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*Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year  
from the Officers of the Morris Ring*



## **Future Events**

### **2020**

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January     **Morris Ring Jigs Instructional**

14<sup>th</sup> March                **Annual Representatives' Meeting**  
Oak Farm Hotel, Hatherton, Staffs.

18<sup>th</sup> April                 **JMO Day of Dance, Liverpool, organised by Mersey MM**

30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May         **Thaxted Morris Weekend**

31<sup>st</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August   **St Albans Ring Meeting (362)**

*The St Albans Morris Ring Meeting takes the form first introduced by our founding member, Dr Kenworthy Schofield in 1949. Join us for a weekend of dance to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Both indoor and outdoor camping is available at the venue for our meeting, a local primary school, and Friday evening will be an informal chance to meet up for food and entertainment. A shuttle bus will be provided should visiting sides want to make their entertainment in St Albans city centre. On Saturday, coach tours will take you to dance further afield in Hertfordshire with a hot meal at the lunch time pub on your tour. This will be followed in the evening by the traditional feast. Following the church service in St Albans Cathedral on Sunday morning, there will be a massed show in the centre of St Albans before a buffet lunch and departure. The anticipated cost of the weekend is in the region of £90 and we can accommodate 100 visitors.*

***Sides wishing to attend this Ring Meeting should please contact the Ring Bagman with a best estimate of the number of attendees as soon as possible.***

22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August     **Saddleworth Rushcart Ring Meeting (363)**

*Please make applications via the Rushcart Secretary as usual.*

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September   **Plymouth Morris Mayflower Morris Muster Marine Ring Meeting (364)**

*Ahoy me hearties! Come and celebrate Plymouth Morris's Golden Anniversary which coincides with the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers leaving Plymouth for America. Dutch, American and English sides from the Mayflower ports and catchment area are most welcome. The meeting will have a maritime flavour with walking and boat tours making the*

*most of Plymouth's historic maritime environment. We will be based at the new centrally located School of Creative Arts on four floors with indoor camping. NB no mermaids provided. There is very limited space for camper vans. Cost will be around £90 for the weekend, but will hopefully come in under this. Maximum number 200 to 250. Applications to the Morris Ring Bagman.*

***Sides wishing to attend this Ring Meeting should please email the Ring Bagman with a best estimate of the number of attendees as soon as possible.***

26<sup>th</sup> September

### **Peterborough Morris Cathedral City Day Ring Meeting (365)**

*Early arrivers can meet for breakfast at the Draper's Arms. Then it's a walking tour of the ancient and modern city centre. There will be dance spots in the recently modernised Cathedral Square (with the Guildhall as a backdrop), St John's Square (next to the city's 11th-century parish church), outside the 1930s Town Hall, and inside the Cathedral precinct. For lunch there is a wide choice of food outlets, cafes and bars. After dancing the feast will be held in the magnificent interior of the 12th-century Norman cathedral. The dining tables will be situated in or near the crossing, with views of the hand-painted 13th-century wooden ceiling, and the tomb's of Katherine of Aragon and Mary Queen of Scots nearby. There is no limit to the number of sides coming for the dancing, but the feast is limited to 100. The expected cost for those coming to the feast is £50. We will also be inviting local non-Ring sides to the whole day. We are looking into the possibility of indoor camping on the Saturday night.*

***Sides wishing to attend this Ring Meeting should please email the Ring Bagman with a best estimate of the number of attendees as soon as possible.***

## **Squire's Massed Dances for 2020**

Massed dances are one of the things the Morris Ring can do well, they are made better if we can do them with some uniformity. With this in mind I have added notes to some of them so we are all doing the same thing. If your club has a different interpretation please don't think for one minute I am trying to dictate to you a correct way of doing things, I just want us to put on a good massed dance for the public.

Adderbury: - Black Joke

Bampton: - Rose tree (finish on rounds)

Bledington: - Idbury Hill, Young Collins.

Brackley: - Jockey to the Fair (long version, Jockey MM take note)

Bucknell: - Queens Delight.

Headington: - Constant Billy (Foot up, Cross over, Back to back and finish on Whole hey)

Fieldtown: - The Valentine, Balance the Straw.

Lichfield: - Vandalls (In the chorus show the first time and clash the second except the last time when it is show twice).

## **Morris Ring ARM, Oak Farm Hotel, Hatherton, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The ARM will be at its now customary location of Oak Farm Hotel, Hatherton (Watling St, Cannock WS11 1SB). Application forms for attending are located at the end of this document. Please be prompt in applying as places for accommodation are limited.

### **Elections**

At the 2020 ARM we shall be electing a new Squire of the Morris Ring and several Area Representatives are due for triennial election/re-election.

Nominations for the post of Squire, submissions of proposals for changes to the Constitution and formal resolutions for discussion have now closed. The agenda for the ARM, and details of the candidates for Squire, will be issued early in the New Year.

### **Area Representatives (year of re-election in brackets)**

East Midlands, Charlie Corcoran (2021)

South Midlands, Roger Comley (2021)

Northern, Jono Millward (2021)

North West, David Loughlin (2020)

North East, Brian Pollard (2019)

West Midlands, Mark Carter (2020)

Eastern, Nigel Strudwick (2019)

South Wales and West, Paul Reece (2020)

South East, Fred Hands (2021)

*All Representatives due for re-election have indicated that they are willing to continue.*

## **Subscription Renewal 2020 Changes**

Dear Bagman/Treasurer,

It's that time of year again to get your subscription renewals for all categories of membership. There are some major changes this year for the process of doing so.

### **Side Information**

All sides have had their login details for the MR online data as part of the MR website. Please check that this is accurate and reflects any changes that have occurred following the usual round of AGM's. If you haven't logged in yet then you may have to re-register your details.

### **Subscriptions**

The pricing structure is unchanged with the following benefits.

However, we have taken the decision to only give a discount for early payment i.e before November 30th if made by bank transfer. This reflects the fact that doing so is easy and straightforward from all banks and the inconvenience that cheques now hold. If your side account doesn't do electronic transfer, then organise it within your side and do an internal transfer/payment. *Bank sort code 40-41-44, account number 3127 6018.*

As before, ALL discounted fees are for payments made by November 30th. Please give your side name as the reference when doing so.

If you normally give a donation to the Youth or the Archive fund can you send me an email outlining how you wish to have the additional monies allocated.

<b><u>Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Benefits</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Discounted Fee</u></b>
Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public liability insurance with an indemnity of £10,000,000.</li><li>• Performing Rights Society (P.R.S.) cover.</li><li>• 2 x copies of each periodical Morris Circular publication.</li><li>• Electronic copy of the periodical Morris Ring Bagman's newsletter.</li><li>• Electronic copy of the annual Morris Dancer journal (under review).</li><li>• The right to attend the Annual Representatives Meeting, submit motions &amp; propositions, discuss and vote on all appropriate matters.</li><li>• Attend and participate in various Morris Ring meetings and instructionals throughout the year.</li></ul>	£50	£40

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing in the Morris Ring Directory (e) and on the website Find a Side page</li> <li>• The camaraderie of your fellow Morris Ring member.</li> </ul>		
Associate	Same as Full except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x copy of each periodical Morris Circular publication.</li> <li>• The right to attend the Annual Representatives Meeting and participate in debates but not to submit motions or vote.</li> </ul>	£40	£30
Joint	Difference to Associate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No insurance cover</li> </ul>	£30	£20

### **Insurance cover confirmation**

Once I have received subscription renewal payment and confirmed within the online system then you will be able to download your insurance cover confirmation at will.

I hope you all have had great summer's dancing and may that continue next year.

Regards

*Clayton*

Clayton Francis  
Treasurer  
Tel: 07847 895716

### **A note from the Bagman of the Morris Ring**

Please note that changes to side details, officers etc. needs now to be managed via the side's login to the Ring website. Any problems with this, or with other matters relating to membership or subscriptions, please contact the Treasurer of the Morris Ring in the first instance.

## **A proposed change to the Constitution of the Morris Ring**

In discussions surrounding the funding of Archive projects or general Arts and Educational projects via Grant applications, it has become clear the Constitution as it stands does not meet certain external criteria. This is not a deficiency in the current Constitution. Merely the fact that an external body such as the National Lottery has certain requirements that we have not had to consider to date.

The central issue is that our Constitution should prohibit personal gain by the Officers and members of the Morris Ring. Also that if the Morris Ring were to be dissolved, that the money would not be distributed to Officers or members. These are fairly obvious requirements to prevent fraud in the use of Grant funds awarded.

In order to allow the Morris Ring to pursue such funding opportunities, 2 additional clauses are suggested to add to the 'General' section of the Constitution.

The Squire and the Officers wish to make clear that the proposed changes will not affect the expenses policy of the Morris Ring. This has expressly excluded personal gain for many years and the proposed changes will not affect or inhibit the work of the Officers in carrying out their duties.

They also wish to place on record that there is no intention to dissolve the Morris Ring. Such an issue is purely a matter for the membership and both the financial position and future of our Organisation is strong.

The proposed clauses are set out below for the information of the member clubs and these will be brought forward for a formal vote at our ARM in March 2020 at the request of the Squire.

### **NEW PROPOSED CLAUSES**

- A. All funds or assets of the Morris Ring shall be used only for the furtherance of its objectives and no such funds or assets shall be transferred to the Officers or member clubs of the Morris Ring for their personal use
- B. On the dissolution of the Morris Ring none of its funds or assets shall be transferred to its Officers or member clubs for their personal use and shall only be transferred to a charitable or not-for-profit organisation having the same or similar objectives as the Morris Ring and an equivalent prohibition on personal use of funds or assets once transferred

Ed Worrall

Chair of the Advisory Council



## **Morris Ring Jigs Instructional**

The 2020 Jigs Instructional & Cotswold Morris Workshop takes place over the weekend of 17-19th January in Sutton Bonington, under the direction of Geoff Jerram, Past Squire of the Morris Ring.

This event is now fully subscribed; joining communications will be going out to participants shortly.

In the event of cancelled bookings or other places becoming available, please see the Morris Ring website for details or email Tony Foard: [jigsinstructional@themorrisring.org](mailto:jigsinstructional@themorrisring.org).

## **Morris Ring Publications**

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## **On-line Links:**



The main MR website with millions of pages stuffed to the gunnels with all you need to know about the MR: <https://www.themorrisring.org/>

The Morris Ring Google Group (MRGG). Private Forum for debate or announcements. <https://groups.google.com/group/the-morris-ring>

*Contact the Morris Ring Bagman to register to use.*

Morris Ring Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMorrisRing>

Morris Ring Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TheMorrisRing>

## **The Morris Shop** *"the Bells and Whistles"*

<http://www.themorrisshop.com/>

### Call for Contributions

Any items of urgent Morris-related news, please send to me at [bagman@themorrisring.org](mailto:bagman@themorrisring.org) for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Less time-dependent updates and longer pieces to Tony Foard, please, for the Circular.

If you have any photographs, you can send them to Duncan Broomhead, the Morris Ring Photo Archivist ([duncan.broomhead@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.broomhead@btinternet.com)) and any articles, ideally accompanied with photographs, can be submitted to Tony Foard, the Editor of the Morris Ring Circular, details above.

Charlie Corcoran, the Keeper of the Morris Ring Log Book, is keen to receive stories about Ring events, both the formal and the quirky ([Charliecorcoran7@ntlworld.com](mailto:Charliecorcoran7@ntlworld.com)).



## **ARM Application Form 2020**

Name of Side: .....

Contact Name: .....

Names of other attendees:

...../.....

Email: .....

Tel No: .....

Address: .....

.....

Postcode: .....

Friday Night accommodation & Saturday Breakfast	No .....@ £ 27.50	£
Camper van	No .....@ £ 15	£
Saturday ARM to Sunday morning including coffee, lunch, tea and Sat night accommodation & Sunday breakfast (U16 –half price)	No .....@ £ 77.50	£
Saturday Breakfast (for campers/vans & early arrivals)	No .....@ £ 8.50	£
Saturday ARM - including feast (No accommodation)	No .....@ £50	£
Saturday ARM* - excluding feast (Morning Coffee / Lunch / Afternoon Tea)	No .....@ £27.50	£
Feast only	No .....@ £37.50	£
ARM only - no meals	No.....@ Free	£ 0.00
Sunday Breakfast (for campers/vans)	No .....@ £ 8.50	£
TOTAL (pay by cheque/BACS) – delete as necessary		£ .

There are 20 twin bedded rooms and 5 double bedded rooms. Book early to get a twin room!

Please specify number of non-alcohol drinkers ..... Please specify how many require vegetarian meals.....

Please indicate if disabled access is required Yes / No

Please fill in this form, (even if only attending the afternoon meeting) and post it or email it.

Cheques made payable to: **Stafford Morris Men (Misdemeanours)**

BACS details are 60-22-09. A/c 64513165. (Put your name/club as reference)

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# The Morris Ring Website

## Reference guide for member sides

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## About this document

This document is intended for officers of member sides of the Morris Ring. It is a guide to the data stored about their side on the Morris Ring website and how this is edited and controlled.

## Document history

Version	Date	Summary
1.0	05/11/2019	Prepared to advise member side officers when changing primary contact

## Side information held

The information stored on the website for any individual side provides the Morris Ring (MR) officers with contact and other details about the side and provides to the general viewing public the side name, location and contact details. The side data stored is used to create the public liability insurance certificate for the current year for member sides.

Access to the full set of data stored is restricted to the primary contact for the side and MR officers, with some limited contact data made available to Area Reps. Access for the primary contact is described in

section 0 **Logging in to make changes** below.

## Side data stored

The data stored for each side comprises the following data items, all of which is principally for Morris Ring use:

- Name of side
- Primary contact
  - Name (first & last)
  - Role (typically Bagman)
  - email
  - telephone
  - mobile
  - postal address
- Secondary contact
  - Name (first & last)
  - Role (eg Treasurer)
  - email
  - telephone
  - mobile
  - postal address
- Style(s) of dance
- Year side was formed
- Main performance day(s) of the week
- Side location (eg practice venue)
- Number of active members
- Gender of members
  - Dancers: Male/Female/Mixed
  - Musicians: Male/Female/Mixed
- Year side admitted to the MR\*
- Area\*
- Date subscription last paid\*
- Subscription payment method\*
- Membership type\*
- Publication Subscription(s)\*
- Donation to archive fund (£)\*
- Donation to youth fund (£)\*

Those items with asterisks (\*) may be changed only by the MR Officers.

## Side data shared publicly

The data shared on the website for public view are:

- Side detail
  - website
  - practice venue address
  - practice venue map location
- Primary contact:
  - name
  - role
  - email address
  - telephone number

If required, the primary contact can choose to display publicly a different name, email and phone number from the primary contact details used by the MR officers. They can also choose to display no email address and/or no phone number at all.

## Logging in to make changes

Access to make changes to the side details is provided via a user account that has been set up for each side. This user account also provides access to the Public Liability Insurance certificate (see section 0 below).

### Side's owning account

Each member side is set up with a corresponding user account that 'owns' the side detail, which grants edit access to the side data. The owning user account comprises a username, password and email address. This user account is linked to the Primary Contact for the side and the Primary Contact is required to log in to the website with this username and password in order to edit the side's data.

Thus, the data held for any side can be edited by the side's primary contact, via their user account. Users with elevated permissions, such as the Bagman and Treasurer of the Morris Ring, can view and edit all such data.

The owning account user's username is of the form side-**<brief-side-name>**, for example side-dartington for Dartington Morris Men. This ensures that the owning account is independent of any one person, and when the role holder changes, the account email address and password can be changed to maintain security. In such cases the primary contact name and email address should be changed and the email address of the owning account is updated automatically. In this case, a manual password reset has to be triggered in the usual way, by visiting <https://themorrisring.org/user/password>.

If the side should wish to change its name, the Primary Contact can do this but the corresponding owning user account name will need to be changed, and this can only be done by an admin user.

If the side changes the main contact email, this will be automatically copied to the owning user account.

### Log in to user account

The authorised user can log in by visiting <https://themorrisring.org/user>. This link is also shown in the footer of every page, as "Authorised user login".

To log in the user will require the primary contact's email address and password.

As an alternative to the email address, the side username can be used. The username follows the form "side-**<name-of-side>**", where **<name-of-side>** is an abbreviated name of the side (for example, side-dartington is the username of Dartington Morris Men).

### Resetting the password

When a new password is needed (eg if lost or forgotten), it can be reset by visiting <https://themorrisring.org/user/password>, or going to the login page and clicking on "Request new password" and entering either the email address of the primary contact or the username.

This will send password reset instructions to the email address of the primary contact.



## Problems accessing email

If access to the primary contact's email is lost then the account will need to be reset by an administrator. In this case an officer of the side will need to send an email to [webeditor@themorrisring.org](mailto:webeditor@themorrisring.org) to request a change of email address for the account.

## Edit side data

Once logged in, a blue 'admin bar' will be shown at the top of the page. From here clicking on "My side admin" takes the user to the side administration page, from where it is possible to edit the side details or view the public liability insurance certificate.

Changes may be made to correct the data stored, and clicking on the green "Save" button at the bottom of the page will save the changes (this is important as changes are not saved unless this is done).

## Public liability insurance certificate

The insurance certificate can be produced for any side (whose membership is paid) for the current year.

When a new insurance certificate is issued (typically by the MR Treasurer), the certificate displayed will automatically be the one for the current year. Certificates for previous years are not retained, so if a copy needs to be retained then it needs to be downloaded.

The certificate is displayed on the website and a PDF copy can be downloaded for retention.

## Insurance certificate data

The information displayed on the certificate is the name of the side, along with the data shown below.

- Insurance detail
  - Insurer
  - Period of insurance
    - start date and end date
  - Policy number
  - Applicable to membership types
- Issue detail
  - Date of issue
  - Signatory name
  - Signatory role
  - Signature image