



wadard morris men



programme 2014

Morris dancing is an ancient fertility rite which has been performed for hundreds of years with early references dating back to 1400. The dance had virtually died out by the end of the nineteenth century and probably would have been lost altogether had the academic, Cecil Sharp, not met up with the Headington Quarry Morris Men on Boxing Day 1899. Sharp collected the dances and the revival of the traditional dance began leading to the thriving tradition you see today.

The Wadard Morris Men were formed in 1977 in Farningham, Kent and dance regularly in the Darenth Valley and surrounding areas. We have also travelled to Europe taking our English traditional dances to Belgium and France. Wadard Morris Men have continued the tradition of dancing from May until August to ensure that the tradition of the Morris is maintained and also, hopefully, to entertain the audience.

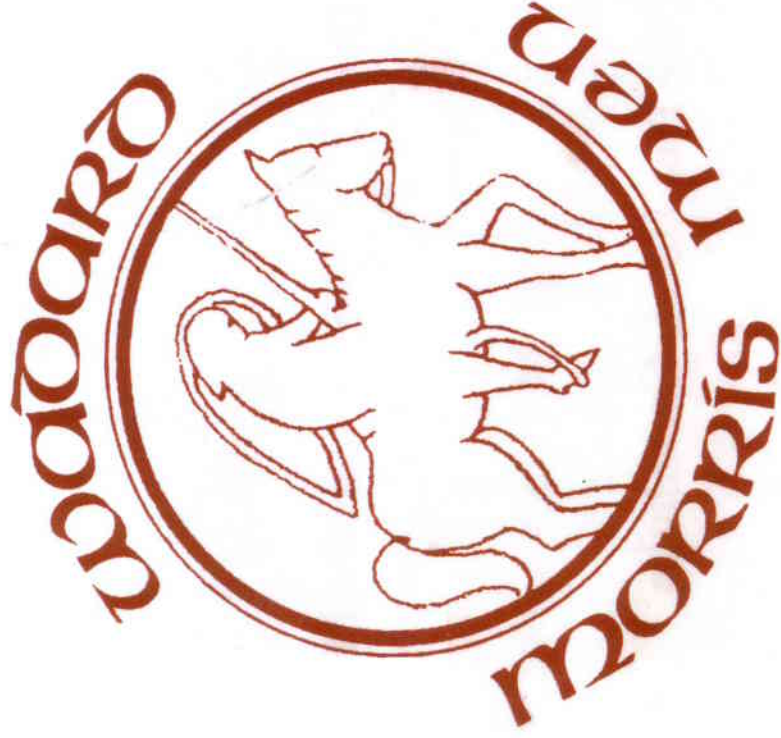
Wadard Morris Men dance out on Wednesday evenings at various venues, please see our programme of dance, and following the performance retire into the hostelry to play music and sing. If you enjoy the music and singing we welcome you to join in.

Morris dancing is part of our English heritage and if you have seen us perform and would like to join us please speak to any member of the side or telephone our Bagman, John, tel: 01634 660720, mobile: 07984647042.

We practice during the winter at Our Lady of Hartley RC Primary School, Stack Lane, Hartley DA3 8BL.
Fred Hands

Squire of Wadard Morris Men

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23 April St Georges's Day, The Cricketers, Meopham with Hartley Morris Men

Thursday 1 May Eynsford Ford dancing at dawn, 5.32 am, to welcome in the summer with May Day songs, the famous Wadard Duck Race and a glass to toast the May

7 May	The Rising Sun, Fawkham Green	DA3 8NL
14 May	The See Ho, Shorne	DA12 3JX
21 May	The Red Bull, Eccles with Kits Coty Morris	ME20 7HX
28 May	The Kentish Horse, Mark Beech with Ashdown Forest Morris Men	TN8 5NT
4 June	The Ship on the Green, Green Street Green, Darenth <i>home of the wadard morris men</i>	DA2 8EB
11 June	Walking tour of Farningham, Pied Bull, Lion Hotel & the Chequers with Motley Morris Men	DA4 0DP
18 June	The Chequers, Darenth	DA4 7QT
25 June	The Amazon & Tiger, Harvel	DA13 0DE
2 July	Walking tour of Eynsford, the Plough & Five Bells with St Clements Clogs & Wicked Belly Morris	DA4 0AE
9 July	The Rum Puncheon, Gravesend	DA11 0BL
16 July	The Old House, Ightham	TN15 9EE
23 July	The Three Daws, Gravesend	DA11 0BJ
30 July	The Ship & Lobster, Gravesend	DA12 2PL
6 August	The Golden Lion, Luddesdowne	DA13 0XE
20 August	The Good Intent, Rochester	ME1 1YL
27 August	The Jolly Drayman, Gravesend	DA12 1JA

CAROLS at the FORD 19 December, 7.30pm followed by Christmas Entertainment at the Eynsford Village Hall

BOXING DAY 1pm, 26 DECEMBER, The Ship on the Green, Green Street Green

Our performances start at 8.15pm unless stated otherwise
Please check web site www.wadard.co.uk for any changes to our programme