

## GUEST LIST

### THE ADDERBURY MORRIS MEN

White shirts, white trousers, red & blue baldricks

### BERKSHIRE BEDLAM

White shirts & trousers, top hats, red, white & blue ribbons

### CHINEWERDE MORRIS

Burgundy dresses, white blouse and black tights, clogs

### DOWNES ON TOUR (Men)

Black breeches, top hats, red/gold/grey sashes & ribbons

### DOWNES ON TOUR (Women)

White shirts, white trousers, red & gold arm ribbons

### THE DUCKLINGTON MORRIS

White trousers, purple & yellow ribbons, grey top hats

### HEXHAM MORRISMEN

White trousers and shirts, top hats, blue baldricks and waistcoats

### HEXHAMSHIRE LASSES

Blue dresses over white shirts, black stockings and clogs

### KIRTLINGTON MAIDS

White dresses, blue & pink ribbons

### KIRTLINGTON MORRIS

White shirts, white trousers, top hats, pink & blue baldricks

### MABEL GUBBINS RAPPER

White shirts, black trousers, coloured sashes

### MORTIMER'S MORRIS

Black dresses, purple and green waistcoats, clogs

### MR HEMMINGS TRADITIONAL ABINGDON

Red & yellow cross belt, black top hats

### OWLSWICK MORRIS

White trousers, brown waistcoats, orange/yellow hankies

### ROCKHOPPER MORRIS

White trousers, orange arm tatters and orange hankies

### SHARP & BLUNT

White blouses, black waistcoats, grey top hats

### SEVEN CHAMPIONS MOLLY DANCERS

Dark trousers, white shirts, top hats, burgundy sash with rosettes

### SEVEN SISTERS

Dark trousers, white shirts, top hats, yellow sash with rosettes

### WINDSOR MORRIS

White trousers, white shirts and green, red and yellow ribbons



### INTERESTED IN JOINING KIRTLINGTON MORRIS?

Details:

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Visit our website at: [www.kirtlington-morris.org.uk](http://www.kirtlington-morris.org.uk)

#### 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. Barbara wrote or adapted the tunes first performed at the 1980 Lamb Ale Festival.

# Kirtlington Lamb Ale Morris Festival

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

*Friday* – Session, Blacks Head Inn

*Saturday* – Barn Dance with Whapweasel  
+ Lesley Dunlop 8pm Village Hall £10  
Bar + Raffle + Lamb Roast

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

Further info: 01869 350219  
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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 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.



### CO-OP Food BLETCHINGTON

Off-licence, newspapers, wide range of groceries and facilities

Our thanks to the following for their help and support:

School and Governors  
Kirtlington School Fund  
Kirtlington Church Wardens  
The Villagers of Kirtlington  
Charlton Services  
Kirtlington Youth Club

Lamb Ale Committee  
Village Hall Committee  
St. John Ambulance  
Dashwood Arms  
Oxford Arms  
Blacks Head Inn

### ALL WEEKEND

ORGANISED PRIVATE CAMPSITE  
(£10 PER HEAD INC. BARN DANCE)

### FRIDAY

Evening Campsite open  
Get-together session at the Blacks Head,  
Bletchington

### SATURDAY

10:30 Assemble at Dashwood Arms  
Kirtlington Morris dance in the village  
with guests Hexham Morris,  
Hexhamshire Lassies, Seven Champions

12:00 Dance & lunch at Blacks Head Inn,  
Morris tour to Woodstock

Evening

7:00 - 9:00 Lamb Roast (£3/£5)

8:00 - 11:30 Barn Dance in Village Hall, with  
Whapweasel (£10). Bar & raffle.  
Open to all. Tickets on the door.

### 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, Kirtlington Morris  
Archive Exhibition in Village Hall

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



NEXT YEAR'S LAMB ALE  
MORRIS FESTIVAL  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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### 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