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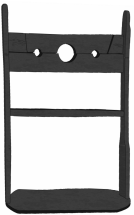


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## **Three Events This Year!**

Have you ever wished you could go on holiday in a small community of friends, where everyone is into the scene? Not just neighbours, but also the barmaid in the pub, the waitresses in the restaurant, girls in the shop? Where you can be whoever and whatever you want, man or woman, or beast of burden?

Where if you want to, you can just hire a dungeon, play your scene; then enjoy the post-scene glow in the pub? A pub where perhaps your partner can proudly show off the marks you inflicted to friends, without shame or embarrassment?

Or if you've a mind to, your puppy can drink from a bowl on the floor; or you could eat your dinner that way in the restaurant, with no embarrassment?

Where you can hire a maid as easily as buying the groceries, or be hired as routinely? Where you can openly take pride in wearing the clothes and symbols that go with your preferred role in the streets?

It may be a maid's dress, a slave's collar or pony harness, but you can know that everybody you meet will understand and appreciate what they mean. You can know too, that they too are happy that you can be whoever and whatever you want to be.

Events will be up to a week long, people can be owned eg as bondmaids, slaves or ponies; or free as independent householders, their dependants, adult children or servants. The community is based loosely on a semi-feudal English village, everybody knows their place, because they chose it!

Every submissive is smart, polite and respectful – because if they're not they'll be sentenced to sit in the stocks, stand in the pillory, be whipped the post or locked in a scold's bridle?

If you missed the last mailing; after a dozen years I have taken **The Other Pony Club** into **The Tawsingham Society**, created to make **Tawsingham** real.

It's an all-scenes BDSM event that brings together all the things I have most enjoyed over 20 years in the scene, and leaves out the bits best forgotten.

Within Tawsingham you can only truly be free, a Yeoman or a Lady (but still beholden to the community) if you're Master of the place you live in.

A bachelor or spinster in lodgings has a similar status but defers to the Master of the House.

Otherwise you can be a villein, nominally free but beholden to your Master, eg a the Master's Goodwife or Goodman (both the traditional wifely role), or possibly a ward; a grown-up, juvenile or toddler son or daughter, or a maid or manservant.

A wife and kids were considered 'free'—but they weren't really, so we're just acknowledging reality!

Within Tawsingham 'Master' may be a Mistress, and you can choose your gender too-but all the time, no switching!

Or you can be a serf, a bondmaid, bondman or slave wholly owned by your Master. Or livestock; an owned pony or a puppy.

Villeins and some serfs come in as part of their Master's household.

I'll try to match up eg Bachelors and Spinsters with accommodation, or villeins with Masters. In time we'll arrange facilities to do it online, but for now it's best done by an appeal on the Academy Personals webserver group.

Singleton submissives may come alone, but must 'stand for hire' at the Hiring Fair, as bondmaid, bondman or slave – if not selected by a Master they will go to the Workhouse.

You don't have to dress up in period costume or talk in the language of the time-but if you want to so then by all means do so! (Please do research, there may be experts ready to point out errors!)

You do, however, have to obey and show proper respect to your Master and other subjects of the Queen within Tawsingham.

We take the view that good manners are even more essential when other conventions of society are put aside, and will do all we can to discourage bad manners.

Two events are to be in **South West England (Sun. June 12–Fri. 17 and Sun. Sep 25–Fri. 30)** and one in **Denmark Sun. July 3–Sun. July 10).**

We've already got several households, bondmaids and slaves booked in, lots more interested!

There will be every kind of household; FemDom, MaleDom, Gay, Lesbian and at least one downright unclassifiable poly-amorous group.

At the Hiring Fair there'll be Bondmaids, Bondmen, Slave-girls and Slave boys, of most inclinations and orientations, but not many girls who've always been so.

**Tawsingham SouthWest** accommodation will be several cottages, plus motor or towed caravan, vans or tents that other guests may bring, parked on the camp site that forms a part of the property

Priority for cottages goes to couples, etc. taking on two (or more) bondmaids or slaves at the Hiring Fair. We want to fill every bed and then some!

Households may self-cater, but there'll be a shop and Tavern, where you can buy food, other necessities, hot meals, drinks, etc. served by inmates of the Workhouse, so you don't have to rough it, if you're in a caravan or tent.

There is a **De Ferre Pony Training day on Sunday 12th**, and anybody attending that, and all households, are welcome to join us from that Sunday evening.

Otherwise singletons putting themselves up at the Hiring Fair will be expected to arrive midday Monday, to stand in line from 2—4 pm Monday afternoon.

Evenings we'll hold the **Magistrates Court** to try petty offences and sentence miscreants to suitable penalties, in the scold's bridle, ducking stool, or see later for the facilities of the village green!

Later in the evening the Burgeses (any Head of Household who wants to be one) may meet to discuss the day and plan the next, though much will be decided less formally elsewhere and -when.

Tuesday some of us will go to De Ferre Pony Farm, an hour or two's drive away. If you want to drive, groom or be a pony or puppy there you'll be welcome.

As Portreeve (an appointed Mayor) I plan a Dinner Party for as many of the Yeomen and their Ladies as I can fit in on the Wednesday evening; others may return the favour other evenings too.

As this is the first event I will not plan too many activities, preferring instead to listen and consult to hear what others want.

On the final night, Thursday, I expect to relax discipline and have a party on which to end the week, before leaving Friday morning.

The Tavern, The Green Dragon, is in a private area that'll also be the village green, where we'll have the pillory, whipping post and stocks set up for those sentenced to them by the Magistrates Court.

There's limited space there to try ponyplay or walk a human puppy.

We expect The Green Dragon to be the community social centre, whether people sit indoors, or out according to the weather.

There will be many and varied facilities and opportunities for Masters and Mistresses to have their servants and slaves pamper them to their heart's content!

There will be a skilled masseur ready to teach the art to anybody willing (or instructed) to learn.

There will be well-equipped dungeon for hire to which Masters and Mistresses can take members of their household for sessions of pain, punishment or pleasure, as they choose.

**Privileges and Duties to help you choose the most appropriate station for you in life within Tawsingham**

Station In Life	Rank	Own money	Work Outside	Home-maker	Free time	Own Clothes	Sexual Favours	Pony play	Puppy play
Master (inc. Mistresses)	Yeoman or Lady	Y	E	-	Y	Y	-	N	N
Bachelor/spinster		Y	E	-	Y	Y	N	N	N
Goodwife or Goodman	Villein	P	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	?
Grown-up Son/Daughter		P	E	?	Y	Y	N	?	?
Juvenile Son or Daughter *		P	E	N	Y	Y	N	?	?
Adult baby or toddler + *		N	N	N	Y	Y	N	?	?
Maid- or Manservant		E	N	?	Y	U	N	N	N
Bondmaid/Bondman		serfs	N	N	?	N	U	N	?
Male or Female Slave	N		N	?	N	U	Y	Y	Y
Convict +	N		N	N	N	U	N	?	?
Full-time Pony + *	livestock	N	N	N	N	H	N	Y	?
Full Time Puppy		N	N	N	N	-	?	?	Y

**Key to table:**

E = may earn money, from Master as servant, or other work  
H = wear harness, which you provide  
N = no, not part of the deal, even if your Master wishes it so  
P = you can hope for pocket-money from your Master

U = you wear uniform that you provide  
Y = yes, that is part of the deal, if your Master wishes it so  
? = depends on terms of your contract  
+ = may cost special premium due to attention required  
\* = may not be available at Tawsingham Southwest

Some areas of Tawsingham South West are not as private as we'd wish, which means some roles are unviable (see table) and some outfits must be covered or camouflaged at times.

**Tawsingham Denmark** is at SISC Camp and does not have these limits, every role is feasible.

We'll organise a group to fly from the UK together. Airfare is eg £50-£100 from Stansted, maybe less than driving to SW England!

It runs from Sunday evening, (for Householders and their Households), or Monday noon (for singletons) until Sunday morning.

Accommodation is in several private bedrooms, varied sizes, plus a bunkhouse where curtains can define a household's private area. You can bring a caravan or tent too, as in Tawsingham SW.

Hiring Fair is on Monday afternoon. Tuesday probably an introductory ponyplay session.

Wednesday an introductory human dog and pet-play session.

Thursday we'll probably have a pet show and dog obedience trial, Friday a ponyplay gymkhana.

Saturday we'll probably have the week's highlight, the Tawsingham Mid-Summer Games - competitive corporal punishment!

Saturday evening we'll have a party to celebrate the week, to help readjust to the drab world.

Sunday morning we clear up the camp to leave it in good order for the next week's activities.

In questionnaires returned, (thanks!), the most favoured location was SW England, (then SE England, Wales, but 'anywhere in Europe' was popular too, so we seem to have got it right).

When you choose a role (see table), you'll want to know "how much it'll cost"; which depends on your role, and from your answers, that is a key factor in that choice.

Heads of Household and Singleton submissives pay the us same to come. Some of this goes back to people helping run the event.

First time it will be a £50 deposit, plus £100 on arrival. Heads of Households pay £50 more per dependent, (whatever role), on their behalf. Fees will be reviewed in the light of experience.

Plus £50 to park a caravan or pitch a tent. Cottage hire £100 (refund if frugal with electricity.)

Heads of Households, bachelors and spinsters will be expected to change at least £50 into Tawsingham Groats to pay for food, drink, outing to De Ferre, etc.

They may pass some of this to their villeins as pocket money, or pay servants Thursday afternoon.

If any Master or Mistress plans to hire serfs at the Hiring Fair, but would find difficulty to raise the money due on arrival, then it may be possible to extend credit.

In Tawsingham Demark there are facilities for mass catering, so you may be able to sign up for 3 meals a day at eg £50 per head; but you may still self-cater too.

Singleton Submissives coming in to Tawsingham pay in a “bond” of £250 on arrival to the Goldsmith’s Guild (our ‘bank’).

At the Hiring Fair they’ll agree a figure with their new Master for each night’s bed, board, supervision and training. It’ll probably be £50/night for the three nights, drawn from their bond to their Master’s account each morning.

If they are not chosen they go to the Workhouse and the Workhouse Master ( a Lady) draws a sum each day from their bond, unless she finds a Master for you.

Thursday afternoon, any left in their bond is paid back to them, in Groats, so they can buy food and drink on the final evening. (The rest of the week all food, etc. is paid for by their Master.)

Groats left unspent (or earned as pay or profit) Friday morning will be changed into C21<sup>st</sup> money.

It may seem odd to those new to the scene, that slaves pay their Masters; but it makes perfect sense in this market economy!

It reflects history, apprentices’ fathers paid a Master for their son’s apprenticeship, colonists paid their passage, but worked in bonded labour to earn land and the right to be free in a new homeland.

We need a Beadle (organises eg the Hiring Fair, etc.), Churchwarden (looks after stocks, security, etc.), Constable (security, finding offenders to appear at the Magistrates’ Court). The bench of Magistrates serve in rotation

Others ‘Officers of Tawsingham’ could be Town Clerk, Magistrates Clerk, Court Usher, District Nurse, Reporter, Master Of The Almshouse, Master Of The Pound, Macebearer, Town Crier.

Tradesmen may include; eg blacksmith, cobbler, Schoolteacher (if we have ‘adult children’), Doctor, dressmaker, landlord (eg rents spare beds to bachelors or spinsters), photographer, publican, shopkeeper, good time girl, village idiot, (we expect many volunteers for those last two!)

Nominally serving the Almighty we may have a Vicar or Priest, or a Householder may set up as an Abbott and recruit Monks, or as a Mother Superior to recruit Nuns

If payment is due Tawsingham Officers will be paid in the Tawsingham currency, Groats.

It’s the first event, so I will want to take some publicity photos, there’ll be a small payment for those prepared to appear in them.

Traders, tradesmen and ‘servants of The Almighty’ pay their way and earn what they can, subject to Tawsingham local taxes.

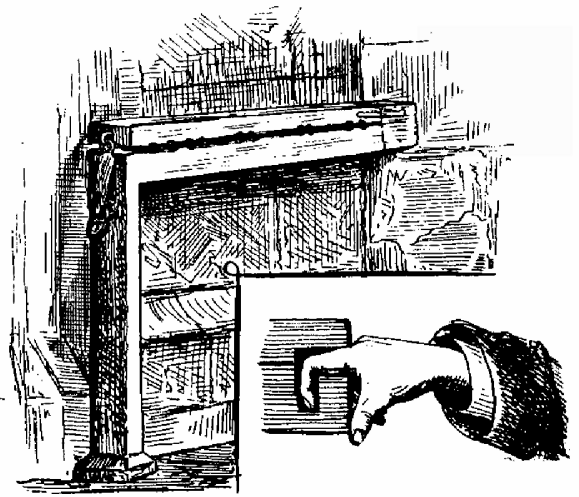
Householders and those in their households wear what they want; though we expect everyone to avoid sexually ambiguous clothes.

Singleton submissives will require at least two outfits; one for the Hiring Fair, the other to wear if they go to the Workhouse.

(They may be worn other times besides, and bring in other outfits too.) They will also need a sleeping bag and camping mat as there may not be a bed for them.

At the Hiring Fair girls should wear a formal maid outfit, either the familiar black early C20<sup>th</sup> Edwardian dress, apron and cap as worn at Muir or something ankle length from an earlier era.

Males wear something appropriate for a male servant eg a waistcoat or short jacket, trousers, shirt and neck scarf, etc. Or perhaps a ‘butler’ tailcoat outfit.



A finger pillory from Beaudesart—Sir Guy has a modern reproduction that he looks forward to putting to use on any flighty maid!

At the Workhouse, girls wear a blue dress and calico headscarf, (we’ll offer them), males a blue shirt and jeans. Men and women will need outdoor footwear, eg Wellies or clogs and a calico apron, (as school craft aprons).

There’s lots more detail worked out, chapter and verse in the draft Tawsingham Handbook, which will be sent to Tawsingham Society Members shortly

Remember the key principle is that taking responsibility and making good things happen gives you the power to do things you want to do. Evading responsibility gives you somebody to tell you what to do, with power to ensure you do it!

If you’ve a good idea, within this principle, I’ll be happy you try it out. Just get in touch!

In the meantime, if you want to know anything, just ask; such conversations by email, phone or post are shaping the detail!

See the enclosed application form to book your place!

NB our motto, *Allt Til Bottrs*, has exactly the same meanings as that of the Muir Academy, *Omnia Ad Fundamenta*: but in old Norse!