

The Rep's Ramblings

I am pleased to introduce this new venture for member clubs of the Morris Ring in the eastern region. The concept is by no means original but imitates a format pioneered by west midlands area rep, Matthew Turvey. Since *The Morris Ring Circular* fell into abeyance in 2019, there has been no formal channel for clubs and individuals to share their news so area newsletters are beginning to fill the gap. I hope that you will accept this publication as *your* newsletter and embrace the opportunity to share news with your friends in the east.

Those who know me will not be surprised at the title, *The Eastern Angle*, which is born out of my professional interests as an historian and penchant for wordplay. Whilst several of our clubs are situated outside the historic kingdom of the Eastern Angles, I hope that you will afford the editor (or should that be æditor?) a degree of poetic licence!

My aim is to produce four full editions each year, issued on the traditional quarter days — Lady Day (March), Midsummer (June), Michaelmas

(September) and Christmas — with shorter bulletins appearing on cross-quarter days (Candlemas, May Day, Lammás, All Hallows). However, as this midsummer edition has been slightly delayed, there shall be no Lammastide issue this year.

The success of this publication will depend on the availability of material — that is where you, dear reader, come in. I am keen to receive news and commentary from clubs and individuals. Though I would prefer to keep the content relevant to our area, I am willing to consider contributions of any kind. Reportage or creative responses in prose, poetry, or picture are equally welcome. Copy for this edition has been collated from various websites and social media profiles. I would be most grateful for any feedback on this newsletter: tell me what *you* want to see.

Continue to Flourish!

Matt



Multum in parvo: Squire, John Barsby, with Rutland Morris' award from the High Sheriff of Rutland for 'great and valuable services to the community', presented in March

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Thaxted Morris Weekend

The picturesque Essex town of Thaxted has played host to an annual gathering of morris dancers since 1927. From these meetings emerged the foundations of the Morris Ring, which was instituted in Thaxted by representatives of six sides in 1934. This year's Thaxted Morris Weekend was the largest for many years including some 350 dancers and musicians representing 26 sides from across the country.

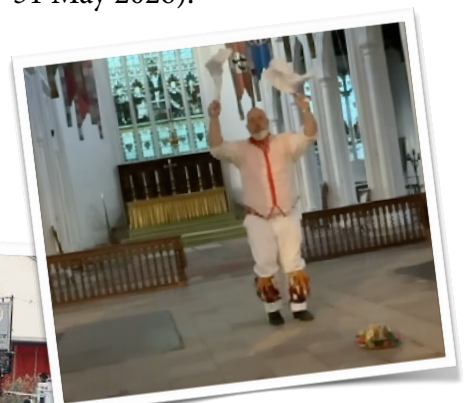
Five of the eastern area sides were in attendance — these being Cambridge, Colchester, London Pride, Rutland, and of course Thaxted.

Apart from the familiar programme of coach tours (6), massed dancing on the Saturday evening culminating in the Abbots Bromley Horn Dance, and the church service on Sunday morning, this year's event also saw the handover of Morris Ring Bagman from Peter Austin (*aka* "Cheesy") to Thaxted's own Rob Evans. Set in the crossing of Thaxted's imposing church, the pair of Fieldtown jigs bookended the Feast. Proceedings opened with Peter dancing 'None so Pretty' to Fraser Simpson (both Jockey Morris) on

the fiddle. Once all were replete with pie and mash, Rob processed up the aisle to perform 'Nutting Girl'. On reaching the crossing, musician, Tommy Bassett discarded his melodeon and took to the console of the historic Lincoln organ. It was a uniquely "Thaxted" moment, and one which will likely be remembered for many years to come by all those present.

History buffs and admirers of early 20th century textile design will be interested to know that on the Friday evening, a small group of London-based dancers turned out in replica Thaxted Morris Men chintz waistcoats. These floral doublets were introduced in 1938 and remained the Thaxted kit until they were replaced by the distinctive 'Norwich' stripe jackets in 1952. I happened to show an example of one of these chintz waistcoats to friends back in February, but I had no idea that Rosie would take it upon herself to produce eight fully tailored replicas!

If you have not been to the Thaxted Morris Weekend before — or if it has been many years since your last visit — I would encourage you to consider it for next year (29–31 May 2026).



A Thaxted Morris Weekend Gallery (clockwise from top left):

Feast in the church (Thaxted Online); the Saturday evening procession along Mill End (SJG Photography); Rob Evans dancing in as Morris Ring Bagman (Jonathan Unna); Cambridge MM in flight (Emily Vincent); the 'flashmob' 1930s Thaxted kit (Stella Chevalier)

This article is taken from the latest edition of the Kemp's Men of Norwich newsletter, Kemp's-a-Troshin'.

We were very busy over the winter with practices and several bookings — appearing twice at the John Innes Centre (they love us, we love their pies: it's a perfect match!) and, more sadly, in February, when we were honoured to dance at the wake of Richard Woodham, one of our much-loved former members.

March saw us enjoying dancing through the streets of Halesworth for their (uncharacteristically sunny) day of dance, while on May 1st we were all up ridiculously early to dance up the sun at 5am on St James Hill. (Well done and thanks if you were there to support us!) After our usual early morning stands at the Forum and the cathedral — and a quick breakfast at the Britons Arms

— we legged it to the station for the train to Great Yarmouth. With absolutely perfect dancing weather and the generous hospitality of the Blackfriars'

Tavern, we had a cracking day that will live long in the memory.



We now look forward to a summer of Wednesday dance-outs, our Whit Tour of Derbyshire and our annual August weekend in Suffolk with the wonderful Knots of May. (See the diary on pages 6–8). We will be going international at the end of August when the Kemp's charabanc heads off to Winnigen in Germany to dance at the Moselfest. Add to that a sprinkling of festivals and you cannot fail to bump into us somewhere...

Inset: Kemp's Men on Tour, dancing in Newark Castle gardens on Monday 26th May (Richard Simons)



The Cambridge Morris Men's annual Spring Day of Dance took place on Saturday 26th April in Saffron Walden and its environs.



Cambridge Morris Men Archive

From the Archive

In April 1934, the Cambridge Morris Men spent a week at an old tower mill in Ringstead, near Hunstanton in north Norfolk. Apart from spending several days practising Sherborne and Royton, they also discussed plans for the Morris Ring, which was constituted on their return to Cambridge. This photo is of the only performance that week, which took place in Wells-next-the-Sea. The dancer closest to the camera is Russell Wortley, who later served as Morris Ring Bagman (1950–59).

A Squire's reflections on a first dance-out

John Barsby, Squire of Rutland Morris, shares his thoughts on a debut appearance for two new dancers at a Spring Fair in Oakham on 15 March.

Filled with trepidation and anxiety I put together a dance list, which I hoped would cover the dances that our new dancers, Carol and Peter, had assiduously practiced on a Monday night — and a smattering of dances to show them what they might aspire to!

We started in the Market Place where the band struck up and soon had the arthritic hips and knees of the current and former Squires creaking. Soon the audience was so taken by the soul-soaring melodies that not for the first time did the Squire go wrong. Despite steadfastly echoing the instructions from Mr Foreman, he repeatedly failed to practice what he preached.

The crowd went wild when Mr Unna announced that we had two dancers for whom this was their

premier public appearance and for whom this was their first exposure to "morrismania". Keith, who has made an excellent new stick carriage was soon employed removing items of underwear thrown from the crowd and had to engage the new stick trolley in carrying away fainted members of the audience who were overcome with emotion!

As the sun began to fall behind the rooftops, despite a baying crowd we made our way towards Gaol St and some suggestion of retiring to a pub. However the reappearance of sunshine outside the chapel on High Street and the entreaties of a stall holder had us stop again. Up strode Carol and Peter again both still looking resplendent in their new kit — as was everyone else's, I noted — but Peter's excellent suturing technique now needs to transfer from rosette making to bell pad repairs because here after the odd hiatus his left leg failed him!

We eventually shuffled off to The Wheatsheaf where Keith continued to put his life at risk by impersonating a traffic cone whilst the old guard tried to show the young bloods that they still had it in them with a beautiful rendition of the Princess Royal jig. We danced Vandals again — Kelsey called and scared the rooks out of the trees on Church Street.

A special thank you to the wonderful musicians who make up the orchestra, Keith for his tireless efforts in lugging the sticks and kit around, Mr Foreman for his calling, our two new recruits for debuting at such a visible event, and all the rest of who were there and made it the super afternoon it was.



Devil's Dyke Morris Men support the Rooprai Spinal Trust

In February last year, the Devil's Dyke Morris Men presented a cheque to the Rooprai Spinal Trust for £1,562. This came only a month after Bagman, Gordon Heald, and his wife Rosemary donated a similar sum from collections taken at their golden wedding anniversary celebrations.

Based in Hertford, the RST exists to support those affected by spinal cord injury. The Trust was founded in 2005, inspired by Marianne Rooprai (seen front left), who was paralysed from the shoulders down in the summer of 2004.

Over the years, Devil's Dyke have supported many local charities through their collections including Cambridge Headway, The Prospects Trust, and the Royal Papworth Charity. In 2025, their charity is Prostate Cancer UK.





Colchester Morris

Some forty people of all ages filled the main studio at Colchester Arts Centre on Saturday 18th January for a Cotswold morris workshop. Organised by Colchester Morris, the event was a huge success and received excellent coverage in the *Essex County Standard* online. Interest exceeded initial expectations and it was fully subscribed a full week in advance of the event.

During the course of the morning, participants learned two Adderbury stick dances — Brighton Camp and Constant

Billy — led by Foreman, Phil Gentry.

The *Essex County Standard* reported that ‘the energy and enthusiasm of all was evident to see’. One of those in attendance wrote, ‘what an excellent workshop ... Loved sharing learning English Morris Dances with fellow Colchestarians and enjoying music and smiles with new people.’

As a result of this workshop, Colchester Morris have swelled their number by about half a dozen, which puts them in a strong position ahead of their centenary next year.

Belchamp Morris

Ten sides from across the eastern counties converged on the Rose & Crown in Hundon on Sunday 27th April for a day of dance in honour of St. George’s Day. Hosted by Belchamp Morris, this annual gathering has become a popular fixture both for morris dancers and the people of Hundon.

Happily, the sun shone all afternoon and dancing

continued in the street throughout the afternoon, which included a massed Comberton Special Molly dance.

Among the sides in attendance were Slackmagirdle, Haughley Hoofers, Boudicca, Green Dragon, Golden Star, Little Egypt, Hells Bells, Westrafelda, Bury Fair, and of course the hosts, Belchamp Morris.



Photo: Sas Astro



Rutland Morris

On 16th April, Rutland Morris presented their archive to the Leicestershire & Rutland Record Office in Wigston. Comprising half a century of documents and photographs in 27 lever arch files, this presentation marked the culmination of hundreds of hours of work by archivist and webmaster, Gordon Blunt.

Whilst the originals are safely deposited with the record

office (ref: DE10916), the entire archive is available to browse online. To the best of my knowledge, this facility is unique among morris clubs.

County archivist, Abbi, wrote to Gordon and the side to say, ‘it sounds like a great morning and I had an email from a researcher who visited that day to say how delighted she was to see your performance.’

See: www.rutlandmorris.org.uk/archive

Introducing the Eastern Area Diary

This first version of the eastern area diary was compiled using information gleaned from your respective websites, social media accounts, and published programmes. Whilst I am willing to continue along these lines, I would be grateful to receive your diary dates by email.

As with all other aspects of this publication, I am open to constructive criticism and suggestions. This is *your* newsletter, so I want to ensure that it best serves your needs and interests.

Diary dates may be submitted directly to Matt (see p.10 for contact details).

A guide to the diary...



The Morris Ring in the East: June 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	BE Belchamp Morris BJ Big Jigs BM Blackmore Morris CA Cambridge Morris Men CO Colchester Morris DD Devil's Dyke Morris Men ES East Suffolk Morris Men GS Golden Star	KM Kemp's Men of Norwich LP London Pride MM Mayflower Morris Men PM Peterborough Morris RF Rumford Morris Men RT Rutland Morris TM Tameside Mummers TX Thaxted Morris Men		Day of Dance / Tour Fete / Booking Folk Festival Morris Ring Meeting Pub Practice / Instructional		1 Thaxted Morris Weekend BE : Belchamp St Paul Fete (1pm) RF : The Angel, Shoeburyness, w/ Cockleshell Clog (2pm)
2	LP : Notting Hill / Holland Park Tour (7:30pm) PM : Castor Tour (8pm) RT : Exeter Arms, Barrowden (8:15pm)	ES : Sorrel Horse, Shottisham (7:30pm) KM : Wheel of Fortune, Alington (7:45pm)	DD : Babraham and Great Chesterford (7:45pm) MM : The Rodney, Little Baddow (7:30pm) RF : The Wheatsheaf, Romford (8pm)	CA : Cottenham Tour (8pm) CO : The Coast Inn, West Mersea (8pm)	CA/TX : Letchworth Morris Day of Dance RF : The Bull, Corringham (3pm)	8 DD : Whaddon Whitsun Celebration
9	ES : Royal William, Stowmarket (7:30pm) LP : Tufnell Park Tour (7:30pm) PM : Frognall and Barholm (8pm)	KM : Vernon Arms, South Repps (7:45pm) RT : Rose & Crown, Tilton on the Hill, w/ Anstey Royale Chalfont (7:45pm) TX : The Jolly Brewer, Bishops Stortford, w/ Belles of London City (8:15pm)	DD : Great Abington and Linton (7:45pm) RF : The Kings Arms, Orsett (8pm)	CO : The Foresters Arms, Colchester (8pm)	BE : Boudicca Day of Dance, Hadleigh GS : Norwich City of Ale Trail MM : Lake Meadows, Billericay (11:45am)	15 RF : One Green Bottle, Battlesbridge (1pm)
16	LP : The Scarsdale, Kensington (7:30pm) PM/RT : Stamford Tour (8pm)	KM : Cherry Tree, Dereham (7:45pm) TX : Horse & Groom, Cornish Hall End (8:15pm)	DD : Harlton and Newton (7:45pm) MM/RF : Green Man, Herongate (7:30pm)	CA : May Week Tour, Cambridge (8pm) CO/ES : Case is Altered, Bentley (8pm)	BE : Midsummer Night's Celebration, Hawkedon (6pm) RT : Cottesmore Village Fete (1pm) TX : Thaxted Patronal Festival (7:30pm)	22
23	LP : Colliers Wood Tour (7:30pm) PM : Whittlesey Tour w/Sutton Masque (8pm)	KM : Trunch Social Club (7:45pm) RT : Queen's Head, Billesdon (7pm)	DD : The Plough, Duxford (7:45pm) RF : Prince of Wales, Stow Maries, w/ Dark Horse Morris (8pm)	CO : The Victoria Inn, Colchester (8pm)	PM : Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival	29 RT : Rutland CAMRA Beer Festival, Oakham (12:30pm)

The Morris Ring in the East: July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LP: Fitzrovia Tour (7:30pm) PM: Talbot Hotel, Oundle, w/Crosskey Clog (7:30pm)	KM: White Horse, Neatishead (7:45pm) TX: Leather Bottle, Pleshey, w/ Chelmsford Morris (8:15pm)	DD: Pig & Abbott, Abington Piggotts (8pm) RF: The Ship, East Tilbury (8pm)	CA: Royal Oak, Barrington (8pm) CO: The Black Buoy, Wivenhoe (8pm)	Potty Morris Festival, Sheringham (BE, DD, KM) MM: Mary Magdalene Fete, Gt Burstead (2:30pm) RT: Whissendine Feast (12noon)	Potty Morris Festival, Sheringham (BE, DD, KM) RF: The Viper, Ingatestone, w/ Romney Marsh Morris (11am)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
RT: Stretton and Greetham (7:30pm)	LP: Little Venice Tour (7:30pm) PM: Ufford and Uffington (8pm)	KM: Ox & Plough, Old Buckenham (7:45pm) RT: Great Bowden and Foxton, w/Leicester Morris (7:45pm) TX: Great and Little Easton (8:15pm)	DD: Barley and Great Chishill (7:45pm) MM: The Viper, Mill Green (7:30pm) RF: Greyhound, Childerditch (8pm)	CO: The Hare & Hounds, Layer Breton (8pm)	PM: John Clare Festival, Helpston (12noon) RT: Ryhall Fete (tbc)	PM: Ely Folk Festival
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	PM: Swan Inn, Parson Drove (8pm)	KM: Hill House, Happisburgh (7:45pm) RT: Burton Lazars and Langham, w/ New St George (7:30pm) TX: Finchingfield and Great Bardfield (8:15pm)	DD: Red Lion, Kirtling (7:45pm) RF: The White Lion, Fobbing (8pm)	CA: Grantchester Tour (8pm) CO: Carriers Arms, East Bergholt (8pm)	BE: Sudbury Beer Festival GS: North Norfolk Coach Tour MM: Ingatestone Village Fete (2:30pm)	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	PM: Deepings Tour (8pm) RT: Whitwell and Empingham (7:30pm)	TX: Wendens Ambo and Saffron Walden (8:15pm)	DD: Pub tbc (7:45pm) RF: Whitmore Arms, Orsett, w/Cockleshell Clog (8pm)	CO/BE: King's Head, Pebmarsh (8pm)		MM: Paycockes House, Coggeshall (11:45am)
28	29	30	31	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; margin-right: 10px; text-align: center;"> <small>A HANDBOOK OF MORRIS DANCES</small> <small>JOHN BRIDG</small> <small>THE MORRIS RING</small> </div> <div> <p>'Black Books' now back in stock (£20) — contact Matt for details (see p. 10)</p> </div> </div>		
RT: Little and Great Casterton (7:30pm)	PM: Peterborough Tour w/Pig Dyke Molly (8pm)	KM: Pleasureboat Inn, Hickling (7:45pm)	DD: Reach and Stow cum Quay (7:45pm)			



Sticking together: Representatives from seven eastern area clubs at the Devil's Dyke MM Ale on 8th March (photo: Steve King)

The Morris Ring in the East: August 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Deadline for the Michaelmas calendar (October–December): 21 September				1	2	3
				CO: The Cock, Polstead (8pm)		RT: Lyndon Fete (1pm); Finches Arms, Hambleton (3pm)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		KM: Reedcutter, Cantley (7:45pm) PM: Angel Inn, Yarwell (8pm)		CO: The Chequers, Great They (8pm)	KM: Suffolk Tour with Knots of May RT: Oakham Grange Fete (1pm)	KM: Suffolk Tour with Knots of May
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
RT: Tickencote and Exton (7:30pm) [tbc]	PM: Windmill, Orton Waterville (8:30pm)	KM: Locks Inn, Geldeston (7:45pm)		CO: Hare & Hounds, Lavenheath (8pm)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	LP: Croydon Night of Dance PM: Peterborough Beer Festival (6pm) RT: Barrow and Cottsmore (7:30pm)	KM: Lifeboat Tavern, Sea Palling (7:45pm)			Saddleworth Rushcart (CA, CO, TX) BE: Half Moon Beer Festival, Belchamp St	Saddleworth Rushcart (CA, CO, TX)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
MM: Ingatestone Hall (1:30pm) RT: Langham Street Fair (11:30am) TX: Thaxted Walking Tour		KM: White Horse, Upton (7:45pm) PM: Pack Horse, Northborough (8pm)		CO: Rose & Crown, Wivenhoe (8pm) GS: Golden Star Summer Camp	GS: Golden Star Summer Camp	GS: Golden Star Summer Camp

The Morris Ring in the East: September 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GS: Golden Star Summer Camp	RT: Ilston and Billesdon (7:30pm)	KM: The Dog, Horsford (7:45pm) TX: Henham and Stansted (8pm)	MM: The Chequers, Billericay (7:30pm) RF: Rising Sun, Stanford le Hope (8pm)		RT: Lincoln BIG Morris	KM: Bungay Folk Festival LP: Angel Canal Festival PM: Deepings Duck Race (1pm)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RT: The Fox, North Luffenham (7:30pm)		KM: The Jubilee, Norwich (7:45pm) TX: Three Horseshoes, Duton Hill (7:45pm)	MM: First Practice, Billericay (7:30pm)		CO: Suffolk Tour (details tbc) MM: Stock Flower Festival (3pm) RF: One Green Bottle, Battlesbridge (1pm)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		KM: Adam & Eve, Norwich (7:45pm)			PM: International Pipe & Tabor Festival, Peterborough	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Peterborough Morris Day of Dance	
29	30					
	PM: Taster Session, Fletton (8pm)					

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MM Mayflower Morris Men
PM Peterborough Morris
RF Rumford Morris Men
RT Rutland Morris
TM Tameside Mummers
TX Thaxted Morris Men

Day of Dance / Tour
Fete / Booking
Folk Festival
Morris Ring Meeting
Pub
Practice / Instructional

The Morris Ring Eastern Area Directory: Midsummer 2025

Belchamp Morris (Belchamp St Paul, Suffolk)

Border and Molly (mixed)

Contact: Cathy Fitzgerald (Bagman)

email: fitzgeraldsgm@gmail.com

Practices: Mondays (all year) at Belchamp Community House, Belchamp St Paul, CO10 7BX

Website: www.belchampmorris.co.uk



Big Jigs (Norwich)

Cotswold (mixed)

Contact: Steve Hickling (Bagman)

email: stevehickling@gmail.com

Website: www.facebook.com/bigjigsmorris



Cambridge Morris Men

Cotswold (men)

Contact: Matt Simons (Squire and Acting Bagman)

email: cambridge1924@gmail.com

Practices: Tuesdays (Sept–Apr) at The Scout Centre, Logan's Way, Chesterton, Cambridge, CB4 1BL

Website: www.cambridgemorrismen.org.uk



Colchester Morris

Cotswold (mixed)

Contact: Robin Taverner (Bagman)

email: bagman@colchestermorris.org

Practices: Fridays (Sept–Apr) at Mile End Methodist Church, Nayland Road, Colchester, CO4 5ET

Website: www.colchestermorris.org



Devil's Dyke Morris Men (Bottisham, Cambridgeshire)

Cotswold (men)

Contact: Gordon Heald (Bagman)

email: bagman@devilsdykem.org.uk

Practices: Thursdays (Oct–Apr) at Bottisham Scout Hut, High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BB

Website: www.devilsdykem.org.uk



East Suffolk Morris Men (Gosbeck, nr. Ipswich, Suffolk)

Cotswold (men)

Contact: David Penny (Bagman)

email: esmm.bagman@btinternet.com

Practices: Mondays (Sept–Apr) at Gosbeck Village Hall, Helmingham Road, IP6 9RZ

Website: www.eastsuffolkmorris.com



Golden Star Morris (Norwich)

Cotswold (mixed)

Contact: John Dimascio (Bagman)

email: bagman.goldenstarmorris@gmail.com

Practices: Sundays (Sept–Apr) at St Catherine's Church, Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2RJ

Website: www.goldenstarmorris.org.uk



Good Easter Molly Gang (Good Easter, Essex)

Molly (men)

Contact: Daniel Kenning

email: kenning@pleshey.net

Practices: Thursdays (late November to early January only, 8:30pm) at Good Easter Village Hall, CM1 4RT

Website: www.facebook.com/groups/127416520751195



Kemp's Men of Norwich

Cotswold (men)

Contact: David Ball / Lesley Shipgood (Bagman)

email: kempsbagging@gmail.com

Practices: Wednesdays (Oct–Apr) at St Mark's Church Hall, Hall Road, Norwich, NR1 3HP

Website: www.kempsmen.org.uk



London Pride (Camden, London)

Cotswold (mixed)

Contact: Peter Kanssen (Bagman)


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Practices: Tuesdays (Sept–May during term) at Cecil Sharp House, Regent's Park Road, NW1 7AY

Website: www.facebook.com/groups/londonpridemorris



Mayflower Morris Men (Billericay, Essex) **Cotswold (men)**

Contact: Andrew Reynolds (Bagman) **email:** bagman@mayflowermorris.com
Practices: Thursdays (Sept–Apr during term) at St Mary Magdalen, High Street, Billericay, CM12 9LU
Website: mayflowermorris.com 


Peterborough Morris **Cotswold (men)**

Contact: Mike Grant (Bagman) **email:** bagman@peterboroughmorris.co.uk
Practices: Tuesdays (Sept–May) at Fletton Club, 243A High Street, Fletton, Peterborough, PE2 9EH
Website: www.peterboroughmorris.co.uk  

Rumford Morris Men (Romford, Essex) **Cotswold (men)**

Contact: Sue Fuller (Bagman) **email:** rumfordmorris@hotmail.com
Practices:
Website: www.facebook.com/groups/122233037818246 



Rutland Morris **Cotswold (mixed)**

Contact: Nick Kimberley (Bagman) **email:** bagman@rutlandmorris.org.uk
Practices: Mondays (Sept–Apr) at Ashwell Village Hall, Brook Dene, Ashwell, Oakham, LE15 7LQ
Website: www.rutlandmorris.org.uk  

Thameside Mummers (Leigh on Sea, Essex) **Mumming (men)**

Contact: Simon Hill (Bagman) **email:** thamesidemummers@gmail.com
Practices:
Website: www.facebook.com/ThamesideMummers 

Thaxted Morris Men **Cotswold (men)**

Contact: Rob Evans (Bagman) **email:** revansandson@sky.com
Practices: Mondays (Oct–Apr) at Thaxted Church Hall, Margaret Street, Thaxted, CM6 2QN
Website: www.thaxtedmorris.org  

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The Squire's Massed Dances for 2025–27

- Riggs of Doom (Bampton*)
- Lads a Buncham (Adderbury)
- Laudanum Bunches (Headington Quarry)
- The Valentine (Fieldtown)
- Vandals of Hammerwich (Lichfield)
- William and Nancy (Bledington)
- Young Collins (Oddington)

* Devised by Utrecht Morris (NL) in the style of Bampton (attributed to Mik Lammers; tune composed by Frans Tromp)



Bonny Green Garters: Thaxted MM with guests Devil's Dyke in the churchyard on Easter Monday (Richard Simons)



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