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Morris Ring: e-News up-date

2nd February 2015

Morris Ring 2015 Annual Reps Meeting Saturday 7th March

We are only a few weeks away from the 2015 ARM and as I have only received a couple of apologies it would seem that many sides are leaving their application to attend to the last minute.

I am attaching a copy of the Application Form to this email with a request that you get your application to **Mac McCoig, 8 Redhills, Eccleshall, Staffs. ST21 6JW** as a matter of urgency. Mac headed a group who stepped in at the eleventh hour to host our 2015 ARM and they deserve our support.

The 2015 ARM will be held at Oak Farm Hotel, Watling Street, Hatherton' Cannock, Staffs' WS11 1SB (Handy for the M6). Please send **Application Forms**, along with cheques payable to **Uttoxeter Morris Men** to Mac McCoig whose address is on the form. He is the Bagman for the event.

Apologies for non-attendance or enquires concerning the business of the ARM please address to bagman@themorrisring.org please.

Website <http://www.themorrisring.org/event/annual-representatives-meeting-2015>

Draft Programme of the day:

9:30 - 10:30	Arrival	Tea & Coffee available	(Garden Room)
10:30 - 11:30	Workshop: Lichfield: Millie's Bequest		(Paddock Suite)
11:30 - 12:30	Area Meetings	Tea & Coffee Available	(Various venues)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch		(Garden Room)
14:00 - 15:30	ARM		(Paddock Suite)
15:30	Tea & Coffee		(Garden Room)
16:00 - 16:30	Workshop: Lichfield (Barefooted Quaker)		(Paddock Suite)
16:00	Advisory Council		(Bistro)
16:30 - 18:00	Informal Dancing		(Paddock Suite)
19:00	Feast (in kit)		
00:30	Bar Closes		

Michael Stimpson (JMO Insurance Guru) asks that I remind all sides that:

1. You have until the 16th of March to get Personal Accident applications in for 10 months cover if you missed the January date.
2. Public Liability Insurance is included as part of your subs to the Morris Ring. In the event of a situation which MAY result in a claim, the Squire or Bagman of the side must let Michael know the details as soon as possible and if there are any non-Side members who can provide evidence, it is important to get their name and telephone numbers **AT THE TIME**.

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Tel: 01923 770425 11.30am to 7pm Monday to Thursday and 11.30am to 5pm Friday.

The Morris Shop

The Morris Shop is looking for a new logo for its website! This is your chance to win £20 to spend at [The Morris Shop](#).

Enter via Facebook. Go to The Morris Shop and simply comment with your logo pic.

The winner will be announced at the JMO day of dance at Bristol on the 18th April 2015.

The winning Logo will be used on our website, Facebook, receipts/invoices, compliment slips and Stall banners etc.

The Morris Shop New Logo Competition

All images fonts etc. need to licence free

***** Please vote by clicking "Like" on submitted posts *****

Submitting your entry is to agree for the Morris Shop to use your design(s) freely as it sees fit.

The Morris Shop Shopkeeper (Shaun) has the final decision!

www.themorrisshop.com shaun@themorrisshop.com

JMO Day of Dance 2015: Saturday 18th April 2015 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Organised by Open Morris and Rag Morris, Bristol.

The Morris Ring have been allocated space for 15 sides to attend this prestigious event. Morris Ring sides that want to attend need to let me know asap and certainly before please let the Bagman of the MR know asap and in any case *before 14th February* as I understand that the other organisations have filled their allocation and have a waiting list. (Places are allocated in proportion 55% - 25% - 20% so there will be room for 33 Federation sides, 15 Morris Ring sides and 12 Open Morris sides).

MR sides that have registered their interest (as of 2nd Feb 2015) are: Letchworth Morris; Icknield Way; Ripley Morris; Bristol Morris Men & Peterborough

☞ If your sides wish to be added to this list please let me have the following information:

- Team name
- Contact name
- Contact email
- Contact mobile phone
- Dance style (e.g. Cotswold, North-West, Rapper, Border, Molly, Longsword, ...)
- Approximate number attending (only for information)
- Will your side be staying in the Bristol area for Saturday evening?
- Any additional notes (e.g. children's side, sharing musician with...)

What's the programme? Dancing in Bristol during the day at a number of dance spots within walking distance. All get together briefly at the end of the afternoon for a very few massed dances. There will also be an opportunity to get together later for music, singing and socialising.

Each side is responsible for their own travel, accommodation and victualing so you manage all your own costs. Information on B&Bs, hotels, hostels, campsites etc., on rail links, park&ride etc. and on pubs etc. will be provided later to every side registered to attend. Further information can be found on <http://jmodayofdance.weebly.com/>

Letchworth Morris Musicians

Here's just a quick reminder that February 2015's Morris Musician's Workshop will be on Wednesday 4th February, at the Three Horseshoes, Willian, Nr Letchworth SG6 2AE, from 8.00 - 10.00pm. Cost just £2.00 per head.

Contact Theo Thomas Letchworth Morris Men for further information theo.thomas@btinternet.com

Message from John Burke re his mum Ellen Edwards

"As you may have been aware, my mother, Ellen, had not been well since February 2014, when she contracted shingles, which can be particularly debilitating. I regret to say that she passed away in her sleep between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday 18 January 2015, which is as she wished it. She was 92 and, despite her physical ailments, remained quite aware of her surroundings and cogent to the end.

Much to her annoyance and frustration, she had been in hospital and respite care on several occasions through the remainder of the year, and had been resident at the Longridge Care Home at Dunston, near Stafford, since September 2014. We had been visiting her as often as we were able, but a six-hour round trip from Hampshire has been difficult, and we have been very grateful to friends in Stafford, particularly Stella and Fred Waygood, for their frequent visits to Ellen.

Ellen's funeral will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday 12 February at St. Andrew's church, Stafford Road, Weston, Stafford ST18 OHX. The committal will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Stafford Crematorium, Tixall Road, Stafford ST18 OXZ. There will be flowers from the family, but we ask that donations in memory of Ellen should be made to the British Heart Foundation at the church or via the Funeral Directors, Co-operative Funeralcare, 94 Queensville, Stafford ST17 4NX

Refreshments will be available for everyone at the Woolpack, Green Road, Weston ST18 OJH following the funeral service - please join us. It would help if you could let me know whether or not you would hope to be present and could confirm your contact details, including a 'phone number, and, if you have one, an email address.

Please excuse this somewhat impersonal means of communicating with you, but you will appreciate that it is difficult to do otherwise at the moment."

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Message from Phil Mundy re Ben Izard Squire of the Spring Grove Morris Men

"It is with great sadness, that I have to advise you that the Squire of Spring Grove Morris, Ben Izard, died on Sunday evening.

Ben, who was elected Squire in September 2014, became ill in November and was later diagnosed with Lymphoma for which treatment was about to start. Despite his illness he was determined to plan the year's events, which will go ahead as he planned.

Ben joined Spring Grove in 2008, and having learnt Morris, he was inspired to volunteer for, and took part in, the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games.

Ben was a great character and will missed by all of us. Our thoughts are with his wife, Toni, and his daughters."