

WANTED MORRIS MEN

Have you enjoyed watching us and would like to try Morris Dancing ? We start our winter practices at Westfield School, Yeovil, 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.



WYVERN JUBILEE MORRIS MEN 2009 32nd Birthday Programme

2009 PROGRAMME

Month	Date	Venue	Time	Notes
April	Friday 17th	The Blake Hall at South Petherton	19:30	Twinning Association
	Thursday 23rd	The Bell Inn at Ash near Martock	19.30	St George's Day with Friends
May	Friday 1 st	Dawn at Ham Hill then breakfast at the Half Moon in Stoke	05.15	May Day With Treacle Eater Clog
	Thursday 7th	The Brewer's Arms at South Petherton	20.00	Jon, Geoff or Jed to Poster-up
	Thursday 14th	The Dinnington Docks at Dinnington near Ilminster	20:00	Geoff's Tour
	Thursday 21st	The Royal Marine Inn at Yeovil	20:00	Keith's Tour
	Thursday 28th	The White Hart at Castle Cary	20:00	Brian's Tour
June	Thursday 4th	The Mitre Inn at Sandford Orcas near Sherborne	20:00	Les' Tour
	Thursday 11th	Walking Tour of Sherborne culminating at an Indian Restuarant	20:00	Ken's Tour
	Thursday 18th	Cove House Inn on Portland Bill near Weymouth	TBC	Charity Event with a number of Teams
	Thursday 25th	The Gaggles of Geese at Buckland Newton near Dorchester	20:00	Chris' Tour
July	Thursday 2nd	The Camelot Inn at South Cadbury	20:00	Alan C's Tour
	Thursday 9th	The Red Lion at Marston Magna	20:00	Pete's Tour
	Thursday 16th	Somerton Fringe Festival	20:00	Andy's Tour with a number of Teams
	Thursday 23rd	The Prince of Wales at Ham Hill	20:00	Jon or Jed to Poster-up
	Sunday 26th	The Cobb at Lyme Regis	TBC	RNLI Day with TEC
	Thursday 30th	The Horseshoe Inn at Bowlish near Shepton Mallet	20:00	Duncan's Tour
August	Thursday 6th	Starting by the RNLI and ending at the Anchor Inn	20:00	Sidmouth Folk Festival
	Thursday 13th	The Rose and Crown Inn (Eli's) at Huish Episcopi near Langport	20:00	Jed's Tour with Friends
	Thursday 20th	The Volunteer Inn at Seavington near Ilminster	20:00	Jon's Tour
	Thursday 27th	The Cobb Arms at Lyme Regis	19:45	Details yet to be finalised
September	Thursday 3rd	The Royal Oak Inn (Sonny White's) at Hardington near Yeovil	19:45	Alan B's Tour
	Monday 7th	The Weavers Club in Sherborne	TBC	Treacle Eater Clog's end of season bash
	Thursday 10th	The Podymore Inn at Podymore 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.

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

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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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