

Headcorn Morris

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The Queen's Head

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Open All Day

Food Available

Beer Garden

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Meet us there Thursday 29 July 2010

What is Morris Dancing?

Morris dancing as we recognise it today was collected in the late 19th and early 20th centuries from the south midlands. Its origins however are much older; not in some pre-christian pagan ritual but in the courts of the Kings of Europe. Developed from the moresco (a dance 'in the style of the moors') it became a central part of court entertainment during the 15th and 16th centuries. Over the next 550 years it spread out to the countryside and has survived everything that the authorities from the Puritans to the Victorians could do to abolish it. This century, the government recognised its importance by exempting it from the requirements of the Public Entertainment Licences legislation.

The Headcorn Men started dancing in 1973; the Ladies in 1978. We started the tradition of dancing at sunrise on May Day - a practice which we continue to this day on Headcorn Green.

We have taken the name of Headcorn far afield with visits to festivals from Estonia to the Basque Country and even over to Boston USA.

We dance Cotswold Morris, with sticks, bells and handkerchiefs. Some of the dances are traditional, collected in the early 20th century, but many are in Headcorn's own tradition.

New members are always welcome. Please contact us for details of our winter practices, or check our website.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

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www.headcornmorris.co.uk

The Headcorn Morris 2010

Thursday Evening Programme

We meet at 8:15pm. After dancing, we adjourn to the hostelry named where we will often sing and play. You are very welcome to join us and to join in if you wish.

06 May	Good Intent, Rochester, ME1 1YL (with Wolfshead & Vixen Morris)
13 May	Beaver Inn, South Ashford, TN23 7SP
20 May	United Services, Gillingham, ME7 1HR
27 May	Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden, TN17 2EJ
03 June	Bull Inn, Barming, ME16 9HB (with Kits Coty Morris)
10 June	King's Head, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN
17 June	Blacksmith's Arms, Wormshill, ME9 0TU
24 June	Woolpack, Benover, ME18 6AS
01 July	Red Lion, Badlesmere, ME13 0NX (with East Kent Morris)
08 July	Red Lion, Lenham, ME17 2PG
15 July	George & Dragon, Headcorn, TN27 9NL
29 July	Queen's Head, Kingsnorth, TN23 3ED
05 August	Black Horse, Pluckley, TN27 0QS
12 August	Swan, Maidstone, ME14 1UY
19 August	King & Queen, East Malling, ME19 6DD
26 August	Plough, Stalisfield Green, ME13 0HY
Friday 03 September	Man of Kent, Rochester, ME1 1YN

Special Events Programme

In addition to our regular Thursday evening programme we perform at various other events during the year, many of which are open to the public. Please ask for details.

Saturday 17 April	Joint Morris Organisations' Day of Dance, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Friday 23 April	St George's Day stand at The Wheel, Westwell, TN25 4LQ - 8.00pm
Saturday 01 May 0528 1000—1100 1200—1600 1800	May Day Tour – including: Headcorn Green, TN27 9QT High Street, Battle (near the Abbey) Jack in the Green Festival, Hastings Sea Front Kings Head, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN
Saturday 05 June	Private event followed by Rochester Tour
Saturday 19 June 1200—1400 1500—1600	Fetes: Charing Village Fete, TN27 0DL Christ Church Fete, South Ashford, TN23 7SR
Saturday 10 July	Daytrip to Paris by Eurostar
Saturday 07 August	Walking Tour of Faversham
Friday 10 September to Sunday 12 September	Bromyard Folk Festival, Worcestershire
Saturday 25 September	Morris Federation Day of Dance and AGM, Maidstone

We reserve the right to cancel or revise any of our published events if circumstances change

If you have enjoyed our performance, why not come and join us?

Be bold - join the Morris!