

A little history

East Surrey Morris Men were formed in 1926 and are one of the six sides that founded the Morris Ring in 1934.

The dances mainly we perform are from the Cotswold traditions in sets for six or eight men. A jig danced by one or two men may be included in the programme.

Our collections bring good luck to our audiences, help towards our costs and enable us to make donations to local charities. Those that have benefited most recently are; The Stroke Association and Diabetes U.K. Others supported have been; Marie Curie Cancer Care, Macmillan Cancer Relief, The Royal Marsden Hospital and St Raphael's Hospice.

The origins of Morris dancing are uncertain. It is clear from contemporary accounts in 15th Century England that, at that time, it was considered an ancient and primitive activity. By the 19th Century the dances had developed into the form we know today. Most Cotswold villages had a side dancing their own subtle variations and it was Cecil Sharp who collected many of these dances around the turn of the century, before the drastic social changes of the early 1900's could sweep away the traditions. It was the work of Cecil Sharp undoubtedly which led to the great revival of the Morris.

Traditionally, the dances are performed by all-male teams, each being identified by its own distinctive costume. Apart from the dancers and musicians, most teams are accompanied by at least one Fool or other character.

If you wish to know more please chat to any member of the side, or you could try our

website: www.esmm.org.uk



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THURSDAY 23rd APRIL St George's Day

8.00pm REDHILL The Plough

SATURDAY 2nd MAY

11.00am BANSTEAD May Fayre
1.30 pm BANSTEAD The Woolpack

WEEKEND 8,9,10 MAY

Helmond MM Ring Meeting, HELMOND, Netherlands

MONDAY 18th MAY

7.30pm CARSHALTON Fox & Hounds
8.30pm CARSHALTON The Hope

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

23rd – 25th MAY

57th Annual Tour of Kent and Sussex

SATURDAY 23rd MAY

10.30am BATTLE ABBEY
11.30am ROBERTSBRIDGE The George Inn
12.45pm BODIAM The Castle Inn
2.00 pm BODIAM CASTLE
3.15 pm BIDDENDEN The Green
3.45 pm BIDDENDEN Church
5.30 pm APPLIEDORE The Black Lion
9.00 pm PEASMARSH The Cock

SUNDAY 24th MAY

11.15am PEASMARSH Flower Festival
12.15pm RYE The Mermaid
2.45pm RYE Church of St Mary the Virgin
3.15pm RYE Town Hall
3.45pm RYE Ypres Tower
5.00pm WINCHELSEA Castle Street
6.30pm RYE FOREIGN The Royal Oak
9.00pm PEASMARSH The Cock

MONDAY 25th MAY

11.00am PEASMARSH The Cock
12.00pm THREE LEG CROSS The Bull

MONDAY 1st JUNE

8.00 pm BLETCHINGLEY The White Harte
9.00 pm NUTFIELD The Queens Head

SATURDAY 13th JUNE

1.00 pm DORMANSLAND The Old House At Home
2.30 pm LINGFIELD The College of St Barnabas

SUNDAY 21st JUNE

12.00noon TURNERS HILL The Red Lion
1.30pm STANDEN --
2.30pm (National Trust Property)

TUESDAY 30th JUNE

8.00pm MOGADOR The Sportsman
9.00pm BOX HILL The Tree

MONDAY 6th JULY

With Ravensbourne MM
8.00pm REIGATE HEATH --
9.00pm The Skimmington Castle

The Town Hall, Rye, East Sussex



WEDNESDAY 15th JULY

With Chanctonbury Ring MM

8.00 pm MAPLEHURST The White Horse

SATURDAY 25th JULY

1.00 pm BOOKHAM The Anchor
3.00 pm CHILWORTH The Percy Arms

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST

With Westminster MM and Adelaide MM
A London Tour

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

With Long Man MM

7.30pm STAPLEFIELD The Victory Inn
8.30pm STAPLEFIELD The Jolly Tanners

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

7.30pm N. CHEAM The H. G. Wells
8.30pm CHEAM The Red Lion

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

2.00pm FETCHAM
3.00pm Bocketts Farm
4.00pm SHERE The Square
5.00pm SHERE The William Bray
6.00pm HOLMBURY ST MARY The King's Head

SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER - Boxing Day

12.00pm COULSDON COMMON The Fox
1.00pm CATERHAM The Harrow
2.00 pm GODSTONE The Hare & Hounds

We hope to see you during the summer.

Tell your friends and make a day or an evening out of it.

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ESMM are recruiting - NOW!!!