

## GUEST LIST

THE ADDERBURY MORRIS MEN  
Red & blue baldricks

BAMPTON-IN-THE-BUSH  
Bowler hats & white waistcoats

BERKSHIRE BEDLAM  
Red, white and blue rosettes, grey top hats

CHINEWRDE  
Burgundy dresses, clogs

CHIPPING CAMPDEN  
Red, yellow and green rosettes

THE DUCKLINGTON MORRIS  
Purple & yellow, grey top hats

EYNHAM MORRIS MEN  
Smocks, red sashes, top hats and boots

FOOL'S GAMBIT  
Black shirts, red and white sash

KIRTLINGTON MAIDS  
White dresses, blue & pink ribbons

KIRTLINGTON MORRIS  
Top hats, pink & blue baldricks

MABEL GUBBINS RAPPER  
White shirts, black trousers, coloured sashes

MR HEMMINGS TRADITIONAL ABINGDON  
Red & yellow cross belt, black top hats

ROCKHOPPER MORRIS  
Orange arm tatters

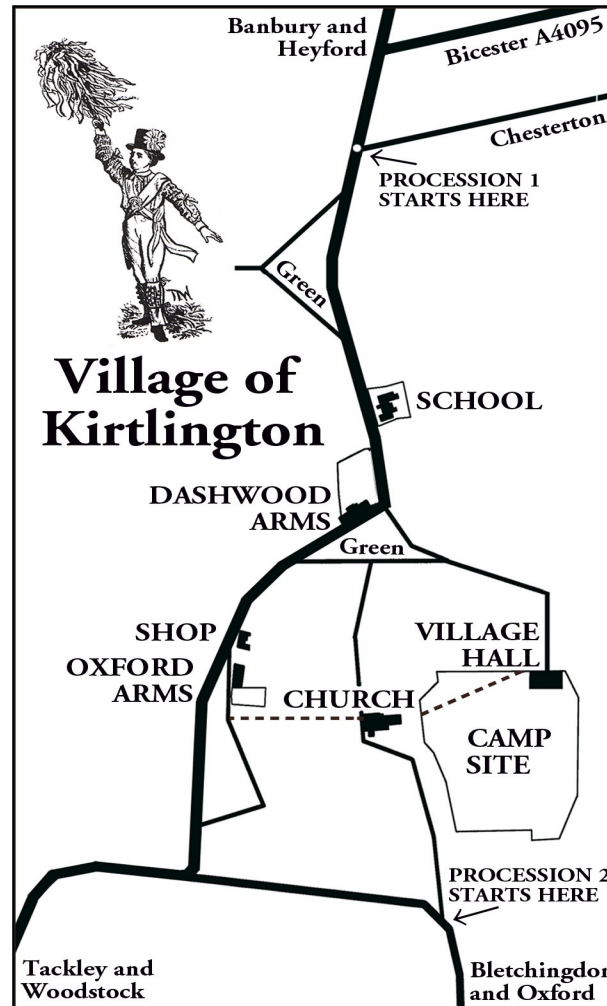
SHARP & BLUNT  
White blouses, black waistcoats, grey top hats

STANTON HARCOURT  
Red & gold baldricks, red & yellow shoulder ribbons

STROUD MORRIS  
White blouses & skirts, red & green ribbons and stockings

### Len and Barbara Berry

Len (1929–2011) and Barbara (1929–2014) were instrumental in the reconstruction of the Kirtlington Morris tradition in 1979. Len was the first Squire of the side, formed largely from his Kirtlington Scout group, and Barbara wrote or adapted the tunes for the early dances, first performed at the 1980 Lamb Ale Festival. They also performed traditional Oxfordshire songs as the Portway Pedlars.



## INTERESTED IN JOINING KIRTLINGTON MORRIS?

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# Kirtlington Lamb Ale Morris Festival

20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

*Friday* – Session, Rock of Gibraltar

*Saturday* – Barn Dance with The Watch  
+ Lesley Dunlop 8pm Village Hall £8  
Bar + Raffle + Lamb Roast

*Sunday* – Processions and Morris Danc-  
ing: 15 sides in and around Kirtlington +  
Bars and Food all day

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## KIRTLINGTON LAMB ALE

One of the ancient Whitsun Ales, the Lamb Ale can be traced back to the early 1600s and took the form of a village festival and feast.

“...the custom is, that on Monday after Whitsun week, there is a fat live lamb provided and the maids of the town, having their thumbs tied behind them, run after it and she that with her mouth takes and holds the lamb is declared the ‘Lady of the Lamb’...attended with Musick and a Morisco of Men, and another of women, where the rest of the day is spent in dancing, mirth and jollity.”  
(Blount 1679)

It is recorded that on June 5th 1732 the Dashwood family of Kirtlington Park “paid Kertling Morris 5s.0d.” at the annual feast, which still takes place on Trinity Monday, following the Morris festival.

Morris dancers were always closely associated with the festivities. When Kirtlington Morris was revived in 1979, based on Cecil Sharp’s notes from the early 1900’s, it was fitting that they join with the village to help recreate the atmosphere of the Lamb Ale as it once was, with as many as twenty or more morris sides gathered together in celebration, if not in the rivalry and competition of the early days.



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## ALL WEEKEND

ORGANISED PRIVATE CAMPSITE  
(£8 PER HEAD INC. BARN DANCE)

### FRIDAY

Evening

Campsite open

Get-together session at the Rock of Gibraltar, Enslow

### SATURDAY

10:30

Assemble at Dashwood Arms

Kirtlington Morris dance in the village

with guests Fool’s Gambit.

Dance & lunch at Rock of Gibraltar, Morris tour to Blenheim Palace and Woodstock

12:00

Evening

7:00 - 9:00

Lamb Roast (£3.00)

Barn Dance in Village Hall, with The Watch, caller Lesley Dunlop (£8). Bar & raffle. Open to all. Tickets on the door or in advance from Kirtlington Stores

8:00 - 11:30

## SUNDAY - VILLAGE HALL

LAMB ALE BREAKFAST 8:00 - 9:30am  
(Last orders 9:15am)

REFRESHMENTS

FAMILY PICNIC AREA

CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND

## SUNDAY - SCHOOL

LOCAL INTEREST EXHIBITIONS  
BAR, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS

## SUNDAY

MORRIS EVENTS:

9:45 Morris sides assemble north of the village

10:00 Procession to Church

10:45 Lamb Ale Service

11:30 Procession from Church to the School

12:00 Kirtlington Morris and Kirtlington Maids dance at school

12:15 - 3:00 Dance Displays at School, Village Hall, Dashwood Arms and Oxford Arms

3:00 All guest sides dance at School

OTHER EVENTS:

8:00 - 9:30 Breakfast at Village Hall

10:30 - 4:00 Refreshments, Bar, Kirtlington Morris Archive Exhibition in Village Hall

12:00 - 4:00 Refreshments, Bar, Raffle at School



NEXT YEAR’S LAMB ALE  
MORRIS FESTIVAL  
9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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