

BOXING DAY

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

The Hartley Morris Men

For thirty 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.

Anybody wishing to learn to dance the Morris (preferably in their late teens or early twenties), contact Dave Davies, phone 01-222-0281 (days)

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1982

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Hartley Morris Men

PROGRAMME 1982

THURSDAY EVENING TOURS

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| May | 6 | 7.30 | Hartley Green | |
| | | 8.30 | Anchor and Hope, Stansted | |
| | 13 | 7.30 | The George, Trosley | |
| | | 8.30 | Amazon and Tiger, Harvel | |
| | 20 | 8.00 | Westerham Green | |
| 27 | | 9.00 | Cock, Ide Hill | |
| | | 8.00 | Shoreham Village | |
| | | 9.00 | Otford Village | |
| June | 3 | 8.00 | Wheatsheaf, Bough Beech | |
| | | 9.00 | Greyhound, Charcott | |
| | 10 | 8.00 | Red Lion, Offham | |
| | | 9.00 | Queen's Head, Mereworth | |
| | 17 | 8.00 | Swan, Ash | |
| | | 9.00 | Back Horse, Stansted | |
| 24 | | 8.00 | Ightham Village | |
| | | 9.00 | Chequers, Heaverham | |
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| July | 1 | 8.00 | Royal Oak, Bean | |
| | | 9.00 | Black Lion, Southfleet | |
| | 8 | 8.00 | Wheatsheaf, Kemsing | |
| | | 9.00 | Rising Sun, Cotmans Ash | |
| | 15 | 8.00 | Yew Tree, Sandling | |
| | | 9.00 | Fleur D'Lis, Burham | |
| 22 | | 8.00 | Upper Upnor | |
| | | 9.00 | Stags Head, Wainscott | |
| | 29 | 8.00 | Bush Blackbird & Thrust, East Peckham | |
| | | 9.00 | Man of Kent, East Peckham | |
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| Aug. | 5 | 8.00 | Plough, Ivy Hatch | |
| | | 9.00 | Harrow, Ightham Common | |
| | 12 | 8.30 | The Angel, Addington | |
| | 19 | 8.00 | The Swan, West Peckham | |
| | | 9.00 | Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol | |
| 26 | | 8.00 | Leather Bottle, Cobham | |
| | | 9.00 | The Railway, Higham | |

MAY DAY TOUR

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| 5.30 a.m. | Coldrum Stones |
| 10.00 a.m. | Rose & Crown, Wrotham |
| 11.00 a.m. | Kemsing Village |
| 12.30 p.m. | Rising Sun, Cotmans Ash |
| 7.00 p.m. | Five Bells, Seal |
| 8.00 p.m. | Rose & Crown, Stone Stree |

MAY 31st

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| 11.00 a.m. | The Stag, Wainscott |
| 12.00 noon | Rochester (Real Ale Bar) |
| 1.00 p.m. | Wagon-at-Hale, Chatham |
| 8.00 p.m. | Railway, Higham |
| 9.00 p.m. | Staff of Life, Cooling Street |

JUNE 11-13 SHEPS TOUR

FRIDAY 11th

Collect at the Sun Faversham

SUNDAY 13th

12.30 p.m. Chequers, Doddington

SATURDAY 12th

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| 10.30 a.m. | Faversham, Market |
| 12.00 noon | Anchor, Abbey Street, |
| 1.00 p.m. | Alma, Painters Forstal |
| 4.00 p.m. | Long Market, Canterbury |
| | Tea at Horselips |
| 7.00 p.m. | Three Horseshoes, Staplehurst |
| 8.00 p.m. | Plough, Lewson Street |
| 9.00 p.m. | Sun, Faversham |

THE HARTLEY MORRIS RING MEETING

23rd - 25th July 1982

FRIDAY 23rd

7.30 p.m. Singing - Dancing in and around Wrotham — (Informal)

SATURDAY 24th

All-Stars Tour

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| 10.30 a.m. | Hartley Green |
| 11.30 a.m. | Green Man, Hodsall Street |
| 12.30 p.m. | Black Horse, Stansted |

Sweet Queens Tour

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| 10.30 a.m. | West Malling |
| 11.30 a.m. | Angel, Addington |
| 12.30 p.m. | Queens Head, Mereworth |

Teetotallers Tour

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| 10.30 a.m. | Princess Parade, Locksbottom |
| 11.30 a.m. | Change of Horses, Farnborough |
| 12.30 p.m. | Woodman, Otford |

4.00 p.m. Massed Display Tonbridge Castle

SUNDAY 25th

12.30 p.m. MASSED DISPLAY WROTHAM VILLAGE

JULY 3rd

Busmens Revenge (Alcoholical Mystery Tour)

AUGUST 30th

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| 10.30 a.m. | Vine, Goudhurst |
| 11.30 a.m. | Bull, Three Legged Cross |
| 12.30 p.m. | Oak & Ivy, Hawkhurst |
| 3.30 p.m. | Bodiam Castle |
| 7.00 p.m. | Elephants Head, Hook Green |
| 8.00 p.m. | White Hart, Clay Gate |

SEPTEMBER 5th

12.30 p.m. Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Green