A little history

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

The dances we perform are mainly 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 Children’s Trust, the Stroke Association and Diabetes UK. 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 1900s 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.

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Come and join us!

We are always looking for new members to welcome into the side. We run regular give it a go sessions during the winter, open to all. If you enjoy music, dance and making new friends speak to a member of the side, visit the ‘Join us’ page on our website www.esmm.org.uk/join-us or contact: Lee on 07879 430634 or at info@esmm.org.uk
2019 PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL
7.30pm  REDHILL The Plough

MONDAY 29th APRIL
With Pennyroyal Clog Dancers
7.30pm  WALLINGTON The Duke's Head
8.30pm  WOODMANSTERNE The Woodman

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6th MAY
12.00pm  WARLINGHAM The Green
1.30pm  GODSTONE The Hare and Hounds
3.00pm  GODSTONE Godstone Farm
& 4.00pm

SATURDAY 11th MAY
Westminster Day of Dance
Hosted by Westminster Morris Men

FRIDAY 17th MAY
7.30pm  REIGATE The Market Stores
8.30pm  REIGATE The Pilgrim Brewery

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND
61st Annual Tour of Kent and Sussex

SATURDAY 25th MAY
10.15am  BATTLE ABBEY
11.15am  ROBERTSBRIDGE The George Inn
12.15pm  BODIAM The Castle Inn
2.15pm  BODIAM CASTLE National Trust
3.45pm  BIDDENEN Church
5.15pm  APPLEDORE The Black Lion
9.00pm  PEASMARSH The Cock Inn

SUNDAY 26th 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 27th MAY
11.00am  PEASMARSH The Cock Inn
12.30pm  SCOTNEY CASTLE National Trust

SATURDAY 1st JUNE
Dorking Day of Dance
Hosted by Boxhill Bedlam

MONDAY 10th JUNE
With Rampant Rooster
8.00pm  REIGATE HEATH The Skimmington Castle

MONDAY 17th JUNE
8.00pm  TUNERS HILL The Red Lion
9.00pm  CLOPTHORNE The Cherry Tree

MONDAY 24th JUNE
8.00pm  REDHILL The Garland
9.00pm  REDHILL The Garibaldi

WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY
With Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men
8.00pm  STAPLEFIELD The Victory Inn
9.00pm  STAPLEFIELD The Jolly Tanners

SATURDAY 6th JULY
11.45am  MERSTHAM Quality Street Fair
& 12.45pm
2.00pm  NUTFIELD The Queen’s Head
3.00pm  NUTFIELD The Inn on the Pond

MONDAY 15th JULY
With Boxhill Bedlam
8.00pm  MOGADOR The Sportsman
9.00pm  BOXHILL The Tree

SATURDAY 20th JULY
12.00pm  CHIPSTEAD The White Hart
1.00pm  CHIPSTEAD Flower Show and Fair
& 2.30pm

MONDAY 29th JULY
8.00pm  EPSOM The Cricketers
9.00pm  EPSOM The Jolly Coopers

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST
12.30pm  FETCHAM Bockett’s Farm
& 1.30pm
2.30pm  SHERE The Square
3.30pm  SHERE The William Bray

MONDAY 12th AUGUST
With Black Swan Border Morris
8.00pm  LEIGH The Plough
9.00pm  NEWDIGATE The Six Bells

MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER
7.30pm  WALTON ON THE HILL The Chequers
8.30pm  WALTON ON THE HILL The Bell

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER
Winchester Day of Dance
Hosted by Winchester Morris Men

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER
Carshalton Day of Dance
Jointly hosted with Black Swan Border Morris

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER
12.00pm  COULSDON COMMON The Fox
1.00pm  CATERHAM The Harrow
2.00pm  GODSTONE The Hare and Hounds

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