

# Greensleeves Morris Men

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We cannot believe that we are nearing the end of our 2014 dancing season already! We have been having so much fun in our shows and with our friends that the time has just been flying by.



*"Rounds" on May morning – 01/05/14  
(Image courtesy of Jean Cooling)*

## Wimbledon and Morden

Apart from forays to Dulwich and Harrow we have focused on shows in and around our SW London home. Our traditional day of dance this year saw us dance on the recently refurbished Wimbledon station forecourt. We have made a few visits to Morden Hall Park and returned, with our stall, to the Wimbledon Village fair, including a performance on the main stage. In the intervening period we have performed at many of our locals in Clapham, Richmond and Wimbledon.



*Lifting a virgin in Cambridge - 10/05/14  
(Image courtesy of Jean Cooling)*

## May Day – Wimbledon Common

We kicked-off our summer season in earnest with our annual performance at dawn on the first of May. The weather on May Day was reminiscent of 2012. However, unlike 2012, the rain abated nicely for us to complete our show. Shortly after this we headed as normal to the Squash Club in Wimbledon for a quick dry-down, a cooked breakfast and our customary sing-song in the company of the Mayor of Merton.



*A transport of delight. Note the interesting shadows – 03/05/14  
(Image courtesy of David Hayes)*

## Joint Morris Organisation 2014 – Cambridge

A decision was made towards the end of last year to apply to perform at the Joint Morris Organisation's annual day of dance, held in Cambridge. As on a number of occasions this summer, the spirit of the morris managed to beat the weather! An enjoyable time was had by all.

## Weekends with our friends

Excluding our own weekend in Chipperfield, we have had two weekends away with our friends this year.

Towards the end of May we joined East Surrey MM for their annual tour of villages in East Sussex and Kent. This year we were also joined by Helmond MM from Holland. We were also blessed with fine weather on the Sunday and at times on the Saturday.



*"Reach for the skies" - Hankies aloft in Robertsbridge 24/05/14  
(Image courtesy of Jean Cooling)*



*"Dancing on the edge" at Eridge station - 07/06/14  
(Image courtesy of Neil Barrett)*

Hard on the heels of this we joined Hartley MM for their annual Ale in Wrotham and weekend of dance around Kent. We danced at various places including Groombridge and Eridge stations, and a spot in Royal Tunbridge Wells too. On the Sunday we performed at the Wrotham Steam Rally and in Wrotham town square in glorious sunshine.

## Southbank Tour – London

The Southbank tour is another relatively recent addition to our programme and has now become an annual event for us. This year we were joined by our friends, Mad Jack's Morris from Hastings. Once again, the weather forecast was not on our side but we did not have to cancel any stops. Mad Jack's have already put their name down for 2015!



*A perfect sword lock on the Southbank – 28/06/14  
(Image courtesy of Jean Cooling)*



*"Look no strings" - Synchronised movement in Chesham 12/07/14  
(Image courtesy of Tommy Cooling)*

## Chipperfield

Chipperfield is our annual weekend of dance in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire centred on the beautiful village of Chipperfield. This year we were joined by Anker MM, Dolphin MM and Great Yorkshire MM and we hosted one tour covering Chesham, Chalfont St. Giles, Seer Green and Beaconsfield. In Coleshill we also performed, to a large audience who had gathered, as part of the village's annual summer fair.

## Where to find us

We only have a couple of shows left this summer, details shown below. In September, we will be travelling to Utrecht in Holland for a weekend of dance with our friends, Utrecht Morris.

Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Dog and Fox, Wimbledon High Street, SW19 5EA</i>	20:00
	<i>The Hand-in-Hand, Wimbledon Common, SW18 4RQ</i>	21:00
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Tour of Kennington with Westminster Morris Men	
	<i>Prince of Wales, Cleaver Square, SE11 4EA</i>	19:40
	<i>Doghouse, Kennington Cross, SE11 6BY</i>	20:20
	<i>Ship, Kennington Road, SE11 6SF</i>	21:00

For full details of where to see us during the remainder of the summer and of shows coming up in the autumn, see our website <http://www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/>, or pick up a leaflet from one of our shows.

## Open Practice

Our practice season resumes again in September and we will once again be running an open practice for anyone to attend and sample the joys of the morris. Our open practice is scheduled for **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at 8pm in the South Wimbledon Community Centre, 78 Victory Road, SW19 1HN. We normally practise from 20:00 to 22:00 on Friday evenings between September and May, and anyone is welcome to turn up at any practice.

## Barn Dance

The Greensleeves Morris Men in association with the Wimbledon Racquets and Fitness Club will be holding a barn dance on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October with The Sugar Loaf Band from 20:00 to 23:00, WR&FC, Cranbrook Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4HD. There will be a licensed bar. The event is £7 for adults, and £4 children (11-18). Under 11's are free. For further details about the barn dance, please contact: Tim Edwards 020 8540 1689.

## Music Sessions

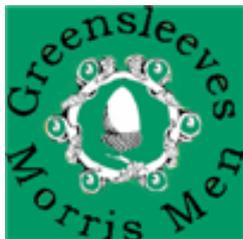
We also run monthly music sessions. Aspiring or experienced musicians and singers are welcome at these friendly and informal sessions, which feature ensemble and solo instrumentals and singing, or you can simply come along and listen. They are held at the Hand in Hand, Wimbledon Common, London SW19 4RQ at 8.00 pm, normally on the fourth Sunday of the month. The upcoming Sunday sessions have been pencilled in for 27<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Keep up to date with any changes to the scheduling of our music sessions by looking at our website: [http://www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/html/music\\_sessions.html](http://www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/html/music_sessions.html)

For enquiries about joining or our availability for booking, please contact our Bagman (Secretary) [David Cooling](mailto:David.Cooling@aol.com) on 07500 993993

For more details about our music sessions, contact Tim Edwards on 020 8540 1689 or at: [dulcieedwa@aol.com](mailto:dulcieedwa@aol.com)

For details about who we are, what we do and why we do it, visit our website: <http://www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/>

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