West Midlands Area Rep Newsletter
4th November 2023

Dear Friends,

This (rather quiet) month I managed to get over to Whitchurch Morris’ annual October Day of Dance, a fantastically well organised day complete with double decker bus and visit to Tring Brewery (free drinks there too!). I’m looking forward to another slightly out of area visit to Anker Ale on the 11th November, hope to see a number of you there.

It goes without saying that as the practice season carries on I wish you all the best in recruiting new members.

Best Wishes,
Matthew Turvey, West Midlands Area Rep, Morris Ring

News from West Midland Sides

1st Sedgley Morris Men: Faithful City Morris Men:

- Late Summer heat at The Talbot at Knightwick Green Hop Beer Festival & Farmers Market earlier in October 2023. Nice relaxed outing plus an invitation to the pub Manager’s 40th Year Celebration in December.
- The Talbot is now up for sale in case anyone may be interested.

FCMM at The Talbot, Knightwick Green Hop Beer Festival on Sunday 8th Oct 2023

Shakespeare Morris:

- October saw three great outings – the opening of Stratford Mop Fair and two mummers’ plays in Bretforton and Chipping Campden. All went well and we’re looking forward to the Christmas season where we’ll be out in force at various local events in the run-up until the big day.

Stafford Morris:

- October proved to be quite busy for Stafford Morris, yet again we were supported by and supported our close buddies at Uttoxeter Heart of Oak Morris.
- We attended the 40th Anniversary of Beggar’s Oak Clog in October, a great event, lots of singing, dancing and general fun.
- 14th October saw us at Lichfield Festival of Folk Day of Dance, a superbly organised event with around 12 or so Sides all dancing at various spots in the City. The organisers even arranged a buffet for Sides, how much better does it get!
- Our Practice Hall was cancelled at short notice for one of our practice evenings so we took the opportunity to find local pubs to dance at with great success. Even on a Monday evening we were warmly welcomed by all.
- Another new dancer has joined us and she is settling in really well, even managing a few dances at the pub dance out even though she had only been to two practices.
- November is looking a bit quieter for us with just one scheduled event. But we are planning on starting our Christmas dance outs early this year, so the last Monday in November will see us in pubs dancing and performing our Mummer’s play.
## Morris and Folk Events this month:

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<td><strong>Stafford</strong></td>
<td><strong>Morris:</strong> North End Community Association Hall, Holmcroft Road, Stafford ST16 1JG (and other Mondays too)</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; Witcombe Folk Dance Club: 7:30-10:30pm with Roger Wilkins and caller Brian Stanton Witcombe Village Hall GL3 4TB</td>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; Folk Session 8pm Fleece Inn, Bretforton WR11 7JE (and every subsequent Thursday)</td>
<td>3&lt;sup&gt;rd&lt;/sup&gt; Emily Portman &amp; Rob Harbron: 7:30pm Folk of Gloucester Westgate St GL1 2PG</td>
<td>4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Silurian Border Morris Men: 2pm Taster Session Lyttleton Rooms Church St, Malvern WR14 2AY</td>
<td>5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Dance at Longlevens Village Hall 3-6pm Longford Lane, Gloucester GL2 0AJ</td>
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<td><strong>Shakespeare Morris:</strong> 8-10pm Morris Workshops Village Hall, Clifford Chambers CV37 8HW</td>
<td>7&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Gloucestershire Morris: 7:30-9:30pm St Mary's Congregational Church, St Mary's St, Gloucester GL1 2QS</td>
<td>8&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Lassington Oak Morris Men: 8pm Highnam Old School Room, Highnam, Glos GL2 8DG</td>
<td>9&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; May Hill Village Dance Group: 10-12noon May Hill Village Hall, All Saints Road, May Hill, Longhope GL17 0NL (2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; and 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Thursdays)</td>
<td>10&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Jockey Morris: Conybere Street Highgate, Birmingham B12 0YL</td>
<td>11&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Shakespeare Morris: 1:30-3:30pm Bidford Community Day High St, Bidford B50 4AA Chris Leslie: 7:30pm Folk of Gloucester Westgate St GL1 2PG Cheltenham Celidh Club: 7:30pm St Luke's Hall St Luke's Place Cheltenham GL53 7HP</td>
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<td><strong>England’s Glory Ladies Morris:</strong> 8pm Innsworth Infant School, Luke Lane, Innsworth GL3 1HJ (both every subsequent Monday)</td>
<td>14&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Flowers of Ilmington Morris: 7:30pm Ilmington School Back St, Ilmington CV36 4LJ</td>
<td>15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Ragged &amp; Old Morris Dancers: Taster Session Bussage Village Hall GL6 7DY</td>
<td>16&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Folk Club 12-3pm Folk of Gloucester Westgate St GL1 2PG Happenstance Border Morris: 7:30-9pm Abbey Fields Community Centre, Back Lane, Winchcombe GL54 5QH</td>
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<td><strong>Stroud Morris Dancers:</strong> 7.30pm Rodborough Tabernacle Church Hall, Tabernacle Walk, Rodborough, Stroud GL5 3UJ (and every subsequent Monday)</td>
<td>21&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; Miserden Morris: 7:30-9:30pm Stroud Old Town Hall, The Shambles, Stroud GL5 1AP</td>
<td>22&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; Forest of Dean Morris: 7:30pm Soudley Village Hall, Lower Road, Soudley, Gloucestershire GL14 2TZ</td>
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<td><strong>The Tattered Court Border Morris:</strong> 8-10pm St Mark’s Junior School, Robert Burns Avenue, Cheltenham, GL51 6NU</td>
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<td><strong>Wild Oats Morris:</strong> 7:30-9pm Rusridge Memorial Hall Rusridge, GL14 3AE</td>
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<td>30&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Wimberry Step Clog: Pludds &amp; District Village Hall, Ashdean Road GL17 9UD</td>
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