

## THE MORRIS

The Morris is an ancient form of folk dance performed by men only. It is almost certainly of pre-Christian origin, derived from pagan rituals of fertility and magic. Similar forms of dance are found in Europe and Africa. In England three main styles exist of which the chief is found around the Cotswold Hills.

The Morris is essentially a ceremonial show dance requiring from the performers a considerable amount of experience and practice. Performance of Morris is traditionally associated with seasons of the year and especially May Day and Whitsun when the springtime renewal of life is celebrated. It is traditional for teams to collect funds when they dance to help cover travelling expenses and to assist local charities.

In bygone days each village or district developed its own tradition with a distinctive style of dancing and repertoire of dances. Dances recur in different traditions with variations in the figures, steps, hand movement and time. About twelve distinct traditions survive, a few of which are still represented by teams with an unbroken history dating back to time immemorial. Most traditions were narrowly saved from extinction through the energy and enthusiasm of Cecil Sharp, the great collector of folk songs and dances, who in the early part of this century noted down tunes and dances collected from elderly gentlemen who had been Morris Dancers in their youth.

The Hartley Morris Men were formed in 1952 under the direction of the late Mr. P. Sephton, a wellknown Morris Man. The red, white and blue trimmings to the costumes commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Their H.Q. is the Bull at Farningham where they meet on Thursday Evenings for practice throughout the winter — new recruits are always welcome.

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## Programme 1974

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## WEEKEND/BANK HOLIDAY TOURS

MONDAY, MAY 27th

- 11.00 a.m. — The Artichoke, HAMPTONS
- 12 noon — The Chaser, SHIPBOURNE
- 1.00 p.m. — The Vauxhall, TONBRIDGE
- 3.30 p.m. — TONBRIDGE COTTAGE HOSPITAL FETE
- 7.00 p.m. — The Chequers, LADDINGFORD
- 8.00 p.m. — The Anchor, YALDING
- 9.00 p.m. — The Swan, WEST PECKHAM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 1st & 2nd

Weekend of Dance (See separate programme for details)

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 29th, 30th

Tour of East Sussex with Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd

- 8.30 p.m. — The Chequers, HIGH HALDEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd

- 10.00 a.m. — The Woolpack, TENTERDEN
- 11.00 a.m. — The Red Lion, BIDDENDEN
- 12 noon — The Vine Hotel, GOUDHURST
- 1.00 p.m. — The Globe & Rainbow, KILNDOWN
- 3.45 p.m. — The Town Hall, TENTERDEN
- 7.00 p.m. — The Ypres Castle, RYE
- 8.00 p.m. — The Castle Inn, WINCHELSEA
- 9.15 p.m. — William the Conqueror, RYE HARBOUR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th

- 12 noon — The White Dog Inn, EWHURST GREEN
- 3.00 p.m. — BODIAM CASTLE

MONDAY, AUGUST 26th

- 10.30 a.m. — The Grasshopper, WESTERHAM GREEN
- 11.30 a.m. — The Cock, IDE HILL
- 12.30 p.m. — The Fox & Hounds, TOYS HILL
- 1.30 p.m. — The Vine Tavern, SEVENOAKS
- 7.30 p.m. — The Fighting Cocks, HORTON KIRBY
- 8.30 p.m. — The Royal Oak, WEST YOKE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th

- 10.00 a.m. — HARTLEY GREEN
- 10.30 a.m. — The Black Lion, HARTLEY
- 11.30 a.m. — The Rising Sun, FAWKHAM GREEN
- 12.30 p.m. — The Fox & Hounds, ROMNEY STREET
- 1.30 p.m. — The Bull, FARNINGHAM

## THURSDAY EVENING TOURS IN KENT

MAY 9th

- 7.30 p.m. — HARTLEY GREEN
- 8.30 p.m. — The Black Lion, SOUTHFLEET

MAY 16th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Ship, PUDDLEDOCK
- 9.00 p.m. — The Horse & Groom, WILMINGTON

MAY 24th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Blue Bell, BELTRING
- 9.00 p.m. — The Man of Kent, EAST PECKHAM

MAY 30th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Grasshopper, WESTERHAM GREEN
- 9.00 p.m. — The Cock Inn, IDE HILL

JUNE 6th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Rising Sun, FAWKHAM GREEN
- 9.00 p.m. — The Hope & Anchor, STANSTEAD

JUNE 13th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Bo-Peep, HEWITTS ROAD, CHELSFIELD
- 9.15 p.m. — The Fox & Hounds, ROMNEY STREET

JUNE 20th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Woodman, WHITLEY FOREST, IDE HILL
- 9.00 p.m. — IDE HILL (Sevenoaks Rotary Club)

JUNE 27th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Rose & Crown, ASHES LANES, HADLOW
- 9.00 p.m. — Bush, Blackbird & Thrush, EAST PECKHAM

JULY 4th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Artichoke, HAMPTONS
- 9.00 p.m. — The Swan, WEST PECKHAM

JULY 11th

- 7.45 p.m. — HARTLEY GREEN (Hartley Fete Week)
- 8.30 p.m. — Cherrytree Parade, HARTLEY
- 9.15 p.m. — The Black Lion, HARTLEY

JULY 18th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Wheatsheaf, KEMSING
- 9.00 p.m. — The Chequers, HEAVERHAM

JULY 25th

- 8.00 p.m. — The Five Bells, SEAL
- 9.00 p.m. — The Padwell Arms, STONE STREET

AUGUST 1st

- 8.00 p.m. — The Green Man, HODSOLL STREET
- 9.00 p.m. — The Plough, BASTED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

- 8.00 p.m. — WESTMINSTER ABBEY