

IN PRAISE OF GOOD ALE

1998 may be the Year of the Tiger for the Chinese, but all serious Kentish beer-drinkers will be celebrating it as the Year of Shepherd Neame, for it was exactly 300 years ago that England's oldest commercial brewery was first established in our own home county of Kent. Mind you, there were neither Shepherds nor Neames around in 1698 (the Faversham brewery was actually founded by a Militiaman by the name of Captain Richard Marsh) - but there were Morris Dancers, and it is quite possible that the good Captain brought the local team along to help ensure the long life and success of his new venture. How else could it have done so well, and lasted so long?

Today, the Hartley Morris Men perform a similar function in order to ensure the Company's continued viability. Following the custom of the past 23 years, they will devote a complete weekend in mid-July to a tour which involves dancing, drinking, singing and sleeping entirely at Shepherd Neame pubs

- the only difference being that this year they have the avowed intent to consume 300 pints over the whole weekend, one for each year of the brewery's illustrious history!



THE HARTLEY MORRIS MEN

The Hartley Morris Men are one of many Clubs affiliated to the Morris Ring of England who regularly perform these ancient and traditional dances for their own enjoyment and for the public.

We practice in Wrotham on Thursday evenings throughout the Winter, and dance in the surrounding countryside from May to September, commencing always at dawn on May 1st. at the Coldrum Long Barrow and inevitably ending the formal season at our favourite local, the Rose & Crown in Wrotham.

If you fancy joining us rather than just watching us, we always welcome prospective new members.



With monetary union looming, we invite you to help us recycle English money by placing coins of the Realm in our collecting box during the performance. This small gesture of goodwill helps pay for the programme, hire a practice hall and replace dancers' bells when they drop off. It also enables us to support various local and national worthy causes each year.

For further details of our activities,
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1998 PROGRAMME

Friday May 1st - Beltane

- 5.30 a.m. The Coldrum Stones
10.00 a.m. Southfleet Village
11.00 a.m. Royal Paper Mill, Tovil
12.00 a.m. Bishops Palace, Maidstone
1.30 p.m. Rose & Crown, Wrotham

Monday 4th May - Rochester Sweeps' Festival

May

- 7th 8.30 p.m. Wat Tyler, Dartford
14th 8.30 p.m. Stags Head, Tonbridge
9.30 p.m. Ivy House, Tonbridge

May 16th & 17th - Leeds Castle
Festival of Food & Wine

- 21st 8.30 p.m. Henry Simmonds,
Borough Green
9.30 p.m. Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol
28th 8.30 p.m. "Raffles", Yalding
9.30 p.m. Chequers, Laddingford

June

- 4th 8.30 p.m. Brown Jug, Upchurch
18th 8.30 p.m. Little Brown Jug,
Chiddingstone Causeway
9.30 p.m. Greyhound, Charcott
25th 8.30 p.m. Kentish Rifleman,
Dunks Green
9.30 p.m. The Swan, West Peckham

Saturday June 27th - Broadstairs Dickens Festival
Dancing at various sites around the town

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Hartley Ale

June 13th & 14th

Over this special weekend, your very own Hartley
Morris Men are joined by guest teams from all
over the civilised world.

- Squire's Tour - Saturday June 13th
T.B.A. In and around Kent
Bagman's Tour - Saturday June 13th
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6.00 p.m. Massed display by teams from
both tours at the Swan,
West Peckham

Sunday June 14th

- 11.30 a.m. Wrotham Traction Engine Rally
1.30 p.m. Massed Display - Wrotham
Village Centre

July

- 2nd 8.30 p.m. Chequers, Heaverham
9.30 p.m. Miners Arms, Dunton Green
9th 8.30 p.m. Bush, Blackbird & Thrush,
East Peckham
9.30 p.m. Hop Pole, Nettlestead Green
16th 8.30 p.m. Green Man, Hodsoll Street
9.30 p.m. Black Horse, Stansted

Shepherd Neame Tour

Saturday July 18th

- 10.00 a.m. Faversham Market Square
12.00 noon Ashford
1.00 p.m. Bonny Cravat, Woodchurch
4.30 p.m. Chilham Square
7.30 p.m. White Lion, Selling
8.30 p.m. Anchor, Abbey Street,
Faversham

Sunday July 19th

- 1.00 p.m. The Sun, Faversham

- 23rd 8.30 p.m. Rising Sun, Fawkham Green
(With St Clement's Clog)
9.30 p.m. Lamb, Swanley Village
30th 8.30 p.m. Harrow, Knockholt
9.30 p.m. Bricklayers Arms, Chipstead

August

- 20th 8.30 p.m. Prince of Guinea, Gillingham
9.30 p.m. Kings Arms, Upper Upnor
27th 8.30 p.m. Rose & Crown, Wrotham

December 26th - Boxing Day

- 12 Noon Black Horse, Stansted
1.15 p.m. Rose & Crown, Wrotham