Hi Folks,

Welcome to our first Morris Ring North Area Newsletter.

This initiative is stolen with pride from the Morris Ring West Midlands Area Rep, Matthew Turvey.

I won’t promise to get a newsletter out each month (that would be setting me up for failure) but it is an aim to aspire to.

Ideally, I will send the newsletter out a few days before the month starts so if you want anything included in these newsletters, please get it to me a week before the start of each month.

This newsletter includes a summary of the performances coming up that our sides are involved with. I have taken these from your webpages. Not all sides, and probably not all performances, are included. I have simply taken what I could find with a quick Google search of our regional sides.

If you want to be sure your side’s activities are included, please email me with details at daznugent@sky.com.

In addition to listing regional performances, I would like to include local news of sides in the North Area – this newsletter is a work in progress, and I invite you to please send me news items about your side that I can share with the region.

I will be sending out a call for news items to your contacts during my preparation for each newsletter as a reminder.

At the end of the newsletter is a list of sides in our area and their contact email addresses – please check your side’s contact details and let me know of any changes needed.

I am sure that you are all currently actively involved with a Summer of dance, music, and merriment. Let’s not let the recent run of wet weather stop our sharing of the Morris fun.

I have found that it is best to view the weather forecast with caution. I have set off to a number of events that I am sure would have been rained off based on the forecast, but on arrival we seem to avoid the showers and have delivered full performances to appreciative audiences.

Enjoy the rest of 2023’s performance season!

Kindest regards,

Darren Nugent, Morris Ring North Area Rep, daznugent@sky.com
**Morris Ring News**

The new Squire of the Ring is keen to improve direct communication with sides and has already emailed each side with a personal message following the ARM. You can expect more direct contact from the Great Squire in future.

Morris Ring Events:

25th August, Saddleworth Rushcart
9th September, Belper JMO Regional Day of Dance
16th September, Norwich JMO Regional Day of Dance
23rd September, Chester JMO Regional Day of Dance
7th October, Bath JMO Regional Day of Dance
21st October, London JMO 20th Anniversary Day of Dance

**North Area Side News**

**Harthill Morris**

Jasmine Nugent, a final year film practices undergraduate at Newcastle University, approached Harthill Morris with a request to feature them in a 10-minute "fly on the wall" observational film piece to form part of her final degree portfolio.

The resulting ‘Enter the Morris’ is an affectionate portrait of Harthill Morris rehearsing for the annual Victorian Christmas festival in Sheffield. It captures the passion and community spirit of a rural Yorkshire village striving to keep this tradition alive in the 21st century.

The film documents the disagreements faced during practice as they seek authenticity, captures the joy of the public who join in the merriment of this tradition, and the communal joy of the post-performance pub singing.

’Enter the Morris’ has been submitted to the 2023 Grierson British Documentary Awards, and the 2023 Aesthetica Short Film Festival.

You can access the film via: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjTcRjAZYg&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjTcRjAZYg&feature=youtu.be)

**Upcoming North Area performances**

**Green Oak Morris**

Wednesday 2 August, 8pm to 10pm, The Carpenters Arms Tickhill
Saturday 5 August, 4pm and 5pm, The Styrrup Rossington
Wednesday 16 August, 8pm to 10pm, Eagle & Child Inn Auckley
Saturday, 14th October, Sword Dance Union Tournament, Sheffield

**Handsworth Traditional Sword Dancers**

Saturday, 14th October, Sword Dance Union Tournament, Sheffield
[SDU Competition 2023 – Handsworth (handsworthsworddancers.org.uk)](http://handsworthsworddancers.org.uk)
Harthill Morris
Thursday, 3rd August, 8pm, Blue Bell, Bolsover S44 6HF
Thursday, 10th August, 8pm, Beehive, Harthill
Saturday, 2nd September, 10:30am start, Lincoln Big Morris

Lord Conyers Morris Men
Wednesday, 2nd August, 8pm, Travellers Inn, Oxspring S36 8YJ
Weekend, 12th – 13th August, Robin Hood’s Bay
Saturday, 26th August, Saddleworth Rushcart
Fri-Sun, 8th–10th September, Bromyard Folk Festival
Saturday, 14th October, Sword Dance Union Tournament, Sheffield

Wath Morris
Weekend, 8th-10th September, Bainbridge Family Weekend Tour of Wensleydale
Saturday, 14th October, Sword Dance Union Tournament, Sheffield

White Rose Morris
Tuesday, 22nd August, The 8th Cliff Barstow Jig Competition, Spa Foyer, Whitby

North Area Sides and Contact Details

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