

GUEST LIST

THE ADDERBURY MORRIS MEN

White shirts, white trousers, red & blue baldricks

BELLE D'VAIN MORRIS

Purple dresses with yellow trim, green, blue & yellow ribbons

THE DUCKLINGTON MORRIS

White trousers, purple & yellow ribbons, grey top hats

HEREBURGH MORRIS

White shirts, blue & red baldricks and ribbons, decorated hats

KIRTLINGTON MORRIS

White shirts, white trousers, top hats, pink & blue baldricks

JERSEY LILIES

Black tops, red & black skirts

LADY BAY REVELLERS

Colourful waistcoats, black breeches and red socks

MABEL GUBBINS RAPPER

White shirts, black trousers, coloured sashes

MR HEMMINGS TRADITIONAL ABINGDON

Red & yellow cross belt, black top hats

OWLSWICK MORRIS

White trousers, brown waistcoats, orange/yellow hankies

STONEY STEPPERS

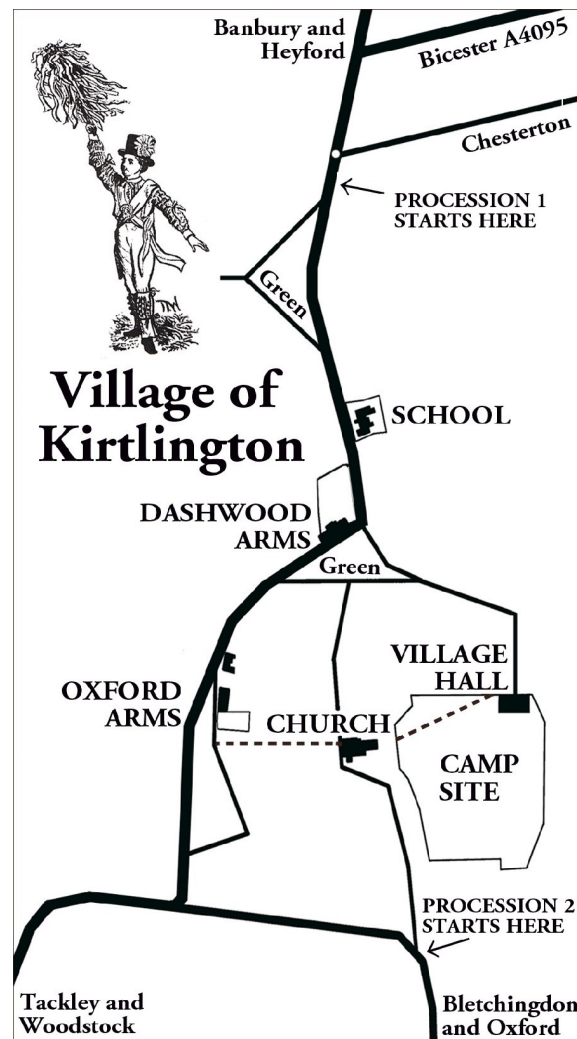
Red & black tops, black trousers, clogs with red laces

SUMMERTOWN

Black trousers, blue tops, red, white and blue ribbons on bells

WITCHMEN BORDER MORRIS

Black tattered coats, yellow socks & trim, top hats



INTERESTED IN JOINING KIRTLINGTON MORRIS?

Details:

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Visit our website at: www.kirtlington-morris.org.uk

Len and Barbara Berry

Len (1929–2011) and Barbara (1929–2014) were instrumental in the reconstruction of the Kirtlington Morris tradition in 1979. Len was the first Squire of the side, formed largely from his Kirtlington Scout group. Barbara wrote or adapted the tunes first performed at the 1980 Lamb Ale Festival.

Kirtlington Lamb Ale Morris Festival

1st-2nd June 2024

Friday – Session, Oxford Arms

Saturday – Barn Dance with Mad Hatters
+ Pete North 8pm Village Hall £10
Bar + Raffle + Lamb Roast

Sunday – Processions and Morris Dancing:
15 sides in and around Kirtlington
+ Bars and Food all day

Further info: 01869 350219
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KIRTLINGTON LAMB ALE

One of the ancient Whitsun Ales, the Lamb Ale can be traced back to the early 1600s and took the form of a village festival and feast.

“...the custom is, that on Monday after Whitsun week, there is a fat live lamb provided and the maids of the town, having their thumbs tyed behind them, run after it and she that with her mouth takes and holds the lamb is declared the ‘Lady of the Lamb’...attended with Musick and a Morisco of Men, and another of women, where the rest of the day is spent in dancing, mirth and jollity.”

(Blount 1679)

It is recorded that on June 5th 1732 the Dashwood family of Kirtlington Park “paid Kertling Morris 5s.0d.” at the annual feast, which still takes place on Trinity Monday, following the Morris festival.

Morris dancers were always closely associated with the festivities. When Kirtlington Morris was revived in 1979, based on Cecil Sharp’s notes from the early 1900’s, it was fitting that they join with the village to help recreate the atmosphere of the Lamb Ale as it once was, with as many as twenty or more morris sides gathered together in celebration, if not in the rivalry and competition of the early days.



CO-OP Food BLETCHINGTON

Off-licence, newspapers, wide range of groceries and facilities

Our thanks to the following for their help and support:

School and Governors
Kirtlington School Fund
Kirtlington Church Wardens
The Villagers of Kirtlington
Charlton Services
Kirtlington Youth Club

Lamb Ale Committee
Village Hall Committee
St. John Ambulance
Dashwood Arms
Oxford Arms
Sturdy’s Castle

ALL WEEKEND

ORGANISED PRIVATE CAMPSITE
(£10 PER HEAD INC. BARN DANCE)

FRIDAY

Evening Campsite open
Get-together session at the Oxford Arms, Kirtlington

SATURDAY

10:30 Assemble at Dashwood Arms
Kirtlington Morris dance in the village with guests Belle D’Vain, Witchmen and Jersey Lilies

12:00 Dance & lunch at Sturdy’s Castle,
Morris tour to Woodstock

Evening

19:00 - 20:00 Lamb Roast (price available on the day)

20:00 - 23:30 Barn Dance in Village Hall, with Mad Hatters & Caller Pete North
Admission £10
Bar & raffle. Open to all.
Tickets on the door.

SUNDAY

MORRIS EVENTS:

9:45 Morris sides assemble north of the village, Foxtowns Green

10:00 Procession to Church

10:45 Lamb Ale Service

11:30 Procession from Church to the School

12:00 Kirtlington Morris and Kirtlington Maids dance at school

12:15 - 15:00 Dance Displays at School, Village Hall, Dashwood Arms and Oxford Arms

15:00 All guest sides dance at School

OTHER EVENTS:

8:00 - 9:30 Basic breakfast at Village Hall

10:30 - 16:00 Refreshments, Kirtlington Morris Archive Exhibition in Village Hall

12:00 - 16:00 Refreshments, Bar, Raffle at School



NEXT YEAR’S LAMB ALE
MORRIS FESTIVAL
13th June – 15th June 2025

Visit our web site at www.kirtlington-morris.org.uk

SUNDAY - VILLAGE HALL

BASIC BREAKFAST 8:00 - 9:30am

REFRESHMENTS
FAMILY PICNIC AREA
CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND

SUNDAY - SCHOOL

BAR, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS