

Full details can be found overleaf — but please note that the performances at Farningham on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning are the only ones at which all the dancers will appear together. In addition to the published events, there will be various processions through the village on both days. There will also be a special Morris service at Farningham Parish Church on the Sunday morning which all visitors are invited to attend.

If you want any further information on the Morris in general — or on the Hartley Morris Men in particular—call in at the Pied Bull, ask any Hartley man, or write (with s.a.e. please) to either of the officers of the Club. But, above all, come along and watch the dancing, and be as generous as you can when the collecting box is passed round towards the end of each performance. This allows you, the audience — who are an essential part of the dance — to share in the good luck which the Morris brings, and it will help us to keep up the unique tradition of the English Morris in this most auspicious year of the Double Jubilee.

## The Hartley Morris Men

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# The Hartley Morris Men

**Programme 1977**

## THURSDAY EVENING TOURS in KENT

MAY	5	7.30	HARTLEY GREEN
		8.30	Badger — NEW ASH GREEN
	12	7.30	Darenth Tavern — GREEN ST. GREEN
		8.30	Jolly Millers — SOUTH DARENTH
	19	8.00	Chequers — CROUCH
		9.00	Plough — BASTED
	26	8.00	Staff of Life — COOLING STREET
		9.00	Railway Tavern — HIGHAM
JUNE	2	8.00	Chaser — SHIPBOURNE
		9.00	Plough — IVY HATCH
	9	8.00	Queens Head — MEREWORTH
		9.00	Papermakers Arms — PLAXTOL
	16	8.00	OTFORD VILLAGE
		9.00	SHOREHAM VILLAGE
	23	8.00	Chequers — WEALD
		9.00	Plough — POWDER MILLS, LEIGH
	30	8.00	Wheatsheaf — KEMSING
		9.00	Chequers — HEAVERHAM
JULY	7	8.00	Green Man — HODSALL STREET
		9.00	Black Horse — STANSTED
	14	8.00	George — TROTTISCLIFFE
		9.00	WROTHAM VILLAGE
	21	8.00	Fox & Hounds — TOYS HILL
		9.00	Cock — IDE HILL
	28	8.00	Malta — ALLINGTON
		9.00	Fleur de Lis — BURHAM
AUG.	18	8.00	Five Bells — SEAL
		9.00	Crown Point Inn — CROWN POINT
	25	8.00 onwards	Walking tour of WESTERHAM
SEPT.	1	8.00	White Hart — CUXTON
		9.00	Victoria & Bull — ROCHESTER

## A DOUBLE JUBILEE!

1977 is not only the Queen's Jubilee year, it is also that of the Hartley Morris Men — which is why we wear the colours red, white and blue and drink Jubilee Ale! We are probably the oldest established Morris side in Kent having been formed in 1952 from the tattered remains of the old Stansted team, which in turn originated in the mid-1930's from a folk dance group in Fairseat.

The dances which we perform have origins which are lost in pre-history (even in Elizabethan times Morris Dancing was regarded as an old custom). They have their roots in fertility magic, tribal superstition and ritual festivity but from manorial times until the Industrial Revolution the Morris was essentially the villagers' expression of pleasure and awe at the re-birth of Summer and the recurrence of the seasons. And at the great moments of the agricultural cycle out came the Morris Men with Fool, Hobby Horse, and perhaps Betsy, Jack-O-Green, or Cake Bearer, to lead the village revels with the traditional and stylised dances on the village green or outside the village inn.

We in Hartley, are essentially a village team and we try to preserve the rural atmosphere of the Morris. We have always met for our weekly practice during the Winter months in and around the Hartley area, and during the Summer season we dance whenever possible in the picturesque villages which are to be found in that portion of the Independent Kingdom of Kent which lies between the Darent and the Medway — natural barriers which keep us safe from the Ravensbourne Men to the West and the East Kent and the Wantsum Men to the East.

Again, whenever possible, we always try to dance outside the village inn, since dancing engenders a mortal thirst which must be relieved at the cost lest dehydration should set in and cause our bells to drop off. And after the day's dancing is over it is our usual custom to move into the final inn for an evening or equally traditional music and song.

This year — as usual — the formal start to our dancing year will take place at dawn on May Day, when we help the sun rise over the Coldred Stones at Trottiscliffe. This is quite a spectacle, one of the few at which the extraneous Morris characters mentioned above normally put in an appearance. Having got the sun up, we then make sure it stays around until the harvest has been safely gathered in by dancing every Thursday evening — a performance on the first of these Thursdays always commencing at Hartley Green.

Although we still consider Hartley to be our "home village," our spiritual headquarters are now without doubt at the Pied Bull, Farningham. Our long association with this inn, coupled with our sterling work in trying whenever possible to dance only at pubs which serve ale by traditional means, has gained us the honour of being the first Morris side ever to receive a mention in CAMRA's "Good Beer Guide."

It is in the Bull's fine old coach-house (which was painstakingly restored to its present state by certain of our members after it had been standing for some 50 years) that we hold our Winter practices, and it is in and around the forecourt that the main event of our dancing year reaches its climax. This is the Annual Weekend of Dance, at which the Hartley Morris Men host to more than a hundred visiting Morris Men from teams all over England. This year the event will take place over the weekend June 10/11 and will be bigger and better than usual in order properly to celebrate the Double Jubilee.

# The Hartley Morris Men

## Programme 1977

The Hartley Morris Men were formed in 1952. Our "colours" — Red, White and Blue — were taken from the Coronation Celebrations.

We will be celebrating our Silver Jubilee during the weekend 11th-12th June by acting as host to other Morris clubs from all over the country.

Displays have been arranged as follows, at which the various teams attending may be seen.

### SATURDAY, 11th JUNE

#### TOUR A

10.15 a.m. SWANLEY CENTRE — SWANLEY  
12 noon Old Cock Inn — HILDENBOROUGH  
1.00 p.m. Castle Inn — CHIDDINGSTONE  
3.30 p.m. PENSHURST PLACE

#### TOUR B

10.30 a.m. LOWFIELD STREET — DARTFORD  
12 noon Cricketers — MEOPHAM GREEN  
1.00 p.m. Crown Point Inn — CROWN POINT  
4.00 p.m. MEDIAEVAL MARKET — ALLINGTON CASTLE

#### TOUR C

11.00 a.m. Wrotham Church — WROTHAM VILLAGE  
12 noon Angel — ADDINGTON  
1.00 p.m. Black Horse — STANSTEAD  
4.15 p.m. ROCHESTER CASTLE GROUNDS

Massed display by all dancers at:—

7.00 p.m. Pied Bull — FARNINGHAM  
preceded by a procession through the village.

### SUNDAY, 12th JUNE

11.00 a.m. Church Service — FARNINGHAM CHURCH  
12.30 p.m. Pied Bull — FARNINGHAM

## OTHER TOURS

### SUNDAY, 1st MAY

5.30 a.m. COLDRUM STONES — TROTTISCLIFFE  
12.30 p.m. Malt Shovel — DARTFORD  
3.00 p.m. "Newtown Frolic" — DARTFORD  
7.30 p.m. Fox & Hounds — ROMNEY STREET

### SHEPHERD NEAME TOUR

### FRIDAY, 13th ~~MAY~~ MAY

9.00 p.m. Three Mariners — OARE

### SATURDAY, 14th ~~MAY~~ MAY

10.30 a.m. Market Square — FAVERSHAM  
12 noon Plough — LEWSON STREET  
1.00 p.m. Carpenters Arms — EASTLING  
4.30 p.m. Market Square — FAVERSHAM  
7.00 p.m. ~~XXXXX~~ XOXO XOXO XOXO XOXO 3 Horse Shoes — STAPLE ST.  
8.00 p.m. ~~XXXXX~~ XOXO XOXO XOXO XOXO White Lion — SELLING  
9.00 p.m. ~~XXXXX~~ XOXO XOXO XOXO XOXO White Horse — BOUGHTON

### SUNDAY, 15th ~~JUNE~~ MAY

12.15 p.m. Sun — WEST STREET, FAVERSHAM

### SATURDAY, 28th ~~MAY~~ MAY

11.00 a.m. BRASTED GREEN  
12 noon WESTERHAM GREEN  
1.00 p.m. Chequers — HEAVERHAM  
6.30 p.m. St. Luke's — FOLEY STREET, MAIDSTONE  
8.30 p.m. Rose & Crown — STONE STREET

### SATURDAY, 27th - MONDAY, 29th AUGUST

#### 8th Annual Kent & East Sussex Border Tour

### MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER — BOXING DAY

10.00 a.m. HARTLEY GREEN  
11.00 p.m. Black Horse — STANSTED  
12.30 p.m. Pied Bull — FARNINGHAM