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:
01869 350219
07714 341388
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.

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 maidens of the town, having their thumbs tied 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
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

SUNDAY
BASIC BREAKFAST 8:00 - 9:30am
REFRESHMENTS
FAMILY PICNIC AREA
CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND

SUNDAY - SCHOOL
BAR, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY - VILLAGE HALL

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

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