

GUEST LIST

THE ADDERBURY MORRIS MEN
Red & blue baldricks

ADDERBURY VILLAGE
Black trousers, green baldricks, top hats

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

BOWER STREET MORRIS
Top hats, orange & blue ribbons and rosettes

CHILTERN HUNDREDS
Green with black and gold sashes and clogs

CHINEWRDE MORRIS
Burgundy dresses, clogs

THE DUCKLINGTON MORRIS
Purple & yellow, grey top hats

HAMMERSMITH MORRIS
White shirts, black breeches, top hats, yellow & blue ribbons

KIRTLINGTON MAIDS
White dresses, blue & pink ribbons

KIRTLINGTON MORRIS
Top hats, pink & blue baldricks

MABEL GUBBINS RAPPER
White shirts, black trousers, coloured sashes

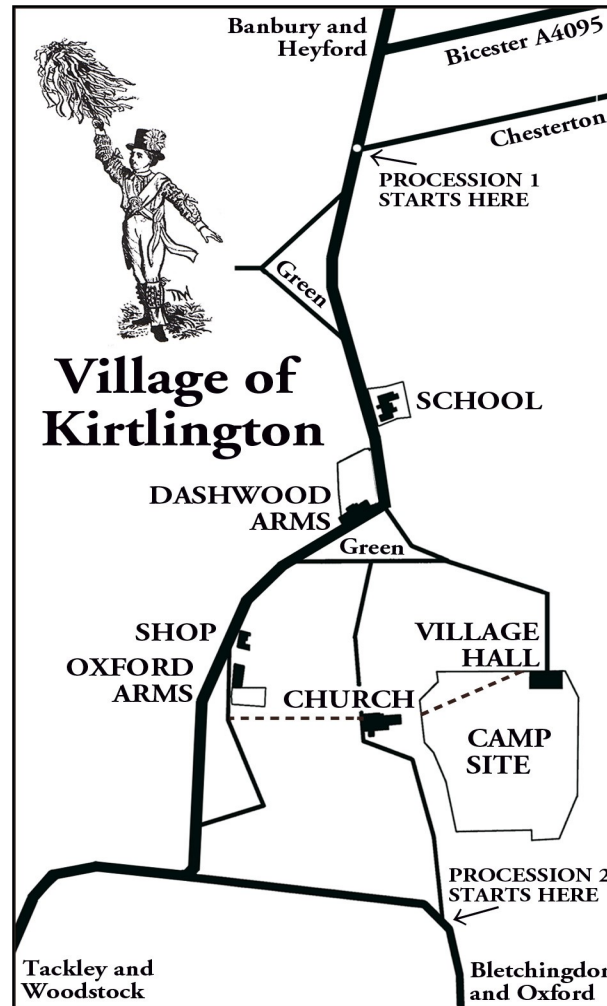
MR HEMMINGS TRADITIONAL ABINGDON
Red & yellow cross belt, black top hats

PERSEPHONE MORRIS
Black dresses, green & yellow sashes and black stockings

ROCKHOPPER MORRIS
Orange arm tatters

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

WINDSOR MORRIS
Green & white rosettes, red, yellow & green arm ribbons



INTERESTED IN JOINING KIRTLINGTON MORRIS?

Details:

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Visit our website at: www.kirtlington-morris.org.uk

Kirtlington Lamb Ale Morris Festival

9th - 11th June 2017

Friday – Session, Rock of Gibraltar

Saturday – Barn Dance with Jigfoot +
Ian Nichols 8pm Village Hall £8
Bar + Raffle + Lamb Roast

Sunday – Processions and Morris Dancing:
16 sides in and around Kirtlington
+ Bars and Food all day

Further info: 01869 350219
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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.

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 tyed 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.



KIRTLINGTON POST OFFICE & STORES

Tea room, off-licence, newspapers, wide range of groceries and facilities

Our thanks to the following for their help and support:

School and Governors	Lamb Ale Committee
Kirtlington School Fund	Village Hall Committee
Kirtlington Church Wardens	Kirtlington Scout Group
The Villagers of Kirtlington	St. John Ambulance
Charlton Services	Dashwood Arms
Oxford Designers and Illustrators	Oxford Arms
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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 Hammersmith Morris and Persephone

12:00 Dance & lunch at Rock of Gibraltar, Morris tour to Blenheim Palace and Woodstock

Evening

7:00 - 9:00 Lamb Roast (£3.00)

8:00 - 11:30 Barn Dance in Village Hall, with Jigfoot, caller Ian Nichols (£8). Bar & raffle.
Open to all. Tickets on the door or in advance from Kirtlington Stores

SUNDAY

MORRIS EVENTS:

9:45 Morris sides assemble north of the village, Foxtowns Green

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
1st – 3rd June 2018

Visit our web site at www.kirtlington-morris.org.uk

SUNDAY - VILLAGE HALL

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

REFRESHMENTS
FAMILY PICNIC AREA
CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

SUNDAY - SCHOOL

BAR, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS