

THE HARTLEY MORRIS MEN

Greetings once again from the Hartley Morris Men, about whom it has often been said. As you undoubtedly know by now, we are the oldest Morris side in the area, with our roots going back to the original Stansted dancers of 1934.

Our dancing season runs each year from May until September, and starts with a spectacular May morning performance at dawn on May 1st. at the Coldrum Long Barrow. During the summer season the side maintains a long-standing tradition of dancing at pubs throughout West Kent, bringing back live folk entertainment to large numbers of people within the community and providing the men themselves with the opportunity to enjoy good ale! In addition, over the Christmas period, a traditional Mumming play is performed by the side in aid of local charities.

Experienced Morrismen will tell you that the Morris works magic, and in particular that it works best for those members of our audience who contribute generously to our collection. We dance for the fun of it, and to entertain you as best we can. May you share in the fun and the magic of the Morris!

On a personal note, my name is Bob Tatman, and you can contact either me or my son John (also a Hartley dancer) at most times during the day or evening on 01689 823746. This is the sixth and last of the Hartley programmes we have jointly produced; we will be handing over the task to somebody else this Autumn (except that we've not told him yet!)

An endearing feature of the past five issues is that each has contained what we maintain to be a deliberate mistake. We see no reason why our final effort should not be similarly endowed, so - if it is, and you spot it - please stop me, with a copy of the programme in your hand, and say "I have found your deliberate mistake, and therefore claim the right to buy you a pint"

Good luck to you all, and thanks for putting up with us!

The Hartley Morris Men will make every effort to appear at the venues and times shown (although possibly somewhat later than advertised owing to excessive hospitality at the previous stand). The side is a member of, and is insured by, the Morris Ring.

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1996 PROGRAMME

THURSDAY EVENING STANDS - 1996

MAY	9th	8.00 pm	Woodman, Otford
		9.00 pm	Anchor, Sevenoaks
	16th	8.30 pm	Walking Tour of Tonbridge, starting at the Stags Head, taking in the Man O' Kent and ending at the Ivy House
		9.30 pm	
	23rd	8.30 pm	Ivy Leaf, Dartford
		9.30 pm	Malt Shovel, Dartford
	30th	8.30 pm	Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Green
		9.30 pm	The Swan, West Peckham (With Motley Morris)

JUNE	6th	8.30 pm	Royal Oak, Shoreham
		9.30 pm	The Bell, Kemsing
	13th	8.30 pm	Chafford Arms, Fordcombe
		9.30 pm	George & Dragon, Speldhurst
	20th	8.30 pm	Green Man, Hodsoil Street
		9.30 pm	Black Horse, Stansted
	27th	8.30 pm	Greyhound, Charcott
		9.30 pm	Royal Oak, Haysden, Tonbridge

JULY	4th	8.30 pm	"Raffles", Yalding
		9.30 pm	The Hop Pole, Nettlestead
	18th	8.30 pm	The Castle Inn, Chiddingstone
		9.30 pm	The Wheatsheaf, Bough Beech (With White Star Sword Dancers)
	25th	8.30 pm	The Pier, Lower Upnor
		9.30 pm	Upper Upnor

AUGUST	1st	8.30 pm	Bricklayers Arms, Chipstead
		9.30 pm	The Harrow, Knockholt
	22nd	8.30 pm	Pilgrim's Rest, Upper Halling
		9.30 pm	White Hart, Cuxton
	29th	8.30 pm	Three Squirrels, Pittswood
		9.30 pm	Carpenters Arms, Three Elm Lane (Both between Tonbridge & Hadlow)

SEPT	5th	8.00 pm	Blue Anchor, St. Mary's Platt
		9.00 pm	Rose & Crown, Wrotham

BELTANE - MAY 1ST

5.30 am	The Coldrum Stones
10.30 am	Southfleet Village
12.00 pm	The Cock, Luddesdowne
1.30 pm	Rose & Crown, Wrotham

LEEDS CASTLE - MAY 18-19th

Dancing throughout the day at the Leeds Castle Festival of English Food and Wine.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY - MAY 27th

11.00 am	Brown Jug, Upchurch
12.00 pm	Prince of Guinea, Gillingham
1.30 pm	Kings Arms, Upper Upnor
5.00 pm	Somewhere in Rochester
7.00 pm	The Crown, Upchurch
8.00 pm	Brown Jug, Upchurch

HARTLEY ALE - JUNE 8-9th

On this special weekend, your very own Hartley Morris Men are joined by guest teams from all over the civilized world.

Squires Tour - Saturday June 8rd	Bagmans Tour - Saturday June 8rd
During the day, the so - called "drinkers' tour" will visit a number of well - appointed pubs in the North Medway area.	At the same time, the more well - behaved "dancers' tour" will visit some of the best dancing sites in the South Medway area.

Final details of both tours will be available on request nearer the date.

6.00 pm Massed display by teams from both tours at West Malling

Massed Display - Sunday, June 9th

12.30 pm Wrotham Village Centre

SHEPHERD NEAME TOUR - JULY 13-14th

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

Saturday 13th	Sunday 14th
10.00 am Faversham Market Place	1.00 pm The Anchor, Abbey St.
12.00 pm The Castle, Ashford	Faversham
1.30 pm Bonny Cravat, Woodchurch	
5.00 pm The Square, Chilham	
8.00 pm The Alma, Painters Forstal	
9.00 pm The Sun, Faversham	

BROADSTAIRS FOLK WEEK - AUGUST 9-17th

Along with many other groups, Hartley will be dancing and singing whenever the pubs are open (and often afterwards)

BOXING DAY - DECEMBER 26th

12 noon	Black Horse, Stansted
1.15 pm	Rose & Crown, Wrotham