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***The Whitney Revels
and Glittering Scum
at The Hay Festival
27 May – 5 June 2005***

*“Cultured people are merely the
glittering scum which floats upon
the deep river of production.”
– Winston Spencer Churchill*

A riotous mix of parties, performances and unstudied decadence, the **Whitney Revels** is the Hay Festival’s naughty younger sister. In a stunning Edwardian gothic mansion ten minutes from Hay, especially-invited Whitney Revellers perform, mingle and misbehave into the small hours, making ours the Festival's exclusive must-attend after-party every night.

This year’s long weekend events:

(STRICTLY GUEST LIST ONLY -

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FRIDAY – CHAMPAGNE ON THE LAWN

27 May, 7pm – 8pm

Kicking off the Festival with a pop. **RSVP & PBAB.**

SATURDAY – ZEMBLA MAGAZINE PARTY

43 SOUTH MOLTON’S TOWN & COUNTRY PARTY

28 May, 8pm – 1am

Simon Finch and Dan Crowe invite you to celebrate the second anniversary of celebrated arts and literary magazine **Zembla** (www.zemblamagazine.com). New members’ club **43 South Molton** (www.43southmolton.com) - accustomed to bringing country house chic to the London bar scene - tonight bring urban sophistication to the country house, with drinks including our sponsor’s own **Plymouth Gin Cup punch**. Also sponsored by **Becks** and **Channel 4**.

SUNDAY – THE NAUGHTY PARTY

29 May, midnight – late

Palash Davé invites you to a late-night literary-erotic extravaganza following the official Guardian – Channel 4 Hay Festival Party. Featuring blue movies (from www.beautifulanddamned.co.uk). Aphrodisiac bites (thanks **Mara Anastopoulos at Sikete.com**). Wicked Greek dessert wine (**eclecticwines.com**, stockists Harvey Nicks, Fortnums and The Wine Society). Sex toys (**tabooboo**). Racy readings from **Christopher Hitchens, Clemmie Burton-Hill**, and more of your favourite Festival performers and mystery guests (programmed by Rowan Pelling and Rachel Aspden, and supported by Serpent's Tail books). Plus live erotic sculpture (**jamiemccartney.com**) and body-painting and silverwork (www.silvermim.com).

Directions from Hay to Whitney Court

Take the B4350 out of Hay, from the clock tower, heading to the A438. After the toll-bridge (50p) turn right on to the A438. Whitney Court turning is signposted a few hundred yards on the left.

About the Whitney Revels

From its accidental inception in 2002 as a house party thrown by writer and film-maker **Palash Davé** (www.palash.tv), the **Whitney Revels** has grown into an annual cult event, the first coveted invitation of the Summer season, “where the world’s most creative people let their hair down”.

The Revels accompanies the annual **Hay-on-Wye Festival**, the deliciously fecund gathering of writers, thinkers, musicians, foodies, politicians, film-makers, luvvies and lusher dubbed “**The Woodstock of the Mind**” by erstwhile star-guest **Bill Clinton**.

Past guests have included Gillian Anderson, Nick Broomfield, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Jamie Gooding, Francis Wheen, Margaret Atwood, Hari Kunzru.

Harpers and Queen voted The Revels one of the **Ten Best Country House Parties of 2003**, and recommends us again in its current issue as “THE place to blag your way into”. It's been celebrated by John Walsh in **The Word**, by the **Erotic Review's** editrice Rowan Pelling in the **Independent on Sunday**, by the diarists of **The Independent** and **The Telegraph**.

Notes for editors and guests

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