

Charity Collection

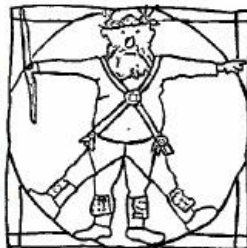


In the 2011 season, we will be collecting for Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust 'Rocky Appeal'. This is a new project

to raise £3 MILLION for state-of-the-art Digital Keyhole Operating Theatres.

These will have features which are the first of their kind in the United Kingdom and will be sited in the new, re-developed Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth. Recent advances in digital video and computer technology have vastly improved the precision, efficiency and safety of keyhole surgery. These theatres allow more patients to be treated in the same period because they are more efficient. Waiting times are reduced and infection risks are less.

Since we kept count, we have raised over **£29,000** for charity, so please give generously and help raise more.



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. Aged 7 to 97, able bodied or otherwise, daft or sensible, we welcome you.

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 Kate the Baggie



Wickham Morris are sponsored by Ringwood Brewery, whose beer we love!

WICKHAM MORRIS



Winners of the prestigious Chippenham Folk Festival Stick and Bucket competition

World Tour 2011 Season

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Wickham Morris

www.wickham-morris.org.uk

Squire: Stephen Hayes

Bagman: Ian Nichols



The History of Morris Dancing

Morris dancing is an old English tradition. Its origins are unclear, but there are very few English traditions and so worth supporting.

Wickham have been dancing since 1980 but there are written records of Morris back to the 15th century. For example in 1494, Henry VII was entertained by "the Mourice dance", in 1458 a gilded cup engraved with Morris dancers was left in a will and in 1448 the Goldsmiths of London paid 7 shillings for "Moryssh dancers".

Villages in the Cotswolds and the Border counties (with Wales) had sides (teams) of Morris Dancers, with each having its own style or tradition. 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.

The tradition was almost lost by the 1890s, but luckily Cecil Sharp and Herbert MacIlwaine collected the dances and published a book in 1906.

Tuesday 1 st May	5.15 am 6.30 pm	Greet the dawn Festival in Wickham Square
Thursday 3 rd May	8 pm	The White Horse, Wallington
Thursday 10 th May	8 pm	Harvest Home, Denmead
Thursday 17 th May	8 pm	The Miners Arms, Funtley
Thursday 24 th May	8 pm	The Guide Dog, Bevois Valley,
Thursday 31 st May	8 pm	The Wheatsheaf, Shedfield
Thursday 7 th June	8 pm 8.45 pm	The Ship, Langstone The Royal Oak, Langstone
Saturday 9 th June	12:30 to 3:30	Wickham Church Fete
Thursday 14 th June	8 pm	The Flower Pots, Cheriton
Thursday 21 st June	8 pm	The Brushmakers Arms, Upham
Thursday 28 th June	8 pm	The Hunters Inn, Swanmore,
Thursday 5 th July	8 pm	The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge,
Thursday 12 th July	8 pm	The White Lion, Soberton
Saturday 14 th July	10 am	Romsey Beggars Fayre
Thursday 19 th July	8 pm	The Golden Lion, Southwick,
Thursday 26 th July	8 pm	The Bat and Ball, Hambledon
Thursday 2 nd August	8 pm	The Kings Head, Wickham (with Wickham Festival)
Thursday 9 th August	8 pm	(To be announced)
Thursday 16 th August	8 pm	The Wheatsheaf, Shedfield
Tuesday 1 st January	Noon	The White Lion, Soberton

All timings are approximate