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Important Notice:

The minutes of the ARM accompany this Newsletter. In the advance papers and in the minutes, it states that sides wishing to obtain their verification of insurance cover need to apply to the Treasurer, please, so don't contact the Bagman!

Future Events

2019

- 22nd – 23rd June **Utrecht Ring Meeting (meeting no 360)** – places still available
- 19th - 21st July **Jockey MM 70th / Shakespeare MM 60th Ring Meeting (meeting no 361)** – meeting fully subscribed
- 24th – 25th August **Saddleworth Rushcart**
- 25th – 27th October **Fools and Beasts Unconvention, London**

2020

- 17th – 19th January **Morris Ring Jigs Instructional**
- 18th January **Dancing England, Nottingham Playhouse**
- 18th April **JMO Day of Dance, Liverpool, organised by Mersey MM**
- 30th – 31st May **Thaxted Morris Weekend**
- 22nd – 23rd August **Saddleworth Rushcart**
- 5th – 6th September **Plymouth Morris Mayflower Morris Muster Marine Ring Meeting**
Plymouth's 50th Anniversary coincides with the 400th anniversary of Mayflower.

Squire's Massed Dances for 2019

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: - Shepherds Hey (2notes then walk round, singing)

Bampton: - Rose tree (finish on rounds)

Bledington: - Idbury Hill, Young Collins.

Brackley: - Jockey to the Fair (long version, Jockey MM take note)

Bucknell: - Queens Delight.

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

Fieldtown: - The 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).

Website information

Some Bagmen may have received notification of a change to the way we manage your membership in error during beta testing, due to a setting error. Panic ye not, it's not the Russians planning to take over Western democracy starting with the Morris Ring.

What's it all about? Wait for the next Newsletter and all will be revealed.

Morris Ring Jigs Instructional

The Morris Ring Jigs Instructional is back! Please see the next page for booking details, costs etc.

This Instructional is open to all dancers – booking is reserved exclusively for Morris Ring clubs up to 30th September 2019, then from 1st October any places remaining will be open to dancers from other Organisations.

While the weekend focuses on Cotswold jigs, it can also be regarded as a means to refresh and re-invigorate the quality of your general dancing, and test your fitness. It's been referred to as "a MoT for your morris."

To gain maximum benefit from the weekend, you ought to be a Cotswold dancer already in kit with your team and with a performance repertoire of at least a handful of dances. However, the tuition and support is such that, from that level right up to expert, everyone will learn, participate throughout and sweat profusely!

Advance Notice for all Morris Ring clubs - The Jigs Instructional returns in 2020!

Yes, immerse yourself in the glorious English Morris Jig at this unique weekend and enjoy top-quality teaching from some of the Morris Ring's best practitioners of the art, led by Geoff Jerram of Winchester Morris Men.

Whether you've just got to grip with the double step or you've been dancing for years, our experienced and patient instructors will furnish you with the special skills you need to develop your prowess and understanding of this outstanding tradition. Just starting out? We'll help you develop your Cotswold Morris technique and send you home with a new range of accomplishments.

It all takes place over the weekend of **17-19th January** in Sutton Bonington (LE12 5NJ), and we offer comfy indoor camping, all meals from Friday supper to Sunday lunch, Saturday evening Feast (ale included), a near-by pub for relaxed and tuneful conviviality; plus, of course, all the Jigs you can eat for the amazing price of **£55 (£40 for u19s)**. Come with a club colleague and we'll knock £5 off your fee; bring two and you'll be a tenner better off! And the even better news is that first/second timers can claim back £10/£5, courtesy of the Morris Ring Treasurer, after the weekend.

Places are limited, so if this sounds like the event for you, **REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW** by sending an email to jigsinstructional@themorrisring.org with your name and club as the subject line. We'll send you more details by return. Morris Ring club members enjoy reservation priority only until 1st October 2019, and it's first come, first served - please don't leave it to chance! **Book now: feelsmug.**

And finally, what did delegates make of previous Jigs Instructionals?

" Exceptional value for money...the catering was superb"

*"Organisation and delivery were well-honed and pretty-damned
slick"*

*"The whole thing ran exceptionally well and I take my hat off to all
involved" "Excellent! Great instructors, great occasion, great fun"*

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>

The Morris Shop *”the Bells and Whistles”*

<http://www.themorrisshop.com/>

Call for Contributions

Any items of urgent Morris-related news, please send to me at 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) 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).

