

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 a distinctive style of dancing and repertoire of dances. Dances recur in different traditions with variations in the figures, steps, hand movements 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. P. Sephton, a wellknown Morris Man. The red, white and blue trimmings to the costumes commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Our H.Q. is the Bull at Farningham where we meet on Thursday Evenings for practice throughout the winter — new recruits are always welcome.

THE HARTLEY MORRIS MEN

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The Hartley Morris Men

Programme 1975

Thursday Evening Tours in Kent

MAY	1st	7.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.	HARTLEY GREEN Black Lion, SOUTHFLEET
MAY	8th	8.00 p.m. 8.45 p.m.	Horse & Groom, WILMINGTON Malt Shovel, DARTFORD
MAY	15th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Bo-Peep, HEWITTS ROAD, CHELSFIELD Crown, KNOCKHOLT
MAY	22nd	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Swan, WEST PECKHAM Man of Kent, EAST PECKHAM
MAY	29th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Chaser, SHIPBOURNE Plough, IVY HATCH
JUNE	5th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Henry VIII, HEVER Plough, POWDER MILLS, LEIGH
JUNE	12th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Harrow, IGHTHAM COMMON Golding Hop, PLAXTOL
JUNE	19th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Chequers, WEST FARLEIGH Walnut Tree, FORGE LANE, EAST FARLEIGH
JUNE	26th	8.00 p.m. 9.15 p.m.	Grasshopper, WESTERHAM GREEN SHOREHAM VILLAGE
JULY	3rd	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Queens Head, MEREWORTH Bush Blackbird & Thrush, EAST PECKHAM
JULY	10th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Green Man, HODSOLL STREET Amazon & Tiger, HARVEL
JULY	17th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Ship, PUDDLEDOCK Lamb, SWANLEY VILLAGE
JULY	24th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Wheatsheaf, KEMSING Chequers, HEAVERHAM
JULY	31st	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Cock, IDE HILL General Wolfe, WESTERHAM
AUGUST	7th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Vine, SEVENOAKS Sir Jeffrey Amherst, CROWN POINT
AUGUST	14th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Five Bells, SEAL Padwell Arms, STONE STREET
AUGUST	21st	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Red Lion, BOROUGH GREEN Plough, BASTED
AUGUST	28th	8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Tudor Rose, UPPER UPNOR Royal Victoria & Bull, ROCHESTER

JULY

Sat.	19th	10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Fighting Cocks, HORTON KIRBY Black Horse, STANSTED George Inn, TROTTISCLIFFE Papermakers Arms, PLAXTOL HADLOW PAGEANT Castle Grounds MAIDSTONE CARNIVAL Earl Street Wheelwrights Arms, MATFIELD Alders, CAPEL Vauxhall Inn, TONBRIDGE
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TENTERDEN TOUR WITH CHANCTONBURY RING MORRIS MEN

Fri.	25th	8.30 p.m.	Man of Kent, ST. MICHAELS
Sat.	26th	10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. 4.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m. 9.15 p.m.	TENTERDEN TOWN Bull, ROLVENDEN Bull, BENENDEN Oak & Ivy, HAWKHURST TENTERDEN TOWN HALL Woolpack, BROOKLAND Ypres Castle, RYE William the Conqueror, RYE HARBOUR
Sun.	27th	12 Noon 3.00 p.m.	White Dog Inn, EWHURST GREEN BODIAM CASTLE
AUGUST			
Wed.	6th	8.00 p.m.	BROAD SANCTUARY, WESTMINSTER ABBEY

DECEMBER

Fri.	26th		BOXING DAY
		10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	HARTLEY GREEN Black Lion, HARTLEY Rising Sun, FAWKHAM GREEN Fox & Hounds, ROMNEY STREET Bull, FARNINGHAM

Other Tours

MAY

Thurs.	1st	5.30 a.m.	Coldrum Stones, TROTTISCLIFFE
Sat.	3rd	1.00 p.m.	Bull, FARNINGHAM
		3.15 p.m.	AYLESFORD FETE
		5.00 p.m.	Dwile Flonking Competition, BULL FARNINGHAM
Sat.	17th	11.00 a.m.	Harp, EAST PECKHAM
		12 Noon	Rose & Crown, BRENCHLEY
		1.00 p.m.	Hop Bine, PETERIDGE
		3.30 p.m.	CRITTENDEN HOUSE, MATFIELD
		5.00 p.m.	CRITTENDEN HOUSE, MATFIELD
		6.30 p.m.	Vine, GOUDHURST
		7.30 p.m.	Peacock, IDEN GREEN, GOUDHURST
		8.30 p.m.	Windmill, CRANBROOK
Mon.	26th	10.30 a.m.	PEMBURY VILLAGE GREEN
		11.30 a.m.	Elephants Head, HOOK GREEN
		12.30 p.m.	Huntsman, ERIDGE
		1.30 p.m.	George & Dragon, SPELDHURST
		3.45 p.m.	OTFORD VILLAGE FETE
		4.45 p.m.	WESTERHAM GALA
		6.30 p.m.	Castle Inn, CHIDDINGSTONE
		7.30 p.m.	Crown, GROOMBRIDGE
8.30 p.m.	Dorset Arms, WITHYHAM		

CAMRA

The Hartley Morris Men support the aims of CAMRA, the campaign for real ale. Real Ale is natural beer which has not been chilled, filtered, pasteurised and served by carbon dioxide pressure. Many of the country inns at which we are dancing this year serve Real Ale.

JUNE

ANNUAL WEEKEND OF DANCE

Hartley are Hosts to sides from Berkshire, Sussex, Essex, Lancashire, Somerset and Kent.

Sat.	7th	There will be two separate tours during the day:—	
TOUR 'A'	10.45 a.m.	SWANLEY TOWN CENTRE	
	12 Noon	Five Bells, SEAL	
	1.00 p.m.	Sir Jeffrey Amherst, CROWN POINT	
	3.30 p.m.	TONBRIDGE CASTLE LAWN	
	6.15 p.m.	Bush Blackbird & Thrush, EAST PECKHAM	
TOUR 'B'	10.45 a.m.	Black Boy, SEVENOAKS	
	12 Noon	Fox & Hounds, TOYS HILL	
	1.00 p.m.	Castle Inn, CHIDDINGSTONE	
	3.30 p.m.	PENSHURST PLACE	
	6.30 p.m.	Chequers, HEAVERHAM	

Both tours will end together with an hour long display of massed Morris Dancing at:

7.45 p.m. Bull, FARNINGHAM

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

Sun. 8th 12.30 p.m. Bull, FARNINGHAM

SHEPHERD NEAME TOUR

Fri.	20th	8.00 p.m.	Three Mariners, OARE
Sat.	21st	10.00 a.m.	FAVERSHAM MARKET SQUARE
		11.30 a.m.	Dover Castle, TEYNHAM
		12.30 p.m.	Plough, LEWSON STREET
		1.30 p.m.	Chequers, DODDINGTON
		4.00 p.m.	Camra Beer Festival, Dane John Gdns., Canterbury
		5.15 p.m.	CHILHAM SQUARE
		6.30 p.m.	Woolpack, CHILHAM
		7.30 p.m.	New Flying Horse, WYE
		8.30 p.m.	Red Lion, CHARING HEATH
		Sun.	22nd