

THAMES CON PRESENTS  
*Jim Henson's*  
**LABYRINTH**  
**EXPERIENCE**  
& **Masked Ball**

Dear Attendee,

Thank you for attending this very special celebration of Labyrinth. We hope you have a fantastic weekend. Please find below some important information for the event.

**Dates:**

9th and 10th of September 2023

**Times:**

**Saturday**

Gates Open	9:30am
Event Begins	10:00am
Activities from	11:00am
Event Closes	5:00pm

**Masked Ball (Saturday)**

Shuttle bus collection	7:00pm
Ball begins	7:15pm
Shuttle bus return	11:15pm
Ball ends	11:15pm

**Sunday**

Gates Open	10:00am
Event Begins	10:30am
Activities from	11:00am
Event closes	5:30pm

## **Locations:**

### Day Time Event:

West Wycombe Park, High Wycombe HP14 3AE

### Masked Ball location:

The Pavilion, at E.J. Churchill, Park Lane, Lane End, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe HP14 3NS

### Affiliate Hotels:

Hampton by Hilton Hotel:

Hampton Hotel, Handy Cross Hub, Marlow Hill, High Wycombe, HP11 1TJ,

Holiday Inn:

Holiday Inn, Handy Cross, High Wycombe, HP11 1TL



## **How do I get there?**

There are various buses going from High Wycombe towards West Wycombe:

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/beds-and-bucks>

Alternatively there are taxis and Ubers in the area.

If you are taking a taxi please direct them to the carpark on Chorley Road next to The Walled Garden to avoid congestion within the venue.

<https://www.westwycombewalledgarden.com/>

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## **Where do I park?**

We have parking available to pre book here:

[https://www.tickettailor.com/events/zmeventsltd/store?fbclid=IwAR3adYYZoSteNwDDwIIN8va-y9VxjTPg0-X4leKnj2BjWxy4\\_BR6ffv7yZY](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/zmeventsltd/store?fbclid=IwAR3adYYZoSteNwDDwIIN8va-y9VxjTPg0-X4leKnj2BjWxy4_BR6ffv7yZY)

If you have a blue badge you still need to prebook using the link above. When you arrive please show your blue badge to the parking attendants to be directed to the accessible parking spaces.

Our accessible parking is not marked on the Labyrinth Experience map included in this email, but please rest assured that there is closer parking for those who may need it.

**\*\*\*If you have not pre booked you will be turned away to find alternative parking.\*\*\***

### **What do I do when I get there?**

Once you have arrived please head over to the welcome desk to receive your passes and items included in the pass i.e lanyard prints etc.

Don't forget to collect your Clue Trail pack (one per person.)

### **Where do I get the lanyard I paid for?**

When you have got your passes scanned please head over to the Thames Con Merch stall in the fantasy market to pick up any pre orders and paid lanyards.

### **I'm a competition winner, what do I need to do?**

Once you have arrived please head to the welcome desk and give us your name (please bring along some ID) and email address and we can check you off our list and give you any passes/prizes.

### **Do I need to bring anything?**

We would recommend bringing A3 poster tubes as the limited edition event print is A3. You could also bring print wallets, 10"x8" to keep everything safe. These will not be provided at the event. See some recommendations below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=poster+tube+a3&crd=1ELWKR8Z6AA4G&srefix=poster+tube+a3%2Caps%2C143&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=poster+tube+a3&crd=1ELWKR8Z6AA4G&srefix=poster+tube+a3%2Caps%2C143&ref=nb_sb_noss_1)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Coinz-Comics-Toploader-Autograph-Protecting/dp/B09X7HFNV7/ref=sr\\_1\\_18?crd=1NH39C971LE92&keywords=top+loader+10x8+inch&qid=1692973680&srefix=top+loader+10x8+inch%2Caps%2C75&sr=8-18](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Coinz-Comics-Toploader-Autograph-Protecting/dp/B09X7HFNV7/ref=sr_1_18?crd=1NH39C971LE92&keywords=top+loader+10x8+inch&qid=1692973680&srefix=top+loader+10x8+inch%2Caps%2C75&sr=8-18)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/HARD-PLASTIC-PHOTO-TOPLOADER-SLEEVES/dp/B08WWZ4243/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?crd=29X7ZL10XFK07&keywords=10+x+8+autograph+top+loader&qid=1692973680&srefix=10+x+8+autogr+aph+top+loader%2Caps%2C69&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.co.uk/HARD-PLASTIC-PHOTO-TOPLOADER-SLEEVES/dp/B08WWZ4243/ref=sr_1_5?crd=29X7ZL10XFK07&keywords=10+x+8+autograph+top+loader&qid=1692973680&srefix=10+x+8+autogr+aph+top+loader%2Caps%2C69&sr=8-5)

### **Can I sell something on site?**

No, we have a fantasy market with lots of vendors who have paid for the privilege to sell their goods on site. If we find you selling anything without our express permission you will be removed from the Labyrinth Experience.

### **Weather:**

As this will be an outdoor event in England we can make no weather guarantees. Please check the forecast and dress accordingly.

As this is an outdoor event please wear appropriate footwear. We would recommend something comfortable and waterproof.



## Guests:

We are honoured to have a wonderful line up of special guests, all of whom we have to thank for bringing Jim Henson's iconic projects to life and keeping his legacy thriving.

For full guest bios see here: <https://www.labyrinth-experience.com/guests>

If you would like autographs or selfies you can do this at the day time event, please remember our guests deserve to be treated with respect and kindness. Anyone not doing this will be removed from the event.

## Autographs and Selfie Prices:

All correct at the time of publication.

Name:	Autograph price:	Selfie Price:	Auto/Selfie bundle:
Dave Showler	£10	£5	£10
Iris Compiet	Free	Free	n/a
Toby Philpott	£20	£5	£20
Ronnie Le Drew	£10	£5	n/a
Karen Falk	Free	Free	n/a
Maeve Callahan	Free	Free	n/a
William Todd-Jones	£20	£5	£20
Dave Barclay	£30	£5	£30
Toby Froud	Free	Free	n/a
Brandie Sylfae	Free	Free	n/a
Niki Lyons	£20	£5	£20
Wendy Froud	Free	Free	n/a
Brian Froud	Free	Free	n/a
Louise Gold	£20	£5	£20
Valerie Charlton	£20	£5	£20
Sherry Amott Tippey	£20	£5	£20
Steve Allen			
Sue Dacre	£20	£5	£20
Robert Tygner	£20	£5	£20

Prices of autographs do not vary from item to item (i.e funkopops and posters). Items may be sold separately i.e books, funkopops etc.

## **Please Note:**

Free signatures are strictly **no consignment** and are limited to 2 per meeting i.e if you would like 4 signatures you will receive 2 and then have to queue again. To ensure everyone gets a chance to meet our esteemed guests.

Brian and Wendy Froud will only sign their own projects i.e Dark Crystal, Labyrinth, etc.

If you would like Wendy Froud's autograph on a Star Wars item, she will be happy to do this but it will **not be free**, please contact us for more information:

[admin@thamescon.com](mailto:admin@thamescon.com)

[info@thamescon.co.uk](mailto:info@thamescon.co.uk)

## **Do I need to bring something to be signed?**

You are very welcome to bring your own items such as posters etc. However guests will have prints available if you

## **Covid:**

Some of our guests are vulnerable so may not be comfortable with hugs and handshakes. Please respect our guests personal space.

## **Schedule:**

A schedule of the weekends event will be published on the website on Thursday September 7th at 3PM BST.

## **Workshops:**

Free workshops:

Free workshops are first come first serve. Please arrive at least **5 minutes before** the workshop is due to start.

Helping hands:

Interactive body puppetry workshop with special guests.

Ballroom Dancing:

Learn a short routine to use at the masked ball with the Goblin King Players.

Kids Puppet making:

Make a small puppet to take with you with puppet maker Bee Daws.

Cosplay:

A workshop on making a sarah's dress cosplay (pt1. Sat pt2. Sun)



Paid workshops:

Watercolours with Iris Compiet      £5 per person

Watercolour painting masterclass with award winning artist Iris Compiet

Puppetry with Louise Gold      £7.50 per person,

Learn the tricks of the trade from Jm Henson Company expert Louise Gold

Please bring your own puppet if you have one, as practice puppets are limited.

Paid workshops must be booked in advance due to limited space. Any charges are to cover materials used.

Workshop booking is now available for Babe with the Power passes following link below.

You will have received an early access code to the **email you provided when booking tickets.**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/zmeventsltd/890293#>

The screenshot shows a Ticket Tailor event page for 'Labyrinth Experience & Masked Ball - West Wycombe Park' running from Saturday 9 Sep 2023 10:00 AM to Sunday 10 Sep 2023 5:30 PM. The page includes a navigation bar with 'Select tickets', 'Select products', 'Your details', and 'Review'. A red circle highlights the text 'Do you have an access code?' with a lock icon and a link 'click here to enter your given code.' Below this, there is a section for 'Day & Weekend Tickets (Masked Ball not included)' with three ticket options:

Ticket Type	Price	Quantity
LUDO PASS - ADULT SATURDAY £29.95 + £1.75 booking fee Adult SATURDAY Entry. Masked ball not included. Full details on our website.		0
FIREY PASS - ADULT SUNDAY £24.95 + £1.75 booking fee Adult SUNDAY Entry. Masked ball not included. Full details on our website.		0
HOGGLE PASS -ADULT WEEKEND £45.95 + £2.50 booking fee Adult weekend Entry. Masked ball not included. Full details on our website.		0

Babe with the Power passes will be refunded the charge to your payment card within 7 days. This is to discourage non attendance.

General workshop bookings will be available from Monday August 28th.

If the workshop you are looking for is not on the link above you do not need to book it.

Please note you **may only attend one of each type of paid workshop across the whole weekend**. For example you could go to the watercolour one once over the weekend and puppetry once over the weekend.

Some of our workshops will involve you filming yourself, you may want to bring a phone stand or mini tripod, if you have one.

### **Panels:**

Panels are free of charge to all attendees and you do not need to book them. The front two rows of the panel area are reserved for Babe with the Power Passes. Please arrive at least **10 minutes before** the panel start time.

### **Creatures of the Labyrinth:**

As you make your way around the labyrinth you may find some familiar creatures. Our creatures will be happy to pose for a photo but please do not touch them unless told otherwise.

Don't forget to bring a contribution for the wise man. 😊

### **Cosplay:**

There will be a cosplay competition on each day. It is free to enter to win some fun prizes. Go to the cosplay booth between 11am and 2:00pm to enter.

You can enter on **both days** as long as you have a **different cosplay** for each competition.

The Cosplay judges are: Valentine Moon, Maeve Callahan and Toby Froud.

Prizes are sponsored by Weta Workshop and Truffle Shuffle and 1st prize includes a limited edition Ludo Figure worth over \$450.00

(<https://www.wetanz.com/us/ludo>)



Prizes will be delivered to your given address directly so please don't worry about transportation.

### **Are there changing rooms?**

There will be a changing gazebo in the Fantasy Market.

### **Money:**

#### **Cash:**

We recommend having some cash on you for the day. The nearest cash points will be in High Wycombe.

#### **Card Payments:**

As signal at the venue is very poor some vendors or guests may not be accepting card payments.

You may be able to get cashback from the Thames Con merch stall in the Fantasy Market but there will be a 3% transaction fee.

### **Masked Ball:**

#### **Shuttle bus:**

For those who have booked the shuttle bus to the Masked Ball, it will be leaving the Holiday Inn and Hampton Hotels at **7:00PM sharp** please ensure you are ready to leave at this time or the bus may leave without you.

#### **Can I park there?**

Yes, there is a limited amount of parking available at the Pavillion you will be directed to the carpark upon arrival. (What3words: [///laugh.trifle.dent](https://www.what3words.com/laugh.trifle.dent))

If you need accessible parking please show your blue badge upon entry.





### **What can I wear?**

It's time to dust off your ballgown and tights! The Goblin King would like you to attend the Ball in your best formal attire or in Dark Crystal or Labyrinth themed cosplay. Don't forget your mask!

### **Can I get ready at the Ball?**

Yes, the Safari lodge at the Ball Venue will be available for you to change in.

### **Can I get a Ball Ticket on the door?**

If we have capacity you may be able to get a ticket on the door. Please do not arrive before 7:30pm and please be prepared to queue and wait.



### **Respecting our VIPS:**

Please be respectful to our VIPS at the Ball, they are there to enjoy themselves as much as you. Please do not ask for selfies or autographs, our guests are more than happy to provide these during the day event.

If you are seen asking for autographs or selfies you may be removed.

We all want to have a good time and dance magic dance!

### **Crystal Ball Passes:**

Please be kindly reminded that the Crystal Ball Pass is for the ball **only**.

If you wish to go to the day time event you will need to buy day/weekend passes: <https://www.labyrinth-experience.com/tickets>

Please arrive at the ball with your tickets ready to scan. Please note you do not need to print tickets as we can scan them from your phone.

### **Further information:**

#### **Site Rules:**

We are very fortunate to be at the filming location for the opening scene of Labyrinth: West Wycombe Park.

It is a beautiful place and we intend to keep it that way, please be respectful of the grounds by putting any litter in a bin.

For more information on West Wycombe Park please visit their websites here:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire/west-wycombe-park-village-and-hill>

<https://www.westwycombeestate.co.uk/>

As our lovely venue is the family home of Sir Edward Dashwood there will be areas that are **strictly off limits** these areas will be clearly marked, please respect the family by sticking to the areas that are within our Labyrinth.

### **Lost Children/vulnerable people:**

Any lost children will be given to the goblin king (at our lost children/vulnerable people point at the information desk).

We will be providing parents with phone number wristbands in case of an emergency.

### **Bullying and Harassment:**

We have a zero tolerance policy, if you are behaving in a way that is inappropriate or antisocial you will be asked to leave.

### **Accessibility statement:**

The Park is partially accessible to wheelchairs, but please be aware there are greenways, slopes, steps and various areas of water, including a lake, and low sided bridges.

To see our accessibility statement please follow the link below and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

<https://www.labyrinth-experience.com/venue>

Or for a full statement from the Nation Trust please see here:

<https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/binaries/content/assets/website/national/regions/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire/places/west-wycombe-park-village-and-hill/pdf/west-wycombe-park-access-statement.pdf>

### **Health and Safety:**

We have on site security who will be performing bag checks.

Please have your pass or wristband on display at all times on site security will be checking these throughout the day.

If you see anything suspicious please report it to a member of our team.

If there is an emergency evacuation our staff members will direct you to the nearest exit.

## Have a question we haven't answered above?

Please check our FAQ page linked below, **before reaching out to us directly.** We are extremely busy making the Labyrinth Experience the best it could possibly be for you!

<https://www.labyrinth-experience.com/faqs>

We will **not** be monitoring our facebook or instagram messages between now and the event date.

If you need to contact us please contact Naomi at [admin@thamescon.com](mailto:admin@thamescon.com)

We want to thank you once again for coming to the Labyrinth experience. We are so looking forward to seeing you there!

- Team Thames Con <https://www.labyrinth-experience.com/team>

