

GUEST LIST

THE ADDERBURY MORRIS MEN

White shirts & trousers, red & blue baldricks

ADDERBURY VILLAGE MORRIS

White shirts, black trousers, top hats, dark green baldricks

BERKSHIRE BEDLAM

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

DUCKLINGTON MORRIS

White trousers, purple & yellow ribbons, grey top hats

KIRTLINGTON MORRIS

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

KNOWLE HILL MORRIS

Black hats, grey britches and shirts, green sashes and socks.

MASONS APRON

Black & red dresses, white aprons and black waistcoats

MR HEMMINGS TRADITIONAL ABINGDON MORRIS

White shirts & trousers, red, yellow and blue ribbons

OWLSWICK MORRIS

White shirts & trousers, yellow and orange baldricks

SHAKESPEARE MORRIS

White shirts, black trousers, yellow and black baldricks

SHARP AND BLUNT

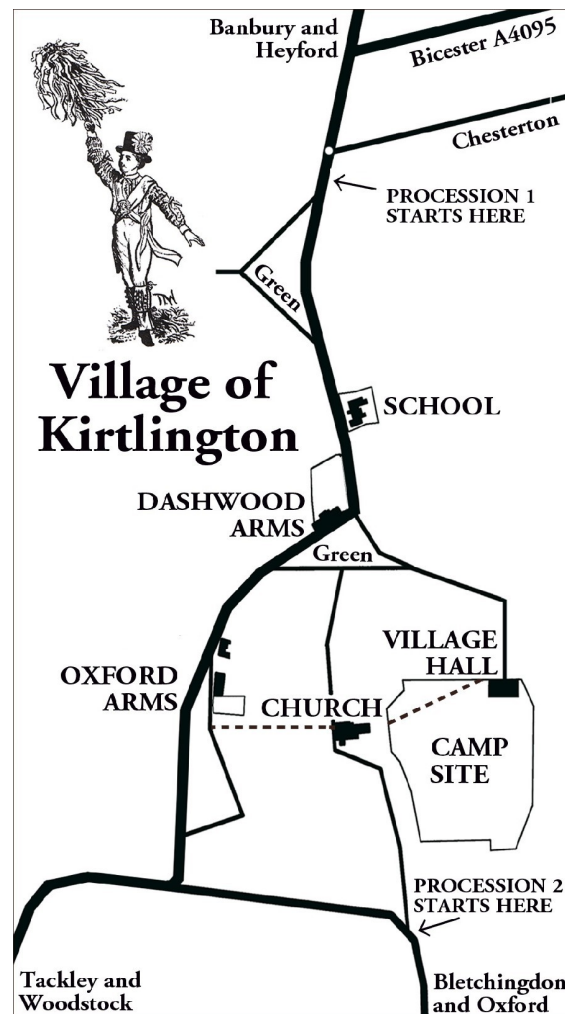
White blouses, black waistcoats, grey top hats

STROUD MORRIS

White shirts, red and green ribbons and socks

SUMMERTOWN MORRIS

Black trousers, blue smocks, red, white and blue ribbons on bells



INTERESTED IN JOINING KIRTLINGTON MORRIS?

Details:

01869 350219

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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

30 - 31st May 2026

Saturday 30th - Local tour for Kirtlington Morris only

Sunday 31st - Day of Dance processions and Morris dancing in 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	Lamb Ale Committee
Kirtlington School Fund	Village Hall Committee
Kirtlington Church Wardens	St. John Ambulance
The Villagers of Kirtlington	Oxford Arms
Charlton Services	Dashwood Arms
Kirtlington Youth Club	Sturdy's Castle

SATURDAY

10:30	Assemble at Dashwood Arms
	Kirtlington Morris dance in the village.
12:30	Kirtlington Morris tour to Woodstock
Afternoon	Campsite opens
Evening	No lamb roast or ceilidh organised this year (sorry!). We hope to resume this activity in 2027.



SUNDAY - VILLAGE HALL

FAMILY PICNIC AREA
CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

SUNDAY - SCHOOL

BAR, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY - DAY OF DANCE

MORRIS EVENTS:

09:45	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 - 15:00	Dance Displays at School, Village Hall, The Dashwood and Oxford Arms
15:00	All guest sides dance at School

OTHER EVENTS:

10:30 - 16:00	Kirtlington Morris Archive Exhibition in Village Hall
12:00 - 16:00	BBQ, Bar, Raffle at School



NEXT YEAR'S LAMB ALE
MORRIS FESTIVAL
21st – 23rd May 2027

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