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## Newsletter No. 127

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## **Future Events**

### **2022**

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August

#### **Saddleworth Rushcart**

*It's back!*

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Hartley Morris 70th Anniversary Ring Meeting - POSTPONED**

*From Terry Heaslip, Hartley MM*

*I would like to take the view though that the event is postponed rather than cancelled as I feel it important we celebrate the side's 70th (71st?), see 'closure' with the Sephton candlesticks ('coming home') and commemorate Tony Tomlin's dedication/contribution to the Morris. However, such a decision and possible choice of date will have to be determined at the side's AGM on 22nd September.*

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Men of Wight Morris Weekend of Dance**

*Men of Wight Morris invite any interested sides/individuals to join them for the weekend on the Island. Limited spaces available, priced at £85 per person for the full weekend with half-board. Apply to [baqman@menofwight.org.uk](mailto:baqman@menofwight.org.uk) for particulars.*

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Morris 18-30, York – Hosted by members of Ebor Morris**

*All Morris men between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to attend this momentous gathering. We hope to keep the basic cost at about £30 for modest accommodation and all meals from Friday evening until Sunday lunch (with the exception of Saturday lunch). This will be confirmed in short order. Queries should be directed to Stuart Sellens of Ebor Morris.*

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#### **The Illustrious Order of Fools and Beasts Unconvention, The Wirral, Cheshire**

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*Contact Rob via email [triggertrout1@aol.com](mailto:triggertrout1@aol.com) for more details.*

## **Squires Massed Dances 2022**

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  
Lads-buncham

**Bampton:** Rose tree (finish on rounds)  
Sidestep (to the tune of either Speed the Plough or the Quaker)

**Bledington:** Idbury Hill  
Young Collins

**Brackley:** Jockey to the Fair (long version)

**Bucknell:** Queens Delight

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

**Fieldtown:** 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)

## **Bagman's Musings**

Greetings all, I hope you're enjoying the good weather and having some good dance outs.

There's a few items of business that need close attention of club officers in this newsletter. Amongst other things, the bank account has been changed from HSBC to NatWest so any standing orders/direct debits for membership subs needs to be changed, see Clayton's letter below. There's also a few invites to events that need responses soon so please give them some attention.

It's been a busy few months since the last newsletter for all of us I'm sure. On May Day, like many, I was up before dawn to get to the high ground, in this case Ebrington Hill in Warwickshire with The Traditional Ilmington Morris Men. We did see the sun very briefly before the rain closed in... May flashed by as it always seems to, with the wedding of Fraser and Ellie Simpson being a particular highlight. Then the Squire and I were guests of Thaxted at their weekend of dance in June, a week later than usual due to the Jubilee, and apart from a tumble which left me with a technicolour ankle (now healed I'm pleased to say).

In July, I had a nice jolly with Jockey down to Brighton as guests of Brighton Morris Men's day of dance, a thoroughly enjoyable day with much to recommend it if teams are looking for a nice day by the sea. The officers were the guests of Letchworth Morris for their centenary weekend at the end of July and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Not every Ring meeting gets an aerial display of historic aircraft before dinner (though in fairness, that was just happy coincidence with an event that the Shuttleworth Collection were running separately)!



The treasurer achieves lift off in Letchworth!

As this newsletter goes out we'll be rapidly approaching Saddleworth Rushcart which I look forward to as ever. Hope to see some of you there!

Cheesy

## **STOP PRESS**

We are sad to report that Tony Tomlin, Bagman of The Hartley Morris Men since 1998, died on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. He was an excellent organiser and meticulous keeper of the bag, as well as being a thoroughly nice man. He also acted as auditor for the Morris Ring. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Geoffrey Wells  
Squire of The Hartley Morris Men

## **Notices**

### **A grateful thanks**

Dear Chums,

Thank you for the glowing appraisal of the JMO National Day of Morris Dance in Liverpool on April 9<sup>th</sup> this year; Dave and I are very glad that it came up to snuff.

Credit must also go to Kinnerton Morris Men and Thelwall Morris Men for their contributions to the day. Alongside Chester City Morris Men and Southport Swords (plus individual members of Mersey Morris Men), these sides were involved from the outset of the project (2018!) in planning the day, evaluating the organisational procedures, and providing Dave and me with invaluable advice and guidance, as well as supplying marshals for the dance locations. Without their generous help, a successful event could not have taken place, and these hard-working representatives of "The Morris Ring in the North West" deserve the highest approbation. I'd be grateful if you could find a way of acknowledging this publicly at an early opportunity.

Thanks to all the Morris Ring grown-ups for their warm encouragement over the last thirty or so months, and for letting Dave and me crack on unfettered.

Pip! Pip! Over and out.

Tony Foard

### **Thaxted Morris Men - Peter King**

Hello all

There will be many of you I'm sure that will remember Peter King from Thaxted who sadly passed away just as the pandemic was taking hold. What this meant is that his funeral was restricted to family only, so many people that knew him were unable to pay their respects. This is a note to let people know that there is to be a memorial service for Peter which will be held at 2:30pm Saturday 3rd September at the Thaxted church. Morris Men are welcome and are invited to attend in kit.

Mitch Hursey  
[mick.hursey@mhursey.plus.com](mailto:mick.hursey@mhursey.plus.com)

## **Morris 18-30**

The 20th meeting of the Morris 18-30 is to take place on the weekend of 14-16 October 2022, based in the fair city of York. This year's entertainment will revert to the typical model popular in the before times, with practice for all men on Friday night in preparation for the tour on Saturday. To conclude the weekend, there will be dancing on Sunday where we will be joined by local cotswold side Ebor Morris.

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Any budding or experienced Fools, Beasts and Morris Characters from any team from the Ring, Open or Federation, or independent, are invited to the Unconvention – it is the way to become a member of The Illustrious Order of Fools and Beasts!

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## **Letter from the Treasurer**

### **Subscription Renewal 2022-23 Changes**

Dear Bagman/Treasurer,

After two years of suspending membership fees it's now 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 initiative. 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.

### **Bank Account Change**

If you have any standing orders or regular payments set up for the Morris Ring you will need to update your records as we have changed our bank details to the following;

Bank	<b>NatWest</b>
Sortcode	<b>60-06-14</b>
Account	<b>35382066</b>

### **Subscriptions**

The pricing structure is back and 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 for all banks and reflects the inconvenience that cheques now hold. If your side account doesn't do an electronic transfer, then organise it within your side and do an internal transfer/payment.

As before, ALL discounted fees are for payments made by November 30th. Please give your side's 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?

Membership	Benefits	Annual Fee	Discounted Fee
<b>Full</b>	<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> <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 members.</li> </ul>	£60	£50
<b>Associate</b>	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>	£50	£40
<b>Joint</b>	Same as Associate except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No insurance cover is provided</li> </ul>	£40	£30

#### **Insurance cover confirmation**

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

I hope you all have had great summers dancing and may that continue next year.

Regards

Clayton Francis, Treasurer

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## **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>

## **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)).





**Unconvention**  
**28-30 October**  
**2022**  
**The Wirral**



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**Closing date for Applications 15th October 2022.**

Yours,  
Robert Chisman, Scrivener and Convenor

Delegate:1).....email\*.....Fool/Beast/Other.....

2).....email\*.....Fool/Beast/Other.....

Team:.....Tel:Day:.....Eve:.....

Any Special Dietary needs.....

Return this form with old fashioned type cheque for the full amount (£75 pp) payable to "The Illustrious Order of Fools and Beasts" to Robert Chisman, Fools and Beasts Convener, 1, Treverbyn Road, St. Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4EU Tel:01726 68178 mobile 07970063922. OR pay by BACS – 09 01 55 74995188 use name or side as reference, please. Or pay cash or card at the event – but Trigger says can he have the money earlier than that if possible.

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