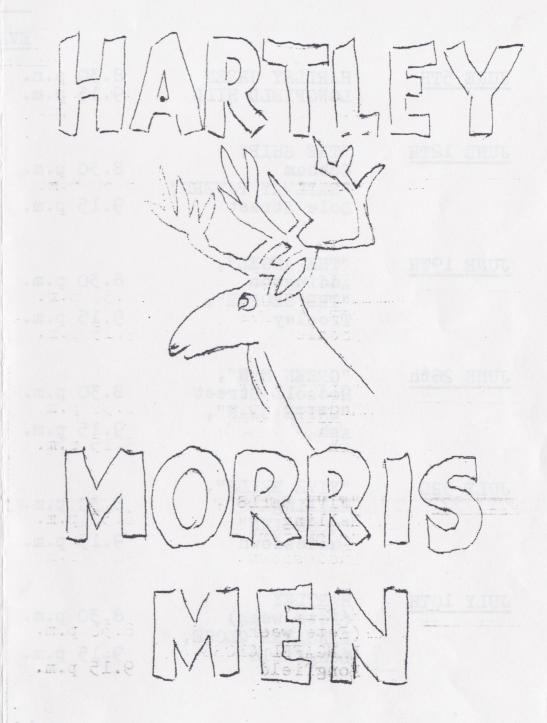
The Morris is an ancient form of folk dance performed by men only. It is almost certainly of pre-Christian origin, derived from pagan rituals of fertility and magic. Similar forms of dance are found in Europe and Ifrica. In England three main styles exist of which the chief is found around the Cotswold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

The Morris is essentially a ceremonial show dance requiring from the performers a considerable amount of experience and practice. Ferformance 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 local charities.

In byegone 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 variation 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. F. Sephton, a wellknown Morris Man. The red, white and blue trimmings to the costumes commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.



PRUGRAMME 1909

EVERY THURSDAY

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JUNE 5TH	LONGFIELD HILL	9.15 p.m.	JULY 17TH	"THE SHIF", Green St. Green "THE SHIP",	8.30 p.n	
JUNE 12TH	"THE SHIP"			Southfleet	9.15 p.n	
	Cobham "RAILWAY TAVERN;" Sole Street	8.30 p.m.	JULY 24TH	"THE BULL",	dance requi	
		9.15 p.m.			8.30 p.n	
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JUNE 19TH JUNE 26th	"THE ANGEL", Addington	8.30 p.m.	abasi sosilo:	of smeet tol Land	is tradition	
	"THE GEORGE", Trosley "GREEN MAN", Hodsoll Street "WHITE 3WAN", Ash	9.15 p.m.	JULY 31ST	MEMORIAL HALL, Platt "THE CHASER",	8.15 p.n	
				Shipbourne,	9.00 p.n	
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JULY 3RD	"FIVE BELLS", Halling "CCCK INN" Luddesdown	8.30 p.m.	"Sarum Cot",			
		9.15 p.m.	Longfield Avenue, Southfleet, New Barn, Kent. Nr. Gravesend, Ken Tel: Longfield 3037.			
JULY 10TH	HARTLEY (Fete week) LANGAFEL CLOSE, Longfield	8.30 p.m.	New members as	New members are always welcome - please		
			contact the So	quire or Bagman.	agman.	
		9.15 p.m.		rate harrier merrys named the land		