



Our pricing structure and policy.

Weekend at the Asylum is run for the steampunk community by dedicated steampunks. Our policy has always been to try and be as affordable as possible and to try and make the event as accessible to people on a limited budget as we can. This is obviously even more important during the dark financial times we are all in.

We are not offering a single "do everything pass". These reduce capacity meaning fewer people can attend and have to be comparatively expensive. By breaking things down into a range of separate events you can pay for just what you want to go to and we have more capacity for more steampunks. You can also buy tickets over the year thus spreading your spending (subject to availability of course).

We are striving to keep prices down. The huge demand means we have had to expand the festival and the current financial climate means increased costs so we are having to make small increases but we are trying to maintain our place as the cheapest event around. (Not trying to make a profit from you helps immensely).

We are sorry but we have to increase our weekend bands to £22. This is for a four stream programme of fun and events in amazing historic settings. Compare this to Novacon's £40 single stream hotel event or even the much more reasonable £28 for an MCM band. Day bands for Saturday are having to go up to £14. A day pass to Fantasycon in Brighton in 2011 is £40.

Please note the Castle will NOT be open free to the public this year. Admission is £6. Your event wristband gives you access to the Castle. A day band is therefore actually only £8 and a weekend band £10.

We are keeping all evening events (except the Ball of course) at £10 or under. That means you can have a full weekend of features plus two good evenings' entertainment for £40ish. This is substantially more for your money than any comparable event in the UK we are happy to say (steampunk, science fiction or alternative). With the budget accommodation secured at Bishop Grosseteste University you can now get a weekend away in Lincoln with the two days and nights of features for around £100. A bargain that people on a limited budget will undoubtedly appreciate.

We are going to increase the Ball to £27.50. Having checked other events around the country we couldn't find one that featured a sumptuous historic venue, live music and food for under £50 so we think we are doing well.

We are really sorry that we cannot simply make this all free for the steampunks of the World to attend. The fact that we are totally independent, accept no handouts or grants and thus can make sure we run an event for steampunks with no outside agenda does make us proud though and so we would like to thank you for paying your way and making the event possible.

We look forward to seeing you at The Asylum 2012.

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