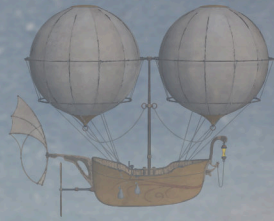


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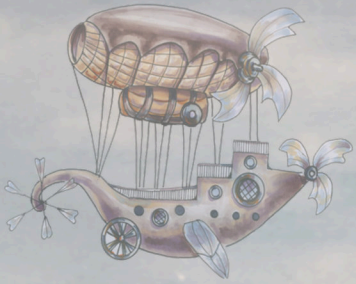
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WELCOME, ADVENTURERS!

Whether you're a seasoned steampunker or discovering this fantastical world for the first time, our festival is for you. Step into a world of imagination, invention and flamboyant fun, where everyone is welcome.

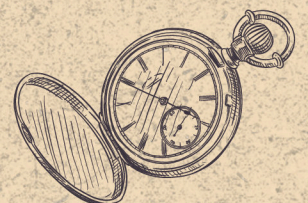
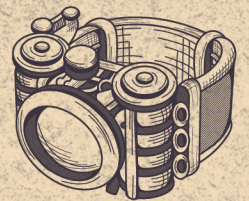
Behind the scenes, our small team of creative volunteers has spent the past year bringing this year's festival together. Combining our varied skills with our love of steampunk, we hope the Isle of Wight Steampunk Festival will continue to grow, attracting visitors from across the Island, the UK and beyond.

Our vision is to make it a much-loved annual highlight and firmly put the Isle of Wight on the steampunk map.

Come join us!

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Steampunk HAPPENINGS

Explore and Discover the Unknown

THE DAYTIME FESTIVAL - SAT & SUN 10AM - 4PM

Western Gardens on Ryde's Esplanade is the main festival site, with a lively marketplace, food and drink, live music and entertainment throughout the weekend. The festival runs from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

But the festival extends throughout Ryde. Browse the market in Royal Victoria Arcade, explore the town's shops and cafés, and look out for performers appearing around the streets.

There's plenty to get involved with, too. Create your own Steampunk Chronicle front page in the Penny Dreadful workshop at Department, or step back in time with WolfGuard Viking Reenactment, with displays and demonstrations for all ages.

Don't miss our special events too, including Teapot Racing at the Bus Museum and Tea Duelling at the Royal Esplanade Hotel on Saturday, plus the spectacular Steampunk Ryde-Out on Sunday, when costumed steampunks take to the streets before heading to the Esplanade. Last but not least is Steampaws, our Sunday afternoon competition for the best-dressed steampunk pooch at Western Gardens.

Head to the Information Tent at Western Gardens for any questions and for directions. It's also where you'll need to register if you'd like to enter your dog into Steampaws.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENING SHOWS

Our ticketed evening shows take place at the splendid Royal Esplanade Hotel. Friday offers a seated cabaret with four acts and food available to order, while Saturday features four performances and plenty of opportunity to dance!

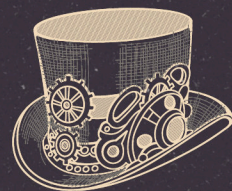
Tickets are £26, including a £1 booking fee. See our website for full details.

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Steampunk EVENING TICKETS

How and where to purchase

The daytime festival is free for anyone to attend. The evening shows at Royal Esplanade Hotel are ticketed. Here's how to get yours.



ONLINE IN ADVANCE

£26.00 (inc £1 booking fee)

To buy your tickets in advance visit our website or scan the QR code below. Our chosen ticket selling platform is TicketTailor. The ticket price stated includes a £1 booking fee.

ON THE DAY

£26.00 (inc £1 booking fee)

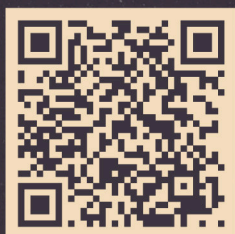
There is a limited capacity for both evenings, so it is advisable to purchase tickets in advance to save disappointment. If you prefer to buy in-person, you have two options.

AT THE VENUE

Subject to availability, you can buy tickets for the Friday evening and Saturday evening events at the venue on the night. Go to the table outside the door to the Function Room, which is located in the hotel entrance foyer.

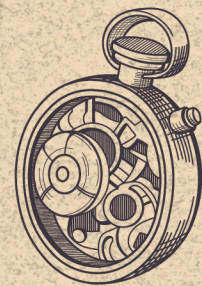
INFORMATION TENT

You can buy tickets for Saturday evening's show from the Information Tent in Western Gardens, subject to availability, between 10am and 4pm on Saturday. You cannot purchase tickets for Friday evening here.



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19th September
SATURDAY
Daytime Entertainment



WESTERN GARDENS STAGE (FREE)

10:00am Karen Lucioni, Ryde's Mayor	12:10pm The Crew
10:10am Gurdybird	1:25pm East Cowes Shanty
10:45am Brass Brothers	2:40pm RazorJake
11:20am Antipoet	3:40pm Major Blunder

WESTERN GARDENS SITE (FREE)

10:00am - 4:00pm Market - artisan stalls & food/drink vendors

ROYAL VICTORIA ARCADE (FREE)

10:00am - 4:00pm Market - artisan stalls & the Arcade's independent shops	
11.30am Dave B Guitar Man	1.30pm Dave B Guitar Man

ROYAL ESPLANADE HOTEL (FREE)

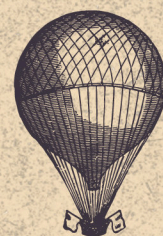
10:00am-4:00pm Futures Exhibition	11:00am TEA DUELLING (round 1)
10:30am Steampunk Sallys	2:00pm TEA DUELLING (round 2)

DEPARTMENT (FREE)

2.00pm The Penny Dreadful Workshop

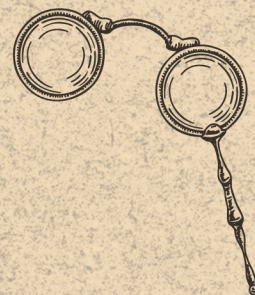
IOW BUS & COACH MUSEUM (FREE)

10:30am Caroline the Saw Lady	1:30pm Double Take
11:00am East Cowes Shanty	2.30pm Steampunk Sallys
12:00pm TEAPOT RACING	



Hop on the museum's Vintage Shuttle Bus outside the Royal Esplanade Hotel to take you to the Bus Museum and back.

20th September
SUNDAY
Daytime Entertainment



THE STEAMPUNK RYDE-OUT (FREE)

Join the steampunks and the Steampunk Sallys as they depart The Star Coffee and Ale House at 10.30am for a costumed stroll down through town to the Western Gardens. Muster @ 10:00AM, depart @ 10:30am.

WESTERN GARDENS STAGE (FREE)

11:00am Caroline Musical Saw Lady 12:45pm Major Blunder

11:40am Jane Clarity, Voice Goddess 1:25pm Double Take

Also meet Red Funnel's Mascot Captain Ted at 11am

WESTERN GARDENS SITE (FREE)

11:00am - 4:00pm Market - artisan stalls & food/drink vendors

Wolfguard - Viking reenactment (at various times from 11am)

ROYAL VICTORIA ARCADE (FREE)

10:00am - 4:00pm Market - artisan stalls & the Arcade's independent shops

STEAMPAWS DOG SHOW (FREE)

Enter your steampunk costumed dog by registering beforehand at the Information Tent in Western Gardens. A prize is awarded to the best dressed pooch.

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18th September
FRIDAY

Evening Cabaret Show



GEARS & GIGGLES @ ROYAL ESPLANADE HOTEL

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM *

SOLD OUT

7.00pm The Tom Hendy Duo

8.10pm Antipoet

8.50pm Mr B Gentleman Rhymer

9.45pm Matt Black Piano Man



Tickets £26
(inc £1 booking fee)



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19th September
SATURDAY

Live Music Evening



**PIPETOPIA @
ROYAL ESPLANADE HOTEL**

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM *

7:00pm Brass Brothers

8:00pm Major Blunder

9:00pm The Folklore Fun Band

10:30pm Wight Hot Pipes



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Steampunk HIGHLIGHTS

Not to be Missed!

TEA DUELLING

Test your nerves, manners and biscuit-dunking skills in this wonderfully eccentric contest! Bring a steady hand and an appetite for victory. You don't have to be a steampunk to take part. Royal Esplanade Hotel (SATURDAY 11am & 2pm)



TEAPOT RACING



Fast, furious and gloriously ridiculous! Watch elaborately decorated teapots race around a course, tackling obstacles and showcasing some wonderfully eccentric engineering. IoW Bus & Coach Museum (SATURDAY 12pm)

PENNY DREADFUL

Create your own Steampunk Chronicle front page in this workshop at Department and take home a unique souvenir of your festival adventure. All abilities welcome. Materials provided. Department (SATURDAY 2pm)



THE RYDE-OUT PARADE



A spectacular procession of steampunks in all their Victorian, fantastical and mechanical finery. Come and admire the costumes and creations – or dress up and join the parade! Star Coffee & Ale House (SUNDAY 10am)

STEAMPAWS

A dapper parade for your four-legged companions! Dress your pooch in their finest steampunk attire and enter the competition to be crowned Best-Dressed Pooch. Steampunk isn't just for hoomans! Western Gardens (SUNDAY 2.30pm)

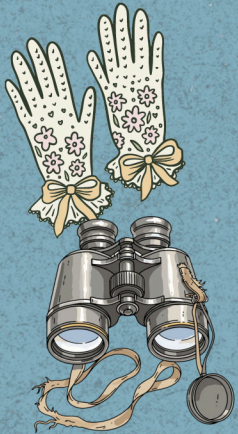


Steampunk SHOPPING

Retail Therapy

WESTERN GARDENS MARKETPLACE

Browse the marketplace at the festival site, where a variety of stallholders will be offering clothing, accessories, handcrafted items, curiosities, gifts and other interesting finds. Whether you're looking for something to add to your festival outfit, a unique gift or simply enjoy a spot of browsing, there'll be plenty to discover. **Open Saturday 10am–4pm and Sunday 11am–4pm.**



ROYAL VICTORIA ARCADE

Step into this splendid Grade II listed building in Union Street, an original Victorian shopping arcade built between 1835 and 1836 and beautifully restored in 2001. Explore its 14 unique independent shops, browse the visiting market stalls and discover the fascinating underground museum. With plenty of character, curiosities and things to explore, the Arcade is well worth a visit. **Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am–4pm.**



RYDE TOWN

Take some time to explore Ryde's wonderfully independent shopping scene, where you'll find far fewer familiar high-street chains and plenty of individual character. Browse antiques, clothing, unique gifts and an eclectic mix of unusual finds. Most shops will be open on Saturday, with a smaller selection trading on Sunday. Look around Union Street, Cross Street and High Street, with more independent shops to discover along the Esplanade.



Steampunk Festival

PERFORMERS

A to Z

ANTIPOET

The Antipoet, Paul Eccentric and Ian Newman, are together the world's finest exponents of beatrantin' rhythm 'n views!



BRASS BROTHERS

A duet of comedy and song, ever beloved in the steampunk world, these guys will bring a smile to your face.



CAROLINE THE MUSICAL SAW LADY

A talented musical saw artiste, Caroline performs an eclectic mix of music on this wonderfully unusual instrument.



DAVE B GUITAR MAN

This Isle of Wight guitarist and singer will be performing a nostalgic selection of favourites from the 1950s, 60s and 70s.



DOUBLE TAKE

With an eclectic repertoire, their identical voices blend beautifully, creating stunning harmonies and a unique sound.



EAST COWES SHANTY

United by a love of sea shanties, maritime songs and a good old-fashioned singalong, these guys are great entertainment!



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FOLKLORE FUN BAND

An electrifying blend of Celtic folk, roots, blues, and world music that will have you tapping your feet and dancing.



GURDYBIRD

Get ready to be mesmerised by the enchanting sounds of Gurdybird, our expert hurdy-gurdy performer.



JANE CLARITY - VOCAL GODDESS

Opera-trained vocals collide with progrock power as Jane delivers a solo set of originals and iconic covers.



MAJOR BLUNDER

His songs are a playful homage to the steampunk revellers, capturing their unique style and spirited gatherings.



MATT BLACK THE PIANO MAN

This is not just a performance; it's a spectacular blend of comedy and fine musicianship that will leave you in stitches.



MR B THE GENTLEMAN RHYMER

Well known for his stylish and sophisticated presentation of 'CHAP-HOP' and his dapper parodies of well-spoken rhyme.



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PERFORMERS

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RAZORJAKE

RazorJake are an Isle of Wight based folk duo performing mostly original songs with a theatrical flair.



THE CREW

Hailing all the way from the Isle of Wight, The Crew is a folk and sea shanty song/dance band.



TOM HENDY DUO

Two of the Island's virtuoso jazz players will be delighting you with a mix of jazz standards and swinging bebop.



STEAMPUNK SALLYS

A collective of 'Sisters' who like to share positivity and good fun through rousing routines and marvellous mayhem.



WIGHT HOT PIPES

An exhilarating cocktail of flavours, spanning the entire spectrum from Celtic, all the way through to contemporary dance and gritty rock, plus a genius twist of bagpipes.



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Steampunk FESTIVAL MAP



MAP LEGEND

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Western Gardens | 7 IoW Bus & Coach Museum |
| 2 Royal Esplanade Hotel | 8 Public Transport Terminus |
| 3 Union Street | + First Aid |
| 4 Royal Victoria Arcade | i Festival Information Tent |
| 5 Department | 🚌 Vintage Shuttle Bus Stop |
| 6 Star Coffee & Ale House | ♿ Festival Toilets |

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