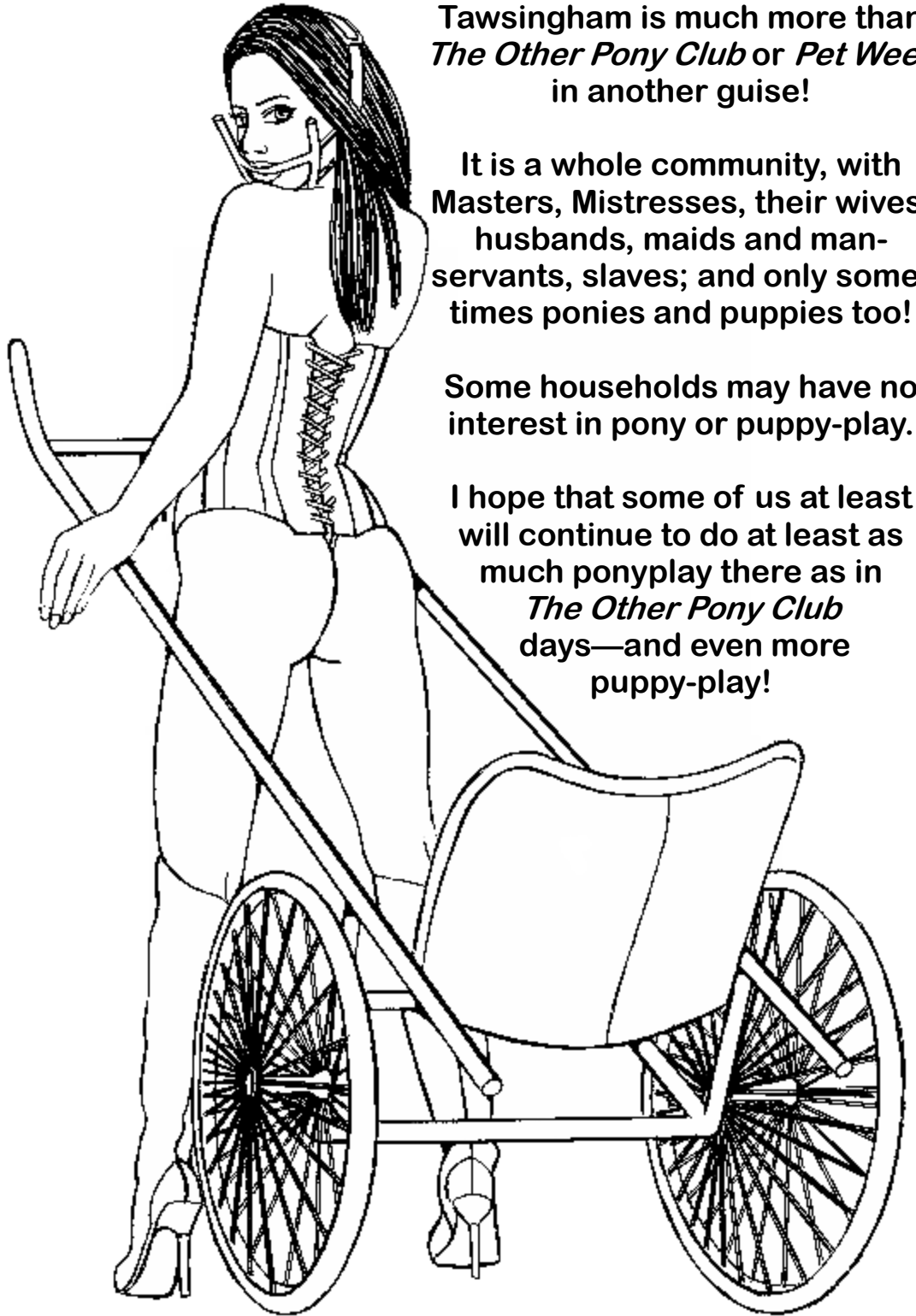
There is an 'ecclesiastical-theme' dungeon, all exposed bricks and would suit aspirants to the 'Spanish Inquisition'.

The large and fully tiled wet room, with showers; seems ideal for hosing down the ponies, even though the more nervous ones may be spooked by some of the more esoteric equipment!

There are even two suspension facilities outdoors, in the farmyard.

There is a stone-walled room we can floor with straw and tether half a dozen ponies in overnight, cells that you can lie down in and cells you can't.

There is a fully equipped leather-craft workshop, (which can be used for other work too), some land for eg ponying in, even a plough for the ponies to pull in



**Tawsingham is much more than
The Other Pony Club or *Pet Week*
in another guise!**

**It is a whole community, with
Masters, Mistresses, their wives,
husbands, maids and man-
servants, slaves; and only some-
times ponies and puppies too!**

**Some households may have no
interest in pony or puppy-play.**

**I hope that some of us at least
will continue to do at least as
much ponyplay there as in
The Other Pony Club
days—and even more
puppy-play!**

the adjoining field!

The dining hall with its own kitchen will serve as The Green Dragon, there is a commercially equipped kitchen too that can feed us all.

There is a lecture theatre for education of any kind and a 'clinic' for massage or medical games. (One year we took all the ponies there, threatening to geld them!)

If you want wholly self-contained accommodation you will have to bring a caravan, motor-home or tent.

There are private bedrooms available in the farmhouse, at £50 each, for which priority will be offered to those households coming as couples or larger groups.

Otherwise there is a general dormitory with single beds that can be subdivided into "households" (or even a monastery or convent) with curtains.

There is a loft above with mattresses that will probably be utilised as the 'Workhouse dormitory'.

The site can accommodate 60 or more, but we expect no more than the 20-30 coming to Tawsingham SW.

The key advantage of Denmark is that we can accommodate specialist roles such as full-time pony, puppy, piggy, convict, or even, adult babies and toddlers, and adult children, which we cannot do at Tawsingham SW.

We can do almost all the things we can do at Tawsingham SW, as well!

Tawsingham SW Sep.

Sunday Sep. 25-Friday 30.

It is already looking at least as good as June, with a couple of households and several serfs booked in, probably including one girl who should fetch a very tidy sum at the Hiring Fair!

Anyway, please do read the enclosed Handbook. Do ask any questions arising, as soon as they occur to you - it is only a draft, there are many changes to go before it can become comprehensive.

If you spot any errors, inconsistencies, contradictions, etc., please do let me know too!

People We Need

We have enough ladies and couples to have a good balance, but a few more would make it even better.

If you look at the worked examples, you'll see it could be a very cheap holiday!

If the initial down-payments may be a problem, and you are intending to hire serfs, then we may be able to negotiate an arrangement.

I would particularly like to welcome a vicar, priest or other person capable of eg conducting a wedding-it's a scene that would fit in wonderfully well with the Tawsingham atmosphere.

I want a Beadle, Village Constable, Goldsmith (Bank Manager), Town Clerk, Magistrates Clerk, District Nurse, Local Reporter, Macebearer, Town Crier.

Tradesmen such as a Blacksmith, Doctor, Dressmaker (who sews, not a Seamstress as in Diskworld!), Photographer, Publican.

Particularly for Denmark I seek a Mummy to run a crèche or Nursery school, a Schoolteacher to teach children, a Jailor to run the cells, a Cobbler to utilise the Leathercraft Workshop and perhaps take on apprentices, Head Groom and Kennel-Master and grooms and kennel-maids, etc.

A Householder setting themselves up as an Abbott and recruit Monks, or as a Mother Superior to recruit Nuns—particularly good in Denmark!

To do any of these you must be a Householder or villein doing it with your Master's permission. Serfs cannot choose their work.

Things We Need

The Rose and Crown at Dinnington in Somerset, is one of my all-time favourite pubs. It is adorned with the nameplate of Dinnington Junction, photos of steam engines at the station, the Victorian labourers on the quays of Dinnington canal basin, etc.

But look on the map and you'll realise no railway or canal ever went within 20 miles of the place!

In the same way, I hope The Green Dragon may acquire memorabilia, etc. to give it a patina of 'instant history'!

Any redundant pub or catering equipment may help too, optics, hand-pumps, etc. Even a marquee for the pub itself.

A set of wooden skittles and balls would be great, for us to improvise a skittle alley for that authentic West Country pub atmosphere. (If you have the skill I have the wood and the lathe to create a set!)

Any mayoral regalia, Aldermanic robes, Mayor's chain of office, mace, Town Clerk's wig, fancy gavel for Corporation meetings, would all be treasured.

Many serfs like the idea of being in chains or locked in cages, so any surplus items like that could add to the atmosphere.

Redundant period kit, any period, can be used too, even if relatively tattered.

But mostly we have what we need, from the pub furniture, to the pony-carts and harness, and soon even the site currency.

Anyway I enclose a booking form and hope to hear from you soon!

