



# *The Original Welsh Border Christmas 2023 Tour – the 48th!*

## **Practice Day**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 11.00am – 3.00pm  
The Bell Inn, St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AG

## **Performance Day**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

## *Original Welsh Border Morris Men - 2023 Tour!* *Our 48<sup>th</sup> Tour in our 50<sup>th</sup> Year!*

The ex-squires group met in October and agreed the 2023 tour details in the 50th year since our formation. Other details will be emphasised in the accompanying email from bagman, Mike Finn. The tour nowadays is self-financing – i.e. we as members of the side cover the cost of the tour with realistic payment covering all our expenses. The charge for the practice and the tour will be £15 and how you pay this is detailed below. Any **costs** to you will be as follows:

£15 for the practice day and the tour. (If you can't make practice and tour, the following charges apply:

£5 for just the practice day which includes our Christmas sausage and chips.

£10 for just the tour day.

*This year all moneys collected on the tour will be donated to St Richard's Hospice, Worcester who care for people with a serious progressive illness who have complex needs which cannot be met by other services. These include cancer and neurological, respiratory, cardiac and renal conditions.*

*Last year we were able to donate the £191.66 bag money to Acorns Children's Hospice.*

*The departure time from Worcester of 17:00 will be rigidly adhered to – stragglers be warned!*

1. The tour details are as follows:

<b>Tour details:</b>	(Very approx timings!)	
Fox Inn, Wichenford	arrive 0800	depart 0900
White Ladies Aston	arrive 0930	depart 1015
Pershore	arrive 1030	depart 1200
Upton-upon-Severn	arrive 1230	depart 1315
Severn Stoke (see below)	arrive 1400	depart 1500
Worcester	arrive 1530	depart 1700
Fox Inn, Wichenford	arrive 1715	

2. Practice day will be as usual at the Bell Inn, St Johns, Worcester. WR2 5AG. **This year, we will enjoy an additional celebratory culinary treat to mark our 50<sup>th</sup> year.**  
The normal Original Welsh Border Christmas Dinner nosh will be served mid-way through the day. Let me know if you have a dietary requirement that does not include sausages, chips, bread and butter and, hopefully, Shoulders' pickled onions – other relevant culinary enhancements always welcome!
3. On the tour day the pre-tour breakfast will be available at reasonable cost, payable at the pub, from 8.00am at the Fox Inn, Wichenford – do note there will be no evening meals available at the Fox after the tour.
4. The ever innovative, dynamic Original Welsh Border ex-squires group have opted for a pub stop we have never experienced before. It's the Rose and Crown in Severn Stoke a recent Marstons Pub of the Year.
5. The tour coach, unsurprisingly, is more expensive this year. A quality pork pie and cheese roll will be provided somewhere en route. **Please let me know if you are veggie or vegan with a suggestion of what would be suitable for you, or would prefer an unheated pastie to a pork pie.**
6. The receipt of your payment will be acknowledged and will be your confirmation you have a seat on

the coach. If you are not coming on the tour please let me know if you want to remain on the mailing list. Keep me informed if you need to drop out at any stage too. "No shows" on the day will forfeit any refund. **Please book/pay as soon as possible to ensure your seat is reserved.**

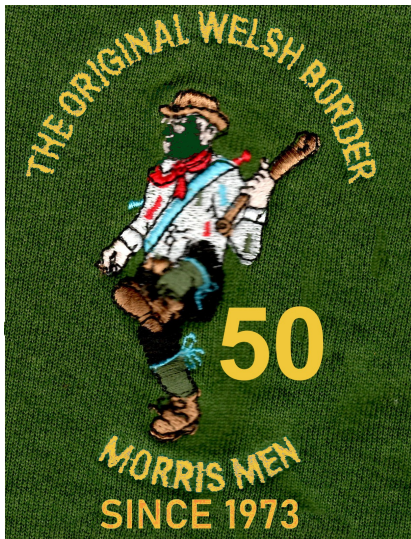
7. Please note, kit and face sooting/smudging/disguise – the only acceptable options are **dark green** face paint or no face paint. Snazaroo Dark Green Face Paint is available £4.19 post free on ebay from <https://tinyurl.com/3sschh3p>

**8. The 2023 Fashion Item – A celebratory sweatshirt with special golden text and in any of the available colours - you choose!**

This costs £17. Sizes available – to fit S(chest) 36 M 40 , L 44, XL 48, XXL 52. These come with the full colour WBM Tour 2023 logo. The logo this year will have the text "**The Original Welsh Border Morris Men Since 1973**" with the celebratory 50 as seen in the image around the dancing figure. The figure will have a dark green face. **All text will be in gold – it being our 50 years golden anniversary and all that!** The available colours are indicated in the attached order form.

Some colours are evident here <https://tinyurl.com/ColoursWBM> – NB only the colours mentioned on the order form below are available to choose.

9. The order for the sweatshirts will be sent by me on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, so orders **and** payment to me by then. Bank Acc No and sort code are the same as last year – **details below.**



*For illustration only*

10. In your reply, whether by email (to [m\\_w\\_finn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:m_w_finn@yahoo.co.uk)) or post (Mike Finn, Stonecrop, Main Road, Hallow, Worcester, WR2 6PH – 07941 418729) can you let me know the following information:



# The Original Welsh Border Reply Form 2023



Name .....  
email address .....  
Tel. No .....

Will you be at the practice?

Y or N

Seat wanted on the tour bus

Y or N

If Carnivore do you want:

Pork Pie ☐ or Pastie NB cold! ☐

If not Carnivore please indicate

Veggie ☐ Vegan ☐

(veggie or vegan please provide suggestions of alternative to quality pork pies)

Will you want a Fox breakfast on the Tour day? Y or N

## The 2023 Tour Sweatshirt –

please refer to <https://tinyurl.com/ColoursWBM> for indication of some of the colours – i.e. don't ask me!

Sweatshirt wanted S, M, L, XL, XXL only	Colour Black,navy,burgundy,red,ash grey,heather grey, solid grey, sky, white,bottle green, royal, emerald	Size	Cost £17 each

## Payment 2023 - Payment is by Bank Transfer or cheque

Payment for the practice (£5) .....

Payment for the practice and tour (£15) .....

Payment for the tour only (£10) .....

Payment for Polo shirt order (£17 each) ..... (Distributed on practice day)

## Cheque payment

If paying by cheque enclose this order form with a cheque (payable MW Finn) Stonecrop, Main Rd, Hallow, Worcs WR2 6PH

(Please note if no cheque received by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** I will not include your order)

**Bank transfer payment** please send an email on the same day as you make the transfer with your details and any order.

**Santander** (personal account not business account)

**Account Name** Mike Finn, **Sort Code** 09-01-29, **Account Number** 60566478