

A list of Midwinter Sword Dancing from Rattle Up My Boys, a magazine for longsword dancers, kindly provided by its publisher Jeff Lawson. Many are included in the traditional list below but there are several others.

FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

**Sallyport Sword Dancers** Sheild's Road Crawl, Byker. Contact [vincerutland21@gmail.com](mailto:vincerutland21@gmail.com)

BOXING DAY, TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER

**Flamborough Longsword** White Horse, Bempton 11:30 am; Headlands Cafe, Flamborough Lighthouse 12:15pm; Rose

& Crown 1:00pm; Seabirds, Tower Street 1:45pm; Victoria Club, Chapel Street 2:30pm; Dog & Duck Square 3:00pm. Please note these times are approximate. Contact Richard Traves on

[richardtraves@outlook.com](mailto:richardtraves@outlook.com)

**Grenoside Sword Dancers** Main St. Grenoside outside the Old Harrow at 11:00am, with guests followed by carol singing in the Old Red Lion Contact Ray Ellison on: home 0114245336 mob. 07905955365 or [ray@grenosword.co.uk](mailto:ray@grenosword.co.uk)

**Handsworth Sword Dancers**

11:00am The Cross, Market Square, Woodhouse (S13 7JX), 12 noon – In the car park behind St. Mary's Parish Church, Main Road, Handsworth (S13 9BZ) Contact Boz Davison – 0114 2888447. email [boz\\_spider@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:boz_spider@yahoo.co.uk)

**Highside Longsword** Starting at the Queen's Head in Kirkby Malzeard at 1pm and dancing around the village. Contact Ted Dodsworth on [teddodsworth@gmail.com](mailto:teddodsworth@gmail.com)

**Mersey Morris Men** intend to include Bellerby this year. 11am to noon on the green in Willaston on the Wirral. Contact

Bagman, Steve Adderley , on 0151 353 0544 or 07985 644 437

**Redcar Sword Dancers** 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Performance, 12 noon, The Hospital Gates, Greatham, near Hartlepool, TS25 2HS

Contact Brian Pearce mob. 07910 479922 or [brian.pearce11@btinternet.co](mailto:brian.pearce11@btinternet.co)

This year we will be hosted by the Bull & Dog for our pre-dance meet and apres dance singaround (The Hope and Anchor is closing(again!)) Please note that the Bull & Dog is CASH ONLY.

**Southport Swords** 12.30 Hesketh Arms, Churchtown, 1.30pm Bold Hotel, Churchtown, 2.45pm Guest House, Southport. Contact [Southport.swords@gmail.com](mailto:Southport.swords@gmail.com)

SATURDAY 30th DECEMBER

**Saddleworth - Lordsmere** Details to be confirmed check the Saddleworth Rushcart Facebook page or email [saddleworthmorris@gmail.com](mailto:saddleworthmorris@gmail.com)

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

**Barnsley Sword Dancers** 1:00pm

Spencer Arms, Cawthorne. Barnsley are not sure if this is going ahead, please check with Contact [barnsleylongsword1@gmail.com](mailto:barnsleylongsword1@gmail.com)

NEWYEAR'S DAY: MONDAY 1st

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**Mersey Morris Men** Plasterers Arms in Hoylake, starting at 12:00. Mainly Cotswold but hopefully featuring a bit of Sword, Molly, Border, etc Contact Bagman, Andy Siddons, on 0151 3471685 or 07485 009942

**Monkseaton Morrismen** 12 noon, The Ship Inn, Monkseaton, will also dance at some of the other pubs that day but details

are subject to change. Updates on Twitte @7manrapper

**Wakeman Mummerys** 11.00 am Skelton on Ure, Blue Stots play possibly followed

by a sword dance and then on to The Black Bull at Boroughbridge 1.00 pm.

Contact Ted Dodsworth on [teddodsworth@gmail.com](mailto:teddodsworth@gmail.com)

#### PLOUGH SUNDAY 7th JANUARY

**Claro** will be continuing their 40-year tradition of dancing at St. John's Church, Knaresborough during the 10:30am service followed by (weather permitting) a procession of the plough to Knaresborough Market Place for more dancing at around 12 noon.

Contact 07954 541572

**Ebor Morris** from about 12:30 pm outside the Phoenix Inn, George Street, York. Will also be performing the Thorganby mummers play inside the pub!

Further info will be posted on their

website [www.Ebormorris.org.uk](http://www.Ebormorris.org.uk)

That's also where to contact them – using the Contact page.

#### **Goathland Plough Stots Plough**

10.30 am Blessing at St Mary's Church Goathland

**Highside Longsword** Masham Plough Blessing, 10.45am. To be confirmed.

Contact Ted Dodsworth on

[teddodsworth@gmail.com](mailto:teddodsworth@gmail.com)

**Sullivan's Sword** will celebrate Plough Sunday starting at midday in Southwell (Nottinghamshire) town centre. Dancing will run through to 4pm including a performance of the Farnsfield Plough Play.

Exact timings and dance sides to be confirmed. Contact: Tim Clarke, Event Organiser, email:

[sullivanssword@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sullivanssword@hotmail.co.uk) Tel: 07582 745081.

#### PLOUGH MONDAY 8th JANUARY

**Leven Sword** will perform the Cleveland Fool Plough Play on Plough Monday, in the Royal Oak in Great Ayton at 9.00pm. The play, which includes a short sword dance, will be followed by a song and tune session. There will be a collection in aid of Cleveland Mountain Rescue. Contact Caryn Loftus on 07773048250.

**The York Gentlemen** at the

Three Cranes, St, Sampsons Square, York at 6pm to dance around 6.30 – ish. I am advised that whether there will be a dance that evening or not will depend on the Fates, including whether they can actually muster a team. We must wait and see...

Contact Jim Spriggs:

[spriggskingsley@gmail.com](mailto:spriggskingsley@gmail.com)

#### 13th/14th JANUARY

**Whittlesea Straw Bear** – Sometime has Sword teams, see website for details

<http://www.strawbear.org.uk/>

#### SATURDAY 13th JANUARY

**Goathland Plough Stots** 10:00am Tour of Goathland, Darnholm and Beckhole.

**Grenoside Sword Dancers** Grenoside Village Traipse. Contact Ray Ellison on:

home 0114245336 mob. 07905955365 or

[ray@grenosword.co.uk](mailto:ray@grenosword.co.uk)

#### SUNDAY 14th JANUARY

**Highside Longsword** Kirkby Malzeard plough blessing service at St Andrew's Church at 11.00 am.

Contact Ted Dodsworth on

[teddodsworth@gmail.com](mailto:teddodsworth@gmail.com)

**Highside Longsword** Ripon Cathedral plough blessing service at 3.00pm.

Contact Ted Dodsworth on

[teddodsworth@gmail.com](mailto:teddodsworth@gmail.com)

#### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

**Claro** St. James' Church in Aldborough (nr Boroughbridge), morning service themed on the blessing of the Plough. Likely to dance at local pubs after the service. To be confirmed. Contact 07954 541572 for confirmation of details.