

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

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

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THURSDAY EVENING TOURS

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MAY 10th

7.30 p.m. — HARTLEY GREEN
8.30 p.m. — THE BLACK LION, SOUTHFLEET

MAY 17th

8.00 p.m. — THE HORSE & GROOM, WILMINGTON
9.00 p.m. — THE SHIP, PUDDLEDOCK

MAY 24th

8.00 p.m. — THE FOX & HOUNDS, ROMNEY STREET
9.00 p.m. — THE CHEQUERS, HEAVERHAM

MAY 31st

8.00 p.m. — THE GREEN MAN, HODSOLL STREET
9.00 p.m. — THE KINGS ARMS, OFFHAM

JUNE 7th

8.00 p.m. — THE GRASSHOPPER, WESTERHAM
9.00 p.m. — THE COCK, IDE HILL

JUNE 14th

8.00 p.m. — THE BUSH BLACKBIRD & THRUSH,
EAST PECKHAM
9.00 p.m. — THE MAN OF KENT, EAST PECKHAM

JUNE 21st

8.15 p.m. — THE HENRY VIII, HEVER
9.15 p.m. — THE CASTLE INN, CHIDDINGSTONE

JUNE 28th

8.00 p.m. — THE RAMBLERS REST, CHISLEHURST
8.45 p.m. — THE TIGER, CHISLEHURST
9.30 p.m. — THE CROWN, CHISLEHURST

JULY 5th

8.00 p.m. — DOWNE VILLAGE
9.00 p.m. — THE OLD JAIL, BIGGIN HILL

JULY 12th

7.30 p.m. — HARTLEY GREEN (HARTLEY FETE WEEK)
9.00 p.m. — THE MALTA, ALLINGTON

JULY 19th

8.00 p.m. — THE VINE TAVERN, SEVENOAKS
9.00 p.m. — THE THREE HORSESHOES, KNOCKHOLT

JULY 26th

8.00 p.m. — THE ARTICHOKE, HAMPTONS
9.00 p.m. — THE SWAN, WEST PECKHAM

AUGUST 2nd

8.00 p.m. — THE FIVE BELLS, SEAL
9.00 p.m. — THE PADWELL ARMS, STONE STREET

AUGUST 9th

8.00 p.m. — THE RAILWAY INN, SOLE STREET
9.00 p.m. — THE THREE CRUTCHES, KNIGHTS PLACE

AUGUST 16th

8.00 p.m. — THE WHITE SWAN, ASH
9.00 p.m. — THE RISING SUN, FAWKHAM GREEN

AUGUST 23rd

8.00 p.m. — THE BO-PEEP, HEWITTS
9.00 p.m. — THE ROYAL OAK, KNOCKHOLT

AUGUST 30th

8.00 p.m. — THE WHEATSHEAF, KEMSING
9.00 p.m. — THE FOX & HOUNDS, ROMNEY STREET