

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

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2019 PROGRAMME

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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 BIDDENDEN Church

5.15pm APPLIEDORE 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 TURNERS HILL The Red Lion

9.00pm COPTHORNE 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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