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## Newsletter No. 128

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## **Future Events**

### **2022**

- Tues, Nov & Dec      **Hinckley Bullockers Practice**  
*Evergreen Hall, Sharnford, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 3PP*  
*Tuesday 22 November, 29 November, 6 December, 13 December, 5 January*  
*HB are back and will be practicing their dances on the above dates in preparation for the tour on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December      **The Original Welsh Border Morris Men – 2022 Practice Day**  
*For full details contact Mike Finn [m\\_w\\_finn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:m_w_finn@yahoo.co.uk)/ 07941 418729*  
*<https://themorrisring.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Welsh%20Border%20Tour%20%202022pdf.pdf>*
- 17<sup>th</sup> December      **The Original Welsh Border Morris Men – 2022 Christmas Tour**
- 7<sup>th</sup> January      **Hinckley Bullockers Plough Tour 2023**  
*"HIGHAM ON THE HILL, STOKE IN THE VALE, WYKEN FOR BUTTERMILK, HINCKLEY FOR ALE!"*
- 28<sup>th</sup> January      **Ripley Morris Feast**  
*Ripley Morris are holding our annual ale feast, 28.01.2023*  
  
*The venue is Walesby Scout Camp. Hostel type accommodation is available as is spacing for campervan/caravans all at approx £10 per head.*  
  
*The feast is approx £20 per head (2 course meal and drinks).*  
  
*Individuals and/or sides are welcome.*  
  
*Interested parties should contact [lucydaws@yahoo.com](mailto:lucydaws@yahoo.com) for an official invite.*
- 4<sup>th</sup> March      **Morris Ring 2023 Annual Representatives Meeting**  
  
*Oak Farm, Cannock*  
  
*Usual arrangements apply. Form can be downloaded from website, please complete and return to Dr Peter Copley of Stafford Morris asap*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April      **JMO Day of Dance, Exeter**  
*Hosted by Beltane Border Morris on behalf of Open Morris. Interested sides should make themselves known to the Bagman asap*

## **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 friends.

To quote Flanders and Swann, 'Dark November brings the fog, Should not do it to a dog!'

The year's end rapidly draws near, and what a year it's been. A video circulated on Facebook in the last week showing dancing at a variety of events set to the song 'Shut up and Dance' by Walk the Moon, and it lifted my spirits no end as it reminded me how much fun I've had going out and about dancing this year.

Since I've last written, the usual flurry of events that mark the end of the summer have occurred. Saddleworth Ruschart in particular was wonderful, if only because apart from a brief shower Saturday morning it was the driest one I can remember!

The Advisory Council met in late October and a very convivial time was had. We will reconvene as always after the ARM, but for now we will continue the various projects behind the scenes.

The JMO met in October as well, lots of plans for next year so keep eyes on your inboxes for more details. In the meantime, please let me know if your side would like to go to Exeter for the annual day of dance on April 22<sup>nd</sup> next year.

The next newsletter will be put out in late January/early February with all information pertinent to the ARM. In the meantime, a very Happy Christmas to you all, and a prosperous new year!

Cheesy



**The officers at the Stone Jug in Clophill, at Letchworth's Centenary Ring Meeting in August**

## **Notices**

### **2023 ARM**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Representatives Meeting (ARM) of the Morris Ring will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Oak Farm Hotel, Watling St, Four Crosses, Cannock WS11 1SB. The usual options in terms of food and accommodation are available. Please download the form from the Morris Ring website and return to Dr Peter Copley asap.

Under the rules of the constitution, the role of bagman is up for re-election. I'm happy to keep going but if anyone is desperate to takeover from me then please submit a 200 word summary and photograph before Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Any other items of business should be submitted to the Bagman no later than February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### **Advisory Council**

Following his successful election to be the next Squire, Nigel Strudwick has been succeeded in his roles as Eastern Area Rep and Overseas Bagman by Matt Simons and Eddie Worrall respectively. Both are well known to most of our membership, Matt being a prodigious dancer in the Eastern region and Eddie a past Squire of the Ring. Welcome to both!

### **Positions Vacant**

South East area rep Fred Hands has advised that a move from Kent to Cumbria will render his ability to perform his present role difficult to say the least, so has decided to step down from the role at the ARM. Any persons (ideally in a team based in the South East!) interested in filling the role should make themselves known to Fred, attendance at the ARM would be helpful as well.

Following the sad news of Tony Tomlin's passing in August, we're seeking an auditor of accounts for the Morris Ring. Any interested parties should get in touch with Clayton at [treasurer@themorrisring.org](mailto:treasurer@themorrisring.org)

### **Membership Renewals**

A reminder to all clubs that renewals must be completed by November 30<sup>th</sup> to capitalise on the £10 early-bird discount. Please be advised the bank account has changed, details below.

### **Card Readers**

At time of writing 36 clubs have taken advantage of the Ring's offer to fund card readers to help sides adapt to people carrying less cash. If your side would like to take advantage of this scheme, we will offer it up to the ARM in March. Rebates of up to £100 will be provided on presentation of a receipt dated within the last 2 years to the Bagman and Treasurer. Please see Newsletter 126 for full details.

## **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**

**Matt Simons** Editor of the Morris Dancer  
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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)).



