

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

SUNDAY 21st April	<b>ST. GEORGES DAY, Salisbury</b> <i>A regular event with Hob-Nob in the Guildhall. Also performing a Pace-Egging Play.</i>
SATURDAY 27th April	<b>OLD PALACE CLOG MORRIS DAY OF DANCE</b>
WEDNESDAY 1st May 5:00am	<b>MAY DAY – Dancing at dawn at Old Sarum Castle, Salisbury</b>
SATURDAY 4th May	 <b>DOWNTON CUCKOO FAIR</b> <i>We're back again at the Cuckoo Fair in Downton</i>
FRIDAY 10th May 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE EARL OF NORMANTON</b> <i>Idmiston</i>
SATURDAY 18th May	 <b>FANFARE FOR SPRING</b> <i>Ringwood</i>
SUNDAY 26th May	 <b>CHIPPENHAM FOLK FESTIVAL</b> <i>Chippenham, Wiltshire</i>
FRIDAY 7th June 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE FOX &amp; GOOSE</b> <i>Coombe Bissett</i>
SATURDAY 15th June	 <b>ASTON POTTERY &amp; TEA ROOMS</b> <i>Aston, Oxfordshire</i>
FRIDAY 21st June 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE HORSE SHOE INN</b> <i>Ebbesbourne Wake</i>
SUNDAY 30th June	<b>FOLK ON THE QUAY</b> <i>Poole, Dorset</i>

No one knows for certain the origins of Morris Dancing. It may well have its roots in rites celebrating fertility and the coming of Spring. Some say the name comes from the word "Moorish" and points to Arab roots, but it is indisputably an ancient English custom. The most well known form of Morris Dancing is Cotswold Morris, but there are also sides who dance other traditions including North West Clog Morris and Border Morris, possibly the oldest form of Morris originating from the Welsh English borders, some 800 years ago. As is traditional with Border Morris, the dancers adopt disguises by 'blackening' their faces. Morris dancing is the oldest unchanged form of English dancing. It was thought to have been brought back from Spain by John of Gaunt, second son of Edward III around 1350.



The first record of a performance of a Moruske dance is at Lanherne near Padstow in 1468. The earliest documentary references are mainly from church accounts - "Silver paper for the Mores dawncers - 7d," "for VI peyres of shones for ye Mors dauncers - 4s" (1509/10). It was certainly thriving in Shakespeare's time; Will Kemp's "Nine Daies' Wonder" was a Morris Marathon from London to Norwich.

The City of Salisbury has one of the oldest documented references to the Morris dating back to 1564. In those days, it was "sponsored" by the Guild of Merchant Tailors, when the



Tailors Guild annual accounts show expenditure for costumes. It traditionally accompanied the Salisbury Giant, Christopher, and the tourney hobby horse, Hob-Nob, processing through the streets of Salisbury in celebrations of festivals such as Midsummer's Eve, St. Peter's Day and St. Osmund's Day. They appear to have declined over the years, as the Giant's outings became fewer. There appears to have been many gaps and the last recorded appearance was at the time of King George V Coronation in 1911, although a team did attempt to keep the tradition alive for the Children's Peace Pageant in 1919.

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FRIDAY 5th July 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE BLACK HORSE</b> <i>West Tytherley</i>
SATURDAY 13th July	<b>BEGGAR'S FAIR</b> <i>Romsey, Hampshire</i>
SATURDAY 20th July	<b>SARUM MORRIS WALKING TOUR OF SALISBURY</b> <i>With guests –</i>
SUNDAY 21st July	<b>SARUM MORRIS 'STONES TOUR' TO STONEHENGE &amp; AVEBURY</b> <i>With guests –</i>
FRIDAY 26th July 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE RADNOR ARMS</b> <i>Nunton</i>
FRIDAY 9th August 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE BLACK HORSE</b> <i>Great Durnford</i>
15th–20th August	<b>SARUM MORRIS TRIP TO HELSINKI, FINLAND</b>
FRIDAY 30th August 8pm	<b>EVENING PUB DANCE-OUT* THE CUCKOO INN,</b> <i>Hamptworth</i>
SUNDAY 1st September	<b>WIGHT BELLS MORRIS DAY OF DANCE – Isle of Wight</b>
6th–8th September	 <b>SWANAGE FOLK FESTIVAL</b>

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\*Exact details of these events still have to be arranged.  
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*Sarum Morris perform at the Chippenham Folk Festival*