

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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SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

3.00pm REDHILL The Plough
& 4.00pm

SATURDAY 6th MAY

Broadwood Morris Day of Dance, Horsham
Hosted by Broadwood Morris Men

MONDAY 15th MAY

With Pennyroyal Clog Dancers
7.30pm LEATHERHEAD The Running Horse
8.30pm BOOKHAM The Anchor

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

59th Annual Tour of Kent and Sussex

SATURDAY 27th MAY

10.15am BATTLE ABBEY
11.15am ROBERTSBRIDGE The George Inn
12.15pm BODIAM The Castle Inn
2.15pm BODIAM CASTLE
3.30pm BIDDENDEN Church
5.00pm APPLIEDORE The Black Lion
6.30pm PEASMARSH The Cock

SUNDAY 28th MAY

11.15am PEASMARSH Flower Festival
12.15pm RYE The Mermaid
2.45pm RYE Church of St Mary the Virgin
3.15pm RYE Ypres Tower
3.45pm RYE The Hope Anchor
5.00pm WINCHELSEA Castle Street
6.15pm RYE FOREIGN The Royal Oak
9.00pm PEASMARSH The Cock

MONDAY 29th MAY

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

MONDAY 5th JUNE

With Ewell St Mary Morris Men
8.00pm MOGADOR The Sportsman
9.00pm BOXHILL The Tree

SATURDAY 10th JUNE

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

THURSDAY 15th JUNE

7.00pm EPSOM Kites Club (Private Event)

THURSDAY 22nd JUNE

With Broadwood Morris Men
8.00pm BARNES GREEN The Queen's Head

SATURDAY 1st JULY

11.45am MERSTHAM Merstham Fair
& 12.45pm
2.00pm NUTFIELD MARSH The Inn on the Pond
4.00pm BLETCHINGLEY The William IV

THURSDAY 6th JULY

8.00pm NEWDIGATE The Six Bells
9.00pm LEIGH The Plough

SATURDAY 15th JULY

2.30pm ALBURY Albury Fair
& 3.15pm
4.00pm SUTTON ABINGER The Volunteer
5.30pm COLDHARBOUR The Plough

MONDAY 24th JULY

8.00pm REIGATE HEATH The Skimmington Castle
& 9.00pm

MONDAY 31st JULY

8.00pm EPSOM The Cricketers
9.00pm EPSOM The Jolly Coopers

WEEKEND OF 12th -13th AUGUST

Moonshine Weekend of Dance, Isle of Wight
Hosted by Moonshine Border Morris

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Winchester Day of Dance
Hosted by Winchester Morris Men

MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

7.30pm DORKING The Prince of Wales
8.30pm DORKING The Spotted Dog

MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

7.30pm WALTON ON THE HILL The Fox & Hounds
8.30pm WALTON ON THE HILL The Bell

SATURDAY 23rd 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

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER

Carshalton Day of Dance
Hosted by Black Swan Border Morris

TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER

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

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