

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 Collection

Group B Strep Support provides information on group B streptococcal (GBS) infections in babies and their prevention. (Group B Strep is also known as Beta Strep, Beta Haemolytic Strep, Strep B and its proper name, *Streptococcus agalactiae*.) Information leaflets are available aimed at pregnant women who have never heard of GBS, pregnant women who carry the GBS bacteria, parents of infected babies and healthcare professionals. All leaflets can be downloaded from the website.

The charity also campaigns for better practice to prevent more GBS infections in babies. It supports continued research into better prevention of GBS infections in babies, such as vaccines for GBS.

www.gbss.org.uk



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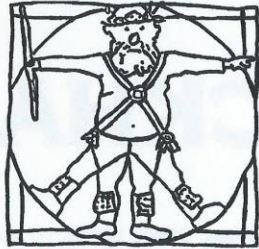
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Stick and Bucket competition

World Tour 2006 Season

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and contacts, see:

www.wickham-morris.org.uk

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All timings are approximate.



Wickham Morris

Monday 1 st May	5.15 am 6.30 pm	Greet the dawn followed by tour Festival in Wickham Square
Thursday 4 th May	8 pm	Miners' Arms, Funtley
Thursday 11 th May	8 pm	White Horse, Wallington
Thursday 18 th May	8 pm	Hunters Inn & Rising Sun, Swanmore
Thursday 25 th May	8 pm	Flower Pots, Cheriton
Friday 26 th May – Monday 29 th May	Weekend	Chippenham Folk Festival
Thursday 1 st June	8 pm	Rising Sun, Colden Common
Thursday 8 th June	8 pm	White Lion, Soberton
Thursday 15 th June	8 pm	Ship Inn & Royal Oak, Langstone Harbour
Thursday 22 nd June	8 pm	Wheatsheaf, Shedfield
Thursday 29 th June	8 pm	Brushmakers, Upham
Friday 30 th June – Sunday 2 nd July	Weekend	Banbury Hobby Horse Festival
Thursday 6 th July	8 pm	Victory, Hamble
Thursday 13 th July	8 pm	Hampshire Bowman
Thursday 20 th July	8 pm	Dog & Crook, Bambridge
Thursday 3 rd August	8 pm	Kings Head & Wickham Festival
Thursday 10 th August	8 pm	Fox & Hounds, Denmead
September		Practice season starts – come and join us

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.