

The History of Morris Dancing

Morris dancing is an old English tradition. If you can think of any other English traditions still going, come and tell us and you may win a prize.

It started in the 15th century or earlier, but there are very few records. In 1494, Henry VII was entertained by "the Mourice dance", in 1458 a gilded cup engraved with Morris dancers was left in a will and in 1448 the Goldsmiths of London paid 7 shillings for "Moryssh dancers".



Villages in the Cotswolds and the Border counties (with Wales) had sides (teams) of Morris Dancers, with each having its own style or tradition. As the industrial revolution gradually reduced the rural population with a migration to the towns, it died out in the villages, but North West Morris evolved in the industrial towns.

Today Wickham Morris dance in the Cotswold and Border styles, plus several dances that we have created, thus continuing the evolution of the tradition.

Come and Join Us

Wickham Morris are always ready to dance with you, just ask and we'll set up a dance you can join in. Aged 7 to 97, able bodied or otherwise, daft or sensible, we welcome you.

We welcome new members. If you would like to give it a try, come and join our friendly group. We start practices in September and meet every Thursday. Come along for a free trial session, we'd love to see you. Just ask any member of the team or contact the Maggie the Baggie



Wickham Morris are sponsored by Ringwood Brewery, whose beer we love!

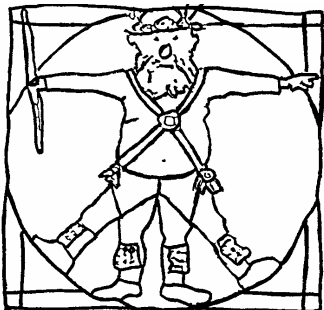
WICKHAM MORRIS



Winners of the prestigious Chippenham Folk Festival Stick and Bucket competition

World Tour 2010 Season

Please give generously to our charity collection for **Pulmonary Hypertension and Alzheimer's Society**



For more information, see:
www.wickham-morris.org.uk
 or contact the Baggie:
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All timings are approximate

Wickham Morris

Charity Collection

Since we kept count, we have raised over £26,000 for charity, so please give generously and help raise more.

This year we are raising money for **Pulmonary Hypertension Association**, which provides support, understanding and information for all those people whose lives are touched by Pulmonary Hypertension, a rare deteriorating lung disorder in which the blood pressure in the pulmonary artery rises far above normal levels.

Also the Southampton & District Branch of the **Alzheimer's Society** which locally provides help, information and support for those concerned about all forms of dementia. There are about 700,000 people in the UK with dementia, mainly affecting older people. However, at least 15,000 people in the UK under the age of 65 have also been diagnosed.

Sunday 25 th April		Watercress Line St Georges Day event
Saturday 1 st May	5.15 am 6.30 pm	Greet the dawn followed by tour Festival in Wickham Square
Thursday 6 th May	8 pm	The White Horse, Wallington
Thursday 13 th May	8 pm	The Brushmakers Arms, Upham
Thursday 20 th May	8 pm	White Lion, Soberton
Thursday 27 th May		Wheatsheaf, Shedfield singaround evening (not display)
28 th to 31 st May		Chippenham Folk Festival
Thursday 3 rd June	8 pm	The Vine, Hambledon
Thursday 10 th June	8 pm	The Guide Dog, Bevois Valley, Soton with Red Stags
Saturday 12 th June		Wickham Village Fete & Bishops Waltham Village Fete
Sunday 13 th June		Wimborne Folk Festival
Thursday 17 th June	8 pm c 8:45	The Ship, Langstone The Royal Oak, Langstone
Thursday 24 th June	8 pm	The Golden Lion, Southwick
Thursday 1 st July	8 pm	The Victory, Hamble
Thursday 8 th July	8 pm	The Travellers Rest, Newtown
Saturday 10 th July		Romsey Beggars Fair
Thursday 15 th July	8 pm	The Bat and Ball, Hambledon with Knockhundred Morris
Friday 23 rd July	8 pm	The Queens Head, Sheet, Petersfield with Alton Morris
Thursday 29 th July	8 pm	The Potts, Cheriton
Thursday 5 th August	8 pm	The Kings Head, Wickham as part of Wickham Festival
Saturday 1 st January	Noon	White Lion, Soberton