

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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SATURDAY 23rd APRIL

1.00pm SUTTON The Square
& 2.00pm

SATURDAY 30th APRIL

11.00am BANSTEAD May Fayre
1.30pm BANSTEAD The Woolpack

SATURDAY 7th MAY

Westminster Day of Dance Central London
Hosted by Westminster Morris Men

MONDAY 16th MAY

7.30pm GODSTONE The Hare and Hounds
8.30pm BLETCHINGLEY The Whyte Harte

MONDAY 23rd MAY

7.30pm CARSHALTON The Fox and Hounds
8.30pm CARSHALTON The Hope

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

58th Annual Tour of Kent and Sussex

SATURDAY 28th MAY

10.30am BATTLE ABBEY
11.45am ROBERTSBRIDGE The George Inn
2.00pm BODIAM CASTLE
3.45pm BIDDENDEN Church
5.30pm APPLIEDORE The Black Swan
6.30pm PEASMARSH The Cock

SUNDAY 29th 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 30th MAY

11.00am PEASMARSH The Cock
12.30pm THREE LEG CROSS The Bull

MONDAY 6th JUNE

8.00pm MOGADOR The Sportsman
9.00pm BOXHILL The Tree

SATURDAY 11th JUNE

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

MONDAY 20th JUNE

8.00pm NORTH CHEAM The H G Wells
9.00pm CHEAM Ye Olde Red Lion

SUNDAY 26th JUNE

12.00pm TURNERS HILL The Red Lion
1.30pm STANDEN National Trust
& 2.30pm

SATURDAY 2nd JULY

To be confirmed – check website for details



MONDAY 4th JULY

with Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men
8.00pm MAPLEHURST The White Horse

WEEKEND OF 15th - 17th JULY

East Surrey Morris Men 90th Anniversary Ring Meeting. Check website for details

SATURDAY 23rd JULY

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MONDAY 1st AUGUST

8.00pm LEATHERHEAD The Dukes Head
9.00pm LEATHERHEAD The Running Horse

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Winchester Day of Dance
Hosted by Winchester Morris Men

MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

7.30pm REDHILL The Plough

WEEKEND OF 17th - 18th SEPTEMBER

Visit of L'Aubade du Quercy from Gagny, France

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

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

MONDAY 26th DECEMBER

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

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