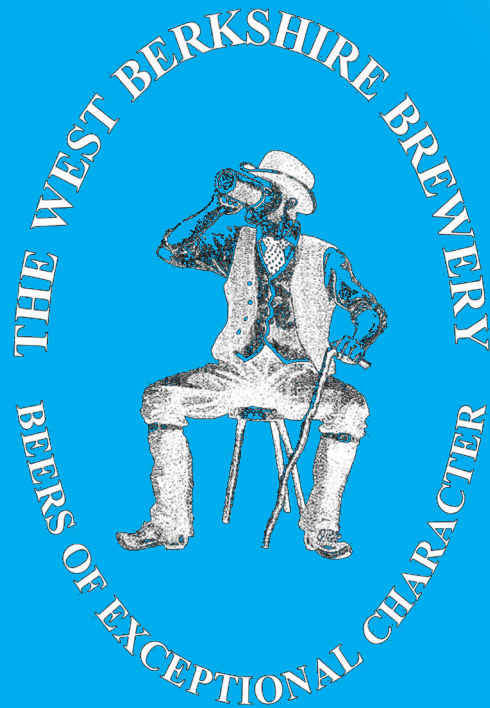




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Morris Dancing has been performed in England for over 500 years, and in Oxfordshire since the 16th century.

Churchwarden's records indicate that morris dancing took place in Wantage between the years 1550 - 1650 with payments being made for bells, costumes and musicians. Although records show dancing also took place in 1885 the Morris in Wantage did not endure as successfully as it did in Abingdon for hundreds of years.

The current Wantage based Icknield Way Morris Men were formed at Icknield School in Wantage (now King Alfred's School East). The Side has established a well-respected reputation within the national organisation 'The Morris Ring', and in 2009 they celebrated the 50th year of Morris revival in Wantage.

Icknield Way Morris Men welcome those keen to support this unique English custom, with its strong Oxfordshire associations. If you would like to learn this ancient tradition, accompany the dancing on an instrument or help with the running of a busy team, the practice season starts on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm with a beginners workshop in Grove Scout Hut.

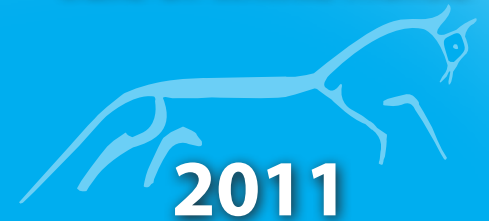
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# Ickniel Way Morris Men – Summer 2011 Programme



## APRIL

**Sunday 17th**  
Oxford Folk Weekend  
All Day

**Saturday 23 – St George's Day**  
Dragon Hill, Uffington  
Fox & Hounds, Uffington  
12 noon  
1.00 pm

**Friday 29th – The Royal Wedding**  
Comrades Club, Memorial Park, Wantage  
12 noon

**Saturday 30th**  
Highworth Medieval May Market  
11.00 am

## MAY

**Sunday 1st – May Day**  
Oxford  
Wantage Market Place, Wantage  
6.00 am  
12 noon

**Wednesday 4th**  
The Woodman, Fernham  
8:00 pm

**Wednesday 11th**  
Radnor Arms, Coleshill  
with *Malmesbury Morris*  
8:00 pm

**Tuesday 17th**  
Harcourt Arms, Stanton Harcourt  
with *Stanton Harcourt and Kirtlington Morris*  
8:00 pm

**Saturday 21st – Wood Festival**  
Braziers Park, Ipsden nr. Wallingford  
1.00pm

**Wednesday 25th**  
Chequers, Charney Bassett  
Horse & Jockey, Stanford in the Vale  
with *Vale Islanders*  
8.00 pm  
9.00 pm

**Saturday 28th**  
40th Chippenham Folk Festival  
All day

## JUNE

**Thursday 2nd**  
The Plough, East Hendred  
with *Old Speckled Hen*  
8.00 pm

**Saturday 4th – Wantage Festival Opening**  
Wantage Market Place  
11.00 am

**Wednesday 8th**  
Fox Inn, Denchworth  
Black Horse, East Hanney  
with *Armaleggan*  
8.00 pm  
9.00 pm

**Saturday 11th – Cotswold Heritage Day**  
Burford festival  
11.00 am

**Sunday 12th**  
Steventon Open Gardens, Steventon  
2.00 pm

**Wednesday 15th**  
The Bell, Aldworth  
with *Kennet Morris Men*  
8.00 pm

**Saturday 18th**  
Baydon Fête  
Childrey Fête  
1.00 pm  
4.00 pm

**Wednesday 22nd – Wantage Summer Festival**  
Shoulder of Mutton, Wantage  
The Bear, Wantage  
Abingdon Arms, Wantage  
8.00 pm  
9.00 pm  
9.45 pm

**Saturday 25th**  
Aldbourn Fête, Aldbourn Square  
2.00 pm

**Wednesday 29th**  
Bay Tree, Grove  
The Bell, Grove  
with *Cornucopia*  
8.00 pm  
9.00 pm

## JULY

**Wednesday 6th**  
Plough Inn, Kelmscott  
with *Gloucestershire Morris Men*  
8.15 pm

**Sunday 10th**  
Newbury Carnival, Newbury  
All Day

**Wednesday 13th**  
Rose Revived, Newbridge  
with *Eynsham Morris Men*  
8.00 pm

**Monday 18th**  
George & Dragon, Long Hanborough  
with *Masons Apron*  
8.00 pm

**Weekend 29th July – 1st Aug**  
Festival de Montreal, Carcassonne, France  
All Weekend

## AUGUST

**Thursday 11th**  
Rising Sun, Stockcross  
with *Ferrette Morris and Kennet Morris Men*  
7.30 pm

**Friday 12th**  
Oxford City Centre  
with *Ferrette Morris*  
All Day

**Saturday 13th – White Horse Folk Festival**  
Venues around Wantage  
see more at [whitehorsefolkfestival.co.uk](http://whitehorsefolkfestival.co.uk)  
All Day

**Sunday 14th**  
White Horse Hill, Uffington  
Fox & Hounds, Uffington  
with *Ferrette Morris*  
12 noon  
1.00 pm

**Monday 29th**  
White Horse Show, Uffington  
2.00 pm

## SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 3rd**  
BunkFest, Wallingford  
All Day

**Wednesday 7th**  
Prince of Wales, Shippon  
with *Cry Havoc*  
8.00 pm

**Saturday 10th**  
Swanage Folk Festival  
All Day

**Wednesday 14th**  
The Star, Sparsholt  
with *Rose Hips*  
8.00 pm

**Wednesday 21st**  
Fleur de Lys, Hagbourne  
with *Aldbrickham Clog*  
8.00 pm

## OCTOBER

**Weekend 8 – 9th – Morris 18-30**  
Oxford City Centre  
Venues around Wantage  
All Day Saturday  
All Day Sunday

## DECEMBER

**Friday 2nd**  
Dickensian Evening, Wantage Market Place  
7.00 pm

**Wednesday 21st**  
Carols in the Abingdon Arms, Wantage  
9.00 pm

**Sunday 26th – The Wantage Mummers**  
Faringdon  
Wantage  
Childrey  
see more at [wantagemummers.org.uk](http://wantagemummers.org.uk)  
10.00 am  
12.00 noon  
1.00 pm