

# *The Tawsingham Society*

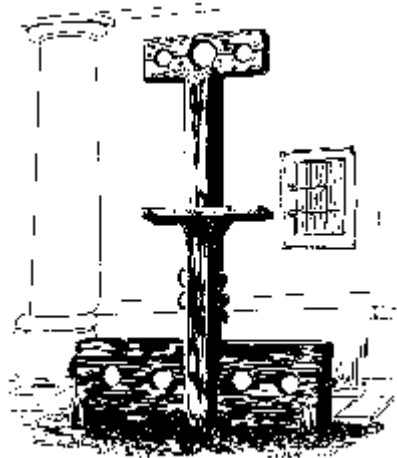
## What ?

*Tawsingham* is not so much a place, as an idea. You can be whatever you want to be there – if you can take the consequences!

Master, Mistress, boy, girl, maid, servant, slave, even possibly human pony or puppy; if you can imagine it and we can accommodate it, you can live the role!

It is a pastiche of a semi-feudal society; where your station in life and role within the community is set by your own choice, (or that of people you choose to make the choice for you); not by an accident of birth!

Cross-dressing and role-play clothes will be normal and freely accepted in public. Corporal punishment, bondage, domination, fetish clothes in private, often in public too, but you won't have to wear anything outlandish or take part in anything unpleasant unless you want to, (or to be forced to)!



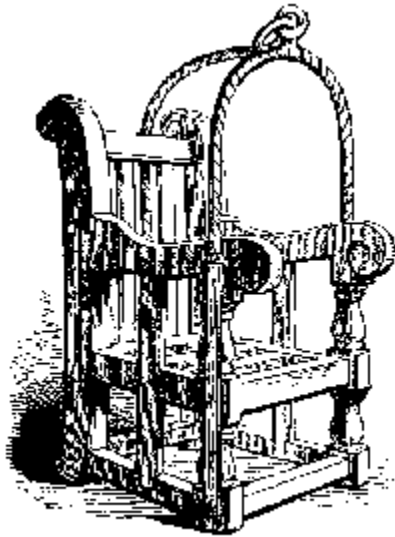
**Combined pillory, stocks and whipping post, from Wallingford**

Uniformed maids, collared slaves, everyone can be the age, role, gender and species they choose. Even ponygirls, puppyboys, too, either on or off site.

It is run by *The Tawsingham Corporation*: the Portreeve (Mayor) and Burgesses (Aldermen and Councillors) of *Tawsingham*; ie leaders of groups who bring parties to *Tawsingham* and other key people.

The Portreeve appoints key officers who'll often be well known scene figures with an established organisational record.

Whilst it exists there will be entertainment of many kinds organised by groups present, that will be open to anyone who wishes to come, (and is allowed to do so by their Master or Mistress).



**Ducking Stool from Ipswich**

## Why?

To establish a community where people can openly acknowledge and live their scene relationship, whatever gender and orientation, etc. that they choose, so they can take part at whatever level, in a way that suits them, safely, with public acceptance and support from that community.

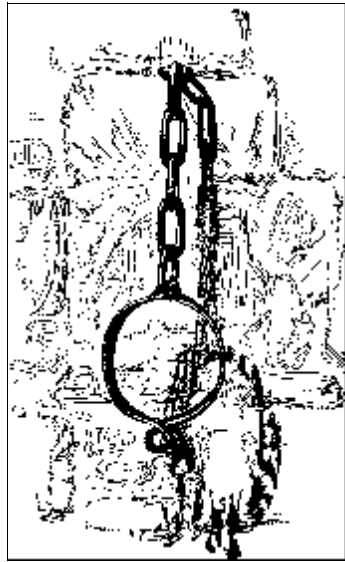
The keynote is that each role has a different set of benefits, responsibilities and duties. You pick the role that suits you, and then accept the consequences; what you cannot do is 'pick and mix', eg if you want staff to look after you, you have to take care and control of them-or if you accept the security of being owned you must accept the duty to obey you Master or Mistress too.

We draw on our experience over nearly 20 years experience of deep roleplay in the UK scene (and of others), eg at *Muir Academy*, *The Other Pony Club*, *De Ferre*, *Pet Week in Denmark*, *St Audries' TV Weeks*, the *Whiplash PleasureZones*, *The Firm's* events, the *Other World Kingdom*.

Just getting suitable people together is an event; but more is needed to encourage them to coalesce and create a community.

There has to be a 'model' people readily understand to give 'instant structure'. We chose a parallel universe 'English Village', with 21<sup>st</sup> century sanitation, hot running water, good cheap food and drink, freedom if you wants it, and incorporating as many as feasible of the curious ancient kinky customs that are no longer used.

It will be very much an 'open opportunity' society where any free man or woman can aspire to be eg a Burgess, Magistrate, Beadle, Village Bobby, etc.



**Jougs from  
Duddington**

Everybody, but particular those who choose to be amongst ‘the lower orders’ run the risk of being confined in, eg the stocks, pillory or village lock-up, or a scold’s bridle, whipped at the post on the village green; by order of the Magistrate’s Court.

Those without a Master or Mistress will be sent to the Workhouse or Pound and the whole community will be managed to maximise the BDSM and other fun of all participants, (without being strictly bound by historical accuracy or authenticity).

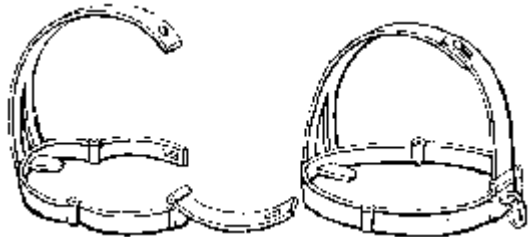
Things we’ll try to avoid in *Tawsingham* include religious, sexual or other intolerance, bad manners, dishonesty, hypocrisy, exploitation, bad faith or sleaze. It is for adults only; with commonsense, and freely given consent. We can’t opt out of UK law so there can be nothing illegal or dangerous.

## Who?

In *Tawsingham* you can choose to be either male or female, a free person or owned as a person or as livestock.

Within those categories there’ll be many subdivisions; most will have distinctive dress or accessories that make the wearer’s status obvious to all.

If there is no category to suit you, we’ll create one: what won’t be feasible is to have the benefits of any particular role, without the responsibilities that go with it.



**Scold’s Bridle from Walton On**

*Tawsingham* should appeal to dominants and submissives of every gender and orientation, even those who just want to watch—provided they accept the rules.

It is designed to accommodate every taste, variation, orientation we have come across in nearly 20 years of deep involvement in role play—at least every one that is safe, sane and consensual!

Some won't fit well in such a community; eg dominants unable to act responsibly, submissives who can't accept control, those intolerant of others' views or behaviour or without good manners.

We'll discourage such tendencies, help them realise that such behaviour is unwelcome and exclude any who persist, in their interests and that of everyone else.



**Whipping At The Cart's Tail**

## When ?

Initially, week-long events, in about April/May and Sep/October to include a traditional ‘Hiring Fair’.

Midsummer Games and Midwinter revels are in the novel too, we’ll stage them, or any other viable event, if there’s a demand.

You’ll be able to come for the whole week or just the weekend. There may be smaller events, eg *The Tawsingham Corporation* to plan events, etc. and these may require support from maids and others too.

Maids may find that training with Miss Prim helps them find a Mistress and take their place in **Tawsingham** more effectively and there may be other kinds of trial, ancillary and preparatory events too.

## How Much ?

Prices will vary with your role; take more responsibility, feed, house yourself, pay less: need supervision, etc. pay more!

We will expect everyone to pay—and if you take real responsibility and make good things happen, we’ll give it you back. (Or you could even earn a profit!) We aim to make events open to the widest range of people possible, so will try to ensure costs are comparable with holidays elsewhere.

## How ?

For now please join ‘*The Tawsingham Society*’ successor to *The Other Pony Club*.

Costs will be similar but we hope a wider group will be enthused and interested.

## More Info?

We hope soon to put a draft *Tawsingham Handbook* on the website, republish *Tawsingham 2020* and open an area of our website that explains in far more detail what all the implications are; it will be a living, developing concept that evolves to meet the requirements of **all** the people who attend and make it happen. Can you imagine yourself as one of them?