

GUEST LIST

THE ADDERBURY MORRIS MEN

White shirts, white trousers, red & blue baldricks

BELTANE BORDER MORRIS

Black rag tops, black top hats with feathers

BERKSHIRE BEDLAM MORRIS

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

THE DUCKLINGTON MORRIS

White trousers, purple & yellow ribbons, grey top hats

KIRTLINGTON MORRIS

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

LIBERTY HILL NORTHWEST MORRIS

Blue dresses, pink, blue, white and black sash, clogs

MABEL GUBBINS RAPPER

White shirts, black trousers, coloured sashes

MR HEMMINGS TRADITIONAL ABINGDON MORRIS

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

SUMMERTOWN MORRIS

Black trousers, black shirts, red, white and blue ribbons on bells

TAEPPA'S TUMP NORTHWEST MORRIS

Red skirt, white shirts, green tabard, straw hat with flowers

TRADITIONAL BAMPTON MORRIS

White trousers, shirts and waistcoats, black bowler hats with a blue ribbon, red and yellow arm ribbons

WINDSOR MORRIS

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



INTERESTED IN JOINING KIRTLINGTON MORRIS?

Details:

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Visit our website at: 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

2nd-4th June 2023

Friday – Session, Oxford Arms

Saturday – Barn Dance with Mad Hatters
+ Caller Pete North 8pm Village Hall £10
Bar + Raffle + Lamb Roast

Sunday – Processions and Morris Dancing:
15 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

ALL WEEKEND

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

FRIDAY

Evening Campsite open
Get-together session at the Oxford Arms, Kirtlington

SATURDAY

10:30 Assemble at Dashwood Arms
Kirtlington Morris dance in the village with guests Liberty Hill and Beltane

12:00 Dance & lunch at Sturdy’s Castle,
Morris tour to Woodstock

Evening

7:00 - 9:00 Lamb Roast (price available on the day)

8:00 - 11:30 Barn Dance in Village Hall, with Mad Hatters & Caller Pete North.
£10 admission
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 dance at the 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
31st May – 2nd June 2024

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

SUNDAY - VILLAGE HALL

LAMB ALE BREAKFAST 8:00 - 9:30am

REFRESHMENTS
FAMILY PICNIC AREA
CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND

SUNDAY - SCHOOL

BAR, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS