



# The Original Welsh Border Christmas 2022 Tour – (Still) the 47th!

**Practice Day** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 11.00am – 4.00pm  
The Bell Inn, St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AG

**Performance Day** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December (YES NOT CHRISTMAS EVE!!)

## Original Welsh Border Morris 2022 Tour! On the road again (we hope) post COVID

Having missed out on the 2020 and 2021 tours it looks very likely that we'll be able to get going again this December. The ex-squires group met in October and have agreed the tour details. Other details will be emphasised in the accompanying email from bagman, Mike Finn. We are trying again to make the tour self-financing – i.e. we as members of the side cover the cost of the tour with realistic payment covering costs before the tour starts. The charge for the practice and the tour will be £15 and how you pay this is detailed below. In 2021 we had a magnificent practice but had to cancel the actual tour at the last minute because of an alarming spike in COVID cases. All but one person instructed us to retain their moneys meaning we have retained enough cash, despite sharply rising costs to cover the actual tour. Any **costs** to you will be as follows:  
£5 for the practice day which includes our Christmas sausage and chips.  
£15 for the practice day and the tour **if you did not attend or pay last year.**  
£10 for the tour day if you did not pay last year.  
In summary, if you paid £15 last year, you only need to pay £5 this year.

*This year any funds above our agreed safety fund will be donated to Acorns Children's Hospice who our dedicated to provide specialist palliative care for life limited and life threatened babies, children and young people and support for their families. This support is offered from three hospices in Worcester, Birmingham and Walsall, as well as in the family home and community.*

- 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
Evesham	arrive 1230	depart 1400
Upton-upon-Severn	arrive 1430	depart 1530
Worcester	arrive 1600	depart 1700
Fox Inn, Wichenford	arrive 1715	

- Practice day is unchanged and will be as usual at the Bell Inn, St Johns, Worcester. WR2 5AG

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, Shoulder's pickled onions – other relevant culinary enhancements always welcome!

- On the tour day the pre-tour breakfast will be available at reasonable cost from 8.00am at the Fox Inn, Wichenford – do note there will be no evening meals available at the Fox after the tour.
- The tour coach, unsurprisingly, is more expensive. A quality pork pie and cheese roll will be provided en route to Evesham. **Please let me know if you are veggie or vegan with a suggestion of what would be suitable for you, or would prefer a unheated pastie to a pork pie.**

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

PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR SIDE  
ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE EMAIL!

5. We don't anticipate the coach being full this year for obvious reasons. 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.
6. Please note, kit and face sooting/smudging/disguise – the only acceptable options are **dark green** face paint or no face paint. See below how to obtain this face paint.

### **7. The 2022 Fashion Item – A bottle-green (apart from size M) Tee-Shirt**

This costs £11. Sizes available – to fit S(chest) 36 M 40 , L 44, XL 48, XXL 52.(NB They do not have M in green so this will be Royal blue). These come with the full colour WBM Tour 2022 logo. The logo this year will have the text "**The Original Welsh Border Morris Men Dancing Since 1973**" around the dancing figure. The figure will have a dark green face.

8. The order will be sent by me on Monday 7<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**.

9. 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 2022



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 2022 Tour long-sleeved polo shirt

Bottle green Tee-Shirt wanted? @ £11.00 S, M, L, XL, XXL only	Size/s	Cost

### Snazaroo Face Paint – Dark Green

If you wish to buy the Snazaroo Dark Green Face Paint you can obtain it, postage free for £3.99 by checking out this link to an ebay site: <https://tinyurl.com/3sschh3p>

### Payment 2022 - Payment is by Bank Transfer or cheque

Payment for the practice (£5) .....£5. **(Everyone needs to pay this)**  
 Payment for the practice and tour (£15) ..... (Only if you didn't pay last year)  
 Payment for the tour only (£10) ..... (Only if you didn't pay last year)  
 Payment for Polo shirt order (£11 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 7<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

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