

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 distinctive style of dancing and repertoire of dances. Dances recur in different traditions with variations in the figures, steps, hand movements and time. About twenty 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.

THE HARTLEY MORRIS MEN

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The Hartley Morris Men

Programme 1976

Thursday Evening Tours in Kent

MAY	6th	7.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.	HARTLEY GREEN Black Lion, HARTLEY
MAY	13th	7.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.	Ship, PUDDLEDOCK Malt Shovel, DARTFORD
MAY	20th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Golding Hop, PLAXTOL Plough, BASTED
MAY	27th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	George Inn, TROTTISCLIFFE Bull, WROTHAM
JUNE	3rd	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Fox & Hounds, TOYS HILL Cock, IDE HILL
JUNE	10th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Chaser, SHIPBOURNE Plough, POWDER MILLS, LEIGH
JUNE	17th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Wheatsheaf, KEMSING Chequers, HEAVERHAM
JUNE	24th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Green Man, HODSOLL STREET Black Horse, STANSTED
JULY	1st	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Rose & Crown, STONE STREET Papermakers Arms, PLAXTOL
JULY	8th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Fighting Cocks, HORTON KIRBY Jolly Millers, SOUTH DARENTH
JULY	15th	8.00 p.m. 8.45 p.m. 9.30 p.m.	Mitre, MARKET BUILDINGS, MAIDSTONE Market House, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE BRENCHLEY GARDENS, MAIDSTONE
JULY	22nd	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	OTFORD VILLAGE SHOREHAM VILLAGE
JULY	29th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Man of Kent, EAST PECKHAM Vauxhall Inn, TONBRIDGE
AUG.	5th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Old House, IGHTHAM Plough, IVY HATCH
AUG.	12th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Horse & Groom, WILMINGTON One Bell, CRAYFORD
AUG.	19th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Vine, SEVENOAKS Sir Jeffrey Amherst, CROWN POINT
AUG.	26th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Five Bells, SEAL Padwell Arms, STONE STREET
SEPT.	2nd	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Pier, LOWER UPNOR Royal Victoria & Bull, ROCHESTER

JULY

7th ANNUAL KENT AND SUSSEX BORDER TOUR

WITH CHANCTONBURY RING MORRIS MEN

Fri.	30th	8.30 p.m.	Man of Kent, ST. MICHAELS
Sat.	31st	10.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 11.20 a.m. 12 Noon 1.00 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 6.15 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 8.45 p.m.	Kings Head, UDIMORE Queen Adelaide, RYE Mermaid, RYE Ypres Castle, RYE Woolpack, BROOKLAND TOWN HALL, TENTERDEN Royal George, HURST GREEN Cross Inn, STAPLE CROSS Harrier, SANDHURST Oak & Ivy, HAWKHURST

AUGUST

Sun.	1st	12 Noon 3.30 p.m.	White Dog Inn, EWHURST GREEN BODIAM CASTLE
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AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY TOUR OF THE HOO PENINSULA

Mon.	30th	10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. 6.15 p.m. 7.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m.	Chequers, HOO Red Dog, HIGH HALSTOW Rose & Crown, ALLHALLOWS White Horse, UPPER STOKE Horseshoe & Castle, COOLING Six Bells, CLIFFE Railway Tavern, LOWER HIGHAM
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DECEMBER

BOXING DAY

Mon.	27th	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	HARTLEY GREEN Black Lion, HARTLEY Rising Sun, FAWKHAM GREEN Pied Bull, FARNINGHAM
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Other Tours

MAY

MAYDAY TOUR

Sat. 1st	5.30 a.m.	COLDRUM STONES, TROTTISCLIFFE
	9.15 a.m.	SOUTHFLEET VILLAGE
	10.15 a.m.	MEOPHAM GREEN
	11.30 a.m.	Amazon & Tiger, HARVEL
	12.30 p.m.	Pied Bull, FARNINGHAM
	2.00 p.m.	Pied Bull, FARNINGHAM
	7.00 p.m.	Harrow, IGHTHAM COMMON
	8.00 p.m.	Rose & Crown, STONE STREET

MID KENT TOUR

Sat. 8th	10.30 a.m.	NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE CENTRE
	12 Noon	Chequers, CROUCH
	1.00 p.m.	Queens Head, MEREWORTH
	4.00 p.m.	THE POUND, EAST PECKHAM
	6.30 p.m.	Maypole, NETTLESTEAD GREEN
	7.30 p.m.	Anchor, YALDING
	8.30 p.m.	Chequers, WEST FARLEIGH

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY TOUR

Mon. 31st	10.00 a.m.	PEMBURY VILLAGE GREEN
	11.00 a.m.	Elephants Head, HOOK GREEN
	12 Noon	Brecknock Arms, BELLS YEW GREEN
	1.00 p.m.	George & Dragon, SPELDHURST
	3.30 p.m.	TONBRIDGE COTTAGE HOSPITAL FETE
	6.30 p.m.	Rose & Crown, BRENCHLEY
	7.30 p.m.	Vine, GOUDHURST
	8.30 p.m.	Peacock, IDEN GREEN, GOUDHURST

JUNE

ANNUAL WEEKEND OF DANCE

Hartley are Hosts to sides from Sussex, Essex and Kent

Sat. 12th There will be two separate tours during the morning.

TOUR 'A' 10.30 a.m. SHOREHAM VILLAGE
 12 Noon Grasshopper, WESTERHAM GREEN
 1.00 p.m. Castle Inn, CHIDDINGSTONE

TOUR 'B' 10.30 a.m. SWANLEY TOWN CENTRE
 12 Noon Five Bells, SEAL
 1.00 p.m. Sir Jeffrey Amherst, CROWN POINT

The morning tours will be followed by major displays at:

3.30 p.m. PENSHURST PLACE
 7.00 p.m. Pied Bull, FARNINGHAM

There will be a final display by all the sides on:

Sun. 13th 12.30 p.m. Pied Bull, FARNINGHAM

JULY

SHEPHERD NEAME TOUR

Fri. 16th	9.00 p.m.	Three Mariners, OARE
Sat. 17th	10.00 a.m.	MARKET SQUARE, FAVERSHAM
	11.00 a.m.	MARKET SQUARE, FAVERSHAM
	12 Noon	Old Sportsman, SEASALTER
	1.00 p.m.	Dolphin Hotel, HERNE BAY
	4.00 p.m.	DANE JOHN GARDENS, CANTERBURY
	6.30 p.m.	White Lion, SELLING
	7.30 p.m.	Plough, LEWSON STREET
	8.30 p.m.	Chequers, DODDINGTON
Sun. 18th	12.15 p.m.	Sun, WEST STREET, FAVERSHAM