#### Come and Join Us

Wickham Morris are always ready to dance with you, just ask and we'll set up a dance you can join in with. We are delighted to have been joined by not only the able bodied, but also the blind, deaf, wheelchair bound, a person on crutches, another with one arm (who did zen clapping), some with learning difficulties, plus pre-school children up through primary school, cubs, scouts, brownies, and guides, to senior citizens....

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We welcome new members. If you would like to give it a try, come and join our friendly group. We start practices in September and meet every Thursday. Come along for a free trial session, we'd love to see you.

Just ask any member of the team or contact the Baggie

### **Charity Collections**

The Rose Road Association - providing services for young people with disabilities from Southampton and Southern Hampshire. From its new Bradbury Centre it runs Rosewood School for pupils with profound and multiple disabilities and complex needs. It also provides much needed residential short breaks (respite care) for young people up to the age of 25.

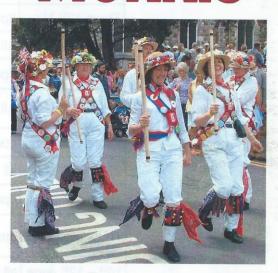
The Railway Children helps runaway and abandoned children who live in and around the world's railways. Many of the millions of street children in the world leave their homes and first come into contact with the harsh realities of street life on the main railway and bus stations of Asia, South America, Africa and increasingly UK & Europe.





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# World Tour 2005 Season

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www.wickhammorris.org.uk

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All timings are approximate

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May	5.15am Tour 6.30pm	Greet the Dawn Portsmouth Cathedral, Gunwharf and Dockyard Festival in Wickham Square
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> May	8pm	White Lion, Soberton
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> May	8pm	Miners Arms, Funtley
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Winchester Folk Festival
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> May	8pm	White Horse Inn, Wallington
Sat 21st May	All day	New Forest Meddlars Day of Dance at Ringwood
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May	8pm	Wheatsheaf, Shedfield
27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	all day	Chippenham Folk Festival
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8pm	Flower Pots, Cheriton
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June	8pm	Bunch of Grapes, Bishops Waltham
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	all day	Wimborne Folk Festival

Thurs 16th June	8pm	Warsash Sailing Club
Thurs 23 <sup>th</sup> June	8pm c 8.45	Fox & Hounds and Lone Barn, Bursledon
Thurs 30th June	8pm	The Milburys, Beauworth
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All day	Mid-Hants Railway
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	8pm	The Victory, Hamble
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	8pm c 8.45	The Ship and Royal Oak, Langstone
Thurs 21st July	8pm	The Bugle, Botley
Thurs 28th July	8pm	Boarhunt Naturist Club
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8pm c 8.45	The Hunters, Swanmore The White Lion, Soberton
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8pm	Fox & Hounds, Denmead
Thurs 18th Aug	8pm	Pear Tree Inn, Boorley Green
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8pm	Farmer's Home, Durley

#### The History of Morris Dancing

There are many theories, but it is clear that it is an old English tradition. Villages in the Cotswolds and the Welsh Borders had sides (teams) of Morris Dancers, with each having its own style or tradition. The likely reasons for the dancing are linked to the Whitsun or May time celebrations, but maybe also a side would dance to raise some cash for a drink at the pub. Written references exist from the 15th century of Morris dancing in England and back to the 12th century of 'Morisca' dancing in the Spanish court. We also know that in 1494, Henry VIII was entertained by 6 dancers and a fool. As the industrial revolution gradually reduced the rural population with a migration to the towns, it died out in the villages, but North West Morris evolved in the industrial towns, often dancing in clogs. Today Wickham Morris keep up the tradition, with dances from the villages of Adderbury, Bampton, Stanton Harcourt, Lichfield and the Welsh Borders, plus several dances we have created, thus continuing the evolution of the tradition.