

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

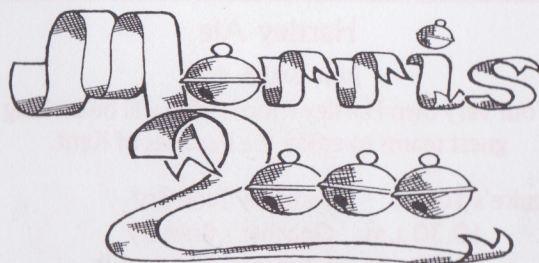
Well, it's all over! The world didn't come to an abrupt end when the sun faded out last Summer or when the 20th. century did likewise a few months later, so Old Moore, Nostradamus, Mystic Meg and Old Mother Shipton can all go jump in Wookey Hole.

If Morris Dancing were ever to fade out, however, the only possible explanation would be that the world really had ceased to exist. For as long as one can go back in recorded history (or unrecorded, for that matter), men have gathered together to dance – to demonstrate their virility, to propitiate their Gods, to ensure long life and fertility, or simply because it was darned cold just standing around clad only in woad.

Mind you, a Morris Dancer's life is much safer in this new Millennium than it was in the last 220 years of the old one. Last Spring, the Government did something sensible for a change. They finally repealed the little-known Sunday Observance Act 1780 banning dancing on Sundays. Hurrah – for the first time ever we can issue this programme without risking an unwanted visit to the Tower of London. When he heard the news, Wyre Forest MP, David Lock (sponsor of the bill) came out with the following truly Voltarian valediction:-

No one is forced to dance on a Sunday, but people should have the right to decide how they spend their own Sundays.

Good on yer, David, we could do with a few more like you in the House!



No, it's not an advert for some new car, it's a nationwide scheme to celebrate the centenary of morris dancing as we know it today (but you read all about this in last year's programme, didn't you?) To further this worthy cause, Hartley will be inviting the following local teams to tour with them throughout the present dancing season:-

Bishop Gundulfs	May 30 th .
Wadard & Weald of Kent	June 14 th .
Plain Capers	June 29 th .
Invicta & Motley	July 20 th .
Ravensbourne	Aug. 10 th .

In addition, of course, the usual annual massed display of Morris Dancers from all over the civilised world will take place in Wrotham on Sunday, June 4th.

If you want to know any more about us, why not visit our web site at:

<http://members.aol.com/hartleymen/HMM.html>

If not, you will find some lovely piccies of us in the 'Hartley Corner' of the Rose & Crown, Wrotham (with the added bonus of better beer than you will get over the internet). If all else fails, either send a SAE to:-

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THE HARTLEY MORRIS MEN



2000 PROGRAMME

Monday 1st May - Beltane Tour

- 5.30 a.m. The Coldrum Stones
- 10.00 a.m. Hartley Green
- 11.00 a.m. The Black Lion, Southfleet Village
- 12.30 a.m. Museum of Kent Life, Maidstone
- 4.00 p.m. Rose & Crown, Wrotham

May

- 4th 8.30 p.m. Earl Grey, Old Perry Street, Gravesend
- 11th 8.30 p.m. Stag's Head, Tonbridge
- 9.30 p.m. Ivy House, Tonbridge

**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May
Leeds Castle - Festival of Food and Wine**

- 18th 8.30 p.m. The Angel, Addington
- 9.30 p.m. Wrotham Village
- 25th 8.30 p.m. Harrow, Knockholt
- 9.30 p.m. Duke's Head, Dunton Green
- 30th 8.30 p.m. The Brown Jug, Upchurch (Tue)
- (with Bishop Gundulfs)

June

- 8st 8.30 p.m. Cobtree Inn, Ightham
- 9.30 p.m. Blue Anchor, St Mary's Platt
- 14th 8.30 p.m. Wrotham Walking Tour (Wed)
- (with Wadard & Weald of Kent)

**Saturday 17th June
Broadstairs Dickens Festival**

- 29th 8.30 p.m. Rising Sun, Fawkham Green
- 9.30 p.m. Black Lion, Hartley (with Plain Capers)

Hartley Ale

June 3rd & 4th

Your very own Hartley Morris Men will be inviting guest teams to enjoy the beauties of Kent.

- Squire's Tour - Saturday June 3rd**
 - 10.30 a.m. Goacher's Brewery
 - 11.30 a.m. Dovecote, Capel
 - 12.30 noon George and Dragon, Tudeley
 - 1.30 p.m. Royal Oak, Haysden
 - 4.00 p.m. Beltring Hop Farm
- Bagman's Tour - Saturday June 3rd**
 - 10.30 a.m. Larkin's Brewery
 - 11.30 a.m. Rock, Chiddingstone Hoath
 - 12.30 noon Leicester Arms, Penshurst
 - 1.30 p.m. Greyhound, Charcott
 - 4.00 p.m. Hever Castle

Tours combine - 6.00 p.m. Swan, West Peckham

Sunday June 4th

- 12.30 p.m. Massed Display - Wrotham Village Centre

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Shepherd Neame Tour

Saturday July 15th

- 10.00 a.m. Faversham Market Square
- 12.00 noon Clock Tower, Herne Bay
- 1.30 p.m. Gate, Marshside
- 7.30 p.m. Plough, Lewson Street
- 8.30 p.m. Three Mariners, Oare

Sunday July 16th

- 1.00 p.m. The Sun, Faversham

Tuesday 26th December - Boxing Day

- 12.00 noon Black Horse, Stansted
- 1.15 p.m. Rose and Crown, Wrotham

**Saturday 1st July
Rainham Folk Festival At The Green Lion**

July

- 6th 8.30 p.m. Man of Kent, East Peckham
- 9.30 p.m. Chequers, Laddingford
- 13th 8.30 p.m. Black Horse, Stansted (Kentish Festival)
- 20th 8.30 p.m. Wrotham Walking Tour (with Invicta & Motley)
- 27th 8.30 p.m. Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Grn
- 9.30 p.m. Papermaker's Arms, Plaxtol

August

- 3rd 8.30 p.m. Golding Hop, Plaxtol
- 9.30 p.m. Plough, Basted
- 10th 8.30 p.m. Wrotham, Walking Tour (with Ravensbourne)

**Friday 11th to Friday 18th August
Broadstairs Folk Week**

- 24th 8.30 p.m. Villager, Vigo Village
- 9.30 p.m. Amazon and Tiger, Harvel
- 31th 8.30 p.m. Plough, Powder Mill Lane, Leigh
- 9.30 p.m. Greyhound, Charcott

**Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September
Faversham Hop Festival**

September

- 7nd 8.30 p.m. Rose & Crown, Wrotham

**Saturday 7th October
Tenterden Folk Festival**