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Please use the Morris Ring Display Boards whenever an opportunities present itself. They are available from Roger Comley (South Midlands); Robin Springett (South West); Fred Hands (South East) ;Mike Stevens (East) and Charlie Corcoran (Midlands).

## Final Morris Offspring Show Ever!

Morris Offspring are a group of outstanding young Morris dancers who push and explore the boundaries of Morris, creating shows for the stage. This Spring they will be working with **Faustus** (Benji Kirkpatrick and Paul Sartin of Bellowhead, Saul Rose of War Horse) to create The Furnace - their final and most challenging show.

They want to make the show one to remember, talk about, and be inspired by. Enlisting the considerable talents of folk powerhouse Faustus, the music will be original, dynamic and captivating. It's a great way for enthusiasts and philistines alike to see Morris in a new light! In these times where funding is scarce, we are delighted that the project has been supported by Arts Council England and the EFDSS.

To make each event even more special and unique, they need your help! They're looking for a few different things over the next 3 weeks:

- Individuals to help them publicise the events in exchange for free tickets! This will involve handing out flyers at relevant events, putting up posters in towns near to the show venues, and encouraging friends and family to come.
- Teams to dance before their gigs, or join them for a sing afterwards. They want each gig to be a fantastic event, not just another stop on the tour! Some venues are offering group discounts, so make it a team outing!
- People willing to support their 'Morris and The Media' Kickstarter project. Exciting and interactive, "[Feeding The Furnace](#)" will enable them to film the show professionally and share the DVD. Basically they're looking for 100 people to buy an advance copy in the next 10 days - perfect if you're unable to attend in person!
- Wherever you are over Easter, they'd love you to go and see the show, spread the word, get involved and all can all look forward to a night to remember!

Getting involved couldn't be easier - contact them, via [www.morrisoffspring.co.uk](http://www.morrisoffspring.co.uk) Tell them who you are and how you'd like to be involved, whether to help them publicise (free tickets!), to dance at one of their gigs, or suggest a great place for a sing afterwards.

- 28<sup>th</sup> March - The Sage Gateshead
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Terry O'Toole Theatre, Lincoln
- 30<sup>th</sup> March - Mumford Theatre, Cambridge
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - Artrix, Bromsgrove
- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Cecil Sharp House, London
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Exeter Phoenix

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1412124352/feeding-the-furnace>

Information from Laurel Swift, Morris Offspring & Faustus

## THE MORRIS SHOP - The time has come!



After 19 years of very happy Morris Shop keeping Steve BfB has announced that the time is now right to move on and allow someone to take over.



As no one had volunteered to take over from Steve in time for the ARM he has fortunately agreed to carry on for the next few months. He will continue to run the Morris Shop via mail order but with a reduced physical presence at Morris events.

We appreciate that after 19 years or so Steve will be an impossible act to follow it is what the incumbent makes it. If anyone out there would like to contact the Squire of the Morris Ring about this, he would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like a confidential and non-committal chat with me....you know where I am: Tel: 01274 773830 Mob: 07826 299629 Email: [Sadamsonbfb@Blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Sadamsonbfb@Blueyonder.co.uk)



### Squire's Massed Dances for 2013

<b>ADDERBURY</b>	Lads a-Bunchum	Constant Billy
<b>BAMPTON</b>	Banbury Bill/Rose Tree	Maid of the Mill
<b>BLEDINGTON</b>	Idbury Hill	Young Collins
<b>BRACKLEY</b>	Jockey to the Fair	
<b>BUCKNELL</b>	Queen's Delight	
<b>FIELDTOWN</b>	The Valentine	Balance the Straw
<b>HEADINGTON QUARRY</b>	Constant Billy	Laudnum Bunches
<b>LICHFIELD</b>	Vandals of Hammerwich	



## IMPORTANT – Appeal for Information on behalf of the JMO



### You could be next!

You will no doubt have heard about the issues encountered by the Britannia Coconut Dancers over the stewarding and road-closures required for their annual traditional Easter Saturday dance through Bacup. Briefly, the local police were not prepared to provide traffic management for the procession and the council said that road closures would therefore be necessary, and that the cost of this should be funded by the Coconutters. Following discussions with the public bodies, this year's event will be going ahead, with the local council funding the health and safety measures and the Police handling the traffic management.

However, this may well be only a temporary "fix" to the problem, and it is very likely that further discussions will need to be held prior to next year's event. It's also a problem that is affecting other Morris sides, festivals and similar events throughout the country as local councils and police forces seek to reduce costs but remain mindful of health and safety legislation. The burden of safety is being placed more and more on the organisers of these events, rather than on the public bodies on whom those organisers relied in the past.



The Three Morris Organisations (Morris Federation, Morris Ring and Open Morris) have been discussing the problem and have decided to act together under the banner of the Joint Morris Organisation (JMO). The JMO would like to hear about the experiences of any sides or organisers of events who have found themselves in similar situations. What were the circumstances, how did you deal with it and what was the outcome?





We need to collect as much information as we can, so that we can advise sides and organisations who may ask for help with these issues - each case will be different, and it's unlikely that there will be a "catch-all" solution, but the more information we can gather, the more we will be able to support our members when they need it.

These kinds of measures are a threat to the rich variety of traditional and customary activities that take place around the country throughout the year, as well as to other events such as folk festivals, carnivals, parades and such like. By collating the evidence you can provide, we will be in a position to lobby for the protection of traditional events in the face of actions which may curtail them completely.

Please send responses to Barry Goodman (Chair of JMO 2013) at [pres@morrisfed.org.uk](mailto:pres@morrisfed.org.uk) and copy to [bagman@themorrisring.org](mailto:bagman@themorrisring.org)



**Area Rep for the North:** The 16 sides in this MR area are looking for someone to represent them on the Morris Ring Advisory Council.

While each area, and every Area Rep, is different in a nutshell their role is to be a link between the MR Squire and the sides within their geographical area.

- Maintain telephone and email contact with, and visit where possible the sides in their area, so that they to know what is going on.
- Relay to other sides in the area, and also to the Morris Ring Officers any interesting developments, successes, awards, funding, opportunities, deaths, etc., in the area
- Encourage associate sides in the area to progress to full membership.
- Promote inter-relationships between all sides in the area, including members of the Morris Federation and the Open Morris, e.g. act as a catalyst to arrange/organise instructionals and days of dance.
- Attend the ARM to present a report of activities in the area during the past twelve months and attend meetings of the Advisory Council.

**Don't be shy - if you think that you could fulfil this role please contact the Squire (or while he is overseas the Bagman) of the Morris Ring.**

**Which area?** Several sides have queried which area they 'belong to'. The allocation is 'historic' but if you believe that you are in the wrong group please get in touch with [bagman@themorrisring.org](mailto:bagman@themorrisring.org)

#### East

M Belchamp Morris Men  
M Cambridge Morris Men  
M Colchester Morris Men  
M Devil's Dyke Morris Men  
M East Suffolk Morris Men  
M Hageneth Morris Men  
M Kemp's Men of Norwich  
M King's Morris, The  
M London Pride Morris Men  
M Mayflower Morris Men  
M Peterborough Morris  
M Rumford Morris  
M Rutland Morris Men  
M Standon Morris Men  
M Stevenage Sword Dancers  
M Thaxted Morris Men  
A Blackmore Morris Men  
A Chameleonic Morris Men  
A Crendon Morris Men  
A Good Easter Molly Dancers  
A Greenwich Morris Men  
A Hoddesdon Crownsmen  
A Thameside Mummers

#### North East

M Banchory-Ternan Morris Men  
Benfieldside Morris & Sword  
Dancers  
M Claro Sword & Morris Men  
M Darlington Mummers  
M Durham Rams  
Durham Rams  
M Monkseaton Morris Men  
M Redcar Sword Dancers  
M Richmond on Swale Morris Men  
A Hexham Morris Men  
A Saint Bees (Cumberland) Mummers

#### North West

M Adlington Morris Men  
M Britannia Coconut Dancers  
M Chapel-en-le-Frith Morris Men  
M Chester City Morris Men

#### North

M Barnsley Longsword Dancers  
M Castleford Sword Dancers  
M Great Yorkshire Morris  
M Green Ginger Morris & Sword Team  
M Green Oak Morris Men  
M Grimsby Morris Men  
M Handsworth Traditional Sword Dancers  
M Harthill Morris Men  
M Lord Conyers Morris Men  
M Oakworth Village Morris Men  
M Wath-on-Dearne Morris Men  
M White Rose Morris Men  
A Chewit Well Mummers,  
A Ebor Morris Men  
A Grenoside Traditional Sword Dancers  
A Spen Valley Longsword Dancers

#### North Midlands

M Aldbury Morris Men  
M Anker Morris Men  
M Anstey Morris Men  
M Bedford Morris Men  
M Brackley Morris Men  
M Dolphin Morris Men  
M Foresters Morris & Sword Dance Club  
M Leicester Morris Men

M Lincoln & Micklebarrow Morris Men  
M Moulton Morris Men  
M Northampton Morris Men  
M Packington Morris Men  
M Ripley Morris Men  
M Towersey Morris  
M Uttoxeter Heart of Oak Morris Men  
M Whitchurch Morris Men  
A Hinckley Bullockers  
A One Day Wonder Travelling Morris  
A Rose & Castle Morris Men

#### South East

M Ashdown Forest Morris Men  
M Broadwood Sword & Morris Men  
M Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men

**North West (cont....)**

M Horwich Prize Medal Morris Men  
 M John O'Gaunt Morris Men  
 M Kinnerton Morris Men  
 M Leyland Morris Men  
 M Manchester Morris Men  
 M Mersey Morris Men  
 M Mossley Morris Men  
 M North British Sword Dancers  
 M Royal Preston Morris Dancers  
 M Saddleworth Morris Men  
 M Southport Swords  
 M Thelwall Morris Men

**South Midlands**

M Abingdon Traditional Morris Dancers  
 M Adderbury Village Morris Men  
 M Traditional Bampton Morris Dancers  
 M Datchet Border Morris Men  
 M Etcetera Morris Men  
 M Grand Union Morris  
 M Greensleeves Morris Men  
 M Headington Quarry Morris Dancers  
 M Icknield Way Morris Men  
 M Kennet Morris Men  
 M Letchworth Morris Men  
 M Offley Morris Men  
 M Oxford City Morris Men  
 M St Albans Morris Men  
 M Westminster Morris Men  
 M Woodside Morris Men  
 M Yateley Morris Men  
 A Charlbury Morris  
 A Herga Mummers

**West Midlands**

M Chipping Campden Morris Men  
 M Coventry Morris Men  
 M Coventry Mummers  
 M Earlsdon Morris Men  
 M Faithful City Morris Men  
 M 1st Sedgley Morris Men  
 M Forest of Dean Morris Men  
 M Green Man's Morris & Sword Club  
 M The Traditional Ilmington Morris Men  
 M Jockey Morris Men  
 M Lassington Oak Morris Men  
 M Malvern Swordsmen

**South East (cont....)**

M East Surrey Morris Men  
 M Ewell St Mary's Morris Men  
 M Hartley Morris Men  
 M King John's Morris Men  
 M Long Man Morris Men  
 M Martlet Sword & Morris Men  
 M Men of Wight Morris Men  
 M North Wood Morris Men  
 M Ravensbourne Morris Men  
 M Spring Grove Morris Men  
 M Thames Valley Morris Men  
 M Victory Morris Men  
 M Wadard Morris Men  
 M Wantsum Morris Men  
 M Winchester Morris Men  
 A Blackheath Morris Men  
 A Boyden Gate [Mummers of]  
 A Buckland Shag Morris Men  
 A Cinque Port Morris Men  
 A St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Hoodenors  
 A Woodchurch Morris Men  
 A World Famous Ashdown Mummers'

**South West & Wales**

M Bathampton Morris Men  
 M Bourne River Morris Men  
 M Bristol Morris Men  
 M Cam Valley Morris Men  
 M Chalice Morris Men  
 M City of Gloucester Mummers  
 M Dartington Morris Men  
 M Exeter Morris Men  
 M Gloucestershire Morris Men  
 M Mendip Morris Men  
 M Plymouth Morris Men  
 M Sweyn's Ey Morris & Swd Dancers (Men of)  
 M Taunton Deane Morris Men  
 M Trigg Morris Men  
 M Wessex Morris Men  
 M West Somerset Morris Men  
 M Wyvern Jubilee Morris Men  
 A Black Prince Morris Men  
 A Bovey Tracey Mummers  
 A Frome Valley Morris  
 A North Curry Mummers  
 A Tarka Morris Men

## West Midlands (cont...)

- M Shakespeare Morris Men
- M Silurian Border Morris Men
- M Stafford Morris Men
- M White Hart Morris Men
- A Alvechurch Morris
- A Leominster Morris
- A Original Welsh Border Morris & Cow Pat Morris

## South West & Wales (cont...)

- A Uplyme Morris Men

### Archives - what should the Ring keep, where and how?



This question was posed by the MR Squire at the Post ARM Advisory Council.

The issue extends beyond paper, photos and films to artefacts such as costumes of defunct sides. Essex County Record Office, where some of our paper archive is stored, accepts only original documents and some film material but what should /can we do with other things?

**Appeal 1:** To all sides for information:

**What is your side doing with its archive material?**

Information please to [chrismetherell@googlemail.com](mailto:chrismetherell@googlemail.com)

**Appeal 2:** The Squire of the Morris Ring would like to have compiled a list /catalogue of all Feasts, Weekends and Days of Dance & events that Morris Ring sides regularly organise.

Information please to [bagman@themorrisring.org](mailto:bagman@themorrisring.org)



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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: <http://www.themorrisring.org/>

The Morris Ring Google Group (MRGG). Private Forum for debate or announcements. *Contact Morris Ring Bagman to register to use.*

<http://groups.google.com/group/the-morris-ring?hl=en&pli=1>

Morris Ring Facebook site: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Morris-Ring/158759257502840>

Morris Ring Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/TheMorrisRing>

If your side has forthcoming events or items of interest to all, make sure that you get them posted on one or more of these sites.



## This year...

- **335<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013 **Adelaide Morris Men**

Meeting souvenirs from: [www.zazzle.com.au/amm\\_ring\\_meeting+gifts](http://www.zazzle.com.au/amm_ring_meeting+gifts)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 JMO Day of Dance: Exeter 10.00am - 4.00pm.**

**Hosts:** Great Western Morris, on behalf of the Morris Federation.

- **336<sup>th</sup> Meeting** 31<sup>st</sup> May - 2nd June **Thaxted Meeting**

There are still places available at this meeting. Please contact the Bagman for the meeting Ian Anderson for further information on 01702 466335 [iandbanderson@btinternet.com](mailto:iandbanderson@btinternet.com)

- **337<sup>th</sup>** 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June **Dolphin Morris Men** 

- **338<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July **Martlet Sword & Morris Men (60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

- **339<sup>th</sup>** 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013 **SILKEBORG  MORRIS MEN**

There is still room for a couple of teams or some individuals for this meeting in Copenhagen.



**Arrival:** If you are arriving by plane to Copenhagen airport there is a Train station below the airport from which trains depart for Copenhagen Central Station every 10 minutes all day. From the Central Station it is a short taxi ride or a 15 minute walk to the hostel.

**Accommodation:** Danhostel Copenhagen City,  
H.C. Andersens Boulevard 50 1553 Copenhagen



Silkeborg have booked four and six bed rooms at Danhostel Copenhagen City (DH). This covers bed with quilt, pillow plus linen, towels and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. *All rooms must be booked through Silkeborg Morris Men but teams are free to allocate the rooms between teams and sexes.* If you want individual quartering you must contact *Danhostel Copenhagen City* personally.

## Programme

**Friday:** Arrival at Danhostel (DH) where SMM representative will welcome you. After settling in and kitting up, teams can go to meet up with the other teams for a dance. (*Venue to be confirmed*) There will be a buffet supper near DH followed by informal dancing / pubbing.

**Saturday:** There will be 3 tours, Lunch is arranged on each tour and it is possible to pre-order vegetarian food, diabetic and similar menus. Wives are welcome to join the tours as well as lunch.

3.00pm - 5.00pm. Massed display at St. Albans Church; followed by dancing alternately at the church and by the Little Mermaid.

Then there will be transport, either by canal ferry or on foot, to the 7.00pm feast. *For those who bring non active Morris women, there will be an arrangement at a restaurant or pub near the feast.*

**Sunday:** After breakfast travel by canal ferry to Nyhavn and dance in procession from here to St. Albans Church for a church service which marks the end of the official program. *For those interested we can arrange lunch and a dance spot a pub somewhere, but this is not included in the budget.*

## General information

Individual dancers/musicians are welcome

Female musicians are welcome at the meeting including feast. Morris wives are welcome at the meeting, except an alternative to the feast will be arranged. *There is a 390,- Danish kroner discount from the feast, but the alternative is not included in the payment.*

**Payment/deposit:** The total cost of the weekend is 1200,- Danish kroner. (£140) including a deposit of 500,- Danish kroners (£46.30) which must be paid by March 27th. *Details on the payment should contain the name of the team and the total number of participants.* The deposit can be made by bank transfer to: Jyske Bank. Account Holder: Kenny Hvid Fausing . Reg. No.: 7241 Account: 0.001213613 SWIFT: JYBADKKK IBAN: DK1172410001213613



For further information contact: Jacob Christensen:  
[mail@silkeborgmorrismen.dk](mailto:mail@silkeborgmorrismen.dk)

### Copenhagen Ring Meeting 2013: FAQs



1. Approximately what is the train fare from the airport to the central station? - *About 36 Kroner per person.*
2. Approximately what would be the taxi fare from the station to the hostel? - *About 55 - 70 Kroner.*
3. What is the arrangement for luggage on the Sunday? Can we leave it at the hostel until after the church service, or later in the afternoon? - *You can leave your luggage at the hostels locked luggage-room.*
4. Will there be transport back to the hostel after the service? - *In the middle of Copenhagen, transport is no problem. We will not be arranging any group transport as some might want to go sightseeing, pubbing or home. We will, of course, help you on the right bus or water cab if you want.*
5. Will the trains to the airport still run about every 10 minutes on the Sunday? - *Yes but let Jacob have your flight details and he will help you double-check.*
6. Could you give us a rough idea of beer prices in sort of places we're likely to be? - *Most of the places it's about 50 - 75 Kroner per pint. Friday at the buffet the price is about 25-30 Kroner per pint.*
7. Apart from beer, travel from/to the airport and Sunday lunch, are there any other costs on top of the 1200 Danish kroner? - *No, all is included.*



## Next year...

### Morris Ring Meetings 2014 and beyond

We are still looking for sides to host meetings in 2014 and beyond.  
So far we have.....

#### 2014    *80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Foundation of the Morris Ring*

- March                      ARM Hosted by TBA
- JMO Event.    Hosted by the Cambridge Morris on behalf of the Morris Ring.
- Spring                      Devil's Dyke Morris Men    Venue: King's College, Ely
- 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June Thaxted Morris Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Dartington Morris Men (to coincide with the end of Robin Springett's term of office.)

## Sometime...

#### 2015

- March                      ARM Hosted by TBA
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> Thaxted Morris Meeting
- Late June                      Great Yorkshire Morris

#### 2016

- March                      ARM Hosted by TBA
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>                      Thaxted Morris Meeting
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**Dancing with Staves:** One Day Workshop with Roy Dommett

Date: Saturday 5th October 2013

Venue: Saltford Community Hall, (on A4 between Bath and Bristol) BS31 3BY

The day will include a talk by Philip Hoyland.

Tickets £12 available in April    Further info from: Barbara Butler

[somersetmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:somersetmorris@hotmail.com)

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**Hartley MM Annual Ale on 7th-9th June.** Hartley MM have a few vacant spaces for a side or individuals at their annual Ale. It follows the usual Morris Ring format

*"It is, as usual, a customary 'all male' affair based in the village of Wrotham, Kent, and will follow the traditional format of a pub session Friday evening, tours by vintage transport on Saturday (including brewery visits) followed by the Feast and informal pub session. Then on Sunday a morning tour to a National Trust property display/sing before the final pre-lunch massed display. Wholesome cooked food provided throughout plus FREE BEER at the hall together with the provision of indoor camping plus hot showers in a brand new pavilion.*

*The cost will be in the region of £55 per man, all in, but reductions can be negotiated for part-time attendance. Numbers are restricted to 70 and only a limited number of spaces remain so early expressions of interest are advised."*

Contact: Terry Heaslip [terry@heaslip.me.uk](mailto:terry@heaslip.me.uk)



**Please check** your Morris Ring *Find a Side* Entry

As well as your side's location, website address (where published) and contact name and phone number, we have now added the contact e-mail address we have been given for the Bagman.

This is the latest contact address, as notified to The Morris Ring Bagman or Treasurer, which we have for your side.

If you do not wish your personal e-mail address to be made public you may want to consider creating a generic "[bagman@sidenamewebsiteaddress](mailto:bagman@sidenamewebsiteaddress)" as many sides are now doing. This has the advantage of anonymity as well as ease of administration where post holders change. Your side's published address remains the same; as all that is required is a simple tweak from your Webmaster (he said, confidently).

Click here <<http://www.themorrisring.org/find-side>> and follow the instructions, to check your side's entry.

Peter de Courcy The Morris Ring Website Editor in Chief  
(better known as Kennet's Fool)

**Clog Irons:** Dancers from across the three Morris Organisations have been having problems replacing their Clog Irons. Phil Howard has discovered a source and he is retailing them at £20.00 per set incl. postage and nails.



Contact via [jp.howard04@ntlworld.com](mailto:jp.howard04@ntlworld.com)



### Redding Moreys and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013



Redding Moreys are looking for dancers, pipe and tabor players and people willing to make the performers' clothing using materials and methods of the early 1500s. Redding Moreys meet in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Shinfield, RG2 9BY on the first Sunday of each month from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

Chris Hutchinson of Yateley 01252 875510



### And finally.....

A huge *Thank You* to John Bush, Nigel Cox and Whitchurch MM who so successfully hosted the ARM. Could your side do it next year?

I repeat my appeal for you to check your email systems and erase my @nasuwt.net & @longslade.leics.sch.uk email addresses and only use the [bagman@themorrisring.org](mailto:bagman@themorrisring.org) or [charliecorcoran7@ntlworld.com](mailto:charliecorcoran7@ntlworld.com) addresses.

*Charlie*

Bagman of the Morris Ring

## Minutes for 2013 ARM

1. **Minute's Silence** For Ivor Allsop and others we have lost over the past year.

### 2. **Attendance & Apologies for Absence**

#### *Side / Office*

O	Squire	Robin Springett	✓	
O	Bagman	Charlie Corcoran	✓	
O	Treasurer	Steven Archer	✓	
O	Chair: Advisory Council	Peter J Halfpenney	✓	
AR	Area Rep.: East	Mike Stevens	✓	
AR	Area Rep.: North	Vacant		
AR	Area Rep.: North West	David Loughlin	✓	
AR	Area Rep.: South West & Wales	Jed Dunn	✓	
AR	Area Rep.: West Midlands	Pete Simpson	✓	
AR	Area Rep.: North East	Brian Pollard	x	
AR	Area Rep.: North Midlands	Ben Robinson	Apologies	
AR	Area Rep.: South Midlands	Roger Comley	✓	
AR	Area Rep.: South East	Fred Hands	✓	
AP	Archive Group Chairman	Chris Metherell	Apologies	
AP	Archive - Morris Ring Archivist	Geoff Douglas	Apologies	
AP	Archives - Keeper of the Mumming	Ron Shuttleworth	Apologies	
AP	Archives - Keeper of the Photograph	Duncan Broomhead	x	
AP	Archives - Keeper of the Sword Dance	Vacant		
AP	Archives - Keeper of the Sound	Andy Padmore	x	
AP	Archives - New Dance Collator	Mike Wilkinson	Apologies	
AP	Archives - Scrapbook Keeper	Cliff Marchant	Apologies	
AP	Archives - Logbook Keeper	Charlie Corcoran	✓	-
AP	Publications – Editor Morris Circular	Harry Stevenson	✓	
AP	Morris Dancer (Co-Editor USA)	Andrew Bullen	Apologies	
AP	Morris Dancer (Co-Editor UK)	Mac McCoig	✓	
AP	Social Newtwork Coordinator	Ollie King	Apologies	
AP	MR Web Site Editor in Chief	Peter de Courcy	Apologies	
AP	MR Web Site Assistant Editor	Andrew Bullen	Apologies	
AP	Overseas Bagman	Nigel Strudwick	Apologies	
AP	Morris (Ring) Shop Keeper	Steve Adamson BFB	✓	
AP	Auditor	Richard Sinclair	x	
RO	Past Sq 1970	Bert Cleaver	Apologies	
RO	Past Sq 1982	Barry Care MBE	✓	
RO	Past Sq 1984	Ray King	Apologies	
RO	Past Sq 1986	Geoff Jerram	✓	
RO	Past Sq 1990	Mike Chandler	✓	
RO	Past Sq 1994	Richard Hankinson	Apologies	
RO	Past Sq 1996	Tim Sercombe	✓	
RO	Past Sq 2002	Cliff Marchant	Apologies	-
RO	Past Sq 2004	Bob Cross	✓	
RO	Past Sq 2006	Paul Reece	✓	
RO	Past Sq 2008	Brian Tasker	✓	
RO	Past Sq 2010	Peter J Halfpenney	✓	
RO	Past Bag 1984	Keith Francis	Apologies	
RO	Past Tres 1979	Barry Care MBE	✓	
RO	Past Tres 1994	Steve Adamson BFB	✓	
RO	Past Tres 2009	Edward Worrall	✓	

M	Aldbury Morris Men	Lester Bailey	Neil Freeman	Chris Pearce
M	Anker Morris Men	Joe Oldaker	Jon Melville	
M	Ashdown Forest Morris Men	Brian Tasker		
M	Traditional Bampton Morris Dancers	B R Care (Fool)		
M	Bourne River Morris Men	Apologies		
M	Cambridge Morris Men	John Jenner		
M	Chalice Morris Men	Adam Busby	Bob Cross	
M	Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men	Ian Bush		
M	Chester City Morris Men	David Loughlin		
M	Darlington Mummers	Tim Sercombe		
M	Dartington Morris Men	Brian Stone		
M	Devil's Dyke Morris Men	Apologies		
M	Dolphin Morris Men	Apologies		
M	Durham Rams	Apologies		
M	Etcetera Morris Men	Robert Malleson	Ray Tomey	
M	Exeter Morris Men	Colin Andrews		
M	Green Man's Morris and Sword Club	Apologies		
M	Harthill Morris Men	David Gelipter		
M	Hartley Morris Men	Brian Tasker	Fred Hands	
M	Headington Quarry Morris Dancers	Steve Parker		
M	Horwich Prize Medal Morris Men	Bob Bradley	Diana Bradley	
M	Jockey Morris Men	Christopher Carter	Fraser Simpson	
M	Kennet Morris Men	Apologies		
M	Lassington Oak Morris Men	Martyn Thomas	Steve Rule	
M	Leicester Morris Men	Charlie Corcoran		
M	Letchworth Morris Men	Roger S Comley	Theo Thomas	
M	Mendip Morris Men	Clive DuMont		
M	Mersey Morris Men	Dave Loughlin		
M	Mossley Morris Men	Vince Bayman		
M	Moulton Morris Men	Barry Care MBE		
M	North British Sword Dancers	Brian Tasker		
M	Peterborough Morris	Mike Stevens		
M	Ravensbourne Morris Men	Bernard Hodge		
M	Ripley Morris Men	Malcome Frier		
M	Saddleworth Morris Men	Ron Yates	Alex Barlow	
M	Shakespeare Morris Men	Alan Whitbread		
M	Stafford Morris Men	Peter Copley	John Edwards	
M	Thaxted Morris Men	Roy Page	Ian Anderson	Jonny Cope
M	Thelwall Morris Men	Sam Addison	Rob Pracy	
M	Trigg Morris Men	Paul Reece		
M	Wadard Morris Men	Fred Hands		
M	Whitchurch Morris Men	John Bush	Harry Cox	
M	Winchester Morris Men	Harry Stevenson	Mike Austen	
M	Wyvern Jubilee Morris Men	Jed Dunn		
A	Leominster Morris	M ark Carter		
A	Original Welsh Border Morris etc.	Pete Simpson		
	<b>Guests:</b>			
	Morris Federation,	Barry Goodman		
	Open Morris,	Natasha Woodward		
	Open Morris,	Kim Woodward		
	Open Morris,	Phil Watson		
	E.F.D.S.S.	?		

### 3. Minutes of the ARM 2012 (See Newsletter No. 79 May 2012)

*Accepted as a true record. Prop. Tim Sercombe Sec. Fred Hands*

### 4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a. Youth Fund: *Part of Treasurer's Report*

b. 2012 Olympics: *Robin Springett (RS) reported that they have happened - please to see Morris in the Closing Ceremony - esp Blackheath. We need to be more aware of events on the horizon - and offer our services. Peter Halfpenney: The media did get on our side.*

### 5. Squire's Report: Robin Springett

No questions.

### 6. Bagman's Report: Charlie Corcoran (CC)

*No questions - but CC explained again why direct application was necessary, esp with two overseas meeting. If no objections this will be the process in the future.*

### 7. Treasurer's Report: Steven Archer (SA)

*Looking for a replacement Shopkeeper: Current shop very much BfB's creation and we recognise that there are likely to be changes following change of management.. Publications: Costs will increase as Charlie no longer has access to cheap printing! Ring Meetings - range of donations raised by these meetings. Hope to bring costs down in future. We need to remember that while some can afford to go to Adelaide others cannot afford £70 for UK meetings: Hence our initiative to reduce costs. Outline financial model shows how the core elements vary between meetings, £70 to £55. We hope to encourage a similar range of price options each year - one 'low cost' per year - and hopefully will encourage non-attending sides to attend.*

*Youth Fund. Sussex schools initiative is the type of event the fund is for! We are looking for projects that will encourage 'new youth. Mark Carter: Is this the green light for schools projects? Answer: Yes*

*John Jenner (Cambridge) : Where did the money come from? SA: Sides making donations when they renew their subscriptions. What is CIN? SA: Children in Need. This heading is not really money - it is the JMO - joint fund.*

*Brian Tasker (North British): Explained why and how the Youth fund was established and that the scope of the fund had now been widened to include school and similar projects.*

*Ken Smith: (Mayflower) Questioned what the Reserve Fund might be used for? £60,000. Also - Morris Shop inclined to decrease - large level of stock. 4 years?*

*SA: Subscription income - distorted as includes late payments from last year.*

*Subscription income falling (we lost 11 sides last year and another 3 this) but costs rising - publication & postage are obvious examples of this.*



*Shop £23,000 stock. 50% in core items -bells etc. Rest in CDs and other books and the worth of that will depend upon who and how the shop goes forward. BfB (Jockey & Morris Shop) agreed that there were large sums tied up in stock. In general MR expenditure had been reduced over the last few years following the agreement to only fund officers for "essential Morris Ring business". BfB: Morris Shop stock is audited every year - details available from Treasurer.*

*Clive DuMont (Mendip). 150% rise in insurance excess. Please clarify what the insurance covers. Answer: Public Liability Insurance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party and not us or our musical instruments. Clive asked whether the MR Insurance Broker might be able to offer 'cheap' insurance for instruments whilst being used for Morris purposes. Lester Bailey: suggested that the MR approach New Moon Insurance<sup>1</sup>. Information passed to Steven Archer for investigation. Bob Cross (Chalice): do look at household policies. Deal through a proper broker - esp. if you have specialist items. Harry Stevenson (Winchester): Can previous year's accounts be included for comparison? Answer: Yes. He also asked what 'Unclaimed expenses' referred to. SA explained that they were included to illustrate the full amount of Officers but where full amount is not claimed the difference is re-entered here as a charitable donation. Officers claim an average of £300 pa. What were the Charitable donations? £100 for the Youth Fund to Sussex School Project: Children in Need £200; £100 to Ben Moss sponsorship for London Marathon Peter Halfpenney (Harthill) Children In Need up-date: total £10,000 Proud that 2/3 from Morris Ring. Open Morris did not engage with it this year. JMO has decided to run it again this year with all 3 orgs involved. PH is seeking a way of handing over the £10,000 that will gain some positive publicity! Thanked all side that did contribute.*

*John Edwards (Stafford) £400 advertising? = Display boards*

*THE MORRIS SHOP RS: Public thanks to Steve BfB Rousing round of applause. Does it as a hobby. Claims little as expenses.*

#### **8. Chair of Advisory Council's Report:** Peter Halfpenney

*No point in having a meeting without agenda items. The October meeting was too soon - the Squire did not know what he needed to know. That, along with diary problems, led to the cancellation.*

#### **9. Archival Reports:** All in Newsletter.

**a. Chair of Archive Committee:** Chris Metherell

**b. Paper:** Chris Metherell on behalf of Geoff Douglas

**c. Photographic:** Duncan Broomhead

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<sup>1</sup> Newmoon Insurance Services, 16 Pantiles Chambers, 85 High Street, Royal Tunbridge Wells. TN1 1XP  
01892 506884

d. **Mumming:** Ron Shuttleworth

e. **Sword:** (See Above)

f. **Sound:** Andy Padmore

*RS As people are not in attendance asked for questions, promising that the answers would be in the minutes. There were none.*

*RS What use are we making of the Archives? Artefacts are an issue. Cine films to be converted.*

g. **New Dance Collator:** Mike Wilkinson

*Report included - but Mike has now resigned. We are hoping to publish what he has amassed in some format.*

❖ *Lester Bailey (Aldbury) has volunteered to take over. MR funds can be made available for wider dissemination.*

*Mike Stevens (Peterborough): Sides able to nominate whether dances can simply be noted or noted and disseminated. Barry Care (Moulton) warned that dances will escape!*

*MacCoig (co-editor of MD) Will welcome this stuff - along with an explanatory history.*

h. **Keeper of the Morris Ring Scrapbook:** Cliff Marchant

*CC reminded the meeting that for a Scrapbook to work Cliff needed to have material sent to him.*

i. **Keeper of the Morris Ring Log Book:** Charlie Corcoran

*We hope to move these to the Essex Record Office with other archive material. Plans to get the Log Books onto the Website in future. Thanks to Geoff Jerram and others Vols 1-8 have already been transcribed.*

## **10. Publication Officers Reports:**

i. **Morris Circular:** Harry Stevenson

The current edition, no 67, is in its final stages of completion and I hope to have it visible on the Morris Ring web site within 10 days and in full Technicolor. I humbly apologise for its delay.

It is a 'bumper issue' of 24 pages and includes, amongst others, articles on the Hartley Morris Men's hosted Morris Ring Meeting (can I still call it that?), Britannia Coconut Dancers, Ashdown Forest, Bedford's 80<sup>th</sup>, Foresters, White Horse and Abingdon. There is also an intriguing letter on the 'ghostly' Jigs Instructional, apparently not abandoned, due to allegedly inclement weather, written by the next Editor of the Morris Ring Circular. The quality and not least its exaggeration and descriptiveness arguably augur well for future editions.

This edition is not only a 'bumper' one, but also one to be sought after by collectors. This is due to all the contributors' efforts to which I add my sincere thanks.

Further, I would like to thank all the contributors for their articles over the last 8 years. I also extend those thanks to the diligent past and present officers for their additional 'editing' and correcting of my many deliberate mistakes. Finally, I thank Charlie for his kind remarks in his report.

It has been a great honour and privilege to have edited the Morris Ring Circular but now happily pass on the baton to the infamous Mr Dan Frooty (aka Tony Foard).

Harry Stevenson Winchester March 2013

ii. **Morris Dancer:** Andrew Bullen / MacCoig

*After 2 year gap the Morris Dancer has returned.*

*Future editions require contributions - including book reviews / CD reviews - but these must contain opinion and not simply descriptions. No plans for hard copy.*

iii. **Social Network Coordinator:** Olli King

*In his report Olli has pointed out the advantages of all sides having Facebook and Twitter accounts.*

*Mark Carter reminded the meeting that using Facebook was a great means of communication; Twitter was short & snappy but like web sites they need to be up-to-date. Must also be on-track - i.e. morris-related.*

11. **Overseas Bagman:** Nigel Strudwick

*If anybody is going abroad do get in touch with him. Let him know - ask his advice. Pinewoods (USA) have suggested their hosting a Ring Meeting next year. Who might go - no hands showed! Harry - Winchester considering it.*

*Tim Sercombe (Dartington) asked about CIOFF2. We used to belong but left when the late John Maher reported that in his opinion it was not value for money.<sup>3</sup>*

12. **Web Editor:** Peter de Courcy

*RS believes the site is great. Colin Andrews (Exeter) Map on site -can there be a list of member clubs? Mark Carter: Pointed out that a few pages required up-*

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**2 THE AIMS OF CIOFF UK -**

- To promote British intangible heritage in all its variety through dance, music, games, rituals, customs and other arts;
- To support the activities of its members and non-governmental organizations working in the areas of folklore and cultural heritage;
- To maintain peace and strengthen friendship between countries of the World;
- To promote international understanding particularly in the field of folk art and folk culture.

MEMBERSHIP OF 'CIOFF UK' IS OPEN TO: Festivals, organisations, groups and individuals who are based in the UK, who are engaged in the field of folklore, and who support the aims of CIOFF UK.

<sup>3</sup> Membership is currently £300 for full membership

*dating, Side information especially. For example on the Border page - Shropshire Bedlams - not a MR side! RS: Asked all to report problems / errors straight to Peter.*

*Peter Halfpenney - reminded the meeting that we had deliberately avoided lots of pages that would require up-dating. Front pages live - and up-to-date. Lists - data protection issues - better if bagman@.....*

### **13. Elections**

**a. Bagman of Morris Ring.** *CC agreed to continue. There was a show of hands to support his re-election - and round of applause. Reminded meeting of need to find a replacement in two years' time.*

**b. Ratification of Area Representatives** following decisions reached at Area Meetings:

Role of Area Rep - RS brief summary of role - esp on AC.

- Northern Area: Vacancy continues .n (2015)
- South West & Wales: Jed Dunn (Wyvern Jubilee) (2014)
- North East: Brian Pollard (2016)
- Eastern: Mike Stevens (2016)
- South East: Ian Bush (Chantonbury) (2016)

**c. New Editor Morris Ring Circular:** Anthony Foard (Mersey Morris)

### **14. Area Representatives Reports.**

**a. North West** David Loughlin (2014)

*Issues of recording the different NW tradition dances - some want to record them while other keep theirs 'private'. There is little published about NW and the Trad NW sides would not want any idea of 'massed' NW! . The MR will look into the possibility of instruction book for non-specialists.*

**b. North**

*Peter Halfpenney - cost might not be the real reason for low attendance at meetings. The MR is subsidising by approx... £5 per head and many clubs subsidise attendance - sourced by collection. Ring Meetings are important - esp for new comers.*

**c. North East** Brian Pollard (2013) No report

**d. West Midlands** Pete Simpson (2014)

*Why don't we organise small local JMOs? A new rather than replacement idea. Ian Anderson (Thaxted) suggested that if this happens, if they were all on same day it would increase impact.*

**e. North Midlands:** Ben Robinson (2015) No report

*Musicians Instructional: Format is tried and tested and seems to work: Based around faculty of people who lead but alongside another event. You need a pool of dancers for them to play for. Ripley happy to host it in 2014 but need alternative venues in the future to attract people from all areas of the country.*

*Jed Dunn (Wyvern Jubilee) ) Encourage foremen to attend - that will help them to teach better.*

**f. Eastern Mike Stevens (2013)**

*There are a number of sides in the area with Boys /Youth membership. He appealed for individuals to join with Peterborough at Thaxted to tour as a Youth Side. Hoped for support from Youth Fund. - told to apply through Treasurer.*

**g. South West and Wales Jed Dunn (2014)**

*Thanked those who supported his election. No report as he did not feel appropriate before his election.*

Concerned over Bacup issues: asked MR Officers to look into this (with JMO).

JMO Day of Dance: Hosted by Great Western. Technically application date passed - but if by the end of weekend. Only six MR sides so far.....

**h. South Midlands: Roger Comley (2015)**

*Roger referred to the MR Display boards and reminded the meeting that we need to use them. He also pointed out that the MR have the data files and that this can be available for sides to use - to incorporate this stuff into their own publicity materials.*

**i. South East Fred Hands (2013)**

*Fred thanked the clubs in his area for the support that he had received over the years as Area Rep. In return RS thanked Fred for his long and dedicated service.*

**15. Future Programme.** CC went through the events currently on the books:

**a. Morris Ring Meetings 2013**

- 335th 5th - 7th April 2013 Adelaide Morris Men
- Saturday 20th April 2013 JMO Day of Dance: Exeter 10.00am - 4.00pm.
- 336th Meeting 31st May - 2nd June Thaxted Meeting
- 337th 21st- 23rd June Dolphin Morris Men
- 338th 5th- 7th July Martlet Sword & Morris Men (60th Anniversary)
- 339th 23rd- 25th August 2013 Silkeborg Morris
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 18-30s Weekend Hosted by Whitchurch MM at Haddenham



## **2014**    *80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Foundation of the Morris Ring*

- March                      ARM Hosted by TBA
- JMO Event. Hosted by the Cambridge Morris on behalf of the Morris Ring.
- Spring                      Devil's Dyke Morris Men Venue: King's College, Ely
- 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June    Thaxted Morris Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Dartington Morris Men (to coincide with the end of Robin Springett's term of office.)

## **2015**

- March                      ARM Hosted by TBA
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> Thaxted Morris Meeting
- Late June                      Great Yorkshire Morris

## **2016**

- March                      ARM Hosted by TBA
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>                      Thaxted Morris Meeting

### *b. Instructionals*

*Peter Halfpenney: JMO Publicity event had been very useful; cross-organisation instructionals to be encouraged. Barry Goodman (Morris Fed) : Conference planned for later in year for those who want to take the Morris into school - to share good practice.*

*John Edwards (Stafford): Looking for hosts for this year's Fools & Beasts Unconvention in October. 2013. Approx. 40 in number.*

*Dave Loughlin Cancellation of Jigs Weekend - by email. 3 Mersey men turned up! Geoff had phoned - but too late.*

16. Date and Venue of Next Meeting. **TBC**    *Possibly as a single day event?*

17. A.O.B.

- *RS Tribute to Ivor - thanks to Brian. Things for future edition of Circular.*
- *RS Thanks to Morris Federation & Open Morris Reps for attending. We regret the fact that the EFDSS were not present.*
- *RS Thanks to Whitchurch for organising weekend.*
- *RS Thanks to Roger - for attending RS's Aunt's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.*
- *MacCoig: Advance notice of instructional of Bledington; Oddington & Hinton on 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Based at Offley Hey Village Hall, Staffordshire. £60 per person. Limit 36 men / women. Invitation to all. Tutors include Geoff Jerram (Bledington);*

- *BfB. Replacement will be hard - not many as daft - but please consider taking it on.*
- *Roy Blick (Mossley ) Seeking to recruit - they are looking for beer mat supplier. Several were suggested.<sup>4</sup>*

**These are draft minutes. If you were there and can spot any errors or omissions please let the Bagman of the Morris Ring know.**



## **Leicester Morris 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Weekend**

Opportunity to join Leicester Morris Men and their friends at Rothley Station on **The Great Central Railway** on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013



The Great Central Railway is the UK's only double track, main line heritage railway. It's the only place in the world where full size steam engines can be seen passing each other - just as it was when steam ruled the rails.

We plan to have displays running from 11.00am to 2.00pm - arranged to fit in with both GCR schedules and requirements of visiting sides. Visitors from both near and far will have the opportunity to dance, watch the dances, look at the trains or a combination of all three.

Based at Rothley Station the **day is free**, but you have the opportunity to purchase reduced-price tickets (£8 instead of £15) to travel on the trains - to Loughborough and the engine sheds, to Quorn (where there will be a vast Swap Meet); and to Leicester North. *More information about GCR on:* <http://www.gcrailway.co.uk/>



There will be a **Real Ale Beer Tent** and you can pre-order lunch (for £5), bring your own or purchase from the Station Buffet.

More information from Charlie, Bagman of Leicester Morris Men (& the Morris Ring)

<sup>4</sup> Leicester get theirs from Jupiter Associates [www.jupiterassociates.co.uk](http://www.jupiterassociates.co.uk) 1,250 for approx. £220

## The Morris Ring Cotswold Set Dance Instructional 2013

Offley Hay Village Hall, Mere Rise, Copmere. Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6HH

**Dates 11th - 13th October 2013**

Cost £60 per person, discounted by 50% for 16 -18 year-olds. (Age limit is 16 yrs.)

Traditions covered: Bleddington, Hinton and Oddington.

The aim of the instructional is to provide a detailed training session in selected Morris traditions. This will be a brush-up for those who already dance these traditions or a starter for those wishing to add these to their repertoire. Since this is the first instructional I have organised and a new venue, this year will not be suitable for those new to Cotswold Morris.

The venue allows us to run at least two sessions simultaneously. The sessions will start on Friday evening and finish on Sunday at lunchtime. Further details will follow with the joining instructions.

To apply please send the attached slip to **Mac McCoig, 8 Redhills, Eccleshall, Stafford, ST21 6JW** or copy and send as an email attachment.

The application must be accompanied by payment in full. You may pay by either:

- Electronic transfer to: Sort Code 01-03-69, Account No. 13537857 quoting your Club Name as the reference
- or, by cheque payable to: Uttoxeter Heart of Oak Morris Men

*To claim the discount please indicate below and pay in full. The Ring Treasurer will send the appropriate subsidy to your club for those eligible.*  
Any queries email [mac.mccoig@btinternet.com](mailto:mac.mccoig@btinternet.com) or telephone 01785 851052.

### The Morris Ring Cotswold Instructional 11th - 13th October 2013

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I have sent payment of £ at £60 per man. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electronically, quoting my club name as reference</li><li>• Cheque enclosed</li></ul>		
Name of Delegate (s)	Dietary Needs	Claiming Discount

## **Individual Morris Ring Publication Subscriptions** **renewal or initial application for 2013**

- A. ☐ Morris Circular [Spring, Summer, Autumn].. ..... £ 7.00 per annum
- B. ☐ Newsletter [periodical]..... £11.00 per annum
- C. ☐ Combined Morris Circulars & Newsletters..... £17.00 per annum

**Please 'X' the appropriate box to indicate your subscription level and complete below**

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Please make your cheque payable to **'The Morris Ring'** and send the same, with this completed form, to me at the address shown above.

Many thanks

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### **Sponsorship Request:**

Toby Melville of *Anker Morris Men* writes:

"In the summer of 2014, I will be undertaking a month long trip to Kenya with Camps International as part of a group of students from my college. This will involve me taking part in Wildlife Conservation projects and Community projects across Kenya including working with schools to help further their students' learning, both by helping out in lessons, and by helping to construct new buildings, or even make paper for them to use. Projects will also include learning how to SCUBA dive in order to help study the marine life off the coast of Kenya, and working to clean beaches of any rubbish that has washed up along the shore, risking harming animals. *[More about the work of Camps International from [www.campsinternational.com](http://www.campsinternational.com).]*

This trip costs £4000, which I have to raise! I have run a sponsored triathlon and am working with my school colleagues currently on small projects to help raise money, as well as donating the earnings from my paper round, but still have a long way to go to reach the target amount. Towards this end, I would like to ask the sides of the Morris Ring to help sponsor me, as a Morris man, son and grandson of Morris men, by donating some money towards me reaching this total. Ideally, this could be an evening's collection but any amount you feel you could give would be greatly appreciated and help to send me to Kenya." Thank you. Toby

For further details or to donate please contact Toby on [toby.melville@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:toby.melville@yahoo.co.uk)

