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CAPTAIN'S BRIEFS

An Open Letter from the Chair of the Watch Open Weekend

Mugs and t-shirts and Gala oh my! We've had a flurry of interest, and a quicker-than-expected uptake on our Gala Dinner tickets. If you'd like to join us for the social event of the season, do book in advance and we'd advise doing it soon. Also, hopefully you caught our pamphlet advertising all the other goodies available as pre-order merchandise. Amongst others, we have a mug that is magic and a t-shirt with dragon. All proceeds after covering costs go toward the running of the Con or the Con charities, and you'll need to order by 13th

September. But aside from our mercenary nature, what can we update you on? Programme! We've got one. Stuff is definitely going to be happening over the weekend. It's not quite ready for its grand unveiling, but we are squinting at it, rearranging it, poking it and giggling at the array of events that'll be going on over our 4 days of Discworld fun.

Hard to believe it's coming up so soon! Almost 2 years of plotting and planning. We're very much looking forward to seeing you all.

- Captain Shivers

WEATHER FORECAST

(Our Weather editor's poetry-writing seems to be becoming increasingly experimental. We offer deep apologies - Ed.)

Rather unusual conditions
Around the Tsort area
Imply, but do not dictate,
Need for overhead protection.

Sometimes, in Fourecks,
Unexpected elements
Need a measure of
Systematic and thorough
Hypervigilance
In case of
Negative
Effects.

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It's time to play
the music,

It's time to light
the lights,

It's time to get
things started for
the Maskerade night!

It's time to put
on makeup,

It's time to dress
up right,

It's time to prep
your costume for the
Maskerade night!

Whether you have a song in your heart, a sway in your step, or no discernible talent at all, why not sign up for the Maskerade - where instead of watching the show, you are the show! Send us an email at info@idwcon.org if you're interested in taking part!

LOTS OF LOTS NEEDED FOR CHARITY AUCTION, SAYS WATCH SPOKESPERSON

The Watch are still on the lookout for more items to go into the Charity Auction at this year's Open Weekend, it was revealed in an interview with Watch spokesperson Captain Shivers earlier today. She stated that the Watch has "already received the beautiful shield displaying our Watch badge design, signed by many of our guests and Discworld regulars, donated by Sergeant Keel," (as reported in the Times, 11th Jan - Ed), which an expert has already described as "quite a unique, rare collector's item".

In addition to this, Capt. Shivers was pleased to reveal that the Thieves' Guild has also uncharacteristically donated an item (pictured above): "A large painting depicting our brave Boys in Brown facing off against a large dragon - the original version of the image used on our magic mug and T-shirt designs, but this time on canvas, in full colour and in actual paint!" After further questioning, Capt.



Shivers divulged that the painting has been painted and signed by the notorious Con[vention] Artist, Amber "The Artful Nudger" Grundy, who assures the Times that it "has totally not been stolen, and even if it had been, then a receipt would have been left in accordance with Guild policy."

After stating that these two items will be headlining the auction, Capt. Shivers went on to call upon the public for further donations, saying, "We still need more, and that's where you come in... All proceeds from this auction will go to the very worthy causes named on our website, so please, have a look through your collectables, sort through your books, make something crafty; whatever it is, if you'd like to donate something, please email us at accounts@idwcon.org".

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OUT AND ABOUT IN ANKH - Our Weekly Society Column

Mucking It Up In Morpork - The Word on the Street (Excluding Expletives!)

The Common Man received his fair share of Excitement in Ankh Morpork this week, with numerous Cultural and Startling events happening in our Fair City. There was Pandemonium on Elm Street as Mrs. Evadne Cake's lodgers were forced out by a sudden infestation of *Dermesnottidae* beetles, an insect which feeds off Undead Flesh. The beetles were poured through a broken window along with the note 'NO UNDEAD WATCHMEN'. Corporal Reginald Shoe was available for comment, loudly stating "██████████!" Mrs. Cake is reported to be Incredibly Vexed by the situation, blaming Reginald Shoe for Drawing Ire. A bystander told the *Times* ominously that Dark Things

Walk The Night, adding: "On Account of Them Being Forced Out of Their Beds".

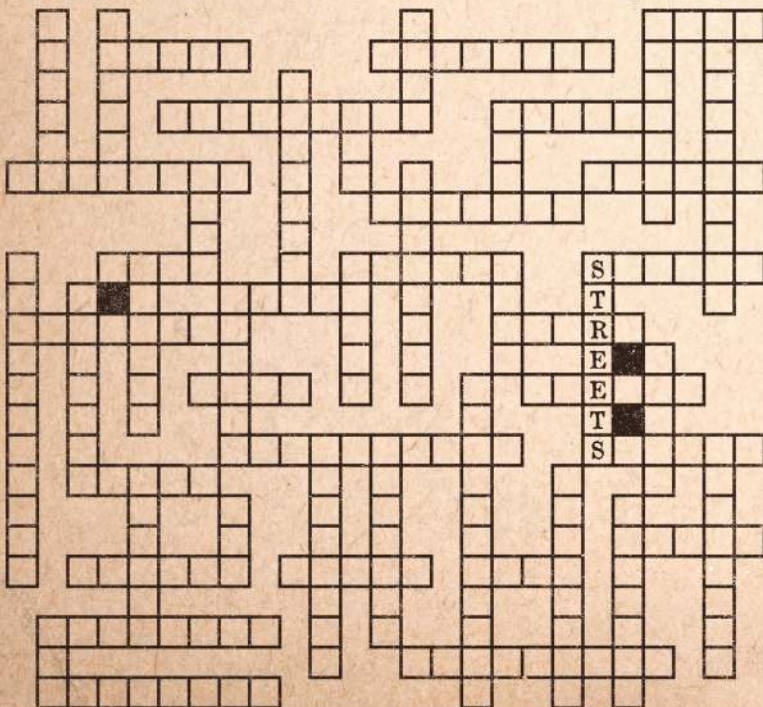
Traffic on Treacle Mine Road was held up for Two Hours on Tuesday by a large unconscious Troll. The Troll, who, when recovered, identified himself as Mr. Malachite, indicated that he had been hit on the head, saying "When You Got Dem by de Leg, Dey Shouldn't Be Able to Flip Like Dat." When pressed, Mr. Malachite anxiously informed the *Times* that he had in no way been paid by a mysterious Watchman to attack a young woman dressed all in black. Mr. Malachite was fined \$AM5 plus the cost of the destroyed Traffic Clamp that he had been fitted with.

Riding on the Success of their

production 'Tis Pity She's An Instructor in Unarmed Combat', the Dolly Sisters Players have announced that they will Extend the Run by another two nights. Doctor Hix, who plays Lord Fartswell, told the *Times* that the play is a Fun Romp and Rollick for anyone who might wish to see it. "Anyone. Anyone at All," he emphasised, and was kind enough to press five Free Tickets on Your Reporter.

The *Times* would also like to take this opportunity to remind its readers about the Upcoming Social Event of the Year - The Gala Dinner for the Sunshine Sanctuary for Sick Dragons. Tickets are now on sale! Be There Or Be A Rectangular Thing!

by M. Browne



THE TIMES KRISS-KROSS by "Puzzler"

Simply fill in the grid with all the words provided below. We've filled in one word (the theme of all the other words) to start you off.

- 3 letters: Cut, Elm, Nap, Way
- 4 letters: Cham, Easy, Hill, Lane, Park, Road, Tump, Yard
- 5 letters: Alley, Brass, Broad, Cheap, Clout, Sator, Seven, Short
- 6 letters: Avenue, Bridge, Estate, Lobbin, Phedre, Quarry, Scoone, Scours, Shades, Square, Tin Lid, Unreal
- 7 letters: Cunning, Dimwell, Endless, Morphic, Pallant
- 8 letters: Cockbill, Crescent, Esoteric, Ettercap, Filigree, Misbegot, Nonesuch, Peach-Pie, Rimwards, Sleepers
- 9 letters: Chittling, Empirical
- 10 letters: Artificers, Shamlegger
- 11 letters: Pseudopolis, Treacle Mine