

Boxing Day

- 10.00 a.m. Hartley Green
- 11.00 a.m. Anchor and Hope, Stansted
- 12.00 noon Black Horse, Stansted
- 1.00 p.m. Rose and Crown, Wrotham

The Hartley Morris Men

For twenty-nine years the Hartley Morris Men have been dancing around the towns and villages of Kent. We were born in 1952 by the late Percy Sephton who formed the side from men who had been Dancers with the Stansted Morris Men before the war.

The dances that we perform originate in the Cotswolds and the Welsh Marches. It is entirely due to the efforts of the well known folk song collector Cecil Sharp that we are able to dance the Morris today. It was on Boxing Day, 1899 that Sharp chanced to come across a side of Morris dancers in the village of Headington Quarry in Oxfordshire. It happened that the team he saw was one of the last still performing the Morris, and realising that this entire section of folk culture was dying and in danger of being lost forever, he devoted the rest of his life to collecting what he could of the Morris and country dances of England.

Unfortunately nobody thought to write down the dances of Kent, which must have existed in years gone by, because ritual dance is to be found all over the country. In the north-west, clog dances are performed and in the north-east the Morris is danced with swords. In Abbots Bromley in Staffordshire we find the horn dance and in Cornwall the Padstow Hobby Hoss, all of these are men's ritual dances which were performed every year as a part of the regular cycle of life.

Finally, you can help us keep this ancient tradition alive by dropping a few coins in the hat, the tradition being that this simple act will bring the giver good luck and fertility for the coming year!

For any enquiries please contact our Bagman, Dave Peacock, 106 Fulwich Road, Dartford, Kent. Telephone: Dartford 70700.



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PROGRAMME 1981

THURSDAY EVENING TOURS

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| May | 7 | 7.30 | Hartley Green. |
| | | 8.30 | Anchor and Hope, Stansted |
| 14 | 7.30 | 8.30 | Leather Bottle, Cobham |
| | | 8.30 | Amazon and Tiger, Harvel |
| 21 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Bush, Blackbird and Thrush, East Peckham |
| | | 9.00 | Man of Kent, East Peckham |
| 28 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Westerham Green |
| | | 9.00 | The Cock, Ide Hill |
| June | 4 | 8.00 | Otford Village |
| | | 9.00 | Shoreham Village |
| 11 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Royal Oak, Bean |
| | | 9.00 | Southfleet Village |
| 18 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Chequers, Weald |
| | | 9.00 | Greyhound, Charcott |
| 25 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Padwell Arms, Stone Street |
| | | 9.00 | Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol |
| July | 2 | 8.00 | Yew Tree, Sandling |
| | | 9.00 | Fleur D'lis, Burham |
| 9 | 8.00 | 9.00 | White Swan, West Peckham |
| | | 9.00 | Harrow, Ightham Common |
| 16 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Swan, Ash |
| | | 9.00 | Black Horse, Stansted |
| 23 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Red Lion, Offham |
| | | 9.00 | Queens Head, Mereworth |
| 30 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Ightham Village |
| | | 9.00 | Chequers, Heaverham |
| Aug. | 6 | 8.00 | Green Man, Longfield Hill |
| | | 9.00 | Green Man, Hodsall Street |
| 13 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Five Bells, Seal |
| | | 9.00 | Rose and Crown, Stone Street |
| 20 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Wheatsheaf, Kemsing |
| | | 9.00 | Rising Sun, Cotmans Ash |
| 27 | 8.00 | 9.00 | Railway, Higham |
| | | 9.00 | Staff of Life, Cooling Street |

DAY TOURS

Friday, May 1st

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| 5.30 a.m. | Coldrum Stones (Breakfast) |
| 10.30 a.m. | Southfleet Village |
| 11.30 a.m. | Gravesend High Street |
| 12.30 p.m. | Staff of Life, Cooling Street |
| 7.30 p.m. | George, Trottscliffe |
| 8.30 p.m. | Duke of Wellington, Ryarsh |

Spring Bank Holiday

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| 10.00 a.m. | Pembury Green |
| 11.00 a.m. | Brecknock Arms, Bells Yew Green |
| 12 noon | Elephants Head, Hook Green |
| 1.00 p.m. | The Vauxhall, Tonbridge |
| 3.30 p.m. | Tonbridge Cottage Hospital |
| 7.00 p.m. | The Chaser, Shipbourne |
| 8.00 p.m. | Rose and Crown, Stone Street |

June 19th-21st Hartley Ale

Saturday, June 20th

Lower Medway Tour

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| 10.30 a.m. | Allington Shopping Centre |
| 11.30 a.m. | Walnut Tree, East Farleigh |
| 12 noon | Woolpack, Benover |
| 3.30 p.m. | Yalding |

Upper Medway Tour

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| 10.30 a.m. | Pembury Green |
| 11.30 a.m. | Brecknock Arms, Bells Yew Green |
| 12.30 p.m. | Chafford Arms, Fordcombe |
| 3.30 p.m. | Penshurst Place |

Darenth Tour

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| 6.30 p.m. | Massed Display in Wrotham Village |
| 10.30 a.m. | Westerham Green |
| 11.30 a.m. | Fox and Hounds, Toys Hill |
| 12.30 p.m. | Cock, Ide Hill |
| 3.30 p.m. | Chartwell House |

12 noon Sunday, June 21st Massed Display Rose and Crown, Wrotham

July 18th Hoo Peninsula Tour

August Bank Holiday

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| 11.00 a.m. | Castle Chiddingstone |
| 12 noon | Kentish Horse, Markbeech |
| 1.00 p.m. | Crown, Groombridge |
| 3.30 p.m. | Penshurst Place |
| 7.00 p.m. | White Hart, Rusthall |