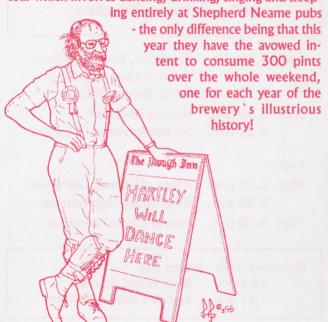
IN PRAISE OF GOOD ALE

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 sleep-



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, please send a SAE to:139 Farleigh Hill, Tovil, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6RQ or E-Mail tonytomlin@aol.com

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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 "Raffles". Yalding 28th 8.30 p.m. 9.30 p.m. Chequers, Laddingford lune 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



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.

Sauire's Tour -Saturday June 13th T.B.A. In and around Kent Bagman's Tour -Saturday June 13th T.B.A In and around Kent 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 Bush, Blackbird & Thrush, 9th 8.30 p.m. 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

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