



Come and Join Us

Wickham Morris encourages participation; we usually invite audience members of all ages to join us in a dance, and we welcome novice or experienced dancers to join the "side".

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 one of our taster sessions advertised on our Social Media.



Just ask any member of the team or contact our Baggie, Julie Collett, at baggie@wickham-morris.org.uk

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Squire: Vicky Jukes



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We are often asked "What are the origins of Morris dancing?". Well, nobody knows for sure, but it's very ancient judging by the numerous references to it in history and literature, even in Shakespeare.

You'll find 15th century woodcuts of dancers with bells and hankies, and you may well have heard of Will Kemp's "Nine Daeis Wonder", when, in 1600, he danced from London to Norwich!

Morris is an oral tradition, and this is how dances were originally passed down from one generation to the next. In fact, it was almost lost until the music historian Cecil Sharp was woken on Boxing Day 1899 by the enthralling sight and sound of the Headington Quarry dancers. He and Herbert McIlwaine subsequently went on to collect whatever dances they could find.

Another important figure in Morris history was Mary Neal, who taught Sharp's dances to the girls of her New Esperance Club in the early 20th Century.

The Wickham Morris was formed over 40 years ago, in 1981, around the time of the great folk revival, with a side of both men and women. With the support of talented musicians, we now perform dances from the Cotswolds and the England-Wales Borders, plus some new dances invented in traditional style.

We hope you enjoy our dancing.

01/05/23	05:15 19:00	Greet the Dawn, Wickham Square Dancing in Wickham square with guests	PO17 5JN
04/05/23	20:00	The White Lion, Soberton	SO32 3PF
11/05/23	20:00	The Victory, Hamble	SO31 4HA
18/05/23	20:00	The Golden Lion, Southwick	PO17 6EB
25/05/23	20:00	The Fisherman's Rest, Titchfield	PO15 5RA
01/06/23	20:00	The Ship, Langstone	PO9 1RD
08/06/23	20:00	Kings Head, Wickham Square	PO17 5JN
15/06/23	20:00	The Rising Sun, Swanmore	SO32 2PS
22/06/23	20:00	The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge	SO32 1GD
29/06/23	20:00	The Guide Dog, Southampton	SO14 6SF
06/07/23	20:00	The Bold Forester, Soberton Heath	SO32 3QG
13/07/23	20:00	The Flower Pots, Cheriton	SO24 0QQ
20/07/23	20:00	The Hunters Inn, Swanmore	SO32 2PZ
27/07/23	20:00	The Churchillian, Cosham	PO6 3LS
03/08/23	20:00	Wickham Festival, Wickham Festival	PO17 5HD
10/08/23	20:00	The Cams Mill, Fareham	PO16 8AA
18/08/23	20:00	Queen's Head, Sheet. Guests of Alton Morris	GU32 2AH
24/08/23	20:00	The Bat and Ball, Clanfield	PO8 0UB
30/08/23	20:00	The Greyhound, Broughton	PO6 4TP

All timings are approximate

Check our diary for the latest updates: www.wickham-morris.org.uk/diary.html

