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## Newsletter No.76 2011

## November



### The Morris Ring

The National Association of Men's Morris & Sword Dance Clubs



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#### Events Diary

- 20/01/12 Jigs Weekend, Sutton Bonnington
- 11/02/12 ARM hosted by Harthill MM
- 25/05/12 Cotswold Olympic Morris Meeting, hosted by Chipping Campden MM
- 8/06/12 Annual Thaxted meeting, hosted by Thaxted MM
- 13/07/12 Letchworth MM 90th Anniversary Meeting
- 31/08/12 Hartley MM 60th Anniversary Morris Meeting
- 2/03/13 ARM Hosted by Whitchurch (TBC)
- 31/05/13 Annual Thaxted meeting, hosted by Thaxted MM
- 21/06/13 Morris Meeting hosted by Dolphin MM
- 5/07/13 Morris Meeting hosted by Martlet Sword & Morris Men

#### The Morris Ring: Welcome!

Welcome to the sparkling new website of the Morris Ring. Within these pages you will find all you need to know about our rich history, Officers and contacts, member sides, music, events and much, much more. Take time to browse our newsletters and announcements, publications and reports and spend your money freely in the Morris Shop. We hope that you enjoy the experience of visiting our site and are grateful to Natty Web Development, Martin Jones (Dartington), Keith Ashman (Manchester) and a host of helpers who have made this possible.


*Peter J Halfpenney, Squire of the Morris Ring.*

#### Latest news

**New Morris Ring Website**  
28 Nov 2011  
A new website for the Morris Ring is launched today.

**Bagman's Newsletter**  
9 Nov 2011  
The latest Newsletter 75 - Nov 2011 from the Bagman of the Morris Ring is now available.

**Celebrating membership of the MR**  
23 Sep 2011  
This month, two Morris Ring sides from Lancashire celebrate 125 years membership of the Morris Ring.



Harthill MM

#### Dedication

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John Maher, 1938 - 2011, R.I.P.

#### Other News

**Morris Dancing and the 2012 Olympic Games**  
1 Mar 2011  
Lack of interest shown in Morris dancing by the coordinators of the London Olympics.

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3	Launch of the NEW Morris Ring Website
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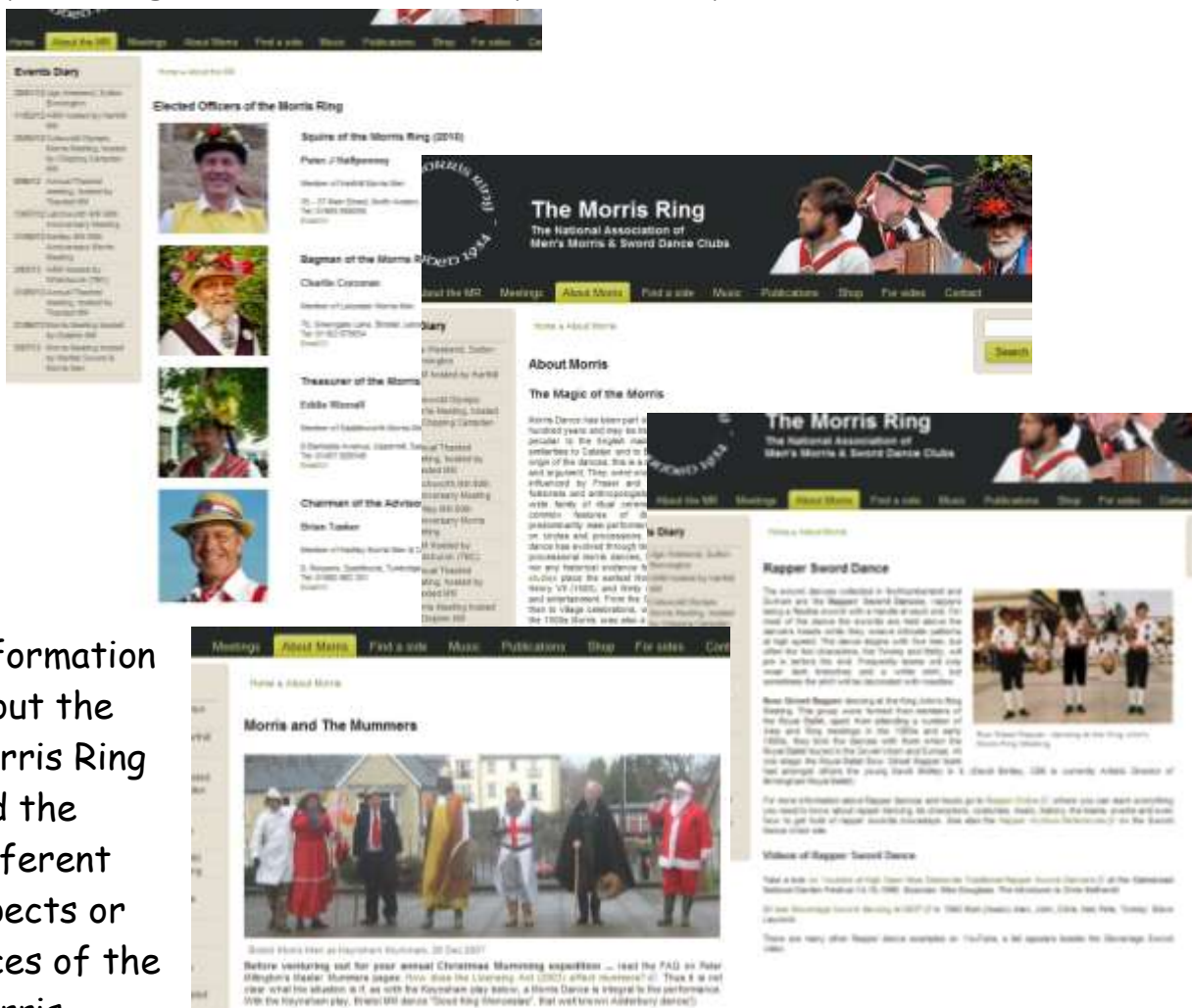
In the centre of this Newsletter you will find the pen portraits of and supporting statements for the candidates for the Offices of Squire and Treasurer for election at the 2012 ARM. Ballot papers will be distributed in January 2012.

**Reminder:** With Newsletter No 75 Bagmen should have received the document listed below. If you have not received them, or have misplaced the, please contact the MR Bagman for replacements.

- Morris Ring Membership Renewal /Subscription information
- Guidelines regarding the JMO Public Liability Insurance Policy
- JMO Personal Accident Insurance Application Form
- Nomination Forms for MR Officers
- ARM & MR Jigs Instructional Application Forms
- 2012 Meeting Application Form
- Morris Shop hand out / Order form

This Newsletter is in part a celebration of the launch of our new website. Please circulate the news, and the web address [www.themorrisring.org/](http://www.themorrisring.org/) to all and sundry.

As part of the redesign process we were asked the simple question: *What is the purpose of the website, who is designed for?* A simple if obvious starting point that guided the MR Officers as they consulted and hopefully listened to the plethora of advice and suggestions that ensued. Working closely with Martin Jones, of Natty Web Development Ltd and coincidentally Squire of Dartington MM, whom we selected through competitive tender and interview, to carry out the work, we think that the Morris Ring has a site that is truly fit for that purpose: to serve our membership and the wider Morris community as well as the world at large. We believe that John Maher would approve of how his pioneering ideas have been developed: the site is easy to navigate and almost as important easy to maintain.



Information about the Morris Ring and the different aspects or faces of the Morris.



Easy access to the Morris Shop for members and public alike - including currently BfB's Special Christmas offers.

The Morris Shop

The Morris Shop can be seen at some Morris Ring meetings and other various events up and down the country, as shown in the Diary below.

For a printable version of the sales list see the Adobe PDF document [Shop Full Listing with Prices \(April 2011\)](#) ☺

Morris Ring Publications are not available from the Shop, but via Harry Stevenson. [Details Here](#) ☺

**Morris Shop Diary**

Where will Steve be with your Morris Shop in the coming months? By its very nature, the Morris Shop diary is forever a work in progress. If you believe that it might be appropriate for the Morris Shop to be at a particular event, please do get in touch. Please remain mindful that the Morris Shop is a hobby and is managed by an enthusiastic unpaid volunteer.

19.11.11	Headington Quarry MD's Feast Mason's Arms, Headington, Oxfordshire, OX3 8LH
16.11.11	Mendip MM's Aft. The Memorial Hall, Wington, North Somerset, BS48 5QE
07.01.12	Jockey Hill's Day of Dance. The Wellington, 17 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham, B2 5SN
07.01.12	Stafford MM's Feast, Church Eaton, Staffordshire, ST20 5AQ
04.02.12	Leicester MM's Feast, Stratat, Leicester, LE4 4DH
20.02.12	Jigs Instructional Village Hall, Sutton Bonington, LE12 5N1
12.05.12	Great Yorkshire Morris Weekend of Dance, Tockwith
30.06.12	Just Morris Day, Hosts: Open Morris, Stratford upon Avon
14.07.12	Letchworth Morris Ring Meeting
01.10.12	Hartley Morris Ring Meeting

The Morris Shop

**The Morris Shop**

These items are available by mail order from the Morris Shop.

For all enquiries and requests, contact:

Steve Adamsen OFB,  
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Email: [the.morris.shop@bt.com](mailto:the.morris.shop@bt.com) ☺

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**Find a side**

The map below shows where Morris Ring member sides are based. In some cases this is an approximate location, and is shown the place where the side meets to practice.

To see further information about a side, including contact details, just click on the marker. This will reveal the side's name and allow a link to their website (where available).

(Tip: To "Find a Side", you can zoom in on the map, until you see the area you need in detail, and then click on the relevant marker. Alternatively, if you know the name of the side, enter the name in the Search box, and (provided the top entry will be the link to their contact details) only.)

If you represent a side and know that the info is not up to date, please contact the Web Editor to pass on any corrections.

The 'Find a Side' area provides Google Map details of where each Morris located and contact details.

*Although currently the side contact data contains individual contact names and emails, its purpose is to enable people to contact sides. This only works if this information is accurate and up-to-date.*

*As this information changes so frequently we propose that over the next few months that this will be replaced with just a link to the side /club website, with the onus being on*

*the side /club to maintain their own contact data there.*

*Please let us know what you think of this suggestion.*



There is also a link to the **Morris Ring Google Site**, set up by Geoff Jerram, principally to assist MR Officers and Bagmen, when Google withdrew their file upload facility.



And finally there is the **Contact the Morris Ring** page.



Please visit the new site - and check that links to, and from, your own side site are working.

We would appreciate your views on the new site

## The Morris Ring - Annual Representatives' Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Venue: Mount St Mary College, Spinkhill, Sheffield, Yorkshire S21 3YL

*Details of venue, accommodation Newsletter No. 75.*

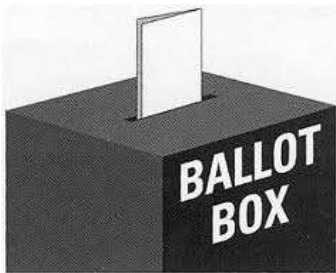
**Hosts:** Harthill MM. All booking / accommodation enquiries direct to  
**Alan Cox - Bagman for the ARM** [harthill.oldman@gmail.com](mailto:harthill.oldman@gmail.com)  
5 Whinney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield. S26 7YL 01909 772030

Please complete the Application Form (included with this Newsletter) and return it to Alan Cox with full payment, payable to *Harthill Morris*, by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012. Confirmation and directions will be sent to the contact named unless otherwise specified.

- Please indicate if you require vegetarian meals.

### There are various booking options:

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Whole weekend.                    | £79.00     |
| 2. Sat morning to Sun morning.       | £65.00     |
| 3. Saturday only - including feast   | £40.00     |
| 4. Saturday only - excluding feast   | £15 00     |
| 5. ARM meeting only. No refreshments | No charge. |



**Elections** As I reminded everyone in Newsletter 75 at our 2012 ARM we will be electing a new Squire and a new Treasurer. *Peter's term of office will be over in September and Eddie has intimated that he does not wish to stand for re-election.* The following nominations were received by closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011.

### Nominations for Squire:

- Robin Springett of Dartington MM Proposed by Plymouth MM
- John Miller (King John's MM) Proposed by Saddleworth MM

### Nomination for Treasurer:

- Steven Archer of Ravensbourne MM Proposed by Headington Quarry MD

**Nomination forms and supporting documents accompany this Newsletter**

## Area Reps up for election at 2012 ARM:

- Northern: Vacancy
- South Midlands Roger Comley (2012) Current Rep
- North Midlands Ben Robinson of Packington MM Proposed by Leicester MM

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## Who is your Area Rep?

- North West David Loughlin (2014)
- Northern Alistair Hutchinson (2012)(Not standing for re-election)
- North East Brian Pollard (2013)
  
- West Midlands **Pete Simpson** (2014)



I have been a Morris dancer for about 15 years but have been associated with the folk scene since the '70s, being introduced to the Morris via a folk club. It was Jockey MM that talked me into dancing and now they can't get rid of me. I 'kissed the fish' last year and joined the Original Welsh Border. Recently I have also discovered the joys of a rapper. I took on the roll as Area Rep for the West Midlands about 2 years ago.

- North Midlands Vacancy
  
- Eastern **Mike Stevens** (2013)  
I have been a member of Peterborough Morris since 1982 and am currently Squire. Previously I danced with Chanctonbury Ring MM and was a founder member of their Northwest side. I also dance whenever I can with Foresters MM and the Travelling Morrice.
  
- South West and Wales Robin Springett (2014)
- South East Fred Hands (2013)
  
- South Midlands **Roger Comley** (2012)







Having been an Area Rep for the past 11 years and since Gerald Willey was Squire official Squire's Fool, I been seen across my area and indeed the world in my blue and yellow quartered jester's costume - with the adornment of rosemary and foolish behaviour. I am a member of Letchworth MM; Whitchurch MM; Mendip Morris Men and Travelling Morrice as well as being a Scallop Dancer. I have achieved a vast amount of pleasure from visiting the sides in my area and beyond than thank everyone for their wonderful hospitality.

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**Morris Ring Youth Fund** This ring-fenced tranche of monies is available to fund any projects where the emphasis is on encouraging younger people to form new sides or join existing Morris Ring sides. All applications will be assessed by the MR Officers whose decision will be final.

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### **Opportunities in the South West**

- **Calling young dancers aged 16 -25yrs from any dance background.**  
The Great Caper has been commissioned to create a new Cotswold Morris style dance to be performed on the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the ICCI 360 Dome in Weymouth, as part of "...an hop about like fleas!" a Cultural Olympiad concert. Practices will start in the New Year. Practice venue and dates tbc. Dancers should be based in the South West, with priority being given to Dorset based dancers. Places are limited so please sign up now to take part. Give Kim a ring on 0117 9401566 or email [greatcapermorris@aol.com](mailto:greatcapermorris@aol.com) for more information. [www.thegreatcaper.co.uk](http://www.thegreatcaper.co.uk)
- **"...an hop about like fleas!"** A unique opportunity for young South West based acoustic musicians to take part in the Cultural Olympiad in Weymouth on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012. "...an hop about like fleas!" starts with a one day workshop with Tim Laycock and Colin Thompson and ends in a multi-media concert that same evening. A concert, a performance, a new dance, some very old stories, shadow puppetry and 360 degree video dance footage taken at Dinosaurs Not Allowed 2011 -



the traditional and the ultra-modern come together in the ICCI 360 Dome. Free to participants and audience. Workshop open to young musicians aged 12 - 25yrs with ability to sight read / quickly learn by ear. To book your workshop/concert place, reserve your seat or for more information please contact John on 0777 9257096 or email [Caperbag@aol.com](mailto:Caperbag@aol.com)

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**Moreton in Marsh Show 2012** You may remember that in 2007 Moreton in Marsh Show organised an attempt (successful) at the Morris Dance Record. They had been planning to make another attempt in 2012 - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September but having discovered that the record now stands at 600 they cannot accommodate such numbers but they do wish to invite as many Sides as possible to dance at the Show to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. If you would like more information please contact [pam@woodside-cottage.co.uk](mailto:pam@woodside-cottage.co.uk)

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The Gate to  
**southwell**  
**folk festival**

1st - 4th June 2012  
Southwell, Nottinghamshire



Please note that next year's festival will take place from Friday 1 June - Monday 4 June 2012. This is a week earlier than normal to take advantage of the long Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. The format will stay largely the same with events starting on Friday evening and finishing on Monday evening.

[www.southwellfolkfestival.org.uk/?](http://www.southwellfolkfestival.org.uk/?)

**Overseas Bagman:** Following the demise of John Maher we are looking for someone to take over the role of Overseas Bagman. This is a post that involves both looking after the interests of the Morris Ring 'overseas' members and offering help and advice to sides who are looking to venture abroad. He will also be the first point of reference for those who contact the Morris Ring when they wish to recruit a Morris side for their overseas event or festival. If you are interested please contact the Squire of the MR: Peter Halfpenney.

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**Greensleeves MM** have put their 'Log' online. If you are interested it can be seen here: [www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/gmmlog/](http://www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/gmmlog/)

Chris Benson Squire, Greensleeves Morris Men

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**Geoff Hebditch** If anyone wants to send stories/memories of Geoff to be included in a book for Mary and the family, please, get items to Christina Pritchard ASAP. [christina.pritchard@gmail.com](mailto:christina.pritchard@gmail.com)

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**Earlsdon Morris Men on DVD.** Join Earlsdon MM as they celebrate 40 years of dance with an energetic mix of youth and experience! Featuring highlights of their Anniversary Tour dancing around the Cotswolds. There are some stunning performances in the North West style from the traditional Clitheroe to the sparkling Westwood Heath and their own Chapelfields. The extras include an insightful interview Stamping Ground and for added interest a fascinating black and white movie of Earlsdon's first tour in 1971 that will no doubt bring back a few memories for some. Cracking clogs at their best!

DVD UK £7.99 (Overseas £9.99) from [www.morrisdancersofengland.co.uk](http://www.morrisdancersofengland.co.uk)



**At One With The Bells** is a CD produced by Pecsætan Morris. Pecsætan is a women's Cotswold side based in Sheffield. Formed in 2001, this CD is a celebration of their first 10 years. It features recordings of some of their dances, some traditional songs they sing and a sample of what some of their dancers get up to when they take their bells off.

Available from [www.sheffieldfolk.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldfolk.co.uk) for £10.

"The talent and excitement of Pecsætan Morris bursts out of this CD at every hearing. Morris dance music at its very best and a lot more besides."

*Barry Goodman; President, The Morris Federation*

"Dance, sing along or just sit, relax, listen and enjoy. This is high quality entertainment from Pecsætan and friends at their tuneful best."

*Peter J Halfpenney, Squire of the Morris Ring*

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**London 2012** Details of the Cultural Olympiad are available from their all singing and little dancing web site.

[www.london2012.com/cultural-olympiad](http://www.london2012.com/cultural-olympiad).



**Have your side volunteered for involvement round the Flame Relay?** If so - please let us

know. Follow this link to see where the torch will be near your side: [www.london2012.com/games/olympic-torch-relay/where-is-the-olympic-flame-going/](http://www.london2012.com/games/olympic-torch-relay/where-is-the-olympic-flame-going/)

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**Sword Dance Union Longsword Tournament** Redcar Sword Dancers have been the winners of this tournament in all previous years. This year they were hosts of the event which was held in Guisborough over the weekend of 15/16 October. As hosts, they did not enter the tournament. The winners of the traditional dance section were the Monkseaton Morris Men and Stone Monkey were the winners of the own dance section. Seven sides competed in the Tournament including the Newcastle Kingsmen and Sallyport Sword. Among the sides in the exhibition category were Claro Sword, Goathland Plough Stots and Sullivan's Sword. A full report can be read in the current edition of "Rattle Up My Boys" available on subscription from Jeff Lawson at [jeff@north-british.co.uk](mailto:jeff@north-british.co.uk)

Brian Tasker

**JOINT MORRIS ORGANISATION**  
**MORRIS FEDERATION - MORRIS RING - OPEN MORRIS**  
**PUBLICITY WORKSHOP SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2012.**

A workshop to discuss and plan effective publicity for Morris Sides focusing on the types of medium available and how to get the best out of the use of publicity for the benefit of each Side throughout the Country.

The workshop will be held at: **The Samuel Barlow**, Alvecote Marina, Robeys Lane, Tamworth, Staffs. B78 1AS. From 11am to 4pm.

As with the last workshop it is hoped that Sides will bring ideas to the table and these will be collated and a document will be produced after the event to circulate to all Sides.

The cost of £10.00 per delegate includes a buffet lunch which will include a choice of sandwiches, salads, hot roast potatoes, and Yorkshire puddings with stuffing, a selection of meat and a vegetarian pie.

To book your Side's delegates in, please send a cheque payable to PHOENIX MORRIS\* for £10.00 per person to Michael Stimpson, PO Box 115, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 1WB to arrive no later than the 23rd of February 2012. (\* Phoenix have agreed to act as "bankers" for this event on behalf of the three Morris Organisations)

**Agenda**

11.30 Introduction and welcome Barry Goodman	PRINTING and DESIGN
TYPES OF PUBLICITY	14.00 Design Mike Everett
11.40 Adverts Michael Stimpson	14.15 Production Michael Stimpson
11.50 Press Releases Grace Beardsley	WHO
12.10 Articles Grace Beardsley	14.30 Publicity & Press Releases Michael Stimpson
12.20 What's On Page Grace Beardsley	14.40 Web design Jemma Gurney
12.30 Social Networking Barry Goodman	HOW
12.40 Events Michael Stimpson	15.00 Methods of printing Michael Stimpson
12.50 Web Sites Jemma Gurney	15.10 Distribution Barry Goodman
13.00 Media Martin Banks	15.20 Setting up a web site Jemma Gurney
LUNCH 13.10 - 14.00	15.30 - 16.15 CONCLUSION AND QUESTIONS



## Morris 18-30 Weekend 2012



Dates still to be confirmed -  
for pictures of 2011 in Oxford  
visit their website:

[www.morris1830.org.uk](http://www.morris1830.org.uk)

☺ **Jigs Instructional** 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 Sutton Bonington

The Jigs Instructional endeavours to inspire the confidence and ability to dance Cotswold Morris Jigs by giving a good basic grounding followed by detailed instruction. We run two streams simultaneously, for the relative novice and for the experienced dancer. There will also be sessions for beginners covering the basics of the Cotswold dance. These sessions are geared towards **dancing** rather than **dances** and are designed so as not to interfere with any club style you may have developed. *Further details on Application Form with Newsletter No 75.*

### Vacancies

There are still spaces available for all of the meetings organised under the auspices of the Morris Ring in 2012.

*Application Form circulated with Newsletter No 75.*

» 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May **331<sup>st</sup> Cotswold Olimpicks Meeting**

**Cost £85 Female musicians welcome 250 max**

Come to Chipping Campden in the Olympic year to celebrate the roots of the Olympic movement, a true people's games. 2012 sees the 400<sup>th</sup> running of Dover's Games, also known as the 'Cotswold Olimpicks'. Dover's Games were referred to in the British Olympic Committee's bid to host the games as the "*first stirring of Britain's Olympic beginnings.*" The games will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

The meeting will follow the traditional format -

- informal on Friday evening, giving visitors the opportunity to enjoy the delights of the town
- tours in the Cotswolds on Saturday (all tours will include at least one traditional village), followed by a massed display in Chipping Campden and a feast

- Sunday - procession through the town to Parish Church of St James ( a Wool Church) and a further massed display, followed by lunch and a fond farewell

The meeting is based at the town's academy school. We are offering indoor camping there and outdoor camping (tents, motorhomes, and caravans) at a local site which backs on to the school field. Showers are available at the school. For those who like a real bed, there are plenty of B&B's close at hand. We can accommodate approximately 250, including female musicians.

**Bagman for the meeting:** Steve Felton Shakespeare MM & Ilmington MM  
01789778047 (home), 07811 747055 (mobile) 01789 455811 (office)  
steve.felton@lineone.net

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» 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> June **332<sup>nd</sup> Thaxted Meeting**

**Cost £69 all male meeting Up to 200**

After the biggest and best of our 'centenary' meeting, where over 400 Morris men attended, doubling our usual number, we revert to our standard 'classic' tried and tested meeting on which all other meetings have been modelled. This will be the 79th meeting we have hosted.

The meeting starts on the Friday evening with sessions in all of the Thaxted pubs and informal dancing at The Star. After leisurely tours of some splendid village pubs in the outstanding North Essex countryside during the day on Saturday we then reach the main event of the weekend. This consists of the two processions that meet in Town Street followed by two massed shows of massed and show dances with a feast in the interval. This culminates in the Horn Dance, the climax, in front of an appreciative audience of several hundred people.

Indoor and outdoor accommodation will be based in and around the school. Cost for the whole weekend will be in the region of £69 but men can attend as day men, as individuals or sides, and choose not to have meals if they wish thus reducing the cost. There is a reduction for under 16s. Alternatively B&B may be obtained at The Swan in Thaxted, or at The Farmers Arms, Monk Street, one mile outside Thaxted. There is also a Travelodge at nearby Great Dunmow.

**Bagman for the meeting** Ian Anderson 01702 466335  
[iandbanderson@btinternet.com](mailto:iandbanderson@btinternet.com)

»» 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> July    **333<sup>rd</sup> Letchworth Centenary Morris Meeting**  
**Cost £66 Female musicians welcome        100 max**

"Join Letchworth Morris as they celebrate 90 years of dancing in the North Herts area. Based in Cottered, coach tours will visit Letchworth's unique and stylish town centre, as well as exploring delightfully rural North Hertfordshire villages. The Saturday will commence with a short instructional, and there will be ample opportunity for dancing after the formal Feast. Sunday will conclude with a church service, displays, and lunch in the picturesque village of Ashwell.

There will be indoor camping in the hall, and outdoor camping 200 yards away, with hot showers at both locations. Cost £66 for the full weekend with reductions for part attendance, and £10 reduction on the weekend price for under 18s."

**Bagman for the meeting** Theo Thomas    01582 882831  
theo.thomas@btinternet.com

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»» 31 Aug - 2 Sept.    **334<sup>th</sup> Hartley 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Morris Meeting**  
**Cost £65        Female musicians welcome        250 max**

What better way to spend the first weekend of September than in the glorious county of Kent. The Hartley Morris Men invite you to join them in celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and seeing out the incumbent Squire of the Morris Ring and welcoming in the new.

We are an 'all male' side but extend a welcome to every member of the Morris Ring to join us in our 'adopted' village of Wrotham for this special occasion.

Indoor and outdoor camping plus full facilities for up to 250 will be provided at a local school, together with wholesome meals provided by a professional caterer.

Local ales, dispensed from hop strewn barrels, will be available at the accommodation site for no additional charge although informal music, dance, and song at local hostelries will be encouraged on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Sunday morning we intend to arrange some interesting workshops followed by the massed display which will be held in the grounds of nearby Tonbridge

Castle. There will not be a formal Church Service but participants may join the congregation at one the local churches.

We currently estimate the cost of the weekend to be in the region of £65 with discounts for those unable to join us for the full weekend. Applications from either complete sides or individuals are welcomed as we are very happy to make up suitable composite sides if required.

The meeting website is at [www.hartleyringmeeting.org](http://www.hartleyringmeeting.org) where more information will be posted as it becomes available.

**Bagman for the meeting** Tony Tomlin, 01622 685960 [TonyTomlin@aol.com](mailto:TonyTomlin@aol.com)

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### 2013

- ? March ARM Hosted by Whitchurch (TBC)
- TBC March / April 335<sup>th</sup> Adelaide MM
- 31<sup>st</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 336<sup>th</sup> Thaxted Morris Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 337<sup>th</sup> Dolphin Morris Men 
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 338<sup>th</sup> Martlet Sword & Morris Men (60<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

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

- March ARM Hosted by TBA
- TBC Thaxted Morris Meeting

### 2015

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**We are still looking for sides to host meetings in 2014 and beyond.**

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**Radio 2 It's Got Bells on.** Monday 12th December 10.00 pm - part of Radio 2's Dance Season comedian "Stewart Lee considers the most traditional of English dances: the Morris conceived in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and viewed by some as sexy and fearsome. Lee discovers that young folk musicians such as Jim Moray, Tim Van Eyken and Laurel Swift all dance and develop the form. Hip-hop and Morris merge in the work of folk act the Demon Barbers, and contemporary choreographers are turning to the tradition. Contributors include Ashley Hutchings and John Kirkpatrick, who in the 1970s gave a boost to the revival with the albums *Morris On* (1972) and *Battle of the Field* (1973), when Morris went electric. Plus music from William Kimber and others".

Quote from the Radio Times

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**And finally.....** I have just received the following message from Dave Loughlin, NWArea Rep.:

*Dear Santa,*

*I don't want much for Christmas; I just want the person reading this to be happy. Friends are the fruit cake of life- some nutty, some soaked in alcohol, some sweet but mix them together and they're my friends.*

*Love ya.*

On behalf of my fellow officers of the Morris Ring I hope that Santa is kind to you and yours.

*Charlie*

Bagman of the Morris Ring

BOOKING FORM - ARM 2012

Name of Side: .....

Contact Name: .....

Email: ..... Tel No: .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

- **Full Weekend** - finish Sunday morning      No of men.....@ £79.00 = £.....
- **Saturday ARM** - finish Sunday morning      No of men.....@ £65.00 = £.....  
    (Sat night accommodation)
- **Saturday ARM - including feast**              No of men.....@ £40.00 = £.....  
    (No accommodation)
- **Saturday ARM\* - excluding feast**            No of men.....@ £15.00 = £.....  
    (Morning Coffee / Lunch / Afternoon Tea)
- **\*ARM only - no meals**                          No of men.....@ Free = £ NIL

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TOTAL £

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Please specify number of non-alcohol drinkers .....

Please specify how many require vegetarian meals.....



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