

Why do we do it?

We do occasionally ask ourselves the same question . . . but generally only when it is raining.

Morris dancing is an amazing pastime. There are few other activities which give you: -

- Such enjoyable and regular exercise - a great way of staying reasonably fit.
- A variety of new friends not only in your own area but all across the U.K. and beyond.
- The opportunity to travel and perform all around the country and occasionally even around the rest of the world
- The privilege of keeping one of our cultural traditions alive, performing dances and playing tunes, many of which go back generations.

So, do come along to our Thursday evening performances at this Summer's selection of some of the nicest pubs in North West Kent and join in. We like to have a dance or two to invite members of the audience of any age to have a go, and almost every song in the pub afterwards will have a chorus - the more voices there are, the merrier.

We practice from 8:30pm every Thursday evening from mid-September through to April in St. George's Hall, High St. Wrotham TN15 7AB and welcome new members, so why not come and join us. We provide the sticks, hankies, bells and instruction - just bring along as many left feet as you can find . . . and a sense of humour!

The Hartley Morris Men have been based in Wrotham since 1977 and our roots go back to the Stansted Morris Men, formed in 1934, who danced until the war. Some of them became founder members of the Hartley Morris Men in 1952.

If you have any questions, call one of our newest dancers, Andy on 07983 107934 for an honest opinion and a chat about what we do.

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Our Bell Pads are made for us by John who can be contacted on coblers@topmail.co.uk

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We hope you will enjoy watching our dancing as much as we enjoy it and you will join in the magic of the Morris by contributing to our 'bag'.

The collection helps towards expenses and we are very proud of our tradition of annual donations to charities such as the Kent Air Ambulance.

For more information, contact our Bagman at
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THE HARTLEY MORRIS MEN



Penshurst Place 2016

2016 PROGRAMME

Sunday 1st May **BELTANE**

5.30 am The Coldrum Stones, Trottisccliffe

ROCHESTER SWEEPS FESTIVAL,

11.00 am onward - dancing in Rochester

2.00 pm until 4.00 pm - Singing at the
Man of Kent Alehouse, Rochester

MAY

5th 8.30 pm The Windmill, Weald

12th 9.00 pm Change of Horses, Farnborough
Followed by singing in the Folk Club

19th 8.30 pm The 10:50 from Victoria, Strood

9.30 pm The White Hart, Cuxton

26th 8.30 pm Walking tour of Shoreham

8.30 pm The Two Brewers

9.00 pm The Kings Arms

9.30 pm Ye Olde George

JUNE

2nd 8.30 pm Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol

9.30 pm Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Green

7th Tuesday As guests of Ravensbourne MM

8.30 pm The Compasses, Tunbridge Wells

9.00 pm Grove Tavern, Tunbridge Wells

16th 8.30 pm The Bo Peep, Chelsfield

9.30 pm The Chequers Inn, Crockenhill

Saturday 18th **WROTHAM VILLAGE FETE**

2.30 pm at St George's Primary School, Wrotham

23rd 8.30 pm The Chequers, Laddingford
With Kettle Bridge Clog

30th 8.30 pm Three Horseshoes, Knockholt
9.30 pm The Bricklayer's Arms, Chipstead

JULY

7th 8.30 pm The Man of Kent, East Peckham

9.30 pm The Bush, Blackbird & Thrush,
East Peckham

14th 8.30 pm The Chequers, South Darenth

9.30 pm The Malt Shovel, Dartford

The post codes for all the pubs are on
www.hartleymorristmen.org.uk



HARTLEY ALE

10th to 12th June

Our Annual Ale Weekend
with lots of other Morris Men's sides.

Saturday 11th **GOACHER'S TOUR**

10.00 am Goacher's Brewery, Maidstone

11.15 am 10:50 from Victoria, Strood

11.15 am The Flippin' Frog, Rochester

12.00 noon The Eagle Tavern, Rochester

1.00 pm The White Hart, Cuxton

4.00 pm **WROTHAM CLASSIC STEAM RALLY**

Saturday 11th **LARKINS TOUR**

10.00 am Larkins Brewery

11.00 am The Rock, Chiddingstone Hoath

12 noon The Junction Inn, Groombridge

12.30 pm SVR, Groombridge Station

1.15 pm The Sussex Arms, Tunbridge Wells

3.30 pm **THE PANTILES, Tunbridge Wells**

The Tours combine for mass display at-

6.00 pm **THE SWAN, WEST PECKHAM**

Sunday 12th

11.00 am **PENSHURST PLACE, PENSHURST**



SHEPHERD NEAME TOUR

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July

Sponsored by Britain's Oldest Brewery

Saturday 16th

10.30 am The Rose, Herne Bay

11.45 am Market Square, Faversham

1.00 pm The Anchor, Faversham

3.30 pm Shepherd Neame Social Club

5.00 pm The Cricketers, Canterbury

8.00 pm The Gate, Marshside,
Singing session in the bar

Sunday 17th

12.30 pm The Gate, Marshside



Sunday 10th July - **KENT COUNTY SHOW**

at the Detling Show Ground

21st 8.30 pm The Bullfinch, Riverhead

9.30 pm The Dukes Head, Dunton Green

28th 8.30 pm The Golden Lion, Luddesdown

9.30 pm The Cock Inn, Luddesdown

AUGUST

5th to 12th **BROADSTAIRS FOLK WEEK**

18th 8.30 pm The Rose & Crown, Hadlow

9.30 pm The Two Brewers, Hadlow

25th Walking Tour of Sevenoaks

8.30 pm The Chequers and finishing at

9.30 pm The Anchor, Sevenoaks

SEPTEMBER

1st 8.30 pm Rose & Crown, Wrotham

2nd - 4th **EAST SUFFOLK RING MEETING**

based in Framlingham, Suffolk

OCTOBER

Thursday 6th 8.30 pm St George's Hall, Wrotham

TASTER EVENING

All welcome to come and have a go.

Learn a dance, amaze your friends.

Saturday 22nd 11.00 am
SPA VALLEY RAILWAY
CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL



Sunday 20th November - from 1.00 pm

TONBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Saturday 3rd December - from 1.00 pm

WROTHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We will be dancing and performing the Firle play.

Monday 26th December, **BOXING DAY**

12 noon Black Horse, Stansted

1.15 pm Rose & Crown, Wrotham