

## 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 Cancer Research UK, 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.

## East Surrey Morris Men

### Come and join us!

We are always looking for new members to welcome into the side. We run regular trial 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](http://www.esmm.org.uk/join-us) or contact our Squire or Bagman.

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## 2023 PROGRAMME

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## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

12.30pm REDHILL The Plough

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY

12.00pm GODSTONE The Hare and Hounds  
1.00pm TILBURSTOW HILL The Fox and Hounds  
2.30pm GODSTONE Godstone Farm

## MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY

7.30pm LEIGH The Plough

## MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY

With Ewell St Mary Morris Men  
7.30pm EPSOM The Cricketers  
8.30pm EPSOM The Jolly Coopers

## SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour of Kent and Sussex

## SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY

10.15am BATTLE ABBEY  
11.15am ROBERTSBRIDGE The George Inn  
12.15pm BODIAM The Castle Inn  
2.00pm BODIAM STATION Kent & E Sussex Rly  
3.45pm BIDDENDEN Church  
5.15pm WITTERSHAM The Swan Inn  
9.00pm PEASMARSH The Cock Inn

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY

11.15am PEASMARSH Flower Festival  
12.15pm RYE The Mermaid  
2.30pm RYE Church of St Mary the Virgin  
3.00pm RYE Ypres Tower  
3.30pm RYE Town Hall  
4.30pm WINCHELSEA Castle Street  
5.30pm WINCHELSEA The New Inn  
9.00pm PEASMARSH The Cock Inn

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY

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

## MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE

8.00pm MOGADOR The Sportsman

## MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE

With Black Swan Border Morris  
8.00pm CARSHALTON The Hope

## MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE

8.00pm TURNERS HILL The Red Lion

## WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

With Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men  
8.00pm MAPLEHURST The White Horse

## MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY

8.00pm REIGATE HEATH The Skimmington Castle

## MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY

8.00pm NUTFIELD The Inn on the Pond

## SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY

12.00pm CHIPSTEAD The White Hart  
1.00pm CHIPSTEAD Flower Show and Fair  
& 2.30pm



## MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY

8.00pm HORLEY The Farmhouse

## MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY

With Rampant Rooster Morris  
8.00pm BOX HILL The Tree

## MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

With Pennyroyal Clog Dancers  
8.00pm WOODMANSTERNE The Woodman

## MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

7.30pm COLDHARBOUR The Plough

## MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

7.30pm LEATHERHEAD The Running Horse

## SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER

Winchester Day of Dance  
Hosted by Winchester Morris Men

## MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

7.30pm WALTON ON THE HILL The Chequers  
8.30pm WALTON ON THE HILL The Bell

## SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

1.00pm FETCHAM Bocketts Farm  
2.30pm SHERE The Square  
3.30pm SHERE The William Bray

## BOXING DAY TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

12.00pm COULSDON COMMON The Fox  
1.15pm CATERHAM The Harrow  
2.30pm GODSTONE The Hare and Hounds

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