

THE HARTLEY MORRIS

Like the Queen, Hartley Morris has now been going for forty glorious years. Some unkind people say it is about time it finally went; others buy us a drink to celebrate this double Ruby Anniversary.

We ourselves are commemorating this special year in truly royal style. We start the dancing season by paying a state visit to one of Her Majesty's earliest Colonies, when we go to Los Angeles as guests of the Sunset Morris Men*, and we end it by acting host to over a dozen teams from all over the country on the occasion of the 247th. meeting of the Morris Ring (the National Association of Men's Morris and Sword Clubs which exists to preserve and perform these traditional English dances). Because of these two special events, one or two of our regular Summer tours have had to be either re-scheduled or cancelled.

As you will by now have gathered, there will be a lot of morris dancing in Kent in 1992. If you take any good photographs we would be grateful for a copy (or its negative) for our scrapbook. If you fancy joining us rather than just watching us, we always welcome prospective new members. In either case, please contact any member of the side - or drop a line to one or other of the following officers:-

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Foreman

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** We honour our 1952 association with the Queen by wearing her colours. Unfortunately we were unable to persuade her to return the compliment by lending us her yacht for our visit to California.*

THE COLLECTION

We trust you contributed well when the box was passed round. If not, you may still have time! Give now, it will be good for your soul and you will be healthier than you would have been if you had spent it all on beer (this is the medical truth behind the usual Morris collector's crap about long life and fertility). We have many extra expenses in this special anniversary year, and we would still wish to make our usual annual contributions to our three pet charities - the Police Benevolent Fund, the National Trust and the Kent Air Ambulance Appeal. If you would like a little extra for your money, we have on sale Hartley badges and a very fine cassette of Hartley songs. Please contact any member of the side or one of the above officers for details.

The Hartley Morris Men



1952 FORTY GLORIOUS YEARS 1992



THURSDAY EVENING STANDS - 1992

MAY	7	8.00	Rorty Crankle, Plaxtol
		9.00	Papermakers Arms, Plaxtol
	14	8.00	George Inn, Meopham Green
		9.00	Green Man, Hodsoll Street
	21	8.30	Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Green
	9.30	Harrow, Ightham Common	
28	8.30	Man of Kent, East Peckham	
	9.30	Bush Blackbird & Thrush, E. Peckham	
JUNE	4	8.30	Walking tour of Farningham, starting at The Pied Bull & travelling via The Lion to finish at The Chequers
	11	8.30	George & Dragon, Speldhurst
		9.30	Northfield House, Speldhurst
	18	8.30	Amazon & Tiger, Harvel
		9.30	Plough, Trottscliffe
25	8.30	Dovecote, Capel	
	9.30	Hopbine, Pettebridge	
JULY	2	8.30	Walking tour of West Malling, starting at The Lobster Pot & travelling via The Five Pointed Star to finish at The Joiners Arms
	9	8.30	The Anchor, Yalding
		9.30	Chequers, Laddingford
	16	8.30	Dorset Arms, Withyham, Sussex (with the Broadwood Morris Men)
	23	8.30	The Pier, Lower Upnor
	9.30	Tudor Rose, Upper Upnor	
30	8.30	Prince of Wales, Weald	
	9.30	Windmill, Weald	
AUGUST	6	8.30	Railway Hotel, Borough Green
		9.30	Blue Anchor, St. Mary's Platt
	13		See us all this week at the Broadstairs Folk Festival!
	20	8.30	Kent Hounds, Well Hill (Nr.Chelsfield)
		9.30	Fruiterers Arms, Crockenhill
27	8.00	Kent & Essex, Gravesend	
	9.00	Coke Oven (Jolly Drayman) Gravesend	
SEPTEMBER	3		No dancing. We will be too busy panicking over our Ring Meeting this coming weekend
	10	8.00	King Henry VIII Inn, Hever

BELTANE - FRIDAY. MAY 1ST

We hope to get back from L.A. in time, and in good enough condition, to dance as below:-

5.30a.m.	The Coldrum Stones
10.00a.m.	Hartley Green
11.00a.m.	Southfleet Village
12.00a.m.	Badger, New Ash Green
1.30p.m.	Wrotham Village

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY - MAY 25th

11.30a.m.	Prince of Guinea, Lower Gillingham
12.30p.m.	Bredhurst Village
1.30p.m.	Brown Jug, Upchurch
Afternoon	Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway
7.00p.m.	Mounted Rifleman, Luddenham
9.00p.m.	Prince of Guinea, Lower Gillingham

SHEPHERD NEAME TOUR - JULY 18-19th.

Over this weekend, which is sponsored by the best brewer in Kent, we dance and drink entirely at Shepherd Neame pubs.

Sat.18th.	10.30a.m.	Faversham Market Place
	11.30a.m.	Faversham Repeat Performance
	1.30p.m.	The Bonny Cravat, Woodchurch
	5.00p.m.	Chilham Village Square
	8.00p.m.	The White Lion, Sellinge
	9.00p.m.	The Sun Inn, Faversham
Sun.19th.	1.00p.m.	The Alma, Painters Forstal

SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY - AUG. 31TH

Joint tour with
Weald of Kent Morris Men

11.00a.m.	Rose & Crown, Brenchley
11.45a.m.	Vine, Goudhurst
1.00p.m.	White Dog, Ewhurst Green
Afternoon	Bodiam Castle
7.30p.m.	Horse & Groom, Lamberhurst
8.30p.m.	Bull, Brenchley

BOXING DAY TOUR - DEC. 26th

12.noon	Black Horse, Stansted
1.15p.m.	Rose & Crown, Wrotham

P.S. Don't forget Broadstairs Folk Week (Aug. 7th to 14th). Along with many other groups, Hartley will be dancing and singing all the time the pubs are open (& often afterwards)

MORRIS RING MEETING - SEPT.4th to 6th.

Over this very special weekend, Hartley will be playing host to more than a dozen Morris sides from all over the country. Full details will be given in a special leaflet which will be available nearer the time, but the provisional programme is as follows:-

Friday Night, Sept 4th.	Informal singing at various pubs in and around Wrotham.
Saturday Morning, Sept 5th.	Seven different tours by vintage buses to more than twenty dancing sites in the Hartley catchment area.
Saturday Afternoon, Sept 5th.	Massed display by all teams on Tonbridge Castle Lawns
Sunday Lunchtime, Sept 6th.	Massed display by all teams in Wrotham Village Square