

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 25th

11.00 a.m.	Castle, Chiddingstone
12.00 noon	Dorset Arms, Withyam
1.00 p.m.	Crown, Groombridge
3.30 p.m.	Penshurst Place
7.00 p.m.	Greyhound, Charcott
8.00 p.m.	George and Dragon, Speldhurst

BOXING DAY

10.00 a.m.	Hartley Green
11.00 a.m.	Anchor and Hope, Stansted
12.00 noon	Black Horse, Stansted.
1.00 p.m.	Rose and Crown, Wrotham

The Hartley Morris Men

For twenty-eight years the Hartley Morris Men have been dancing around the towns and villages of Kent. We were formed 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 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 a whole 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 part of the regular cycle of life.

Finally, you can help us to 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.



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Programme 1980

THURSDAY EVENING TOURS IN KENT

May	8	7.30	Brasted Green
		8.30	Kings Arms, Bessels Green
15	7.30	7.30	Leather Bottle, Cobham
		8.30	Kings Head, Rochester
22	8.00	8.00	Sir Geoffrey Amhurst, Crown Point
		9.00	The Plough, Ivy Hatch
29	8.00	8.00	Westerham Green
		9.00	The Cock, Ide Hill
June	5	8.00	Otford Village
		9.00	Shoreham Village
12	8.00	8.00	The Fox and Hounds, Romney Street
		9.00	The Wheatsheaf, Kemsing
19	8.00	8.00	Half Moon, Hildenborough
		9.00	The Gate, Hildenborough
26	8.00	8.00	The Amazon and Tiger, Harvel
		9.00	The Cricketers, Meopham
July	3	8.00	The Royal Oak, Bean
		9.00	The Ship, Southfleet
10	8.00	8.00	The White Hart, Sevenoaks
		9.00	The Vine, Sevenoaks
17	8.00	8.00	The Red Lion, Offham
		9.00	The Queens Head, Mereworth
24	8.00	8.00	The Green Man, Hodsall Street
		9.00	The Black Horse, Stansted
31	8.00	8.00	The Rising Sun, Cotmans Ash
		9.00	The Chequers, Heaverham
Aug.	7	8.00	The Five Bells, Seal
		9.00	Rose and Crown, Stone Street
14	8.00	8.00	The Yew Tree, Sandling
		9.00	Fleur D'Lis, Burham
21	8.00	8.00	Golding Hop, Plaxtol
		9.00	Papermakers, Plaxtol
24	8.00	8.00	Railway, Higham
		9.00	Staff of Life, Cooling Street

OTHER TOURS

THURSDAY, MAY 1st

5.30 a.m.	Coldrum Stone
	Breakfast Rose and Crown
10.30 a.m.	Southfleet Village
11.30 a.m.	The Cricketers, Meopham
12.30 p.m.	Amazon and Tiger, Harvel
7.30 p.m.	Hartley Green
8.30 p.m.	Anchor and Hope, Stansted

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY, MAY 26th

10.00 a.m.	Pembury Green
11.00 a.m.	Brecknock Arms, Bells Yew Green
12.00 noon	Elephants Head, Hook Green
1.00 p.m.	Old Vine, Cousley Wood
3.30 p.m.	Tonbridge Cottage Hospital Fete
7.00 p.m.	The Harrow, Ightham Common
8.00 p.m.	Rose and Crown, Stone Street

JUNE 20th - 22nd ANNUAL WEEKEND OF DANCE

SATURDAY 21st

TOUR A		TOUR B	
10.30 a.m.	Dartford	10.30 a.m.	Sevenoaks
11.30 a.m.	Meopham Green	11.30 a.m.	Chequers, Weald
1.00 p.m.	Chequers, Heaverham	1.00 p.m.	Castle, Chiddingstone
3.30 p.m.	Horton Kirby Fete	3.30 p.m.	Penshurst Place

TOUR C

10.30 a.m.	Westerham Green
11.30 a.m.	Brasted Green
1.00 p.m.	The Cock, Ide Hill
3.30 p.m.	Squerryes Court

Sunday 12.30 p.m. Massed Display at Rose and Crown, Wrotham

JULY 8th EVENING TOUR WITH RAVENSBOURNE M.M.

8.00 p.m.	The Bull, Pratts Bottom
9.00 p.m.	Bo Peep, Maypole

ANNUAL SHEPS TOUR JULY 18th-20th

FRIDAY 18th

8.30 p.m.	Walking Tour of Faverham
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SATURDAY 19th

10.30 a.m.	Faversham Market Place
12.00 noon	Royal Oak, Mersham
1.00 p.m.	Walnut Tree, Aldington
3.30 p.m.	Faversham Market Place
7.00 p.m.	Alma, Painters Forstal
8.00 p.m.	Plough, Lawson Street
9.00 p.m.	Sun, West Street, Faversham

SUNDAY 20th

12 noon	White Lion, Selling
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