

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 were 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. East Surrey Morris Men are proud to be a male side within the wider Morris community which includes female and mixed sides. We enjoy socialising with other sides at joint events.

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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& Socialising**
then Morris
Dancing
could be for you

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EAST SURREY MORRIS MEN



**2018
PROGRAMME**

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MONDAY 23rd APRIL

7.30pm REDHILL The Plough

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7th MAY

11.30am WARLINGHAM The Green
12.30pm CATERHAM The Harrow
2.30pm LOWER KINGSWOOD Fete
6.00pm OUTWOOD The Bell

MONDAY 14th MAY

7.30pm SUTTON The Robin Hood
8.30pm SUTTON Town Square

MONDAY 21st MAY

7.30pm DORKING The Prince of Wales
8.30pm DORKING The Old House at Home

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

60th Annual Tour of Kent and Sussex

SATURDAY 26th MAY

10.15am BATTLE ABBEY
11.15am ROBERTSBRIDGE The George Inn
12.00pm ROBERTSBRIDGE Darvell Community
2.15pm BODIAM CASTLE National Trust
3.45pm BIDDENDEN Church
5.15pm APPELDRE The Black Lion

SUNDAY 27th MAY

11.15am PEASMARSH Flower Festival
12.15pm RYE The Mermaid
2.15pm RYE Church of St Mary the Virgin
2.45pm RYE Ypres Tower
3.30pm RYE Town Hall
5.00pm WINCHELSEA Castle Street
9.00pm PEASMARSH The Cock Inn

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th MAY

11.00am PEASMARSH The Cock Inn
12.30pm SCOTNEY CASTLE National Trust

THURSDAY 7th JUNE

With Ewell St Mary Morris Men
8.00pm LEIGH The Plough

MONDAY 11th JUNE

With Black Swan Border Morris
8.00pm REIGATE HEATH The Skimmington Castle

MONDAY 18th JUNE

8.00pm LEATHERHEAD The Duke's Head
9.00pm LEATHERHEAD The Running Horse

THURSDAY 28th JUNE

With Rampant Rooster Morris
8.00pm BROCKHAM The Royal Oak

MONDAY 2nd JULY

8.00pm MOGADOR The Sportsman
9.00pm BOXHILL The Tree

SATURDAY 7th JULY

11.45am MERSTHAM Quality Street Fair
& 12.45pm
2.00pm NUTFIELD The Queen's Head
4.00pm BLETCHINGLEY The William IV

WEEKEND OF 14th-15th JULY

Chipperfield Weekend of Dance
Hosted by Greensleeves Morris Men

MONDAY 23rd JULY

8.00pm CARSHALTON The Windsor Castle
9.00pm CARSHALTON The Racehorse

MONDAY 30th JULY

8.00pm REDHILL The Garland
9.00pm REDHILL The Garibaldi

MONDAY 6th AUGUST

8.00pm EPSOM The Cricketers
9.00pm EPSOM The Jolly Coopers

SUNDAY 12th AUGUST

With Pennyroyal Clog Dancers
12.00pm HORSTED KEYES The Green Man
2.30pm SHEFFIELD PARK Bluebell Railway

TUESDAY 21st AUGUST

Croydon Night of Dance

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27th AUGUST

12.00pm CARSHALTON Environmental Fair
& 2.00pm

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Winchester Day of Dance
Hosted by Winchester Morris Men

SATURDAY 8th 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 17th SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Southdowns Folk Festival, Bognor Regis

SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER

Carshalton Day of Dance
Jointly hosted with Black Swan Border Morris

WEDNESDAY 26th DECEMBER

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

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