

Friar Tuck ~ Glossary

Word	Meaning
Abashed	ashamed or embarrassed.
Abominable	very unpleasant, loathsome.
Accession	coming into the possession of a right, title, office.
Acquiesced	to agree; consent.
Actualized	to make into reality or fact.
Actuated	to put into motion, activated.
Adversary	enemy, opponent.
Aggrieved	emotionally injured by injustice or wrong-doing.
Agog	full of excitement or interest.
Ails	to bother or hurt.
Airily	in an unconcerned manner, often with a hint of sympathetic humour.
Alban Eilir	see <i>Lady Day</i> .
Alban Elfed	see <i>Wine Harvest</i> .
Albion	ancient name of England.
Ambuscade	to attack suddenly and without warning from a concealed place; ambush.
A Mhuire Mháthair	Mary, the Sacred Mother.
Amiably	in a good natured manner, friendly.
Antediluvian	pertaining to the time before the Flood; otherworldly.
Apoplectic	anger intense enough to threaten or cause apoplexy.
Apostolic	pertaining to the early Church

	fathers.
Apparated	to appear.
Appeased	to make peaceful.
Arboreal	of or pertaining to trees.
Arboraceous	of or pertaining to trees.
Arcadian	rurally idyllic.
Ardent	expressive of intense feeling.
Ardour	intense feeling of enthusiasm, experienced as heat.
Argent	silvery white.
Arrayed	set out, usually in quantity.
Arthur	King Arthur Pendragon.
Ascetic	one who commits to significant self-denial for spiritual reasons.
Assuaged	to relieve; ease.
Askew	tilted.
Astutely	of keen penetration or discernment.
Asylum	an inviolable refuge.
Atonements	acts that reconcile a sinner with the Divine.
Audacious	recklessly bold.
Augustly	with notable masculine dignity.
Auric	possessed of a golden aura.
Avarice	excessive or insatiable greed.
Avowal	frank admission.
Avuncular	characteristic of an uncle.
Bacchanal	an occasion of drunken revelry.
Ballow	to cudgel, beat about the head.

Banding	bending in an uncontrolled manner.
Bantam	a breed of small, proud, quarrelsome chicken.
Bantered	to exchange lively, joking, remarks.
Bard	one of an ancient Celtic order of composers and reciters of poetry. In Wales, they formed a part of the order of Druids: Bard, Ovate, Druid.
Barful	difficult.
Basha	rudimentary outdoor shelter.
Basimecu	from the French.
Basso Profundo	bass voice of the lowest range.
Battening	to eat voraciously.
Bawd	to sell for sex.
Bawdy	Indecent, lewd.
Bawled	to shout or exclaim loudly.
Bay	reddish-brown colour.
Beard	to challenge.
Beleaguered	plagued with misfortune.
Bellicose	aggressively hostile.
Beltane	1st of May.
Be-mete	to thrash.
Bender	semi-permanent shelter often made of branches.
Beneficence	gift derived from active goodness.
Bestow	to give, present.
Bilbo	using a sword. <i>From:</i> Bilbao, where high quality swords were

	made.
Biliously	extremely unpleasant or distasteful.
Billow	to swell, surge and roll.
Bint	female associate.
Blatted	to make a raucous, percussive sound.
Blazon	coat of arms, as displayed on a shield.
Blazoned	to highlight or display conspicuously.
Bodkin	dagger.
Boggle	destabilize.
Boggler	unstable person.
Boistering	roistering in a boisterous fashion.
Bole	trunk of a tree.
Boon	favour or blessing.
Boorish	unmannered, crude.
Boosting	slang for theft.
Bosculating	repetitive, agitated movement.
Bosky	with trees and undergrowth.
Boadicea	celebrated warrior queen of the Iceni tribe, who led an uprising against the invading Romans in ancient Britain.
Brace	2.
Braggarts	boasters.
Brake	undergrowth.
Breeches	riding trousers that reach just below the knee.

Bric-a-brac	collection of miscellaneous articles.
Brigand	robber based in mountains or woods.
Broach	to break open.
Brooked no quibbling	to have no patience with argument.
Brusquely	abrupt, rough.
Bubuckle'd	warty.
Bucolic	suggesting an idyllic rural life.
Bulla Aurea	a document giving the Kingdom of England up to God and the Saints Peter and Paul. Effectively, this was John recognizing the Pope as his superior.
Bullseye	centre of a target.
Bumpkin	an awkward, simple rustic.
Bumptious	offensively self assertive.
Buoyed	encourage, keep afloat, support.
Bustled	to move with an abundance of energy.
Cack-handed	clumsy.
Cacophony	a discordant mixture.
Camelot	the seat of King Arthur.
Canary	sweet wine.
Candlemass	1st or 2nd February. The last feast in the Christian year dated by reference to Christmas, marking the end of Epiphany.
Cardinal & Sub-cardinal points	The four directions, and eight diagonals.
Carnelian	rich mineral red.

Catso	the lowest of thieves.
Changeling	an evil fairy substituted for a human, usually when a baby.
Chafe	an irritating friction.
Charnel	a place of dead bodies.
Chastened	admonished, reproved.
Chastity	unselfish sexual abstinence.
Chicaneries	trickery or deception.
Chief Justiciar	King's representative when absent from Court, regent.
Chivalry	the moral code of a medieval knight, including: courage, courtesy, generosity and sensitivity.
Choler	anger.
Ceiling-beams	long structural members supported at each end, often of wood, that hold up a ceiling, joists.
Cinched	to bind firmly.
Cinereal	blackish gray.
Clap	sexually transmitted disease.
Claret	deep purplish-red colour.
Cleave	to divide.
Clemency	mercy, leniency or forgiveness.
Climes	literally climates, areas of land.
Clodded	made up of clods of earth, lumpy, uneven.
Cockahoop	person unbalanced by over-excited humour.
Cock-eyed	squinting, or with a strange set to the eyes.

Cocking-a-snoot	a rude gesture.
Cockles	from the expression 'to warm the cockles of the heart', meaning to give a visceral feeling of satisfied wellbeing.
Codger	infirm person, usually due to age.
Coenobite	member of a holy house.
Coerced	to compel by force or trickery.
Colubrine	snake like.
Comferenced	loosely surrounded.
Commendations	positive reports.
Complacency	self-satisfaction with an existing situation.
Conclave	a private meeting, especially of those with power in a particular sphere.
Confounded	perplexed to immobility by a surprising combination of events.
Conflagration	a large, hugely destructive fire.
Connived	to cooperate in wrong doing.
Consternation	a sudden amazement that results in utter confusion.
Contrition	sincere remorse.
Convivial	talented at feasting.
Copious	abundantly supplied, bountiful.
Corky, corkily	cheeky, humorously shallow.
Cortege	a ceremonial procession.
Coruscating	emitting vivid flashes of light.
Cotumed	sewn and stitched.
Countryman	an unsophisticated, but capable

	and canny rural dweller.
Courteously	with fine manners, polite.
Cowering	to crouch in fear, usually trembling.
Cozening	obtaining something by cajoling, deceit or trickery.
Cranked	to turn a mechanism, which for crossbows drew the string for firing.
Crucible	a place or time characterized by a gathering of powerful influences; a container.
Cupid	the Roman personification of erotic love and beauty, son of Venus (Roman Goddess of Love).
Curmudgeon	person of unhappy humour.
Dam	dame, consort, wife.
Dandling	to cause a baby to move lightly up and down.
Daunted	to be subdued through intimidation.
Debauched	a corruption of the soul brought on by indulgence in perverse sensuality.
Deboshed	debauched.
Declaiming	to speak in an dramatic manner.
Depraved	lewd, corrupt, evil.
Derogate	unworthy.
Despoiled	stripped of worth.
Despondent	feeling or showing profound discouragement.
Deviltry	reckless or diabolic wickedness.

Dilly dally	hesitation or time wasting.
Dirge	a funeral song.
Disconsolate	hopelessly unhappy.
Disembowelled	to have the abdomen cut open, so the stomach and guts come out.
Disgruntled	displeased and discontented.
Distemperate	inclement, forerunner of trouble.
Dizzard	person of extremely dull stupidity.
Doldrums	a listless mood; low spirits.
Doltish	foolish.
Dorter	sleeping chamber.
Doughty	steadfast; valiant.
Doxies	female acquaintances of low repute.
Dudgeon	feeling offense or resentful anger.
Dulcet	pleasant to the senses; melodic, soothing.
Dusk	the darkest part of twilight.
Dusky	given to shadows.
Ecclesiastical	of the Church.
Efreet	desert living spirit.
Effusive	unrestrained, exuberant.
Eldritch	erie, uncanny, Elfish.
Elongated	to make longer or taller, usually resulting in thinning.
Embowered	enclosed by trees.
Emulation	imitation.

Ensorcelled	to be under the influence of magical spells.
Enfilade	a position from which troops can inflict a sweeping arc of fire along the length of enemy forces.
Enlistment	joining of a group, usually militant.
Environs	the surrounding parts or districts.
Eostre	ancient goddess of the dawn, celebrated at spring equinox.
Epiphany	January 6. Celebrates the shining forth of God in human form.
Ergo	therefore.
Escrow	a contract where the first party depositing something with a third party, with the promise of fulfilment on a condition with the second party.
Exchequer	medieval office in charge of the royal revenue, tax collection and issuing coinage.
Excoriate	to remove the centre.
Excruciating	unbearable.
Exhortation	an urgent address.
Exorbitant	exceeding the bounds of custom.
Expansive	wide-ranging, generous.
Expeditious	done with speed and efficiency.
Fealty	loyalty, fidelity.
Faeces	excrement.
Fecund	fruitful, productive.

Fell	fierce, cruel and savage.
Festival of the Trees	see <i>Lady Day</i> .
Feudally	the ruling political/economic system of the Middle Ages.
Fief	a set of inheritable lands.
Finagle	to convince by manipulation.
Finesse	disingenuous handling of a sensitive situation; artful management.
Firmament	the vault of the sky.
Fiscal	pertaining to the public treasury or revenues.
Fisticuffs	fighting.
Flabbergasted	overcome with astonishment.
Flambant	of flame.
Flatulence	foul gases expelled via the anus, generated by inefficient digestion, uncommon farting.
Foppery	over-concern with appearance or manners.
Foreboding	a powerful feeling of approaching misfortune.
Foreknowledge	knowledge of something before it happens.
Forested	characterised by shades of dark green.
Fracas	fight.
French disease	see <i>clap</i> .
Fret	to feel and express worry.
Frisson	a sudden, passing sensation of excitement, usually felt along the skin.

Frittering	to squander piecemeal.
Frivolity	carefree; lacking serious purpose.
Frolicking	rapid, playful movements.
Fug	thick but warm atmosphere, usually with an element of wood-smoke.
Full mail battle- armour	a long chainmail shirt with hood, worn with greaves to protect the legs, plates to protect the arms, and a metal helmet.
Furlong	220 yards (0.2 km).
Gage	a token of challenge, thus the challenge itself.
Galliard	French person, and a dance. <i>From:</i> Galliard: an improvised, leaping dance, done in triple time.
Gallopin	an under-servant in a kitchen; a cook's unskilled assistant.
Gambolled	frisking and frolicking.
Garb	outfit, set of clothes.
Garboil	disturbance, misfortune.
Gasting	frightened.
Gastfreundschaft	the ancient art of treating a guest as a friend.
Gastronomic	of the art & science of fine foods and eating.
Gawdy	gay trifle.
Gehenna	place of extreme suffering, hell.
Giglet	a wanton.
Gillie	a hunting guide.
Gingerly	with extreme care and caution.

Girned	Extraordinary, often humorous, contortion of the face.
Gladius	short sword used in ancient Rome.
Glowering	staring angrily.
Gobbet	a lumpy mass or fragment.
Goodfellow, Robin	a trickster spirit or non-malicious wood sprite.
Groining	intersecting.
Groomly	in the solicitous manner of a bridegroom.
Guile	insidious cunning; artful deception.
Gyrovague	wandering monk.
Harangued	to launch a scolding verbal attack.
Harlot	lady of easy virtue.
Harridan	a scolding, belligerent woman.
Harried	to harass by repeated attacks.
Havering	hesitating.
Haymaker	a particularly powerful blow with the fist.
Hazed	obscure with dim light.
Hefted	hoisted.
Hemp dancers	criminals. Hemp rope was used for hangings.
High Constable	medieval commander-in-chief of the King's army.
Holt	wooded area, usually hilly.
Hugger mugger	secretly and without due form; law breakers.
Hurly-burly	noisy agitation.

Huswife	lady of ill repute.
Ignoble	of selfish and cynical character.
Illumined	brightly illustrated.
Immanent	held or living within.
Immutable	changeless.
Impartially	not showing preference or favour.
Impertinence	unmannerly insolence.
Imploring	To beg urgently and piteously.
Imposthume	septic swelling.
Impregnable	too secure to be taken by force.
In concord	agreed.
Incongruous	out of place.
Incredulous	disbelieving.
Indomitable	cannot be subdued or overcome.
Inducing	lead into, persuade, de-repress.
Inebriated	drunk.
Inertia	the tendency to keep moving once in motion, or to remain at rest when immobile.
Inficete	serious, humourless.
Infinitude	beatific sense of endless multiplication.
In toto et perpetuam	entirely and forever.
Invisitude	beatific sense of the infinite not perceived by the 5 external senses.
Irascibly	easily provoked to anger.
Ire	spiteful anger.

Irreverent	lacking respect.
Jabber	someone who talks a lot.
Jack	any man.
Jacksie	backside.
Jaded	ruined by overindulgence.
Jane	any woman.
Jape	joke.
Jaunted	to walk in a sprightly, self-confident, manner.
Jauntily	in a buoyantly genteel manner.
Jig	a fast, usually playful, tune, accompanied by erratic dance movements.
Jounced	to move up and down in a jolting manner.
Jovial	full of joy and happiness.
Jubilations	celebrations.
Keened	to wail a lament.
King's Justice	a sheriff, or the punishments a sheriff imposes.
Labyrinth	a complex arrangement of paths, traditionally walked to induce meditation.
Lacksadaisy	idiotically thoughtless.
Laden	loaded down.
Lady Day	20-23 March. Spring equinox. Festival of the Trees.
Lammas	1-2 August. First Harvest.
Languid	lacking in vigour.
Languishing	lingering.
Languorous	a dreamy, lazy mood or quality.

Larks	childish games; and a type of forest bird.
Lavatorium	washing room.
Leery	alertness caused by an unexpected or suspicious event.
Legitimacy	genuine authority, lawful in the broadest sense.
Levitated	to move vertically in defiance of gravity.
Licentious	unrestrained by law or general morality.
Lily-livers	cowards.
Limned	outlined with light.
Livery	distinctive uniform, worn by the servants or staff of nobility or an organization.
Livid	appearing strangulated because of strong emotion.
Lofty	high in style.
Lozel	rascal.
Lumbers	lowest 5 vertebrae of the spine.
Luminescent	emission of light not caused by incandescence.
Lustily	with vigour and overt presence.
Maitre D'	<i>Maitre D'hôtel</i> , manager of a dining room, head waiter in a restaurant.
Malachite	mineral green.
Malapert	presumptuous.
Malt-worm	boozer.
Malus libri	the debilitating condition of having read too many books.

Mark	take note of.
Mayhem	rowdy disorder.
Meath	County of Ireland containing the Hill of Tara.
Melee	fight.
Merlin	the druid / wizard of King Arthur.
Mettle	courageous disposition.
Michaelmas	29 September. Holy day of obligation in the Middle ages.
Midsummer	19-23 June. Summer solstice. Alban Hefin. Mother night.
Misgraffed	unsuitably mated.
misplaced a few marbles	to have lost some powers of rationality.
Morphed	transformed.
Motes	small particles.
Mummer	actor.
Mur Ollavan	the City of the Learned, a druidic college.
Muster	to gather.
Myrmidons	the followers of Achilles, an ancient Greek hero.
Nay-say	contradict, oppose.
Nayward	tending toward ill.
Neapolitan bone-ache	see <i>clap</i> .
Necromantic	magic to do with the dead.
Nigh	nearly, almost.
Nine-pins	the game of skittles (pin bowling).

Noisome	disgusting.
Nonchalantly	with obvious lack of concern.
Nonplussed	puzzle completely.
Nor'easter	a strong wind from the northeast.
Nuptial	to do with weddings.
Obnoxiously	annoying or objectionable.
Occulences	that which can be seen by the way it obscures something else.
Ochre	earthy colour ranging from pale yellow to orange or brown.
O'er-	over.
O'er-brimming	full to spilling.
Oft-time	frequent.
Ostler	one who is employed to tend horses.
Out of nick	beyond reckoning.
Outlandishly	freakishly strange or odd, having a foreign appearance.
Overscutch'd	well whipped.
Pagenting	show, with notion of unreality or deception.
Painted	attractive but false, lacking any depth.
Paree	City of Paris.
Pate	the crown of the head.
Patronage	the distribution of jobs or favours on a political basis.
Paunchy	with a swollen belly.
Parhelion	optical effect in the sky, caused by sunlight refracting through ice crystals in the high

	atmosphere. Usually bright spots on either side of the sun, sometimes arcs or bands.
Parity	Equality obtained through supposing equivalence.
Pell-mell	every which way.
Penance	action undertaken to merit forgiveness of sin.
Peristalsis	the progressive wave of contraction and relaxation of a tubular system.
Pernicious	causing ruin.
Perturbed	to disturb greatly.
Pestilence	an evil influence, or virulent disease, decay.
Petard	device, trick or trap, explosive or unpleasant.
Petrification	process of turning to stone.
Pervading	found in all places.
Phantasmagoric	a shifting series of deceptive appearances.
Phantasmic	spectral, nightmarish.
Piebald	of several colours.
Piege	trap, pitfall.
Pissant	a person or thing of no value or consequence.
Pious	having a dutiful spirit towards, and earnest wish to fulfil, religious obligations.
Placidity	collectedness, calmness.
Plantagenet	medieval noble family, rulers of England from 1154 to 1485.

Plashing	when a beam of sunlight falls like water to splash against an object.
Pleurisy	infection of lungs, characterized by a dry cough.
Plumes	a rising feather-like pattern of dust, water or smoke impelled by agitation.
Plunked	to move or drop something suddenly and heavily.
Pomp	ceremonial extravagance.
Precepts	a rule prescribing a particular course of action.
Precocious	mature unusually early.
Preposterous	contrary to common sense.
Preternatural	beyond what occurs in nature.
Prevarication	to speak falsely.
Primped	to minutely adjust one's appearance in a self-regarding and excessive manner.
Privvy	toilet.
Prodigious	amazing, wondrous, oversized.
Profligate	recklessly extravagant.
Progeny	offspring.
Providential	resulting from Divine providence.
Puce	dark purple.
Pugnacious	given to quarrelling or fighting.
Puissance	physical strength arising from moral strength.
Quailed	loss of moral courage.
Quash	subdue, negate.

Queased	a sickly motion.
Quelling	subduing.
Quench	to completely satisfy a thirst.
Ragamuffin	raggedly dressed, disreputable, person.
Rakish	dashing and debonair with strong indications of mischief.
Rambunctious	turbulently active and noisy.
Rampant	prevailing in action, dominant. <i>In heraldry:</i> a figure standing upraised, and in profile.
Ramping	to assume an aggressive stance.
Rapscallion	rascal.
Rare earths	Minerals that hold uncommon elements, amongst which are pyrognomic crystals that become incandescent at low temperature.
Raucous	loud and disorderly.
Ravening	voraciously seeking prey.
Ravenous	intensely, vastly hungry.
Reave	to take away.
Recoiled	to move swiftly in extreme reaction away from an event.
Recolt	harvest or vintage.
Redress	righting a wrong.
Refectory	a dining hall.
Reifying	manifest a thought or internal state in external reality.
Relics	objects closely associated with a sacred personage, often thought to embody blessings.

Reneged	to deny or back out of.
Renunciate	person who has given up certain things voluntarily.
Revenant	ghost.
Revoked	to take back.
Ribald	vulgar, mocking, indecent.
Ribbing	to joke with a mocking manner.
Roiling	to move in a turbulent and disturbed manner.
Rollicking	extreme telling off, featuring dramatic gestures and despairing, angry words.
Roan	chestnut coloured horse, sprinkled with gray or white.
Rue	to regret bitterly.
Sable	very dark brown.
Sabre	Heavy, single-edged sword, favoured by cavalry.
Sallied	to move briskly, an energetic movement.
Sallow	having a sickly complexion.
Sanguineous	of, pertaining to, or containing blood.
Sapphire	bright blue, from the gemstone.
Sardonic	characterized by mocking derision.
Saucy	lively, pertaining to sexiness.
S'Blood	a foul oath.
Scallion	a young man.
Scant	less than seems indicated.
Scintillating	to sparkle and flash like gemstones.

Score	20.
Scouted	reconnoitre, seek and observe.
Scriptorium	a room where manuscripts are stored, read, or copied.
Scroyly	rascally.
Sculled	the action of an oar in water.
Scutage	a tax paid in lieu of military service.
Seanachie	traditional Irish storyteller; teacher at the hedge school (seanchaí).
Sempiternal	never ending.
Seneschal	the officer having charge of a dignitary's household.
Sentinel	person or thing that stands guard or watches from the perimeter of an area.
Sessile oak	large deciduous tree. Age 1000 years or more.
Seven league boots	legendary footwear giving the power to travel 7 leagues (approx. 20 miles) with a single stride.
Shale	layered matter.
Shanty	sailors' song, sung in rhythm with work, or the sea, or both.
Shillelagh	wooden club.
Shrive	to make enthusiastic confession.
Shtick	an acting routine.
Sidhe	the place whence fairies come, often seen as hilltops or mounds in this world, <i>Sídhe</i> .
Simian	ape-like.

Sinews of Mars	supplies needed to make war, esp. money. <i>From:</i> Mars, Roman god of War.
Skellum	rogue guilty of a plague of crimes.
Skulking	to be present but avoiding attention in a stealthy & suspicious manner.
Sláinte Mhaith	traditional Irish toast, a mundane translation of which is 'good health'.
Slivered	split into slender slices.
Snaggle	roughly curved.
Solar plexus	the centre point of a radiant network of nerve fibres, situated at the upper part of the abdomen, just below the sternum.
Solicitude	an attitude of excessive attentiveness.
Sooth-sayer	fortune teller.
Spangly	glittering caused by a sprinkling of many small reflective objects.
Spayed	without ovaries.
Spectral	of ghosts and the undead.
Spinney	an area within a forest.
Splay	to spread out, often at oblique angles.
Sprightly	vivacious, spirited, upbeat.
Sprog	a new military recruit.
Stag-headed oak	tree in its old age.
Stalled	being kept at a stop.
Staphyline	grape like.

Stave	short staff.
Steed	a horse, usually understood to be impressive or high-spirited.
Stoically	characterized by austere fortitude.
Stump	the step of something heavy.
Stupefied	stunned amazement.
Sturm and Drang	literally 'storm and drive' : The quality of a person driven by pure, unfettered and overwhelming emotion.
Sublime	supreme or outstanding.
Sub-prior	3 rd in command of an Abbey.
Succubbi	female devils.
Sulphurous	fiery, acrid, suffocating odour, commonly associated with the fires of hell.
Sunder	to break open.
Suffrage	sisterhood.
Sumptuous	luxuriously fine.
Supermarine	vibrant turquoise.
Svelte	gracefully slender.
Tallow	animal fats used to make candles.
Tara	the Hill of Tara, <i>Teamhair na Rí</i> , Meath, Ireland. The seat of the High King of Ireland, <i>Árd Rí na hÉireann</i> .
Tardy	given to lateness.
Tempestuous	turbulent, given to storminess.
Thick-eye'd	sad.
Tam Lin	legendary character trapped into

	making a pact with the Elves.
Temperance	moderation.
Theosophy	any inward-focussed spiritual practice that unifies man's spirit with the Divine.
Thunderhead	massive tower of cumulus cloud, characterized by its density and high definition, indicating good conditions for a thunderstorm.
Tipsy	a light, happy inebriation.
Tirade	an outspoken, long, angry and bitter complaint.
Titubantly	the light and unbalanced motions of the very drunk.
Tonsure	the shaven part of a cleric's head.
Transmogrify	change shape into something grotesque or bizarre.
Treasurer	a key post, 'without portfolio', in the Exchequer (see <i>Exchequer</i>).
Trepidation	fear felt in the body.
Trews	close fitting trousers.
Trice	very short period of time.
Trilled	to make rapid, repetitive musical sounds with a wind instrument, often vibrato.
Trouncing	beat severely.
Tuatha Dé Danann	a magical race, the First People, living in the pre-history of Ireland.
Tumescent	swollen.
Tumultuous	marked by disturbance and uproar.
Tunicle	a vestment worn by Bishops.

Turgid	bloated or distorted through excess.
Turpentine	resin derived from coniferous trees, used as disinfectant in the middle-ages.
Twined	twisted or woven together.
Uisce beatha	Irish distillation renowned for its near-miraculous medicinal effects on body and mind, closely related to the Scottish Usige beatha, anglicised as <i>whisky</i> .
Uncouth	unmannerly.
Unredeemable	incapable of being fulfilled.
Unruly	not conforming to rule.
Unwary	not cautious.
Unwarranted	without authority or sanction, lacking hierarchical support.
Uppity	aggressively self-assertive.
Uprearing	to lift or elevate.
Vacuous	characterized by a lack of intelligence; empty.
Vanguard	to protect the front, usually of a moving group.
Varipetaled	of many different types of flower.
Vassals	subjects or subordinates.
Venal	able to be purchased, as by a bribe.
Venerable	commanding respect due to impressive age, dignity, character or sanctity.
Verdant	usual meaning: flourishing with life, particularly greenery. A subtler implication if talking

	about a person can be innocence to the point of naivety.
Victuals	food.
Viridian	a bright shade of deep bluish-green.
Virulent	intense, acidic.
Vitatic	with relevance to Saint Vitus' dance; causing involuntary convulsive reactions including laughter.
Vittals	alcoholic drinks.
Vocative	a form of speech used to formally address, call or specify.
Wai ai	expression of delight, from northern England.
Warded	to protect, or take care of, an area.
Wassail	party, feast.
Wayland	legendary British metal-smith of eldritch skill.
Weald	wooded or uncultivated country.
Wend	movement, path, way.
Whiffing	breathe in fitful puffs.
Whipping cheer	served with the lash.
Whorl	a circular arrangement of like parts.
Widdershins	anti-clockwise.
Wight	thing, creature, demon.
Wimpled	a woman's head cloth drawn in folds about the chin.
Wine Harvest	19-23 September. Autumn equinox, Harvest Home.

Wittol	complacent cuckold.
Wold	an elevated tract of wild or open country.
Wrack'd	tortured.
Yakking	conversing avidly but lightly.
Yelp	to emit a short, exclamatory sound.
Yield	surrender.
Zephyr	a gentle breeze.