

WANTED MORRIS MEN

Have you enjoyed watching us and would like to try Morris Dancing ? We start our winter practices at Elim Pre-School, Larkhill, Yeovil (next to The Royal Standard), usually on the first Thursday in October at about 8 pm. There is no charge for the first three visits and then only a small charge per week from then on to cover the hire of the practice venue.

All you will need is a pair of hankies (*Clean*, but any colour) and either trainers or comfortable shoes. A sense of humour is probably a good requirement. The practices usually end at 21:30. We then congregate at a nearby hostelry to put back the fluids lost during the practice (that's our excuse anyway!).

Alternatively visit our very own red, white and blue website www.wyvernjubileemorris.org.uk where you can gain further knowledge of The Morris, associated links, and directions to our many stands. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment !

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WHO WE ARE

We are The Wyvern Jubilee Morris Men. We come from all over Somerset but practice in Yeovil at Westfield School. We were formed in 1977 to dance at street parties for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The Silver Jubilee Badge still forms part of our kit and is in the centre of our red, white and blue Baldrics.

2007 saw our 30th Birthday, and there are still some of us who were part of the original side (guess who). It was marked by a Birthday Weekend Tour, a foreign tour to Prague and hosting the United Unconvention of Fools and Animals at Seavington.

We also reached international stardom that year featuring in the BBC production "The National Village show".

Our dances are mainly from the Cotswold Villages of Adderbury, Bledington, Bampton, Headington, and some further afield. 2007 also saw a new Wyvern 30th Birthday dance - after all Morris is a living tradition!

The majority of dances were collected and published during the early part of the last century, collated by Cecil Sharp and William Kimber, and are now recorded in the Morris "Black Book". This work led eventually to the formation of the English Folk Dance & Song Society and also the Morris Ring.

Morris dancing can be traced back historically to 1458. In the mid 1600s it was recorded as the Morisco or Morrish dance. It's original form was part of Henry VIII's court dances and continued until the reformation acts in the 1570s when it was outlawed as being un-Godly. It re-appeared in the 1660s and continued gaining popularity until the First Great World War and post war depression when the tradition was nearly lost. At this time six Sides formed the Morris Ring and ensured the dance survived to the forms we see and know today as Morris Dancing.

We are available for Weddings, Funerals, Christenings, Bah mitzvahs, Lynchings, Fetes, Wassails Etc. Please contact us via the Web site or grab one of us NOW.



WYVERN JUBILEE MORRIS MEN 2010 33rd Birthday Programme

2010 PROGRAMME

Month	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
April	Friday 23rd	The Podymore Inn at Podymore near Ilchester	19:30	St George's Day with Friends
May	Saturday 1 st	Dawn at Ham Hill then breakfast at the Half Moon in Stoke	05.15	May Day With Treacle Eater Clog
	Thursday 6th	The Royal Marine Inn at Yeovil	20:00	Jon's Tour
	Thursday 13th	The Royal Oak Inn (Sonny White's) at Hardington near Yeovil	20.00	Brian's Tour
	Thursday 20th	Duke of York at Shepton Beauchamp	20:00	Rod's Tour
	Thursday 27th	The White Hart at Castle Cary	20:00	Andy H's Tour
	Monday 31st	Stoke sub Hamdon May Fayre	14:00	**
June	Thursday 3rd	Eli's at Huish Episcopi near Langport	20:00	Steve's Tour
	Thursday 10th	Fleur De Lys at Stoke sub Hamdon	20:00	Pete's Tour
	Thursday 17th	Quicksilver Mail in Yeovil	20:00	Ken's Tour
	Saturday 19th	Corscombe Fete (14:00 & 15:00) Montacute Carnival (17:45)	14:00	**
	Thursday 24th	Cove House Inn on Portland Bill near Weymouth	19:45	Charity Event with a number of Teams
	Saturday 26th	Jasper Conran's Yard for Skate Park at Milborne Port	TBC	Charity Event
July	Thursday 1st	The Camelot Inn at South Cadbury	20:00	Alan's Tour
	Thursday 8th	The Prince of Wales at Ham Hill	20:00	Alby's Tour
	Thursday 15th	The George at West Coker	20:00	Snapper's Tour
	Saturday 17th	Somerton Fringe Festival	20:00	TBC
	Thursday 22 nd	Yarcombe Inn at Yarcombe near Honiton	20:00	Andy P's Tour
	Thursday 29th	The Lord Poulett at Hinton St George	20:00	Jon's Tour
	Saturday 31st	Wedding at Hazelbury Mill	TBC	Alan C's Colleague
August	Thursday 5th	Starting by the RNLI and ending at the Anchor Inn	20:00	Sidmouth Folk Festival
	Thursday 12th	The Horseshoe Inn at Shepton Mallett	20:00	Duncan's Tour
	Thursday 19th	Gaggle of Geese at Buckland Newton	20:00	Chris' Tour
	Weekend 20th	Saddleworth Rushcart Weekend		
	Thursday 26th	The Cobb Arms at Lyme Regis	19:45	Details yet to be finalised
September	Thursday 2nd	Brewer's Arms at South Petherton	19:45	Geoff / Nigel's Tour
	Monday 6th	Dinnington Docks at Dinnington near Ilminster	TBC	Treacle Eater Clog's end of season bash
	Thursday 9th	The Podymore Inn at Podimore near Ilchester	19:45	Alan C or Les to Poster-up

Times are approximate but we're normally pretty punctual – give or take the odd 15 minutes
2011 Kicks off on St. George's Day (23rd April) at The Brewer's Arms, South Petherton

This programme may be subject to alteration please check www.wyvernjubileemorris.org.uk for latest programme and information/directions to the stand.

WYVERN JUBILEE MORRIS – CONTACTS

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THE BUFFALO THEORY

(In one episode of 'Cheers', Cliff is seated at the bar describing the Buffalo Theory to his buddy, Norm. I don't think I've ever heard the concept explained any better than this....)

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this...A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the lowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

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